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Glee Clubs Present "An Evening Of Music"

On March 4, the combined Glee Clubs and Orchestra of the school, under the direction of Miss Miriam Andrews, presented their annual spring concert in Russell Hall Auditorium. Members of the music department had worked many weeks to prepare this program, and presented a finished and well-rounded entertainment. The program included both instrumental and vocal solos as well as renditions by the Glee Clubs and Orchestra.

On the high spots of the evening was the appearance of Mrs. Katherine Hatch Graffam of Portland as guest artist. She played a group of six selections for the candidates. Graffam played at Gorham last year as a member of a string ensemble. Her column of musical comments is a weekly feature of the Portland Press Herald.

Soloists by various members of the school were also included on the program. Virginia Hall played a very effective trumpet solo, "Willow Echoes." Vocal solos by Edna Dearborn were "None But The Lonely Heart" and "It's His Birthday Here." John Alden sang "The Blind Pianist" and "Beautiful Dreamer." "Three Fugues" and "Promenade" by Endresen, duets for clarinet and flute, were played by Keith Crockett and John Alden.

Selections by the combined Glee Clubs and Orchestra were also presented. A capacity audience showed the widespread interest in music, vocal and instrumental.

Fraternities Initiate

Bids for Kappa Delta Phi and Alpha Lambda Beta fraternities have been sent out and a total of twenty-eight pledge cards returned. Eleven men signified their intentions of joining. Kappa Delta Phi has seventeen, Alpha. Preliminary initiation rules and regulations have gone into effect and the candidates have been privileged to hear Dr. Russell, principal emeritus of Gorham Normal, give an address on moral education.

He named three different philosophies of education which have been held. The theory of John Locke, the idea that a child is blank slate on which the teacher may write, was the philosophy of innate goodness, and finally the modern theory that any moral qualities possessed must be learned by experience.

Dr. Russell named the home, community meeting in institutions which determine what a child does and what he becomes.

He emphasized three hindrances to the school in effecting the right moral growth of the child: 1. The school has the child but a small portion of the time. 2. In a single class, there are many different personalities for one teacher to deal with. 3. Moral training is but a side issue in our schools.

The school, however, has several opportunities to affect the child. It gives him responsibilities, teaches him fair play, and provides a teacher who should be a good example for him to follow.

In conclusion, Dr. Russell stated three characteristics which he believed to be most necessary in a good teacher. These qualities are patience, a real interest in the welfare of the children and the community, and worthy ambition.

While this address came to us on Lincoln's birthday, Dr. Russell expressed the belief that moral education was a fitting topic to discuss on such a day.

New York Convention Delegates Elected

This year Gorham Normal School will again send delegates to the meeting of the Eastern States Association of Professional Schools for Teachers to be held in New York City during the first week of April. One member from each of the three upper classes was chosen to represent the school, Keith Crockett from the seniors, Betty Leach from the junior class, and Dick Mersh from the sophomores. Miss Lewis and Mr. Sloat of the faculty will attend.

This meeting is intended to bring together representatives of the various normal schools and teachers' colleges of New England so that they may become better acquainted with methods used in different schools. Problems which have been encountered in the various schools and colleges are discussed, and solutions suggested. Workable suggestions for improvement have often been brought back to Gorham by delegates in past years, and undoubtedly this year will be no exception. Dr. Bailey and Mr. Savage are both scheduled as speakers at the convention.

Dramatic Club To Present "American Passport"

Nearing completion is the Dramatic Club's version of a three-act comedy, "American Passport," by Dana Thomas which will be presented March 14 in Russell Hall auditorium. The play is under the direction of Mr. Sloot with Ernestine Davis serving as assistant coach. "American Passport," this year's choice for the club's annual presentation, is a down-to-earth, up-to-the-minute comedy with its scene laid in the present. Because of its dealings with an everyday family in the present-day situation, it should be of interest to every patriotic American.

