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HIGHLIGHTS
OF TEACHERS' CONVENTION

Members of the faculty and almost all of the students of Gorham Normal School attended the thirty-second annual convention of the M. T. A. in Portland, October 25 and 26. Many interesting speakers were featured on the varied program which revealed the time and care that the officers and department chairmen spent in preparation to make it a success.

A special treat awaited teachers and students Thursday afternoon in the Assembly Hall in Portland High School when Dr. Birl E. Shultz, Dean of New York Exchange Institute, spoke on "The Importance of Instruction in Economics in the High Schools." Following this a motion picture taken on the floor of the Exchange. It demonstrated the process of the buying and selling of stocks and gave vivid pictures of the mad rush of individuals on the floor around the posts.

Another interesting program was presented Friday afternoon in the same hall. An illustrated lecture "The Longfellow Garden with its Wealth of Story" written by Miss Nellie Potter of Portland High School and read by Miss Ruth Sturgis, also of Portland High, was delivered. Scenes of Henry W. Longfellow's birthplace, home, and the pond at Deer­ring Oaks were very lovely. Those who have never visited Longfellow's home on Congress Street welcomed the intimate glimpse of his former rooms and garden afforded them by these pictures.

The convention ended with an excellent concert by the Maine State Band and Orchestra in the City Hall Auditorium. One of our own students, Kervin Ellis, who plays the trumpet in the Gorham Normal School Orchestra is a member of this prominent group.

As future teachers, the girls and boys of Gorham Normal are glad to have the opportunity of attending these meetings. They heard many of the leading educators of Maine voice their opinions, and have learned that every teacher had some part, no matter how small, in the building of the future.

As Douglas Malloch says:
What does it matter what duty
Falls to the lot of a man?
All have a share in the beauty,
All have a part in the plan.
All have a home in the building.
No one has built alone,
Whether a cross he was gilding,
Whether he carried the stone.

ALUMNI AT COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY

Several graduates of the Gorham Normal School in the class of 1933 are continuing their education at colleges and universities. Among these are Caroline Devane, who is studying at Columbia, Eva Allcott, who is at Boston University, Chester Sloat at Harvard, Arnold Walker at Boston University, Harold Sturgis at Tufts, and Donald Hallott, of the class of 1935, is a student at Springfield Y. M. C. A. College.

CHESTER H. Sloat

"ORACLE" WELCOMES
NEW FACULTY ADVISOR

Mr. Sloat is well fitted for his new position as instructor in English and faculty advisor of "The Oracle." While at high school and college he was an outstanding student, winning honors in both dramatic and essay work.

He already has had a wide experience as an instructor. After being graduated from college, he went to Teaneck, New Jersey, where he taught Spanish and eighth grade mathematics. Following this he went to the University of Wisconsin, where he was an instructor in the English department for three years, and from which institution he received his M.A. degree in American and English Literature in 1933.

He has shown much initiative and enthusiasm in his work, by reorganizing the Journalism course, and working out a new plan for carrying on the Dramatic Club meetings so that they may be worth while to all members.

NEWS FROM THE PRACTICE SCHOOL

There are several new teachers in the practice school this fall. Miss Elizabeth Foss, a graduate of Gorham Normal School, is in the second grade; Miss Elizabeth Sanborn, also a graduate of the Normal School, second grade; Mrs. Celia Gross of Waldoboro, another graduate of this school and a teacher of wide experience is taking the place of Miss Norma Thurston in the sixth grade; Miss Mildred McAllister, who graduated from the Normal School in 1933, is the assistant teacher in the fifth grade; and Miss Helen F. Loud of Fitchburg, Mass., a graduate of the Wheelock Kindergarten Training School, is substituting for Miss Emma F. Harris who is taking a half-year's leave of absence to get her degree at Boston University School of Education.

The total enrollment in the practice school is 280 with 43 in the ninth grade, the largest class entering high school from the village proper in the history of Gorham.

SUPERINTENDENTS' DAY A FEATURE OF EDUCATION WEEK

Gorham Normal School celebrated Educational Week by inviting principals and superintendents of Secondary Schools from all over the State to attend Wednesday, November 7, on the Hill.

During the morning they visited various classes which illustrated the different types of studies that are carried on here, as well as showing them in what ways their former students are now continuing their education.

