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GLEE CLUB

The Girls’ Glee Club wound up activities for this year with a final outing at the Lodge of Mr. and Mrs. John Sawtelle on South Street during the afternoon and evening of Wednesday, June 8. After a final supper consisting of hot dogs, chocolate doughnuts, punch, cookies, and marshmallows, the remainder of the evening was spent in games, stunts, and songs.

Miss Louise Garland, Vice-President of the organization, acted as General Chairman. Those assisting her were Florence Wood, chairman of food; Marie Greene in charge of games; Ferne Browne, and Jean MacDouggall.

Guests present included Mr. and Mrs. Sawtelle, Miss Evelyn Littlefield, and Miss Catherine Goff.

New Officers for the Glee Club President: Marion Ferguson, Saco Vice-President: Emma Libby, Harrison Secretary: Mary Dunt, North Berwick Treasurer: being assisted by Mary Goodwin, Bluehill Librarian: Marie Greene, South Portland Assistant: Irene Perreault, Lewiston

Dr. Bragdon will continue to represent the club at Civic Committee.

CONGRATULATIONS

GREEN AND WHITE

Dedicated to Mr. Packard, “whom we respect as a teacher, cherish as a friend, and honor as a Christian and a gentleman,” this year’s “Green and White” differs greatly from those of previous years. Entirely new as to make-up, the enlarged training school section has been added, also the fact that the entire number of the club will be published at one time.

The story is about the story of the Strawberry Class of 1880, the class of 1888, and the class of 1913 and 1928. Their activities that day consist of a business meeting at 10:00 A. M. and at 12:30 a banquet in East Hall dining room, to which this year’s graduating classes are invited.

COMMENCEMENT ACTIVITIES

Commencement Week started early this year, when the First Year Senior Class held their annual function on the evening of June 17th. Music will be provided by Bob Percival and his orchestra from Portland.

Wednesday, June 15th, marked the day the Seniors sailed up Sebago Lake through the Songo Locks to Naples, where they had their class picnic. All the elegant ladies were invited to attend this picnic as guests of the Senior Class.

Saturday, June 18th, as has been the custom, will be Alumni Day, especially the alumni of this class to welcome the class of 1938 begin. There will be the Baccalaureate Service held in Russell Hall at 1:45 p.m., the Class of 1938, consisting of forty-nine graduates from the Junior High School and twenty-seven from the General Department, will be marshaled in by Carlton Landry, the Gorham Normal School Orchestra, directed by Miss Miriam Andrews, will furnish the music at graduation. The address of the morning will be delivered by Willard G. Sperry, Dean of Harvard Theological School. He has chosen for his subject, “Education for Our Times.” Special invitations to this Commencement will be extended to Governor Lewis O. Barrows, Mrs. Eliot Roderick, and the graduates from the Gorham Normal School, the college presidents of the state, the normals school principals, the State Department of Education, and the families and friends of the members of the graduating classes.

A student executive board was appointed by Dr. Walter E. Russell to serve in settling matters pertaining to commencement exercises. They are Mary Sleeper and Arthur Doe from the Fourth Year Class; to get Inshurr Imsevall, Jane Christiansen, and Gladys Wagner from the Third Year Class. The chairmen in charge of the various Commencement committees are Grace Pery, General Chairman for Fourth Year Senior Activities; Miss Miriam Andrews, Chairman for Vocal and Marching Band; Miss Bess Lewis, Chairman of Decorations Committee; Mr. Clifford O. T. Wakeley, Chairman of the Band; Miss Gertrude Stone, Chairman for Reception Tea Arrangements; and Mr. Louis Woodward, Chairman for Seating Arrangements.

It is the hope of the administration and of those who have carefully planned this program, that all the students, faculty, and guests will participate in these events which will later be profitable and happy memories.
GOOD-BYE SENIORS

"Parting is such sweet sorrow" especially when there are as many pleasant memories as the Gorham Campus holds. Some of us have three years full of campus life to look back on and there are a few of the graduating class who can add another year to that.

We hope that you will not consider your graduation as an end but as a beginning to your life made full by your years here.

Good-bye seniors! Good luck in your teaching positions.

EXCHANGES

We acknowledge with pleasure the arrival of a new exchange, "The Appleblossom," from the Central State Teachers' College, Mt. Pleasant, Michigan.

