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GLEE CLUBS ENTERTAIN SCHOOL
In place of the usual operetta the combined Glee Clubs presented last night in Russell Hall a series of episodes entitled "In An Old Antiquite Shop". Old-fashioned songs by the chorus and quartet, old-fashioned gowns, and memories; that was the theme of the entertainment.

The entire action took place in an antique shop which was run by two very modern girls. Ruth Bailey and Frances Huse. Here the spinner, Louise Dow, came and told of her tasks; here the prairie mother, Blanche Hutchins, told of the long hard trip to the west. An old-fashioned mother, Faith Shupe, rocked her baby to sleep, and many other people of long ago came and sang or told their stories. Exquisite paisley shawls, a dainty fan, a little wooden cradle, an old armchair, all served to bring back memories of by-gone days.

All details of the entertainment were skillfully worked out, even to the costumes of the ushers and pianist. Although this was somewhat of a departure from the usual operetta, it was a delightful entertainment. Miss Andrews is indeed to be congratulated for her skillful directorship of so interesting and colorful a presentation.

LAMBDA PI SIGMA FRATERNITY PRESENTS MINSTRELS OF 1935
Something different but entirely unique in its presentation and talent was the Variety Minstrels of 1935 held in Russell Hall, Wednesday, March 27, by members of the Lambda Pi Sigma Fraternity.

Under the able direction of Mrs. Marion Sylvain, a most entertaining evening was afforded those present. Under the spell of the charm of these delightful entertainers, thoughts of on-coming tests faded into the echoes of their humorous vocal renditions. The auditorium was constantly filled with the merriment of the audience. Hal Hallett, president of the Variety Minstrels, gave a welcome and介绍了 the evening's entertainment. Miss Andrews is indeed to be congratulated for her skillful directorship of so interesting and colorful a presentation.

MR. SLOAT TO BE MARRIED
Mr. Chester S. Sloat is to be married to Miss Adelaide C. Turner of Bennington, Vermont, Saturday morning, April 6. Mr. Sloat is the English teacher at Gorham.

DELEGATES TO EASTERN STATES' CONVENTION ELECTED
Frances E. Huse and John E. Ham were selected by popular vote to represent Gorham Normal School at the Convention of the Eastern-States' Association in New York City, April 12.14.

Frances E. Huse is editor-in-chief of the Oracle and has been prominent in the social affairs of the school. She had a role in the operetta which was presented last night.

John E. Ham is president of his class and has been elected president of the Commuters' Club for next year. He has been prominent in school athletics and is business manager of the Green and White.

The delegates will leave Portland on the State of Maine Express, Thursday, April 11, accompanied by Miss Esther Wood and Mr. Louis Woodward of the faculty. While there, the four representatives will stay at the McAlpin Hotel.

During the Friday and Saturday morning sessions, student conferences will be held, the representatives from the Normal Schools and Teachers' Colleges will be called upon to discuss assigned topics.

GORHAM STUDENTS ELECT CLASS LEADERS
Hear ye, faculty, students, and friends of Gorham Normal! Class officers for the year 1935 have been elected. The names of the chosen ones are listed below. We take this opportunity to congratulate the young ladies and gentlemen and to wish them luck in leading their classes to the Hall of Fame and taking their place in the History of Gorham Normal.

Advance Seniors:
President, Norman Piaisted, Jay
Vice President, Dwight Webb, Gorham
Secretary, John Massey, Lubec
Treasurer, Margaret Loring, Gray

Mid-Seniors:
President, John Ham, Portland
Vice President, Reginald Edwards, Machinic Falls
Secretary, Helene Smith, Hull's Cove
Treasurer, Eleanor Parker, Gorham

Seniors:
President, Gwendolyn Elwell, Buxton
Vice President, Hilma Smith, Hollis
Secretary, Bertha Bridges, Newfield
Treasurer, Evelyn Moulton, Hiram

Juniors:
President, Stanley Gay, Rockland
Vice President, Sally Thong, Waterville
Secretary, Almyr Hamlin, Gorham
Treasurer, Bunice Kelley, Biddeford, Massachusetts

The students and faculty of Gorham Normal School wish to extend their deepest sympathy to Sera Jensen and her family during this time of great sorrow.
Music in the Curriculum of the Modern School

Since its introduction into the school program, music has from time to time undergone various changes in aim, content of the course of study, and methods of teaching. It has, however, attained viritity as a school subject only within the past few years — years which have witnessed its expansion from compulsory chorus meetings once or twice a week without credit to credit offerings in theory, history, appreciation, instrumental and vocal music.

