FASHION SHOW AT G. N. S.

A recent event at G. N. S. has placed our school more than ever among style-conscious institutions. This unusual program occurred Tuesday evening, May 16, when five fair damsels from our campus paraded before us in the latest creations from Paris—well, anyway, from Portland. Here is a glimpse for those of you who didn’t attend; As “Hat,” late as usual, pays her dimes and slips into a back seat, Dorothy Dillon from Filene’s comes forward and kindly explains to the fashion addicts the purpose of the show. This done, we see Jean Orr, also from Filene’s, sail briskly forth in a gay cotton plaid suit, fashion’s latest. Before we have seen half enough of this, who saunters in but Rose wearing a natural beige slacks outfit with an umbrella-like hat to keep away possible freckles. We wish we could all join her in going to the pinnings. This appears the latest go-to-town ensemble on Connie, a campus athlete. You’d never guess it, though, to look at that raspberry checked jersey zipped up the back, that snapped white turban, or the matching plain wool reevere. Here comes Marj ready for tennis or town. How cool she looks in that sleek white sharkskin with its red epaulets and matching neckline in peasant accents. Notice also her miniature suitcase in red leather (she calls it a pocketbook) and the current turban of draped fishnet.

Now it is evening with possibly a wedding down street, for here comes Evelyn drifting along in a cloud of orchid net, pink lily nosegays on her skirt as well as on the matching topknot. By leaving these off she’s ready for the senior dance. Oh! now enters one of those “gay ninety” styles—or rather 1939. As Madelyn steps onto the floor hear that rustling skirt of grey-checked taffeta with its bustling. Notice fashion’s nipped-in waistline and squared shoulders. As she disappears we are transported from the land of fashions back to Russell Hall. From subsequent campus chatter we feel sure our ladies of the school appreciated the efforts of the committee in sponsoring such a program. May we see more.

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CITIZENSHIP WEEK

This year we have conducted a good citizenship week. The committee for the program of the week was headed by Helen F. Allen of South Windham. Miss Allen and the members of her committee worked out the following general program:

Monday—Information Please
Tuesday—Remarks by Dr. Russell
Wednesday—Dance Etiquette
Thursday—Open Forum
Friday—Reception Line

The program reviewed for us many of the points of good etiquette and good citizenship which are important to us as students at Gorham. There were questions discussed concerning etiquette of the dining room, ball room, street, etc. The speech by Dr. Russell was particularly appreciated.

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A VACATION IN BERMUDA

Miss Marjorie Eames

The second morning out from New York we noticed that the “Monarch of Bermuda” had stopped. The view from the porthole in the early morning light showed us were near land. By leaning far out and looking down I could see a rope being hauled up the side of the ship, and below a small boat pulling toward shore. Evidently the local pilot was aboard to take us the rest of the way to Hamilton Harbor. Exceptional skill in navigation is required to bring a ship safely into that port because the reef extend far out to sea and the currents are variable. By noon the ship was in, our baggage had been inspected, and we were on our way by carriage to a hotel in Paget. As automobiles are not allowed on the public highways, we had a choice of traveling by bicycle, ferry, train, or carriage. We chose a train and went that afternoon to Gibbs Lighthouse to get a birds-eye view of the surrounding three hundred and sixty islands.

The Lighthouse is located on the highest point of land, two hundred and fifty feet above sea level. The view from this prominence, like almost any in Bermuda, is extremely lovely, showing the limestone houses painted in soft shades of ooiden pink, light blue, salmon and sea green. The roofs are white—they are required by law to be whitewashed.

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GRADUATION PLANS

The “last joyous days together” are approaching all too quickly for seniors especially those who will not be returning to Normal Hill next September. And with the nearing of the end come preparations for Commencement Week.

Saturday, June 17, has been selected as Alumni Day. On Saturday morning the alumni will hold a business meeting; this will be followed by an alumni dinner in the East Hall dining room. At four o’clock the members of the faculty will hold a reception for the graduates, the alumni, and guests, in Dr. Russell’s home. Tea will be served, and there will be teachers in all the rooms to extend their greetings and good wishes to the seniors.

Rann Kennedy will deliver the baccalaureate sermon on Sunday afternoon. The orchestra will play a processionional and recessional, and there will be an academic parade.

