The Best of All Summer Schools

The Gorham Normal School Summer Session for 1938 opened June 27 with a record enrollment of three hundred and seventeen students, composing a wide range—a fair number below twenty, and several over sixty years. To visit our classes and playfields, however, one would conclude that the spring of perennial youth must be located on the Gorham campus, for the large student body as well as the faculty make up as happy a group as you will find anywhere.

The number of years of teaching experience varies greatly, too. They range from none at all to thirty-five years, the average being eight and six-tenths years. One of our faculty members this summer has said that some teachers have had twenty years of experience, and that others have had one—and repeated it nineteen times. If one listens in on an exchange of ideas among summer school students, he has no hesitancy in deciding that there have been no “repeated” years in this group.

Many educational institutions are represented in the list of those in which these students received their previous training. Gorham Normal leads, naturally, with one hundred seven former students; Farmington comes second with forty-five. Many of these people have returned to get credits leading toward a degree. Castine Normal is represented by eight; Machias, seven; Presque Isle, two; Bates, six, and the University of Maine, eight. Out-of-state schools and colleges represented include Yale, Harvard, Brown, Columbia, University of Vermont, Iowa State, University of Tennessee, University of Pennsylvania, and a number of others.

Representatives of a number of states are enjoying Maine and Gorham’s hospitality; New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, New York, Illinois, Ohio, Minnesota, Rhode Island, and Connecticut.

It’s a great Summer Session!

SOCIAL NOTES

Party Get-Together

As soon as there were enough noses to start counting away at that gigantic three hundred and twenty who swell the rolls, the fun began.

After swinging at total strangers with a newspaper blindfolded on July 25, and unwrapping the unwrappable, and getting the peanut shells dizzy trying to lure them into milk bottles, most of us felt sufficiently at ease to overcome that inhibitive atmosphere of the schoolroom in which numbers of us had been soaking these nine months ago.

Indian Cellar

The next spree took us to Indian Cellar. Where was it? Who was going? Miss Black knew, or if you couldn’t catch her, the Messrs. Sloat and Strout could tell you. In case any were available Miss Andrews or Miss Reynolds, the remaining members on the Social Affairs committee for the Summer Session would gladly inform all and anyone.

To the readers of “Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm,” and “Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch,” the glimpse of Kate Douglas Wiggin’s charming cottage will remain a pleasant (Continued on Page 3)
During this year's summer session ample opportunity was provided for those social-minded people who wished to find some way to spend their leisure hours in congenial company.

One of the first extra-curricula activities to get a start was the physical education program. Under the able direction of Dr. Harry Edwards and Mr. Louis Jensen many people were instructed in the art of playing such games as badminton, tennis, softball, paddle tennis, croquet, and horeseshoes. Tournaments in many of these sports have been carried on through the entire session for those interested.

The athletically inclined individuals were not the only ones who found a leisure-time activity to their liking. Glee Clubs and a fine orchestra occupied the time for the musically minded people. The concert was a fitting climax to six weeks of pleasant work.

Each week some splendid social event was planned. Usually these took us out-of-doors. Always they provided an opportunity for social contacts in a pleasant environment.

During the fifth week of our stay here a real treat presented itself in the form of the announcement that Gladys Hasty Carroll's annual presentation of "As The Earth Turns" was to take place. It was a wonderful experience to see the native people of South Berwick enact the novel which has become so famous, and also to see the charming author once again.

If you have made use of the abundance of varied leisure time activities open to everyone here at summer school, we are sure your vacation has been a happy and pleasant one. We all need a relaxation period, and it is very evident that the instructors had the interests of teachers well in mind when this session's activities were planned.

Life is made sweet because of friends we have made, and the things which in common we share; we want to live on, not because of ourselves, but because of the people who care. It's in giving and doing for somebody else, on that all life's splendor depends, and the joys of this life, when you've summed it all up, are found in the making of friends.

There is an educational service that has been available for the summer school students. Practically through the entire session many of the leading textbook publishers have had collections of their choicest new books on exhibit. These exhibits have been studied faithfully by the students and teachers.

Be kind to all dumb animals And give small birds a crumb; Be kind to human beings, too—They're sometimes pretty dumb.

Rebecca McCa11n.

The Gorham Normal School Summer Session had besides its regular faculty, leaders in particular fields such as Physical Education, First Aid and Parent-Teachers' Associations, who gave part-time courses.

The first of these part-time courses was offered in Physical Education by Mr. Harry Edwards of Augusta, Mr. Edwards is State Director of Physical Education in Maine. His course included instruction in outdoor and indoor sports in relation to the physical education program of our Maine Schools. Under Mr. Edwards' direction, many of the summer tournaments in the various sports were started.