Following a luncheon served in East Hall dining room, a program was presented in Russell Hall by the various clubs.

Arnold Walker, president of the Civic Committee, graciously welcomed the superintendents; and Mr. John Gyger, who has been prominent in educational work for many years and is now superintendent of the schools of Falmouth, made the response in behalf of the guests.

Selections by the Orchestra and a double mixed quartet selected from the two opera clubs added greatly to the enjoyment of the program.

Annie Burke and Lona Dow, two talented students, gave selections that will remain in the memory of the students and the audience. Two piano solos, "Polichinelle" by Rachmaninoff and "Venitienne" by Godard were played by Miss Minerva Ko; and Mrs. Max W. Buxton read "How the Great Guest Came" by Edwin Markham.

Three members of the Dramatic Club, Helen Abbott, Wallace Hart, and Richard Barbour, showed real ability in their presentation of "The Silver Lining." A feature of the program which was declared new by many of our visitors was the choir reading by the Poetry Club. "Fairies" by Rose Fyleman and "Boots" by Rudyard Kipling were the two selections read.

We were very proud and fortunate to have Mrs. Roberts as our guest speaker. She has a charming personality and made many new friends during her short visit at Gorham Normal. Her topic was "Adult Education," which pertained directly to the students, and brought before them the value of Educational Week.

The Faculty and student body of the school are assured there is no better way of celebrating a week set aside wholly to education than to invite, to their school, people from all parts of the State who are devoting their lives to the education of young people.

FOLLOWING IN MOTHERS' FOOTSTEPS

Several members of the Junior Class are following in the footsteps of their mothers by attending the Gorham Normal School. The students whose mothers attended Gorham Alumnas are: Barbara Hodgkins, Enna Vinal, Barbara Gammons, Eleanor Buck, and Eliot Hawkes. The mothers of Ethelyn Pillsbury and Donald Hallett, and per sonally. The Lindenberger were also students of the Gorham Normal School at one time.
THE PURPOSE OF 
"THE ORACLE"

To the student body and faculty of Gorham Normal School, "The Oracle" staff of 1934 and '35 presents the first edition of the paper. This year, under new management and guidance, "The Oracle" will be presented as the students' paper. It is the desire of the staff that the issues of "The Oracle" entertain and inform the student body.

The board is resolved to carry out three major purposes. First, stale news will not be featured. For the purpose of recording important events of the school for future reference, past incidents of outstanding quality will be mentioned in a chronological manner. This chief motive is to look into the future and cull from such a source real "news." Always watch for the unexpected!

Secondly, this paper is to be the voice of the school. The current topics of the day, and disagreements of the students may be discussed through the medium of the school paper. As a paper must change with the times, this paper will always welcome new ideas. This year there will be added a new feature—namely, a Question Box. Students will send in their questions, which will be presented with their respective answers in a column of "The Oracle."

A last resolution, one of a more personal nature, should be of particular interest to every student. It is the purpose of "The Oracle" staff to place the name of every G. N. S. student in "The Oracle" at least once during this year. The paper should flourish on the deeds of the students. The girl or boy who "made that final point" in a basketball game, who shows signs of becoming a Maude Adams or an Edwin Booth, or who is adept at making witty remarks may expect some publicity. Whatever it is, "The Oracle" reporters will get it and give it mention.

The school paper needs the loyal support and cooperation of the students in order that it may bring to them interesting and helpful articles. The staff will endeavor to place "The Oracle" before the students as a vital source of information and pleasure.

THE NEW POSITION OF TEACHERS

Rudiger says to modern teachers, "To educate a child means to adjust him to those elements of his environment that are of concern in modern life, and to develop, organize, and train his powers so that he may make efficient and proper use of them."

Dr. McAndrew, in his address at teachers' convention, pointed out that it is impossible for the present-day teacher to bring before the eyes of her pupils the evils in the governmental system of the nation. Rather she must so train them that when they need to make important decisions for themselves, they will have the facilities with which to work.

The present-day teacher must be a true diplomat in order to hold her position. She has the children for her pupils, as well as her teaching position. There is no longer any place for social or political prejudices in the classroom. The duty of the teacher is not to teach the child what is right and what is wrong, but to teach him to perceive the two when he meets them.

