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**Kennett High School
Alumni Associations**

2020 Brings some Changes to our World

After careful consideration with our board members regarding the health and safety of everyone in our community – our alumni guest, the MWV and our board members we have made the difficult decision to cancel our Annual Summer Outing, scheduled for July 25, 2020.

Following increased and overwhelming concerns about the COVID-19 virus, we felt this was the best way to proceed during such an unprecedented global situation. We are very disappointed that we are unable to hold this event for our alumni. But we know it's the right decision based on the information we have today.

We hope all our alumni are staying safe and healthy in this difficult time. Please do take the time to renew your annual dues and send in a donation to our scholarship fund if you are able.

Thank You!

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A Dedication to Chris Bailey

Class of 1988, KHS History Teacher & Coach



Mr. Chris Bailey is a rarity - a Kennett alumni who came back to the area after college, to teach the Social Sciences. Today he is the head of the Department.

As yearbooks back to the turn-of-the-century testify, Bailey is an esteemed instructor whose name frequently appears under student selections for favorite teachers. Although a coach, he cares just as much, if not more, for his classroom instruction. He had a teacher

whom he greatly admired in the personage of Mr. Gary Millen - also a legendary coach.

As a teacher, Bailey always attempts to give all sides to an issue, without revealing his own opinion - and if he does than diplomatically. His quiet style is admired by many.

A Jacksonian, he is a proud husband as well as the father of three fine young sons who have demonstrated both academic and scholastic success. Mr. Bailey epitomized the greatness of being a father with his departure for a year from school to be with his son while going through a major health crisis. And what a triumphant final ending!

For all of this, we proudly dedicate our newsletter to Mr. Chris Bailey.

Written by Brian P. Wiggin

Alumni Happenings

WE NEED YOU!

The Alumni Association is in desperate need of new board members. We meet a couple times year and plan the July Open House. If you or someone you know is interested in joining the alumni association please email us at kennettalumni@gmail.com.

★ 100 YEARS ★

A. Crosby Kennett High School is fast approaching 100 years of service to the Mount Washington Valley. We are looking for a committee to help plan the festivities. If you or someone you know is interested in being on the 100th Anniversary Committee please email Saralyn Smith at kennettalumni@gmail.com.

KHS TRIVIA & MORE

One of the first orders of business for the sports program at Kennett in the fall of 1923 was to organize a football team and to begin the inter-scholastic competition. It must be remembered that with the exception of two members of the eighteen man squad, all players were new at the game of football.

With a few weeks of practice under their belts, the players finally were ready to meet their opponents in a three-game schedule in November. The first game ever played by a Kennett football team resulted in a 85-0 defeat at the head of a veteran Fryeburg Academy Team, but Kennett was able to bounce back with impressive wins over Pembroke Academy and Leavitt Institute by the scores of 36-0 and 30-7 respectively.

Kennett's first letterman included some familiar names associated with athletics in the 1920's. Captained by Robert Garland, the squad included Bill Mahoney, Wilder Butterfield, Burton Garland, Henry Allen, Charles Bockterley, Raymond Twombly, Charles Davidson, and John Chandler.



Who was the head coach and assistant coach of the 1923 Kennett Football team?

Kennett's first football team was coached by Mr. Ellis W. McKeen and his assistant was Mr. Eddie Rumazza who came from Rochester each afternoon to help.

Soaring Eagle Leaders

96 years of Headmasters/Principals

Between 1923 and 2020 a period of 96 years of Kennett High School's existence, there have been thirteen different principals, eleven men, and two women.

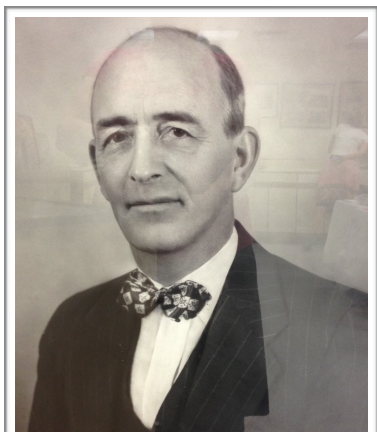
Mr. Ernest Weeks was Kennett's first headmaster and a graduate of Bowdoin College. He served Kennett as its leader for 3-4 months in the fall of 1923 and then was forced to resign his leadership post because of illness. He was well-liked by students and staff and did an excellent job of getting the school started. He was succeeded by Mr. Ellis W. "Mac" McKeen, who took over in late 1923 and served Kennett High School with distinction.

