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THE ORACLE

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GORHAM NORMAL SCHOOL, GORHAM, MAINE, AUGUST 7, 1936

SUMMER

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



Walter Earle Russell, A. B., D. Ed.
Principal of Gorham Normal School

THE SUMMER SESSION OF 1936

Plans for the summer session began to be made early in the fall of 1935. Groups 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 received 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 the 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 found in the first two years' work of a teachers' college were Primary Arithmetic, Primary Reading and Psychology. Many students taking the primary work had 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 bachelor 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.

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Faculty Advisers

RECREATION

There is an old adage—"All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy." Teachers for the most part have learned this truth as far as their children are concerned and have applied the theory of relaxation to the classroom and to studies.

The children have rest periods between classes, they have daily recesses, there is activity in the lessons and the organization of clubs for social and athletic purposes.

Now the great lesson for the average teacher to learn is that there is just as much truth in this saying for her as there is for her pupils. How can a teacher ever expect to become a "well-rounded personality" if she neglects everything except subject matter she teaches?

What do we mean by a "well-rounded personality" from the teacher's standpoint? A teacher must know what is going on about her in the world, the subjects intelligent people everywhere are talking about, as well as present-day viewpoints and happenings. She must take time to read current magazines, well-written books, both fiction and non-fiction, and to form unbiased opinions concerning them. She must "get out of her shell" and join in community activities; there is no better way to meet the parents of her pupils and to get them interested in her work.

Every teacher should have a hobby of some kind—of course, since teaching is an indoor occupation it should be some form of outdoor exercise. The successful teacher must have excellent health. She knows she cannot be physically fit and neglect her body any more than a child will be strong and healthy without play. The teacher's exercise can take the form of hikes, bird walks, mountain climbing, winter sports, gardening, or athletic contests, such as the Y. W. C. A. offers, but she must have the play spirit and devote time to recreational activities.

This year, as in every year, the summer session of the Gorham Normal School has given every member of the student body a chance to develop the diverse sides of one's personality. Besides the regular methods courses which give the teacher a chance to learn the changing educational viewpoints, there have been various advanced courses that have had a double purpose, first the chance for every two-year normal school graduate to get credit for a third year and second, to gain a cultural background through such subjects as Ethics, Psychology, Sociology and Economics.

In most cases the social and activity programs have been interlocking. Through the various contests, picnics, excursions and entertainments we have not only derived exercise and a good time but have enlarged our circle of acquaintances and friends.

Everywhere here the play spirit shows itself, on the tennis court, the croquet field, the softball field, and at the social events, such as at the "Stunt Night," the Game Party, and the Glee Club entertainment.



To Mrs. Audway Treworgy, the efficient and friendly secretary of the school, we owe a debt of gratitude. She is always so helpful and pleasant that she smooths over any obstacles in our way. We appreciate her help.

SUMMER SCHOOL CONCERT

Under the capable direction of Miss Miriam Andrews, the summer school Glee Club and Orchestra gave a concert in Russell Hall on the evening of Tuesday, August 4. The program follows:

- I. a. Who Is Sylvia *Schubert*
b. Country Gardens *Grainger*
Orchestra
- II. Vocal Solo
The Glow Worm *Lincke*
Virginia Brown
- III. Instrumental Ensemble
a. Cantilena Amorosa *Lemont*
b. La Zingana *Bohn*
Violins: Virginia Pennell,
Virginia Wolcott
Cello: Beatrice Pennell
Piano: Marita Paul
- IV. Vocal Selections
a. Dear Land of Home *Sibelius*
b. Still as the Night *Bohn*
c. June Rhapsody *Daniels*
- V. Banjo Selections
Donald Nichols Hilborn Rowe
- VI. Vocal Solo
A Heart That's Free *Robyn*
Virginia Brown
- VII. Danube Waves *Ivanorici*
Orchestra
- VIII. State of Maine Song *Snow*
Orchestra and Chorus

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

"Here comes the candy boy now!" shouted Dame Pittock, and a group of G. N. S. students began to Chase their Nichols, awaiting the candy boy's approach. Imagine their surprise to find Mr. Wieden in the role of King of the Candy Basket! "Hoppe right up, folks, don't be bashful. Hansom candy bars and Jelly Beans, by Case(y) or by Gross. Five? That'll be Tibbetts, and here is your change. Now, Mr. Littlefield, our Wintermints are Small, but Younger. I'll take the Towle for all Bills. Gallup right up, Ladds, pawn your Ingersolls, and buy your Marguerites.

