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THE PRES. SAYS.

Perhaps I have appeared to neglect reference to C.C.A. affairs over the past several months. Jack Pearse, C.C.A. President has been doing a magnificent job in the Canadian scene and we do appreciate it Jack.

An item which is occupying much of Jack's available time is the matter of the Canadian immigration policy regarding the entry of foreign staff into Canada. The threat is on the horizon that our federal officials are contemplating NOT permitting these counsellors into Canada. We are in the midst of preparing a case to seek continued exemption from the regulations and wish to allow counselling staff the opportunity to be employed in C.C.A. member camps. A statistics form which will permit the accumulation of the necessary data has been sent to all camp directors. If this is still in your "TO DO" pile of paper - - get it out and send it in. OK?

The Standards Committee and its Chairman, Bob Christensen are doing a lot of work. The reports from the summer are in, scored and complete. Also, Bob reports that comments to the Department of Health on their proposed revisions to the Regulations Respecting Summer Camps are being prepared. You should be pleased to know that the Department is obviously following the lead as set out in the O.C.A. Standards of Good Practice. Thanks Bob and your Committee.

Helen Stewart reports that Trent University is almost finished the task of assembling O.C.A. Archives information.

A note of praise to Brian Blackstock for his efforts on the C.C.A. Newsletter. We read it thoroughly, and enjoy it, and want to say thanks Brian as we appreciate your involvement in this important information sharing.

We are in the process of hiring a replacement for Nodja Read and will advise you soon of the person selected. Fred Okada, Bill Henderson and Curtis Eastmure are the sub-committee operating on this item.

Hurrah for Nora Robinson, our part-time secretary doing a full-time job. Are we ever glad you're there to help us and we'll have some support for you soon.

Al Goodman is investigating new office space. We note the current quarters are to become a fitness club. Perhaps we should continue to run our meetings at 102 Eglinton Avenue East ???

Cheers,

Jocelyn Palm

THE YEAR OF THE CHILD

This is to be the theme of the 1979 O.C.A. CAMPING CONFERENCE to be held again at the Royal York Hotel. Janet Adamson, Conference Chairman reports that the Committee is well ahead of schedule on programme, speakers, arrangements and all details, and hopes to have more complete information in forthcoming OCAsional News issues.

HOLD THESE DATES:

MARCH 1,2 and 3, 1979

REMEMBER THOSE PHOTOS??

CAMP DIRECTORS: Please remember to include a reminder with your Christmas card to campers and staff to send in all their photos taken during the summer for you to peruse for your slide unit, your brochure and of course the Annual O.C.A. Photography Contest.

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CAMP VISITATIONS

The Standards Committee Chairman Bob Christensen, who presented such a splendid report of the work completed this summer has asked us to convey his thanks to all members who made such a worthwhile contribution to the success of the Visitation Programme. If there are other members who can join these forces for next summer's project, please let Bob know in time to attend the coming Workshop to be held at the Ontario Society for Crippled Children, Rumsey Road, Toronto on November 15, 1978. Bob's telephone number is (416)922-3126

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WE WELCOME A NEW CAMP ASSOCIATE

CHARLES N. AGREE OUTPOST CAMP

at Wawa, Ontario

This Camp was founded in 1969 under the Directorship of

Mr. Jeff Applebaum

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CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to our own Sam Hambly of Camp Allsaw. This Summer his Camp was given the "Imagineering Award" by the Pollution Probe people for Creative Work in Conservation.

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O.C.A. COOPERATIVE ADVERTISING 1979

After a successful campaign in 1978, our Executive is initiating further promotion for 1979. Camps have received letters outlining the proposed "Camping Contest", which will be funded by contributions from the membership.

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It is becoming more important than ever for us to maintain positive visibility for the O.C.A. Let's continue to help each other and help ourselves.

SUPPORT COOPERATIVE ADVERTISING FOR 1979

WOODSMANSHIP AND CANOE SCHOOLS

In early June of this year, the fifth Woodsmanship School was held to prepare a growing band of leaders for the outdoor field in Canada. It was attended by almost forty people from all parts of the nation to provide a rich interchange of ideas, insights and techniques throughout the course. A few candidates came as future course directors to study, in particular, the administration of such a school. This plan was introduced to accommodate the "transplant" of such experiences into other regions of the country.

