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"LET US TAKE HEED NOT TO TAKE OURSELVES TOO SERIOUSLY, LEST WE CRACK OUR BROWS".

FROM THE EDITOR:

Another refreshing summer is over! Lots of good fun and sounds of laughter have passed once again. Got my editorials mixed up? Not quite. The time has come to look down the path and decide what we want for our newsletter which will start its new year in September, just five short months away. I have included a survey below for your convenience. Now's your chance to give some input into the content of next year's pipeline. Colleen Horrigan will be presenting our new masthead to us in the new September issue!

I must sadly report that this is Nora's last Newsletter. (Nora is the charming lady who has put this letter together for the last few years). Thanks, Nora, for making the job so much easier for me, and having the patience to read my writing. Miss You.....!

Now, the rest of you, kindly slip out your pens and fill in the survey and fill it in while it is still in front of you. And if you really want to be a part of an awesome unfolding, send it in!

THIS IS THE SURVEY (please check)

START HERE - KEEP

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2) BRING BACK THE FOLLOWING ARTICLE(s): (eg "Thought for Food" - how to make malt bread on a cook-out, "Chapel Talk" etc.)

3) NEW ARTICLES: _____

4) I WOULD LIKE TO CONTRIBUTE _____ Article _____ Series _____ Forget it!

TOPIC _____ NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

- 5) GET RID OF THE CURRENT MOTH BALL, BLAH, PAPER LOOK _____ Yes
 _____ No
- 6) I DON'T HAVE TIME FOR YOUR STUPID SURVEY _____
- 7) COMMENTS: _____

Our letter lines are now open to receive your responses..... Please return to: -

MARTIN HUNT, Editor-in-Chief, Editorial Committee,
 Communications Department, Division of Information Services,
 Ontario Camping Association, 1806 Avenue Rd., Suite 2,
 Toronto, Ontario M5M 3Z1

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NORA ROBINSON - SO LONG, FAREWELL, AUF WIEDERSEHEN, ADIEU

How well I remember that day of interviews in 1975! O.C.A. was seeking a secretary to work alongside Nodja Read. At that time, Nodja ran the O.C.A. office and it was evident she had some clear ideas concerning the new staff member.

In bounced Nora Robinson, cheerful and full of energy. I attempted to explain something of the workings of O.C.A., including the fact that all types of personalities were then to be found amongst our group. Nora assured us that people were her specialty - - as ~~downtown~~ church office supervisor she had encountered the entire range of the population. In addition, Nora was a skilled secretary and organizer. There was no question, Nora was the superior candidate and she has been consistently shining ever since.

Nora has a special kind of warmth. She is ready to encourage, smile, or even sympathize if that's what's needed. For almost eight years, she has shared her talents with us and has been an efficient, loyal and tireless worker for O.C.A. When Jean McIlwrick became the O.C.A. office manager in 1978, Nora was delighted to work alongside her. They have been a good team. As of the end of April, Nora has advised she will retire.

We won't forget you Nora, we wish you only the best. We thank you for your care and patience in helping O.C.A. to grow over the time you have been our up-front person in the office.

May you always walk in sunshine.

JOCELYN PALM
 President - Canadian Camping Association

A LETTER TO O.C.A. FROM - Jas. D. Coats, RPF, Executive Vice-President
 Ontario Forestry Association.

"CONGRATULATIONS ON FIFTY YEARS OF EXCELLENT SERVICE TO THE CAUSE OF CAMPING AND THE SAFE EDUCATION AND ENJOYMENT OF MILLIONS OF YOUNGSTERS. YOU HAVE MUCH TO BOAST ABOUT! MAY THE NEXT 50 YEARS SEE YOU GROW AND PROSPER.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

SINCERELY, JAS. D. COATS

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FROM OUR PAST **RON PERRY**-Honourary Member
Former Owner-Director Camp Kawabi
Author "The Canoe and You" and
"Canoe Trip Camping"

THE KAWABI STORY cont'd.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: The Kawabi Story appeared in this column last month. Ron sent his contribution with the words "I have included the fantasy because it is a part of my story, but cut as you see fit". I read his story, was fascinated with it and his fantasy and decided it **should** be shared with our readers ... and so...
H.E.S.)

