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**Popularity Contest Winners Announced**

At last the answers to your many requests concerning "Gorham's Best" are announced. And who best shows the results of careful scrutiny of "Vogue," "Mademoiselle," and "Esquire"? ls Gerry McGrail and John Grover! The honor of being the best Gorhamite is bestowed upon Betty Leach for the young women and Keith Crockett for the young men. Connie Furbush and Keith Crockett were unani mously chosen for their public appearance. And those athletes—Betty Leach, Jeannette Farrell, Ray Austin, and Joe Castellucci—are tops in sports!

Who is Gorham's favorite "prof"? The honors go to Miss Wood, Miss Lewis, Mr. Woodward, and Mr. interns. Micawbere is personified by Ernest Ogden and Helena Gagne. According to the girls, Staton Curtis is best looking; according to the boys, Gerry McGrail is the beauty of the campus. Bill Welton and Barb Blanchard deserve their title, Most College. The best candidates of Emily Post's theories are Ernest Davis, Betty Robinson, James Bowman, and Frances Griffith. Who have the winning personalities? Staton Curtis and Ernestine Davis were the winners of the title.

The Thomas B. Reeds (best orators to you) are Connie Furbush and Alfred Cereste. And lastly, we announce the biggest in the A. S. according to school friends—Catherine Hanson and Nino Giumpetruzzi.

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**Alumni Catalogue To Be Issued**

Miss Elizabeth Fox, President of G. N. S. Alumni Association

Questionnaires have been sent to the Alumni of Gorham Normal School requesting information for a new catalogue to quote from one reply. "If you will tell me more about it, I might like to buy one." As future alumni we feel it might be of interest to you and a help to the next committee for you to know about it.

From the beginning Gorham Normal issued yearly catalogues, listing teachers and members of the graduating class and describing life at G. N. S. in brief, selling the school to future students. The "Green and White" is an outgrowth of these.

Soon after, the plan of the association to publish a complete catalogue was enthusiastically received. Information was sent in by the members with pictures of themselves, their children, and their grandchildren. Had all the material been received, the catalogue would still be in the hands of the publishers.

Last June we voted to issue the catalogue every ten years. When it appears again, all of you will be alumni, and we hope eager to return to your questionnaires telling of your experiences in the years you have been away from G. N. S. For as always, the value of the catalogue depends upon the information received from the alumni.

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**Gorham Prom-Trotters Revel in Setting**

Merrymakers who came to celebrate the festival of Bacchus in Russell Hall on May 3, danced in vineyards heavily laden with a fruitful harvest. Beautiful maidens and gallant beaux strolled among rose-entwined trellises and murmuring fountains.

Colorful gowns were mingled with white ties and and tails as the dancers moved in the intricate steps of the cotillion. The music of the Rhythm-Heirs wafted over the delicately-scented garden, touching lightly the gay couples along the lantern-hung terrace.

As the Cinderella hour approached, the poignant music of Johann Strauss called the strolling couples back to the ballroom for the Good-Bye Waltz.

After the last departing couples had made their lingering farewells, after the gentlemen of the orchestra had retired from their hidden bower of fernery, after soft lights had been regretfully muted — then — the low golden moon looked in on another set of revelers — the ghostly handmaids of Bacchus had at last found the perfect setting in which to pay tribute to their God of Wine.

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**A Few Contracts Already Signed**

"Comes Spring, come positions." As usual the campus has been welcoming frequent visits from superintendents, committeemen, and principals again this year. These visits seem to have been as profitable to them as they have been to members of the graduating classes.

Seniors are called out of classes to report in the office for interviews, Mrs. Treworgy calls the library to page some hopeful candidates. These are common occurrences in school life this spring.

As the paper goes to press, the following successes have been announced: Ernestine Davis and Gordon Parritt have been located in Augusta and Bangor respectively. Janet Tinkham has been placed in the Saco school system, while Kerwin Roberts and Harold Bent are at Rumford.

Richard Hallet, Author, Speaks Here

Members of the school community were privileged to hear Richard Matthews Hallet, noted Maine author, speak May 8 in Russell Hall auditorium on "Sidelights of an Author's Career." Mr. Hallet is well known as a political writer, author, and public speaker, as well as a contributor to various magazines and periodicals.

