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Dear Member:

The Education Committee reports that the two day courses in woodcraft and canoeing respectively were most satisfactory. The latter was over subscribed. 120 attended all told, 56 camps were represented and the OCA came out in the black...very slightly.

The meetings re activities were also successful except 'music' which had to be cancelled. All are being evaluated so that the committee can be guided in next years' programme.

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Your wandering reporter went in to see Mr. Cowan of the Health Dept. Wandering was correct. The office had moved from College to Bloor St. The new address is:- ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH BRANCH, 165 BLOOR ST. EAST, TORONTO 5.

Water is the greatest source of spreading disease, so we have to be very careful. One water test is no proof of the purity (or impurity) of water. A weekly check is necessary. This is also true of the swimming area. I questioned Mr. Cowan re the time taken to receive the results of a test, and he assured me that IN ANY CASE OF SERIOUS DISEASE ATTRIBUTED TO WATER, A TEST COULD AND WOULD BE DONE IN A DAY.

A new, smaller, and much improved colour kit for testing sufficient chlorine has been made up; it can be obtained free of charge from the Branch or from the inspector. So can chlorine outfits for trips. Canoe trips must chlorinate drinking water to protect the campers' health.

A booklet has been prepared on SEPTIC TANKS and another is in preparation re larger sewage disposal plants. OBTAIN YOUR COPY.

Have you read the very helpful pamphlets on water, food, garbage disposal, etc.? They were enclosed with your form for a license.

The Branch is most happy about our system of VISITING AND ACCREDITING CAMPS. They are only able to enforce minimum standards themselves, and are most conscious of this.

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR.....

1967 CANADIAN CAMPING CONFERENCE  
(sponsored by the Ontario Camping Association)

THE INN ON THE PARK, TORONTO.....

MARCH 2, 3, 4, .... PLAN NOW  
TO ATTEND THIS OUR CENTENNIAL  
CONFERENCE

NOTES FROM THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY.....

The National Film Board of Canada has a number of film strips..one film available on Camping. Complete information on these can be obtained by contacting the Ntl. Film Board, P.O. Box 6100, Montreal 3, P.Q.

Conference Digest.

We still have about 30 copies of the CONFERENCE DIGEST available at a cost of \$3.00 each, including mailing. As the number is diminishing daily, if you plan to purchase some extra copies but have delayed doing so, I would suggest that you send us a cheque or money order with further delay - tomorrow may be too late!

Counsellor Placement Service:

Some Directors are referring young people under the age of 17 to the Counsellor Placement Service with the statement that we would be able to service them. We would, therefore, ask you to please note that the Counsellor Placement Service will not register anyone who is not or will not have reached their 17th birthday by July 1st of this year.

CAN WE HELP YOU? If you still have openings for campers for either part or all of the summer, please let us know at the office. Each year at this time we receive a number of requests from people looking for camp space for their children, and if we are able to tell them definitely which camps do have space available. It helps us to provide both them and you with another valuable service. We would, however, ask you to please send the information in by mail rather than by telephone.

Did you Forget? Our Treasurer tells us that a number of camps have overlooked payment of outstanding accounts due the Association from the past conference. Will you please check your accounts

payable file and if you find that you still owe the association money, please send us your cheque today. Thanks for your cooperation.

CANOEING STANDARDS: Kirk Wipper, our hard working Vice-President, has been busy reviewing the canoeing standards, and has made some minor revisions in line with the recommendations received from the members of his committee and from you, the camp directors. We shall be circulating these canoeing standards to you and if we manage to get them typed in time we will enclose them for you at this time....if not, you will receive them early June.

We would ask when you do receive them to PLEASE MAKE THEM AVAILABLE TO YOUR CANOEING INSTRUCTORS as every year we receive a number of enquiries from canoeing instructors who are unaware that their Director already has the material on hand. You could also order at this time your canoeing award cards. The cost of the canoeing award cards remains unchanged at 5¢ each, or a real bargain at \$5.00 per 100. Order now and you will have them available when you need them at camp time.

SUMMER OPERATION: As previously announced, this year the OCA office will remain open during normal business hours for the full month of July (in previous years we have always suspended office operation during July and August). The office will be closed completely from July 31st to September 6th. During September, the office will operate on limited hours, only from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., four days a week (excluding Wednesdays).