To **Mr. Ellis W. McKeen** goes the honor of serving Kennett for the longest period of time, a span of twenty-four years. Mr. McKeen originally was hired as a teacher of math and science, but when Mr. Weeks became ill "Mac" took over the responsibilities of the School's Headmaster and served Kennett High School from

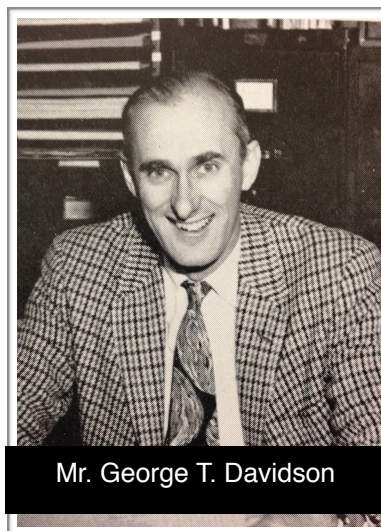
1924-1947. Born and raised in Fryeburg Maine, he graduated from Fryeburg Academy and went onto the University of Maine. He taught Mathematics and Physics, was the Girl's basketball coach for four years and coached the football team for two years. "Mac" was an outstanding administrator, loved by decades of students, faculty, and townspeople. He motivated many

and convinced scholars to obtain a higher education. A strict disciplinarian, he instilled a sense of loyalty to the school and community. Mr. McKeen resigned in the summer of 1947 because of failing health. He taught for a few years at Bartlett High School and also served on the Conway School board. As a token of the esteem in which he is held, Kennett's Football field located at what is now known as the A. Crosby Kennett Middle School is named the Ellis W. McKeen Memorial Field.

Mr. George T. Davidson was Kennett's leader for 10 years from 1947-1957. Ask anyone who graduated from KHS in recent decades who epitomized the school, and they would undoubtedly say, George T. Davison. A graduate of Bowdoin College, "Dave" was not only a teacher but a guidance counselor and principal. He was for many years a baseball coach and the baseball field to the rear of A. Crosby Kennett Middle School is named for him. "Dave" also became an ordained minister of the Congressional Church under Rev. Williams. His wife, Francis Raye, initially served as an English Teacher at KHS. They married and had two children known well in the valley - Rick and Raylene. Their camp in Freedom, Camp Wakuta, served as a practice venue for many Kennett Teams. One of the most



Mr. Ellis W. McKeen

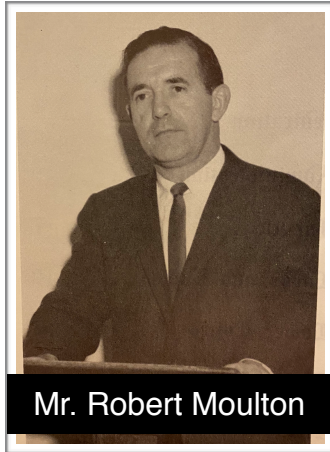


Mr. George T. Davidson

honored scholarships is named for George T. Davidson and maybe the most revered of all along with the Kennett Club.

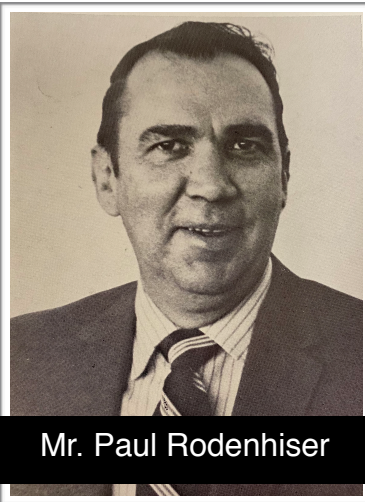
Mr. George Davidson was followed by **Mr. William Robbins** who served from 1957 to 1962. Unfortunately no pictures or stories have been uncovered of Mr. Robbins at this time.

