SUPERINTENDENT'S DAY
TO BE NOV. 8

This year Superintendent's Day is a little unique in that it is the ninth, and still it is the eighth. We couldn't understand this at first, and didn't know how the invitation committee, composed of Ralph Hanson, Miriam Jones, Marjorie Howland, and Thomas Corrigan, would get around the situation, but then we figured out that it is the ninth annual Superintendent's Day, to be held on the eighth of November.

On this day students, superintendents, and principals are brought into closer relation, and guests are given the opportunity to get a close-up of school life here at Gorham.

In the morning, the superintendents will visit classes, and we are afraid that, as usual, this will be the morning when we all just can't seem to remember the names of the students, which were absolutely sure of the night before.

As Constance Furbush, Miriam Jones, Miss Hastings, Miss Woodward, Ruth Brown, and others are in charge of the banquet at noon, we are sure that things will be done up "Brown." At the table, students will have the opportunity to pass bread and butter to the very superintendents and principals who once passed them their diplomas, as the committee has arranged to seat superintendents and principals with their former pupils as far as possible.

The following entertainment will be presented in Russell Hall:

The program committee is composed of Edward Card, Donald Lindsey, Edward Jess, Mary Dustin, and Miss Wood.

CO-OPERATION MOST IMPORTANT SAYS DR. SUHRIE

In his address to the student body in Russell Hall on Friday afternoon October 14, Dr. Ambrose L. Suhrie, Professor of Education at New York University, pointed out that the most important thing for any student to learn is co-operation. "Co-operation," said Dr. Suhrie, "is a condition of life so that others may be able to work with you." He gave us one of the best definitions of a good school that we have yet heard—and believed-in as a condition of co-operation: "A good school is a place where young people of all ages meet together to educate themselves and each other with the help of inspiring teachers."

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1938 GREEN AND WHITE WINS FIRST CLASS HONOR RATING

Word has been received from the National Scholastic Press Association, Minneapolis, Minnesota, that the 1938 Green and White is First Class Honor Rating. This is an outstanding achievement, for hundreds of year books are entered in the competition, and to receive a First Class rating is the surest indication of the high quality of the book. A certificate of award will be received designating the honor.

Rose Flanagan was Editor-in-Chief of the 1938 Green and White, and John Graves was the Business Manager.

94% OF CLASSES OF 1938 DOING EDUCATIONAL WORK

Unofficial figures, as we go to press, indicate that 94% of the members of last year's two graduating classes are doing educational work. Of the 122 graduates, only eight are engaged in other fields of employment. This percentage is slightly lower than that of the preceding year, 98% of the graduating class of 1937 were either teaching or doing further studying at this time last year.

Members of the graduating classes of 1938 have secured teaching positions in the following places: Marjorie Cole, Rockland; Arthur Dee, Levant; Kevin Ellis, Farmington; Pegeenville; John Ham, Portland; Karlton Higgins, Presque Isle; June Jordan, So. Paris; Keith Jordan, Portland; Cole Kelley, Portland; Arlene Marshall, Milbridge; Margaret McIntyre, West Scarsboro; Hilda Moens, Millinocket; Trace Perry, Peaks Island; Carroll Rines, Reed Plantation; Carroll Reno, Alfred; Merin Rowe, Jackson, N. D.; Velma Staplesford, E. Greenwich, R. I.; Randall Staples, Hollis; Barbara Stiles, Sheffield; Mary Sylvester, Biddeford; Frank Tupker, Portland; Dwight Webb, Gorham.

Third year graduates who have teaching positions are: Beatrice Alexander, Hollis; Ruth Anderson, So. Case; Calvin Austin, No. Windham; Gertrude Baker, North Anson; Mary Blaisdell, Wales; Barbara Brown, Gray; Gertrude Chick, Corinna; Jane Christiansen, Falmouth; Cecil Clement, Grade 2 in Training School; Kenneth Coleman, Dedham; Nathalie Cunningham, Portland; Esther Davis, Freeport; Blin Felker, Anson; Evelyn Foster, Richmond; Louise Garland, No. Livermore; Phillip Grover, Cape Neddick; Virginia Hagen, Chebeague; Elinor Haley, Hollis; Hazel Hall, Lincoln; Louise Hall, Patton; Kenneth Hobbs, Old Orchard; Anna Honan, North Anson; Carl Hurd, Acton; Margaret Johnson, Bethel; Nell Gorbett, Dall City; Virginiia Knowles, Parkman; Maybelle Leach, Turner; Dorothy Leavitt, Kizer fellows; Edith Lewis, South Windham; Evelyn Stearns, Litchfield; Rebecca Long, Castine; Arlene Longfellow, Litchfield; Evelyn Lord, Wells; Charlotte Manter, Topsham; Pegeenville; Marie McLaughlin, Prospect; George Mee, W. Lebanon; Pauly Metcalf, So., West Harborough; Elva Murray, Grade 5 in the Training School.

