BOYS GO ON ANNUAL TRIP

(As told by a traveling correspondent)

Twice a GREAT TRIP!

At 12 o'clock Friday noon, January 18, the basketball team and seven loyal rooters took off for their annual trip to Salem Teachers' College and Keene Normal. Although long and uneventful, Salem was reached at about 4:30. As the bus stopped we saw our good friend "Louis" bust approach the school. This proved to be a good omen later on. We went inside the building and looked around. Several couples were dancing in the gymnasium to the strains of a small vioctrol which was connected to an amplifying system producing much louder tones. This device was the biggest interest on the part of the boys, and on inquiring about the price they found it to be "only" $75. Two Gorham graduates of former years, Harry B. '33 and Phil Gannon '34, were there to welcome the boys.

A small crowd was at the game. This was due in part to the fact that there were seats on only two sides of the gym. Remembering the score of the year before, the spectators languidly set back in their seats and waited for the score to start mounting up. To their surprise it did start adding up but most unexpectedly in Gorham's favor. The score at the fall of the first quarter was 8-0 Corham; at the half it was 14-11 with Gorham still leading. The final score was 32-16. Coach Webb went best for Gorham in all around play with Ham leading in points. Higgins also played a good all around game while Philander was never better on the defense. Salem's big threat of last season was off form and missed many shots although, in all justice to him, it must be said that he was sick in the early part of the week. Levy and Freeman went well for Salem.

After the game everyone went to the banquet. Speeches were in order after the meal had received due justice. Manager Rock of Salem was the toastmaster and called on Mr. Phillips of the Salem Faculty and Capt. Webb and Capt. Levy. Mr. Wieden spoke with his usual lucidity and Webb surprised everyone by responding with the eloquence of a Webster. It may be due to the inspiration of a comedy Salem iass who had engaged his attention during the banquet. Higgins set out to be the social livens of the evening. Moving here and there and spreading their charm about them, they were always the cynosure of many feminine eyes. All good things must come to an end and this one did at eleven o'clock. The Gorham contingent retired to their sleeping quarters only to hold "bull sessions" far into the night.

The next day we set out for Keene at about ten o'clock. The trip was uneventful until we were going through Lawrence. There a police cruiser car stopped us and demanded to see our Massachusetts papers. Unfortunately we had no papers and proceeded to the Police Station where we waited for approximately two hours. At the end of that time our driver appeared and told us that he had been

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“HENRY TELLS THE TRUTH” PRESENTED BY DRAMATIC CLUB

Richard E. Barbour

MISS LOUD LEAVES

It is with regret that Gorham Normal School bids good-bye to Miss Helen Frances Loud, who has been substituting for Miss Emma Harris during the past half year in the Kindergarten Department of the Training School. Miss Loud, who has endeared herself to all with whom she has come in contact during her brief stay here because of her pleasing personality, was born in Weymouth, Mass., where she still has her home.

She is a graduate of the Quincy Mansion School for Girls and the Wheelock College and the Diamond School for Teachers, where she received a B.S. degree in Education this coming June. For five years Miss Loud was kindergarten and girls' work at the Neighborhood House, a social settlement in Elmhurst, New York. For nine years she was kindergartner at the State Normal School, Fitchburg, Mass.

On Friday evening, January 25, Dr. and Mrs. Russell entertained at a dinner party at which Miss Loud was the guest of honor. Those present besides Miss Loud and Dr. and Mrs. Russell were Miss Gertrude Stone, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford O. T. Wieden, Mr. Chester Slout, Miss Nellie Jordan, Miss Esther Wood, and Miss Mary Hastings.

REV. ERNEST W. ROBINSON SPEAKS TO POETRY CLUB

Rev. Ernest W. Robinson, pastor of the Clark Memorial Church of Portland, was the speaker at the Poetry Club Tea in Robie Hall Library, January 9. Miss Esther Wood was chairman for the meeting and introduced Mr. Robinson whose subject was "Three Approaches to Poetry."

The first approach in interesting a
The Value of Outside Reading

Inasmuch as reading, conversation, and experience are the three great sources of knowledge, the great opportunity for obtaining knowledge through reading should not be neglected. Reading must be genuine; it can not be casual, as experience and conversation often are.

Books stimulate the mind and enforce systematic thinking. Students in any school have required of them a certain amount of reading. Often this is done reluctantly. However, if they should learn to read, outside the requirements, books of their own choice, books that meet the requirements of their individual lives, they would be carving for themselves a niche of completeness.