In 1962, **Mr. Robert Moulton**, who had been principal at Goffstown High School came to serve a term of four years, 1962-1966. He maintained the high ideals of Kennett with loyalty and devotion until he returned to Goffstown in 1966.



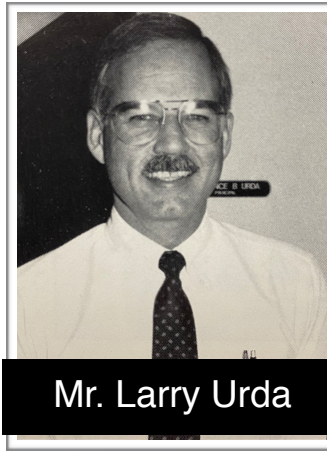
Mr. Robert Moulton

The second longest tenured principal was **Mr. Paul Rodenhiser** of twenty-two years from 1966 to 1988. Mr. Rodenhiser came to Kennett with an extensive background from Junior High through college levels with a special interest in the curriculum. Mr. Rodenhiser was remembered for his personal charm, soft voice, and impeccable

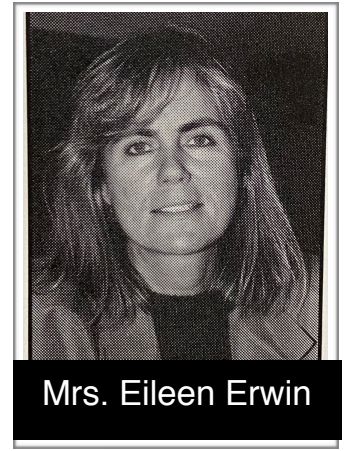


Mr. Paul Rodenhiser

manners. He earned the respect of the students, staff, and community by paying attention to the various fractions of the school and community. He performed his duties as a principal with skill and compassion.



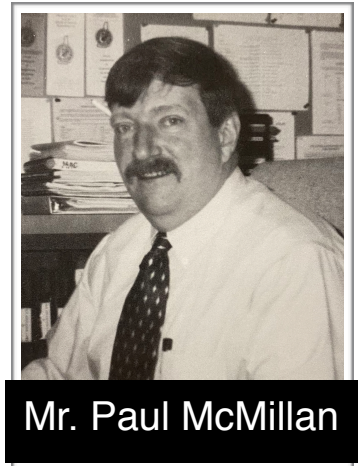
Mr. Larry Urda



Mrs. Eileen Erwin

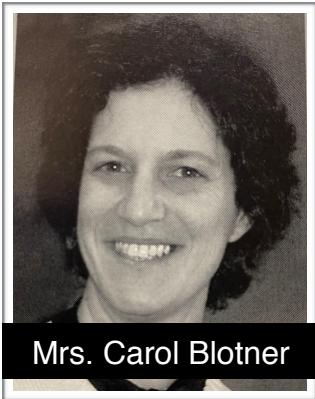
Mr. Larry Urda became principal in 1988 and served until 1992. Fellow alumni remember him as a nice fellow. He, in turn, was followed by **Mrs. Eileen Erwin** (1994-1996) who happened to be our first female principal. Both of these principals served for just two years each.

Next up was **Mr. Paul McMillan** (1996 - 1998). Though his time as Kennett High School Principal was short he instilled a sense of loyalty to the school and community. This loyalty continued even after he left to become principal at arch rival Kingswood High School. Mr. McMillan had three children that attended KHS and you could always count on him to cheer on the Black & White.



