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DANFORTH SCHOLAR LOIS MADSEN BRINGS CAMP MINIWANCA TO LIFE

"THREE minutes to get to the beach for setting-up exercises. Everybody up. Hurry!"

Three hundred and sixty half-awake women push themselves into their damp bathing suits and dash across the sand for the beach. The tents, which two minutes ago were alive with spontaneous activity, are deserted. Everyone has answered the call for the beginning activity of the day.

Two Iowa State College women will be in the group taking their morning dip in the water of Lake Michigan this summer. They will have the privilege of representing the home economics students as winners of the Danforth scholarships, which are given each year to the most outstanding home economics junior and freshman.

For the junior representative the Danforth scholarship includes two weeks of seeing the inside of business organizations in St. Louis, Mo., as well as the two weeks at the American Youth Foundation Camp, Camp Miniwanca, Shelby, Michigan.

Dorothy Clark represented the home economics juniors from Iowa State at St. Louis and at Camp Miniwanca last summer. She lived with 33 other women who were named the most outstanding in their divisions from colleges all over the country.

The perfect host during the two weeks in St. Louis is William H. Danforth, white haired, vigorously healthy, donor of the scholarships. He takes the junior representatives to factories, entertainments, programs and educational meetings. The women get an opportunity to take a good look at the line of work which they plan to follow when they finish college.

Dorothy Clark the most outstanding feature of the whole month was the spirit of the workers in Mr. Danforth's factory. Each likes his duties and enjoys being with his fellow workers. There are regular meetings when the employees and the employers get together and have a hilarious time. The spirit is shown in the words of an office woman who works with Mr. Danforth: "I wouldn't trade my job here for one in which I received a much higher wage."

The emphasis of the program at Camp Miniwanca is placed on the four phases of well rounded life which the camp emphasizes—the physical, mental, social and religious aspects. The work is planned to give equal stimulus in each of these phases.

The noticeable thing that every girl takes home with her from Camp Miniwanca is a coat of tan, either in the form of a delicious brown or one that has the characteristics of a red, touchy burn that one can neither sit, stand nor sleep with comfortably.

Within the mind of every camper there are changes which she cannot possibly have evaded. With instructors and companions like Dr. Arnold Lowe, this year's Religious Emphasis Week speaker, O. W. Warmingham, instructor in the University of Boston, Mr. Danforth and P. G. Orwig, director of the camp, every girl captures a philosophy of her own.

It is a rare opportunity and a grand experience for the two women who will win the Iowa State College scholarships this year.