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**THE ORACLE**

**Gorham Delegates Make For Boston Trip**

Attending the New England Teachers' Preparation Association meeting in the Hotel Bradford, Boston, November 8 and 9 from G. N. S. will be Miss Emma F. Harris, faculty representative; Emma Libby, of the Junior class; Myrtle C. Storer, Brunswick, of the Junior class; Leslie Whitemore, Old Orchard Beach, of the Sophomore class.

A fine program of group councils has been arranged around the subject, "What Contributions May Students of Universities Make In Our National Program To Safeguard American Democracy Through Organization of and Participation In Group 1—Organized Athletics and Health Programs; Group 2—Social and Departmental Clubs, Fraternities, Sororities; Group 3—Publications and Service Activities; Group 4—The Education of T. C. and N. S. Students for Effective Service In Our National Emergency." Each group will be presided over by a student chairman and will include four student speakers from various New England Teacher Preparation Schools. Myrtle Storer will represent Gorham Normal School in Group 2 when she speaks on the topic, "What Are the Advantages and Disadvantages of Sororities and Fraternities?" The secretaries of these groups will report to a general student conference later in the day.

Following a Faculty-Student Banquet Friday evening, the Student Council of Boston University, School of Education, will entertain the delegates at Boston University. Saturday morning arrangements have been made for a sight-seeing tour of historic and scenic spots around Boston.

Gorham delegates will have many valuable ideas to present to the school.

**And So To Work**

Those fourth-year graduates who have reported teaching positions are: Harold Aikens of Windham, teaching in Steuben; George Albert of Portland, Portland Boys' Club; John Brush of Washington, D. C., Saco; Thomas Corrigan of Portland, Bourne, Mass.; Donald Creasy of Beverly, Unity; Ernald Dodge of Portland, Solon; Elon Dolloff of Winthrop, Mass., Winthrop; Milton Dustin of North Berwick, Saco; Adelbert Foss of Cumberland Mills, West Baldwin; Richard Goodridge of Westbrook, Islesford; John Graves of Gorham, South Portland; Lois Henninger of Springvale, North Portland; (Mrs.) Helen MacDonald of Portland, Scarborough; Alan Peaine of Scarborough, Williamstown, Vermont; Eleanor Parker of Gorham, Concord, N. H.; Irving Pike of Portland, South Portland; Edward Race of East Boothbay, teaching in Mass.; Ada Senior of Sanford, Sanford; Marjorie Shaw of Westbrook, Rochester, N. H.; Paul Stevens of Portland, Oxford; Our Main, the Ad of South Windham, Belmont, Mass.;

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**We Welcome You**

Gorham Normal School this year welcomes four new teachers to its Faculty.

**Doctor Francis L. Bailey**

Doctor Bailey is a native of Michigan. He graduated from Central State Teachers' College there, and did graduate work for one year at Chicago University and for two years at Columbia University where he received his Ph.D. degree. His doctor's thesis was "A Planned Supply of Teachers for Vermont." He taught as principal of the upper grades in Belding, and as high school principal at Harbor Springs Michigan. Doctor Bailey has also taught at Winneka, Illinois, which specializes in "individual instructions." Mrs. Bailey also taught there at the North Shore Day School. Doctor Bailey served as Commissioner of Education in Vermont for nine years, and came from there to Gorham.

Doctor Bailey is especially interested in the professional education of teachers, in administration, and in rural education. He has sponsored and led boys' and girls' clubs in summer camps. His hobby is mountain climbing and entertaining his son Douglass who is five and one-half years old.

**Doctor Eleanor Duley**

Doctor Duley comes to us from Northfield Seminary in Massachusetts. She has also taught at the junior high school in Needham, Massachusetts. She studied at Boston University and received her Ph.D. degree from Radcliffe. Her hobby is collecting books and victrola records.

**Mr. Raymond Bassett**

Mr. Bassett taught for two years in the junior and senior high schools in Stowe, Vermont, and for two years at Gordon Junior College in Plainsfield, Vermont. He received his B.S. from Yale University and his A.M. from the University of Vermont. For some time Mr. Bassett has been interested in news-

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**Students Take Over—And How!!**

It started out as a sort of pipe dream. Somebody said to somebody else, in an off-hand manner, that the school would be a good idea if—Uh, oh not here! Sure, maybe it was done everywhere else but still, not here. These answers were invariably accompanied by a knowing shake of the head and a resigned smile. Better forget the whole thing. But wait a minute! Who are we, us or us? (Don't answer that!) Why not here? Whish, bang, bump, and Dr. Bailey was announcing to a dumbfounded chapel audience the startling, unprecedented news that Gorham students, reformers and politicians, were to have their day. Too long had they been boasting what they would do if they could run the school just for one day. Well, here was the day.

The following outstanding exponents of the theory, there ought not to be a law, were overwhelmingly elected to demonstrate their abilities.