This expansion, within so brief a span of years, has witnessed a change in the concept of why music should receive a place in the schedule of courses no less amazing than the growth in the number of its offerings. Formerly included for so-called disciplinary values, its chief purpose of late is held to provide a cultural means of increasing pleasure, particularly in leisure time, thus extending its influence beyond the confines of the schoolroom into the life of the community at large.

It all resolves itself into two main objectives of the course of study in music in public education: first, to give the great mass of people such an understanding and appreciation of good music that they will gain pleasure through listening to it and through participation in its performance; second, to provide suitable training for the boys and girls who show marked musical talent and interest. Recognition of these objectives means that the teacher must evolve plans designed to care for the large number of citizens who are consumers of music rather than producers and for the smaller group who wish to cultivate musical talent from the standpoint of the amateur performer. Yet at the same time, courses must provide proper means of development for future leaders in music.

The need of music in the school is readily apparent, but to fulfill its highest purpose it must be well taught. The present crisis in education will not be altogether in vain if it serves to arouse in teachers of music the will to correct defects now evident in the instruction of their subject, and causes them to reconstruct their course to meet the challenge of a changing social and economic world.

COMMUTERS' CLUB HAVE DINNER

A delicious dinner was served in the Home Economics department of Corthell Hall Friday, March 22. Almost every member was present. Members of the committee in charge will be interested to know that the affair was pronounced the most delightful of any held this year by the club.

We extend our deepest gratitude to Miss Esther Wood of the faculty who, as in our previous club activities, proved to be most helpful in making the dinner a success. Thank you, Miss Wood.

LIBRARY NOTES

Did you know that we have in our pay collection a new novel written by a Gorham Normal School graduate? Well, we have, and the New York Times says it is "the best of recent New England novels." It is entitled "Shipmates," and the author is Isabel Hopefull Carter. It is a thrilling story of the seafaring folk of Maine a half century ago.

We wonder how many have read "Jungle Peace" since it was called to your attention. If you haven't, you have a treat in store for you. After the first few pages, you will be surprised to see how captivating the story can be a true account of the author's expedition to the jungles of British Guiana. Have you not sometimes felt that you would like to know more about birds, animals, and flowers? If so, this book was written especially for you.

"Oh look at that chaeseboum over there!"

Ellery Huff: "Yeah, I wish it were a rabbit hound; and then it could find my "Bunny" for me!"

THE QUESTION BOX

1. There are quite a number of boys taking meals at the dormitory. Often time they are delayed at school or cannot easily go home to wash their meals. Why can’t the boys have the use of the wash room in East Hall? They will not harm it and will co-operate in keeping it tidy.

2. There is ample provision made in Corthell or at their rooming houses for the boys to wash. After all, East Hall is a girls’ dormitory and the boys are only permitted to go there for meals.

3. We enjoyed seeing the flag out Feb. 12th. Why can’t it be out every day?

4. Why does Gorham Normal School hold school on George Washington’s birthday?

5. Quite a number of years ago the students of the school voted to go to school on Washington’s birthday if they might have the Friday after Thanksgiving off. Students have expressed no desire to change back to the other way.

6. Why should eleven o’clock dances effect meals?

The expenses of keeping lights on another hour must be met somehow, and this seemed the most reasonable way to meet it. "You can’t have your cake and eat it, too."

7. Just what is courtesy?

A definition of courtesy found on the Riveus page of the Express is, "True courtesy is the outward expression of a sincere consideration for others which arises spontaneously from a kind heart. It is essential to every walk of life. It is a quality necessary for our advancement in the business world." If this is the standard set up by Cheverus for its students, is it too high for the students of Gorham Normal School?

THE GOLDFISH

Four goldfish swim in their glass closed pool;

Forty pupils sit at their seats in school.

The goldfish dive and play in their cell;

The pupils yawn, awaiting the bell.

The goldfish ignore Mr. Woodward’s voice;

The pupils hear, for they have no choice.

