Who Are We?
The Gorham Normal Summer Session for 1936 has an enrollment of one hundred and ninety students. In age they range from seventeen years to sixty years. The average age is thirty years. The ages are classified as follows: under twenty, four; twenty to twenty-nine inclusive, one hundred and eighty; thirty to thirty-nine inclusive, thirty-five; forty to forty-nine inclusive, twenty-seven; fifty to fifty-nine inclusive, ten; sixty, one.

As would be anticipated, the teaching experience of so diverse a group of people varies considerably. It ranges from no experience at all to thirty-four years. The total number of years of teaching experience is one thousand, five hundred fifty-eight years, making an average of 8 1/10 years. There are teachers from all types of schools, rural, primary, intermediate, junior high schools and senior high schools.

In the summer school are students representing seven states, Massachusetts, Vermont, New Hampshire, Illinois, Mississippi, Pennsylvania, as well as all the counties of Maine.

The students have attended a great many educational institutions for their professional training. Gorham Normal leads, of course, with one hundred five former students, Farmington is represented with thirty-eight, Castine by six, Machias by three, Presque Isle by two, University of Maine by four, Bates by two, other Normal Schools ten, other Colleges seventeen, and high schools three. At this time, one hundred sixty have teaching positions for the next year. It would seem that most of the people attending school are here for the purpose of improving their teaching experience as the Methods Classes have the largest enrollment of any.

Faculty Members
SUMMER SESSION
Evolution of American Education Walter E. Russell
Child Psychology Gertrude L. Stone
Educational Psychology C. Harry Edwards
Mental Hygiene Louis B. Woodward
Biology Alice M. Morrill
Science Survey Alice M. Morrill
Ethics Latin-American History Alice M. Morrill
Geographic Background of History Florence Black
Geography of North America Charles E. Preble
Geography of Asia Charles E. Preble
Maine History Walter E. Russell
Economic Geography Bob E. Preble
Economics Clifford O. T. Wieden
Tests and Measures Clifford O. T. Wieden
Sociology Walter E. Russell
Music II and III Miriam E. Andrews
Survey of English Literature Bess Lewis
Literature of Junior High School Bess Lewis
Trigonometry Ethelyn Upton
Junior High School Mathematics Ethelyn Upton
History of Mathematics Ethelyn Upton
Primary Reading Lois E. Pike
Primary Arithmetic Lois E. Pike
Physical and Health Education C. Harry Edwards
Advanced Drawing Juanita M. Vietrie
History of Art Walter E. Russell

THE SUMMER SESSION OF 1936

Plans for the summer session began to be made early in the Fall of 1935. Committees of superintendents of schools were consulted in regard to the general program to be offered, and superintendents were asked to distribute questionnaires to the prospective summer school students in their employ. These questionnaires gave the prospective summer school students a chance to indicate the subjects they would like to take in the summer session.

These students were promised that any subject desired by a reasonable number of summer school students would be offered provided the questionnaires were returned early in April. That date was fixed in order to give time to secure a faculty competent to handle the subjects desired. About one hundred reports were returned before the date mentioned. On the basis of these reports the summer schedule of subjects offered was made. The subjects selected consisted mostly of courses usually offered in the third and fourth years of work in teachers' colleges.

Some courses not offered were called for by a few students—too few to justify giving the course. The only subjects given this summer usually bound in the first two years' work of a teachers' college were Primary Arithmetic, Primary Reading, and Psychology. Many students taking the primary work had similar courses before. Each course was offered for thirty fifty-minute periods, and its satisfactory completion earned one and one-half or two semester hours' credit. Most of the summer school students signed for four such courses.

Some of the students attending this summer session already have bachelors degrees from Liberal Arts Colleges and are here for courses in Education to fit them for the work of teaching.

Many of the students, not college graduates, are ambitious, as soon as possible, to get Bachelor of Education degrees. They are using the summers to further that end while they are carrying their work as teachers during the school year.

WALTER E. RUSSELL.
PHYSICAL AND HEALTH EDUCATION

Sometimes it is well for us to get the reaction of the people with whom we work. Therefore, when asked to prepare an article for the Oracle, Mr. Edwards thought it might be better to digest from the usual form. Instead of foisting some pedagogic fables upon the readers, just read what some of your own teachers have to say about Physical and Health Education. This material has been collected from term papers. We are trying to inculcate habits and practices to the end that we are preparing our children for happy, healthful, and useful living.

"Physical education teaches quick thinking, coordination of school and team-mates, skill training and a sense of fair play. All these factors contribute toward creating upright, strong-minded, physically fit, and intelligent manner. Undue fatigue, especially in growing children, should be carefully avoided.

Colista Morgan.

"Physical education is not a subject but a method of teaching the human body to its best possible mechanical advantage. Incorrect posture places the organs of our body at a great mechanical disadvantage which has an ill effect on the entire human machine and causes undue and excessive strain.

To produce and protect physical health it is imperative that exercise be employed in a balanced and intelligent manner. Undue fatigue, especially in growing children, should be carefully avoided."

Eva Laird.

"From the point of view of those who see in physical education only a development of the body to a greater mechanical efficiency, we can see the steadily growing need for more education along that line. This point of view, of course, is very narrow and is, we hope, losing ground.

"The more a person knows about himself, the more interested he is in maintaining a well-ordered plan of living."

Too much emphasis has been placed upon competitive games as physical education. We should not advise competitive games involving high development of skill, severe muscular strain and great expenditure of emotional energy for children.

Alice Bradford.

RELATIVE RANKING

What! not one A on my rank sheet. After my struggle night and day? Do I see all Cs and Ds? And not one single A?

