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GORHAM NORMAL SENDS REPRESENTATIVES TO VARIOUS HIGH SCHOOLS

At a recent meeting of a committee composed of Miss Mary L. Hastings, Miss Katherine Halliday, Miss Miriam Randall, Miss Estelle Wood, Miss Mabel Ryan, Mr. Clifford O. T. Weiden, and Miss Jeanette S. Johnson, members were selected to represent Gorham Normal School at various high school assemblies. These speakers will talk from ten to twenty minutes on the following topics: Courses offered at Gorham Normal School, A Normal School Teaching Course leading to the degree of B. S. E., Extra Curriculum Activities, and Why I Want To Be A Teacher.

Those selected and the places at which they are to speak are Gladys Foster, Geraldine Johnson, Alice Keene, Portland, Elizabeth Stypel, Madeline Smith, Cornish, Marion McFarland, Cole Kelley, Eleanor McLeod, Westbrook, Dorothy Fickett, Mrs. Alice MacDill, Marjorie Moody, Yarmouth, Paul Dumas, Edward Leahy, Lisbon Falls, Shirley Hartley, Eleanor Frost, Brunswick, Louise Gould, Roy Salisbury, Freeport, and Freeland 0. T. Weiden, and Miss Jeanette T. Weiden.

It is hoped that these representatives will be ready to go to the different schools by the middle of February.

PRACTICE TEACHING APPOINTMENTS

The appointments for next quarters, practice teachers have been assigned as follows: Gorham Training School, Kindergarten, Madeleine T. Coolidge, Ruth E. Crowther, Junior Primary, Virginia B. Gillis, Louise C. Gould; Grade I, Verna M. Fickett, Florence F. Greenleaf, Grade II Jane Edgcomb, Elizabeth Marstella, Grade III, Marion G. Hawkes, Kathleen Fiesife, Grade IV Louise Marshall, Marion R. Haines, Grade V, Ruth E. Miller, Eleanor L. Frost; Grade VI, Mary Jane Fortier, Alice E. Edgcomb, Junior High, History and Geography, Irving Gordon, Virginia Bryant; Math, and Science, Roger Jean, C. Oliver Winslow; English, Elizabeth Sanborn. West Gorham Rural.

Evelyn L. Donnell, Marion L. Fries; Whitney School, Florence N. Hart, Hazel McFarland.

Westbrook, Brown Steet, Grade V and VI Beatrice Grogings, Bridge St. Grades III, IV Ida Gaudett, IV and V Helen Reed; VI and VII Geneva Gardiner, VII Estella Morse, VIII Mary Peabody, VIII, IX Catherine Brann, X Fred Littlefield; Valentine Street, Grade V, Mary Curtis, II and III Berenice A. Dority; Warren Street Grade I Virginia Hezilton, II Christina Anderson, IV Dorothy Emerly; Saco Street, Grade II Florence Dority; Forest Street, Grade I Adelaide Hamilton, II Pauline Hilton, IV Elizabeth Hayes, V Capitola Clough, South Portland Pleasant Street, Grade I Gladys Heald, II Alice Keene, III Mary Griffin, IV Doris Mancraft; Broadway, Grade VI Helen Lee. Grade VII and VIII, Mary Ward.

GORHAM NORMAL SCHOOL ATTENDS TEACHER’S CONVENTION IN PORTLAND

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GREEN AND WHITE QUINTET DEFEATED BY POWERFUL CHEVURIS HIGH SCHOOL TEAM

The Green & White Quintet lost a close thriller to the powerful Chevurus High team before a large and enthusiastic crowd at the Cathedral Gym in Portland on January 10, score, 34-28.

The G.N.S. boys swept the purple off their feet with a fierce onslaught in the first half, and were coasting along with a glorious victory in sight, when three of the five men that started the game were forced to leave the fray because of four fouls, while another injured his ankle, necessitating his withdrawal.

Although playing less than three quarters, D. Bagley led both teams in the scoring while the all-round work of Captain Lehy, although closely covered, featured together with the sterling play put up by Anderson, Dunns, Baker and W. Bagky.

The fine coaching of Mr. Wieden is being made manifest in the very evident improvement of the Gorham outfit.

