RESULTS OF STUDENT VOTING ANNOUNCED

The Oracle takes pleasure in publishing the results of the student voting for various campus celebritites. Of course the names published were the recipients of the greatest number of votes but in all cases, competition was exceedingly close. The readers may not all agree with the choices and The Oracle knows that there are undoubtedly many people deserving each position but the contest was held for fun, to create an unusual kind of discussion; so why not, along with The Oracle, congratulate each winner and refrain from any detrimental remarks?

The results are as follows:

1. Most popular girl: Shirley Hartley
2. Most popular boy: "Dud" Bagley
3. Best looking girl: "Kita" Craven
4. Best looking boy: "Lin" Porter
5. Most sophisticated person: Dorothy Murphy
6. Best Sport: Shirley Hartley
7. Best Girl Dancer: Shirley Hartley
8. Best Boy Dancer: "Dan" Bagley
9. The Campus flirt: Shirley Hartley
10. The Campus flirter: Shirley Hartley
11. Most Athletic Girl: Marjorie Moody
12. Most Athletic Boy: "Dud" Bagley
13. Sunniest Dispositioned Girl: Shirley Hartley
14. Best Dispositioned Boy: John Mulvey

The votes were counted under the supervision of Miss Keene.

MINSTREL SHOW

The Lambda Pi Sigma Fraternity will present a minstrel show at 8:00 p.m. March 18 in the Junior High Auditorium.

John Bell is the director and interlocutor. In the circle will be George Baker, Dudley Bagley, Richard Savage, and Angelo Brechato, wisecracking ends; with Joseph Luiz, Rutherford Drummond, Harold Kennedy, Byron Rawnson, Roy Salisbury, Andrew McSorley, Raymond Corey and William Ransom.

Mrs. Ludger Sylvain will be the accompanist. An orchestra composed of Thomas Hoye, piano; Thomas Dionne, saxophone; Wayne Bagley, drums; John Sherman, banjo; and Elwood Morey, trumpet; will do their part in making it an entertaining evening.

Two alumni, Gerald and Harold Hallett will offer songs and dance specialties.

The proceeds of the show will be used for the Lambda Pi Sigma Accident Fund.

The boys are working hard to keep the reputation for fine entertainments which the fraternity holds and if reports are true, the coming event will break the splendid record of previous years.

"ONCE IN A BLUE MOON" TO BE PRESENTED BY GLEE CLUBS

"Once in a blue moon, someone comes along making all your dreams come true."

In this case Sylvia Montgomery - Eleanor Frost, and George Taylor - Dudley Bagley, are those whose dreams matter - but it's sometimes hard to make dreams come true that is where the Moon Lady - Eleanor McLeod, comes in. The Moon Lady, as perhaps you know is the person who smiles on lovers and who makes the story end happily as stories have a way of doing. If you are interested in Who's Who read on.

Moon Lady, Eleanor McLeod; Mrs. Montgomery, Margaret Ross; Sylvia Montgomery, Eleanor Frost; Leatrice Montgomery, Mary Frances Hyder, Mr. Babitt Morton, Richard Savage; Betty Morton, Ardell Elwell; Mrs. Lila Lavenda, Evelyn Lovejoy; Billy Maxwell, Byron Rawnson; George Taylor, Dudley Bagley; Sir Percival Chetwood, Raymond Corey; M. Rene LeMon, Thomas Hoye; Suzanne, Bette Brackett; Hop Sing Hi, William Ransom; Skylark Roams, Fred West, Mooney, George Baker.

Just a word to the wise "G. N. S. ites" - if you don't know what a Blue Moon can do you had better find out on April 22, the date set for the presentation of the annual operetta.

MAINE WOMAN CANDIDATE FOR PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

For the second time in five years Maine takes a parental pride in the nomination of one of her educators for President of the National Education Association. Miss Florence Hale has been nominated for this position.

Besides acting in the capacity of Vice President of this Association for many years, Miss Hale has served as Secretary of the Maine State Federation of Women's Clubs, and Secretary of the Maine State Grange Loan Fund. She was also chosen chairman of the Sub-committee on Rural Education at the White House Conference on Child Health and Protection.

Though she was born in Massachusetts, and received her Normal training there, Miss Hale early chose Maine as the field of her endeavors and Maine has profited most happily from her choice.

Her primary interest has been the rural school and the improvement of rural school conditions. To this end she has constantly studied in order that the rural schools might profit by every new phase in the progress of education.

