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Now there is an outstanding important fact regarding Spaceship Earth and that is that no instruction book came with it. - Unknown

#### COLE'S NOTE

What do you camp directors do all year when camp ends? What a great life you lead - out in the sun all summer and eight months off till next year! How many times have you heard comments like this? If I've started my eight-month sabbatical, why do I feel more tired now than I did at camp? Why is it that there never seems to be enough time to do all the things I'd like to do for both my camp and O.C.A.? Every camping professional I talk to seems to be on a runaway train: busier than ever with all kinds of commitments. We're not complaining, mind you - it's the choice we made and we love it! But every camping professional I meet would like to slow down "just a little"; we just don't seem to. O.C.A. gets busier every year, trying to do more things for our membership. With all the commitments that everyone makes we sometimes forget

that our Association is run by volunteers who give of their time (sometimes lots of it) to ensure that we're getting what we want. It's not perfect, but considering how small a group we are, I sometimes marvel at how much is accomplished. We're always looking for new faces and ideas - just contact me or anyone on the Board. Right now we're looking for a chairperson for the **AQUATICS COMMITTEE**. If you're interested, or know of someone who might be, let us know.

Welcome back everybody - hope all of you had a trouble-free and fun camping season.

A personal note of thanks to O.C.A. and many of you who acknowledged the passing of my mother late last spring. It was much appreciated during a difficult time.

Those of you who use foreign staff - I would like any input as to prob-

lems and suggestions so that when I represent C.C.A. in Ottawa, I'll have as much information as possible. I'm hoping to do this next month so that we'll have lots of lead time.

TED COLE  
President

#### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Janet,

The OCA Conference has side effects... may we tell you a story?

It begins in the fall of 1988 when we volunteered to contribute a session at the January '89 OCA Conference. Our offer was accepted, and we presented Enthalpy? or, Long Range Planning.

A chain of events began...

1. One participant at our OCA Conference session

told a colleague, and we ended up presenting a one-day long-range planning workshop for the United Church Camps at their Toronto Conference (November 1989).

2. Another participant at our Conference session contacted us directly, and we ended up running a two-hour, long-range planning workshop for the Ontario Girl Guide Camps at their Annual Camp Maintenance Workshop (October 1989).
3. A third participant who attended our session contacted us and we began preliminary planning for a similar workshop for a Municipal Recreation Department in far-Northern Ontario.
4. A participant at the Girl Guide workshop called us, and we have recently completed a weekend long-range planning workshop for Anglican Church Camps in the Dioceses of Moosonee and Algoma, and for the Girl Guide Camps of Northern Ontario (May 1990).
5. We wonder just exactly where the influence of the OCA Annual Conference ends...

We have enjoyed every moment of our adventures with camping folk as we share in their visions, dreams and plans. And it all started at the OCA Annual Conference, 1989.

FRANK and SHIRLEY FORD

#### DR. HARRY EBBS

Dr. Harry Ebbs died June 1, 1990, at the age of 83. Dr. Ebbs, in his long career, was a senior staff physician at the University of Toronto and a governor of Trent University, as well as a founding member of CARE Canada, the Duke of Edinburgh Awards in Canada, and the National Advisory Council on Fitness and Amateur Sports.

To those in camping, Dr. Harry Ebbs will be fondly and respectfully remembered for his long association with Camp Wapomeo, the founding and direction of the Society of Camp Directors and the establishment of the camping archives at Trent University. Dr. Ebbs' participation in camping activities spanned his life, and included involvement in OCA activities as the chairman of the Health and Safety Committee from 1948 to 1955, as a member of the Archives Committee from 1982 to 1988, and in the writing of many articles for the Canadian Camping Magazine on health and safety issues from the 1940's to the 1970's.

Dr. Harry Ebbs' contribution to medicine, camping and youth in Canada was outstanding and we will miss his kindness and wisdom.

#### PAUL BELANGER

Long-time members of OCA will be saddened to hear that Paul Belanger passed away suddenly on June 11, 1990, aged 61. A well-known teacher, Father Belanger will be remembered for his gracious participation at the October 1989 National Conference.

#### SOLID FOUNDATIONS . . .

In my almost 50 years with OCA, some of the things that meant the most to me were: hobnobbing with others who shared my interests (camping and the love of children and adolescents); being able to compare notes with them; learning how they solved problems with which I might be wrestling; learning where they obtained equipment I was looking for--the best type and from whom one would get the best price.

The fact that many of the camps were in direct competition to us [Camp Winnebago], but we worked together on things, kept out much of the dog-eat-dog atmosphere of competition that occurs in so many other business fields. I only gained by my OCA associations - receiving from many, and also, in turn, giving.

My life has been greatly enriched by my association with thousands of children and young people -- seeing kids that I considered "useless", "impossible" and "will never get anywhere" now being corporate lawyers, brain surgeons, judges, presidents of large multi-national companies, etc. And so many of my fellow camp directors - now also retired - continue to be social friends. I have been blessed indeed by my life and experiences in camping.

BERT DANSON  
OCA Honourary Life Member

## LIBRARY NEWS

The OCA received a gift of books from the library of Margaret Govan, owner and director of Camp Onawaw. These books have been sorted and some are in our library. Others are now being offered to you. If you want any listed, contact the office then pick them up no later than October 31st. Please get your request in promptly.

