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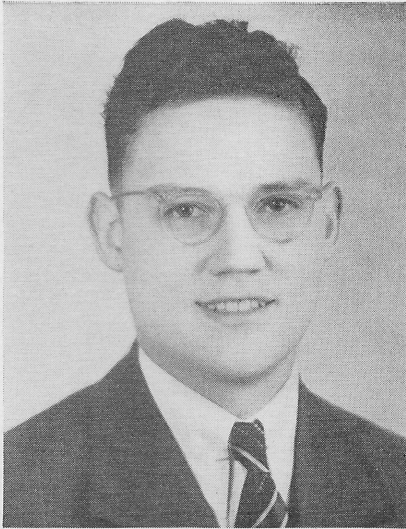
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Dedication

We, the Class of 1944, dedicate this token of our esteem to Miss Violet Kettelle, teacher of mathematics and science, who has been a loyal and understanding friend to us during our association with her at N. B. H. S.



ROBERT WILLIAM BLUNDON

"Bob"

Making radios, developing pictures, running movies
Are Robert's pastimes mixed in with his daily duties.

"Bob" is known for his executive work in the Athletic Association and for his general business ability. He likes a subject that is mathematical or scientific. Baseball, 1, 2, 3, 4; Jr. Hi-Y, 1; Dramatic Club, 2, 3, 4; Hi-Y, 3, 4; Spectator, 4; Senior Play.

ELIZABETH MAY BRASH

"Betty"

Laughing and dancing, a regular clown;
Everyone's happy when Betty's around.

Full of vim and vigor, Betty is one of those cheerful, full-of-fun people who can always be counted on to help. She has a charming personality which has won for her the friendship of the entire school.

Glee Club, 1, 2, 3, 4; Dramatic Club, 2, 3, 4; Basketball, 2, 3; A Capella Choir, 3, 4; Inter-class Play, 3, 4; Cheerleader, 3, 4; Music Festival, 2, 4; Spectator, 4; Senior Play, Commentator.



RUTH EVA BRONSON

"Ruth"

Easy going, but lots of fun;
Ruth is a friend to everyone.

Ruth certainly has an art for winning friends which she has used to advantage at N. B. H. S. You can always count on Ruth to make the right remark at the right time and keep you roaring with laughter.

Glee Club, 1, 2, 3, 4; Hockey, 1; Music Festival, 1, 2; A Capella Choir, 3, 4; Tri-Y, 3, 4; Commentator.



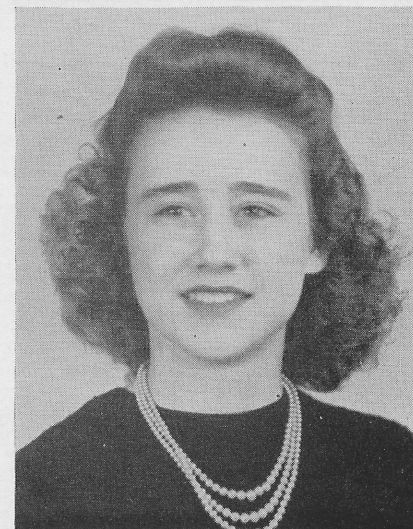
ELIZABETH LEONA BROWN

"Betty"

Rather quiet and very much refined;
Betty is also the popular kind.

Betty is a quiet person who is always around when there is fun to be had. Always with a brilliant idea, Betty is one of the Class of '44's most popular members.

Glee Club, 1, 2, 3, 4; Hockey, 1, 3; Music Festival, 2; Basketball, 3; A Capella Choir, 3, 4; Spectator, 3; Tri-Y, 4; All State Glee Club, 4.





LORRAINE FAIRBAIRN BURTON

"Chippie"

Perky and full of pep, we're certain
Describes none other than "Chippie" Burton.

"Chippie" is one of the versatile members of the class. She has been an active member of the basketball team and turns out a fine piece of work in whatever she undertakes.

Glee Club, 1, 2, 3, 4; Dramatic Club, 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball, 1, 2, 3, 4; Co-captain, 4; Music Festival, 2; Inter-class Contest Plays, 2, 4; A Capella Choir, 3, 4; All State Glee Club, 4; Senior Play, Commentator.

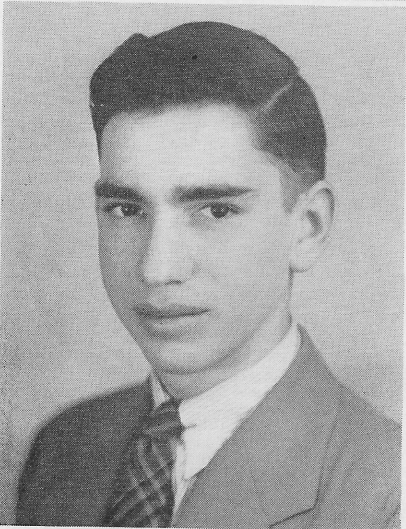
ROGER SQUIRES COLE

"Spike"

Quiet and shy, this president of the Senior Class
Is loved and admired by every boy and lass.

Roger is one of those quiet but competent persons who has shown his ability as president of the Senior Class. He is always ready for a good time and makes friends with any group.

Basketball, 1, 2, 3, 4; F. F. A., 1, 2; Secretary, 1, 2; Jr. Hi-Y, 1, 2; Hi-Y, 3, 4; Secretary and Treasurer, 4; Baseball, 4; President, 4; Student Council President, 4; Senior Play, Commentator.



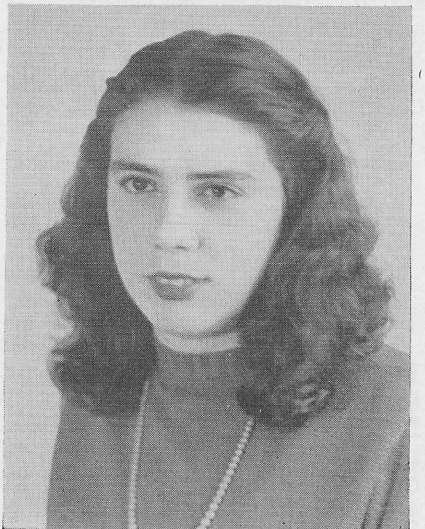
MARGARET THERESE CONNOR

"Tess"

Haven't you heard of a girl named "Tess"
Short, dark hair, and full of loveliness?

Always willing to take a joke, Therese, with her easy going manner, is a welcome asset to the Senior Class. The class wouldn't be complete without Therese who came back to graduate with the Class of '44.

Basketball, 1, 2, 4; Spectator, 1, 2; Dramatic Club, 1, 2; Hockey, 1, 2.



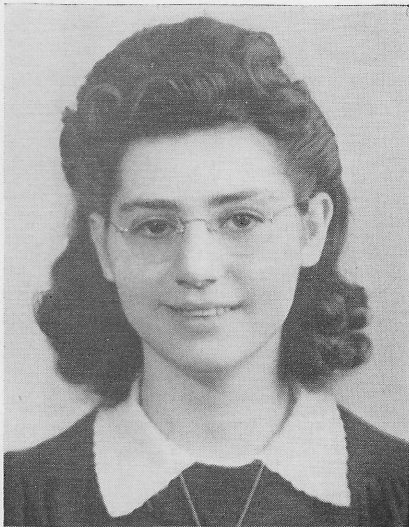
LORETTA BLANCHE CORDES

"Retta"

Looking for a girl who's nice? Oh yes,
We'll tell you. It's Loretta Cordes.