Alex Cummimg plays the part of Ed Hamilton, the complacent American father who, like Rip Van Winkle, discovers he has been napping for twenty years and gallantly proceeds to take the situation in hand. Mary Read appears as Mrs. Hamilton, and Irene Berry as Louella, the twelve-year-old who gets in everybody's way and leads are played by Bill Welton as Dick Hamilton, and Mona Frank as Sybil who is in love with him. Leroy Brown as Bill Wilson, a catch in any season, and Esther Bennett as Judy, the older Hamilton daughter, also handle important roles. Others in the cast include Laura Meserve as Aunt Jen, Bettina Pillsbury as Mrs. Schwartz, a neighbor, and Larry Pelton as Mr. Craig, Mr. Hamilton's employer.

The coaches and members of the cast attended the Westbrook High School presentation of this play on February 28.

Other members of the Club are taking charge of business matters connected with the presentation. Leroy Brown has charge of scenery and stage management, while stage properties are being handled by John McAllister. Advertising is under the direction of Bettina Pillsbury, and Tommy Demers is in charge of tickets.

Kappa Delta Phi Plan Minstrel Show

"Music hath charms," and the school's songbirds are due to prove their worth to Gorham and the community in the forthcoming Minstrel Show sponsored by the Kappa Delta Phi Fraternity. The show is scheduled for March 21, the proceeds to be contributed to the Interfraternity Fund.

Larry Pelton is acting as general chairman for the affair, and a well-rounded cast of entertainers has been picked from Kappa's ranks. Endmen for the show will be: "Bones" Knaptok, Tony Pecoraro, Danny Murphy, and Mike Pillsbury. Staton Curtis will be interlocutor.

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Is School Spirit On The Way Out?

Enthusiasm! Have you ever heard of it? Well, I have, and here at Gorham, too. But not real, lasting enthusiasm, or the kind that has much behind it, either. What's the matter with us, anyway? Let's find out. An analysis of student suggestions on the situation brought out the following points.

"When anything is decided, let's get behind it and all support it, approval or no, and let's have a good strong leader out front." There's the key to it all,—a good strong leader. But don't forget that a leader must have support! The president of your club is your leader. Support him in everything he does.

"If someone asked me, I'd help." "Oh, there are just a certain few who always do everything." Well, don't wait to be asked. Volunteers are appreciated twice as much. Put yourself out in front as one of those who are always doing things. If someone does ask you to help, cooperate and do what you can to the best of your ability.

Some students think the commuters are always in too much of a rush to get home. On weekends they seem just too busy to be bothered with school. Well, we ask you, "Are you a student at G.N.S., or aren't you?" We mean "student" in the full sense of the word.

The point arose that some of the dorm girls are too cliquish. "If a few of a clique are on a committee, they don't want others 'butting in'!" May we suggest that you break down the clique attitude and build up the good school-spirit attitude?

We might say that a school is merely the sum total of all its parts. Yes, there are a great many parts which go to make up life at Gorham. But school life can't really be a success with each of these parts working by itself. So let's see that they start working together. Come on, get a little enthusiasm started and back it up with plenty of that good old school spirit!

That if you want to hear a good argument, just ride in town some night with Nino and Dot. Any night.

Irene Perreault

Gorham has been fortunate in retaining Irene Perreault for a fourth year. She has in many ways proved herself to be an outstanding member of her class. With her ever-ready sense of humor, she has gained many friends here at Gorham. Have you ever heard her laugh?

This year she served as "dean of women" while the Faculty were away at the Convention and now is acting as secretary of the House Committee.

Whenever and wherever you hear music, you will find Irene. Last year she gave a fine performance in the operetta. Again that laugh! One never to be forgotten. She plays first violin in the orchestra and one morning at Chapel she favored us with her own composition, "Gypsy Serenade." She can swing it too. You have probably noticed her playing in the orchestra at dances. As president of the Glee Club, she is an inspiration to all its members. Did you know that she has been publicly acclaimed as "a promising young singer with a voice of operatic range and ability"? Maybe someday you'll say, "I knew her --."

They Say—

That a certain gym "instructress" who owns a Ford will pay twenty-five cents to anyone who will remove the "Willkie" sign from the rear window of her car.

That if any male student's ears are burning one of these nights, he's probably being "hauled over the coals" up in 310 East. There's no use trying to escape fellows. Those girls just "rip" you apart.

