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CONFERENCE - Conference - *C O N F E R E N C E!* is THE WORD this month - the event most important in the O.C.A. year. Count down has begun!

1980 Conference has something for everyone - a browse through the programme proves it is true. Carolea Butters and her Committee of twenty-four souls, stalwart all, are ready. They are set to let it happen.

Of interest to the membership, particularly those who responded to the mail vote on the Constitution of the Ontario Camping Association Draft No. 3 presented by Jocelyn Palm, Chairman Past Presidents Council and approved by the Board unanimously, January 19, 1980.

CAMPS: 100 returns YES 97 NO 3
 INDIVIDUALS: 111 returns YES 105 NO 6

"A new Constitution is ratified by a two-thirds majority of all the general members who respond to the opportunity to vote by mail".

February 25, 1980 the above results ratify the Constitution.

LIFE MEMBER

For those familiar with the former Constitution the title Honourary Life Associate means an individual who has rendered outstanding service to the community-at-large or to the Association in particular and a person so appointed shall hold membership for life. Ontario Camping Association Life Members:

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| Miss Ada E. Adams
<i>Ewart College</i> | Miss Margaret Govan
<i>Camp Onowaw</i> | Dr. Elsie Palter
<i>Camp Kawagama</i> |
| Rev. George C. Connolly
<i>United Church of Canada</i> | Stanley Hodgins
<i>Camp Wanapitei</i> | Charles Plewman
<i>Kilcoo Camp</i> |
| W. Bertram Danson
<i>Camp Winnebago</i> | Laura Belle Hodgins
<i>Camp Wanapitei</i> | Ralph Raymer
<i>Camp Tanamakoon</i> |
| Dr. J. Harry Ebbs
<i>Wapomeo Camp</i> | Ron Johnstone
<i>Camp White Bear</i> | Dr. Robert F. Sneyd
<i>Camp Manitomono</i> |
| Mrs. Adele Ebbs
<i>Wapomeo Camp</i> | Mrs. Mickey Johnstone
<i>Camp White Bear</i> | Miss Helen Stewart
<i>Camp Wahcakhie</i> |
| Rev. Clarence Ferguson
<i>United Church of Canada</i> | Dr. Mary Northway
<i>Glen Bernard Camp</i> | Stan Wild
<i>Camp Tamarack</i> |
| Mrs. Eanswythe Flynn
<i>Camp Brigadoon</i> | David Palter
<i>Camp Kawagama</i> | |

The new Constitution approved as of February 25, 1980 Title: Membership, article 7 Non-Voting Members - the third category states Life Members shall be those persons upon whom the honour is bestowed by the Association as a result of their outstanding service to camping.

All members are invited to name anyone qualifying for this honour and submit your suggestions, attention of Barbara Gilchrist to the O.C.A. office. It is customary to make the presentation of a Life Membership at the Annual Meeting. A response is requested by APRIL 1, 1980. Thank you!

BARBARA GILCHRIST
President.

COUNSELLING IN THE 80's

That's the theme of the May Conference for Counsellors, actual date being May 10th. Sessions will cover programmes for campers, counsellor duties and obligations, skill sessions, games, campfire and songs instruction. All sessions will be held at Centennial College - Progress Campus, Markham Road and Highway 401. Bruno Morawetz and Chris Lobb can give more information, and all correspondence should be addressed to the O.C.A. office . . . "re Counsellor Conference".

O.C.A. WOODSMANSHIP SCHOOL - 1980

Once again . . . June 11th to 17th to be exact . . . the Annual Woodsmanship School is being organized, this year at Glen Bernard Camp, Sundridge, Ontario. It is suggested that applications be in early. They are available now from -

JACK MacGREGOR - Camp Kandalore
R.R. #2, Minden, Ontario KOM 2K0

If you wish an adequate supply of forms for your staff members, they are ready at the O.C.A. Office.

ORIENTEERING ONTARIO

Orienteering is the latest technique of training youngsters and adults the skill of navigation in the woods by turning the learning process into a challenging sport. A number of camps have now got their own orienteering maps produced by professional orienteering mappers, and permanent control markers.

