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Lots of variety in this package.....

weddings, retirements, new courses, reports, new camps, a bundle of back-tracking, courtesy of the Postal unions. For all that's going on hereabouts, read on:

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GOODBYE.....GOOD LUCK !

It is with many thanks and great regret that we had to say Au Revoir to Doris Covill who has served the Association and all members so faithfully and efficiently. With her husband whose profession has removed them from Toronto, she flew away to Halifax, and we do send our good wishes and blessings on her new home. We will miss her.

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CALLING ALL COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

Our Treasurer, Bill Swift, has sent out a very urgent SOS to all Committee Chairmen who expect to receive OCA money for their work during the coming year. PLEASE...submit your requests, outline your budgetary requirements to him immediately. Bill can then present a proposed budget to the Board at the earliest possible date.

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FALL OPEN MEETING

You missed the boat if you couldn't be there.....at Black Creek Pioneer Village. It was informal, informative, an opportunity to speak and discuss, as well as to meet old friends and new members; just one of those occasions we should develop more often. New directors of Camp Ke-Mon-Oya, Mr. and Mrs. Lenters, gave us a picture of their first summer's experiences at camp with great enthusiasm and appreciation for OCA. We were brought up to date on coming events, new ideas, and future projects. The balmy evening, and good snack-food helped to create the perfect atmosphere.

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RETIREMENT

Although retirements must be an eventuality at times, when we do have to face them, we do so with a certain amount of shock. It seems impossible that Adele and Harry Ebbs should be out of their respective Director's Chairs, but we feel that they will be working with us for a long time yet, judging by the closing sentence of their letter: "We look forward to frequent contacts with you as we pursue our many mutual interests." Dr. Taylor Statten will

RETIREMENT cont'd.

take over the interests of the company in the overall directorship of the two camps. His son, Taylor III will be resident director of Camp Wapomeo in 1976, as Susan (Mrs. James Hayhurst) also retires, but to devote more time to her husband and three young children. Our best wishes go out to all of them at this time of changeover, and we look forward to long association with them in the field of camping.

GIRL GUIDE REPRESENTATIVE

The new representative of Girl Guides of Canada, Ontario Council to the Board of the O.C.A. is Mrs. D.E. Fox Provincial Camping Commissioner. We are looking forward to the next meeting when we will have an opportunity to meet her.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

This particular Environmental Concerns report takes different look at the area, and a very interesting one, in that it consists of excerpts from the 1975 Saskatchewan Camping Association Standards. "Most of the points we accept as normal practice," writes Clare Magee, Chairman, "but there are some forward-looking points to read, consider and implement".

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

Definition: Environmental protection is the preservation of the natural quality of the environment.

1. Every camp should be aware of the characteristics of the natural environment in which the camp is located.
2. Every camp should formulate a policy, based on the characteristics of its environmental setting to maintain the quality of that environment.
3. Preservation of the quality of the environment:
  - a) Each camp should set a standard for the maximum number of people its environment can accommodate.
  - b) Develop traffic patterns on camp site, e.g. trails.
  - c) Access to wilderness camp should be limited so it will remain a wilderness area.
  - d) There should be a green belt between the buildings and facilities and any nearby body of water.
  - e) Natural flora and fauna should be preserved (random picking of flowers and stripping of bark from trees should be discouraged).

Environmental Protection cont'd.

- f) Tree and shrub planting should be a regular part of the campsite development.
- g) An attempt should be made to plant seed in areas where extensive damage has been done to the sod in overnight and campfire areas.
- h) Wilderness areas should be preserved near or adjacent to the camp.

4. Pollution Prevention:

- a) Campers should be discouraged from washing self, clothes and dishes in swimming areas, lakes and streams.
- b) Waste should be taken to an approved land fill site.
- c) Outboard motors and all power motors must be kept away from swimming areas and docked in separate area.
- d) Swimming area must be kept clear of glass, wastes, garbage, etc.
- e) Adequate facilities must be provided for liquid wastes and drainage maintained away from swimming area or source of drinking water.
- f) When cleaning fish, offal should not be thrown into the lake but buried in ground.
- g) Permission must be obtained from the Department of the Environment for the use of chemicals for algae and weed control in swimming areas.

TRIPPING:

- a) To prevent over utilization of natural environment, wilderness camps should not return to previous sites year after year. Sites need time to return to natural condition.
- b) When marking trails, the bark should not be stripped from living trees.
- c) Fresh boughs must not be used for bivouacs.
- d) Dead trees and boughs may be used for setting up wilderness campsites.
- e) Campers should be made aware of environmental conditions and know their responsibilities for protection and preservation of the environment.

