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"FRIENDSHIP CONSISTS OF FORGETTING WHAT WE GIVE AND REMEMBERING WHAT WE RECEIVE"

FROM THE PRESIDENT.

1983 is all but gone - a memory created by a variety of experiences over a period of time. We live in an age of separation. People feel isolated and lonely. Children seem pre-occupied with growing up. Youth feel anxious about the future. Persons seem 'alone' and life, for many has a meaninglessness about it. Yet, for those of us in camping, we have an opportunity to serve. We are models of 'otherness' in this age. Our contacts with children, youth and adults are such that people can begin to catch the flavour of our gifts. The camping community is community at its best. Those marvellous moments on camp sites in which we all have shared provide the basis for our optimism. Oh it's not a blindness to what is; rather it's a glimpse of what might be.

My hope is that 1984 will find us diligent to the responsibilities that are ours. We do help shape persons lives. We do help create buoyancy in the human spirit. We do help persons find meaning and direction. And we do it - together.

This Fall, as president of the OCA it was my task to write to a number of you as a result of the summer's visitation program. And I responded to several letters of complaint. It was not an easy task; some of you replied with anger. Yet, if we are to continue to provide quality experiences for children and youth, then we must remind ourselves of the standards we have set. We must continue to strive for excellence in the best sense of that word. I wrote as a colleague. I have respect for your efforts and I appreciate your commitment to camping.

The OCA board and its executive continue to work away on your behalf. I am encouraged by their skill, enthusiasm and willingness to move on. I want especially to note the work

by the three vice-presidents - Liz, Marilee and Fred who cope admirably with my many idiosyncrasies. And we welcome Sally Moore as the new chairperson of membership. She brings a wealth of experience and has a way of getting things done. It's a major role and it's good to have Sally actively involved in this manner. Sally can be reached in the evening at 222-5703.

This newsletter contains a variety of informative notes and comments. I invite you to read them carefully making your own reflections as you go.

K. GRANT KERR,
PRESIDENT.

FROM THE EDITOR.

It has been a while hasn't it? Yes it's December and there was no November issue. We're still making revisions on the new format. The first issue cost \$97.92 compared to \$50.54 for the old format. It seems that the picture is a tad costly (\$23.00). Without the picture the issue would have cost \$73.07 including federal and provincial sales tax. This time we have changed the print and have attempted to clean up the sloppiness of the inside page. Let me know if you have any suggestions. For those who are the regulars and for those of you who would like to submit an article for consideration in the "NEWS" the new deadline is the 15th of each month i.e.; 15th of November was the deadline for the December issue. There, that's enough of the "housekeeping" items.

Camp spirit has been very much alive this autumn. In October a group of iconoclasts headed up by John Jorgenson, gathered at Albion Hills for the third "Cathy Morris Memorial

Workshop". This special workshop afforded participants the opportunity to take part in leadership in humanistic environmental education; due to the unique format of the workshop, the leaders had a more enriching involvement with the participants. The shape of things to come?

Then I spent a very worthwhile weekend at a workshop co-sponsored by your association and the Ministry of Tourism and Recreation. Catherine Ross was the spark behind the weekend and arranged to have Dr. Mary Keyes of MacMaster University give us some old (with some new twists) and new ideas on effective staff management.

What penny whistling camp director's nickname is Hawkeye? Where are the C.C.A. Archives located? What is the largest camp in the Barrie area? Where in the Haliburton region is the best place to buy ice cream?

These and a plethora of other camp questions made up the first annual O.C.A. pursuit contest. The "Salt and Pepper" gang, as they were so affectionately titled, cleaned up, (sort of). Cliche yes but it was a real hoot! Watch for other questions in upcoming issues. Maybe we will even have a membership-wide contest! What do you think? Have a Happy and Fun Holiday!! See you in the New Year.

M.H.

ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS. "TRACKING AIR POLLUTION"

For six weeks starting this month, Canadian and United States scientists will be tracking the movement of an inert tracer substance through the atmosphere over much

of Eastern North America. The experiment, known as CAPTEX (Cross-Abolachian Tracer Experiment), is intended to track the long-range transport of air pollution by winds.