"French Fish? Shaw! Someone's left the Lidback, and they're all gone. I'll have some next Week, though. Chewing gum? All flavors for the Sages. Pierce through the Hurd, Betty, and File your order.

"Sorry, folks, Candy's all gone, so we're going to have a Small Derby to (K)night in the Garden below, before finding our Sleepers.

"Just descend the Hill of steps, get your Dill pickle, Libby peaches, Sanborn's Coffey, or Welch's Grapejuice (Don't Spiller you'll have to Schwab the deck), then return to Lowd the praises of G. N. S."

And so ends our Storey.

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 digress from the usual form. Instead of foisting some pedagogic foibles upon the readers, just read what some of your own group 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 mind and muscle, cooperation with school and team-mates, skill training and a sense of fair play. All these factors contribute toward creating upright, straightforward and resourceful actions in our young people. The United States has need for citizens trained in the use and development of these characteristics.

Good posture indicates that we are using the human body to the 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."

COLISTA MORGAN.

"Physical education is not a subject but a method which is a proper and essential tool of every teacher. We need child-centered schools. Therefore, why not give every child the best possible opportunity for normal growth and development in body, mind and personality.

Our viewpoint toward physical education has changed greatly during the last few years. We are beginning to realize that the child learns more easily through doing something which to him is pleasant and joyful. Whole-hearted, joyous participation in activities which are suited to his ability, development and interest, contribute to health, social efficiency and culture."

EVA LADD.

"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."

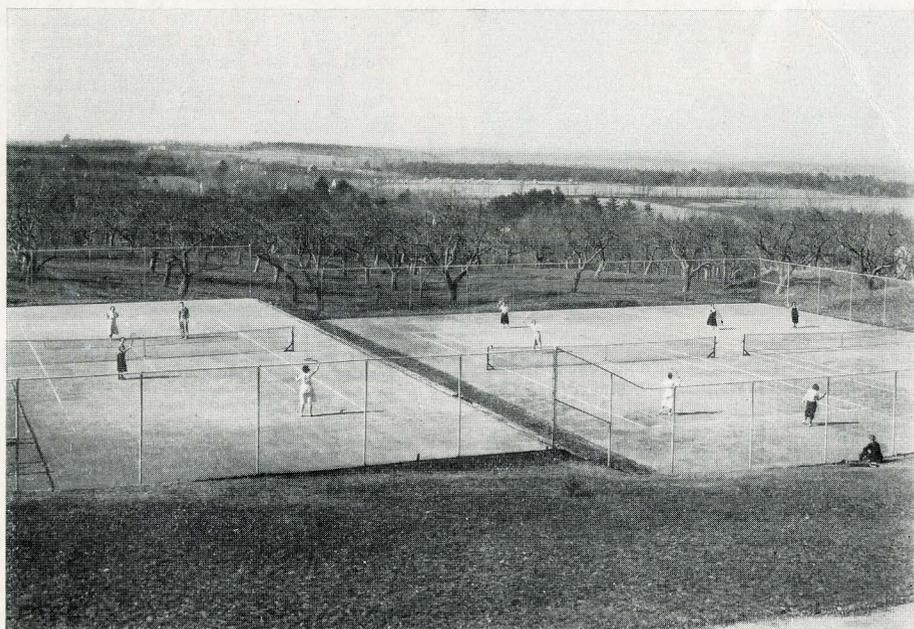
ALICE BRADFORD.

RELATIVE RANKING

What! not one A on my rank sheet,
After my struggle night and day?
Do I see all C's and D's
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.



Tennis Courts

RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES

The students of the Gorham Normal Summer Session have participated in several recreational activities, including croquet, archery, softball, tennis, "barnyard golf," deck tennis, and badminton, under the supervision of Mr. Clifford O. T. Wieden.

Croquet

The most popular activity through the summer session has been croquet. Two ladder tournaments have been in play. As the ORACLE goes to press, Miss Gwendolen Elwell leads ladder one, and Miss Miriam Andrews, ladder two.

Archery

Between fifteen and twenty students have gone out for this sport, under the direction of Miss Gwendolen Elwell. The target has been set up on the Women's Athletic Field, and many "bull's-eyes" have been scored. (Sh! Sh! for some it has been necessary to shorten the distance considerably.)

Tennis

In the tennis tournament two ladders were formed. Ten competed in the women's tournament and six in the men's. Miss Winifred Cobb leads the women with Miss Gwendolen Elwell as the runner-up. Mr. Walton Hoppe leads men with Mr. Fred Littlefield runner-up.

