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Gorham Normal School
NORMAL SCHOOL STUDENTS ATTEND TEACHERS' CONVENTION

THE ORACLE POPULARITY CONTEST

Most popular boy
Most popular girl
Best girl dancer
Best boy dancer
Prettiest girl
Best-looking boy
Most athletic boy
Most athletic girl
Most sophisticated girl
Most sophisticated boy
Man-hater
Woman-hater
Campus star
Most accomplished boy
Most accomplished girl
Most bickie boy
Most bickie girl
Best sport—boy
Best sport—girl
Best all-round boy
Best all-round girl

Miss Jeanette Johnson viewed concerning visit abroad last summer

Reviewing her visit to England during the past summer Miss Jeanette Johnson, a teacher in the Gorham Normal School English Department, painted for the writer an interesting picture of British life and custom, as well as a vivid description of the scenic beauty of the world's greatest kingdom.

Miss Johnson's major purpose in going abroad was to study at King's College, a division of the University of London. While in England, she visited many ancient and famous cathedrals, among which were the Sallisbury Cathedral with its four hundred feet of city spire rising majestically above the Cathedral green, and the cathedrals of Westminster, and Canterbury; incidentally following the same route to Canterbury as described by Chaucer in "Canterbury Tales."

Some of the other interesting and historic spots visited were the site at Stonehenge of a pre-historic civilization, the London Woman's Club which is a palatial Italian Villa, the Kew Botanical Gardens and Kensington Gardens. The Hyde Park Orators, who are allowed to speak publicly as freely and as openly as they wish on any subject without fear of suppression, interested Miss Johnson. She said these orators were chiefly reactionaries of the times and were often people of no distinction.

The "Haunts of Authors," British Museums and Art galleries, the homes of Samuel Johnson and the Carlyle, also the Shakespeare country were included in her itinerary.

At the new Memorial Theater built by Americans at Stratford-on-Avon, Miss Johnson saw "King Henry IV" and "Twelfth Night," presented, also Noel Coward's "Cavalcade" and "Casanova" in London. She believes English drama to be superior to the American stage presentations. However English Moving Pictures are not on the same level as those produced at home.

Miss Johnson met personally Mary Bertien, who wrote "Flamingo," Thomas Burke, whose "Limelights Nights" and "English Inns" are well-known pieces of literature.

A picturesque scene was depicted when Miss Johnson told of going "punting on the Cam" under the many bridges which span the Cam River near Cambridge University.

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STUDENT-CRAFT

Being a good student of the school means not only being worthy of the ideals of Gorham Normal School life but also being a worthwhile addition to the school. Just as the newly built Russell Hall is a source of usefulness, pleasure, and pride to each one of us every day, each one of us should so live as a student that the school will find us a source of use, pride, and pleasure. No student should permit himself to interfere with the progress of others. Every student should be worthy of the ideal of teaching. The word “teaching” means not only being worthy of the ideas of G.N.S. We are not expected to proceed with the help of teachers in the profession of teaching. The word “teaching” should remind each student of the great responsibility of his position. On the campus we should appear dignified and self-respecting. This does not necessarily mean stiff and overly formal. Young people are naturally gay, and indeed one should keep happy while a student in G. N. S. We are not expected to proceed with our work and play like solemn tribunes. There is a happy medium in this regard which any of us should be able to recognize. Conservative judgment and temperate thinking seems to be the best characteristics to live by. The school is like a trade guild; we are organized for strength and power for “Knowledge is power.”

A good creed which all students might well adopt is:

I am a worthwhile member of Gorham Normal School. To keep myself worthwhile as a prospective teacher and of value to the school, it is my purpose to be in my place in school each day.

At all times my school and my profession will be judged by my acts. I will therefore so live that what I think and do will bring no discredit upon the reputation of the school or the dignity of the profession.

Flora says that no matter how many times she may be wrong, she is always right.

