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G. N. S. BOWS TO PRESQUE ISLE

Before one of the largest crowds ever to witness a basketball game in Russell Hall Gymnasium, Gorham Normal School went down to a glorious defeat at the hands of Aroostook State Normal School.

The boys from the Spudland area scored a well balanced offense plus a rugged defense. Presque Isle secured a host of their baskets mainly because of their ability to get the ball off the backboards and rebound shots, due to their extreme height.

Gorham Normal School trailed by ten points in the opening minutes of the game, but cut the deficit to five points in the closing minutes. With a two point lead, Gorham played a defensive game during the last minute of the game, getting the ball off the backboards and getting off a winning shot to win 51 to 46.

For Presque Isle, Clark and Chenney were outstanding for Gorham on the offense and Austin on the defense.

"THE ORACLE" SHORT STORY CONTEST

"The Oracle" is conducting a short story contest among the students of G. N. S. The contest was begun at the close of the first quarter when Catherine Joyce, Editor of "The Oracle," made an announcement in chapel and urged the student body to participate. The stories are to have a Maine background or include characterizations of Maine people, and it is believed Gorham Normal students should find themselves quite at home in this field. Winning selections will be awarded prizes in a chapel program, and will be published in the third issue of "The Oracle."

Judges are: Miss Stone, Miss Keene, Miss Lewis, Miss Lewis, Mr. Woodward, Mr. Sloat.

In charge of the contest are: Miss Anne Richardson, Literary Editor; Miss Norma Wiggins, Assistant Editor; Mr. Donald Cressey, Assistant Editor.

The following rules have been drawn up by a committee to assist the judges in making a selection:
1. Stories must be typewritten on one side of paper only.
2. Stories should not be less than 500 nor more than 1,000 words in length.
3. Names of authors must not be placed upon stories. Write your name and the title of your selection on a slip of paper.
4. Seal the paper in an envelope on which is written the name of your story. Clip the envelope to the story.
5. Deposit story in the special box in Mr. Sloat's room before December 17.
6. All members of the school are eligible except members of "Oracle" staff.

Sixth Annual Superintendents' Day Held November 4

On Wednesday, November 4, the students and faculty of G. N. S. were pleased to welcome their guests to the sixth annual Superintendents' and Principals' Continued on Page Three

Gorham Normal Represented At Boston Convention

This year for the first time a Student Forum initiated by Dr. Charles Russell of Westfield, was held as a part of the New England Teacher Preparation Association's Convention in Boston on November 5.

Gorham Normal School sent four delegates, Ida Jackson, Ann Gardner, Stanley Gay, and Ernest Doyle. These delegates and their chaperon, Miss Dorothy Flint, left Gorham early Thursday morning so that Miss Jackson, who was a speaker on the first panel, and Mr. Doyle, an alternate on the second panel, might attend the Breakfast Meeting.

The Student Forum met at the Statler Hotel with about three hundred delegates present. The two main topics under discussion were Student Participation in Government, and Support of Student Activities. These topics were first discussed by the panel members and then by the student delegates.

The Association members and the student delegates met at the Twentieth Century Club for a joint banquet. Dr. Butterfield, the principal speaker, gave a cleverly phrased speech that was well received by the audience. The new president, Dr. Waite, was introduced and spoke briefly. Dr. Charles Russell spoke highly of the results obtained and asked that he be allowed to make plans for another Forum as a part of the next meeting of the Association. It was voted to make the Student Forum a regular part of the Association to be held every year. Representatives from the New England Teacher Training Institutions will meet with Dr. Charles Russell next spring to plan for the next meeting of the Student Forum. Continued on Page Three


MR. HOWARD LIBBY SENIOR CLASS PRESIDENT

Interest reigned high recently in Corbell Hall when the respective classes assembled to elect class officers.

