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### N O V E M B E R

October Occupations: Fitness and Amateur Sport, Federal Government assistance allowed a Leadership Resources Workshop to be held at Wanakita back-to-back with a C.C.A. Board Meeting. Janet Adamson attended as Ontario's Representative at the Workshop until I was able to arrive for the wind-up of the Workshop and the Board Meeting Sunday. Led by facilitators Jan James and Lou Lanier (Past Presidents of Alberta Camping Association) goals and objectives were set for C.C.A. for the next five years. A Task Force of Barry Lowes, Janet Adamson, Brian Blackstock and Liz Greenway has been formed to consolidate findings and suggestions and to create budgets and terms of reference for desired projects. Janet reported that the weekend was productive and informative with a very positive attitude throughout.

O. C. A. Fall Board Meeting took place in a very pleasant setting, the Board Room of the Girl Guides of Canada. All were grateful for pleasant surroundings in order to survive the five hour endurance contest that ensued - a Not unhealthy sign - inevitable after the Summer.

*READ* in the Almaguin News that Aubrey M. Rhamey, Director of Big Doe Boys' Camp near Burks Falls, Ontario was honoured, on his retirement from the Toronto Board of Education, at a reception at the Boulevard Club, by 400 colleagues, friends and family. Aubrey and Marjorie plan to spend more time at Big Doe, at Sand Lake family cottage and travelling! Happy Days Aub and Marj.

*TALKED* to Honorary Member, Stan Wild, who is with Canadian Electrical Distributors Association, which position requires much travelling far and near.

*SAW* O.C.A. Past President and Honorary Member Adele Ebbs at an afternoon tea, that social custom almost extinct but still an excellent opportunity to chat with Adele who is busy, fit and happy.

*HEARD* from 1978 Conference Program Chairman, Joan Lowden, in Ottawa, in her own words "still in the land of the well and living". Joan has just begun a new job, an Employer Relations Specialist at Digital Equipment, a large computer firm - involving vocational and personal counselling, recreational planning and policy planning interpretation. "Way to Go", Joan!

*PHONED* Paul Rushton, up at Trailfinder, who is not quite ready to return to town yet after the Summer. Considerable research on membership policy has occupied many hours this month. No such search would be complete without a word with Paul, he who was Committee Chairman for at least 75, 76, and 77.

*GREETED* Past President and Honorary Member, Bert Danson, in the office the other day. Realtor, Bert, Camp Consultant with A.E. LePage is never in too big a hurry to lend a sympathetic ear to current issues. Thanks for listening, Bert!

October was fully occupied!!!

BARBARA GILCHRIST

PLEASE NOTE - from JOHN RUSSELL

You may have noticed the name "Circle R Ranch" in the news in the past month. No doubt you realize that the organization in question is not the "Circle R Ranch" which is a member of O.C.A. but in case there is any doubt in your mind, Milly and John Russell would like to make it perfectly clear that their "Circle R Ranch" which is located in Delaware Township near London, Ontario, does not have any connection with the "Circle R Ranch" mentioned in recent newspaper articles and which is situated north of Toronto.

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A R C H I V E S

JANET ADAMSON AND HELEN STEWART PROMISE A "SUPERMELABAGORGEIOUS" ANNOUNCEMENT IN OUR NEXT NEWSLETTER. SO WATCH FOR IT!

There will be an Archives Display at the '81 Conference and the Archives Committee is anxious to involve as many of the Membership as possible. If you have any relics such as slides, photos, paddles, paintings, bathing suits, sweatshirts, or whatever, kindly call me - (416)622-6639 or the O.C.A. Office - (416)781-0525. Please do so before November 12, 1980 because the Archives Committee is meeting on that date and one of the items on the Agenda will be organizing the Display for the Conference showing.

HELEN STEWART

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C.C.A. UPDATE

MARJORIE BOOTH - Executive Director

- C.C.A. has a new Brochure! Requests for same to C.C.A. will be honored.
- Spring of '81 a Central Region Vice-President to be elected and C.C.A. will be seeking a new President as Cliff Labbett's term of office comes to a close.
- Minimum wage has been adopted for Camps in Quebec.

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MAY WE REMIND YOU!

OPEN MEETING ..... STANDARDS

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 1980

7:30 P.M.

THE ONTARIO CRIPPLED CHILDREN'S CENTRE  
350 Rumsey Road, Toronto, Ont. M4G 1R8

At one of O.C.A.'s most important meetings, probably one of historic significance, every member is urged to be present. We need your thinking, we need your suggestions, your comments and your leadership to follow through on Chairman Bruce Harris' letter of October 24, 1980. This meeting will determine the future of Standards and Membership in the Association

SEE YOU THERE . . . . . EVERYBODY!