With this new responsibility, the teacher's position in the community becomes more prominent and influential. She ranks with such members of other professions as doctors and lawyers. She has the children for her pupils, and therefore has nearly as much influence on their lives as do their parents. The parents are beginning to cooperate with the teacher, rather than work against her. Parent-Teacher Organizations are growing in all the nation. The purpose, and increasingly, the result of these is harmony between school and home, through understanding and appreciation of each of their work.
Summer School, and he has also given it in many secondary schools of the State.
He loves the region around Katahdin and, as he says, will climb the mountain until age forbids the journey.

**FACULTY FACTS**

How many Industrial Arts students know that Mr. George W. Brown, head of the department, is an ardent sports fan; and that the love he held for baseball as a boy has never diminished?
It was a real regret to him that because of teaching duties he was prevented from listening to the play-by-play radio description of the final World Series game.

Back in the so-called "Gay Nineties" he was a southpaw Twirler in the Westbrook Twilight League, and played in opposition to men who later made the grade of Big League Circuits.
Also, those were the days when football players let their hair, yes, and beards grow longer and busying wedge, center rushes, and hurdle plays predated the open field and pass work of today's play.
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F. E. R. A. BUILDS WALK

Under the direction of Mr. Brown some of the boy students are building a sixty foot walk leading from School Street to the Industrial Arts Building. This project is a part of the F. E. R. A. work at Gorham Normal School, which gives part-time employment to many students.
This walk will eventually be a great advantage to teachers of the Training School who live in the dormitories, as the winter ice and spring mud have made this hill nearly impassable at times during past years.

**MR. PRINGLE SPEAKS IN CHAPEL**

Mr. Henry M. Pringle, formerly associated with the Christian Civic League of Maine for eleven years and now connected with the International Reform Federation in Washington, D. C., was the speaker at the chapel exercises, Octo­ber 23.
Mr. Pringle took for his subject "Bright Joys under Leaden Skies." In developing his topic, he told us that we were not going to normal school to learn what was inside a book, but to learn how to use what we found in books and how to use our leisure time to our own ad­vancement and upliftment. He told several of his own experiences in finding the beauty in the humdrum of life. In closing he quoted Ruskin, "The happiness of life consists not in what we like, but learning to like what we must do."

**LIBRARY NOTES**

"Our policy is to have such a variety of books that everyone can find some­thing that appeals to him," stated Miss Jencks grandly when we went snooping around for "Library Notes." "Just look these over."

Everyone will be interested in "Make Your Own Job." This book tells how men and women with imagination have made paying jobs for themselves in these hard times. It is written in a conversational, non-technical style, and is sure to inspire self confidence and awaken initiative.

For boys: "Complete Model Aircraft Manual" by Edwin Hamilton; and for an evening's entertainment try "Jungle Fence" by William Beebe.

Girls especially will enjoy "Invincible Louisa," the story of the author of "Little Women." It is a Newberry prize book and the author is Cornelia Meigs.

Everyone will be interested in "The Island of Penguins" by Kearton. It is written in a conversational style that gives the penguin real personalities; and there are many amusing pictures of these funny birds that make us think of people we know!

Miss Jencks is especially proud of the rental collection. If you haven't yet read "Good Earth" and "Sons" by Pearl Buck; or "As the Earth Turns" or "Work of Art," you will want to. If you enjoy stories that trace a family's fortune through a long period of years, you will certainly like "Within This Present" by Margaret Ayer Barnes. The story begins on the eve of the World War and carries us up to the New Deal. The last thing Miss Jencks said as we retreated down the hall after an hour's snooping was, "And don't forget 'Within This Present' it's a very, very good book." So there!

**SUNRISE AND SUNSET**

The sunrise holds a promise of achieve­ment to be won—
The vision of a trophy far away; The sunset's the fulfillment of the hope when all is done.
The reward that crowns the closing of the day.
O, the glory of the sunrise has a glamour all its own,
A thrill for Youth so eager to explore;
Yet the sunset's changing shades are like a fading trumpet's tone.
That echoes from the lands that lie be­fore.
Yes, the sunrise plants a new-born hope in every human heart,
A burst of surgence and upwelling budding life;
But the sunset's more serene and of a beauty that's apart,
A peace that quiets fearfulness and strife.
Virginia Knight.

