

REGION TEN  
WILDERNESS CANOE TRIPS  
RECORD OF PADDLE AWARDS

NAME	TIENSUU, VICTOR
ADDRESS	Lanesboro Min
COUNCIL	Gamchawen
DATE OF TRIP	
GUIDE	

PADDLE AWARDS: DATE	
BRONZE	7/10/41
GOLD	
SILVER	

*Region Office*

VICTOR TIENSUU

COMPANY 706, C.C.C.  
Lanesboro, Minnesota

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*Check this &*  
*make award*  
*then*  
*Netland*  
June 14, 1941

Mr. Paul Netland,  
Scout Executive,  
Rochester, Minnesota

Dear sir:

Eugene Larson told me that the Gamehaven Area is going to go on their canoe trip July 13 to 19. Eugene and I had planned to go later but if it is possible we would like to join your party. This would solve our transportation problem. We would share transportation costs with the rest.

Enclosed please find the registration fee for Eugene and myself.

I was on the canoe trip last year from Owatonna and intended to get the bronze paddle award. Enclosed please find the requirements for this award. In order to check up on these you can write to our guide, Jack Layton, whose residence is Cresco, Iowa, but who, I imagine will be acting as guide again on the canoe trips. I passed trees, plants, and the first five requirements of Forestry Merit Badge to him. The bed roll worked "swell" at Whitewater when three of us slept under the stars.

Very truly yours,

*Victor Tiensuu*

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*Region Office*

If proper application must be made out will you do so because we have no blanks. Information as follows:

Trip No. 3	-	July 13 - 19.	
Eugene S. Larson	17 yrs. old	Registration fee -	\$1.00
Victor Tiensuu	18 yrs. old	Registration fee -	\$1.00

Maybe another fellow will be able to come too, but he will send in his application later.

Eugene's address is Lanesboro, Minnesota. Mine is at the top of this sheet.



# REGION TEN CANOE TRAIL HONOR BRONZE PADDLE AWARD

A Bronze Paddle is available to any Scout or Scouter participating in any Region Ten Canoe Trip, who successfully meets the following requirements:

- ✓ 1) Be able to identify twenty-five trees and tell uses such as lumber ties, furniture, etc. (Attach a list of the Trees.) List attached
- ✓ 2) Be able to identify fifteen plants and state value to animal and human life. (Attach a list of the plants.) List attached.
- ✓ 3) Learn at least one new camping skill. What is it? (1) How to make a bed roll. (2) How to cook "darn-goods".
- ✓ 4) Send in at least three clear photos taken by yourself on the trip showing something of real interest. Photos enclosed.
- ✓ 5) Submit a story, diary, or log of the trip; or a printed newspaper article about the trip written by yourself. Diary attached.
- ✓ 6) Complete 5 Merit Badge Requirements while on canoe trip. May be parts of any Merit Badges. (List here). First five requirements of

Forestry Merit Badge.

- ✓ 7) I hereby certify that all of the above requirements have been met and make application for the Bronze Paddle.

Council \_\_\_\_\_ Scout Victor Hansen

Executive \_\_\_\_\_ Address Co. 706, C.C.C.

City Taneboro, Minn.

- 8) The above Scout has met our approval in matters of Scouting conduct, skills, and camp sportsmanship.

Guide \_\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_

When all items have been completed, this blank should be forwarded to -

KENNETH G. BENTZ  
REGION TEN OFFICE  
1124 MINNESOTA BLDG.  
ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA

*Sent 7/10/41  
Thru railroad*

# Requirements 1 & 2 for Bronze Paddle Award

by Victor Jensen

## Trees :

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|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Norway Pine          | 14. Large-toothed Aspen |
| 2. White Pine           | 15. Tag-alder           |
| 3. Jack Pine            | 16. Black Willow        |
| 4. White Spruce         | 17. Thorn Apple         |
| 5. Black Spruce         | 18. June berry          |
| 6. Northern White Cedar | 19. choke cherry        |
| 7. Juniper              | 20. Pin cherry          |
| 8. Mountain Maple       | 21. Rock Elm            |
| 9. Red Maple            | 22. Arrow-wood          |
| 10. Mountain Ash        | 23. Tamarack            |
| 11. Paper Birch         | 24. Black Oak           |
| 12. Balsam Fir          | 25. White Oak           |
| 13. Quaking Aspen       | 26. Basswood            |

