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Gorham Normal School
New Teachers

As the returning upper-classmen scanned the platform on the morning of the first call, a strange face among the familiar faces was a new one. Later she became known to the students of Gorham Normal School as Miss Murley, the new teacher of psychology. Miss Murley has done graduate work at the State Teachers' College at Bridgewater, Massachusetts, and at Cornell University. She has taught previously in Junior High Schools and Elementary Schools.

Her hobbies include music, outdoor sports, and travelling. She is very much interested in orchestras and glee clubs and, although she says it is still a secret at Gorham, she enjoys the flute. In the way of sports, Miss Murley enjoys hiking, tennis, and swimming and is very fond of the crew boats, which, she declares, "must be the Viking in me."

The other new member of our faculty, Miss Hay, did not appear on the platform that first day, but she was well-occupied with her duties at the Training School. We soon discovered, however, that she was teaching Primary Reading and Arithmetic. Miss Hay has taught in the kindergartens of New York City and at the University of Concord, Massachusetts. She has also done special work in the Day School at Smith College.

Her most enjoyable spare time activity, she says, is to hop into her car and go in search of new places.

The students were enthusiastic with the news that they had classes to Miss Hay and Miss Murley feel well assured that we shall have a very happy and pleasant year working with them.

Cora G. Hay
Past and Future

Sept. 11—Get-together in Center, sponsored by the new House Committee, for freshmen and upperclassmen a chance to see each other for the first time.

Sept. 12—First chapel exercises of the year arranged by the Civic Committee. President Bill Carey welcomed the newcomers; "Bunny" Bourne and Bill Van Blaricum outlined what G. N. S. had to offer in the way of extra-curriculum.

Sept. 15—Freshman Reception held in Russell Hall by the Y. W. C. A. Among the speakers were Dr. Russell, Miss Jordan, and the two Gorham ministers, Rev. Harrison Dubbs and Rev. Leslie Booher.

Sept. 15—First meeting of the Dramatic Club presided over by Bob Trask. Bettina Pillsbury and Mary Read were appointed to select a play for Superintendents' Day.

Sept. 18—Twenty-four men entered in the singles tennis tournament.

Sept. 19—The Outing Club, one of the largest clubs in school, started the season with a hike.

Sept. 20—Johnny Greer called the Y. M. C. A. picnic was arranged by the Civic Committee for the first time.

Notes on Enrollment

The entering class of 1939-40 with over 150 members is the largest class in several years. Nearly 400 students registered.

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**WHERE ARE YOUR INTERESTS?**

Gorham Normal School, although a comparatively small institution, can proudly boast of a wide variety of organizations to satisfy the social wants of its students. For the benefit of the new members of the student body, the "Oracle" has listed these organizations and their officers.

Outing Club: President, Marjorie Doe; vice-president, Catherine Campbell; secretary, Constance Furbush; treasurer, Ann Hiscock.

Women's Athletic Association: President, Joanne Ashby; secretary, Constance Furbush; treasurer, Anita Littlejohn; Cabinet: social service, Muriel McAllister; program, Anita Dale; music, Althea Barstow; recreation, Jean Fride; finance, Catherine Campbell; world fellowship, Lucille Jones; publicity, Betty Leach.

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**“To Strive, To Seek, To Find”**

As told to us why she believes the twenty-six members of the Senior Class returned to Gorham to work for their degrees, Miss Eleanor Parker, '36, gave us the following article:

"There is an old sociability song which says, ‘We’re here because we’re here because we’re here.’"

"Surely there is a bit more sensible thinking behind the decision of the twenty-six students who have chosen to study at Gorham Normal School for a fourth year.

"In the first place, we are here to ‘git some more larnin’’! Our Deputy-Com­missioner of Education, Mr. E. E. Roder­ick, has called attention to a lack of cul­tural and academic background on the part of our elementary teachers. We, too, realize that a greater knowledge of subject matter is necessary if we are to bring more effective educational experi­ence to those whom we teach.

"Secondly, our State will, in the fu­ture, demand a higher professional standard of our teachers.

"Thirdly, when we are appointed to teach, we wish to be representatives of Gorham Normal School, and that means a respect for the traditions of the school.

"We are preparing for this by seeking the B.S. degree.

"Gorham has been our choice because three previous years here, whether they were the three just gone or several years before, have shown us that certain fundamentals of the ‘Gorham Spirit’ do not change. Like iron filings to the magnet we are drawn back to those friends of friendly cooperative in work and play that we have always associated with Gorham Normal School.”

**Growth and Expansion**

Keynote Latest Changes

Those who are returning to Gorham Normal for another year find the once familiar dressed up in unfamiliar splendor. Not only that, but there have been two new classrooms added to the eight-teen that we already had. The old print shop has now become Mr. Jensen's abode, while Mr. Packard throws out his chest in the splender of his new print shop. Mr. Jensen says that he feels like the twin who, after rooming with his brother (Mr. Woodward) for quite some time, is suddenly left to the room by his lonesome. On the other hand, Mr. Pack­ard's dream of "spreading out" has come to be realized.