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WELCOME, MISS DAHL

We have a new Art teacher this year. Miss Gwen Dahl comes to us from Minnesota where she was teaching Art in the public schools last year. Miss Dahl received her B.S. degree from the University of Minnesota and her M.A. from George Peabody College at Nashville, Tennessee.

Miss Dahl's varied interests include singing, dancing, and painting, but her chief interest and hobby is handiwork, pottery molding, weaving, and metal work. Her enthusiasm and sympathetic interest in the classes she has under her direction here insure a profitable and pleasant year for all who work with her. The Art Club already testifies to the success of its plans.

SECOND YEAR CLASS ELECTION

The Second Year Class organized and met for the election of officers during the first quarter in order that they might be ready to start class activities early in the second quarter. When the class voted on these candidates, the final count showed the officers to be as follows:

President, William Carey Vice-President, Doris Whitely Secretary, Wayne Bowley Treasurer, Catherine Chase

WHAT TO READ

That the literature of the present day is becoming more and more suited to the tastes of teachers and students has been made apparent by the fact that several of the teachers, when approached with the request to recommend books for student reading, gave their replies with very little hesitation. They were very enthusiastic and enthusiastic in recommending their choices. Miss Wood would like to be quoted as saying: "I wish every citizen in the United States would own a copy of Dorothy Thompson's 'Political Guide.'" She also suggests "Free Land" by Rose Lane Wilder. The other teachers who were asked for suggestions added the following:

Mr. Slott: "My Son! My Son!" Howard Spring
"First Rebel" Neil Swanson

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ART CLUB DANCE

On Saturday evening, October 22, 1938, the Art Club of Gorham Normal presented an appropriate Hallowe'en Dance in Center at approximately thirty o'clock. Skeletons, goblins, and witches in orange and black were fitting decorations. Doughnuts and old-fashioned cider were served for refreshments.

During intermission a variety floor show was presented. The program consisted of a vocal solo by Miss Mary Skillin accompanied by Miss Marion Ferguson on the piano. Miss Ethan, Secretary-Treasurer of the Art Club, directed the dancing.

RECREATION ROOM

Last year the favorite topic of conversation around the school was the gym suicide. This year, although the fresh- men are more conservative, having blue for their color, so the gym suit question is completely exhausted. As is usually the case with college students, another issue for discussion was quickly discovered. All through the summer months, current events was at the heart of the minds of those of us who were here last year, for we knew that due to the thoughtfulness of the previous year, a new project had been launched at the school.

If at any time the citizens of Maine and Massachusetts were surprised to encounter people of college age gazing off into space with pre-occupied looks on their faces, there may have been some doubt in their minds as to the health of the person. However, there was no immediate cause for alarm. These seemingly 'daydreaming' people were planning ahead, as every good teacher should do, for the good times to be had in the new recreation room now being completed in the basement of Corthell Hall.

Many times in years past at Gorham, it has been a truth universally acknowledged, that students spending their noon hours studying as if their lives depended on it. This seems a bit more prevalent now. It is quite naturally due to the fact that there was little else to do during this time. Since wandering around in corridors disturbed those who do have something to do, especially that which is imperative for the first period class, many who would rather spend their time in doing something more active would thoughtfully sit down and spend the time profitably studying. This, of course, was time well spent, but too much study and inactivity is good for no one. So when a member of the first fourth year class conceived the idea of remodeling one of the rooms in the basement of Corthell Hall for a recreation center a shout of joy echoed over the campus. This fourth year class proved its worth with this one project alone; although everything undertaken by its members was successful.

Some of us, especially the juniors, may be able to say that we had to compete with some of the soundest examples of pure English while the work was being completed. And those of us who are seniors rapped out "P.T." to the hammer accompaniment.