'Safety Afloat' ..... the 1966 edition will be available within the next few weeks and can be ordered from the Department of Transport in Ottawa, or copies can be picked up at your nearest customs

house, It is a publication that all Camp Directors should have on hand.

Licensing of Power Boats: The power boats that carry a motor with a rating of 10-horse power or better must be licensed by the Dept. of Transport. Necessary application forms for small boat licenses can be obtained from your nearest customs office; along with the forms they will give you postage free envelopes in which to mail the application to the Supt. Nautical Safety, Dept. of Transport, Ottawa. Application forms may also be obtained from any Dept. of Transport, Steamship Inspection Office. There is a fee of \$1.00 for a small boat license and this must be sent with the application.

FROM US TO YOU!...Our congratulations are extended to the new members of our Board who take office on September 1st of this year and who were elected at our Annual Meeting on April 21st, 1966, or prior to our Annual Meeting:

TWO new Vice-Presidents:-

Ron Johnstone, Camp White Bear AND  
Ivan Robinson, Camp Pine Crest  
(Toronto Y.M.C.A.)

TWO Members-at-large:-

Bert Fine, Forest Valley Day Camp  
Kirk Wipper, Camp Kandalore

ONE Vice-President as President  
elect

John Latimer, Camp Kilcoo

TREASURER: Ralph Raymer,  
Camp Tanamakoon

As you fully realize, the strength of any voluntary organization rests in the operation of its members. We have a good association and we can make it even better if you will play your part by agreeing to work with, or serve on a committee. During the summer, while you are relaxing at camp (Oh! Yeah?) please give some thought to this matter

and let us know in which area of the Association you are prepared to play your part. Mid-September we shall send you an up-to-date list of all the Association committees and their members. However, don't wait until September, let us know NOW!! that we can count on you.

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At this time of the year we mail out to Directors a great deal of information from the O.C.A. office in the hope that it will be of service to you/ Please...even though you are busy, take the time to read our mailings thoroughly. If there are areas in which information is still needed let us know and we will do our best to accommodate you. You will find that all these goodies sent to you by the Association --if filed -- will prove an invaluable reference for you.

WATER SAFETY INSTRUCTORS' COURSE

A reminder that if you have not already registered for this course but wish to have one of your staff attend, please mail in the registration form (already sent to you) today.

\*\*OUR FRIENDS THE EXHIBITORS\*\*

At this time of the year we like to again remind you of the support we receive in the Association from our friends the exhibitors at the Conference. If you still have ordering to do, may we suggest that you support the exhibitors who support us.

We welcome 3 new Commercial members;-  
CARNATION COMPANY LIMITED, 4174  
Dundas St. W., Toronto 18. Telephone:-  
233-2125. MUSKOKA LAUNDRY & DRY  
CLEANERS, 75 Wellington St., Box 119,  
Bracebridge, Ontario. A.O. WHITE  
SUPPLY LIMITED, 41 Colborne St.,  
Toronto 1, Ont.

LEGISLATION: In response to many requests, the O.C.A. will again publish the summary of current Govt. legislations that affect children's camps, and will be mailed to you shortly.

CENTENARY JOURNEY: A bouquet to JOHN SCOTT and his committee for the hard work they have done in sending a Brief to the Ontario Government requesting aid for the 1967 Centenary Journey. At this time we are unsure of the reception that we will have but we do feel that if hard work and enthusiasm on the part of our committee is any criterion for consideration the Brief will be well received.

JOHN has just sent us the following report:-

1. To-date 15 camps have asked to participate during the coming summer.
2. With the exception of the section from Lac la Croix to Fort Frances, all portions of the route have been covered in previous years.
3. Sections not already asked for this summer include: approximately 100 miles of the Ottawa River east from Mattawa; approximately 110 miles of the North Shore of Georgian Bay from Spanish to Sault Ste. Marie (this could be a dangerous section because of the open water involved; (425 miles from Sault Ste. Marie to Fort William but we are not asking that this be done this summer); approximately 250 miles from Lac la Croix to Fort Frances along the Border and thence down Lake of the Woods to Kenora.
4. Our Brief to the Ontario Dept. of Tourism and Information, Centennial Planning Branch will be submitted on May 30th.
5. An Announcement of plans for 1967 and information about participation in 1967 is being sent with ~~with~~ mailing.