Yes, she is a very quiet person but she certainly has loads of personality. Loretta can always be counted on for helpful advice.

Hockey, 1, 2, 3; Tri-Y, 4.



NANCY ELIZABETH CORNELL

"Nan"

A girl who always seems to excel
Is none other than Nancy Cornell.

Nancy is an intellectual member of the class but her entire personality is not hidden behind books. She is active in many school organizations and is an outstanding student.

Basketball, 1, 2; Glee Club, 1, 2; Tri-Y, 4; Spectator, 4.



EILEEN MARIE DRISCOLL

"Skip"

Popular, attractive, fair and tall,
With these words we describe "Skip" Driscoll.

"Skip" is a student of whom N. B. H. S. can well be proud. With a splendid personality as well as a brilliant mind, "Skip" can only have a successful future.

Vice-President, 1; Home Ec. Representative to Montpelier, 1; Dramatic Club, 2, 3, 4; Basketball Manager, 2, 3, 4; President, 3; Tri-Y, 3, 4; Vice-President Tri-Y, 3; President Tri-Y, 4; Spectator, 3, 4; Secretary Student Council, 3.



EILEEN MAY GATES

"Eileen"

This musical miss who astounds the fates,
Is known by the name of Eileen Gates.

Eileen's whole life seems to be attuned to her violin and even her personality sings a very pleasant melody. School sports have also taken her interest and she has proven to be a very capable business manager as well.

Glee Club, 1, 2, 3, 4; Orchestra, 1, 2, 3, 4; Musical Festival, 1, 2, 4; President, 1; All-State Orchestra, 1, 2, 4; Basketball, 2, 3, 4; Spectator, 2, 3, 4; Hockey, 2, 3; A Capella Choir, 3, 4; Swing Orchestra, 3; Drama Club, 4; Commentator, 4.

ANN NORA HARRIS

"Annora"

Both classmates and teachers will miss
The clever brain of Annora Harris.

Gay and witty, Annora is a leader in any activity she undertakes and is a friend to everyone. Classmates also stand in awe of her marvelous brain which seems to photograph everything she reads.

Basketball, 2, 3, 4; Drama Club, 2, 3, 4; Inter-Class Contest Plays, 2, 3; Spectator, 3, 4; Tri-Y, 3, 4; Secretary, 4; Spectator, 3, 4; Hockey, 3; Student Council, 4; Senior Play, 4; Commentator, 4; D. A. R. Award, 4.





ALICE FLORA HARWOOD

"Dimples"

A smile, a joke told as no one else could,
A cheer, a laugh—that's Alice Harwood.

Few people can equal Alice for merriment. Always being able to see the "sunny side" of life, she manages to find the "silver lining" in every dark cloud. She is a cheerful, willing worker and an eager participant in school activities.

Glee Club, 1, 2, 3, 4; Hockey, 1, 2; Music Festival, 2, 4; A Capella Choir, 3, 4; Dramatic Club, 4; Tri-Y, 4; Spectator, 4; Inter-Class Contest Play, 4; Senior Play, Commentator.



MARIE LOUISE HENDRICKS

"Marie"

Marie is a girl who never gets fussed
And can play any game without being mused.

Marie is one of the more quiet members of the class who goes about her tasks in a diligent and inconspicuous manner. Her ever ready smile and "neat as a pin" appearance have long distinguished her in the eyes of her classmates.

Glee Club, 1, 2; Tri-Y, 4; Commentator.



HOWARD JAMES HEWSON

"Lefty"

Shy with the girls, silent, long and lean,
With the opposite sex he's seldom seen.

Although Howard is rather a bashful person, he did an excellent job in the Senior Play. However, he is the exact opposite of the conceited social climber he portrayed, for Howard is a "down to earth" person with no affected airs or mannerisms.

F. F. A., 1, 2; Hi-Y, 4; Baseball, 4; Senior Play.



ROBERT EDWARD KEOUGH

"Bob"

An all round good fellow, beloved by all,
Bob's smile, his watchword; his password, "Play Ball."

Bob is a rabid sports fan and is manager of the boys' basketball team, as well as being their best friend and severest critic. Though graduation separates him from the team, you can be sure his future moral support will never fail them.

Baseball Manager, 1, 2, 3, 4; Glee Club, 1, 2, 3, 4; Music Festival, 1; Basketball Assistant Manager, 1; Manager, 2, 3, 4; Jr. Hi-Y, 1, 2; Vice-President, 3; Hi-Y, 3, 4; Spectator, 3, 4; Treasurer, 4; Business Manager of Senior Play; Commentator.



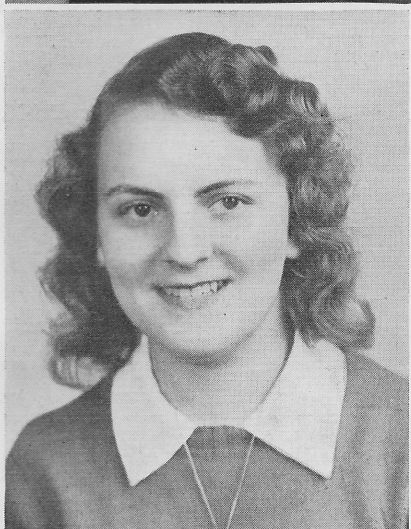
ELIZABETH MARION LaCLAIR

"Betty"

Good looks and a manner full of cheer
Have been Betty's luck all through the year.

Betty always has a cheerful smile for everyone and possesses a quietness in manner which many of her classmates envy. She is reserved without being exclusive and has been an excellent student all during her school life.

Glee Club, 1, 2, 3, 4; A Capella Choir, 4.



LORRAINE NELLIS MOFFITT

"Blondie"

Lorraine is the girl of whom the bard sings
When he says small packages bring good things.

Though small in stature, Lorraine has an abundance of energy which she uses to tackle any job with great efficiency. Curly blonde hair and a dimple in her smile make Lorraine a very "good thing" indeed.

Hockey, 1, 2; basketball, 2; Dramatic Club, 2, 4; Tri-Y, 3, 4; Spectator, 4; Senior Play; Commentator.



AUDNA JEAN MUCKLE

"Gabby"

Audna is a hard and willing worker
Whom no one can ever call a shirker.

No girl in school is so ardent a sports fan as Audna. Besides being co-manager of the girls' basketball team, she is also noted for her generosity and willingness to lend a helping hand wherever one is needed.

Glee Club, 1, 2, 3, 4; Dramatic Club, 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball, Assistant Manager, 2; Co-Manager, 3, 4; Hockey, 2, 3; Spectator, 4; Inter-Class Contest Play, 4.

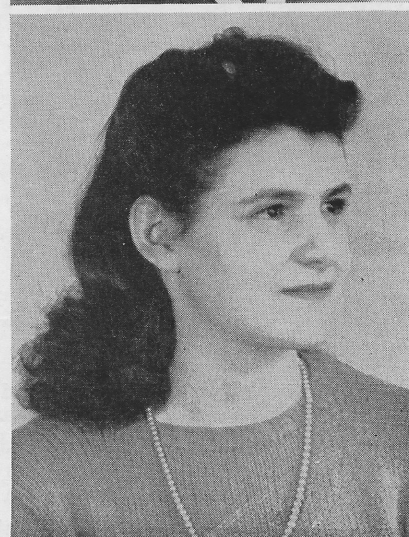
PENELOPE ELIZABETH PANOS

"Poppy"

This fun loving girl is well known to all
For her fast quick actions in basketball.

