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PARTS IN ELECTRA ANNOUNCED

The following people were chosen to take part in the senior class play, Electra. The judges to make the decisions were: Miss Gertrude L. Stone, Miss Esther Wood, Miss Miriam Randall, and Miss Jeannette Johnson. In many cases it was found exceedingly difficult to reach a decision due to keen competition at try-outs.


Leader in Chorus: Katherine Shaw

NEW YORK DELEGATES CHOSEN

Our congratulations to Elizabeth Silva and Rutherford Drummond, who are to attend the New York Convention of students and teachers! This opportunity was recently conferred upon these students when they received the highest number of votes cast by the entire student body.

The representatives will leave Portland on the State of Maine on Thursday, April 16, and will return on Saturday, April 18. While there, they will stay at the Hotel Pennsylvania. There will be several group meetings for them to attend, from which they will bring back reports to the students of the school.

The purpose of this conference is to discuss ways and means of improving the institutions from which the delegates come.

THE ORACLE SPONSORS

LITERARY CONTEST

CALENDAR

April 3-30

- Exams all over
- Spring recess begins
- Spring recess closes
- Washington County Club Meeting
- Delegates leave for N. Y.
- Delegates return from N. Y.
- Y. W. C. A. Cabinet Meeting
- Oxford County Club
- Dramatic Club Meeting
- Operaetta "Once in a Blue Moon"
- Y. W. C. A. Prayer Meeting
- Y. M. C. A. Prayer Meeting

EMINENT AUTHORITIES

DISCUSS TEACHING

At a recent Vocational Conference at Radcliffe College, "Teaching" was the general subject under discussion. Three eminent authorities were among the speakers and undoubtedly, some of the points made by them would be of interest to you as members of a teacher training institution.

Miss Estelle Bonnell, Dean of the child Education Foundation in New York, spoke on Nursery Schools. She said that kindergartens used to be considered the most progressive field in education but to-day the nursery school is the pioneer field. Children as young as a year and a half are taught to hang up their own hats and coats, help set the table, and fix flowers. Good food, plenty of sleep, and exercise in the fresh air are part of the day's program. Child training and parent education are both included in this field.

Mr. John French, headmaster of the Cambridge school, maintained that he was more interested to know a teacher's philosophy of life than to know how many degrees or what grades she received in college. He emphasized the fact that the

IMPORTANT HEARING

Recently Principal Russell attended a hearing of legal affairs in Augusta. A bill was brought up before the legislature, the object of which was to break up the Superintendent's Union that exists between Westbrook and Gorham, and to replace an independent superintendent in Westbrook. The results are not definitely known as this paper goes to print, but it is strongly hoped that the bill will not be passed.

FIVE DOLLAR GOLD PIECE

TO BE AWARDED

The Oracle is attempting to discover hidden literary talent in the Gorham Normal School and is consequently sponsoring a Literary Contest. Any student of the Gorham Normal School is eligible to enter by submitting a composition of any kind of Original Prose; that is, it may be an essay, a narrative, a short story, a description, an anecdote, etc.; by May 1, and by complying with the following rules:

1. The work must not be longer than 500 words.
2. It must be written in ink, legibly, and on one side of white composition paper.
3. Words must be counted, pages numbered and clipped together.
4. It must be signed and submitted either to the Editor-in-Chief of The Oracle, or left in the Oracle box in Miss Johnson's room.

Here is the stimulus! The Oracle is awarding a Five Dollar Gold Piece to the winner, whose article will be published in the last issue of this year's Oracle. The gold piece will be presented in chapel.

The judges for the contest will be Miss Silva, Miss Keene, Miss Johnson, Mr. Ridlon, and Mr. Woodward. Members of the staff are not eligible for competition.

EASTERN ARTS' ASSOCIATION

The Eastern Arts' Association will hold its 22nd Annual Convention in the Hotel Chelsea, Atlantic City, from April 8th to the 11th. Our Printing instructor, Mr. Packard, who is planning to attend, will leave April 8th and return the following Sunday.

The Convention opens at 8 P.M. on April 8th with a general session followed by a dance under the auspices of the Ship Association, the members of which are traveling men.

There will be departmental meetings. Arts, Home Economics, Industrial Arts and Teachers Training. The meeting of the printing teacher on Saturday will be of the most interest to Mr. Packard.

