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WILSON MACDONALD IS RECEIVED
WITH MUCH ENTHUSIASM

Last Monday evening, Mr. Wilson MacDonald, Canada's "poet laureate," made his initial appearance on Normal Hill. At that time, Mr. MacDonald gave an unusually appealing program of lecturing and poetry reading before a large audience of faculty members, students, and friends of Gorham Normal School.

Although Canada has no officially appointed Poet Laureate, literary critics, newspapers and the public have acclaimed Mr. MacDonald as "Canada's Poet Laureate." This demonstrates the appreciation felt for the greatest living poet of the provinces.

Mr. MacDonald is often called "a man's poet" because his verses indicate such a widely developed personality. He is a man of unusual talent not only in the field of poetry, but excels in both music and art. In addition he has been termed the "athletic poet" who plays hockey well, and who once ran one hundred yards in less than ten seconds. When one considers his vagabond life while traveling over North America, it is not so surprising to note how widely varied is his poetry.

Wilson MacDonald has already published six volumes of poetry. Among these editions are included "Flagon of Beauty" and "Caw-Caw Ballads." From both of these he read request selections on Monday night.

In reading what others have to say regarding Wilson MacDonald our own appreciation is aroused. Some quotations are:

"In the present generation of poets whose name is legion—"Wilson MacDonald is the outstanding figure."—New York Times Book Review.

"In my judgment, he stands with the peer in his field of platform service to the young people in our teachers' colleges and normal schools."—Dr. Ambrose Suhrie, Pres. of New York University.

Another worth while entertainment to be given before the student body was the reading of "Another Language," by Hortense Creede Railshack on January twenty-third. The playwright's purpose in writing this three-act modern play seems to have been to show people how people of like social standard may at the same time live in far different worlds. That is, some may live in a world of beauty while others prefer to consider only the mean realities of life. Mrs. Railshack's clever interpretation of the staid father and mother Hallen, the four sons, Harry's small town wife, Stella the wife artist, and Jerry, the would-be architect was much appreciated by all present.

On March eleventh, the Mansfield singers are coming to Gorham Normal School. Although the school has before presented colored quartets, this will be the first appearance of this group who have made themselves famous at concerts as well as "on the air." These young men first met at a Maryland academy and then continued their musical career together at college. After studying music in Boston, the Mansfield singers began their official career. This is the sixth year during which they have been in constant demand.

G. N. S. Basketball Team
Leaves On Two Day Trip

Today at one o'clock, Coach Wieden and his green and white basket ball aggregation leave for their second Massachusetts invasion. Arriving in Salem, the Gorham basketeers will have ample time to engage in sight-seeing before the game which will be played at 6 o'clock. With good team work and consistency in getting the ball through an opponent's defense, Gorham is sure to play a fine brand of basketball.

Following the contest, the Salem student council will be hosts and hostesses at a banquet in honor of the visitors. This will be followed by a dance.

Early Saturday morning the Gorham hoosiers will leave to invade new territory—Keene Normal School in New Hampshire. This will be a return contest to the game played in Russell Hall gymnasium last week. It is interesting to note that this is the first season in which our basketball team has played teacher-training institutions in three states: New Hampshire, Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

Sunday morning the boys will return to Gorham. Victorious? Defeated? But, because of fair play and good sportsmanship, either as victors or losers, they have the support of all the Gorham Normal School faculty and students.

In looking backward we remember that the Gorham cagemen have won four games and lost five. But, in total points scored this year, Coach Wieden's team has a sum of 272, points against all opponents' total of 295. However, this year, the team has been greatly handicapped by the part-time loss of Captain Jensen.

A summary of games played thus far:

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In addition, there are several men being seasoned on the Junior varsity team. Outstanding among them are "Ed" and "Al."
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THE SCHOOL SPIRIT

School spirit seems to have made itself more apparent than ever before at this year's basket ball games. Enthusiasm rose to its highest pitch in that never to be forgotten victory over the fighting Cheverus team. It has continued at a high rate throughout all the games that have been played on the Normal court.

This morning the team left for a two days trip during which they will play return games with both Salem and Keene Normal. Their first destination will be the Salem Teachers’ College, which team they will encounter this evening. Tomorrow they will leave the Massachusetts city for Keene, New Hampshire, who will be their opponents tomorrow evening.

The entire school wish the team success in their games.

APPROCIATION

We of the ORACLE wish to extend our thanks to all those who have aided us in the work of gathering material and pictures for our school paper.

We wish to acknowledge our thanks to those members of the Art classes who submitted drawings for our athletic cut. We are indebted to Mr. Sam Barber of the Junior Class whose drawing was finally selected.