Traveling throughout the world, he has had many interesting and varied experiences. He has been a sailor, stone-breaker, sheep-shearer, and boundary rider in England; copper miner in Arizona; and watch officer on a U. S. Army transport during the war. Some of his books are: "The Polling World," "Trial By Fire," "The House of Craigsends;" "Ticklish Waters;" and "The Canyon of Fools." Mr. Hallet is recognized as a naval expert and is Curator of the Maine Marine Museum at Boothbay.

The lecture was presented as a benefit for the Dr. Russell Alumni Scholarship Fund.

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"I do not know of any way so sure of making others happy as being so one's self." — Hobbes

"I wish I can I will — these are the three trumpet notes to victory."
What’s Right
With Education?

All too often are heard adverse criticisms of our present day educational system. Frankly to recognize what is right with new educational policies would be a more healthy attitude.

Educators do not claim that the world has been all wrong in its treatment of children until our present day philosophers appeared on the scene. But they have found it necessary to shift the emphasis from standardization in methods and curricula to great provision for the needs of the individual. Teachers have accepted this change as an opportunity to act as guides in the cultivation of a better social order.

We have learn that it is important for us to study the children, to explore their interests and their natural activities, to measure their abilities and to fit the activities of the school to the children as their characteristics are revealed to us all these forms of study.

It is the aim in education to develop individuals into well-balanced personalities. One of the most important steps in the process of this development is that each of us strive to acquire the ability to live usefully and happily with others. And finally that we make use of our power to think, plan, and evaluate, which in the words of our Principal, Dr. Bailey, means to put “first things first.”

The tendency for educators to attend to the individual needs is “what’s right with Education.”

You Asked:
“What Is the Point System?”

One of the opportunities open to all members of the school is the chance for the development of varied talents and abilities by participation in some extra-curricular activities.

To prevent some of our more versatile members from over-indulgence, and to provide provisions for discovery of new talent, the Civil Committee adopted a point system.

The Provisions are as follows:
1. For every club, special committee and fraternity to which you are elected a member, a certain number of points are given.
2. The number of points vary according to the type of club, activity, or committee and according to the position held. That is, officers receive a greater number of points than persons who are just members.
3. The Quota—Seniors and Juniors 20 points, Sophomores 15 points, Freshmen 10 points.
4. A table for the number of points given for all activities is published in the G. N. S. Handbook. It would be helpful if everybody would study this table.

Characteristic Speech

Miss Lewis: “What do you know”?

Mr. Sloat: “All right” (with a Vermont accent).

Dr. Bailey: “You see”?

Miss Ryan: “Now, folks, let’s get a piece of scribble paper.”

Miss Wood: “Tomorrow I’ll give you an opportunity to write ten minutes.”

Good Reading

Miss Andrews: “Music Integration in the Junior High School, by Lilja Belle Plitts, is a good book to be used by any teacher of music. It is a great help for anyone who is using music as a center for a unit.”

Miss Murley: “Every girl in this school read A Girl Grows Up by Ruth Fedder.”

Miss Ryan: “From Many Lands by Louis Adamic should be read by everyone now because it is human and humane and also develops the spirit of brotherhood.”

Miss Eames: “A fascinating book for people who like to read about life in faraway places such as South Seas, Borneo, and Africa, is I Married Adventure by Osa Helen Johnson.”

Letters to Our Editors

Editor Arise!
A paper quite supreme.

Dear Editor, you’ve rounded up
it’s been the seniors’ memory book,
while the Freshmen’s dream.
To the Sophomores and the Juniors
It has given much delight.
its work has been the symbol of
Our dear old Green and White.
it has mentioned Freshmen students,
And Willkie signs on cars;
it has scored up all the good old times,
From peanuts to cigars.

Dear Editor, the most I say, I say,
To you and to your board.
A page of school-year history
Has in our minds been stored.

Thanks, Katherine.

Dear Editor,

In the student publication, the “Oracle,” many students of Normal Hill must feel that they have an excellent school paper. But they also see that there is an opportunity for improvement. Daily and weekly newspapers thrive because of the active competition between them, and because of general public demand for a good sheet. This cannot be done on Normal Hill, but it is a thought that the editorial staff should always keep this in mind in preparing each publication. The “Oracle” of the past has lacked punch, signs of editorial, and perhaps student, interest. Published, usually each quarter, its news, special articles, and features are literally stale by the time of publication.