Among many interesting articles was one entitled, "Teacher Reveals Secrets of the School Profession." Here it is reprinted for your consideration and amusement.

"I do not write the songs of our country but I teach the children. This is the harder task. I do not handle much money for I am impracticable, but I train the banker's children. That is my job. I do not select candidates for office, for teachers must not dabble in politics, but I teach history and government to future office-holders (I acknowledge that I do a poor job).

"I listen patiently while a fond mother explains that Willie is really an unusual child and needs special consideration and attention. I am not a doctor, but I am supposed to be an expert on eyes, tonsils, ears, and adenoids. I am assumed to be an impartial judge, but I am constantly reminded directly or indirectly that my job is in danger unless I pursue a certain course of conduct regardless of facts.

"I like books and love children. This is unfortunate, as both cost money. "My salary is inadequate, but I am constantly reminded that my profession ranks next to the ministry in salary and importance. I am impracticable enough to be very happy in my work, though the wolf is just around the corner. I am the teacher.

"A man's mind is like a parachute, it only works when it is open."

The following paragraph taken from an editorial in the Keene Chronicle entitled, "Our Faculty—Our Friends" is also applicable to this school.

"It will surprise many to know that the Faculty give assistance to several hundred graduates every year. In contrast to many institutions, which turn out graduates with all the futility implied by that phrase, our faculty members expect to continue to help their students one year, three years, or ten years after graduation.

"School days—school days,
Dear new fangled school days:
Fencing, stunts and cheer, the art,
Taught with aid of a Binet chart:
I was a lad with a low I.Q. You were a maid with a minus 2.1.
Just what we, or we, knew.
But that is the new fangled way.

Tower Watch, State Teachers College, Jersey City, N. J.

Wholly appreciative of the careful planning and the time spent in their efforts, the students of Gorham Normal School wish to express to Miss Lewis and Mr. M. A. Manley of the faculty and to the "Green and White" Editorial Board their appreciation of as fine a yearbook as they have yet seen.

The "Green and White" Board
Editor-in-Chief Rose Flanagan Assistant Editor Jean Brown, Ruth Longfellow, Thomas Corrigan, Robert Anderson Business Manager John Graves Assistant Business Manager Madeline MacDonald, Paul Baldwin Calendar Editors Merottie Berry, Irving Pike Women's Athletics Burton Curtis Photographic Editors Katherine Chisholm, John Bruch Art Editor John Cambridge Typists Theresa Langevin, Evelyn Knight

ALPHA LAMBDA BETA

Due to the absence of President Edward Jess, who was practice teaching, Leo Pelletier assumed leadership of the fraternity. During the first quarter plans for the year were outlined and an agreement was made with the school and the other fraternity to pledge and initiate new members at the half-year instead of at the beginning of the year as had been the custom.

Later in the year seventeen young men of the school satisfied the fraternity's new high standard of admission and were pledged to be members. The antics of the pledges were a constant source of meritment to all. Final initiation rites were performed in Russell Hall Gymnasium and a banquet was enjoyed in the Grange Hall that evening.

On May 29, the "Frat Frolic" took place. The proceeds from this highly entertaining affair may go towards a scholarship fund which the fraternity is considering.

On June 11 the fraternity observed their annual field day and banquet at the Chute Homestead, Naples, on Long Lake. The members and guests enjoyed themselves at swimming, canoeing, tennis, and in the Chute's garden rose. At this time copies of the elaborate illustrated Fraternity Directory were distributed. Officers for next year were also revealed at this time.

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ORACLE SALUTES

EDITH LEWIS
The "All Gorham" girl of the third year class in Edith Lewis, her accomplishments are varied and brings her a place with the whole student body. Probably those who know her least can recognize her as the ever-present pianist in chapel exercises. Her musical ability has made her a valuable member of the musical organizations of G. N. S. She is President of the Women's Glee Club. Besides being an accomplished pianist, she plays the French horn in the orchestra and band. Most recently she had an important part as accompanist for the operetta, "The Buccaneer," in the athletic field, Edith is active in tennis and archery. She is a member of the Y.W.C.A. Cabinet and was delegate, last fall, to the Bates Conference. In the Civic Committee, Edith is Secretary and has acted as chairman of the Dining Room Committee on such occasions as Superintendents' Day and Back-to-Gorham Day.

