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New York, Here They Come—

First, the man of the hour, Thomas Corrill. Tommy is the club and scholarship student, the young gentleman who is doing his part to make the cymourse of all eyes.

As President of his fraternity, the Alpha Lambda Beta, and Editor of the Green and White, Tommy is one of the busiest men on campus. When he isn't attending a committee meeting, we can usually find him in the gym refereeing a game, or out on the track course getting ready for a cross-country run. His interest in sports led to his election as chairman of the Interclass Athletic Council for this year.

Tommy's hobbies are photography and maps. His ambition is to be a top student and to get a job. Will the Empire State build do for the first, Tommy? We know you can do the second.

Paul Roberts, better known as P. B., is the boy from Brownville who has become one of Gorham's most popular students. As a member of the Dramatics Club and the Glee Club, he is noted for his terpsichorean art. Besides doing the jive he can swing a mean backhand with a tennis racquet. He has been a member of the Kappa Delta Phi, the Y. M. C. and the Glee Club for three years and this year has proved to be one of the most joyous years on the G. N. S. Baord.

He tells us his hobbies are dancing, making posters, and creating disturbances in the corridor. Don't forget to bring some new dance steps back from New York, Paul.

As one of the prettiest and most popular girls of the sophomore class, we give you—Kitty Lewis. It would have been hard to find a better representative of Gorham's idea of feminine attractiveness than to send to New York than Kitty.

Kitty likes sports and has played basketball for two years. She is a member of the Poetry Club, Y. W. C. A., Outing Club, and Entertainment Committee; she has been a member of the House Committee and has served on the Back-to-Gorham-Day committee. Her hobbies are dancing, collecting match covers, and tennis. Her ambition is to become a private tutor and to get a job.

Glee Club Concert

On Thursday, March 14, the combined glee clubs presented a formal concert in Russell Hall. Marcia Merrill, mezzo-contralto singer from Portland, was the guest artist. One of the specialties from the program was the "The Flowers That Bloom in the Spring" from "The Mikado." Verses to this song were replaced by verses about students in Gorham Normal. Those taking part in this song were Barbara Blanchard, Evelyn Ward, Irene Perreault and Donald Lindsey.

The program included selections by the orchestra, the two Glee Clubs separately and together—a noteworthy selection was the antiphonal singing of a 17th Century Christmas carol. Instrumental solos included trumpet selections by Virginia Hall and violin selections by Irene Perreault.


Accompaniment were by Virginia Hall, Frederick Mitchell, Barbara Welch, Joyce Kate, Edward Hall, and the orchestra.

Outing Plans

If you should, by chance, see six to twenty of our Gorham Normal girls walking along one of the Gorham roads admiring the scenery, you could be almost

Junior Dance

"Say, did you go to the Third Year Class dance on the first day of March?"

"Well, I'll say I did and what a success! I think everyone had a grand time. Confidentially, what do you think of it?"

"I should say that our thoughts are twins. I think one thing of importance was the choice of musical selections of the Hit Parade. Those programs included some pretty clever names such as "My Prayer" dedicated to "All Who Take Suitcase.""

"Did you see Marge Davis running around trying to find floor lamps? Well, of course this is just hearsay, but I heard that Julep, a pet lamp of two roommates in East Hall, was found to be collapsible. If the faculty wished that Joe Casteluccci and Harold Bent, who were to look after their welfare and Marge and Bill Carey, co-chairmen of this dance, could have at least found a stable lighting plant."

"The punch and cookies didn't taste too bad when intermission rolled around!"

"No, it certainly didn't. Dot Whiteley and Enid Hadley know what's tasty in the line of refreshments. Of course the refreshments wouldn't have been complete if 'P. B.' hadn't carried that cake of ice across the dance floor. Don't you think they saved the punch! By the way did you see him?"

"Yes, but what I can't figure out is that I thought he was chairman of the publicity for the dance?"

"Oh, well, he was, but with capable assistants like Don Lindsay, Bill Boland, and Vi Gagne, he had plenty of time to help with refreshments and he even ajudt Gus Demeray with the entertainment. He is "Efficiency Roberts."

"He just told Gus when an encore was wanted. Truthfully, I liked that enter tainment. I didn't realize we had such hidden talent in such a quartet as Dick Marsh 'Butch' Charlton, Bill Welton, and Jack Cambridge produced, and besides these 'Bunny' Westlake did a fine job too."

"You don't mean to say that Gus had to plan that program all himself, do you?"

"Oh, no, he had plenty of helpers besides Paul, such as Connie Furbush, Irene Morin, and Eunice Shevlin."

"Well, all together there didn't seem to be any flaws in this dance."

"No sir. But, do you know, there's one doubt still remaining in my mind."