In the morning there will be a round table discussion followed by a banquet at noon. In the afternoon the meeting will continue.

Memorial services will be held for Frank E. Matthewson, former Secretary of the Association, whose death occurred during the past year.
When the Nobel Prize for Literature was awarded to America's Sinclair Lewis last December, great was the clamor in the literary circles of his countrymen. Could it be possible that the man who had the uncanny ability to analyze and satirically portray every shade and nuance of human frailty was to be rewarded and honored for outraging the "armour propre" of millions of the country's Main Streeters, Babbitts, Dodsworths, Gantry and Arrowsmiths? Incredible, but true.

The hue and cry still goes on, saying that the august founders of the university never intended Oxford to be a place of "lost hairpins and impossible hats".

The American Academy of Arts and Literature refuses to admit there is a Sinclair Lewis. Sweden graciously bestows upon him the "flame of knowledge grew in Elmer Gantry.

Lewis has to admit that Mr. Lewis has praised and flayed, and admired and despised.

Whatever attitude one adopts he has to admit that Mr. Lewis has aroused America from her smugness of self-esteem and flung forth a ringing challenge.

Mary D. Stevens

NEWS FROM OTHER SCHOOLS

After August 15, 1931, co-eds in the state of Ohio will have to return fraternity pins to their owners or spend a month in jail for a law on the Ohio statute books declares that "Whoever, not being entitled to do so under the rules and regulations thereof, wears the badge or button of a society or organization of ten years standing in this state shall be fined not more than $20, or imprisoned not more than 30 days, or both."

The typical alumna, if the 475 answers by as many Columbia graduates to a questionnaire sent out by The Alumni News are any criterion, is a prosperous gentleman, with an annual income of $20,151; a winter vacation, and summer home, and a liking for bridge.

Oxford students are protesting vigorously against the invasion of their campus by women, saying that the august founders of the university never intended Oxford to be a place of "lost hairpins and impossible hats".

RUTHERFORD DRUMMOND ART

GEORGE F. LOWD BUSINESS MANAGER

ALUMNI AND EXCHANGE REPORTERS

AGNE K. BOLAND, SISTER MARY MC GURIN, MAESE SULLIVAN, SOPHIE T. REYNOLD, ALTHEA DAY GOLDSACK, DOROTHY MURPHY

NEW YORK HERALD TRIBUNE, JANUARY 7, 1932

Measurements of noted brains at Cornell University have demonstrated that women are equal in mentality to men.

Tests made by the students at the University of Minnesota proved that they study best when the radio was tuned on to jazz music.

Co-eds at the University of Denver are forbidden to hold a conversation with their classmates of the opposite sex while on the campus. The faculty in making the ruling said, "They can do their lovemaking off the campus. They came here to study." Love seems to be not only blind, but on the road to becoming dumb.

WHY I TEACH

BY LOUIS BURTON WOODWARD

Because I would be wise and wisdom find From millions gone before whose torch I pass,

Still burning bright to light the paths that wind

So steep and rugged, for each lad and lass Slow-crawling to the unrevealed above, I teach.

Because in passing on the living flame That ever brighter burns the ages through I have done service that is worth the name
Can I but say, "The flame of knowledge grew A little brighter in the hands I taught,"

Because I know that when life's ends reach And thence pass through the gate so wide and deep To what I do not know, save what men TEACH, That the remembrance of me men will keep Is what I've done; and what I have is naught, I teach.

Note: The Oracle publishes this poem by request of several members of the student body.
ATHLETICS

BASEBALL
The call of the diamond is near at hand. By the middle of April the G.N.S. baseball candidates will be working out under the experienced eyes of Coach Wieden in the battles for the various positions on the Nine. Manager Drummond is arranging an extensive schedule and many spirited contests are booked for the spring.

ADVANCED—SENIORS VOLLEY BALL TITLEHOLDERS
The Advanced-Senior Volley Ball Sextet are the undisputed inter-class champions. The Junior and Mid-Senior teams have offered fierce opposition in the majority of games, but the teamwork and experience of the third year men kept them on the league’s sun-berth in impressive fashion.

GIRLS’ ATHLETICS
Now that the girls’ basketball season has ended, the female athletes are preparing for an extensive sport program following the return from the holidays. Tennis, baseball, track, and archery are to be competed in for class supremacy. The Seniors have won the advantages in soccer and basketball, but the Juniors are just “rarin’ to go,” so—upper class lassies—watch out!

