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Dear Member:

President's Message

There is a lot of unfinished business piling up which we hope to get moving before Christmas. Have you been wondering about the Crest Competition? -- the report of the Directors Week-end? -- the finalized form on Ethics and Business Principles? Your Committees are working hard and will have answers in due course.

CENTENARY JOURNEY (Chairman John Scott)  
A reminder to all camps that participated this past summer. Your trip reports were due Sept. 30th. Please help the committee by getting your reports in as soon as possible.

Applications for 1967 participation were mailed with the Ocasional News last month. Already several camps have applied. Where more than one camp applies for the same part of the Centenary Journey, that part of the route will be subdivided for Trip Report purposes with the choicest part going to the earliest applicants. Applications are due not later than Dec. 31, 1966. Get yours in early.

We have had no word from the Centennial Branch of the Dept. of Tourism and Information yet re Brief for funds, but we have not been turned down. Apparently they are waiting to find out how much money they have to distribute before doing so.

Sometime early in the New Year we hope to have a showing of slides taken by campers and staff of participating trips. Participating camps will receive a letter about this shortly.

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 MARK YOUR CALENDAR  
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 \* 1967 CONFERENCE DATES \*  
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 \* MARCH -- 2 -- 3 -- 4 -- AT \*  
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CAMPING CONSULTATIONS - O.C.A. Conference  
(G. Ivan Robinson, Consultation Service Chairman)

During last year's Camping Conference at the Inn On The Park, two dozen persons met with conference speakers and others to discuss matters of camping concern through a Consultation Service.

Some of the topics discussed were: Insurance Coverage, Meager Meal, Camp Grants, Co-Ed Programming, Wages for Private Camps, Food Buying for Tripping, Saunas, Retarded Children, Canada Pension, Unemployment Insurance, Workman's Compensation, Tuck Shop - Camper Bank, Camp Budgeting, Committee Organization, Leadership Training, Camp Development, Day Camping, Leadership Problems, Landsports, Camp Staff, and Arts and Crafts.

The Conference will operate the Consultation Service again this year. On Thursday and Friday conference delegates may take advantage of this service.

Get the most from your attendance at this year's Conference by visiting the Consultation Service desk upon your arrival.

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MRS. SHIRLEY HALL (Camp White Bear) is working as active secretary of the C.C.A. ARCHIVES COMMITTEE. We are most grateful to her for undertaking this responsibility. Please do your share by sending in anything you feel might be useful OR telling us that you have papers, etc. that could be available to students writing theses.



REPORT FROM Kirk A.W. Wipper, B.P.H.E.,  
B.S.W., M.A., Conservation Chairman

A National Conference on Outdoor Education was held at the National Education Centre in Washington, D.C., Oct. 27-29. Delegates who attended from all over North America were reminded of the extraordinary challenge that confronts them in the field of outdoor education and camping. The forces of automation, transportation, population growth, depletion of resources and a new leisure were again brought to the serious attention of the conferees. Outstanding presentations were given by Hugh B. Masters, "Outdoor Education - A need of the Times"; by D. Willard Zahn. "Implications for Education"; and by Thomas L. Kimball, "Our Natural Heritage - Dream or Reality". Other topics discussed and reported included, "Skills for the Outdoors" "Family Camping", "Farm Outdoor Education Centres", "Teacher and Leadership Preparation", "Site and Facility Planning".

It is clear that the camping movement, in cooperation with its education allies, must deliberately and vigorously rise to its responsibility for the education of children in, and for the out-of-doors.

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\* H. J. P. WANTED \*  
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CAMP MOHAWK is looking for a Camp Director to replace Mrs. Charlotte Birchard who is retiring in December after 10 yrs. as Director. Mohawk is a camp for girls ages 9-15, located on Hay Island in the 1000 Islands area just 1/2 mile south of Gananoque, Ont. The camp is operated under the joint sponsorship of the Kingston Kiwanis Club & the YM-YWCA of Kingston. All enquiries should be directed to Mr. J.R. Hupfield, Exec. Dir., Y.M.-Y.W.C.A., 100 Wright Cr., Kingston, Ont.

