5-1931

Campus Comment, May 1931

Bridgewater State Normal School

Follow this and additional works at: https://vc.bridgew.edu/comment

Part of the Education Commons, and the Social History Commons

Volume 4
Number 8

Recommended Citation
Retrieved from: https://vc.bridgew.edu/comment/17

This item is available as part of Virtual Commons, the open-access institutional repository of Bridgewater State University, Bridgewater, Massachusetts.
D-6 Goes to Newport
Copoland Jumps Chasm Twenty
Feet Across.
By Fred Small.

Nine o'clock, Thursday, May 14, despite dubious weather con-
tions and the absence of two of its
members; D-6 donned sou'west-
erns, bucked them up to their chins,
put on their rubbers, and set forth to
the scene of the crime, but rather to give
in the realm of Physiography.
This final field trip to be taken
by the men of the freshman class
under the guidance of Mr. Shaw
proved to be the most interesting,
and surely the most
eventful of those trips included
in the program of the course.
The first stop was made at Fall
River. Here the attention of
the group was called to the "Rolling
Stone"; that precariously bal-
ned mass of rock material
which for so long a time has a-
mazed the world with its apparent
health and beauty by spending fine
days on the roof. A rather romantic tale
is told concerning a fan dancer
who, to test her lover's courage and
affection, dared him to jump into
the chasm. He accomplished the
feat, but returned only to spurn
her love and to look elsewhere
for a less athletic minded mate.
Mr. Copeland, of D-6 division,
became instantly obsessed with
the quaint notion of repeating
the performance. Protest was of
no avail. Breaths were held while
Mr. Copeland was being guarded
by nothing more substantial
than a seventy-five foot column
of air, and gratefully released
when he landed on the opposite
wall in safety.
The trip was brought to a close
by a tour of the Ten Mile Drive.
Glimpses of Fort Adams and the
home of Cornelius Vanderbilt
were possible at various points
along the route.

First Annual Choral
Conclave of the May-
flower School Festival
Association
The first Annual Choral
Conclave was held in the Horace
Mann auditorium on Saturday
morning, May sixteenth, at ten
o'clock. Chaired from the pub-
lic schools of thirty cities and
towns of this section of the State
attended. The Festival was not
a contest; no prizes were given,
but the children came to sing for
the joy of singing.

First Annual Choral
Conclave
The choral groups of
the "Nite Revelers" of Randolph
were indeed a joy to the one hundred
and fifty couples who gathered
at the gym on Saturday evening.
Many visitors, particularly men,
were welcomed by the patrons
and patrons-at-large. All afternoon
cars had been arriving leaving
its load of boys. If all dances were
as popular as this one seems to
have been, perhaps two informal
dances could be given next year.

June Issue a
Graduating Issue of Eight Pages
It has been decided that
the last issue of Campus Comment
should be a graduating issue. The
purpose of this issue will not
be to take over the idea of Normal
Hall News. This issue will give
graduates an opportunity to have
the paper contain their news prin-
cipally, also to have it as a mem-
ory of the life of the school, the
teachers, the building, the classes
etc. Dr. Boyden has already
written an article on his twenty-
five years as principal which will
be printed in the June issue. It
is hoped that the paper will also
contain a class history, and per-
haps a prophecy.

Dramatic Club
Puts One Over
Judging from the enthusiasm
of the audience, Dramatic club,
due to the coaching of its direc-
tor, gave a most successful ren-
dering of "The Merchant of Ven-
ice". All of the parts were well
chosen, and all of the players were
not actually speaking. A great deal of credit
goes to Sally Sattell, Betty Randlett,
Anne Clarke, and Doris Southwick
who worked the scene they did in painting the scenery.
This type of work takes a great
deal of time as well as patience,
and talent and these girls proved
their abilities.

Braintree Supt.
of Schools Speaks
at Men's Club
"You can catch more flies with
molasses than you can with vine-
gar" declared Mr. C. Edward
Fisher, the Braintree Superin-
tendent of Schools, in his talk to
the Men's Club on May 13. Mr.
Fisher stressed particularly the
use of tact by School executives
in dealing with the public.

Informal Dance
Given by Normal
Offering
Dancing to the music of
the "Nite Revelers" of Randolph
was indeed a joy to the one hundred
and fifty couples who gathered
at the gym on Saturday evening.
Many visitors, particularly men,
were welcomed by the patrons
and patrons-at-large. All afternoon
cars had been arriving leaving
its load of boys. If all dances were
as popular as this one seems to
have been, perhaps two informal
dances could be given next year.