RE: THE RECOMMENDATION THAT O.C.A. HAVE ONLY ONE MANDATORY STANDARD

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A prime reason for our Standards Program is of course education, as the Standards Chairman reviewed in his letter of October 24, 1980, and I fully concur with the spirit of his message.

However, the lack of objectivity in a process that would provide 250 guidelines and seek to accredit on the basis of offering assistance if a camp was having difficulty with some areas of desirable practices, causes me great concern. Who will determine what having difficulty means (quantitatively and qualitatively), who will decide what areas are critical and who will decide what is flagrant disregard of safety practices?

For a Standards Committee to reach consensus on these issues, after every camp visitation, is unworkable, unrealistic, redundant and unfair to the public. I say unfair, since accreditation implies compliance with mandatory standards, not a subjective evaluation process.

Further, I would suggest that many camp directors, both new seeking positive guidelines and old seeking touchstones, would like a set of agreed-upon basic mandatory standards, as well as a set of guiding principles.

At this time we should be examining our mandatory standards, our recommended practices and our accreditation process to make sure that all are adequate to ensure the format for safe, healthy camping for children, not debating the abolition of mandatory standards.

This is a complex issue and I sincerely hope that on November 19 many reasoned points of view are presented before this issue is decided upon.

JANET ADAMSON

*Vice-President - Ontario Camping Association*

GREETINGS FROM THE AQUATICS COMMITTEE!

I trust you all had a tremendous summer, unfortunately it is now time to get back to 'city work'.

A large THANK YOU goes out to the 82 camps who completed the Aquatics Questionnaire. I realize it was time consuming but the results should reap many benefits. The O.C.A. now has a much more accurate account of Aquatic Programs offered by their camps. Thank you for making this possible.

To anyone who still has the questionnaire setting on their desk, or needs a new one from the office, we are still accepting them, with pleasure!

RED CROSS NEWS UPDATE:

1. Effective as of September 1, 1980, the age requirement for an Ontario Division Water Safety Instructors candidate is 16 years of age (instead of the previous 17 years).
2. The new Pupil Training Program is undergoing continual revisions and improvements. Here are some of the highlights:
  - a) this new program is considered to be a learn-to-swim continuum.
  - b) there are now 8 levels, with Survival being retained as a separate and optional program.
  - c) first aid content, except for Rescue Breathing, has been eliminated.
  - d) lifesaving content, except for reaching assists, has been eliminated.
  - e) swimming skills are introduced very early in the program.
  - f) all age prerequisites have been removed.
3. Interested in operating a Red Cross Water Safety Instructors' Course?

Contact the Red Cross, Ontario Division, and they will help you set it up.

Please feel free to contact the Aquatics Committee if you have any questions. Once again thanks to all for a successful summer and of course the returned questionnaires!

ARILIE ARMSTRONG - Aquatics Committee Chairman

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"BLOORVIEW - A VERY SPECIAL PLACE"

Several camps used this 16mm film during the summer, a film commissioned by the Bloorview Children's Hospital in honour of "1981 - International Year of the Disabled Persons". It is available for use in camps this summer, with a speaker required, all free of charge. Bloorview's remarkable work with handicapped and chronically ill children becomes appealing to all of us who have known and supported this hospital first opened on Bloor Street West in 1899. For appointments in the summer write to their new home -

25 Buchan Court, Willowdale - 494-2222

Mrs. Joyce Perrin is the Administrator.

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CAMP DIRECTOR REQUIRED

For a YMCA Resident Camp of 180 Boys and Girls ages 8 - 16 years and the Year-Round Outdoor Centre:

Apply in writing to: HAMILTON/BURLINGTON YMCA  
79 James Street South, Hamilton, Ont. L8P 2Z1

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LOOKING AHEAD TO SUMMER!

St. John Ambulance can help you now to get organized for next summer. Your staff and counsellors can take their safety oriented first aid courses during the winter in their home communities. First Aid Training can make your camp a safer place to enjoy the summer, and your staff can use their skills to teach first aid to campers.

St. John recommends the 16-hour Standard First Aid course for staff and outtrippers, and the expense of the Workmen's Compensation Board. For information, contact the St. John Ambulance Branch in your local phone book, or the Director of Training, St. John Ambulance, Ontario Council, 46 Wellesley St., East, Toronto, M4Y 1G5

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SACRED HEART CHILD AND FAMILY CENTRE

Opening for Music Specialist

QUALIFICATIONS: College or University degree or equivalent  
(a general degree with emphasis in music)  
- experience in working with children  
- recreation skills an asset

APPLICATION IN WRITING TO:

MR. BILL ARBUTHNOT  
SACRED HEART CHILD AND FAMILY CENTRE  
3275 St. Clair Ave., E., Scarborough, Ont. M1L 1W2

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WE WELCOME TO O.C.A.