One of the best reasons for reading is companionship. One might ask why should make companions in books, especially in this time of life, when he is always with friends. But it is quite possible, even when in a crowd, to be inexpressibly lonely. A child takes himself for granted, but as he grows older, he begins to think about himself and about life; he realizes how different he is from anyone else in this world. He may be constantly misunderstood and not feel sure of himself. He may in his reading come across a character who speaks his language, and, in some cases, thinks his thoughts. He will find in this character a companion—one who will befriend him when he is in trouble.

Books cannot take the place of life and give what experience can give, but they can widen and enlarge life, illumitarily and clarify and enrich experience. The world today is the result of the world in the past. Unless one understands that past he cannot understand himself. No bookless life can have touched all the innumerable aspects of life on this planet. The man who adds the life of books to actual everyday experiences lives the life of the whole race. The man without books lives only the life of one individual.

THE QUESTION BOX

Isn't it possible that relative ranking had some bearing on codes concerning honesty at exam time?

If this is so, it should not be. However, we doubt if it is, because a dishonest person would be dishonest no matter what ranking system was used.

Why is it necessary for the young ladies of the school to use the back door when entering the gym to attend games?

In order that G. N. S. can get financial support from outside visitors, it is best to keep the front entrance clear of all congestion. Therefore, the girls, who make up the majority of the school, are requested to use the back door. Your guests will understand, if you explain it to them in this way.

Why can't special days be set aside as exam days, and no other classes be held on those days?

This is not only the desire of the students, but the wish of the teachers as well. We hope that in the near future this plan will be made possible. The first move in this direction should come from the Activity Committee, which is organized for the purpose of handling such problems.

Inasmuch as the young ladies of the school need not get up so early on Sundays, why can't the Saturday night dances in Center last until eleven o'clock?

Other Normal Schools and colleges have already granted this privilege. It is the duty of the house committee to attend to this revision of one of the laws of the school. We hope that they may soon reach a decision which is satisfactory to all.

Could the annoyances which occur frequently in the corridors be eliminated or reduced by providing for each couple such the boys of the school could make more profitable use of their leisure? I suggest a community or club room be provided and equipped with the necessary games for wholesome recreation. Nearly all modern schools provide such a room.

We all agree a room of this type would be very desirable for the school, but at present there is little space and no money to carry out this project.

ORGANIZATIONS SPONSOR CENTER DANCES

The Outdoor Club sponsored a "Sport" dance in Center, Saturday, January 19.

A general array of snowshoes, skis, hockey sticks, and ice skates artistically arranged on the wall, served as a background for an evening of dancing to music furnished by Keith Selwood and John Stronger.

The Massachusetts Club gave a very successful "Depression" dance last January 12.

The decorations were cleverly made out of newspapers; and in keeping with the times, a tax of two cents was imposed upon each couple for each dance.

Although poverty was everywhere in evidence, the atmosphere was far from depressing.
THE ORACLE

FACULTY FACTS

That final goodbye to the Home Folks in September and the first arrival in Gorham may have seemed adventure at the outset. For some it severed home ties forever. For all, it was a new experience in a strange environment.

Sooner or later that adventure some spirit gave way temporarily to a nostalgic feeling of lost, strayed, or bewildered, and What shall I do?

1. You gave your name to the Secretary? And did she respond instantly with a smile? and say, "O! yes. You are from— Aren't you?"

And didn't you feel just a little better right away; as if perhaps you really did belong after all?

You left the office with your questions answered, the necessary information, and you had found a friend, Phyllis Rankin. Officially, Miss Lord is Secretary to the Principal, a position she has held for six years. Unofficially she serves the whole school in countless ways for its continual advancement.

If you are now enjoying senior privileges or faculty membership you still find occasion to go to the office with a what, when, or where, at tongue's end. You have learned to appreciate the efficiency of that ready source of information and the smile that goes with it.

We have a faculty of Instructors, faculties of reason, and various other faculties developed for various purposes. But we can all be a little envious and at the same time appreciative of Miss Lord with her faculty for facts.

STAMP COLLECTING AS A HOBBY

Stamp collecting, now a worldwide hobby, can be made interesting as well as educational. It will transport your thoughts from the worries of the present-day business world to a new world of famous persons, buildings, and in-frequently visited places.

Many new acquaintances, in the form of pen pals, may be gained. One may exchange stamps with other collectors in Switzerland, the Straits Settlements, the Philippines, and the far corners of the world. Through this medium it is possible to exchange ideas, experiences, and to create a feeling of world fellowship.

Stamp collecting was the motive for the formation of a "Post-Card Pen Pal Club." A group of five boys formed this organization with the purpose of becoming better acquainted. They were required to write all they had to say on the reverse side of a government postcard, and to believe it or not—this was often ten or five hundred words.