Starting statistics of the game show how the G. N. S. aggregation peppered the state champions’ goal as the losers missed 57 of their 69 shots while the “Fighting Irish” garnered 44 failures out of 57 tosses. The former lost 14 fouls throws against 15 like free shots by the latter.

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WHY WE LIKE STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Coming here as a Junior to a new and entirely different environment one does not think a great deal about the way in which dormitory life is regulated. One steps into the general routine, hears murmured comments on the harsh rules and terrifying house committee members and wonders what it is all about.

The little green book with the constitution, the rules, and detailed do's and don'ts. Finally, one learns that the whole principle is student government.

Later knowledge brings the realization that each individual has a responsibility in making this little world in which we are living a pleasant and enjoyable place, that life goes along easily and happily when complete cooperation predominates.

To be a member of the House Committee brings a fuller realization of the possibilities of a government by students when each is helped and ruled by honor.

A body of students who are mentally, morally, and physically able to be teachers of children can put through an enterprise such as this. And it does!

We like it because it means that we are big enough to share responsibility and carry out a program which will make the years at G.N.S. outstanding in our lives.

—Shirley Hartley

MR. BROWN HEADS INDUSTRIAL GROUP

By vote of the student body, school was adjourned Friday, January ninth in order that all students and teachers might attend the York and Cumberland County Teachers Convention. Through the efforts of Mr. Russell everyone had joined the Cumberland County Association previously.

The many speakers brought messages of inspiration and value to the audiences. At the morning sessions in the Portland High School auditorium, the Rev. Colson Teacher’s College spoke on the “Principles of Citizenship” as applied in school life. He was followed by Dr. Brown who spoke on “Discipline”.

Afternoon sessions for various groups were held in the high school, the Methodist Church, and vestry, Mr. Page, head of our faculty, presided at the Industrial meeting.

The evening session, held in the high school was introduced by a half hour of music, followed by a speech entitled, “A Young Man Views His World,” by Tom Skeehly. On the whole a most profitable day was spent at the Convention and students are grateful that the opportunity was offered.

FROM OUR SHORES, let them depart,
Of our winters here in Maine.
Some talk of Sunny Florida,
And the West has won it’s fame.
But give me the rugged splendor
Of our winters here in Maine.
The spleeny and the weaklings,
From our shores, let them depart,
But the brave and strong and rugged,
Maine takes them to her heart.

Yvonne Sproul
THE ORACLE

There will be good editions, poor editions, interesting editions, boring editions; but the school must be patient, must encourage, must criticize, and must be enthusiastic. Then only, will the Gorham Normal School have achieved its newspaper as a permanent establishment.

In closing, may I express the sincere appreciation of The Oracle for its initiation and organization to the following: The Civic Committee, Mr. Packard, Miss Halliday, Miss Hastings, Miss Johnson, Mr. Chas. Landery. The Adviser, Robert Ross, Nellie Tyler, and Donald Avery.

THE ORACLE MURMURS

"Eat, drink, and be merry"-for tomorrow you may have exams.

Speaking of exams, they are upon us again. Why doesn't the Civic Committee suggest a remedy for this nuisance?

We are told that our affections should be suppressed. This is paradoxical when one stops to think that Observation class teachers that initiative be encouraged.

A certain Junior boy has lately been going about with the shining light of knowledge in his eye. He has discovered that a Stoic is not a long poem.

The recent display of diamonds upon the left hand leads to this question: Is this a Teacher's College or a How-to-Catch-a-Husband School?

Now that the pianos in the school have been repaired, how about the clocks?

The boys in the print shop are the chief boosters of this newspaper. They love to set type.

WHO'S WHO AT G. N. S.

