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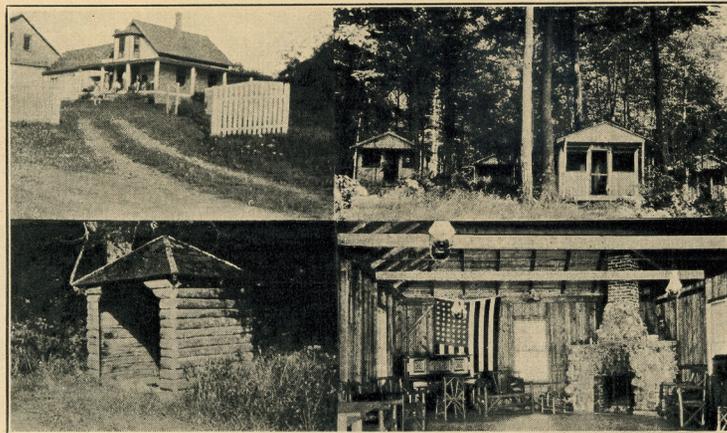
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moments left before meal time you stroll down through the grove where campers are resting or reading in the hammocks. On this west shore is the bathing beach where a sixty foot pier runs out into the lake making a wonderful spot for sun bathing at any hour of the day. Little boats bob around in the water inviting you to take a ride. The motor boat stands waiting to take you for a trip down through the Islands or if you are more daring—the canoe invites you for a sail.

A lusty old bell peals forth and campers hurry in from a fishing trip or mayhap they have been paddling noiselessly around the coves watching the loons or mink in their haunts. It is meal time and no one is going to be late. The walk up the lane to the farm house is always delightful. A stop at the spring for a drink of the cold clear water just puts you in condition for the splendid food that awaits you.

From the veranda at the farm another view of the lake may be had through the trees. Sounds from the nearby brook and the cheery notes of the bobolink or the noisy cawing of the crow break in on the stillness. Across the field a woodchuck comes out of his hole showing a friendly interest in all that is going on.

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Big Indian Pond is three and one-half miles long and is connected with Little Indian Pond by Indian Stream. The waters of Little Indian Pond are white with lilies in their season.

Buildings Admirably situated in the groves on the point are the fresh-air cabins, lodge, store and wash-house.

The sleeping-cabins are built to accommodate one to five campers and are furnished with single steel cots. Special care has been taken in selecting the beds and mattresses so every Camper can rest assured that a good comfortable bed awaits her at the end of each happy day. The windows are well screened and are provided with shutters which may be easily closed, if necessary.

The lodge or living-room consists of one large room. The massive fireplace offers warmth and cheerfulness on rainy days and cool evenings. The floor is an excellent one for dancing. There is a piano, a victrola and radio; also, tables for writing, games or cards. The views of Big Indian from the lodge piazza are beautiful.

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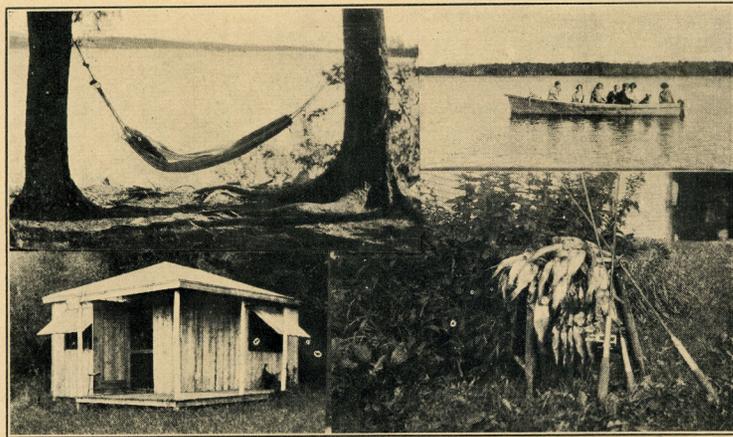
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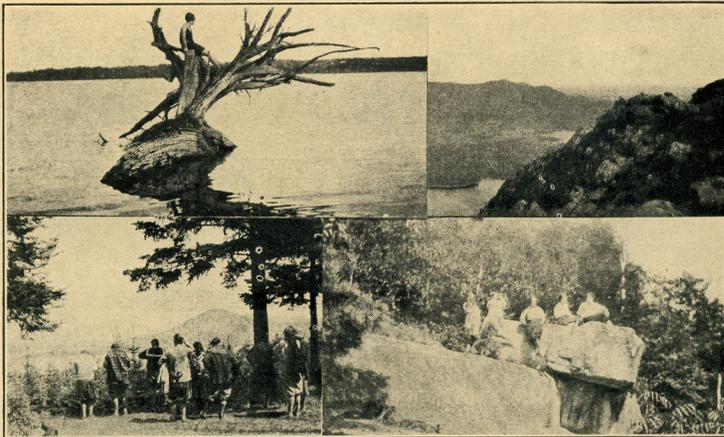
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