BALANCE SHEET

Liabilities

Poor Chapel Attendance
Neglected Courses
“Cribbing”
Conceit
Infringement upon rights of others
Unfriendly attitude
“Chiseling”
Loud chatter and laughter
Being a poor sport
Gossiping
Lack of self-control
The Argument Complex
Unreliability
Poor manners
Poor Church Attendance
Cursing

Assets

Cheerful obedience
Punctuality
Regularity
“Squareness”
Application
Appreciation of other people
Good natural talent
Self-dependence
Unobtrusiveness
Consistent open mindedness
Preparedness
Self-confidence
Practice
Sound judgment
Well balanced living
Ability to “plug”
General participation
Care

The above contains items that might appear on the balance sheet of any student of Gorham Normal School. Take an inventory of your assets and liabilities. Find out if one overbalances the other, and which one. Then if your sheet doesn’t balance properly try to improve it for the future. In this way the functions of the school will operate on a sounder and more business-like basis.

CHRISTMAS ENTERTAINMENT

A Christmas entertainment sponsored by the House Committee was held in Robbie Hall, December 21. The program consisted of:

1. A Christmas story by Bionix Reed, a clarinet duet “Silent Night” by Melba Kehoe and Phyllis Marsen, a vocal duet “Sleep my Little Jesus” by Ruth and Janet McCloud and a viola solo “La Paloma” by Leonard Curtis.

2. A Christmas story “A Gift for a Lady” by Louise Doolittle. A dramatization of Dickens’ “A Christmas Carol.” This story, written for dramatization by Phyllis Marshall and Margaret MacDonald, was staged with the following cast:

Scrooge Mary Sturgis
Nephew Marguerite Boyce
Bob Cratchet Dorothy Packard

THE ORACLE

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ATHLETICS

J. V. TEAM UNDEFEATED
With three games already played, the Junior Varsity remains undefeated. The Junior Varsity opened its season against a strong Fryeburg Academy team, which went down to defeat only after a hard battle. The second game, against Newfield High, showed a greatly improved team, which played very easily. Their third opponent, Gorham High, previously undefeated, provided a hard battle before bowing to the score of 27—19. West was outstanding for the J. V., while Bachelder starred for the High School.

BASKET BALL SEASON OPENS
The boys' basket ball season opened with a victory over a strong Alumni aggregation. The game was fast and exciting throughout. The Alumni attack was led, principally, by Bill Kimball and Hallet. The fine play of the home players assures a strong team in the future. Jensen and Webb were outstanding.

FRYEBURG TOO STRONG FOR G. N. S.
The home team met its first defeat of the season at the hands of a strong, fast, and rangy Fryeburg team. The game was the second of the season. The scoring was nearly uniform during the first three quarters, featured by stinging rallies on the part of each team, but gradually, the visiting team pulled away, until, at the final whistle, the score was 45—35. The Junior Varsity team, opening the schedule, defeated a strong Fryeburg second team by a mere two points, the final score being 32—30.

GORHAM DEFEATS RHODE ISLAND C.
Gorham emerged the winner in a hard-fought battle with a smooth-working Rhode Island College of Education team which threatened throughout. The game was steeped in many fouls and tumbles; the final score was 37 to 29. The Rhode Island team was entertained, during the afternoon, in the dorm. The players of both teams were guests at a luncheon in East Hall following the game. The Junior Varsity team easily defeated Newfield High in a preliminary game, the same evening, by a score of 39—19. The Newfield team, coached by William Kimball, showed lack of experience, but offset this handicap by great tenacity.

CHEVERUS WINS
Cheverus High School, displaying a wonderfully efficient offense, supported by an equally reliable defense, passed to an easy victory over the home team, by a score of 56—18. Gorham staged a brilliant rally in the third period, but was unable to even the count. The team seemed unable to get its stride and missed many seemingly easy shots. It was further handicapped by the loss of its star player, Jensen, through illness.

GIRLS' BASKET BALL
Girls' basket ball practice began soon after we returned from the Thanksgiving recess. After a long season of Field Hockey in which the girls had a chance to exercise in the new gymnasium, they were ready for action by a score of 30 to 18. Gorham staged a brilliant performance against the home team by a mere two points, the final score being 32—30.

