

**JOHN THOMAS GOULD**, of the Class of 1931, interpreter of Down East Maine to the wider national audience, whose Lisbon farm is his rostrum and his sounding board. Upon his graduation from Bowdoin, already a veteran country correspondent of eight years' experience, he joined the staff of the then weekly *Brunswick Record*. Today he still keeps the best of journalistic company. He has frequently written for the Magazine Section of the New York Times; he has an association with the editorial page of the Baltimore Evening Sun, where he appears in the location once filled by H.L. Mencken; his weekly column, "Dispatch from the Farm," which is said by his editor to "present memories and values which are a rich element in American life," has appeared in the Christian Science Monitor for twenty-five years. In the six years in which he served as its editor and co-owner *The Lisbon Enterprise* captured something of the spirit, the point of view, and the idiom of a century and more of rural Maine's distinctive weekly newspapers. Master of Down East humor, his "Farmer Takes a Wife," "Neither Hay Nor Grass," and "The Fastest Hound Dog in the State of Maine" continue to delight both readers and re-readers. For your mastery of Down East understatement, for your skill with the unexpected word, for your ability to project the voice and spirit of our State, we name you:

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