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DEAN NELLIE JORDAN, HOSTESS ON EUROPEAN TOUR.

It is with a great deal of pleasure that The Oracle announces to its readers that Miss Nellie W. Jordan, our highly esteemed dean and teacher, has been appointed as hostess on a European trip which is to be conducted this summer. This tour is a special excursion for Gorham Normal alumnae and their friends and is operated by the Carleton Tours of New York. All details of the trip are carefully cared for and hotel and boat accommodations are of the best available.

The sailing date has been set as June 26th and the entire tour covers a period of nearly two months.

From Montreal the party arrives at Liverpool and thence to London where a five days stop is made. While in London the tourists have the opportunity to visit Shakespearean landmarks.

From London the party traveled to Holland. This delightful country is viewed by means of a motor trip. The next country to be seen is Germany, a land which has much to offer. Points of special interest visited are Cologne, where the famous cathedrals may be seen, the Rhine, and Berlin.

A motor drive is made from Munich to Innsbruck and on route a stop too is made at Oberammergau, a town long famous for its Passion Play, presented every ten years by the natives.

Not, however, until the excursion to Cefui, the Amalfi Drive, and Pompeii has been made has the greatest enjoyment of the tour been reached. Here one views the “blue Mediterranean” and the beauty of the panormas of the Bay of Naples, Pompeii and Vesuvius is breath-taking.

Before concluding their journey, the tourists visit Rome, and then cn to Switzerland and the beauties of the Alps, where a drive right through the ice tunnel cut out of Rhine glaciers is an experience of untold value. Finally, after a week’s stay in Paris, the trip will come to a close, and the enjoyment of a summer’s vacation will be but a happy, never-to-be forgotten memory.

PLANS FOR NEW GYMNASIUM ANNOUNCED AT CONFERENCE AT AUGUSTA

At a meeting of the trustees of Gorham Normal School held in Augusta one day recently, the plans for the new gymnasium were made public. Principal Walter E. Russell, who was invited to attend this meeting, states that four architects were also invited to attend and show their plans which they had been drawing. Each architect was called into the session, one at a time, and after explaining his sketches, and plan, answered all questions asked. He was then told that the decision would be made at an executive session held later in the day.

This business lasted well into the afternoon and at the executive session it was found that three sets of drawings were much alike in their general arrangement. The decision therefore was given to the plans submitted by Robert Mayo of Portland. These called for a one story building 146 feet in length and 60 feet in width. An auditorium is to be situated at one end and a gym at the other. One of the outstanding features of this structure will be the accordion doors, located between the auditorium and gym, by means of which the gym can be utilized for extra seating as occasion demands.

The auditorium will have a permanent seating plan for about five hundred and fifty people.

In the basement under the gym, will be located the heating plant, showers, dressing rooms, etc. There will be three dressing rooms, one for women, one for men, and one for the visiting teams.

Lockers for both boys and girls and a private room for each of the Athletic instructors are also features on this plan.

This building is to be situated in back of Cor nell near the vicinity where cars are now parked.

Work is expected to be started this spring and it is hoped that the new building will be ready for use by next fall.

ELECTRA TO BE THE SENIOR CLASS PLAY

CALENDAR

February 27, March 10
Faculty Study Club Meeting Feb. 24, Mar. 10
Washington County Club Meeting Feb. 24, Mar. 10
York County Club Meeting Feb. 24, Mar. 10
Art Club Meeting Feb. 24, Mar. 10
Basketball Game With Salem Normal School Feb. 25
Massachusetts Club Dance Feb. 25
Dramatic Club Meeting Feb. 25
Y. W. C. A. Prayer Meeting Feb. 26
Y. M. C. A. Payer Meeting Mar. 5, 12
Basketball Game With Westbook High School Feb. 28
Outdoor Club Hike Feb. 28
Y. W. C. A. Cabinet Meeting Mar. 2
Oxford County Club Meeting Mar. 3
Anna Eichkan Ensemble Mar. 5

THE GREEK TRAGEDY

As a result of the vote by the senior class on February 18 a class play will be presented in June. This play will be the Greek tragedy, Electra, written by Euripides.

The play was first produced between the years 414 and 412 B.C. The scene is laid in the mountains of Argos. Characters in the play include nine main actors and a large chorus which will present Greekian songs and dances.

Electra is the central figure, “a woman shattered in childhood by the shock of an experience too terrible for a girl to bear; a poisoned and a haunted woman, eating her heart in ceaseless broodings of hate and love, alike unsatisfied.”

Parts in the play will be determined by try-outs, the date to be set in the near future. This may be an opportunity for you to take part in a world-famous drama; watch for future announcements.

