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Ray Hillman, President

The first Future Teachers of America Chapter in Gorham Normal School was recently organized at G. N. S. The F. T. A., which is a student branch of the National Education Association, is a national organization to give students more active participation than student membership in the N. E. A. The movement was started by a National Committee as a result of the Horace Mann Centennial in 1937.

The committee has set up two chapters, one for colleges and the other for junior and senior high schools. In the colleges the organization is for those students who are interested in working for improvement in the teaching profession. The chapter at G. N. S. plans for extra-curricular activities required of our principal.

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Walter E. Russell Chapter F. T. A.

No. 2

Annual Xmas Program and Party Presented By House Committee

"Hey, Ruth, will you tell me why you just said you can't possibly miss Chapel on the 20th?"

"Why, Gus, don't tell me you haven't heard?"

"I--guess I haven't."

"Well, I've just found out that there is to be a special Christmas program in Chapel on December 20th, which is to be given by the House Committee. The theme is the 'Scene of the Nativity' with music by the trio. Those who will take part are Christmas Story from the Bible, Evelyn Ward; angels, Madelyn Buck, Constance Furbush, Ferne Browne, Edith Corliss, Irene Berry, and Marjorie Howland; Mary, mother of Jesus, Katherine Lewis; Joseph, Helen Brown; wise men, Jeannette Farwell, Evelyn Brown, and Ernestine Davis; shepherds, Virginia Foster, Mildred Doak, and Betty Feneroy. Christmas Carols will furnish the musical background."

"Gee, that sounds like a good program, Gus, but that isn't all they're doing."

"Something else--?"

"Yes, they are also making plans for the annual 'Dorm' Christmas Party in Robbie Hall."

Let's Understand Others

"If we only understood other folks, we wouldn't want to make war on them."

"Yes, they are also making plans for--"

Miss Ryan. With this idea in the back of their minds, about twenty of the third and fourth year girls interested in international affairs have organized a discussion group. Claire Dollard has been elected chairman of the group. The girls meet every week, and at each meeting a program is presented for the members. They are planning to have outside speakers address them at some of their meetings. The International Relations group is under the auspices of the World Fellowship Committee of the Y. W. C. A.

Busy at Work and Play

Among the various organizations that Gorham Normal School can boast, the Outing Club and the Library Club are widely known and active throughout the entire school year.

The Outing Club as the name implies, is centered around bi-weekly hikes held on Monday and Wednesday afternoons. During meetings the members practice club songs and cheer and plan entertainment as the dance to be held in Center on December 16th, a carnival, probably to be held in February, and a spring theatre party. Besides these activities, the girls exchange ideas and establish friendships by corresponding with outing club members in other schools. A club in direct contrast to the Outing Club, yet equally active, is the Library Club. Members hold their meetings in their various dormitory rooms and study examples of good literature. The present general project for discussion is "Women in Literature." Those women already discussed are Elizabeth Barrett Browning and Edna St. Vincent Millay.

Poetry Club Again Helps Santa

For the last five years a worthy project has been undertaken by the Poetry Club at Christmas time. They have taken it upon themselves as their Christmas duty to send boxes to Maine rural schools not cared for by other agencies. Schools which would appreciate such help are referred to the Club by the Maine State Health Department. Through the generous help of students and faculty of G. N. S., the Club has been able to take care of from one hundred to two hundred children each Christmas. Each child receives an article of warm clothing, a box of candy, and a book, game, or toy. Seven schools are to have boxes this year. All members participated in preparing the articles to be sent with the following committee in charge: general chairman, Betty Robinson; members, Ferne Browne, Marjorie Howland, Mary McGinty, Irene Berry, Arlene York, Irene Morin, Eleanor Parker, and Ruth Bickford.

Support Lends Power and Spirit

In the last few years, G. N. S. has been giving increasingly enthusiastic support to its teams—particularly to the basketball team. Two years ago, Arthur Boswell, '38 organized a cheerleading squad which contributed measurably to the spirit of the basketball outfit which gained the Conference Championship. With such spirit and backing, a team can do much more than when unsupported.

This year, Betty Leach has organized an even larger cheerleading squad which gave us first evidence of its power Friday night at the R. I. C. E. game, and even though our boys bowed to a powerful and deserving Rhode Island team, they appreciated and were encouraged by a consistent and continuous backing. Great credit is due the following members of that cheerleading team: Betty Leach, Paul Roberts, Maurice Edwards, Gene Mahoney, Ruth Furrough, Judy Duggett, Frank Cahir, Gerry White, Florence Andrews, and Phyllis Dyer.

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No. 2
Modern Educational Objectives

One wonders at times how often we who are primarily interested in the various problems of education stop to think what the aims, objectives, purposes, of modern education may be. Why do we educate our children today? What do we want them to obtain from and through education? Does education today have definite purposes and aims? Espe-

cially these four purposes of modern education were set forth before the Faculty Study Club: the person, his relationship to others, his creation and use of activities. These four purposes have been broken up into more specific objectives by George D. Stoddard, Joseph K. Edsom, Edwin A. Lee, and Joseph K. Dykstra, respectively. The first, Education for the Person, calls for a training that prepares one to (1) understand democracy, (2) ability to speak the mother language fluently, (3) ability to write effectively, (4) appreciation of the spirit and procedure of government by force, (5) recognize that the democratic process is not automatic, (6) appreciate the spirit and procedure in which knowledge and reason are applied to the solution of the problems of society, and (7) understand that education must be constant vigilant.