One of the problems most camps face is finding qualified instructors to teach the program and setting the courses properly.

Orienteering Ontario would like to offer their assistance to camps interested in setting up an orienteering program and finding qualified instructors. They are located at

*Ontario Sports Administrative Centre at 160 Vanderhoof Ave., Toronto
(opposite to Inn on the Park at Eglinton Ave. East & Leslie Street)*

Please feel free to drop in and talk to Mr. Henry Lam their Executive Director.

A THOUGHT FOR TODAY

*Almost all really new ideas have a certain aspect of foolishness
when they are first produced.*

CHARLES E. HENDRY, M.A., LL.D.

A TRIBUTE

An internationally-known member of the Camping Movement in Canada for many years died suddenly as he was about to leave Toronto to deliver an important address in Geneva, Switzerland. "Chick" Hendry worked since student days with the late Taylor Statten, through the Y.M.C.A. in many parts of Canada, the Red Cross Camp Leadership Training Courses for the University of Toronto, and later as co-ordinator of Research for the American Jewish Congress, as well as National Research Director of the Boy Scouts of America. This, after earning his academic degrees at McMaster, Columbia, New York and Chicago Universities.

He assisted in the founding of Camp Ahmek, served in such institutions as Columbia University, George Williams College (Chicago), was the first United Nations Fellow appointed from Canada, and became professor and director of the School of Social Work at the University of Toronto.

Ontario Camping Association members knew him well through talks lectures and sessions at many Conferences through the years, and appreciated "Chick" Hendry as a man who worked hard for social justice and the causes in which he believed.

In another phase of camping, he will be remembered for reports of his visits with Wallace Fogle at Camp Tonekela outside Madras, India, a camp built through donations from campers across Canada. Funds were raised every summer to further the work of Canadian and native doctors and nurses at this Canadian Convalescent Children's haven, where health and strength were restored to so many under privileged Madras children.

His enthusiasm and dedication were very evident in his term of office as a member of the national Council of the Canadian Red Cross Society, and proved again the great contribution he made towards improving relations among people in the world.

J. HARRY EBBS

REPORT FROM THE ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE

In the November OCAsional News we reported on the large seminar on Acid Rain held in Toronto on November 1, 2 and 3, 1979. We'd like, now, to tell you about one of the many ways in which Acid Rain can affect your camp and its programs.

One of the first things that happens when a lake becomes more acidic is that the fish population drops off rather drastically and the water starts to look clearer. These two facts are related. First let's look at the fish side of it. Fish live on insects, smaller fish, frogs and tadpoles, and smaller fish live on anything smaller that moves, down to little things we can't see with the naked eye. Now if higher acidity kills the micro-organisms at the low end of the food chain, then the tadpoles and grubs which feed on them starve - as do the very small fish, and so on up the line. In fact the small fish may also die as a consequence of not being able to survive in an acidic environment. Whatever the cause we end up with just the large fish who can survive just so long on very reduced rations - then they're gone too. As for the clearer water - well - if there are no small micro-organisms, and no slightly larger bits and pieces that prey on them and so on up the scale then there'll be nothing much in the water - therefore it's clearer!

Now, practically every camp has a nature program a part of which involves a study of things that exist in the water: bugs, tadpoles, minnows, frogs . . . What do you do if your lake is so acidic that there aren't any of these? What do you do if you can't encourage some of your campers to quietly inch out to the edge of your dock and peer over at the fish who congregate in its shelter? How do you go about teaching your campers the joys of fishing - or of watching a tadpole develop - if there aren't any? It'll restrict your nature programs, won't it? Think about it - there's that whole big lake with beautiful clear water - and not a darned thing to look at in it!

So what can you do about it?

You can sound off and you can write letters to your local MLA and MP, to Premier Davis and to the Minister of the Environment telling them of your concern and demanding that they, in concert with their counterparts on the other side of the border, do something - and soon! Remind them that, in addition to your immediate concerns, no fish in a lake means a drop off in the number of tourists who'll come to your area and that this'll affect the local economy. Also encourage your friends to write.

