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TOO MUCH TOO SOON IS AS DAMAGING AS TOO LITTLE TOO LATE.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

'T WAS THE NIGHT BEFORE SUMMER
AND ALL THROUGH THE CAMP
ALL THE COUNSELLORS WERE
STIRRING, NOT TAKING A NAP.
THE CABINS WERE CLEANED WITH
SOAP AND WITH CARE
IN HOPES THAT THE CAMPERS
SOON WOULD BE THERE.

THE CAMPERS WERE NESTLED ALL
SNUG IN THE CITIES
WHILE DREAMING OF SUMMER AND
ALL THE ACTIVITIES.

ALL THE DIRECTORS IN ALL OF
THE PLACES
HAD JUST SETTLED IN WITH BIG
SMILING FACES.
WHEN OUT ON THE STREETS THERE
AROSE SUCH A CLATTER,
WE SPRANG FROM OUR SITES TO
SEE WHAT WAS THE MATTER.
AWAY TO THE PARKING LOTS WE
FLEW IN A JIFFY
TORE OPEN THE GATES AND STOOD
THERE, ALL SPIFFY.

It's true - isn't it! We are almost ready - and the campers are definitely ready. The next two months will soon be history, but for thousands of happy children, the next two months will be only the beginning. In our camps, children will learn to grow together, to play together, to work together and to live together. Let's make sure we make the most of every moment we spend with our children.

Take the opportunity to say HELLO to the Camp Directors who live on either side of your camp. Find out if the camp belongs to the OCA and if not - I'm counting on you to join our Membership Committee and our Public Relations and Promotions Committee and do your best to encourage those camps to become a part of our Association. Believe me, we're on the move!

HAPPY CAMPING TO ALL, AND
TO ALL A SAFE SUMMER.

Best wishes for a safe and rewarding camping season.

JANE McCUTCHEON,
President.

FROM THE EDITOR

One of the problems of our affluent, liberated society is that young people expect and often experience too much too soon.

I had a lengthy telephone conversation with one of our eleven year old campers. Susan was arguing that she should be allowed to participate in the new paddle making programme at camp for twelve year olds and up, after all "I'll be twelve in September".

Despite her persuasive arguments I said no. I feel she can enjoy looking forward to participating next summer. Also, I may as well be consistent now because I anticipate

in a few years Susan will be pleading to be at C.I.T. at 15, after all "I'll be sixteen in September".

Meredith, a seventeen year old junior counsellor arrived at the counsellor conference in her own new car (with real leather seats - the staff was quick to observe!) Indeed, an exciting birthday gift, but what can she look forward to next year?

Discussing Sue Johanson's keynote address "Coping with Campers and Sex" at lunchtime, I listened to an eighteen year old counsellor who has decided to change her educational and career goals because she can't bear to be away from the love of her life. Sexually involved with this young man, she is looking forward to a week in the Bahamas with him prior to working at camp. Like Bruno, I would worry about the sex information she may be sharing with her campers this summer. If your staff heard Sue and you didn't, you may want to ask them what they thought about her advice.

Thank goodness for the simplicity of camp life where programmes are age-appropriate - challenging but realistic, the importance of material possessions is reduced to a minimum, and the majority of male contact is through the mail, - sorry co-ed directors - your struggle continues!

CATHERINE ROSS,
Editor.

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The following was written by a friend at my request.

Dorothy is the mother of three children, two boys and a girl, who have attended three O.C.A. camps for several years.

As the arrival of our campers is fast approaching, I thought it valid to be reminded of the expectations of our parents.

EDITOR.

Dear Camp Director,

One cold winter evening several months ago, you came to my home and shared pictures and stories of your camp with me and my child. I remember how excited we were! We talked about camp adventures on many occasions after your visit.