**FUNNY BONERS**

"Remember in class, one day last week, That joke which you said couldn't be beat?
Did you jot it down and send it in?
If you didn't, you've committed a ter­rible sin."

"The class would like to know what Miss Keene is putting over on them. The other day she announced, "The temperature of the interior of the book is hot."
"We'd all like a book like that."

Mr. Slot: Are you a commuter? W-LT-R OB-I-N: Oh, no, I just go back and forth.

Faith Shesong (at a football game):
"Look, I wonder how those football fel­lows ever get clean."
Jo-Jo Pyska: What do you suppose they have scrub teams for?

What would happen if—
Monroe were a pea instead of a Bean?
Allyce were a seam instead of a Tuck?
Mary were a hound instead of a Shep­ard?
Sam were a butcher instead of a Bar­ber?
Doris were a Washington instead of a Lincoln?
Arthur were a buck instead of a Doe?
Bernice were a fig instead of a Nut?
Helen were a flat instead of a Sharpe?
Ruby were an ox instead of a Steere?
Carileen were black instead of White?

**Favorite Pastimes**

Miss Lewis ........................................ Swatting Flies
Miss Andrews ..................................... Finding Do-ough

Arthur Doe: "I have found out why Clark wears a moustache."
Brooks: "Honest?"
Doe: "Because he is a football player and he wants to show his first down."

Extra! Clark has shaved his moustache!

**Print Shop**

"How do you spell principal?"
"P as in Pop; R, as in Ripe."
"Never mind, I've got it."

Jo-Jo Pyska: "Say what happened to your front tooth?"
Ruth Palmer: "Shifting gears with a lollipop."

**Guess Who (Fit name to saying)**

"So you won't talk, eh?" Viola Simpson "Oh gosh!"
"Will you shut up?" Minnie Parkman "Honest?"
"Ye God!" Louise Dow "Oh, yeah?"
"Oh, for heaven's sake." Faith Shesong "Yes, my sweet."
"Are you to yoou?" Margaret Meader "Looks coming up tonight."

Barb Gammons "Oh my pill!"
Grace Williston "I won't."
Mag Shepard "I'm no sucker!"
Phyllis Lancaster "Skip it."
Ken Brooks "Hotcha!"
Bob Waterman "Aw, no."
Paul Chapman
GIRLS' ATHLETICS

The girls' basketball season will begin second quarter. Color teams will be chosen, then a series of games will be played between these teams. For those who have never played basketball before, now is the time to learn. It's great sport! Everyone can play; short girls, tall girls, thin girls, and fat girls. We're looking for a big crowd to start the season with a bang. Come on girls! Don't disappoint us!

Special classes are being held every Tuesday and Thursday afternoon for all girls interested in clogging and dancing. The members of these classes are planning to have a guest afternoon, to which the faculty and members of the school are to be invited. A special program is to be given consisting of several solo and group dances. Be sure to look for the coming announcement of the day.

The girls' advanced tennis tournaments which have been underway since September 25, finished November 1, with Ella Johnson as champion for the advance tournament; Avis Hinds was second. Each player was allowed to challenge another player one, two, or three places above her. They played three out of five sets. If the challenger won, they changed places on the ladder.

Wednesday, October 17, 1934, at 4:30 the Junior and Senior hockey teams had their first game. The seniors were the victors, 2-1, making all their goals in the first half.

Tuesday, October 23, the seniors played another game with the juniors and won by a margin of 3-2. The juniors put up a hard scrap and showed the seniors they could not be easily defeated. Considering the fact that there are several of the senior players out practising teaching, and many of the juniors have never played before, the teams have been rather handicapped; nevertheless, they have done exceedingly well, and we are looking forward to some very interesting games.

To round up the season a hockey supper was given Tuesday, October 30. At this time Mary Sheard was elected hockey counselor for the coming year.

The archery tournament ended with Sonia Cohen as the senior victor, and Marjorie Johnson winner of the beginners' tournament.

A combined archery and tennis banquet is being planned for the near future.

ARMISTICE HOLIDAY

Monday, November 12 will be observed as a holiday at the Normal School.

