

1934 REGION TEN WILDERNESS CANOE TRIPS

Back to Nature -

America offers no greater opportunity for real "back to nature" camping nor a better field to study or learn the out-of-doors - plants, trees, rocks, and wild life. Constant change of scenery and what thrills! Great opportunity to master the art of canoeing. Competent instructors, best of canoes, waterproof silkolene tents, up-to-date cooking outfits; in fact the best that can be found for such trips.

Requirements -

Minimum Rank, First Class, with cooking and swimming merit badges. Minimum age - 15 years. Weight and height meeting physical standard for age. Adequate Local Council and Troop camping record. Clear registration record. Council, Troop, and Parental approval. Subject to final approval and acceptance by director of Canoe Trips. Health Certificate (standard) showing weight and absence of physical defects. Final check-up at base camp. Adult Scouters will meet the equivalent of the above requirements. Health History blanks will be mailed you upon receipt of registration - blank attached.

Leadership -

C. S. Chase, Scout Executive of Headwaters Council at Hibbing, has again been appointed to personally direct these trips. He has conducted forty-three trips without a major accident. Assisting him will be a staff of three adult men - all experts and dependable leaders with whom boys and men can safely associate. Trips start from Canadian Border Lodge on August 13-20-27 and returning August 18-25-September 1. Canoeists check in for trip before 4:00 PM the day before starting each trip at Headquarters Boy Scout Wilderness Canoe Trips, Canadian Border Lodge, 20 miles northeast of Ely, Minnesota.

Hunters Island Trip -

Hunters Island Trip (two weeks, costs \$20.00 which includes meals and lodging at Canadian Border Lodge on same basis as regular trips) leaves Canadian Border Lodge on August 20th and returns September 1st. This trip under leadership of R. C. Kirkpatrick, a veteran guide and Scouter. Those craving a real adventure in wilderness country where the big fish viciously grab your bait, here is your opportunity. Limited registrations for this trip. Register early to avoid disappointment.

Cost -

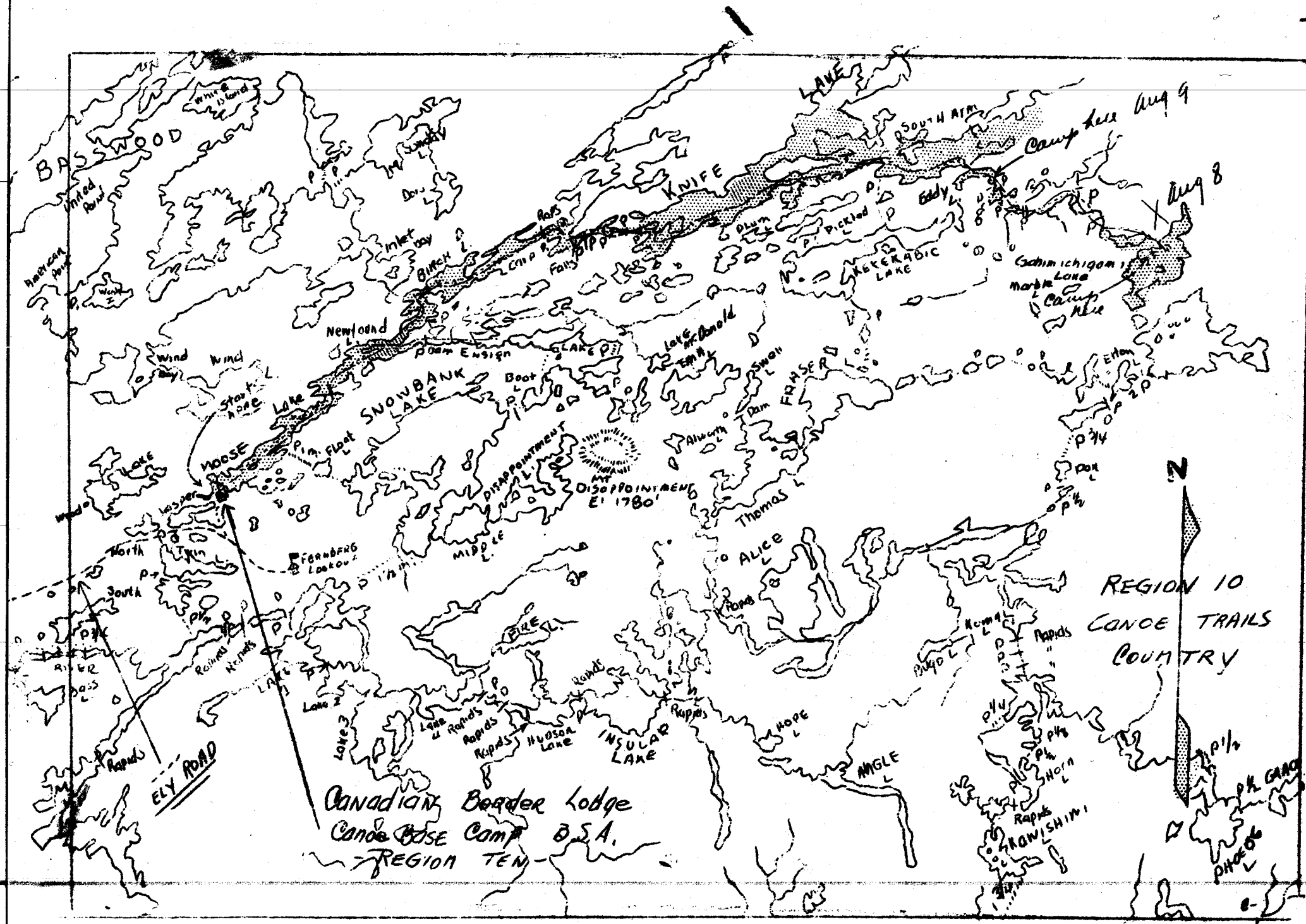
Cost of trip \$11.50 (except Hunters Island Trip) including supper and lodging Sunday night and breakfast Monday morning at base camp, Canadian Border Lodge. We make reservations for you.