On August 23, Environment Minister Charles Caccia signed an agreement with the United States government authorizing the joint project.

It is hoped these experiments will provide even clearer confirmation that air pollution causing acidic precipitation can be transported over great distances, from one country to another. The data collected will help scientists further evaluate the ability of current numerical models of the atmosphere to predict the rate, direction and distance of that movement.

Canadian scientists will release an inert, colorless, odorless, non-toxic tracer (perfluoro-monomethyl-cyclohexane) on three occasions from the Sudbury area. U.S. scientists will make three similar releases from Dayton, Ohio.

The release sites chosen are near two of the main sources of air pollution in Northeastern United States and Southeastern Canada, thought to contribute significantly to the acid rain problem in North America. Two hundred kilograms of the tracer will be released over a three-hour period at about one-week intervals, depending on prevailing winds and other weather conditions.

After each release, the scientists will track the movement of the tracer for 1000 kilometres using seven aircraft and a network of 85 sampling stations on the ground. The ground stations form a grid through the Northeastern United States, Southern Ontario and Southern Quebec with one station in Nova Scotia.

Scientists expect to collect over 6,000 air samples during the experiment. They must analyze each sample by gas chromatography before they can produce a picture of where the tracer went from each release point. Results are not expected until next year, but if the experiment proves successful, much longer and more elaborate projects are expected.

Participating in CAPTEX are scientists from the Atmospheric Environment Service of Environment Canada, The National Research Council, The Quebec and Ontario Environment Ministries and several United States agencies: The Department of Energy, The National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration, The Environmental Protection Agency and The Electric Power Research Institute. CAPTEX is expected to cost \$2 million to \$3 million, of which Canada will contribute about 10 per cent.

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CHAPEL TALK.

As we approach the Holiday Season and the stores are stocked up for the Christmas shoppers, our thoughts are occupied with the act of giving. The frantic search for a suitable gift often overshadows the spirit in which giving is to take place. The following little story may cause us to pause and reflect on the type of giving we engage in.

In a small Italian hamlet nestled in the wine region of Tuscany, which is famous for its Chianti wines, the villagers decided to welcome their new priest at a giant Christmas party. The planning started in September during the time of the bountiful grape harvest. Each family was to donate a quantity of their best red wine and to pour it at their convenience into the large vat located in the priest's cellar.

On the Saturday closest to Christmas the villagers and their families dressed up for the long awaited party and brought large quantities of meat, cheese and sweets. Everyone was eagerly awaiting the opening of the large quantity of wine and the elder was the first to descend the steps to the cool cellar. He knocked out the plug to fill the glass jugs the villagers had brought but, to everyone's dismay and alarm, the liquid ran a pale pink. When the elder tasted it his face showed extreme displeasure. A great murmur arose and many of the villagers reached for their coats and quietly left the party. The priest, who had looked forward to this day and appreciated the gesture of his new flock, was sorely disappointed but he retained the stout hope that his villagers will have learned an important lesson.

BRUNO MORAWETZ

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"DO TELL". JOHN JORGENSON

TELL ME WHAT I CAN DO IN THE FIRST
SNOW FALLS OF WINTER.

As was mentioned in the last issue of the OCAsional News transition times and changes offer great potential for developing a closer relationship to your camps natural history. Probably the most noticeable feature of early snowfalls are the tracks of so many creatures so close to your centre camp.

Just a little time spent hiking, snow shoeing or skiing after those tracks will produce some fascinating discoveries.

Tracks which you see most often are not very interesting when you see them. This is because the animals are exposed and so are moving to the shelter of woods or ravines. The first lesson of tracking is to follow signs rather than cross them. Foxes are constantly hunting. Rabbits and hares are constantly browsing. Mice burrow beside trees and skunks, porcupines either eat or sleep.

Those of you who are involved with winter campers may like to try some pre-tracking activities before searching out the real thing.

