

REGION TEN  
WILDERNESS CANOE TRIPS  
RECORD OF PADDLE AWARDS

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ADDRESS	409 East First St., Fairmont, Minnesota.
COUNCIL	Cedar Valley
DATE OF TRIP	August 18th to 24th, 1940
GUIDE	Bob Layton

PADDLE AWARDS : DATE	
BRONZE	Through Chase 1/14/41
GOLD	
SILVER	

## Diary of the Second Week of Canoe Trip #7

Sunday August 18- The sixteen members of this trip are camped on Lake Kekekabic on the site of an old lumber camp for a three day stay. After breakfast Vic Gardner and I started on a lean-to for Pioneering M.B. We finished about the middle of the afternoon. Pete Cory and Ed, the assistant guide each caught a lake trout. After the lean-to Vic and I constructed a fireplace from rocks and an icebox from moss and wood, both projects for the Pioneering M.B. It had been cold all day so after supper we all sang songs around the fireplace Vic and I had built.

Monday August 19- Vic and I started a miniture raft for the Camping M.B. Ed, Verne Jensen, and Jack Westcott went across the lake to get firewood. After dinner we all paddled over to the Kekekabic Lookout. Four at a time went up and some took pictures. When we returned to camp Vic and I finished our raft. After supper we had a campfire and sang songs.

Tuesday August 20- Vic and I started a bridge and finished after dinner. Bob Barrgen worked most of the day on his miniture raft. Verne and Rodley Franklin made a lean-to. Pete went fishing. This was the last day here.

Wednesday August 21- We left Kekekabic about eight o'clock this morning. The first portage was ninety rods from Kek. to Pickle Lake, the next from Pickle to Pot Hole No. 29 and was twenty three rods. Then thirty rods from No. 29 to Spoon Lake, Spoon L. to Knife Lake was fifty rods, Knife Lake to Knife River was one hundred and ten rods. There were four lift overs on Knife R. because of rapids.

From Knife R. we paddled into Melon and then Seed Lakes. From Seed L. we went into American Carp L. and camped on the south end of Carp Portage. After pitching the tents some of the boys took pictures and others went fishing. Bob, Verne, Coit Camel and Pete helped a couple parties across the portage. Vic, Rod and I tried to make fire by flint and steel but none of us did.

Thursday August 22- With Ed. as guide we left camp for a sidetrip to Emerald Lake. Because the lake is so deep the water has a very beautiful green color. After dinner some of the boys climbed a cliff across the lake to get a view of the lake. After supper we learned the technique of fire by flint and steel and Verne, Vic, Bob B., Rod, and I passed that requirement for the Camping M.B. Vic and I now had passed five requirements of merit badges for the Bronze Paddle.

Friday August 23- Bob took Rod, Bill Small, Vic and I on an early morning walk in the woods to identify trees and plants also for the Bronze Paddle. We left Carp Portage about nine o'clock and arrived at an island across from Hibbards Lodge about twelve thirty. Vic and I walked around the island picking up some flint. Bob, Pete, Verne and Coit went over to Hibbards to get a scoutbook, mail, etc. and Pete and Coit to look over their cars. The rest of the boys stayed in camp pitching their tents and washing the canoes. Verne and Rod built an icebox for Pioneering M.B. We all went to bed early because we were to get up early the next morning.

Saturday August 24- When we got up, at four thirty, there was a thin sheet of ice on the lake near Hibbards. After breakfast everybody packed their perspnals and the tent pack. We left the island about six o'clock and were through checking in our equipment by seven o'clock. After Bob had passed out the maps and badges Pete, Bill, Jim, Vic and I left in our car. We gave Bob Barrgen and George a ride to Ely, they took a bus from there. The four boys from Omaha left next in their car. The rest of the boys Dick Gimm, Dick Seifert, Ken Lawson waited for Mr. Chase to get a ride back.

# List of Trees and Plants

- (1) Tag Alder --- pot hooks
- (2) Norway Pine --- spars, piling
- (3) Black Willow --- medical properities for fevers
- (4) Tamarack --- railroad ties, fence posts
- (5) Black Spruce --- paper pulp, posts
- (6) White Cedar --- shingles, posts
- (7) Grey Pine (Jack Pine) --- railroad ties
- (8) Yellow Birch --- fuel, furniture
- (9) White Pine --- intrior construction, pattern making
- (10) White Birch --- wood pulp, fuel
- (11) June Berry --- berries
- (12) Red Cedar --- cedar chests, lead pencils
- (13) Balsm Fir --- pulp, beds
- (14) Sumack --- boxes
- (15) Chokecherry --- fruit
- (16) Sandbar Willow --- conservation, holding walls
- (17) Silver Maple --- cabinet work
- (18) Red Maple --- interior furnishings
- (19) Large-toothed Aspen --- paper pulp, excelsior
- (20) White Poplar --- paper pulp, camp fires
- (21) Red Osier --- ornamental trees for parks and gardens
- (22) Pin Cherry --- bird food
- (23) Basswood --- wagon boxes, furniture
- (24) Shad Berry --- eatable food
- (25) Hazel Bush --- pot hooks

- (1) Bunchberry --- eatable food
- (2) Thimbleberry --- eatable food
- (3) Blueberries --- food for animals
- (4) Raseberry --- eatable food
- (5) Strawberry --- eatable food
- (6) White Clover --- rich in honey
- (7) Flowering Dogwood --- ornamental
- (8) Braken Fern --- animal bedding
- (9) Sponge Moss --- packing, refrigeration
- (10) Pond Lily --- ornamental
- (11) Baby Breath --- ornamental
- (12) Gooseberry --- eatable
- (13) Canadian Thistle --- ornamental
- (14) Wild Rice --- food for migratory birds
- (15) Water Lily --- visited by butterflies



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