The personality of Miss Hale is the blending of all the desirable traits of a teacher. Her optimism and helpfulness have made her a welcomed and inspiring visitor to classroom teachers; her ready sympathy and kindly criticism have done much to add to her success. She is a public speaker of

CALENDAR

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A MUSICAL ROMANCE

"Teachers are born, not made" has been echoed and re-echoed through the years and is still used as an alibi for failure by many an unsuccessful teacher. This may be fundamentally true, but it could easily be proved that even the "born" teachers need professional training to fit them for the vitally important work they have chosen. Then many "made" teachers are not so bad as some smugly successful educators proclaim.

"Divine Right of Teachers" is not an established institution yet nor is this ever likely to be. The Spirit of American Independence is hereditary, thus every teacher must necessarily, give way to the individuality of her pupils in so far as is consistent with their well being. Modern civilization demands keen minded assertiveness and children get this through self-expression and desirable activities, not by following a teacher with sheep-like submission and

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CHARACTER EDUCATION IN THE JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Character development is an important matter in the lives of children, especially during the adolescent age. The school has taken upon itself the duty to aid this development and to direct it in the right channels during the time the children of that age are under its care.

The Gorham Junior High School has worked out a plan known as the "Monogram Point Schedule" as an aid. The schedule is divided into four parts, physical, mental, social, and moral. Under physical it has placed such items as the correction of physical defects, the making of one or more class teams; under Mental, the Honor Rolls, representing the school on a debating team, or some such activities; includes perfect attendance with no tardiness for the half year, showing proper respect for the flag; Moral includes the producing of proof showing the maintenance of good habits of character, regular attendance at Sunday School. Many others are included under these topics but space will not permit their being mentioned.

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This is but a brief summary of a method of character development which is now in its second year of trial. It is the type of plan which every prospective teacher should have in mind before she sets out to govern her own school. As we can suggest none better, our advice is why not adopt its principles? As you grow wiser in your teaching you may discover something as good but by all means start with some foundation.
ATHLETICS

Basketball

Although the G. N. S. 1930—31 basketball record was not impressive in regard to games won, the local quintet was a powerful aggregation. Hard luck, bad “breaks,” staleness and unusually strong competition caused the downfall of the Green & White in many of the big games of the year.

The Gorham players reached the top of their game in the struggle against Cheverus in Portland and with Salem Normal in the final home setto of the season.

Against the visitors from Massachusetts every basket that took the floor for the locals fought for the school in a fashion befitting the glorious tradition of its athletes. This game marked the final basketball fray that six of this year’s team will ever compete in at the G. N. S. Gymnasium under the banners of the Green and White—Captain Edward Leahy, Paul Dumas, Clifton Reeves, Edmund Lessard, George Baker and Raymond King —fine sportsmen, good athletes, loyal competitors.

The last contest of the season was played in W. strbcok, although a victory for the paper city five, the winners were forced to the limit by the Gorham invaders.

Six of this season’s varsity squad are left to ‘carry on’ for the Green and White next year—Anderson, W. Bagley, Verrill, Kimball, Bagley and Smith. A strong outfit is in the making.

Juniors and Seniors in the Game 26—26

A Junior team picked from both first year outfits played the Senior class sextet Thursday, Feb. 19. It appeared as if the Juniors would walk away with a complete victory for their guards West and Small were keeping the Desmond, Elwell, Little trio from doing any scoring during the first half. However the Seniors came back in the second half determined to lesson the lead and this they accomplished so that the fray ended with both sides deadlocked.

Junior forwards, were on a scoring rampage and popped in baskets from all sides. Another game will be played to decide the winner.

The Bell’s Complaint

They always, always hate me, it surely does seem strange, I try to sound so pretty. But still they never change.

When early in the morning I ring out loud and clear, “I wish that bell would shut up!” Are the pleasant words I hear.

At night when bells mean quiet, And they should talk no more. They chatter thru the final tone And when I stop they’re sore.

When I mean Yes, oh my! I guess they’re just like all the World. Quite hard to satisfy.

Teaching

1924
Foss, Dorothy S. Portland West School, Me.

1927
Miller, Ruth Practice School, Gorham

1929
Sinkinson, Elizabeth South Portland, Me.

Sinkinson, Margaret South Portland, Me.

Engagement of Miss J. Frances Whidden

A recent engagement of great interest to the Normal School is that of Miss J. Frances Whidden of Brunswick to Mr. George Hawkins of Middleboro, Mass. which was announced by a Valentine supper. The guests included some of the former Gorham Normal School teachers. Among those present were: Miss Ruth Hoffses of Manchester, N. H. and Miss Virginia Dowling of Boston. Miss Whidden is a former teacher of Gorham, and is at present teaching in Milton, Massachusetts.

Who Am I?

1930
Alberti, Mary

1932
Guptil, Lois

1927
Barrett, Mary

1931
Judd, Rama

SENIOR GIRLS DEFEAT JUNIORS

The Senior team captained by Jean Lennon easily defeated Junior Team A by a score of 32-19. Warren and Johnson, by close and careful guarding, kept the Junior forwards from doing much scoring. Elwell and Desmond played their usual brilliant game. Emery and Small starred for the losers.