Club Presidents

Club
Outdoor Club
Men's Athletic Assn.
Women's Athletic Assn.
Civic Organizations
Civic Com.
Student Council
Art Club
Glee Club
Dramatic Club
Fraternities
Lambda Pi Sigma
Alpha Lambda Beta
Ponaboscot
Washington & Hancock
Oxford
Kennebec
Massachusetts
Penobscot
Washington & Hancock
Oxford
Kennebec
Massachusetts
Club
Pres.
Edward Leahy
Edward Leahy
Jean Lennon
Rutherford Drummond
Shirley Hartley
Eleanor McLeod
Jean Lennon
Roy Salisbury
Clarence Walker
Eleanor Thompson
Richard Savage
Anita Carron
Madelyn Smith
Milton Dustin
Jane Hedges
Eomer Drummond
Wayne Bagley
Thomas Abbott

CHATTERING

It is said that the Kennebec Valley Club is planning to go sleighriding some night soon if the expense of such a novelty can be met. That item is being investigated by a committee of three; Richard Johnson, Edmond Lessard, and John Anderson.

Roland Smith has gone to his home in Littleton, New Hampshire with a badly infected hand.

Clifton Reeves has been confined to his home with a sprained ankle. This was received while playing in the basket ball game with Cheverus High School Saturday night, January 10th.

The members of the Y. W. C. A. have been divided into groups of ten with a chairman at the head of each group. Each group is to be responsible for some activity to take place between the present time and the last of May, to raise money for this society. Tuesday night, January 13th, the chairman met with the president Louise Marshall and submitted their plans for the group activity. The chairmen are as follows:

Jane Hodges
Alice Keene
Nellie Tyler
Dorothy Watson
Edith Libby
Florence Hodgkins
Pauline Hilton
Beatrice Pennell
Rachel Foss
Genevieve Porter
Mary Tapley

This is an entirely new idea which no doubt will prove successful.

On the night of January 5th, a birthday party was given in Room 401 in honor of Gene Haines. The hostesses were Alice Trundy, Camilla Little, Adelaide Hamilton, Martha Jane Lund and Recinda Hill. The room was very prettily decorated in yellow and white. Before the fun started refreshments were served, consisting of olives and cheese. Last but not least came the huge birthday cake, vanilla ice cream and cherry sauce. A happy hour was spent in story-telling, stunts and the like. The good time ended with the ringing of the study hour bell.

A rally was held in the assembly room of Correll Hall at one-thirty on January 6th. This rally was for the purpose of practicing old Basket Ball cheers and learning three new ones. It was held under the expert leadership of our enthusiastic cheer leader, Angie Brocato. Many of the students attended and a lot of school spirit was shown by their cooperation. The rousing cheers that echoed through the corridors of Correll foretold the spirit of the game that was to be played between Gorham Normal and Westbrook High School.
ATHLETICS

Athletics are secondary in the normal school, yet the principle that a sound training of the mind depends on a similar training of the body is receiving increasing recognition in the leading institutions of today. A school without sports is like a town without roads; that is, it's there, but is never heard from — so let's boost basketball, cross country, tennis and baseball so that G.N.S. will gain athletic prestige as it has scholastic rating.

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G.N.S.

D. Bagley, rf 7 (2) lg, Wilson 2 (4)
Leahy, lf rg, McCarthy 1 (1)
Reeves (1), Verrill Glawn 1
Dumas 1, Kimball, c rg, Conroy 1, Lee 2
Anderson, Lessard, rg c, Casey 2
W. Bagley lg, 1 (1) fr, Curran 1
Baker, rg 3 fl, Ridge 2, (1)
Lessard Murphy 1 (2)

Periods 1 2 3 4 5
G. N. S. 7 7 6 8 28
Cheverus 7 7 9 11 34

This story is pathetic and yet it has its humorous aspects. A freshman, working in a local bakery, was taken downstairs to the storeroom. There he was shown stacks of dummy candy boxes and was confidentially told that he could have one after the boss left. In the interim the generous donor cut out the bottom of a candy box and inserted garbage in it. The freshman trudged happily roomward with his candy. But alas, the joyous opening did not occur at the form of which they are capable, lacking the decisive 'punch' that distinguishes success from failure. Leahy and Dumas played well for the home team while Chaplin and Billings were the visiting headliners.

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King, Leahy, rf 3 (6) lf, Foye, Lord 1
Kimball 1, Dumas, c 1(1) c, Chaplin 5(1)
Verrill, Baker, Bagley, rg 2 gr, Billings 4(4)
Anderson, Lessard, rg lg, King 1 (3)

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Westbrook 8 6 11 9 22

Referee: Barry

VARSITY BASKETBALL

Following the Christmas holidays the chosen squad settled down to steady and intensive practice under Coach Wieden and Captain Leahy with a hard schedule before them. With a good supply of last season's veterans strengthened by several newcomers the outlook for this year's quintet looks bright for victories over our greatest rivals in the coming 'big' games.

