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THE PRES. SAYS - - -

- Well done JANE McCUTCHEON and the Counsellor Conference Committee for an excellent day!
- BOB CHRISTENSEN, Chairman of the Standards Committee has just completed the first of three workshops in order to train Standards visitors.
- Your Board of Directors for 1977 - 78 is: -
- BARBARA GILCHRIST, co-owner of Glen Bernard Camp who has served in a number of capacities in O.C.A. is now the President-Elect.
- PHIL LOWES, Camp Timberlane is a Vice-President - you all know PHIL who chaired the '77 O.C.A. Conference.
- JANET ADAMSON, of Camp GayVenture is Recording Secretary - and
- BILL HENDERSON of the Boy Scouts is Treasurer.

There are four Members-At-Large:

- CAROLEA BUTTERS of Camp Tanamakoon vitally interested in O.C.A. promotion.
- BRUCE FLEURY Camp Connemara who is also the Commissioner of Recreation for the Borough of Scarborough.
- BRUCE HARRIS of Camp Kawabi - and
- STAN TALESNICK of Seneca College and Bark Lake

who bring a new perspective and wealth of knowledge to the O.C.A.

- KIRK WIPPER is Past President, that is when he is not teaching at U of T, gathering canoes, running Kandalore, working for the R.L.S.S.C. or the thousands of other things he does.

You can be proud of tremendous contributions made to C.C.A. by ADELE EBBS, BRYAN GRAHAM, BARRY LOWES and BILL SWIFT. These people received the C.C.A. Award of Merit at the 1977 Annual Meeting for their outstanding efforts for Canadian Camping.

The C.C.A. have elected JACK PEARSE, President - our congratulations - and promise full support JACK! PAUL BELANGER of Q.C.A. is Vice President, EILEEN MAYOTTE of Saskatchewan is Secretary and GEORGE SIMONETT of Camp Tawingo is Treasurer.

More over

Also thanks to RON JOHNSTONE and BILL SWIFT, Past President and Treasurer respectively of C.C.A.

The O.C.A. Past Presidents' Council is a valuable source of info! CLIFF LABBETT has submitted their first written document summarizing current legislation in Ontario respecting Childrens' Camps.

Well its almost summer! You should know that the O.C.A. office will be in full operation for July and in August phone messages will be answered daily by myself or another member of the Executive.

If you have openings at your camp, please let the O.C.A. office know in order that we can refer parents who have last minute thoughts to send their youngsters to camp.

Cheers!

Jocelyn Palm

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SOMETHING NEW

A welcome special membership category for students has just been approved, which will enable students to become aware of the Association's work. It is hoped, too, that more will be encouraged to join later as Senior Members, and to realize the value of counselling and camp work, etc. after student years.

Membership is \$7.50 and does not include a vote.

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REPORT OF THE 1977 COUNSELLOR CONFERENCE

The 10th annual Counsellor Conference, held May 14th at Centennial College attracted over 500 delegates. The day-long event included 27 sessions pertaining to day camp and residential camp counsellors.

Submarine sandwiches and pop from the Pop Shoppe were enjoyed by all.

Over 65 different agencies and camps were represented at the Conference. Of the 300 evaluation forms which were returned, the overall conference was rated as follows:-

Excellent	Good	Adequate	Poor
124	195	16	1 (you can't please everyone!)

The digest was typed and printed at the Conference - although there was a delay in the printing of the last few pages, the digest was ready at the end of the day's activities. Many thanks to those people who remained for our closing ceremony and the collection of the digest.

For those people who were unable to remain at the College to collect the digest, it can be mailed to you, for the price of postage, by contacting -

Janie McCutcheon
Camp Tawingo
R.R. #1
Huntsville, Ont., POA 1K0

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There are several Conference T-shirts (powder blue with the Conference Crest) remaining in sizes small and medium. These may also be obtained by contacting Janie at the above address.

Our thanks to all who supported this annual event. We wish you success in your 1977 camping season.

Your 1977 Counsellor Conference Committee

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ARE YOUR FEES STILL OUTSTANDING?

It would assist the office staff if all members could mail in their 1977 fees which were due in January. Just a reminder . . . and if your cheque is already in the mail, kindly disregard these words.

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AQUATICS

1. A reminder about the Ontario Sailing Association's Workshop for camp staff on June 10, 11, 12 at Onondaga Camp. Program details include the following:

Friday, June 10th.

Registration & cold dinner
(5:30 - 7:30 p.m.)

"Your Camp Sailing Programme"
(8:00 p.m.)

Saturday, June 11th.

"On Water Training Techniques"
(the use of games, exercises, and the discovery approach to sailing).

"Making the Most of Your Resources"
(programme design and organization, safety, effective use of equipment).

"Innovative Teaching:
Improving Your Techniques"
(course planning, motivation and lesson presentation).

