

Diamond Drill

Out of the Past

July 31, 1925

The Iron County Park Commission has added a tinge of real to the Indian Cemetery and camping grounds at Pentoga Park located on Chicagon Lake. They have hired Bert Skye anglicized name for (Bi-ne-si-wi-gi-jig) a full blooded Chippewa Indian as caretaker for the property. Skye has lived on the Lac De Flambeau reservation and is a blood relation to the Indians that originally occupied the tract on Chicagon Lake. Mr. Skye is well educated and speaks English fluently and is also well versed in Indian lore and in the history of the Chippewas in this area. He has set up teepee in which he lives and has also rigged up a separate teepee which is open for inspection of all visitors to the park and will answer questions relating to the habits and customs of the Indian way of life. Skye confirms that the correct spelling of the lake is "Chicagon" derived from the corruption of an Indian designation made to early surveyors of the area.