Taking all things into consideration the new recreation room will certainly be an excellent advertisement for Gorham Normal School, a possible drawback being that the students will want to spend all their time there rather than in classroom.

EXCHANGES

Orchids to "The Log", Salem Teachers' College, for this fine charting done on the hurricane. The photograph of the uprooted campus was pictorially expressive of the devastation wrought in that locality.

The lamron, Genesee Normal School, prints a column of new expressions for slang fans taken from the Dictionary of American Slang by Maurice Wessen. We thought you would appreciate the following: (We've heard any of these don't stop me.)

Choice bit of Calico—An attractive girl.
Detroit Disaster—Ford Car.

H'oo-Hello; how are you.

Take a Cottage Course—To marry before graduating.

White Plague—Examination paper.

Bun Duster—A male who frequents taverns.

Coffin Nail—A cigarette.

The Trading Post in the Recorder, Connecticut Teachers' College, caught our fancy as being the most attractive of a number of very interesting departments. We quote the following as the best quip of the month: "Professor, grumbling during examination: 'Will some kind gentleman who isn't using his book be so kind as to lend it to me - for a few minutes.'"

Recorder (Sheaf).
FOURTH YEAR CLASS ORGANIZES

Linwood Card

The members of the fourth year class have chosen Linwood Card to preside over their affairs. Bertha Frost has been chosen vice president; Edith Rossborough, secretary; and Almery Hamblen, treasurer. All of these officers have been prominent in school activities in previous years.

Carter has been a member of the Civic Committee for three years. He was a member of last year's third-year class. Bertha Frost graduated in 1937. She has been active in the Outdoor Club, the Commuter's Club, and in the Glee Club. Edith Rossborough is a member of the Dramatic Club executive committee. She is in the Commuter's Club and the York County Club, and was on the Dr. Russell's Day committee. Edith was graduated last year with the third-year class. Mr. Hamblen, a member of the class of '37, has participated in many of our men's sports, basketball, baseball, and cross-country. He has been a member of the Athletic Council and was on the committee for Dr. Russell's Day this fall.

The fourth year class was the first to hold an organization meeting. This year there are thirty-four students working for their degrees. Thirty of them are graduates of Gorham Normal School. As newcomers we have Lorna Coffin and Carl Green, who were graduated from the State Normal School at Presque Isle. Robert Corbett from Castine Normal School, and Allyn Wadleigh from Bowdoin College.

By the use of corn stalks, pumpkins, sunflowers, and happy grooves, the decoration scheme, the first obtained an atmosphere of autumn. Apple cider and doughnuts were served for refreshments.

During intermission, a variety show was presented with George Albert as the master of ceremonies. First on the program was Don Boderick, of the Portland Boy's Club, who sang "When Irish Eyes Are Smiling," accompanied by Miss "Kay" Chisholm. Miss Mary Lou Stuart, freshman, next sang "Cora Corsa" and "Only a Rose." Miss "Kay" Flaherty then presented a jazz toe strut. Both Miss Stuart and Miss Flaherty were accompanied by Miss Marion Ferguson. To conclude the program, "Bones" Knappton sang a medley of songs accompanied on the piano by "Powerhouse" Charleton.

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EPITAPH

A sneeze of gas, a squirt of oil, A twist of wire to wind a coil, A hum of engine on the inch board. Althogether—Miss Flint's Ford.

All Gorham mourns the passing of a faithful friend and standby. Each morning in the early dawn, antiqued relics cuffed up Normal Hill and wheeled to a standstill in the faculty parking lot, brakes and tires screaming in protest. A creak of rusty hinges and Miss Flint alighted on terra firma with a grandiose air "Hill and wheezed to a standstill in the chapel! But alack! all is lost, for "Uncle Henry" has wished another of his recent masterpieces of automotive machinery on Miss Flint. Now her ride to chapel is cushioned comfort and with the greatest of ease she glides noiselessly and unobtrusively to her designated parking place, with the approval of all onlookers.

Though Model "A" may be great, She has chosen a Ford V-8. Each bright morn she will smile; Ride to school and ride in style.

