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MARCH 5, 6 & 7th. AT THE SKYLINE HOTEL.

A total of three hundred persons attended the 1970 Conference. The Conference design was drastically changed from past years. Many people did not approve of the new format and therefore did not attend. Those who did participate indicated that the ideas were valid and that refinements should be made in order to make next year's meeting even more exciting.

Those attending the three day Seminar entitled "Who and What are Influencing 'Kids'?" experienced a series of presentations interspersed with discussions. The Seminar began with a video taped discussion between a group of youngsters and the Seminar Chairman, Mr. Bill Riddell of the Ontario Division, Canadian Mental Health Association. Participants were invited to share their interpretations of what was said on the tape. On Thursday evening, Mrs. Linda Sepannen of the Clarke Institute of Psychiatry discussed the purposes of camps and shared some thoughts concerning what a camp program can and should do for the camper. Another of the Conference highlights was the address by Mr. Terry Ryan of the National Film Board. Terry spoke of the City and camp environments, then challenged the group to develop a meaningful program for today's youth in the light of current needs and trends. Christopher's Movie Matinee a National Film Board production made by High School students, was shown and discussed later that day. On Saturday, participants shared their interpretations of what had occurred during the period and some took advantage of the opportunity to "tell it like it is".

Persons attending only the Friday night and Saturday sessions were divided into four groups chaired by Mr. Gord Hodge, Dr. Bruno Morawetz, Mr. Jack Pearse and Mr. Keith Smith. These seminars were designed to highlight topics outlined, as well as those questions specifically asked by the participants.

Any person who did not appear at the Conference and did not fill out an evaluation form has missed an opportunity. The Conference program should be determined by the membership! If you have suggestions for sessions that should be offered next year - send them to the O.C.A. Office now and share in the Conference planning. Planning for 1971 has now begun. If you have made a contribution you are then in a position to advise and criticize.

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 ** COUNSELLORS' CONFERENCE - MAY 9 **
 ** YORK UNIVERSITY - Keele & Steeple's Ave. **
 ** Downsview. **
 ** Seminar sessions, discussions, hot seat, **
 ** Practical down to earth suggestions **
 ** \$5.00 per person **
 ** Alert your Counsellors now. Don't miss it! **

I like the Federation of Naturalist's new slogan for wild flower fans. TAKE NOTHING BUT PICTURES, LEAVE NOTHING BUT FOOTPRINTS.

The F.O.N. is concerned about the disappearing wild flower, and suggest that we all H E L P

Help conserve them

Enjoy the wonders of the plant world

Learn to know them in their haunts

Preserve them on film.

When kids talk about peanut butter and jelly, I'm not sure whether they are referring to our old camp friend or a new singing group.

WHO'S MINDING THE STORE ?

Some of you took advantage of the opportunity to meet the Executive of O.C.A. at the OPEN MEETING in February. There you had the chance to discuss a number of common problems and to learn a little of how the Executive and Advisory Board function. But for those of you who don't know anything, here's a little reminder:

The Advisory Board meets once a month, except during the summer, and last month they held a weekend meeting at OBAN INN at Niagara On The Lake.

The Advisory Board consists of a Board of Directors of 7 people, as governed by the Consitution, Chairmen of all Standing Committees and four Members at Large elected by the Membership, and one representative from the Ontario Department of Education.

One thing you CAN say about winter - there aren't any mosquitos!

Mrs. Ann Prewitt, Editor of the Canadian Camping Magazine still needs pictures - Please send these to - Box 1107, Huntsville, Ont.

Saw the first robin yesterday. So all may yet be well. If you are interested in slightly more exotic birds keep the week-end of April 4 & 5 free. LONG POINT FIELD GATHERING sponsored by the Federation of Ontario Naturalists.

Information from F.O.N. Office 444-8419
 POINT PELEE FIELD GATHERING at Point Pelee National Park is set for May 9th. and 10th.

A Botany Weekend will be held June 5-7 at Evergreen Lodge on Red Bay, Bruce Peninsula. Register early because the numbers are limited to 80. Registration forms from F.O.N. 1262 Don Mills Rd. Don Mills, Ont.

Picked up a gem in Bermuda, which I am somehow planning to incorporate into my camp program this summer. Large sign in a window read "DUE TO TECHNICAL DIFFI- CULTIES, TOMORROW HAS BEEN POSTPONED INDEFINITELY"

How does that grab you?

