# Bucksport

EAST MAINE CONFERENCE SEMINARY

Founded 1848



BUCKSPORT, MAINE

THE AIM OF THE SEMINARY IS TO PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUNG PEOPLE TO SECURE A THOROUGH SCHOLASTIC TRAINING IN A DISTINCTIVELY CHRISTIAN ATMOSPHERE, TO DEVELOP IN THIS FORMATIVE PERIOD A STRENGTH AND GRACE OF BODY, A CLEAR AND LOGICAL MIND, AND A REVERENCE FOR THINGS SACRED

# Foreword

You probably realize that education for boys and girls today is becoming increasingly difficult. Our modern young people need a school whose location is removed from the noise and confusion of the city. They need a school with a well-balanced program of study and recreation, where the instructors take a personal interest in each student and understand the problems of present-day life.

You will find Bucksport Seminary offers more than a purely academic or business training. It surrounds the students with the spirit and atmosphere of old New England, which build character and develop initiative. Student life at Bucksport Seminary is that of a happy family.

I sincerely hope that this catalogue will show you something of the spirit of helpful co-operation which pervades the halls of Bucksport Seminary. As you glance through its pages, you will see our boys and girls at work and at play.



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The headmaster and faculty extend you a cordial invitation to visit the school and see the home-like atmosphere and attractive surroundings. Many points of vital importance to your son or daughter may not be mentioned in the catalog, but should receive attention in a personal interview

# A Wealth of New England Traditions

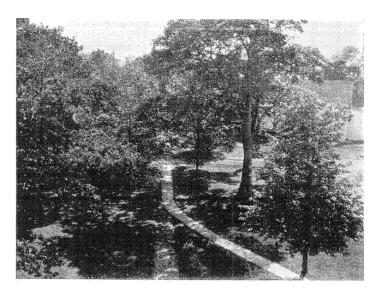
N the east bank of the Penobscot River, just eighteen miles from Bangor, is the charming little village of Bucksport, Maine. In the old days its quaint streets resounded with rollicking chanteys and the ring of hammers, for Bucksport was then an important ship building center. Here was built the good ship Roosevelt which carried Commodore Peary to the North Pole.

One of the most interesting features of the town is the old Robinson House, built during the latter part of the eighteenth century. Used as a tavern since 1798, this old colonial inn has been the meeting place of many notable men and women. James F. Moses, a former landlord, was the original of the character "Old Jed Prouty," in the play made famous by Richard Golden who, like his colleagues, Dustin and William Farnum, was a native of Bucksport.

Bucksport Seminary, or as it is more formally called East Maine Conference Seminary, is situated on a wooded hilltop, overlooking the winding Penobscot River, and commands a view of old Fort Knox on the opposite bank. The fragrant pine woods and the invigorating atmosphere make an ideal situation for a school.

Unspoiled by city pavements, Bucksport provides a healthy, normal life for boys and girls where every student learns how to study and think for himself.

This fact is particularly appreciated by parents who realize the boys and girls today need more than ever the healthful and stimulating life of the open country. Bucksport is indeed fortunate in combining sound academic standards with a wealth of New England traditions.



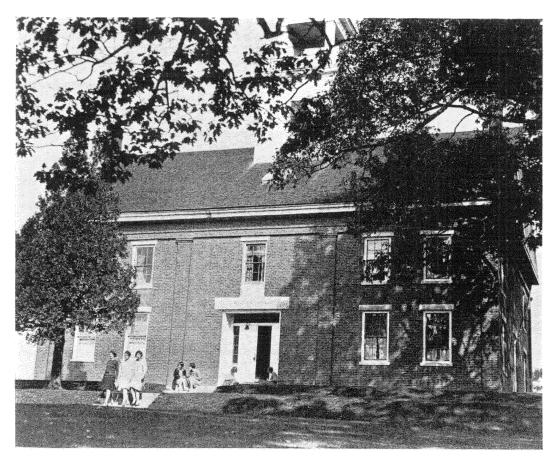
A glimpse of the beautiful campus at Bucksport Seminary. Wide lawns, dotted here and there with old trees, surround the school. From the campus you see the Penobscot River as it wanders on its way from Bangor to the sea

# Nearly a Century of Growth

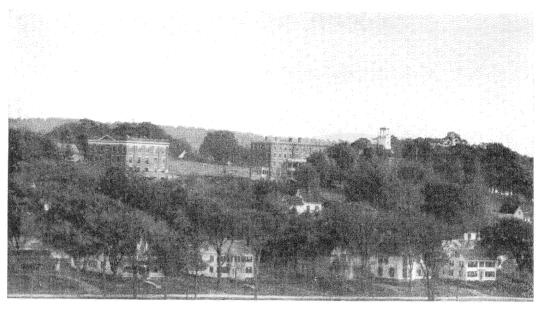
Bucksport Seminary is among the oldest coeducational preparatory schools in New England. The first class opened in Wilson Hall in 1851 with twenty-seven students — thirteen boys and fourteen girls.

