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### PRESIDENT'S NOTES

You have heard about the exciting draw to be held at the conference with its worthwhile rewards for the winners. This is no ordinary Draw. Planned by a farsighted Committee, the members designed it to assist some of our significant projects in the Association which our present funding does not cover... the costs of some committee activity as an example. It is imperative, therefore, that we have your support by participating actively in the ticket sales. We regret that some of our members are opposed to this method of funding. However, at the same time, we understand their position in this. The purpose is a very important one, and we believe it should be supported. Will you all reconsider now your part in this project, and we hope you will join in the fun...and the important benefits from its results.

EDITOR'S NOTE: News has come to us that many members are buying draw tickets and giving them to their friends as small fun gifts of a chance to win. There is yet time if you want to tuck a draw slip in a birthday card or How-de-do-letter. Something different...helps O.C.A. too!

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### ADVERTISING OPPORTUNITY

for

### OUR ACCREDITED CAMPS ONLY

Once again all camp directors are being given an opportunity to place their camp advertisements in the Canadian Churchman at a very reasonable rate. Only O.C.A. member camps will appear in this list to bring us to the attention of 280,000 national subscribers which includes 28,000 in Ontario. Space is available in their March, April and May issues to take care of both July and August registrations. We appreciate the wisdom of the Editors in encouraging parents to rely on O.C.A. and our Accredited Camps.

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### COUNSELLOR PLACEMENT BUREAU

We understand that some Camp Directors have instructed prospective counsellors that they can obtain a Camp Directory from the office for the purpose of approaching camps for summer counselling. 'T ain't so. The Bureau exists to receive application cards filled out by those who want to work in camps. Our part is to list the information in brief and mail the lists to every Accredited Camp Director, so that each Director has a fair chance to interview possible staff members.

One more request. As the office staff is in the midst of its busiest season, there is no time to look through cards and give information over the phone. If Directors wish to come in to the office and look through the cards themselves, they are more than welcome.

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A Q U A T I C S

1. CHANGE IN WATER SAFETY INSTRUCTOR AGE PREREQUISITE.

Effective January 1, 1977, mature candidate status has been reduced from age 25 to age 21. As before, candidates for this category must have at least one current Life Saving Award (Bronze, Red Cross Leader, Y.M.C.A. Senior Lifesaving Award) - (current to mean within two years) and permission of the Ontario Division Water Safety Director. The reduction to age 21 is in keeping with current mature student categories in Universities and Community Colleges throughout the province and has been agreed to on a trial basis for one year. Evaluation of the change will be made by both Red Cross and Royal Life in December 1977.

2. ON BECOMING A RED CROSS WATER SAFETY EVALUATOR:

Anyone interested in becoming an evaluator (examiner status) must:-

- a) Hold a current Canadian Red Cross Society Ontario Division Water Safety Instructor certificate for a minimum of two years.
- b) Attend an Evaluation Standards Clinic.
- c) Be recommended by the Course Conductor to co-examine.
- d) Conduct a minimum of two separate pupil training evaluations under the jurisdiction of a qualified evaluator.
- e) Have the evaluator complete the co-examiner form and then forward the form to the nearest Ontario Division Water Safety Service Regional office.

NOTE: No evaluator appointment will be issued until two forms have been received.

Evaluator appointments are for the duration of pupil training evaluations and must be recertified after two years.

3. COURSE DATES:

A listing of all Red Cross/Royal Life Saving Society Instructor courses, Recertification courses, and Examination Standards Clinics for the period February - June 1977 is now available through the various Branch offices. Avoid the June rush - qualify your staff NOW!

