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Well, we would like to report to the staff of the 1923 book that yes, the gods of fate looked favorably on your efforts, as attested to by this edition 58 years later. It bears little, if any, resemblance to that first Forester; looking back it seems that every few years a major overhaul took place. And there are several gaps in those years; this is only the sixth consecutive book since the last gap. But the Maine Forester is going strong.

And what an amazement that is! Looking at the articles, the photography, the beautiful artwork, and the bulk of the typing, the Maine Forester represents an incredible amount of work by many dedicated students.

It has been a good year for the Forester. Having our own office was the greatest help as 253 became filled with activity overflowing. If we had not moved, we probably would have accidentally printed half of Xi Sigma Pi’s paperwork, or Poacher would have stashed our photos above the suspended ceiling. The year has been a great learning experience for everyone. We’ve had problems we can all realize as growing pains, and next year’s staff should hopefully be a strong one since few of us are graduating. There will be a continuity the Forester hasn’t known in years.

Many thanks to a staff that put up with my fussiness, and to the students who labored over the articles and artwork. Thanks to Gina, Amy, Cindy and Nora for their time, patience and typewriter, and to Dr. Knight for his support. Sandy Ives of the Northeast Archives of Folklore and Oral History was also a great help to us. Most of all, thanks to everyone with International paper Co., particularly Paul Brodrick and Richard Piepenbring for their time, support and understanding.

We apologize for anyone we neglected this year. If yours is one of the faces missing, it may mean you are losing out on a lot of good times with the school’s activities. We hope to see you in next year’s Forester.

The end of the 1981 Maine Forester is in sight. We’ve worked hard to put it together, and hope you enjoy it. Congratulations to all of you graduating; best of luck in your search for a job and a home. To all of you staying on—keep up the good work!

P.S. Carney—a hint. Memorize the phone # for campus police. You’ll need it when you lock yourself into the lobby at 3:00 a.m. with no shoes on.

God bless you always,

Melissa

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THE JAM ON GERRY’S ROCK

Come all of you brave shanty boys and listen while I relate
Concerning a young river boy and his untimely fate,
Concerning a young river boy, so manly, true and brave;
’Twas on the jam at Gerry’s Rock he found his watery grave.

It was on a Sunday morning, as you will plainly hear,
The logs were piled up mountain high, as we could not keep them clear,
Until our foreman says, ’Turn out, brave lads, devote your hearts from fear;
We will break the jam on Gerry’s Rock and for Oldtown we will steer.’

Now some of them were willing and some of them were not.
For breaking jams on Sunday they did not think they ought
Until six of our brave Canadian boys did volunteer to go
And break the jam on Gerry’s Rock, with their foreman Jack Monroe.

They had not rolled off many a log when they heard his clear voice say,
‘You had better be on your guard, my lads, for the jam will soon give way.’
These words he had hardly spoke when the jam did break and go,
And it carried off these six brave lads and their foreman, Jack Monroe.

When the rest of those brave river boys the sad news came to hear,
In search of their dead comrades to the river they did steer;
While some of their mangled bodies a-floating down did go,
While crushed and bleeding near the bank was that of Jack Monroe.

They dragged him from his watery grave, brushed back his raven hair,
There is one fair form among them whose sad cries rent the air;
Yes, there is one fair form among them, a girl who is from Oldtown,
Whose moans and cries rose to the skies for her true love who was drown.

Fair Clara was a noble girl and the river boys’ true friend,
She and her widow mother dear lived down at the river bend,
And the wages of her own true love the Boss to her did pay,
And what the river boys made up was a generous purse next day.

When she received the money she thanked them every one,
But it was not to be her luck for to enjoy it very long;
For scarcely had six weeks gone by when she was called to go,
And her last request was, ‘Let me rest beside of Jack Monroe.’

We buried them with sorrow deep, it was on the third of May.
Come all of you brave shanty boys and for your comrades pray.
And engraved upon a hemlock tree that near the bank did grow
’Twas the name and date the sad, sad fate of the river boy Monroe.

Come all of you brave river boys, I will have you come and see
Those green mounds by the river side, which is near that hemlock tree;
For the river boys cleared off the wood and the lovers they laid low,-
’Twas the handsome Clara Vernon and her true love Jack Monroe.

Note: This may, or may not be the version of this ballad that Mr. Morris Wing refers to in the dedication article. It is one of four versions printed in Minstrelsy of Maine by Fannie Hardy Eckstorm, published 1927 by Houghton Mifflin Corp. of New York. There are copies of this book in the Special Collections at Fogler Library.