"THE FANTASY OF A PAST CAMP DIRECTOR"

"My name is Kawabi, really pippikawabi, if I use the full title, meaning Big Hawk, in the Indian tongue. The name was given to me much later in time by the white men campers. I have been here ever since the great Ice Age which covered this land for centuries. Then there was no sound except the howling wind and the boom of cracking ice.

Slowly, ever so slowly, the great sun began to melt the ice and, after hundreds of years, my land was bare. Imperceptibly, nature clothed the land with a green carpet and little shoots of growing things. In time there were small sounds, a bird song and the squeaks of little animals. Mice and moles explored the land; many insects, notably the black fly and mosquito, swarmed in the woods. Centuries later, small animals appeared: the skunk, the rabbit, the porcupine and others. And in time big animals walked through the woods, notably the shy deer, the big moose and the burly bear.

From time to time, many years later, two-legged creatures called Indians passed by my territory in their birchbark canoes, heading up the lakes to their favourite hunting grounds. But generally, my stand of forest was inhabited only by small creatures such as birds, butterflies and an occasional beaver. On the lakefront ducks, with their string of small ones, sailed silently by. A pair of loons, with their mournfull call, proclaimed that this was their special and private domain. It remained this way for a very long time.

Much later when great trees grew in the forest, noisy boats and rough men arrived with huge horses and screaming saws and cut

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down the trees and floated them down the lake, leaving my place bare and unsightly. A few white men paddled by in canoes, sometimes stopping on my shore to light a fire and have a meal.

In time nature had again clothed the forest with a new species of tree and about the year 1940 a party of men and boys staked out this area and built several cabins. It was from them I got my name, Kawabi. That same year many young boys arrived and, using the camp as a base, took numerous short trips across the lakes. Although they were unskilled and rough in their ways, they enjoyed the lakes, rivers and forest in the area. They kept coming back for a number of years. One summer they did not return and, for six or more seasons, I, Kawabi, remained alone. Only the birds and animals moved about and the grasses and trees grew and grew, gradually covering up all signs of previous habitation. And then!

EPILOGUE - And so the area which I have loved for thousands of years, name Kawabi by the white man, again became a busy place, inhabited by cheerful, pink-cheeked children. I was content and pleased to know that my beloved forest and lake would be put to such joyous use for many years to come".

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FOR THE FILES OF THE ARCHIVES

The search for contacts to information on Defunct Camps goes on. Alphabetically, in the May and November issues of 1982 A to C and C through G were published. The list continues:

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| Holiday Hockey Camps | Karamu |
| The Huntsman | Kasawamak |
| Inawendawin | Kee-Mon-Oyn |
| Jokers Hill Grange Ltd. | Katimavick |
| Kanada Day Camp | Kitchigami |
| | Kvutza |

The History of Camping in Ontario is now and always will be of great interest and importance. The Archives Committee would like to provide future generations with the facts of camping in Ontario. Please write your clues to the O.C.A. Office, 1806 Avenue Rd., Ste. 2 Toronto, Ont. M5M 3Z1, c/o The Archives Committee. Thank you!

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ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS

DAVES LYONS

Member - Environmental Concerns Committee

A HOT IDEA FOR A SPECIAL TREAT!!

Scrounge an old bathtub, preferably an older version on 4 feet but any will do. Put it in a special location that gets full sun. Paint it with flat black paint on the inside. Check with the paint store for the best product. Cover the tub with clear plastic. Fill 'er up in the morning and let the ole sol do the rest. Offer the muscle soother to the special camper or staff of the day, or turn it into a prize for special achievement. A hot bath in the woods or on the beach is an uncommon luxury.

Alternatives: Two black 40 gallon drums mounted higher than the tub, draining into the tub could be your heaters.

Cadillac version: Surround the tub with sand for insulation and a longer hot bath. A deck may even be built around the tub (for lemonade and a good book!!).

THIS AND THAT

O.R.C.A. COURSES - The Ontario Recreational Canoeing Association is offering Level III Instructor's Courses in the 2 sub-disciplines of Moving Water, Canoe Tripping and Lakewater. Course brochures and application forms are available from Canoe Ontario, 1220 Sheppard Ave., East, Willowdale, Ontario.

