G. N. S. Takes F. N. S. By A Score Of 59-43

TEACHERS' CONVENTION

The New Year found teachers from all over Cumberland County preparing for the county convention. January 6 saw them all assembled in Portland High School Auditorium, despite rainy weather, busy roads and sidewalks.

The South Portland High School Band, under the direction of Mr. Clarence Rowe, opened the program. Following the concert Dr. Packard extended greetings from the state department. He recommended that teachers do more reading which would not be included under professional reading.

Dr. Green, next Head of the Department of Philosophy College of the City of New York, chose as his topic "The Test of the Educator in Times like These". He emphasized the fact that the difficult job of any teacher is to prepare youngsters for a world not prepared to receive them.

One new departure was the noontime Departmental Luncheon under the general direction of Theodore Johnson of Deering High School. Their topic was "The Challenge of the Business World as met by Schools of Today." Mr. Shat of the Gorham faculty acted as chairman of the department of English and Language luncheon.

The evening session was begun with musical selections by the Portland Men's Singing Club and concluded with an address by Dr. Overstreet entitled "How Can We Preserve The American Way?"

ENTERTAINMENT SERIES

As the second of the annual Entertainment Series, Miss June Hamblin, a well-known dramatist will present a reading Thursday evening, February 23. Miss Hamblin has received her degree as Englishof Literary Interpretation from Emerson College in Boston.

Among her recitals, she has presented several full-length plays including the "Barretts of Wimpole Street" by Rudolph Besier, "The Silver Cord" by Sidney Howard, and "Captain Brassbound's Conversion" by George Bernard Shaw.

She has also given one-act plays, children's programs, and various types of readings. Here's something you won't want to miss.

OUTING CLUB SHOWS ORIGINALITY

Orchids to the Outing Club members whose sponsored pre-holiday dance that showed us what can be done. This was the most unique dance held so far this year, a sort of "turn-about" affair. The girls asked the gentlemen of their choice to accompany them, requested the dances, and second requests. Since most of the dances were cut-ins and there were plenty of stags the boys seemed to get

BOYS' BASKETBALL

Just see what a determined team backed by the real spirit of support from the school—students and faculty alike—and the townpeople can do! A powerful Farmington team went down to defeat before an irresistible Gorham attack in a game filled with thrills that woke the echoes in the surrounding countryside.

Nearly all of one side of the gym was filled with 100 Gorham rooters who had trekked the ninety miles to see the game. Led by the inspired work of Cheerleader Lorraine Fitzpatrick and former Cheerleader Arthur Boswell, the G. N. S. fans kept up our team conscious of fullest support and gave F. N. S. something to think about in the way of school spirit in an away-from-home game.

Leaving Gorham at 3:45, and enjoying a leisurely steak dinner at Lewiston, the team arrived at Farmington about 7:30 with a good margin of time to rest before the main game at 8:30. The game started in a rather inauspicious manner with Farmington drawing first blood by means of a foul shot. Then Gorham sank three baskets in succession and a foul shot to lead 7 to 1. At this point, Witham, Farmington center, began the hoop and dropped several baskets in rapid fire with his hook shots and left a rather badly bewildered Gorham team to stare at a Farmington lead of 15 to 9 at the end of the quarter. Early in the beginning of the second quarter, Gerber collided with an opponent while taking a loose ball from the backboard and had to be taken out for repairs. Tommy Vail, going in for Gerber, apparently found the floor especially to his liking and scored several baskets before the Farmington boys recovered from their surprise. The result—Gorham led 25 to 20 at the half.

The last half was marked by constant replacements on both teams to save the men for a forth quarter sprint. Here again Gorham increased her lead, going into the final minute of play with a 15 point lead—an ideal margin for Friday the thirteenth. When Gerber was fouled in the act of shooting, he succeeded in scoring both basket and foul shot. Shortly after, the game ended with Gorham 16 points in the lead.

Witham, Farmington center was the star of the evening with a total of 20 points scored. Gerber, Austin, and Vail carried the brunt of the scoring for the Gorham team, netting a total of 44 points. Both teams playing a rugged man-for-man defense, the guarding of Castellucci, Charlton, and Knapton was outstanding.

