

# CAMP TECUMSEH

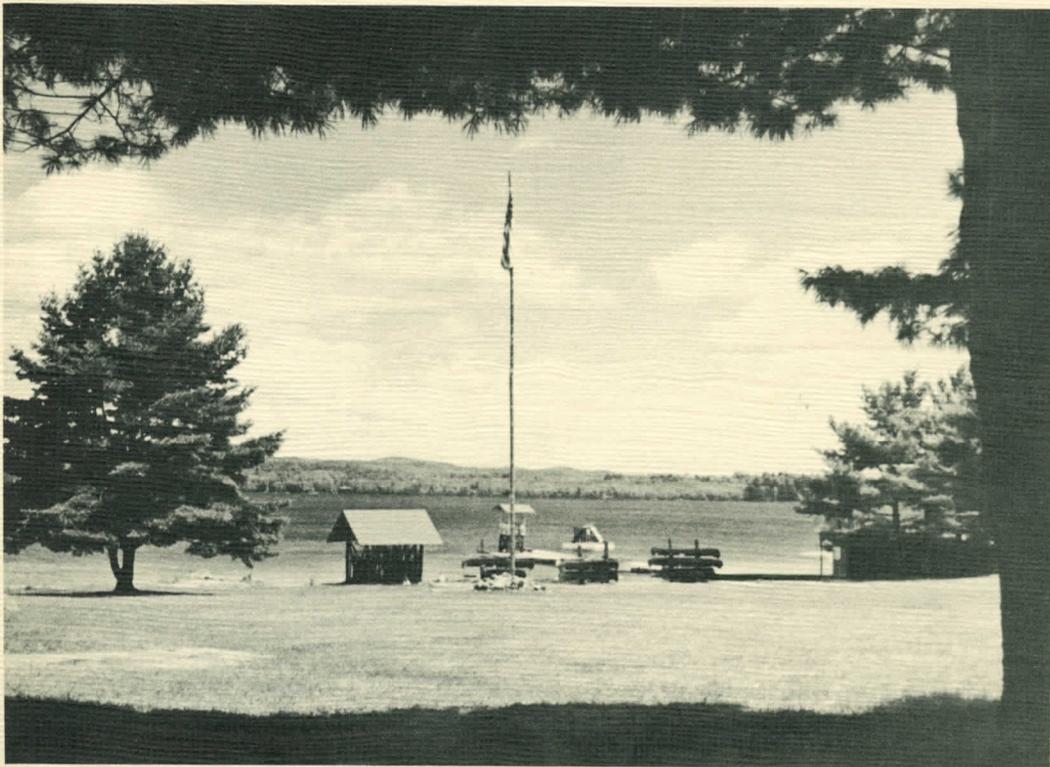
WHITE MOUNTAINS, NEW HAMPSHIRE



# CAMP TECUMSEH

A Summer Camp for Boys

FOUNDED 1903



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## CAMP TECUMSEH

OFFERS JOY—in a life released from over organization and regimentation, in the freedom of mountain, forest and lake, to compensate for the strenuous School year; with largely a self-motivated program of wide latitude along athletic and cultural lines; in a life of eager cooperation where punitive discipline is practically unknown, for the cup of happiness is full.

A summer at Tecumseh is rich in new experiences and associations which tend to emphasize real values and to establish lasting friendships. The site of the Camp is ideal for its purposes, and the equipment is the result of over thirty years of careful study of the problems of simple and wholesome living. What boy does not like the idea of living out-of-doors, practically all the time, surrounded by the woods, the mountains and broad stretches of water, with ample playground facilities for every sport, and with excellent swimming, canoeing, boating, sailing, aquaplaning and fishing? This open-air life is an invaluable stimulus to the development of real character, and to soundness of mind and body.

The success of Tecumseh has been due mainly to the just and kindly supervision exercised over the boys. The Camp is divided into five sections, each with its Head Councillor and separate management. In this way the directorate has been able to keep in close individual touch with the boys of the Camp. One result of this system has been a fine Camp spirit, which has shown itself in the large number of boys who return from year to year. This is probably the strongest recommendation the management can offer. It is a guarantee to new boys that they are entering a Camp which is full of interest and profitable association. It is also the management's best assurance to the parents that Tecumseh is a Camp which is satisfactorily looking out for the welfare of its boys.

Tecumseh's aim is to give to growing boys an opportunity for every normal activity in work and play, to surround them with virile moral influences, and to send them home with a store of energy to last them throughout the winter.

### SITE AND EQUIPMENT

LAKE WINNIPESAUKEE, on which Tecumseh is located, is about one hundred miles north of Boston and bordering on the foothills of the White Mountains, some forty miles south of Mount Washington. This lake, the largest in New Hampshire, is an irregularly shaped body of water, twenty-five miles long and from ten to fifteen miles wide, surrounded by picturesque hills and dotted with hundreds of islands.

The Camp is situated on Moultonboro Neck, at the northwest corner of Winnepesaukee. There are about 500 acres in the Tecumseh property, with over two miles of shore front, which includes a long stretch of fine sand beach

with a slope so gradual that it is quite safe even for the smallest boys. Pine, birch and maple woods cover about 300 acres of the property, while the rest is cleared. The Camp also owns the adjacent islands. It is in such beautiful and healthful surroundings that the Tecumseh boys live.

The Camp is very favorably situated for mountain climbing. The mountains around the lake are selected for the early trips, after which the higher peaks to the north, such as Mt. Whiteface and Chocorua, are climbed and finally the highest mountains are included in the trips. The trip to Mts. Lafayette, Lincoln and Liberty brings the boys to the beautiful scenery in and around the Franconia Notch, where they see the Great Stone Face, while on another trip, the picturesque stretches through Jackson, Intervale and the Crawford Notch culminate in the climbing of Mt. Washington and a full day's tramp over the trails of the beautiful Presidential Range. These longer trips are for the older boys.

Tecumseh's equipment is complete in all the requirements of the Summer Camp. A spacious lodge with wide verandas and a fireplace at each end is the center of Camp activities. Here are the Camp and the Doctor's offices, and a large assembly room. The Camp Store is also in this building. A large dining hall, ice-houses and refrigerators provide the Camp with every facility for feeding the boys properly. The Camp's dairy herd and the gardens insure a bountiful supply of rich milk and fresh vegetables which is a most important factor in the commissary department of the Camp.

The second story of another building is used as a locker room where each boy has a place in which to keep his clothes and other belongings, thus permitting the tents to be free from everything, except the clothes needed in the daily Camp life. Here also are seven ping-pong tables; while on the ground floor of this building are the Manual Training Shop and the Tutoring Room. Here, too, the Dramatic Department has its quarters and promotes its activities.

A laundry building with hot and cold running water makes the work of this department a simple matter. NO CHARGE IS MADE FOR PLAIN LAUNDRY.

THE SANITARY CONDITIONS OF THE CAMP ARE GIVEN THE MOST CAREFUL CONSIDERATION. The water supply, the dairy, the kitchen, and the refrigeration plant are under rigid government inspection. The entire Camp, including the farm, has been thoroughly equipped with a modern system of flush toilets and septic tanks. So with the excellence of its natural drainage and the abundance of sunshine that it gets the Camp offers an ideally healthful environment.

