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Hon. Bertram E. Packard, to be Commencement Speaker

BANQUET TO MARK THE BEGINNING OF COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

June 15 marks the beginning of an eventful period in the lives of the Normal School Seniors who have reached another milestone in their road to success.

Commencement week begins Saturday, June 16, at 4:00 with a reception for the graduates and their guests. Miss Sara McAllister of the graduating class will be at the door to receive the guests. Miss Norma G. Thorndike, supervisor of the Freshman and Senior classes, and six at the training school, will act as usher and escort the guests to Dr. and Mrs. Russell. The entire first floor will be open to the young men and women and their guests. The rooms will be beautifully decorated with floral pieces selected and arranged by Mr. Colwell, supervisor of the Art Department, assisted by Miss Lewis. Mrs. Littlefield, Director of Home Economics, will supervise the refreshments to be served in the lovely dining room. In the study opposite the parlor Miss Upton and Miss Fike will preside at the punch bowl. Miss Andrews, Music supervisor, has arranged for a musical program to be given. Miss Alma Lowell will play several violin selections. In response to a special request from the graduates Miss Andrews will sing a group of songs. The reception will be an opportunity for some young men to show their appreciation to the teachers of whom they have heard so much during the year. Further, the faculty receives much pleasure from meeting the parents of the young people with whom they have worked for the past few years.

At 5:00 o'clock of this decidedly busy day the Senior class play will be presented in Russell Hall. Under the direction of Miss Johnson, supervisor of English, the cast will present their interpretation of The Swan by Molnar. Between acts of the play a double male quartet will give several selections. The members of the double quartet are: John Massey, Arnold Walker, Keith Selwoold, Monroe Bean, Daniel Wight, John Rand, Norman Plaisted.

Sunday, June 17, at 5:00 P. M. the Reverend William H. Stewart pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church in Gorham, will deliver the baccalaureate sermon in Russell Hall. Mr. Stewart has made many friends among the graduates of Gorham Normal School, who are pleased to receive from him an inspiring message to treasure through the years to come. The subtraction of the baccalaureate address will be "Victory Beforehand".

Monday, June 18, one hundred fifty young men and women who have passed the presidential examination under the young marshals, Daniel Wight, will march in a continued on page three
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THE ORACLE

NEW EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

The Oracle is glad to announce that Miss Frances E. Huse has been chosen to fill the position of Editor-in-Chief of the staff for the coming year. Miss Huse's willing co-operation and splendid work throughout the past year make us feel sure of her success as Editor-in-Chief.

At the State of Maine Garden Exhibit and Spring Flower Show sponsored by the Garden Club Federation of Maine at the Danish Bigha, May 29-June 1 were several exhibits of particular interest to the faculty and student body of the Gorham Normal School. One of these was house No. 92, Scarborough High School. Here was depicted a model rural home with grounds and gardens. The work was done by the 4-H Club of under the direction of Mr. Gerald Hallett, class of 1939. Gorham Normal School, House No. 90 contained a poster exhibit from different schools. Among the schools exhibiting was the Gorham Normal School. These garden posts were made by the B1 division under the guidance of Miss Helen C. Wirh. The seven which received the highest honors were posted separately or the walls of the house, or the others were bound in the wall book. The girl exhibiting were as follows: Alma Lowell, Pearl Huston, Hester Lidback, Barber, Howard, Frances Boulter, Natalie Osier, Barbara Garry, Frances Remillard, Edith Givino, Emma Givino, Ella Johnson, Margaretann Smith, Virginia Hannah, Carolyn Tolleson, Annie Gardner, Patricia Elwell, Hazel Gilpatrick, Bessie Warren, Warrena Smith, Helen Abbott, Myrtle Pratt, Dorothy Packard, Louise Dunton, Eleanor Carey, Cecelia Blake, Ellen Gates.

Another exhibit of interest was a ter- rarium which was shown in house No. 83. The terrarium was designed by Mr. Everett S. Packard of Industrial Art Department, built by Franklin Hannaford and Reuben Smith, and planted by Miss Jessie L. Keene. During the afternoon of each day an exhibit musical programs among these were three which were of interest to students of the normal school.