Her personality is a symbol of Gorham training; she is always ready to help, even in the most trying situations. Little provocative, a beautiful blush is aroused and a merry twinkle is often glimpsed in her eyes.

JOHN CAMBRIDGE
Easily the "find" of the year since his performance as the swashbuckling pirate of "Treasure Island," John has become the ideal of all the girls of Gorham. A graduate of Deering High and a member of the second year Industrial Arts course, he has also shown his aptitude in chess during the year.

This winter a far from uncommon sight was John Cambridge on skis. Morning, noon, evening, and spare periods much of his time was spent either in improving his own skill or in helping the less experienced devotees of the art. With such incentive, doubtless Gorham will become a haven for winter sports enthusiasts, even more than it has been in the past.

Miss Stiles is a member of the Commuter's Club and has been active in cross-country, basketball, and baseball. He is Art Editor for the "Green and White" and, as you can see, has done some fine work.

Being a member of the Kappa Delta Phi Fraternity and a regular attendant of the dancing class seems to round off his activities. We realize that you all know him by sight, but we urge that you acquaint yourself personally with this "regular, good fellow."

BARBARA STILES
A quiet, busy girl who belongs to the fourth year class and is always ready to listen to a tale of woe is Barbara Conant Stiles. Her musical activities are many and include membership in the orchestra, glee club, and town orchestra. It was her initiative and effort that organized the new band which was a great attraction to the Back-to-Gorham Day. This group met for the afternoon "Singing" was led by Barbara.

As treasurer of the Y.W.C.A. Cabinet, she has managed to make the group a success. She has also served on the House Committee. Last June, at the Alumni banquet the graduating class had a spokesman who was a joy and credit to her classmate, who was it? Why, Barbara Stiles, of course. And who is it that this year is marshal for the fourth year seniors? You're right! Barbara Stiles!

MILTON CHAPMAN
We introduce to all our readers the President of the Freshman class, Westbrook's gift to the Dramatic Club has proven his worthiness in the play, "I'll Leave It To You" and in his role as end­man in the Alpha Lambda Beta Fraternity minstrel show.

Mr. Chapman is a tennis enthusiast of the first order and is also prone to giving demonstrations at the dancing classes.

For further information we refer you to the writings of the class, which accepts his duties in the care of his protege with full seriousness, Eddie Jess.

POETRY CLUB HOLDS PICNIC

As the "Oracle" goes to press, final plans have been completed for the Poetry Club picnic to be held June 4 at Joseph Parker's Camp on Little Sebago. The club will depart from Robie Hall at 9:30 Saturday morning. Transportation will be by truck and the private cars of Miss Jones, Ellicott Hames, and Helen Allen. This will be the first outing of the club since the election of its new president, Miss Mary Cullum of Portland, Maine.

The committee for the day are as follows: General Chairman, Gertrude Baker; Treasurer, Lorraine Fitzpatrick; Food, Rae Parady, June Jordan, and Jane Wing; transportation, Louise Eugley and Beatrice Doughty; indoor games, Rose Flanagan and Evelyn Knight; cleaning-up, Ann Welton, and initiation, Paulp Metcalf, Miriam Peckham, and Louise Eingland.

Among invited guests are Charlena Durling, Edith Lewis, Virginia Hagen, Eleanor Shevlin, Helen Brown, Pearl McEachern, Marjorie Howland, Mary Kendall and the Middle Atlantic States.

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KAPPA DELTA PHI

The Lambda Pi Sigma Fraternity has distinguished itself this year by an unusually active fraternity. As the president, Carlton Landry, has been the directing force and his fine leadership has engendered an unusually high spirit of co-operation among its members.

Early in the year this group, in conjunction with the other fraternity, made up the first set of freshmen rules for the male students.

A new policy was introduced this year in receiving new members. New members were not pledged until after mid-years. In this way the fraternity was able to select those whom it felt had proven themselves of exceptional ability.

The initiatory ceremonies were well planned to the satisfaction of both the old and new members. The dinner was the crowning phase of these events. Early in 1938, it was voted to investigate a few National Orders and make an attempt to become a charter of a larger organization, Kappa Delta Phi, a Professional Educational Fraternity. As the president, Carlton Landry, has been the directing force and his fine leadership has engendered an unusually high spirit of co-operation among its members.

