

REGION TEN
WILDERNESS CANOE TRIPS
RECORD OF PADDLE AWARDS

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COUNCIL	Lake Agassiz
DATE OF TRIP	August 16-27, 1936
GUIDE	C. L. Johnson

PADDLE AWARDS : DATE	
BRONZE	8/27/36
GOLD	
SILVER	

LAKE OF THE WOODS

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As set forth by Spencer McCrae

We left home Sunday noon and arrived at Warroad about 1:30. I went for a swim in the lake and found the water warmer than I expected it to be. The Warroad Commercial Club gave us a swell chicken dinner. We visited the town and received ponchoes and pack sacks before we retired on the ground in the tourist park. Arose 4:30 to meet S.S. scout which took us and our equipment across the main body of the lake to Oak Island. Here we boarded the canoes and paddled about 200 yards, northeast to a sandy beach where we had dinner. Started out after lunch and had gone scarcely a mile when it started to rain quite heavily. The ponchoes proved invaluable. Passed customs and continued several miles more, landing in a steady downpour. Mr. Dejong showed his scouting ability by building a fire in the downpour. The rain abated and we slept well. A few suggestions of sunshine the next morning and several complaints of stomick disorders did not stop us from gallantly pushing forward. We bucked a heavy North west wind all day. By the time we got to a small island, Opogila Picture Rock every one was ready to stop. After seeing the island we thought we would like to stay the rest of the summer so stayed there the next day, resting, fishing, exploring, etc. Had fish for supper. Those game little bass. Turned a canoe over. It wrapped the line around the canoe, they saved fish and rod. The box camera floated, and their hats stayed on their heads, so nothing was lost-some fun. George Kennedy and I went over to Picture Rock after supper to get some pictures. By the time I got to the top where I could see

Lake of the Woods trip continued

what I wanted, the stars were out, so set the camera on the rock and took some time exposures. They turned out to be the best pictures of the three rolls I took. As we paddled slowly back to camp we saw the campfire and heard the quartet doing some close harmony. It was one of the most beautiful things of the whole trip. Another night on the moss of that beautiful pine-covered island. The next morning we took some pictures of the excellent profile of a human face on Picture Rock, then started South, landing in midafternoon at American Point. Spent evening in hotel advertized at this stationery. Camped at other end of island. Next morning we visited Fort Saint Charles which I believe was destroyed about 1732 and lost for nearly 200 years. It was a Jesuit mission and the Jesuits priests have marked the spot and hold religious service near there every year in June.

That afternoon we paddled to Oak Island where we visited the residence of the guide and swam in the water of his beach. He has a fine arrowhead collection, also a shop where he builds boats in the winter time. The boys picked up three arrowheads along his beach. Our camp was situated on a slope and the tents were ^{not} ditched so when it started to rain some of us got wet. The beer joint was still open so several of the bunch went over and slept in it. Sounds bad eh. Everyone slept well. The next morning we met the boat for Warroad, the S.S. Scout. We explored the boat completely and spent considerable time in the pilot house, asking all the questions we could think of. Enjoyed the trip back immensely. The boat arrived in Warroad at 7:00P.m. Everyone left for home the next morning. Everybody was full of hopes for a bigger and better trip next year.

Lake of the Woods canoeing trip continued-

By Spencer McCrea

Things that made the trip a pleasure:

The country: beautiful, wild, rocky, the trees, ^{and} /the variety of scenery.

The guide: he has a very interesting personality-was always telling stories, Knew every rock and reef in the lake. Likes the kids, and the kids like him.

The gang: fine leaders and organizers; excellent cook. The friendly spirit among the group.

The setup: good equipment and leadership; something to do; some-place to go; something to see; and a definite working program-the Paddle Award.

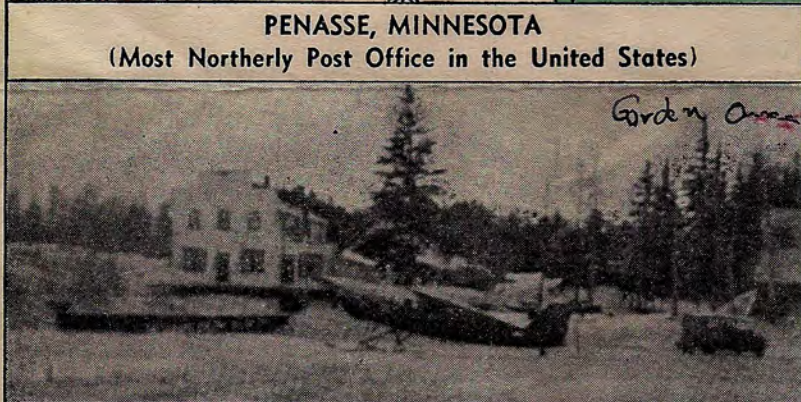
The attractive features of all good camps: campfires; spirit of ~~fx~~ fellowship in work and play; recreation; wit; humor, and pung puns.

