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A NEW DECADE

*A New Year, hence the New Decade, is not yet two months old, not too late to write
"HAPPY NEW YEAR!" "HOPEFUL NEW DECADE!!!"*

HOPE: a desire of some good accompanied with a belief that it is obtainable.

A renewed interest has sprung up in a little book "Wood-Fire and Candle-Light", written by Mary S. Edgar and published in 1945 and for many years out of print. Inquiries about this book prompted me to bring out my own treasured copy and recall camp days.

Here we are, four decades after this book was published, and as I read, I was struck by the relevance today of many of the selections written in those years while we were striving to recover from a second World War.

For my New Year's message I take licence to change slightly the title of Mary Edgar's "To a Camper in War Time" to make it relevant to today's troublous times.

TO A CAMPER IN TROUBLED TIMES

*If you but knew how blessed is your portion!
Gaily you plan for camp in times like these,
While in a warring world are countless children
Whose hapless dower is hunger, fear, disease.*

*If you can greet the precious days of summer
With eagerness to give your very best
To each exploit, you'll learn from each adventure
To play your part in life with greater zest.*

*If you can get along with few possessions -
(They travel light who blaze all trails, my dear -)
You'll learn to be resourceful in the future
And find the world still needs the pioneer.*

*If you can learn to love your lakes and forests,
Can thrill to say: "All this belongs to me!"
Your heart expanding will embrace your country
And proudly then you'll pledge your loyalty.*

Mary S. Edgar

BARBARA GILCHRIST
President
Ontario Camping Association

CONFERENCE NEWS

Thursday evening, March 6th, after registering please come to a Reception in the Ball Room and meet the O.C.A. Executive and Board, your Conference Committee and our Exhibitors. Committee Chairmen will also be on hand to share information about the workings of their Committees.

SEE YOU AT THE CONFERENCE, MARCH 6,7 & 8.

ARCHIVES AT THE CONFERENCE

A showing of camp slides is planned by the Archives Committee to be on display at the Conference, March 6,7 & 8. There are a few specifics and instructions, so if you have available any very old camp slides dated before 1960, please call me at (416)622-6639 BEFORE FEBRUARY 29th!!

Ken Johnson, our Trent University Archivist, will be at our disposal on Friday and Saturday. Do make a point of meeting him, and do bring along those records you have been intending to send to O.C.A. Archives, for their safe keeping.

To date, I have received minutes from ONE Committee . . . the Conference Committee. To them, my thanks. COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN; there is a place in our Archives for your minutes. Please forward them to my attention, addressed to O.C.A. Office (Archives).

HELEN R. STEWART - Archives Chairman

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PUBLIC RELATIONS DISPLAY

The Ontario Camping Association has recently completed the acquisition of a new display booth, through the co-operation of Wintario. Members will have their first opportunity to see the unit at this year's Conference. At that time you might offer suggestions for display material as well as for appropriate places to present the display.

REMEMBER TO VISIT OUR ASSOCIATION'S NEW BOOTH AT THE CONFERENCE!

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O.C.A. ANNUAL MEETING

Just in time for this Newsletter is the date of our Annual Meeting, place - Lambton Golf and Country Club. Guest Speaker sounds Interesting: John Spragge, Vice-President, Programming, C.F.R.B. Limited. Mark all calendars:

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16th, 1980

Special note to Committee Chairmen; How about all those reports that must be in the office well before that date? Set your deadline . . . More reminders later.

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BOARD OVERNIGHT

Friday evening, January 18th, and the better part of Saturday, January 19, members of your O.C.A. Board, nineteen of us, gathered at Prudhommes, Vineland, Ontario to accomplish objective setting. Funds received from the Ministry of Culture and Recreation supported, for the most part, this event.

Pat Pearse, Grant Kerr and Fred Okada organized our agenda; each contributing his or her own special talent; wit, wisdom and expert guidance prevailed throughout.

Constitution, Standards, accidental death procedure, O.C.A.'s strengths and weaknesses were subjects discussed. Decisions well made. Follow-up is planned.

"Exceedingly useful and productive"; "very worthwhile exercise"; "helpful atmosphere set by Committee" were among the comments evaluating the experience.

O.C.A. CONSTITUTION

By now, you will have received your revised draft copy of the O.C.A. Constitution with the request from the Committee appointed to review the Constitution, to read it carefully and vote, by mail, your acceptance or rejection of the draft. If you have not already completed your ballot form, may we urge you to do so in order that the new Constitution may be implemented in election proceedings for the upcoming Annual Meeting. Thank you!

