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RANDOM JOTTINGS..... I saw my first robin yesterday, so all may yet be well !

Did you know that "statistics prove" that the Ontario Camping Association Directory costs 28 cents a copy ? Postage at 5 cents and an envelope at one cent and you've got a pretty costly expenditure. Directors are asked NOT TO SUGGEST that prospective Counsellors telephone for a copy so that they may contact each Director. These Directories are primarily for parents.

If some of the young people you know seem to be walking on their knees, don't ask them how they "enjoyed the holidays". They were probably taking the combined R.L.S.S. and Red Cross Instructor Courses. (9.00 a.m. to 11.00 p.m. so I've heard tell). Another compensation of getting older! Better than us! Congrats to all the successful candidates.

If you are sporting the new 'Accredited Member of O.C.A.' crest on your printing or advertising, please send a copy to the O.C.A. Office. We like to keep up with what's going on.

If you are advertising in the paper or monthly magazines be sure to include "Accredited Member of Ontario Camping Association". It will do a lot of good for your image and will enhance that of O.C.A. as well. (Please note..... Camp Associates are not permitted to use the name of O.C.A. on their advertising. Be patient and weary not in well-doing!

The Rhulen Agency, 217 Broadway, Monticello N.Y. 12701, has come up with a handy little bag of goodies entitled "Camping Tips", which may be had for free. Most valuable and informative. Covers such topics as 'How to Conduct Discussion Groups', 'Longer Life for your Wooden Fences', 'Emergency Power for your Camp', 'Games to fill Odd Moments'. There is a set of these small booklets in the Office for your perusal. (Ed's note....wait until I've finished reading them and making copious notes).

SOCIETY OF CAMP DIRECTORS - Qualified Professional Directors of Childrens' Camps - is the impressive name. We hope it will have an impressive future. Your application is in the mail to you. People across Canada and in the United States have also received applications. We are hoping for big things.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ONTARIO CAMPING ASSOCIATION IS BEING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30th. AT THE NOSHERY RESTAURANT, 488 EGLINTON AVE. W. GUEST, SPEAKER: MR. A.N. MURCH, PRINCIPAL OF THORNLEA SECONDARY SCHOOL IS A MOST PROVOCATIVE SPEAKER WITH SOMETHING VERY WORTHWHILE TO SAY. COME AND HEAR HIM SAY IT!

If you haven't really sat down and read the Hall-Dennis Report in its entirety, do so soon, it could open your tired old eyes. Don't wait until they make a movie of it!

SURVEY OF STAFF SALARIES 1969

Those of you who sent information for this Survey, will soon receive your complimentary copy. Those of you who did not, may obtain one through the O.C.A. Office by paying \$5.00. Much of the information contained in this survey will surprise you. (What's so surprising about things defying gravity and going up?)

BIBLIOGRAPHY OF BOOKS ON CAMPING AND EDUCATION, is enclosed with this Newsletter. Do not file this list in your waste paper basket. You'll be missing a good thing. Did you know that TAJAR TALES are available from the American Camping Association, Bradford Woods, Martinsville, Indiana. 46151.

CAMP STANDARDS - (ONTARIO AND THE U.S.)

Stan Wild and Ron Johnstone (Chairman of the Standards Committee) went to darkest Philadelphia last week in an attempt to reach a reciprocal agreement with the top brass of A.C.A. on Camp accreditation. A.C.A. Standards' Committee was opposed to this idea. There are many Americans operating Camps in Ontario and our Committee felt that one visit should be enough. At the moment, no dice. A.C.A. has agreed however to the possibility of having a section in its Directory indicating that American owned Camps in Ontario are Accredited under O.C.A. Standards programme.

WELCOME TO NEW CAMP ASSOCIATES

- Samac - Boy Scouts.
- Bluewater Camp.
- Massad - Young Zionist Ass'n.
- Totoredaca Day Camp.
- Camp Arrowhead - Tent City Cottagers' Association.
- Minwassin - Ottawa Boys' Club.

THE CAMP COUNSELLORS' BOOK.- Lowes & Northway.

Can now be obtained in French. Attachez vos ceintures. Next stop, Parea!

ANYBODY MISSING A CASSEROLE?

One casserole, left over from the party at Dave and Elsie Palter's. Telephone them at - 789-5495

RED CROSS WATER SAFETY. Effective January 1st, the Canadian Red Cross Society will levy a charge of 25 cents for each candidate presented for examination at all levels - Beginner, Junior, Survival, Intermediate and Senior Awards.

CAMP CONFERENCE. Our thanks to Ivan Robinson and his Committee for a most memorable Conference. Total attendance - 533 - all most enthusiastic. Special thanks are also due to Stan Wild, Nodja Read, Kay Descent, Dorothy Walter, Shannow Rowe, Paul Rushton, Doug Coombes, Jocelyn Palm and Jack Pearse.

