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Editors: Ron & Mickey Johnstone

A SPECIAL THANKS TO MRS. E. FLYNN

Mrs. Eanswythe Flynn is an Honourary Life Member of the O.C.A. and has over many, many years given to the camping movement in unselfish service. As she steps down as Editor of our OCCAsional News, we applaud the tremendous contribution she has made to the children of Ontario through her work in camping. Eanswythe, best wishes and heartfelt thanks.

ELEANOR KAY'S NEW CAREER

Eleanor Kay, Supervisor of Recreation and Camping for the Easter Seal Society retired from camping on June 31. Camping has been Eleanor's life. She started at Bolton in 1930. In 1964 she headed up the Toronto YWCA Camping Program, moving to the Society in 1976 where she operated and supervised the five Easter Seal Camps.

Eleanor has served on almost every Committee of O.C.A., was a founding member of the Society of Camp Directors and President in 1976-77. She has launched a new career called "Retirement". We bet she will be busier than ever - it's her nature!

EDITORIAL POLICY

The OCCAsional News is gearing itself to serve the Ontario camping community with news and items of resource and interest. Any person, interested in camping, who has a question or needs guidance in any aspect of children's camping, need only write to the Editors, c/o O.C.A. Office and we will commission someone who has the information and knowledge to write an article answering your question. We want the newsletter to serve the needs of children's camping! As you can see from the new format, guest editors have been asked to contribute a series of short articles. These will appear in the next six issues. We will need others to take on this important contribution, why not volunteer? If you have any comment on any issue, take time to write.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Janet Adamson - Gay Venture

Dear O.C.A. Members;

As you will see the OCCAsional News has experienced an evolution. The new Editors of the O.C.A. News are Ron and Mickey Johnstone - the former Directors of Camp White Bear in Temagami, and long time active members of the O.C.A. We are fortunate indeed to have them as the new Editors. To the task, Ron and Mickey bring years of camping experience, wisdom, humour and insights, and we can look forward to a monthly OCCAsional News that will be of great service to us all. Thank you to Ron and Mickey for so enthusiastically stepping in.

BETTER BUSINESS/BETTER CAMPING

Harold Nashman - Wahanowin

Local newspapers in towns around Ontario are always looking for news and are often surprised to find out what goes on in O.C.A. camps. With very little arm twisting a local editor will very often send a reporter/cameraman to camp to cover a special inter-camp regatta, Olympic Day, significant anniversary, reunion or Homecoming event. The result can be a very positive article and set of pictures that is easily duplicated by a "Quick Printer" at minimal cost for distribution to former campers or new prospects as part of your camp material.

This past summer the ten and eleven year olds' unit at Wahanowin used Terry Fox's Marathon of Hope as the theme for a Sabbath service. With the involvement of a local Cancer Society and some special in-camp activities the Orillia Packet and Times covered the event and printed a very accurate and complimentary article. Furthermore the Packet reporter was so surprised and impressed with what took place that she returned two weeks later to do a follow up article about the Camp and its history. Now Wahanowin has a new mailing piece with up to date information that enhances the camp's credibility without undue expense. If you would like to have a copy please call -

416-789-2181

or write -

825 Eglington Ave. W., Ste. 211
Toronto, Ont. M5N 1E7

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THE O.C.A. WELCOMES OUR NEWLY ACCREDITED
CAMP MEMBERS

Downtown Tennis Camp	Camp Saddlewood
Camp Horizon	Camp Tamarack
Project Canoe	Toronto Brigantine

Sacred Heart Child and Family
Centre - Camp Chetwynd
Flamborough Equestrian Farms

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LIFT UP YOUR SPIRIT

John Latimer - Kilcoo

This first column on Chapels for Camps will only deal with a suggestion - a suggestion that topics for Chapels are around us every day of the year. They are very much a part of day to day life, but we must be 'watching' for them. By doing so, our Camp Chapels will take on even more meaning and significance.

Listen to the lyrics of songs

- at home, on your car radio. Some would be great for Camp, and they don't necessarily have to be sombre and sad. "Live it up" a little.

Have some fun with chapels

- make people smile, be human.

Example - The Broadway Show Barnum is a great base for a Chapel. Great music, lots of fun, some great messages. In fact there are at least two topics in this show - "Live every moment to its fullest", and "Don't judge people by their size and appearance". Re-decorate your Chapel into a Circus. Find some clowns.

Use life situations

Example - Hold up an artichoke. Start to peel off the outer leaves. A strong core (the real Artichoke) is left. Compare that to getting to know people....and getting to know the real person.

Listen - ALL YEAR LONG

To campers arguing.

To the words people use to express anxiety, loneliness, fear, happiness

To expressions used which relate to prejudice, jealousy, fear of failing, lack of confidence.

For certain lines in plays (or books or music). There are many good 'lead-in lines' and topics.

To people on buses, subways, offices, stores. Understand what they are really saying, and use the words as examples.

