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Upper Classmen at Gorham Normal School Greet Large Entering Class

Freshman Class Has Record Enrollment

Larger Percentage of Boys this Year

On September 15th, the Gorham Normal School opened its doors to a class of one hundred and one freshmen. This class is larger compared to those of other years. It is interesting to note that the percentage of young men has increased. The names of the freshmen are as follows: Margaret Anderson, Robert Anderson, George Albert, Harold Aikens, Paul Baldwin, Margaret Beal, William Bellefontaine, Mertice Berry, Jeannette Billings, Marjorie Blake, Dorothy Bragdon, Mary Bragdon, Lawrence Bridgham, Jean Brown, Patricia H. Brown, Ruth Brown, John F. Brush.


Myra MacDonald, Henry W. Martin, Mary P. Martin, Paul McEachern, Marie D. McPheeters, Barbara Merriman, John W. Milliken, James Niles, Orville R. Nisler, Isabel Page, Lawrence J. Peiffer, Giselle Plourde, Leo Pelletier, Irving Pike, Elizabeth Pinfankham, Georgia Shaw, Janet Sheaburne, Marion Sherman, Georgia Smith, Leslie Souvigné, Bernice E. Stanwood, Martha Sanborn, Ralph Savage, Barbara Tracy.


On Casco Bay

Rushing and tumbling in unordered haste,
And smashing its way with a roar
In might and in beauty unchallenged
The ocean comes up to the shore.

Dashing and grinding against the bleak rocks
That fringe the rough, purple sand
A Mediterranean out of the sea
To reverberate over the land.

A. R.
Dr. Russell Attends October Conference

Many Maine Representatives Present
On October 6, Dr. Russell gave a talk in Chapel, a report of the October Conference which was held October 4-6 at the Crawford House, New Hampshire. Many of the leading educators of New England attended. Among those from Maine were: Commissioner Parkard and Mr. A. D. Gordon, from the Department of Education; Pres. Gray of Bates, Prof. Mitchell, Bowdoin, Pres. Johnson, Colby and Dean Lutz from the University of Maine.

The Normal Schools were represented by Prin. Mallett of Farmington and Prin. Russell of Gorham.

Among the Superintendents present were Mr. Hull, Saco; Mr. Gyger, Cape Elizabeth and Falmouth; Mr. Jack Amburn, Mr. Gardner, Auburn; Mr. Bickford, Lewiston, and Mr. Burrell of Augusta.

The program was as follows: Sunday Evening—A musical religious program. Monday Morning—Three group meetings. The three social meetings were: 1. What are the desirable principles underlying the selection certification promotion and tenure of teachers? 2. What possibilities for secondary education are found in the conditions of present youth? 3. What are the responsibilities of post secondary institutions in enabling students as undergraduates to perfect a satisfactory progress of work and leisure?

Monday Evening—A general session was held in the form of a forum. The subject discussed was “Academic Freedom.” The Maine representative was Supt. Jack of Portland.

Both panel Forums were open for a general discussion by the members. The Organization of the October Conference for this year was in charge of Commissioner of Education Pringle of New Hampshire. The Conference was pleased to hear from the Hon. Vierling Kersey, State Superintendent of Public Instruction for California, who was a guest of the Conference.

Exchanges

From the Lawrence, (Geneeseo State Normal School, New York), we copy this poem:

_Ode to a Freshman_

Oh, to be a Freshman
So foolish and so gay,
To have no sad misgivings
As to class I go each day;
To face each teacher blithely,
Heer his once-new stories told,
Without my present knowledge
Of how quick their jokes grow old.
Oh, to be a Freshman
To have no worries on the Dean,
When the D's on my report card
Were so awful to be seen!
To be a Freshman,
Untested and untried—
To be again once I was?
Sooner would I have died!

_The Bowdoin Handbook_ offers these “Suggestions to Freshmen”:

The faculty start their part of the program right off at full speed. Get going at the same time and keep going. In high school if you appear phlegmatic, your teachers probably coaxed you to work. This isn't done here.

You will only succeed in college as long as you have a purpose, good working habits, and insight into what you are doing. Plan your work regularly; it will give you time to consider your future. Encourage and be ready to give and take in life's encounters. We can succeed in life only as long as others are successful.