The Camp is well equipped to give the boys a wide variety of outdoor sports. The cleared land is unusually well suited for baseball, tennis, basketball, soccer and field sports which are all carefully planned and directed. Tecumseh excels in the amount of smooth, open playing space at the disposal of the boys. TO PLAY IN THE SUNSHINE IS ONE OF THE PRIVILEGES OF EVERY TECUMSEH BOY. For water sports, Tecumseh is particularly well favored in having one of the finest beaches on the lake. The water is very clear and of

moderate temperature and the slope of the beach is so gradual that the youngest boys can enjoy the water with perfect safety. In the use of boats and canoes the Camp regulations insure that the boys have the maximum of freedom consistent with their safety. In order to use a single canoe the boy must swim a test of 500 yards, and prove himself capable of handling a canoe.

A long bathhouse at the beach furnishes lockers for all, where towels and toilet articles may be kept. A lookout tower on the wharf is used for observation of the swimmers. Here and nowhere else is swimming permitted. Those who cannot swim report for daily instruction before the regular swimming hour.

The older boys sleep in tents on raised floors and use cots and mattresses. Each tent has a fly or double roof.

Pavilions have been built for the younger boys. These houses have wide eaves and in wet weather canvas curtains are lowered to keep the interior warm and dry.

The youngest division is located at Tecumseh Farm House.

### LIFE AT CAMP

TO understand the life at Tecumseh it is necessary to know something of the organization of the Camp groups. The Camp is divided into five sections: Seniors, Intermediates, Junior A, Junior B, and Junior C. Size, age, and maturity are the main determining factors in dividing the boys into these groups. Each division has its own campus, Head Councillor and corps of Assistants, and its activities are distinct in the way of campus life, sports and trips. At the same time the gathering together at lodge and dining hall affords the opportunity for general association of all the boys at Camp.

*Tecumseh Shore front*



On the  
Franconia  
Range



Lunch  
by the  
wayside





*Junior B Pagoda*

The C Division Juniors, boys from seven to nine years of age, live at the "Tecumseh Farm," where in addition to the Councillors there is a Camp mother. Here they are looked after in the many things requiring a woman's care, but in general under the supervision of their Councillors, they spend their days at the Camp proper, where they learn to swim and to take part in all the Camp's activities. These boys of necessity demand and receive more intimate care than any other boys in Camp.

The Camp athletics are carefully planned for the season in all branches of sport. The boys are divided into Blues and Grays to foster competition and at the end of the summer, prizes are awarded on the basis of points scored during the season. In this way the interest is sustained throughout the summer and the physical development of the boys is markedly uniform.

Expert coaching is provided in the various branches of sport: baseball, track and field, soccer, football, rowing, canoeing, sailing, boxing, tennis,

swimming, horseback riding, and marksmanship. Emphasis is particularly placed on tennis and swimming.

*Boys who have no athletic ability are specially instructed and encouraged to develop the play habit.* Those who cannot swim when they reach Camp must report every morning for swimming lessons and a boy never finishes the season without being able to swim.

Organized instruction under competent leaders is given in Forestry and Nature Study.

There is also organized work in agriculture and an opportunity is given to the boys to earn their spending money by working in the Camp gardens, on the Camp farm, or in the dairy.

We consider this agricultural work of great importance, educationally, to the city boy.

The Camp has established a thoroughly equipped Manual Training Department. Competent instruction is available for all who desire it.

In the Dramatic Club and the Music Department every encouragement is given to the boys to develop along these lines under able guidance. Weekly plays are presented and twice during the season there are more elaborate productions, one of which is a Gilbert and Sullivan operetta.

We have frequent mass singing of popular music and a good deal of emphasis is put upon the singing at morning and evening prayers. This is a very real part of our worship and the tone of the Camp can be quite accurately judged by the enthusiasm with which the boys sing. We believe very strongly in family worship to keep us spiritually wholesome and so this has been characteristic of the life at Tecumseh ever since it was established in 1903.

On Sunday, service is held at Camp.

Camp Tecumseh is interested above all else in the moral and ethical development of its boys and our chief endeavor is to make every activity of the Camp contribute towards this. In a natural environment of surpassing beauty, it is easy for young people to feel the reality of God, and to vitalize their religion. This is one reason why Morning and Evening Prayers at Tecumseh are an inseparable and natural part of the Camp life. Councillors are selected for the broad human interest that they have in the education of boys rather than for any special athletic qualifications that may be theirs, and every effort is made to keep high among the boys the standard of courteous gentlemen. Superior leadership by picked men whose entire interest is with the boys inspires to *fine living* and the boys themselves render invaluable service to each other in carrying on the Tecumseh tradition of *life as a fine art*.

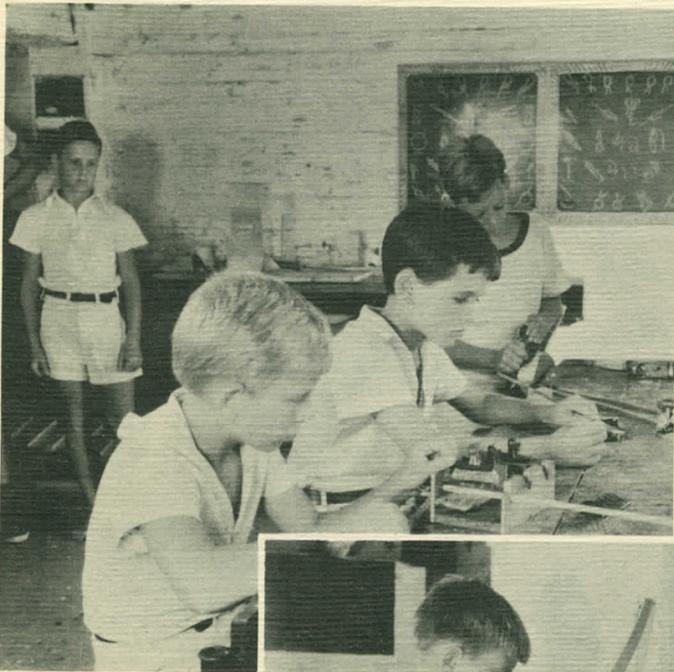
## HOW WE FEED OUR BOYS

Tecumseh realizes the importance of giving its boys abundance of good wholesome food. The requirements of the boys are thoroughly studied and

