

Itaska Leadership Camp



Dean and Mrs. Fenske have been at every Leadership Camp since its first year began, and for good reason, for if it had not been for Dean Fenske and Dr. Youngquist and a few others Leadership Camp would not have been a reality.

While busy with the summer's activities, many of us were pleasantly surprised to hear by mail that we were chosen to represent the Northwest School at the Itaska Leadership Camp. From then until the weekend prior to the conference, we counted the days.

Finally, when September rolled around, we gathered at the Northwest School Campus; from there we went by car to Itaska State Park, where the University of Minnesota maintains a summer camp. All of us were immediately impressed with the beauty and grandeur of the park and the headwaters of the mighty Mississippi. The camp itself is located in a beautiful setting of Norway and white pine right on the shores of Lake Itasca.

Because of our early arrival, we spent endless minutes waiting for the arrival of the other Schools of Agriculture at Morris, Waseca, and Grand Rapids.

Accompanying us were: Dr. and Mrs. Youngquist, Dr. Youngquist being our accomplished public speaker; Mr. Reiersgord, our smooth, polished conversationalist; Mr. Flancher, number one slave driver; Mr. Heckman, foremost leader in fun and song; and Mrs. Myrtle Brown and two assistants, whose job it was to keep us fed.

Not only are we thankful to the founders of the camp for providing worthy students an opportunity to attend this camp from year to year, but we are also thankful to Mrs. Brown, Dr. Youngquist, Mr. Reiersgord, Mr. Flancher, and Mr. Heckman who served as our faculty advisors at camp.



Many interesting hours were spent listening to stories about nature, watching movies, and going on tour of Itaska State Park, under the leadership of Mr. Lewis, a naturalist from the University of Minnesota.