Poppy is a true friend and a good basketball player. As a fine musician, she has contributed much to N. B. entertainments with her "magic violin."

Basketball, 1, 2, 3, 4; Orchestra, 1, 2, 3, 4; Secretary, 1; Dramatic Club, 1, 2; Music Festival, 1, 2, 4; All-State Orchestra, 1, 2, 4; Hockey, 3; Swing Orchestra, 3; Music Guild Secretary and Vice President, 3; Tri-Y, 3, 4; Glee Club, 4; Spectator, 3, 4; Co-Captain Basketball, 4; President Athletic Association, 4; Commentator.





ISABELL EMILY RICE

"Isabell"

Silent and shy, but very nice,
Describes none other than Isabell Rice

Isabell is an ardent worker and a good student. She is able to make others happy and to provide her own amusement.

Glee Club, 1, 2, 3, 4; Music Festival, 2.



ELIZABETH ANNE ROBINSON

"Anne"

Brilliant, clever, and pretty is this girl named Ann,
Upon whose ability the fates placed no ban.

Anne is one of those "touch-me, I'm real" girls who gets good marks. She can be both serious and gay and is everyone's friend.

Treasurer, 2; Secretary, 3; Basketball, 3; Hockey, 3; Tri-Y, 3, 4.



BARBARA MAE ROBINSON

"Bobbie"

Barb is a girl never lacking for friends,
It seems to us her day never ends.

Hard work but lots of fun is Barbara's specialty. Blessed with good looks and a pleasant disposition, Barbara is never seen alone.

Hockey, 1, 2, 3; Glee Club, 1; Vice President, 2; Basketball, 3; Tri-Y, 3, 4; Dramatic Club, 4; Inter-Class Contest Play, 4; Senior Play; Commentator.



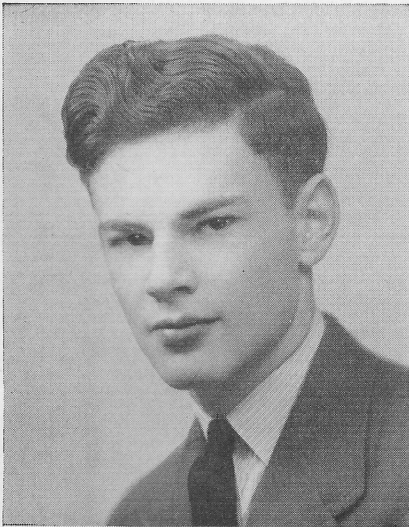
PHYLLIS MAE RUSSELL

"Freckles"

Happy-go-lucky, with wind blown curls,
Phyl is one of our fun-loving girls.

Pleasant and full of smiles, "Freckles" is a good friend to have around when anyone needs cheering up.

Glee Club, 1; Basketball, 3; Commentator.



FREDERICK WILLIAM SIMMONS

"Fred"

"Hush! Listen! Airplane coming," he cries;
And looks for a future in the skies.

Fred has shown his talent in basketball and acting. His favorite subject is aeronautics. Fred has also successfully mastered the art of teasing.

Basketball, 1, 2, 3, 4; Co-Captain, 4; Jr. Hi-Y, 1, 2; Glee Club, 2, 3, 4; Dramatic Club, 2, 3, 4; Inter-Class Contest Plays, 2, 3, 4; HiY, 3, 4; Music Festival, 4; Senior Play.

JEAN CLARA TINNEY

"Jean"

Full of zeal and energy, slender and tall,
Describes Jean, the girls' captain of basketball.

Jean has won for herself the distinction of being a basketball player. Always smiling, she adds a ray of sunshine to every day.

Basketball, 1, 2, 3, 4; Co-Captain, 4; Hockey, 1; Glee Club, 1, 2; Tri-Y, 3, 4; Spectator, 4; Commentator.



HELEN MARIE VANNESS

"Happy"

Never a dull moment as you can guess;
Just look at her nickname, "Happy" VanNess.

Vivacious and full of fun describes "Hap" to a T. She can also work hard and is a good student.

Glee Club, 1, 2; Tri-Y, 4; Commentator; Music Festival, 2.



ROY GERALD WHITMAN

"Gerry"

In hot water, out again, always merry;
Full of laughs, unpredictable, that's Gerry.

No class is ever dull if "Gerry" is in it. We can always depend upon him to pep it up. Math is his love, American History his hate.

F. F. A., 1, 2; Jr. Hi-Y, 1, 2; Dramatic Club, 2, 3, 4; Inter-Class Contest Plays, 2, 3, 4; Baseball, 3, 4; Hi-Y, 3, 4.





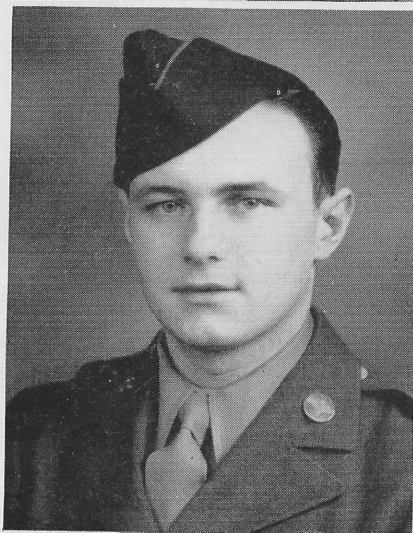
NAOMI LOU WILLARD

"Sister"

Cheerful and very pleasant is Naomi Lou;
Who always helps when there's work to do.

"Sis" is an executive and a girl blessed with good looks. She is a girl who gets ahead fast and always does an excellent job.

Glee Club, 1, 2, 3, 4; Spectator, 1, 2, 3, 4; Dramatic Club, 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball, 1; Hockey 1, 2; Student Council, 3; Music Festival, 2, 4; A Capella Choir, 3, 4; Cheer Leader, 3, 4; Inter-Class Contest Plays, 4; Senior Play; Commentator.



RAYMOND EARL GRANGER

"Ray"

Ray, a fine sportsman, an all round good fellow:
Is learning to make our enemy bellow.

Raymond Granger left North Bennington High School at the end of his Junior year with a clean record. Following his basic training, he was chosen to take the army specialized training program at Colby College in Waterville, Maine. After a successful completion of this work he was sent to Jefferson Barracks, Mo., to be trained as a radio operator-mechanic. As a result of this army specialized training program, Raymond has an "earned equivalent" of one year of high school work and therefore is entitled to a high school diploma. Needless to say, "We are proud of you, Ray."

Glee Club, 1, 2, 3; Orchestra, 2; One-Act Play Contest, 2; Music Festival, 2; F. F. A.; Drama Club, 2, 3; Baseball, 1, 2, 3; Basketball, 2; Cheerleader, 3.