MR. RUSSELL ATTENDS DETROIT CONVENTION

The Annual Meeting of the American Association of Teachers Colleges is to be held in Detroit on February 20th and 21st. This meeting is to be followed by the mid winter meeting of the N.E.A., a Superintendent’s Association beginning February 22nd and lasting until the 26th.

Mr. Russell left for these meetings February 19th and expects to return sometime during the latter part of the last week in February.

These conventions are held annually in different cities. They have been held in Chicago, Cleveland, Cincinnati and Dallas.

Representatives come from all over the country. Principals and teachers of Normal Schools and teachers colleges attend the meetings of this association. Two hundred people are expected to attend this year.

A special train of eight cars is required for the Superintendents Meeting. Ten or twelve thousand people will be there.

There are some allied associations meeting at the same time with the Superintendents such as Dean of Women’s Association—also other educational groups which make this large attendance possible.

Gorham Normal School, Gorham, Maine, March 3, 1931

No. 3
SCHOOL SPIRIT

What is that illusive something called school spirit? It seems to be that indefinable element within us, the expression of which here and in far away places, makes Gorham Normal School what it is.

It is that force which causes us to shout and sometimes difficult task with sufficient speed to guarantee our presence at any athletic contest, where we shout cheer on cheer for Gorham. There, with four hundred others shouting and howling, the spirit seems to be contagious until each one is caught by its excitement and raised to a state of elation. Perhaps one of the most outstanding changes that has come about between that time and this is the difference in the opinions that the juniors have regarding that superior class, the Advanced Seniors.

We might wonder why this is so—but there has been a "deep, dark mystery" solved; we have merely come to recognize the genuine nature of that class as a whole.

“Ed” Leahy, early became familiar to us all—a fact at which no one wonders. "Lin" Porter, Gorham’s Apollo, has made many a "feminine heart" flutter. Gladys Foster’s executive ability, as well as her smile, we all consider a great asset to the school, but sometimes wonder how it is that she and George Lowd do not collide as they dash through the corridors studying slips of paper or gazing heavenward, mentally solving, we suppose, some of Einstein’s Theories.

Shirley Hartley, the first House Committee President the juniors ever knew, invested a "corking" sport; and that is quite a compliment for one in that position.

We have watched Omer Drummond guide his “rock of wilful wanderers” on their journeys, with never a mistake. Dick Savage became familiar to us at our “First Formal Function” at Gorham, the Junior Reception, as he entertained us with his bit of eloquence.

While on the subject of voice, we should speak of Eleanor McLeod, who we know is not unappreciated since she has been chosen president of the Girls Glee Club.

"Gene" Parson’s journey to the altar at the end of the semester left us poor juniors gasping with surprise. We knew from watching "Brownie" that people did bestow jewelry, and even diamond rings upon the fair sex, but we didn’t know they went as far as weddings in Gorham.

We’ve often been thankful for Cole Kelley’s Irish neighborly fun and “Rut” Drummond’s impish grin, as it is easily seen that they are needed to offset "Pal" Dumas’ “mournful mutterings.”

“Freddie” West first came to our attention when he began "rushing" one of our members. "Bobby" Reny’s rides to and from school have been a topic of interest.

“Johnnie” Bell’s popularity is steadily increasing, his good-nature is widely known. This talk of good nature leads us to “Angie” Brocato who is known to us chiefly by sound.

This class, like any other, of course, is not perfect, but then, we wouldn’t like them if they were, would we?

THE FIRST SEMESTER AND THE ADVANCED SENIOR

The first half of our junior year at Gorham Normal School has passed. Many changes have taken place since we weekly and scholarly walked up the front steps of Rebie Hall, and began for the first time our long weary climb, to our lofty, it seemed then, rooms on third and fourth floors.

THE JUNIORS

Various members of this worthy class have been known to make a few murmured complaints lately to the effect that the Senior class was a bit domineering around G. N. S., that it got all the honors, had all the fun, and in general, practiced supremacy to a marked degree.

Just think, Juniors, those very Seniors last year felt the very same way toward the elder class. They wanted to prove they had so much talent and they couldn’t get a chance. But as the year rolled on, they began to have handed on to them some of the work and responsibility. Then they saw the other side—the side that means work and worry and some hard sailing. No wonder they felt a bit shy when they realized the opportunity this year.

But they really are not presumptuous. The Seniors have worked for what they got and they are leaving G. N. S. for good in a short while, leaving, and laying at your feet the work they have been nobly striving to carry from the previous class, hoping to have attained a little higher standard perhaps and some semblance of accomplishment.

They, the Seniors, hold the positions they have because they have been tried and proved for a year. They learned the swing of the work, then they were ready to get behind it.

So don’t be discouraged. Your turn is coming with a big golden key and a very manifest opening of the door of opportunity. It is a duty as well as an opportunity and you will take it in the same spirit.