Those in the receiving line
were:
Mr. and Mrs. John Kelley
Mr. and Mrs. Brenelle Hinton
Miss Irene Graves
Miss Elizabeth Pope
Miss Mary Caldwell
Miss Suttill and escort
Miss Hayes and escort

Miss Davis Resigns as
Faculty Adviser of Pro
and Con.
Miss Ruth Davis has resigned
her position as faculty adviser
for Pro and Con because of other
interests. She will present two
delights to the school in the near
future. At this time Dr. Boyden
was presented with twenty-five silver
cups in a silver casket in recog-
nition of his twenty-five years
as principal of Bridgewater Nor-
mal School.

Normal Hall News
Alice Swanston and Miriam Tiddon
get First Prize at Open House.
Recently vases were awarded
as prizes for the most attrac-
tive rooms in Normal Hall. Sec-
ond and third rooms looked so well
that it required the best efforts
of all four judges to decide which
room should be the winner.

Dramatic Club
Puts One Over
Judging from the enthusiasm
of the audience, Dramatic club,
due to the coaching of its direc-
tor, gave a most successful ren-
dering of "The Merchant of Ven-
ice". All of the parts were well
chosen, and all of the players were
not actually speaking. A great deal of credit
goes to Sally Sattell, Betty Randlett,
Anne Clarke, and Doris Southwick
who worked the scene they did in painting the scenery.
This type of work takes a great
deal of time as well as patience,
and talent and these girls proved
their abilities.

Braintree Supt.
of Schools Speaks
at Men's Club
"You can catch more flies with
molasses than you can with vine-
gar" declared Mr. C. Edward
Fisher, the Braintree Superin-
tendent of Schools, in his talk to
the Men's Club on May 13. Mr.
Fisher stressed particularly the
use of tact by School executives
in dealing with the public.

Informal Dance
Given by Normal
Offering
Dancing to the music of
the "Nite Revelers" of Randolph
was indeed a joy to the one hundred
and fifty couples who gathered
at the gym on Saturday evening.
Many visitors, particularly men,
were welcomed by the patrons
and patrons-at-large. All afternoon
cars had been arriving leaving
its load of boys. If all dances were
as popular as this one seems to
have been, perhaps two informal
dances could be given next year.

Those in the receiving line
were:
Mr. and Mrs. John Kelley
Mr. and Mrs. Brenelle Hinton
Miss Irene Graves
Miss Elizabeth Pope
Miss Mary Caldwell
Miss Suttill and escort
Miss Hayes and escort

Miss Davis Resigns as
Faculty Adviser of Pro
and Con.
Miss Ruth Davis has resigned
her position as faculty adviser
for Pro and Con because of other
interests. She will present two
delights to the school in the near
future. At this time Dr. Boyden
was presented with twenty-five silver
cups in a silver casket in recog-
nition of his twenty-five years
as principal of Bridgewater Nor-
mal School.

Normal Hall News
Alice Swanston and Miriam Tiddon
get First Prize at Open House.
Recently vases were awarded
as prizes for the most attrac-
tive rooms in Normal Hall. Sec-
ond and third rooms looked so well
that it required the best efforts
of all four judges to decide which
room should be the winner.

Dramatic Club
Puts One Over
Judging from the enthusiasm
of the audience, Dramatic club,
due to the coaching of its direc-
tor, gave a most successful ren-
dering of "The Merchant of Ven-
ice". All of the parts were well
chosen, and all of the players were
not actually speaking. A great deal of credit
goes to Sally Sattell, Betty Randlett,
Anne Clarke, and Doris Southwick
who worked the scene they did in painting the scenery.
This type of work takes a great
deal of time as well as patience,
and talent and these girls proved
their abilities.

Braintree Supt.
of Schools Speaks
at Men's Club
"You can catch more flies with
molasses than you can with vine-
gar" declared Mr. C. Edward
Fisher, the Braintree Superin-
tendent of Schools, in his talk to
the Men's Club on May 13. Mr.
Fisher stressed particularly the
use of tact by School executives
in dealing with the public.

Informal Dance
Given by Normal
Offering
Dancing to the music of
the "Nite Revelers" of Randolph
was indeed a joy to the one hundred
and fifty couples who gathered
at the gym on Saturday evening.
Many visitors, particularly men,
were welcomed by the patrons
and patrons-at-large. All afternoon
cars had been arriving leaving
its load of boys. If all dances were
as popular as this one seems to
have been, perhaps two informal
dances could be given next year.