4. SAILING QUESTIONNAIRE:

Directors are reminded to complete the sailing questionnaire and return it to:-

THE ONTARIO SAILING ASSOCIATION  
Sport Ontario  
559 Jarvis Street  
Toronto, Ontario M4Y 2J1

5. SAILING INSTRUCTORS:

Of interest, the Ontario Sailing Association offers an instructor referral program for both employers and employees. An employer interested in using this service should provide the following information: Camp Name and Address, Director or Contact Person (address, phone), position available (and responsibilities involved), salary range, and length of the employment period. If you anticipate the need for sailing staff this summer register now with the O.S.A. BY MAIL at:-

ONTARIO SAILING ASSOCIATION  
Sport Ontario  
559 Jarvis Street  
Toronto, Ontario M4Y 2J1

FOREIGN COUNSELLORS

The Employment Visa Certification Waiver has been amended to permit non-immigrants to work as camp counsellors, or in similar leadership roles (not as kitchen staff or maintenance workers), in camps operated by the Canadian Camping Association, without Canada Manpower certification that residents of Canada are unavailable for such employment.

Foreign counsellors should be provided with a letter from the camp director. The letter should note the occupation in which the bearer will be occupied, the location and duration of employment and particularly, that the employer is a member of the Canadian Camping Association.

This letter, together with proper identification, i.e. valid passport, birth certificate etc. (driver's licenses are not acceptable) should be presented to the immigration officer at point of entry.

The non-immigrant is, of course, still subject to Immigration admission standards, but this ruling should simply matters considerably for the foreign operators of camps in Canada, as well as for those who may wish to hire foreign counsellors.

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A GENTLE BUT FIRM REMINDER

All the past history relating to the O.C.A. is housed in the Archives at Trent University. That means there is no archive information at the O.C.A. Office so that when students are referred there by camp directors and recreation leaders a definite imposition is placed upon the office staff. These two gals dislike having to turn away these enquiries but such is the case. Kindly relate this information to those concerned. Direct your students and staff members to: -

Mr. Ken Johnson  
Archivist  
Trent University

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PLEASE NOTE

Because some treasured books are missing from the O.C.A. Office, all members will surely understand the reason why it is stipulated that ONLY MEMBERS of the O.C.A. are welcome to make use of the library facilities in the O.C.A. Office.

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ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS

A report on this committee's work has come in, having to do with the October questionnaire results. Further details and plans for this year will be discussed by Craig Copland in the next Newsletter.

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CONFERENCE REPORTS

Copies of the following Conference Reports are available at the O.C.A. Office for the designated prices.

- 1976 - \$5.50
- 1975 - \$7.50
- 1973 - \$5.00
- 1972 - \$5.00
- 1971 - \$5.00

Price of postage being what it is it would be appreciated if "In town" folks would pick up their purchases at the O.C.A. Office. Thank you!

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THE ONTARIO WATER SKI ASSOCIATION wishes to contact Camp Directors who currently have water ski programs and those who are anticipating such an activity as part of their program. We are currently initiating plans for 1977 and with the support of the various sponsors and agencies who assisted us last year, hope to again offer our Ontario Water Ski Association Travelling Clinic at no charge to interested O.C.A. members. During the past summer, our Travelling Clinic called on well over a dozen Ontario camps and we received numerous letters complimenting the excellent job done by the two staff members.

For those not acquainted with this Travelling Clinic, I would like to describe its purpose and the services provided.

The Ontario Water Ski Association Travelling Clinic attempts to accomplish the following objectives:

1. To assist and inform your waterfront staff about the latest Water Ski Instructors' Course teaching techniques.
2. Evaluate existing water ski programs and offer suggestions that might improve or make more efficient, their operation.
3. Provide literature to staff and campers that will inform them about the sport of water skiing. The clinic also has some interesting films which can be shown after hours.
4. Explain the Recreation Rating Awards Program.
5. By the use of our own boat, increase the number of campers who can enjoy the sport while the clinic is in attendance at your camp.
6. Coach your staff and campers to improve their skill in the sport.

All the preceeding services are available to any interested O.C.A. camp AT NO COST. With the assistance of the Ministry of Culture and Recreation and other sponsors, we are able to provide a van, skis, ropes, trailer and boat with motor for our Travelling Clinic. The only cost which your camp is requested to cover would be accommodation and food for our staff, plus fuel for the boat.

