

BOYS RETURN FROM HAMLIN

Councillor Tells of Their Big Time

By COUNCILLOR

Lake Hamlin, Mich.—On June 22, thirty-one excited and heavily laden boys gathered at Community House before leaving for "Chief" Davies' Camp on Lake Hamlin, Ludington, Mich. A special car—special and private for safety and convenience of the other passengers—conveyed the squirming mass under the leadership of three councillors, Dr. George F. Eisenbrand, Jack Hamilton, and Don Crawford, to Milwaukee where a boat was taken by storm and sailed across to Ludington.

Arriving at Indian Hill camp the next morning, one of the boys was so anxious to go swimming that he fell into the lake, fully clothed, and for that misadventure had to run the gauntlet of sarcasm and witticism for the rest of the week.

A typical day opens with reveille at 7 o'clock followed by setting-up exercises, a dip, and breakfast at 7:30. Tent inspection of very rigorous nature takes place at 9, after which a one-hour period is spent in receiving instruction on birds, flowers, knot tying, signalling, tennis, and leadership. The whole camp then joins in working on the tennis court, bridge, or campus until lunch at noon.

Swimming Big Event

After a rest period until 2 o'clock, various events hold sway; a hike to Lake Michigan, a paddle to the sand dunes, Indian games, treasure hunt, or other contests are only a few of the possibilities. But one thing is always certain—that swimming will be held at 4, with canoeing and races of all kinds. During the first few days of camp two teams of equal ability are selected, the Tigers and the Wild Cats, who hold a baseball game every evening after supper until camp-fire time. It is at camp-fire that one finds a fitting enjoyment to close a busy day. It is here that all native talent is unearthed, and after various "stunts" have been given, Chief tells one of his famous stories.

Mr. Barrett and Cabe Wortley arrived at camp a few days late to complete the staff, which had its hands full controlling the activities of certain active campers. A long remembered and much discussed event is the "mid-night feast," indulged in by the whole camp—but at their own risk. Promptly at the stroke of 12, in the dead of night, silent forms and scurrying feet are observed by the watchful councillors, who have sat up on the lookout for this momentous occasion. Then when the feast is well in progress, a sudden alarm is given as the staff

sweeps down from the shadows and drives the miscreants back to their tents. Indeed such events cannot be forgotten—ask Bill Kurtz.

Work for Long "Pull"

But all work and all play have been directed to the end of conditioning oneself to the final test of making the trip up the river. It means a long paddle up and a hard pull all the way, yet once the goal is reached, it is found to be well worth the experience, and as for certain rumors that seem to have permeated the country-side that chief was building a concrete tennis court and that the boys were using it, of that report we can only say that it is true. The boys have been using it, but only for creating muscle and brawn as well as eccentrically decorating trousers, acquired in painting on the court lines. However, their efforts were rewarded by having a well done job which they did use and which future camps will find to be a great asset.

Home Today

Leaving camp this Saturday (July 11), the boys experienced a real shock on finding that their 18 days in the woods had gone so quickly, and although outwardly they have not changed greatly, nevertheless, they have gained a broader conception of values, and comradeships have been made that are valuable, extending even from Pennsylvania to Taylorville. Of course, the girls, who leave Monday to go through the same experiences, will maintain that they have even a better time than the boys, but such opinions being prejudiced, lose weight, and anyway, the boys can holler louder on any occasion, as any of the staff can testify.

"Sacrament" Is Subject at Christian Science Church

The lesson-sermon at the First Church of Christ, Scientist, on Sunday morning, July 12, will be "Sacrament."

Services are held in the Masonic temple at 708 Elm street at 11 o'clock, Sunday school convenes at 9:35 o'clock and the testimonial meeting is held on Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock.

