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Dear Member:

A Word from the President

Conference time is upon us. There will be a great reunion of camp folk at The Inn On The Park, March 17-18-19. Be sure you get in on it, and bring your staff.

The annual meeting of the Canadian Camping Association is attracting representatives from across Canada to Vancouver on February 9th. We expect the procedures of this session will be distributed to all members. The Quebec Camping Association's conference is February 24-27 at the Queen Elizabeth Hotel, Montreal.

If you are planning to attend the American Camping Association Conference in Chicago, March 9-12, please let our office know. We would like to arrange a get-together of Canadians at that time. Some of us are attending the Directors Institute starting Sunday, March 6th. Information can be had from:---Mr. John Holden, American Camping Association, Bradford Woods, Martinsville, Indiana, U.S.A.

C O N F E R E N C E N E W S

The Conference Programs are coming off the press this week. Soon they will be in your hands along with registration information. P L E A S E R E G I S T E R E A R L Y. Pre-registration helps to spread out the extra work of our office which is so heavy at Conference time..... besides it saves you \$\$\$\$\$..... There will be sufficient Saturday programmes available for you to send one to each of your interested staff members. Telephone the O.C.A. office or better still, drop in and see our new location.

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We still have some spaces left and if you know of companies who would be interested please telephone Peter Gilbert at RU 7-4256 or Bob Vernon at HU 3-5814.

TO-DATE EXHIBITORS TAKING BOOTHS AT THE CONFERENCE ARE AS FOLLOWS:--Burrell Bedding Co; Chesnut Canoe Co. Ltd; Continental Casualty Co; Crestex Ltd; E T O Gourmet (Can) Ltd.(ex Condima Imports); Foodcraft Laboratories Ltd; Gestetner (Can) Ltd; Gibbons Foods Ltd; S. Gumpert Co. of Canada Ltd; J.F. Martz Co. Ltd; H.J. Heinz Co. of Can. Ltd; E.W. Hickeson & Co. Ltd; Hobart Mfg. Co. Ltd; Kraft Foods Ltd; Kimberly-Clark of Can. Ltd.

ABOUT OUR EDUCATION COMMITTEE..... The questionnaires sent out to our members have now been collated and your Education Committee will be meeting to decide on what action is to be taken. 35 replies were received. This represents less than 25% of our membership and is in itself rather disappointing. Briefly, 26 of the 35 who replied thought we should conduct some form of Counsellor Training. The remaining 9 for one reason or another thought we should not conduct courses for Counsellors.

The committee will decide the following based on information received from the questionnaires:- a) To conduct a course or not b) For whom c) When d) Content Our thanks to those of you who took the time to reply.

RED CROSS WATER SAFETY QUESTIONS

We are arranging a meeting for Camp Directors and/or Waterfront Staff members at the forthcoming C.C.A. Conference.

If you have any questions, criticisms, suggestions or what, that could be discussed at this meeting please send these to the O.C.A. office as soon as possible. Mark the envelope "Water Safety".

Late in December 1965, the Ontario Dept. of Labour made a news release via radio and newspapers concerning certain parts of the ONTARIO MINIMUM WAGE ACT that were becoming effective December 27, 1965. Some of these pertained to the Northern Ont. zone where many of our member camps are located. Part of this news release spoke of exemptions that were being changed i.e. camp counsellors now coming under the Act - THIS WAS IN ERROR! A member of the O.C.A. executive has checked with the Ont. Dept. of Labour who advised that a correction was issued but many people did not see the correction. WE REPEAT THE ONTARIO MINIMUM WAGE ACT WAS NOT CHANGED BY THE PRESS RELEASE MADE LATE IN DECEMBER.....It was simply a reminder to employers that certain parts of the Act - of which we already have knowledge were becoming effective Dec. 27, 1965. Students working at camps as counsellors and other jobs are still basically exempt from the Act.

You will have all recently received your notice of membership renewal for 1966. If you pause RIGHT NOW to complete it and send it in to the O.C.A. office, it would make a tremendous difference in time and money spent by the Association. PLEASE DO IT NOW!

The 1966 Directory is now at the printers and should be in your hands before February 1st. It is later this year because of the volume of work that had to be undertaken by the Standards Committee before the proper listings were determined.

We would like to take this opportunity to extend a warm welcome to THREE NEW CAMPS AND DIRECTORS. If your camp is near any of these, why not drop a note and arrange to meet one another at the Annual Conference? CAMP FAIR GLEN (Associated Gospel Churches of Canada)...Director, Rev. E.N. Simmons, A camp for boys and girls, 8-16 located at Beaverton. CAMP LAWAH (Christian Youth Centre)...Director Charles W. Leach, a camp for boys and girls, 7-15 located at Wolfe Lake, Rideau System. CAMP PINE BLUFF (Private) directed by Messrs. Vincent Pellegrino and James A. Jones. This camp is for boys, 8-14 located in Haliburton County. Winter addresses of these camps will be found in the 1966 Directory. We also welcome MISS MABEL BOOTH (Presbyterian Camp Committee) and MISS NANCY CANNON (Y.W.C.A. of Canada) as INDIVIDUAL members.