If these are the explanations of the purposes of modern education perhaps we can appreciate more fully the distance that education has traveled since the day when the child was taught only to make him to protect himself and family, to obtain food, to obtain shelter, and to clothe himself. Perhaps with these objectives before us, we can appreciate somewhat more fully also the maze of subjects appearing in the modern college curriculum.

What Do You Think of The Historical Movies?

Our Inquiring Reporter got the following answers to the above questions from students accosted about the campus:

1. Very good for historical movies. Being silent takes away the interest for those who aren't historically minded.

2. I've been to two of them. They are more interesting if you can appreciate more fully the places of light flashing on the screen.

4. Such lovely pictures make a deep impression. They are much more effective than the page of a book.

5. No sound effect makes them rather boring.

6. I went to two. When I see someone's mouth moving I'm curious to know what he is saying.

7. The pictures are Grade A for history students. They enable the student to get a better picture of historical events.

8. Visual education leaves a lasting impression.

9. The last picture showed a marked improvement over the first ones.

10. I'm not particularly interested in history; therefore the pictures do not appeal to me.

11. It is hard for commuters to make arrangements to stay after school to see the pictures and our time is all taken up for the club periods.

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This student has 54 quality credits. 27 quality credits are minimum requirements for satisfactorily completing a semester.

Two Gems

In the December issue of the N. E. A. Journal we found these two short poems which we believe might well represent a teacher's creed.

THE HUMAN TOUCH

May every soul that touches mine
Be it the slightest touch,
Get therefrom some good,
Some little grace, one kindly thought,
One aspiration yet unfelt,
One bit of courage for the darkening sky,
One gleam of faith
To brave the thickening ills of life,
One glimpse of brighter skies beyond the gathering mist
To make this life worthwhile,
And Heaven a surer heritage.

—Author Unknown

It's As Simple As That!

We have heard frequent questions concerning quality credits and how to figure them out. Quality credits are computed by multiplying credit hours assigned each course by the numerical equivalent of the mark received in the course. The numerical equivalents are as follows: A, 4; B, 3; C, 2; D, 1. The credit hours are arbitrarily assigned on the basis of the type, content, etc., of each course and are listed in the school catalog. The average load is 20 class hours per week for one half year to which have been assigned 18 credit hours.

Let us assume that a freshman in the D. division received the following grades:

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<td>Scenes from Shakespeare—Concert Series</td>
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Seniors Organized Early

Sometime ago a meeting of the Fourth Year Class was held and as a result Irving Pike was elected president. Other officers are Eleanor Parker, vice-president; Hazel Thayer, secretary; Reginald Dodge, Treasurer. This class is to be congratulated upon its early organization; it is hoped that in the future others will do likewise.

G. N. S. Men Express Appreciation: Give Mr. Wieden Jacket with "G"

At a recent chapel exercise the men of Gorham Normal School presented former Coach C. O. T. Wieden with a leather-lined gabardine jacket bearing a chevaline "G" proudly proclaiming that the man who is first to hold the new office of Athletic Director has again won his letter. The men chose this means of expressing to Director Wieden their appreciation for all he has done for men's athletics at Gorham during his many years of coaching and is now doing as Director, for the help he has always given as a willing and friendly counselor in school affairs.

At the same chapel period, Mr. Packard made the Cross-Country awards. Letters were given to Hodgkins, Nadeau, Jeffery, Greer, Albert, and Griffith, the honorary captain. Certificates were awarded Cuming, Ross, Hancock, Benson, Van Blaricum, and Murphy. In the name of the team, Mr. Packard presented George Mitchell, an outstanding member of the 1938 team unable to run this year because of illness, a warm-up suit. The team this year closed a season distinguished from past seasons by a number of long trips meeting other hurriers on their own tracks. They traveled to such places as Orono, Lewiston, and Waterville.

The Fraternities

Both fraternities are planning several features for the winter season. All arrangements have been completed by the Alpha Lambda Beta fraternity for their dance on January 6 in Center and they are also discussing the possibilities of presenting a play soon after the Christmas holidays.

The Kappa Delta Phi fraternity has a committee making arrangements for a party into Portland to attend either a boxing or wrestling match. Plans for initiations will soon be underway in both clubs as pledging time will soon be here.

Tommy Corrigan

Congratulations to the Green and White board on its choice of editor-in-chief. Tommy Corrigan's former work is of excellent advantage to him. His knowledge of printing obtained at G. N. S. will also be of much value. In addition, credit goes to Tommy for his introduction of silk screening to G. N. S. These facts along with his dependability, loyalty, and likable personality certainly shows how much Tommy and the Green and White board will be more than pleased with its selection of Tommy for such an important position.

