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DON'T KNOW QUITE WHAT TO SAY ABOUT THE PROGS

. . . . that's right, Progs, short for prognostication (we were trying to co-operate with Government conservation of energy). The Indians say "big cold summer". Local weather experts up country insist "it'll be a not 'un, you'll see". We just go along day to day, knowing that most of us will complain anyway, the only certainty being Camp Opening for a glorious summer, matter what. With a very important reminder for:

EVERY CAMP DIRECTOR

. . . . who chooses staff from Across the 49th Parallel. New Immigration regulations brought about by the Olympics are now in force, with special emphasis on clearance letters, passports and other vitally necessary items of clearance through customs points into Canada. Official letter is attached herewith. Don't forget these details or . . . . no U.S. staff!

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SPECIAL OFFER

This is one for those teachers and programme organizers outside O.C.A. who work with children or young people:

Our Conference Guide for last year's "Camping Alive in '75", is one of the best ever working textbooks on Camping. Copies are still available and will be mailed at a cost of \$7.50 anywhere in Canada (includes mailing cost). Take a look through it. . . 35 pages on camp business and management; 50 pages on staff, counsellor and camper leadership; 90 pages on programme ideas of all kinds . . . and much, much more. Tell it aloud. Get the books circulating so that they can be used to advantage. Order "Camping Alive in '75" through the O.C.A. office. Send name, address and CODE NUMBER, with cheque or money order. We'll do the rest. . .SOON.

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NEW APPOINTMENT

We are pleased to announce the appointment of Sam Hambly of Camp Allsaw to the Ontario Conservation Council. He will join Bruce Hodgins who has been a member of that Council and will now work with Sam.

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IT'S PURELY A MATTER OF ECONOMICS

. . . . as simple as that, and has to do with one hundred and thirty unclaimed copies of the 1975 Conference Report, earmarked for camp directors and staff members who were registered at the 1975 Conference.

Now look, fellas. . . .about a hundred of those belong to Torontonians. Mailing costs for these two-pound tomes are phenominal. One look at the office work-load together with our bent budget will tell you we can't afford mailing. How about helping O.C.A. out of a jam at this emergency? If each member takes his or her responsibility (as all camping people are trained to do) by picking up individual copies and any others belonging to his (or her) camp, the job would be done. Why not commandeer camp staff who attended the Conference to lend a hand and play mailman?

Further emergency procedures: First time any one from Waterloo is in town, look over the list and take all the Waterloo-bound books on the return trip. That goes for Kitchener, Peterborough, London, Hamilton and all other points on the Ontario compass; and remember to check off each name on the office list.

Alright, it IS work. But let's get on with it. The decks must be cleared to make room for the 1976 edition, and we need strong arms and willing workers. . . . come all ye!

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NEW CAMP MEMBERS

We welcome the following Camps recently accepted by the Board as new Associates:

- KING VALLEY DAY CAMP, King, Ontario;
- MOOREDALE HOUSE DAY CAMP, Crescent Road, Toronto
- N.O.W. YOUTH CAMP, Sioux Narrows, Ontario
- HURONIA HOCKEY CAMP, Sundridge, Ontario
- REENA FOUNDATION CAMP, Palgrave, Ontario

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LOG CONSTRUCTION

The Log Home Construction School presented by Allan Mackie, author and engineer from Prince George, B.C., will be held at the Kanawa International Museum Site during the last two weeks of August. This is a unique opportunity for camping people who may wish to build on their camp sites or construct their own homes. All phases of such construction in logs are offered. Contact Seneca College, King Campus as soon as possible.

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CONFERENCES AHEAD

They most certainly have the Forward Look and great enthusiasm up there in Sault Ste. Marie. January 19th to 23rd, 1977 have been set for their 1977 Camping Conference, though there may be a weather problem which might alter the date. But John Gullick will keep us up to date. . . .their date.

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BARGAINS! OPPORTUNITIES! THINGS FOR SALE!

Any of these items are well worth picking up in a hurry if they are on your Wanted List for the summer:

A few tables and benches, some docking, a small water cooler, and several other small items from Camp Centennial, can be purchased through Barbara Woolard if you will call her or Joan Bailey at

244-4742 AFTER 8:00 P.M.

Barry Lowes writes after losing eleven sailboats in his unfortunate Timberlane boathouse fire, that all the rigging is left over. If you need masts, booms, sails (some new), rudders, or dagger boards for Sunfish or Dragonfly sailboats, make haste on these. The price? Barry says "Cheap!" Talk to him at:

(416) 653-2118

Also the following equipment is for sale - complete camp equipment including double bunks, foam and spring mattresses, paddles, canoes, sailboats, rowboats, waterfront equipment, full setting of plastic dishes for 96 people, commercial gas range, electric mixer, slicer, milkdispensers, freezer, refrigerators, cooking equipment, dining tables, chairs and benches, motor boats and motors etc. Can be seen and purchased at Camp Shawanaga, June 16 - 20th. For further information contact E. Keith Smith, R.R. #1, Barrie.