We also wish to thank Mr. Widden for his assistance he has given us in obtaining pictures for our feature stories.

LIMERICKS

A new fad is rapidly spreading like wildfire throughout the school, and it is the age old Limerick writing. Several members of the faculty have become fans of this type of sport and some of their writing is worthy of note. Here is a first sample of their earliest work.

There was a young lady from Nigar
Who walked as she rode on a tiger.
When they came back from the ride
The young lady was inside
And the smile on the face of the tiger.

It is much harder to get a B this year than it was last year, or before the five-point system came into use. Somehow, we wish that whoever started that was back in classes!

—The Observer.

EDITOR'S NOTE

The above items were submitted by a student of the Normal School who believes that he is voicing the opinions of many, and who signs himself, The Observer. The ORACLE will be pleased to acknowledge your ideas on subjects of student interest.

HOW SANGERVILLE GOT ITS NAME

By Harriet E. Barrett

"He is dead."

Silence prevailed. Chief Sanger stood with his head bent and his eyes fixed upon the dead body of a man.

How many deaths did this one make in the last two months? The Indians did not dare to think. They only stood, silent and sad, with the shadow of pain in their deep set eyes.

Finally, the silence was broken by the deep, husky voice of an Indian brave.

"We cannot stay here any longer. This evil tribe will slaughter us all, everyone of us. There are so many of them we will never have a chance. Only yesterday the Medicine Man, our Saviour, told us the only way to save ourselves was by leaving this place, and going until we should find some good omen. There we should settle."

Early the next morning, just as a weak sun was attempting to drive away the few remaining stars, the little tribe moved slowly and sadly away toward the North.

On they traveled. Snow fell, and all the earth became frozen. The remaining few of the tribe were discouraged. They were cold and hungry. There had been no sign of any good omen. It seemed as if everything had failed them. On they traveled unthinkingly.

There must be something worth while, they argued with themselves.

As they went on the sun seemed to mount higher in the sky and snow began to vanish beneath their sore and tired feet.

One morning as the tribe pressed onward, Miniwanka, an Indian girl, staggered and finally fell to the ground saying, "I can't, I can't go on."

As she uttered these words her hand touched something velvety. With effort, she turned to see what it was.

"Oh," she cried, "it is the precious, 'the ville', this is our Good Omen. Here we shall settle." She uttered these words as she clasped the "ville" reverently to her bosom.

"And it shall be called," cried an Indian brave with uplifted hand, "Sangerville, in honor of our chief, Sanger, and the blessed 'ville'. This shall mean 'The Home of Happiness'."

Don't forget that the Book Exchange is still functioning, and is ready to help you solve the text problem this quarter. If the student body wishes this to be continued, it should manifest some interest in the project.

The happy person is the busy person. If you don't believe this, watch the faces in the corridor of Cortiell between classes, any day.

We wish to acknowledge the following exchanges:

The Keene Kronicl—Keene, N. H.
The Log—Salem.
The F. S. N. S. Mirror—Farmington.
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GORHAM NORMAL SCHOOL TOURNAMENT

The third annual small schools tournament sponsored by the Gorham Normal School will be played March 2nd and 3rd in the School Gymnasium. Two years ago Standish High School were tourney winners, while last year Gorham High School were victors. Champions and runners up of the two divisions of the York and Cumberland Leagues are invited to compete for the Walter E. Russell Cup. The cup is awarded to that school which is the tournament winner the greatest number of times during a period of ten years. This year's teams will probably be selected from Standish, Gorham, Berwick, Falmouth, Scarborough, Buxton, Kennebunk, Limerick, Cornish, Alfred, South Berwick, Yorkville Academy, Berwick Academy and Limington Academy.

Play continues through Friday, in which the first two rounds are played, through Saturday when the semi-final and finals are played.

Members of the Gorham Normal Variety team serve as attendants, taking care of the visiting teams.

Competent officials will be selected to handle the tournament. In all probability Paul Fishery and Harry C. Edwards who officiated the two previous tourneys will again be engaged.

DORMITORY NOTES

The girls of Robie and East Halls have recently elected new house committee members to hold office for the last half of the school year. Miss Beatrice Cook, West Baldwin, is the re-elected president while Miss Mildred Turner, Jefferson, is the new vice-president. The six senior members are: Margaret Fissell, Augusta; Hazel Gilpatrick, Milton; Harriet Tyler, Brooklin; Margaret Huse, Bath; Arlene McMillan, Millinocket; and Stella Nickols, Standish. Junior members are: Evelyn Moulton, Hiram; Barbara Fisher, Bath; and Martha Blake, Cape Elizabeth. This latter group are the first to represent the entering class on the house-governing body.