The Post Office

There's a long long trail a' winding twice a day outside a certain window in Robie Hall. It's the post office of course.

Some faces are hopeful, thinking that this might be their lucky day; others are self-satisfied, knowing that undoubtedly their daily letters will appear. All faces are eager to receive news from home or from friends. Those noises so common at mail time are not the utterance of animals but of some happy girl who just read that he still loves her.

The following remarks could be heard at this time if one were given to eaves-dropping: "What is this? an invitation?" "Isn't that just too, too divine?" "A penny post-card! Can't he afford a three cent stamp? Well it isn't that; he probably doesn't have time to write eleven pages every night like your boy friend does."

Life's darkest moment at the post-office—"Hasn't my letter come yet? I think it must be lost in the mail." The thrill that comes often at the post-office, "Money from home."

Now that Christmas time is coming, Miss Woodward will be very busy sorting and delivering Christmas cards.

The Sophomore hygiene class was having a serious discussion about brain concussions.

Miss Flint: If somebody hit you over the head with a piece of lead pipe, what would happen to the place where you were hit?

Pillsbury: I should imagine there'd be a dent there!

By Faith

We live by Faith; but Faith is not the slave of Text and legend. Reason's voice and God's, Nature's and Duty's, never are at odds.

—John Greenleaf Whittier.
Salute!

The Oracle Salutes Charlena Durgin who has broken the G. N. S. record in archery, shooting 363 on Columbia Rounds over the 362 mark set by Evelyn Lord ('38).

Women's Sports

On the very first day of the quarter the annual hockey banquet was held. The following poem written and read by Joanne Ashby points out the highlights of the season.

"Good evening, hockey players; Of the season."

"Tonight we want to make awards for the Varsity Honor Team; They've cheered like sixty; run like mad."

"And the Freshmen beat the Sophomores-- What was it Doctor Russell said 'Bout folks with lots of muscles And not much in their head?"

"The Sophomore group has been quite small But we've had more darn fun Trying to show those first-year kids How it should be done."

"Miss Flint was all discouraged When first she saw our teams But after two months practice Just look at how she beams."

"I guess that's proof we've done our job And done a good one, too. Who cares a hoot if we lost the game, I'm sure I don't, do you?"

Awards recently made in chapel were Hockey—Freshmen; Archery—Juniors; Tennis and also the Green and White banner—Freshmen. Incidentally, our tennis tournament engaged in by eight girls, was finished December 4th!

Basketball, the major athletic activity this quarter, is well organized with Jeanette Farwell as counselor. This year we are fortunate in having individual student coaches for the various practice teams. They are advised and assisted by our general Superior, Coach Flint. Of the present 57 participants, the Freshmen have the majority, followed closely by the Sophomores. The few Seniors are determined to build up a team even if they do have to borrow a couple of Freshmen players. As for the brilliant Juniors, plenty of reinforcements will be needed for the two existing scarlet faithfuls if they intend to extend their two years' championship.

Let us call your attention to the growing sport of badminton with George Albert, the understood director, and Eileen Cullinan, counselor. This quarter's work, we understand, is chiefly practice, which will lead to inter-class competition next quarter. Because the noon hour is the most available time, so far, chiefly commuters have taken up this activity.

Lastly, we can't fail to mention the new trophies—a nut dish for tennis, and a silver plated sandwich plate for badminton.

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THE TENTATIVE 1939-40 SCHEDULE:

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**Our Team Has Promise**

On Friday, December 8 our Basketball team opened a season which promises to be one of the best, one of the hardest, and one of the most interesting of recent years. The schedule this year is marked by a greater than usual number of home games. Of eight—perhaps nine—Conference games to be played, the schedule calls for six of them on our own court. The game with Rhode Island College of Education on December 8 gave us our first opportunity to see our boys in action. We have one important quality this year that we have not often had in the past—great reserve strength. Five letter men have returned to Coach Jensen's fold—"Red" Austin, "Butch" Charlton, Joe Castellucci, Tommy Vail, and Billy Van Blaricum; several former members of the squad are back—Nadeau, Aliberti, Curtis, Gile, Cambridge, Cumming, Greer. Two freshmen members of the squad bid fair to take their share of the spotlight: Lawrence Arnold, former Edward Little star, and Eddie Coyne, a member of the Gorham High championship team of two years ago, of Hebron last year.

With such a line-up Coach Jensen agrees that he may be optimistic about the future and that the fight for the Conference Championship pennant ought to be an interesting one this year. The starting line may often be somewhat like this: Austin, Vail, and Coyne "out-front" with a stonewall guard composed of Castellucci and Charlton.

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**Exchange**

With a few minor changes, we quote the following from the Apple Blossom, the Central State Teacher's College paper:

A salesman stopped in a small town in Maine called Gorham last Friday evening and inquired of a native of the town: "Do you have any theaters?"

"No," came the reply.

"Do you have any bowling alleys?"

"None," came the answer.

"Well what do you do for amusement?"

"Wal, you can come on down to the corner drug store; that's a freshman down thar from the Normal School."