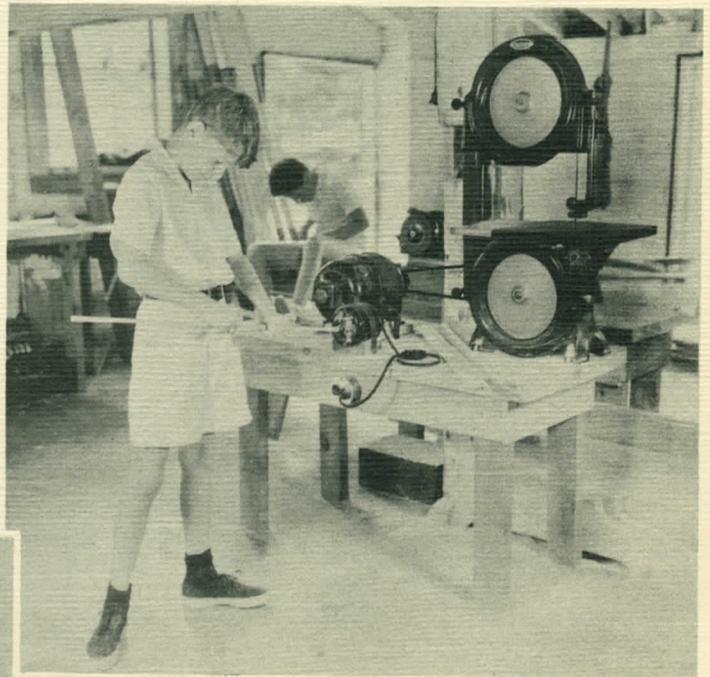
the menu carefully planned to meet the needs of the active life that they lead. The Camp is near enough to Boston for provisions to be ordered and received on the same day. But we conduct a farm for the Camp and accordingly the chief element of our food supply comes from this source.

Our dairy herd of twenty young cows raised at the Camp and tuberculin and Bangs tested by State authorities, furnishes approximately two tons of high-grade milk per week. We consider milk to be a supreme food for growing boys and the milk at Tecumseh is produced under such conditions that it approaches in quality certified milk. This quantity production also explains how we can serve ICE CREAM every day.

Add to this the produce from extensive vegetable gardens, the fresh meat raised and killed on the farm and TECUMSEH IS EQUIPPED TO FEED ITS BOYS AS FEW CAMPS CAN.



*Arrow making*



*Bench workers*



## TRIPS

TRIPS have already been referred to as one of the chief features of the Camp life. They are taken on an average of every ten days during the season. These trips are carefully planned to suit the strength of the boys, and no boy is required to take a trip unless he desires to do so. The trips are very popular, due partly to the fact that the boys do not need to carry their blankets, arrangement for the transportation of which is always made, and also to the fact that the trip commissary has been so developed that the campers fare almost as well as if they were at Camp. There is, of course, the great attraction of cooking and sleeping in the open, the exhilaration of mountain climbing and the pleasures of the wonderful view from the peaks, which is a never-failing delight for growing boys.

Frequent canoe trips are also taken.

## SAFEGUARDS

IT is the special business of every man at Tecumseh to look out for the welfare of the boys in his charge, and since this is the case, the boy is generally safer at Camp than he would be at home, where sometimes parents cannot give their undivided time to his care.

*"Batter up"*





*Senior Baseball*

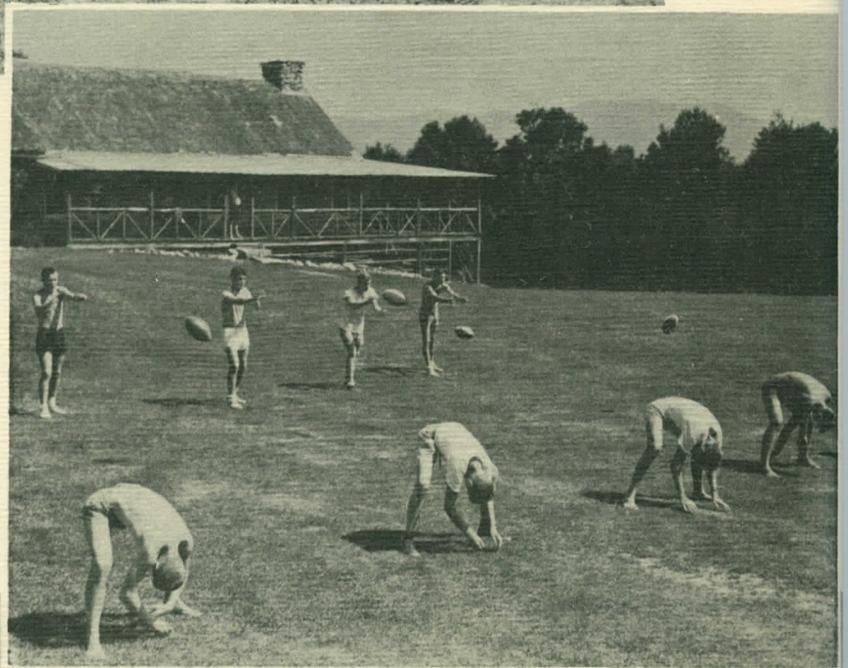
While the water is, perhaps, our greatest physical asset it also is, necessarily, our greatest physical danger at Camp. To guard against this danger, two Councillors are stationed at the beach house from morning until the boys are called in for prayers, preparatory to retiring for the night. Every boy who wishes to use a boat or canoe must register with these men before going out on the lake, and is checked off on his return to the Camp beach. There are definite bounds on the water, so that the boys are always within the safety zone, and on days when the wind is too great for safety, or when a sudden storm is likely to come up, the boys are kept off the water entirely.

A motor boat with a speed of 40 miles per hour is anchored at the wharf always ready for immediate use.

At swimming hour the Councillors on the beach duty are stationed off the pier in lifeboats. Three other Councillors are assigned to special duty—one on the wharf, and one to each of the two floats. As a final safeguard either the Director or one of his assistants is in the lookout tower on the wharf in personal charge of the swimmers.