NEW INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS

SUSAN BIRD	D'ARCY MAGEE	MARY JOY TERSIGNI
JENNIFER COOKE	ANNE McKILLOP	PETER THYRRING
BETH HECKMAN	DIANE ROSS	DEREK WALSH
		GORDON WOLFE

NEW ACCREDITED CAMP MEMBERS

CHARLES N. AGREE OUTPOST, CAMP GLEN MHOR, CAMP MISHEWAH,  
CAMP SHOMRIA

NEW PROVISIONAL CAMP MEMBERS

CHRISTIAN HORIZON (CAMP HORIZON), SACRED HEART CHILD & FAMILY CENTRE CAMP  
DOWNTOWN TENNIS CAMP, PROJECT CANOE, CAMP TAMARACK

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MARK THIS DATE ON YOUR CALENDAR

MARCH 5, 6 & 7

O.C.A. PRESENTS CONFERENCE 1981

In recognition of "The International Year of the Disabled Person" the theme of the Conference will be -

"FULL PARTICIPATION"

This Conference will be held at Hilton Harbour Castle, in Toronto. Further information to follow.

DATES TO REMEMBER

<u>NOVEMBER 11</u>	Environmental Concerns Committee Meet.
7:00 P.M.	1806 Avenue Rd., Suite 2 Toronto, Ont.
<u>NOVEMBER 12</u>	Membership Committee Meeting
1:00 p.m.	1806 Avenue Rd., Suite 2 Toronto, Ont.
<u>NOVEMBER 19</u>	Gov't. Concerns Group Meeting
7:00 P.M.	1806 Avenue Rd., Suite 2 Toronto, Ont.
<u>NOVEMBER 25</u>	O.C.A. Executive Meeting
2:00 P.M.	1806 Avenue Rd., Suite 2 Toronto, Ont.

THINK DEEPLY AS YOU READ

*We are grateful to our President for again bringing this poem to the fore. We ran it in Town Talk some time ago and drew grateful comments from a host of readers. In a word where humility so often disappears, many readers commented -- "It makes one say 'Thank you' at the end of each day!"*

IF GOD SHOULD GO ON STRIKE

*How good it is that God above has never gone on strike,  
Because He was not treated fair in things He didn't like.  
If only once He'd given up and said, "That's it, I'm through!  
I've had enough of those on earth, so this is what I'll do".*

*I'll give my orders to the sun - 'cut off the heat supply'.  
And to the moon - give no more light, and run the oceans dry.  
Then, just to make things really tough and put the pressure on,  
Turn off the vital oxygen till every breath is gone!"*

*You know He would be justified, if fairness was the game,  
For no one has been more abused or met with more disdain  
Thank God. And yet He carries on, supplying you and me  
With all the favours of His grace, and everything for free.*

*Men say they want a better deal, and so on strike they go,  
But what a deal we've given God, to whom all things we owe.  
We don't care who we hurt to gain the things we like;  
But what a mess we'd all be in, if God should go on strike.*

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ONTARIO CAMPING ASSOCIATION

CONFERENCE '81

MARCH 5, 6, 7, 1981

"FULL PARTICIPATION"

TORONTO HILTON HARBOUR CASTLE

EXHIBITOR TIME

The format for our Exhibitors will be different at the 1981 Conference. Our Conference will open on Thursday, March 5, 1981 at 1:00 P.M. and the entire afternoon will be devoted to the exhibit area and our Exhibitors. Come and spend the time with the Exhibitors who will be able to answer questions, show new products and give us the opportunity to prioritize the purchasing that we are considering for the coming camping season. This time will also provide us with the opportunity to show our thanks for their contribution to the Conference for these many years. Because of this concentrated time set aside for the Exhibitors they will not be a part of the Conference on Saturday. Their time at the Conference will be Thursday and Friday.

MARK DOWN THIS IMPORTANT CHANGE IN FORMAT AND MAKE PLANS NOW

FOR THIS SPECIAL EVENT

OUTLINED BELOW IS THE PROGRAM FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 5, 1981

1:00	P.M.	REGISTRATION.....	Foyer Convention Floor
		Exhibitors available for consultation.....	Frontenac Ballroom
5:30	P.M.	CASH BAR.....	Foyer Frontenac Ballroom
6:00	P.M.	BEEF ON A BUN .....	Foyer Frontenac Ballroom
8:00	P.M.	WINE & CHEESE PARTY .....	Salon A

Sponsored by the Exhibitors, The Society of Camp Directors and  
The Ontario Camping Association

*COME, JOIN IN AND ENJOY AN EVENING OF FUN AND SHARING!*

DON'T FORGET: THURSDAY, MARCH 5, 1981

Toronto Hilton Harbour Castle  
Frontenac Ballroom - 1:00 P.M.

**LET'S SHOW OUR EXHIBITORS HOW MUCH WE APPRECIATE THEIR INVOLVEMENT!**