DIVISION BASKET BALL
Division basket ball teams began to mature soon after Christmas. The Captains chose to divide the teams into four divisions, each consisting of a group of teams from each school. The first division was won by Gorham High, who proved a strong team in the future. The second division was won by Bconomics, while the third division was taken by Hiram.

SENIORS ARE VICTORIOUS
The Seniors finished the series of division basketball games with an average of 100 per cent. They defeated the C2 division in the first game of the series and after a hard struggle succeeded in finishing the series with third place as a reward.

For the C3 and C4 divisions, although apparently unsuccessful, they showed a desirable spirit of play and cooperation with those who worked and played with them.

The following table shows the standing of the division teams at the end of the round-robin series:

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The girls are looking forward to the class games which are to follow this series. They are planning to play five games; the victor in three of these is to receive the basket ball cup.

The girls have been striving hard to maintain the Gorham school spirit and have urged the boys on to victory in their games. Why not show some class spirit and support the girls?

ALUMNI NEWS
The marriage of Miss Dorothy L. Packard, '32 of Dixfield and Mr. Roy E. Davis of Bethel, was solemnized at Rumford, December 4, 1932. Mr. Davis is a graduate of Bowdoin College, class of 1932. Mr. and Mrs. Davis are residing in Wilton, N. H.

Martha Blake, Mary Greeley, and Mary Hamilton, '32, are all teaching in South Portland for experience.

Ellen McGrath, '32, is teaching in Gorham.

Arlene Watson, '32, has a teacher's position in Salem, Maine.

Harold Kennedy, '32, is a student in State Teacher's College, Salem, Mass.

Helen Calderwood, '32, teaches in Waldoboro.

Doris Coltart has a position in Rockland.

Josephine Burwood and Mary Ward are continuing their studies in University of Maine.

Inez Fowler, '32, teaches in Falmouth.

Donald Dow, '32, is doing substitute work in Hiram.

Mrs. George Zinn, (Peggy Davidson, '29), is now residing in Cambridge, Mass.

Helen Brett, '32, is teaching in Norway.

Mrs. William O'Connor, (Mary L. O'Brien, '29), is now residing at High Street, Portland.

FARMINGTON NORMAL CARRIES HOME A VICTORY, JANUARY 27
Gorham Normal met Farmington Normal School in a basket ball game, Friday January 27. Despite the fighting opposition of the G. N. S. five, the visitors carried away the victory, 59—20. After the game the visiting and home teams were entertained in East Hall dining room by the Civic Committee. Committees in charge of the banquet consisted of Elizabeth Huntoon, Mary Hall, Kenneth Twitchell, Joseph Luiz. The line-up for the game was:

Gorham

FARMINGTON

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Miss L. Packard?: “Give me a sentence with a direct object.”

One of these advanced Seniors: “You are pretty.”

Miss L.: “What’s the object?”

Advanced Senior: “A good mark.”

We roamed the hillsides, encharched and glad,
We saw the sunset, downeast and sad,
We wandered from dawn to dusk,
A breeze and a lid.

We waved to the sunrise.
Beneath green leaves we lay,
Content with our day.
Now you are full grown
And stronger than I—
Stronger than giants,
O Wind of the sky!
HISTORY OF ACADEMY HALL.

In the year 1865, we find in the town warrant an article to petition the General Court of Massachusetts for a grant and an incorporation of an academy. This was passed and the trustees were chosen.

In December of that year a committee was chosen to take a deed from Thomas McLellan for the lot of land on which the academy now stands, and it was decided that the building should be two stories high with a ceiling that should be forty by fifty feet on the ground with stories thirteen and eleven feet in the clear and that there should be a cupola for the reception of a bell.

There was considerable difficulty in securing the money needed for erecting and equipping the building but it was finally accomplished and the inauguration took place September 8, 1866. The new preceptor was Ruben Nason.

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