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**FLAT TIRES**

March 18 was a gala night in Russell Hall, when the Alpha Lambda Beta Fraternity presented the three act farce-comedy, “Flat TIres.”

Imagine Howard Libby, the “leading lady,” as a good-looking, pleasant Irish girl in a neat house dress and apron! The dashing, young hero of the play was Bob, played by the part of a young Irish detective. “Dr. Crump” and “Flat TIres” was played by none other than the master of ceremonies, True Bailey, president of the fraternity.

Below is given a complete list of the cast:

Maggie Sullivan, the maid, Howard Libby
Mike Delaney, a policeman, Harlton Burr
Rose Matthew, Arthur Doe
George Matthews, his husband, Charles Loomis

Dan Maloney, a detective, Bynn Felker
“Flat Tire,” Kensington, a burglar, Kenneth Brooks
Dr. Peter Crump, Kenneth Brooks
Mattila, his wife, Kenneth Hobbs
Capt. Jack Smith, Captain of Detectives, Alan Paine
Miss Agnes Flint, a nurse, Stanley Reed

Miss Wood

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**H. M. S. PINAFORE PRESENTED BY JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS**

H. M. S. Pinafore, a Gilbert and Sullivan operetta, was presented at the Junior High School on February 26th, under the supervision of Miss Miriam Andrews.

Orchids to Dick Deadeye (Philip Kimball) that churlish villain! Blessed with a natural knack for drama—or melodrama—the younger acted with actual finesse. The “Pinafore” with his chest stufed to a point of pomposity, carried himself with dignity due his station. After Little Buttercup, a husky-voiced, but, of course, the droll young lady (Margaret Gordon) divelged her long-withheld secret, the captain, reduced to the ranks of a sailor, offered her his heart, promising to always write to her, wherever he might be. “What, always?” “Well, nearly always.”

Wilma Parker, entertaining and attractive as the captain’s daughter, and the hero, Ralph Rackstraw (Lloyd Libby), furnished the romantic element. The scenery was cleverly executed by Miss Anna Richardson, of the Normal School, Miss Mary Peabody, wright teacher in the third grade, and Miss Jane Skilling, accompanied the orchestrations.

The orchestra played several selections, and, between the acts, Miss Shirley Bachelder entertained with tap-dance. Miss Trask devoted much time to coaching.

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**ARTHUR COMEAU CHAIRMAN STUDENT ROUND-TABLE**

**STUDENT LIMITATIONS BY A POINT SYSTEM TO BE DISCUSSED**

Miss Esther Wood, faculty adviser of the Civic Committee, has been elected head the group of delegates who will attend the convention of the Eastern States Association of Professional Schools for Teachers to be held April 3rd and 4th, 1936. Student delegates, elected by popular vote of the Gorham Normal School student body, are Arthur Comeau and Eunice Kelley. The fourth delegate is Mr. Everett Packard, member of the faculty.

Arthur Comeau, a Senior, has been an outstanding individual in his two and a half years at G. S. T. He is a member of the Dramatic Club, Y. M. C. A., Alpha Lambda Beta Fraternity, Civic Committee, Glee Club, and the Men’s Athletic Association.

Eunice Kelley, a Junior, is co-editor of the school yearbook, the “Green and White.” She is a member in the Dramatic Club and is a member of the Poetry Club.

The delegation will leave Thursday night, April 2nd for New York City where they will stay at the Hotel Commodore.

The program Friday afternoon will be in the form of a round-table discussion, involving several groups, one of which is to be led by Arthur Comeau, who will discuss the topic, “Use of an Apartment in Limiting Student Office Holding.” Miss Kelley will be the secretary for the group.

Saturday morning, at a general session, speakers will summarize the round-table discussions.

Each year this school will send three or four delegates to the Eastern-States Convention. The value is so great we hope that more delegates may go in the future.

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**SHOW BOX THEATRE PUPPET SHOW**

Friday, the nineteenth of January, the Jolly Capers’ Marionettes presented a program at Russell Hall. The miniature theatre was lighted in the manner of a real stage, had electrically controlled drop curtains, and was a truly artistic setting for the puppet production. “The Little White Princess,” five-act play, was first presented; then, a vaudeville show. During intermissions, electrically recorded selections were played.

