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"President's Message"

Dear Member:

We believe that it is **in order** for us to reprint from "The American Camper", a portion of a newsletter written by the President of the Minnesota Section of the American Camping Association. In reprinting this we have changed "A.C.A." to "O.C.A.", and, as you read it, you will realize how these statements from South of the border, very aptly apply to us.

WHY DO I NEED OCA?

"Why does my camp need O.C.A.? There are a number of stock answers: To promote the camping movement nationally; to ensure better quality through the Standards Program; to grow professionally; to speak corporately to those areas of legislation, research, etc. which affect all of camping; to keep abreast of what is happening in camp program and camp philosophy; to gain insights for better program and sounder operations; to exchange ideas; to be challenged by persons in fields laterally related to the camping process and camp activity.

"All of these are viable reasons...and certainly impressive considerations...for participating in O.C.A. But somehow, there seems to be a lag between that which we profess to be and want to be and that which we are and do.

"...what about the amount and depth of member participation. Is it largely of an "intake" variety? What about the needed services and program that will speak to others outside of O.C.A.? What's needed in the division of labour and provision for participation which will make O.C.A. stronger, more meaningful?

"A key to a voluntary association is PARTICIPATION on many levels...in many areas. All too often, the so-called "in" (Involved!) group shoulders the load...not so much by choice but by default. We need to discover the key to balance...utilizing the insights and wisdoms of the "seniors" in working with the "juniors."

"...rather it suggests the possibility of "enlargin our tent" in the encounter of children, youths, seniors, and full families with more fulfillment for living and vital relationships...better equipped for a world of change..."

Camping Questions Answered on T.V.

Channel 9 - May 14th - Answering Service.

Barry Lowes, Camp Director and Chairman of the Toronto Board of Education, will be wearing two hats as he stars in this show.

Camp Tonakela Meeting.

Monday, May 9th - 8.15 p.m., North Toronto Y.W.C.A., 2532 Yonge St., Dr. Harry, and Adele Ebbs will show slides and movies describing their trip through the Far East last fall. This presentation will be preceded by the Camp Tonakela Annual Meeting at 7.30 p.m. All Camp People are cordially invited.

Camp Films Available.

Dave Palter while directing Camp Kawagama made a number of staff training films, which are now available to members of the Ontario Camping Association, through the generosity of Dave, who has given us copies. If you would like to use these films this summer, please write to the office, giving dates and alternates you would like of each film. There is no charge for this service, all you have to do is to provide return postage and insurance.

Titles: "A Camper and His Canoe" (Canoeing)
"With Paddle and Pack" (Tripping)
"A Stencilling We Will Go"(Arts and Crafts)

All films are about 15 minutes duration and are excellent training films. COMPLETE WITH SOUND.

1966 Conference Digest.

Full session notes are compiled in the "Digest". A few extra copies are available at \$3.00 each including Post and Handling. Mail your cheque or Money order to the O.C.A. Office.

1967 Conference.

Book the dates NOW for our 1967 conference, March 2nd, 3rd and 4th. This will be the Canadian Camping Conference, and will be held in conjunction with the annual Meeting of the Canadian Camping Association. Special National features are being planned to make this a very Special Centennial Year Conference - Place...The Inn on The Park, Toronto.

Camp Director's Checklist.

Have YOU Read your letter from the department of Imigration.

Sent in your application for a Department of Health Licence.

Asked your staff for their new Social Security numbers.

Applied for a fire permit.

Requested a Standards Visit.

Remembered our commercial members when placing your orders for supplies.

Use of O.C.A. Membership Statement.

Many camps have written to us lately asking for a ruling on, "using a statement re their O.C.A. membership on their letterhead and in their publicity." At the Board Meeting held Monday, April 4th, the following motion was passed.

"Those camps that have been Accredited by the Standards Committee be permitted to use the statement "Member of The Ontario Camping Association" on their promotional material. Provisional Members of The Association are not permitted to advertise their membership in any way whatsoever.

Centenary Journey.

