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QUOTE: IF YOU TRUST...YOU DON'T WORRY,
IF YOU WORRY...YOU DON'T TRUST. ANON.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

1984 Plus 1

Well here it is late January 1985. Guess what I got for Christmas -- 12 hard covered books, a pair of pyjamas and a new pair of bedroom slippers. Does that give you a hint as to where I am at the moment? By this time I am well on the road to recovery having endured a very unwell fall and a successful operation in January to remove an unwanted tumour. My health is slowly returning and I'm very pleased with the results so far.

My illness and subsequent withdrawal from active participation in many of my interests including my time with O.C.A., has been a valuable lesson. There are many elements of our lives which we take for granted. I suppose the most obvious is our own health and sense of well being. When told that you have cancer the questions immediately jump to mind about your own life, your own faith, and your own hope.

In response to those questions I offer the following:-

My own life. Life is a gift from God, and our responsibility is to live life as fully as we can. But the other realization is also that we don't live alone. Such has been my experience. Apart from my immediate family and very close friends, many people have expressed their interest and concern about my well being. I have received scores of cards and letters, and let me

remind you how life-giving they are. I have taken time to read and reread them with great care. To be human is to live in hope. Hope is one of those intangible qualities of being human. It provides motivation. It enables us to risk. It encourages us to stand with the other -- whoever the other happens to be. I have had a hopeful experience through this very unsettling and difficult time. Again it has been a relationship with others that has caused me to look for strength, to celebrate who we are, and to move on together. And finally my own faith has remained strong and confident. My understanding of the Christian faith would indicate that while God does not absolve us from life's difficulties and tragedies, the Almighty does create opportunities for us in time to deal with the issue no matter how serious or how threatening, and that's good.

And so to all of you early in 1985 I simply offer this. In the Christian New Testament there is a line in the book of First Corinthians which reads: "Let three things last forever -- faith, hope and love". The way that we live our life is our gift to God and to each other. Let's not be satisfied with anything less than offering each other the perfect gift that we are. We can do no more. We ought not to do any less.

K. GRANT KERR,
President,
Ontario Camping Association.

At a New Year's Eve party, I found myself stranded beside a stranger whose wife had left him, for the punch bowl. He asked me, obviously tired of the 'weather' about my occupation. I hesitated to say 'outdoor education instructor', which invited the usual question: "What's that?" Tired of giving the standard explanation, I responded: "I study snowman (Homo Neige Canadensis) tracks..."

"Domesticated or wild?" came the response.

"Aha!" I thought, "Spark!"

To the confusion of those who picked up our serious conversation part way through, the two of us talked further on such items as the problem of confirming sightings of snowmen in the wild. In my prejudiced, camping mind I couldn't help thinking that this fellow's imagination had to have had some camp roots - it was certainly bizarre enough! "Voyageur-Algonquin Park!"

Although absurd, it had been a refreshing break from the rather dull discussions parties often tend to produce. Along with the freshness of spontaneity and imagination, camp imparts a sense of trust which once established, helps one to risk the abstract and unexpected. This trust, which helps to free one's imagination, often breathes fresh air into our programmes.

Two events are coming up where much imagination will be imparted offering light to new and old topics. The C.C.A. Camp Director's Institute from January 31 - February 3, 1985 and our own annual gathering, February 21 - 23. They will be fine events, conducted in that camping atmosphere of trust, which will give us the opportunity to risk sharing ideas with both old friends and strangers, come new friends, alike! "Should be fun - see you there!"

MARTIN HUNT,
Editor.

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* DIRECTORS' CONFERENCE 1985 *
* FEBRUARY 21, 22, 23 *
* CONSTELLATION HOTEL *
* REGISTER NOW!!! *
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Share with us those special moments of the summer of '84 that you captured in a photograph. To help you do this we will accept your entries until February 15, 1985.

All photographs will be displayed prominently at the Directors' Conference, February 21 - 23. In addition winning photographs will be made into slides and shown at the Conference Luncheon on Saturday. Prizes and ribbons will be awarded to outstanding photographs in the various categories and classes.

