

Reports, dates for 1974, reviews, changes and replacements, these were some of the highlights of this season's first meeting of the Advisory Committee. One note of sadness, however, came when President Jack Pearse opened the proceedings to record the passing of Miss Mary Edgar in September. Some of her poems, beloved by all of us, were read. Jack paid tribute to her work and spoke of the wonder and breadth of her influence, and offered a minute's silence to her memory.

We were sorry to receive the resignation of AI Knox, Chairman of the Education Committee, who has returned to Saskatchewan for further studies; but we extended a very warm welcome to Wayne Perkins who comes from the same Province and is at present at the Hamilton YMCA to take AI's place there, as well as taking over his duties as Education Chairman.

Tony Lea, Chairman of the Day Camp Committee will be studying in Europe this year. His place will be taken in the interim by Bill Babcock, Director of Camp Richildaca.

Barbara Currie, Secretary to the Advisory Board, will also be in Europe for some time. Her replacement will be announced shortly.

Mrs. Alta Kahn became Honorary President of the Quebec Camping Association. Well known and active for many years in Quebec Camping circles, Mrs. Kahn is the first of their members to be so honoured. We send her sincere congratulations and our wishes for many more years in her work.

DAY CAMP STAFF WORKSHOP REPORT

The Second Annual Weekend Workshop for Senior Day Camp Staff of Ontario took place May 11 to 13, 1973. Approximately 40 participants arrived Friday evening at Camp Hollyburn for an informative weekend.

Sponsored by Ontario Camping Association's day camp committee, sessions included campcraft, nature lore, campfire, music, archery, quiet and active games, and who will forget the run through the bush with our trusty compasses.

The weekend met with enthusiastic responses from participants in several municipal, agency, institutional and private day camp settings. One particularly frequent comment was that the resource people were very well chosen.

1974 DAY CAMP STAFF TRAINING WEEK-END

The 1974 training weekend will be held at Bark Lake on May 24, 25, 26. Senior day camp staff from all Ontario camps are invited to attend at the cost of \$15.00 per person. Application forms will be available from K. Robinson, Ontario Crippled Children's Centre, 350 Rumsey Road, Toronto M4G IR8.

O.C.A. CONFERENCE

Don't forget the O.C.A. Conference comes up in March...actual 1974 dates are March I, 2, 3 at Ryerson Polytechnical Institute, Gerrard and Victoria Streets, Toronto. We need dozens of people to cover dozens of areas if it is to be a success. Give us a call! The need for expanded services and research is so great that it has been necessary to add four new committees to propose programmes and work on standards in the whole field of Aquatics, Wilderness Travel, Woodcraft as well as Environmental Issues.

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I'D LOVE TO HELP BUT ... I'M TOO BUSY!

How many of you have heard this very true statement recently when hopelessly turning around in search of a generous soul who would find time to make his or her contribution?

Everyone is busy, we all know it, but we also know that all 0.C.A. members are enjoying the work of a handful who make possible the activities of the Association.

The O.C.A. is an Association of persons working for some common object, jointly supported, and meeting periodically. Obviously someone has to organize these meetings and activities and we have to suppose the involved ones are at it. Involvement is described according to Webster as "to occupy absorbingly." Who should be the "involved ones?"

ALL AND EVERYONE OF US!

Isn't it too simple to let others make all arrangements? Attending Conferences, participating in programs where personalities inform us on the latest in the camping field, enjoying social events, informing the public about the O.C.A. etc., etc. These are all important, but we should remember that all events have to be put together. How about giving a hand?

SUPPORT YOUR ASSOCIATION BY JOINING A COMMITTEE!

ONTARIO RECREATION SOCIETY CONFERENCE

JANUARY 23 - 26, 1974. SKYLINE HOTEL, TORONTO

"Leisure Through The Looking Glass" has been selected as the conference theme for 1974. Although the program will be geared to Ontario concerns, the Society is anxious to welcome delegates from outside the Province.

Expectations are that this conference will offer practitioners from every facet of recreation an opportunity to look, not only at present reflections from the glass, but also focus on those images which pass through it showing trends for the future.