(705) 728-7136

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FILMS AND OTHER THINGS - FOR CAMP USE - FREE

The following lists of free material useful to Programme Directors have been received at the O.C.A. office:

From MODERN TALKING PICTURE SERVICE, films in endless variety are available. Write or telephone (416)444-7347 at 1875 Leslie Street, Don Mills, Ont. M3B 2M6

From the ONTARIO MINISTRY OF CULTURE AND RECREATION, a catalogue of Audio-Visual material with complete borrowing instructions. Write or telephone: (416)965-0283 at 863 Bay Street, 3rd Floor, Toronto, Ont. M5S 1Z3.

From the National Loans Department, NATIONAL MUSEUM OF MAN, a catalogue of museum-related material "to demonstrate the works of man", including artefacts and specimens, films, cassettes and slides. Borrowing instructions included. Write or telephone: Information, National Museum of Natural Sciences, 100 Argyle Ave., Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0M8. (613)996-3102.

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ANNUAL MEETING ADDRESS

We understand that members who attended the O.C.A. Annual Dinner Meeting at the Granite Club were so impressed with our speaker ADELE EBBS' address that they have asked for copies. Our thanks to Aubrey Rhamey of Camp Big Doe for having these printed for us - they are now available at the O.C.A. office and can be picked up. As the quantity is somewhat limited, they can be obtained on a first-come-first-served basis.

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HAIL TO NEW CHAIRMEN!

CONFERENCE CHAIRMAN

Congratulations and thanks go out to Phil Lowes for accepting the Chairmanship of the 1977 Conference. Phil has had a goodly amount of experience with many phases of conference work, and is already organizing planning meetings before everyone becomes too deeply involved in camp work.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Taking over from Barbara Gilchrist is June Labbett, who has accepted the Chairmanship of O.C.A.'s important Education Committee. June is bubbling with ideas, so we can look for exciting events for the coming year from her and her active assistants.

COUNSELLOR CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

It is also gratifying to hear that Jane McCutcheon has agreed to chair the Counsellor Conference Committee again. Jane is receiving plaudits all around for her outstanding success in the Conference at the beginning of May.

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O.C.A. CALENDAR OF EVENTS

In anticipation of a Calendar of Coming Events which will be published later, camping people and Chairmen of Committees should submit to the office dates of events of interest to all members.

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SUMMER PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

It's with us again, so get out the cameras at camp and start clicking. Campers and staff in all camps are invited to submit their best photos taken during the summer, to be displayed and judged at next year's Conference; much like the competition of 1976. Judges will select the best in colour and in black-and-white, and we would suggest that camp directors encourage this hobby through discovery hikes and projects to promote a deeper interest in natural surroundings, and in the environment generally, as well as those relating to litter and pollution problems. It's not difficult to prepare a dark room where films can be developed so that campers can be introduced to that important phase of the hobby. In time for summer use, Programme Directors might send to the Director of Public Relations at Kodak Canada, Limited, for booklets, catalogues of rentable films, and other aids which are free. Further information about the competition will be forthcoming in the Fall.

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P L E A S E   N O T E

The O.C.A. office is closed during the month of August and please further note - the office hours in September are from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. as we are operating with part-time help only.

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STEERING THE STRAIGHT COURSE

Negativism will get us nowhere, hence we have censored any mention of weather, time, tide, shoals or reefs for the summer. These we overcome in one way or another. But to send us on our way, the faith of an old Celtic blessing can brighten our days, a blessing we have used as a closing to many a Sunday Service at camp:

May the road rise to meet you,  
May the wind be always at your back;  
May the sun shine warm upon your face,  
The rains fall soft upon your fields;  
And until we meet again,  
May God hold you safely in the palm of His hand.



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Summer had been long a-cumin' in, but was in full swing when your Executive met at Kandalore. Those who were unable to attend were missed. They, in turn missed an interesting meeting, a noon feast fit for the gods, and an eyeopening tour which caught us up with latest developments at the Kanawa Foundation Heritage Trail and Museum of Canoes and Artefacts.

Aside from that, all discussions centred on colder weather events, beginning with the dates set for the 1977 Conference : -

ROYAL YORK HOTEL, TORONTO - MARCH 3 to 6, 1977

That's all we can say at the moment, but after the Committee's Fall meetings, Chairman Phil Lowes will have more details to add. Meanwhile, Keep That Date.

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CANADIAN FEDERATION OF INDEPENDENT BUSINESS

This is a very strong body that wields considerable influence in certain Government decisions which could affect us. It has been suggested that our membership list be offered to them, so that for a very reasonable fee we can join this body for added strength in numbers. Further report later.

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PROPOSED CALENDAR OF O.C.A. EVENTS

Early in the Fall, a calendar of happenings in the O.C.A. year is to be prepared and circulated, to facilitate the scheduling of meetings, further conferences and group gatherings. Though it is a very necessary listing, there is little point in presenting it unless it is complete. THEREFORE, we ask that all Chairmen of Committees or any groups having such plans in mind, please set dates early in this season, and mail them immediately to the O.C.A. office (attention: Education Committee), stating date and title of affair. Only with this kind of complete co-operation can we hope to offer this service to members.

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