*Junior Soccer*

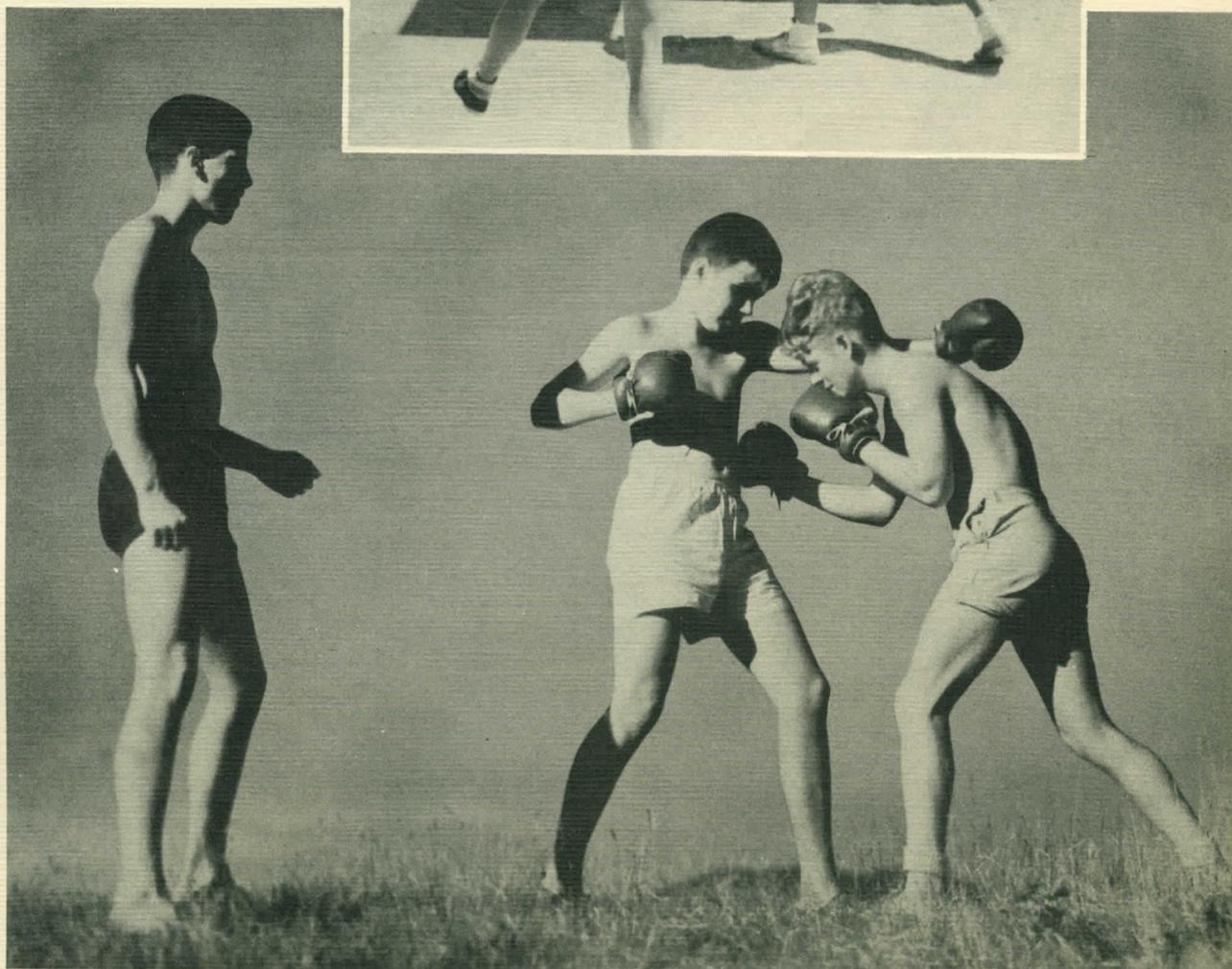


*Punting Practice*

*Junior Football*



*On the  
Basketball Court*



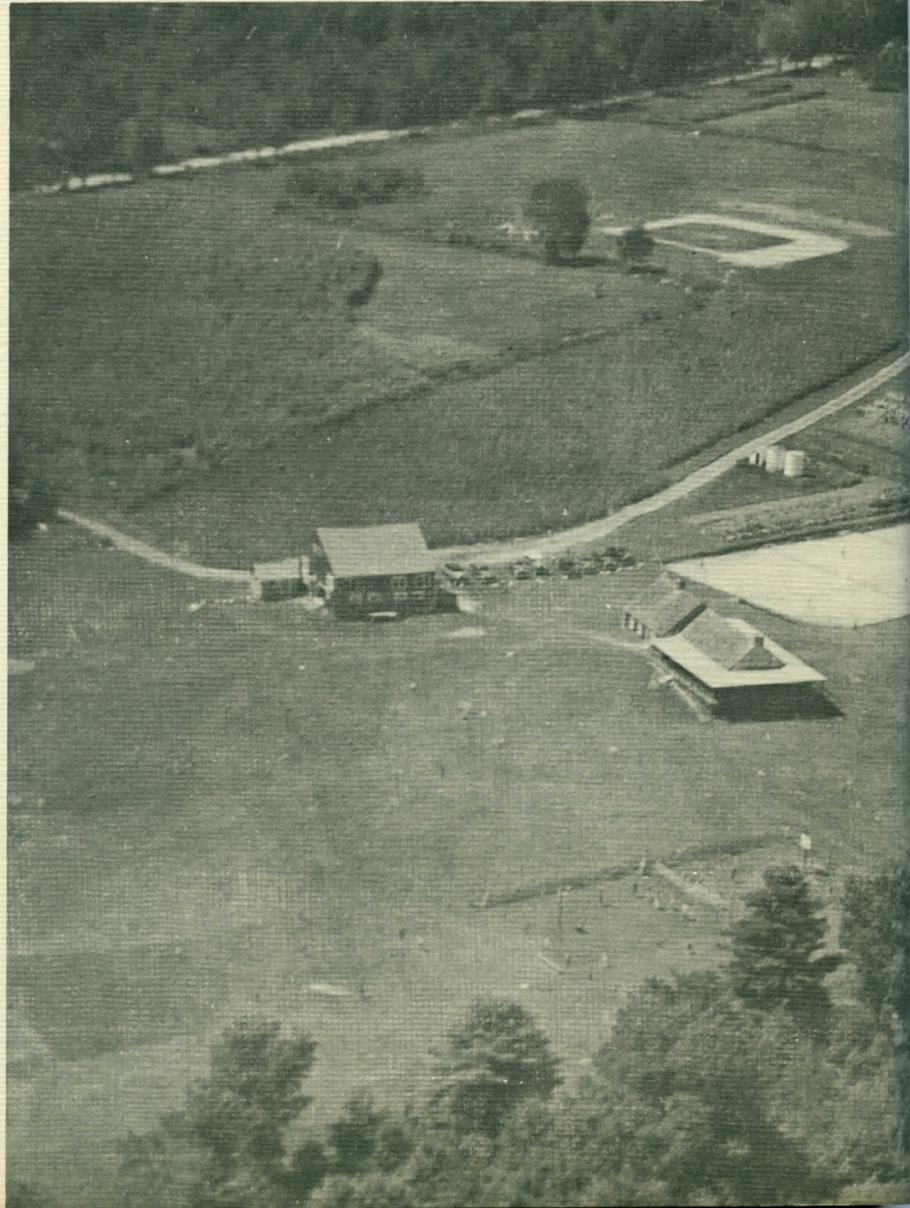
*Boxing Instruction*



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*Tecumseh Camp*

*Farm and Islands as seen  
from the air*



irectly over  
Camp



Over Tecumseh Farm

BOYS ARE ALLOWED IN THE WATER ONLY AT THE REGULAR SWIMMING HOURS. No long swims are permitted except by special permission and then the boy must be accompanied by two men in a boat.

Boys are not expected to leave Camp without special permission from the Director. If any distance is contemplated, or if any number go along, a Councillor is delegated to accompany the party.

In order to send the boys home in perfect physical condition at the end of the season, it is highly desirable that no food, except fruit, be sent from home, and that the boys' spending money be restricted to the Camp allowance. If desired the Camp will furnish the names of reliable fruit firms in Boston.

A Resident Physician is at Camp who takes a daily health roll of the campers. Any minor illness is cared for in the Camp Infirmary at "Tecumseh Farm." But in case of an infection or anything that might develop into serious trouble the boy is taken to Laconia where there is a first-class hospital and a 24-hour modern health clinic with the latest equipment and able medical service. This is less than an hour's drive from Camp.

## RULES

TECUMSEH'S rules of conduct, with a few exceptions, are not put into print. No boy is allowed to have firearms. The rifles used on the range will be in the possession of the Camp.

The directors reserve the right to expel any boy who cannot live up to the required standard of conduct. They will use this right, as in the past, to dismiss any boy who, in their judgment, exerts a bad influence in the Camp, even though no overt act may have been committed.