From this modest beginning the number of students increased rapidly, and in 1854 a new building was added to serve as a dormitory. This new building was named Chase Hall in honor of Alden F. Chase, noted leader and educator, who then became president of the seminary.

The school continued to grow, and in 1912 Oak Hall was added to the group. Oak Hall was destroyed by fire in April, 1923. With indomitable New England



Wilson Hall, the girls' dormitory, has the charm of old New England architecture. Its lines are clear cut, and its beauty is emphasized by the background of surrounding oaks



Bucksport Seminary is situated on a hilltop. On the left, you see Morris Hall, the administration building; next is Chase Hall, the boys' dormitory; and on the extreme right you can just see the cupola of Wilson Hall

spirit, the trustees raised additional funds, and the very next year Morris Hall, an attractive modern building, stood upon the site of Oak Hall.

During the years of its growth, Bucksport Seminary has increased from twenty-seven students to nearly two hundred. Today its students come from all over New England, as well as from Canada, New York, and South America.

# How to Reach Bucksport

Bucksport is conveniently located. It is easily accessible by boat or by train. The Eastern Steamship Company boats leave India Wharf, Boston, at 5 P.M. daily during the spring and fall, arriving at Bucksport the next morning. Bangor, which is only eighteen miles distant, is a railroad terminal for trains from all sections of the country. A branch line of the Maine Central Railroad connects Bucksport with Bangor.

# Buildings and Equipment



The food is nourishing and well cooked. Particular care is taken to provide well-balanced menus

The school buildings of dull red brick form a dignified and impressive group. The up-to-date equipment provides every facility for the comfort and convenience of students. The high-studded classrooms with many large windows have plenty of fresh air and sunlight.

Wilson Hall, the girls' dormitory, is a beautiful old colonial building with a spacious living room where girls and teachers gather for a friendly chat during recreation hours.

Chase Hall, the boys' dormitory, is an unusually attractive building surrounded by stately trees and sloping lawns. It accommodates about sixty boys. There are cozy living rooms with large open fireplaces.

Morris Hall, the administration building, is a fine modern

structure. Here are the offices of the headmaster, classrooms, a chapel, laboratories, and the gymnasium.

Running water on each floor of the dormitories comes from an artesian well. The school farm supplies fresh milk and vegetables in season. Well-balanced menus provide plenty of nourishing food, which is well cooked and appetizing.

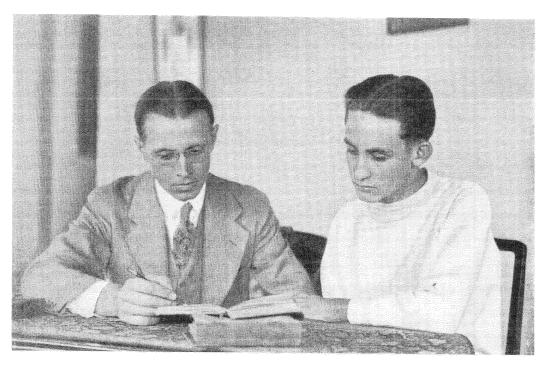
The campus of one hundred and fifty acres surrounds the school buildings. Back of Morris Hall is a pine grove, beyond which lies the athletic field, the gift of Honorable Arthur Chapin of Bangor. Here are ample playing fields for football and baseball, surrounded by a quarter-mile cinder track. At one end of the field are several clay tennis courts to supplement two other courts on the front campus.

# Methods That Bring Results

A well-planned and carefully developed administration policy makes Bucksport Seminary unusually successful in the education of boys and girls.

The instructors are men and women of character and ability who understand young people and know how to gain their interest and attention. They do not merely hear recitations. They personally help a student over his particular difficulties in any subject. Reports to parents are sent home monthly and at the end of each term. A psychological record is kept of each student.