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visited the Federation of Ontario Naturalist Library, 1262 Don Mills Rd., Don Mills, Ont. You will be amazed at the books and info on every aspect of nature there.

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THE COMMUNITY PROGRAMS DIVISION OF THE ONT. DEPT. OF ED'N is offering a LEADERSHIP Seminar for Board members and volunt-

ary leaders of private agencies, institutions and voluntary organizations at Geneva Courts, from November 27th to Dec. 3. If you require any further information regarding the Seminar please contact Miss Eleanor Saracuse at 559 Jarvis St., Tor. 5.

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The other day your editor attended an Examiners' Clinic of the Royal Life Saving Society---because I had to, I confess, if I am to continue to be an examiner! I was armed with the large yellow (it maybe gold) new manual. I had seen the covers of the new manual last summer at camp, but what with strikes, the kitchen objected to the weather, and the necessity of working out pension contributions, I was too busy to go into new techniques of swimming. So this was my first real look-see.

It was a revelation. The whole approach to teaching swimming has been changed. The teacher (and the pupil if he is old enough) is given the laws of motion and the principles of flotation to begin with. In other words the 'whys' are explained in understandable terms. "Do you want to know why you can't float"? OR "Why a bent arm in the crawl is more efficient than a straight one?" OR "Why your style of swimming may be quite different from John's or Joan's but equally efficient?" It's all there in the big yellow book, and it ought to simplify the teacher's task.

But the most important aspect of the whole training programme, to me at least is the fact that candidates are being trained for 'service in a real emergency'. The candidate's judgement is of major importance. He must first concentrate on keeping himself safe and out of harm's way; then he is free to deal with the situation whatever it may be. He must use common sense. This is the goal both in the teaching and in the subsequent examination.

Now this is an exceedingly interesting attitude, and I believe goes far and away beyond the actual teaching of swimming and lifesaving. To-day's camper is given so much on a platter---I'm talking about his year-round life. He needs to be taught how to think, and here is an excellent opportunity. Actually the camp waterfront is even better for the purpose than a pool,



because the environment presents more variety. Certainly it is important to know how to go about saving a life; it is even more important to teach people how to use their reasoning powers in an emergency. I believe that we are making a great contribution to the camper's growth each time he takes a course of Instruction in the Royal Life Saving Society's programme. More power to them, say I.

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YOUR MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM will be mailed to you at the end of this month. We ask you to complete it and return it to the O.C.A. office along with your dues for the 1967 membership year (January 1st to December 31st). Payment of your membership fees at this time will ENTITLE you to the special reduced members' Conference fees and help us to continue to provide you with membership benefits at the same low cost. Also early payment of fees allows our permanent staff to process your membership without delay as during January, February and March, the office is very busy with Conference matters. We ask for your cooperation.

AND SPEAKING OF THE CONFERENCE.....

DR. HEDLEY DIMOCK, Jr. of Montreal will be the featured speaker and participant. Dr. Dimock was born in the U.S., and received his College education there. He obtained a Master's degree in Guidance and his Ed. D. degree in Group Psychology at Columbia University. In the middle Fifties, Dr. Dimock served as Director of the Department of Group Guidance at the Montreal Children's Hospital. He has recently been coordinator for Staff Development and Training for the Montreal YMCA, and is now Chairman of the Dept. of Applied Sciences at Sir George Williams University in Montreal and also a part time lecturer there.

Dr. Dimock, Jr., son of the well known Hedley S. Dimock, has a wide experience in camping. He has served in many capacities in the Taylor Statten Camps and is presently consultant for the Montreal YMCA Camp, Kanawana.

He has written several books dealing with children in the hospital and his latest "Group Development" is now in publication. In addition, Dr. Dimock, has written many

articles for national and professional magazines. He is in constant demand for training projects, having acted as consultant for some twenty programs since 1960. Dr. Dimock has been involved in a number of research projects in recent years. Many of his reports are available, on subjects dealing mainly with prediction and evaluation of the growth of campers and staff.

I was fortunate enough to attend his workshop on leadership in Banff several years ago. I found it very helpful and his methods of approach quite fascinating.