Mr. Paul McMillan

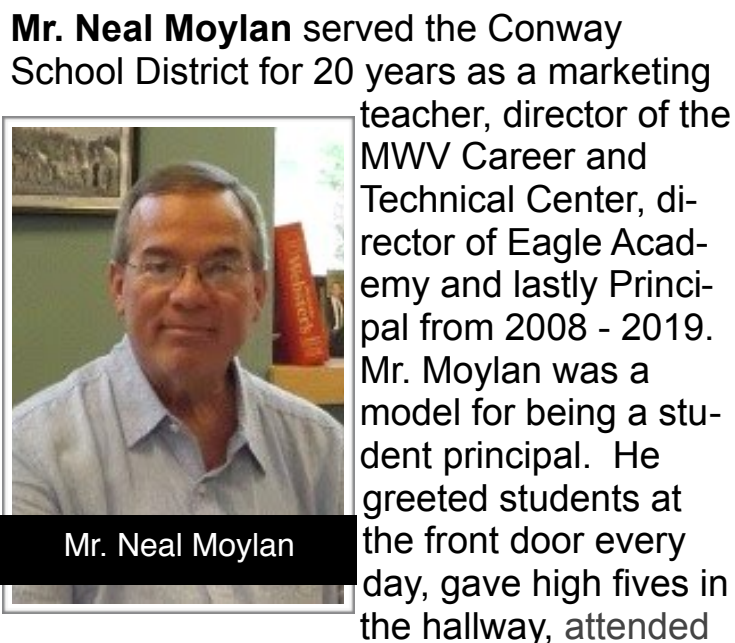
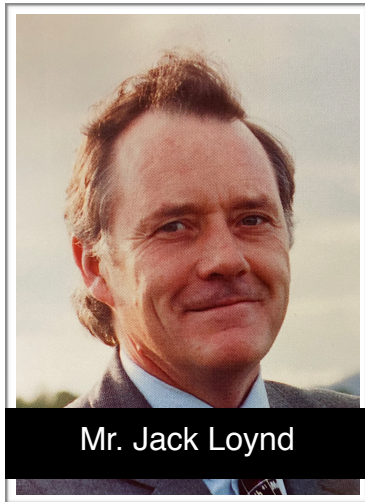
Kennett's second female principal was **Mrs. Carol Blotner**. Mrs. Blotner came to us from an assistant principal position in Methuen, Mass for 2 short years 1998-2000. She did a great job connecting with students and can even be seen throw-



ing a snowball in the 1999 edition of "The Conway Girl" starring Aimee Rabideau Frechette (principal of Pine Tree Elementary School) a remake from the 1949 "The Conway Boy" starring PeeWee French.

Mr. Jack Loynd accepted the position of Kennett High School Principal in 2000 and retired in 2008.

Mr. Loynd is still a beloved teacher of Math at KHS and is the head coach of the Kennett Varsity Boys Basketball Team. As a coach, he teaches his players that a victory is about more than the number on the scoreboard. He cares deeply for the athletes he leads and encourages them to be winners on more than just the court.



events and helped out with clubs and organizations. He truly bled black and white.

Mr. Moylan was a role model, a mentor, and friend not only to his staff and students but to the community.

Mr. Kevin Carpenter is new this year (2019) as a Kennett High School Leader.

He came to Kennett from Berlin High School where he taught science for 11 years and then was Principal for 2 years. Mr. Carpenter hopes to learn every student's name by the end of the school year and wants to get to



know the kids and hear their voice. Even though his first year was cut short due to COVID-19 and remote learning Mr. Carpenter continued to be a role model and pushed to make the end of the school year a memorable one for all students but especially our seniors who graduated from atop of our beloved Canmore Mountain.

All of these leaders in the past ninety-six years have taught us to believe in ourselves, to be loyal to our community and to always soar like the eagle we are.

KHS was a home away from home for all of us at one point in our lives and we want to invite anyone who wishes to walk the halls once again to please let us know by emailing the alumni at kennettalumni@gmail.com.



Written by Saralyn Smith

2020 Kennett High School Alumni Association Scholarship Awards

To date, your donations have allowed us to award \$1.2 Million to KHS seniors and alumni.

Any contribution is most welcomed to continue these efforts!

This year the alumni awarded \$50,000 to alumni and seniors.

We would like to congratulate them and wish them luck in their endeavors.