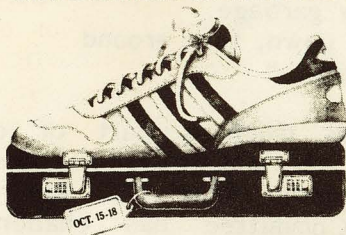
In a few short weeks you will be welcoming onto your property your first campers of the 1987 season. My child will be among them! As we prepare for camp together we are once again talking about sailboats and sailboards. Her expectations for camp are simple, sincere and enthusiastic. She expects to have fun! My expectations are sincere, enthusiastic and not as simple. I expect my child to have fun, in an environment that is supervised 24 hours a day. Not a rigid environment but one that offers a good balance between routine and opportunity for choices. I expect my child to be nurtured by staff who are hired for their respect and understanding of children first and their camping accomplishments second. I expect my child to understand and respect the camp rules because they have been made to ensure her safety and will be thoroughly explained to her. I expect my child's tuck account not to exceed the suggested amount sent in advance. She will be bringing to camp all of the clothing and sundry items suggested on your camper list. I do not expect her to purchase costly items through peer pressure or camp "loyalty". I expect my child to learn new skills and to refine present skills through the activities offered at camp. I expect through the opportunity of group living together with guidance from her counsellor that she will learn through experience, life skills of sharing, co-operation and thinking of others. These skills are perhaps most important of all. These social skills may carry over into every day living and be an asset long after the physical skill of executing the perfect cross bow rudder or swan dive is forgotten. I expect in your unique setting for my child to have an opportunity to experience the gloriousness of a sunrise, the wonderment of star gazing, the satisfaction of cooking over an open fire, and the adventure of sleeping out. Through these activities that are unique to summer camp I expect my child to develop an appreciation of nature.

I expect you and your staff to meet my expectations. I expect my child to have fun!

I sincerely wish you and your staff a happy, healthy, best-ever summer!

DOROTHY GRAHAM,
An excited camp parent.

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FROM OUR PAST

BLUE LAKE, ROCKY SHORE, AND MARY NORTHWAY.

Those of us who had a hand in shaping our History thought we Knew It All, with each preparatory chapter well in hand....until Dr. Mary Northway's eagle eye came to rest on our original scripts.

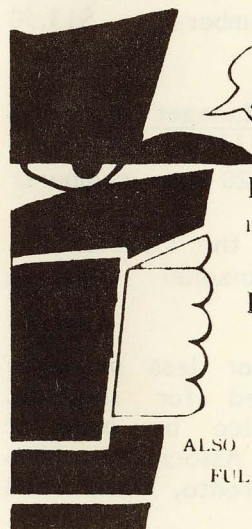
She it was who had had in mind for years a History of children's camping and the part played by O.C.A. In her kindly but vigilant way she prodded our committee to Get On With It, urging us to put facts on paper as they occurred, while our Originals were with us and could offer accurate contributions. She encouraged interviews with this group, to stress authentic happenings and developments as they were, rather than only figments of today's imaginations. In proof-reading she kept us to those facts, as they were, not hearsay or probabilities.

Just as Mary was the guiding light behind Child Study, Research in Outdoor Education as well as School Camping, she took time to read our material after piloting other topics that would be invaluable to future generations of students and directors; not through articles written by herself alone, but rather, jointly, with those she felt deserved credit through their experiences.

Actually, if it hadn't been for her persistence and drive, our Archives would be sadly lacking a true recorded History of the whole children's camping movement. As it stands, it enjoys honoured presence in Public Reference Libraries as well as on the shelves of history enthusiasts.

But that was our Mary Northway. We shall miss her.

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Cost: \$11.25 (members); \$13.50 (non-members).

Putting the One Minute Manager to Work, Berkley Publishing Group, 111 p., 1984.
Cost: \$8.50 (members); \$10.20 (non-members)

Books listed in "Between the Covers" are available from the Canadian Camping Association Bookstore.

Orders that are \$20.00 or less must be prepaid with \$2.00 added for shipping. Contact the C.C.A. office by mail or phone: Canadian Camping Association, 1806 Avenue Road, Suite 2, Toronto, Ont., M5M 3Z1, (416) 781-4717.

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ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS

"CELEBRATION OF WILDERNESS" - The Sierra Club of Ontario.

This weekend event, sponsored by the Sierra Club is planned for September 5 - 7, 1987 and O.C.A. members are invited to attend. It will be held at the Wanapitei Wilderness Centre. A number of events are planned, centred on hiking and canoeing, with guest speakers and a corn roast. A variety of accommodation will be available, from tenting to cabins, and meals will be available indoors or out.

For more information, please contact the Sierra Club office (416) 596-7778.

DIRECTORS: Tell your staff about the:-

"Environmental Song Challenge".