Also, there are going to be workshops in crafts and orienteering on Saturday. Only a limited number will be accepted. You'll have to get registration in early. IT IS GOING TO BE THE BEST CONFERENCE EVER.

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If you are thinking of ordering Xmas cards from the Ontario Association for Emotionally Disturbed Children--better do so now as they are going like hot cakes. Proceeds are for the work of the Association. Address 511 Church St., Toronto 5.

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DON'T FORGET THE OPEN MEETING AT THE BOULEVARD CLUB ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 23, at 8:30 P.M. REG. BUNDY WILL BE THE SPEAKER, AND HIS SUBJECT "WHAT DO WE EXPECT FROM OUR COUNSELLORS?" Also Social hour and refreshments. Meeting Charge is \$1.00. PLAN NOW TO ATTEND.

SOMETHING NEW IS BEING ADDED TO OCA NEWS .....In keeping with our practice of providing the maximum service possible to our members, we are pleased to announce a new feature in our OCA'sional News. An advice to members column. 'DEAR CHIEFIE'. The first of these columns appears with this issue, and we invite members to write to 'Chiefie' with their questions. We reserve the right to print all questions received. Should you require a reply in a hurry, please mark your letters accordingly, otherwise a reply will be made in the next OCA'sional News. Letters should be addressed to 'Dear Chiefie, Ontario Camping Ass'n., Ste 13, 501 Yonge St., Toronto 5, Ontario.



HERE WE GO.....

Dear Chiefie:

I am considering building a new camp infirmary. Can you suggest a source of information on this subject.

Miss Margaret Govan, Camp Onawaw

Dear Miss Govan:

We suggest 6 steps:-

1. Make a list of what you want in the infirmary, i.e. number of beds, isolation quarters, nurses quarters, etc.
2. Choose a suitable site and photograph it along with any nearby buildings. This is for the use of your architect/builder who may have to do the planning during the winter, at which time the camp site may be inaccessible.
3. Ask your Camp Nurse and/or Doctor what they suggest is wanted in the infirmary.
4. Talk with other Camp Directors who have good practical infirmaries, and get a list of the best features in their buildings. A SUITABLE TIME AND PLACE TO DO THIS IS AT OUR CONFERENCE. USE THE CONSULTATION SERVICE.
5. With all the data you now have, talk with your architect or builder specifying what you require. How large you want the building, type of building (brick, wood-frame, insulated, not insulated, etc). Amount of money you are prepared to spend. FROM THIS POINT, IT IS CLEAR BUILDING.
6. Invite OCA'sional News to the Gala Opening.

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Dear Chiefie:

At Camp this summer, a skunk got its head caught in a condensed milk can. When we tried to help, we were treated most unkindly by Brer skunk -- what would you suggest?

Signed "Repulsed"

Dear Repulsed:

Stay away from black cats with white stripes down their backs-----

(Mr. Cecil Irwin, one of our Conservation experts advises that you can pick up a skunk, without triggering its defense mechanism, By the tail - BUT better you don't leave condensed milk cans where skunks, coons, etc. can get at them).

Dear Chiefie:

We have used bottled milk at camp for a number of years. With rising prices it has been suggested that we can cut costs by buying milk in bulk (8 gallon cans). What are the advantages and or disadvantages to both methods of buying.

Cliff Labbett, Camp Oconto.

Dear Mr. Labbett:

The Health authorities suggest that the advantages of pre-packed milk are:-

- : Sanitary:- Milk jugs do not always get cleaned as well as they should.
- : Economical:-Less waste through spillage, or having to throw milk that has been "on the table" away. Less possibility of souring. It is easier to use pre-packed milk in rotation than bulk milk. Staff are not always concerned to use the old stock first. Ease in handling. Bottles or cartons can be put straight "on the table". No messy "Dippers".

The disadvantages in cost are:-

Bottle milk or carton milk will cost one or two cents per quart more than bulk milk.

THAT'S ALL FOR THIS ISSUE. KEEP THOSE LETTERS AND QUESTIONS COMING IN.

"Chiefie"

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