Mention should be made of the splendid Farmington Band and the public addresses which did much to add color to an objective game such as this. Following the game the team was feted at South Hall, and the faculty contingent was entertained at the home of Miss Porter and Miss Stone of the Farmington faculty, and the Gorham rooters at a
EDITIONARY

In the December 16th issue of "The Stick," the newspaper of Fitchburg State Teachers College, a letter to the editor appeared. This letter was written by an interested student who commented on the definition ofNews and inquired as to the correctness of calling "The Stick" a newspaper. The definition given of news is "a report of a recent event; information about a thing, before unknown.

Now in the past we have heard rumored that Gorham had never printed or published anything before. We feel that these five objectives definitely apply to our "Oracle" as well as to "The Stick." For, you see, our "Oracle" is only published five times during the year while "The Stick" is published weekly.

We hope you will consider these five objectives and feel free to offer any suggestions to help us better fulfill them.

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OUR PRINT SHOP

Our print shop, under the capable management of Mr. Packard, has become an important part of our school life. From behind its doors comes most of the printed material used in the school, including the Green and White paper. The shop has had its inception in September, 1927, with Mr. Packard at the helm. The equipment at first was limited to a press, a paper cutter, and the necessary type. Since that time another press, a stapling machine, a proof press, and minor equipment have been added.

The shop serves a double purpose to the school. It maintains its place in the curriculum by providing the Industrial Arts boys a major subject, training them in use of the press, as "printing is the life blood of civilization. By it the great truths of the past have become the tools of the present and the super-discoveries of the present will be transmitted to future generations."

We can well be proud of the work done in our print shop and of Mr. Packard, whose statement when questioned as to the value of printing was, "Printing is the life blood of civilization. By it the great truths of the past have become the tools of the present and the super-discoveries of the present will be transmitted to future generations."

GREEN AND WHITE

We are at present witnessing a Green and White in the making. Pictures are being taken on all sides and all which portray Gorham life. Meetings of the staff under the leadership of Edith Rossborough are held every Wednesday and the work is progressing rapidly. On the cover of Rossborough's staff are Thomas Corrigan, Assistant editor; John Camb, the art editor, Patrick, Packard, and Jean Brown, Business managers; Milton Chapman and Edythe Newcomb, Calendar; Associate editors are Alexander Cummings, Irving Pike, Ann Gardner, Gordon Parritt, Leroy Brown, Mertice Berry, Betty Robinson, Eunice Shibley, and Eileen Cullinan. Miss Rossborough is the ideal hostess, win or lose.

This is the first year that the staff has been made up of members from all classes. Previously the Green and White was a Junior publication.

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VACATION DOINGS

Of all jobs, we consider ours the most interesting—that of watching how the Gorhamites spent their Christmas vacation. The first persons we ran into on arriving at school were those two cosmopolitan, John Brush and Tommy Corrigan. After a little coaxing, we got them to tell all about their trip to Washington. They started out in John's Ford, visiting all the important places on the way down, and finally arriving in Washington on Tuesday. While in Washington, they visited the offices of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Smithsonian Institution, Capitol Building, and all the other important historic sites.

We couldn't resist asking Tommy Corrigan if he had started in the right direction. Believe it or not while Tommy was relieving Brush on the driving, he went 15 miles in the wrong direction. We are glad Johnny woke up before Tommy got to Dull.

On the way back Tommy stopped over in New York and finished up a grand vacation by seeing "The Beast," having himself televised at Radio City and being pushed around Times Square New Year's Eve.

In Times Square to see the New Year in were Marge Howland and Charlie Loomis. Charlie spent the week at Long Island where his uncle is Commandant of the Brooklyn Navy Yard. Here he saw the framework of a $346,000,000 battleship under construction, our cruisers, our destroyers. However, Charlie, being an extreme pacifist, had more fun seeing Broadway, Radio City Music Hall, the Planetarium, and Times Square.

All Marge says about it is—"It's wonderful," We agree.

Attention, dancing class fans: Miss Flint spent her vacation in Boston learning the tango at the Champagne Ballroom. Now all we've got to do is persuade her to give us a few lessons in it. How about it, Miss Flint?

The vacationist we envy most is Miss Eames who sat basking on the sunny sands of Florida while we watched snow fall around us. Miss Eames joined her father down in St. Petersburg and had a real Southern Christmas.

There were many others who had exciting vacations but for lack of space we must omit details. From all reports, the Christmas recess was a most interesting and profitable one for the majority of students.