Horseshoe

Of the "barnyard golf" enthusiasts ?????? Miss Gwendolen Elwell is champ with Miss Clara Gordon runner-up.

Softball Series

The school boasted four softball teams this summer, representing East Hall, Robie Hall, the Commuters and Doc Edwards' Sluggers.

Men playing on these teams were handicapped by having to throw and bat left-handed.

EAST VS. ROBIE

The best out of three games, it was decided, would determine the inter-dormitory winner. East, captained by Miss Thelma Johnson, won by a wide margin in each of these games by rolling up the following scores: First game, 13-6; second, 15-8; third, 26-4.

After failing twice, Robie issued a flowery challenge to a third contest which they failed to fulfill.

The highlights of this battle were Foster's

three-base blow and the triple play from Bowie to Johnson. Bowie caught a hard-hit line drive and threw to Johnson at third, who forced out the runner starting for home and tagged out runner coming from second.

COMMUTERS VS. ALL STARS

The Commuters' softball team, captained by Fred Littlefield, defeated the All Stars, comprised of outstanding players from both East and Robie, in a close, exciting game, 10-9. The features of this game were a circuit blow made by Hoppe and triple play when Clough hit to Hoppe, who threw to Williams, making a double play unassisted. Doc Edwards umpired.

SLUGGERS VS. COMMUTERS

The following challenge was delivered in chapel by Mr. Wieden, speaking for the Commuters:

We, a team of Commuters,
Now challenge one and all;
You may choose your team from rooters,
Or any who play ball.

Doc Edwards must be captain;
The hockey field the place,
Next Wednesday at six-thirty
Will give you ample space.

Pack up your rubber ankles,
Get ready, to a man;
Come out and meet us Wednesday,
And beat us if you can!

DOC EDWARDS' ACCEPTANCE:

We're not much at writing poetry,
We can hardly make a rhyme,
But we'll gladly beat the Commuters
At half-past six daylight saving time.

The Commuters put up a great fight, but were defeated, 6-5.

The Sluggers scored in third and fifth innings, while the Commuters tallied their five markers in the first and fifth innings.

Deck Tennis

A net has been strung up between two trees near the croquet grounds, west of Corthell Hall. This is the game that Bradford plays almost as well as other people do.

Badminton

In spite of the fact that no tournament was sponsored in badminton, the court was in constant use daily. Miss Marie Thompson was probably chief enthusiast.

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 Gorham's new recreation ground. Here many games and contests were part of the program, chief of which was the softball game won by the men, where Dr. Russell proved his skill on the diamond. Assisting Mr. Woodward were the following committee members: Mrs. Celia 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. Celia 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.

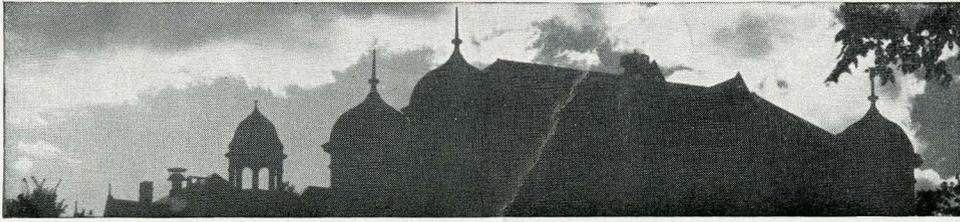
After the address the guests had an opportunity to meet Mrs. Jacobs at a tea where the Misses Florence Black, Alice Morrill, and Bess Lewis were hostesses. Mrs. Walter Russell and Miss Gertrude Stone poured.

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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CALENDAR

