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STUDENTS ELECT DELEGATES TO NEW YORK CONVENTION

G. N. S. Featured In
"Maine Schools On The Air"

At six-forty-five on Saturday evening, April 3, Gorham Normal School was heard over the air from Station WCSH, Portland, Maine. This program was one of the series known as "Maine Schools On The Air," presented weekly at this time.


Miss Virginia Knight of Windham gave a short talk on the Gorham Normal School, in which she brought out many interesting facts about life at school. Miss Knight is a senior and has been at one time literary editor of the Green and White and the "Oracle."

Mr. Adelbert Foss, popular freshman, from Westbrook, gave a piano solo entitled, "Tonnybriar Fair," by John Prindle Scott. Mr. Foss gave a very fine interpretation of this number; he is most deserving of the praise and recognition he received.

Mr. Anderson answered questions asked by Miss Della Jackson, prominent teacher of the school. He was graduated from the University of Maine.

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March of Time Club To Present Debate

The March of Time Club will debate the question: "Resolved, That the Supreme Court Reform is Needed!" at its chapel program early in the fourth quarter. Miss Eldara Lidback, secretary of the organization. Those upholding the affirmative will be Misses Eldora Lidback and Roberta Henry, and Mr. Kenneth Brooks. On the negative side appear the Misses Roberta French and Barbara Stiles, and Mr. Charles Peters. The club plans to ask Miss Nellie Jordan, faculty adviser of the club, to be timekeeper, and the secretary was requested to ask Mrs. Weiden, Mrs. Packard and Mrs. Woodward to serve as judges.

We are happy to note this variation from the usual type of chapel program. One of the excellent ideas brought back from the Eastern States Conference last year was the one that advocated debates on vital questions and open forums in chapel programs. The March of Time Club is to be congratulated on attempting this. We sincerely hope that their attempt will be followed by other clubs of the school.

For those of you who are unfamiliar with the March of Time Club we give this explanation. The club is made up of seniors who are taking the History Methods course from Miss Nellie Jordan. The purpose of the organization is to study the best methods of teaching history to the Junior High School people. Members are obliged to teach a model lesson at least once during the quarter. Among the members are Miss Mary Sylvester of Portland is president.
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The merciful rain that aids the sun in its duty of love,
The kindly snow that blankets the earth against the cold,
And the quiet sleep that comes at the end:
For all these, Lord, I thank Thee.

Maxine Maxwell

"The Tower Watchers"—State Teachers College, Jersey City, N. J.
Your scrapbook might have room for these bits of wisdom:
"A man of wisdom will often be very much at a loss without company of fools."—La Rochefoucauld.
"Wit is the salt of conversation, not the food."—William Hazlitt.
"The Tamron"—Geneseo State Normal School, Geneseo, N. Y.
"A clever and appropriate parody.
"A Sweat Refrain.

The gentle winds that soothe to rest all weary souls,
The mighty waves that crash against the rocks,
And the quiet sleep that comes at the end:
I didn't know the latitude and longitude when I fell in!

Her room is a "Museum" of various things which she has collected. It is not uncommon to see new students with Nora press flat against the glass panes,—absorbed in wonder and doubt!

About the first bit of information which Miss Ryan insists that you retain is "moth, egg, worm, cocoon." You must know it so well that you can begin at any stage and recite it backward and forward without confusing the order.

Every great person has his quotations. Among Miss Ryan's well-known ones are:
"Come look in my drawer,"... and one which the students always dream on hear, "Let's put it on paper! ! !"

A Freshman girl was a bit confused when told by an "upper classman," "Miss Ryan never fails to say, 'Let's put it on paper!'"

"Oh," replied the Freshman, non-plussed, "I didn't know she taught a course in paper hanging!"

Miss Ryan's generosity, friendliness, and keen wit has won the heart of every Gorham Normal School student.

Collecting flags and studying international relations are of great interest to her. The fact that she draws and paints exceedingly is supposed to be a secret.

One day the Gorham students will see in her hand a dilapidated pocketbook . . . Miss Ryan is going to teach latitude and longitude! But the pocketbook has an interesting story—a trip in an airplane in which Miss Ryan and the pocketbook were riding crashed and fell into the ocean off Marblehead. (It was the greatest but most unfortunate thrill of her life!) And how she did fear the publicity! Miss Ryan insists that her variety of latitude and longitude but confesses . . .

FLASHERS FROM EXCHANGE PUBLICATIONS

"The Anchor"—Rhode Island College, Providence, R. I.

"The Recorder"—Teachers College of Connecticut, New Britain, Conn.

"The Record"—Teachers College of New York, N. Y.

For All These!

The Wide gray skies that arch and span Days of glorious magnitude, nights of purest peace.
The gentle winds that soothe to rest all weary souls.
The moon, serene, serenely lights up our nights.
The sun, benign and kind, that provides our food.