## WHAT TO BRING

THREE heavy double blankets, or three five-pound standard army blankets, two cotton blankets, one rubber blanket or a poncho, one pillow, one laundry bag, four bath towels, five white negligee shirts, five white pants, play suits, one bathrobe, one sweater, one long-sleeved jersey, walking shoes (well broken in, ordinary winter shoes are suggested), three pairs of sneakers, three pairs of running pants or gym shorts, swimming trunks, six pairs white athletic socks, toilet articles, such as two tooth brushes, comb, tooth powder, etc. Each article, EVEN SHOES, should be marked.

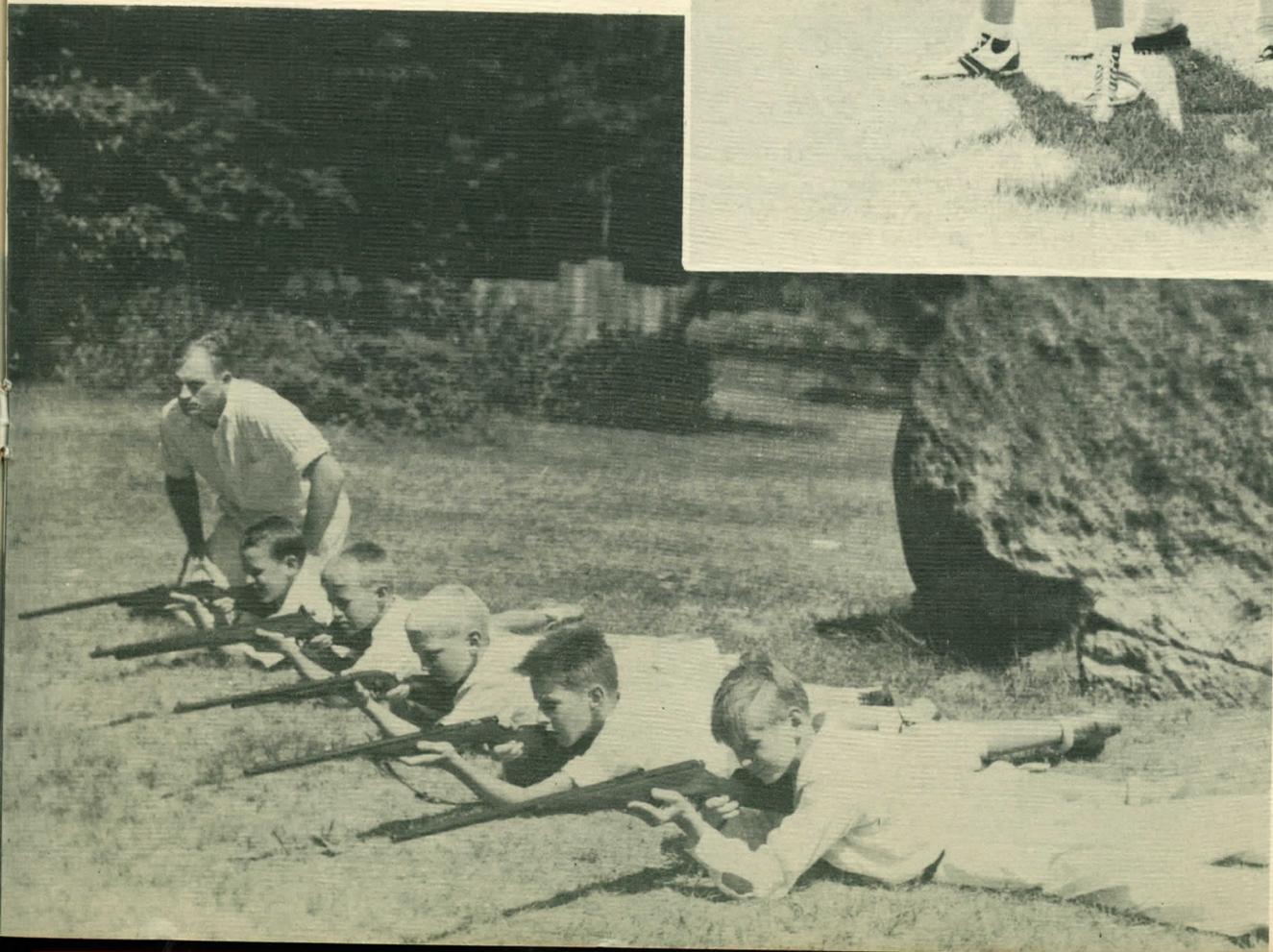
Boys should also bring their raincoats, sou'westers, fishing tackle, tennis rackets, baseball suits, masks, bats and gloves, football shoes, or any other thing with which they are accustomed to amuse themselves during the summer. It is not intended that boys should buy all the above, but each boy should bring the things in which he is interested.

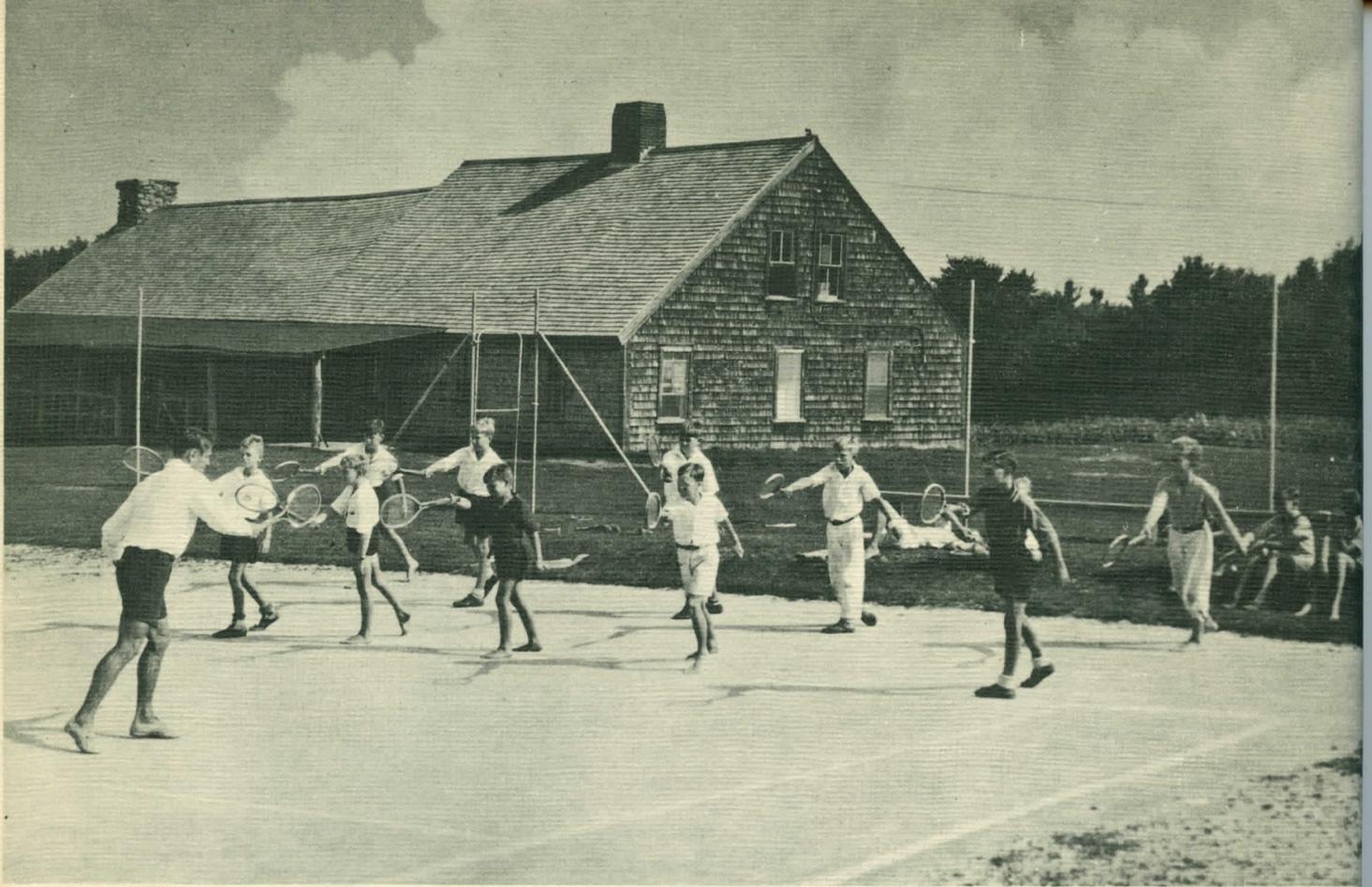
Each boy should have an aluminum cup which he may secure from the Camp store.