Credits -

Special credits given on trips as follows: 1) Canoe medallion (felt medallion). 2) Credit on camping and canoeing merit badge. 3) General Council camping credits. 4) Council Troop Rating Plans - Credit. For those meeting requirements, other tests can be met if arranged for in advance such as Forestry, Stalking, Angling Merit Badges.

Preparation -

Canoeists will be issued equipment the afternoon before the start of each trip. This will give each one ample time to pack, make purchases of any supplies desired, and be ready to start trip promptly in the morning. Report promptly to Mr. Chase on your arrival at Canadian Border Lodge, 20 miles northeast of Ely, Minnesota.



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COUNCIL, TROOP, and PARENTS APPROVAL BLANK

Send this blank to your Local Council Office to be approved and forwarded to the Region Ten Office, 904 Minnesota Building, St. Paul, Minnesota.

Scout or Scouter _____ of Troop _____ or member of _____
_____ Council hereby registers for the following trip:

August 13 to 18 First	August 20 to 25 Second	August 27 to Sept 1 Third	August 20 to Sept 1 Hunters Island
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\$5.00 reservation fee enclosed. Balance of the total fee of ^{11.50}~~\$10.00~~ will be paid direct to the Regional Office one week in advance of trip.

The above applicant has been personally approved by his Troop, Council Camping Committee, and this Council. He has a clear troop record and his Council registration records are satisfactory. In our opinion he is fully qualified for attendance on the canoe trip according to the requirements as published.

Signed _____
Troop Committee Chrmn or S. M. Council Camping Chairman

_____ _____
Scout Executive Council Date

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SCOUT OR SCOUTERS' RECORD

Signature _____ Age _____ Weight _____ Troop _____
Rank _____ Number merit badges _____ I have Swimming Merit Badge _____
Have you had any canoe experience _____
What has been your camping experience _____
Do you know how to cook your food in the open _____
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PARENTS APPROVAL FOR SCOUTS

We, the parents of Scout _____ have acquainted ourselves with the Region Ten Canoe Trips thru the information sent out by your office, and thru our Council Office. We recognize that every precaution will be taken for the safety and protection of those going on trips and therefore approve our son's attendance.

