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"A STORY OF CHRISTMAS"  
Presented by Glee Clubs

The night was dark without, but inside Russell Hall, Christmas cheer lighted the hearts of those who attended the G. N. S. Glee Clubs' presentation of the cantata "A Story of Christmas" on Sunday, December 15. This musical feature, the result of much tedious preparation, was under the direction of Miss Andrews, head of the musical department of Gorham Normal School. It included, as special attractions, solos by Virginia Brown, Virginia Hagen, Elizabeth Peterson, Richard Barbour, Arnold Walker and Carlton Landry. Their exquisitely blended voices under the able instruction of a leader, became a story without an ending—for its melody lingers on.

MISS LEWIS IS SPEAKER AT POETRY CLUB TEA

The Poetry Club had as its guest speaker Wednesday, December 11, Miss Bess Lewis of the Normal School Faculty. Miss Lewis had for her subject, "Christmas Poems," the reading of which included the works of Rudyard Kipling, Edna St. Vincent Millay, and Joyce Kilmer. One of the best given this year, the program included the singing of Christmas hymns by a group of members and Miss Lewis herself.

Miss Jane Christiansen was chairman of the tea, assisted by Miss Mary Lovejoy and Miss Catherine Joyce. Miss Clydeene Legacy and Miss Elsie Hillyard poured.

IVORY SOAP HAS PLACE IN ART SAYS STUDENT

The place of Ivory Soap in art is remarkable, one girl said a few days ago. You will agree with her when you have inspected the delicately carved miniature models of buildings, flowers, and animals now on exhibition in the library of Corbell Hall. Whether expressing the feeling of Tonic or Doric architecture, the statley

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CAPTAIN HAM PLAYS STELLAR BALL IN OPENING GAME

Gorham Hoopsters Start Season With Victory

Two overtime periods mark thrilling opener as squad shows superb team work and vast scoring power.

One of the finest exhibitions of basketball ever staged in Russell Hall Gymnasium was seen on Friday night, December 6th, when Portland, captained by Miss Andrews, met defeat at the hands of an early 1936 edition of basketball wearers of the Gremlin and Flying.

Getting away to an early start, Portland led at the quarter by a score of 16-3. Gorham, led by the strategy of Captain Ham, came back in the second quarter to bring the crowd to its feet with a score reading 21 all at the half. The third period was a hair-raising affair, ending with Gorham leading by a scant two points. Little scoring was made in the last quarter but Portland managed to come up with a lead up until five seconds of play when Gerber shot a foul tying the score. An overtime period ensued and Gerber again put our team in the running by a beautiful shot from center court. Portland answered in the last fifteen seconds of play with a goal. Score 43-43!!

A five-minute recession followed, in which spectators breathed easier and took time to recover hats, scarfs, gloves, etc. Gorham came back with a rush and Hamblen scored the winning basket following a clever bit of passing. Two foul shots capped the climax, for Portland had only one foul shot. Final score 47-43!!

This game was marked by fast breaking offenses and fast forming defenses on the part of both teams. Our boys showed superior team work and a vast unity of scoring power which would indicate that in future games they will be able to give a good account of themselves.

STUDENTS ATTEND CONCERTS

Fritz Kreisler Concert

Monday night, November 11, members of the Normal School faculty and a group of students chaperoned by Miss Andrews, Miss Littlefield, Miss Keene and Miss Wood, attended a concert given in Portland by the noted Don Cossack singers. The program was masterfully presented in true Russian style, and the group considered the evening well spent.

Don Cossack Concert

On December 5, a group of Normal School students, Marjorie Johnson, Cecile Clement, Barbara Stiles, Mary O'Sullivan and Rebecca Long, accompanied by Miss Andrews, Miss Littlefield, Miss Keene and Miss Wood, attended a concert given in Portland by the noted Don Cossack singers. The program was masterfully presented in true Russian style, and the group considered the evening well spent.

Do you know the meaning of the word huckaback?

"...On the hills, like maiden's veil; In the valley, in the dale, Everywhere on bush and tree, Hangs a white cloak, purity."