WHAT TO SEE

As soon as exams are over and there seems to be a lull in school activities, it may happen that you have a bit of leisure. In case you feel like enjoying a good movie, here are a few to watch for: "Idiot's Delight" (screen version of the Pulitzer prize play) —with Norma Shearer and Clark Gable. "Stand Up and Fight" (about the Pioneer West)—staring Robert Taylor and Wallace Beery. "Jesse James" (biography of this notorious bandit)—Tyrene Power girls! The Citadel (screen adaptation of the best-selling novel by A. J. Cronin)—you'll see Rosalind Russell and Robert Donat. "Song" (depicting the struggles of Ferdinand de Lesseps in building this great canal)—starring Loretta Young and Tyrene Power.
THE ORACLE SALUTES

Once again we have put our heads together and selected two people here on campus that have shown themselves made of the stuff that Gorham is proud to possess. Now "The Oracle" salutes Rose Flanagan and John Cambridge for being leaders and all 'round personalities. They have given us much by their presence.

Among the best known and best liked girls at Gorham, Rose Flanagan stands high on the list. A third year student, Rose is also one of our most active members. With her smile that wins us all, she cheers up many a day.

Rose has always been out for sports. Tennis, basketball, hockey, softball, she's right there. As for clubs, she belongs to the Glee Club, Dramatic Club, and Poetry Club. Last year, it was she who edited the "Green and White" that topped them all. If you haven't heard Rose read, you have something in store for you.

This year Rose is President of the House Committee. At Christmas, the party which she planned for the dorm students sent them off on their vacations with the true spirit of the season uppermost.

In spare moments, Rose may be found in any corner where there is a piano. Playing is a hobby with her. Do you wonder that we call her active?

GORMH QUESTIONS

1. What former Gorham athlete will lead his basketball team against his "alma mater" in a short time?
2. What prominent member of the famous '38 fourth year class was seen snooting in the balcony at the evening meeting of the Teachers' Convention?
3. What elongated Gorhamite is hopping for an extra serving of rain in the crystalized form this year?
4. Why did the basketball varsity wish they had been born with cat's eyes last week?
5. All people who have important questions such as number six are welcome to write them and lay them on Mr. Solet's desk within one week after the appearance of this edition of the "Oracle."

Answers

1. Gus Higgins of Presque Isle.
2. Cole Kelley.
3. "Long John" Cambridge—He wants snow!
4. They had to play Thornton Academy in semi-darkness because there were no lights.

WITH THE ALUMNI

Both at the basketball games Saturday nights and at the entertainments, we have noticed how many graduates of Gorham were in attendance. Among them are Carroll Rines, Cal Austin, Hilda McLain, Ruth Hanscom, Edith Lewis, and Barbara Brown. We hope that the alumni will continue to attend these affairs because it's nice to see "those who have gone before" and compare notes with them.

The wedding of Miss Ella Johnson of Melrose, Mass. and Mr. Robert Sample of Strong, Maine took place December 3, in Melrose. The bride is a graduate of the class of '35. Mr. Sample is a former Gorham patron and a baker at East Hall, is employed at the Cushman Baking Company. The couple will reside in Falmouth.

The engagement of Miss Gertrude Baker and Mr. Elliot Hawkes, both of Portland, has been announced. Miss Baker graduated last year and has been teaching in Anson, Maine. Mr. Hawkes graduated in the class of '37 and is now teaching in Falmouth High School.

Miss Frances E. Merrill of West Cornwall, Conn., has been elected to teach at East Denmark. She was graduated from Gorham in 1937 and taught last year in South Acton.
AN ECHO FROM MUSIC LAND

The combined Glee Clubs and orchestra presented a Christmas Cantata Monday evening, December 19, before a full house. Under Miss Andrews' direction, the clubs did an exceedingly good piece of work, not only because of their superior numbers but because of the loyal co-operation of over 100 singers, who rehearsed daily to make it a success.

In the bridge of the Cantata, singing the part of the Narrator, was in his usual "good voice." Two promising young singers, Evelyn Ward and Irene Perrault, made their debut as soloists. Other soloists were Eleanor Green, Mary Skillin, Mary Lou Stuart, Paul Stevens, Maurice Edwards, Perle Brown, Shelley Denett, and Wilmer Van Blaricum.