SPRING
The long grind of basketball training is past, but baseball is almost here. There are many ways by which one can easily see that the hoop season is over: the increase of players at the dances, the numerous theater trips to Portland, the larger number at Louis’ soda fountain, and the constant “companionship” with the opposite sex on long afternoon jaunts!

There is one regret—can you guess it? Follows! Sure! It is that by this time the snow has entirely vanished from Lover’s Lane, competition on the diamond will have begun! Yet—Why worry? There is at least one Sunday a week!

DID YOU EVER
Did you ever see a tennis court? Did you ever see forty love? (a score in tennis)
Did you ever see a base bawl? (baseball)
Did you ever see a cinder track?
Did you ever see a grid iron? (football field)
Did you ever see a basket bawl? (basket ball)
Did you ever see a home run?
Did you ever see a net bawl? (net ball)
Did you ever see a batter box?
Did you ever see a foul line? (foul line)
Did you ever see an Inn shoot? (in shoot)

ATHLETICS
No nation was ever strong that was not a nation of athletes. It takes men and women physically, as well as mentally, fit to create a country worthy of the name. Ancient Greece fell before the wild barbarians. The continent was torn by civil wars and feuds for centuries; the courageous sons of Britain under Drake, products of the Rugby fields of Oxford and Cambridge, proved the masters of sluggish Spain when the Invincible Armada was destroyed; nearly two hundred years ago young America, trained in the great outdoors, gave us the right to wave the Stars and Stripes; and in the World War, the Yankee boys, competitors in baseball, football, tennis, basketball and track, were irresistible on the battlefield. So we, here in Gorham Normal, are doing our bit to the building of the body as well as shaping the character and developing the mind.

THE GORHAM NORMAL SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP FUND
The Gorham Normal Alumnae Association of Portland was organized some five years ago though the efforts of Clara Phinney Eaton and a few of her interested friends of Gorham Normal School. The get-together was in the form of a tea at Mrs. Eaton’s house at which the Association was organized. Mrs. Eaton was elected the first president and the graduates present became charter members.

The purpose of this association was “to be of material benefit to our Alma Mater.” Through the endeavors of our present president, Miss Abbie Dennett, the Gorham Normal Scholarship Fund was founded in December of 1923. The interest from this fund will be available to young women who wish financial aid in helping them procure an education preparatory to teaching.

The Gorham Normal Alumnae Association has sponsored two definite activities since this fund was established; the first a three act comedy “Aunt Lucia” given at Frye Hall, and the second, a bridge party held at the Eastland Hotel. Both functions were a success and added substantially to the Scholarship Fund.

At present, the Scholarship Fund is but a beginning. It is sincerely hoped that with the constant endeavors of the organization which founded it, with bequests, and endowments from interested persons, the fund will grow to an adequate sum; thus fulfilling the desired purpose.

May Fiske Rice
G. N. S. 1913
CHATTERINGS

If the Oracle maintained within its pages a column entitled "Wanted For Sale - etc. we assume the following might be within its borders.

Wanted - Some of the more abundant members of the female portion of the student body to join my class to give them the "form you love to see".

Said, V. Gillis

Lost somewhere between the junior high and ? ? one valuable wig. No reward is offered - the big event is over. By the way, maybe "Dud" would appreciate its return.

We should have a snappy girls track team this spring, some seem to be in training as early as this.

Oxford County comes forward with some of the biggest athletes of the day! Chapman will be looking to Gorham for his newest rival in no other person than Frankie Worcester. Ida Gaudette was high point winner, carrying off the majority of the honors. We wonder if Gorham is going to produce a star for the next Olympics?

The Dramatic Club seems to be coming into its own! It is noised abroad that a play is to be put on the latter part of May and plans are in progress for a Club dance.

We don't need Angie's song to tell us that "stolen meat is the sweetest" when we see some of the bulky napkins which are hurled out of the dining-room.

If it isn't too late we offer a suggestion to the members of the faculty. Easter vacation is a nice time to rest. Correcting papers is so tiresome. We're so glad they are not given to slang else we should expect the popular "Oh, Yeah?".

Our heartfelt pity for the girls who couldn't get their mail from the "one and only" on a certain Wednesday night not long ago.

There seems to be a lot of rushing this season, take for instance, the track meet in Center.