Their to bear Spinoza and Kant the Mild,

With category and thesis piled.

God grant us all the grace to hold

Theories of Plato, Hegel, and Nietzsche the Bold.

As these poor goldfish hear, days on end,

Syntheses they do not comprehend!

McAllister

(In appreciation Mr. Woodward has added a fourth verse.)

Too bad that those who envy so

The goldfish in his "cell."

Could not to goldfish be transformed.

It seems they might as well.
THE ORACLE

FACULTY FACTS

In the graduating class of '26, Miss Esther Wood received a diploma and with it a degree, Bachelor of Arts, in recognition of four years' work at Colby College, where she majored in the study of Latin.

After graduation time one is allowed to turn back the pages of the past before a commencement of the new. With mixed feelings of justifiable pride, happiness, and some regrets, she reviewed the college years just completed.

Field hockey had been fun. She had played hard and well. Affairs of the House Committee under her administration, as president, had not always been pleasant to conduct; but in retrospect they seemed duties faithfully performed. Her arduousness was more than compensated by membership in Phi Beta Kappa and Delta Delta Delta, honorary societies.

As for History, a bore! Such a bore! How she disliked it, skimpered on study, couldn't bring herself to like it. Dull facts about musty people and no end of dates; all perfectly senseless, she was sure. But after one year a experience teaching in Miss Hall's Private School in Pittsfield, Massachusetts, a sensation was removed and History became interesting. Enough so that she pursued the study at Radcliffe College, for which she received a Master's Degree. Now she is one of our G. N. S. faculty and we are glad of it. History in her courses becomes alive and interesting. No one ever intentionally turns down a chance for a history date with Miss Wood.

SPRING CHANGES

The sahity quiet snow
Has turned to giggling glee;
She's now a silver streamlet
That frolics toward the sea.
The giant wind that boldly
Ruled the earth is now
A little bashful, wistful sigh
Hiding in a bough.
The scornful sun is friendly:
The moon no longer sane.
What will, what will become of me
When touched by April rain?

Barrie (Barrie is the pen name of a talented student.)

HAVE YOU ONE

Attractive! Beautiful! Strong enough to stand any amount of wear to which the pretty young lassies of G. N. S. may put them as through masculine hands they pass into circulation. What? the class rings and pins.

The gold pins are rectangular in shape
With black enamel covering the slight elevation in the center. An old English "G" is placed in the middle under which are Gothic-shaped letters "N" and "S." Attached is a good chain which connects a gold guard bearing the number "35." The rings have the same design.

The pendants are of a different pattern but equally as attractive. In the center is imprinted a torch-like emblem. This, I suppose, is to remind the wearer that his aspirations must ever burn as a torch.

Miss Turner is assistant librarian in Bennington, Vermont. Miss Turner was formerly assistant librarian in Bennington, Vermont.

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WOMEN'S ATHLETICS
VOLLEY BALL

The volley ball tournament between the Bops, Flops, Cops, and the Topos has drawn to a close, and it is with pleasure that we hail the Bops as winners of this tournament. Congratulations!

From these four teams, class teams were selected and the lucky ones chosen to play on the teams were, for the seniors, Capt. Hertha Bridges, Ella Johnson, Henrietta Lidback, Claire Cotteral, Margery Douglas, Gwendolyn Elwell, Ethel Chapman, Mary Lovejoy, Emma Martin. Substitutes, Katherine True, Glennis Flint, and Sena Jensen, and for the juniors, Capt. Ruth Palmer, Olive Draper, Frances Merrill, Eldora Lidback, Mary Shepherd, Ruth Hanscom, Eleanor Burnes, Barbara Gammons, Margery Johnson. Substitutes, Dorothy Hunter, Dorothy Miller, and Frances Oliver. The advance seniors have helped to form the senior team. With Emma Martin acting as volley ball counselor, the two class teams played three games.

The points awarded toward the big interclass cup for the girls now stand:
- Advance Seniors: 3
- Seniors: 12
- Juniors: 10

In order to round out the season the girls' volley ball teams had a banquet Tuesday evening, March 26. At this time Ruth Palmer was elected as the new volley ball counselor for the coming year. Thus another successful season of winter sports comes to a close, and it is with eager anticipation that we turn our attentions to the spring activities that will soon be under way.