That those five freshman boys who hang out at the north end of Corthell Hall are just "too sweet for words." Woo! Woo!

That Dick Marsh gets first prize for hard luck. He broke the same collarbone twice and had the flu all before the end of the first semester.

Keith Crockett

We have been fortunate this year in having a former student of Gorham return for his fourth year. Keith Crockett, of Rockland, has shown a fine ability for leadership and has proven himself a master at organization. He served as "principal" of the school in the absence of Dr. Bailey this fall.

Active in sports, "the boy with the horn" has not limited his interests to basketball, but has become outstanding in the field of musical endeavor. We have Keith to thank for our successful band which adds so much spirit to basketball games. Attendance at dances seems to prove that the students prefer music by Keith's "jazz orchestra" to the "canned" music of the "vic." He plays both saxophone and clarinet.

In private life, Keith is a happily married man, who is interested in collecting stamps and saving odd facts. Recently he was elected fourth year representative to the New York convention. Keith, we wish you the success in life that you have attained at Gorham.
Dr. Payson Smith
Speaks Here

As the last of his series of three addresses on education given at Gorham, Dr. Payson Smith, former State Commissioner of Education, spoke on the objectives of education. He expressed a desire to have all teachers required to make at least four years' preparation before starting to teach.

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In conclusion, Dr. Smith stated that social objectives need stress in the elementary school. Teachers must learn to stimulate and require the use of memory. He called attention to the expanding interest in motivation and mental suggestion. Mr. Gerald gave a very enjoyable evening to all who attended, and especially those who were students of psychology.

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Entertainment Series

Students at Gorham have to date enjoyed two entertainments of the annual series. The first and most enjoyable entertainer was Mr. Henry Gerald, noted psychologist, who performed various tricks of magic, and experiments in both mental telepathy and mental suggestion. Mr. Gerald amazed his audience by taking from a pack of cards the one on which his subject was concentrating. He revealed names and telephone numbers of which people in the audience were thinking. Asking for volunteers from the group, he used them to guide him in finding objects which they had hidden. Finally, using the whole audience as a subject, he tried a very interesting experiment in the power of suggestion by attempting to convince everyone that their hands were locked together.

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Alumni Entertained On Back-To-Gorham Day

On February 8, the Civic Committee, with Alex Cumming as chairman, sponsored the fourth annual Back-To-Gorham Day. This provided an opportunity for graduates to return to the school, renew old acquaintances, and discuss problems which they have encountered in teaching.

Various committee heads were Alex Cumming, Ruth and John Alden, Eileen Cullinan, Ruth Bickford, Catherine Campbell, Irene Berry, Mildred Doak, Betty Frost, Joanne Ashby, Doris Merve, Albert Wakefield, and Gordon Parritt.

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Winter Carnival

Big Success

The weather man came through with a beautiful day, and the students turned out full force to make Gorham's 1941 Winter Carnival the most successful in the school's history.

Snow sculptures proved their worth in spite of adverse snow conditions and brought forth some very masterpieces of artistry. The Poetry Club took first honors with "Puss in Boots," while the Y. W. received second prize for a representation of their emblem.Honorable mention went to the Library Club's "Bear."

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Afternoon events were held on Alden's hill and included slalom races and cross-country skiing.

At night a banquet was held in East Hall dining room followed by a dance in center. The program at intermission consisted of the coronation and the making of awards. Barbara Blanchard, the Queen, was crowned by Mary Read, queen of the 1940 carnival. Her attendants were Emma Libby, Ruth Alden, Dorothy Ball, and Virginia Davis. Frances Lunt acted as crown bearer, and Mr. Bassett read the list of award winners.
Track To Become Major Sport

After a long uphill struggle, the track enthusiasts of the school with the whole-hearted support of several members of the faculty have finally convinced the Athletic Council that Gorham Normal needs another outdoor sport.

A semi-formal dance, to be held in the gymnasium, is being planned by the Men's Athletic Association for the support of this team. The boys will build most of their own equipment and thus reduce to a minimum any expense involved.