"AT THE FOOTHILLS CLIMBING"

Dreams we've had of future triumphs,
Ever striving for our goal;
Trying to scale the heights of success,
Earnestly, with heart and soul.
Remember when we were but children,
Many a good thing came to pass;
In as much as we were determined
Nothing could stop us. Now, en masse,
At the foothills climbing, we never
Think of turning from the way
In which the path leads upward,
Onward. Now and then we pause to pray
Never to let our footsteps falter,
Never to stop before we've won.

BACCALAUREATE PROGRAM

SUNDAY, MAY 28, 1944

Choir Processional, "Day is Dying in the West" Barnby
Senior March, "War March of the Priests" Mendelssohn
Hymn, "For the Beauty of the Earth" Kocher
Anthem, "My Task" Ashford
A Capella Choir
Address, "The Common Day" Rev. Thomas Burke
Benediction Anthem, "The Lord Bless You and Keep You" . . . Lutkin
A Capella Choir

CLASS NIGHT PROGRAM

MONDAY, MAY 29, 1944

Tableaux

Class History Lorraine Burton
"Scenes from Our School Days" Members of the Senior Class
Class Prophecy Eileen Driscoll
"Our Hopes Fulfilled at Last" Members of the Senior Class
Class Will Elizabeth Brown
"What We Leave Behind Us" Members of the Senior Class
Advice to the Undergraduates Barbara Robinson
"Practice What You Preach" Members of the Senior Class
Presentation of Square Roger Cole
"Follow Our Good Example" Members of the Senior Class
Response Olive Percey
"In Which We Carry On" Members of the Junior Class
Yearbook Dedication Ann Nora Harris
Class Gifts Elizabeth Brash, Helen Van Ness, Robert Keough
Ivy Oration Robert Blundon
(Followed by Alma Mater)

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

THURSDAY, JUNE 1, 1944

Senior March, "War March of the Priests" Mendelssohn
Salutatory Essay, "Youth Builds for Democracy" . . Naomi Lou Willard
"O Victorious People" Samuel Gaines
Girls' Glee Club
Valedictory Essay, "Propaganda" Ann Nora Harris
"The Heavens Resound" Beethoven
Girls' Glee Club with Orchestra
Commencement Address
Ralph E. Noble, Commissioner of Education, State of Vermont
Presentation of Diplomas Member of the School Board
Announcement of Honors F. S. Irons, Superintendent

CLASS HISTORY

On a beautiful September morn in 1940, a group of fifty-one bashful, yet anxious Freshmen started their high school days at N. B. H. S. Since our class was so large, it took everyone quite some time to become acquainted with one another, but soon we were all the best of friends and each one was more than willing to help the other.

Then came the time which had long been dreaded by every Freshman. Yes, initiation, with the Sophomores at the height of their glory. Those burlap bags weren't very comfortable, were they, girls? And how about those hip-boots and pajamas, boys?

The class officers were: President, Eileen Gates; Vice President, Eileen Driscoll; Secretary, Penelope Panos; and Treasurer, Betty Brown.

In September, 1941, we resumed our studies as Sophomores. Study Hall, to everyone's delight, was home room. The class had reduced considerably and we now had forty-six members.

Our long-awaited privilege of initiating our underclassmen had now reached us, but we weren't too hard on you, were we, Juniors?

1941 was the first year of the Inter-class Play Contest. Our play, "Party Line," made quite a hit with everyone, even though it didn't win the cup.

The officers for the year were: President, Raymond Granger; Vice President, Barbara Robinson; Secretary, Douglas Mattison; and Treasurer, Anne Robinson.

The fall of 1942 found us back at N. B. H. S. as upper classmen, with a loss of only eleven fellow students.

In October of our Junior year, many of us received our class rings and flashed them about everywhere. It was then that we really felt that we were full fledged members of N. B. H. S. Our inter-class play won the cup in '42. The play, "Who Gets the Car Tonight," was a huge success.

In the spring, the Junior Prom was the main event. Lorraine Burton was chosen Prom Queen, and Donald Harrington, King.

The Junior officers were: President, Eileen Driscoll; Vice President, Bob Keough; Secretary, Anne Robinson; and Treasurer, Raymond Granger.

In September 1943, as dignified seniors we were once again at N. B. H. S. The class now numbered twenty-nine.

This year the series of inter-class plays proved to be very successful, and everyone was overjoyed that we won the cup for the second time. "Live at Home and Like It" was the winner.

Another event in the line of drama was the Senior Play, "Joy." After having presented the play in our own gym, we journeyed to Arlington to give it. This was a return visit, as Arlington had presented their play, "Belles in Waiting," to us here.

It will be hard to tell what paths all of us will follow, but we can always look back to the troublesome, yet happy times we spent together at N. B. H. S.

THE CLASS OF '44

Remember the day we entered the door
As Frosh of the Class of '44?
We wandered around like little lost sheep
And didn't dare to make a peep.

"Oh, no, Miss Brown, we don't meet
there,"
'Twas somewhere else but we didn't know
where.

But time went on and we learned fast
The new ideas and scheduled classes.

The years have slipped so quickly by
And we were no longer shy.
Now we're the dignified Seniors here
Who regretfully leave our classmates,
dear.

Marie Hendricks

NAME	FAVORITE EXPRESSION	AMBITION	EXPECT TO BE NEXT YEAR	PASTIME	PROBABLY END UP
R. Blundon	Eh—Let's see	Chemist	Armed forces	Stamp collecting	N. Y. playboy
E. Brash	Jeepers	Dancer	New York	Dancing	Dodgers' pitcher
R. Bronson	"Aw" pickles	Nurse	Pittsfield	Dancing	Shaftsbury's mayor
E. Brown	"Fer" goodness sake	Nurse	Nurse's training	Jitterbugging	Rancho barmaid
L. Burton	Not really	Teacher	Normal school	"Eddie"	Principal of N. B. H. S.
R. Cole	What's cookin'?	Sail seven seas	Navy	Hunting-fishing	Big game hunter
M. Connor	No kidding	Doctor	Marines	Paradise Restaurant	Own "Paradise"
L. Cordes	Oh, Sugar	Nurse	Nurse's training	Movies	Famous traveler
N. Cornell	Are you kidding?	Nurse-housewife	Undecided	Sewing	Reference book
E. Driscoll	More fun	Dietician	Undecided	Dancing	Road commissioner
E. Gates	Wait a second	Concert violinist	College	Dancing	Rancho bronc tamer
A. Harris	Really!	Brain surgeon	College	Correspondence	First woman president
A. Harwood	Sure	Cadet nurse	Cadet nursing	Correspondence	Powers model
M. Hendricks	Fer cryin' out loud	Secretary	St. Joseph's	Writing to sailors	Admiral's wife
H. Hewson	Cheer up	Auto mechanic	Marines	Hunting-fishing	Floorwalker
R. Keough	Got any money?	Phys. ed. eacher	Undecided	Sports	Treasurer of U. S.
E. LaClair	'By Gee	Nurse	Mary Fletcher's	Dancing	President of M. Fletcher
L. Moffitt	Oh, boy	Traveler	Russell Sage	Writing to sailors	English debutante
A. Muckle	Gee whiz, I don't know	Teacher	W. A. C.	Reading	Editor of "chatter"
P. Panos	"Fer" gosh sakes	Concert violinist	Undecided	Knitting	National Barn Dance
I. Rice	Oh, I guess so	Teacher-nurse	Undecided	Movies	Real estate agent
E. Robinson	How about that?	Nurse	Nurse's Training	Telephoning	Rancho boarder
B. Robinson	Now, what d'ya say?	Nurse	Burlington	Walking	Own Mexican rancho
P. Russell	Oh, Bubbles	Nurse	Burlington	Bowling	Drive Shaftsbury bus
F. Simmons	What "cha" doing?	Commercial pilot	A. A. F.	All Fun	Drive rocket ship
J. Tinney	Use your head	Housewife	Undecided	Dancing	Lovelorn column
Van Ness	Hello, Shorty	Pianist	Housewife	Movies	Concert pianist
R. Whitman	Gee hoss-a-fatzer	Farmer	A. A. F.	Trouble	Bachelor
N. Willard	Well, by gosh	To graduate	College	Piano playing	Lion tamer

ON LEAVING

Among the students in this school
There dwells the Senior Class;
And oft you hear just how they rule;
But do, please, let that pass.
No class, no pupil, e'er you know
Could ply their work more true.
Their duties wide would stir your pride,
Their excellence on them grew.

