

May 1940

- In the 1940 annual, it stated: “GAA: Girls Athletic Association. The members of GAA were girls in the 7th through 10th grades. No girl could become a member until she had earned 50 points within a month. The point system was similar to that of last year. The girls were given points for skating, hiking, basketball, skiing, and other sports. The school helped furnish suits for the girls this year. They are of a green material and were made by the women in the WPA sewing room. The money for the suits was earned by the girls at the basketball games where they sold candy and popcorn. This year the school bought letters for the girls who earned the largest number of points. Last year the GAA had to earn money for them because the girls had spent so much money on suits, they had nothing left for the letters. Next year no new seventh graders will be taken in but other upper classmen may join. Eventually this will become a senior high school organization.”
- May 29, Commencement at 8:00 p.m. with address by Reverend Olson.

May 1941

- 1941 annual was dedicated to “our beloved music and science teacher, Mr. Vernon R. Fering, who is leaving us this year to serve our country as an officer in the U.S. Army. Mr. Fering’s choruses have received seven straight “A” ratings in regional competition and have earned two trips to the State Music Festival in Minneapolis where they earned a “C” rating in 1940 and an “A” rating this year.”



Class of 1940

December 7, 1941

- Pearl Harbor attacked, resulting in the United States declaring war on Japan on December 9, 1941, and Germany and Italy on December 11, 1941. The war ended on September 2, 1945, approximately one month after the United States dropped atomic bombs on Hiroshima, Japan on August 6, 1945 and Nagasaki, Japan on August 9, 1945.

January 4, 1941

- Purchased 40 lockers for the boys’ dressing room.

March 23, 1942

- Teachers were given a 10% raise.

April 24, 1942

- The annual physical education program was given in the gym. All the lower grades and high school took part. The children in the first six grades put on an interesting show playing games, tumbling, and calisthenics. The junior high girls,

under the direction of Miss Agatha Ludden, math and science teacher, put on a tumbling exhibition and the senior high girls gave a posture demonstration. Mr. Gregor Haseley's, PE and social studies teacher, junior high boys gave a military marching drill and a tumbling exhibition featuring Nick Sellis, Harold Westby and Dale Hammers diving under fourteen boys, lying side by side on the floor. The senior high boys performed Gene Tunny's recommended daily exercises for physical fitness and closed with a basketball demonstration. After the program the school rooms were opened to the public for inspection and lunch was served in the cafeteria by the junior class.



1941-1942 girls' gym clothes
made by WPA workers.

May 2, 1942

- Reported that the choir went on a trip to Bemidji.
- Approved School Board Treasurer Mr. Ed Dregseth to look into the purchasing of the land adjoining the school to the north (currently the location of the ball fields).

May 28, 1942

- Thursday evening graduation ceremonies in the High School Auditorium.
- No visiting speaker was engaged for graduation, as noted in the annual as departure from old tradition. Four speeches were made around the theme "I Pledge Allegiance" by the four students with the highest scholastic standing (all per 1942 annual).



1940s Nevis School building, WPA sign in the front of the building.

June 6, 1942

- The school board went on record against the annual school picnic and substituted a field day instead.

August 8, 1942

- Rehired the nurse for the upcoming school year and she will make periodic visits to the school.
- School will start at 9:45 a.m. and end at 5 p.m. during war time.

September 30, 1942

- Freshmen initiation was limited to one day rather than three.



1942 Fall Carnival
Crown Bearer Dickie Ingebrigtsen,
Escort Mickey Rugrodgen (class of 1943),
Queen Norma Bail (class of 1943)
Attendants Phyllis Steele, and
Jean Irwin (class of 1941)



1942 Fall Carnival
Flower Girls Mary Margaret
Kellner (class of 1955) and
Delores Severtson (class of 1954).
Crown Bearer
Dickie Ingebrigtsen

January 27, 1943

- The school board adopted a resolution stating, "Resolved that because of the difficulty of procuring teachers and because of the conditions under which we are operating, that the Board of Education will not consider any resignations offered by the teachers to be effective before the end of this school year during the remainder of this school year. Resolved also that notice of the above resolution be made to the members of the faculty."

April 10, 1943

- School was dismissed at 4:15 p.m. after Easter vacation.

Spelling
I before E (except after C)
Vowels
A-E-I-O-U and sometimes Y



1943 Henry Thompson Bus

May 1, 1943

- Monthly salaries were: elementary teachers \$120, high school teachers \$135, and principal \$165.

May 21, 1943

- Friday night at 8:30 p.m., graduation ceremonies were held in the Nevis School Auditorium. The class colors were blue and white. The class flower was white chrysanthemums, and the class motto was, "We have passed the foothills, the mountains are in view". The graduating class had 16 students.
- Final examinations were May 19 and 20, with exams starting at 8:30 p.m. per newspaper article.
- "High scholastic honors have been won by Ruth Laughlin, daughter of Loren Laughlin. She has maintained the high average of 93.5 for the period of four years and will be valedictorian of her class. Second honors go to Hazel Knox, daughter of W.R. Knox. She is president of her class and will be salutatorian. A special presentation of the honor roll of Nevis High School boys in the armed services was had at the ceremony." per newspaper article.