Signed _____
Parent or Guardian

Telephone No. _____ Address _____

When this blank has been received and your application accepted, instructions will be mailed to you regarding what to bring, where to report, and how to prepare.

CANOE TRIPS

What To Bring

Great Adventure -

You have registered for a splendid adventure, and it only remains for you to get the most out of the Region Ten Wilderness Canoe Trails. Inquire of your Scout Executive if there are others from your Council registered for the same trip as you are taking so if someone is driving, others may go in the same car and thus decrease cost of transportation.

Equipment Needed -

Necessary

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| 2 Hudson Bay blankets or 4 thicknesses of ordinary blankets | 1 Pr old tennis shoes or oxfords |
| 1 Scout Hat | 1 Pr shoes or boots |
| 1 Scout Shirt | 3 Handkerchiefs |
| 1 Scout Breeches | 1 Scout neckerchief |
| 1 Scout Socks | $\frac{1}{2}$ Bar toilet soap (floating) |
| 1 Pr of old trousers or overalls | 2 Towels |
| 1 Sweater or Mackinaw | 1 Comb |
| 1 Suit light Underwear | 1 Small mirror |
| 1 Suit wool underwear | 1 Sewing kit |
| 1 Pr wool Socks | Knife, fork, and spoon, and plate |
| | 1 Cup (not aluminum as it retains heat) |

Please use this as a check list and actually check off each item.

Helpful Equipment -

Optional

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| Kodak, field glasses | Fishing tackle consisting of trowing line |
| Musical instruments (mouth organ, Jew's harp, sweet potato, flute or fife. | large spoon hook, daredevil, joined wobbler, jarvi spoon, and big sinkers. You can purchase tackle at Ely. |

"Remember the portages and you will keep the pack light."

Report to -

Canoeists report to C. S. Chase, Director, at Canadian Border Lodge, 20 miles northwest of Ely - inquire at Ely - not later than 4:00 PM, Sunday (the day before starting the period for which you have registered. If in difficulty regarding trip from Ely to Canadian Border Lodge, call Mr. Chase at Canadian Border Lodge. Drive direct to Canadian Border Lodge (20 miles good road well-marked). Here you may leave your car in perfect safety while on the trip. Sunday evening meal, lodging Sunday night, and breakfast Monday morning at Canadian Border Lodge is provided. We arrange your reservation; therefore report promptly on arrival. Every possible precaution will be taken to safeguard you while awaiting the start of your trip. You will have opportunity to check your pack Sunday afternoon and be ready to start early Monday morning.

Eligibility -

Keep in mind - Scouts eligible for this trip must be at least 15 years of age. First Class, and weight and height meeting physical standard for age. Applicants must meet all requirements, otherwise they will not be allowed to make trip.

Health Histories -

Bring your Health History blank with you. It must be completely filled out not earlier than six days before the trip and signed by a physician and your parents. Applicants for trips will be rejected without this record. (No exceptions to this rule)

REGION TEN
WILDERNESS CANOE TRIPS

(Statement of Information and Policy)

TO: Regional Committeemen, Council Presidents, Camping
Chairmen, and Executives:-

Purpose of Regional Projects -

Regional projects are established and promoted for the purpose of supplementing and stimulating the Local Council Camping Program.

The Wilderness Canoe Trips, one of the Region Ten projects, were established by the Regional Committee as a Local Council service in recognition of:

- a) The need in Council Camping programs for an Advanced Camping experience for especially qualified campers.
- b) The impracticability of each Council providing equipment and leadership for an Advanced Camping project of a Wilderness Canoe Trip nature.

Advanced Program -

The Wilderness Canoe Trip Project is an Advanced Camping project for Local Councils, directed and supervised by the Region thru the Regional Camping Committee. Therefore, each Local Council is urged thru its Camping Committee to consider the Wilderness Canoe Trips as a part of their own Council Camping Program. It is recommended that the Council Camping Committee include in its year's program definite plans for enrolling advanced campers, both Scouts and Scouters, for the Canoe Trips.