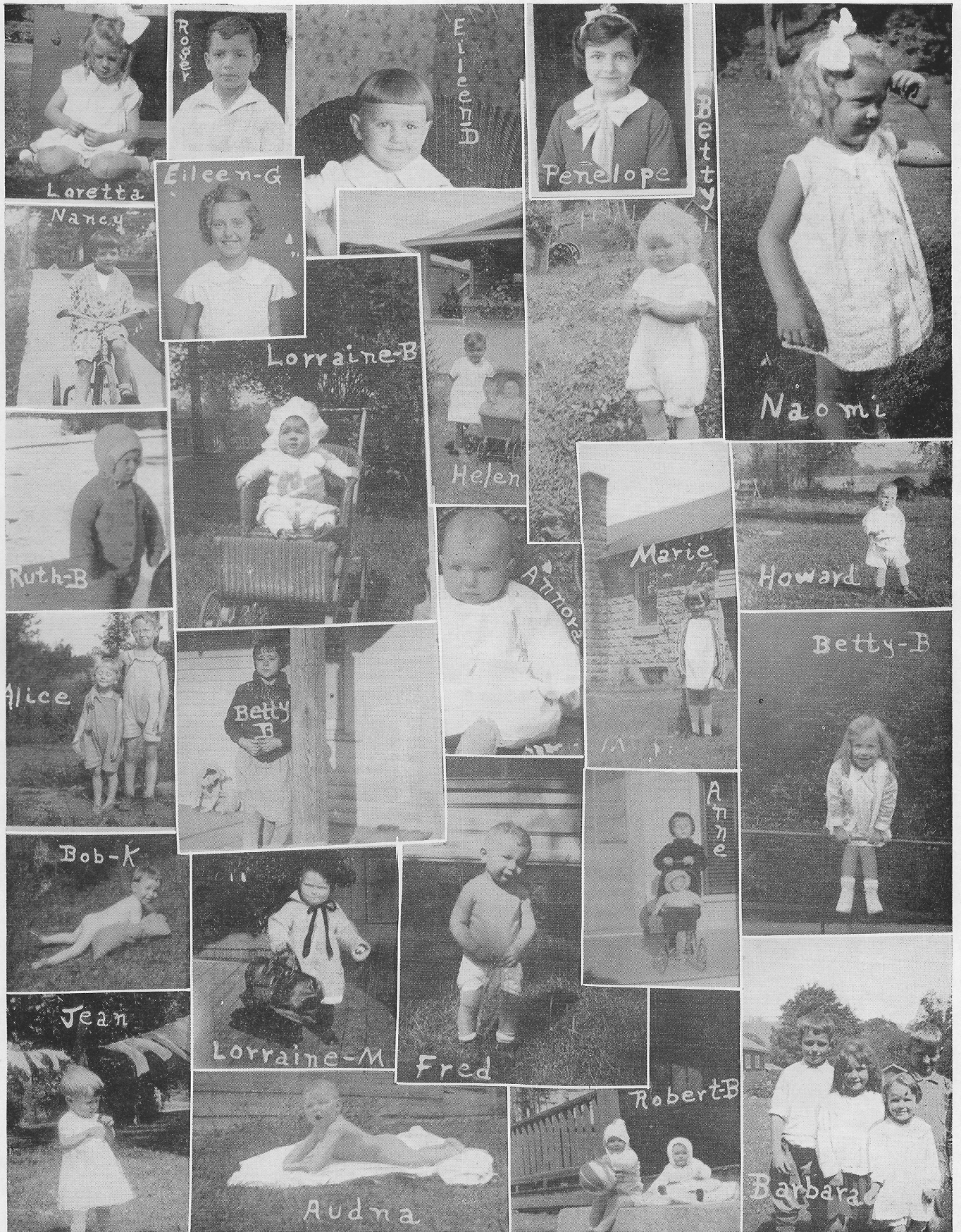
As Freshmen green, they crossed the wild
Of high school days to come;
But if you chanced to see each child
Before that year was done—
You'd realize full well and deep,
That being "Freshies" through a year
Had guided well their feet;
And you'd be forced to give a cheer.

The second year was confident
"We Sophs will do each task."
The only drawback was the chant,
"You can't, you're 'underclass'."
But as each Sophomore took his place
—In class, in rank possessing—
A little whisper went 'round the place,
"Those Sophs—they are a blessing."

The third year soon was marking time
These Juniors were outstanding;
The group was smaller far—but fine
Geared for any undertaking.
In every classmate's face there shone
The lovely coloured world they'd make
If given chance to weave and hone
And none their faith in things could shake.

Now in the classroom the Seniors sit,
With dignity, poise, and learning bright;
From morn to eve they've done their bit.
They've worked and sang to set things right.
So onward they'll go, be the way smooth or rough,
Leaving their footprints and fun behind;
Each singing a song that will cover a bluff
As each journeys toward the goal in his mind.

Naomi Willard



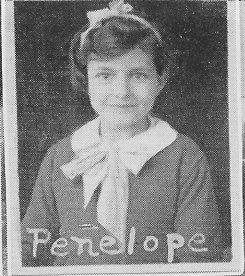
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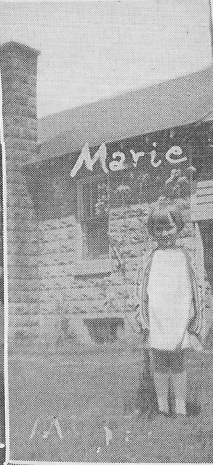
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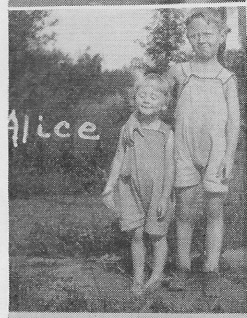
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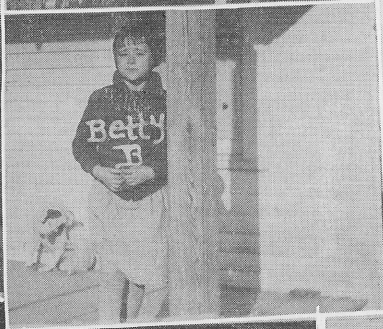
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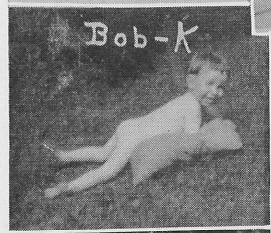
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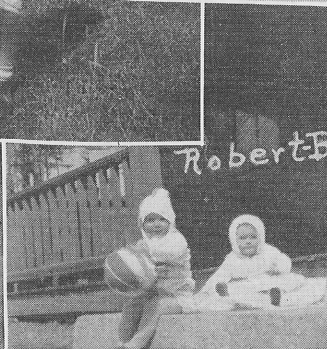
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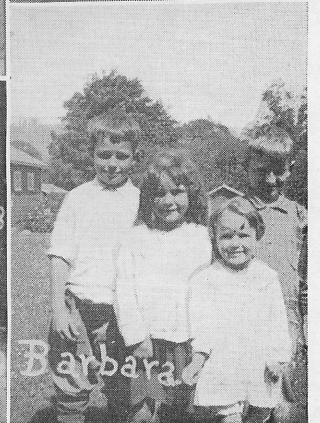
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Audna