1. Tricky Tracks

With a minimum of sketching skill you can prepare a series of "What Happened" quiz cards showing various animals interacting in the wild. (e.g. snowshoe hares airlifted out of the picture by a snowy owl, a fox catching and losing a red squirrel, a young lynx stalking and fleeing a skunk). These cards can prepare campers for differentiating size and patterns outside.

2. People Prints

The biggest problem with track-activities is the unpredictability. There may be times when no tracks are available (e.g. right after a snowstorm or a three week cold spell). People prints overcome that in a fun way. Each small group is given a task card requiring a series of actions. (e.g. hop on one foot, front roll, tackle your partner and make a snow angel). The tracks must be interpreted by a second group.

3. Caught in the Act

Visit known track producers: dogs, cats or birds to observe which actions produce which tracks.

The secrets are patience and pursuit. Just like you the animal was going somewhere. The benefits are fitness, fun and finding out a little more about the world around you.

"DO TELL"

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FROM OUR PAST.

Inadvertently, the "From Our Past" Column in the October OCAsional News did not denote it was written by Austin Matthews, Camp Director of Camp Kitchikewana. With this correction, goes our sincere regrets to Austin for this error.

*** CONFERENCE ***

"1984"

FEBRUARY 23, 24 & 25, 1984

INN ON THE PARK, TORONTO

Mark your calendars now!

Thursday Evening - Opening Keynote Speaker

70 Sessions to choose from

40 Exhibitors - Friday Only - Lucky Draws

Full conference package includes Friday Breakfast,

Saturday Lunch and Banquet.

Don't Forget to Tell Your Senior Staff!

Programs and registration forms available in mid-

December.

NOTE: CAMP DIRECTORS

IF YOU HAVE COUNSELLORS WHO WOULD BE INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING AT THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE AS HOSTS AND HOSTESSES TO PERFORM A VARIETY OF TASKS PLEASE HAVE THEM CONTACT SUE PETERS, 425-0501 (office) or 465-0619 (home.)

FROM OUR PAST
ANNIE L. CASE

by Ann R. Prewitt
Former Director
Camp Northway Lodge.

Fannie L. Case, the founder of Camp Northway Lodge in Algonquin Park, was born in 1869 in Rochester, N.Y., shortly after the Civil War in the States. She was the daughter of a Unitarian Minister who died when Fannie was 5 years old leaving her mother penniless with four small children.

Fannie started working when she was 8 teaching Latin. It was not until she was 45 that she earned a degree in Psychology.

Fannie bought the site of a loaned boy's camp on Lake Ahmic in Magnetawan where she started her girl's camp in 1906. In 1908 she took out one of the first leases in Algonquin Park.

Fannie Case was totally selfless. She never imposed her will on others. She never said--I think this, or I want you to do that. She always sought to find out what the other person thought, or wanted to do. She was tall and straight with light blue eyes that were both kindly and penetrating. She seemed to look into your very soul. Her voice was so soft you had to listen hard.

Morning councils were always interesting. Miss Case talked of current events, or, often introduced some philosophic thought. Many of these were similar to Ralph Waldo Emerson's. Emerson's essay on "Self Reliance" illustrates the way Miss Case's mind worked and the faith she had in each individual to unfold and develop to the full. Although she was often far beyond her camper's comprehension there is no doubt that she stimulated their brains and stretched their scope. She had a special genius at developing individuals in their own ways to make the most of themselves.

Fannie L. Case died in 1957. She never realized one of her fondest hopes -- that Canada would become a part of the United States.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION
from - Cliff Labbett.

The Legislation Committee has been concerned for some time now over the constantly increasing cost of workmens compensation for childrens camps. Camps that must report to the board are currently in a grouping with hotels, motels, camp sites and trailer sites. Camps operated by a Church, Y.M.C.A. or similar type organization may request coverage and are placed in a different category. As all childrens camps - agency, church, organization or private are offering a similar service we feel there should not be any difference in the category and following this - A different rate per \$100.00 of wages paid.