Those in the receiving line
were:
Mr. and Mrs. John Kelley
Mr. and Mrs. Brenelle Hinton
Miss Irene Graves
Miss Elizabeth Pope
Miss Mary Caldwell
Miss Suttill and escort
Miss Hayes and escort

Miss Davis Resigns as
Faculty Adviser of Pro
and Con.
Miss Ruth Davis has resigned
her position as faculty adviser
for Pro and Con because of other
interests. She will present two
delights to the school in the near
future. At this time Dr. Boyden
was presented with twenty-five silver
cups in a silver casket in recog-
nition of his twenty-five years
as principal of Bridgewater Nor-
mal School.
EDITORIALS

How many of us are looking forward to the end of the term? Hasn't the spring been wonderful? Have we thoroughly enjoyed these last few weeks of school? Certainly we all should have time to wander about the campus during our spare time, enjoying this very much talked-about spring! We have had all term to do our long assignments, thirteen full weeks to leisurely complete our note-books. But have we ever added a note here, or a note there, a title page to this article, a paper clip to that? Am I mistaken in surmising that most of us have taken these weeks to leisurely complete our note-books. But teaching field and some of us have taken these twenty-four hours when the situation demands, ten to fourteen hours per day. And she believed it! Now I'm not adverse to working half the nights and days if I can make every page of his book fairly shout their credo - a credo that it would be well for people to concentrate on other fields. The truth is cramming children full of facts. To others, it is the teaching of a pure language, American in its peculiarities of thought, custom, and mode of life; and foreign ideas and phraseology have been indiscriminately mixed and blended with our own. The result is a hodge-podge, whose only reason for existence is its remarkable usefulness as an instrument of speech.

The American Language

It has long been a matter of some concern that the American language suffers in comparison with the languages of the world. Its Anglo-Saxon beginning has so decayed that we are far removed from its sources and is often dependent upon shrewd conjecture. Immigrant invasion has brought with it a foreign influence which is indiscriminately mixed and blended with our own. The result is a hodge-podge, whose only reason for existence is its remarkable usefulness as an instrument of speech.

Those who belittle the passing of the pure Anglo-Saxon from our language are only retarded in their thought. The Anglo-Saxon, French, and Latin were formed at a time when the thought of the generation which had spoken them was so few and of so little account that they might be incorporated in a language with no visible effect upon the language itself. To retain present consideration the foreign element and alien influence was to let it into our language and leave a language stagnant in the early stages of development. The Mongolians, who have retained their language unchanged for thousands of years, have acquired no eminence in the eyes of the world; while the Swiss, compact in mountainous seclusion, achieved no distinction for purity and beauty of language.

BOOKS

Students and Faculty Tell of Their Book Enthusiasts

"Would you think of going back four hundred years for information on airplanes and airplanes pencils? For the Late Latin expression: "wings to fly" and to read "Leonardo da Vinci," Translated from the Russian by Constance Garnett. - E. H. Bradford.

Warwick Deeping's newest and most different book, "Bridge of Desire." - Doris Ektrom.

"Shakespeare Gardens" by Esther Singleton. "Colorful! - like it because I have some day to have a Shakespearean garden." - M. K. Hill.

"Romantic Czecho-Slovakia." - McDermitt Linky.

"Etham Frome" by Edith Wharton. - Ruth Cushman.

The Romance of an Art Career, by Chase is filled with common ordinary, but it is an eye opener . . . an enlightment to anyone who is planning to take special courses in art. - Priscilla Nye.

"Liberty" Everett D. Martin. - E. Landy.

"We always think of Benjamin Franklin as giving us ideas like "Early to bed and early to rise" but Fay's "Life of Benjamin Franklin" pictures him as a diplomat, a traveler, man of the world. I never really appreciated him until I read Fay's book. I think that a many-sided man he was." - Julia Carter.

"At last I've learned the inside lives of guests at the best hotels" in "The Imperial Palace" by Arnold Bennett. - Mary O'Keeffe.

"The Good Earth" by Buck. "It gives such an insight into the life of the poor among the Chinese." - Vera Dunn.

"Mr. Dugrin's "book to be"." - G. Laird.

BOOK REVIEW

Laughing Boy - Oliver LaFarge

To the Navajo Indian beauty is a religion, and Oliver LaFarge, who lived long among them, has made every page of his book fairly shout their credo - a credo that it would be well for people to concentrate on other fields. The result is a hodge-podge, whose only reason for existence is its remarkable usefulness as an instrument of speech.

MAGAZINES

Have You Seen -

"The Editor's Easy Chair" in Harper's Monthly for May? I mean that article called "Our Evil Insipidities" by John H. Galton. In my experience it seems to me that various teachers have had various ideas of what constitutes good teaching. To some, it is cramming children full of facts. To others, it is the teaching of a pure language, American in its peculiarities of thought, custom, and mode of life; and foreign ideas and phraseology have been indiscriminately mixed and blended with our own. The result is a hodge-podge, whose only reason for existence is its remarkable usefulness as an instrument of speech.