Instructional film:
"This is Sailing".

"Precamp planning and on going maintenance" (care and organization of equipment).

Sunday, June 12th.

"You the sailor" (on water boat handling skills improvement).

"How your camp can take advantage of the O.S.A.", (services offered regattas, awards, instructor training, examiners).

"Rainy Days & Flat Calm"
(alternate activities and games.)

2. A reminder to Directors to voice their opinion on the proposed fee structure for Red Cross Water Safety programs. Please respond in writing immediately in order that your concerns may be voiced at the Red Cross Management Committee meeting on May 31st.

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3. Camp Directors should look for the arrival of their new and improved (!) Canoeing Kit, outlining the Canadian Recreational Canoeing Association's program, "Standard Tests of Achievement in Canoeing". Also enclosed in the package are some support materials to aid in the implementation of the program.

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TWO NEW CAMP ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIPS

Approved as new Camp Associates are:

CAMP KEEWAYTAN

in the Niagara Region District

and

CAMP ST. VINCENT de PAUL

near Bothwell, Ontario

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ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE REPORT

(Craig Copland - Chairman)

We'd like to take a minute or two to bring you up to date on what the Environmental Concerns Committee has been doing. A year ago the people who came to the Camping and the Environment seminar collectively agreed that standards of environmental protection should be included in the O.C.A. standards for member camps and the Environmental Concerns Committee was directed to develop these standards. A questionnaire circulated through the OCAisional News in October asked you for your opinions on this idea. An encouraging number of you responded and informed us of the following:

- a. Sixty percent of us claim that developing environmental awareness and concern is a major objective of our camps (i.e. rated it as 1 or 2 on a 5 point scale). Forty-three percent rate nature/lore/ecology as very important in our programs and forty-one percent spent forty-five minutes a day or more in nature/lore/ecology activities.
- b. The operations of our camps do not live up to our environmental ideals. Twenty-two percent of us use throw-away paper service, forty percent use power boats regularly and only seven percent practise composting.
- c. Seventy percent said that a set of environmental guidelines would be useful to your camp (rated 1 or 2 on a 5 point scale) and the same percentage were in favour of having environmental standards included in the requirements for O.C.A. membership.

Given the strong support you indicated for the development of guidelines and standards we have prepared a draft set of guidelines. These were presented at the Conference and a second draft will be included in the next OCAisional News. It was the committee's decision to prepare a set of guidelines first so that camps might be better educated about their impact on the environment before laying down standards that had to be followed. We will be asking the Ministry of the Environment for assistance in distributing "how to" information on environmental management for camps.

The other issue of current concern to the Environmental Concerns Committee is the implementation of the Algonquin Park Master Plan. The provincial government has asked the

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Environmental Concerns cont'd.

Conservation Council of Ontario to review the Plan and its implementation. Bruce Hodgins of Camp Wanapitei is a member of the Council's Algonquin Park committee and is attempting to make sure that concerns of the O.C.A. are included in the Council submission.

The committee would appreciate receiving your comments on environmental standards, Algonquin Park or any other issue you feel is of concern to camping and the environment.

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MORE PUBLICITY FOR O.C.A.

Canadian Scene Magazine is preparing an article on Children's Camps.

Arrangements for twelve programmes, Camping Clues for Parents, have been made and are now on the air on Radio Station CHWO Oakville, 1190 on the dial.

Also we were requested to give information to the Women's Editor of the Windsor Star for an article on children's camping which is to appear shortly.

From June 6 to 11, the Hudson's Bay Company is giving us space in their Events Room on the 5th Floor, where we can give away our Directories and have members on hand to answer questions, much as we did at Eaton's last week.

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A R C H I V E S

While YOU are at camp this summer, would YOU please look for the following things which would be of great value to the O.C.A. Archives. . . .

Copy of all brochures from first to present

Photos of personnel

Facilities

Program activities

Equipment

Special events

Canoe trip records and logs

Staff Manuals

Closing banquet programs and lists of awards.

Camp Menus

Camp newspapers

Old song books

Financial and registration records

Purchasing orders

. . . . to name a few.

If you don't know what to send, send it anyhow! Mr. Ken Johnson, the Trent archivist, will decide if it is important. It is a splendid opportunity for clearing out old files and turning dusty and aged materials into valuable documents!

Why not follow this suggestion through the summer label a box "ARCHIVES" and through May, June and the summer months put in it a copy of all the data you use for the running of your Camp. Then, in September, alert the O.C.A. Office that you have some material and the Archives Chairman will be in touch with you. Please remember that the record of today becomes the archive of tomorrow.

HAPPY CAMPING, EVERYONE!

PLEASE HELP US.

We're making a second appeal, by means of the Newsletter, concerning the whereabouts of the O.C.A. audio-visual presentation (a Kodak Carousel of slides and a tape with music and voice). Perhaps it is in some O.C.A. member's office, long forgotten and collecting dust.