Don't get into the form letter caper if you can help it. At the Acid Rain Conference we learned that politicians tend to discount that form of petition and give more weight to a personal letter on the grounds that anyone who'll go to the trouble of writing about a problem is serious.

Good Luck!

JACK ZOUBIE

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OPEN HOUSE

About thirty people attended the "Open House" on February 13, 1980 in the home of June and Cliff Labbett to hear Dr. John R. Carlisle M.D., LL.B., E.C.Am.

Barry Lowes introduced Dr. John and talked of his growing through the ranks as camper, counsellor and medical staff which gave him the special perspective to talk authorita-tively on the topic of "First Aid in Camping on and off the site. How are we prepar-ing our staff for emergency situations".

Dr. John touched on many safety policies, demonstrated new equipment and provided those present with many new ideas and many pauses for thought. No doubt many camp safety procedures will be re-evaluated and re-formulated.

All concurred with our "Prez", Barbara Gilchrist when she expressed on behalf of the audience and presented Dr. John with a small token of appreciation from the O.C.A. Education Committee.

Coffee, muffins, cake and other goodies were served afterwards, (re) acquaintances were made and profound discussion took place.

Thanks go to the Labbetts for making their home available and to Phil Lowes, the guiding force behind the idea and who with the other committee members organized this successful meeting. We'll do it again!

John Boysen - Chairman
Education Committee

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OUTDOOR EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING

7:30 P.M., MONDAY, MARCH 17th, 1980 - O.C.A. OFFICE
ALL INTERESTED PARTIES WELCOME

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ARCHIVES NEWS

In November, 1979, a dinner was given in honour of Adele and Harry Ebbs, organized by Camp Wapomeo alumnae, the proceeds from which established the Ebbs Camping Archives Fund at Trent University.

Adele was President of O.C.A. in 1967 and as a Centenary project initiated the col-lecting of camping archives through a committee, first chaired by Dr. Mary Northway, followed by Margaret Govan. Both the Canadian and Ontario Camping archives have been housed at Trent University, Peterborough.

On January 31st, 1980, at a meeting of "The Friends of Bata Library", Dr. and Mrs. Ebbs spoke about children's camps and our archives. Great interest was shown in the presentation, attended by the Board of Governors, President Donald Theall, Professor Elwood Jones (Chairman), Kenneth W. Johnson, (Trent Archivist) and a number of interested persons. Dr. Bruno Morawetz, (Camp Ponacka) introduced the speakers.

It is evident that Canadian Camping Archives are held in high esteem and is expected to grow in importance. It is hoped that all Canadian Camps will collect valuable documents and pictures for preservation and safe-keeping to be available to present and future historians. Already many graduate and undergraduate students and other interested persons use the collection for research and professional papers.

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Archives News cont'd.

A donation to support the continuing work on our archives would indicate our appreciation for all that Trent has been doing for us during the past ten years. You and/or your camp would be listed as "A Friend of Trent Library Camping Archives Fund" (Income Tax receipt provided). If visiting the Peterborough area, or recruiting staff, visit the Archives.

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A POEM FOR YOUR FILES

The following poem (from the Michigan Section of the American Camping Association) is the first place winner of an Essay Contest for their International Year of the Child. Katie Ellis, age 10, Camp Leelanau for Girls, gives it the title -

WHAT CAMP MEANS TO ME

What a special adventure to come to camp each year,
And I'm always so excited when the time is drawing near.
Waking with the bugle at the early crack of dawn
And outside with the dewdrops you can see a little fawn.
Swimming in Lake Michigan or swimming in the river
Going up your back you always find a little shiver.
Sometimes late at night when you can hardly see
I'd like to take a walk and have God come walk with me.
While laying in my bunk taking a rest
I think of which activity I like the best.
In writing this poem I just wanted you to see
How much camp means to me.