**Keith Crockett**

Principal

**Mary Read**

Vice Principal

**Irene Perreault**

Dean of Women

**Edith Thayer**

Dean of Men

**Joe Castellucci**

Men's Sports Director

**Betty Leach**

Women's Sports Director

**Laura Messer**

Civic Director

Of course somebody had to step on somebody or the teachers would have come back from the convention to find Corthell Hall resting comfortably on its roof, with the bottom where the top should be. But everything considered, things went along smoothly while the teachers were away. It was lots of fun and educational, too. No one was the wiser for wear and tear. We were intended to be in the spirit of a task well done.

**Taxation With Results**

The theory of the Sophomore Class has been proven. The advertising managers of their Hallow'en Party kept saying, "Give the students the kind of a dance and party they want and they'll flock to it." Now that this much advertised event is over, we are inclined to agree with them.

The party, the supper, and the dance were all a big success, and three new champions were crowned before the evening was over. Gertrude Knapp stood out as a fine example of how a lady should eat an apple dangling from a string. Raymond Knight used up his reserve power to edge out Alex Cumming in a tight finish for the pie-eating championship. Donald Bisbee ruled over the water after the splashing was over in the apple-bobbing contest.

The dance which followed the party was one of the first in which all male students present participated. We may credit this to the twenty cent tax upon all who failed to dance every dance.
The second law of Thermodynamics, stated non-technically, is: "Everything in the Universe tends to run down." No one can appreciate the truth of that statement as well as the inhabitants of Normal, Hin. Well, a clock runs down, but there's no law to prevent its being wound up again. Logic is logic, so why should a clock be excluded? I would like to see the pleasure of accompanying him in a dance, he held forth his arm expecting me to understand what he meant. Such manners!

That seems to be all for the women's side of the story, so I next contacted the men. The results were these:

"Why are girls so noisy? I like to see girls full of pep, but why do they have to let it all out once I appreciate the fact that they speak to me, but they could at least wait until I got somewhere near them instead of telling the whole town."

"Why do girls wear skirts and sweaters to dances? They aren't so poor that they can't afford to buy a dress. After all it would look a little more appreciative—and saddle shoes and socks, NIX."

These and some other things are most disliked by the students of the school.

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Superintendents and Principals Welcome

On Thursday, October 31, Gorham Normal School welcomed many superintendents and principals to Normal Hill. The school was thrown open to them, and they made the best of the opportunity, visiting classes and observing the work carried on there. A banquet was served in East Hall Dining Room at noon, during which Dr. Bailey gave a short address of welcome to the guests. Classes were eliminated in the afternoon and a program substituted. This program was designed to show the visiting superintendents the steps that Gorham students are taking toward becoming future teachers. The Civic Committee sponsored an entertainment in Russell Hall from 2:15 to 3:15. During this program addresses were given by Principals and principals to and Superintendent Harry C. Hull. The combined Glee Clubs rendered two selections in the usual mellow style, and the Orchestrta played two excellent selections. Mr. Hayden Anderson gave a very interesting talk on "Visual Aid to Education." After a Facility and Guest Discussion in the Auditorium of Russell Hall, everyone retired to the library for a light lunch and general discussion—an ideal way to end an ideal day.
paper work having served on several papers in the West as well as in the East.

Mr. Richard Savage

Mr. Savage, a graduate of Gorham Normal School in the class of 1931, returns to teach. He received his B.S. and A.M. degrees from Columbia University, and studied one year at London University in London, England toward his Ph.D. degree. He taught in the junior high schools at Cranford and Jersey City, New Jersey; in Lincoln High School, New York City; and in Teachers' State College, Pennsylvania. He is very much interested in horseback riding, and in singing in the Boys' Glee Club, but his main interest is Industrial Arts.

We All Want School Spirit

But-

Much has been said concerning the lack of school spirit at Gorham Normal School. Many students are bored. There are a few students who are enthusiastic and the evidences of this which we hear on all sides. But the "Oracle", after listening fairly to the students, has come to the conclusion that those who lament the least is the sense of spirit are those who cannot be too much interested in the attaining of that spirit. They are the ones who at 8:30 grab their books and head for their rooms where they hole up until chapel the next morning. They are the ones who are always too busy to serve on committees. They are the ones who pack their bags and go home every weekend without so much as a thought to what is going on until the attaining of that spirit. They are the ones who have no time to come to the school sings, and the athletic events. They, above all, are the ones who would like to join clubs but just don't see how they can find the time. They are the students who are homesick, who compare this school with their old schools and clubs and activities. There are opportunities for every single student to select an activity and work at it to the best of his ability. With the school spirit which, after all, cannot be successful without support. They are the ones who do not find time to come to the school. If you are one of those slackers who, for some obscure reason, habitually miss Chapel? If you are, you had better buy a new alarm clock, fix up your car, or do that last minute studying some other time. This year a war to the finish has been declared against shirkers, with Mr. Woodward wielding the saber. A new system of check-up is being used and the names of all students missing Chapel are posted at the end of each month. Excused absences are harmless, but remember a number of checks beside your name doesn't look any too good on the records.

No Lack of Opportunities

Among the clubs which offer unlimited opportunities for self development and enjoyment are:

Y. M. C. A.: President, Ralph Norton; Vice President, Albert Wakefield; Secretary-Treasurer, Eddie Hodgkins. Every Thursday evening meetings are held and events are discussed by club members and special speakers. How about it? Have you helped school spirit along by supporting this organization? Commuters are not barred, you know.