The program was divided into two sections consisting of a musical presentation, the orchestra in a medley of Victor Herbert selections and the trio consisting of the Misses Perrault, Charlene Purgen, and Barbara Welch, in an interesting arrangement of "Jesu Bambino." Soloists were Miss Alva Skillin with her xylophone and Miss Stuart. The latter part of the program was the presentation of the Cantata itself.

RECREATION ROOM

No longer must we wander aimlessly through corridors, no longer must our days be uneventful plugging, no longer must teachers be conscience-stricken by students overburdened with work, for shortly before the Christmas vacation never before has a room been opened for the use of the students. The New Year found it a well-established diversion. The conduct of the room has been placed under a monitor system under the direction of a committee, student members of which are Bertha Frost, fourth year; student, Ralph Hanson, third year, John Greer, second year and Catherine Lewis, first year.

The gymnasium was used for playing shuffle board, ping pong, and reading and some noon hours find boys and girls wending their way downstairs to break the monotony of everyday school life. Sometimes we wonder where the skill to play shuffleboard, ping pong and read break the monotony of everyday school life. Sometimes we wonder where the skill to play shuffleboard, ping pong and read has been obtained. As the room has been opened for the use of the students.

Students and teachers alike feel relieved at the prospect of spending part of our time in doing something besides the regular routine work. So, as we take advantage of the new recreation room in all its glory, let us thank the graduating class of last year for their thoughtful gesture in presenting the school with so fine a gift.

Women's Athletics

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It's the night before a skiing trip. The rods are waxed and the ski clothes are made, which are being energetically applied (especially if one doesn't possess a waxing cork). Non-skiing roommates improve their game and plead for a private oxygen tank, while friends discuss the merits of the wax they use.

As everyone settles down for the next morning, each skier piles out bright and early, hastily donning the uniform of woolies, ski pants, two pairs of socks, and ski boots. Variations in color make each fan's outfit distinctive.

After cooling our heels but not our ardor for a half hour while waiting for a group to be made up, and after seeing that each knot is tied or each screw tightened as the skies are fastened securely to the car, everyone packs himself in and we're off, in the gayest of holiday spirits. Of course there are the usual things to challenge one on this trip such as a hill almost too icy to navigate, or the discovery that the back of the jeep, camera, sun goggles, or some other essential has been left behind. However, everything except the actual skiing seems immaterial. Once the mountain is clutched, the party generally divides into different classes. The more expert prefer downhill running or trying the trails, while novices decide it's wiser to stick to practice slopes and use all excess energy endeavoring to master the fundamental turns in order that, soon, they too may come skimming gracefully down from the heights which now seem impossible even in a mere contemplation.

And, never let it be said that our appetites are of a minus quantity. One generally feels very after the meal of the mountain side as well as his own by noon time. Lounging around a fireplace in a ski hut is the ideal way to eat and lunch frequently ends in a "sigh" before we return to our skiing.

A grand feeling of comradeship which seems to belong peculiarly to skiing is one of the greatest reasons, perhaps, for our cry, "Let's have more ski parties!"

FRATERNAITIES

Even though the winter activities of the clubs and fraternities present both seem to outshine the two fraternities, these two organizations are quietly bidding their time until the beginning of the second semester. Meetings go on as usual and in a short while we will see the results of the careful planning they are doing now. We are certain these plans concern the freshmen and think that they might even have something to do with pledges.

The Kappa Delta Phi meetings are called to order this year by President Burton Curtis. President John Cambridge. When roll call is announced, secretary, Paul Roberts is right there to read it. Money is paid to treasurer John Graves. Of course the coming initiations occupy first place on the program but the boys hope later on in the year to show their dramatic ability by presenting a play. Something to watch for.

This year Ralph Hanson is president of the Alpha Lambda Beta. Tommie Corrigan stands next in line as vice president. As secretary, Leo Polletier is busy keeping minutes during meetings while John Greer is trusted with the funds. The Beta boys have gathered in Miss Jordan's room for business meetings and occasionally meet in the Junior High cafeteria for a social evening.

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Quite a number of partners.

During intermission refreshments were served and everybody sang Christmas carols. Then Irene was Perreault played a violin solo.

The decorations were also very different from the usual, for the spirit was that of whole affair. The walls were hung with bright-colored blankets and various kinds of Christmas trees and evergreen boughs were suggestive of the approaching holiday.