Superintendents’ Day Sponsored by Civic Committee

An Evening of Art and Music

On December 6, at 8 P. M., the music and art departments of Gorham Normal School presented an Evening of Art and Music in Russell Hall under the direction of Miss Helene Whiry and Miss Miriam Andrews.

The orchestra played to open the program. Well known pictures were portrayed by students, and members of the faculty. The orchestra played the music. All the scenery was made by the art department. The Girls’ Glee Club, Boys’ Glee Club, and the Orchestra furnished the music.


Report to Dr. Suhrie

Initiative is a fine thing to have in a school or in any other institution. It is not for initiative our country would still be under England’s rule. We would never have had the courage to set up a government of our own on this continent. Every day in the schools all over the country the students are taking upon their own shoulders more and more of the problems and discipline of the school. More and more the schools are stressing pupil activity and the faculties are the helpers. In places where a group of pupils listen passively to the knowledge that the teacher imparts from the store she has acquired. Here are a few of the activities which have come about through student initiative.

Several years ago the Gorham Normal School Students started an organization known as the Civic Committee which is representative of all the students in the school. Its members are students who have been elected to represent each division and each social organization in the school.

Superintendents’-Principals’ Day — In 1932 the Civic Committee arranged and carried out the program of other departments of the school the third annual Superintendents’-Principals’ Day. On this occasion the principal and the superintendents of every high school represented by a student in the Gorham Normal School, were invited to be guests of the school. Opportunities were provided so that the guests could visit classes and hold conferences with both former students and teachers.

Washington Pageant—In celebration of the Washington Bicentennial the students of Gorham Normal School wrote a pageant descriptive of Washington’s life.

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with him; meeting him halfway in this battle of man against circumstances?

Do it not mean to do your share well, and help the other fellow to do his well?

The future civilization of the United States and of the world cannot advance if the slogan is every man for himself. It must be that every man will help every other man for the perfection of the whole.

We need co-operation in Gorham Normal School, as we need co-operation in the State of Maine, in the United States and in the world.

We must do our bit to make our life here at Gorham a happier, better life. We can help to make international affairs less muddled and more democratic by doing democratic and helpful things here at Gorham.

If every person tries to help every other person, the world will be a better place in which to live.

Schubert

A tranquil life his gentle spirit should have won.

But in the hand of Destiny the laurel wreath

Lay all alone: for loneliness and greatness

Hand in hand, and Life had only to be

Pain, sorrow, poverty and unrequited love.

Swiftly his Muse obeyed the pressure of desire

Until the very end, which waited long enough

Yet came too soon for geniuses' ever-burning fire.

Schubert, thy songs are like a mother's lullabies,

As dear, familiar, friendly, to attentive ears.

They again bespeak in accents sweet the heart's wide cries

Mellowed with thy touch and our friendship through the years.

My pledge to him whose all-transcending sympathy

Has writ "Finale" to "Unfinished Symphony."

First Flight

"Fine, fine!" said Captain Farwell enthusiastically. "Jack, you be a good lad and keep on doing so well and I'll buy you a plane for your birthday!"

"Birthday!" echoed Jack in dismay. "Aw, Dad! That's months away!"

"Never mind," replied his father stiffly. "Nineteen is quite young enough to be doing barrel rolls. Why, John Farwell, I'm being generous, and you don't realize it!"

"Yes, I do," sighed Jack. "But I'd rather have a nice monoplane right now, even if I do thank you."

"That will do," said Captain Farwell jerked his head. "Go bother someone else. And, Jack--"

"Sir?"

"Mind you keep out of the hangars. Harry is too busy to keep taking you up."

"Oh--all right.

Jack Farwell slouched out of his father's office at the airport, going into a dingy room, off the waiting room, where Lloyd laughed and talked. Matty Lloyd laughed and talked. Every adventurer who could afford to pay $21 a week to be yelled at by a World War pilot.

Matty was tacking on the wall a picture just cut from a newspaper. "There," said Lloyd, holding it up to Jack's face. "Step up and look!"

Jack read the caption under the photograph of a blond girl with innumerable freckles. The item announced that this was the youngest person to become a licensed pilot, a graduate of an Ohio flying school at the age of 15.

"You're beat all to nothing," laughed Matty. "Flown solo at all yet?"

"No," scowled Jack, jealously. "Dad said no. But I could, easy as easy."

"You're pretty young yet," observed Lloyd disparagingly.

