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Pleasant Memories

TO THOSE who attended the 1951 Summer Camp, the memories brought back will probably linger in their minds for a long time. Because of the location, the facilities, the staff, and of course, the students, the 1951 Summer Camp was, no doubt, as successful as any previous camp. The camp was located at Hiles, Wisconsin, which is in the Headwater Region of the Dairyland state.

Besides offering an excellent location for the regular course work, the Headwater Region provided ample recreational facilities. If one wanted to fish, there was the beautiful Pine Lake and its bountiful fishing, situated just a half mile from camp. For those who were a little more adventuresome, like Twito, Cheney, Uhr, or Boyd, there were several other surrounding lakes where one's fishing skill could be tested.

Hiking was also a popular recreation. Most of the fellows at camp took time to hike to one of the two fire towers near Hiles. Exploring old railroad grades and sawmill ruins near the camp proved very interesting. There was also one group of ambitious hikers who set out to find Lost Lake. From last reports it is still lost.

Sports played an important part in the summer's activities. A complete intramural program was set up to provide athletic competition for all the interested students. The facilities in and around the school made possible a well-rounded program.

There was a gymnasium for basketball, a baseball diamond, and ample room for the erection of volleyball and horseshoe courts.

Under the direction of Bob Mathison, who acted as coordinator of the intramural program, the students were divided into two groups. The two groups were designated as Section One and Section Two, and were composed of the same students as were the respective sections in the regular class work.

The intramural program was built around two sports; softball and basketball. A large double-bitted axe was the prize awarded to the winning section. This axe will go on through the

1. Utilization trip—National Container Corp.
2. A National Container plantation.
3. Da champeens. Just defeated Argonne, 8-5.
4. Lunch time—Silver Lake, Laona, Wisconsin.
5. Bob Peterson discovers that it doesn't do everything.
6. The green chain at the Clemons Lumber Co., Newald, Wisconsin.

future summer camps as a traveling trophy awarded to the winners.

Section One had a substantial lead at the end of four weeks of camp and it looked as if they would be sure to win the axe. It wasn't until they were beaten 16-2 in softball and 32-27 in basketball on two consecutive nights that Section One realized that their competition meant business. The contest developed into a tie and a log chopping and bucking event was scheduled to break the tie. Section One went on to win this contest and the trophy.

Volleyball competition was keen between the four dormitory rooms. A special game between the dorm "All-stars" and the faculty ended with the "Profs" on top.

A baseball team was organized and several games were scheduled with the teams of neighboring towns. The most impressive win was the ISC Forester's 8-5 win over Argonne. Argonne was the previous year's district champion and was leading the league when beaten by the foresters. Argonne had also boasted a one-loss record before the foresters took them into tow.

Stars of the game were Johnny Jervis, who allowed only six hits, and Paul Arrasmith, who hit a 420 foot homer.

As at all summer camps, Thursday night was reserved for the traditional campfire. Entertainment was planned by committees from the various dormitory rooms. Talent was plentiful. John Wright played the cornet; Frank Ohrtman strummed the guitar and played the harmonica as did Johnny Jervis and Onnie Paakkonen. The "Ajax Quartet," composed of Carter McKee, Bob Russell, Johnny Jervis, and George Torrison, entertained with their songs.

Skits and group singing, plus an occasional joke from a faculty member, helped round out the campfire entertainment.

A couple of homeless dogs became the camp's mascots. Bill Boyd and Glenn Cooper ran across two pups while cruising timber. On the verge of starving to death when found, they were taken back to camp and nursed back to normal. They were appropriately named Scribner Decimal C (Scribner for short), and Biltmore.

On the Fourth of July, the majority of the students took in the celebrations at Eagle River. Besides viewing such sights as the beauty contest and the water fight, the ISC Foresters took part in some of the contests held.

Ted Bauer tried his luck at the log chopping contest. However, he didn't fare as well as did Frank Ohrtman who, with the aid of his trusty electric guitar, won ten dollars by taking second prize in the amateur contest.

One Sunday was set aside for Alumni Day. All ISC Forestry grads and their families in the general vicinity of the camp were invited. Besides enjoying a Sunday meal, the guests were entertained by camp talent and group singing. Alumni Day gave the students a chance to visit with the grads and thus enabled them to pick up a few pointers on planning a future in forestry.

On another occasion, the district forester, a local sawmill operator, and several other personalities who helped make the camp most successful were invited to a venison dinner. The deer was purchased from the Wisconsin Conservation Department, which confiscates all deer killed out of season.

Log burling seemed to fascinate many of the students at camp. Jim Rawley and Chuck Miller initiated this sport while at the Menominee Indian Mills at Neopit. After that, whenever a log pond was handy, many of the fellows spent their noon hours struggling to stay on the logs.

Professor Hartman and his retinue of publicity men visited the camp in August. The photographer spent a lot of time snapping pictures of the various camp activities. A story and pictures were obtained and later printed in the Des Moines Sunday Register.

Although many things were accomplished at summer camp, one job was left undone. That is, nobody was initiated into Doctor Bensend's "Sacred Order of the Super-Critics."

Most will agree that the success of the camp of 1951 came from cooperation and the spirit of the staff and students. It definitely takes a summer camp's experience to make one realize why ISC Foresters are so closely knit in departmental work on campus.

The familiar cries of "Jezebel" and "Quimo Sabe" have now vanished from the Headwater Region of Wisconsin. Northeastern Wisconsin is waiting for the return of the ISC Foresters in 1952. Here's hoping that those attending the Camp of '52 will have as wonderful a time as those who made up the Camp of '51.

Junior Summer Camp

FOR THE first time in its history, a Junior Forestry Camp has been held in Iowa. This camp which was held at the Brayton Memorial Forest, near Hopkinton, Iowa, provided a great opportunity for those interested in timber management.

The camp headquarters was established in a rented house in Hopkinton with Dr. McComb and Mr. Getty alternately in charge. Details were divided up among those attending who were: Eugene Readinger, cook; Warren Westphal, assistant cook; Walter