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THE CIVIC COMMITTEE

In the fall of 1928 the Civic Committee was organized. It is the outstanding representative body of the school, and it represents a democratic principle in Gorham Normal School. It is made up of delegates from every class and club in the school. Once a student is a member, he is always a member.

The purpose of the Civic Committee is to arouse a consciousness on the part of each and every student of Gorham Normal School, good citizenship of our Normal School community, to create a desire to be a good citizen, and to encourage the practice of the civic virtues-honesty, thoroughfulness and courtesy—in the school building, on the school grounds, in the dormitories and off the campus. It is designed to encourage student discussion and solution of school problems as they arise. The club has assumed such annual responsibilities as Superintendents Day, which will be held next month, and the arrangement of chapel programs given by various clubs. Each year the club sends two delegates to New York to the spring student convention.

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GLEE CLUBS PRESENT MUSICAL PROGRAM AT CRAWFORD

On September 29, 1935, the educational leaders of New England gathered for their annual Conference of Educational Opinion at the Crawford House, Crawford Notch, New Hampshire. This conference is one of the greatest educational factors in the New England States. The present charter members established the organization several years ago. Massachusetts has the largest number of members while Maine stands third. If some members pass away during the year, new ones are added so that each state will have its same quota each year. Well known Maine members are Dr. Walter E. Russell of Gorham, Commissioner Bertram E. Packard of Augusta, Wilbur B. Mitchell of Brunswick, and John T. Gyger of Portland.

This year the Gorham Normal School Glee clubs presented an interesting musical program at the conference under the direction of Miss Miriam E. Andrews of the Normal School and Mr. Harrison C. Lysest of Augusta.

The program was as follows:

PART I

Explanation .... Arnold Walker
Musical of Early American Schools:
(Directed by Mr. Harrison C. Lysesth)
Round
Those Who Wish to Sing with Pleasure
Singing School Favorites
.... Invictus
Gratitude
Jordan
Religious Music
Windsor
York
A Psalm of David
Round
Happy Ones, Come Sing Together

PART II

Music of the Modern American Schools:
(Directed by Miss Miriam Andrews)
Inevitable (Huhn)
Nearer, My God, to Thee (Lowell Mason)
Malo Quartet
Violin Solo
Virginia Hagen
Vocal Solo
Virginia Brown
Processional
Miriem (Mendelssohn)
Glee Clubs
Cornet Solo
(Prayer Perfect)
Kervin Ellis
Evening Wind
Glee Clubs

FRESHMEN WELcomed

It is a real pleasure to welcome freshmen and other new students into Gorham Normal School. We have already found our associations with them very pleasing and it seems to us that the present class is of outstanding ability. We wish them success and happiness in their undertakings here.

The new class this year has a total membership of 125 out of the 266 enrolled in the school at the time we go to press, thus outnumbering last year's class by fifteen.

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ORBHAM NORMAL WELCOMES MISS EAMES

The faculty and student body of Gorham Normal School, through the pages of the Oracle, would like to extend to Miss Marjory Eames of Newfane, Vermont, a warm welcome to our school and best wishes for her success here.

Already her quiet presence is seen presiding over the school library as she checks, plans, and directs the work to be accomplished there. Her persuasive powers will not fail to enforce the "Silence is golden" maxim during the hours of study, we ascertained, as we watched her procedure from table to table.

Miss Eames is succeeding Miss Lydia Jenks as chief librarian and instructor of Library Science. Besides being a graduate of Middlebury College and Pratt Institute of Library Science, Miss Eames has attended summer sessions at Columbia University, Summer School, Yale University, and American Institute of Normal School Methods at Amherst College, Mass. Her experience previous to her entrance at G. N. S. has been manifold. She has taught at Barton Academy, Vermont, Maynard Senior High School in Massachusetts, and Wetherfield Senior High School, Connecticut.

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VALUE OF A SCHOOL PAPER

It has come to our attention that the advantages of a school paper are often held in question—sometimes by those outside of school, too often perhaps, by those within the school. It seems to us that every school should support a paper, even to the point of considering it as important as school athletics. It builds up interest in school affairs and brings out a great many talents in student editors and reporters. It is of value both to those producing it and to those receiving it.

Let us take its value to the staff itself as one point. It is obvious that there is rich training in the writing of articles, being able to interview people intelligently, and in managing and printing the paper. An editorial must contain helpful facts for the students, the news must be fresh, and, in general, the paper must be interesting and entertaining. That all these things may be possible, members of the staff must be trained, or, at least, must train themselves, to use discretion as to material for the paper and so write such material that it will please the readers.