Jack glared and stamped out, determined to show 'em all something. A blue and silver biplane had just come to a landing a few yards from the hangar. Jack hastened toward it eagerly, to find a man in creased flying kit climbing out, pulling off his goggles as he reached the ground. He was obviously exhausted, his face chapped, his eyes red with strain, his belt white and wrinkled. He groaned.

"Boy, what a stunt!" he said, stamping and groaning. "Where is the head of this dump? How far is it to the city? Any loose pilots running around? Can you sail a ship like this?"

Jack collected his wits. Was this his chance?

"Captain Farwell, in the red-roofed building. It's twelve miles to town. Sure, I can fly anything with wings!"

The aviator stood chewing his lip a moment.

"You'll do, I guess. I gotta see a guy called Lloyd, and I gotta get to the bank before it closes, and I gotta be in Waverly in an hour, and I'm dog tired. Could you help me out? Listen, there's some serums in the black box that you give to a man, Belknap, at Waverly. He's taking 'em to a hospital. You know Waverly? Fifty east northeast. Watch the old boat on the left bank. How about it?"

"I'll do it," said Jack superbly. He climbed in and sat shaking at the controls. His first solo! The aviator was hobbling toward the hangar, slapping back, Jack started up the idling motor again, and the blue bird began to hum across the field. He took off smoothly, and, after all, due to the zealous training of Lloyd and Harry, it was not difficult. He was still thrilled when he had successfully completed his errand in Waverly and was flying back. The only thing to mar his delight was apprehension at the greeting that might await him at home.

Captain Farwell was there. He took Jack's arm and dragged him into the office to deliver a scorching lecture. Jack opened his mouth to speak, but Lloyd talked, and, "Yes, sir," and "No, sir," for a long time before he was dismissed with a fierce warning to have a plane, then his father grinned a little as he said, looking at the calendar:

"I suppose that in order to protect other men's planes I shall have to give you one at Christmas!"

"Yes, sir!" said Jack. He dashed out before Farwell might have time to change his mind.

One of the unfortunate after first quarter marks appeared wrote home to brother: "Failed in everything, prepare papa." Brother answered: "Papa prepared, prepare yourself."
Girls' Athletic Association Holds Election

At the meeting of the Girls' Athletic Association, Edna Delaney was elected President; Ella Johnson, Vice President; Ardena Miller, Treasurer; and Doris Marr, Secretary. Genevieve Porter was chosen to represent the Advanced Seniors on the Athletic Council; Laelin Hinckley, to represent the Seniors and Sylvia Fitzmorris, the Juniors. Eunice Reed is to represent the Girls' Athletic Association in the Civic Committee.

Variety Reigns in Girls' Fall Athletics

Early last September, the first call for girls who were interested in athletics reached forth. Of the girls from East and Robbie Halls to take part in a few exciting games of soccer.

Shortly after this came the call for Field Hockey candidates. This sport met with such favor that the girls could see playing hockey almost any afternoon, until the call of nice hot Turkey led them home.

Then, don't forget archery, the sport in which the girls participated this fall, for practice only. Here is a secret: There is a tournament planned for the spring. Come on, girls, practice may make perfect.

Last but not least comes kick ball, which can be played in the gymnasium or on the athletic field. It's lots of fun! Ask those who have tried it.

Basket Ball for Girls

Following the Thanksgiving recess the girls began an interesting basketball season. Games between the class divisions, which prove interesting, are being played this year. The regular class games for the cup will follow and we are looking forward to some close and exciting games. The Juniors are out to win, and the Seniors are determined to win. Let's watch closely to see what happens.

A Challenge

The aim of the Women's National Athletic Association is "a sport for every girl and a girl for every sport." Come on, girls of Normal Hill, let's make it ours.

Tennis

Fall tennis was met with great enthusiasm this year, and, judging by the large number who reported for trials, this sport will, in a very short time, become one of the most popular of our school. After a week of preliminary rounds and eliminations, class competition began in earnest. After the smoke of battle had cleared away, it was found that the Advanced Seniors had won by a large majority, followed by the Mid Seniors, and, last but not least, the Juniors.
Idle Chatter

One of the greatest attractions at G. N. S. is Len Provenchal. It is understood that he is looking for someone to write his biography and entitled "Crapeau, the Life Story of the Boy Chemist." Harry Brown's title of "Strong Man of the Railroad" has been given from him by the combined efforts of said house. While we're about it let's go one step farther, for first class trucking call Jim Abbott, Tel. Perfect 36. Ray Story has joined the "Reds." His initial act was an attempt to blow up the laborer which was filed through no fault of Ray's." Other "Reds" are Gen Porter, Tarbox, Chapman, Hart, etc.