Class officers elected for 1936-37 are as follows:

Seniors: President, Howard Libby, Newfield; Vice President, Almory Hamblin, Gorham; Secretary, Hilda McLain, Pennaquid; Treasurer, Francis Merrill, Salisbury, Conn.

Juniors: President, Edward Jess, Westbrook; Vice President, Anne Gardner, Portland; Secretary, Albert Behr, Ellisworth; Treasurer, Virginia Knowles, Sangerville.

Freshmen: President, Maurice Fortier, Rumford; Vice President, Ralph Savage, Northeast Harbor; Secretary, Marie McPhetres, Portland; Treasurer, Bradley Dennett, Gorham.

MAINE TEACHERS CONVENE AT LEWISTON

The Maine Teachers' Association Convention was held this year at Lewiston. Teachers from all parts of the state filled the many meeting places and taxed the city's accommodations to their limit.

Thursday morning a general session was held in the Lewiston Armory. Miss Lou Baker, a Gorham graduate and retiring president of the Association, presided. Mary Ellen Chase spoke on "The Larger Life in Books," Mr. Cameron Beck, director of the New York Stock Exchange Institute, chose as his subject, "Leadership For Tomorrow."

Thursday afternoon after the regular meeting, the Gorham Normal School Alumni met in the Bates College Chapel. Dr. W. E. Russell spoke and carried greetings from the Normal School students.

From four to fifty-three the faculty of Gorham Normal and friends of Miss Halliday, former teacher of literature at the Normal School, were entertained at her home on Whitney Street in Auburn.
Dr. Russell's Christmas Message

Through "The Oracle" I take great pleasure in extending to all its readers a most cordial "Merry Christmas and Happy New Year." I am expecting this wish to be realized very liberally. The emotions of joy and happiness are stimulated by what we do more than by what is done for us, by what we give more than by what we get. This being so, our happiness is largely of our own making. May we have it in full measure.

Walter E. Russell.

Citizenship

We American citizens of today should consider the opportunities which have been provided by much suffering and sacrifice. We have thought little of these things because we have always had them, but these rights did not come easily. They were the fruits of centuries bathed in blood. We enjoy the right of Participation, Self-realization, Freedom, Protection, and the equal and coordinate rights of others. Though given to us, these things were bought and paid for in human blood, what we have without effort, someone else gave life to earn.

That is the thrilling thing about citizenship, it is a heritage passed on from father to son. What, then, is the nature of this citizenship? What is it that binds a citizen to his Country? It is a force which is something unseen, something spiritual—it is a relationship. Responsibilities are the strongest things in the world. They hold like cables of steel. All relationships have two sides—the reach to me and extend from me. My Country gives me protection, but it exacts loyal allegiance. But citizenship is vastly more than trading allegiance for protection. Upon that legal skeleton, real citizens build the warm elements of patriotism, intense love of Country, loyalty to her, readiness to die for her, or to live one's best for her. It means more than breaking no laws; it means positively adding value to our Country. The TO-ME side of American Citizenship is challenging; it is a wondrous heritage gleaned from all the world.

IN OUR MAIL

A CHRISTMAS GODSPEED
by Anne Richardson

Good luck and Godspeed thee, friends of the year,
Off to the hearths and the greeting of home;
Off to the sharing of worship and cheer,
And all the myriad friendships you own.

Give of your joy to the fevered and fretted,
Carol "Noel" through the snow-burdened lanes.
Bright smiles now given will not be regretted
Here at the dusk of the year as it wanes.

Spend Christmas morning or eve in some place
Where you can find an at-peace little street,
Crowned by a church with a white-steepled face,
And one light doorway wide open for feet.

Dream an odd moment of manger and star,
Wise men, and Mary, and love's gracious day,
Leave there a part of the person you are,
Take with you part of the holier way.

Life's not all faking, nor Christmas all taking,
Give and receive and then come back next day.
Fresh with the thrill of the life you are making,
Smiling and getting your share of good cheer.