October 4, 1943

- Approved \$50 for the purchase of new band instruments.

November 2, 1943

- School hours will be 9:45-5:00 daily.

March 11, 1944

- Teacher contracts were to be offered at \$185 per month for the principal, \$165 per month for high school teachers, and \$135 per month for elementary teachers.
- The superintendent was offered a \$10 raise per month.

April 11, 1944

- The Junior/Senior Banquet was held at the school and dancing was permitted that evening under the supervision of the faculty. This was the first dance allowed at the school.

July 19, 1944

- Students were charged 3 cents for hot lunches.
- A hot water heater was purchased for the dishwasher.

October 4, 1944

- District policy was for parents to pay 25 cents toward a doctor's physical examination of children in the seventh grade and up, and the district paid the balance.
- School hours are 8:45-3:55 daily.

April 19, 1945

- The Junior/Senior Banquet was held May 12 in the school with the privilege of dancing.

July 6, 1945

- Reverend Fradenburgh was granted the use of the auditorium to hold Sunday services until school started.

August 1945

- August 6 – Hiroshima nuclear bomb.
- August 9 – Nagasaki nuclear bomb

September 2, 1945

- End of World War II

February 14, 1946

- School lunch prices were raised to 6 cents for the remainder of the year.

March 28, 1946

- Elementary teachers' salaries were set at \$1,500 annually and high school teachers' salaries were set at \$1,800 annually.



Class of 1946

Back Row: Wesley Case, Howard Parsons,
Erling Husby, and Don Vollman
Front Row: Elaine Fredenburgh, Jena Martin,
Jean Sells, and Myra Davis

Photo courtesy of Erling Husby

June 14, 1946

- The school board decided that religious instruction would be discontinued in the school building.

October 9, 1946

- Approved the purchase of a Maytag washing machine for \$70.
- Lunch prices to be raised to 10 cents starting November 1. The NeHi Lites reported "The high cost of living has resulted in a material increase in the cost of serving meals in our hot lunch program." Eggs increased from \$.45 to \$.47, Milk increase from \$.14 to \$.15 per quart, butter increased from \$.75 to \$.85 per pound.

November 1946

- NeHi Lites reported a new schedule as implemented. Mr. Buck changed from one-hour periods to 50-minute periods. This created an extra period for Glee Club and band. Noon hour was changed from 12:45 to 12:10.

April 29, 1947

- Current elementary and high school teachers were offered a \$25 raise per month.



1946-1947 6-man football started

Front: Vincent Booge (class of 1949), Ken Fairchild (class of 1948), Oscar Burchett (class of 1948), Don Hammer, and Deane Johnson (class of 1949)
Back: Marlyn Avenson (class of 1948), Don Pritchett (class of 1947), Don Hellkamp (class of 1947), Rollo Buck (class of 1948), Vernon Erickson (class of 1947), Ross Warren (class of 1947), and Coach Lynn Sycks

1946-1947

- First season of 6-man football.
- After no band instructor last year, a band instructor was hired and several new instruments were purchased after a \$700 Nevis Village and Nevis School advance. The new instruments were four saxophones, cymbals, and new drum equipment.
- The Nevis pep squad was started this year to “give moral support to the boys, to sell popcorn, and to perform similar services at the games”.
- Student Council was organized into a permanent organization “after being more or less a myth during the past few years...some of the work that Student Council has accomplished is the setting up of a letter system, the arrangement of the assembly programs, and the planting of trees on the campus.”
- NeHi Backtrails yearbook was published again in the spring of 1947. There was no annual in 1943, 1944, 1945, and 1946 due to the war. The first annual was produced in 1938. The name was changed to Nevisionian in 1948.

January 24, 1947

- NeHi Lites newspaper reported a new gas range would soon be installed in the kitchen. It was to have 10 burners and two large ovens. The stove currently in use had four burners and one oven.



Nevis School in Winter 1947

February 19, 1947 NeHi Lites Newspaper

- A new electric phonograph was purchased. “It has a needle that will play 500 records, and it has an eight tube amplifier. It is truly an appreciated addition to our school. Gym classes will be able to at least hear the music. They have need of it for the rhythm part of their course.”
- “In mathematics we are delving into the mysteries of the metric system which was devised for the purpose of simplifying measurement. It isn’t so simple but we’re mastering it.”
- “Miss Palm, our Physical Education teacher, is now lettering the girls play basketball.”
- Lettering criteria for activities was approved by the Student Council.
 - An honor letter is awarded to anyone upon successful completion of a seasons activities in hand, basketball, or football upon recommendation of the activity director.
 - An honor letter shall be awarded to anyone earning nine units in any one or all of the following activities: kittenball, student council, annual staff, newspaper staff, cheer leader, and class plays. A unit shall consist of a season’s participation in an extracurricular activity.

March 18, 1947 NeHi Lites Newspaper

- In addition to a new phonograph, “we have an album of wonderful Pinocchio records to go with it. The records were taken right from the sound track of the movie Pinocchio”.
- New band equipment of three saxophones, new cymbols, and sheet music including “DeLamater’s Silver Talisman Overture” and “Thespian Overature”.

