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WHERE DOES THE TIME GO?

Here we are head-over-heels in winter. . .and skiing. . .with Conference plans just over the hill! And there's a great, big, dandy of a Thing going between now and March 3 to 6. . . .

A MAMMOTH LUCKY DRAW

First PrizeAirline tickets (for two) to BARBADOS!

Second Prize.A Surf-Sailer, the new surfboard-with-sail everyone in watersports is promoting.

So that news is out, but it means work for everybody in the Association. Be ready to sell tickets to everybody everywhere. At \$1.00 each nobody loses, since it all helps to give O.C.A. a much-needed boost. There are many more prizes coming in every day, too.

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STILL LOOKING AHEAD

January 25, 1977

Is the date of the next Open Meeting at the Ontario Society for Crippled Children Centre on Rumsey Road. Interesting Topic will be announced later.

April 12 1977

Ontario Camping Association Annual Meeting and Dinner. Through the kindness of John and Barbara Gilchrist we will again be able to enjoy the privileges of the Granite Club Dining Room. Watch OCA'sional News for programme information and speaker. Chairmen, have your annual reports ready well in advance!!!

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1977 DIRECTORY

Paul Rushton provides a note of optimism in his expectation that this year's directory will be ready for distribution in January's first week...a great help to the O.C.A. Office and to the many parents who want authentic information about camps early in the season.

ARCHIVES WANT YOU

This, from Adele Ebbs, C.C.A. Archives Chairman:-

"Some camp directors were surprised when they visited our Archives at Trent University recently, that their camps were Among the Missing. Have you taken the time to do some sorting, and prepare a package, large or small, for the Archives? Drop it in to the O.C.A. office, and I will deliver it to Ken Johnson, the University Archivist. Get out that dusty file and have a look. Brochures, letters, announcements of rates and dates, old menus, accounts, pictures (preferably NOT stuck in albums since this causes deterioration); and include names of everyone you know. We do not need precious original documents. We will copy those we want, and return anything you request. And there's no need to wait until your collection is complete. Begin now. . .and keep it coming!"

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RE TORONTO LIFE ADVERTISING

We have been negotiating with the editors of Toronto Life regarding some dissatisfactions about copy, inclusion of unknown camps and lack of proper recognition of O.C.A. Standards. We have been advised that this year the directors of those listed editorially will be contacted before that section of Toronto Life goes to press. If you wish changes or deletions, or if you are dissatisfied with the editorial write-up of your camp, PLEASE telephone Debbie Gibson or Marilyn Linton immediately or it will be too late. Time is needed for any changes. Reach them at (416) 364-3333.

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ONTARIO TAX REFORM PROPOSALS

Doug McEwen, St. Catharines YMCA, who has been studying the tax reforms, gives this report to O.C.A. Members:-

NOTES FOR CAMPS CONCERNING ONTARIO PROPERTY TAX REFORM PROPOSALS

In the Ontario Budget last May were a set of proposals to reform the property tax system in Ontario. A Commission was appointed and has been holding hearings during the summer and currently across the Province.

A number of organizational camps in Ontario by virtue of the Assessment Act, a Private members Bill or a municipal agreement have been exempt or partially exempt from property tax payments on camp properties. We understand that one of the proposals could have the effect of eliminating these arrangements should legislation follow the proposal as outlined - this would affect church camps, Scout & Guide camps, Y.M.C.A.-Y.W.C.A. camps and all other charitable organizations including government operated camps.

At a meeting of the O.C.A. Board of Directors it was agreed that a letter or brief would be submitted on behalf of organized camping expressing concern for those camps affected and pointing out the risk of an attrition in the number of camps providing for youngsters. Similarly the brief will point out that the effect of taxation may affect organization camp's abilities to serve needy youngsters most of all.

It is suggested that while organizations and religious bodies sponsoring camps may be pursuing this matter already, the effect on camps and consequently the clientele served could be very strongly affected also.

It would be helpful if organizations or camps making submissions to the Commission or their M.P.P. could share this information through the O.C.A.