THE ORACLE

FACULTY FACTS

To the members of Goban Normal School Miss Lewis needs no introduction, for it would be impossible to attend school long without her advice or guidance. From the time "Rachel" brings her up Normal Hill 'till she" takes her down again, Miss Lewis is busy helping someone. At this time of year Miss Lewis is more than busy working with the Poetry Club to collect things to send away to schools for Christmas. Miss Lewis has an affection for the Poetry Club and declares that it is the best time that any Saturday evening entertainment has ever given for at least three years at G. N. S. Keep it up, Miss Lewis.

ORGANIZATIONS

What fun the Scavenger hunt gave to the attenders! This hunt was sponsored by the Massachusetts Club on October 24. The committee divided the number presented into about a dozen groups, at the head of each group was a chaperon, one of the faculty members. Some of the faculty taking groups were Mr. Welden, Mr. Packard, Mr. Cilley, Miss Vietrie, Miss Harris, and Miss Pike. The groups had to hunt for grey felt hats, white squashes, lucky bucks, etc. After the hunt the groups gathered together and played games, such as apple bobbing, etc. They enjoyed dancing later in the evening. The committee served refreshments of cider and doughnuts. It has been reported that this scavenger hunt provided the best time that any Saturday evening entertainment has ever given for at least three years at G. N. S. Keep it up, Massachusetts Club.
SO IT SEEMS . . . .
She's In The Navy Now
Alice: How did Ann get along with her examinations?
Ruth: Oh, she passed on high C's.
Some of Us
"Sh, quiet please!" says Freddie Staples.
Elise Hilyard still wears that smile of victory. When, oh when, will it fade?
"Bring out," says Miss Andrews, "put an aspirin on it."
One outstanding feature of Superintend-ent's Day was Carroll Rine's sweater—right side out.
Miss Lewis was questioning her Literature class as to whether it required in- telligence to repent. "It takes intelligence to know when to repent," blurted Sara in an insinuating tone.
Flash from Portland paper: "Keith Crockett from Rockport has been elected President of the G. N. S. orchestra."

A TALE OF NAMES
One cool morning when the FROST was in the air, McALLISTER, a SCOTT, went forth to AIA SENIOR, who had flown into the Woods to dodge her ex-minations. He started to race through the brush, leaping BROOMS, and crossing STILES.
As he approached the brow of a HILL his KEENE sight enabled him to see what he at first thought a SAVAGE but was nothing but A HUNTER who was gazing at somethings. McALLISTER looked too and saw a DOE and a BUCK student of the SCHOOL. Overhead was an EAGLE, some BROWN HAWKES, a MARTIN, and a CHICK, a-dee. The HUNTER with a GAY look raised his gun and shot the LORD of the WOODS. McALLISTER asked if the HUNTER had seen a SENIOR. The fellow thought McALLISTER was BATTY or else very CILLEY to ask such a ques-tion of him. However he rang a little BELL and the SENIOR, a FRENCH girl, appeared with a MOODY look on her face.
The HUNTER, to make her feel more GAY, said they could FRYE some of his BUCK. McALLISTER struck some FLINT against a STONE and said, "The fire BURNS!"
A KNIGHT carrying a PIKE, a BAKER, a SHEPARD in JEANS, a PORTER, a BARDOUR wearing a large RUBY and a DRAPER on an old COBB joined them. A NUTT was added to each man's meat. They all exclaimed it was better than STEERE.
After eating, McALLISTER and the FRENCH SENIOR looked to the east and to the WEST, and then started back for school. They crossed a LITTLEFIELD and came to a WHITEHOUSE. In the HALL, they were each given a CARD on which was a ROWE of DOTS. This CARD was for the teacher to paste on a PAGE of her record book to explain the absences of McALLISTER and the FRENCH SENIOR.