The Literary Landscape, Scribner's different book review department which has gone Oriental in the May issue. There's that semi-heavy but terribly true article called "The Rich Curriculum" which pictures students as lamenting "I want to be round ed out" but not being round ed out".

Do you know "So They Say" in the Golden Book. If you don't you'll like it. This month in that same magazine Jonathan Fay's book - never realized what a many-sided man he was. - Priscilla Nye.

"The Literary Landscape," Scribner's different book review department which has gone Oriental in the May issue.

Do you know "So They Say" in the Golden Book. If you don't you'll like it. This month in that same magazine Jonathan Fay's book - never realized what a many-sided man he was. - Priscilla Nye.

Another way to teach, another subject matter is necessary. But if a teacher can show the practical use of this subject matter, he is turning his pupils' eyes to new truths and great possibilities. Inside the child is started a desire to investigate for himself. They think about the subject matter, absorb the general ideas and then study the new subject in which he is absorbed. The greater part of his time is now taken up working on this material. Thus the teacher has acted as a "starter." The school cannot hope to teach a child all he knows, but it can act as a "starter" which will give him the impetus that will carry on through life. If a teacher can instill such an attitude, he has done some good teaching.
CAMPUS COMMENT

Mrs. Crane of the Senior Class Renews Impressions

By Alice Gaines.

Bridgewater has welcomed many new students this year, and it is keeping up its traditional motto that its doors are ever open to people of all races. However, it is only too glad to take back once more those who have graduated and returned to take advantage of some of the courses now in the curriculum. It is always to our advantage today to try to picture the Normal School of yesterday—Mrs. Crane, a graduate of the Institution in 1912, was only too glad to give ideas about the changes that have taken place on our campus and in our school since 1912.

In regard to the Campus, we ought to consider ourselves very fortunate in having so much land, for, in Mrs. Crane's day, what is now the Hockey field was then the campus. “I was impressed with the long view of the quadrangle which it offered. The Normal just as favorably impressed her around the Dorm. has changed, as it has gained in for.

The choir seems to give a more reverent attitude to morning exercises and its well-equipped stage adds to the dignity of Bridgewater Chapel.

W. A. A. Board Entertains Miss Hodgkins

After dinner, on Wednesday evening, April 29th, members of the W. A. A. work and some of their guests tendered an informal reception to Miss Frances Hodgkins in Normal Hall. Music was provided by Miss Polly Dewintly, accompanied by Miss Anna Leary, accompanied by Betty Leary. Miss Hodgkins narrated interesting experiences, especially those which she enjoyed at sea, and interesting answers to questions. Informal discussion followed, and those present felt that they had benefited much from the answers to questions.

Miss Anne Hodgkins has been appointed, to the position of Field Secretary, by the Women's Division of the National Amateur Athletic Federation.

Miss Hodgkins is a graduate of the Sargent School of Physical Education, and comes from West Harpswell, Maine. Being especially interested in the application of athletics to physical education and factory establishments, she made a study special of Economics and Physical Education at Columbia University. As recreation Director of T. Eaton & Co., the largest department store in Toronto, she employed 300 women employees, and her branch stores, her success in organizing leisure-time activities has been so outstanding that Toronto University has added her to its staff as a lecturer in the Department of Social Science. Her immediate problem will be to give assistance to the forty-six State Chairmen of the Women's Division, helping a city with their special conditions. Her ability to extend the program into the industrial field will develop the original field which those who organized the work.

Bridgewater has had the privilege of having Miss Hodgkins socially as well as a lecturer.

Woodward Chooses House Officers for Next Year

Each Woodwardite was as busy as the proverbial bee on Thursday, May 1. In fact, Woodward resembled a beehive, for all the bees were very busy. What doings! Cleaning, and arranging rooms to their own possible advantage. No one was seen scrubbing her ceiling, but aside from that, each girl did a thorough job.

The rooms were open for inspection for the judges on Thursday afternoon from 3:45 until 5 o'clock. Miss Beckwith, Miss Bradford, and Miss Beal, assisted by Hazel Gleason, Ida Warr, and Eleanor Haseline acted as judges. They made several tours of the buildings, and after careful thought chose what they believed all things being taken into consideration, best room on each floor. Attractive something of Italian pottery were given as prizes to the lucky occupants of the perusers.

Mrs. Sullivan, Monroe Morris, and Mary Schieber, received a special from first floor; Lilian Lus- tin, and Ina Wittman on second floor, and Sally Suttill, Doris Southwind, and Effie Post on third floor.