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THE DESIGN CENTRE.....

During May, June, July, a series of displays will be held at the Design Centre, 131 Bloor Street West, Toronto.

Of particular interest to Camp Directors is the large number of new or improved building products that will be included. Further information can be obtained by writing the Design Centre at the above address.

Visiting Hours 10:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.--Monday to Saturdays, Thursday till 9:00 p.m. Guided tours at 12:00 noon...2:00 p.m.... 4:00 p.m.

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Please let the O.C.A. office know if you have employed any of the applicants from the Counsellor Placement lists. WE WOULD LIKE TO KEEP OUR INFORMATION UP-TO-DATE in order to assist other Directors who still require staff.

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NEW SERVICE WILL HELP YOU FIND STAFF.....Now operating in Toronto is a new service to help "Teenagers" find summer employment "Teen Age Overload"

This is a non-profit venture designed to put employers and prospective employees in touch with each other.

There is no charge for this service

If you need help, phone or write

Teen Age Overload  
112 King Street West,  
Toronto, Ontario.

OR

Telephone Miss Sherwin at 362-1927

FOOD FOR THOUGHT.....

HAVE YOU ACTUALLY SEEN THE CARD OF THE SWIMMING INSTRUCTOR YOU HAVE HIRED. IF NOT HOW DO YOU KNOW HE IS CURRENTLY QUALIFIED?? FOR THAT MATTER, HOW DO YOU KNOW IF HE WAS EVER QUALIFIED!!!

H E L P !      H E L P !

The following counsellors charged their registration fees at the Conference and neglected to state with which camp they were affiliated; would the director please let us know:

Cheryl Plowman, Sheena Elliott,  
Bev Fox, Marcia Rempel

"S H A D O W   L A K E   C A M P"

If you have information regarding the above camp, as to director, address and location, would you please let the O.C.A. office know.

University of Toronto  
Institute of Child Study

Listed below are books about children ..... suitable reading for Camp Counsellors. You will notice that most are quite inexpensive. Sources and prices in Ontario are added--hopefully, an encouragement to the counsellor to buy.

PAPERBACKS AND BOOKLETS

Frank, L. and M. Frank - How to help your Child at School (Signet Key Paperback).75¢. This has proved to be an extremely useful book about children up to the adolescent period. Ages are usefully divided into "Sixes, sevens and eights" and "Nines to twelves" with a mention also on preschoolers. Practical suggestions for management, recreation, social development, and meeting many common difficulties.

Frank L. and M. Frank - Your Adolescent at Home and at School (Signet Key paperback) .60¢. Useful division of content into age groupings of pre-adolescence, early and mid-adolescent years. Chapters on "Family" and "Living with the Adolescent" will also be useful.

Children's Bureau Publication #324: Your Child from 6 to 12, can be obtained from the Ontario Federation of Home and School, 10 Adelaide Street E., Toronto, .20¢. This 140 page illustrated booklet is packed with information about children in school years. Index, sub-headings and everyday terms make for quick reference.

Children's Bureau Publication #347: The Adolescent in your Family, (Ontario Federation of Home & School, 10 Adelaide Street E., Toronto) .25¢. Written by authorities, as is the above publication, this illustrated, 110 page booklet is quickly and easily read. Living with and guiding young people through the adolescent period.

Gruenberg, S.M. - Parents' Guide to Everyday Problems of Boys and Girls (5 to 12) Random House 1958, \$5.95. A good reference book for a camp library. Mrs. Gruenberg, of Child Study Association of America for many years, writes not only from professional but also from practical experience as mother and grandmother.

Northway, Mary L., and Barry G. Lowes - The Camp Counsellor's Book, Burgess 1963, \$1.95 (paper edition) \$3.50 (cloth edition). This useful little book, written expressly for camp counsellors, includes two excellent chapters, "Understanding your Campers" and "You and Your Cabin Group".

Gruenberg, S.M., ed. - Encyclopedia of Child Care and Guidance, Doubleday 1963, \$8.50. Over 1,000 pages of simply written reference material about child and adolescent development and handling of difficulties. A useful camp library reference.