Come and share your reflections, meet new people at our educational sessions and social events and contribute to the future of recreation in our Society.

Contact us for further details about the conference at the O.R.S. Office, 559 Jarvis Street, Toronto, Ontario, M4Y 2JI. Telephone (416) 929-0769.

TO WRITERS AND IDEA-MEN-AND-WOMEN

Here's your chance to get your name in print and your ideas publicized. Helen Stewart is in need of short paragraphs of facts, little known or not, the questions on the back of the form on nature, history, program, games, lists of reference books...anything you feel would help camp directors and staff in their summer life with campers. These are for special information "corners" or fillers wherever needed in the Magazine. So get ye busy! Dig out that story or favourite joke, even, or good table games for after the meal...providing they WE URGENTLY NEED THE INFORMATION - SO are not too-too riotous; quiet table games, we said. Send all your contributions in to Helen Stewart, Editor, Canadian Camping Magazine, Suite 203, 102 Eglinton Avenue East, Toronto, Ontario, M4P IEI.

SHE'LL BE HAPPY!

A SPECIAL REQUEST FROM OUR PUBLIC RELATIONS/PUBLICITY COMMITTEE:

Please, when completing your camp's membership renewal form complete accurately concerning the number of campers and staff with your organization in 1973.

It is very helpful to have a fact sheet available that may be used to show the media how large an organization we are --both the number of jobs we provide and the number of children we cater to.

PLEASE FILL IN THE QUESTIONS - IT'S JUST A MINUTE OF YOUR TIME BUT IN YOUR BEST INTEREST!

1974 CONFERENCE

Get out your calendar and circle the FIRST WEEKEND IN MARCH - that's the time for our 1974 Conference! The conference this year will be held at Ryerson Polytechnical Institute in Toronto from Friday, March I to Sunday March 3, with our annual meeting Thursday, February 28 to kick things off. A large hard working committee is preparing an interesting program for ail with lots of practical sessions. The swimming pool and gymnasia will be available for special demonstrations. For those from out of town you needn't fret - the committee is putting together a special folder outlining accommodations available in the area. There will be lots to choose from.

REMEMBER - KEEP THOSE DATES OPEN!

MAPLE MOUNTAIN

Considerable discussion arose about the Maple Mountain Development in the Lady Evelyn wilderness area, and the possibility of a Marina being built along with other services in this beautiful canoeing wilderness. It is hoped, of course, that the development will die as it is and leave the area as a very necessary part of Temagami canoe tripping for youth camping. While it would probably be 1977 or 1980 before any concrete plans could be implemented. it is felt that all camp directors should voice their objections and set down on paper the wide use they make of this Temagami route, and its necessity in their yearly program for the youth of our country. It has been urged that directors ask all canoeing staff, campers and former campers to speak against the Maple Mountain Development. Ballot forms will be made available through the O.C.A. office. An order form for your supply is enclosed herewith, and we suggest that as much information as possible be sent to the O.C.A. office at the earliest date.

NATIONAL CONSULTATION - "CHURCH CAMPING IN THE NEXT DECADE"

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A November event which will explore the challenges and opportunities of the next ten years facing the Church in its camping and leisure-time ministries will be held at Cedar Glen Conference Centre, November 12 to 14, 1973. Dr. Thomas Maxwell of Waterloo, and The Reverend Paul Howells of Philadelphia are to be key speakers at the Conference which will gather together representatives from all across Canada, but attendance will be limited. The quota is divided among all denominations to allow the greatest possible scope in participation.

1973 O.C.A. CONFERENCE REPORT - REPRINTED

We are really sorry that the printed reproduction of the 1973 O.C.A. Conference Report was of inferior quality.

Because of this, we are having the Report reprinted. As soon as it is ready, we will be mailing out copies to the 1973 Conference delegates, interested organizations and individuals.

Sincerest apologies for the delay, however, we are sure you will be pleased with the final result.

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I wish to circulate my campers and former campers and staff to speak against the MAPLE MOUNTAIN PROJECT, and I ask you to send me...copies of a ballot which they could sign.

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