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THOUGHT FOR FOOD

Mickey Johnstone - Consultant

An awful lot of thought goes into preparing your food service for the summer months. If anyone has a favourite recipe that they are willing to share, just send it along to the O.C.A. Office to my attention and we will see that it gets shared through one of our columns. It is my hope that we will be able to share ideas that will make your food service more appealing and more fun to operate. If anyone has strong feelings about contract food service, we wish they would let us know.

At this time of year, you might like to do a cost review of your summer food service. One simple way to see if you are near where you should be in your total costs, is to take your total income and see what percentage your raw food costs are of your total income. If you are far off 18% to 20%, then you had better do a review of your menus.

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PREPARING STAFF

Ron Johnstone - Consultant

One of our most valuable assets in the camping movement is our various staff people. We oftentimes wait until just before Camp to prepare them for the summer. Now is the time to make one of your most important investments...the ongoing preparation of staff. Take a moment and list all of the ways you could be helping staff people become better at working with children. Are there courses going on now in our Community Colleges continuing education services that they should be attending? Are there fall and winter courses in Life Saving that they could be attending now? Could you be offering a monthly course in 'Understanding Children'? Don't wait until you have all of your staff hired or arranged, make opportunities available for their continuing development. Who cares if they won't be back with you next year...let's help make them better people and more useful people by doing a continuous job of working with our young people. Who cares if they all attend...one of the greatest leaders of all time said, "where two or three are gathered together..." doing Staff preparation on an ongoing basis will pay great dividends next summer!

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FROM OUR PAST

Helen Stewart - Chairman Archives Committee

The history and records of Ontario camps and the Association are kept at Trent University. They are available for study and research to anyone with an interest. It is important to record the past, document the present so that we can properly prepare for the future.

Many people have asked us to try to give some of the interesting facts about the early days of camping in Ontario, we, through this column, will try to bring this information to you. If any of you have anything special you want to know from our past, just let us know and we will try our best to dig it out for you.

1893 was an interesting year in camping in Ontario. Keewaydin Camp began its operation on Devil's Island in Temagami. That same year, a young Phys.Ed. teacher from Upper Canada College founded Camp Temagami, A.L. Cochrane also is famous for bringing the RLSS to Canada. Out west in the Lake of the Woods country in that very same year, Camp Stevens was begun by the Winnipeg YMCA. What a sense of adventure! Keewaydin and Stevens are still operating and Camp Temagami just closed up shop a few years back.

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THE BOOK SHELF

Eanswythe Flynn - Honourary Member

When the Wilderness Beckons by -

Catherine Ross, Deborah Hutton, Pamela Dunbar

An excellent guide book for canoeists is for those who teach the art and skills at camp, and is sensibly bound so that it can be opened up and folded back to remain flat for teaching. This one covers everything in that field, from strokes and techniques through to first aid and artificial respiration in the wilderness, canoe repairs, coping with possible forest fires, plus calm and sensible search procedures for both the lost and the searchers. To make things more realistic, actual photographs of canoeists in action give clarity to the written work. Suggested family camping trips come in for discussion, to include a tried and true collection of nourishing outdoor cooking recipes. Available from C.C.A. Publications Service at \$6.95

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FROM COAST TO COAST

Marjorie Booth
CCA/ACC Executive Director

The New Brunswick Camping Association recently shared leadership for the Leisure New Brunswick Conference, October 13 - 17, 1981. Ian Fowler, NBCA Vice-President, worked on the Conference Committee and organized the two-day Camp Administration Stream for the event. In this capacity I was able to participate as a resource person.

NBCA was able to increase their visibility by sharing their expertise at this event for the recreation associations in the province. The Premier, Richard Hatfield, and the Minister for Youth, Leisure and Cultural Resources, Monsieur Jean-Pierre Ouellette, were both present for part of the Conference. For my part I found the discussion session with M. Ouellette most interesting as he outlined what New Brunswick's position was regarding the role of the Federal Government in sports and recreation. This was in preparation for the Federal-Provincial Meeting of Ministers responsible for Sports and Recreation, held in Vancouver last week.

NBCA should be congratulated for a fine job of increasing the awareness of children's camping among the provincial government officials, municipal recreators, and the general public at their Leisure New Brunswick Conference and display.

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THE O.C.A. EXTENDS A WELCOME

- to our new Individual Members

Jacqueline Armstrong	Gerald Guillian
Bruce Bailey	Salome Harrison
Pam Crosbie	David Riddell

Catherine Spence

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SOME PARTING WORDS

From Eanswythe Flynn

There are those who never stop talking.... or writing....and it seems I'm one of them but I did beg a line or two to congratulate the new Editors for accepting the challenge. What better choice than Ron and Mickey Johnstone! It's ideal, and I am sincerely happy in knowing the OCA-sional News will take on a new personality with a fresh approach to all the comings and goings of O.C.A.'s affairs. There will be the necessary expansion, I know, a broader view and new spark in a publication so vital to all O.C.A. members.