BOYS' ATHLETICS

CROSS COUNTRY

With one run left, Gorham has a good chance of closing the season with but one defeat. Paced by Captain Raymond Morton and Twitchell, who have tied for first place in every race but the Keene run, Gorham has swept through Bowdoin Junior Varsity, Hebron, Bridgton, and Keene with apparently little effort. A large squad worked out faithfully for the successful season. The feature of the season was the over night trip to Keene Normal, the school that is rapidly taking Farmington's place on our sports' roster. This was the first time a Gorham cross country team has gone on a two-day trip.

As we look ahead to next fall, we face a rather gloomy prospect; Captain Morton, Twitchell, Bean, Plaisted, Bowman, Bradbury, and Chapman are graduating in June, leaving only Gardiner, Hambley, and Edwards as a nucleus. Gardner was third Gorham man in practically every race while Hambley and Edwards improved greatly as the season progressed. With some new talent and help from the Junior Varsity, we may be able to put out another team of which we may well be proud.

Let us now turn to the unsung heroes—the lowly Junior Varsity. Although they failed to win a race, they have worked quite as much as their speedier brothers and have succeeded in developing several runners who will make bids for the varsity next fall.

The record of the teams follows:

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PRELIMINARY BASKETBALL PRACTICE

Something new in the basketball practice, namely two weeks of preliminary training has been given by Coach Wieden this fall. Starting one week after school began he held two weeks of this early training. Gorham is to use a new system this year and Mr. Wieden made use of this opportunity to acquaint the boys with it and to get a line on basketball material in the junior class.

Mr. Wieden attended basketball coaching school at Colgate this summer where he became acquainted with the coaching methods used by Dr. H. C. Carson, coach of one of the fastest teams in the country, namely that of the University of Pittsburgh.

The men working out under Mr. Wieden were Capt. Webb, Wardwell Smith, Higgins, Willis, Seeley, Peters, Libby, Brooks, and Pain. Webb and Wardwell, the only upper classmen on the squad were on the varsity last year. Many of the juniors showed much promise for this year. Another group made up of those who have been out practice teaching or out for cross country will start next week.

While we are on the topic of basketball it is interesting to note that our first game comes December 14, when the Rhode Island College of Education faces our quintet on our own floor. Although our schedule is incomplete we also play the following teams: Fryeburg Academy, Bridgton Academy, Salem Teachers' College, and Keene Teachers' College.

CUPID THINS RANKS OF ADVANCE- SENIORS

The numbers of the Advance-Seniors have been lessened this year by the efforts of that arrow-shooting gentleman, Cupid. Those leaving us have been Miss Hazel Gilpatrick, who has become the wife of Mr. Ernest Libby, class of 1934, and Miss Pearl Huston, the bride of Mr. William Kimball, a Gorham graduate of 1932. Miss Lovena Wardwell, who is also missing from the Advance-Senior Class, will become the bride of Mr. Nelson Haskell on New Year's Day.

Other marriages of interest to the Gorham Normal School have been those of Miss Elmar Carey, graduated in 1934, to Mr. James Duran, and Miss Ethel Waddington, class of 1930, to Mr. Floyd Lagerson. Miss Barbara Bliss, graduated in 1932, is now Mrs. Raymond Tootlaeker, while Miss Josephine A. Manchester, of the class of 1926, recently became the bride of Mr. Lee W. Westcott; and Miss Althea Deary, graduated in 1932, is now the wife of Mr. Kenneth Chapman.

Mr. Phill Bunker, a Gorham graduate in 1934, is receiving congratulations on the announcement of his engagement to Miss Ethelind i. Scott, teacher of mathematics and science at the Gorham Training School.

HORSESHOE TOURNAMENT

The boy's ladder horseshoe tournament which has been going on for more than a month suddenly ended when Ralph Willis beat Coach Wieden in an interesting hard-fought battle. The tourney started with thirty aspirants who gradually fell by the wayside as time went on. Mr. Wieden, our coach, made a gallant bid for honors and declared the extra-sharp shooting of Warren Herbert in the semi-finals. According to rules, anyone could challenge a person three places or less above him on the ladder, if the highest on the ladder had not changed places with his victim on the ladder. At the end of thirty days the first eigth on each ladder were paired off and the fun began. In other words there were the battles waged by these barnyard gladitors.