Study and recreation are so correlated as to give students a healthy, normal life. Societies for both boys and girls, glee clubs, an orchestra, outdoor sports, and student socials bring student and faculty into intimate and friendly contact.



The teachers are always ready and willing to help the students. Here is the Dean of Boys giving individual assistance to a boy who came all the way from South America to enter Bucksport Seminary

### Courses of Instruction

The courses of instruction as outlined on the following page are carefully arranged to meet the needs of the modern boy or girl.

# College Preparatory Course

This course gives a thorough and fundamental training for successful work in colleges or universities and includes both classical and scientific courses. Students attaining a minimum rank of eighty-five per cent in all subjects are admitted to all colleges accepting students on certificate.

### Business Course

Complete instruction in commercial subjects is covered in this course, including commercial arithmetic and its application to business, typewriting, stenography, domestic parcel post, study of graphs, organization of banks, insurance companies, domestic and foreign exchange, spelling, and penmanship.

# Special Courses

These courses include art; music; expression; and the seminary course, designed for those wishing to do special work.

Music can be taken as a complete course, preparing for the junior examinations of conservatories of music. It includes piano, voice, and violin.

Individual instruction is given in art. The work includes the history of art, art appreciation, theory of art, design, drawing, science of color, modeling, carving, mechanical architectural drawing, charcoal, water color, oil, portrait and landscape, tempera, and frescoes.



A glimpse of the beautiful Penobscot winding on its way from Bangor to the sea

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# Schedule of Courses

Freshman	College Preparatory	Seminary	Music	Business
Year	English 5 Algebra 5 Spelling and Penmanship 2  (Choose two) Physiography 5 Ancient History and Bible 5 Latin 5	English 5 Ancient History and Bible 5 *Latin 5 Spelling and Penmanship 2 Physiography 5 Algebra 5 Music 1 Expression 2	English 5 Solfeggio 2 Piano 2 Ancient History 5 Physiography 5 Spelling and Penmanship 2 Expression 2	English 5 Commercial Arithmetic 5 Physiography 5 Spelling and Penmanship 2 Ancient History and Bible 5 Music 1 Expression 2
Sophomore Year	English 5 Algebra 5 French or Latin 5 Spelling and Penmanship 2  (Choose one) Biology 5 French 5 Latin 5	English 5 Biology 5 *Latin 5 Spelling and Penmanship 2 French 5 Algebra 5 Medieval and Modern History5 Music I Expression 2	English 5 French 5 Biology 5 Solfeggio 2 Music History 2 Piano 2 Spelling and Penmanship 2 Expression 2	English 5 Bookkeeping 5 Medieval and Modern History 5 Spelling and Penmanship 2 French 5 Biology 5 Music 1 Expression 2
Junior Year	English 5 French or Latin 5 Geometry 5 Spelling and Penmanship 2  (Choose one) French 5 Latin 5 Physics 5 Medieval and Modern History 5	English 5 Spelling and Speaking 2 French 5 Geometry 5 Latin 5 American History and Civics 5 Bookkeeping 5 Typewriting 5 Music 1 Expression 2	English 5 French 5 Harmony 2 Sight Playing 2 Piano 2 Medieval and Modern History 5 Spelling and Penmanship 2 Expression 2	English 5 Bookkeeping 5 Stenography 5 Typewriting 2½ Spelling and Speaking 2 French 5 Bookkeeping 5 Music 1 Expression 2
Senior Year	English 5 Latin or French 5 American History and Civics 5 Solid Geometry 2½ Trigonometry 2½ (Choose two) French 5 Latin 5 Chemistry 5	English 5 French 5 Latin 5 American History and Civics 5 Solid Geometry 2½ Trigonometry 2½ Stenography 5 Typewriting 5 Bookkeeping 5 Music 1 Expression 2	English 5 French 5 Harmony 2 Sight Playing 2 Theory 2 Piano 2 American History 5 Recital 1 Expression 2	English 5 Stenography 5 Office Practice 5 Typewriting 2 French 5 Music 1 Expression 2

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\* Two years of French may be substituted for Latin.