Now that Mr. Woodward is left alone, he has also been "spreading out." It has always been his ambition to have a museum. Now he is forming a museum of which Gorham Normal School will justly be proud in the years to come. A collection of rocks which weigh approximately one ton in all have been left to the school by a late, Mr. Merrit of Sebago falls. This collection, together with those already on hand should add an immense value to our geologic and mineralogical laboratory.

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Oct. 7—The annual harvest dance of the Kappa Delta Phi Fraternity had many attractions — entertainment, door prize, old fashioned cider and doughnuts.
Oct. 9—Chapel program presented by the Y. W. C. A.
Oct. 10—The varsity cross-country squad opened the season on the home course against Bridgton Academy's harriers.
Oct. 12—The Poetry Club presented Mrs. Dagmar Potholin Peterson, who read a Pulitzer Prize play.
Oct. 26—State Teachers' Convention in Lewiston.
Oct. 31—A Hallowe'en party in the recreation room is anticipated by the Ouling Club.

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Four student representatives are to attend the Boston Conference—Laura Meserve, Ray Austin, Johnny Greer, and Ed Race.
We had a letter yesterday from Dave McAllister who is teaching in Maricao, Puerto Rico. The school, which is in a coffee region, offers the "A large enrollment of about 400." Dave says, "This is an interesting country; all is so different—birds, plants, food, even the dogs. I have found one area that really seemed to belong. They sink around in midst of tottering." And for us who are soon to experience the same weather, Dave gives a final thrust: "All day the windows and doors are open." Nice going, Dave.

Dan Cundip has been busily at work all summer with the results as follows:


Weddings—Of course the important event of the season was marriage of the former June Jordan, '38 to our Coach, Mr. Jensen. Mr. and Mrs. Jensen are residing in Sebago, where Mrs. Jensen is teaching.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Barbour (Madge Rhoads) whose wedding took place in September, where Mr. Barbour is principal of one of the grammar schools.

Another summer wedding was that of Miles March Hodekins, '38 to Mr. Lenard Russell. The couple are living in Bath, where Mr. Russell has an art studio.

Miss Perl McEachern is visiting her sister for the winter season in Virginia.

Miss Louise Garland, '38 is teaching in Oakland, in the sixth grade.

One More Step Forward

Two years ago Gorham Normal School introduced a fourth year course for the first time and since has granted a degree to all who complete the required course of study. The majority of the teaching and training institutions in many other states had already been doing this for several years. These educators are agreed that the time is not too distant when it will be a standard requirement in all states. The one disadvantage to this plan was that the fourth year was devoted entirely to practical teaching and actual work which is with a deep sense of appreciation that we print this last address.

"When one leaves a place with which he has long been familiar, he recalls the simple things which have made his life pleasant. We shall never forget the greater things which Gorham has given us: tolerance, a liberal education, the determination to succeed. But here are some things not often mentioned that we'll remember just as long." When Rupert Brooke left England, he wrote a poem commemorating the common joys. So, with apologies to Rupert Brooke, may I recall some of the memories which we shall share together.

"These I have loved:

The gleam of silver roof-tops
Touched by the sun; the tinselled weather-vane;
The darkened brick of walls beneath green ivy;
The white forked birch before the chapel door;
Elm trees, and maples with their cooling shade;
The scarlet berries hanging from the bark;
The scented blossoms of the apple trees
That edge the smooth green of the hockey field.

"So much of beauty have I seen and loved.
The stately old front door of Corthall Hall,
And glowing in the winter's purple dusk,
The shuttle of the church against the white windows,
And twinkle of bright stars and city lights,
Beyond the slopes, snow-covered and well-marked,
Where skiers swoop. The winter sunset Framed by arching pines; and the mountains starkly etched Against the blue; a thousand other things I hold as dear.

"All these I've loved, and more:
The smiles of everyday; the sound of feet
Upon the well-worn stairway; ringing bells;
The bang of locker doors; the friendly talk;
The quiet time of chapel; and, in spring
The sound of singing from an upstairs window.
And friends to share the good of everything;
All these have been my loves."—Bertha Frost, '39.
Dr. Russell's Day

The usual enthusiastic spirit of Gorham Normal and a kind weather man made our fifth annual Dr. Russell's Day a most successful one. The morning rally was concluded by the Freshman leader, Judy Daggett, who assured us that we can count on this year's entering class to do its part. Girls' hockey and boys' touch football games wound up the morning's activities with Emma Libby starring for the former and Coach Jensen's passing the feature of the latter.

At noon the crows were chased from the orchard and a picnic lunch was enjoyed. This was followed by several freshmen, all potential stars, jumping rope and running about the gymnasium and the student body and guests danced to the incomparable music of our leading orchestras with Gus Demers as master of ceremonies. "Well done" is our opinion of the day and much praise is due the many committees who faithfully did their parts.

Cross-Country

Under the able guidance of Mr. Packard, the cross-country squad has started its rigorous training. Those men whom you may have seen in the late afternoonJunior and Sophomore running about the campus are some of Gorham's stellar athletes. These seemingly childish actions are warming-up exercises for the grueling 3 1/2 mile run.