Robert Tristram Coffin Reads Poems

The Poetry Club delighted the faculty, students, and friends of the Normal School by bringing Robert Tristram Coffin, the noted Maine author, here to read some of his poems. Mr. Coffin, author of "Lost Paradise" and "Red Sky In The Morning," read selections from his poetical works.

We wish to express our thanks to Miss Lewis and members of the Poetry Club for having given us an opportunity to hear Mr. Coffin.

Etiquette Campaign Launched by Civic Committee

The Civic Committee, fully realizing the need of special attention directed to the manners of the students with regard to their behavior in the classroom, on the Continued on page 4, column 2
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The three classes have recently organized for this year with the following officers:

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THE CHRISTMAS AND PEACE

"Let child love child, and strife will cease, Disarm the heart, for that is peace."

Although the Nobel Peace Prize was not awarded this year to an individual, we must not forget the efforts of both private and public organizations to restore peace. These steps in the right direction are noteworthy. Our Junior Red Cross is an example every year further helps in this cause by fostering friendly relationships between American children and children of all nations.

But the world is not at peace. There is little controversy in the statement that on December 25 of this year a troubled and war-ridden world prays to salute the Christ Child on His birthday. They might well plead for Christmas peace.

It is doubtful if the nations intend to disarm their hearts, even though such an action might warrant peace. We discern the desire of nations to further their economic betterment regardless of the drastic results that will occur. The realization that 1935 has been a trying one, featuring as it is the comparatively feeble efforts of a return to prosperity after a post war depression is not lost. There has been little evidence of peace between nations.

Students all over the country remember the formidable pictures accepted as they were many times by bloodshed and slaughter. There is that one of Fascia; Italy on its itinerary to Abyssinia, of Hitler rushing the rearmament of Reich at a surprising fast pace, of Sir Samuel Hoare, the British Foreign Secretary, declared that the Suez Canal would not be closed. Nor are we mindful of the League. The prospects of a League war with Italy have matured and we see American government swept into the current. The assertion of what attitude we of United States shou1d adopt furnishes the leading topic for the journalistic world.

Despite this tumult, one is often unconscious that a war is taking place. On every corner, in all the stores, in our schools the advent of Christmas is brought happily to our hearts, and the sweet spiritual thoughts of the soul are substituted for the disturbing ones of war. The Christmas recess brings so much joy to the majority of us that it is with difficulty that we meditate upon the war and the homes where sadness prevails. Will peace come? Will child be there? Will the international disputes be so loud in tone that they will not hear His Coming?

THE ORACLE BOX

No questions will be answered in this issue of "The Oracle." When this department was created, the ruling was made that no question should be accepted for publication without the person's signature. This ruling must stand, despite the fact that we've had questions passed in without their author's names.

We urge you to cooperate with us in this matter. If you do not wish your name to be published, please a pen name also and we will print it with your request.

We might also suggest that questions be selected with a bit more judgment. In looking them over this time we find that many of them can be answered by simple inquiries among upper classmates and teachers. All questions should concern the entire student body and be of interest to everyone. For this reason we reserve the privilege of deciding which questions to print. We hope that we may be able to help everyone by solving the problems of the student body.

"Our education consists in learning intelligent choice."

Woodrow Wilson
If you hear a long bird call some time after April, don't be alarmed, for it is only Miss Keene, the teacher who has begun her bird promenades with the classes of G. N. S. Junior. Beginning with the Young Columbians, others followed, including Mrs. Chickering and Miss Keene herself; and in answer to the query of Miss Keene, Mrs. Chickering, Mrs. Barnes and others, the answer was given: "I think our birds are going to be as wild as ever!"

It isn't April yet, but it is time to introduce the teacher who teaches vocational—except driving her car.

After attending Bucksport Seminary, Washington and Columbia University, Miss Keene began her teaching career at Gorham Normal in 1907. For two years she was Dean of Admissions Hall, which then housed only twenty-six students. By refusing to act as a monitor over these girls, she started self-government, and suggested that they form a self-governing body. It is interesting to note that Miss Jack, the first chairman of the House Committee, is Miss Aline Longfellow's mother.