On Monday afternoon the graduates will be marshalled in for the last time as students of the school. An address to the classes will be given by Dr. D. Brewer Eddy of Newton, Mass. Then Dr. Russell will present the degrees and diplomas. The recessional will follow the presentation of the awards. The orchestra will present Overture from Martha, Von Flotow at the baccalaureate services, and the overture Poet and Peasant, Von Suppe at graduation.

Warren Hill has been chosen marshal for the fourth year class and Ralph Hanson for the third year class.

Mr. Woodward: “See here Hartford, Hill is carrying two chairs and you’re only carrying one. What’s the idea?”

Hartford: “Oh, he’s too lazy to go twice.”

THE ORACLE

GORHAM QUESTIONS

Question: Do you think that the idea of having weekly assemblies is good? Why, or why not?

Race: Yes, because it gives the pupils a change in program, breaks up the regular routine and may get them out of a class once in a while.

Pike: We could stand a few more chapel programs, but weekly assemblies do not necessarily mean quality productions and the student body is too critical for the presentation of any entertainment on a weekly basis.

Green: Chapel programs are an aid to education and if held more often in teacher training institutes, they will be held more often in the schools of the beginning teacher. Yes! We should have them more often.

Smith No, however, two a month would be nice. If they were interesting and if the people taking part were interested in what they were doing. The more often we have them the less preparation.

Wiggins: No, I do not think the idea of weekly assemblies is good because I feel the preparation would not be very good.

Gerber: Weekly assemblies allow for all students to have participation. It relieves monotony in the weekly schedule.

Bellfontaine: No, a weekly assembly is not sufficient. In a weekly assembly particular ruling click overshadows the mass of the student body in participation. By having bi- or tri-weekly assemblies the greater portion of the student body has been reached. The aim of the assembly is not for professional perfection. It is for free expression and participation therefore preparation is not of prime importance.

Question: Do you think the fourth year curriculum should be changed? Why, or why not?

Answers:

1. Yes, I think the courses would fit the students’ needs much better if they were shifted about as suggested.

2. Yes, I know practice teaching would have meant much more to me if I had done it this year instead of the two previous years.

3. Yes, some of the courses seem decidedly out of place as far as appealing to our immediate interests.

4. No, I think it would involve conflicts in the schedules between third and fourth year students.

5. Yes, we students would find it easier and more helpful, I think.

6. I am not decided, but why not give it a fair try anyway?

7. Yes, we all like changes, and I think this will be one to the advantage of us all.

8. No, I don’t think our classes could be carried on much more to me if I had done it this year instead of the third and fourth years wouldn’t know where they were at.

9. I can’t say definitely yet whether I would favor it or not, but as far as that those taking just the third year course might be at a disadvantage.

10. Yes, I say it is an excellent suggestion, and I would be much more than willing to take the fourth year if the course were changed to fit us better for immediate use of our practice teaching year and as most of the families depend on them for their fresh water supply. From the Lighthouse we saw at least one large white rock sticking up on the side hill, where water could also be caught and stored.

The traffic in Bermuda turns left in morning, but on the sidewalks, at least during the most popular season when many Americans are there, it is a problem to know whether to go to the right or the left. This struck me as being one of the notable characteristics of this island to which the world comes for beauty and relaxation.

Later we again took the train in the same direction, this time, however, going all the way to the Island of Somerset, where we could see the famous Cathedral Rocks—a natural formation at the water’s edge resembling a cathedral with its columns. It was here that the sun peeked out to give us our first view of the famous blue of the water at its best. At last I could take a few pictures, and after that I didn’t mind carrying the camera.

I feel the following day offered the most for pictures. We hired a carriage, this time, to take us to St. George’s and St. David’s Island. On the way we stopped at one or two places to see the beautiful formations of stalactites and stalagmites, sometimes reflected in the deep blue pool of salt water. The air in the caves was much warmer than that on the surface, a condition I noticed to be different from that in the caves of Virginia.

Probably the most scenic highway is around Harrington Sound. On that shore we visited the Devil’s Hole and, like everyone else, did a bit of fishing. However, the fish continue to enjoy both the salt and fresh water, for the buckets are not used.

We reached St. George’s by noon and ate lunch in a small park where we spent some time watching a cardinal. We could see many of these birds and we are told the quaintness of historic St. George is heightened by such names for the cardinal, “Passion Flower Perfume, the most expensive, costs over forty dollars an ounce in Bermuda and twice that in New York.”