Lastly there will be two hundred strange faces belonging to two hundred new Juniors next fall and they will be ready to admire and reverence your praiseworthy efforts. You can get your revenge then by making them observe you as “Lofty Seniors”.

Miss Wihry: You should have knocked before entering. Bill Cragin: Oh, that’s all right. I looked through the keyhole first.
ATHLETICS

TWO JUNIOR CLASS TEAMS CHosen

In order to give each girl competing for a position on the girl's basket-ball team a chance to earn points toward her star, Miss Reed choose two complete Junior teams. Not as many second year girls came out for basket-ball, therefore only one Senior team was chosen. The Junior teams alternate playing the Seniors, Junior team 1, playing them on Tuesday, and team 2 on Thursday.

SENIOR CLASS TEAM DEFEATS BOTH JUNIOR TEAMS

Close guarding of the Junior team 1 forwards by the Senior backs, Warren and Johnson, resulted in a victory for the 'vets' by a score of 27-15. Desmond, shooting successfully from all parts of the forward section was the star of the game. Elwell played a fine game both at guard and forward. Emery and Small played a brilliant game for the losers.

The Senior team also defeated the Junior team 2 by a score of 33-23. Kemp and Dunn teamed up well and displayed some fine passing and accurate shooting.

G.N.S. WINS OVER LIVERMORE FALLS HIGH SCHOOL 26 - 21

Gorham's green-clad warriors flashed the game of which they are capable in the final period, giving Bridgewater's confidence a severe scare before losing to the home team, score, 48-40.

In the hectic fourth canto the visitors from Maine exhibited their best fighting spirit of the season making a real battle of it, rivaling their play in Portland against Cheverus early in the year.

BASEBALL

The Big Leaguers are going south! The college diamond stars are getting in trim. That magic word baseball is beginning to supplant basketball in the sporting columns of the newspapers. Soon the Gorham Normal candidates will be called out for the usual preliminary practice to prepare for a strenuous baseball season. A strong team is in the making with seven veterans left from last year's aggregation. Let's have a tennis 'get-together-meeting'. Let's go!

FARMINGTON NORMAL ON TOP 36 - 27

In a fast and desperately fought battle on the victor's floor the Farmington Normal five defeated the G. N. S. charges, 36-27, in their second quest of victory.

ATHLETICS

Tennis is called "The Perfect Sport". It is the most universal of athletics. A varsity tennis team here in Gorham Normal should go over 'big'. The students surely would stand behind it, and with such an abundance of material a well-balanced squad could be chosen. Let's have a tennis 'get-together-meeting'. Let's go!

ATHLETICS

Tennis is the means by which school spirit is enlivened and increased. In order to have a large student body continually in the right patriotic mood as it were, to their school, competition in sports is encouraged. Furthermore, as only those who are well up in their studies are eligible to compete, the tendency to slump in classes is becoming rarer each succeeding year.

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"WITH THE GRADS"

Who - Cordelia Barnard
Teaching in - Belfast, Maine
What - Geography in Junior High School
Who - Alice E. Sawyer
Year Graduated - 1927
Teaching in - Thornton Heights School
Where - South Portland, Maine

Mrs. Althine Mumsey Wyman, a graduate of Gorham Normal School in the class of 1927, has since last April been Guardian of the Camp Fire Group of the Ogunquit Elementary School of which she is a teacher.

Who - Clifford Parsons
Year graduated - 1922
Teaching in - Livermore Falls, Maine
What - Industrial Arts and Crafts
Married in - 1927
Children - A boy

Who - Cressie Pendexter
Year graduated - 1929
Teaching in - Mil liken Grammar School
Where - Kezar Falls, Maine
What - 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th grade

Who - Helen A. Anderson
Teaching - Malden, Mass.
What - Assistant supervisor of music

Who - Dorothy D. Westman
Year graduated - 1927
Teaching in - Boothbay Harbor, Maine

NAME YEAR OCCUPATION

Wilma Carroll '28 Mrs. Albert Rhodes
Louise Viles '28 Mrs. Francis Parks
Amy Burnell '28 Married to Professor of U. of M.
Mr. Edward Dow
Phyllis Webber '28 Married, and lives in So. Portland.
Mr. Edward Dow
Beatrice Berry '28 Married, and lives in Scarborough.

NAME YEAR SPECIAL STUDY

Frances Fuger '27 Senior at U. of M.

MARRIED

Miss Lucille Alice Hobson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Hobson of 408 Forest Avenue recently became the bride of Mr. Bonaparte O. Abbott of Portland, Maine. Miss Hobson is a graduate of Gorham Normal School and is now a teacher at the Nathan Clifford School.
CAST YOUR VOTE!

Who do you think are the following, among the Gorham Normal School students.