The value of a school paper to the student may be reckoned in terms of his interest in the affairs of the school and of his pleasure in reading about himself and his friends. Who does not enjoy seeing his name in print? On the other hand a student may keep his school paper as a "mem-book." Thus he will have reminders of all the pleasant activities at school carefully recorded in a series of neat-appearing school papers.

A student paper is really important to a school. It should be carefully handled by conscientious students; and a loyal student body should support its paper by offering helpful suggestions and by purchasing copies each time it is published.

DAYS
Days! "Daughters of Time, the hypocritic Days—" Emerson once called them when trying to define the twenty-four hours that so softly close the pages of the story of student years. Yes, Days! But a new day is dawning! With the ascension of the sun o'er the horizon, ambitious girls and boys began their steady march to a goal of achievement when they matriculated at our American institutions of higher education this September. Whether it be at a university, a college, or a normal school, the selection of a course of study by these freshmen begins the advance- ment that will certainly be theirs, when by the conscientious endeavors of their own minds, the inductive influence of teachers, textbooks and friends, they keep in time and struggle onward.

There is something admirable in the person who assumes the duties of his vocation with confidence, intelligence, and a high sense of personal responsibility; who ignores the temptation to give up, to slow down, to desert; who, all the while, keeps in step and marks time. It does take courage, determination, and will power. But the exertive force that is utilized in accomplishing this end develops a character a little stronger, perhaps a bit more beautiful than the one possessed by the youth when he first entered the school. To put into each day the best results of tedious preparation on their part inures a feeling of satisfaction that education surely must bring to one who is interested. Then and only then will the educational symposium set forth by these youthful hearts emulate the future now envisioned through their idealistic, expectant eyes.

In retrospective review three or four years hence will parade before them the inspirations, ideals, successes, and failures that have been theirs every day. Then will the hours of study, sacrifices, kindness to others, faithfulness of duty, mount to a glorious finale as the much-coveted diploma is offered them and "Congratulations" are whispered through the spacious auditorium. It is then that neglected opportunities will magnify and disclose themselves into the cold realization that theirs were days actually wasted.

Do not have your days such, fresh-men of our schools. Make your days into living pictures of hours well-spent, and climax each with the silent words "I have done my best."

THE QUESTION BOX

For the benefit of all new students, we call your attention to this column. In the future we will publish here questions with their answers. So that the questions will be those of the students, we are asking you to place all questions concerning the school in the "Oracle" box located in the west end of the library.

This question must not be of a kind that will hurt any member of the school, or will in any way lower the standard of Normal. "The Oracle" will have the privilege of deciding which questions to print, because it is the desire of the paper that this material be informative rather than critical.

In order that no misunderstanding will arise, each student that places a question must sign his or her name as well as a pen name, if so desired. This pen name will be used upon the publication of the question.

This department was created for the use and enjoyment of all students. To insure its presence in each issue, your co-operation is necessary.

LIBRARY NOTES

The librarian wishes to call attention of the students to the new material which is being added to the vertical file picture collection. Special attention is being given to illustrations of literary, political and scientific topics of interest. This material may be loaned for a limited time and may be especially useful in practice teaching.

The Library Club has continued the Book Exchange which has enabled students to secure a limited supply of second-hand books at reduced prices. The books are kept in the library class room when a member of the class is in charge. At other times they are kept in the rear room, as well as a pen name, if so desired. This name will be used upon the publication of the question.

The new "Readers' Guide to Periodical Literature" has been received in the library. This is an author and subject index to periodicals from July, 1932, to June, 1935.

A new book display case is being made for the library by the Industrial Arts students. Please watch this for new books ready for circulation or reference books on timely topics.

GORHAM COMMUNITY CLUB GIVES RECEIPT TO FACULTY AND STUDENTS OF GORHAM NORMAL SCHOOL

On Saturday evening, September 21, the teachers and students of Gorham Normal School and also teachers of the town schools wore guests at a reception given by the Community Club of Gorham. The guests were introduced to the members of the receiving line, which included, among others, Doctor and Mrs. Walter E. Russell. Refreshments were served and a fine musical program was presented by the Gorham Community Orchestra under the direction of Ernest W. Wiggin of Gorham.
**THE ORACLE**

**FACULTY FACTS**

We are at the Portland airport in the summer as a gray speck has come out of the west. The surging crowd cheers madly as the first plane to fly around the world on a regularly established air route nears the airport. Among the first to alight is that ardent lover of travel, Miss Gertrude L. Stone, a member of the faculty of the Gorham Normal School.