Robert-B



Barbara

"WHEN WE WERE VERY YOUNG"

CLASSES



JUNIOR CLASS

Third row: G. Bushee, P. Becker, P. Harris, E. Colvin, T. Kent. Second row: B. Herrick, M. Butler, E. Burgess, A. Morrison, J. Bagley, I. Veheilman, L. Marsh. First row: M. Powers, D. Elmer, P. Harrington, Miss Kettelle, advisor, O. Percey, M. Marsh, M. Dorman, M. Rice.



SOPHOMORE CLASS

Third row: A. Sweet, H. Colvin, R. Parker, G. Hoyt, J. Millington, J. Blundon, F. Coulter, K. Hathaway, M. LaClair. Second row: J. Robinson, M. Scarey, M. Terry, N. Thompson, P. Barnard, B. Vail, P. Dailey, B. Peckham, D. Cherbonneau, M. Bigelow, M. Martin. First row: D. Jones, M. Harris, P. Wheeler, M. Harris, Miss Tynan, advisor, H. Green, V. Provan, R. Hewson, M. Harris.



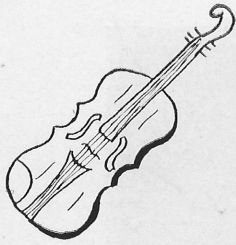
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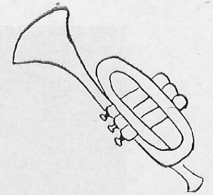


JUNIOR HIGH

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MUSIC



GLEE CLUB

Fourth row: C. McDonald, D. Moffitt, T. Dutelle, E. Wansbury, R. Keough, E. Keough, F. Hoyt, F. Simmons, P. Becker, P. Harris, L. Panos, E. Colvin, T. Kent. Third row: L. Marsh, A. Morrison, E. LaClair, M. Marsh, B. Vail, M. Butler, P. Dailey, F. Snow, E. Burgess, R. Bronson, A. Harwood, M. Bigelow, M. Martin, E. Downing, M. Muckle. Second row: P. Wheeler, M. Terry, A. Muckle, B. Peckham, D. Jones, M. Scarey, F. Keough, P. Legacy, K. Young, M. Loomis, L. Gates, J. Harrington, N. Payne, P. Martin, E. Robinson, M. Maxon, D. Montgomery, Mrs. Porter. First row: N. Willard, E. Brash, D. Cherbonneau, M. Harris, E. Gates, P. Panos, M. Powers, D. Elmer, M. Harris, E. Brown, L. Burton, I. Rice.



ORCHESTRA

Second row: T. Kent, J. Ryan, A. Morrison, Mrs. Porter, J. White, M. Mattison. First row: P. Dailey, E. Gates, P. Panos, E. Wansbury, P. Harris, M. Harris, D. Elmer, M. Harris.

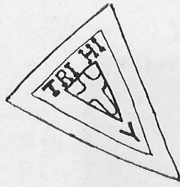


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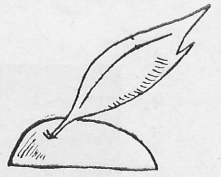
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VARIETY SHOW



ORGANIZATIONS



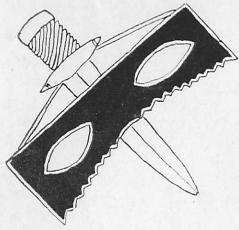
SPECTATOR STAFF

Back row: L. Moffitt, A. Harwood, G. Whitman, R. Keough, P. Becker, P. Harris, R. Blundon, T. Kent, E. Brash, J. Tinney. Middle row: Mr. Amsden, M. Harris, F. Keough, M. Grover, M. Scarey, A. Morrison, M. Rice, M. Harris, B. Peckham, V. Provan, Miss Tynan. Front row: P. Panos, E. Gates, N. Cornell, N. Willard, A. Harris, D. Elmer, M. Powers, M. Butler.

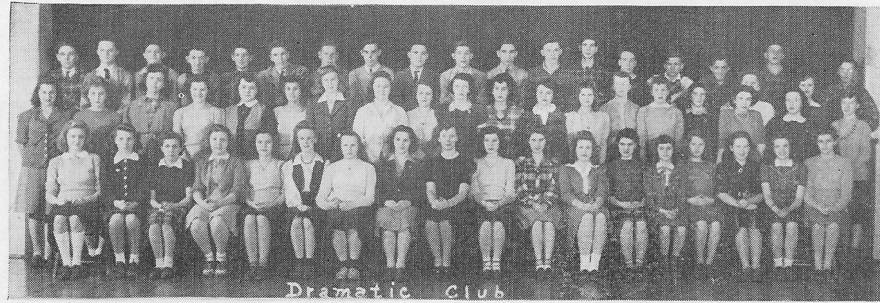
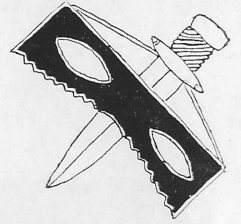


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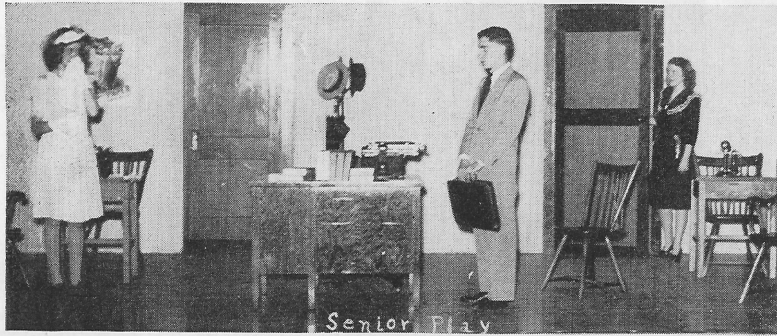
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Dramatic Club