One of the by-products of the school has been the development of the Woodsmanship's Code which should be of interest to every camp. In addition, a set of Instructor's Notes has been prepared and should also serve as a most valuable resource to camps in Canada. Both of these items have been sponsored through our Canadian Camping Association.

It is the hope of the planning committee that a pilot Winter School can be presented probably in February of 1979, and that the sixth edition of the regular School will be taking place next Spring. The leaders and the instructors of the Woodsmanship School were again of very high calibre and are to be congratulated for their dedicated effort.

The Canoe Schools held under the auspices of the Canadian Recreational Canoeing Association, and also the Woodsmanship Schools, with the assistance of the Fitness Amateur Sport Branch of the Department of National Health and Welfare were again a success. One of these was designated as an Ontario School, and the other as a National School, but candidates received the same certificate. It was gratifying to note the full attendance in the August School for the first time. Directors Rob Dawson and Bryan Wolfe with their excellent staffs deserve congratulations for another outstanding effort on behalf of canoeists near and far. Every support should be given to the continuity of these leadership projects which may encounter stormy weather in a climate of economic constraints.

Kirk A.W. Wipper

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FOR SALE

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A Camp for the promotion of Hebrew Culture and Language, situated near Torrance, Ontario. Equipped for full programme - Swimming, Riding, Tennis, Arts and Crafts, Sailing, Sports and Drama. For complete information, please telephone or write -

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4140 Bathurst Street, Suite 201
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SOCIETY OF CAMP DIRECTORS - CANADA

On Thursday, November 23, 1978
The SOCIETY OF CAMP DIRECTORS will meet at
6:30 P.M.

At the ROSEDALE GOLF CLUB, Toronto for its FALL DINNER

It is hoped that this event will bring in new senior Camp Members from across Canada as well as from Ontario. The Executive would like to add to our roster a larger number of those who are concerned with the professional aspects of camping for children, and will consider joining in 1979 our Tenth Anniversary Year.

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OFFICE EQUIPMENT FOR SALE

1 - Dictating Units - Grundig Stenorette Embassy/L \$ 200.00

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- Stenorette Type TD \$ 150.00
Compatible Units with all attachments.

2 - Ditto Spirit Hand Duplicator - Model 9D10 \$ 200.00

CONTACT: - CAMP WHITE PINE - (416)487-2341

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THE THIRD ANNUAL CANOE RALLY

The third annual canoe rally sponsored by "AMICI" was held July 29th, 1978 with a record number of O.C.A. Camps participating. In the men's events, Onondaga came in first, with a time of 3 hours, 11 minutes and 33 seconds. This was followed 12 seconds later by a canoe from Kilcoo and in third place was Camp Pine Crest. The final placings in the women's event was Wanakita, Couchiching and Mi-A-Kon-Da. There was a mixed event and in first place was Beausoleil with two canoes from Algonquin Experience placing second and third.

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SURVEY OF AMERICAN CAMPS

Some very interesting statistics have come to us, the results of a Survey of Current Camping Trends, held between November 1977 and February 1978. Responses represented 54 private independent camps, 103 agency camps, 91 religious camps and 20 others. Of the total respondents, 185 were resident camps, 54 day camps, one was a travel camp and 20 were either a combination of the above or a totally different type of camp. 165 were co-ed; 25 serviced all boys; 34 all girls.

The majority of camps responding did not consider either programme as a speciality. The highest percent of speciality programming was found in the P.I.C. group where 21 out of 54 indicated either a total or at least partial speciality programme during the summer months.

Most of the responding camps accepted and/or were accessible to handicapped campers, at least on a partial basis. Only 46 did not accept handicapped campers. A total of 157 are either totally or partially winterized, with only 25 indicating no activity in the September-to-June period.

Enrolment trends showed 1977 with an overall increase, while fees have either remained the same or increased less than 5%. Two camps actually decreased fees in 1977. During the last three years, 41 camps cut back the number of staff employed. This represented the largest area of cutbacks with advertising running second. At the same time, high increases were observed in staff salaries, overall maintenance and remodelling of facilities. The average salary increases were primarily for Head Counsellors and Unit Counsellors with speciality staff close behind.

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