# Where the Students Work

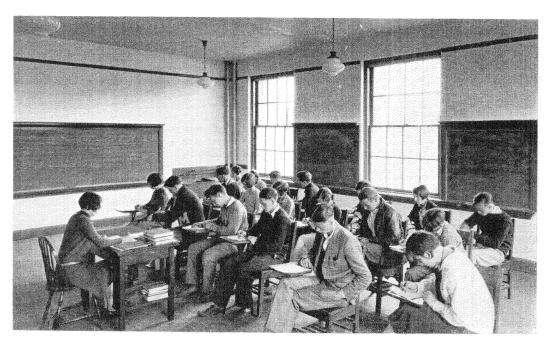
Morris Hall, the administration building, is one of the finest of its type in the state of Maine. Designed by expert school architects, the rooms are arranged to give the greatest amount of air, light, and space. In addition to large comfortable classrooms and laboratories, there is an attractive chapel and an up-to-date gymnasium with locker and shower rooms for the boys and girls.

Students in physics and chemistry enjoy working out their problems in the light, airy laboratory

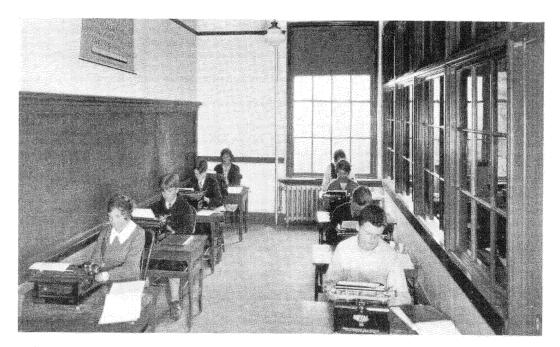




Morris Hall, the administration building, was erected in 1924. Its classrooms and laboratories were especially designed to give the greatest amount of light, air and space



Here is a class in French busily engaged in taking a test. The windows are arranged so as to give students the very best light while at work

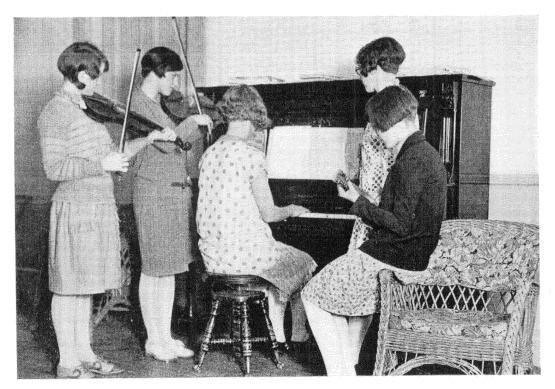


Bucksport Seminary offers an excellent course in secretarial and business training. Through the glass partition, you get a glimpse of the shorthand room

# When Textbook

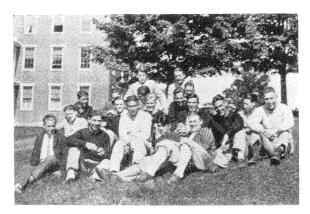


The Arielette, the school paper, is off the press, and the board of editors is just about to mail out the copies to its many subscribers



Let's have a little music! The girls enjoy practicing the latest song hits in the homelike living room

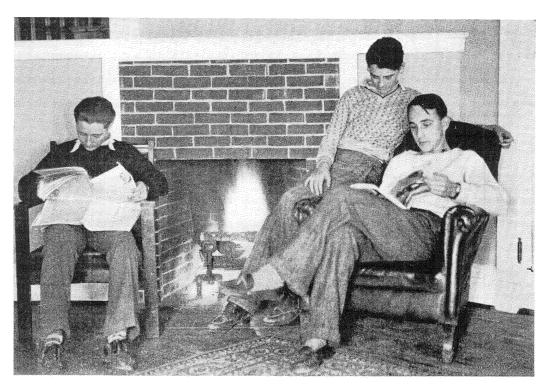
# ooks Are Closed



No more recitations this afternoon. Here's a group of boys discussing the next baseball game



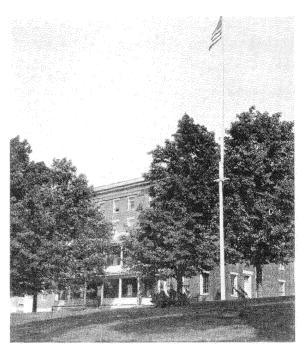
A cozy corner of the girls' living room where a blazing fire adds cheer and comfort on cool evenings