Eligibility -

Eligibility for enrollment for the Canoe Trips to be based on minimum requirements adopted by the Council Camping Committee. Such requirements to include the minimum requirements established by the Regional Camping Committee which are as follows:

Requirements -

1. Minimum Rank - First Class with Cooking and Swimming merit badges.
 2. Minimum Age - 15 years. Weight and height meeting physical standard for age.
 3. Adequate Local Council and Troop camping record.
 4. Clear registration record.
 5. Council, Troop, and Parental approval. Subject to final approval and acceptance by director of Canoe Trips.
 6. Health Certificate (standard) showing weight and absence of physical defects. Final checkup at Ely.
- Adult Scouters will meet the equivalent of the above requirements.

Recognition -

This advanced Camping experience should be made a special incentive and recognition of camping achievement in a Council.

Council Concession -

If desired, a Council may make application to the Regional Camping Committee for an entire trip; however they reserve the right to accept registrations from any Council for any trip and to exercise their own judgment in the maintenance of the minimum trip rule - no exceptions to this rule.

Leadership -

The leadership of all trips will be approved by the Regional Camping Committee and will be the best obtainable. Canoes, tentage, and other accessories are up-to-date equipment. Latest methods of handling commissary and wilderness menus and cooking are employed.

Dates of Trips -

There will be three seven-day trips:

August 13 to 18

August 20 to 25

August 27 to September 1

Arrival Base Camp -

Canoeists will arrive not later than 4:30 Sunday afternoon at Base Camp located at Canadian Border Lodge, 20 miles northeast of Ely, Minnesota, inquire at Ely for directions, the night being spent here in order necessary instructions may be given, physical checkup made, and equipment issued. Canoeists must be on hand at this time (no exception to this rule). Shove off early Monday morning. Return 10:00 AM Saturday following.

Cost -

Cost of trip is \$11.50 per person covering expense including supper and lodging at Canadian Border Lodge Sunday night and breakfast Monday morning. Reservations are made by us in advance. It is understood the above stated cost of trip does not include transportation to Base Camp and return home which is the responsibility of the Local Council.

THE REGION TEN WILDERNESS CANOE TRIP PROJECT IS A PART OF YOUR
COUNCIL CAMPING PROGRAM - USE IT

REGIONAL CAMPING COMMITTEE

Dr. A. H. Sanford, Chairman

R. A. Dunning

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S. A. March

Donald B. Robinson

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Special Note - Hunters Island Trip on next page.

GRAPHIC PICTURE OF REGION TEN WILDERNESS CANOE TRAIL

By H. Ross Miller, Guide and Counsellor

Romance -

Have you ever stood on the eastern shore of Gabimichigami and watched the sun sink thru pinkish haze behind the mighty ramparts of Mt. Saganaga? Well, you should see this once before you die if you would say that you have seen Minnesota.

Lake That Cuts -

Perhaps you have noticed the words "Knife Lake" stretched out on the map, northeast of Basswood, but did anyone ever tell you how it got that way? The old French voyageurs called it "Lac de Couteau", the lake that cuts, because of the razor shape vertical slates that cut their canoes to pieces. The redcoated English, carrying the traffic of empire down this thoroughfare before the coming of the railroads, changed the name of the unimaginative term "Knife Lake". But every swimming party today soon finds that it is still "the lake that cuts" and judiciously carries a good first aid kit when venturing into those unusual waters.

Nutty Geologists -

For some years Lake Kekaquabic has been driving America's geologists nutty! Northwestern University had a camp there for several summers and there were twenty Northwestern men there this year. Armour Tech, the University of Minnesota, many schools in fact, are sending their field expeditions to the Kekaquabic. Dr. Druner, professor of Geology, at the University of Minnesota, was there this summer, and the genial doctor, as sociable as he is scientific, paddled the nose of his "old town" up to our camp site the first evening we appeared among his tremendous cliffs, to pay a social call and bid us welcome. Reason for all this, according to Dr. Druner, "There's a geology Ph. I. Thesis in every township."