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SOMETHING NEW

A rather new and unique method of instruction has arrived at Gorham Normal School. Radio entertainment and refreshments while you work is Mr. Packard's new method of teaching. Rather than have the members of his sheet metal class disinterested in class activities due to their concentration on the outcome of the World Series Games, Mr. Packard installed a radio in the sheet metal shop. Strange as it may seem, the productivity of the class was greatly increased, in spite of the number of time-outs taken by members of the class for a trip to the chocolate box which Mr. Packard provided.

Question: Is this to be a growing feature of the classes of Gorham Normal School?

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FRAT DANCE

On October 1st, the Kappa Delta Phi Fraternity, last year's winner of the trophy for the best club-sponsored program, held its annual dance in Center.

TIES TO BIND

These bonds entangle—they prevent Swift motion, and I long to flee Away, my steps toward great things bent—

For are these things not meant to be? Am I earth-bound, who dare the most The heights I long for, shall I see? Release these bonds, I pray; who can Unleash these cords, and set me free?

Mary Hodgkins.

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School; Helen Nason, Harmony; Rae Parson, Anchorage; Miriam Peel, West Harbor; Gracie Rankin, Buxton; Lawrence Ray, Etna; Stanley Reed, Pen­

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OUTING CLUB

The Outing Club organized and elected the following officers:

President, Florence Wood
Vice President, Evelyn Ward
Secretary and Treasurer, Virginia Foster
Hiking Counsellor, Mertice Berry

The Outing Club uses the following system of awards for its members. A member who goes on eighteen hikes receives a Gorham Letter. If in the second year of membership, she has completed eighteen more hikes, she receives a scarf. The same number in her third year entitles her to the Outing Club pin. Now maybe it's the award system, or maybe it's the love of hiking, or still it might be the weather, but certainly the Club has an unusually large membership this year. The hikes are held on Thursday and Sunday afternoons and take the girls to explore the far corners of Gorham.

MUSIC NOTES

One of the most outstanding features of the Music Department of Gorham Normal School this season has been the School Song book compiled and arranged by Miss Miriam Andrews and presented at a dedication service, Friday morning, October 13. At this service, a double quartet sang and led the school in singing a few of the less familiar songs from the collection. We had the honor of having Miss Edith Lowell, composer of "The Song Of Friendship" as guest artist and accompanist. This song, one of the most popular in the book, was written during the summer months at Miss Andrews' request.

The school orchestra made its first appearance of the season when Dr. Ambrose Suhr of New York University addressed the entire student body. The orchestra played with fine tone coloring and balance, under the capable direction of Miss Andrews, who chose as her selections "Ring Round the Mistletoe"—"Barnard," and "N-C4 March." Miss Mary Lou Stuart of Portland made her first appearance as soloist. She sang "Oh Little House Of Dreams" by Oley Speaks, and "Lady Moon" by Strickland.

POETRY CLUB NEWS

The Poetry Club elected new members last spring so that they would be ready to start the year's activities the first week of school.

The first meeting was a picnic on September 17. Miss Lorraine Fitzpatrick was hostess, entertaining the club at her summer home on Long Island. The members reported such a pleasant day that even rain on the trip home did not dampen their spirits.

The Poetry Club invited Miss Margaret Elff to attend a public meeting on October 6. Miss Clifford read "Our Town" by Thornton Wilder. The presentation was very interesting and the club was still being discussed with enthusiasm.

A "Sunshine" box was prepared by the club members for Eleanor Clark, a pupil at the Training School, who is in a Portland hospital. Plans for the Christmas boxes are also underway. It is hoped that eight boxes may be sent to needy rural schools this year.

Active Fall Sports Program for 1938

MEN'S ATHLETIC COUNCILS SELECTED

Members of the men's interclass athletic council have been chosen. This council will select teams and provide coaching for each interclass sport.

Ernest Doyle, Warren Hill, and Arthur Boveille are the council. Doyle and Hill are varsity basketball players, and Doyle has also won his letter in track. Boveille has gone out much for athletics. "Boizzie" is just as familiar to G.N.S. sport fans as the other two, having been head cheerleader for three years.

Sheldon Porter, John Cambridge, and "Tommy" Corrigan make up the third year council. Corrigan is both a football and basketball player. Both Boveille and Corrigan are both cross-country runners.

Bill Carey, John Greer, and Wilmer Van Blaricum are the junior class councilors. All three are cross-country men. Van Blaricum was a member of the varsity basketball squad last year.