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Davis, Edith

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Fox, Dorothy S.

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Davis, Edith

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**THE ORACLE**

**THE TELEGRAM**

It had been three long weeks since the Wilkins family had heard from their son, Bob, who had left for college two months before. It was for this reason that the entire family was in commotion.

"Well," grumbled Dad, "that's no more than you can expect from children nowadays. No thanks at all, no thought of others, only themselves."

Aunt Elizabeth, the little old maid, sighed and appeared so sad that she really looked funny.

Flapper Sister Jane "didn't give a darn."

Little sister Mary looked and wondered.

But mother was really worried and tears would be seen trickling down her cheeks.

Dad went to the office as usual, and the work of the house went on for the rest of the day until three o'clock.

A blue capped boy rang the doorbell and when little Mary rushed to the door, he asked if her mother was at home. "Yes, she is, but she is busy just now, could I take the message?"

"Yes," said the messenger, "I think you can."

So Mary carried the telegram to her mother.

"Nothin' doin'," said Jane. "Me open hat damn thing? Guess no, not Aunt Elizabeth."

Aunt Elizabeth came. "No, my dear," sighed the little lady, "I was never one to break bad news to a family. I can't begin now. You had better call your husband."

So they called Dad who said that he would come in ten minutes.

Ten minutes seemed like an hour, but at last it passed and in came Dad, red in the face and panting like a horse.

"What's all this, what's all this, calling me home,"—he paused when he saw his wife sitting in a chair, her face white.

"We have a telegram," she began, "please read it."

He took the telegram, started at the address, and then ripping it open, slowly he read aloud.

"Theirs not to reason why, theirs but to do or die."

--- *Josephine Renski*

**ATHLETIC AWARDS**

A new Point system has been inaugurated this year in Women's Athletics at Gorham Normal School. The winning of 25 points gives a star. Numerals are awarded to Seniors upon earning 50 points and to Juniors and Mid-Seniors who have earned 100 points. To wear a G. N. S. monogram, it is necessary for Seniors to have 100 credits and for Juniors and Mid-Seniors to have 200. The credits won for participating in soccer and basketball were awarded by Coach Reed at the close of Chapel on March 13th.

Miss Jane Hodges, in behalf of the Massachusetts Club presented a cup to the Seniors for winning the inter-class basketball series.

Coach Wieden awarded the following letters to varsity basketball men:

- Capt. Edward Leahy
- Paul Dumas
- Clifford Reeves
- Wayne Bagley
- Clayton Verrill
- George Baker
- Raymond King

Third year letter
Second year letter
First year letter

Edmond Lessard
John Anderson
Dudley Bagley
Linwood Porter
Manager's letter

**SUGGESTIONS WELCOME**

There has come up from the ranks of the student body the suggestion that if the Oracle published a few factors in our school life which could be improved, various organizations might take it upon their shoulders to be responsible for certain needed remedies. Perhaps those factors which need the most immediate attention are as follows:

1. Provision for music for Wednesday and Friday night dancing. How about a committee to arrange this?

2. Why not plan a program or at least a few games for Center, the nights the boys are not allowed to come up?

3. If only someone would invent a traffic system for the post office!

4. It is said that girls have to sit on the steps around the dining room door twenty minutes early in order to get a table at which their friends may sit. Couldn't this be arranged more conveniently?

These are but a few suggestions, waiting to be remedied. Why doesn't your club start the good work?

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Trust wherever she listeth, for, verily, she sometimes listeth dangerously!

'Theirs not to make reply, theirs but to do or die,'

as a fashion in school teaching is becoming obsolete.

Without allowing maudlin sentiment to creep in, a teacher should realize that there is a spiritual element in her profession. Every child has a soul as well as an intellect. It is sometimes a thing to remember with thanksgiving when we pray—especially during the tryings of long division, irregular verbs, and other such harrowing experiences. However, the developing of a child's character is a far more delicate thing than training his mind and requires a world of understanding, sympathy, and broadmindedness which cannot be learned from books alone. Here is where the born teacher comes into her own.

For the good of society we must all be capable of economic independence. Our first aim in training to be teachers is to fit ourselves to earn a living. It is no disgrace to admit this. If we want to some day do big things in the field of education for the uplift of the profession; that, too, is not dedicatable. It is only when we work for fame and reward alone that we disgrace ourselves and our profession.

Let us secretly cherish ideals of loyalty, understanding, and service; and shun to the world our efficiency, enthusiasm, and cheerfulness. This teaching business is a great game—let's play it right!