GIRLS' BASEBALL

Listen, girls! Have you heard about spring baseball? If you haven't, read carefully the tonic we prescribe for all of you to take after spring vacation. "All girls, good, bad, or indifferent, indulge in an hour of baseball on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:30 to 4:30. If the weather is unfavorable, the tonic should be taken on the Athletic field; if the weather is unfavorable it should be taken in the gym." With Evelyn Moulton as chief administrator of this tonic we hope to see many "Babes" and "Dizzies" in action. Be a sport! Come back to school ready to take your dose!

TENNIS

Tennis practice will begin for all girls the first week after vacation if the weather permits, under the supervision of Miss Flint and Eleanor Dolloff, the tennis counselor.

This year we are to have ladder tennis tournaments as before; both singles and doubles. At the end of the school year a cup will be awarded to the person who wins the tournament for her class. Look for the exact date! It will be posted on the bulletin boards. Watch for news regarding the tournaments so you may do your share in winning the cup for your class.

MEN'S ATHLETICS

NOW IT'S INDOOR BASEBALL

There's always something new under the sun! Last fall indoor baseball was the vogue for several days and some fertile brain conceived the idea of playing a regulation indoor baseball game in the gym. The aforementioned took place Saturday evening, March 9, before a large crowd of perhaps twenty-five people.

Sponsored by the Athletic Association and boasting many prominent names in the competing line-ups, the "Hams" and the "Chaps" played a double-header. Unfortunately the "Hams" were all that the name would imply and were twice defeated.

Mr. Packard called the balls and strikes and was soundly booed by the gallery, while Miss Flint umpired on bases. A rubber volley ball was used in place of an indoor baseball and the teams were made up of both men and women. "Smoke" Johnson pitched for the "Hams", while "Dazzy" Shephard twirled for the victorious "Chaps".

After the game a dance was held in Center and was well attended.

SMALL-SCHOOL TOURNAMENT A SUCCESS

The fourth Annual Gorham Normal Basketball Tournament was held March 1st and 2nd, and was a big success in every way.

Under the efficient supervision of Coach Wieden the contest ran smoothly to its close. Proof of its being the most closely-contested tournament in history lies in the fact that the winner, Cape Elizabeth, took all of its games by three points or less. Not reckoned on as even a close contender, the Cape quintet showed an aggressive, smart defense and offense, and in every instance overcame a first half lead to eke out a win. Such a team cannot but command our respect.

Perhaps the most thrilling game of the tourney took place between Cape Elizabeth and Gorham High. Gorham, champions for the last two years and favored to take this year's honors, sprang into an early lead and seemed to be able to hold it. At this juncture Knight, a forward, and Fitzmorris, a guard, left the game on fouls and the team's offense seemed to slow down while the Cape sped up with every minute. At the end of the regular game the score was tied at 21 all, and an overtime period was necessary before the final score became 24 to 21 in favor of Cape Elizabeth.

The All-Tournament Team was picked as follows: Forwards – Knight, Gorham, and Charlton, Gorham; guards – Van Blaricum, Cape Elizabeth, and Boulter, Buxton; center – Ekland, Standish, Boulter, a 220-pound center, was the Buxton star and was named as honorary captain of the "All Star" team.

Gorham may well be proud of the systemati and orderly way in which Mr. Wieden and members of the squad conducted this tournament which to quote the words of the Press Herald is "one of the best run tournaments in the state".

ALUMNI

The tournament followed by the spring thaw brought a lot of old grads back to Normal Hill. Two of the guests seen around the dormitory recently were Helen Bruce '34 and Clara Waterman '28. Other familiar faces seen on the campus include Harold Brawn of the class of '35, Joseph Laiz also of '35, and Daniel Wight, Paul Boothby, Daniel Snow—all of '34.

Your reporter, Always A-Listenin'

EXCHANGE

TO THE LOG OF
SALISBURY STATE TEACHERS' COLLEGE:

Your clever cartoons brought back pleasant memories of a good game to your G. N. S. rivals.

F. S. N. S. MIRROR, FARMINGTON, MAINE

The latest F. S. N. S. Mirror includes a most interesting pictorial section showing people and places prominent in the history of Farmington Normal School.

Congratulations! We are pleased to hear that "The Mirror" took a prize in the Columbia Contest.