I should add that not many members realize it was this same Ron Johnstone who took a considerable amount of time at one of our Conferences a good few years ago, to convince me that I should accept the same challenge. I didn't agree at that moment, but look what happened! I loved it, and I know they will too. So congratulations, smooth sailing, and may fair weather be yours all the way.

Further....two people also who have earned praise and my everlasting gratitude are, of course, Jean and Nora; always smiling, always eager to help, ready to jump in when emergencies call and deadlines demand. Their encouragement, knowledge and sound advice have played a large part in keeping the News informative and accurate. One doesn't forget personal kindnesses.... theirs, in particular; and this is my tribute to them with so many thanks.

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LONG RANGE WEATHER FORECASTS

The Wilderness Canoeist, the newsletter of the Wilderness Canoe Association tells us that thirty day forecasts for all of North America are offered in a monthly newsletter.

Send \$24.00 for twelve issues to -

Future Weather Inc., Box 2632, Station "A"
London, Ontario N6A 4B9

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THIS AND THAT

LEARNING CAN BE FUN

From William Creighton of Ministry of Natural Resources we learned that wetlands with their wildlife are slowly disappearing from the landscape of southern Ontario.

A wetland is land where excess of water is the dominant factor determining the nature of the soil development and the types of plant and animal communities living at the soil surface. There are wetland forest, Wetland thicket, marsh and aquatic community, wetland meadow, bog and fen. Some values of wetlands are: ability to store flood waters and detain for later release; produces high amounts of oxygen; ability to recycle nutrients; habitat for certain unique species of plants and animals; an essential habitat for many migratory birds; contributes to ecological diversity; and, it contributes to a more interesting landscape.

While much has been written about wetlands and no doubt you know everything that has been written here, very little has been done to retain these special places. The original extent of wetlands in Ontario was 118 million acres. Of that amount about 5.7 million acres was located south of the precambrian shield. Only 13 to 22% remain, that is 0.7 to 1.2 million acres.

ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING - A SYMPOSIUM

The Alberta Society of Professional Biologists is pleased to announce a symposium entitled "Environmental Monitoring", to be held on 20 and 21 April 1982, at the Westin Hotel (formerly Edmonton Plaza) in Edmonton, Alberta. For information:

Alberta Society of Professional Biologists
P.O. Box 566, Edmonton, Alberta, T5J 2K8

A CORRECTION

The O.C.A. Day Camp Committee Workshop date is set for -

NOVEMBER 21, 1981 at CAMP RICHLIDACA
not - October 21 as published in the October OCAsional News.

COMMANDMENTS OF HUMAN RELATIONS

1. Speak to people; there is nothing as nice as a cheerful word of greeting.
2. Smile at people; it takes 72 muscles to frown and only 14 to smile.
3. Call people by name; the sweetest sound to anyone's ears is the sound of their own name.
4. Be friendly and helpful; if you want to have friends, be friendly.
5. Be cordial; speak and act as if everything you do is a genuine pleasure.
6. Be genuinely interested in people; you can learn to like everyone if you try.
7. Be generous with praise, cautious with criticism; its a touch of magic.
8. Be thoughtful of the opinions of others there are three sides to every controversy; yours, the other fellow's and the right one.
9. Be alert to give service; what counts most in life is what we do for others.

HELP NEEDED!!

The O.C.A. depends upon volunteers for its successful operation. We need people NOW! to help with the ongoing committee work of the Association. If you can spare one evening or afternoon a month you can help! Choose a Committee that interests you. Call the O.C.A. Office for information on how to get in touch with the Chairman of the Committee of your choice to get information on what his/her committee is doing.

CALL TODAY- (416) 781-0525

Archives	Environmental Concerns
Aquatics	Membership
Conference	Public Relations
Day Camping	Standards
Education	Counsellors' Conference

A REMINDER

DON'T FORGET - to tell your Staff about the O.C.A. Counsellor Conference on
MAY 8, 1982

THIS AND THAT cont'd.

OPEN MEETING OF WOODSMANSHIP COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, Dec. 3, 1981
 TIME: 7:30 P.M.
 PLACE: O.C.A. Office, 1806 Avenue Rd.
 TOPIC: Planning for 1982 Woodsmanship
 Leaders' School

All past candidates and instructors and
 interested people are welcome.

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DATES TO REMEMBER

NOVEMBER
6, 7, & 8

DIRECTORS' WEEKEND
 Bolton

9 PROGRAM COMMITTEE
 7:30 P.M.
 1806 Avenue Road

10 O.C.A. EXECUTIVE
 2:00 P.M.
 1806 Avenue Road

" CONFERENCE COMMITTEE
 7:30 P.M.
 1806 Avenue Road

16 MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING
 7:30 P.M.
 1806 Avenue Road

17 SOCIETY OF CAMP DIRECTORS
 Annual Meeting
 6:00 P.M.
 Rosedale Golf Club

24 O.C.A. BOARD
 5:00 P.M.
 1806 Avenue Rd.

25 ARCHIVES COMMITTEE MEETING
 10:00 A.M.
 Humber College

23 ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE
 7:30 P.M.
 1806 Avenue Road
 New members welcome