On the evening of January twenty-third the old House Committee members were hostesses at a banquet given for the newly elected group. Miss Nellie Jordan, dean of women, was the guest of honor. Mrs. Frank N. Brown (nee Miss Rita Upton) has returned to her home at Milbridge after a two weeks' visit with her sister, Mrs. Upton, at East Gorham. Mrs. Brown was a graduate of Gorham Normal School in 1916. Many of the faculty remember her as a former teacher at West Gorham.

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Batchelder whose size and experience stand him in good stead. Two other shorter men who make up their lack of height by speed and ability are "Cal" Libby and "Dilbert" Rand. With more seasoning, any of these players will give the first team men a battle for varsity positions.

And who knows what new material may enter in next year's class? So, just wait, all of you basket ball fans. Another entertaining and exciting season is in store for 1934-1935.

HOP — SKIP — JUMP

The advance Senior rookies starring Ernest Libby are off on another round of indoor football.

1 foul — disqualified.
2 fouls — play one quarter.
3 fouls — fairly good.
4 fouls — an excellent man; play the whole game, boys.

Another night, another game: Old Ernie's on the floor Assisted by dear Vic and Skip, as well as several more.

The whistle blows!

The game is on!

Please tell, who's got the ball?

There's Davy running down the floor;

Cheers sound in Russell Hall.

Basket, Team! the crowds all cry;

Please score two points for us!

"A basket?" dear Ernie asks;

"That puts us in a fix,

Who wants to make a basket.

When a touchdown will count six!"

A marked improvement is being shown in the hostesses to visiting teams.

Scum Teachers' College was educated by the Massachusetts Club. Rhode Island Teachers' College was made to feel, at home by the House Committee.

And now the Keene Normal Boys have been reformed by the Y. W. C. A.

Let us leave the subject of athletics for a moment and turn to Dorm Gossip—

Our janitor passed following this master-piece to me the other day, but refused to tell me in whose wastebasket it was found.

O M L E what X T C
I always feel when U I C.
I used to rave of L N'S eyes, 4 K T 2, and L N R
I was a keen competitor;
But each now's a non-N T, For U X L them all, U C.
I might add it was signed C. G. Y is all this nec­cess R E?

Well, folks, there's loads more secrets I would love to tell you; but our dear Editor-in-Chief is reminding me that this is already two days late—

So, An Revor—to until my term as child reformer is finished.

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as entertainers.

This musical presentation will be the last in a series of entertainments sponsored by the school this year. Mr. Louis Woodward, a faculty member, aided by an efficient entertainment committee has made it possible to have such worth while programs. Those on the committee are as follows: Myrtle Pratt, Hilda Scott, Ruth Bailey, Elizabeth Merrill, Lena Dow, Doris Lincoln, Mildred Steves, Mervin Shain, Philip Gannon, John Massey, Keith Selwood and Reginald Edwards.
ATHLETICS

BOYS' ATHLETICS

While the Varsity basketball team has attracted most of the attention of the school, there is another team who have compiled a creditable record, and that team is the Junior Varsity. The purpose of the team is to develop players for future years, besides the developing of players to graduate to the Varsity team. A year ago the Junior Varsity played a regular schedule of ten games and were victorious in seven of these contests.

Coach Wieden did not arrange a regular schedule for the current season, but has arranged games at the convenience of the visiting aggregations. The real purpose of the team this year has been the developers of the Varsity team. Several times the two school teams have scrimmaged and many times the Varsity have had to play at the top of their ability to keep the Junior team from winning.

Following the Varsity triumph over the Alumni in the opening game of the season the Junior Varsity played the graduates and succeeded in winning their initial verdict of the season.

Gorham High School next appeared as an opponent of the Jayvees and they were the only team that has been able to beat the second string team. Scarborough High School was the third team played and they were a victim of the rapidly improving Junior Varsity. Ray Morton the elongated center excelled for the Normal team scoring twelve points. While the Varsity were playing a return game at Westbrook, the Jayvees opened the evening's festivities by winning an easy victory from the Westbrook second. The entire Junior Varsity scored repeatedly to annex the victory.

The last game that the Normal team has played was against a previously undefeated Porter High School from Kezar Falls. This was the best game of the year with the High School excelling throughout the first half, but during the last half the local team rose to the heights with a barrage of long distance shots that found the mark, putting the Norm' team on even terms with the visitors. A foul shot in the last minute of play won the game for the Junior Varsity. Ray Monton and Ed Batchelder excelled for the local team.