We had it on the rocks just as we did at the Hole. We were given a fair try anyway. We were very much during the few pictures.

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The next day we sailed for home. A passage from Eleanor Early’s “Ports of the Sun” gains in richness as I reflect upon my impressions of Bermuda: “And if I did not love my own house, I should like to live in a small house in Paget, the color of strawberries and cream, with snow-berries, cape myrtle, pink poinsettias, and rose hibiscus all around it, with oaks and ashes against tall cedars, and night-blooming cereus climbing the garden wall: a fiddletree and a tamarind; a double row of palm trees, a cluster of bougainvilleas against the rocks that go down to the sea—and cardinals singing in an apple tree.”
MAY BALL

Wonder of wonders! The theme of twentieth century marvels! The 1939 World’s Fair came here to Gorham since we couldn’t get to New York. When and how we held the May Ball, you know. The perisphere and troylon created by Miss Dahl and some of our more artistic students, the flags of foreign countries, and the red, white and blue streamers aided in transforming the gym into New York’s fair.

Entering the hall, everyone went through the receiving line to introduce guests to Dr. and Mrs. Russell, Mr. and Mrs. Wieden, Mr. and Mrs. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Cilley, and Miss Jordan. The stirring music of the Rhythm-airs soon had the floor alive with couples, and the dance was on.

The refreshments and the dance orchestra were arranged for by Mary Cullinan, Rita Blaney, Catherine Lewis, Charles Loomis, Sheldon Porter, Bill VanBlaricum, and Alex Campbell; Miss Littlefield had charge of serving the refreshments.

Working with Miss Dahl on decorations were Olive Chick, Lois Brown, Ruth Alfond, Margaret Lyon, Donald Lindsey, Paul Roberts, Gordon Parritt, and the freshman industrial arts’ boys.

“The best ever” seems to be the general comment on this most gala occasion of the year—the twenty-first annual May Ball.

SENIOR BALL

What could be a more sociable way of concluding our school year this Spring than by attending the semi-formal? Mr. Russell Hall? The fourth year seniors, guided by Mary Cullinan and Helen Allen, are at work planning to make this amusement ball better than ever.

The decorations, I have been told, are to be new and different. Nate Gold and his Commanders will provide the music.

The chairmen of the committees for this semi-formal will be held June 16 are as follows: Decorating, Lorraine Fitzpatrick; Refreshments, Mrs. Clement; Publicity, Beatrice Doughty; Tickets, Bertha Frost and Ernest Doyle; Dance, John Grindle and Charles Loomis; Invitations to Faculty, Ann Gardner and Edith Rossborough.

ORACLE DANCE

Most apropos to the occasion was the Oracle Dance which was given in Center Hall the evening of May Sports Day. As you entered the hall you could not fail to sense that you were entering “Center.” Instead, the May Pole with its balloons and its gay streamers extending to all parts of the room carried you into the land of dancing and May gaiety. The music furnished by the Alpha Lambda Beta orchestra immediately caught you up in this swirl of gaiety which continued throughout the evening.

A special tribute was made our May Queen, by the band playing her May Queen number, “Three O’clock in the Morning.” This specialty closed the festivities, Gorham Normal’s second annual May Sports Day.

The committee was Maurice Edwards, Helen Brown, and Ralph Hanson.

Jean Brown

THE ORACLE SALUTES

Athlete, scholar, and all-around good friend—no need to introduce Jean Brown, the choice for this Oracle Salute. Jean has participated in many activities in the last three years, but has been most outstanding in the athletic field. This year she holds the president of the Women’s Athletic Association of the University of Maine. Last Fall she was one of the first to receive her “G” for having earned 156 points in various sports. You can see her out there any day now shooting Columbia Rounds. Jean is just as active off the field, as she is a member of the Poetry Club and of the Y. W. C. A. In between times she has managed to make a place for herself in the scholastic “Hall of Fame.”

OPERETTA PARTY

On Friday, April 28, members of the Operetta cast left for White Rock Grange to spend the afternoon and evening. A complete and interesting program kept the group occupied every minute. Before dinner, groups divided up for a Scavenger Hunt, which undoubtedly gave the neighboring residents much amusement. The feature of the dinner hour came when each of the principals in the “Peplis” cast was presented with a gift. Each present was accompanied by a very amusing poem.