The “Oracle” should, therefore, be published more often, print more real news if possible, contain pictures and special features on students, public questions affecting the Normal School, the teachers, good jokes, a “Voice of the Students,” and finally a stronger editorial page.

FRANCIS GRIFFITH

Dear Editor,
The “Oracle” about to be published will be the last that I receive as a member of G. N. S. and so most of my suggestions are based on personal preference, though I will try to keep from being too subjective.

On the front page of the paper I should enjoy seeing a picture. I hope that this will not be the only picture in the news. I am attracted by bits of incidental but interesting information about various members of the school. For instance, who are the youngest members of the graduation classes?

You will have reasons for not publishing an honor roll; I have heard some of them. Nevertheless, I still favor a publication of the names of honor students. Are their accomplishments not as worthy of mention as are those of persons winning numerals in athletics?

Are there no spots on the editorial staff? If not, surely you could find among G. N. S. students at least one original poem that others would like to share.

If the news is to be in the future tense, let us have the paper before the events occur. If it is to be news of the past, let’s not have the dates too far back.

Sincerely,

EVELYN LEE
"Mothers of History" Presented by Poetry Club

Each year the Poetry Club has added to the meaning of Mother's Day by presenting a fine chapel program.

The theme for this year's presentation was "Mothers of History" with the following living pictures: "Cornelia, The Mother of the Gracchi," "The Pioneer Mother," "Venus," and "The Greatest Mother in the World."

Members of the Club posings as Mothers were Betty Frost, Althen Barstow, Barbara Crowley, Constance Furbury, Ernestine Davis and Julia Daggett. The children appearing in the pictures were Mark Kimes, Winship Moody, Philip Neal, Roger Hanson, Marcia Hall, Richard Wagner, and David Anderson.

Accompanying the poses were selected readings by Bettina Pillsbury, Geraldine Mcgrail, Katherine Hanson, Eunice Shevlin and Betty Robinson.

Betty Robinson, General Chairman of the program, was assisted by Barbara Crowley and Barbara Allen. The arrangement of the pictures was under the direction of Helena Gagne, Phyllis Lighting, and Betty Robinson. The management of the pictures was under the program, was assisted by Barbara Crowley, Constance Furbush, Maurice Edwards had charge of stage lighting.

Senior Melodies And Memories

"My disposition depends on you"—Harold Bent
"Absence makes the heart grow fonder"—Joe Castelucci
"None but the Lonely Heart"—Keith Crockett
"All good things don't come in small packages"—John Duncan
"I saw those 'Harbor' Lights"—Connie Furbush
"For that's the 'Sweetest' story ever told"—Vi Gagne
"History makes life worth living"—Francis Griffith
"Some diet! Nothing to show for it"—Donald Knapon
"Brains and athletics do mix"—Emma Libby
"Well! Some people do study!"—Alberta Littlejohn
"The worrying 'kid' of the class"—Dorothy McCarthy
"If organs are in Heaven, you'll be there!"—Fred Mitchell
"What are you doing in a Barber-shop quartet?"—Gordon Parritt
"The 'ace' of the English History and Lit Classes"—Ruth Peterson
"She hasn't a future but Oh! what a past"—Gracie Rankin
"Always busier than she really is"—Eunice Shevlin
"Shining light of the Social Dr-Hem's Class"—Janet Tibbetts
"All's fair in love and education"—Wilmer Van Blaricum

Campus Chatter

Who was the Sophomore fellow who was caught leaving the campus with his car... whose shoes were given an airing in Am. Ed. class one day... what is so important in Portland every night... Gracie... so you don't think Westbrook Junior is so bad... what's the attraction on New St. every Saturday, Vi and Irene... what a successful personality went to the track... semi-formal stag... according to Fryeburg, Millineocket is pretty nice... Dr. Bailey passed the pun, "There's many a...

