Senior Classes Present “Yes and No” June 14

One of the features of graduation week each year is the Senior play. This year the play is Kenneth Horne’s “Yes and No”, to be presented on Saturday evening, June 14, in Russell Hall Auditorium.

An excellent cast has been selected from members of the third and fourth year classes. Alexander Cumming is Adrian Marsh, the young man who goes courting. Violet Gagne is Sally Jarrow, the true object of his affections, and although he initially sets out to win the hand of her sister, Eunice Shevlin plays the sister, also Jarrow, who well supports her end of the discussion as to which of the two has the more aquiline nose. Lary Brown is the Reverend Mr. Bagshet, otherwise known as “Bugs”. Lewis Pillsbury plays the part of the Reverend Richard Jarrow, a nice, harmless person with not much memory. His wife, Emma Jarrow, is portrayed by Barbara Crowley.

Although the title involves only three short words, the play built around these words involves much hilarious comedy. Act I shows what might have happened if Joanna had said “Yes” to Adrian, while Act II depicts the possible consequences of a “No”. The Epilogue gives ample opportunity for a unique development of the plot.

Behind the scenes, Mr. Chester Sloat is acting as coach and Ernestine Davis as assistant coach. Mary Read and Juanita Seavey are the prompters. Work on the property committee is being directed by Francis Griffin, while Raymond Knight has charge of sound effects.

Industrial Arts Course Offered This Summer

It has been the practice in the past for Gorham and Farmington to hold summer sessions on alternate years. This year the regular summer school will be held at Farmington. However, there will be held this year for the first time a summer course for industrial arts students.

The course will be given July 7 and continue through August 15. It is held primarily for those men who are in the teaching field at the present time, and are desirous of obtaining a Bachelor of Science degree in Industrial Arts.

Mr. Savage, State Director of Industrial Arts, has chosen as his assistant in this course, Everett McIntosh, Director of the N.E.A. of Massachusetts and a teacher in Brookline will be one of the instructors.

Subjects to be offered are History of Industrial Arts, Guidance, Electricity, General Metal Shop, Materials and Organization of General Shop.

It is expected that approximately twenty-five men will be enrolled in this course.

Senior Classes Give Recording Machine

This year’s graduating classes have chosen a recording machine as their gift to the school. The machine which they will purchase is at present being tried out at the school. Recordings of selections by the glee clubs and individual vocal and instrumental soloists have already been made, as well as the speaking voices of students taking various speech courses.

The instrument will be the first of its kind used at the school and will become the start of a set of such equipment. Its use is not limited to the speech and music departments as it can be used to make sound effects, records of speeches otherwise unobtainable, and material for broadcast over the radio.

Mr. Brown Retires After 31 Years At G.N.S.

Graduation this year will mark the retirement of Mr. George A. Brown from the teaching staff of Gorham Normal School. With the coming of Spring, 1941, Mr. Brown completes his thirty-first year as a teacher here.

Mr. Brown attended the public schools of Westbrook, graduating from West­brook High School in 1896. For eleven years he was employed in the electrical department of the Presumpscot Electric Company. He was graduated from the Industrial Arts Course at Gorham Normal School, which was then two years in length, and has done summer work at Columbia and at Gorham.

He states that he has no one particular hobby, but likes to do a variety of things. All but one of Mr. Brown’s children have attended Gorham Normal School. Clarissa graduated in 1922, attended Boston University, and for thirteen years taught English in the Senior High School at Reading, Massachusetts. She is now teaching in Rehoboth, Massachusetts. Alice and Philip graduated in 1928, the latter from the Industrial Arts course. Alice taught for seven years in Whitenysville, and is now teaching in Hamilton, Massachusetts. Philip taught for two years in Rockport, Massachusetts, and for eleven years has been a teacher of Industrial Arts at South Portland. Catherine graduated in 1932, taught for two years at the Whitney School in Gorham, and is now married. Lois, who graduated in 1940, is married and living in Connecticut. Clayton is a freshman in the Industrial Arts course.

Mr. Brown has been a friend to all who attended Gorham Normal, even though they were not in his classes, and has always maintained great interest in the School and its activities.