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NOTICE

CLOSING OF A FAIRY LAKE CAMPING SITE

Camp Directors are asked to advise any Tripping Counsellors who have used Mrs. Moore's property that it is now closed for replanting purposes according to the following letter which was addressed to our O.C.A. President.

Dear Miss Palm;

I have recently been made custodian of the property and cottage on Fairy Lake, Muskoka, Ontario, owned by my late father's estate - Charles Faessler Estate. This consists of a cottage on Scott's Point and Alice Island, popularly known as Scotch Bonnet, at the westerly end of Fairy Lake, just opposite Scott's Point. The Island has been used by many camps in the area as a campsite for canoe trips each season for some 15 years or more, with my late father's permission, as well as by individual trippers. Unfortunately, over the years, much of the young growth of trees and shrubs has been cut, and our family feels it is time to protect the vegetation on the Island. It is therefore with regret that we have decided to close this property as a campsite for overnight camping, in the hope that the vegetation will grow undisturbed. We plan to replant with native stock over the next few years.

I am writing to you in the hope that this notice will reach as many trippers as possible who plan to travel on Fairy Lake in the coming years.

I would also like to express my family's thanks and appreciation to all the camp counsellors and trippers who have been so careful to respect the campsite on the Island, and to leave it tidy for the campers to come. To date, we have had no major outbreak of fire, for which we are all very grateful.

I plan to post notices on Scotch Bonnet to announce the closure, and feel sure they will be respected. I look forward to the time when we can use it again for overnight camping and I will inform you when this is possible.

My sincere thanks for your interest in this matter.

Yours truly,

Darwina Faessler Moore.

ONTARIO CAMPING ASSOCIATION FALL EVENTS

PROFESSIONAL LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

WEEKEND

SEPTEMBER 23-25, 1977

BOLTON OUTDOOR EDUCATION CENTRE

\$50.00

(registration information available later)

This weekend is planned for those within O.C.A. who would like to explore the possibility of developing a curriculum of study for camping personnel. This initial event is to be led by an outside resource leader, and will examine possible content, methods of making this curriculum available and long range plans for personal growth as camping professionals. One of the benefits of involvement in this weekend will be that you as a participant could have the option to be a leader in this programme as the components develop.

PHASE I launches a new venture for O.C.A. members, planned to cover a two year period.

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EDUCATION WEEKEND

NOVEMBER 4-6, 1977

BOLTON OUTDOOR EDUCATION CENTRE

\$50.00

At the recent Counsellor's Conference, close to 200 staff members gave their candid views on questions such as:

"What do you admire most in your Camp Director?"

"What bothers you most about your Camp Director?"

"Why are you going to Camp?"

"What frightens you most about going to Camp?"

The interesting and informative report which results from these questions will form the base for this Education Weekend.

The Programme will be led by John Latimer and is entitled:-

"SUCCESSFUL EXPERIENCES FOR STAFF, MEAN SUCCESSFUL CAMPS"

This weekend follows the most productive and worthwhile Director's weekend held last October. Registrations will be limited to Camp Directors and one Senior Staff Member per camp (the total number attending will also be restricted). The fee is only \$50.00 per person---truly a small investment if the return means a more successful Camp.

More details pertaining to this exciting weekend sponsored by the Education Committee will be mailed to all Directors in the near future.

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(see over for Calendar of Events)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JUNE 1977

May 30-June 12 Woodsmanship School
 10 - 12 Ontario Sailing Association
 Sailing School - Onondaga
 15 O.C.A. News deadline

SEPTEMBER 1977

23 - 25 Professional Leadership
 Development Weekend
 Phase I
 15 O.C.A. News deadline
 Sept. 30-Oct. 2 Council of Outdoor
 Educators of Ontario
 Annual Meeting

OCTOBER 1977

15 O.C.A. News deadline
 - Aquatic Committee
 evening program

NOVEMBER 1977

2 - 5 C.C.A. - Moncton
 4 - 6 Camp Directors Weekend
 Bolton
 15 O.C.A. News deadline
 - Regional Development
 Coordinators Meeting
 - Professional Development
 evening sessions commence
 Phase II

DECEMBER 1977

15 O.C.A. News deadline
 - Christmas Event

JANUARY 1978

19 - 22 C.C.A. Conference
 Geneva Park
 - O.C.A. Open Meeting
 15 O.C.A. News deadline
 27 - 29 Regional Campference
 Sault Ste. Marie

FEBRUARY 1978

16 - 19 O.C.A. Conference
 Royal York Hotel
 Toronto, Ont.
 - Winter Woodsmanship
 School
 15 O.C.A. News deadline

MARCH 1978

15 O.C.A. News deadline

APRIL 1978

- Profession Leadership
 Development Weekend
 Phase III
 15 O.C.A. News deadline