Y. W. C. A.: President, Barbara Allen; Vice President, Ruth Davis; Treasurer, Lorraine McGee; and Secretary, Christine Welsh. Practically every girl in the dormitory belongs to this association, and no girl will lack a welcome. Its annual candlelight service is always a big event. No one can say truthfully that there is no spirit there.

Art Club: President, Emma Libby; Vice President, Robert Vaughan; Secretary, Phyllis Inforati; Treasurer, Ralph Norton. If you are interested in art why not give it a try?

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Y. W. C. A.: Emily Sproul, acting representative for Ruth Davis.

Committees' Club Paul Tibbetts.

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Cross-Country

Again we look up to find Mr. Packard guiding our cross-country team. He puts the boys through a vigorous training period of about three weeks and then let them loose.

And where did they go? Why, on October fourth they went round and round the Bridgton Academy runners to defeat them 23-35. On October ninth, in spite of a hard-fought battle, the Farmington runners defeated our boys 23-34. Two days later, the team journeyed to Brunswick to meet the Bowdoin J. V. team. Here they suffered their second defeat, 25-32. With revenge in their hearts, the boys went to Farmington on October sixteenth. There was only one meet that day. Farmington got the revenge by winning 25-31.

Consistent point winners in all of these meets were Ed Hodgkins, Fred Jeffrey, Alex Cumming, "Flash" Cameron, and Willie Hancock. The following afternoon, a vigorous debate caused: Pierce, Davis, Merseve, Alden, Van Blaricum, Eaton, Mayberry, and Glazier versus McCormick.

To offset the fact that not all the boys are able to run in varsity competition, Coach Wilkerson has arranged several J. V. meets. The first of these was run on October eighth when the boys from Portland High defeated the J. V.'s, 15-40. The second meet took place in October fifteen when Old Orchard High defeated our boys by a score of 20-38.

Women's Athletics

Rumors of Freshman as well as Upperclass girls proving their ability true at Fall Sports Day and were further tested at the beginning of the Hockey and Archery seasons. This year Conant and Dyer, two of last year's Hockey stars, are still in full swing and are aided by Clark and Davis of the Freshman class.

The tennis tournament is being played off with leaps and jumps, just waiting for Oct. 25th, when the rounds in Archery. These are Ruth Lawton, Miss Keene's lab assistant, and Floyd Bissett, a Juno.

Let's Put This On Paper

LESSON PLAN

I. Getting Interest

No matter what we say or do, we cannot make a sale. Oh, why can't we have a radio? Why hear campaign speeches.

II. The Problem

What questions can you ask about that poem? What are they pleading? For whom are they pleading?

III. Solving the Problem

1. Students in both dorms are now pleading for the immediate use of radios.
   a. Because they feel they can come closer contact with world affairs by listening to them during every meal.
   b. Because they would like to hear campaign speeches.
   c. Because the Ford Symphony Hour is a favorite program of many and is cultural.
   d. Because it lonesome and dull in the dorms on the weekends.
   e. Because there are opera and the New York Philharmonic Orchestra on Sunday afternoons.

2. Teachers have radios and are not disturbed by them.

3. It has been said that the noise will be unbearable, but the students say they will stay in their rooms and listen to the programs.

4. If these students were able to budget their time in high school, shouldn't they be able to do likewise here? Furthermore, in a few years most of them will be on, in their own doing work in which it will be necessary to listen to the radio in order to have current events in their classrooms and to stimulate active interest in musical and educational programs.

5. Modern teachers must keep up with the times.

6. Hours for the use of the radios have been suggested as follows: 7:00 to 8:00 A. M.; 3:30 to 7:30 P. M.; some provision for use later in the evening.

7. Comment to the use of radios would further cooperation between students and administration and would discourage deception and dishonesty.

8. Penalties suggested for abuse of the privilege: first—warning; second—offending; third—loss of privilege for specified length of time or puts radio "in hock" for that period; third—complete non-recoverable loss of privilege.

9. As long as radios do not bother roommates or neighbors should they continue to be forbidden? We know that they are proving satisfactory at other schools and colleges in this State.

10. The fact that the walls are not sound-proof can be offset by careful consideration on the part of users for their neighbors.

11. Students are willing to pay a monthly fee of as much as twenty-five cents for the maintenance of the radios if investigation shows them to be as expensive as that.

Summary

Radios should become a vital part of the life at G. N. S.

IV. Application

Left to the discretion of the administration and faculty.

Are They Real Or Chemical?

Blondes are of two kinds: The real and the chemical. It has, however, been ascertained by several observers that real blondes are often false.

The real blonde ranges from four to six feet in height and over various parts of the country. In common with others of her sex, the real blonde is supported at length with some difficulty, but at short intervals with ease. She toys with her victims, and delights in being difficult. On the other hand, or should I say on the other arm, the chemical blonde is self-made and, consequently, independent. She is manufactured extensively in all states, and appears to be brighter than she is. She is often dangerous, and always expensive when allowed to follow her own inclinations. Her eyes, her ways, and the roots of her hair are apt to be...