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"GREAT IS THE MAN WHO DOES NOT LOSE HIS CHILD'S HEART".....Mencius

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Janet Adamson
Camp Gay Venture

Dear Members;

Lately you, as an Association have been asked to give time to the O.C.A. - join a committee, give input - indeed there is a letter included with this OCA'sional News from Walter Tose, encouraging your participation.

Many of you give hours of time and thought to O.C.A. but I am hoping that there is one person out there somewhere who has a bit more time to give. As of now we have no one to run the May 1983 Counsellor Conference. For the last several years various camps have done this task - several camps have been approached for this year but for one reason or another no one thus far has been able to say "YES".

If anyone can take on this task either as a Camp or as Chairmen of a committee from various camps please let the O.C.A. office know immediately - planning must get underway very soon.

This is a valuable event - effecting thousand of campers but we do need someone to make it happen!

ATTENTION!!!

WE ARE LOOKING FOR A NEW FRONTPIECE HEADING FOR THE OCASIONAL NEWS!

Deadline for entries is December 20, 1982. So whip out your sketching pencils and go to it! Feel free to let your creative imagination flow!

M.G.H.

EDITORIAL

IS IT CLICK OR IS IT CLIQUE?

M.G.H.

Well actually it was neither. I had had suspicions that the O.C.A. "Board" was a motley collection of faceless, neanderthals as is the common image of "Boards". However, I discovered that this was not the case.

I attended my first O.C.A. Board meeting on October 16 and was pleased to share a day with old and new camp friends alike. Throughout the day it became evident that I was not the only one who had thought of the Board as being aloof. And yet we were in the "Board" member positions. Were we destined to become the so-called aloofers? We certainly hoped not. As the day progressed it struck me that the "Board" without faces will no doubt take on an image of an eroded Mt. Rushmore in one's mind.

Take a look at the list of Board members. How many do you know? How many have you chatted with? How many times have you made an effort to talk to a Board member about the affairs of the Association? How often have you brushed your teeth? You alone have the responsibility to get to know your Board.

So, "What happened"?, you ask! The day long meeting was efficiently chaired by Bruce Harris who afforded time for refreshing play breaks i.e. do you know the difference between a bing and a boing? And team "A" trounced team "B" 19-12 in the first O.C.A. Board "Reach for the Top" tournament.

Dianne Bertling reported on Wilderness School. Although a successful programme had been conducted, a poor turn-out was disappointing. We also had a change, the Directors' November Weekend was cancelled. Hopefully, we will see everyone at the Congress.

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GOOD NEWS! Our big birthday, the big Five-O, is next year! Our lady of history, Helen Stewart, lead us in a spirited discussion on a presentation of our historical roots for our birthday year. To compliment the discussion Barbara Gilchrist concluded with some fond memories of the Association.

It had been a good and productive day! 'Keep you posted.....'

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FROM OUR PAST Bert Danson-Honourary Member
Former Owner-Director Camp Winnebago

CANADA'S FIRST CO-ED CAMP

After being affiliated with a large American Brother/Sister Camp for some five years, my parents, Joseph & Sadie Danson, decided to start their own children's camp, here in Ontario.

Question: "Should we start a Boys' Camp? If so, what would we do with our daughter? Should it be a Girls' Camp? Then, what about our three sons? We can't start a Brother/Sister operation, as we've neither the finances nor directors to be able to operate two separate camps".

"I've got it" said Mother. We'll start a coed camp and then both the boys and our daughter can be accommodated".

"Can't do it" said Dad. "Who ever heard of a kids' camp with both boys and girls on the same campus, using the same facilities, etc. Why there'd be no end of problems". I'm not so sure" said Mother. "I've always felt it unprogressive when the schools separated classes into 'all boys' or 'all girls' classes. I find that when groups of boys and girls who spend so much of their time in segregated situations like this, come together for social activities, there is frequently a strain and feeling of 'ill-at-ease' when trying to "break the ice".

"Further, as we live in a world of "men and women", to have children and youth experience living in the same camp, sharing the same facilities, eating in the same dining lodge, would create a more relaxed situation and make having to deal with the opposite sex, a simpler experience".

Mother continued (she always WAS more vocal) than Dad): "If we hire a competent staff and provide firm, close but warm supervision, I

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think it will work. We would separate the boys and girls for the more athletic programs, such as baseball, basketball, soccer, etc., when boys want no part of girls, and let them combine for other activities such as swimming, tennis, canoeing, horseback-riding, arts and crafts, and dramatics".

"I'm still skeptical" said Dad. Mother wasn't. She had a world of confidence in her abilities.

So, off went Sadie Danson to consult with some of the pioneer directors of children's camps. The concensus was almost unanimous. "You can run a boys' camp and you can run a girls' camp. But to combine them into one, would be such a headache and it just won't work".