Outstanding members of this squad are the lettermen who upheld Gorham in last season's competition. They are Griffiths, Hodgkins, Cumming, Glenn, Mitchell, and Nadeau. Other supporters include Jeffrey, Cambridge, Greer, Lindsey, Van Blaricum, and Charleton. This year's squad has been boosted by several freshmen, all potential stars, Ross, Hancock, Benson, and Murphy.

This galaxy of athletes gets its first test October 10 here on our own course. They will be backed by a strong team from the Gorham Academy. The remaining meets line up as follows:

Friday, October 13! at Brunswick.
Tuesday, October 17, at Waterville.
Saturday, October 21, at Farmington.
Friday, October 27, at Orono.
Wednesday, November 1, Farmington at Gorham.

With a squad as well balanced as this, and the proper school backing, Gorham must hold its own. It is possible that during the week we find the Junior class who have been far down the ladder and on the bottom turn the tables. They are far down the ladder and on the bottom. The Fall schedule of the interclass tournament is led by the undefeated Freshmen team but the upper classes should turn out a cross-country record which would be the envy of any coach.

Tennis Tournament

After a lapse of a few years, organized tennis has again come to the front in the form of a fall tennis tournament under the auspices of the Men's Athletic Association. The tournament is divided into three brackets, with the winner of each bracket playing off for the championship of G. N. S.

The first major upset of the tournament was provided by W. Ross, a freshman, who defeated George Albert 10 - 8 in a hard-fought duel. The results of the preliminary rounds were as follows:

P. Roberts defeated W. Grey 6-3; J. Greer defeated W. Garland 6-0; W. Van Blaricum defeated H. Charleton 6-2; J. Cambridge defeated R. Marsh 6-3; J. Cambridge defeated A. Demers 6-3; A. Cumming defeated M. Davis 6-0; G. Williams defeated W. Glenn 6-3; L. Vail defeated P. Campbell 6-4; W. Ross defeated G. Albert 10-8, 3-6, 10-8; E. Beattie defeated J. Greer, 2-6, 6-2, 6-0; G. Williams defeated W. Grey 6-3; and W. Welton defeated E. Young 6-3.

The semi-final rounds saw G. Williams defeat E. Mahoney 6-4, 6-4; G. Williams defeated P. Campbell 6-0, 6-3; P. Roberts defeated J. Greer, 2-6, 6-2, 6-1; E. Beattie defeated W. Van Blaricum 6-2, 6-0; J. Cambridge defeated A. Cumming 6-1, 6-1, and W. Welton defeated J. Griffith 6-2, 6-4.

The final round saw G. Williams defeat J. Cambridge in a hard fought duel 6-3, 4-6, 6-4, 6-3; E. Beattie, after losing the first set, defeated J. Griffith 6-4, 6-2; G. Williams defeated W. Welton 7-5, 6-4, 6-3, and W. Welton defeated J. Cambridge 6-2, 6-4, 6-3 in the last match of the semifinals.

The final round will see William Ross playing Edward Beattie, both of the Freshman class, and the winner will meet Gordon Williams of the Sophomore Class for the championship of Gorham Normal.

Women's Athletics

The 1939 season of fall sports is here and with it a raft of enthusiastic freshmen and experienced upperclassmen to participate in the many athletic activities of Gorham.

The Women's Athletic Council elected Joanne Ashby as the hockey counselor, Dorothy Walker, softball counselor, and Catherine Flaherty, tap dancing counselor. Betty Tate and Ada Senior were selected as candidates from the fourth year class, one of whom will be selected in the near future as the fourth year representative to the council.

Archery started off in full tilt and drew out many beginners. Although there are no scores yet recorded, the counselor, Dorothy Oulton, has this sport off to a grand start. Field Hockey began the second week of school. Practice games were played until the first of October when inter-class games started. The Outing Club started its regular hikes and has some promising plans for the future. The Girl Scout leader course is sponsored by the Women's Athletic Association and is guided by Mrs. Sawyer and Rita Lujza.

Inter-class Softball Tourney...

The Fall schedule of the interclass softball games is fast coming to a close with the sophomores and juniors leading the way. The tourney is led by the undefeated Freshmen who have won five games and lost none. Next in order is the unsophomore team who should undoubtedly be in the lead if they had not made so many errors in a decisive game with the Freshmen. Next come the Sophomores who are far down the ladder and on the bottom we find the Junior class who have played four games and won none, having a standing of .000.

The Sophomores are far in the lead in team batting averages having a high of .393. The other teams are fairly close together, the Seniors having .244, the Juniors .243 and the Freshmen at .220.

Those individual players whose batting averages are .300 and over include 5 Sophomores, 2 Freshmen and 1 Junior. The Sophomores are R. Norton, E. Mahoney, G. Thibeault, T. Pecoraro and P. Hibben, the Freshmen are Mayberry and Brune and the lone Junior is R. Filman.

Next Spring the tourney will be resumed and a cup given to the winning team. Things look rather bright for the Freshmen team but the upper classes say that it will be a simple matter to turn the tables.