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WE WELCOME EIGHT NEW MEMBERS

Thomas Deane	Anthony Lea	Sara Jane Thorne
David Fisher	Norma Sims	Leigh Wincott
Kerry Ann Kennedy	Mark Stiles	

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FOR RENT

Summer Camp for August. 300 acres of mature forest, meadows, hills and valleys, 40 km of hiking trails, Pine Rover, 40' X 60' pool, large playing fields, arts and crafts barn, accommodation for 60. Call or write -

MANSFIELD ENVIRONMENTAL CAMP, MANSFIELD, ONTARIO

(705)435-4479

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FOR SALE

Used Hobart Dish Washing Machine. Ideal for small camp up to 100 campers. Same Model new over \$3,000.00. Selling Price \$400.00. For more information call: -

BRUCE HARRIS - (416)294-4451

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WANTED TO LEASE - PROPERTY FOR DAY CAMP

The City of North York Parks and Recreation Department is searching for a new site for their 1981 Summer Day Camp program.

Requirement:

- a) to lease for the months of July and August 1981 (possibility of long term lease if site is suitable).
- b) a location within a one hour drive from North York's boundary (40 mile radius)
- c) large enough to accommodate 500 campers with space for tents (approximately 60), and sports field.
- d) natural, forested areas, varied terrain, pond/creek
- e) a swimming area - either a lake or pool (or the possibility of installing one)
- f) a building on the site which might house our summer office and supplies
- g) access to telephone and drinking water on the site.

Please contact: HOWARD KATES, 5100 YONGE ST, WILLOWDALE, ONT. M2N 5V7 (416)224-6256.

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NEW CAMP DIRECTOR

Camp Wa-Sa-Ah-Bun has a new man at the helm - John Schmitt, formerly Assistant Director of Ki-Wa-Y of Kitchener-Waterloo YMCA. He replaces Curtis Eastmure, who becomes the Innkeeper at Maple Sands, a Family Resort at Maple Lake, Haliburton. Our good wishes go to John and to Curtis in their respective new ventures.

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VERY IMPORTANT

FOR SUMMER ROCK CLIMBING PROGRAMMES
April 11 - 13, 1980

A theoretical and practical workshop for anyone involved in teaching, or in the administration of rock climbing will introduce beginners to such a programme; this, to focus on the very important basic safety techniques and required skills to develop an awareness of dangers and strategies to minimise inherent risks. Write to or telephone -

MR. D. MOORE, Workshop Coordinator, 162 Commercial St., Milton, Ont. L9T 2J2
(416)1-878-7125

Site: Blue Springs Scout Camp (Acton), and Rattlesnake Point Conservation Area
Cost: \$90.00 All-inclusive.

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WORKSHOP ON RESIDENTIAL OUTDOOR EDUCATION

Clare Magee reports on this interesting workshop scheduled for Thursday, April 24, 1980 (evening) and all day on Friday, April 25th, at the Kortright Center for Conservation Authority with the cooperation of the Ontario Camping Association and the Council of Outdoor Education of Ontario, topic of interest to campers and resident outdoor centres will stress energy programmes as well as staff energy.

FOR MORE INFORMATION: (416)661-6600, and ask for MRS. PUDNEY.

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OCCASIONS IN MAR & APR

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
10	11	12 NATIONAL OUTDOOR SPORTS SKILLS - TAWINGO	13 Education Com Meeting 9:30 a.m. 3 Pine Forest	14	15	16
17 NATL OUTDOOR SPORTS Outdoor Educa. Meet 7:30 p.m.	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 O.C.A.	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	1 Conference Evaluation 30 Whitelock Cres. 7 P.M.	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12 ROCK CLIMBING PROGRAM - BLUE SPRING SCOUT CAMP ACTON	13
14	15	16 O.C.A. ANNUAL MEETING	17	18	19	20

THIS CALENDAR OF OCCASIONS IS PRESENTED BY THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE. IF YOU HAVE ANY DATES AND EVENTS YOU WANT TO HAVE ENTERED, COMMITTEE MEETINGS, WORKSHOPS ETC. PLEASE CONTACT- JOHN BOYSEN (416) 423-4709 OR Write to O.C.A. Office.