Such Going's On

Flash! The Commuter's Club sponsored a Cabaret Dance recently... Those Commuters surely give us an excellent example of school spirit... That unique announcement by Kay Flaherty certainly brought out the crowd... The annual Commuter's picnic scheduled for May 22 at Salmon Falls... What would those commuters do without that slim personality with the ever-smiling expression—Jackie Jones... The Music Clubs are right out in boom again... Quite a layoff for a while... That recent program in the Junior High School was very successful... Perreault can certainly raise the roof with her melodious voice... Van Blaricum, Catir, and V. Hall were the other major attractions, along with the Glee Clubs... What happened to the former president of the Orchestra? Those new officers are: President, Norma Wiggins; Vice-President, Keith Crockett; Secretary and Treasurer, Helen Heel; and Representative to the Civil Committee, Virginia Hall.

Graduation exercises should be enhanced by those three song-birds from the Women's Glee Club, Irene Perreault, Mary Lou Stuart and Edna Dearborn... The Library Club is trying to diminish the waiting list of members-to-be... Those just turned over Pearl Hart, Virginia Davis, and Mary Bennett... They also have made plans for a dance to be given in the next few days. Also the desire has been expressed to give the Library a book—that's gratitude for you... They haven't heard much from the Dramatic Club lately... Les Whitemore is in charge of plans for the annual outing... Election of officers was held with the following results: President, Les Whitemore; Vice-President, Ruth Alden; Secretary, Bettina Pillsbury; Treasurer, Ray Knight; and Scribe, Mona Frank... The Social Problems and Mental Hygiene classes had a profitable trip to Augusta where they visited the Hospital for the Mentally Ill... It isn't every day that we have a free ice cream sale (Thanks to Mary Gorham the commuters gave the ice cream away free)... The Art Club under Miss Dahl's careful supervision is making plans for a picnic to be held before the closing of school... Many projects and articles have been completed by the club this year...

"Our truly conscientious member"—Barbara Whitney
"Cleveland isn't so far away"—Norma Wiggins

Confessions of a Delegate

New Thursday was fine
We were to leave at eight.
But 'twas nearer nine,
As Mr. Savage was late.

The Buick led the way
Our Paperhug in the rear:
No chance of going astray
With Dr. Bailey to steer.

The miles—they did fly!
Till our stomachs gave the hunch
It was time to stop and buy
A wee bit of lunch.

The old budget trouble
Hit one right away.
Mr. Sloat paid almost double
For his lunch that day.

The music was snappy.
At the radio Joe was adept.
We all were quite happy.
Occasionally we slept.

"Let's get a bit to eat,"
Said Mr. Sloat to D. M.
Its just across the street;
Are you as hungry as I am?

Don't ask them to stay;
They went without dessert;
How much they had to pay?
Well, It certainly hurt!

Well, who should approach
On the following day?
None other—but the coach
Who had dropped down our way.

As a waiter—he's poor.
He has a long reach.
He spilled water on the floor;
He tried to drown Betty Leach.

At the banquet at night
Somehow forgot G. N. S.
Not a table in sight.
We were provoked, I confess.

Dr. Bailey got the head waiter;
A table was soon set.
To represent our alumnus we were determined, you bet!

After the banquet, the dance,
Of which we are fond.
Of course it was by chance
Mr. Savage got the blonde.

Up the Empire State
We had planned to go;
As the rain didn't abate
We were forced to see a show.

Dr. Edwards solved a riddle—
His shoulders nice and wide—
He sat in the middle—
Died and Betty on each side.

Now picture them all
With him in between.
While asleep they couldn't fall
As on him they could lean.

A ride-wearied crowd
We were that night.
But we all vowed
The trip was all right.

My humble confession
For this attempt at rhyme.
I thank you for the session,
Had a wonderful time.

Keith L. Crockett
Softies Harden Up
For Softball

If you should happen to be walking thru Corthell Hall and suddenly hear a groan, don't be alarmed. Remember that girls have been limbering up on the soccer field in preparation for softball, and these moans and groans are the results of the practice sessions. Remember the song, "Practice Makes Perfect?" It has been adopted by the fairer sex in an effort to break down the old adage that home isn't the only place where women can outshine the men.

The girls have also been busily engaged in a badminton tournament. On Saturday, April 26th, they entertained girls from Nason, and Westbrook Junior College. Sports of the day included ping-pong, shuffle board, bowling, and pool in the recreation room, along with badminton in the gymnasium. The final sports event was a softball game on the soccer field.