DIANE MACKIE . . . Off to Thailand

Diane is a member of the O.C.A. and was the winner of a number of prizes in last year's Conference Photography Contest. She is an R.N., trained at Toronto's Hospital for Sick Children, spending her summers as nurse for the Ontario Society for Crippled Children at their Camp Northwood. When the call came for Medical Assistance in Thailand, she volunteered as part of the Canadian Medical Team and left November 30, 1979 for that disturbed country where the need for experienced graduate nurses and doctors is beyond the comprehension of most of us. *BRAVO DIANE!!*

LATE MAIL DELIVERY

We have had to convey strong objections to the Postmaster General about definite late deliveries of mail on a number of occasions, the latest being the delivery of the Conference Programs and information. If the post mark is clear, and the date of actual delivery definitely late, would you be good enough to save the envelope with clear date and your stamp of arrival date and forward it on to the O.C.A. Office. If the Post Office Officials have this kind of evidence they can trace the point of delay. Thank you!

A REQUEST FROM THE O.C.A. OFFICE

CAMP DIRECTORS - We would appreciate receiving from you one of your Camp Brochures for our files. More detailed information than that which appears in our Directory is sometimes requested by inquiring parents. Thank You!

WE WELCOME THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS

DAVID BOOZ	DAVID HISCOCK	FRANK SILVERTHORN
MORLEY CHALMERS	GRANT LINNEY	GAIL SMALL
TIM CURRIE	BILL McILROY	BETH TUBB (Mrs.)
DAVID FISHER	HEATHER ROBINSON	SADIE VAN BEEST
	ANDY VERNON	

ALSO

A NEW CAMP ASSOCIATE

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THOUGHTS FOR THE DAY . . . for Camp Directors' Files

The first day of Spring, according to calendar, isn't too far away, the time to collect quotes, thoughts and verses for Flag Raising, Sunday Service or Banquet. These have just arrived, and we ask that other directors or staff members contribute their favourites as they come across them. We will be pleased to list them in OCAsional News for the benefit of those whose files may be found wanting:

*Mirth is like a flash of lightening that breaks through a gloom of clouds,
and glitters for a moment.*

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*Cheerfulness is rather like a spark of daylight in the mind that fills it with
a steady and permanent serenity.*

During the years when we edited and published Canadian Camping Magazine we included in each issue one or two of Mary Edgar's poems from Woodfire and Candlelight. The book is now out of print, but as Directors and staff members appreciated a convenient source of Miss Edgar's inspirational works, we will again include one or two poems, so that these, too, can be kept for handy reference:

ASSETS

LEADERSHIP

*Something infectious is found in camp
Spreading there year after year.
Campers invariably catch it,
Astonishing traits appear.*

*Lord of all learning and leaders,
At best we blunder along,
While ours is the honour to forge ahead
A daring and pioneer throng.*

*They grow contagiously happy,
Amazingly helpful too;
Ever ready to lend a hand,
If there's a job to do.*

*Too easily sure and contented
With success of yesterdays,
While Youth has the untried Tomorrow
Calling to untrodden ways.*

*Laughter and fun bubble over,
Eyes are a-twinkle with light,
Songs of merry young voices
Echo from morning till night.*

*'Tis not our task to furnish the mind
But to fan a flame in the soul,
Sending them forth with a will and a dream
To their high and potential goal.*

*What is this something contagious?
Of course, you've already guessed!
It's the asset most precious in camping;
"Camp Spirit" describes it the best.*

*Give us, O Lord of all leaders
A sense of our sacred task,
The equipment needed to face it
And a blessing, we humbly ask.*

CAMP DIRECTOR REQUIRED

St. Catharines YMCA is seeking a person to direct their Resident Camping Program. The Camp is located in the Port Severn - Honey Harbour Area on Georgian Bay. Interested people should apply with resume to -

MR. AL MOFFAT - General Secretary - St. Catharines YMCA
56 Queen Street, Box 310, St. Catharines, Ont. L2R 6V3

by February 15, 1980. Placement is for March 1, 1980. A candidate with previous experience at the Camp Director level would be preferred.

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TYPIST NEEDED

The Canadian Camping Association is in need of a part-time typist for 2 or 3 days each week in the office at 1806 Avenue Road. For further information contact:

MISS MARJORIE BOOTH, Executive Director of C.C.A. at 781-4717

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FULL TIME CAMP DIRECTOR
(Immediate Employment)

Is required for Camp Glenburn, a 22 acre residential camp owned and operated by the Saint John YWCA.