*The young Archer*



*Training in Marksmanship*





*Fundamentals in Tennis*

### SIGNIFICANT HIGH LIGHTS

WE are convinced that the type of boy who comes to Tecumseh is eager to find an environment of freedom in which he may grow. We therefore aspire to create just such an atmosphere as will be most conducive to a boy's highest moral, mental, and physical development.

We make no apology for the fact that Tecumseh is widely known as an institution where, by precept and example, smoking, drinking, and gambling have no place. Many of the boys find their lives so increasingly filled with other and diverse interests which we foster that they grow up into their young manhood with no thought that smoking, drinking, or gambling are among the essential requirements of our school and college life. This liberation undoubtedly has been a factor in the unusual record of distinction which Tecumseh boys have achieved in scholarship, social influence, and athletic prowess.

There is such a wealth of opportunity at Camp that any prohibitive element, as might be suggested in the foregoing paragraph, is quite submerged through the zest with which boys seek the very best that there is in life, if, without pussyfooting, we give them an opportunity to see and to experience what it is. We try at Tecumseh so to serve them.

Sketching, painting, and work in leather and metals are growing in popularity at Tecumseh.

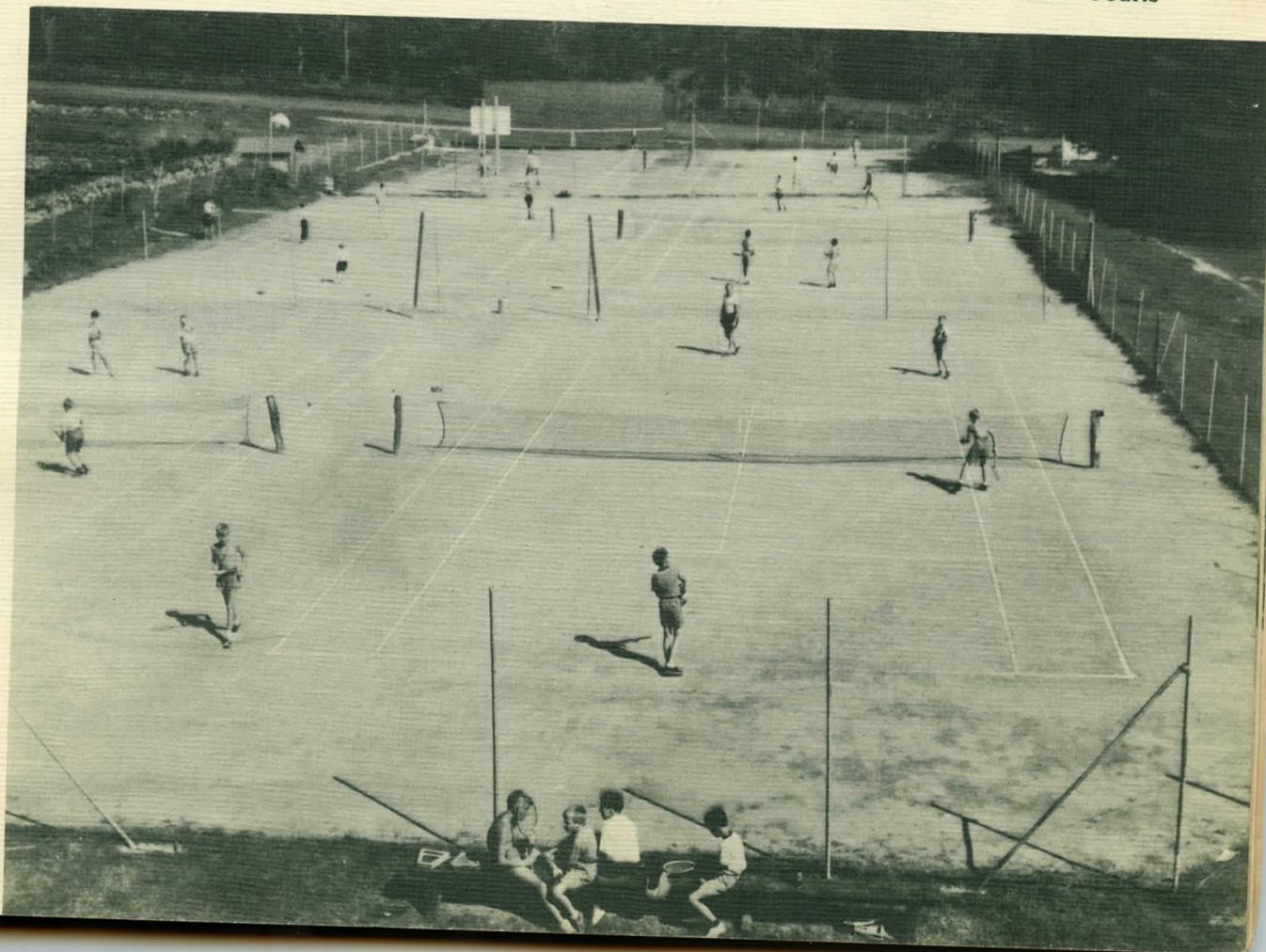
We have much good music. The production of a Gilbert and Sullivan operetta each season breeds ardent devotees of these two great creators of light opera.

Lettuce, referred to as "Super-food," is served, fresh from the garden, at every meal. Nearly everyone gets the lettuce habit.

