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When love and skill work together, expect a masterpiece. - C. Reade

#### COLE'S NOTE

I don't know about all of you, but I find it very difficult to get back into the city after almost four months at camp. It's almost a form of culture shock. I had to come into Toronto a couple of times during the summer and I couldn't wait to get back up north.

It is hoped that each of you had a safe, enjoyable and creative camp season.

I hadn't planned at the beginning of the summer on writing what follows, but events have a way of imposing themselves on us during the hiatus of the OCA newsletter.

This past summer, camping lost two people who have initiated much to organized camping, young people and the betterment of all of us in the camping movement.

#### DAVE SANDS 1941-1989

I will always remember his booming voice at various conferences during the years. He never needed a microphone. His messages were delivered to us in the manner of an army commander - and God help us if we didn't listen. A touch of humour infused everything he said. His work for OCA and camping was tireless; he always gave every ounce of his energy to any project he was involved in. He didn't know the meaning of second rate. We lost one of camping's best and brightest.

I didn't know him well, but in our last conversation in the spring he told me that if his condition permitted, he was going to spend as much time as he could at camp. He passed away there in July.

Dave worked for the Family Service Association of Metropolitan Toronto, which owns Camp Illahee Connections (formerly Illahee Northwoods). He started as

a camper there, became a counsellor and then director in 1974. All together, he spent 25 years with this organization. Dave also worked with kids at the Metropolitan Toronto Optimist Boys Club, and for the Sick Children's Hospital as a recreationist; it was there that he was able to arrange for his summers to be free so that he could go to camp.

A caring man - especially about children and camping; all of us will miss Dave. To his wife Hazel, children Mark and Todd: all of us in the camping movement share your sorrow. We're all better for his having passed our way.

#### F.M. VAN WAGNER 1894-1989

What a remarkable life this legend of camping led. I knew of him only by reputation and stories that I had heard about his contributions. The following will only touch on some of the accomplishments of one of organized camping's

founders. He came to Canada from the U.S. in 1920 to coach and teach at McGill for a period of about 35 years. In 1925 he founded Camp Nominique for boys and was its director for 42 years - espousing a philosophy of outdoor skills, nature, and canoe tripping.

Mr. Van Wagner was one of the driving forces behind the formation of the Quebec Physical Education Association, the Quebec Referees Association, the Quebec Camping Association and the Canadian Camping Association. He served as president for all of these organizations.

He wrote that he considered "Camp Nominique my most important lifetime contribution, for what it now represents as well as for its future promise".

On the occasion of the camp's 50th anniversary he received a plaque which said:

"For this gift of Nominique - for the good times and friendships - for the opportunity to rise from care before the dawn and seek adventure - we - the Chiefs and Braves of the Great Tribe of Nominique are deeply grateful."

We in camping are also grateful to one of the pioneers of our industry. To his son Peter, who has been director since his father's retirement, we can only say - Carry On.

TED COLE  
President

## PARC NEWS

Camps are an ideal way to engrain healthy habits into Canada's youth for a more

holistic lifestyle year round. Recognizing this, the Canadian Camping Association gained Fitness Canada's support to enhance physical activity in camps from coast to coast through a project called the Physical Activity Responsibility Centre (PARC).

Now in its third year of operation, PARC is reaching out to the camping community to provide a network for the sharing of ideas related to physical activity programming. Camp visits in Ontario and Quebec during August were the first step in this networking and provided an opportunity to distribute the PARC literature (see CCA publications list). A fall, winter and spring PARC bulletin will provide another forum for exchanging ideas. We welcome your article submissions! Through a PARC Advisory Committee with regional and diversified representation (religious, private and service/agency camps), PARC draws upon your experience for its strength and direction. The Committee will be meeting prior to the National Conference in October and your input is encouraged. You may channel it through Jack Windeler - Ontario representative; Diane Blair - Chairperson; Sally Moore - President's Designate; or myself, Kate Moore - PARC Director (and no, Sally and I are not sisters, not even cousins).

You'll hear more about PARC at Geneva Park in October - see you there!

S. KATE MOORE  
PARC Director

## Calling the Computer Connected Community...

The Canadian Camping Association is seeking a donation of a computer and printer. We can provide free publicity at the conference and in the CCA magazine and CCA/PARC bulletin and a TAX DEDUCTIBLE RECEIPT for the "fair market value" of the equipment donated.

Please contact us if either:

- you have connections with a computer dealership, etc.
- you are considering upgrading your present computer system and would like to donate your old equipment for a tax deductible receipt.

If we are successful, it will mean our budget and energy will go further in serving you, since work which is currently contracted out (wordprocessing, inventory, mailing lists, etc.) will be able to be done in-house.

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## RECYCLING...

Please remember to pass on your OCASional News to a friend, or save it for your files - don't throw it away; coloured printed paper cannot be recycled.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING

A Contest for a New Masthead for the OCA'sional News!