Go to church. It is not only a place to be serious with yourself but with your fellow. It is an instrument designed to help the men achieve ideals. Give thoughts to the religious needs of your life. Both social and personal religious encouragement are a matter of stability and growth. You will find, as others have, that walks with friends and walks in solitude do much to satisfy this need. Do not feel discouraged if you fail to attract the attention of the college within the first two weeks. It takes time and hard work to win a real Bowdoin honor. Write home not only when you need money, but regularly. Your people at home care more for you than anybody here, and it is more than right that you should let them hear from you frequently.

The Conference, which met for educational importance may arouse much interest at home.

We suggest that the words “Gorham” and “Normal School” replace those of “Bowdoin” and “College” when your Freshmen read over this excellent advice.

Alumni News

We are pleased to announce that the following graduates of the class of 1936 have teaching positions in these towns:

Edwin Bacheelder, Falmouth; Myrtle Burber, Substitute at Westbrook; Edwin Chapman, South Berwick; Elinor Chapin, Windham; Arthur Dyer, New Portland; Elmer Doloff, Solon; Lena K. Dow, Gorham; Richard Dusin, Wells; Zelda Fanison, Lisbon; Emily Wissau; John Edward Ham, Jr., Yarmouth.

Blanche Hutchins, Wells; June Jordon, Pownal; Janet Kelley, Windham; Mary Lowell, Rangeley; Evelyn McCartney, Jay; Florence McNulty, Pownal; Corene Rainer, Auburn; Eleanor Parker, Gorham; Grace Perry, Norridgewock; John Strong; Helen Robert, Auburn; Leslie Ross, Waterboro.

Mervin Rowe, Fairfield; Mary Sleep, Friendship; Helene Smith, Bar Harbor; Hilma Smith, Hollis; Frances Thompson, Boston, Mass.; Florence Tibbets, South Paris; Elizabeth A. Van Dusen, West Boylston, Mass.; Marion Young, Gorham; Clare Cotterell, Freeport; Anita E. Gatti, Rockland.

Virginia Maines, Falmouth; Amma Martin, North Newry; Etheld McCaugh, Livermore Falls; Bertha Millett, Greenwood; Walter Akerley, Auburn; True Bailey, Ellsworth; Samuel Barber, Warwich, Rhode Island; Richard Burt, Wells; Reginald Edwards, Mechanic Falls; Richard Gray, Salem, Mass.; William Hayes, Pownal; Norman J. Providence, Maine; evelyn Dolloff, Solon; C. Robert Tracy, Saco.

May you have great success in your new positions!

Other graduates of last year's class, who are furthering their studies include: Arthur Norgaard, at Dana College, Nebraska; Arnold E. L. Walker, at the New England Conservatory of Music; and Richard Gray, at Salem Teachers' College.

Clyde Kimball '36, Ella Johnson '36 and Paul Boothby '34 were among those attending Dr. Russell's Day.

Other alumni visitors to G. S. Campus the past month have been Richard Savage ’36, Lawrence Furbush ’36 and Paul Chapman ’36.

Miss Mary Peabody, critic teacher in the third and fourth grades at Gorham Training School, addressed the Saco Valley Teachers' Association at Limington, October 6. She spoke on “Teaching Spelling”. Miss Peabody is a graduate of the class of 1926 from Gorham Normal School.

Mr. Donald S. Dow, also a graduate of 1926, was Vice President of the Saco Valley Association last year. Mr. Dow is teaching at Hiram.
Mr. Wieden - Still Likes to Tease

Long, long ago in the year 1919, there graduated from Caribou High School a boy who was "noted for his many personal charms, but which one was most easily noted was his 'grin', especially when he could cast a good joke on someone. Chewing gum was one of his favorite pastimes, but the chief one was teasing Nannie." (Quoted from Caribou High School Yearbook, 1919).

From Caribou High School this "dignified high school senior" went to Colby College where he studied for one year. The next year he went to Acadia University where he continued his studies and at the end of three years received his B.S. degree. Today Clifford Wieden is a member of the faculty of our school. He is well known to all the boys for his excellent work with them in baseball and football. His academic work in Gorham covers two fields: the educational subjects which include Introduction to Teaching and Tests and Measures, and the social science subject - Economics and Sociology.

Mr. Wieden attended Bates summer school for four years and received his Ed.M. degree. Before coming to Gorham, he taught at Mapleton High School. He is very interested in lodge work but is still in the process of looking for a hobby. (All suggestions gratefully received.)

A sports program which Mr. Wieden is much in favor of is intra-mural as well as inter-scholastic competition. He believes this gives opportunity for more students to partake in sports and provides social contact. It is his belief that this is a particularly good program for professional schools because so many of us at some time will be called upon to coach games.

