

SUMMER CAMP

At Minocqua, it was necessary to change cars again. After a prolonged wait a glimpse of the famous "Grass Line Special"—Charlie's Iron Horse, was caught. Later inquiries upon the subject of delays uncovered the fact that upon two or three occasions it was necessary to stop and cut the long grass so that the "Horse" might find its way along the rails. One ride was sufficient to satisfy the men who longed for a ride in the engines similar to Stephenson's "Rocket."

When the party arrived at the State House "Station" Professors Wells and Stevens and Lawson constituted the reception committee. They had already been on the camp grounds for four days and had it in shape for the motley gang. From the "Station" they walked up to "Camp Armour" on Trout Lake, one of the largest lakes in northern Wisconsin.

Some of the city "slickers" were soon acquainted with camping life in more or less a rough manner. Among the tramps around the country to get the "Lay of the Land," they came upon an old Indian Battle Ground where they proceeded to have a battle of their own with the deadly mosquitos. The mosquito netting proved only a small obstacle to the mosquitos who evidently pushed the small members of the tribe thru and waited on the outside for the food to be brought to them.

By the second of June regular work started and the whys and wherefores of the level, chain, transit, plane table, sextants, and "What Not" soon became second nature. The idea of being a surveyor was at first overwhelming, but as time went by the leisure hours were spent in boating, swimming, fishing, hiking, horseshoes, dancing, and baseball. The eight hours spent in the field each day were lightened by the joy of being out in the air and happy.

On the eighth of June the camp was visited by Professors Wilcox, Palmer, Libby, Roesch, Krathwohl, Moreton, and Kennedy. Professor and Mrs. Phillips motored to camp and arrived on the same day. Professors Libby and Wilcox wished to demonstrate to Peacock and Johnson the art of tossing the horse's "iron slipper." It is sad to relate and quite a reflection upon the skill of the former, but they lost. Professor Tibbals and family, Marhoefer, and Lowe were also visitors in camp.

Dancing was an important part in the camp life and in the life of the Lake. The Armour Engineers helped crowd the dance floor of the Trout Lake Pavilion. Thru this medium some hearts were captivated and "business" very often took a camper to town.

The Armour Summer Camp Club won the Trout Lake Baseball Championship. The game with Sayner ended in a 12-4 victory for Armour, with Red Harrower pitching and Samuels as Captain. The second and more important game was played with the Red Arrow Camp. On the Red Arrow Team were men such as Rollie Williams, C. Meller, and Barnum, but in spite of that Samuels and Harrower gave Armour a 5-3 victory.

As the six weeks' vacation was drawing to a close, strange talk of trains, Chicago, and home became noticeable. But when that "Iron Horse" puffed and grunted away from the scenes, they all felt, "I wish it were eight weeks."