**Note:** The October issue masthead is a temporary sample change.

### Specifications:

- to fit space 8½" x 3" (maximum)
- the words "OCA'sional News" to be included
- design would reflect CHILDREN'S CAMPING IN ONTARIO
- entries should be tidy and camera ready

### Who may enter:

Staff, Directors, Campers, Board Members and friends of OCA camps

**Deadline extension to November 10, 1989**

We are trying to enhance the appearance of the OCA'sional News by incorporating a new masthead, improving the paper stock, printing in two colours and using a three column format. Please do encourage members of your camp community to submit a design. The winning entry will be laminated for display for the winner.

JANET ADAMSON  
Editor, OCA'sional News

## COURSES TO CHECK OUT!

### Basic Navigation Skills Course

When: October 21, 1989

What: Basics of map reading; solving navigation problems; using a compass; covering both wilderness and urban travel situations.

Where: Jack Smythe Field Study Centre, Terra Cotta, Ont.

### Orienteering Instructor's Course

When: October 14 & 15, 1989

What: Focus on successful methods of instructing orienteering in a fun, active environment.

Where: Jack Smythe Field Study Centre, Terra Cotta, Ont.

For more information on the above courses, contact:  
Chrismar Mapping Services  
470 Sentinel Rd., Unit 1407  
Downsview, Ont. M3J 1V6  
(416) 665-5817

## HELP WANTED

Position Available:  
Executive Director, Camp Hyanto

This is a part-time position for a person who is interested in ministry with children and has good administration and personnel skills.

Direct enquiries and applications to:

Ven. M.J. Caswell  
90 Johnson St.  
Kingston, Ont. K7L 1X7

Deadline for applications:  
October 15, 1989

## HELP WANTED (Continued)

### Mansfield Outdoor Centre

Due to recent expansion, the Mansfield Outdoor Centre is looking for live-in individuals or a couple to assume responsibilities in cooking, maintenance, cleaning and more.

Also we are hiring an outdoor education instructor with cross country skiing ability.

We operate a year-round residential outdoor education centre and summer camp. For more information call (705) 435-4479 or send your resume to: Mansfield Outdoor Centre, Box 95, Mansfield, Ont. LON 1M0.

## WANTED

Camp wanted - lease or purchase. Call David at (416) 848-2312 (days) or (416) 820-1773 (evenings or weekends).

## O. C. A. CALENDAR OF EVENTS

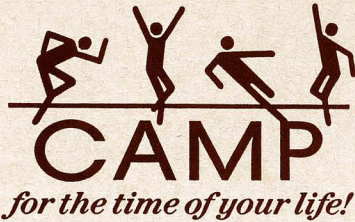
**Canadian Camping Association National Conference.....**  
October 27-30, 1989

**Ontario Camping Association Annual Conference.....**  
January 25-27, 1990

**Calling all members of the OCA Advisory Council!**

Please remember that there will be a meeting on October 16, 1989 at the Sports Centre in Toronto. The meeting will start at 1:30 p.m. See you there!





OCA CONFERENCE  
January 25-27, 1990

At the General Sessions of the upcoming OCA Conference, you will be treated to both witty and worthwhile speakers, and lively laughable entertainment.

Our inspiring Thursday luncheon keynote speaker is Armand Bell, a notable figure in American Camping. On Friday morning, after breakfast, we will enjoy the lively music of the Ty-Mac Stage Band, a Kiwanis award-winning group from J.B. Tyrrell Senior Public and Sir John A. Macdonald Collegiate, Scarborough. We will begin Saturday morning laughing along with the Reverend David Hartry whose stories, wit and good humour will reflect on camping in the year 2001!

To bring our four-day event to a happy ending, Skip Connett of Canadian Adventure Camp promises us an after dinner programme of unique, lively, campy entertainment recalling the laughter and fun of a summer's day at camp!

Plan to register by December 15 to take advantage of the reduced prices.

CATHERINE ROSS  
Conference 1990 Committee

## DON'T MISS THIS ONE!

Bruno Morawetz will be the guest speaker at an interesting discussion **November 28, 1989** on staff ethics and camp tone. This is an extremely valuable opportunity for camp directors and senior staff to voice and resolve their concerns.

The event will be held at Catherine Ross' home.

Place: 8 Catherwood Court  
Scarborough, Ont. M1W 1S1  
(416) 491-3894

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Date: November 28, 1989

Coffee and munchies will follow the talk!

Call Catherine and reserve now! Look for more details in the November issue of the OCAsional News.

This presentation is organized by the OCA Education Committee.

PAULINE MARSTON  
Chairperson,  
Education Committee

## A reminder to fellows of the Society of Camp Directors...

The Fall Meeting of the Society of Camp Directors will be held November 2, 1989, at 6 p.m., at the Rosedale Golf Club in Toronto.

## IMMIGRATION BLUES?

Attention all Camp Directors! Ted Cole, President of OCA, is asking YOU to write in any concerns you may have regarding immigration procedures. In addition, if you have had any specific problems (i.e., with foreign counsellors, etc.) this past summer, Ted would also like to hear about them.

Please address all correspondence to:  
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Thanks very much!