The four categories of nature, activity, emotion and humour are our attempt to capture the key elements of camp. Participation is urged for all members of your camp. However, to be fair judging will take place in two classes; campers and staff (+ directors). We would like to encourage you to have your campers enter as many pictures as possible.

Please enter the photo contest and help bring a warm summer smile to the delegates to the Directors' Conference. They will appreciate it, I know I will.

MARC COTE,
O.C.A. Photography Contest.

THE TORONTO SPORTSMEN'S SHOW

EXHIBITION PLACE
TORONTO

MARCH 15 - MARCH 24, 1985

Come on down and see us!

A CANADIAN NATIONAL

SPORTSMEN'S SHOW

A non-profit Corporation dedicated to Canada's outdoor heritage

ECCLECTIC CAMPING

SNORKELLING - AN EXCITING CAMP PROGRAMME!

Children are by nature very inquisitive. They love to explore and discover "New Worlds" and encounter new adventures. This is very evident when they go to summer camp. Nature walks, canoeing, wind surfing, crafts, etc., exposes the campers to new and exciting adventures.

A few camps in Ontario introduce the children to the underwater world. Senior waterfront staff chosen to lead the expeditions are very capable in the water. Most have snorkelling experience. Few are snorkel instructors.

Basic snorkelling skills and safety are introduced to the new divers. Then it is off to the confines of the swimming area for a brief look at sand, minnows and the occasional lost fin. Time passes quickly for the new snorkellers and soon they must return to dry land. Their protests go to deaf ears as the instructor knows there is no more time for snorkelling for this session.

Why not introduce snorkelling as a new camp programme this summer? Swim instructors and advanced scuba divers are eligible to attend a workshop through scuba/snorkel diving agencies to attain their snorkel instructor certification. The cost of providing the basic snorkel gear of mask, fins, and snorkel is very reasonable at \$15 - \$25 per set. Once the initial investment in gear is made, a staff snorkel instructor could provide campers with snorkel instruction and certification.

A whole new exciting world is then opened up to the young divers. They can now more safely explore "the shipwreck" (an old rotted rowboat that sunk just beyond the swim area); participate in new water games (underwater Tic-Tac-Toe on a metal "Board"); investigate more closely a family of bass (that make their home under "the old dock"); and generally learn to better appreciate the previously unseen underwater environment.

Snorkel gear and snorkel instructor certification courses are relatively inexpensive. Consider including snorkel diving as a new waterfront programme this summer.

If you are attending the O.C.A. Conference in Toronto in February '85, plan on participating in the snorkel diving seminar. Visit the A.C.U.C. (Association of Canadian Underwater Councils) booth.

You will see how easy it is to get your campers and staff into the exciting and fascinating underwater world!

Respectfully submitted by:
BOB MAITLAND,
A.C.U.C. Instructor.

THIS & THAT

MORE ABOUT ONTARIO YOUTH TOURISM PROGRAM.

The program has three phases. The first is a two week introductory course at a community college. This is followed by up to 16 weeks of on-the-job training at a tourism enterprise in which the trainee receives an allowance of \$100.00 a week. Finally, there is a bursary program.

Employers who have enterprises outside the cities of Toronto, London and Ottawa may sponsor candidates. These tourist operators must provide a new, full-time job that will employ the candidate for an average of 40 hours a week and pay the trainees \$100 a week.

Before the candidates arrive for on-the-job training, the Government of Ontario provides a two week course that emphasizes basic work habits and employment skills. Some of the candidates may have never held a full-time job before and must be taught the importance of punctuality, responsibility and politeness.

The basic training is given at local community colleges in the context of a course geared to working in the tourism industry.

After the on-the-job training period, bursaries are available for outstanding candidates to pursue further education in tourism-related studies.

Employers nominate candidates and contribute \$200 toward the bursary. The Government of Ontario contributes \$1,000. The bursary helps young people pursue a career, not just short-term employment in the tourism industry.