When Ted Shaun recently spoke to a group of Amherst students he compared the modern movements of a crowd of dancers to the "humping of amoebae as seen under a microscope" appropriate enough - especially when applied to Center at one Saturday night or another - and some more than others! Some of our amoebae would make good grasshoppers is the only addition we would make!

The vision that you glorify in your mind, the Ideal that you en throne in your heart, - this you will build your life by, this you will become.

- James Allen

THE ORACLE

Miss Thelma Rhynshburger will supervise the music and chorus; Miss Helene Whiry, the costumes; Miss Sara Reed, the dancing.

The Y. W. C. A. has reported a great reduction in the sale of candy lately. There are too many jokes about reducing already so we'll believe it because of Lent.

Five more exams then vacation, four more exams - etc. - - that's the way the G.N.S. students count the days until April 3.

That spring is on its way is shown by the many couples we meet strolling along the less frequented highways of Gorham.

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teacher must conscientiously adopt the philosophy of service. She must believe intellectually and emotionally that it will be of more use to her to be of service to people than to lay up treasure in this world. If a teacher does not enjoy her occupation, the school will suffer.

Teachers are born. Training helps but it can never replace natural ability. The teacher must go to her profession called by an inner urge. The desire to be useful rather than to be rewarded or admired must always be predominant.

Mr. French said that the first practical qualification is vicariousness, or the ability to live another person's life. The teacher must always be ready to regard the students from a sympathetic point of view.

A good education is necessary because one must know in order to teach. No teaching jobs are easy, for no jobs are easy. Every opportunity to get experience should be utilized. You can't teach children until you have "learned" them. Only experience will show whether you prefer to work with young or older children.

President Comstock of Radcliffe college gave a general warning, "when you are in an indeterminate stage, do not adopt a calling because you admire someone in that field. If you hear a speaker make a brilliant address, remember that brilliant moments are scarce. You must be willing to accept the routine of any profession at its worst, and to consider the dull work from day to day."

Teaching is a portable profession, and it gives the satisfaction of a guild. If you are a teacher, and keep up your membership in learned societies, you find yourself with a large acquaintance. Being a teacher means exemption from the measuring rod of wealth. The temptation "to keep up with the Jones's" is removed, with considerable relief from nervous strain.

President Comstock also stated that there are, of course, certain drawbacks to the teaching profession. The monotony of June and September always meaning the same thing, limitation of outlook, and limited contacts, but all in your own way of life are among these.

PATRIOTISM

Government, in the United States, depends for its success, upon their faithfulness. They are the sovereign body of the land. They are the king. A sovereign in the Old World would not be thought worthy of the name, if he were not especially prepared for the duties of his office. To be an American citizen is to be a sovereign. What special preparation are these twenty millions of future kings receiving today?

All of our states provide for some public instruction in American history and institution. In the whole country four hundred thousand or more teachers daily instruct about twenty millions of boys and girls. In the course of this instruction there is more or less study of the history of our country; of the lives of the men and women who labored in their generations for its progress and its honor. Also a study is made of the discoveries, inventions and social conditions which make modern life what it is to day, richer and worthier on the one hand and on the other more complex, more dangerous.

Yet with this life that is better worth living yet harder to live, there seems to be room for one thing more, and that is patriotism. A good place to start being patriotic is in school, so let's begin by swelling the school spirit of old G. N. S.

J. Field

INTER - FRATERNITY DANCE

Many of the diaries kept by Normal Hill residents contain glowing accounts of the Lambda Pi Sigma and Alpha Lambda Beta dance. The Junior High School Auditorium was decorated for the occasion with the colors of the fraternities gold and black, and maroon and gold. A committee comprised of members from each fraternity was in charge of the arrangements.

Y. M. C. A. CONDUCTS CHURCH SERVICE

On March 26, nineteen members of the Gorham Normal School Y. M. C. A. went to the North Street Church at Fort Hill to conduct the "regular" Thursday evening prayer meeting in the absence of the pastor.

Mr. Albert Brown was the presiding officer. The speakers for the evening were Mr. Fred West, Mr. Frank Worcester, and Mr. Raymond Storey. Mr. Richard Savage led the song service and acted as Chaplin.

After the service games and refreshments completed an enjoyable evening.

The art of the lover consists not in loving but in showing his love to the best advantage.

-Boeham