Sadie went away rather disheartened and gave it a lot of thought. Then she thought of the story of the bumble bee. Science has proven that the bee, with its fat little body and tiny wings, it's impossible for the bee to fly. However, the little bee didn't know that, and he went ahead and flew anyway...

So Sadie Danson thought: "no one has tried to run a co-ed camp and failed. I will start one and make it work".

And so she did. And now, some 50 years later, Ontario Camping Association has approximately 180 member resident children's camps, with 57% of them being co-ed!

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KEEP SENDING IN THOSE CLUES!

Barbara Gilchrist-Member Archives Committee
Immediate Past President O.C.A.

Thank you to the Rev. Alex Zeidman and to Mrs. Shirley Ford for your response to our appeal for help, from the Archives Committee. Your clues are being followed! The May issue of OCAsional News listed defunct camps A to B & C. In this issue we continue with -

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| Clovelly | Etoby |
| Comak | Frontier Forest |
| Echo Valley | Fantasy Land |
| Elizabeth Fry | Day Camp |
| Fresh Air Camp | Grant's Acres |

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. For the files of Archives we need a clue - a name - address - a lead

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IMPORTANT NOTICE

The O.C.A. Board in concurrence with the Education Committee has decided to cancel the November 5-7 Directors' Weekend because of limited enrollment.

The Bolton Weekend has always been a popular event, but in speaking with the membership, we became aware that this year many people have decided to budget their time and money for the 1983 International Camping Congress. We must agree that this event is certainly worthy of our support and participation.

"Clues" cont'd.

to obtaining the STORY of the above: Please write your clues to the O.C.A. Office, c/o The Archives Committee. Thank you!

NOTE: Students interested in working on an OCA History Research Project, please contact Archives Committee through the OCA Office.

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FROM THE BOOKSHELF Lisa Wilson-Camp Oconto

The O.C.A. library is well and flourishing. We have just bought a number of really good new books. They are listed here:

- BACHERT, R.E./SNOOKS, E.L. - Outdoor Education equipment.
- BEMISTER, Margaret, Thirty Indian Legends of Canada.
- FILLMORE, Donna - Let's Teach Bible Games.
- HODGINS, Carol - Wanapitei Canoe Trippers' Cookbook.
- ICKIS, M/ESH, R.S. - The Book of Arts and crafts.
- LINTON, Marilyn - Children's Camps in Canada.
- MITCHELL, Dr. Grace - Fundamentals of Day Camping.
- A.C.A. - National Day Camp Symposium
- NEUFELD, Bernie & Margaret - Worship in Youth and Children's groups. Series #10.
- NOVA SCOTIA CAMPING ASSOC. - Come on let's sing.
- ORLICK, Terry - The Second Cooperative Sports & Games book.
- PARKER, Arthur C. - The Indian How Book.
- PAETKAU, Paul - God/Man/Land. Interrelationship Programs for Camps.
- VANDER SMISSEN, Betty - Bibliography of Research.

These books and the rest of the library are for your use. COME IN AND USE THEM!

NEW PUBLICATION - "Making Nature a Natural Experience" - A leader's guide to encourage and help people to get out into the environ-

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ment and to learn more about nature. Available from - Ontario Government Bookstore, 800 Bay Bay St., Toronto, Ont. M5S 1Y8. Cost: \$2.50.

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A NEW COLUMN

A sense of humour is a most important component in our work with kids. Hal Hannaford has accepted the role as Host for your favourite camp jokes and stories - keep smiling!

M.G.H.

"JOKE OF THE MONTH" Hal Hannaford-Kilcoo Camp

Need a lift, feel creative, are you really that funny??? Of course you are, now why not prove it. The OCA's News is about to begin the camping "Joke of the Month". As a sample:

What is the difference between a Camp Counsellor and a train?

A Camp Counsellor says spit out the gum and a train says "CHOO, CHOO, CHOO"!

Think that's awful, think that's sick.... well, your right and quite frankly I am embarrassed. So, send in your jokes and each month I will pick the funniest...just think you'll make us all feel that much better.

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THIS AND THAT

PROMOTIONAL POINTS Hal Hannaford
Chairman - OCA Public Relations Committee

Let's face it - so little is done to promote the OCA as a valuable institution and it is about time we all started thinking of our responsibility to the Association.

Promotion takes little time, for starters is the OCA logo on all printed material you send to the public? Do you display the OCA accreditation sign on your summer office?

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Promotional Tips cont'd.

Camping is faced with a difficult time and we must all work together to keep up the image, to increase the awareness to make sure that the general public is aware of what camping can do to our children.

Promoting your camp promotes the OCA - do you have an effective promotional campaign? If not, why not, take the time to develop one - a simple slide show is a fabulous start. Keep your ears and eyes open - if you hear or think of a way the OCA should or can be promoting itself please let the office know. We will respond and the results will be beneficial to us all.