The Legislation Committee met with the Assessment Department of the Workmens Compensation Board on Oct. 27/83 and had an interesting dis-

ussion. As a result of this meeting the W.C.B. will be circulating a questionnaire to all childrens camps in Ontario concerning their operation and how it relates to the W.C.B. It is expected this mailing will be in your hands well before Christmas. We ask your cooperation in quickly completing the questionnaire and returning it. Following the summary of the results we will be meeting again with the Assessment Department and hope to obtain a more equitable rate commensurate with the risks involved.

If you have any questions concerning the Workmens Compensation Board and/or the questionnaire please contact either Ted Cole, Camp Walden 635-0049 or Cliff Labbett, Camp Oconto 477-0499.

THE HEALTH PROTECTION AND PROMOTION ACT. 1983.

The Public Health and Legal Branches of the Ministry of Health have developed a new set of regulations to replace the current regulations that we now comply to, to receive our camp licenses. This set of regulations has been modified several times in consultation with the OCA and other interested organizations. When you receive your set of regulations, read it carefully. The OCA will have a meeting in the winter to discuss these regulations and will submit any comments to the Ministry. After one Summer, again comments will be submitted.

These regulations can be changed after implementation and the Public Health Branch is definitely willing to receive and act upon comments.

When reading these regulations one should remember that the intent of the regulation is to provide safe healthy camping and although some of the changes may alarm you, their implementation should not be difficult. As well we have been advised that the regulations pertaining to fire protection will be taken out of these regulations before the Summer and camps will have to comply to a new fire code that is being worked on now by the Fire Marshall's Office. OCA is going to monitor the development of the Fire Code.

JANET ADAMSON

EXCITING NEWS FROM THE P.R. AND PROMOTION DEPARTMENT.

We are very pleased to report that our department is moving into full gear and a nice line up of projects has been arranged for the

83/84 Year.

The OCA Board, at its June 9th Meeting, gave us the go-ahead to make the first ever OCA Television commercial for organized accredited camping in Ontario and a good quantity of film was taken during the past Summer for use in this commercial. The editing and sound tracks are being added now and we expect to have a 60 second and 30 second version available for distribution to all T.V. stations in the Province at the end of January. We hope to acquire air time throughout the February to May period as a public service announcement and will be very pleased if anybody who has special contacts with a local T.V. station would let us know now, so that we can plan to take advantage of the connection. (It's all good "Canadian Content" and we expect an excellent response from the industry).

The main thrust of the commercial will be to emphasize the importance of ACCREDITED camping and will offer viewers our free OCA Directory of Accredited Camps. Through this commercial we hope to tap some of the vast horde of Ontario families who are not presently sending their children to camp - as well as jog the one's who are on the brink!

This month we are busy planning our new OCA booth for use at the Toronto International Boat Show - CNE January 12 to 22, 1984; SPORTS EXPO ONTARIO - Toronto International Centre February 24, 25 and 26; and the CANADIAN NATIONAL SPORTSMEN'S SHOW - CNE March 16 to 25, 1984. We suggest that member camps consider having their own booths at these shows and also that camps include in their next mailing to campers the news about OCA being present. Please suggest that campers and staff should try and visit these shows personally and drop by our OCA booth to say hello and sign our camp visitor book.

HELP! HELP! HELP!

Of course, in connection with these shows, we need lots of support from member camps and their staffs to help man our booth. Whilst we all volunteer and give our time, at no cost to OCA, there are fringe benefits for those who assist at the OCA booth - one of these is the pass that we will supply for your entry into the show at no cost! The Toronto International Boat Show and Sports Expo Ontario gives the OCA great chances to bring its message of quality accredited camping to outdoor active families during the key marketing months of January and February.