Dr. Bertram E. Packard, State Commissioner of Education, will address the senior classes of Gorham Normal School at the graduation exercises on Monday, June 16. Graduation itself, starting at three o’clock in Russell Hall Auditorium, marks the completion of a busy graduation week for seniors and underclassmen alike.

The Senior Dance, which is to be held in the Gymnasium, starts off the program of commencement activities. This gets under way at eight o’clock on Friday evening, June 13. Joe Castellucci is general chairman. Assisting him will be Gordon Parrott, who has charge of tickets, Keith Crockett, decorations, and Janet Tibbetts, refreshments. Patrons and patronsesses are Dr. and Mrs. Bailey, Mr. and Mrs. Sloat, and Mr. and Mrs. Treworgy. Lee Spraker will provide the music.

In East Hall dining room Saturday noon the graduating classes will be guests of the Alumni Association at its annual banquet. This will be followed by a tea for the Alumni at Dr. and Mrs. Bailey’s residence. Saturday evening the graduating classes will present Kenneth Horne’s “Yes and No” in Russell Hall at eight o’clock.

On Sunday afternoon at two-thirty the Bondeng, a serene service, will be held in Russell Hall. Mr. Boobar of the Methodist Church will give the Invocation and Mr. Dubus of the Congregational Church, the Sermon and Benediction. Following the service will be a reception for the graduates at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Bailey.

Completing the activities of commencement week will be the graduation exer­cises on Monday morning. Dr. Bertram E. Packard, State Commissioner of Education, will deliver the commencement address. Mr. Dubus will give the Invocation and Mr. Boobar, the Benediction.

Although the activities of graduation week center around the seniors, under­graduates are invited to stay and attend. Members of the first and second year classes have been very generous in assisting with plans for graduation week activities.

Senior Dance Opens Commencement Weekend
Campus Chatter

I wonder if a member of the faculty has learned to ride a horse in Massachusetts yet... Mary Lou, where did you learn to play croquet?... ask Peggy Hinds who ate the most at the aesthetics class picnic... An exhibition of hair curlers was seen in the dining room one morning... perhaps Miss Murphy needs a new alarm clock... did you know that frogs are excellent students in the Junior High Org. course?... Dr. Bailey is teaching camping methods for the Canadian North Woods these days... one-act plays are being prepared for the New York stage by GNS playwrights... ask Miss Murley whether she prefers a YWCA Retreat or a horseback riding trip... mis-mated shoes are being styled by Miss Keene... Joe was hit by another baseball. Was it on the head this time?... the expert chefs of the faculty, Messieurs Packard, Bassett, and Sloat looked thoroughly picnic adorned in Miss Littlefield's colored smocks. Incidentally, a perfect fit... —Connie

Opinions, Please

Since one of the objects of the Oracle is to reflect student opinion, we attempt again to give you some representative views on pertinent questions. Following are statements on the topic, "Do you approve of caps and gowns for third year graduates?"

"They make the appearance of the class as a whole much more attractive."

"People aren't trying to out-do each other."

"I think there is more distinction made between the two graduating classes if only the fourth year people wear caps and gowns."

"The juniors have worked just as hard as the seniors, so why shouldn't they deserve caps and gowns?"

"They lack cohesion for everything. When I have earned my degree, then I shall want my cap and gown."

"It puts one on a level with everyone else."

"I feel that it would be more practical to have white dresses or suits that we could wear all summer."

"They look nice for one thing, and one feels more like graduating.""I wore a cap and gown in high school and now I want something different."

with all its stiff correctness; or you can unbend and talk 'American'."

The Appleblossom—Central Teachers' College, Mt. Pleasant, Michigan

"Polling the school on vital questions is our weakness," states The Bittersweet, newspaper of the State Normal School at Castleton, Vermont. Recently a poll was conducted among the members of the Freshman class on the very important question: "Which comic strip do you like the best?" After a heated contest and a little wishful thinking, "Blondie" won out. The Katzenjammer Kids were next.