BORED ? ----

We weren't at a recent Board Meeting. Seeking a raison d'etre, the ADVISORY BOARD of O.C.A. asked several outstanding people in Education, Psychology, Recreation and Medicine to come to speak to them about the role of O.C.A. The stress was laid by all these people on the importance of staff training, meaningful programming, less regimentation and more imagination. One question to catch the listener's attention was "do my fourteen year olds have the same programme now which they had when they were eleven?" How about your Camp?

DATES TO REMEMBER.....

- April 1st. Round Table Seminar on Research. 8.00 p.m.
North York Centennial Centre.
- April 18th. Committee Reports due at the Camping
Office.
- April 30th. O.C.A. ANNUAL MEETING. 7.00 p.m.
- May 10th. COUNSELLORS' CONFERENCE. All day.
- May 22nd. EDUCATION MEETING. All day.

Bouquets to Stan Wild.

It is with regret that the Board of the O.C.A. accepted the resignation of Stanley G. Wild as Executive Secretary, a position which he has held so admirably for the past three years. We are grateful to him for the monumental amount of work he has done on behalf of all the membership.

Applications for this vacancy, along with a job description, will be reaching the membership shortly. Please give the matter of Stan's successor your earnest consideration.

OUTDOOR EDUCATION. The Ontario Teachers' Federation is holding a Seminar at the Park Plaza on May 9th. and 10th. Bill Babcock (Richildaca) tells us that Outdoor Education is being offered as an option at his school next year. What will they think of next ?

P.S.

HAVE YOU SENT IN YOUR NOMINATIONS FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING, APRIL 30th.

(Deadline April 8th.)

LAST MINUTES NEWS

The following new Camp Associates were accepted at our last Board Meeting:

CAMP RAMAH.

- KNOTTY KNOLL DAY CAMP (Nepean Township Parks & Rec'n. Dept.)
- MINWANDUM (Kitchener/Waterloo Y.W.C.A.)
- LAMBTON PARK DAY CAMP (Borough of York)
- SACRED HEART CHILDREN'S VILLAGE (Emotionally Disturbed Centre for boys).

SEE OVERLEAF FOR FUTURE COURSES COMING UP.....

- April 25 - 26th. LONDON COUNSELLORS' CONFERENCE. London Y.M. Y.W.C.A.
 For all staff members of 17 and over.
 Friday evening, all day Saturday.
 Lunch \$ 2.00.
 Counsellors' Seminar.
 Business Seminar for Directors.
 Book Display.
 Discussion groups.
 This is the first such Conference which is organised by O.C.A. Members outside Toronto. With the support of the Youth & Recreation Branch, Department of Education, they are hoping for a big attendance. Camping people from other parts of the Province are most welcome. For further information write to the Chairman, Bill Chipperfield, London Y.M. Y.W.C.A.
- May 10th. Counsellors' Conference - York University.
 Lectures, Panels, discussions, audience participation.
 Ponder Pad, Directors' Hot seat.
 Price \$ 4.00
- June 12 - 15th. Annual Camp Leadership Weekend. Bark Lake.
 Subsidized by the Ontario Department of Education. For all organizational, Church and social welfare camp people.
 Theme: PROGRAMME PLANNING and an APPROACH TO SENIOR STAFF TRAINING. Both Directors and Senior Staff are encouraged to attend.
 Plan to arrive Thursday p.m. Fee \$10.00
 Info: Leadership Camps, Youth & Recreation Branch.
 Ontario Department of Education,
 559 Jarvis Street, Toronto 5.
- June 17 - 24th. CANOEING COURSE - sponsored by ----- University of Ottawa.
 director - Mr. Claude Cousineau.
 Fee - \$ 75.00. Application forms obtained from Dept. of Recreation, Univ. of Ottawa, 554 King Edward Avenue, Ottawa.
 Please note. The number of candidates is limited and the deadline for applications is June 1st. This Course leads to the Canadian Camping Association Canoeing Instructor Certificate.
- June 20 - 21st. CAMP COUNSELLORS' COURSE. Bark Lake.
 Resident Weekend, Practical sessions in Canoeing, Woodcraft, Crafts etc. (Watch Newsletter for details)
- June 21 - 24th. ONTARIO SAILING SEMINAR O.A.C. Camp Couchiching.
 Presented by the Canadian Yachting Association, and the Youth & Recreation Branch, of the Ontario Dept. of Education.
 Info: Canadian Yachting Association,
 91 Yonge Street, Toronto.
- June 22 - 26th. WATER SKI INSTRUCTORS' SCHOOL. Bark Lake.
 Presented by the Canadian Water Ski Association and the Ontario Department of Education.
 Info: Larry S. Moody,
 650 Broadway Ave. Toronto 17.