On Friday afternoon, June 1st, at 4:00 P. M. Miss Edith Lowell's poetic play "To A Wild Rose" was presented. Sara McAllister and Arnold Walker taking the leading roles. On the same afternoon coached by Miss Andrews, Daniel Wight, Arnold Walker, and Archie Achorne wandered about the grounds as staring minstrels. Appearing in Italian costume they sang the "Neapolitan Nights, Santa Lucia, Juanita, O Sole Mio, and Stars of the Summer Night.

"Flowers Personified", "The Pageant of Youth", was presented at 4:00 o'clock on Saturday afternoon. Among the people taking part in part seven of the pageant "Hymn to Youth" were: Edith McLain, Marion Young, Eleanor Parker, Elizabeth Carswell, and Virginia Libbide, all of Gorham.

On Sunday June 3rd, the following students acted as hostesses in house No. 69: Pearl Huston, Alma Lowell, Helen Abbott, Florence Lewis, Frances Baoulter, and Minnie McKeyen. Among the patrons and patrones of the State of Maine Garden Exhibit were: Mr. and Mrs. Walter E. Russell, Miss Miriam Andrews, and Miss Jessie L. Keene.

MOTHERS' DAY PROGRAM

We were very fortunate on May eleventh in having a Mothers' Day program given in Chapel by the Poetry Club. Following is the program:

Hymn: The whole school
Prayer: For My Mother, Henry Van Dyke
Led by Barbara Howard
Responsive Reading
Allen Byers
Led by Alice King
Vocal Solo: Mother Mine Arnold Walker
Sonnet: To My Mother, Barbara Howard
Read by Rebecca Miller
To Our Mothers
Elizabeth Smith
Response
Mrs. Everett Perkins
Sem-Chorus: Mother Mine E. S. Hoomer
Robertta Hooper
Norman Plasted
Maxine Clemens
Arnold Walker
Earle Achorne
Priscilla Ellis
John Massey
Bertha Bridges
Elaine Campbell
June Bean
Elizabeth Hagland
Daniel Wight
Benediction
In Unison

TO MY MOTHER

Fate teased her with a burning, soaring mind
That like a comet sought the milky way
Then bent her to the needs of every day.
And petty things that she would leave behind.
And she went proudly as one nobly lined,
But taken captive doomed to serve for age
The lowly victor, and she still was gay
Because her heart was careless, yes, and kind.
Her sons and daughters she with joy beheld;
Flesh from her flesh, and from her spirit fire.
Might they not reach what she had wanted so?
She showed them earth, she showed the sky,
And held them up to stars with arms that did not tire.
And waiting, trembling; would they fly or no?

BARBARA HOWARD

THE MAY BALL

Normal Hill was a scene of gay festivity on the night of May fifth. The sixteenth annual May Ball was held in Russell Hall Gymnasium. Due to the efforts of Miss Wirh and the art classes the hall was decorated so beautifully that one would never realize that physical education classes were held there. In such a fairyland. The beautiful basket of flowers sent by "Louis" added its share to the pretty picture. The young ladies in their tuxedos, under the capable direction of Mr. Woodward and the entertainment committee the dancing program was enjoyed by everyone. The girls of the home economics classes presided at the punch bowl and served refreshments. The patrons and patrones were Dr. and Mrs. Russell, Miss Nellie W. Jordan, Mr. and Mrs. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Gilley, and Mr. and Mrs. Wieden. Music was furnished by Earl Hansen and his orchestra.
OPEN-HOUSE DAY

Gorham Normal School successfully completed another open-house project this year. On May 18th, Senior girls from many of the neighboring High Schools were invited to our school to observe the work of the school, to play with the girls of the school, and to become partially acquainted with all parts of school life.

The event arrived at 3:30, when about thirty students with their invited guests enjoyed a trip to Higgins Beach. The party, armed with field glasses, left Corthell Hall, the buildings offering frequently to observe birds along the way. At the Sawtelle farm, which was visited en route, hundreds of pheasants and wild ducks attracted much attention. Weather conditions were ideal, and birds were very plentiful. In one field many different species of swallow were seen; marsh birds played among the reeds and grasses; gulls, terns, and ducks soared overhead.