As the College Man Sees the War

With the war coming seemingly nearer every day, and really striking close when our friends and relatives are touched by Selective Service, the thoughts of everybody seem to be turning toward national affairs. Finding the results of a survey among Princeton upperclassmen published in the "Parade of Opinion" of the Collegiate Press, we thought they might be of interest to students at Gorham.

When asked to state an opinion of the 1914-18 war, the majority of students interviewed said, "It ain't too badly wrong. Like many other slang war in everyday talk, "ain't" is rapidly being accepted by the American people from the standpoint of usage, if not of absolute correctness. "You can speak the 'King's English' without it, but it adds color and individuality to our everyday language that set it apart from standard or book English," says Dr. E. C. Beck, Head of the English Department at Central State Teachers' College.

Exchange Notes

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Reading Suggestions For the Summer

What are you going to read during vacation? We can hear you now murmuring that it is "the American "Hygiene" or Cubberley's "Public Education in the United States!" We thought that was how you felt, so we hunted around for a few suggestions for more entertaining reading. These should help fill up those empty spaces that are bound to come up in everybody's vacation.

"Random Harvest," reputed to be James Hilton's best novel: The setting is England just before the present war. There is an air of mystery surrounding the plot, so no previews are given.

"Sapphira and the Slave Girl," by Willa Cather, can be read in a very short time, and is an excellent picture of a Southern mistress and her colored maid. The action of the story arises from the jealousy of Sapphira toward the girl.

Frances Parkinson Keyes, whose "Great Tradition" was so popular, has now written "Fielding's Folly," which shows the still-existing clash between New England and Southern tempers as displayed in a Vermont girl and her lackadaisical Southern husband.

"The Battle for Asia" is an eyewitness, up-to-the-minute history of the Orient. Edgar Snow, author of "Red Star Over China," discusses the present position of the United States in the Pacific and also supports his assertion that China has more reason for optimism today than it had in 1937, when he wrote the second-edition book, "Merrideth." "As I Remember Him," a biography written by Dr. Hans Zinsser about R. S., a widely traveled physician, is one of the best current biographies; it is a dynamic, autobiographical story written by one who has been a member of both the Russian G.P.U. and the Nazi Gestapo. Critics say it is sensational, but contains much food for thought.

Campus Spirit

As I walk along the campus,
Neath the many different trees,
And hear the branches swaying
And the rustling of the leaves;
As I see familiar faces
As they greet us on the way,
I can feel the friendly spirit
In December as in May.

That's a sign of Gorham's friendship Which is felt 'most everywhere Be it on the campus, on the gym floor, Through the hall, or on the stair. It's a symbol of the faith we hold In this our own loved college, And we know that our successors Will follow this our rule! That they may carry on our work To make this spirit show, This token of which we're so proud, They cannot fail, I know.

—B. T.
Army and Navy Take Their Share

Since the inauguration of the Defense Program last August, several of Gorham's students and alumni have been or expect to be inducted into various branches of the Service.

Last September three returning students were called up for active duty in the National Guard. They were Lieutenant Bill Carey, Staff Sergeant Gordon Williams, and Private Bill Ross. Former students who volunteered their services are Private Paul Stevens of the Marine Corps and Private First Class Bob Seymour, Army Air Corps.

The Navy has taken Roger Pednault and Francis Corrigan, both first-class students, called up for active duty in the Navy last August, several of Gorham's students and alumni have been or expect to be inducted into various branches of the Service.
Girls Keep Busy
With Many Activities

The exploits of the male athletes of the school seem to be getting most of the spotlight lately, even having poetry written about them. The girls have been doing their bit along these lines too, and should rate a little recognition.

Here’s to all the athletic girls,
With bats and bats and yellow curls.  
Stop by the hockey field some night.
And see the girls display their might.

The softball team deserves a cheer,
But the end of the season is drawing near.
Counselor Storer is up to bat,
Golly, can she hit at that!

The fielders there watch every play;
Pitches beware of Farrell and Day!
They are good players, too, it seems. 
Watch for the games of the Green and White teams.