MORE ABOUT OUR MEMBERS.....Congrats to BARRY LOWES (Camp Timberlane) who is now the Chairman of the Toronto Board of Education and to whom we send our very best wishes.....Barry will be our Conference Banquet guest speaker. HELEN STEWART (Camp Wahcahmie) one of our hard working girls on the Conference Committee has moved to Toronto from Guelph while MRS. G.R. BAILEY (Camp Calumet) has moved from Toronto to Arnprior.

The work of the PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE is like in-camp training; it takes place at every opportunity, and sometimes on short notice to fill an immediate need. Only three requests have reached us for speakers and these have been filled. Releases on the Brief presented to the Select Committee on Youth have been mailed to newspapers, radio commentators and to the editors of organizational magazines, with one article on the Brief prepared by Bruno Morawetz (Camp Ponacka) for the Canadian Camping Magazine.

Most of our press information is now centred on the Conference, information having gone to Howard Galloway of the American Camping Magazine. Negotiations with newspaper reporters, radio and TV programme directors, letters to Provincial Camping Association Presidents and to American Camping Association Branches and to Church camping executives are in

preparation, ready to be sent out with the Conference programmes and registrations when they come off the press.

We are currently in touch with the Ontario Department of Tourism and Information in the hope that we can receive some assistance in setting up an O.C.A. Hospitality Room at the American Camping Association Conference in Chicago. His reply is expected momentarily.

A letter of thanks, kindly written by John Bradshaw is on file at the O.C.A. office, thanking us for our participation in his programme, The Country Gentleman, on Channel 11 - 12:00 Noon, January 15th.

FROM THE TREASURER:*

GOOD NEWS.....A quick look at the accounts of the Association for the year ended December 31st, 1965 indicate that we operated with a slight surplus in income over operating expenditures. We did however purchase a considerable amount of office equipment during the year, and this means that some of our assets will be shown on our audited financial statement in the form of equipment rather than cash in hand. We are however, (I am pleased to report), nicely solvent.....

MEMBERSHIP FEES.....May I remind you that membership fees were due, and payable as of January 1st. If you have already sent in your cheque, please accept our thanks ...If you have not, please take a moment as the membership committee has requested earlier in this Newsletter to send us your cheque and renewal form TODAY. (In order to obtain the benefit of the reduced members fees at our Conference, you must be a paid up member for 1966).

MORE GOOD NEWS....To provide increased service both to our members and to the general public, the O.C.A. office will remain open during the month of July. (In previous years our office has closed except for an answering service, from June 31st to September 1st-with only part service in July). The arrangements for this summer are:-

- JULY - open for business daily
9:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
- AUGUST - CLOSED
- SEPTEMBER - return to normal
9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

EXTENSION OF SERVICE....This year the Counsellor Placement Service is being expanded to provide easier reference for people seeking positions in the following categories:- Cooks, Nurses, Doctors, Directors. Camps who require staff in the above categories are asked to write (Sorry the office staff cannot accept this info by phone) to the O.C.A. office, listing openings, giving dates of employment and other pertinent information. This will be kept in a reference file at the office and made available to persons seeking employment in these categories. In order to make the system work, your cooperation is required. You must notify the office IMMEDIATELY you have filled a position (from any source) so that our files will remain up-to-date. There is no charge for this service.

BILL MOHAMID is collecting 8" x 10" photos of Camp facilities, etc. for a display board which will be used at the Conference. It would be a great assistance to him if you could let him have any relevant material particularly of new buildings with pertinent information on the back of each photo. These photos will naturally be returned to you after the Conference. These photos should reach the O.C.A. office 2 weeks prior to Conference time (March 17, 18, 19) and please place the name of your camp clearly on the back of your photo also. These will become part of an active display section of the Conference which will be set up for Saturday.

CANADA PENSION PLAN--A brief has been sent to Ottawa on your behalf. See attached letter. We request that all members write to their Members of Parliament expressing their sincere concern in this matter.

FILMS-FILMS-FILMS - This is your last opportunity to share with other Camp Directors a film of your camp (either 8 or 16 mm). If you have a 5-minute sequence would you please advise the O.C.A. office. We will be asking for all films to be forwarded to the O.C.A. office in the week of March 1-4. The film(s) will be returned to you unout after the Conference.

MRS. J.D. PEDDIE, is now the Girl Guide representative on our Board.