Camp Directors whose Camp will participate in the Centenary Journey this summer are asked to notify the news media, i.e. Radio, Press and T.V. Stations, of any trip being taken.

O.C.A. Crest Insignia Competition.

O.C.A. NEEDS A CREST.....This summer we shall be running a contest open to all Campers and Staff of member camps, for the design of a Crest for O.C.A. Full details will be sent to you near camp time.

COMMITTEES.

HELP!!!...Each year at this time we set up our committees for the coming year. If you would like to serve on a Committee, please let Cliff Labbett, Chairman of the Nominating Committee know, and we will be very happy to accept your participation. (Please state if you have a preference for any particular committee.)

A HEALTHY CAMP STARTS IN THE KITCHEN.

Talking the other day to a Camp Doctor, it was once again impressed upon me that the health of a camp starts in the kitchen. Make sure that when your Camp Doctor checks the Campers health, he also checks the health of your Kitchen staff. Remember also that it is mandatory for all Kitchen workers to have a chest X-Ray or certificate, to state that they are free of Tuberculosis, dated not later than January 1st, 1966.

The Paper Cup and Container Institute, 250 Park Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10017, United States of America, has some interesting literature available to camp operators. Although primarily written to give information on the use of paper dishes and plates, there are many points that all Camp Directors and Dieticians will find useful.

Titles of the publications, (they are free) "Camp Feeding With Paper Service", "Snacks and Meals", and "The Manual of Paper Food Service."

And just in case you are asking, "Do any camps use paper service?", the answer is "Yes" - many of our Ontario Camps do, and are very well satisfied with the results.

Membership Dues.

Are you one of the 5% of our members who still have not paid their 1966 membership fees. Remember that if your fees are not paid by the end of this month, you will automatically lose all of the valuable privileges of membership, and mailings to you from

the Association will cease. Don't procrastinate, MAIL IN YOUR MEMBERSHIP TODAY.

RED CROSS WATER SAFETY INSTRUCTORS COURSE.

The Red Cross Water Safety Division are willing to run a special Instructors School at a camp in Muskoka, for camp Swimming Instructors on June 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th. The cost will be nominal and will include food and lodgings for the 4 days. If you wish to have your Swimming Instructor take part in this school, please contact either the Red Cross, Ontario Water Safety Division, WA 3-6692, or the Camping Association Office 922-0151, for an application form.

Water Safety Films.

Two films, "Be Waterwise" and "Boating" will be available this summer through the O.C.A. Office. If you wish to have the use of either of these films, please write to the O.C.A. Office, giving dates and alternates that you would like these.

Lifejackets.

A new lifejacket approved by the Department of Transport is now at the testing stage. This will be available in limited quantities this summer at approximately \$9.00 each. They will be available in quantity in 1967. The Board of O.C.A. is advising the Department of Transport that the selected design is not very suitable for use on a camp waterfront due to its bulkiness.

CONGRATULATIONS.

...to members of our Association who have new members in their families...The Don Groff's - a son, The John Latimer's - a son, Michael, The Royce Tennants - a daughter.

AU REVOIR.

...to old friend Wally Forgie, on his way back to Hong Kong, unable to resist the call of the East. May all his journeys have happy camping grounds.

SAFETY AFLOAT.

The 1966 version of the booklet "Safety Afloat" will be available late in May, write for your copies to the Department of Transport, Ottawa, or pick up copies from the R.C.M.P., or from your local Customs office.

ORIENTEERING COURSE.

The University of Guelph in conjunction with the Guelph Recreation Commission and the Community Programs Division of the Department of Education, are running a one day Orienteering Course at Guelph on Saturday May 7th, 9.00 a.m., to 4.00 p.m. Application forms are available at the O.C.A. office. Cost of the course \$1.00. Bring your own lunch, Milk or Coffee provided. This course is being run by Professor Alex (Jass) Peepre, well known to all of us in camping circles.

MORE WATER SAFETY FILMS

Two more films in addition to the above two are also available - "Resuscitation from Drowning" and "Drownproofing"