Dramatic Club



Senior Play



Junior Contest Play



Sophomore Contest Play



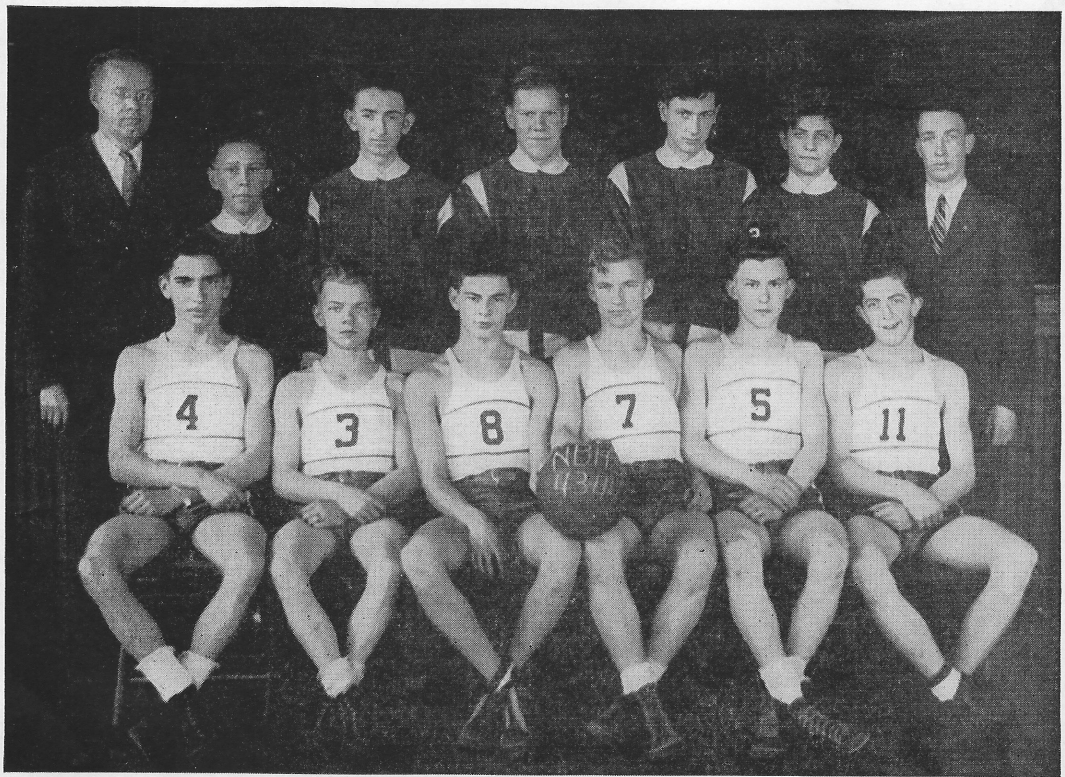
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Senior Contest Play



Senior Play



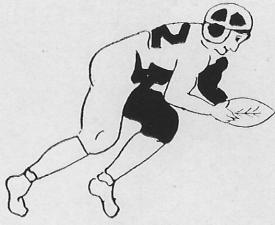
BOYS' BASKETBALL

Back row: Mr. Amsden, T. Dutelle, E. Keough, E. Hedding, R. Parker, L. Panos, R. Keough.
 Front row: R. Cole, G. Bushee, F. Simmons, P. Becker, P. Harris, W. Nolan.



GIRLS' BASKETBALL

Third row: M. Loomis, N. Payne, L. Gates, E. Hedding, D. Cherbonneau, E. Robinson, K. Young, P. Martin, M. Terry. Second row: F. Snow, P. Wheeler, D. Jones, J. Robinson, B. Peckham, P. Harrington, D. Elmer, M. Harris, P. Legacy, M. Marsh, M. Scarey. First row: A. Muckle, E. Driscoll, B. Vail, P. Panos, J. Tinney, L. Burton, A. Harris, J. Bagley, Miss Kucinskis, coach.
 On the floor: M. Rice, O. Percey, E. Gates, P. Barnard.



SPORTS



BOYS' SPORTS

For the second consecutive year the N. B. H. S. sports program has been greatly hampered by shortage of players and transportation difficulties.

The fall schedule of sports had to be dropped entirely because so many of the students were holding down part-time jobs.

Our first active sports program came with the opening of the basketball season which found us still without a trained coach.

A schedule calling for eight games was made. In summing up the results, we found only two games in our win column. Although this record is not too impressive, the games we were credited with losing could well be called "heart-breakers." The most outstanding game of the year was played on our local court against Burr and Burton with N. B. H. S. acclaimed the winners by a small margin of 22-20.

After the completion of our regular schedule, the second annual Bennington county tournament was held at Bennington with Bennington JV's, Arlington, Wilmington and North Bennington competing. We were eliminated in the afternoon by dropping to Wilmington, 38-31, but came back in the consolation game in the evening by defeating the JV's 36-34, making a total of three wins and seven losses to close the 1943-44 basketball season.

GIRLS' SPORTS

Something new's been added! War times are unusual times, with women in the WACS, WAVES, SPARS, and MARINES, so our N. B. H. S. girls got in their basic military preparation with a term of military training, leaving field hockey for the time when our help won't be needed.

During the year forty-minute periods were held twice a week in which all the girls had to participate, unless physically unfit. These periods were devoted mostly to calisthenics, softball, volleyball, basketball, military drill and folk dancing.

The girls' basketball team this year was determined to learn good sportsmanship as well as basketball. This season many new girls played on the team for the first time.

Captain Jean Tinney and Co-Captains Lorraine Burton and Penelope Panos certainly had their troubles trying to make "Lady Fate" behave. This has been the most unusual season in the history of N. B. H. S. Anything was apt to happen from broken glasses to banged skulls.

Such games as softball, ping-pong, badminton and volley ball have been available all year around to everyone.

The basketball season ended by having a supper followed by speeches and a dance.

TRIBUTE

It is the desire of North Bennington High school to express a word of gratitude and praise to "Bob" Keough for the fine and loyal spirit in which he has so willingly and efficiently assisted in sports during his four years at North Bennington High School. We shall miss him next year and our highest hopes for a successful future go with him.





SCHOOL STATE OFFICERS

Robert Blundon, Attorney General; Lorraine Moffitt, Secretary of State; Robert Keough, Secretary of Treasury; Alice Harwood, Auditor of Accounts; Paul Harris, Governor; Eileen Driscoll, Lieutenant Governor.

SCHOOL STATE

School State was designed to give Vermont Youth an objective program of action based on the fundamental precepts of state, county, city and town government. It was dedicated to the proposition of developing a more intelligent and richer citizenship in the State of Vermont.

The School State was a government operated by the pupils. The complete weight of the government of a state with all sub-divisions rested on the shoulders of Youth with all the processes and experiences which develop Americanism and true citizenship.

The School State was divided into three political factions. The pupils were numbered and those who bore odd numbers were the Nationalists. The Federalists were those who drew the even numbers and all those who had numbers over one hundred twenty-five were the Independents.

The state was divided into three counties, having two towns to each county. Each town was under the supervision of a member of the faculty who acted as a counselor.

It was the duty of the counselor to act as temporary chairman in organizing the town, overseeing the election of town officers, checking on ballot counting, administering the oath, giving instruction in the use of the check list, and checking the town clerk's record. One of the main duties, also the chief purpose of School

State, was the stressing of parliamentary procedure.

The officials, elected from among members of the school, were the governor, members of the Senate and of the House of Representatives, and state, county and town office holders.

A rally was held on the first day for the purpose of explaining the town caucus system, circulating the petitions, and posting the names of the candidates for the primary election.

On the following day each town held its first town meeting along with the election of town officers, the giving of political speeches, and the appointing of committees.

The primary election of state, county and town officials took place on the third day. Rallies were held in the afternoon.