If you want to start a riot ask Miss Whitcomb to summarize the musical comedy "Of Thee I Sing." It's rumored she is well acquainted with the songs.

There are some girls who at the end of each quarter spend one evening in sob-songs even though they have no inkling as to the meaning of the A's that might have been...

The Superintendent Day Jinx still follows Bill Ransom. This year for the Men's Senior team, they need it so much... Mr. Wieden in Soc. Class: "Why do they make up the "Fellas" Symphony when they make automobiles so we can go places."

Undertone: "And do things."

If any students desire to sit for pictures at Albert's they may do so from now until December 10. Albert should go more and purchase an incubator...

Mr. Vassow on the stopper a self-heating hot water bottle?" Curits: "To coat the stopper with a.cargon-diox-ide! blow up the laboratory will be filled. You will read the first seven volumes of the Encyclopedia Britannica. You will be prepared to recite any of these seven volumes from memory. In addition... (See Nellie Leland)... Mr. Weiden (again): "What was the first domesticated animal?" Brown: "I'm Woman." Bill Graigrin is very unfamiliar with "cosmetics"—yes?... And of course mention "Fellas" don't blow up the "Fellas" by the light of four candles and Miss Jordan's trusty flashlight. You've had five minutes. Now let's get still with Miss Underton: "And do things."

The unthinking few who are scattered about the earth are so hungry that they might have been...

The earliest methods of teaching Industrial Education were employed by Pestalozzi, who lived from 1746-1827. While attempting to educate his own child he endeavored to train the children, rich and poor, along the industrial line. This idea was not successfully and was followed by many similar experiments. One of the most important phases of the "educational system" was the formation of "vagrant" children through Industrial Education. Froebel presented a idea of "Education through Motor Expression."

"Industrial Arts, as it is now termed, was introduced into England in 1839 and began to take place of Manual Training in America about 1850. At that time American Colonial laws required raining in industry."

The methods of teaching in all subjects have changed, and the Industrial Course is somewhat different from the original idea. The fundamentals are still employed, however; and the need of the course is greater than ever.

House Committee Presents Halloween Party in Russell Hall

A very pleasing Halloween Party was held under the auspices of the Gorham Normal School House Committee November 5 in Russell Hall. The decorations were original and attractive with the season both in design and color.

A very pleasing program which traced the original traditions of Hallowe'en was given during the intermission.

First Entertainment of the Year Is On November Sixteenth

The first entertainment of the series of the year will be given this year in Russell Hall on Wednesday evening, November sixteenth. "White Hyacinths" by Gladys Black Wilson was presented by the Boston Players. These players are made up of amateurs from the University and professionals from theatres in Boston.

Junior Reception, September 30

On September 30 the Juniors were officially welcomed at a reception given by the combined cabinets of the Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A. in the gymnasium at Russell Hall. The entire faculty was present and formed into four groups to whom the students were presented. The gymnasium was decorated with autumn leaves. Dancing followed to the music of the "Fellas" orchestra. Refreshments were served by the Y. W. C. A. girls.

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from boyhood until his retirement from political life. It is a fact that many departments directed the efforts of the students in writing and producing the play at Commencement.

House Committee—In addition to the many duties of the House Committee in carrying on student government, last summer the committee sent handbooks to the incoming class in order to acquaint the students with the life and activities of the school.

Athletic Council—Two years ago the Athletic Council, the members of which are elected from both the women's and men's athletic associations, revised the system of athletic awards.

Volunteer Librarians—Through the addition of a new building on the campus, it was possible to turn the old assembly hall into a modern library. Students from the school have made it possible to keep this room open, in addition to the regular library, by serving as volunteer librarians during the noon hours and on Saturdays mornings.

The Oracle—A school newspaper, which is prepared by group from the History and English departments in the school, thus creating a social atmosphere which includes the whole school.

Foreign Correspondence—These have been carried on with Rumania and Belgium through the Geology Geog raphy class. Booklets illustrating customs and life of the people have been exchanged.

Boys' Glee Club—The club was organized five years ago because the boys wished to have a musical organization in which they would have the opportunity to sing as did the girls in the Girls' Glee Club.

The Extra-curricular activities are financed by a specific sum of money paid at the beginning of the year by each student. This tax entitles one to the year book, entertainments, athletic contests and other activities.

Social Entertainments—There are furnished almost weekly by various organizations in the school, thus creating a social atmosphere which includes the whole school.