Who are those girls we see in shorts?
I mean the ones who play tennis a lot.
They are all playing a tournament game
And Tibbetts and Doak are doing the same.
Ruth Bishop, the counselor of this sport,  
Keeps her eyes on the tennis court.

Did you hear the final on badminton?
"Phil" Hodsdon was the girl who won.
Three games out of five just turned the tide,
She had "Jo" Irving on the other side.

Catherine Flaherty and "Gerry" White
Left with Miss Flint the other night
And went to Wellesley for the day.
They are a little recognition.
With archery practice under way
And modern dancing which we might do;
Twins all very grand, I hear,
And gave some ideas for next year.

With archery practice under way
And plans for next year's Fall Sports Day,
The girls are busy as busy can be.
Just drop around some day and see.

Apologies to Miss Lewis for this poor rhyme,
Perhaps she'll teach me to write poems some time.

— J. J.

What Would Happen If—
Joe Castellucci became a book-worm?
Catherine Flaherty were lazy?
Irene Perreault played the tuba?
Maurice Edwards were track coach?
Jackie Jarvis became a mere 85 pounds?
Barbara Crowley gave the boys a break?
Ramona Meade liked European History?
Al Cereste spoke our "our" language?
Betty Robinson were going to teach for a pension?

BASEBALL TEAM — 1941

Left to right: Front Row—Pierce, Kilroy, Cameron, Robinson, Black.  
Second Row—Coyne, Bickford, Hadlock, Walker, Mayberry, Leavitt, Welton, Arnold, Freeman. Third Row—CasteIlucci (Manager), Bradford (Assistant Manager), Neal, Garland, Austin, Pecoraro, Pendexter, Thomas, Vaughn (Assistant Manager), Coach Jensen.

Gorham Runner-up in Conference

Track Proves Itself
Worthy Major Sport

On May 10 the Gorham Fair Grounds became a hot spot for GNS trackmen. Led by versatile Alex Cumming who netted a total of twenty-seven points, the tracksters overcame R. I. C. E. and Farmington in their first meet. Farmington offered quite a bit of resistance, but the Gorham boys clinched the meet by placing men in the final events. The final outcome was Gorham 52, Farmington 38, and R. I. C. E. 18.

The second meet of the year proved a hard one. The boys journeyed to Farmington on May 17 and there suffered a 71 to 37 set-back. As in the previous meet, Cumming was again Gorham's star. The Green and White team worked hard and made a pretty good showing, but it just wasn't their day.

The next Saturday was the big day for the Teachers' College track teams. It was the day of the annual New England Teachers' College Conference Track Meet, held this year at New Britain, Connecticut. Gorham's team placed fourth in the meet, the final scores being New Britain 35 1/2, Hyannis 33, Farmington 29, Gorham 24 1/4, and R. I. C. E. 9.

Coaching credit goes to Dr. Bailey, Mr. Bassett, and Mr. Packard. The boys who participated are Alex Cumming, Maurice Edwards, Willis Hancock, Owen Durbin, John Alden, Fred Jeffery, Francis Griffith, Ray Knight, and Ed Hodgkins.

Theresa Audibert had come to our school three years ago?
Keith Crockett weren't married?
Barden's Drugstore vanished?

For the second consecutive year Gorham's baseball team has captured the runner-up spot in the New England Teachers' College Conference with a record of six games won and two lost. New Britain claims the championship with the enviable record of no games lost.

Ray Austin, who was chosen team captain in a recent post-season election, deserves mention as the outstanding player in the league. Ray has an excellent record as a pitcher, having lost but once and that a three hit game, and also stands well up in there as a hitter. Others who have played outstanding ball are Bill Van Blaricum and Ray Walker.

Graduation this year will claim four veterans, Castellucci, Crockett, Van Blaricum, and Walker, but a well-seasoned squad will be on hand to carry on next spring. Pecoraro, Austin, Coyne, and Hadlock will do the pitching, while Leavitt and Pierce handle the catching. Others who have seen action this year and should be ready to take over again next spring are Arnold, Freeman, Welton, Mayberry, Bickford, and Cameron.

Following are the batting and fielding averages of this year's team.

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