Miss Keene also organized the present Y. W. C. A. and the Christian Association, and is an invaluable member of the "Oracle" Staff. Her work at Gorham Normal School has been recognized and appreciated by those who know and care for the work which she has done for us. With greatest esteem and gratitude, we say, Miss Keene, we're glad you're here!

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BARBER AND MRS. SYLVAIN, A GUEST AT THE BANQUET

Barber and Mrs. Sylvain, a guest at the banquet, brought the Lambda Pi Sigma Fraternity first organized.

The final initiation of the Alpha Lambda Beta Fraternity was held in the gymnasium November 15. At the close of the initiation, the pledges received their certificates making them active members. A banquet was held at Steve's restaurant in Portland followed.

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A very ingenious method of attracting attention was by a tangle of twins suspended from the ceiling, leading from certain places on that map, such as Ethiopia and Germany, to books in the collection which pertained to those places. Much credit is due Miss Priscilla Libby for her skill in making this poster. This fine display of books called to the mind the important part books play in solving world problems.

Another method was by a series of pictures of children reading and helping them to form good book habits. These pictures added much to the display in the library.

Have you read Anne Lindbergh's new book "North to the Orient," a travel narrative which describes the flight which the Lindberghs made to the Orient in the summer of 1931, by the Great Circle Route? If you haven't you should make an effort to. You're sure to like it, it's the next best thing to meeting Anne Lindbergh herself.

Others were "Arabia in Ethiopia" by E. P. MacCallum; "Robert Louis Stevenson" by G. K. Chesterton; "And Gladly Teach" by Bliss Perry; and "Jane Addams of Hull-House" by W. E. Wise.

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"MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING"

N. Provencale: "Here's two checks for my board.

P. Lord: "Are they good?"

N. Provencale: "They'll come in good on a rainy day.

P. Lord: "Yeah! Rubbers!"

C. Legacy, reading newspaper: "You know that a man gets run over every twenty minutes in New York."

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E. Hildyard: "How can he stand it?"

A. Behr, getting frustrated when talking to girl over phone: "Oh, I'm impatient: "Oh! Let me say those honeyed words to her!"

A. Behr: "Yeah! You got the hives."

A. Senier: "You know, I'm afraid to open my mouth when I'm with that fellow."

I. Jackson: "Why?"

I. Jackson: "His father is a dentist."

I. Jackson: "Oh! Show your wisdom!"

Miss Flint: "What don't the diet list I have just dictated to you give you?"

B. Hodgkins: "The satisfaction of hav­

CAMPUS SONG HITS

"Without A Word of Warning."

Mr. Wieden's Tests

"With Every Breath I Take"

S. McNamara's Tests

"I Can't Love the Grandad Thing"

H. McLain and A. Hamblett

"Accent on Youth"

Freshman Class

"Check to Check"

R. Brooks—impromptu

B. Nutt and K. Crockett

"On a Sunday Afternoon"

G. M. O'Connor and B. Hamblett

"Foolfoots and Fancyfree"

Carroll Rines

"The Gentleman Obviously Doesn't Be­

E. M. Heide and 2. N. Heide

"Double Trouble"

E. Doyle and P. Gerber, in library

"Broadway Rhythm"

John Grindle

"A Little Bit Independent"

L. Furbasch
WOMEN'S ATHLETICS

Freshmen Out To Win In Basketball!
The basketball season has started at last. All fall we have heard the Freshmen saying, "When does basketball begin? We want to play basketball!" And they meant it. At the very first practice the floor was filled with girls in lavender gym suits. Guarding, passing, shooting baskets—they proved in a single afternoon that they knew what they were about.

Seniors! Juniors! Are you going to let these newcomers walk away with all the honors? Come on and "do your part" for your class! Are the Freshmen good? Sure, they're good. And you upper-classmen, you have to be BETTER!!

So many candidates have reported for basketball that four practice teams have been made up. These teams play each other until toward the end of the season. Then class teams are chosen and the real rivalry begins!