SECOND GAME JANUARY 6

WESTBROOK HIGH 32
G.N.S. 22

Westbrook High's fine team invaded the local gym and gained a surprisingly hard fought victory over the Green and White, score, 32-22.

The G.N.S. basketeers appeared far from the form of which they are capable, lacking the decisive 'punch' that distinguishes success from failure. Leahy and Dumas played well for the home team while Chaplin and Billings were the visiting headliners.

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PRESS COMMENT

Come on, boys, polish up that foul shooting — 40 free shots have been missed in the last three games played to date, not to mention 143 failures for goals.

INTERCLASS

DIVISION TEAMS ELECT CAPTAINS

At an election held recently Miss Mildred McAllister, jumping-center was elected captain of Divisions D1 and D2 of the Junior Class. Divisions D3 and D4 chose as their leader Miss Helen Small who holds down the position of guard.

DIVISIONS D1 AND D2 DEFEAT D3 AND D4 IN FIRST OFFICIAL GAME

Divisions D3 and D4 suffered a 26 to 11 defeat at the hands of the D1 and D2. The winning team, captained by Mildred McAllister, took the lead immediately and kept it to the end of the game. By the third quarter five players of the J3 and D4 had been sent out of the game via the foul route thus considerably weakening the losing team. Kimball and Emery starred for the winners while Wall, Tarr, and West played a fine defensive game for the losers. Two more division games will be played in the near future.

SOCCER

Soccer was introduced for the first time in the Normal School this fall in preparation for a hockey team next year.

Coach Reed's call for candidates was answered by about 30 girls eager to participate in the first sport of the year. With intensive practice every night after school, the girls soon reached quite a degree of efficiency, and before the end of the season an exciting series between the Seniors and the Juniors was completed. Although winning the first game, the Juniors were outclassed by the Seniors, the latter having more experience and thus were better adapted for team play. Despite this and the uneven indications of the score, 3 games to 1, the "champs" had to work hard for every game, and not one quarter being dull or uninteresting. Several girls received their stars for soccer interclass competition which count 25 points toward the 100 for the class numerals.

CLASS BASKETBALL

Before the school varisty basketball squad could be formed it was necessary to bring about a weeding-out process in order to learn and estimate each individual's ability. Inter-Class basketball was the solution to the problem and a league schedule was arranged, with the Advanced-Seniors emerging the champions, the formal standing being:

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**ALUMNI NOTES**

My present work is that of teaching forty-four second grade kiddies at the Willard School, South Portland, Maine. The school is conveniently located about five minutes walk from my home and working with the little folks is most interesting. May every Gorham graduate be as fortunate.

— Elinor W. Hatch '27

I am teaching in the fifth grade at the Lafayette School here in Portsmouth, New Hampshire. I have forty-nine pupils but fortunately I have an assistant to help with the work.

— Elsie B. Dixon '27


Graduated from Gorham Normal in class of 1927. Taught at Kezar Falls Porter Primary for two years, 1927-1929. In the fall of 1929 began teaching at Braintree, Massachusetts. First Grade Penniman School. I taught there until this year December 17, 1930 which was my wedding day.

My husband, Standish Riley, graduated from Gorham Normal in 1928. He is now teaching Drafting at Bangor High School.

I am now a housewife here at Bangor and I am in hopes of substituting soon in the primary grades.

Ruth Palmer Riley

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**BALLOON DANCE GIVEN BY OXFORD COUNTY CLUB**

The Oxford County Club gave a novel dance in center Saturday evening, January seventeenth. Ida Gaudette acted as chairman of the decorating committee with Helen Brett and Carolyn Kimball assisting her.

Decorations in the form of multi-colored balloons were a very effective setting to the evening fun.

Refreshments were in charge of Elizabeth Hollis, Dorothy Watson and Dorothy Packard.

A novel idea was introduced by having the young ladies cut in on the dances. This caused a great deal of amusement but was enjoyable to both dancers and spectators. The music was under the competent direction of Tom Heye.