LATTITUDE AND LONGITUDE ARE VERY IMPORTANT—SAYS MISS RYAN

The "Oracle" doesn't intend to set up standards for such a book and it doesn't intend to make "Big" Books a required part of the school curriculum, but there are a few notes on books which are worth more than a casual glance. You can find all of them in the library in their own special cases.

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"Leisure" is one of the most amusing books ever published. Written by three precocious children, Patience, Richard, and John Abbe, it is a revealing document of youth—a sometimes brutally frank picture of adults through eleven-year-old eyes. Every teacher, especially should read it.

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Little Peeps Into "Big" Books

Breathes there the man with soul so dead who never to himself hath said:
"Oh, I'd like to get hold of a book that would be so interesting I couldn't put it down until it was done!"

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If you prefer mystery and romance in addition to strong characterizations, don't skip "Two Black Sheep" by War­wick Deeping. The story opens on the return to society of a man who has just spent fifteen years in an English prison. The story is just as dramatic throughout and has a satisfactory conclusion.

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For notes on the symphonies of Johann Bach to Deems Taylor, look into the "Victor Book of The Symphony" by Charles O'Connell. Whether you feel you need background for music classes or just wish to know more about the symphonies, this book will answer your questions. It also contains fine photographic reproductions of symphony instruments and players and portraits of American symphony conductors.

Margaret Deland's delightful biography of her childhood, "If This Be I" will make you remember back ten years or so to your own childhood, and not without a laugh or two.

Rachel Field's story of Maine, "Time Out of Mind" is an absorbing story to anyone who loves the sea and its graceful ships. The fortunes of the Fortunes during the decline of the sailing ship and rise of the steamship will hold your interest.

From Our Library Window

Each night I watch the sun Creep slowly up the purple hills Far away to the east, And paint the tall church spire in the valley A dazzling, liquid white, As the white horizons from the pinnacle Blaze in the azure sky Like a fiery steed of Phaeton.

And then the trees in the foreground grow dull gray, And finally the hills are no longer purple and blue.

But still the white church spire points heavenward.

And long I will keep it in mind, The golden, blazing horse Gallops east through the pale blue sky, Virginia Knight, '37.

THRU THE CLUBS

Curiosity gets us all now and then, especially if we forgot easily the announcements at chapel. At the end of the fourth period on March 16, we saw a long line of waiters standing anxiously before the observation room door. What's happening? Oh, yes, another of those famous doughnut sales sponsored by one of the Y. W. C. A. groups. For what purpose? To secure enough money for the Y. W.'s share in sending delegates to the New York Convention. The sellers, Frances Oliver and Edith Atwood, certainly were busy for a while. Everyone wanted a fresh chocolate, plain, or no-nut doughnut. They certainly were good!!

The Commuter's Club held another lunch recently in the usual place, the Home Economics room. The community for lunch was Anna Homan and Mary Cullinan. The menu consisted of "no dogs," coffee, and doughnuts. The doughnuts were reported to be of superior quality. The lunch was served in cafeteria style. As soon as the "hot dog" was passed to the hungry customer, he could help himself to the mustard, cheap, etc. The faculty representatives were Miss Wood and Mr. Weiden. A guest of special interest was all members present was Clifford Oscar Titus Weiden, Jr.

The Y. M. C. A. presided at chapel on Monday morning, March 15, with Mr. Hohne and his workers and their subjects were: Mr. Pelletier, "Birth of Maine;" Mr. Nickerson, "The Oddities of Maine;" Mr. Ogden, "The Playground of the Nation, Maine;" and Mr. Doe, "Maine Seal." The men's quartet closed the program with a very fine selection.

The Dramatic Club Play, "The Howling Dog," presented March 4, proved to be exceedingly successful. The club repeated the performance again for the "Knights of Pythias," in Portland, on March 26, before a very appreciative audience.

On March 17 the Poetry Club had a St. Patrick's Day party in Corthell Hall. The chairman of the party was Dorothy Mooney and her helpers were Barbara Cammons, Roberta Henry, and Elizabeth Peterson. The program started at 4 o'clock with Phyliss Lanston in charge. Some of those partaking were Barbara Hodgkins, Unice Kelley, Elsie Hilton, Betty Kelly, and Missy Lancaster. After the program, games were played with Jean Langdon in charge. About six o'clock a supper of baked beans, hot cranberry jelly cake, ice cream, and coffee were served. Miss Wood, Miss Lewis and Miss Parker were the teachers present. Attractive decorations were in keeping with the occasion.

The House Committee held its banquet on March 16 in the East Hall dining room. The decorations were in keeping with St. Patrick's Day. In the center of the table was a beautiful bouquet of green and white carnations. They certainly attracted everyone's attention. The decoration committee was Dorothy Mooney, Ada Yates, and Louise Hall. Margaret Anderson was in charge of the games. After the games songs were sung.

The combined Men's and Women's Glee Clubs present an Easter Program at chapel on March 26. Antiphonal singing marked the high point of the program with a new, highly appreciated baritone soloist, Richard Gillham,公章, delighting the audience.