THE TREES, BUSHES, AND HERBS I OBSERVED

TREES-BUSHES

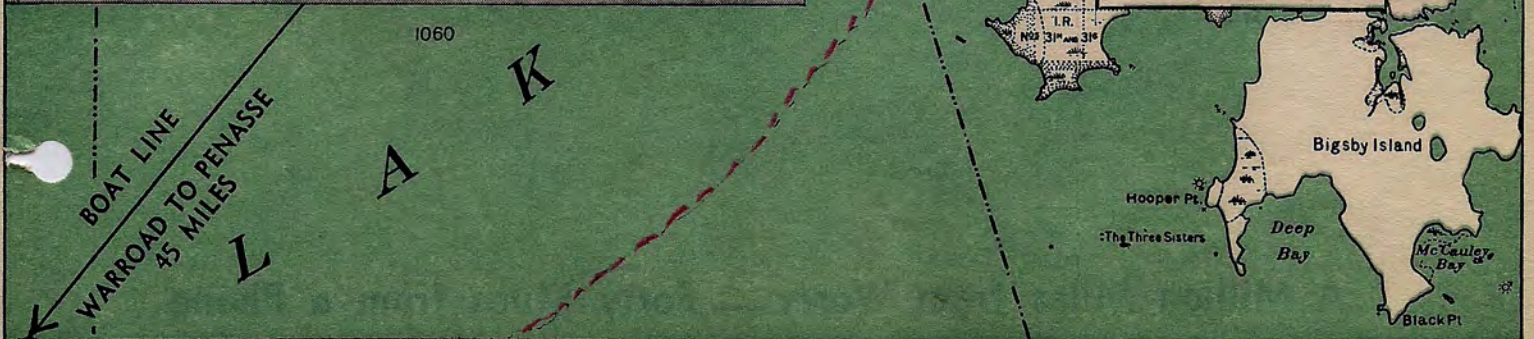
1. Diamond Willow
2. Sandbox Willow
3. Wild Rose
4. Green Ash
5. Balm of Gilliad
6. American Elm
7. Quaking Aspen
8. Large Toothed Aspen
9. Hazel
10. Burr Oak
11. June Berry
12. Choke Cherry
13. Pin Cherry
14. White Spruce
15. White Pine
16. Balsam
17. Arbor Vita
18. Norway Pine
19. Tom Arack
20. Paper Birch
21. Jack Pine (gray)
22. American Fir
23. Juniper
24. Black or Boy Spruce
25. Goosberry
26. High Bush Cranberry
27. Shumac
28. Poplar
29. Thorn Apple
30. Cotton Wood
31. Wild Plum
32. Box Elder

1. Asper
2. Golden rod
3. Mint
4. Timothy
5. Bull rushes
6. Blue grass
7. Dandelion
8. Violet
9. Red cloves
10. Poison ivy
11. Touch-me-not
12. Cactus
13. Cockelbur
14. Strawberry
15. Wild parsnip
16. Smart weed
17. Nettled
18. Bull thistle
19. Canadian thistle
20. South thistle
21. Fern (sword)
22. Jew berries
23. Jack in the pulpit
24. Wild pea
25. Sasaphaila
26. Forg. leap
27. Gingeny
28. Arrow head
29. Pigeon berry



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Legend
Aboard S.S. Scout -----
By canoe _____

1. Slept in tourist park in Warroad; boarded S.S. Scout
2. Arrived at Oak Island. boarded canoes and had dinner
100 yds NE in small sandy cove.
3. Passed costumes, raining hard.
4. First taste of heavy wind--some fun.
5. Made camp in heavy rain
6. Very tired we camped on a small island opposite
Picture Rock. Liked it so well we stayed two nights.
7. Next night at American Point.
8. Sight of Ft. St. Charles
Back to Oak Island and Home

A Million Miles from Worry — Forty Miles from a Phone



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