The freshman council is composed of Tony Pecoraro, Roy Austin, and Albert Morton, who will doubtless show us a great deal about sports in the course of the year.

BASKETBALL

Because of necessity, Gorham Normal's basketball teams are divided into three divisions. One division consists of freshmen and transfer-men who are not familiar with Gorham's athletic routine and style of basketball. The second division consists of men who are out for cross-country and cannot take part in basketball until the cross-country season is finished. The third group consists of veterans.

By having a longer period of practice, the first division should have learned enough about Gorham's system to put it on a par with the other two when the time comes to report for practice. In this way every man has a fairly equal opportunity to make the varsity squad. In response to Coach Jenson's first call for basketball candidates on October 11, six men reported for practice. Although the early practice sessions chiefly concerned freshmen candidates, "Bones" Knapton, a veteran of last year, and two transfer men, Otis Davis from Castine and Carl Greene from Presque Isle, reported for practice.

Freshmen who reported are: Wesley Godier, Owen Hill, Fred Bennett, Kerwin Roberts, George Etzel, Lelole Gide, Huelin Bubage, Tommy Vail, Ray Austin, Staton Curtis, Ward Pendemore and Ralph Morgridge.

FIELD HOCKEY

The 1938 field hockey season brought forth enough hockey enthusiasts for three full class teams. Weather permitting, hockey is played on Mondays and Thursdays after school. The first few weeks were devoted to practice games. Next came class games with the following results: Oct. 6, Junior 1: Junior 3, Freshmen 1. This put the Juniors at the head of the league. Green and White teams will challenge the class teams for the final games of the fall.

ARCHERY

Archery, this fall, has been very successful. There has been practice every Wednesday afternoon from 3:30, and sometimes on Friday and Saturday afternoons. Twenty-two freshmen, girls and boys, have completed one man's trial with the bow and arrow. They have found that archery, as a sport, is fun. Eight of the freshmen are now shooting from the 40 yard line, instead of the 30 yard line and one is shooting Columbia Rounds, which shows that they are becoming more advanced.

There have been no tournaments this fall. A freshman who has proven himself to be a runner of great ability, Gorham captured six of seven places to win with a score of 18-9 against Bridgton. Although Gorham was defeated by Farmington on Farmington's four and three-quarter mile course, the Gorham runners took it on the chin and came back the following week to beat Colby. Hand in hand Gorham Normal whipped the Colby Freshmen runners, 15 to 10. According to a certain member of the Gorham team, a few of the boys leading the field decided to run by their neighborly with other members of their team, crossing the finish line holding hands. Hodgkins, Glen Carey, Mitchell, Nadeau, Griffith, and Cumming tied for first place, giving Gorham a perfect score against the Mule barriers.

And again proving that they can run as well in somebody else's backyard as in their own, Gorham defeated Bridgton Academy at Bridgton 29 to 41. It was in this race that Hodgkins was led to the tape by Dick Rice of Bridgton for the first time this year. Bunched in second place for the winning Gorham team were Hodgkins, Mitchell, Glen, Nadeau, Griffith, and Carey. Cumming and Greer finished in tenth and thirteenth positions.

With 3 wins and one loss, Gorham is headed for the best season in track that it has had for a number of years.

This year's schedule is as follows:

Oct. 11 Bridgton Academy 
Oct. 15 Farmington 
Oct. 19 Colby 
Oct. 22 Bridgton Academy 
Oct. 27 Maine School 
Nov. 5 Farmington 
Nov. (pending) Hebron

CROSS-COUNTRY

Gorham Normal's cross-country team opened their schedule in grand style by outrunning the Bridgton Academy runners on the local three mile course in a time of 18:23. Led by Edwin Hodgkins, a freshman who has proven himself to be a runner of great ability, Gorham captured six of seven places to win with a score of 18-9 against Bridgton. Although Gorham was beaten by Farmington on Farmington's four and three-quarter mile course, the Gorham runners took it on the chin and came back the following week to beat Colby. Hand in hand Gorham Normal whipped the Colby Freshmen runners, 15 to 10. According to a certain member of the Gorham team, a few of the boys leading the field decided to run by their neighborly with other members of their team, crossing the finish line holding hands. Hodgkins, Glen Carey, Mitchell, Nadeau, Griffith, and Cumming tied for first place, giving Gorham a perfect score against the Mule barriers.

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