On Sunday afternoon the rooms were open from 2:30 until 5 o'clock for the benefit of the group's friends of the girls.

Woodward has chosen officers for the coming year, Sally Vannor, assembly, and Ina Wittman as officers for the coming year, Sadie Cahan, president; Ruth Marinder, vice-president; Sally Suttill, secretary; Louise Borden, treasurer.

The proctors are to be Marion Collins, Elizabeth Lawrence, and Jane Smith assisted by Mary Butt, Grace Knox, and Gunn.
Woodward Hall House Party Freshman Stunt Night the Feature

On Monday night, May 18, the incoming house officers of Woodward Hall were welcomed at a party on the eve of the last house meeting of the year. Freshman Stunt Night was the feature of the entertainment, and it deserved the applause it received. Tom Mitchell, chairman of the committee, was assisted by Helen Abbott and Dorothy Nixon.

A stunt first was an operation which, when seen behind a screen, formed shadow pictures, was Braille, by the sense of touch, and the clever impersonations brought down the house. A joy site full of mirth ended the entertainment. The tires were the Misses Abbott, Henry, Sizer, Dix, and Norton. Their parts which were so new as to hear about them, their acting was such that even real tires didn't do better. A happy little family turned out for a Sunday picnic, but the start was all they made. The hen-pecked husband, Doris Clarner, urged on by his wife, Gunvor Hendrickson, an expert back-seat driver, went thru a terrible quarter of an hour, doing which the car refused to start, and one tire after another blew out. He pumped them up with the oil of the pump, his wife's advice, and the noise of the children, Bessie Freitas and Marion Deplitch. All looked well until all four tires collapsed at once, the husband and wife collapsed in each other arms, the children onto the landscape, and the audience collapsed with mirth at the clever pantomime, only to be revived by delicious refreshments, and the sweet strains of music from the new Radio, which every Woodwardite feels so proud.

We Barber Hall With Special Care

LAWRENCE
Hair Dressing Parlor Central Square

Flynns Specialty Shop
35 Central Square
Dainty Undies and Pajamas of all kinds.

WOODWARD HALL
W. A. A. Board Makes Change in Meetings for Next Year

Another change that is an improvement is the changing of W. A. A. board meetings from every Wednesday afternoon every two weeks with the officers of the club meeting in the evenings. This is an effort to allow more commuters to participate and also those who have club meetings that evening.

Don't you think this is better?

Continued from page 3, col. 4

All of the music sung by the Choir had been read from the Braille, by the sense of touch. No errors were noticeable and the voices were most pleasing, having a depth of tone and range not usually found in untrained voices.

When the choir came on to the stage the audience of over a thousand people was amazed to hear such a common place occurrence as a baseball game and again when they were on the wrong end of the score when everything was totaled up. The final count was 13 to 12 in favor of the New Hampshire people.

The game was the closest and most interesting that Normal has engaged in this season. Jo-Jo Moran sang for Normal by obligingly propelling a triple into right field with the bases loaded, scoring three runs. Abner also played well for the Red and White.

Normal's next battle will be the feature one of the season. Their opponents will be the Alumni, back for the Biennium, and it is sure to an interesting affair. It will be played at Legion Field, June 6.

A classy group of netmen from Thayer Academy took a fall out of the local racquetees, 4 to 0, Monday May 18. Reckards was again in the em files, gathering in Normal's only win of the day.

CLOVERDALE for Better Groceries
Did you know that we carry--Candy and Gum -- 3 for 10c Cheese Crackers, Olives, Frankforts, Ward Cakes and lots more to have in your room or for special spreads

AMERICAN RESTAURANT
C. C. Oliver, Prop. Fair Prices
5c Discount on orders 30c and over. Cor. Broad and Main Streets

LATE SUNDAY MORNING BREAKFASTS a specialty
American Restaurant

BRADY'S DINER
Next to P. O.

THE REXALL STORE
Sase with Safety at

H. H. DUDLEY, Co., Inc.
Quality Best Prices Less

HAYES
Home Made Ice Cream Home Baking
Brownies a Specialty

Central Square

JANE ANNE LUNCHEONETTE
Regular Dinners and Sandwiches of all kinds. Pastry made to order or to take out

49 Central Sq. Tel.

WOODWARD HALL
Boys play tag, frisbee, and cards; girls take part in a number of activities. The sports and games offered provide a variety of opportunities for students to engage in physical activities, socialize, and explore different interests. The inclusion of both team and individual sports caters to the diverse preferences and skills of the student body. This variety is essential in fostering a well-rounded experience that supports the overall development of students.