"Gonna jump down, turn around,
pack out my garbage
Gonna jump down, turn around
leave no trace..."

Music is as much a part of camp as sparkling water and towering trees. It is for this reason that the Environmental Concerns Committee has challenged all O.C.A. camps to create a song that celebrates the relationship between camp and the natural environment.

The song must fulfill the following criteria:

1. original words (the tune can be a known tune),
2. it presents the environment in a positive light,
3. it is suitable for campers to sing...

So, to all you budding song writers - sharpen your pencil and tune up your guitar. Send your songs to:-

The Environmental Song Challenge
c/o Ontario Camping Association
1806 Avenue Road, Suite 2
Toronto, Ontario, M5M 3Z1 by Sept. 1/87.

Tapes or written music accepted...

Campers singing your song(s) would be a great idea...

For more information contact:-

Judy Paul 833-3333 Ext. 5057. After June 1/87 (519) 893-9470.

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CHILDREN'S ENVIRONMENTAL FESTIVAL

The Ontario Camping Association has been invited to participate in a first-of-its-kind "Children's Environmental Festival" to be held at Harbourfront in Toronto, September 1987. This special event will take place over three days for school children in Metro Toronto in grades 4 - 6.

How can you get involved?

Counsellors are invited to become involved as volunteer group leaders that guide the children through the Festival.

Contact July Paul 833-3333 Ext. 5057; after June 1/87 (519) 893-9470 for more information.

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**PROJECT WILD
A GREAT PROGRAM OUT OF REACH**

Project Wild is an environmental education program sponsored and run by the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources. The program is a holistic approach to wildlife education including eco-games, projects and lesson plans for various programs. The program is very popular and is rapidly spreading throughout the school boards in Ontario. To date, the Ministry is instructing teachers only due to financial limitations. This is a plea to all members of the O.C.A. to write their local M.P.P. asking that O.C.A. staff be allowed to be instructed in the Project Wild program. By no means is this a slash at the Ministry; it should be seen as an opportunity to inform the government of the educational benefits of summer camping.

JIM HOPKINS,
Chairman, Environmental Concerns Committee.

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Emergency Preparedness Canada has recently published a brochure entitled Prepared for the Woods. Copies are available from Mr. H.H. Sampson, Protection civile Canada, Ste. 900, 60 St. Clair Ave., East, Toronto, Ont., M4T 1N5 (416) 973-6343. No Charge.

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**MENTION O.C.A. MEMBERSHIP IN
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Membership Year: Oct. 1 to Sept. 30.

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Individual Membership: \$27.00
(Fees subject to change for 1987-88)

While introducing the Ontario Camping Association to your staff in precamp please also indicate the many benefits and encourage membership.

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- Monthly newsletter
- Canadian Camping Magazine (4 Issues)
- C.C.A. Bookstore Member Prices of over 200 camping publications.
- Conference & Workshop information
- Opportunity to be involved with camping in Ontario as a Volunteer of a Professional Association and much more.

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W H E N

OCA ANNUAL MEETING AT THE OCA CONFERENCE THURSDAY, JANUARY 28, 1988.

TICKET PRICES - \$2.00 each, BOOK of 6 - \$10.00

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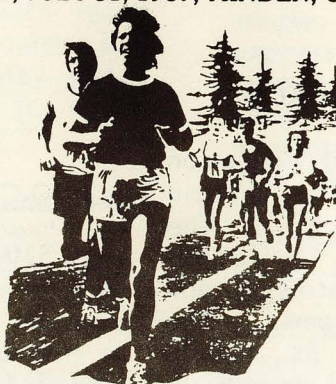
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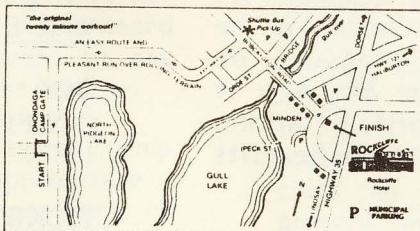
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FOR MORE INFORMATION:

AMICI Race Committee
150 Eglinton Avenue East, Ste. 304
Toronto, Ontario, M4P 1E8
Tel: (416) 486-5264

After 6:00 P.M. call
Bill Meeker, Race Director,
(416) 926-9579.