Camp Directors who are interested in utilizing this service or who would like information on the Water Ski Instructors' Course, should contact:

Wally Sokolowski  
Executive Director  
Ontario Water Ski Association  
559 Jarvis Street  
Toronto, Ontario M4Y 2J1 Tel: (416)964-8655

OR See us at our Booth at the Conference - Royal York Hotel - March 3 - 6

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TO CAMP DIRECTORS

If you have received a mailing from Messrs. Black & Meiteen please read this:-

"In the past few weeks you may have received our letter regarding a travelling water ski work shop we plan to run during the summer of 1977. Some people may have mistakenly inferred from this letter that we are offering this ski program through the Ontario Water Ski Association. In fact, ours is an independent, privately operated program. We have personally participated in an Ontario Water Ski Association instructor training course and we hope to interest camp skiers in the benefits offered by the OWSA, but our instructional work shop is not itself an official Ontario Water Ski Association program.

The Ontario Water Ski Association operates a travelling instructional clinic of its own and we feel that any camp interested in knowledgeable ski instruction would benefit from a visit by the Ontario Water Ski Association travelling clinic (no charge) or by our own travelling ski work shop (we charge)" Jeff Black - Geoff Meiteen.

LATE CONFERENCE NEWS

HOTEL RESERVATIONS.

If you are planning to stay at the Royal York Hotel during the Conference be sure to mention you are attending the Ontario Camping Association Conference. The more people we have staying at the hotel the better our meeting room rates will be.

BANQUET RESERVATIONS

Due to a change in personnel arrangements for the banquet it will necessitate changing our plans to seat delegates at designated tables. Seating arrangements will have to be first come first choice basis.

PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST.

There is still time to submit your entry for the Photography Contest - BRING THEM TO THE CONFERENCE!

BANQUET SPEAKER.

Don't miss our Banquet Speaker! Jeremy Brown, the Managing Editor of Pagurian Press which is Canada's largest producer of Outdoor Books will speak on "The Way of the Wilderness - Observations from the Heart of the City". Mr. Brown is a daily commentator on Radio Station CKFM and has been a columnist for the Toronto Star and is a dynamic and informative speaker.

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IT WAS A SUCCESS!

Whichever way one looks at it, reports are coming through that The Great Conference was one of the greatest, all due to the expertise of the Chairman, Phil Lowes and her extremely able Committee. People on the staff at the Royal York did yeoman duty in making arrangement details easy, so much so that the Committee has decided to book in again for 1978, same place, same time. We are asking Phil to give us a more detailed resume for the next OCCASIONAL NEWS, but we do know that the financial picture looks healthier, Bob Slingerland sold the most tickets for the Draw, and attendance was well up over last year's goodly numbers.

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RE: ADVERTISING AND PUBLIC RELATIONS

While we have no active Committee to cover this work, we are following through on last year's opportunities to publicize O.C.A. as much as possible by radio, cable TV announcements, and newspaper advertising. We have been given once again two unusually good opportunities, one by the Canadian Churchman 50,000 circulation in Toronto alone, the other by the Toronto Sun with its quarter-million readers. Both papers wish to advertise only Accredited Camps, members of our Association, and have asked that we write as much as we can, directed to parents, about Accreditation and the values of O.C.A. support. Rates in both papers are reasonable. While camp budgets are not always elastic we do know that both these are excellent avenues of exposure, and deserve all the support camp directors can afford. Circulation is guaranteed; readership assured.

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CAMPING WITH HANDICAPPED CHILDREN

A new book 106 pages, that will make history with many camp directors, has been prepared by the National Council of Boy Scouts of Canada and the Department of National Health and Welfare, with Recreation Canada. It all has to do with adults working with children having a handicap either physical or mental. This authoritative material is most conveniently organized for each handicap, what it is, how to cope with it effectively, covering health and safety, programme activities . . . for those most able to participate, and those least likely to participate, with advice and a list of usable games and suitable equipment. Only \$3.95 from Boy Scouts of Canada, 316 Bloor Street West, Toronto, M5S 1W5

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