The boys, too, have an open fire in their lounging room at Chase Hall. Not only in the evening, but between recitations, the boys drop in here for a friendly chat

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### Where the Students Live



Chase Hall, the boys' dormitory

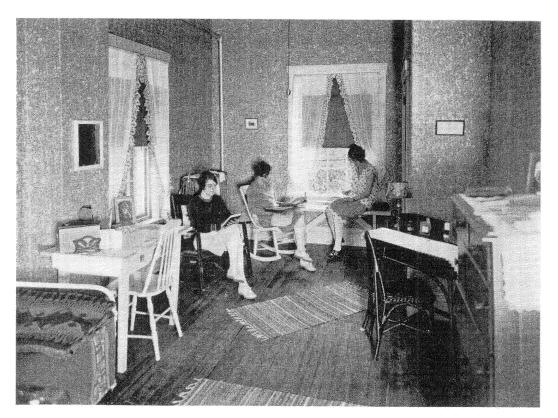
The boys live in Chase Hall, an attractive four-story brick building accommodating about sixty boys. On the first floor is the boys' large, cozy lounging room, the dining room, the headmasters' apartment, and the faculty living room. At one end of the boys' lounging room is an open fireplace, where a crackling fire adds cheer and comfort during the winter evenings.

On the other three floors are the boys' rooms, attractively furnished for the comfort and convenience of students. The Dean of Boys has an apartment on the second floor so that he may give his personal attention to the welfare of each boy. A house mother is also in constant attendance and has full charge of the senior and junior boys.

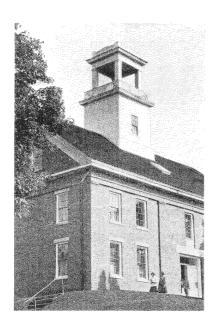


The boys enjoy studying in their cheerful rooms

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The girls' rooms are attractively furnished for the comfort and convenience of the students



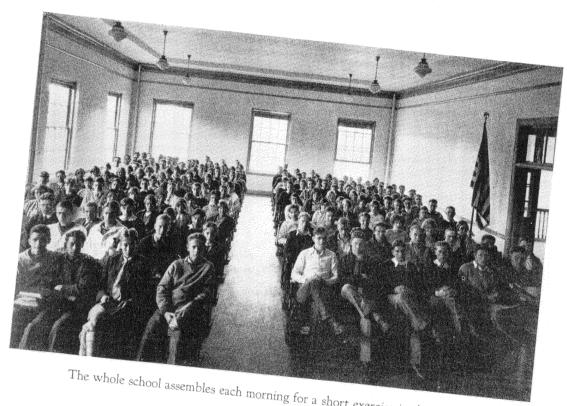
Wilson Hall, where the girls live

The girls live in Wilson Hall, a charming old colonial building of red brick with a background of giant oaks. On the first floor is the recreation room with two large open fireplaces, a piano, and comfortable wicker furniture. Here students and teachers gather in the evening for an hour of music and dancing, or an informal chat around an open fire. On the upper floors are the girls' rooms, comfortably furnished with dainty furniture of ivory finish.

# Careful Attention to Health

The healthful outdoor life at Bucksport Seminary builds strong, rugged bodies which are the essential foundations for keen minds and upright characters. The value of this outdoor life at an old New England school has already been proved by the sturdy, vigorous men and women who have made history, not only for New England, but for the nation.

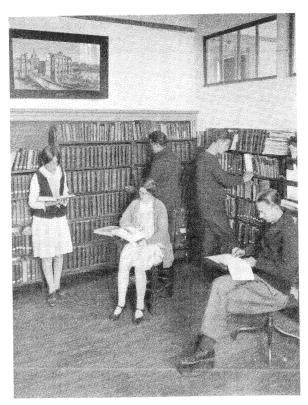
Physical education is required of all students, unless contrary to a physician's orders. Instruction begins with erect carriage and the development of co-ordination. The work is then graduated until the student has received a thorough knowledge of physical exercise for all muscles. Special attention is given to students needing corrective work. It is an important fact that minor physical defects are in almost every case remedied if attended to in time, and the exercises regularly and



The whole school assembles each morning for a short exercise in the chapel

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### Christian Influence



Reference books, up-to-date magazines and periodicals are always at the disposal of students in the school library

Bucksport Seminary, founded by the East Maine Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, is a Christian school, nonsectarian in its teaching. The faculty realizes that some positive religion is of the greatest importance to growing boys and girls, and endeavors to enrich their lives by teaching the love of truth and the significance of worship.