For further information call - Canoe Ontario at (416) 495-4180

CIT RESEARCH COMPLETED

In the Spring of 1981, 39 of you completed and returned a somewhat lengthy questionnaire about your CIT Programme, to me at the University of Waterloo. The results have been tabulated, compared, and analyzed. The results and guidelines for CIT programmes are now available. To receive your copy hot off the photocopier please send a stamped and self-addressed 4" X 9" (regular business size) envelope to me at the following address:

B. Rootham, 1 - 964 Bakervale Drive, Ottawa, Ontario K1Z 6N5.

Thanks heaps for all your help!

HOORAY FOR VOLUNTEERS - WE COULD NOT HAVE DONE IT WITHOUT YOU!

The O.C.A. Sportsmen's Show Display was a smashing success. Forty-seven volunteers from our Camp, Individual Memberships and friends provided us with the "Person Power" to see this event through the ten days.

Thanks go to: Janet Adamson, Don and Mary Ellen Anderson, Bill Arbuthnot, Sister Marg Barry, Lorene Bodian, Doug Booz, Jessica Breski, Dave Burkholder, Les Clemens, Skip Connett, Ken Cooper, Marc Cote, Steve Dick, Bobsie Ebbs, Paul Fabok, Bob Faris, Catherine Fletcher, Karl Freeland, Jane Gibson, Harold Holden, Colleen Horrigan, Joanne Jordan, George Kerr, Joe Kronick, Jeff Latimer, Kate Lovric, Kim Lowes, Don Maclean, John Marsden, Peter Milne, Fred Okada, Wally Oakes, Ceciley Parker, Stephen Polevoy, Jeff Reading, Aubrey and Marjorie Rhamey, Suzanne Rosenberg, Catherine, George and David Ross, Dave Sands, Ken and Mike Southam, Walter Tose, Bruce and Lisa Wilson.

The O.C.A. is thankful for these many tireless individuals who have given time to us from their already busy schedules.

Volunteers who work with, for, and on behalf of children are an exceptional group of people. The care and dedication of you all and hundreds of other volunteers during O.C.A.'s 50 years existence are the people who have contributed to our success.

So to all, past and present, a BIG thank you and a hug for being there when we need you!

WHAT A TEAM!

Sally Moore

JOKE OF THE MONTH

*(Hal is on assignment in Wa Wa this month)
Beatrice Hogarth of Hornings Mills, Ont.
passes this one on to us....*

Did you hear about the phutonions who were found suffering from Hypothermia in a Cochrane Drive-in, this past month?

They had gone to see "Closed for Season".



O.C.A. COUNSELLOR CONFERENCE

SATURDAY, MAY 28, 1983

SENECA COLLEGE

PROGRAMMES & REGISTRATION FORMS AVAILABLE AT O.C.A. OFFICE

REGISTER BY MAY 13, 1983

WHAT'S HAPPENING

OCA CANOE SCHOOL

- * LOCATION: Camp Couchiching (9 miles north-east of Orillia).
- * DATES: June 9, (7:30 P.M. until June 12, (about 6:30 P.M.))
- * COURSE CONTENT: \$75.00 (includes meals accommodation, equipment, handout material & books).
- * APPLICATIONS: Contact the OCA office (416) 781-0525 (act fast, requests are already coming in).
- * COURSE STAFF: Director - Howard Rosenthal, Assistants Bill Elgie, Anne McKnight.

ECO-SKILLS WORKSHOP

An opportunity to share, and liaise about Environmental Programs for your camp.

- WHEN: Friday - Sunday, JUNE 10 - 12
- WHERE: HOCKLEY VALLEY OUTDOOR CENTRE Orangeville, Ont.
- COST: \$35.00 per delegate

Applications & further information forthcoming. For information contact; Miss Judy Paul, Box 1164, Huntsville, Ont.

THE HEALTH PROGRAMME AT CAMP - MAY 14, 1983
FOREST VALLEY DAY CAMP, DOWNSVIEW, ONTARIO.