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KHS ALUMNI

Hannah Garland	Dylan West
Esmee Doucette	Connor Furtado
Anna Cummings	Jordanna Belle Isle
Cassidy Daigle	Caleigh Daigle
Lexey Eastman	Callum Hawkes
Kaitlyn Jauos	Taylor Petell
Nathalie Jolin	Annee Tremblay
Carter Miller	Olivia Deblois-Hill
Riley Steward	Taylor Bouchard
Sara Tetreault	

KHS SENIORS

Makena Bennett	Maggie Miller
Shaelyn Camille	Adam Sam
Samuel Hanson	Braeden Bailey
Amelia Jarell	Evan Eldridge
Katherine Keefe	Eva Drummond
Abby Lyman	Henry Edmunds
Phoebe Lyons	Jackson Gordon
Sophie Stimpson	Marissa Henry
Ianna Parker	Amelia Petell
Emily Putnam	Nadia Van Dyne

The Kennett Alumni Association accepts scholarship applications from any and all Kennett Alumni. If you are continuing your education and would like the chance to earn a scholarship please fill out the application available on our website (www.kennettalumni.com). The applications are due May 1, are awarded in June and the scholarship money will be sent to your school upon the arrival of your Fall Semester Transcripts with a 2.5 or higher GPA. If you have any questions please reach out to us at KennettAlumni@gmail.com.

KHS TRIVIA & MORE

Kennett's first school publication was a 7x10 printed booklet which was a combination of literacy and yearbook endeavors. It appeared in two editions that first year, in April and again in June.

The first edition was dedicated in memory of A. Crosby Kennett for who the school was named. The dedication states, "We, the students of Kennett High School, dedicate the first issues of our school paper. His generosity and thoughtfulness in giving us the school will always be gratefully remembered.") The original school building was actually given to the town by Mrs. Lora Kennett, wife of A. Crosby Kennett and his two sons, Frank & Robert. An excellent portrait of Mr. A. Crosby Kennett also appears on the dedication page.

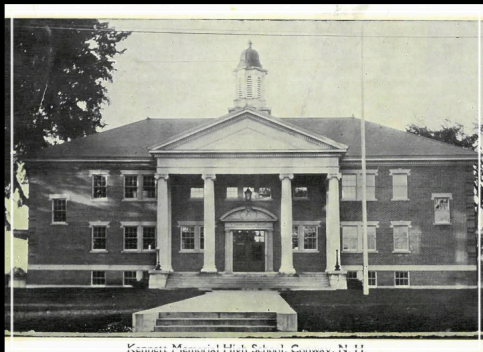
The Editorial Board consisted of Ethel Giddings, Frank Horne, Dwinal Westcott, Murial Quint, Ruth Towle, Katherine Perkins, Fred Kenison, Laura Chase, Gordon Potter, Hazel Potter, Carolyn Davis, William Wittaket and Doris Perkins.

Hazel Kellam and Hazel Potter were the authors of the first edition to be written and they zeroed in on school spirit as it seemed to be a Kennett that first year. Literary essays were submitted by Burnham Davis, Gordon Potter, Ina Myrick, Ethel Gidding, Hazel Kellam, Clara Allard, and Ruth Towle. Newsy items covered such subjects as the teacher reception, a surprise party, faculty changes, Christmas exercise, the orchestra and debating. Each class also provided items of interest to the student body in the section devoted to class notes.

There was excellent coverage of the fall and winter sports programs, joke page, and a page for "Senior Statistics." team.

What did they call this publication in the early years?

The "Kennett Kommitt"
Answer:



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We would like to send a special thank you to Porter Office Machine Co for always supporting the KHS Alumni with all our printing needs.



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Here are some warm thank you's we have received from scholarship recipients

"I would not be where I am without your support."

- Cassidy, Class of 2017

"College is a very expensive endeavor and your financial assistance is not only extremely generous but also highly appreciated."

- Jordanna, Class of 2019

"Thank you so much for awarding me your generous scholarship and investing in my future."

- Anna, Class of 2019

"I am forever grateful to be supported by wonderful community members like you!"

- Ashton, Class of 2019

"I can not express my gratitude enough for a program such as your own that wishes to help those who wish to better themselves and grow to their potential."

- Miranda, Class of 2016

"With your help, I now have a Master of Arts in History. Thank you so much for your support and your hard work to continue providing our alumni with such great opportunities. It's always a great day to be an Eagle!"

- Noah, Class of 2008

Kennett Alumni

Now is a good time to pay your Dues - Annual dues are only \$5

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