At the beach a pleasant hour was spent in swimming, racing, and watching the birds along the wing. Going to Gorham at four o'clock, all those who participated felt that it had been an afternoon very profitably and enjoyably spent. The following is a list of the birds which were identified and observed in that one afternoon: robin, bluebird, chipping sparrow, song sparrow, Savannah sparrow, vesper sparrow, tree sparrow, barn sparrow, chimney swift, bobolink, meadowlark, red-winged blackbird, bronzed grackle, Baltimore oriole, starling, purple finch, yellow warbler, semi-palumated plover, black-bellied plover, semipalmated sandpiper, common tern, American herring gull, black duck, wood duck, mallard duck, American wader, Lady Amherst pheasant, Reeves pheasant, golden pheasant, silver pheasant, ring-necked pheasant, and guinea fowl.

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single line down the aisles of beautiful Russell Hall to the strains of the processional march played by the Gorham Normal School orchestra. The body of the auditorium will be given to the graduate; there, too, the choral groups will be seated, the open, placing the gymnasium at the disposal of the guests. On the platform will be seated the directors of the guests, the faculty, and the speaker for the day. Gorham Normal School is very fortunate in having our State Commissioner of Education, the Hon. Bertram E. Packard, deliver the commencement address. The graduates will march up the stairs to the platform with everyone person crossing to receive his diploma in his hands from the hands of Doctor Russell. These young men and women will have attained another goal, and will be ready to embark upon the new life for which they have prepared themselves. A mixed chorus will sing "Farewell," and the class ode, words by Sara McAllister, music by Daniel Wight, will be sung by the graduating class. The orchestra will play the recessional, and the young teachers who such a short time ago were Seniors of Gorham Normal School will file up the aisles to the music, and embark upon the new life, but they bid good-bye to Gorham Normal School, and to teachers and friends whom they are leaving. To the girls, a suggestion: the rules that have been made concerning the use of the radio, and the rules that have been made concerning the use of the radio, and the rules that have been made concerning the use of the radio, and the rules that have been made concerning the use of the radio, and the rules that have been made concerning the use of the radio.

DRAMA CLUB PRESENTS RADIO

During the second term of school the Dramatic Club gave a three act comedy by Roberta Hooper, and Mercedes Baily, and part of the proceeds from this play the members bought a radio and presented it to the school. This radio is now installed in the music room.

A special committee consisting of Ruth Baily, Roberta Hooper, and Mercedes Baily, and Mrs. Glady's Spearin, Miss Jordan, and Miss Russell, have been studying the methods of radio and enforcing the rules that have been made concerning its use.

The Dramatic Club drew up a set of rules, had it approved by Miss Jordan, and had a copy posted beside the radio. These rules were made in order that the members of the club might get the most pleasure from this gift.

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BOYS' ATHLETICS

BASEBALL

This season's baseball got off to a late start, due probably to the extremely cold weather.

The season opened officially with a game played on the home field. The visitors carried off honors and the long end of a 7-0 score. The play of the home team was rather erratic at times, but as a whole the team worked well. King, Tarbox, and Jordan did the heavy hitting.

The second game with Westbrook was very close and exciting. The team showed great improvement both in hitting and fielding ability. This game went only seven innings and ended 3-2 in favor of Westbrook. If the game had gone nine innings the result might have been entirely different as the boys were just hitting their stride.

In the third game of the schedule the team seemed to have momentarily cast aside their difficulties and trimmed Fryeburg 14-4. With all members of the team hitting when beginners and advanced in same tournament.

This victory was followed by another at the expense of the St. Louis School of Biddeford. Next the Junior Varsity beat a state institution, the Windham Reformatory, by a score of 9-5. The varsity again played St. Louis School on Wednesday, May 9th, beating them 12-7. Jordan starred in this game with two doubles and a triple. Others who showed were King, Tarbox, Webb, and Jensen. The pitchers were Kilborn, Kimball, and Parsons. All have done very fine work this season and show great improvement over the first game played.

