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Never let it be said that things stand still at O.C.A.....Happenings....doings... events....projects....conferences....they're all here and we're on the receiving end of the details.

#### THE YEAR'S PROJECTS

Word has just come through that the Ontario Camping Association will be supported by the Ministry of Community and Social Services, Sports and Recreation Bureau in the following 1975 events:

Annual Camping Conference, Chairman Miss Kim Ball

Day Camp Directors' Conference and Regional Workshops on Day Camping, Chairman Tony Lea

Regional Development Workshops, Chairman John Russell

Environmental Concerns Workshop, Chairman Mr. Clare Magee

Executive Development Conference, Chairman Jack Pearse

Workshop on Camp Visitation for Desirable Practices,  
Chairman Clifford Labbett

We are fortunate indeed in being supported in this way, and are grateful to the Ministry for making such an essential programme possible.

#### COUNCIL REPRESENTATION

Correspondence received has informed us, too, that OCA is now to be represented on the Conservation Council of Ontario through a member of our Environmental Concerns Committee.

#### HONORARY ASSOCIATES

From time to time, our Board of Directors elects Honorary Associates to OCA, chosen from names submitted by members. It is our way of giving recognition and honour to those who have served OCA and the community with distinction; principally those who have moved out of camping but are still

active in many ways. Not to be taken lightly, it is a great honour to receive this citation, and we ask OCA Members to give serious thought to the selection of any names they would like to submit. As this award is presented at the Conference Banquet, we would appreciate receiving your suggestions at OCA office no later than February 10th.

#### 1975 DIRECTORY

This year, the Directory of Member Camps will come out as a national directory, part of the Winter Issue of Canadian Camping. Latest word from the Printer to Helen Stewart indicates that it will be

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in our hands in the early part of February.

#### OCA ANNUAL MEETING

We're going to be different. The Annual Meeting for 1975 will take the form of a dinner followed by the business meeting, elections and reports, and the date is Wednesday, April 9th, so circle your calendar and we will be sending you more details later. Humber College is the site, and we are privileged to have as our speaker, the Reverend Wilbur Howard, Moderator of the United Church of Canada. Dr. Howard was very active in OCA when he helped to develop Church Camping as an expert youth worker. He is well known to us, as a witty speaker and as a leader in many of our Ontario Conferences. We are in for a most enjoyable evening.

#### TORONTO AREA DAY CAMP WORKSHOP Note: LIMIT OF FORTY DELEGATES

An outstanding event, open to all Day Camp Directors and Administrative Personnel, is to take place at Camp Richildaca on Saturday, March 22nd, Bill Babcock has advised. A list of interesting resource people includes Ottelyn Addison, nature writer and Algonquin Park expert, and all will share in Day Camp Philosophy, Programming, Staff Selection and Training, Inter-relationships, Public Relations, Budgetting and Buying. Cost is only \$8.00 per person including meals; registration takes place between 9 and 9.30 a.m. HURRY... due to limit in numbers, application should be made at once to Ken Robinson, Ontario Crippled Children's Centre, 350 Rumsey Road, Toronto, M4G 1R8. If you wish to telephone: (416) 425-6220, Local 275.

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#### LATEST ON THE CONFERENCE

We held the presses for this piece of news: the speaker at the Conference Banquet at Hart House on Saturday,

March 1st, at 8.00 p.m., is to be the retired Assistant Professor of Psychology at Queen's University; Miss Isobel Laird, M.A. Med (Edin.), F.B., Ps.S., M. Coll., S.S.T. More information about Miss Laird in the next O.C.A. News.

If you have not received your Conference mailing, please let the O.C.A. office know immediately so that we may send a second set out to you.