- June 29—Registration in old gym at 10.30 and G. N. S. Summer Session underway.
A Get-together in Center in the evening. Didn't you feel better acquainted at once?
- June 30—Ho-hum! We have had to get up early. Chapel in Russell Hall at 7.50. Miss Morrill called meeting of all students in the dormitories at Center. Few instructions given. No House Committee. No Rules.
- July 1—Mr. Wieden announced Ladder Tournament in Croquet.
The orchestra organized.
- July 2—Everyone fixed up pretty. School picture this noon.
The Glee Club began rehearsals.
- July 3—Notice: Early arrivals at Chapel please take center seats.
- July 4—An historical walk about Gorham conducted by Miss Stone.
Fireworks! Gorham Fair Grounds.
- July 6—Several publishing companies' exhibits arrived.
A demonstration of finger painting given by Mr. Hopper of New York for the Art Classes.
Mr. Anderson entertained with his illustrated lecture on the Oxford Cumberland Canal.
- July 7—Come on, you Maine History Map Makers! Mr. Preble's tracing table in working order.
- July 8—Miss Phyllis Lord left the office today as Mrs. Audway Treworgy took her place.
Summer School Picnic. East Hall trimmed Robie at a game of softball. Other sports followed by a hot dog roast. Who got all the coffee and lemonade?
Miss Bradford started a zoo. Horace arrived.
- July 9—Pupils from Grade II of the Training School participated in a demonstration lesson for the Music III methods class and visitors.
- July 10—The Faculty held a Court Bridge at Robie Hall Parlors.
- July 12—Mrs. Gross started for church without her gloves.
- July 13—Knees, arms, hands and batons quivered as members of the music methods classes got their first experience in conducting.
- July 14—The Ethical question was "Are you immoral if you hitch-hike?" Debated by Mr. Weymouth and Mr. Butler.
- July 15—Miss Black conducted a course in "Phonology" in the Center. Yes, Stunt Night. First prize might have gone to the faculty for their excellent "Shadowgraphs" had they not been guilty of trying to bribe the judges. The prize went to the "Circus." Honorable mention was given the group that gave "Swinging."
- July 16—Mrs. Margaret Flint Jacobs, the author, gave a talk on her life and work. A tea followed.
East Hall again defeated Robie at softball.
- July 17—The Mental Hygiene class given an emotional maturity test. We were slipping toward imbecility.
Summer School only half over. Oh, Miss Pike, why did you begin to talk about final examinations so early?
- July 20—Miss Schroeder had a terribly cold day with the thermometer registering near 90 degrees. Heard a "cold" story in literature. Rehearsed for "Snowbound." Had her first dip in the ocean. Br-r-r-r!
Why all the hush in the dining hall? Doc Edwards, the State Physical Director, arrived.
What's this we hear about Miss Bradford getting snakes through the mail?
- July 21—Miss Abbie Buck, Director of the School Health Department, visited us. Incidentally, she got locked out of the dormitory the first night.
The Art Classes went to Prout's Neck to see the Winslow Homer exhibit.
Miss Lewis refereed dispute between Harry Dorr and Madeline Williams and gave sound advice to the latter as to getting her own way.
- July 22—A string quartet, Virginia Pennell and Virginia Wolcott, violins, Beatrice Pennell, cello, and Marita Paul, piano, entertained at Chapel.
Dramatization of "Snowbound" by Literature class. Undreamed-of talent shown.
Dot Reardon got her extra sleep in classes.
Summer School Highlight—Picnic at Pine Point.
We Wonder:
If Lillian Hamblen likes clams?
If Ardell Elwell thought Doc Edwards was digging a grave for her?
If more elaborate "last rites" for the lowly clam-shell were ever performed?
- July 23—How long have Mrs. Gross and Mr. Weymouth been on the reserve shelf?
Mrs. Ellis voices Student Body's thanks for picnic.
- July 24—The "cream" of the summer school attends Chapel.
Faculty shore dinner at Angellmere.
One of our popular blondes went to York County for the week-end.
- July 27—Heard in the Library at the reserve window: Student—"Miss Pride, have you a Normal Mind?"
- July 28—Contract, Bridge, Whist, Hearts, Anagrams, Monopoly were played at a delightful Game Party held on the Campus.
Betty Chase began stepping out nights, trying to keep up with Mrs. Gross.
The girls on second and third floors of Robie seemed to have bats in their belfry.
- July 29—Mr. Roderick, Deputy Commissioner, visited school.
Why was Doc Edwards looking so disconsolate in class? Oh, Mrs. Ellis was absent.
We wonder if the "Sluggards" would have won if Miss Black hadn't been the umpire.

July 30—Sunset Sail down Casco Bay. Picnic lunch served on board. Music provided by the "Banjoleers," 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 process. Mr. Harry Edwards, 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 monopoly. 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, monopoly, anagrams and rummy were played. Refreshments were served by the Misses Imogene Casey, Lena Files, Dorothy Reardon, Virginia Wolcott, Gwendolen Elwell, and Mrs. Violet Smith. This proved to be one of the most 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 again a 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, figure drawing, and design in water color, charcoal and ink were displayed. Miss Gwendolen Elwell was general chairman.