Mary McGinty was in charge of arrangements. Barbara Doherty, Phyllis Hodsdon, Jo Irving, and Beverly Lunt, and Mary McGinty formed the nucleus of the badminton team. The day was climaxed with a picnic in the apple orchard where the girls christened the newly-installed fireplace.

A tennis tournament was inaugurated Monday, April 28th, under the direction of Ruth Bishop. Players include Mary Read, Dot Ball, Connie Cullinan, Janet Tibbetts, Phyllis Hodsdon, Mary Stuart, Jennie Miller, Connie Furbush, Kay Flaherty, and Pearl Hartt.

When you walk downtown, beware of the girls, for they have started archery practice. If you get hit by one of Cupid's darts you can blame one of the following: Dot Oulton, counsellor, Olive Gus- hee, Ruth Bishop, Lois Lary, Jocelyn Tozier, Doris Colley, Alberta Littlejohn, Beverly Lunt, and Theresa Audibert.

Spherical bonfires will be the juncture for the enthusiasm shown in turning out for the various sports. Come on, freshmen, sophomores, and seniors; haven't you any sporting blood? "Get out and get under the sun!"

Many Tournaments
Mark Spring Sports

What's happened up in the Library? It's deserted. Why, it's springtime! It's tournament time!

The tennis tournament has been going now for two weeks. It was started earlier this year in order that it may be completed before commencement week. The great improvements in the tennis courts have been a strong point in having so many contestants. (No more chasing balls in the pasture.) With such fine exhibitions of playing, there should be a champion before long.

The badminton tournament has been going strong in the gym every day. Many of the contestants have been eliminated, but as yet there is no dope as to who's champion.

A "Barnyard Golf" tourney is scheduled for the near future. Plans are under way, but details are not yet available.

Return of Many Veterans to Diamond Raises Hope of Successful Season

THE TEAM

When coach gave the call
For spring baseball
Many fellows came to the front;
From the lean and tall
To the fat and small
They learned just how to hunt.

With "Pecker" and "Red,"
Hadlock and "Ed,"
Our pitching troubles seemed solved.
Then Hodgkins, Wayne, and Pete
For First decided to compete,
Thus getting all three involved.

At second Arnold and Dick
Vied with the freshman "Bick"
Their merits for to show,
Freeman and others fought
To hold down position at short;
It's no place for one who is slow.
Joe and Bill have the knack
Of how to play the "hot sack";
You probably know it as third.
While Dan and reliable Van
Behind the batter stand,
Pepper ing the infield with many a word.

The "old-timers" play host
To the outfield posts
With Mayberry to aid them there
More recruits could I name
Who play the grand game
And snug them out of the air.

Our future looks bright
And prophecy I might,
But that's always dangerous I confess.
So let's back the team well
Get down there and yell
And help bring home the bacon to
G. N. S.

Keith L. Crockett

With many veterans returning from last year's squad, the Gorham Normal School's baseball team looks forward to this coming season with confidence.

Veterans included on this year's squad are Ray Austin, Tony Pecoraro, Joe Castellucci, Keith Crockett, Ray Walker, a veteran of several years ago, Lawrence Arnold, Pete Leavitt, Werry Mayberry, and Bill Welton.

"Gunk" Nadeau, last year's regular shortstop, was forced to give up baseball this year because of a recent bout with pneumonia. His help will be sorely missed. "Gunk" was the leading batter of last year's squad.

Newcomers to this year's squad included Bill Van Blaricum, Dick Marsh, Ronny Bickford, Doug Freeman, Ed. Hadlock, "Red" Hopkins, and Don Pierce.

Pitching will be one of the strong points with Ray Austin and Tony Pecoraro carrying the brunt of the work ably supported by Eddie Coyne and Ed. Hadlock.

The season is already well under way with the team getting off to a good start. The drive for student support of the ball team seems to be taking effect. Home games are rather scarce this year and members of the school seem to be doing their part in making this the most successful baseball season that Gorham Normal has yet seen.

Baseball Scores:

Gorham 7 Salem 2
Gorham 4 New Britain 6
Gorham 19 Keene 8

"What we see depends mainly on what we look for." —John Laubock