One enthusiast says "I have learned more about world geography from stamps than I learned in school. Before I became interested in philately, the technical name for stamp collecting, I had never heard of Tannou Touva, Iraq, Azerbaijan, the country of Georgia, or Wurmberg. Have you heard of them?

It is interesting to note the different shaped stamps. They are usually rectangular, but there are many in the shape of triangles, diamonds, and octagons. Some stamps have been cut in two and sold for half price when there were no stamps of that value. A few stamps are no more than half an inch wide. Because of their rarity, these odd-shaped stamps appeal to many collectors.

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Ruth Bailey

Special acting honors go to Ruth Bailey as Phyllis, Richard Barbour as Henry, and Ada Senior as Louise Albright, the most enganged woman in town, who finally succeeded in capturing a husband after three of her fiancées had died.

Special mention should also be made of Elia Johnson as Nella Peers, who ran her husband's life, Alcy Tuck as Mrs. Rankin, and Eunice Kelley as Sondra Sawyer.

The cast was a follows:

Mrs. Marea Rankin
Alcy Tuck
Phyllis Rankin, her daughter
Ruth Bailey
Pierce Rankin, her son
Arthur Comeau
Nella Peers
Ella Johnson
Harry Peers
Arthur Doe
Louise Albright
Ada Senior
Sondra Sawyer
Eunice Kelley
Dora Deane
Idella Jackson
Ada, the maid
Florine Fritz
Bruce Baird
Kenneth Webber
Rensm Haver
Stanley Gay
Wyant Campbell
Kenneth Twitchell
Henry Wallace
Richard Barbour

LIBRARY NOTES

Do you have program trouble too? Do you worry over that special club meeting or that party for which you are chairman? A lot of people do, so the library has done something about the situation.

Here are some brand new books that are fun to read even if you aren't planning a program.

"Ice-breakers and the Ice-Breaker Herself," by Edna Geister. The suggestions in this little book are particularly good for occasions where extreme hilarity is desired.

"Good Times for All Times," by Nina B. Lambkin, just as the name suggests, is arranged for any kind of a celebration imaginable, and includes programs for holidays which might be very useful in branching chapels programs. Don't forget it the next time your club takes to the limelight. Another good book for this purpose is "Anniversaries and Holidays.

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Miss Keene (discussing Science): "You wouldn't get a shock while curling your hair in a thunder shower."  

Bertha Frost: "Well, I did once.

Miss Keene: "Oh, there must have been a loose connection there somewhere."

JUST THE ECHOES

I wish you had a dollar, but if you've only forty cents, Invest it in the "Oracle," A paper with some sense.

Its stories must be admirable; Its pages must be neat;

The Editor must watch her step. If we're to keep on easy street.

Now just for a final ending. I want to tell you all To buy the "Oracle" at any time Whether it be spring or fall.

So much for the Advertising!

Miss Parkman: "Can you type very fast?"

Blanche Hutchins: "Of course, I use the pick and peck method. What do you do?"

Marion: "Oh, the Biblical method is my favorite. You know, 'seek and you shall find?"

The poor benighted Hindoo, He does the best he kindo;

He sticks to his cash from first to last. And for pants he makes his skindo.

From History comes the origin of familiar expressions:

Samson—"I'm strong for you!

Jonah—"You can't keep a good man down.

David—The bigger they are, the harder they fall!

Helen of Troy—"So this is Paris!

Columbus—"I don't know where I'm going, but I'm on my way.

Nero—Keep the home fires burning!

Samson—"There's safety in numbers!

Noah—It floats!

Methuselah—The first hundred years are the hardest.

Queen Elizabeth—"Keep your shirt on, Walter!"

—Ex.

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WOMEN'S ATHLETICS
BASKETBALL BANQUET

Last Wednesday, January 30, the girls' basketball teams ended the season with a banquet in East Hall. Following the banquet an election was held for a basketball counselor for next year. The candidates for this position were Josephine Fyska and Dorothy Lindenburger. Josephine Fyska was chosen.

At this occasion an honorary varsity, which had been chosen by a committee, consisting of the basketball counselor and faculty advisor, was announced. Those chosen members of this varsity are Eunyn Moulton, Glennis Flint, and Josephine Fyska, forwards; Ella Johnson, Gwendolyn Elwell, and Bernice Nelson, guards.

For those who have not heard of this honorary varsity, we might say that it is something new which is in accordance with the growing customs among other colleges and normal schools. In our case, the team is composed of some of the best or most outstanding players from the interclass teams of 1933. The organization is not active; it is for honor only. This year has been a successful one.

INTERCLASS CUP

Each year it has been the custom of the Women's Athletic Association to award a cup for interclass activities. The cup is awarded to the class receiving the most points in all sports.