It may well be noted that Mr. Wieden, even as a teacher and coach, has not lost that "personal charm" and the grin that comes with teasing, his favorite sport.

On The Campus

What’s the Backbone?
Freshman writing to Miss Lewis: “Composition is a waist of time!”

Poetry Club Landlubber
Oh, look at the ship! It is pointed at both ends so it can go either way!

New Official
Miss Evelyn Littlefield has been elected by popular vote, official Dog Catcher of the Gorham Normal School.

Typical Conversation
Betty: What class do you get the most from?
Ruth: Literature.
Betty: Why?
Ruth: It has the largest book.

Mr. Packard + . - pole + Ruby Steere’s pin — The Secret of Success.

Boy friends wanted: Applicants please apply by telephone not later than 7:30 P. M. Tel. or ! ! !

Real Thinking
George Wee (studying Psychology):
What is perpetual thinking?
Felker: You mean perceptual thinking, don’t you George?

The Forger
Reed: Oh! These are our new forging text books aren’t they?
Mr. Gilley: Yes.
Reed: Do they tell you how to forge a check?

So Our History Students Were Telling Us:

The Last Words of Famous People:
"Draw the curtain; the comedy is ending." —Rabelais.

"After I am dead you will find Calais written upon my heart." —Mary, Queen of Scots.

"I am going to take a great leap into obscurity." —Thomas Hobbes.

"I suppose I am now becoming a god." —Emperor Vespasian.

"So the heart be light, it is no matter which way the head lies." —Sir Walter Raleigh. (At his execution, when asked on which side he preferred to lay his head on the block.)


"I feel the flowers growing over my feet." —Keats.

"I fear gentlemen, I am an unconnected time a-dying." —Charles II.

"Don’t turn down the light." Then smiling he added the words of a popular song of the day (1910) . . . "I'm afraid to go home in the dark." —O. Henry.

"Pity that should be cut, that has not committed treason." —Sir Thomas More (moving his beard just before being beheaded).

Anne Richardson, Winner of First Prize in "Guess Who" Contest

Miss Anne Richardson, a senior of Gorham Normal received first prize, an award of fifteen dollars, in the recent "Guess Who" contest, sponsored by Scott Furriers in Portland. Mr. King presented the prize in a program over station WCSH Tuesday evening, September 6.
Gorham Normal School Athletic Program Well Under Way

N. E. T. C. C. Meets at Keene Normal School

On Saturday, October 3, the New England Teachers' College Conference met at Keene Normal School. Keene, New Hampshire to discuss plans for this athletic season. Gorham Normal School was represented at the conference by Coaches Wieden and Packard.

Monday morning, October 5, during the Chapel exercises Mr. Wieden gave a report of these plans to the staff. He stated that New Britain, Connecticut Teachers' College was declared conference basketball and baseball championship for 1936 on the strength of their undefeated seasons in these two sports. They were also declared track and field champions for the spring of their victory last spring in the N. E. T. C. C. meet sponsored last year by Fitchburg, Massachusetts Normal School and held at Leominster, Massachusetts. It was announced that next year's meet will be held at New Britain, Connecticut.

Eligibility Rules Discussed

The following rules for eligibility to the conference basketball championship race for this year were set up: (1) Each team must play at least six games with other conference members. (2) If a team plays but one game with another opponent and wins, it gets credit for one point. (3) If it plays a home and home engagement, it gets credit for each win, therefore if it sweeps the series of two games, it gets but one point. (4) The total number of these points that a team has at the end of the season will be divided by the total of conference schools played, and the quotient obtained shall be the team's standing.

The conference expressed a preference that its members play only teacher training schools which will tend to make high schools and academies from the Gorham Normal schedules in the future.

Ladder tournaments in tennis and horseshoes are under the supervision of Coach Wieden and entered in the tennis tournament are: Felker, Albert, Doyle, Card, Grover, Gay, Ellis, Higgins, Foster, Leach, Behr, and Lunt.

George Albert, a freshman and an instructor in the Portland Boys Club, looms as the favorite along with "Gus" Higgins, basketball team captain, and a former Thornton Academy star athlete, "Phil" Gerber looks as a dark horse and may surprise the field.

Miss Evelyn Lord Breaks Record in Archery

As the last days of summer fade away and autumn returns to us again, we look once more to Gorham Normal. Here, we see girls grouped here and there discussing the many sports. Each one is eager to show her ability in her favorite pastime. Let us now look about the campus and see what sports are being discussed.