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**FACULTY STUDY CLUB MEETS**

The Faculty Study Club met on Tuesday evening January thirteenth, in Robie Hall Library. Miss Emma Francis Harris was Chairman of the program which included talks on educational subjects by Miss Norma Thurston, Miss Miriam Randall, Miss Helene Wirhy, Miss Thelma Rhyn-berger and Mr. Everett Packard.

The faculty was well represented and the guests were Mrs. Woodward, Mrs. Russell, Mrs. Cilley and Mrs. Brown.

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**BAXTER MEMORIAL LIBRARY HAS INTERESTING HISTORY**

Pending on a recent interview with Mrs. Ridgeway, Librarian of the Baxter Memorial Library, in which many facts of interest were learned, we shall endeavor to give you a scintillating bit of information concerning the libraries of Gorham village.

About the beginning of the nineties the need of a circulating library was recognized as a group of young men who attended the Gorham Academy which is now used by the Industrial Arts building and who had previously formed a club which they called the “Attic Fraternity” gathered into their club room a collection of 34 books which they lent to the citizens of Gorham for a small fee. This collection grew till it reached a total of 176 books.

About the same time a circulating library was started at a house on High Street which is now owned by the Fitzmorris family. A librarian was put in charge, her salary being fifty cents a week, and the sum of six cents a week was charged to persons taking books from the library. Later the books were moved from this house to the old Gorham Savings Bank building.

It was not however till the early part of the twentieth century that any real movement was made to start a free public library, when the town's people voted to buy the lot at the corner of South and Frebie Streets, but their financial resources were then inadequate to erect the building so Hon. James P. Baxter had his grandfather's old home moved back from its setting to the lot which he presented to the town as the Baxter Memorial Library.

At the close of the interview, Mrs. Ridgeway showed many interesting old books which are available to the public at specified dates.

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**CYCLE**

A great black velvet curtain, Studded with stars so bright, A silver sickle hung there, The world sleeps - it is night.

The velvet curtain rises, The brilliant stars are gone, A crimson banner across the sky, The world wakes - it is dawn.

Grace Orne

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**MORE CHATTERINGS**

The many friends of Miss Dorothy Harmon are sorry to learn of her recent accident. While playing basketball she had the misfortune to sprain her wrist and injure her hand.

While practicing basketball one evening recently, Raymond Cory, one of the prominent basketeers, had the ill luck to sprain his ankle. His many friends wish him speedy recovery.

On Monday evening, January 12th, a birthday party was held in the dining-room in honor of Helen Calderwood. The table was very attractively decorated and places were laid for the following: Phyllis Cate, Gretchen Waltz, Helen Brett, Martha Chelsea, Evelyn Winchanbaugh, Leona Toothaker, Edith Hall, Ferne Whitney and the guest of honor Helen Calderwood.

On Thursday evening Virginia and Beatrice Pennell went to Portland to participate in the weekly rehearsal of the Portland Municipal Orchestra. It is with much pleasure that their many friends learn of their membership in this well known Orchestra.

Both girls are very musically inclined and are members of the Gorham Normal Orchestra and the Girls’ Glee Club.

Wednesday afternoon, January fourth, the Cosmopolitan Club met in Robie Hall library. Miss Jordan was the hostess. Miss Ryan, who is not a member of the club, was guest speaker. She taught a very interesting geography lesson. Miss Ryan is well known in many states for her splendid work and it is a privilege for Gorham Normal School to have her on its staff.

Friday evening, January 16th the meeting of the Annie Louise Carey Club was in charge of Miss Nellie Jordan. An Italian program was given. Special Features were a solo “O Sole Mio” by Marjorie Kendall and duet by Marion Hawkess and Marjorie Kendall. Both of these girls are well known in the community for their singing ability and are greatly appreciated for their service so willingly given.

Miss Bessie Webster has been confined to her room with a severe cold. Her friends are pleased to learn that she is now able to be out.

Tommy Dionne is so artistic that he wears a beret while shoveling snow — the “Apache” — the setting is everything you know.

Try cheering out loud for a change instead of just making your mouth work. Cheerleading has been woefully weak at the games so far.