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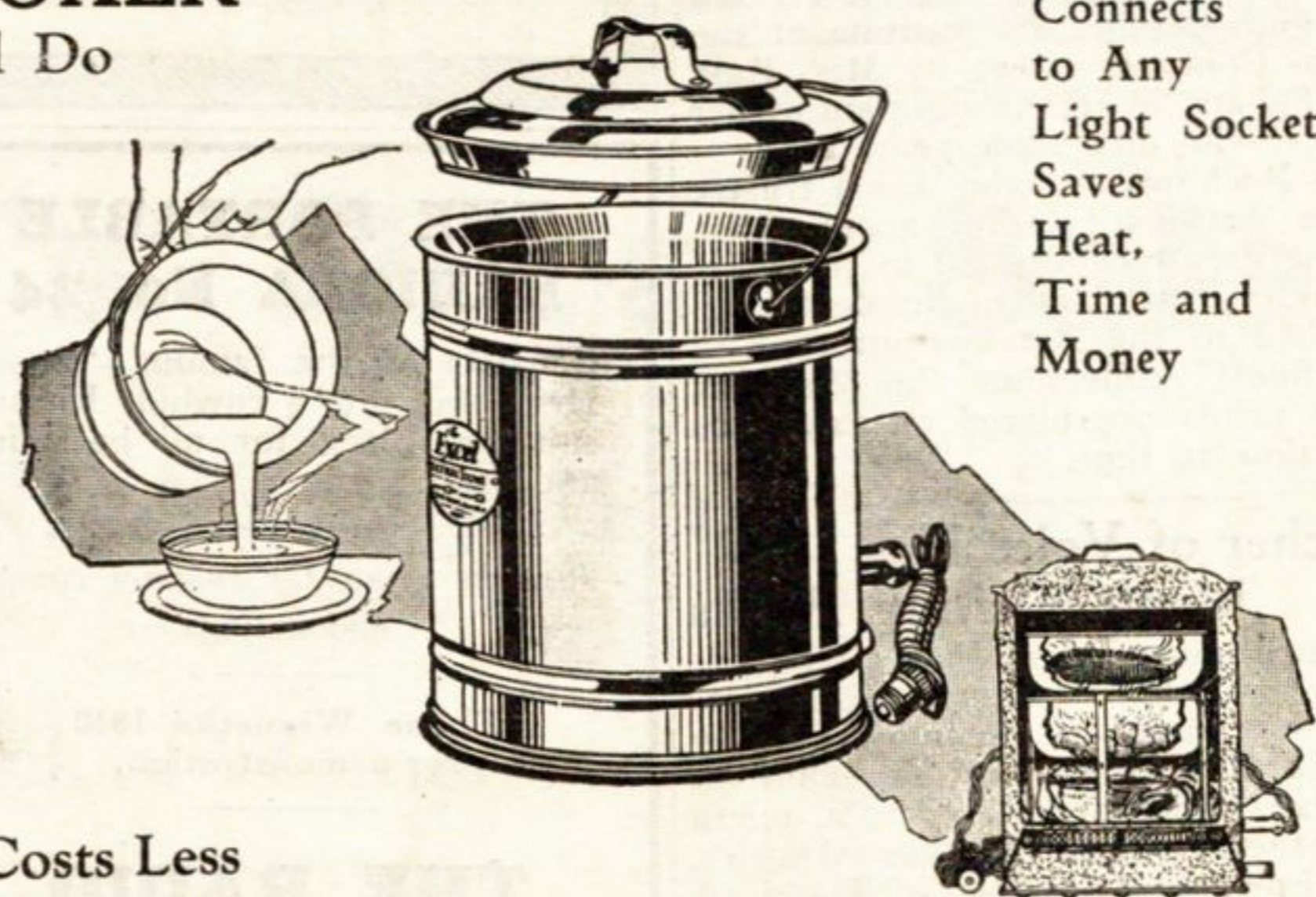
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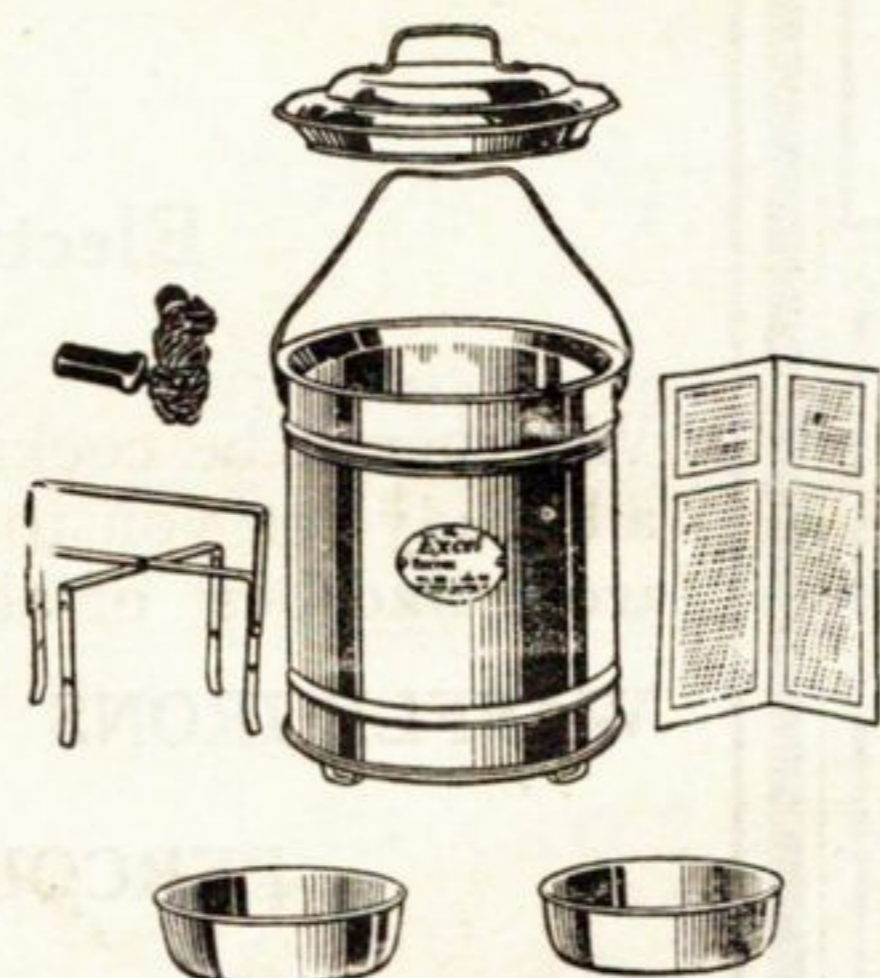
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