Down under the hill we see a flat athletic field. The grass is neatly cut and unusually green. Each afternoon, girls in their blue, orchid, and green gym suits come trop ping down to try their skill with the bow and arrow. Evelyn Lord, a junior, has already proven she has real skill by shattering the old Normal School archery record of 255 which was established last spring, with a score of 285. Congratulations, Evelyn!

Every Tuesday and Thursday afternoon, we see the girls with their hockey sticks running here and there on this same field trying to get their swing at the ball. Many girls have entered this sport and probably will be much competition between classes.

Now, we will look at the tennis courts on the hill, for tennis is always a favorite sport among the girls. Each year tournaments for both advanced players and beginners are sponsored. On the courts will be seen such players as Frances Oliver, Mary Shepley, Ruth Palmer, Agnes Bickford who are participating in the advanced tournament. Several of the participants in the beginner's tournament are Barbara Brown, Mary Cullinan, Eleanor Buck, Mary Hodgkins, and Cecile Clement.

Another sport, which is becoming more and more popular, is horseback riding. Gorham Normal also affords an opportunity for this. Each week all the enthusiasts including Ada Senior, Alexander, Dorothy Bradgon, Joe Pyska, and Dorothy Reardon go on an outing. Of course, everyone is anxiously awaiting the opening of the basketball season. This sport undoubtedly attracts the most attention of all. Margaret Johnson is to be this year's counsellor. Class games are held afternoons after school and always prove to be very thrilling.

Gorham Normal wishes every girl to participate in some sport she especially likes. Surely, you can find one you will enjoy. Come! Try your skill!

What Are You Reading?

We call your attention to a number of excellent volumes, books, and newspapers, which have recently been added to our library.

They are: "The Lock and Key Library" (short stories) American translation—10 volumes; "Robert Louis Stevenson" (10 volumes); Edgar Allan Poe—Complete Works—5 volumes; "Wake Up and Live" by Brande; "Around the World in Eleven Years" by Able; "Time Out of Mind" by Gyselle Field; "Gone With the Wind" by Mitchell.

In addition to these books, we have two new manuscripts in our "Library Journal" and the "News Week." Our readers are glad to see that the "Portland Press Herald" added to our newspapers.

Practice Teaching Appointments

First Quarter, September, 1936

Gorham Training School: Kindergarten, Olive Draper and Doris Cunningham, Junior Primary, Marion Allen and Dorothy Edwards, Grade 1, Marjory Meader and Barbara Hodgkins, Grade 2, Minnie McKenney and Elinor Brown. Grade 3, Phyllis Lancaster and Barbara Cannons, Grade 4, Louise Dow and Eleanor Shepburane. Grade 5, Frances Merrill and Lucia Guptill, Grade 6, Bertha Frost and Howard Libby, Junior High School, History and Geography, Eldora Lidback and Hilda McLain, Mathematics and Science, Almery Hambien and Elizabeth Kelley, English, Virginia Knight.


Westbrook, Bridge Street, Grade 8, Karlton Higgins, Kenneth Brooks, Robert Henry and Helen Knight, Brown Street, Grade 4 and 5, Arthur Doe, Forrest Street, Mathematics, Richard Barbour, English, Beverly Frye.

South Portland, Henley School, Grade 8, Mary Lekousi, Department of Geography; Grade 7, Charles Peters, Department of Geography. Grade 8 and Gorham Normal Training School, Mary Pederson.

Coach Packard Introduces Cross Country Team

The Gorham Normal cross country team faces its schedule for this year with four former winners and a large number of sophomores and juniors.

The team lost only three of last year's lettermen through graduation. They were "Rusty" Willis, Wilbur Hayes and Reginald Edwards.

Lettermen returning to the squad this year were Almery Hamlin, Vernon Stapleford and Kevin Ellis seniors, and Edward Jess a junior.

Other promising candidates include: Brash, Knapp, and Euton, freshmen, and Clark, Grover, Hobbs, Loomis, Reed and Shea, all juniors.

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Group B, Dorothy Leavitt, chairman, Evelyn Foster, Linwood Card, Ralph Carrier, Clyde Leasa, Mary O'Sullivan, Edith Rossborough, Mary Dustin, Janet Woodward, Lawrence Bridgeman, Eleanor Thomas, Rose Flanagan.

Group C, Sarah Mccallister, chairman, Mary Cullinan, Maury Fortier, Louise Engle, Marion Ferguson, Gisell Plourde, Ruth Brown, Ernest Doyle, Burton Curtis, Marie McPheters, Leo Pelletier, and Dorothy Bradgon.