Mrs. Dagmar Peterson
POPULAR READER AND DRAMATIST
INTERVIEWED BY THE "ORACLE" REPORTER

"Never play down to your public, but let them reach up to you," smiled Mrs. Peter-son in answer to my first question: "What advice would you give to young dramatists, Mrs. Peterson?" She added after a few moments, "Don't imitate others; give your personal interpretation of your part to the best of your ability; cooperate with the rest of the cast and aim to get the greatest enjoyment as well as the greatest good from the production."

Mrs. Peterson has had experience in the line of amateur dramatists in Connecticut and she considers work of this type most valuable to young people in the development of poise, self-expression, and the opportunity for cooperating with others.

Drama should be used more extensively in the schools. Even in the primary and intermediate grades it can be used in a simplified form with helpful results. The main element to avoid in school plays is competition, Mrs. Peterson believes. The play should be produced for the help and enjoyment that all the members of the cast as well as the au-dience can receive from it. Leading roles should not always be played by the same child. The students can well be trained to help in the directing of the play as well as in the acting. This should be closely supervised, of course, but there is the chance for originality. A finished product should not always be the goal of the teacher. This attitude may lead to monotonous repetition and end in a dull, memorized selection for audience and a nerve-racking experience for the cast and the teacher.

Mrs. Peterson is a well-known and much admired reader in Portland circles. She is a graduate of the Leland-Powers School where she began her training. From here Mrs. Peterson went abroad to study at the Royal Theater at Copenhagen, a school closely as-sociated with the theater. She also studied the allied arts before returning to America.

Mrs. Peterson came as an old friend this year to Gorham Normal School. We had the pleasure last year of hearing her read the much-reviewed play, "Mary, Queen of Scots," Maxwell Anderson's popular drama.

Mrs. Peterson strongly advocates a specific course in directing an producing plays which might be presented in the normal school. This course might supplement English oral work and take the place of extra-curricular dra-matic organizations. In suggestions to the young teacher, Mrs. Peterson includes the following bits of advice: make your entertainment programs varied; choose simple plays within the range of the pupil's comprehension; frequently use plays that correlate with school subjects and school activities.

These suggestions Mrs. Dagmar Peterson offered when interview d October 28, by an "Oracle" reporter. It was on this day that Mrs. Peterson delighted a large audience in Russell Hall with her reading of "Idiot's Delight," in the 1896 Pulitzer Prize Play. She appeared under the auspices of the Poetry Club.

Upton and Miss Eleanor Sherburne had a very nice time except for the fact that it rained all the time they were there. The guest speaker proved to be Vissart-Hooff of Geneva, Switzerland. Miss Sherburne says that if anybody knows how to get off Mt. Heron campus both she and Miss Upton would be pleased to have him or her tell them for it took them one hour to find their way off the campus. Better luck next time!

It was Friday morning, place, the Home Economics department. Yes, you've guessed it. Just another nice luncheon by Commuters Club. This time, however, the young men of the club were directors and cooks. "Naft said!"

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did very well in leading the cabinet into the hall in a perfect formation.

MRS. H. V. RELLEFORD, repre-sented in the Student Christian Move-ment Meeting of New England held October 16-18 at Northfield, Mass. Miss

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Day. By this we mean that every stu-dent was privileged to invite his or her high school principal and school superin-tendent to visit the various departments of the Normal School, to dine at East Hall, to be entertained by a program sponsored by the Civic Committee, and to meet at a social gathering in the library.

In an event of this kind, you see, our principal and superintendents have an opportunity to meet us in a new atmosphere, to observe our conduct, our scholar only ability, and our professional attitude. We hope that we were not a disappointment to them; we know that in spite of rain and other elements such as our misapprehensions as to our ability to recite promptly, we did have an exci-ting and a splendid day.

Our after-dinner speakers, Miss McKechnie, Miss Baker, Dr. Russell, and Mr. Roderick were most interesting in their enlightening remarks upon our profession. Our program of drama and music was deeply appreciated and our tea and social gathering in the library where we renewed acquaintances, brought events of the day to a happy close.