37 Lake trout -

Suppose an Eagle Scout came along and told you that his gang caught thirty-seven lake trout Wednesday, August 24, and two northern pike weighing ten and twenty-two pounds respectively, and that the cruise director then filed all the barbs off the hooks to avoid catching and seriously injuring any more fish - would you believe it? Well, many Eagle Scouts of Region Ten know where that lake is and they aren't telling. But if you are a member of the organization and pay \$11.50 to Region Ten, St. Paul, before July 1, 1934, perhaps they'll take you there next August. We said perhaps! Only, and providing you can pass a sturdy physical examination, be able to carry seventeen foot "Kennebec" over all 11 husky portages and otherwise do what the Eagle Canoe trails call a man's day's work.

Wild-Water -

And Lake Ima! For fishing, for storms, for wild water! Ima for action! With monolithic campsites which nature laid down in one piece of gabbo as large as a high school. A rock that is really the top of a giant cliff with the water almost covering it. What a diving platform! It would take a Polynesian pearl diver to "bring up the bottom" here.

Elijah's Chariot -

A storm almost caught us napping, piling the canoes in a heap and having a good time punching holes in them. One of the Jim's (the cook) kettles sailed away and never did come back, while his supper fire departed Heavenward like Elijah's chariot in one seething, hissing mass of flame.

Guides -

Bald Eagles for Guides -

Leaving Ima for Ensign, under calmer auspices, the party was escorted thither by a pair of old bald eagles, older than your grandfather probably, but still sweeping the sky with wings that must have covered a full nine-foot spread. They were sailing over to their housekeeping apartment on Ensign cliffs, and they left no doubt in our minds about who was boss around Ima.

Portages -

Portages, portages, portages! What an essay Emerson would write on portages after coming out of Kakaquabic over to Fraser! The word comes from the Latin Porto meaning "to carry", and George Rogers Clark, Athan Allen, and General Washington knew what portaging meant, but you, my dear sir, for whom freight trains and motor trucks have been doing the carrying since the day you were born, know nothing. So you will have to learn.

Cracked Ventracles -

It means putting an 80 pound Kennebec on your back and starting upward. By the time you have risen a hundred feet and your Achilles tendons refuse to function further you see a log, nailed about 10 feet high across a couple of trees by a previous hardier wayfarer, so you juggle the canoe down on it gratefully, thanking him in your heart as you puff, and wonder why your ventricles don't crack right open.

Lookin' back -

You look back, hopin' you will die and you see your canoe mates, loaded with two and sometimes three packs apiece laborously lifting one foot up to the other one and then shoving them on a bit higher with all the hardy resolve the youth and grim-do-or-die spirit can give them. Here and there between the packers an upturned canoe bobs gracefully through the virgin forest. You look forward and the trail rises up, and up and up.

Mountain Weight -

It is here that your weak and fluttering heart wants to give up and quit - but you haven't the intestinal fortitude to stand the kidding you know awaits you; so you buckle up your belt a notch and keep on a drivin'. Oh, if you were only home, where your Buick could do all the carrying you would be so much happier! But didn't Dr. Gruner tell you, laughing uproariously as he said it, that the divide out of Kakaquabic into Fraser was 300 feet higher. You realize, at last, that you were in for it, and bringing to bear all the reserve leg drive that you have left, from bicycling and football days, you struggle up that second hundred feet, the canoe weighing now as much as the mountain itself.

Heap o' Butter -

Here another kindly log appears. Those logs, brother, are saviors in disguise for without them you would "crack up" and shudder "into a little heap o' butter."

Two-Thirds -

You rest awhile, realizing more comfortably now, that two thirds of it is done. The packers go by, shedding packs along the trail here as grass sheds its dew under the morning sun, and their discomforture makes you feel better. So you here highly resolve to do it or bust and start on upward. Soon the sunlight appears over the ridge, thirty rods further and the waters of Wisira awaits you, and you, too have learned that to portage means to carry. Tonight you will reduce your pack to essential things and then throw half those away. Most of your duffle has become impediments, just as such stuff was to Caesar in his Gallic days, so you ditch here for good.