Responsibilities: direct summer camps; develop year round camping programs; co-ordinate and supervise winter camp; publicity and promotion; budget planning and control; staff hiring and volunteer recruitment. Apply in writing with resume to;

MRS. DORIS WARD - Executive - Director - Y.W.C.A.
Saint John, New Brunswick E2L 3H4

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FROM THE ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE

The Environmental Concerns Committee will be providing brief notes about environmental issues on which some of our members might wish to act. Currently two provincial parks are asking for input from those who have an interest in the future of these parks. They are Presqu'ile Provincial Park and Kettle Lakes Provincial Parks. If anyone would like information or would like to comment or make recommendations please write as follows:

PRESQU'ILE PROVINCIAL PARK
Ministry of Natural Resources
P.O. Bag 3040
Napanee, Ont. K7R 3S3

KETTLE LAKES PROVINCIAL PARK
District Manager
896 Riverside Drive
Timmins, Ontario P4N 3W2

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Selection will be made February, 15, 1980

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NEWS BULLETIN from the EDUCATION COMMITTEE

For sometime now, the Ontario Camping Association has been confused about why the Ontario Recreational Canoeing Affiliation (ORCA) has been busy developing a new set of provincial canoeing standards.

"It has always been the intention of the CRCA to let the provinces conduct their own instructor development programme. In 1976 the CRCA announced a phased-out approach of its canoeing schools with the understanding and hope that every province would eventually have its own instruction programme." (Principles and Standards for Accreditation of Canoeing Instructor Programmes, Claude Cousineau)

That is the reason that ORCA took on the large job of developing provincial standards to incorporate the provincial instructors schools.

GOAL: To make available to all canoeists a safe and enjoyable programme of canoeing skills with competent instruction.

OBJECTIVES:

1. To set forth a comprehensive practical progression of canoeing skills.
2. To make canoeing instruction universally available, through a multitude of sources (camps, clubs, organizations and individuals)
3. To allow participants an opportunity to be fully cognizant of their personal performance.
4. To allow flexibility in meeting the total required programme hours of instruction.
5. To assure a minimum standard of quality in the programmes offered.
6. In all activities, the principle of "minimum impact" on the environment should be emphasized.

FORMAT:

BASIC LEVEL

MOVING WATER
Levels I, II, and
III (Instructors)

LAKE WATER
Levels I, II, and
III (Instructors)

CANOE TRIPPING
Levels I, II, and
III (Instructions)

As illustrated above, ORCA has devised a three-tier system for the instructor development program. The three separate areas, Moving Water, Lake Water, and Canoe Tripping are preceded by a common Basic Level. This level is set up to provide basic instruction in the areas of safety, theory and practical skills, before the canoeists continues onto more advanced canoeing.

The three-tier system is actually ideal for most camps. The canoeing and tripping program offered by each individual camp will determine which of the three ORCA tiers the camp wishes to incorporate into their program. For example: a camp that offers lakewater paddling and flatwater canoe trips (i.e. no moving water) may choose to use only the Lake Water and Canoe Tripping standards. On the other hand, a camp which offers moving water canoe tripping as part of their programme, may choose to use only the Moving Water standards.

In other words, it is entirely up to each individual camp to choose which tier(s) would best be suited to their needs.

We hope that this helps to clear up some questions you may have had concerning the new ORCA Standards.

Airlie Armstrong, OCA Liaison to ORCA
Bruce Hodgins, ORCA Liaison to OCA

MORE from the NEWS BULLETIN - EDUCATION COMMITTEE

There is an open general meeting SUNDAY, FEB. 10, 1980 at 1:00 P.M. at the Ontario Sports Administration centre, 160 Vanderhoof Avenue, Toronto, Ontario. The purpose of this meeting is to present the ORCA Canoeing Instruction and Accreditation Programs.

Hope to see you there!

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PLEASE NOTE - A NEW DEADLINE

A New Deadline Date has been established for any information to be published in the OCAsional News. Please have your material into the O.C.A. Office the last day of the month. Thank you!

OcAsions IN FEB & MAR

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FR I	SAT	SUN
				1	2	3
4	5	6 MEMBERSHIP 2:00 P.M. Family Services	7	8	9	10
11	12 FULL BOARD 2:00 P.M. Family Services	13 OPEN MEETING 8:00 P.M. 3 Pine Forest Road	14	15	16	17
18 ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS 7:30 P.M. 1806 Avenue Rd.	19	20	21	22	23 COUNSELLOR CONFERENCE COMM. MEETING P.M. Birch Cliff Lodge	24
25	26	27	28	29	1	2
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ONTARIO CAMPING ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE
ROYAL YORK HOTEL

THIS CALENDAR OF OCAsions IS PRESENTED BY THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE. IF YOU HAVE ANY DATES AND EVENTS YOU WANT TO HAVE ENTERED, COMMITTEE MEETINGS, WORKSHOPS ETC. PLEASE CONTACT - JOHN BOYSEN 9416)423-4709 OR write to O.C.A. OFFICE.