The puppets were most human in appearance, unlike the continental puppets, with their unnatural expressions, and gangly legs. The vaudville began with an act by Mickey and his little dog, Toddes, who entertained with some truly remarkable tricks. The costumes worn by the Arabian and the Russian dancers were especially striking. At the close of the program, the puppeteers, uniformed in blue, exhibited before the audience an entire Dutch dance, showing the expert handling of the strings controlling the tiny actors. The program was clever, unusual, and very successful.
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Our Sympathy to Machias
The members of Gorham Normal School wish to extend their deepest sympathy and regrets to the citizens and students in Machias who suffered the loss, by fire, of their Washington State Normal School.

As we finger the pages of the past years' history, we see many outstanding events which may well claim our attention. None, however, have presented a more serious situation than the $75,000 fire which swept this 27-year old brick building to ruins. The material loss is small, however, as compared to the loss the 150 Machias school children who attended classes in the building, the teachers, the fifty Normal School students, and the children whom they would have taught in the future will suffer. They are lost in a way that cannot be measured in dollars and cents.

We ask them not to lose courage now. They have only begun their careers and they must strive to complete them even under this handicap. Right now they may receive a job and start earning money. Then they will begin to lose interest in the careers which they had planned. But they must think ahead a few years and decide whether they would rather be experienced waitresses or salesmen or about to enter a responsible position as a teacher. They must try to turn what they have already learned to good account. It seems a very short time ago when this school year opened; time passes quickly when one is improving himself. This will prove true if they put their time to worth while use while they are unable to attend school.

Then too, an opportunity for attending school may be provided them by holding classes in their dormitory. If this is true, it means working under a handicap; but none the less, it will be an excellent opportunity for them to demonstrate their determination to succeed.

We offer our encouragement and sympathy to Machias in the form of "chins up and heads high" for, they will need courage and determination to regain their losses. May God give them strength!

QUESTION BOX

Why is it that the boys who eat in East Hall dining room do not use the wash room of the hall?

-Signed by all the boys eating

in the dining room.

East Hall is a women's dormitory and the lavatories are open to these young women. If open to men, it would cause embarrassment to women. Therefore young men who go there for meals should be washed up before meal-time.

Why is there any objection to young women wearing ski suits in the classroom?

The ski suit is a sport costume designed for wear in deep snow and is too heavy for indoor temperature. It is decidedly out of place in the classroom.

A coach who came, with one of the guest basketball teams asked these questions: "Why is it the young women at Gorham do not wear their dresses when dancing as in former years? Is it due to the depression? I notice the most attractive dresses here are not the most expensive. It may be due to a lowering of standards in our informal dances. Would it not be well to omit the last scene of the closing act in most of our entertainments which has been staged at the foot of the stairway leading to Robbie Hall to the amusement of a considerable audience?

We think it would.

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form of debaters. In the debate on the Federal Support of Public Education, was presented by Prof. Mott of Teachers' College, Columbia. Charles H. Judd of the University of Chicago, and Prof. Coffman of Minnesota. While they were agreed on the desirability and perhaps the necessity of Federal support for equalizing education, they were not agreed on the first steps to be taken. Prof. Judd was opposed to a large Federal appropriation to be distributed proportionately to population, but favored a smaller one to be granted to states least able to meet their own educational obligations.

The second program, to which Principal Russell called our attention, was on the subject of Current National Issues, with the following speakers:

Hon. Norman Thomas (Socialist), of New York; Hon. H. J. Allen, Former Governor of Oregon; Hon. Mr. Barclay. U. S. Senator from Kansas (Democrat).

Each of the speakers talked frankly in relation to the attitudes of their respective parties in regard to social and political matters.

Dr. Russell told the program of the convention was varied and stimulating, discussing many of the live social and educational problems.