September 4, 1947

- Increased the charge for hot lunches to 15 cents.

October 21, 1947

- First homecoming celebration was held at the school with the crowning of Queen Dolores Nancarrow by the co-captains of the football team, Rollo Buck and Vincent Booge.

December 19, 1947 NeHi Lites

- Hot lunch program report was given:
 - October receipts: \$502.81
 - October expenses:
 - Labor: \$147.87
 - Food: \$336.69
 - Equipment, Fuel: \$131.67
 - Total: \$616.23
 - Total Loss: \$113.42
 - Number of Lunches Served:
 - Children: 2219
 - Adults: 161
- The National Photographers of Minneapolis will take the student's pictures and give the school 10%.

1947

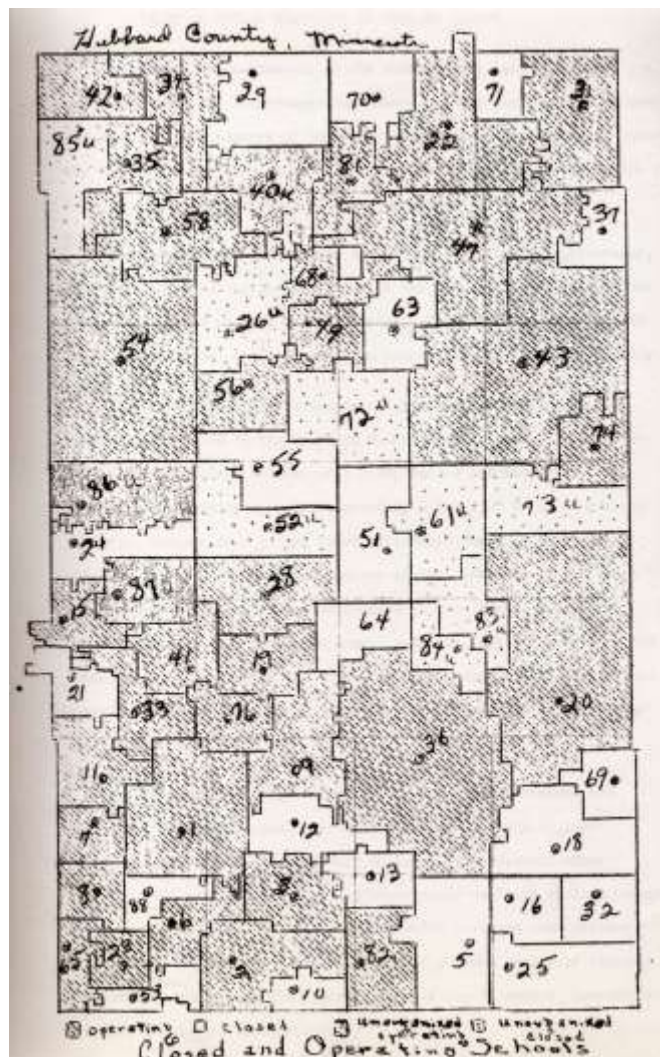
- Minnesota Department of Education weighted pupil units for school funding was established with K=.25, elementary=1.0, and secondary=1.5.

April 6, 1948

- Approved the purchase of an electric refrigerator from accumulated lunch money.

May 11, 1948

- The janitor was offered a contract at a salary of \$200 per month and a two week vacation.
- A public meeting was planned in conjunction with the PTA to discuss
 - Insulating the ceiling in the building.



1948 Hubbard County District Map. Nevis School District #36

- Weather stripping the windows and doors.
- Repairing the plumbing with a total cost for all repairs of \$2,500 - bonds needed to be issued. A special election was to be held June 2 to approve the bond of \$3,000.

June 2, 1948

- Special election was held for the purpose of issuing bonds in the amount of \$3,000 for repairs discussed in May. Polls were open 7:30-9:30 p.m. 42 votes were cast with 39 voting yes and 3 voting no. Superintendent Floyd Buck was authorized to ask the state for two, \$1,500 bonds. One bond was to mature in two years and the other to mature in three years. He was also authorized to pay off one of the old \$2,400 bonds.



Class of 1948

Front: Marlyn Avenson, Elaine Otteson, Dorothy Hitchcock, Beverly Wambolt, Muriel Dudley, and Kenneth Fairchild
Back: Superintendent Floyd Buck, Oscar Burchett, Rollo Buck, Gerald Laughlin, Donald Nielson, Paul Case, and Miss Elsa Moos advisor

December 17, 1948

- The school levy was set for the coming year at \$12,900.

March 15, 1949

- Grade school teacher salaries were set at \$2,115 per year.
- High school teacher salaries were set at \$2,600 per year.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL REPORT CARD FOR YEAR 1948-1949														
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1948-1949 First Grade Report Card

December 13, 1949

- The valuation of the school district property was \$200,112.
- Levy was approved of \$12,500 plus an extra \$500 for the bond.
- Joined the Minnesota State School Board Association and paid the dues of \$15.00.