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WHAT A POEM IS — ROBERT PETER TRISTAM COFFIN

ENTERTAINMENTS GALORE

Each year G.N.S. is witness to many thrilling outside entertainments. We have three to look forward to in 1942.

We will have the opportunity of hearing a young lady, Jeanne Welty, present an historical monodrama in costume in January. The Hansen-Lee-Adelman Trio consisting of violin, piano, and voice is coming in February. In March a lecture, accompanied by motion pictures throughout, will be given by Howard Cleaves on "Animals at Night."

Be sure to mark these dates on your calendar.

ART FOR CHRISTMAS

While most of us are saving pennies for Christmas shopping, the Art Club members will be giving a personal touch to their gifts. They have just finished making wooden pins, and before the Christmas holiday comes will make painted wood carvings. Some of us may be pleasantly surprised when we find among our Christmas cards one that is hand decorated with a clock print. It might be worth-while to get to know that certain Art Club member a little better.

SANTA NEEDS HELP

Mittens to warm their hands! Toys to warm their hearts! The Poetry Club has already started working on Christmas boxes to bring holiday happiness into the lives of 300 boys and girls who otherwise might be forgotten.

Gorham students have always been cooperative and eager to share. The Poetry Club hopes they will be just as responsive this year. While at home for your Thanksgiving vacation, see what you can collect for the youngsters. There is an urgent need for mittens, sweaters, socks, and clothing of all kinds. The need for toys is just as great. Contributions may be left in Miss Lewis' room.

DRAMATIC CLUB ELECTS

At a special meeting of the Dramatic Club officers were elected to fill vacancies, which had arisen. Pres. Les Whitt enmore had to resign in answer to a call from Uncle Sam. Election results:

Pres. Mike Pillsbury
Vice Pres. Ruth Alden
Sec. Pettina Pillsbury
Treas. Phyllis Hodsdon

Robert Peter Tristam Coffin, one of Maine's most outstanding poets will be presented in Russell Hall November 25, by the members of the Poetry Club. Mr. Coffin's lecture on his own poetry will be highlighted by the reading of poems which he has written.

Greater enjoyment from the lecture will be had if students are more familiar with the man and his works. A display of his books and his portraits will be arranged in the library so that all of Gorham may become acquainted before the lecture with Robert P. T. Coffin.

SAFETY EDUCATION

With the cooperation of the State Highway Police a program of safety education is being conducted. Several students attended the first meeting at which movies were shown. Tests of skill driving will be given this afternoon at the fair grounds for any who wish to try it. Instructions will be given at the meetings next week. This program aims to make prospective teachers safety-minded.

The Oracle here with welcomes back all those of you who have been away doing your practice teaching. We wish all those now out loads of luck and much pleasure.
LET'S GO!
A school publication should be the mirror of the school. The popularity of the weekly issues of the Oracle has been the deciding factor in continuing the plan. The additional work makes a new staff each quarter advisable.

In this, our first issue, we are asking for any suggestions and criticisms. Letters, poems, cartoons, and other contributions are cordially invited. Anonymous letters cannot be published. Clubs are urged to have their publicity chairmen keep our roving reporters posted on latest bulletins. Let's all go ahead and make this a real mirror of GNS.
POETRY

EXPERIENCE THE TEACHER

Last year around Thanksgiving
People warned me, one by one,
That if I didn't heed advice
I'd miss out on the fun.

That when the day was over
I'd regret I'd been unable
To resist those pies and sauces
That lay heaped upon the table.

But that was full a year ago;
Now as I see the pantry shelf,
Who gives a darn about advice?
I know I'll stuff myself.

YMCA'S WINTER PLANS

Two gym periods a month will be one of the highlights of the "Y" program during the winter months. Also on the program will be a talk on insurance by Mr. Smith and a demonstration of fingerprinting by the Portland police department. Two joint meetings will be held with the YWCA after Christmas at which Mr. Smith and Mr. Dubbs will speak.

NOOK

PARODY ** A HE

I think that I shall never see
A human lovely as a He.
A He upon whose manly chest
My head is oft allowed to rest;
A He that looks at me all day
In that "you're the one and only" way;
A He that may in summer wear
A pair of flannels pressed with care,
A He whose love will never wane
In sunshine, shadier, yea, in rain.
Parodies are made by fools like me,
But God knows why was made a He.

REMEMBER THE RED CROSS! THEY NEED YOUR HELP.

VARIETY IN FTA

The Future Teachers of America have made tentative plans for some excellent meetings before Christmas. At the first of these a Red Cross representative will give a lecture on first aid. A student-conducted meeting is being planned at which the October and November NEA Journals will be discussed. In December they hope to have a Christmas supper.

NATIONWIDE EXAMS FOR TEACHERS

The National Exam Committee of the American Council of Education is to sponsor standard examinations all over the country for teachers and for juniors and seniors in normal schools so that teachers themselves might know how they compare with the rational standards. This year for the first time the exams are to be given in five places in Maine, including Gorham.

Two six-hour exams will be given, testing elementary school teachers' professional knowledge, mental ability, and cultural background. Students who wish to take the exams should apply before November 29 at the office. The fee is $7.50. The exams will be given here on the second and third of January. Corrections will be made in New York and the results will be known only to whoever he wishes to reveal them.

The values of such exams are many. Students or teachers who are interested in out-of-state positions have a recognized reference. The individual's aptitude for teaching is also shown.
MEN'S SPORTS

Wednesday afternoon, November 12, the Gar­
man Normal basketball squad met the Porter
High boys in a friendly practice game in Ru­
shall Hall gym. Both teams wrestled nicely.

Although weak on the defense and the de­
ense the Normal boys showed some promising ath­
letes. Austin, Arnold, and Vail stood out for the
Green and White, and "How's yer wind," Murl­
 expressed. One of the
Normal boys showed a neat attempt at drop­
kicking. He was stopped by a Porter man, and
fiercely tried to kick him back. Fortunately, nei­
her contestant was killed. Hi-Y activi­
ties hastened the close of the melee.

We are all looking forward to the opening of the official season, and, under the direction of Coach Hill, we expect to see a successful team.

"There are three sides to every story--His, yours, and the truth."

"Repertoire is what you wish you'd said."

THANKSGIVING THOUGHT

"Bless us, O Lord, and these Thy gifts which we are about to receive from Thy country, through Christ Our Lord, Amen."

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