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CCCA WORKSHOP

A Workshop on current Aquatic concerns will be of interest to those aware of qualifications for Aquatic activities and leadership. Among O.C.A. Members taking part in the session are, Mavis Berridge, Bev. Greene, Jocelyn Palm and Prof. Kirk Wipper. Key-note presentation discusses The Changing Philosophy of Government Funding, followed by The Impact of Negligence, Effective Teaching, Volunteer Development and Training and Aquatic Facilities of the Future.

Registration at 8:45 a.m. - 9:15 a.m. at the Medical Sciences Building, University of Toronto, Saturday, December 11, 1976.

Closing session 4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. Registration Fee - \$15.00

(includes awards luncheon)

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PARENTS' NIGHT

A Joy to Behold or Beware

From: Mert McDonald & Judith Downey - Co-Chairmen - Day Camp Committee

On Tuesday, December 14, 1976 at 7:00 p.m. the Day Camp Committee will be hosting their second in a series of discussion sessions. This month we turn a critical eye to Parents' Nights. Many camps have abandoned the traditional form of parents' nights in favor of a programme that includes, the parents. Others have opted for week-long drop-in-anytime events and still other camps have banished the parent altogether. The Day Camp Committee wishes to share and trade experiences and ideas with any who are interested in this subject. If you feel you can contribute and/or learn from this topic please feel free to attend. There is no admission fee, and attendance is not restricted to Day Camp Personnel or only directors. We encourage anyone receiving this to send any camp staff they feel may benefit.

Discussion is scheduled to begin immediately after dealing with the regular business of the Committee.

All Day Camp Committee meetings are held at the Borough of North York Parks & Recreation Building at 5145 Yonge Street, Willowdale, Ontario.

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WE WELCOME A NEW CAMP ASSOCIATE

PIONEER DAY CAMP

Sponsored by:

The City of Oshawa Community Services Department

Under the Directorship of:

Mr. Mert McDonald

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1976 O.C.A. ANNUAL DINNER ADDRESS

In our June Newsletter we reminded members who attended the O.C.A. Annual Dinner at the Granite Club that our very fine and knowledgable speaker, Adele Ebbs' address was available in printed form. We still have many copies left. We would appreciate you coming in to the O.C.A. office to pick up YOUR copy. Thank you! (Cost of mailing is too high, sorry!)

We also have on hand copies of the 1975 and 1976 Conference Reports. Cost per copy -

1975 Report - \$7.50

1976 Report - \$5.00

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TO HART M. DEVENNEY

There are those who lead lives of quiet consequence. Hart Devenney was a member of that select group. His broad experience and variety of interests reveal a man whose contribution and influence lay very much in a consistent devotion to young persons.

Although formal education in physical education and recreation was not readily accessible, Hart found his way to Springfield, Mass. where he received his B.Sc. and then on to McGill University to earn his M.A. degree. He next turned to Yale Divinity School for a period of one year. It was at this point in his career that he met Rena Bickerton whom he happily married in 1929.

In 1939 Hart moved to Manitoba to become Director of Urban Youth Centres in that province. The next year found him in the R.C.A.F. auxiliary services which required travel to England, the Middle East, North Africa and Italy. Upon the termination of World War II, he assumed the post of Director for Physical Education and Recreation in the Province of Manitoba where he remained for a very successful decade.

In 1955 Hart moved to Ontario to serve as an inspector and then consultant in Physical Education and Camping for Ontario. After 13 years his attention turned to the managing editorship and assistant directorship of C.A.H.P.E.R. When that organization moved to Ottawa, Hart took on the responsibility of business administrator for Kandalore Camps. He was President of the Manitoba Physical Education Association in 1951 and then President of C.A.H.P.E.R. for the 1952-54 term. In 1957 he became the director of The Ontario Camp Leadership Centre at Bark Lake where he remained for many camping summers.

Clearly, Hart M. Devenney was a pioneer who fought through many difficulties and personal trials to gain a breadth of outlook which evoked admiration and commanded respect.

Our sympathy goes out to his wife Rena and their two sons Donald and Richard. We hope they will find comfort in the realization that his many friends and fellow workers hold a special place for a man who has had a remarkable influence on so many.

K.A.W.W.