Minister of Tourism and Recreation, Reuben Baetz, emphasized the need for industry support. "Together we can help those youths who are serious about a long-term career in tourism," he said. "Participation by resorts, camps, hotels, motels, lodges and other tourist enterprises is extremely important to the Ontario Youth Tourism Program's success".

This year's budget provides for the training of up to 500 candidates before April 1985, with 100 bursaries available. Next fiscal year up to 2,000 can be trained.

For information on the Ontario Youth Tourism Program, contact the Ontario Youth Tourism Program co-ordinator at the community college nearest you or call 1-800-263-7777.

FROM: ONTARIO TOURISM NEWS.

The Canadian Association for Children and Adults with Learning Disabilities (CACLD) has recently developed three manuals with the subject being the learning disabled child and youth in the camping environment:

1. Learning Disabilities....
Camp Director's Guide on Integration.
2. Learning Disabilities....
Guide for Directors of Specialized Camps.
3. Learning Disabilities....
Parents' Guide to Camping.
\$2.50 ea., \$7.00 for all three.

CACLD, MAISON KILDARE HOUSE,
323 Chapel, Ste. 101,
Ottawa, Ontario
K1N 7Z2.

CREDIT VALLEY CONSERVATION
AUTHORITY,
Meadowvale, Ontario
L0J 1K0

The Credit Valley Conservation Authority has two packaged audio/visual slide shows which are available for your use - Rattray Marsh Conservation Area and The Credit Valley Conservation Authority.

The Board of Governors of Trent University announced the permanent appointment of Mrs. B. Dodge as University Archivist. She has been a valuable member of the O.C.A. Camping Archives Committee for the past two years.

Congratulations Bernadette.

The Environmental Concerns Committee invites tenders for the provision of facilities for the Eco-Skills Workshop from after dinner Friday, June 7 to after lunch, Sunday, June 9, 1985.

To include:

- cost per delegate for accommodation and food.
- description of accommodation.
- minimum/maximum number of delegates.
- buildings available for inclement weather.
- natural surroundings which would enhance workshop, eg. streams, ponds, woodlots, wildflowers, etc.
- distance from Toronto - location and acreage.
- equipment available for use.

All tenders should be sealed, clearly marked and sent to : Eco-Skills Tender, 1806, Avenue Road, Suite 2, Toronto, Ontario, M5M 3Z1.

Deadline for submissions is February 15, 1985. The committee reserves the right to reject any or all tenders and is not bound to accept the lowest tender.

HELP WANTED

HUSBAND & WIFE TEAM

Available for Work.

An energetic and experienced family oriented couple is interested in maintaining and directing a year-round camp. Would be happy to live on site.

His professional background deals with property and maintenance supervision; her professional background is in the field of recreation and leadership development.

Anyone interested please contact the O.C.A. Office., BOX 1.

EXPERIENCED CAMP DIRECTOR - WANTED

Apply: YMCA Camping Service
20 Grosvenor Street
Toronto, Ontario
M4Y 2V5

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POSITION AVAILABLE FOR CAMP NAORCA:

Day Camp Director
For the City of North York's
Summer Day Camp Program.

Contract Length: 18 weeks.

Camp Site: Seneca College King Campus
King City.

Responsible for: 85 staff
a max. 550
campers/period
Training, program
specialites, etc.

Send Resume to:-

Mike Cosentino
Recreation Program Co-ordinator
Children's Camp
5100 Yonge Street
North York, Ontario
M2N 5V7

OR CALL: (416) 224-6254

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REGISTERED NURSES AND GRADUATE NURSES REQUIRED.

The Easter Seal Society is offering a challenging and rewarding opportunity to provide health care to physically disabled children and teenagers in a non-clinical, outdoor setting.

Our five residential summer camps are in operation from mid-June to late August. Previous experience with disabled people is desirable.

Contact: Camping & Recreation Dept.
The Easter Seal Society
350 Rumsey Road
Toronto, Ont., M4G 1R8
(416) 424-3851

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CAMP SPECIALTY POSITIONS:

Experienced candidates to be instructors in Tennis, Music (guitar sing-songs), dance, drama, gymnastics and pottery for well established Toronto Day Camp. Call Larry Himel at (416) 633-6500.