A LAST GLIMPSE AT FALL SPORTS

Now that they're all over, how did the Fall Sports turn out? Well, here are the final results:

ADVANCED TENNIS:
Marjorie Johnson, winner
Mary Shepard, runner-up

BEGINNERS TENNIS:
Mary Morris, winner
Jane Christiaensen, runner-up

HOCKEY:
Juniors 5 Freshmen 1

ARCHERY:
Mary Shepard, 216
Eilnor Dolloff, 305
Evelyn Lord, 203

(Note: All three of these scores in Archery are higher than any previous records at Gorham.)

At the end of the season new councilors were chosen in each of these sports; they were:

Hockey—Margaret Harvey
Tennis—Marlon Allen
Archery—Evelyn Lord.

JUNIOR VARSITY ALSO WINS

The Junior Varsity defeated Freeport High in a preliminary game, 19 to 18. Willis and Grover starred in this game, offensively and defensively, respectively. Others who played were Comeau, Peters, Hayes, Behr, Chapman, Hill and Landry.

In the afternoon of the same day, a team composed of Porter, Doyle, Loomis, Jess and Reed defeated the Gorham Junior High 27 to 21. Thus ended the first day of the season with three victories and every member of the squad in action. May the rest of the season be as successful.

THREE CHEERS ! ! ! !

Did you attend the opening game of the basketball season in the gym two weeks ago? Never before has such cheering been heard. Thanks to an aspiring young Freshman, Arthur Boswell, and his efficient squad including Mary Shepard, Margaret Harvey, Lorraine Fitzpatrick and Margaret Johnson ! ! !

The squad, attractively dressed in green and white, introduced some new cheers which rang clearly and audibly throughout the hall. We hope that the excellent showing by students at this first game will be a forerunner of what great support we intend to give our teams in the future. Good Luck ! ! !

WHAT DO YOU DO SATURDAY NIGHT?

You girls who don't dance, what do you do with yourselves after supper Saturdays? Do you go to your room and study? Or do you moan around and wish for something to do? Whatever you have been doing in the past, here's a suggestion and invitation for the future.

Come over to the gym and have a really good time with the rest of us. . . . What! You haven't heard about it? Then you've been missing something. Let me tell you right away.

During the winter season we are going to get together in the gym on Saturday nights to play games. . . . What kind of games? Volleyball, baseball, deck tennis, badminton . . . Oh, lots of them!

You don't need experience. You don't have to be athletic. You don't even have to wear a gym suit. No admission and you'll be welcome any time from 7:00 to 9:00.

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WINTER NIGHT

The night wind hugs the lonely house And shakes the window shutters. The bare limbs rock the empty nests Beneath the brittle stars. The cows against their wooden stalls Are shaking with a frosty dance. The house—mother—snowdrift—is Upon the whitened lawn.

Eleanor Parker.

COMMUTERS CLUB PAYS TRIBUTE TO MARK TWAIN

The Commuters Club of the Gorham Normal School dedicated the first chapel program of the year to Mark Twain, the great American humorist. After the introduction by Edwin Bechelender, Gertrude Baker gave an interesting account of the author's life. This was followed by the vocal selection "Old Man River" sung by Arnold Walker. The works of Mark Twain and their worth today, especially to the nation's youth, were reviewed and discussed by Eleanor Parker. "Cutting From Tom Sawyer" was very capably performed by Lena Dow, who delighted us with her interpretations of Aunt Polly's "Pain Killer" and the results it produced when consumed by Tom and his cat.

HYMN TO THE STARS

The winter stars looked down, and saw The baby Jesus on the straw.

The April stars looked down to see The dying Jesus on the tree.

The Autumn stars looked and bent Above a world with sorrow spent.

Christmas stars—bend low again With love of Christ for hearts of men.

Eleanor Parker.

TROILET

What Miss Lewis assigned
Was some verses to learn.
I said, "I don't mind"
What Miss Lewis assigned.
Yet, alack, I now find
Twenty pages to turn.
What Miss Lewis assigned
Was SOME verses to learn!

Miss Ryan (in geography class): "What do we find at thirty N. and 87. latitudes?"

M. Johnson: "Moith, egg, worm, cocoons!"

Miss Ryan: "Why is a high tariff like a pair of overalls?"

D. Dustin: "Because it is intended to protect the laboring man!"

Miss Littlefield: "What are the two kinds of nouns?"

L. Garland: "Proper and improper!"