"What's that?"

"Well, I was just wondering if the Juniors were such good shots?"

Sandy

Allister Grant of Portland, more commonly known as "Sandy," was born in Marblehead, Mass. Although he has had no special training, he has been a fine musician since the age of fifteen years. He is versatile on organ, piano, or accordion. The Williston Congregational Church in Portland is proud to have his services as its organist. You may also find him as an instructor at the Eastern Musical Supply Company.

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wish to enter a normal school until after these regional examinations are given must go to the normal school to which they wish to be admitted and take their examinations on Tuesday, September 3, 1940. This will mean that they cannot know whether they will be admitted or not until after those examinations are taken and rated.

All students who think they may be interested in entering a normal school will be required to make their preparations to take the examinations at the Regional Conference in May. Failing to do so is likely to mean that some of the desirable applicants will not be admitted because the quota will previously have been filled.

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Do You Know

1. What is the tallest man-made structure in the world?
2. Who is the best known of the founders of the American Federation of Labor?
3. What substance usually expands when its temperature falls to 32 degrees Fahrenheit?
4. Give the next line after: "The breaking waves dashed high."
5. To whom does the phrase, "The Vanishing American," refer?
6. Who founded the Church of England, and why?
7. Into what body of water does the Congo River empty?
8. Who said: "I only regret that I have but one life to lose for my country?"
10. In American politics, what is a "lame duck"?
11. With what army grade does the rank of captain in the United States Navy correspond?
12. What is the best writing paper made from?
13. What was the name of the Phillistine woman who betrayed Samson?
14. Who wrote Ode on a Grecian Urn?
15. What president gave his name to the policy whereby the United States in regard to foreign interference in American affairs?

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Rain on Normal Hill

The day is dark.
The land is wet.
The wind blows cold and shrill,But cheery lightGlows from the hallsThrough rain on Normal Hill.

We climb the roadwayThrough the gloomAnd wind and sleet and chill,But we are warmedBy each glistening drop of rain—Through rain on Normal Hill.

The steady rainDrips, Drips, from the eaves, fromEach glistening pine spire;But cheery lightGlows from the halls—Through rain on Normal Hill.

Betty Frost.

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Winged Neighbors of the Sky

It seems so charitable of us to donate thousands of dollars for European warfare, and yet we have a small war on our own American battlefield which is going on to-day. Perhaps the war which is raging especially during this season of the year, is between birds on the one hand and the elements of nature and man on the other. Perhaps we can take these birds too much for granted. If we were to go to a land where there were few birds, even the beauty of the English sparrow would seem like heaven to us. Each year thousands of birds die from starvation, bad weather, telephone poles, and Man's cruelty. Some of these causes we cannot eliminate, but we can reduce the number of birds killed by starvation. It would take but a few minutes to pick up scraps from the table each day and throw them outside for the birds. Going to school in the morning, many of our commuters see pheasants scratching in the snow for food which is not there. How would we feel if we came home from school and found no food whatsoever in the pantry? Although we are having a prolonged and typical Maine winter, many birds have already arrived. There are the Mockingbird, Golden-eye, black-duck, American herring gull, bald eagle, Arctic owl, saw-whet owl, marsh owl, barn owl, snow bunting, blue jay, downy woodpecker, hairy woodpecker, black capped chickadee, and practically all song birds found much food....
THE ORACLE

The Boys Play Ball

Interclass basketball is well under way. Four games of the scheduled ten have been played, with the B team holding the lead with two wins to one defeat. The scores thus far are:

- Freshmen B 20 Soph. A 6
- Juniors 24 Soph. B 13
- Freshmen B 24 Soph. B 25
- Freshmen B 21

At a recent meeting of the basketball squad, Joe Castelucci was elected Honorary Captain of the Varsity. Joe has been one of the dependable members of the squad for three years and justly deserves the honor.

Another accomplishment at this meeting was the starting of an intra-squad tournament. Captains were elected and the four teams will play off each night after the intra-mural games. The captains and teams are Tony Peccearo and his "Pups", Tommy Vail and his "Varmits", Joe Castelucci and his "Comets", and Harold "Butch" Charlton and his "Chumps".

Foreign Correspondent Speaks Here

"Modern diplomacy is a great poker game. Chamberlain is no poker player but a gentle man". Mr. Hitchcock predicted that Mr. Chamberlain will probably retire and that his successor will be Lord Halifax or A. G. Parnwell.

In his speech, "Back of the Blackouts," Mr. Hitchcock has no commitments that will prevent him from saying what he thinks. And he intends to say it, because he is convinced that America's part in a peace settlement after this war will be more important than it was after the last war.