"It was a wonderful trip—all the way around the world—and in only ten days."

Miss Stone is enthusiastic over her trip that she tells us that she has already completed plans for another. If this sounds fantastic to any of our readers in this year 1935, talk with Miss Stone and ask her what she is going to do in 1939. She will answer smilingly, "Fly around the world in ten days by the regularly established airways which, it is confidently predicted, will be ready for us by that time."

If you need a speaker for a club meeting program, ask Miss Stone to tell you about one of her many trips to Europe, or about her rather extensive rovings through the United States and Canada. Miss Stone thoroughly enjoys all means of travel—motor, railway, steamship, and airplane.

Few teachers bring to their classes such a wealth of experience as Miss Stone; as Miss Stone. She is a graduate of the Farmington Normal School; has her B.S. and M.A. degrees from Teachers' College, Columbia University; and has taken lecture courses at Oxford University, Oxford, England. With the exception of a few years of teaching in Kent Hall Seminary, all of Miss Stone's teaching has been in the Gorham Normal School.

We are proud to have benefited from this fact is shown by the large group of alumnae and alumni who always hunt up Miss Stone upon their return to the Normal School to express their appreciation of what she has meant to them as a teacher and a friend.

**GORHAM NORMAL GIRLS WIN HONORS**

Eleanor Buck, a member of the junior class, recently won second prize in the Maine essay contest of the National Audubon Society. The subject of her essay was "We Should Protect the American Eagle."

Late this summer Miss Retta MacDonald was chosen as a representative from New England to the National Student Executive meeting held at the Peddie School, Highland, New Jersey.

We are proud that Gorham Normal School students have received such honors.

**SCHOOL CLUBS START ACTIVITIES**

The Dramatic Club has organized this year with Mr. John Rand as its president. Several meetings have been held and new members have joined the club. Mr. Sleet commented, "It was selected from the new members with the help of Miss Upton. On September 24 an excellent banquet was served in East Hall dining room."

The Poetry Club, which is so popular among the girls of the school, started its activities on September 21st. It was organized for the old members. Since then membership has been given to eight junior and ten freshmen.

The orchestra has been greatly enlarged this year. The new students have brought into the orchestra a greater variety of instruments than in previous years. We are sure Miss Andrews will build from this selection an orchestra worthy of a school.

The Library Club is under the new leadership of Miss Eames this year. It held its first meeting Tuesday night, September 24, with Miss Buck, vice-president, as chairman.

Miss Andrews had to organize the Glee Club this year. In order to prepare a musical program to be presented during the September Conference of Education, the Crawford House, Crawford Notch, New Hampshire. The clubs motored there by bus Sunday, September 29.

The Alpha Lambda Beta and Lambda Pi Sigma fraternities have held their first meetings and are preparing for the initiation of new members.

The Commuters' Club has organized this year under the leadership of Bertha Frost, vice-president. The club is looking forward to a successful season with a possible membership of about seventy-five.

The Outdoor Club has begun its season with its usual activities.

The Y. W. C. A. and the House Committee began their season by giving the freshmen a reception in the first day of school.

**TO THE FRESHMEN!**

Does something grip you here at Normal? Or does it seem we are more formal than some dear friends you left behind, friends who were good and true and kind?

You left for fields that glow anew,

New friendships that are just as true;

Till spirit gripping you and hard,

The found friends to forget the past.

On our walks hath Friendship a Crown;

Not Autumnal colors of gold and brown;

But a ribbon band of Green and White,

To guide us on, a beacon light!

Y. K. E. Higgins.

**TWO POPULAR MEN ABOUT THE CAMPUS RECENTLY MARRIED**

A few weeks before school opened this fall the wedding of Samuel Barber and Helen Braun was held.

Mrs. Barber was graduated from Bangor High School, and later, in 1927, from Gorham Normal School. She was the Editor-in-Chief of the "Green and White" in 1927. Since then she has attended the Rhode Island State University and University of Maine summer courses.

A short honeymoon in Canada, Mrs. Barber returned to her teaching position in the Richmond Junior High School, R. I., and Mr. Barber returned to Gorham Normal School to complete his third year in the Industrial Arts Course.

A few days after graduation last June, John Rand took as his bride, Miss Ernestine Chase of Portland. Miss Chase was graduated from Portland High School in 1931, and, until her marriage to Mr. Rand, was employed in the advertising office of Portland's "Daily Press." Mr. Rand will finish his third year at Gorham Normal School next June.