LIBRARY NOTES

"If This Be I," written by Margaret Deland, is a very convincing biography recently added to our library. Mrs. Deland is an author known to all of us through her novels and short stories. Some of us have had the privilege of meeting her and hearing her speak, as she passes her summers at Kennburn boat Mrs. Deland, who is over seventy, was one day turning the pages of an old album. She found a picture of a little squarerigged, determined face in girl, and on turning the picture over, Mrs. Deland found written in a delicate hand, "Darling Maggie—aged six." It was hard to realize that the little face was her own. She thought that the small child must be a stranger to her, but she remembered the framed pictures. Miss Whiry displayed a collection of soap carvings and sketches of Dante. This work shows the unique talent and skill we have in our Gorham Normal School students.

The Senior Literature Class under the direction of Miss Whitby has developed miniature stages, representing scenes from the following: "As You Like It", "The Copperfield", "Maggie Standish", "King Robert of Sicily", "Death of Arthur". Those who participated in the display were Eleanor Parker, Mary Sleeper, Lena Dow, Rita Macdonald, Florence Thibets, June Jordan, Grace Perry and Mary Lovely.

One of the most recent soap displays was prepared by Miss Whiry's Junior Art Class. The following contributed to the display: Doris Cunningham, Ethel Cobb, Doris Frye, Virginia Bell, Payallis Allen, Bertha Frost, Ruth Gilpatric, Elmer Brown, Roberta French, Helen Knight, Louise Dwy, Barbara Gammons, Olive Draper, Ruth Hanson, Eleanor Back and Eleanor Buras.

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POETRY CLUB

Lost we forget! Two rural schools in West Stonewall, Maine, were not forgotten this Christmas. Eager to aid the less fortunate, the ever-alert Poetry Club asked its secretary, Elsie Hilyard, to write to the Maine Public Health Association in Augusta to obtain the names of schools whose pupils were in need of equipment. Every year the Poetry Club carries out a worthwhile project of this sort. Various articles, such as games, books, and clothing were collected and sent to special boxes to two teachers who distributed them accordingly. What a thrill that fifth grade pupil of Clara Knowles of Winterport must have had when she received her first sweater!

Hellen Abbott, class of '35, now in West Stoneham, was one of these teachers. Last year she was assistant editor of the "Oracle" Board. In appreciation of the gifts, Miss Abbott had her pupils write individual letters of thanks. Each child wrote on a subject, which he thought would interest the members of the Poetry Club. However, Miss Abbott must have felt that a club from her graduate school should remember her needy pupils!

Since the beginning of this Christmas season, a New Year’s party was held. We congratulate the Poetry Club and hope it will continue its significant work.

Following are two letters one from the teacher of the Winterport school and the other one from Miss Abbott’s pupils:

Winterport, Maine
January 19, 1936
My dear Miss Hilyard: The packages came the day after Christmas. As we were having our vacation I kept them until January tenth and gave the children a New Year’s Party. The Poetry Club could not have done a more appreciated act. Each gift was so nice and there were so many of them. The most delightful to me was in presenting the sweater to my fifth grade girl who had never had one of her own. Her eyes just beamed at the thought of something new and different. We are keeping the books and games at the schoolhouse so that each child may enjoy them. They have given much entertainment to the entire school.

The children and I feel very grateful to you for having been remembered so generously. We thank you and your club for the gifts.

Yours sincerely,
Clara M. Knowles.

West Stoneham, Maine
January 6, 1936
Dear Poetry Club: I thank you very much for what you sent. I like to color very much and the toothpaste will help me remember to wash my teeth twice a day. The last day of school we had an entertainment for our mothers and friends. There were twenty-four people here in all. We dramatized "A Christmas Carol" by Charles Dickens. We also sang some Christmas carols. Everyone brought a little gift for the Christmas tree and we exchanged them. Then we had candy, cookies, and orangeade. We think everyone had a good time.

Yours truly,
Wilma Warren.

THE BRAVEST MAN IN GORHAM

Shea walked into Lit. one day, ten minutes late. With pride, or need, or a note-book; and last but not least without a book which should have been present in his bookbag exactly two weeks before. On walking into the classroom his only remark was, "Good Morning."

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"Doctor, are you sure this is appendicitis?" asked the patient. "Sometimes doctors operate for appendicitis and the patients die of something else."