NOTE: "O.C.A. ACCREDITED" camp signs are still available for purchase. Please contact the O.C.A. Office (416) 781-0525. 1806 Avenue Rd., Ste. 2, Toronto, Ont. M5M 3Z1 Price ... \$24.95.

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

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| Andersen, Kathrin | Newton, Florence |
| Anderson, Jane | Torrens, John |
| Berman, Samuel | Turney, Colleen |
| Davey, Robert | Vissers, Marilyn |
| Janzen, Sandra | Yard, Darlene |
| McMullen, Rev. Robert | Yard, Ted Jr. |

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HAVE YOU MAILED IN YOUR MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FEES AND 1983 DIRECTORY LISTING????

If not, would you give this matter your immediate attention. The deadline date was October 31, 1983. There are still approximately 65 camps to hear from. Thank you!

VACANCY PLACEMENT SERVICE

This past summer, the "Vacancy Placement Service" was used by 40 camps providing a good service to parents.

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WANTED: A structure (i.e. tent, plastic dome) to house about 100 people over a period of 8 weeks during July and August. Call (416) 889-5861.

THE ONTARIO CAMP LEADERSHIP CENTRE

- is interviewing for the position of Program Director for the Leadership Development courses. This position relates directly with staff; and a knowledge of group development and leadership theories. Applications and Information about interviews call (416) 965-2356.

WANTED - COORDINATOR FOR CNIB LAKE JOSEPH CENTRE.

Must have minimum of Community Graduate in Recreation and/or degree from University in Physical Education, also strong in administration skills. Mature person with at least 3 years camping experience. Must have driver's licence and own car. Office location in Barrie. Application must be in before December 31, 1982. Send resume to:

CNIB Central Regional office, 93 Dunlop Street East, Suite 101, Barrie, Ontario L4M 1A8. Attention: Mr. G.R. Mayor, Administrator, Lake Joseph Centre. (705) 728-3352

WANTED - FULL TIME ASSISTANT CAMP DIRECTOR/ PROGRAM DIRECTOR.

An experienced camping person is required to coordinate and develop Outdoor Education and Resident Camp program for the Yammuska Centre/Camp Chief Hector. Please apply in writing to:

Wayne Perkins, Director Rocky Mountain YMCA, 332 - 6th Avenue S.W., Calgary Alberta. T2P 0R5

ONTARIO RETAIL SALES TAX BULLETIN

OCTOBER 1982

We hope we never have another summer like 1982 with regard to changes in Government Legislation - it was indeed incredible. By now, no doubt, you have all calculated your Ontario Retail Sales Tax remittance and sent it off to Queens Park.

In an attempt to clarify some items, we have had discussions with the Retail Sales Tax Department and wish to report the following to the O.C.A. membership. The details of the existing legislation are well defined in the Information Bulletin No. 3-82, August 1982, as issued by the Retail Sales Tax Office. If you do not have a copy - get one from your Regional Office.

A brief summary is as follows -

All camps, except those operated by a church or charitable organization for handicapped, indigent or welfare recipients, must collect a tax based on 3% of the fee charged for periods up to one month duration. If staying more than one month you can either levy the 3% tax OR segregate the charge for meals on your invoice and charge 7% tax on this amount.

Tuck Shop Audit - if the Department wishes to audit your return on these sales you may be asked to provide a starting inventory, purchases over the season, closing inventory, items used for personal use, a list of items charged through that are taxable and non-taxable.

Tax Remittance - some camps remit twice in the summer, others do it once or three times. It is to your advantage to only do your calculations and remittance once after the camp closes. If you are not in this position now we would recommend that you make application to your District Office stating your reasons for a once a year remittance.

The 3% charge of the total fee for periods up to one month is based on the Sales Tax Department's contention that 60% of the camp fee covers meals and accommodation. We feel this percentage is much too high and not realistic for a children's camp. We have submitted figures to the Department in support of our contention and have requested a re-examination of their calculations and to reduce the 3%. We hope to know the results of this appeal before November 30 and will of course, keep you posted.

If you have other points relative to the Sales Tax that you think should be discussed on behalf of the membership please bring them to our attention. Or, if you have any questions about any part of this bulletin - please contact us.

Cliff Labbett

Legislation Committee

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ARE YOU PLANNING TO ATTEND THE 1983 INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS? IF SO
WE URGE YOU TO MAIL IN YOUR REGISTRATIONS TO THE OFFICE AS SOON
AS POSSIBLE. YOUR COOPERATION WILL BE APPRECIATED!!

FELLOW CAMP DIRECTORS

The International Camping Congress has had a few inquires regarding camp displays and exhibits at the Congress, January 28th & 29th. Exhibit space has been made available to any camp or camping organization at the same rate as the Commercial Exhibits. If you would like an application please contact the O.C.A. Office or telephone (416) 781-0525 and this information will be sent out.

Dave Sands - Chairman, Exhibits