Having just returned after two eventful months as a foreign correspondent in England, France, Italy, and Spain, Mr. Hitchcock expressed his opinion that "there is need for more co-operation and socialism in Europe. The statesmen who make peace after this war must be very far-seeing and keep Europe from country running to country running if in a populous.

We extend our appreciation to the entertainment committee for such a fine program.

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YOUTH IN A DEMOCRACY

In a democracy, every young person should learn:

- To think for himself.
- To make intelligent, discriminating choices.
- To take an active interest in civic affairs.
- To speak well in public.
- To preside over a meeting with ease.
- To maintain goodwill and poise in the face of difficulty.
- To assume his share of responsibility for the general welfare.

Irene Morin

Here's a Salute to Irene Morin for her participation in school activities, her pleasing personality, and her varied interests. Whenever we meet Irene, whether in Corthell Hall or elsewhere, she has some word of greeting and cheerfulness.

During her Freshman year, Irene started participating in sports and she has received credit for every sport at G. N. S. except archery and badminton. This year she is in line for her letter "G" which will be awarded after she acquires 25 more points.

To go along with her sports, she was Vice-President of the W. A. A. last year, and this year became President.

Have we not seen much of Irene this year as she has been working on the Green and White, but aside from this, she always finds time to attend Poetry Club meetings. She has belonged to the Outing Club for three years, is on the Civic Committee, and was elected to the House Committee in the mid-year elections.

As anyone could guess, a special interest of Irene's is sports, but equally important is music. This may be news to some, but we all know she can do her part in dancing. Her chief side issue, as it might be called, is collecting pictures, especially children's pictures and historical pictures. (There is a tip for Miss Wood if she doesn't already know it.)

And now again the Oracle Salutes Irene Morin for participation in many school events and for scholastic ability, during her stay at G. N. S. and much luck to her in the future!

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The Officers are Marjorie Doe, president of the organization, says, "We try to please the majority.

The Outing Club has outlined a program for the rest of the year. They are planning to hold a theater party. This will certainly be one of the best events of the year because it seems that everything undertaken by this club is successful. For example, we remember the dance in Ye Olde Tavern and the Winter Carnival.

Anyone may join this club who wishes. The first-year members who participate in eighteen hikes receive an emblem; second-year members, a scarf inscribed with a "G"; and third-year members, a pin.

The officers are Marjorie Doe, president; Catherine Campbell, vice-president; Althen Barstow, secretary and treasurer; Mildred Doak, representative to Civic Committee, and Mary Read, hike councillor.
Initiation—Through the Pledgees’ Eyes

Whoever said “Stolen fruits are the sweetest” certainly must have, at some time been initiated. Since we pledgees are human, our stolen fruits are, indeed, sweet. Until the privilege been initiated. Since we pledgees are human, our stolen fruits are, indeed, sweet. Until the privilege

As for the slightly annoying tasks and taps, well that’s not so bad either. We just grit our teeth and say, ‘Therell come a day!’

2. Samuel Gompers (1850-1924).
3. Water, which expands by one tenth of its own bulk upon being transformed into ice at 32 degrees F.
4. “On a stern and rock-bound coast.”
5. The North American Indian.
6. Henry VIII (1491-1547). Pope Clement VII having failed to give him permission to divorce Catherine of Aragon and marry Anne Boleyn, he caused an act of Parliament to be passed, in 1535, declaring him to be the supreme head of the church.
7. The Atlantic Ocean.
8. Nathan Hale (1755-1776).
10. An office-holder who has been defeated in an election who poison he smoked.
11. Colonel.
12. Linen rags.
15. James Monroe, fifth President of the United States.

G. N. S. Gets Post-Season Victory

At the benefit game Wednesday, February 29, for Red Austin, injured Gorham Star, the Gorham quintet trounced the Northeastern Business College five in a fast moving game. The Normal combination worked up an early lead and was able to coast the second half. Coach Jensen used all his reserves. Bill Ross, freshman player, was high scorer for the game, with a total of 20 points. Outstanding for the urban team was Drosel, with Coleman taking his share.

Answers To Do You Know

Women’s Sport Flashes

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Leaders in Points

Badminton is coming into the lime-light more as the quarter progresses. Ask George Albert or even Phyllis Hodsdon and Mary McGinty how they’re turning commuters into actual players with an accurate eye for the floating white feathers.

It may not be known by many of you that our faculty members have taken up a new form of recreation—badminton. At her first lesson, Miss Harris just had to see “those feathers” go right through her racket, while even Mr. Packard could reach those out of bounds shots executed by Miss Frost and Miss Pride.

Just a suggestion of something in the future: our W. A. A. is expecting to hold some sort of Play Day in May if the roads between Farmington and Wor­

Kappa Delta Phi
Alpha Lambda Beta

Lea d ers i n P o i n t s

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