Yesterday, the Rupert Johnson coached, Standish team played the Jayvees, and on February twenty-first the season will be completed with the Buxton team as opponents of the Junior Varsity.

The Junior Varsity team has been composed of the following players: Captain Phil Gannon, Ray Morton, Ed Batchelder, Cal Rines, John Rand, Monroe Bean, Paul Boothby, Paul Chapman and Jack Massey. Most of the players are either first or second year men and will serve as the nucleus of the Varsity of 1935-1936, only Captain Gannon and Paul Boothby are of this year's graduating class.

GIRLS' ATHLETICS

TWO COURT BASKET BALL

Under the direction of our new athletic director, Miss Flint, who came to us from Alabama, the girls have been participating in basketball as played in the South. Since most of the girls had previously used the three court system, a long practice period preceded the choice of teams. The color teams as organized for this year are: Yellow—Captain Evelyn Moulton, Ethel Chapman, Stella Nichols, Marguerite Boyce, Doris Hunt, Harriet Barrett, Louise Metcalf, Bernice Nielsen and Margaret Colc. Green—Captain Beatrice Cook, Patricia Elwell, Ella Johnson, Bernice Bailey, Beverly Soper, Sena Jensen, Sebina Regins and Jean Jordan. Green—Captain Madeline Doton, Glennis Flint, Gwendolyn Elwell, Minnie McKenny, Katherine True, He en Gale, Irene Hamilton, Bertha Bridges and Clare Cotteral.

December 10, officially opened the girls' two court basketball season. In the first round the Red team, led by Beatrice Cook, emerged with a one point victory over the Green team. Following the Christmas recess the Red team was defeated by the Yellow team 19-7. This was a surprise to the apparently strong Red team, composed mostly of Seniors, for the Yellow team is chiefly Juniors.

The Yellow team, led by Evelyn Moulton, showed that it was not to be easily downed by sweeping the Green team off its feet in the next encounter 25-5. Thus ended the first division of the round-robin series, with the Yellow team far in the lead.

THIS AND THAT

February brought two added attractions to Gorham—badminton and deck tennis. Badminton was introduced last year, but deck tennis is a new sport for Gorham girls. It should be good practice for that great trip to Europe, they hope to make some day.

March will bring the volley ball players into action again and will introduce interpretative dancing. Then, later in the spring clogging will replace interpretative dancing.

Throughout the year in these various forms of healthful sport, everyone is enabled to find some form of expression for her own athletic inclinations, and all should attempt to follow these inner urges.

SNOW CARNIVAL

The Outdoor Club and The Girls' Athletic Association have united in planning a snow carnival for Friday, February 9. An invitation to compete has been extended to all members. Let's make the united efforts of these two organizations a success. Of course, we realize it all depends on the snow.

ALUMNI AND EXCHANGE

We are pleased to acknowledge the success of more of our graduates in securing positions in their chosen professions. Donald Dow of the Class of 1932 has secured a position at South Hiram; Miss Maxine Gagnon of the Class of 1933, is teaching at Rags Lake; Miss Abbott of the Class of 1933 has been appointed to a position in the Auburn schools; while Harold Kennedy who finished his education at Salem Teachers' College after graduating from Gorham Normal School, is teaching in Westford, Massachusetts.

Miss Ardena Miller, one of last year's graduates, is at present substituting for Miss Helene Whiry of the Art Department of the Normal School. Miss Whiry is at present convalescing from an appendicitis operation.

Miss Miller is a graduate of Cony High School. While attending the Augusta school, she excelled as a student and in extracurricular activities, but art claimed her chief interests.

Working in Normal School, Miss Miller excelled as a student, and as an artist. All who were in school, while she was a student can remember her excellent posters, charcoal sketches, and drawings.

After graduating from Gorham Normal School, she has been gaining experience in the Augusta schools, which has been of great aid to her in the work she is now doing.

We are all pleased to have her here during Miss Whiry's absence, and wish her success in her chosen field.

TAKEN FROM THE F. S. N. S. MIRROR

"Believe it or not but you will surely crash the news at least once during the year. No matter how prolix your existence may seem to you, we consider your name of news value. It will not be necessary to murder, break an endurance record or achieve the Honor Roll to break into print. In fact the Mirror absolutely guarantees to print the name of every member of the alumni of the F. S. N. S. at least once during the school year. We are definitely convicted of the old axiom that 'Names makes News.' So I'll be seen' ya—in print.

CHAPEL PROGRAMS

Campfire Y. W. C. A. February 12
Honor Committee February 23
Mass Club March 2
Library Club March 16
Dramatic Club March 30
York County Club April 6
Oxford County Club May 11
National Honor Society May 25