Please help us as much as you can by offering your services and those of your camp staff during the show periods. Please call Jean or June

at the OCA office - 781-0525, or drop us a line at 1806 Avenue Road, Suite 2, Toronto, Ont. M5M 3Z1, to let us know that we can count on a few hours of your help at the booth. (The Annual OCA Director's Conference runs on two of the 3 days of Sports Expo Ontario, so many out of town people may be able to combine the two events - also staff who are at the Conference during the day might be able to help with the booth in the evening). Please let us know as soon as you can!

Just in case you are wondering what our booth will be like, we are working on an exciting concept involving computer printouts and an up-to-date booth design. Presently we are seeking support for the computer part of things from a manufacturer and we will again welcome help with this from anyone who has special contacts. The co-operation received from the Toronto International Boat Show and Sports Expo Ontario has been exceptional and has enabled our booth to be there at a minimal cost - please urge your staff and campers to support both shows by their attendance, either as spectators or OCA booth helpers.

MORE STUFF!

Other projects currently under way by the P.R. & Promotion Department include advertising sections in several magazines in major buying centres. These sections will offer special prices for ads purchased by OCA Accredited Camps and will also feature our OCA ad offering our free directory of Accredited Camps. We presently have lined up sections in Toronto Life and Goodlife magazines and are negotiating with print media in other cities for similar sections we will keep you posted as any of these special opportunities to advertise crop up. We are also accepting suggestions for an OCA lapel pin (we seem to be the only Province without one). Other ideas passed to us recently for merchandise for sale include coffee mugs, pens and portfolios.

REMINDER!

Call soon and let us know the dates that you and your staff can help with the OCA Booth - We are counting on you very much!

CHAIRPERSON - of P.R. COMMITTEE.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING.

THE AQUATICS COMMITTEE invites tenders for the provision of facilities for the 1984 OCA CANOE WORKSHOP WEEK-END, to be held in residence from after dinner Thursday, June 7, until after dinner Sunday, June 10.

Tenders should include:-

- cost per delegate for the course for accommodation and food.
- nature of accommodation.
- Minimum/maximum number of delegates.
- other groups sharing site.
- site staff available and areas of expertise.
- types and numbers of canoes available.
- accessory equipment available (PFD's, paddles, etc.)
- diagrammatic layout of canoeing site.
- audio-visual equipment and films available for use on site.

Additional information is available from: LISA WILSON 425-9796.

The deadline for submitting tenders is February 14, 1984 at 4:00 P.M. Tenders must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "Canoe School Tender" to Aquatics Committee, Ontario Camping Association, 1806 Avenue Rd. Toronto, Ont. M5M 3Z1.

Any tender must be open for acceptance for a period of 60 days from tender opening. The Committee reserves the right to reject any or all tenders. The Committee is not bound to accept the lowest tender.

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RED CROSS & ROYAL LIFE INSTRUCTOR COURSES

NORTH YORK - Location Flemingdon Pool.
COST -

\$65.00 - March to June
Register at Memorial Pool
225-4183.

Mar. 9,10,11 & 16,17,18, 1984
Apr. 6,7,8 & 13,14,15, 1984
May 4,5,6 & 11,12,13, 1984
June 15,16,17 & 22,23,24, 1984

ETOBICOKE - Location Elms Pool
Phone: 742-2120.

Dec. 26-30 Cost \$65.00
Mar. 12-16 65.00

Location Gus Ryder
Phone: 251-6937.

Jan. 20,21,22 & 27,28,29 Cost \$65.00

SCARBOROUGH - Contact Scarborough Red Cross.

Mar. 12-16 - Bendale Pool
Tues. Nights Mar. 27 - May 29
Midland Pool.