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the Association.

Dr. Russell, Miss Flint, and the four student delegates gave the student body a report of this convention in chapel, November 13. The need for more student government and a committee's room, the possibility of reviving the point system, and the type of chapel programs used by other schools were the principal sub-jects discussed in these reports.
Gorham Normal Hoop Docket IS RUGGED ONE

Gorham, Nov. 7—The Gorham Normal School basketball schedule announced today by Coach Clifford Wieden and Manager Kervin Ellis includes twelve games. Eight of these games are home games, the remaining four will be played or foreign courts in Massachusetts and New Hampshire. Two conference games are to be played while teams are on tour with Sepulveda High School, Rhode Island, and one with New Britain, last year's conference champion.

Gorham Normal will undoubtedly have a strong team this year but is facing the most difficult schedule ever attempted. In accordance with the policy of the New England Teachers' College Conference, no high schools but one preparatory school, Hebron Academy, have been scheduled for personal games, with Gorham Normal having had pleasant relations for many years, has been dropped to make room for Hyannis Teachers' College.

Information has been received from other schools indicating exceedingly strong teams, and it is easy to see that Gorham Normal is to stack up against plenty of hard competition this season.

Aroostook State Normal School's team is to be built around a star center and a guard. The center is a former Presque Isle School star.

Madawaska Training School expects to have a team as strong or stronger than last year, and last year's team was the only team to defeat the Bridgton Academy with whom Gorham Normal has had pleasant relations for many years, has been dropped to make room for Hyannis Teachers' College.

The strength of the Salem team can be seen by the displacement of at least two of last year's regulars by new men. The New Britain team, which last year won fourteen straight, has the same team back intact this year. In Uniker, a forward, they have one of the finest of forwards seen on New England courts, Giovanelli and the Keene team. Gorham Normal's jinx outfit for the last three years, are completing their fourth year at Keene this season.

The Rhode Island team is an unknown quantity but can always be expected to put up a good fight.

The schedule, which opens here December 5, is as follows:
Dec. 5—Aroostook State Normal School.
Dec. 12—Rhode Island College of Education.
Dec. 18—At Salem, Mass., Teachers' College.
Dec. 19—Hyannis Teachers' College.
Jan. 30—Madawaska Training School.
Feb. 5—New Britain Teachers' College.
Feb. 12—at Keene, N. H., Teachers' College.
Feb. 20—Hebron Academy.
Feb. 28—Salem Teachers' College.

Gorham can look forward to putting a good team on the floor this season, despite the loss of four of the last year's lettermen. Five lettermen, led by Captain "Gus" Higgins, are returning to the courts this year. The lettermen lost last year were Captain "Johnny" Han, "Ed" Bacheider, Wilbert Hayden, and "Rusty" Willis.

Cal Austin, a regular last season, will probably move up into the forward positions as he is a steady, consistent player. Austin is one of a long line of Stanish High School stars.

Mr. Higgins Elected Captain of Basketball Team

Mr. Karlton Higgins, a member of the senior class, is leading our basketball team this season. Active in nearly all sports since his freshman year, "Gus" has been especially prominent in basketball.

Mr. Higgins was asked what he thought of his team chances against its major foes this year. He readily admitted the strong schedule that is facing them but with all the confidence of Coach Weidon, Captain Higgins added very slowly "We're out to win!"

In Captain "Gus" Higgins, ex-Thornton Academy star, Gorham Normal will have a most clever floor-walker as a leader. "Gus" will probably fill the guard berth this season.

School and Portland Boys' Club basketee, seems likely to clinch the other forward position. "Phil" is an exceedingly fast and cagey player and will be remembered for his great game against Bridgton Academy last year.

Donald Knapton, a freshman, who for the past three years has played center for Gorham Normal, has been elected to the inside track on the center position.