After dinner came a short entertainment, “The Home Made Opera,” with Evelyn Ward, Donald Lindsey, and Gordon Parritt, plus a grand chorus. This presented the story of a bistrosist young lady who tried to get her non-music-loving husband to go to the opera. His imitations of the prima donas and his reactions to the acting were most entertaining. Irene Perrat all along shone on this program in the Toreador Song from “Carmen”—Eleanor Greene did a masterful presentation of the bull.

Next an alphabetical romance was presented starring Barbara Welch, Irene Perrat, Betty Pomeroy, Eleanor Greene, and Grace Ewing, followed by unison singing of songs from “Peplis,” with James Bowman at the piano.

The latter part of the evening was spent in dancing. The Misses Andrews, Flint, and Littlefield were guests of honor.

BOSTON DELEGATES

This year the request was made that we elect our delegates to the Boston Convention early in order that an appropriate program might be arranged. The convention is to be held in the Fall and students who expect to return next year have balloted for their representatives. The returns show that Gorham is handing the honors to the boys.

From the fourth year class Edward Race was elected; the third year seniors, now only sophomores, chose John Greer; the second year class voted for Ray Austin to uphold their views. The freshman representative will be chosen next Fall.

With such a stalwart group of delegates, Boston should surely know of the existence of Gorham Normal School.

MOTHER’S DAY PROGRAM

Each part of the program presented by the Poetry Club in honor of Mother’s Day contributed in some way toward making the whole a worthy tribute to all mothers. Madeline MacDonald, as chairman of the assembly, read a fitting selection from the Scripture. Pearl McLaughlin’s history of Mother’s Day showed how the United States has become more and more aware of the
SPORTS

BASEBALL

The baseball season officially opened this year on May 4, when the team took on Portland Junior College for a nine round thriller. Most of the boys, after three weeks of diligent practice, had a chance to test their batting eyes, and in this first game, ran up a score most pleasing. As the annual eurythmic contractions of the May Ball, the team travelled to Farmington on May 6, but suffered defeat, by a score of seven to three. However, this set the boys back on their heels and the following week they took over Farmington on the home diamond by a margin of one run. The same week saw the team in Keene, New Hampshire, and there the game was lost by one run. Most noteworthy in this game was "Pee" Gilley’s batting average, which caused the needle to stick at 1.000 up to this point, the club split the score with two won and two lost.

The club started its season with eight seasoned veterans and some new, but highly proficient players. So far, the boys have shown excellent form and hope to wind up with a successful season. A formidable array of hurlers and receivers signed up this year, and Coach Jensen has been giving them all a workout. On the mound are Red Austin, the screwball artist, Wayne Bowie, Sheldon Porter, and a flashy rookie who looks good for next year, Tony Pecararo. Behind the plate are Fred Gilley, the team’s standout in every ways than one, and diminutive Soupy Souviney. Gilley shows rare form this season, catching a good game and coming in strong on the batting end. In the infield, veterans Baldwin and Austin are swapping turns on the initial sack, Red Nadeau and Norton, freshman standouts, are nailing down second. Playing shortstop is Carl Green, former Presque Isle star, who has been playing an ever so fine game all around. Joe Castelucci is catching the hot ones on third this season. In the potato patch, Johnny Greer is playing right, Burt Curtis, center, and Otto Davis. Another satellite who comes to us from Castine Normal, is playing left field. S. Curtis, Mitchell, Etzel, Mahoney and Edwards make up a dependable reserve staff.

Some of the batting averages are soaring this year, with Gilley and Nadeau on top. The boys are ironing out the wrinkles a few at a time, hoping to present a really smooth team. Lately Coach Jensen has been shifting the infield every few innings, seeking new combinations which will help out. The boys look forward to a most successful season and hope to tie for second place in the Conference tilt.