1. Most popular girl
2. Most popular boy
3. Best looking girl
4. Best looking boy
5. Most sophisticated person
6. Best sport
7. Best girl dancer
8. Best boy dancer
9. The campus flirt
10. The campus shook
11. Most athletic girl
12. Most athletic boy
13. Sunniest dispositioned girl
14. Best dispositioned boy

Please leave your ballot in the ballot box in Miss Johnson’s room before 3:30, Thursday March 5. The results will be published in the next issue.

The 1930 class in History Methods has presented to Miss Jordan, its instructor, a book “Social Study Helps” for the library. This was compiled by the members of the class as a class project and later, bound. It contains help for the teaching of Social subjects, such as specimen lesson plans explaining different methods of teaching, a bibliography of material, and a poem. This was started with the idea that different classes from time to time should add valuable material to it so that the History Methods classes could have their own book which would be available to every Gorham Normal School student as a source of much valuable aid in teaching of the social studies.

In English Literature.
Miss Johnson; In the 7th century Christianity spread northward.
L. Coolbroth; Is that 7th century B.C. or A.D.

THE ORACLE

Goham Normal
Sept. 9, 1930

Dear Dad:

Got here OK this morning, but I had to take a bus from Portland. The starter said that the trolleys hadn’t run for over twenty years. Gee I felt foolish after I had asked him. The bus was full of fellows and girls going out to school. I went into Lewis’ and told him who I was. He helped me to get my things up to the Dorm. I am up on the top floor with all the Fresh.

Got my program all made out. I’ve got eight spares for the first quarter. Mr. Wieder, the Athletic Director, says that I’ll have to take Gym work if I don’t go out for football. We had our first practice tonight I signed up for end. There are about fifty out for the team. We don’t eat with the girls as you said we would. I don’t like the idea of the Gym and the Chapel being in the same building. I saw the Council cup that your class won for the first time. Gee the school ought to turn out some good tennis players with ten courts and the nice little club room.

The YWCA gave a party for the new students tonight. We had a great time, the music was great. One of the senior girls said that the boys played twice a week.

Speaking of girls, there are a lot of good looking ones here. I met a girl by the name of Louise Dunns, she said that her father was your roommate. I saw Lora Brown, she is a senior now. She sang a song at the party. Her father and mother got married right after they graduated in your class.

Tell mother I’ll write to her soon.

Your son
Johnnie
P.S. Please send my golf clubs. The new school course is a pip. If you send them by the night plane I’ll have them the first thing in the morning.

MY VIEW

When I gazed out of my window
So early every dawn,
I see a gorgeous panorama
For many miles beyond.
The stately snow touched pines I see,
The steeples lean and tall.
The frozen slopes of yonder hill,
And, the silvery iced wall.
I see a lonely little birch tree
Against a rose-tinged sky.
What beauty God has given us---
I often wonder why.

Dramatic Club closes first semester with great success! Too bad it isn’t true! What’s the trouble with the club which should be the most popular and active on the campus? Members take warning lest the head lines still be false in June! Why not make them correct? Look up the date of the next meeting — show some interest and be there. It’s Important.

CHATTERINGS

Its of interest to note that the damsels of school, seem to fetching their dote upon breaking the rule. Now this rumor a’ near that a club has been started. For which the young chaps may become broken-hearted. No more courting you’ll see, as you look about Sundays. Many frowns will be worn, by the damsels on Monday. For to Center they now speed when Peaches doff their hats and this method of courting you’ll find every one knows. So friends I’ll give you one peek at the crowd and show you results of which all will be proud. Do you see in the corner — Just there by the wall, the two who are making a sweet paper doll? And there by the window a couple you see, who over cat’s cradle and chuckling with glee. Hop-scotch is indulged in by this noble pair, and a gallant young Romeo pulling fair Juliet’s hair. Now, there is a contest of checkers no less, it’s truly exciting to see who’s the best. I’ve endeavored to give you an insight of this for it’s very important that no one should miss. The why of this club given due emphasis, so here’s to the gents and the ladies so fair. Cheerio! One and all — and we’ll see you there.

FACULTY STUDY CLUB MEETS

On Tuesday night February 24th the Faculty Study Club met in Robie Hall Library with Miss Esther Wood, Miss Lois Pike and Mr. Everett Packard as General Chairmen. At this time reports were given from practically every department and the topics for discussion were on a typical article from the magazine which is most useful in each department. Those speaking were: Miss Jeanette Johnson, Miss Gertrude Strome, Miss Mary Hastings, Miss Esther Wood, Miss Mabel Ryan, Miss Helene Wihry, Miss Jessie Keene, Mr. Everett Packard and Mr. Lawrence Cilley.

L. Peter: Say where can I put my girl’s picture so that I can have it constantly before my eyes?
M. Duskin: On your mirror.