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SENIOR STAFF PERSON WANTED

Program Director for busy active summer camp for boys and girls aged 6 to 16. Suitable for a mature, pleasant person who is able to make a commitment now and will have time available prior to camp. If you enjoy a happy, close and professional atmosphere, please forward your resume to: Box 12, Ontario Camping Association, 1806 Avenue Road, Suite 2, Toronto, Ontario, M5M 3Z1. All replies will be acknowledged discretion assured.

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CAMP DIRECTORS REQUIRED:-

Opportunity available for a unique challenge as a camp director. Our agency provides a summer camp experience to physically disabled adults. Candidates should have had several years experience at a senior level in organized camping, have demonstrated inter-personal and supervisory skills, be well organized and able to handle responsibility with maturity. Previous experience working with disabled people an asset but not essential.

To submit a resume or obtain further information contact:-

Kirsty Griffiths
Co-ordinator of Camping
Ontario March of Dimes
60 Overlea Blvd.
Toronto, Ont., M4H 1B6
(416) 425-0501.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

DON'T MISS BOB PROCTOR AT THE CONFERENCE.

We are pleased to have Bob Proctor speak at the closing Banquet of the O.C.A. Conference on Saturday, February 23rd at The Constellation Hotel.

In 1961, Mr. Proctor began to study human potential to improve the quality of his own life. He read and tested the ideas in hundreds of books dealing with the potential of the human being.

In 1973, Bob wrote his own seminar on self-development and in the years since, he has taught the entire eight part program to over 25,000 people in Canada and the U.S.A. His unique and exciting presentation carries the endorsement of many of North America's largest companies such as Prudential and IBM.

Don't miss this charismatic speaker on February 23rd.

SUBMITTED BY: Bill Keen.

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REGIONAL NEWS

AN EVENING IN THE LONDON REGION

March 1, 1985 - 6:30 P.M.

St. John the Evangelist Church
280 St. James St. (and Wellington)
London.

Dinner, Slide Presentation "Interpretative Camp", Guest Speaker: Sally Moore "Campers Memories Last a Lifetime" - Board Member of O.C.A., Camp Director of Wooded Camp.

Who for: Camp Directors, Senior Staff and Counsellors.

Fee: \$5.00

Please R.S.V.P. and send money in advance to Cathy Russell, Circle R Ranch, Box 85, Delaware, Ont., N0L 1E0, (519) 471-3799.

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SAULT 15th ANNUAL AREA
CAMPFERENCE
Upper Michigan & Algoma

March 22-23, 1985.
Friday evening at 7:00 P.M.
Saturday 8:50 A.M.-4 P.M.

At: Central United Church
Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.

WE WELCOME YOU.

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OTTAWA AREA DIRECTOR & SENIOR STAFF TRAINING WORKSHOP.

Date: March 30th.

Time & Location: To be Announced.

Topics include: Food Service & Management for a recreational camp.
Publicity & Promotion on a Shoestring Budget.
Exchange of information sessions.

Contact:- Regional Rep., Joe Pavia
Ottawa YM-YWCA
180 Argyle, Ottawa, Ont.
K2P 1B7
(613) 237-1320.

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Summary of Workshop Dates.

- Feb. 21 - 23 O.C.A. Directors' Conference.
- March 1 - London Region Workshop.
- March 22 - 24 Sault Ste. Marie Campference.
- March 30 - Ottawa Area Campference.
- April 23 - O.C.A. Annual Meeting
- May - Nurses Workshop.
- May 30 - June 2 Bark Lake Camp Directors Conference.
- June 1 - O.C.A. Counsellor Conferen
- "Hands are Strong".
- June 8 - 10 Eco-Skills.
- June 14 - 17 Canoe School.

Ann Russe Prewitt

and

Samuel Williams Eaton

announce their marriage

on Monday, the nineteenth of November

Nineteen hundred and eighty-four

Rockville, Maryland