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Because beginning this year only three-year courses are being offered, the new students are known as Freshmen. Previously, the offering of both two and three-year courses necessitated the designations of Juniors, Mid-Seniors, and Seniors. This is the first step in Gorham Normal School's progress toward its goal: becoming Gorham State Teachers' College. Naturally, we students are eagerly looking forward to the day when we may return to Gorham to receive degrees.

**"MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING"**

Miss Keene: "If you had to break one of your ribs, which would you choose?"

Junior Cub: "I'd break my spare rib."

Teacher: "The village was filled with rumors; Miss Rowe, what is a rumor?"

Miss Rowe: "It's a person who rents a place to live in."

At the softball game during Dr. Russell's Day a few weeks ago, Ruth Palmer showed rare ability in "sliding bases," which she did several times at first base.

The four-year-old daughter of one of our faculty members made the comment, "I—think—she—likes— to sit on a pillow. I call it a pillow. What do you call it?"

"Commuter: "It must be hard, sleeping in the dormitory!"

Dorm Freshie: "Treadful! Why, last night I nearly drowned!"

Commuter: "How?"

D. F.: "The pillow slipped, the covers spread, and I fell into the spring."

Murder in Literature Class.

Miss Lewis: "Who killed Cock Robin?"

Miss Gardiner: "I killed Cock Robin."

English teacher: "What is an interlocutor?"

Bright student: "That's the word you use when you can't spell the other one."

"JoJo" Pyska: "Can you drive with one hand?"

A. Hamblen: "Sure!"

J. Pyska: "Have an apple!"

Teacher (reading): "The night was drenched in darkness. No moon! No stars! All that could be heard was a forlorn moaning. Two figures crept stealthily out of the darkness. The town clock struck 'one.'"

Pupil (breathlessly): "Which one?"

"Mug" Curley: "Who do you think will win the next election?"

Miss Cauter: "For President!"

Miss Cauter: "Yes!"

Miss Cauter: "Huey Long."

Keth Crockett: "Did you pass the hearing test, Miss Keene?"

Miss Keene: "Of course I did! I have 'Keene' hearing!"

**NEW TEACHERS AT GORHAM NORMAL TRAINING SCHOOL**

The opening of the fall term of the Gorham Normal Training school found the addition of several new members of the faculty. Four of these are graduates of the Gorham Normal School, the Misses Madeline Doten, Mary Peabody, Faith Graves and Charlotte Mitchell. The mathematical department is headed by Miss Lona Pride.
WOMEN'S ATHLETICS

Under the autumn sky on Gorham campus our athletically-inclined girls are seen racing here and there with all the American enthusiasm they can muster for outdoor sports. First in line is tennis. On these excellent courts of ours we see Marjorie Johnson, "Penny" Oliver, Lot Lindenberger and others valiantly defending their records. Other courts are occupied during study periods, noon hour, and after classes by our first year girls who likewise are eager to perfect their games. Intramural meets between juniors and freshmen which are to be events of the near future should serve as a special treat to those who occupy the sidelines.

Down on the athletic field there is hockey which never fails to evoke a large response from our girls. Trim and neat in their blue, orchid, or green uniforms, they make an attractive picture as they dash across the field after the ball. Class competition should run high here. The freshmen, juniors, and seniors have fairly competent teams to represent them on the field.

Basketball is, in the opinion of this reporter, the most popular girls' activity at Gorham. Already freshmen have made inquiries and are eager to participate in the regular teams that will soon be formed. Archery is the preference of many. Archery practice takes place at three-thirty every afternoon. Special classes are being held every Tuesday and Thursday afternoon for girls interested in clogging and dancing. Then there are those horseback riding enthusiasts who go riding every week. Are you one of these? If you are, then you'll enjoy these outings.

Our athletic program is broad enough to appeal to the majority of girls. Come on, girls, show your outdoor spirit; play out of doors and be happy!

MEN'S ATHLETICS

Gorham's fall and winter sports program has begun and it looks as if we are going to see several new faces among the boys wearing the green and white. This is especially true of the cross country team which had only two men left from last year. Not much has been heard from Mr. Wieden's basketball boys as yet, but there are many eager applicants waiting for try-out time. It seems certain that the coach will find room and use for new material this year.

CROSS COUNTRY

Here it is again, folks, "the call to cross country." Over the hills, down the lane, through the trees, past the pond, out onto the state road, and again a Gorham team pulls through.