## Shrubs :

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|--------------|-----------------|
| 1. Raspberry | 4. Purple Osier |
| 2. Wild Rose | 5. Red Sumac    |
| 3. Red Osier | 6. Hazelnut     |

## Plants :

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|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Horse-tails        | 5. Reindeer Moss      |
| 2. Bunch-berry        | 6. Bracken Fern       |
| 3. Large-leaved Aster | 7. Wild Sacapavilla   |
| 4. White clover       | 8. Pearly Everlasting |

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|-------------------------|----|------------------|
| 9. Meadow Rue           | 19 | Canadian thistle |
| 10. Dandelion           | 20 | Poison Ivy       |
| 11. Pigeon - wheat moss | 21 | Water lily       |
| 12. Wild timothy        | 22 | Wild wheat       |
| 13. Fire - weed         | 23 | Yarrow           |
| 14. Wild strawberry     | 24 | Dew Berry        |
| 15. Red clover          | 25 | Butter and Eggs  |
| 16. Vetch               | 26 | Jewel weed       |
| 17. Slew grass          | 27 | Cat tails        |
| 18. Foliose Lichen      | 28 |                  |

Account of  
Wilderness Canoe Trip No. 6

Aug. 4 - 10, 1940

To Complete Requirement 5  
for the

Bronze Paddle Award

by Victor Henshaw

## Wilderness Canoe Trips #6 - Aug. 4-10, 1940

Sunday - Aug. 4 - We arrived at the base camp at Hibbard's Lodge about 7:30 in the evening. After supper our party got together and decided which route we would take. In our party there were 16 members including the two guides Jack Layton and Ed Kopecky. That night 5 of our party namely Paul Slavic, "Arnie" Foster, John Tyrholm, Victor Laskowski and myself slept out in a tent because all the bunks in the "shack" were full. We slept in the same tent for the whole trip.

Monday - Aug. 5 - After breakfast we packed our luggage and "pulled in the anchor". In our party there were 6 canoes; 3 in front of the canoes and 2 in the other two. My canoe mates were Henry Casby and Richard Dilly both of Troop 15, Northfield. That day we travelled about 12 miles to Carpe portage where we ate dinner and set up a minor base camp for use

through - out the rest of the week.

Tuesday - Aug. 6 - It was pretty cold the night before so I got up early. Mr. Peterson guaranteed us that we would keep warm after he showed us how to make a blanket roll or bed roll. About 9:00 A.M. we shoved off into Canadian Camp. We went to see the falls between Camp and Sheridan lakes; I think they are called Sheridan falls. We walked down them on some logs which lay across the falls. Then we went on to Lake Emerald and ate dinner. We had "Orange for variety" again. The water was so clear that the guide said you could see 30 feet down. After dinner we went to a bluff on the other side and took pictures and then started back. The going was pretty rough but when we got all 3 cylinders going it was all right. After swim our canoe had to do K.P. After supper Mr. Peterson taught us how to make bed rolls so we were pretty



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comfortable after the mosquitoes were shot with the "fly gun".

Wednesday - Aug. 7 - Everyone got up early so we could get started quickly. We went up the right arm of Carp Lake, thru Mellon Lake and made a lift over into Knife River. Another lift-over, 5 rods of rapids, Dead Man's Portage, rapids, Big Knife Portage (60 rods) into Knife Lake. South arm of Knife Lake, 25 rods portage to Portage Lake, to Spoon Lake, to Pickle Lake and a 60 rod portage to T. Heke Lake. We went past "Volcanic Island" and camped on an island across from the Ranger tower. After dinner we went across to the ranger tower and climbed it. Anyone who can accomplish such a feat gets membership cards to the Order of the Squirrel but we didn't get them because they were "fresh out" of them. Coming back we had some rough weather and one of the canoes tipped over. Nothing serious happened except that Bob Day lost his camera and glasses.