Men out for the team will be guided by three experienced coaches, Dr. Bailey, Mr. Bassett, and Mr. Packard. With a group of twenty-five former track men to work with, these coaches expect to build a strong and possibly a championship team.

Meets are being planned with other normal schools throughout New England, and it is expected that the boys will compete this spring in the annual meet of New England Teachers' Colleges.

The new sport needs a great deal of support from the students, but with it the team should go a long way toward making Gorham Normal something to be reckoned with in New England normal school track.

Baseball Men To Report Soon

According to Coach Jensen the baseball squad will be called out during the middle of March. This year's team will be supported by such veterans as Bill Wilson, "Gunk" Nadeau, Ray Austin, Pete Leavitt, Lonny Arnold, Tony Pecoraro, and Keith Crockett. Aside from these returning veterans, the team will have many experienced upper-classmen and a strong freshman group. From these men it is expected that Mr. Jensen will mold a strong team that will rate high in the final Conference standing.

A tentative schedule stands as follows:

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Women's Athletic Awards Given

One hardly realizes the number of girls actively participating in sports until certificates and numerals are awarded. Recently, awards for hockey, basketball, and archery were given out in chapel.

The sophomores won the class games in basketball with a fine team under the direction of Gerry White. The White team won the Green and White banner.

In hockey a combined team of freshmen and seniors finally won the series of class games. Emma Libby acted as captain of this team.

Ruth Bishop and Dot Oulton were outstanding in archery.

A banquet closed the basketball season and the girls are now busily engaged in volley ball games.

Wind Up Season At Salem

With the basketball season coming to a close with the Salem game on February 26, Gorham's record stands at 5 won and 8 lost.

In the first game of the season, on December 2, G. N. S. beat a strong alumni team 33-32. Tommy Vail clinched the game by sinking a long shot in the last few seconds of play.

On December 6, the boys played Keene and lost by a 36-27 score. The same week-end they journeyed to Castleton and defeated them 65-53.

In a home game, our boys defeated Portland Junior College 57-22.

Returning from Christmas vacation, the boys defeated R. I. C. E. 51-50 in an exciting game. Ray Austin proved outstanding man in the game, scoring 18 points. The student body turned out and backed up the team with the best spirit that Gorham has seen in a long time.

On January 22, the squad played Portland Junior College on their own floor. With Bill Piacentini leading the way, the Green and White came through again with a score of 32-29.

The boys played host to Salem on January 25, and lost one of those heart breakers, 34-33. The chief Gorham weakness in the game seemed to be in shooting fouls, for with a few more of their free shots the score would have tilted the other way.

On Monday, January 27, the team journeyed to Farmington to play a game which had been postponed. Farmington was the winner, in spite of a hard fought game, by a score of 50-40.

The following week-end proved another heartbreaker. The boys went north to pay Mr. Wieden a visit. On the trip they lost to Madawaska Training School, 49-48. The following night Aroostook State Normal School took Gorham 41-39.

On February 8, Lowell Textile paid Gorham a visit. This team, although considered by experts to be one of the strongest teams of its kind in New England, had a hard time subduing Gorham, 44-46. It was a hard fought battle all the way, but here, as in many previous games, foul shots again held down the Green and White.

On Friday, Feb. 14, the squad journeyed to Providence, Rhode Island to meet R. I. C. E. Gorham started off with a bang, but during the course of the game the boys slowed down and finally lost by a score of 53-33.

On Wednesday, February 26, the boys journeyed to Salem to meet a powerful S. T. C. squad for their final game of the season. Getting off to a fast start, the half found them leading 20-19. In the second half, however, the Salem lads came to life and began sinking shots from all angles. The final score read 43-31 with Gorham on the short end.

Outing Club Presents Chapel Program

On the morning of February 14, presumably in 1931, Gorham's history was turned back ten years to Valentine's Day in 1921. By tableau were revealed some of the valentines which various members of the school had given and received. These valentines had been re-given to Myrtle Storer, a retired member of the G. N. S. faculty, to put in her valentine memory book. Pictures in this book were posed by members of the Outing Club while appropriate poems were read.