On September 2, Coach Packard called his candidates out for cross country to find that only two of last year's speedy outfits, that tasted defeat only once, remained. Now our new body is building another smashing machine. We're hoping to have another glorious season!

DR. RUSSELL'S DAY

Something new and different, but entirely acceptable, if we are to judge the enthusiastic presence of the student body, was "Dr. Russell's Day," held September 14. This was a day set aside by the Gorham Normal Athletic Association for the purpose of creating a better spirit and attitude toward our athletic activities. Karlton Higgins and Ethel Chapman were co-chairmen for the event.

The program, well planned to meet the approval of all concerned, included a hike to the fair grounds, in the morning, where a track meet was held for men and women. Lunch was followed by more outdoor activities including softball and tennis.

A banquet was held in East Hall at 6 o'clock with Arthur Comeau as toastmaster. "Who has not heard of Dr. Russell, Miss Flint, Mr. Wieden, Miss Chapman, and Mr. Higgins. After the banquet two games of basketball were played in the gym. These exciting features were followed by a dance in Center. Keith Selwood's orchestra played.

We congratulate the Committee who made this day possible and look forward to future "Dr. Russell Days."

TENNIS TOURNAMENTS

Boys and girls alike are playing snappy games of tennis every day in the tennis tournament sponsored by the athletic associations. For the girls there are beginners' and advanced players' singles; for everybody, mixed-doubles. The latter form of tennis is very desirable because of the team work necessary.

This year the Girls' Athletic Association has elected three assistant tennis counsellors to assist Elinor Dolloff. They are Marion Allen, '37, Roberta Henry, '37, and Jane Christianson, '38. They will assist Miss Dolloff this year and be prepared to do the work themselves next year.

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Edith Lewis, Lorraine Fitz-Patrick, Anna Honan, Virginia Brown, Thelma Doucette, Beatrice Dougherty, Barbara Brown, Mary E. Cunniff, Phyllis Stevens, Sheldon Porter, Grace Rankin, Mary Smart, Margarette Russell—whose cousin, Winfield Hilton, has just received her pension for teaching fifteen years in the state of Maine—and Evelyn and Virginia Thomas, who have three cousins who graduated from Gorham—Margaret Charlotte, and Helen Cates.

Brothers and sisters are not to be ignored. Closer analysis confirmed a tradition at Gorham under which we found ten two years ago: the "Becky Crow collection" (be it noted that we've been unable to lay hands on reports "The Oracle" staff wishes them success in their new positions."

Word has just been received of the contemplated marriage of Miss Glenna Strout, a graduate of Gorham Normal School in 1927, to Mr. Percy R. Vayo, an employee of the Owen-Moore Co. Portland.

WHAT THE GRADS ARE DOING!

Reports forwarded to this department indicate the following graduates of the Class of 1932 have obtained employment in schools. This list is not a complete list since we have not heard from all the graduates. Below are given the names of the alumni and the town where they are teaching.

Celia Blake, Albany, Maine
Madeline Doten, G. N. Training School
Mabel Kassnancy, Union, Maine
Lydia Farrar, Rangeley Junior High
Evieca Fittmorriss, Ellsworth
Faith Graves, G. N. Training School
Francis Huse, South Paris
Barbara Howard, Livermore Falls
Marie- Jordan, Rangeley Junior High
Henrietta Lidback, South Paris
Margaret Loring, Gray
Lenh Berwick, Maine
David McAllister, Livermore Falls
Marion Parkman, Columbia, N. H.
Frances Remillard, Attleboro Junior High School, Mass.
Dwight Webb, Sherman Mills
Effy Huf, Norridgewock
Forrest Wardwell, Gray
Elizabeth Carswell, Gorham
Alyce Tuck, Greene
Martha Blake, Durham, Me.
Jean Galligan, Attleboro, Mass.
Betty Kinney, North Pownal
Addie Millet, Mount Vernon
Arch Pohle, Belgrade
Carol Roberts, Belfast
Eveline Achor, Principal, J. H. School
Liberty Me.
Una Thompson, Belfast

Two of the graduates are continuing their studies at universities: Raymond Morton at the University of Maine and Bertha Warren at Columbia University. Doris Lincoln is at Bridgewater Teachers' College.

It is very encouraging to present students of Gorham Normal School to learn from such a list of the large percentage of last year's graduates obtaining positions. Even now, it may be larger than there are some who have not announced. Raymond Morton, who has just received his degree at Belgrade College, may be mentioned as an example.

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