WOMEN’S SPORTS

Among the archery enthusiasts this Spring the high scorers in the Columbia Rounds have proven to be Charlotte Duncan, 394, Anita Dale, 340, and Mary Smart, 210. Among the beginners Ruth Bishop and Olive Gushee have made the greatest advancement. The boys also have new equipment and面貌 improving. Heath has 226, high score for the boys. There have been about 30 participants in tennis this Spring, and although some have only won a few games, we hope to see them all again as we feel that some day they may prove to be another Dot Wiggins or Edith Silverman. In the tennis tournament played May Day, the White team, composed of Anita Dale and Ava Severance defeated the Green team of Mary Read and Pauline London. Other outstanding players were Mary Stuart, Bertha Johnston, and Constance Furber.

We regret to report that due to weather conditions our baseball practices have often been forfeited but when we are permitted we have had an energetic group with an unusual number of Freshmen. No permanent captains have yet been elected. The class games have begun with the Seniors victorious over the D2, scoring 9-4, and the Juniors vs. the D1 with scores of 5-3 respectively.

GORHAM’S SCHOOL OF TOMORROW

Gorham’s School of Tomorrow stands high on the hill.
All the curves and the corners
Are sharp and the point 
And the periods round.

All the doors and the windows
Are made of glass tubes;
The "labs" and the classrooms
Remind one of cubes.

The round towers that once
Stood so high o’er us all,
Have become giant trylons
And walls make you thrill.

But to see the great buildings
For classrooms and all,
You must walk down the center
Of Great Russell Mall.

On the left you see Arts,
On the right there is "Lit",
But wherever you look
You’re dumbfounded by it.

You may look left and right,
You may look up and down too,
But how shrieking to wake—
In a class of today!

P. Hall

CHATTER

Can You Imagine—
Irving an eel instead of a pinek
Mary moppin’ instead of dustin’
Alex going instead of coming
Harold straight instead of bent
Florence coal instead of wood
Johnny New Haven instead of Hartford
Linwood a bore instead of a "card"
Arthur meek instead of "boozie"
Doris Bowdoin instead of Colby
Campbell a Great Dane instead of a "Scootty"

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significance of this day since its first observance in 1914. Jean Brown paid tribute for the young people to all mothers, dead and alive; her mother, Mrs. Lester Brown, responded for her mothers. After the reading by Mary Cullinan, children from the fourth grade sang two songs dedicated to mother.

Agnes Bickford posed with two small children for the picture, "Mother", an effective ending for an effective program.

INTRODUCING SILK SCREEN PRINTING

"Yes, SILK SCREEN PRINTING,"—that is the name given to the process of printing the gaily colored posters which will soon appear in our halls, as well as in a few of the store windows in the town of Gorham, and which will advertise the Senior Class Play, "The Servant in the House," by Charles Kenney.

Had you wandered into the Print Shop any forenoon recently, you would have found Tommy Corrigan biping his Toronto, and busy were the students converting away film from a transfer, prior to cutting the stencil onto a silk screen, which then is used in the printing of these brightly colored posters.

The process is not new, yet it is new to the men taking the Industrial Arts Course. It is but another of the valuable activities in the art of printing, which the instructor, Mr. Packard, has "up his sleeve" to introduce to the class, in the latter weeks of the school year, when spring (ah! spring) tends to make interest wane.

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HAROLD F. PHILLIPS

When his scholastic athletic relations with Salem Teachers’ College were start-
ed approximately ten years ago, Harold F. Phillips was in charge of all athletic teams until relieved for actual coaching a year or so ago. Eight years ago, the New England Teachers’ College Athletic Conference was originated. Mr. Phillips was elected secretary of the office which he held until his death. He was well known in teacher training circles throughout New England and greatly admired for his courtesy and general personality. As secretary of the conference, he gave the stability necessary for the permanence of such an organization. It was with deepest regret that the Gorham Normal School learned of his passing and our deepest sympathy is extended to Salem Teachers’ College.

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The open forum which was conducted on Thursday morning was the first of its kind in this school and proved that the students are desirous of this kind of assembly.

The following printed materials were passed to us:

Monday: "Information Please"  
Questions whose answers were found on the bulletin board.

Tuesday: Suggestion Box  
These were on courtesy.

Wednesday: What Visitors Would Like About Our School  
Thursday: Things To Think About  
A blotter containing three quotations on etiquette.

The library displayed an excellent set of etiquette books during the week and many well made posters were exhibited.

One of the nicest things about the week was the great number of students and faculty members who participated. This week proved to be one of the most successful of the year and we hope one as beneficial will be sponsored next year.

M. W. H. B.

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