Town meetings were held the next two mornings. The final election took place on Friday.

On Friday evening announcement of returns together with the inauguration of the governor and other state officials took place at the Governor's Ball.

Organization of the House and Senate and the last session of the town meetings were held on the following Monday.

On the last day of School State, the House and Senate were observed by members of the towns while those two bodies were in session.



SENATORS

Back row: P. Becker, M. Marsh, B. Peckham, D. Montgomery, M. Scarey, N. Willard, T. Connor, D. Elmer, T. Kent. Front row: M. Harris, E. Gates, M. Butler, L. Burton, L. Marsh, N. Thompson, A. Muckle.



REPRESENTATIVES

Back row: E. Keough, R. Cole, E. Wansbury, D. Dailey, A. Herrick, L. Panos, G. Bushee, E. Colvin, C. Butler, D. Moffitt, K. Hathaway, N. Cornell. Middle row: M. Hendricks, R. Bronson, L. Gates, N. Payne, K. Young, P. Wheeler, D. Jones, J. Robinson, P. Legacy, V. Provan, P. Dailey. Front row: J. Tinney, A. Harris, B. Vail, L. Cordes, E. Burgess, M. Martin, M. Bigelow, J. Harrington, O. Percey, E. Brown.



LEAVES FROM OUR MEMORY BOOK



FACULTY

Back row: V. Kettelle, M. Porter, L. Black, M. Tynan, G. Phillips. Front row: C. Amsden, M. Poor, N. Kucinskis, F. Irons.

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Francis S. Irons

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

W. C. H. Cushman J. L. Dunham J. C. Armstrong

STAFF

Clarence F. Amsden	
Principal, Mathematics, Science, Physical Education	
Nellie Kucinskis	
Language, Social Science, Physical Education	
Genevieve Phillips	
Jr. High Mathematics, Social Science, Typing	
Violet Kettelle	Mathematics, Science
Marjorie Poor	Home Economics
Mary Tynan	English, Languages
Marjorie Porter	Music

NORTH BENNINGTON HIGH SCHOOL

North Bennington, Vermont

ANNUAL BULLETIN 1944-45

North Bennington High School is a Superior School and is approved by the New England College Entrance Board. Our program of studies includes the following departments: English, French, Latin, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies, Vocational Home Economics, Typing, Music and Physical Education.

MUSIC

The music department of the school has functioned in the usual manner. The Senior Glee Clubs, Boys' and Girls' Junior Glee Clubs, the A Cappella Choir and the Orchestra have taken part in the various public performances. The A Cappella Choir gave a recital in the studio of the Bennington County Musical society for the second year. Sixteen members of the Music Guild represented the school at the State Music Festival. As usual, the Senior Glee Clubs and Orchestra will furnish the music for Commencement.

DRAMA

The Mask and Dagger Dramatic Club sponsored the Inter-Class One-Act Play Contest. The trophy cup was won by the Class of 1944 for the second consecutive year. They presented "Live At Home and Like It." The play "Dinner for Two" was entered in the State Annual One-Act Play Contest.

HOME ECONOMICS

The Homemaking program affords an opportunity for every girl to develop homemaking into an art. The program has been adjusted to meet the war-time need by introducing units in home nursing, reconditioning of furniture and reconstruction of clothing, in addition to the traditional food and clothing units. A new course in nutrition was introduced for the benefit of girls who plan to be nurses. Home projects are carried out in conjunction with classroom discussion to give the girls wider and more varied experience.

MARDI GRAS

The second Mardi Gras, a custom

handed down from Old France, sponsored by the French class, was celebrated before the opening of Lent. This entire program was carried out in French. It included songs, dances and picturesque old costumes. The King and Queen for the "fete" were Thomas Kent and Dorothy Elmer, chosen on the merits of the originality and appropriateness of their costumes.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Physical education is required of all pupils unless they are physically unable to participate. A physical fitness program has been stressed to improve posture and to help develop, strengthen and coordinate the muscles. The military phase aids in instilling habits of precision and response, and in giving and taking commands. All of these activities are helping to prepare the individual for induction into military service.

SHOP COURSE

An extension course in Vocational Machine Shop Work held in Bennington has been made possible through government funds, thus giving five North Bennington High School boys an opportunity to learn a trade.

LOOKING AHEAD

We feel that North Bennington High School should indeed feel fortunate to have such a fine faculty during this war-time teacher crisis. This year the high school has been taught by one less teacher. Tentative plans are being made to replace this teacher since next year aeronautics and two additional Mathematics courses will be added to the curriculum. One Mathematics course will be offered for Freshmen not passing a Standard Test allowing them to take Algebra, and a Refresher Review course in Mathematics will be offered for Seniors on an individual basis as recommended by the Army. Statistics show that many coming into the armed services are deficient in the fundamentals of Mathematics.

NORTH BENNINGTON HIGH SCHOOL

Program of Studies, 1944-1945

JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Seventh and Eighth Grades

English
Mathematics
Social Science
Home Economics

General Science
Physical Education
Glee Club
Orchestra

SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

FRESHMAN

Required	Periods	Credits
English	5	1
Civics	5	1
Gen. Math. or Algebra I	5	1
Physical Education	2	¼
Electives		
General Science	5	1
General Mathematics	5	1
Algebra I	5	1
Latin I	5	1
Voc. Home Economics	10	1
Orchestra	1	¼
Glee Club	1	¼

SOPHOMORE

Required	Periods	Credits
English	5	1
Physical Education	2	¼
Electives		
General Science	5	1
Biology	5	1
General Mathematics	5	1
Algebra I	5	1
Plane Geometry	5	1
World History	5	1
Latin I	5	1
French II	5	1
Voc. Home Economics	10	1
Orchestra	1	¼
Glee Club	1	¼

JUNIOR

Required	Periods	Credits
English	5	1
Physical Education	2	¼
Electives		
General Science	5	1
Biology	5	1
Physics	7	1
Aeronautics	5	1
Plane Geometry	5	1
Adv. Algebra or Trig.	5	1
Sociology	5	1
Latin I	5	1
French II	5	1
Voc. Home Economics	10	1
Personal Typing	5 or 10	½ or 1
Orchestra	1	¼
Glee Club	1	¼

SENIOR

Required	Periods	Credits
English	5	1
American History	5	1
Mathematics	5	1
Physical Education	2	¼
Electives		
Physics	7	1
Aeronautics	5	1
Adv. Algebra or Trig.	5	1
Sociology	5	1
French II	5	1
Voc. Home Economics	10	1
Personal Typing	5 or 10	½ or 1
Orchestra	1	¼
Glee Club	1	¼

Note: Alternation Courses

Physics with Chemistry
Latin I with Latin II
French I with French II
American Problems with Sociology

AU REVOIR

Through Time's warping open door
North Bennington's Class of Forty-four
Enters a world war-torn and dark;
Each side with Victory for a mark.
In this we trust, Right will be Might;
Our cause is just, we'll win our fight.

Another year, perhaps, and we,
Like Graduates of Forty-three,
Will be fighting, shedding blood
To keep still free the land we love.
Perhaps by then we will have won;
There'll be no need for bomb and gun.

This be our prayer as now we part,
Through Life's uncertain journey start;
Before the Class of Forty-five
Reaches the end of their short school life,
May we have seen this cruel war's end
And all our boys back home again.

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