To save time we shot some rapids on Knife river at the expense of scratching the canoes slightly.

We got back pretty late but Ed Hopecky had supper all prepared for us and we ate heartily.

Thursday - Aug. 8 - Because of the long trip the day before we got up late and had the day to ourselves. I passed parts of Forestry merit badge at different times during the day and in the afternoon a few of us were going to try our hand at fishing but rain put a stop to that. After the rain let up Dan Parren and I went in a canoe and chased loons for a while.

Friday - Aug. 9 - Broke camp and started back the way we had come Monday. Down Birch Lake thru narrows into Sucker lake, north to Prairie Portage. We had dinner and looked over the falls. After dinner we went south on Sucker Lake, through some narrows, through Inlet Bay, into Lake Newfound. We made camp for the last time on the East end

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of Lake Newfound. After camp was set we went farther down passing "Boy Scout" Island to a sand beach and went swimming. After swim a few of us collected raspberries for "Darn-goods" for supper. Some of us stayed up late making them and Bob Wells came into our tent and helped make noise by quoting Shakespeare. "Friends, Romans, and countrymen, lend me your ears, etc." After we had eaten enough of darn-goods we took a couple time exposures of the moon. Finally we went to bed however not before Bob Day had made preparations for the expected visit of a porcupine.

Saturday - Aug. 10 - After breakfast we broke camp and washed the canoes out and head for the lodge. We checked in our equipment and then I went to Mount Inspiration and climbed up the front door to take some pictures. You can't appreciate the view unless you had to pay for

it. I got up the hard way while later I found a nice gentle sloping path going around in back. This is also known as "Gin Hill" which I think is a better name. After the last farewells had been said and the last autographs on birch bark given we embarked for the return trip. The guide estimated that we had travelled 60 to 65 miles by canoe throughout the week.

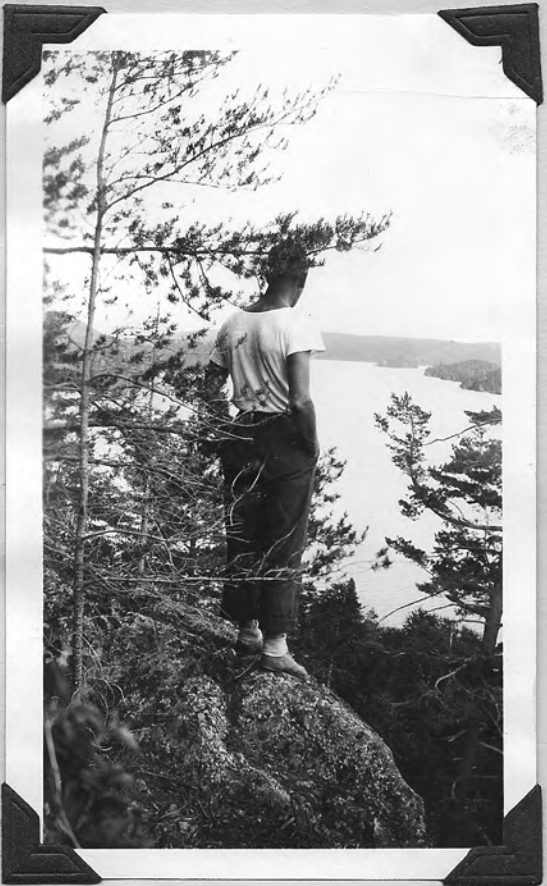


Remains of Old-time logging  
operations.



Dinner across from ranger  
tower on Lake Kewekabic.

*Victor Jenson  
Rochester  
1941*



Mr. Peterson and Lake

Emerald, Canada.