May 19th found the team invading Fryeburg for a return game. Fryeburg evidently was out for revenge and got it by a score of 12-4. In spite of the one-sided score the game was interesting and well played.

It with regret that the boys of the school realize that the season is practically over. There remains but one more baseball game; that between mid-Seniors and Seniors. The Juniors now lead, having won both of their games.

Tennis and track will be over shortly and athletics close until next fall when the boys answer the call for cross-country.

INTERCLASS ATHLETICS

According to class standing at the present time the mid-Seniors seem destined to carry off the large Council Cup this year. They were able to make a clean sweep of cross-country and basketball. Due to forfeiture on the part of the advanced-Senior team they also won the volleyball series. Surely things do look promising for the mid-Seniors.

GIRLS' ATHLETICS

COUNCIL APPROVES NEW CREDIT SYSTEM

The credit system, as formulated by the officers of the women's athletic associations has been formally adopted by the athletic council, April 5, 1934. This is a temporary system and is subject to change with approval of athletic council.

The credit system is as follows:

A. Team Games

Hockey
Volley Ball
Basketball
Baseball

Class team winning interclass game

5 Points

B. Individual Sports

Tennis
Archery
Tennisquoit
Badminton

When one tournament in a season

5 Points

When beginners and advanced in same class

Beginners

2 Points

Advanced

3 Points

When singles and doubles in the same season

Each

2 ½ Points

C. No sport season shall count more than 5 points. Before deciding game of a season, if the season has been of doubtful, a committee composed of the officers of the women's athletic association, the heads of sports, and the faculty advisor) shall meet and decide whether to give the season its full value or cut to 2 ½ points.

Individual points toward individual awards:

A. Team Sports

Hockey
Volley Ball
Basketball
Baseball

For being on class team

25 Points

For being a substitute on class team

25 or 13 Points

For being on color team only

13 Points

For being a substitute on color team

13 or 6 Points

(Decided by a committee consisting of president of women's athletic association, head of sports, and faculty advisor)

B. Individual Sports

Tennis
Archery
Tennisquoit

Badminton

If one tournament in a season

Placing in upper quarter

25 Points

Placing in second quarter

13 Points

If both beginners and advanced tournaments

Placing in upper quarter advanced

25 Points

(Or may not enter both beginners placing in second quarter advanced

13 Points

Placing in upper quarter beginners

13 Points

Placing in second quarter beginners

5 Points)

ALUMNAE NOTES

On June 16th, the annual banquet of the Gorham Normal School Alumnae Association will take place at East Hall with members of the graduating classes as special guests.

The welcoming address will be given by Dr. Russell, followed by messages from the Senior and Junior classes delivered by Anne Rubinsky and Winifred Thornton respectively. Other speakers on the program will be Mrs. Marie Johnson, president of the Massachusetts branch, Mrs. Melville Davis, president of the Portland branch, and other members of the association.

Among the special reunions will be the class of 1884 who are celebrating their fiftieth, the class of 1909 who are celebrating their twenty-fifth, and a very special reunion of the class of 1924 in honor of Mrs. Marion Cousins Atkins who is travelling all the way from Montana to attend the banquet.

Miss Lois Pike, president of the association, who will act as toastmistress, is general chairman of the affair, assisted by Miss Ethelyn Upton and Miss Miriam Andrews.

Special invitations have been sent to the Reverend Dubbs, Reverend Stewart, to the president of the Southern New England Branch, and to the members of the faculty and their wives.

Edith Farnham and Ardena Miller have recently been elected as teachers in the elementary schools of Augusta for the coming year.

DOLL SALE

A sale of dolls is underway to raise money for funds needed by the Association for Childhood Education to help finance a convention to be held one year from this June.

The Kindergarten-Primary students have dressed dolls three inches high which they are selling for a nickel each. There are two styles, baby dolls and little girl dolls. Different colors lend a great variety to the appearance of the dolls and they are receiving many appreciative comments.