(A Workshop for Camp Nurses) - New and experienced nurses from residential and day camps, Directors, Camp Physicians and interested others are welcome. The main speaker's theme will be, THE LEGAL ASPECTS OF CAMP NURSING. Come to learn and share. Get a new insight into the job of the Camp Nurse and the Health Programme. Registration Forms were mailed TO CAMPS ONLY with the Counsellor Placement List #3, March 24, 1983.

FROM THE AQUATIC COMMITTEE: UPCOMING COURSES

- W.S.I.
- April 5 - June 7 - call 438-5243
- March 28 - April 1 - call 742-2120
- May 20,21,22/27,28,29 - call 251-6937
- April 22,23,24/29,30 - June 1 - call 626-6111

FIRST AID INSTRUCTION

May 13,14,15 call 224-2202

C.P.R. INSTRUCTION

April 22,23,24 - call 224-2202

O.C.A. EMERGENCY PROCEDURES WORKSHOP - MAY 29.

Red Cross and St. John Ambulance are always running standard First & Basic C.P.R. courses. Call your local branch.

NOVEMBER WEEKEND FOR CAMP DIRECTORS AND SENIOR STAFF

The Education Committee of the Ontario Camping Association is indeed pleased to have engaged Professor Mary Keyes, Director of the School of Physical Education and Athletics at McMaster University, Hamilton, Ont. as leader for its Fall Leadership Seminar. Professor Keyes, a Physical Education Grad. of Western University, London, and a holder of a PH.D. from Ohio State University, has been a camper since childhood. Mary joined the Girl Guides and passed her Gold Cord as a teenager. She then joined the staff of Camp Oconto where she held various positions over a ten year period culminating as Assistant Director.

Since graduation she has been on the staff of McMaster University, rising steadily through the Department until she is now the first woman in Canada to hold the position of Director of the School of Physical Education and Athletics at a major Canadian University.

Mary Keyes currently sits on the Senate and Senate Executive of McMaster University and was recently made an Honourary Member of the McMaster Alumni Assoc. The knowledge she has acquired through her camping and educational experiences has given her a unique quality to lead camp directors in a seminar on the leadership necessary for the '80's. Make a note now in your date book to set aside the weekend of November 5, 1983 for this valuable seminar on leadership.

FROM YOUR LIBRARY

MEMBERS - You have a library and it's a good one! Lots of books on camping - and the topics that it encompasses.

We now have the cassette tapes from the International Camping Congress. They can

be loaned for two weeks ONLY to Directors of Member Camps. Tapes must be signed out in the loaning book.

It's your library and it's worth a good visit!

LISA WILSON

WE WELCOME TO O.C.A. THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS

PROVISIONAL CAMPS -

CAMP CANTERBURY HILLS - Ancaster Ontario
Director - The Rev. Peter W. McIntyre.

MARYDALE DAY CAMP - Puslinch, Township
Director - Mr. Peter F. Rosser.

INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS

Mrs. Nancy Cameron - Mrs. Mary Anne Sulis

COMMERCIAL MEMBER

FRANTIC FREDDYS - 18 Alliance Blvd., Units 19 & 21 (705) 728-3865 or 726-3665
Manufacturers & Imprinters sports tops, caps and buttons.

FOR SALE: 19 Wood & Canvas Canoes (16') made by Langford also paddles, life jackets; 2 - 8 canoe trailers.

One day sale, April 16, 1983 at Canterbury Hills Camp, Ancaster, Ont. For information contact Peter McIntyre, (416) 648-2712 or (416) 522-1888.

SWIMMING DIRECTOR WANTED - for the Easter Seal Society camp Woodeden near London, Ont.- Red Cross Instructor & adapted Swim Instructor certification preferred. CALL: Jim Fraser, Supervisor of Camping & Rec'n. (416) 425-6220 OR Sally Moore, Camp Director (416) 222-5703.

FEMALE - Looking for position as Asst. Director or senior supervisory position. Day or Res. Camp setting. 7 years camp experience. Contact A. Williams, 218 Rhodes Ave., Toronto M4L 3A1

* Remember to wear your camp shirts and hug a Counsellor and a Kid on - *
* NATIONAL CAMPING DAY *
* APRIL 14, 1983 *