Dr. Bryce A. Newbaker of Philadelphia, one of the seven staff surgeons of the National Red Cross, came to us from Washington to give a course in First Aid. Dr. Newbaker's course was 20 hours in length. There was provision made for those who wished to do the extra necessary hours to get a certificate qualifying them as instructors in First Aid.

Mrs. Noel C. Little of Brunswick, President of the Maine State Congress of Parent-Teachers' Association, conducted the last part-time course of the summer, Mrs. Little's course gave valuable plans and ideas for organizing and directing the P. T. A. in our communities.

Miss Ruth Henderson, field representative of American Junior Red Cross, spoke to the students at chapel, July 26, on the organization of Junior Red Cross. Later she gave special talks to the Character Education and Geography Classes. An interesting and instructive Red Cross exhibit conducted by Miss Henderson was displayed in Room 7 from July 25 to July 27.

Miss Abbie Buck, who addressed the students in chapel on July 25, and showed some original poster work by the children of Maine, is director of Health Education on the Maine Public Health Association.

Miss Ellen Scanlon of Portland has taught one overflow division of Choral Reading.
The Summer Calendar

*CONTINUED SOCIAL NOTES*

**The Stunt Night**

**July 21**—Stunt Night! Faculty turn Indians. Horse race was the candy. Mr. Roderick, Depute, was the supervisor of Education, visits us.

**July 22**—Choral Reading: "The rain ceaseth and it raineth no more." (But not in summer, 1928.)

**July 23**—The sky clears for Sunset Sail! Casco Bay trip, on *Maguot*, carries two hundred on delightful sail.

**July 26**—Miss Henderson, Red Cross Representative, brings splendid exhibit, and speaks to several classes. Student body attends Donkey Baseball.

**July 27**—Miss Lewis discussed "The Madonna in Art" to members and guests of Miss Daff's class. Mr. Wieden and Mr. Jensen's classes begin to pay out sleds to typists.

**July 28**—First pilgrimage to South Berwick to see Gladys Hasty Carroll's "As the Earth Turns." Concert by the Summer School Glee Clubs and Orchestra. Congratulations, Miss Andrews.

**July 29**—Lord Randall's bed made at last. Miss Helen Putnam is satisfied.

**August 1**—While faculty enjoy shore dinner at Angellmere, students begin to study for exams. Mrs. Noel Little arrives to give course concerning Parent-Teacher Associations.

**August 2**—Game party scheduled. I wonder if it was called off because of rain?

**August 3**—Exams begin!

**August 4**—Exams continue!

**August 5**—Exams end! So does Summer Session. What a fine school it has been! See you in 1940!

**Sunset Sail**

But the great influx was yet to come and when it did on July 25th on that Casco Bay sail, nearly two hundred "Oh'd" and "Ah'd" as the sun cast his kindly reflection upon the rising Atlantic tide.

In and out the islands, Peaks, Long Island, Chebeague and Little Punkin Knoll, and in sight of some of the forts that man strategic points we sailed in our "chartered steamer." Strains of melody which drifted over the waters will live in future memories of that grand crowd of jovial companions who have done so much to make the summer of Gorham '38, a happy and instructive interlude for all of us.

**Planned Frolic**

As we go to press the rumor reaches us that on the campus lawn at the croquet grounds there is to be a What-You-Will card party next Tuesday. Card sharks and cribbage hends and checker chumps will battle desperately for the promised prizes. Refreshments will be there for all who attend, even the losers. Games will feature contract, auction, whist, monoply, anagrams, or other pastimes. Since there's no rain left in the upper ether, chances appear quite good that the sun will smile on our last get-together.

The members of the faculty who have acted as Social Committee by appointment of Dr. Russell and brought about these delightful episodes include Miss Florence Black, Miss Olivia Reynolds, Miss Miriam Andrews, Mr. Chester Sloat and Mr. Everett Stout.

**Faculty Diversions**

A variety card party in Corthell Library, preceded by a banquet supper in the East Hall Dormitory, was the premiere of faculty turnouts. The teachers living in the dormitory were hostesses to the rest of the faculty and the faculty wives and friends.

Dr. Russell entertained the faculty Friday evening, July 29, at his home. The time was delightfully passed in the playing of games which demonstrated the dramatic ability of the faculty members.