Camping and Character - Dimock & Hendry, '29  
Canoe Trip Camping - Perry, '53  
Cross Country Skier's Bible - Bauer, '77  
Developmental Psychology - Goodenough & Tyler, '59  
From Dawn to Dawn - '42 (2)  
House at Pooh Corner - Milne, '43  
Social Group Work Practice - Wilson & Ryland, '49  
A Woman Tenderfoot - (Grace) Seton  
And by Ernest Thompson Seton:  
The Book of Woodcraft  
Lives of the Hunted  
Woodland Tales  
The Library of Pioneering & Woodcraft

**HELP!** The following books have been borrowed and not returned. If you are the culprit, please send them in **NOW**.

Good Times Around the Campfire - LaRue Thurston  
Informal Recreational Activities - Leader's Guide - Phyllis Ford  
The Volunteer Leader - Fitness Canada

DOROTHY WALTER

## POSITION WANTED

Recreation Leadership graduate (Centennial College) with camp experience seeks full-time employment in the camping field, either programming/coordinating at a camp which operates year-round or performing administrative duties during the off-season. Ready to start immediately. Resume upon request. Please call the OCA office (416-781-0525).

## FOR SALE

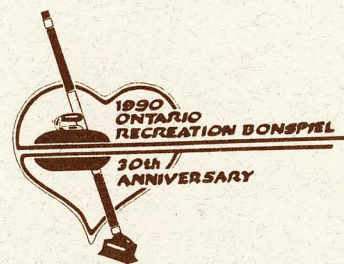
- Gestetner duplicator - Model 1550 (with 3-drawer stand)
- Scanner - Gestefax 473
- Addressing machine - Scriptomatic (with cards and fluid)
- Electric collator - Bates (8 page)
- Paper for duplicating machine (variety of colours)

Prices negotiable - great buys!  
Please call (416) 549-2429.

## POSITION AVAILABLE

For a Camp Director, Camp Couchiching a coed Anglican Church camp). Must have 8 years of camp or youth leadership experience and be committed to Christian camping. Full-time in summer months; duties on evenings and weekends in other seasons. Resumes with references to: Mr. Ian Thompson, Vice President, Camp Couchiching, 2920 Bloor St. W., Toronto, Ont. M8X 1B6.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING



Good Curling... In The City of North York!

Here's an event you won't want to miss:

**The 1990 Ontario Recreation Bonspiel**  
Thursday, November 29, 1990

(Hosted by the North York Parks & Recreation Dept.)

Join us for "Good Curling" and an exciting array of special events at:  
The Toronto Cricket, Skating and Curling Club, 141 Wilson Avenue in North York.

Teams interested in receiving registration information may contact:  
Keith Malcolm  
North York Parks & Rec'n  
5100 Yonge St., North York,  
M2N 5V7, (416) 224-6314.

## OCA CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**January 24-26, 1991.....**  
.....OCA Conference for Directors and Senior Staff



**WE CAN  
MAKE A  
difference**

1991 OCA ANNUAL CONFERENCE  
FOR DIRECTORS, OWNERS, AND SENIOR STAFF

JANUARY 24 - 26, 1991  
THE SHERATON CENTRE, TORONTO

Now that you are well rested and rejuvenated after another challenging summer, it's time to plan for 1991!

The 1991 Ontario Camping Association Annual Conference is an ideal time for directors, owners and senior staff to share in learning and professional development. Presentations by experienced practitioners from all aspects of camping and other related areas will cover such diverse topics as:

- camping for seniors
- the drug scene
- creativity unlimited
- issues of the 90's
- kitchen conflict
- mixes and icebreakers
- and many more!!!

Our keynote speakers, general sessions, in-depth seminars and hospitality events will provide something for everyone. And, of course, our expanded Exhibit Hall will be your chance to see what products and services are new for 1991 and to talk face to face with your suppliers.

This Conference is a must for all camping people! Mark your calendar now and watch for your fall preview soon.

**REGISTRATION INFORMATION**

<u>FULL REGISTRATION</u>	MEMBER		STUDENT	
	Before Dec. 15	After Dec. 15	Before Dec. 15	After Dec. 15
WITH HOTEL (Jan. 24 & 25- D/O)	\$375	\$415	\$300	\$300
NO HOTEL	\$285	\$325	\$180	\$180

Full registration includes all general sessions, Thursday continental breakfast, Thursday lunch, Friday full breakfast, Saturday lunch and Saturday banquet; keynote addresses; Exhibit Hall entrance; receptions; OCA Annual Meeting; CCA Benefit Evening; and all scheduled entertainment.

Take advantage of the "early bird" registration by registering before December 15!

We have been advised that the GST will likely become law before January 1, 1991. Therefore, we must collect the GST with your Conference fees. However, should a miracle occur and the GST does not come into effect, the tax will be refunded.

Individual Members: tickets are available for purchase for single day admittance, conference meals, special session passes, Exhibit Hall entrance, Saturday Banquet and CCA Benefit Evening.

A Conference brochure, application and hotel card will be mailed to you in early November.