"Sir," replied the M.D. to the shaking Brooks, "When I operate for appendicitis, you die of appendicitis."

CAMPUS SONG HITS

"Strike Me Pink" Randall Staples
"Anything Goes", Inter-Class Basketball Inter-Club of "Gotta Go to Work Again" Returning Practice Teachers
"Hypnotized" Mary O'Sullivan
"The Girl with the Dreamy Eyes", Beverly Pray
"No Other One", That's what Doe says!
"Me and Marie"
"Love in Bloom" Charlie Loomis
"Finch and John Ham: Doe and "Pitty"; Polly Mcetalf and K. Brooks
"Let's Face the Music"
Those who skipped chapel, Mar. 5
"Where Am I?"

Gerber ordering penny candy in
Keeves!

"The Music Goes 'Round and 'Round", Glee S. Quartet
"Alone" Arthur Comeau
"Far into the Night" Eve of Exams
"Take Me Back to My Boots and Saddle", Fritzy Burr

"Stormy Weather"
Current Basketball Sousa

CAMPUS NOVEL HITS

"If This Be It!" Norman Provencher
"It Can’t Happen Here", Normal School Girls and Town Boys
"Iron Man" New York Gun Club of "Rousseau"
"So-Be-Die" Leslie Ross
"Barren Ground".
Brook’s brain upon close inspection

"Above the Dark Tumult", Mr. Wieden in Freshmen Introduction to Teaching

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Kentucky Boswell: "My room-mate is always asking for money. Why only yesterday he asked me for a dollar and today for fifty cents more."

"What does he do with it?" asked Brooks.

"I dunno," Boswell answered. "I don’t give him any."

Musical Moments, the final in a series of four entertainments, provided for the school through the Royal Lyceum Bureau of Boston, was presented by Andrew Di Crosta and Lenora Ferrari in Russell Hall, Tuesday evening, March 17th.

In this unique musical program was heard every instrument in the band, played by Mr. Di Crosta, and a masterly touch was given the accordion by Miss Ferrari. Miss Ferrari also charmed us with her beautiful soprano voice.

THE FACULTY FACTS

In a short time Normal Hill will be graced by a brand new Ford V8 driven by none other than our friend and instructor, Miss Miriam E. Andrews. This is to be her third car since she has been at Gorham. Her love of music is one of her many, many interests. Miss Andrews has done much in this work as the Director of Music of the Gorham School. She came here in February, 1924, after graduating from the Public School Music Course of the New England Conservatory of Music in Boston. Having studied voice with Jennie King Braden, Dupert Nelly of Portland, and Ivan Moorski, she taught in Brunswick for part of the year before coming to Gorham. She has been here ever since with the exception of two years spent in New York City. In 1924 she attended the Teachers’ College, Columbia University, and received her degree. Since then she has been a member of the New England Conservatory of Music at Boston, and at the Institute of Normal School Methods at Auburn, Mass.

An active member of the Rossini Club of Portland before coming to Gorham, Miss Andrews is at present a member of the Anhe Lyceum Club of Gorham and chairman for choral music of the Maine Federation of Music Clubs for Cumberland and York counties. She has also been active as a soloist at concerts and in the Columbus Avenue Unitarian Church, Boston, and the St. Paul’s Episcopal Church, Brunswick.

Miss Andrews tells us she can hardly wait till the ground is bare and dry again. Soon we will see her down on the hockey field trying a few practice shots at goal, her hobby. Another hobby, bridge, she utilizes during most of the long winter months.

Miss Andrews is active in extra-curricula musical activities and has produced many fine entertainments and productions of student drama. That many pupils have benefited by her musical influence on them is proven by the fact that several of our alumnae are holding positions as supervisors and instructors of music in normal schools and city positions.

The "Green and White" editorial board has been attempting to collect kodak pictures of Gorham Normal life for use in this year’s book. There has been practically no response on the part of the student body. The board wishes to call attention to the fact that kodak pictures cannot appear in the "Green and White" unless students give us prints to make them.

Extra!!