#### THEATRE, ANYONE?

On Friday night of the Conference, delegates will have free time and if anybody is interested in attending the theatre they should let Janet Adamson know by February 10 and she will attempt to get tickets for them. At the Royal Alexandra Theatre, "Odyssey" with Yule Brynner will be playing, the tickets range from \$15.00 to \$7.00. At O'Keefe Centre the National Ballet will be presenting "Sleeping Beauty" and these tickets range from \$12.50 to \$3.50. At the St. Lawrence Centre a new play by Robertson Davies will be playing with tickets selling at \$4.00, \$5.50 and \$7.00. Any delegates who are interested should indicate to her the play they are interested in seeing, the approximate seat price and the number of tickets. A blank cheque should be forwarded, payable to her and she will endeavour to purchase the tickets. If the seats are not available she will contact the person and either make alternate arrangements or return the money. Write "Theatre Tickets", O.C.A. Office.

#### STANDARDS

At the November meeting of this Committee, a number of changes were recommended, all in the name of convenience and common sense, based on experience and discussion at the OCA Standards Workshop last Spring. A goodly number of those changes are in wording and instructions to Directors whose camps are being visited. Explanatory notes include reference to Ministry of Health and Ministry of Transport regulations, with

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both of whom we co-operate fully.

An added note reads: "Camps unable to comply with a Mandatory Standard may be accredited if special circumstances prevail. The necessary information should be included in the Visitor's Report. This will be examined by the Standards Committee and recommendations made accordingly."

Another note: "Any Safety Standard that may be affected by changes in Government regulations or by specific OCA committees - e.g. Watercraft - should be brought to the attention of the Standards Committee so that appropriate revisions can be made. It is suggested that any committees so involved peruse the existing standards and make recommendations to the Standards Committee if necessary".

AND....re: RULES OF THE ROAD

How many directors check their D.O.T. regulations covering car and boat transportation loads during the summer? Considerable surprise was shown recently over certain legal boat loads, but more especially those concerning car and truck passengers. Did you know that it is illegal to carry more passengers than there are seats in car or station wagon? In other words, don't overload the back of the station wagon when the seats are down. Also, it is agin' all highway rules to drive a truck loaded with campers or adults, standing or sitting. These two items should be included on the camp notice board.

SURELY YOU DON'T NEED THIS REMINDER?

Seems there are still 1974 Membership Fees outstanding. Due date was January First 1974. The office would like to be able to hand a clear slate to the Treasurer one of these days... so get out the cheque book. Complete co-operation would be greatly appreciated!

HERE'S A BUY.....OR TWO

Talk of our Conference Digests came up at the Executive Meeting the other day when one director said: "That Digest is the most important reference book in my library." From another: "I wouldn't be without it. It has everything". "I refer to it almost daily, especially in Staff Training. It's the most helpful publication we ever did." (Take a bow, Helen Stewart, originator of the idea). Copies of the 1973 and 1974 editions are still available at OCA office. Just send in \$5.50 per book, and they will be mailed to you; or, if you are in the office, it's cash and carry. Pay Nodja and go on your way.

DAY CAMP CENTRAL AREA  
SENIOR STAFF WORKSHOP

Limited enrolment, May 23rd - 25th, Camp Richildaca, Kettleby, Ontario. \$20.00 per person includes accommodation and meals. Contact person: Bill Babcock, (416) 884 2844.

Workshops for other Ontario regions are in the planning stages and will be outlined later.

A FIBRE GLASS SAIL BOAT?

It's blue and in very good condition.... ask Cliff. This 14' Nordberg has aluminium mast and boom, with white dacron mainsail and jib. Asking price is good.....\$995.00 and you'll get all the other details from Cliff Labbett at 487-1032.

CAMP CENTENNIAL SALE

While some of the articles have gone, there is camp equipment still for sale. Camp Directors who are interested should enquire of Barbara Woollard (248-9693) or Jean Bailey (244-4742) after 6 p.m., about items, prices and location.

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#### MORE CAMP CHANGES

The time comes, eventually, when change is inevitable, and this is the year that Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Reimers stand as co-directors preparatory to the retirement of Howard Chivers of Camp Keewaydin, Temagami. Fred and Margie have known the camp and its activities full many and many a moon, and are well qualified to follow in his footsteps.

