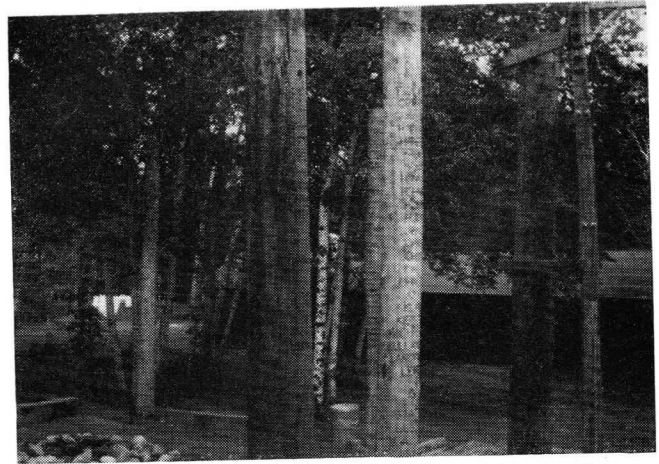


I.S.U. Forester All Stars



Engineers summer project.

The 1959 ISU summer camp took place in the beautiful north country, 2-1/2 miles north of Wirt, Minnesota, at the old CCC camp formerly used as a POW camp and as of late Lubsen's engineers.

After several days of orientation and introduction of the Dora Lake and Cutfoot Sioux Ranger Districts, we got down to the more serious task of mapping and determining the elevation of Clean and Bay Lakes. A very odd discovery was made during this operation which had no one puzzled except Ron Jokerst (instructor extraordinary) as the elevations of these two lakes changed rapidly. After all, instruments and figures cannot lie so Ron's data was discarded and a new plate of the area and the correct elevations for the lakes are now pending further investigation by authorities of the State Department. I wonder how the "lost-forty" got lost?

After Dr. Thomson arrived at camp, things began to take on a different tempo and everyone got plenty of exercise, including hiking and volley ball. By the way, who says you can't put your hand over the net?

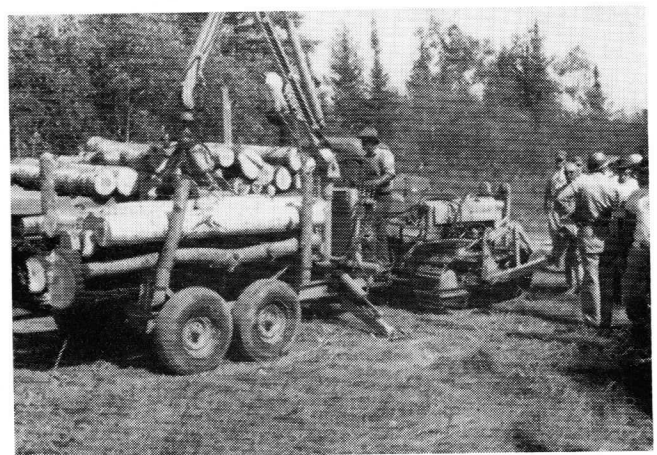
The cruising class had an almost textbook area to work in. Except for the initial survey of the erratic boundary and some brush, the cruise went rather smoothly.

No summer camp would be complete without field trips to paper mills and a very modern hydraulic-operated one. Also we saw one of the country's oldest shotgun-fed stream-powered mills on the Red Lake Indian Reservation. The (outstanding) trip was to the MANDO Paper Co. at International Falls, Minnesota. Besides getting a very detailed tour of the plant, we were treated to a fine fish dinner at a lodge overlooking Rainey River.

The forest operations class had an extensive lesson in Black Spruce swamp forestry and a foresters' dinner again, as guests of MANDO Paper Co. The class also toured the Cutfoot Sioux Experimental Forest including silvicultural practices of control burning, degree of stocking, and reforestation.

All was not work as any veteran summer camper well knows. The recreation facilities are wonderful around camp. The camp had a good softball league going and the all-stars went unbeaten against several local teams. The highlight of camp though was the Conclave held on the last Sunday of camp with many of the local people. Staff, participants, and local people had a wonderful day which was topped off with free ice cream donated by the local store. Jim Bachman walked off with the honors of "Outstanding Forester" and besides receiving the coveted axe, he got kisses from several of the local belles. You know how photographers are.

All indications are that next year's camp will be held in the same place. If you plan to attend, take plenty of warm clothing and mosquito repellant; for you'll need it. You'll find the camp facilities excellent and the hospitality of the local citizens ideal, including "McCalister's."



Last stop for the day.