Here And There -- On The Campus

Is it ethical to allow goldfish to go unnamed ... suppose a hermit's father was a hermit, will the hermit be an individual or a person? ... Mr. Weiden's basketball pep talks showed good mob psychologics may be as boring as we are with them"...

I wonder what Gus has done about the nine Waterメイン。Everyone should know that Mr. Woodward thinks Atheis... isn't nice ... the seniors would appreciate some nice big Superintendents with jobs in the future. In choosing for Gorham, Miss Wood thinks we should pronounce the name correctly, she says there's no reason for people to think she's right too ... I wonder if turtles get seasick when lifted out of the water ... Everyone, especially, the girls, must be glad to know that the "clinging vine" type of maiden ... a suggestion has been made that we give Miss Lewis a goldfish with her loving salesmanship ... I wonder if Boswell is leading a dog's life with his two bones. I hear he's been howling again.

Lend Thine Ear

A dentist was a little surprised when a patient insisted on having his teeth sharpened. The man claimed he wouldn't eat fast enough to satisfy himself. He might have installed a meat chopper! Joke!

A sincerely good and honorable judge may be a poor psychologist. A Pennsylvanian judge went into a docket room and said "I feel". Well, there's a powerful difference we are sure, between going to jail to see how it feels" and going to jail because there is no alternative. (Isn't that so, Mr. McCloskey?)

Mr. Charles J. Peters of the senior class and South Portland, is an expert in the "Sports Night," held by the joint combination of our W. A. A. and our M. A. A. The Russell Hall Gymnasium, was a success. He would like to see it all repeated!!

ALUMNAE

Mrs. Roberts, former teacher and student at the Gorham Normal-School, lectured to the students in Russell Hall Auditorium, March 25, on her experiences and adventures while on a South Island trip. Mrs. Roberts used motion pictures, which were taken on the trip, to illustrate her extremely interesting talk. These pictures included many beautiful scenes on the islands and gave us an excellent idea of what life in this part of our world is like. The views of the thermal regions, volcanic islands and of the animals were particularly fine.

Miss Helen Abbott, '35, of Portland, Maine, has recently returned to the Kappa Delta Pi, honorary educational fraternity, at the University of Maine, where she is a member of the senior class. Miss Abbott has appeared on the Dean's list this year, also as one of the leaders in her class.

After graduation from Gorham, Miss Abbott taught two years at East Stoneham, Maine.
GORHAM NORMAL SCHOOL
BASEBALL SEASON LOOKS FAIR

MANY VARSITY MEN LOST AT GRADUATION LAST JUNE

Gorham Normal School faces its coming baseball season with only fair prospects. It lost four of last year's regulars through graduation: Ham, Willis, Bachelder, and Rand, as well as Akerley, a pitcher who saw considerable action. Gorham has, however, five lettermen returning, including its two ace pitchers "Cal" Austin, and Capt. "Gus" Higgins. Sheldon Porter, a third experienced hurler is lost to the team thru ineligibility.

Probably the greatest loss to the team was the graduation of Co-Captain "Rusty" Welles. Welles was the only consistent player of the squad for the past three years. "Burt" Whitehouse, a freshman, looms as the chief hope for this year's backstopping, although "Stan" Reed has seen some service behind the platter and may give him a battle for the position.

Coach Wieden has half an infield left from last year's club in "Ernie" Doyle, second baseman, and Bill Felker, third baseman. The first base job was left wide open by the graduation of Co-Captain, "Eddie" Bachelder. "Phil" Gerber, a raucous outfielder on last year's team, has seen some action on first base and may clinch the position. Keith Crockett, a sophomore, is another man who has had much experience, both at first base and in the outfield, and he may hold down the initial job this season. Donald Knapton, rangy freshman basketball star, has seen action on first base and as a pitcher for Gorham High School and may see action in either position this year.

The shortstop berth will be fought for by two seniors, both two year members of the varsity squad. "Charlie" Peters and "Skip" Rines. Peters is the faster and more aggressive of the two but is bothered by a weak arm. Rines may see action in the outfield.

Beside Gerber and Crockett, one other outfielder, "Charlie" Manchester, who saw some action in the outfield is returning. Higgins and Austin, the pitchers, are also good on the diamond. The left-handers and may see action in the outer-gardens when not occupying the hurler's position.

Coach Weiden's chief problem seems to be to find a catcher to replace Willis, a couple of capable infielders to round out his inner defense, and a third starting pitcher.

Although as yet no schedule has been arranged, it is indicated that Keene, N. H., Teachers College, Elmira, and Academy. Teachers College, and Fryeburg Academy will be among the teams to be played. The season, which will include six or seven games all to be played during the month of May. There is a possibility that Gorham will join a new baseball league to be formed by the New England Teachers' Conference. This league would contain such teams as Salem, Hyannis, and Fitchburg High Schools, and College of Education, New Britain, Conn., Keene, N. H., and Gorham and Farmington, Maine Normal Schools.

Many students have reported early for the always popular tennis,