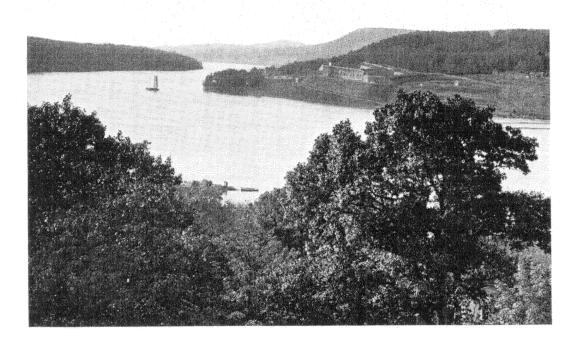
On Sunday mornings, each student attends the church of his or her preference. The whole school assembles for a short chapel service each day at the school chapel. Occasionally a visitor or a well-known clergyman addresses the student body.

During the week of prayer which is observed each year, a notable religious leader stays at the seminary. He gives interesting talks to the students and also holds personal conferences.

The Bible is introduced into the courses of study, not as a separate subject but as a part of everyday subjects, so that the students may feel that religion is a part of everyday life.

# Cultural Development

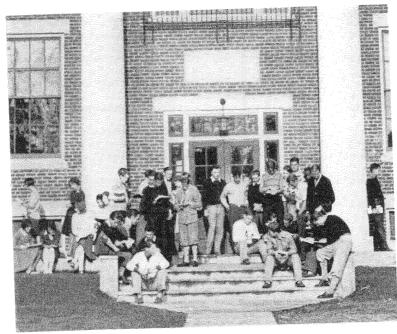
Careful attention is given throughout the year to the cultural development of each student. Parties and receptions are held so that the students may acquire social poise. Resident students are required to take a course in Elements of Culture which is given during the winter term.



Looking across the Penobscot River from the cupola of Wilson Hall. On the opposite bank is old Fort Knox. Just after the War of 1812, the United States government started to build a series of forts from Florida up the coast, and Fort Knox was erected to protect the North Atlantic fleet which came into port at Bangor for repairs. It is located just at the fork of the river so that it controls both channels.

Although never in active service, Fort Knox was used during the Spanish American War as a mobilization point. It was turned over to the state of Maine in 1925.

### Social Life



Students always like to pause a moment for a friendly chat on the steps of Morris Hall

The social life at Bucksport is unusually delightful and homelike. Boys and girls are active in the school orchestra, the glee club, and in getting out the Arielette, the seminary paper. The school societies meet during the week. The orchestra, glee club, Y.M.C.A. and Y.W.C.A. have special evenings reserved for meetings. The Arielette board of editors meets at regular periods to carry on its business. Each student organization has a

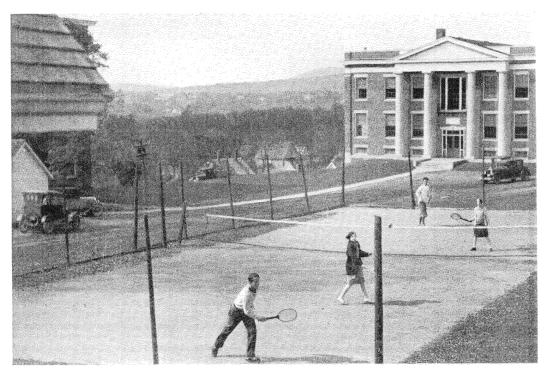
faculty adviser, and even the classes are organized and have regular meetings. There is also a Rifle Club and a Winter Sports Club.

On Friday evenings, there are usually socials or dances for the boys and girls. The spacious gymnasium floor is cleared and students and faculty gather for an enjoyable evening. The informal social life at Bucksport provides clean, wholesome fun for the students and enables them to enter into classroom work with keen alert minds.