Camp Centennial has closed its shores to campers, the property to go to the "Band of Chippewas", Lake Simcoe. As mentioned elsewhere, all equipment is for sale to any camp directors who would like to negotiate with Barb and Joan from now until the Spring run.

Due to the illness of Dr. Ballard, Camp Brigadoon has had to bow out with sorrow on the part of the directors. There have been many enquiries about the sale of equipment, but at the present time no decision has been made about the future of her site which Dr. Ballard may put to other use.

#### NEW MEMBERSHIPS

The following two camps have now been accepted by OCA as Associate Members:

Maple Glen Day Camp, Willowdale, Ontario.

Directed by Gordon Meslin.

Whitby "Y", Whitby, Ontario.

Directed by Elizabeth Moore.

#### A MEMBERSHIP SUSPENDED

It is with great regret that a specially comprised committee of your Association has found it necessary to suspend the Accredited Membership of the two Arrowhead Camps, Arrowhead Ranch and Arrowhead Lake of Bays.

#### CANADIAN HONOURS FOR OCA

The Kandalore International Museum of Canoes and Kayaks is well known to visitors and those interested in Canoe history. In fact, its fame has spread to Finland through their Canadian Ambassador. He, it was, who hoped to include a typical Canadian Birch Bark Canoe in their celebration, Loma '75, at Tampere, Finland; so he wrote to Kirk who has sent him a Pete-de-Boule Birch Bark craft which hails from Cesar Newashish territory in Northern Quebec. This became a reciprocal arrangement with Kirk's suggestion that we have a Finnish canoe in exchange. No problem! We are shortly to receive a Savolaisvene, the type used in the Finnish Lake Districts, the design of which won a gold medal in the Italian Tricentennial Exhibition in Rome. A nice touch for Canada, adding yet another gem to the Kandalore collection.

#### A PRE-CAMP TRAINING EVENT

The up-coming O.C.A. Conference at Ryerson, Feb. 27 to March 2, is an ideal way to expose your staff to new ideas, new concepts, different approaches to camping and for them to meet a wide variety of camp people.

Your staff will undoubtedly welcome the opportunity to learn and to represent your camp. The low cost for students, \$9.00 for a single day, \$29.00 for Saturday and Sunday (including the banquet and report), or \$33.00 for the full Conference makes it a very worthwhile and relatively inexpensive training event with a high carryover level from delegates to the staff not attending.

Some of the topics on the programme that your staff might be particularly interested in, are Practical Problems in Camping as related to our environment, Aquarama '75 - the preparation and set up of a waterfront programme, pub crawling, Staff training, Camp Policies and many, many more. As you read your Conference programme, I am sure you'll see many possibilities for training. We'll see you and some of your staff there.

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## MAILINGS

It has come to our attention that some members have not been receiving their O.C.A. mailings. If you know of someone who has paid up their Membership fees and is not receiving their O.C.A. mailings, please tell them to get in touch with the O.C.A. office.

## THOSE ELUSIVE FOLK....

We are still waiting to hear from camp directors who have not yet volunteered to serve on committees - here's your

## THOUGHT FOR THE YEAR.....

Some members keep the O.C.A. so strong  
while others join just to belong.  
Some dig right in, some serve with pride,  
some go along just for the ride.  
Some volunteer to do their share,  
while some lie back and just don't care.  
Committees form, some always show,  
while there are those who never go.  
Some always pay their dues ahead,  
some get behind for months instead.  
Some do their best, some build, some make,  
and some do nothing, only take.  
Some lag behind, some let things go,  
some never help O.C.A. to grow.  
Some drag, some pull, some don't, some do,  
consider....which of these are you?

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## AFTERTHOUGHT.....

The world is full of willing people....  
.....Some willing to work  
.....The rest willing to let them.