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Because one day as normal school graduate one will be in a position wherein a critical study will be made of us by some Mr. Superintendent, our interest and curiosity in this report is no small one. These, as you have seen, are presented an imaginary interview, reproducing many of the questions and answers in the famous "Summary of Questionnaire Relative to Product of Maine State Normal Schools."

Reporter: "Mr. Superintendent, have you noticed any particular weakness on the part of normal training teachers?"

Supt.: "Yes, careless in speaking Eng­

lish, many teachers lack resourcefulness; others have no sense of character training.

"Then we have the group who are to

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CURTAIN CLOSED ON WOMEN'S ATHLETICS

The outstanding event of the Spring athletic season was the May Sports Day and May Day Pageant. But then, it takes a C2 division with our author, Georgia Shaw right in our midst to execute such a project successfully. Virginia Wheaton, with her royal escorts, Grace Perry, Agnes Bickford, Jane Christianson, Ruth Thomas, Ruth Furnouth, and Virginia Swasey, ran away with the honors of May Queen. The crown bearer was Carolyn Wieden; trumpeters, Kerwin Ellis and Harold Bent. A medley of the dances of various countries was presented by the G.N.S. students. Even the men had to show their ability as expert tumblers. To Calvin Austin, President of the G.O., the honor of crowning the queen. (Rather embarrassing, wasn't it, Cal?)

There was other entertainment for participation throughout the day including mixed softball, which games no one seemed to win, (it may have been caused by the out of line playing on the part of both selected teams) a baseball game with Northeastern Business College; a “Green and White” Archery Tournament; and the annual banquet in East Hall dining room at which Dr. Russell, Karlton Higgins, and Margaret Johnson were speakers, was followed by a dance in the gymnasium to the tune of the best orchestras in the country. (Wasn’t that picturesque?)

The C2 division must be still swelling with pride, for, as this goes to press, we find only one representative of that very fine team. The baseball nine was led by Captain Elin Felker, also amassed a fine season record of 7 wins and only 2 losses. Thus they finished in the third place. The only Conference games lost by the “Green and White” were the two with the championship Keene, N. H., Teachers College nine. Outside the Conference they lost only to the powerful Bridgton Academy nine. Prospects for another fine team next year are fairly bright despite the loss of a host of veterans. Capt. B. H., also amassed a fine record, gaining 7 wins as against only 5 victories. Their Conference record 4 wins and only 2 losses, thus they finished in the first division of this loop. They lost only to championship Keene team and to a great Bridgton Academy nine.

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BALL NINE HAD SUCCESSFUL SEASON

Gorham’s 1938 varsity ball team enjoyed one of the most successful seasons in the history of the school. They amassed a season record of 10 wins and only 3 losses. Their Conference record was 4 wins in six games, which gained them a first division berth in the first league standings.

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narrow in social, economic affairs. But worse still, there are teachers who do not keep a neat register and are prompt in filing reports.

Mr. Supt.: “There are teachers who do not know how to dress suitably for the classroom. They should be taught how.

Mr. Supt.: “Yes. Teaching becomes a social value.”

Mr. Supt.: “The question of dress is such an important one today. Would you offer suggestions to our readers?”

Mr. Supt.: “Do you find these characteristics eliminated in the experienced teacher?”

Mr. Supt.: “Not always. Experienced teachers often have too much teacher expression with too little pupil expression. Teaching is a natural procedure. Some teachers fail to realize this.”

Mr. Supt.: “Do you desire your teachers to have some specific training in conducting an activity program?”

Mr. Supt.: “Yes. Teaching becomes less bookish and mechanical if a wholesome activity program is arranged. The program should have an educational as well as a social value.”

Mr. Supt.: “What about subject matter?”

Mr. Supt.: “Our teachers should have a broader, richer background of subject matter and general information. We like teachers who keep well posted and realize that their subject matter may be changing from day to day.”

Mr. Supt.: “I have a great deal to say. First, I advocate voice training. So many teachers lack the ‘lift’ that often makes for success or failure.

GORHAM NORMAL ENJOYED GREATEST SPORTS YEAR

Under the direction of their new coach, Louis Jensen, and with Athletic Director Wieden at the helm to smooth over any difficulties and injuries, the Gorham Normal athletic teams of 1938 amassed the finest sports records in the history of the school.

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