The fifth position seems wide open with eight candidates fighting for it. These include Almiry Hambien of Gorham, "Phil" Grover of York, "Spin" Hill of Buxton, Ernie Doyle of Thomaston, and Charles Peters of Portland—all members of last year's squad. These men are being hard pressed by three freshmen—Baldwin, Curtis, and Hansen.

Many Young Women Win

Athletic Honors This Quarter

Three cheers for Dorothy Wiggins, the Howard School basketball team's leading star, is leading our basketball team this season. At a banquet given in East Hall, Lorraine Fitzpatrick, hockey counselor, announced the following members of the squad: Agnes Spink, Margaret Johnson, Mabel Huston, Helen Scott, Ann Sanders, Frances Knight, Theresa Langevine, Ann Wilton, Ruth Brown, Mary Shepard, and Josephine Pyka. Letters were awarded to the following for having achieved twenty-five points: Seniors—Mary Shepard, Sally Thing, Josephine Pyka, Oleve Draper, and Berenice Nutting. Juniors: Agnes Spink, Margaret Johnson, Mabel Huston, Hazel Thayer, Helen Scott, Arline Rowe, Ann Gardner, and Lorraine Fitzpatrick.

Practice Teaching Assignments

Second Quarter

Kindergarten—Anne Richardson, Ruby Steere, Junior Primaries up through Grade 4—Barbara Stiles, Grade 1—Dorothy Wallace, Ruth Gilpatrick, Grade 2—Eleanor Thomas, Leola Adams; Grade 3—Jean Youngblood, Ruth Estes; Grade 4—Claire Quinby, Dorothy Readon; Grade 5—Margaret Johnson, Josephine Pyka; Grade 6—Ruth Palmer, Kerly Pockett; Junior High School: History, Geography—Vera Moody, Mrs. Nellie Knots; Mathematics, Science, English—Adena Smith, Stanley Deyoung, Rural School, West Gorham—Idella Jackson, Eunice Kelly; Elmwood—Dorothy Monroe, Ada Senio; Libby School—Mrs. Shepard, Randall Staples; West Gorham—Hilda Weymouth, Carleen White.

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with the able assistance of Miss Jeannette Johnson, the faculty adviser, and Mr. Packard we managed to at least blaze a trail for future publications. It was most interesting in noting the improvements in the paper. The articles seem to be written in more typical newspaper style. There seems to be a definite resume of what is happening in the school. Every phase of school life is included. The type of printing, the cover, and the arrangement add all to the appearance.

Your Alumni News seems to be an alert column, too. It is surprising how one reads Gorham Normal in the present day. I taught in Barre, Mass., for five years and found Ethel Stone, Hazel Harmon, and Harry Corbett, all graduates of G. N. S. G. E. and former pupils of the school then teaching in Athol, Mass., in a building where alline Caswell, '31, used to teach. Edward Leathy, '31, is in Baltimore, Md.

My best wishes for the continued success of "The Oracle."

Sincerely,

Gladys Foster, '31.

Freshmen—Frances Knight, Elizabeth Killieron, Dorothy Wiggins, Theresa Langevine, Ruth Longelow, Ann Wilton, Marjorie Blake, Jane Dyer, Bessie Blake, Roberta French, Jeannette Billings, and Elizabeth Pinkham.

Three cheers for Mary Shepard, Sally Thing, Bernice Nutting, and Olive Draper! Mary Shepard, president of the Women's Athletic Association, has been awarded a proposition having achieved a hundred points in various athletic activities. Sally Thing, Bernice Nutting, and Olive Drapers, I want to make a special note of having achieved one hundred points.

Three cheers for Dorothy Wiggins and Mary Cullinan! Now that the smoke of the battles has clouded away, we find that Dorothy Wiggins is the winner of the Advanced Tennis Tournament and Mary Cullinan is the runner up. Mary Cullinan....