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As the prospective bride changes from a starry-eyed Miss to a realistic Mrs., honeymoon plans change to fit a new, mature outlook on life. Each girl has a different idea of what a perfect honeymoon is. To some it means seeing and doing new things with each other on a luxurious trip. To others it is just being with and getting to know each other on a camping expedition. Let’s look at some of the honeymoons freshmen girls at Iowa State are dreaming about.

The Reverie

Heading the list of fanciful honeymoons are those included in the “First Class” list. “I’m going to Hawaii where I want to stay at a real neat hotel and then bask in the sun during the day.”

“Oh, I want to go to Las Vegas and just ‘live it up’.”

More easily satisfied are the girls who just want to travel in this country. “I want to go to New York City and visit all of the night clubs and see all of the plays.”

“Colorado Springs with its mountains and skiing is where I want to go.”

Finally, there are a few girls who love the out-of-doors and want a primitive type honeymoon. “I’d like to camp out and go fishing in Canada or even Minnesota or Wisconsin.”

“I don’t care what anyone thinks; I just want to go camping—tent, cooking over the fire, carrying water, cold weather and all.”

The Reality

The comments of the engaged coed whose honeymoon plans have already taken final form or the recently married coed reveal that the big event often doesn’t turn out to be quite the dream hoped for by the freshman girl.

“We stayed home and painted the walls in our apartment.”

“We were in the process of moving into Pammel Court.”

“We went around trying to collect research material for a thesis.”

“We’ll be heading straight through the hot cornfields of Iowa and Missouri for Fort Sill.”

“On our way to Fort Smith, we stopped off in the Ozarks for two days.”

“We’re staying right here in school, and if we’re lucky, we’ll take a trip later.”

So for many, if the “ideal honeymoon” actually progresses from reverie to reality, it does so after education and the army are things of the past.

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