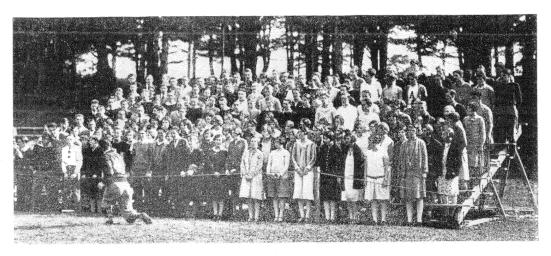


The school orchestra gathers around the piano to practice for the next student social

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An exciting moment when the score is deuce. The students also enjoy the several other clay tennis courts which adjoin the athletic field



The first touchdown for Bucksport brings forth a rousing cheer from the student body. Here you get a glimpse of the pine grove just in back of the Bucksport athletic field

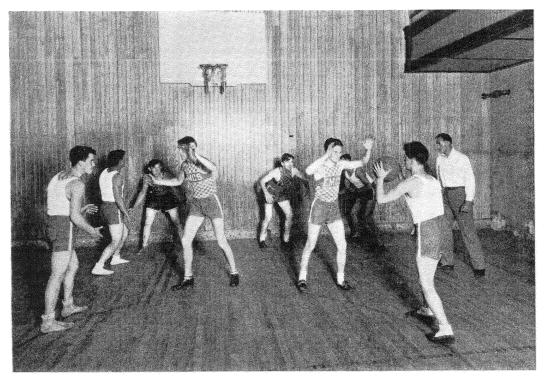
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# Outdoor Sports for All

Boys and girls have ample opportunity for athletics and outdoor sports at Bucksport Seminary. The mixed doubles in tennis prove particularly popular with the students. Then there are cross-country hikes over hills and meadows. All students are enthusiastic about winter sports. There is snowshoeing, tobogganing, skiing, and skating.

Under the expert direction of a full-time coach and athletic director, boys enjoy all seasonal sports such as football, baseball, basketball, and track. The seminary is a member of the league composed of six leading preparatory schools of Maine, and the Bucksport teams rank among the strongest in the league.

Field hockey and soccer attract many of the girls, while others turn their attention to archery or indoor basketball. All athletics and sports for girls are under the supervision of an expert physical director.



Many interesting basketball games are played in Bucksport's modern gymnasium

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# What the Boys Do



A sprint around the track keeps Bucksport boys in excellent physical condition



With the tang of autumn, the boys turn their attention to football practice



Bucksport's varsity team holds a high record in football

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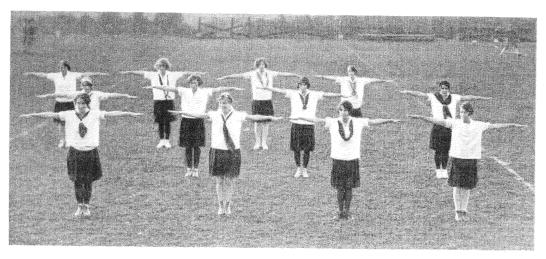
# What the Girls Do



Field hockey is one of the many interesting outdoor sports for girls at Bucksport



Many of the girls take a keen interest in soccer



Setting-up exercises in the open, under the expert direction of a physical director, are a strong feature at Bucksport

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### Prizes

The Mary Wheeler Chamberlain Memorial Fund, founded by the bequest of Zachariah Jellison of the class of 1853, is the income of \$1,000, one-half of which is given annually to a member of the graduating class, and the remainder to one in the class next succeeding, the faculty to decide by vote what young man of each class shall receive the class sum as a prize for having shown himself to be the most worthy by his studiousness, deportment, general excellence of character and manly influence. "This distribution to be a reward for those who have fought the good fight and finished the course, and as an encouragement to the succeeding class to strive on to the end."

The Ida A. Bowler prize, founded by the bequest of Miss Ida A. Bowler of the class of 1888, to be given to the senior passing the best special examination in mental science, is now awarded, in default of a class in that subject, to the student passing the best special examination in senior English.

The class of 1891 prize is awarded to the member of the senior class passing the

best special examination in language.

The class of 1892 prize is awarded for excellence in commercial studies.

Mr. C. O. Montgomery awards two gold watches each year: one to the girl and one to the boy winners in separate declamation contests held during commencement week.

The Mrs. Jere Emerson prize is awarded to the girl fulfilling the same requirements as under the Mary Wheeler Chamberlain prize for boys.

The Headmaster's prize is awarded to the student showing the most scholastic improvement during the school year.

# Calendar

September	9	Students arrive
September	10	Fall term begins
November	II	Armistice Day
November	28	Thanksgiving Day
DECEMBER	13	End of fall term
JANUARY	I	Winter term begins
FEBRUARY	22	Washington's Birthday
March	21	End of winter term
April	7	Spring term begins
May	30	Memorial Day
June	6	End of spring term
JUNE 7	-10	Commencement

The above calendar is subject to changes.