As we go to press, we hear that the teachers at Gorham are making reservations at Angelmere for a lobster supper. This will be a novel experience for those who have never been in the northeast before.
**SUMMER SCHOOL CONCERT**

The summer school concert, under the direction of Miss Andrews, was held in the Junior High School Auditorium, Thursday, July 28, at eight o'clock. This concert has always been one of the most delightful events of the summer, and this year's entertainment has proved no exception to the rule. The program was as follows:

**Vocal Solos**
- Homing: del Riego (Miriam Andrews)
- A Southern Song: Ronald
- The Second Minuet: Betsy

**Reading**
- I Gather a Rose: Lee
- Out of the Dark to You: Lee Orchestra

**Piano Solos**

**Reading**
- Selected: Eleanor Anderson Sanborn

**Dear Land of Home**
- Schelius
- Salutation
- How Sweet the Answer Echo
- Little Boy Blue: Nevin

**Women's Glee Club**
- chorus: Barrett
- West Wind: Sheesley
- Whippoorwill: Sheesley
- Kenneth Sheesley

**SUMMER SPORTS**

**Badminton**

Excitement! Enthusiasm! Active Participation! These are all synonymous with the badminton tournaments which are being held. The winners for the weeks so far are Estella Morse, Edna Kemp, Georgette Lepage, Laurel Gardiner, Mr. Clifford O. T. Wieder and Henry Martin. Excellent work on the part of Miss Kemp, who played the game for the first time this summer, has entitled her to enter the finals.

**Tennis**

Tennis tournaments are in full swing. The winners thus far are as follows: Georgette Lepage, Rachel Toby and Catherine Emory in the women's tournament; Mr. Louis H. Jensen, Kervin Ellis and Charles Allen are winners in the men's tournament. Due to inclement weather, the games have been somewhat retarded this session.

**Horseshoe**

The horseshoe tournaments have proved to be very popular among many students. The winners of the men's games played are Almer Hamblen, Monroe Bean and Clayton Hartford. The victors of the women's games are Faith Graves, Georgette Lepage and Estella Morse. As no one player is decidedly superior to the rest, the championship tournament of the final week of the summer session, which selects the ablest or luckiest of the weekly winners, promises to be exciting.

**Softball**

Softball practice has been under the direction of Doc Edwards and Mr. Jensen. About thirty people have received instruction in and enjoyment from the game. What each group lacked in experience they made up in enthusiasm.

There are five teams in the After-Supper Soft Ball League, captained as follows:

- Second Floor of Dormitories: Rachel Toby
- Third Floor of Dormitories: Eleanor Danforth
- Fourth Floor of Dormitories: Estella Morse
- Non-Dormitory: Faith Graves
- The Men: Laurel Gardiner

Several practice games have been held, and at this time only one big game has been played, but it is hoped that there will be more in the near future.

A game has been played between the Fourth Floor and the Third Floor. The final score was 15 to 2 in favor of the Fourth Floor.

The outstanding game thus far has been between a group of girls from third and fourth floors of the dormitories and The Men. The Men pitched and batted left-handed. The attention of the audience was divided between the Gorham Fire Department's fire drill and the Big Game. Monroe P. Bean umpired with the movie camera. The final score was not announced but it is believed by the girls to be slightly in their favor!!!

Outstanding players include the following:
- Estella Morse, Alice Fredericks, Edna Kemp, Lillian Libby, Miriel Scribner, Ernestine Davis, Eleanor Danforth and Ola Coombs.

**Croquet**

The last week will decide the winner of the croquet finals. Those playing are Miriel Scribner, Estella Morse, Albert Behr and Mrs. Catherine Savage.

**Unofficial Social Outings**

Gorhamites found their way to South Berwick and witnessed the outdoor performances of Gladys Hasty Carroll's "As the Earth Turns." The unique setting and simplicity of interpretation under the arrangement and direction of Mrs. Carroll was greatly appreciated.

The Gorham Girls turned out at the Donkey Baseball game one night last week to cheer for the unmarried men. Too bad they didn't win. Perhaps these teachers need louder voices, or perhaps they picked the wrong team.

Our Ohioans have been visiting many interesting points in the state. Highlights are the Desert of Maine, which Miss Speer felt had all the atmosphere because it happened to be a hot day. The Marie Antoinette House in Wiscasset, and a week-end rest at Whitten's Camps on Moosehead also proved charming diversions. Mrs. Wehle says that rain on the roof under the pines is a great experience. No one can go home and say now that they have never known a great experience, for Gorham's roof has been a spatter much of the season. Good luck, Ohio. And may we see you again, sometime.

Georgette LePaige entertained friends in 53 Robie. Refreshments were enjoyed.

Carter's Drug Store was the scene of a very charming little party, but perhaps we hadn't better go into that.

Swimming at Bonny Eagle, Silver Sands and other unknown ponds has been enjoyed by numerous student groups.

**A PEEP INTO CLASS ROOMS**

**Music I**

Fortunately for those with frayed nerves this class played in Russell Hall. 'Tis said the first day the neighbors thought crows were in their cornfields. But Miss Andrews tutored the tooters, with the results which you heard and enjoyed.

**Music II**

When you heard "Peep, Peep" at midnight it was no night bird—just the pitch-pipers giving "do." Deer Isle should resound with sweet music!