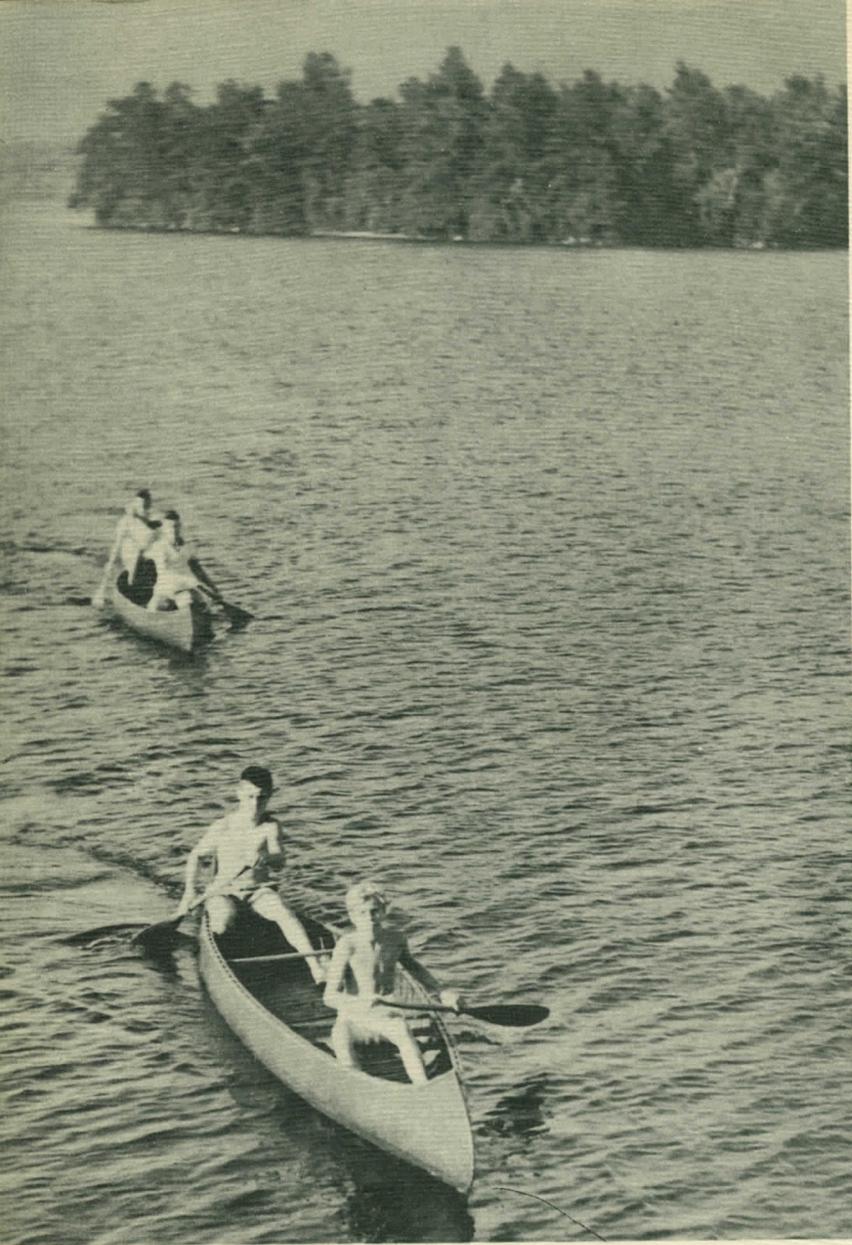
GOLDEN BANTAM—perhaps the highest light in our culinary world—is planted in rotation in order to provide a continuous supply. It goes from the field to the table within a half-hour. This is the most essential secret of SWEET CORN. We serve more than ten thousand ears in a season. When a summer is climatically favorable, the score approximates twenty thousand ears.

It is not unusual at Tecumseh to enjoy a season without anyone in the Infirmary.

*Play on the Tennis Courts*



*Coming into Camp*



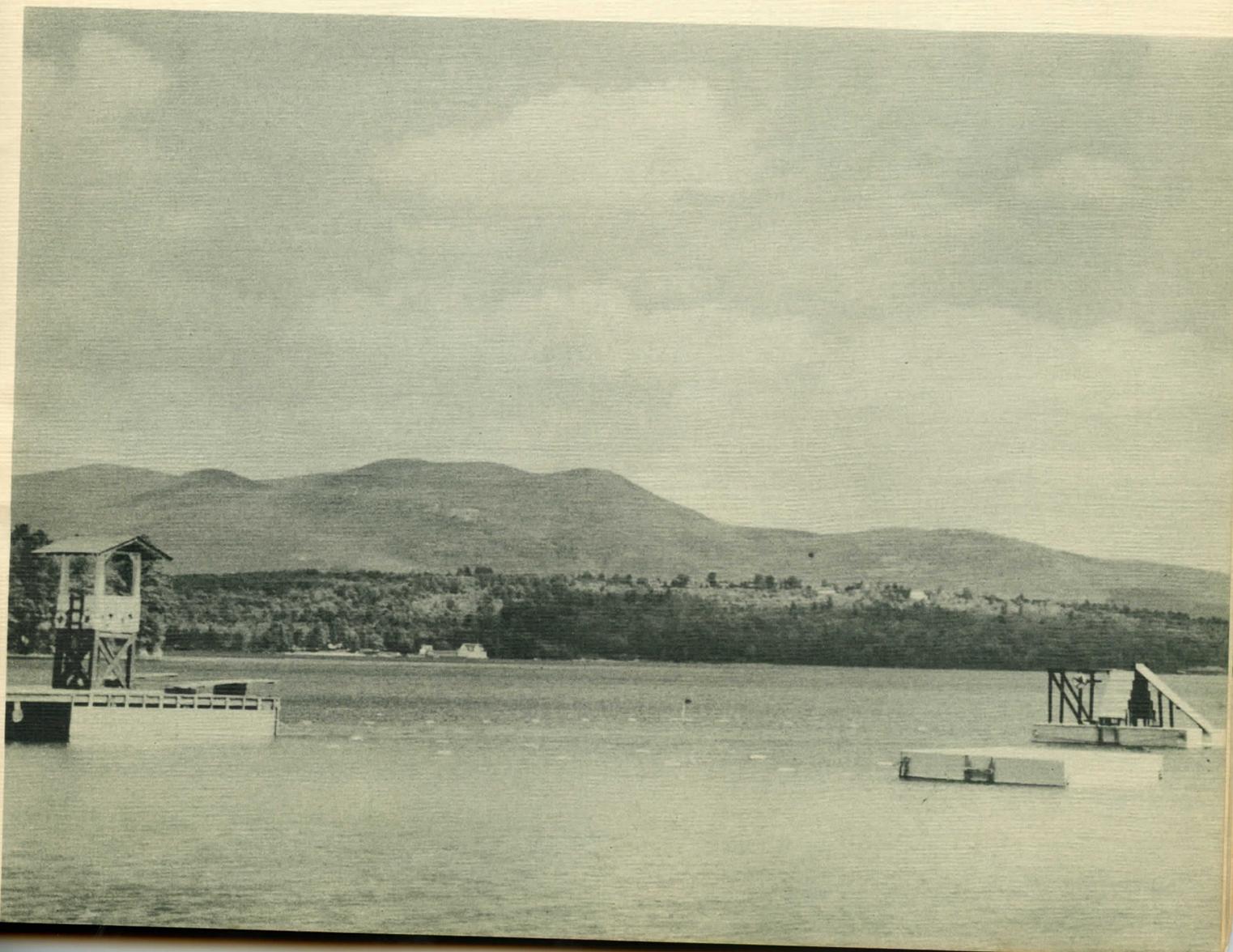
*In a light Breeze*



*Fun in the Water*



*The neighborly Mountains*



## TUTORING

FREQUENTLY boys need tutoring during the summer. Masters will be on hand to help such in all branches preparatory to college. This department is apart from the general Camp life and the charge for the same will be according to the number of hours required by the boy at the rate of two dollars per hour. All tutoring should be arranged for before the boys leave for Camp, and these arrangements can be made by communicating with the Director.