### Tuition

Boarding students

Senior School, \$450 per year Junior School, \$500 per year Junior School, Special tutoring, \$600 per year Athletic Association, \$3.00 per year Class dues, \$.75 per year

The tuition charge of \$450 includes room, board, incidental fees, the use of books, and instruction in all but special subjects. It is payable: \$150 upon entrance; \$100 November 15; \$100 the first of the winter term, and \$100 the first of the spring term. No deduction is made if a student is dismissed or withdrawn from school between the financial periods. The Junior School charge of \$500 is payable as follows: \$150 upon entrance; \$150 November 15; \$100 the first of the winter term; and \$100 the first of the spring term.

Day students, \$100 per year
Registration, \$1.00 each term
Laboratory fee, \$2.50 each term
Athletic Association, \$1.00 each term
Class dues, \$.25 each term

The tuition charge of \$100 is payable, one-third at the beginning of each term. Music, art, and expression are \$36 for the school year.

### General Information

The state of Maine requires that textbooks be loaned to day students, and so a deposit of \$5 is required at the beginning of the year. The deposit is returned on the completion of the course, less the cost of any book not returned or defaced.

Biology, Chemistry, English, Physics Manuals and Bookkeeping supplies are furnished by students.

Bucksport Seminary will co-operate with the parents of students from towns paying tuition by presenting to the town a bill for the tuition. The seminary cannot be held responsible for the collection of the tuition, and if not paid by the town by the fourth week of the term, the parents become responsible for immediate settlement.

# For Ready Reference

Admission: By certificate from former school. Credit for subjects passed.

Ages of students: From primary grades through college preparatory.

Athletics: Teams in all sports for boys and girls. Uniforms for varsity teams furnished except shoes.

Certificates to college: Issued to graduates having minimum rank of 85% in all subjects.

Churches in Bucksport: Methodist, Congregational, Catholic.

College Board examinations: Students thoroughly prepared to take them.

Courses of study: Upper School: college preparatory (both classical and scientific), seminary course, art, music, expression, commercial. Junior School: prepares for high school work.

Discipline: Constructive system.

Dormitories: Modern and comfortable. Separate buildings for boys and girls. Faculty and their families live with students.

Endowment: Sufficient to allow reasonable tuition rates and to maintain high scholastic standards.

Expenses: Junior School, \$500. Upper School, \$450. Special tutoring, \$600.

Food: Wholesome, nourishing, and well cooked.

Gymnasium: Modern equipment.

Health: Minor ailments taken care of at the school.

Location: In the heart of the Maine summer colony — eighteen miles from Bangor, twenty-five miles from Lucerne-in-Maine, and forty miles from Bar Harbor. Easily accessible by boat or by train.

Mail and express should be addressed in care of Bucksport Seminary, Bucksport, Maine.

Morale: Upheld by nearly a century of sturdy New England traditions.

Outfit required: Rug, bedding, and linen, pillow, broom, dust pan, waste basket.

Payments: Due \$150 upon entrance; \$100 November 15; \$100 the first of the winter term; \$100 the first of spring term. Payments for Junior School: \$150 upon entrance; \$150 November 15; \$100 the first of the winter and spring terms.

Physical education: Two expert physical directors — one for boys and one for girls.

Prizes: See page 28 of this catalog.

Publications: Students publish the Arielette every two weeks and a year book, the Ariel.

Recreation: Lounging rooms in each dormitory, socials and receptions.

Religion: Under general supervision of the Methodist Episcopal Church; nonsectarian; Christian morning devotion; Sunday attendance at church of preference.

Reports: Monthly,

Spending money: Regulated by circumstances. Average weekly allowance about \$1.00.

Student initiative: Encouraged and guided.

Study hours: Evenings until 9.30 (except Friday and Saturday).

Supervision: Liberty off campus determined by a student's maturity and behavior.

Teachers: Thoroughly trained faculty with a background of educational experience.

Telephones: Office: Bucksport 17; Boys' dormitory, Bucksport 8100 ring 2; Girls' dormitory, Bucksport 8100 ring 3.

Trustees: Men of large interests.

Vacations: Christmas, two weeks; Easter, ten days.

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