What’s this? Haven’t you seen the girls battling that feather that back of the arm and twirling a rubber ring? Why, Gorham has added Badminton and Deck Tennis to its extra-curricular sports already touched upon. Barbara Gunnman and Elinor Doloff are the leaders of these two amusing sports. Everyone is invited to come and try her skill.
WOMEN'S ATHLETICS

Basketball

The basketball season proved to be a great success. Led by two Deer­
ing High School players, Agnes Spink and Margaret Johnson, the Freshmen
marched off to victory by winning every game. The Juniors offered little resis­
tance at first, but toward the end they put up a hard struggle. Well, cheer up
Juniors, just wait until next year! Kervin­

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NORMAL SCHOOL HOLDS FIRST WINTER CARNIVAL

Sponsored by the athletic organizations of the G. N. S., Gorham's first winter carnival, held February 15, brought a day of laughs and spills. The events were held on campus and Normal Hill witnessed such a scene of sport and gaiety as it has not known for years. The activities were varied in form and included such events as a peanut hunt. The weather did its part to add to the fun by making the snow so sticky that a dash on skis was almost impossible. Trivial matters like that made little difference to the merry-makers, for everyone fell in with the spirit of the day and took his ducking as part of the fun.

There were several who emerged from the events covered with honors as well as snow. "Babe" Chapman, with a total of eight points, held high score for the girls. Among the boys, Arthur Boswell, Herb Libby and Bob Sample claimed high score with a total of four points each. The tie was broken by a race for a lollypop stuck in the snow. Here, Libby and Bob Sample were declared informally to his aid and motivated him so strongly that he had no difficulty in out-distancing the other on skis and took the coveted lollypop—also the championship.

After supper, fast games of volley ball were played in the gym. Then in the evening the entertainment in Robie Hall. Members of the faculty enjoyed before in the reception room, while "The Boys Enjoy Keene-Salem Trip". It is a Valentine's day dance, with music by Evelyn Thomas, Keith Crockett, Kervin Ellis, and John Groffle.

The committees who planned the carnival and dance included Elinor Burns, Keith Crockett, Kervin Ellis, Ethel Chapman, Mac Gardner, Howard Libby, Arthur Boswell, Josephine Pyska, Margaret Harvey, Lawrence Purbeck, Reginald Edwards, and Sally Thing.

BOYS ENJOY KEENE-SALEM TRIP

January 17 was an exciting day for the boys, coaches and several rooting fans because they were to leave on a trip that would take them to Keene Normal School. Salem Teachers' College for two of the big annual basketball games.

The trip to Keene required about six hours, during which the boys amused themselves with newspaper comics, dime magazines, cards and original versions of modern songs. At 5:30, Keene came into view and the boys became more cheerful because they knew that their stomachs which had long been empty, would soon be replenished.

The game was called at 7:45 and the spectators, mostly Keene students, soon found themselves sitting on the edges of their seats in the excitement of the game. The first half was close, with Gorham taking a prompt lead and ending 15-18, Gorham; at the end of the third quarter Keene had a slight lead, 29-27. The last quarter was disastrous for Gorham and Keene won 42-37. Captain Ham played a good game as usual with Gerber high scorer. Higgins helped to keep his team up by his splendid one-handed long shots, while Austin seemed never to tire in his excellent defense work. Bachereld played in grand style at center.

After the game the team enjoyed a pleasant dip in the swimming tank and then, after finding their rooms, went downtown for a lunch.

The next morning we were surprised and somewhat disappointed to see it snowing. Our trip to Salem wouldn't be so pleasant. But the dull weather didn't seem to hurt the spirits of the boys for they had a new supply of magazines and burst out occasionally with new song versions.

We stopped at Fitchburg, Mass., for dinner and were delighted informally by our Coach that we didn't get back to the bus at a certain time we would have the possibility of the rest of the road. The (Coach, himself, was five minutes late, but the bus was still there.)

We reached Salem without mishap at 4:15 P.M., after six hours of hard traveling and were greeted by the Salem girls with an appetizing lunch. Incidentally. "Babe" Chapman, a trip that would take them to Keene required about six hours, didn't win.