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After the announcement of probabilities by our Chairman of Legislative Affairs in our last OCAisional News, we were greatly relieved when Bill Swift told us we could relax and settle back regarding counsellor salaries for this summer. So carry on as usual. NO MINIMUM WAGE SCALE ... for 1973, that is.

NEW LEGISLATION

Bill has given us some very down-to-earth information he has discussed with Government authorities, on Legislation, pertaining to camping, present and future, much of which has to do with canoe tripping through and over Crown Land. He strongly advises that camp directors, this summer, provide themselves with all available information from the Ministry of Natural Resources, particularly that having to do with the new charges for canoe tripping groups on ANY Crown Land, provincial parks or otherwise. This will place a great strain on budgets generally, especially American camps in Ontario, and there are no exemptions, he reports.

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We can look for a bottle-and-can ban in Algonquin Park in 1974; so it might be a good idea to practice this summer to get into form. Burn all disposable containers; carry plastic returnables. Leave the campsite cleaner than you found it. Children's camp groups hold a high reputation with the authorities, we have learned, so let's retain our standing.

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DIRECTORY

Our DIRECTORY OF MEMBER CAMPS, rumour has it, is about to knock our orbs out. If it's colour, we're all for it. If it's format, members seem

quite happy with the present layout. Anyway, it's all a surprise, according to Bert Danson and his capable committee; it sounds exciting, and we can hardly wait for D Day which will be very soon.

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CONFERENCE - LAST MINUTE NEWS!!

The speaker for the Friday Night Banquet has just been announced: The Honourable Mrs. Margaret Birch, Minister Without Portfolio, who is responsible for the Youth Secretariat, Government of Ontario. Make reservations early, as this should be an interesting evening.

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A FINAL PLEA

The usual display of camp booklets and forms is to be on display in our MEDIA ROOM. P-l-e-e-a-s-e send in copies of your Booklets, Staff Applications, Contract Forms, Job Descriptions, Camp Rules and Regulations, Medical Forms, Song Sheets, and any other forms or letters of general information you send out. Mail your package to Mr. Jack Bowman, Humber College of Applied Arts and Technology, Recreation Leadership Programme, Box 1900, Rexdale, Ont. Jack and his students are manning the room for us. Your assistance will assist them.

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NEW DEVELOPMENTS

In the wind is the development of a set of standards for those who teach Outdoor Education and outdoor skills on school field trips. O.C.A. is in support of leadership development which will qualify people in the area of their work. This includes Conservation, Campcraft, Orienteering and particularly Winter Camping. An initial meeting will be called in the near future to set up committees and initiate action.

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O.C.A. is now participating in Canoe Ontario, an association under the aegis of Sport Canada which holds a Federal Grant to assist co-operation among canoeing groups and in more effective use of canoeing resources. Canoe Ontario exists to stimulate interest in and inform camp directors and the general public of the true art of canoeman-ship. Racing events will be lined up for white water canoeing, Olympic style events, racing for custom-made craft, both straight and slalom. As well, standard canvas-covered canoe races (all sizes from the smallest to the largest Trader Canoes)

will be given an opportunity to perform. A conference to discuss ways in which canoeing can be improved for all those interested will be held on March 3rd, 1973, at 559 Jarvis Street, Information may be obtained from the Secretary, Canoe Ontario at that address.

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WATCH FOR IT

..... the possibility of a Workshop for Day Camp Counsellors, perhaps in May. Mr. Grant Southwell, Chairman of Day Camping, is working on the project and will provide dates and details later.

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BOATS AND LIFEJACKETS

A warning from Norm. McKee, Chairman of Watercraft, has to do with the purchase of rowboats and oars. There are many craft of this class on the market which, he says, are totally unsafe or difficult to manoeuvre. Oars, too, leave much to be desired in their construction. He has offered to give advice to any directors, on quality, design, pitfalls to avoid.

It is also advisable to ask Norm. McKee about the purchase of Life Jackets. Some, listed as Government Approved, are not so. Write to him, c/o Kitchener/Waterloo Y.M.C.A., 57 Queen St. North, Kitchener, Ont. (phone # (519) 743-5201), if you have any questions or doubts.

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ACCREDITATIONS

Camp Northwoods, in Temagami, has now been accepted as a Camp Associate; and YWCA Gypsy Glen Day Camp, Sherwood Park, Toronto, has been re-instated as a Member of OCA.

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Dont forget to send in your Conference Registration before 5 p.m. Wednesday, February 28th - you'll be saving money!

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Order your copy(ies) of the booklet "It's Wise to Supervise" at 50¢ each from the O.C.A. Office.