This service is distinctly for boys who are under the necessity of making up school work, in which they may have failed.

For boys who have daily planned summer study we provide an early morning supervised study period from six to seven o'clock. No charge is made for this.

The Camp management plans to have the time of each boy in Camp fully occupied with wholesome activities throughout the summer, and feels that such is the course best suited to fit him for his winter work.

*Field Work*





*Chorus of Peers in Gilbert and Sullivan "Iolanthe"*

### ADMISSION AND EXPENSES

THE charge for the full season is \$300, paid in advance. A fee of \$25 is paid at the time of registration and the balance at the opening of the season or in two instalments. Checks should be made payable to "Camp Tecumseh." It will be only for very special reasons that boys will be entered for a shorter period than the full season. The summer's work at Camp has been carefully planned, so that each week will see a gradual development in the boys, and to secure these results and to retain the unity in our Camp life that is a cardinal necessity, it is highly undesirable to have boys entering or leaving Camp during the season.

There are no other charges except for tutoring.

### HOW TO REACH CAMP TECUMSEH

MEREDITH, N. H., is the nearest railroad station to Camp. Autos may be hired here to take one to Camp or to Center Harbor, the nearest village to the Camp.

Garnet Inn, at Center Harbor, can be highly recommended.

The main party will leave Philadelphia for Camp on July 5th. Details of this trip will be sent out later to those who have registered for the season. On the return, the Camp delivers the boys at the 30th Street Station of the Pennsylvania Railroad, Philadelphia, on the morning of the Saturday immediately preceding Labor Day.



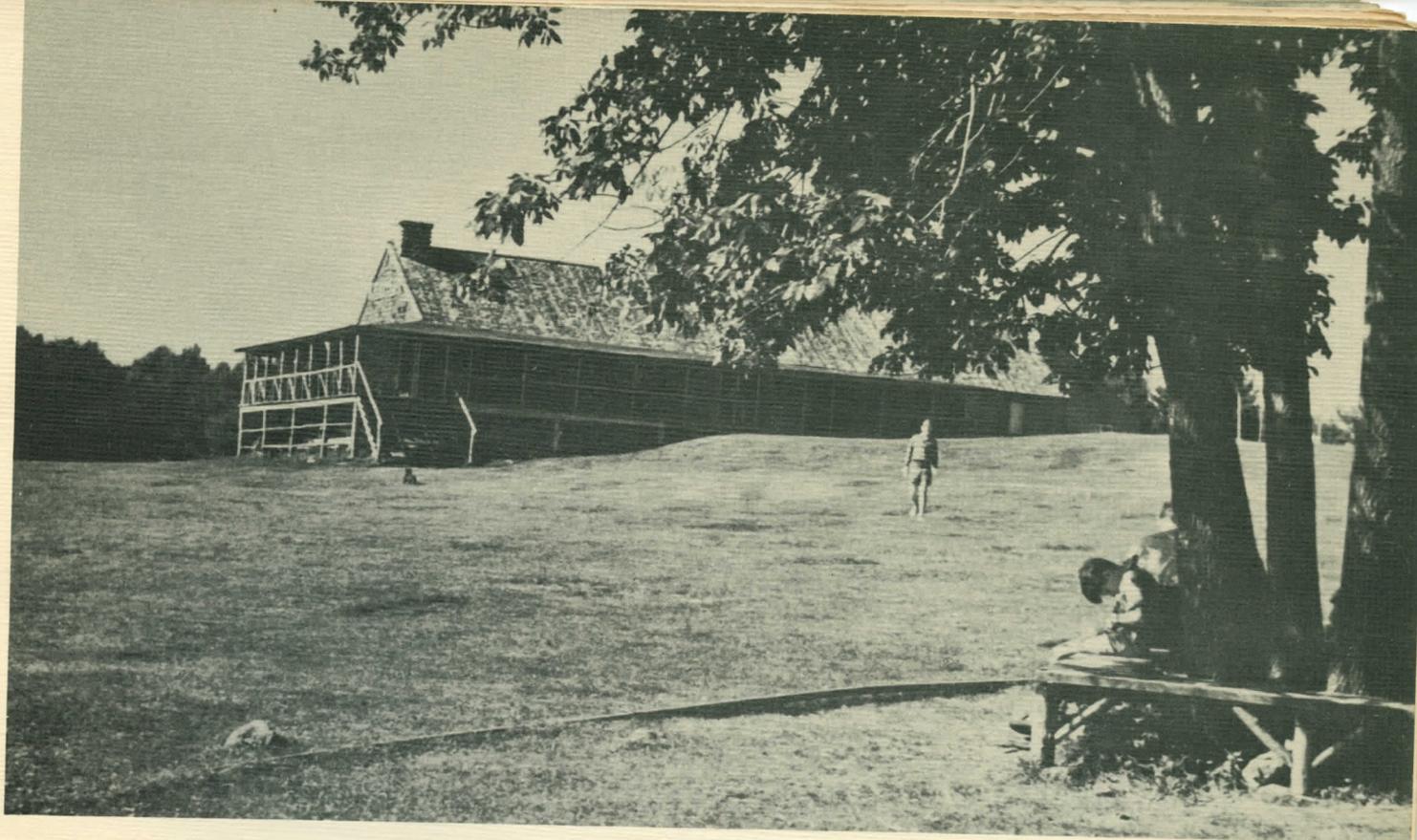
*Beans for Dinner*

*The Dairy Herd*



*Bean-snapping  
for  
Pocket Money*





*In the shade of the White Ash*

*After  
Dinner*



## SUGGESTIONS AND NOTES

Parents are expected to visit Camp in the course of the season and it is requested that visits be planned subsequent to July 30th, so that the first three weeks of the season may be an unbroken opportunity for the campers to become adjusted to one another and to Camp life. Fathers can be accommodated in Camp over night and reservations will be arranged for visitors, upon advance notification, at Garnet Inn, Center Harbor.

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*Junior C's  
at play  
on  
their own  
Campus*



## REFERENCES

SO many representative men have declared their willingness to bear testimony to the good work that is being done by Camp Tecumseh, that the list has grown beyond the limits of this booklet. The Camp management has accordingly restricted the names to those connected with the education of boys and young men. Further references from parents who have had boys at the Camp will be gladly furnished.



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