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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Once again summer is behind us! And what a great summer it was - in spite of the weather.

This is an exciting time for youth camping. New ideas! New programmes! New challenges! What a time to be involved.

More and more of our Camps are involved with Boards of Education in exciting outdoor programmes. We have much to offer both in facilities and leadership.

Your O.C.A. is busy! All committees are working towards improved camping in your interest. Why not get involved? It is easy! Just drop me a note and you will be involved.

Watch the 'News' and support all the many O.C.A. events.

The best to you in camping -

Ron Johnstone.

A NUMBER OF REMINDERS FOR THIS ISSUE.

Read all enclosures. You have work to do:

- 1 - Send in all camp visitation reports. The 1973 Directory cannot be completed without the information you have gathered.
- 2 - Complete the questionnaire for the Education Chairman which he has prepared for the benefit of all members. This year's programme depends on your suggestions and co-operation.
- 3 - The National Camping Day questionnaire answers are required immediately. Complete the form and mail to O.C.A. office, addressed to National Camping Day Chairman.
- 4 - Attend the National Conference in February.

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Next Big Time Show is our Conference, slated for March 8-9-10 at the Four Seasons Sheraton Hotel, Toronto. Planning is well on the way, and already the Committee has decided that a one-day rate will be included this year. Programme is to be practical, with down-to-earth discussions, talks, lectures by leaders experienced in camping, so that all delegates....directors and programme staff members....can take home valuable ideas for the following summer's work. Another SOS: Tony Fry, Conference Chairman, needs HELP.....volunteer members to join the Committee to work on programme, publicity, exhibits, arrangements, mailings, all phases of this, our first downtown Conference in some years. New OCA members and those of long standing are needed for this important work.

Our thanks to Joscelyn Palm, Margaret Govan and Peg Latimer who have headed up, respectively, the Education, Archives and Membership Committees. We regret their resignations, but at the same time give our good wishes to Al Knox, Adele Ebbs and Paul Rushton who take their places.

We talked to Margaret Govan not long ago, only to learn that she has been immobilized due to a slipped disc. Sorry, Marg. We will look forward to an early recovery and your presence with us soon.

If you offer riding as part of your programme and haven't already been visited by a representative of the Ministry of Agriculture and Food, you soon will be. This is to inform you of the Riding Horse Establishments Act, passed in May, to be proclaimed later this year. This has to do with the licensing of all riding camps, stables and ranches, for which there will be a nominal fee. Further information regarding procedures for next summer will come to members through this News Bulletin.

Regarding last summer's Day Camp Survey which looked into Standards, Organizers and Programme, the Committee expects to have a full report in time for our next issue.

You missed A Ball if you weren't able to attend.....we refer, of course, to the Directors' Week-end at Camp Hollyburn with those kindly hosts, Shirley and Ted Yard. We have asked for an event such as this for many-a-year. We've done it. We'll do it again. Twenty-two members came, saw the whole area, swam, canoed, climbed the highest "mountain" and the lookout tower a-top; discussed everything from Conference to finances, staff training, advertising methods, legal aspects, food planning and much more as they apply to the smaller camps. But above all this was the spirit of the gathering, the good fellowship, and unanimous decision to "do it more often". If you missed this one, be sure to plan for the next.

A Counsellor Training Course is being held at Northern Secondary School in conjunction with the Metro Board of Education. O.C.A. supplies the training staff. This Course runs from September 23rd to December 2nd and is promoted only through the schools.

At a recent Executive Meeting the Board of O.C.A. has decided to eliminate the position of Executive Director. Mr. Stan Wild has served the Association in so many ways, far beyond the dimensions of just a 'job'. We all owe Stan a debt of gratitude. As a Camp Director Stan will as in the past be a very concerned and involved member of O.C.A.

Thanks Stan for your many years of service to the cause of camping!

BARGAINS, ITEMS FOR SALE -

Would you like to put in a bid to buy from O.C.A.:-

..... One 1971 Stenorette dictating machine (excellent condition)

..... One quite old Royal manual typewriter with small table.

..... One copying machine - 3M - in good working order - Model 209.

..... One rectangular table.

If so, please drop in at the office, look at them, and let us know what you would pay.