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FROM THE FIRST TIME YOU SAW THEIR PICTURES

YOU KNEW THEY HAS FOUND SOMETHING SPECIAL

NOT EVERYONE CAN WRITE A CATCHY RADIO JINGLE,

BUT EVERYONE CAN ENTER THE 1984 ONTARIO CAMPING ASSOCIATION PHOTO CONTEST

DATE February 23, 24, 25

LOCATION 1984 Camping Conference - Inn on The Park, Toronto

DETAILS All photos will be displayed
Separate classes for Campers, Directors, Staff
Special Prizes for Special Pictures
Awards presented at the Saturday Luncheon

DEADLINE Photos received before February 1/84

MAIL TO Photo Contest, Ontario Camping Association
Suite 2, 1806 Avenue Road, Toronto, Ontario M5M 3Z1

CATEGORIES **NATURE ACTIVITY EMOTION HUMOR**

BRIEF - IMPORTANT NOTES FOR EVERYONE:

Prints may be either black & white or color

Camper prints may be any size

Director prints must be 5 x 7 or larger

ALL PRINTS MUST BE MOUNTED ON A STRONG PIECE OF CARDBOARD OR BACKING!!

Each print must have an entry form taped to the back side.

SO.....LETS"S GET GOING.....SEND US YOUR FAVOURITES NOW!!!!!!

*****ENTRY FORM*****

One of these forms or a copy must be attached to each photo!!!

PHOTOGRAPHER'S NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

_____ postal code

TELEPHONE NUMBER _____ NAME OF CAMP _____

Please circle one of the following Classes: CAMPER, DIRECTOR, STAFF

Please circle one of the following Categories:

NATURE ACTIVITY EMOTION HUMOR

START OFF THE NEW YEAR ON THE RIGHT FOOT FINANCIALLY!

THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE OF THE O.C.A. INVITES YOU TO PLEASE MARK THIS DATE ON YOUR CALENDAR AND PLAN TO ATTEND A:-

NEW DIRECTORS MEETING

MONDAY, JANUARY 30th, 1984.

Leader: George A. Ross, B.Comm., Chartered Accountant.
Treasurer of Canadian Camping Association.

Topic: Financial Management and Budget Control

- budgeting and cost control
- short and long range financial planning
- current tax legislation
- government subsidized youth employment opportunities

Time: 7:30 P.M.

Place: 38 Bowater Drive, Agincourt
(near 401 and Warden Avenue)

Phone for directions 491-3894.

"WE WELCOME BOTH YOU AND YOUR QUESTIONS"

THIS & THAT

After their successful Steve Van Matre Acclimatization Workshop in the Fall the folks at Circle R Ranch are hoping to make it an annual event.

INPUT, IDEAS & SUPPORT needed by the Aquatics Committee to set up guidelines for aquatic emergency procedures in Camps.

Please send yourself or a representative to the O.C.A. Board Room with lots of ideas on Wednesday, January 18 at 7:30 P.M.

See you there!

Your Aquatics Committee.

AVAILABLE - DIRECTOR - PROGRAM - DIRECTOR

Qualified in administrative and supervisory skills, staff training skills, knowledge of and experience in camping activities/program.

Please contact: Anne Goodings
294 Douglas Drive
TORONTO, Ontario
M4W 2C2
(416) 922-5738.

"WANTED"

Full time camping position in Metro Toronto/Surrounding area; M.S.W.; 5 years Community Centre Director; 3 years Day Camp Supervisor;

Contact O.C.A. office - File No. A-11.

DIRECTOR AVAILABLE

Experienced Director (12 years) seeks position. Resume upon request.

Write to: O.C.A. Office
1806 Avenue Road
Suite 2
TORONTO, Ontario
M5M 3Z1

RE: File No. 12

CAMP DIRECTOR WANTED

To assume major responsibility for supervising a Toronto Day Camp. Experience in leadership and programming essential. Some duties commence January 1984.

Call Evenings: Harold Gold
Valley View Day Camp
(416) 889-8471

A little note to let you know that we appreciate the Camp Brochures we have received and look forward to receiving more.

The following books are missing from the Library.

1. Cookery for Kids.
2. Discoveries in God's World.
3. The New Testament.
4. Counselling your Friends.
5. A Workbook for Camp Counsellors.
6. Towards a Philosophy of Camping.
7. The Concise Book of Winter Camping.
8. Kids in Trouble.
9. Council Fires.
10. Legacy to a Camper - C.C.A.