We are glad to announce that the seniors were the lead with twelve points, the juniors next with five, and the advanced seniors have three.

As Captain Henry of the Showboat says "It's only the beginning, folks, only the beginning." We forward his message to you. There is still time for the other classes to gain the lead. We are looking forward to some keen competition.

AWARDS

It is approaching the time for monograms, numerals, and stars to be awarded to many of our women athletes. We have been fortunate in securing the names of the four leaders for these awards. Ella Johnson is to have the distinguished honor of receiving the first and only monogram that has been given under the new point system. Three chears for Ella! Numerals have been earned by Bertha Bridges, Eleanor Dolloff, and Evelyn Moulton. Congratulations, girls!

MEN'S ATHLETICS
BRIDGTON WINS

Those people who went to the Bridgton Academy game, January 19, will say it was one of the best. It was hard luck for Gorham to be left on the short end of another close game but Bridgton sank a flock of baskets with but a few minutes left and the game was theirs. Exected by many to be easily beaten, the Green and White boys put up a stubborn fight. Both teams missed several set-ups and, on the other hand, made some excellent shots. Webb, Higgins, and Ham shone for Gorham and Studley and Loviett were Bridgton's best bets.

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given permission to proceed by the Lawrence police, but that, if we were held up again, it would be the end of our journey. We started up again and everyone held his breath until we reached the New Hampshire line where we all heaved a sigh of relief.

Conversation lagged for awhile as we walked along toward Keene. There were many number of intersections in the road and our driver picked the wrong ones with a consistency that was truly astonishing. We pulled into Nashua at two o'clock for our dinner. The squad was given steak on the strength of their win of Friday night. Their spirits revived by dinner, they broke into close harmony which didn't turn out to be so close after all. We finally got to Keene a little before dark and our time was very pleasantly spent in the boys' club room of the gymnasium. There all sorts of amusements were open to us. There was a pool table, a ping-pong table, and a swimming pool; and all received our patronage. Supper was served at 6 o'clock! The squad returned to the gym after the supper and the game was started at eight o'clock.

This game turned out to be as thrilling as the Salem encounter for the first three quarters. Our boys were tired and plainly showed it but fought on nevertheless. The score at the end of the half was 23-19; and the teams were never more than four points apart. In the last part of the fourth quarter our defense cracked and the Keene men shot baskets from all angles and distances to clinch the decision. Johnson and Giovangelli were Keene's best bets, while Higgins, Ham, and Morton scored most of Gorham's points. Immediately after the game we set out for Gorham. In spite of our defeat the boys were in high spirits and went to the soul who tried to sleep.

At Concord we indulged in a midnight lunch. Soon after, we again set out for Gorham. The streets and intersections grew perceptibly less as the boys began to feel the effects of their long ride and strenuous games. When we rolled into the little hamlet of Gorham at 3:30 in the morning, the silence was broken only by a few gentle snores. With regret the squad members from the Advanced Senior class realize that this is their last long trip. A wonderful time was had by all who went. May next year's group enjoy it as much as we did.

FRYEBURG TOPS GORHAM

In a rough game that was slowed up by many fouls, Fryeburg Academy took Gorham over 34-31. Meeting unexpected stiff competition the boys were also both in high spirits. As the score would indicate, the game was an exciting one and there might have been a different story had not Webb, Plaisted, and Ham been eliminated. Standing out in the last cause were Higgins, Wardell, and Ham; while Farham and Marshall went well for Fryeburg. Our prediction is that it will be an entirely different story when we meet them again on our own floor, February 22.

ALUMNI AND EXCHANGE

Among guests at the dormitory during the month of December were Marion Earle, who is now teaching at York Village, and Hilda Scott, who is a student at the University of Maine.

Mrs. Ernest Libby, who will be remembered as Hazel Gilpatrick of the class of '34 recently paid a brief call at the dormitory. Other recent week-end guests were Patricia Elwell and Alice King.

History students take notice:

Even "The Log" of the State Teachers' College at Salem, Mass., comes a solution to your difficulties. "Next thing I know Santa Claus will try the existence of Ben Franklin. Everything else seems to.

From the "Keene Kronicle" we learn that the students are helping to carry on the Keene Nursery School which cares for unprivileged children. This is certainly worth while work.

We wish to acknowledge the receipt of the "Coney Cue" from Augusta, Maine. The "Cue" is very attractive and each department is well organized.

EPITAPHS

Miss Upton

Miss Upton lies in this lonely grave, Now the angels will hear her rae: She'll teach them math as sure as fate, Just wait to measure the pearly gate.

Eleanor Parker

Here lies the dust of Eleanor, Who had an attack of the grippes, Then tried to go back to Miss Lewis' class Without an absence slip.