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Corea Mourns Its *Oct 11, 1922*
Fine School Building

Burned With All Its Contents. Loss
About \$7000—Other Property
Threatened.

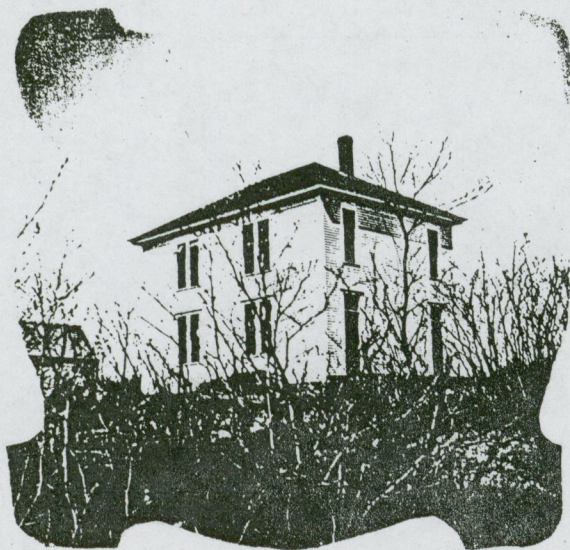
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COREA, Oct. 14—Fire Saturday morning destroyed the fine two-story school building here with a loss estimated between \$6000 and \$7000 with no insurance. The fire was discovered by Hugh Campbell at 5.30 a. m., as he was going to his work and in a short time a large crowd gathered but could do nothing to save the building, as it caught near the chimney and had gained considerable headway when discovered. The grammar school had some expensive pictures, which the children had purchased and also a large victrola, an all-glass book case including great works of distinguished men.

Miss Gladys Gray of Seal Harbor who is teaching the Primary lost several expensive books and other personal belongings as so did some of the pupils. Mrs. Hugh Campbell was the teacher in the grammar school, which also was a loss. The school has been in session five weeks and probably a new building will soon be erected.

The cottage of Mr. Charles Spurling near by had to be kept wet down continually and with the hard work of the townsman managed to save the building. Mr. and Mrs. Spurling feels grateful to those who did heroic work to save their cottage.

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THE SCHOOLS OF COREA

The first school was taught in a private home about 1829. The first school house, 14' x 16', with fireplace and benches, location unknown, was built in 1863. The second school, 20' x 20', was built in 1888 on the site of the former Bartlett property on the hill past the yellow store. There were about 60 pupils. This school building was sold and torn down.

In 1903 at the annual town meeting \$1,500 was voted for a graded school. This school, a two-story square building, was built on the site of the now (1991) Bob Ray home. This school building burned in the middle 1920s. Fortunately, no one was in the building, since it burned early in the morning. The students finished out the year in the lower hall of the Latter Day Saint Church. A new school was soon

built on the site of the burned school--two rooms, all on one floor. When a consolidated school was built on the Pond Road in 1956, the Corea school building was sold to Bob Ray and is now his home.

Source: Edith Woodward

SCHOOLDAY MEMORIES, ANYONE?

We would like to compile a comprehensive report on the history of all the schools in the Gouldsboro villages, and we would appreciate whatever information anyone has on the subject. Pictures, locations, builders, teachers, eventual disposition of buildings, dates, anecdotes of school events or particular teachers--anything will be welcome. Past teachers or students in the Gouldsboro schools may have personal recollections of "how things were back then" that others would enjoy. Call Elinor Vassey, 963-2331, or Helen Morris, 963-2912, or send material to the Society, P. O. Box 80, Gouldsboro, ME 04607.