Is the rank sheet all my credits? My face lights up with a smile, I know I’ll get A in friendships. That have made the summer worthwhile.

Mrs. Edith Chase.
THE SOCIAL WHIRL

Through the efforts of our untiring and resourceful Diversions Committee the students have found summer school this year extremely enjoyable. Mr. Clifford Wieden has acted as chairman of the committee, assisted by Misses Florence Black, Miriam Andrews, Lona Pride, and Mr. Louis Woodward. These committee chairmen have appointed student committees to work with them in planning out a course of social events that have made our stay on Normal Hill very happy and to this committee we owe the memories of a very happy summer.

June 29

Get Acquainted Party

Miss Alice Morrill, Dean of Women at the summer session, acted as chairman in planning a most successful get acquainted party the first evening here. She was assisted by the Misses Florence Black, Juanita Vietrie, Mary Schurman, Anna Derby, Annette Levine, and Mrs. Belle D. Ellis.

They certainly mixed us up and when the party finished I'm sure none of us should have been strangers.

July 8

Picnic at Martha Robie Memorial Park

Under the leadership of Mr. Louis B. Woodward a grand picnic was enjoyed at George's new recreation ground. Here many games and contests were part of the program, chief of which was the softball game won by the All Stars, when Dr. Russell proved his skill on the diamond. Assisting Mr. Woodward were the following committee members: Mrs. Cella Gross, Mrs. Edith Chase, Mrs. Belle D. Ellis, the Misses Lois Adams, Ardell Elwell, Betty Sanborn, and Messrs. Harry Dorr and Charles Towle.

Miss Ina Woodward and her staff at the dormitory played a prominent role—that of providing a generous lunch.

July 10

Faculty Members Entertained at Robie Hall

The Misses Juanita Vietrie, Florence Black, Lona Pride, Emma Harris, Alice Morrill, Ina Woodward, and Mrs. Cella Gross entertained the members of the faculty at a very enjoyable party in the library at Robie Hall. Court Bridge was played and delicious refreshments were served.

July 15

Stunt Party

Probably nothing created more laughs at one time during the session than the stunt party held in Center, under the direction of Miss Florence Black. It was heralded as the best stunt night ever attended.

The stunts were varied and new. Mr. Robert Butler's group won the prize with their mock circus, where Walton Hoppe as Tony and Mr. Charles Towle as the monkey created great hilarity.

July 16

Mrs. Jacobs Guest of Summer School

Mrs. Margaret Flint Jacobs gave an interesting talk on her own career as a writer to a large group in Center on the afternoon of July 16.

After the address the guests had an opportunity to meet Mrs. Jacobs at a tea where the Misses Florence Black, Alice Morrill, and Bess Lewis were hostesses, Mrs. Walter Russell and Miss Gertrude Stone poured.

July 22

Picnic at Pine Point

Mr. Louis Woodward and his fine picnic committee provided a second grand outing for us at Pine Point. About a hundred students and faculty arrived at the beach about

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July 30—Sunset Sail down Casco Bay. Picnic lunch served on board. Music provided by the "Bantockers," Mr. Nichols and Mr. Rowe. "Popcorn, candy and chewing gum!" Mr. Wieden made a fine sales boy.

July 31—Miss Lewis and Doc Edwards present aesthetic dancing demonstration to Oracle Board.

August 3—Mr. Woodward in Ethics: As you take these questions from the desk please pass out.

August 4—Glee Club and Orchestra concert.

August 5—Examinations.

August 6—More examinations.

August 7—School closed today. Voted unanimously that the 1936 Summer School is the best yet.

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five o'clock where a dip in the ocean preceded a most abundant feed of steamed clams. The clam eating contest was won by Mr. Wieden though he didn't realize any contest was in progress. Mr. Harry Edwords, State Physical Education Director, had charge of games. This was voted one of the most enjoyable picnics ever held by the summer school.

July 24

Faculty Outing

On July 24 the teachers of Gorham Normal Summer School, with friends, motored to Angellmere where a shore dinner was enjoyed. The evening was spent in playing cards and monoply. Mr. Wieden was chairman and had charge of the arrangements for the party.

July 28

Game Tournament

On the afternoon of July 28 a game tournament arranged by Miss Miriam Andrews and Miss Florence Black brought about ninety students flocking to the campus lawns where, at tables placed under the "murmuring pines and hemlocks," contract bridge, monoply, anagrams and rummy were played. Refreshments were served by the Misses Imogene Casey, Lena Files, Dorothy Readon, Virginia Wodcott, Gwendolen Elwell, and Mrs. Violet Woodford. It was one of the entertaining events of the season.

July 30

Sunset Sail

Nearly one hundred members of the summer school embraced the opportunity of having one of the fine Casco Bay trips made possible through the efforts of Mr. Clifford Wieden, our Diversions Chairman. The party left Normal Hill by bus, arriving at the wharf in Portland to leave on the sail at five-twenty. Perfect weather, a fine boat, a congenial captain, and a piano lunch provided by the dormitory, all combined to make the sail one that will not soon be forgotten.

July 31

Faculty Party

Dr. and Mrs. Walter E. Russell and Miss Gertrude Stone entertained at their home on Friday evening. July 31. The guests were members of the faculty and their friends.

August 6

Art Exhibit

The advanced drawing class, under the direction of Miss Juanita M. Vietrie, gave a tea where the guests had an opportunity to see some of the work done by the class during these six weeks. Many pleasing examples of still life paintings were displayed. Miss Gwendolen Elwell was general chairman.