PROGRAM:

- a) Program should provide enough time to enjoy cultural and natural offerings of the area.
- b) Camps should encourage program with total camper involvement, on environmental protection, ecology, geological significance of the area, animal and marine life, weather and significance of the wilderness for human renewal and survival.

TO THE BRIDE AND GROOM

CAMP FACILITIES NEEDED

We offer our heartiest best wishes and congratulations to Barbara and Tony Lea whose wedding took place at Chalmers United Church, Joyceville, Ontario, on September 27th, 1975. May the years be happy and long as they work together, and may good health follow them all their days.

In April and May next year, the Day Camp Committee needs residential camp facilities for two workshops:

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- 1) Day Camp directors workshop April 2 - 4, 1976 - maximum 40 people.

NEW CAMPS

From Friday evenings through Sunday lunch, send prices for room and board to:

The following two new camps have been accepted as Associate Members, reports Paul Rushton, Membership Chairman:

Tony Lea, Chairman Day Camp Committee

Camp Ke-Mon-Oya, on Chandos Lake, directed by Mr. Wm Lenters

ALSO  
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306-340 Lonsdale Rd. Toronto or phone 488-4261 evenings.

Canadette Sports Camp - Muskoka directed by Mrs. C. Playford

Day Camp Senior Staff Workshop, May 28 - 30 - maximum 70 people

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PROVINCIAL GAS TAX REFUND

As it is now possible to claim a refund of the ten cents a gallon excise tax on gasoline used for business purposes, we are reprinting official instructions received from Ottawa. "This is important," writes Ron Johnstone, CCA President, "since camps that are NOT currently registered with a Provincial Gas Tax Refund may claim on all gas expended for business purposes."

"The Gasoline Excise Tax Regulations have defined the expression 'commercial or business purposes' to mean any activity conducted by a person for the purpose of earning income from an office, employment, business or property to the extent that the cost of the gasoline used directly in that activity is deductible in computing that person's income for a taxation year pursuant to the provisions of Part 1 of the Income Tax Act.

"Should your Youth Camps qualify within the definition applicable to 'commercial or business purposes' they will be entitled to a refund of the excise tax on gasoline purchased and used for such purposes. No refund is permitted on gasoline for personal use.

"For your convenience, I am enclosing an application form which contains an information sheet outlining eligibility, frequency of filing, documentation requirements and step by step instructions on the completion of the application for refund. Additional forms are available at all Excise, Customs, Taxation and Post Offices throughout Canada.

Provincial Gas Tax Refund cont'd.

"Our Excise Office at 25 St. Clair Ave. E., P.O. Box 100, Station "Q" Toronto, Ontario, M4T 2L7, will be pleased to offer further advice and assistance."

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FIRE PROOF TENTS

From a recent coroner's jury report, it was learned that there are no standards in Canada for the manufacture of fire retardant tents and sleeping bags. Deaths by fire have occurred from such cause, sometimes through bedtime smoking or accidents through careless handling of lanterns. It has been suggested that OCA might take a stand in this matter and work with any Government investigations, developments, and pricing of such items. Let's hear from members: your reactions, and suggestions as to the kind of participation we should offer.

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OUTDOOR EDUCATION WORKSHOP

sponsored by

The Northern Region Council of

Outdoor Education Programme of Ont.

A winter outdoor education workshop will be held on December 12th to 14th at Ontario Pioneer Camps, near Port Sydney, 130 miles from Toronto. The camp provides fine heated accommodation with large meeting areas. Apply now, in ample time to reserve your space and get all the necessary information. Folders are available from Mr. Morley Lee, Outdoor Education Programme, Ontario - Pioneer Camps, Port Sydney, Ont. POB 1LO

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DIRECTORY OF MEMBER CAMPS

Get busy, all you directors who want your camp information in the Directory this year. Paul Rushton, Chairman, calls for PROMPT action and FULL

REPONSE to the Information Listing form recently sent out to every camp. PLEASE RETURN IT COMPLETE, AT ONCE to the OCA office. This kind of collating takes time.

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SEPTEMBER ORIENTEERING COMPETITION

Anyone wishing to set up a worthwhile Orienteering programme next summer would do well to call on the Boy Scouts of Canada Camping Services. The North American Orienteering Competition was held at their Haliburton Scout Reserve in September. The courses together with the necessary maps and instructions are now available for the asking. Write to or telephone -

Boy Scouts of Canada  
Camping Services  
316 Bloor Street West  
Toronto  
Tel: (416) 925-3425

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ALPINE CLIMBING COURSE

To give support and professional assistance to the development of this kind of programme in camping, a course was offered at Camp Kandalore early in October, under the instruction of Don Vockeroth, President of the Alpine Guides of Canada. Fifteen delegates from a variety of camps and programmes where climbing is being conducted were in attendance. The course included a careful examination of the importance of climbing procedures, rescue methods and equipment with continual demonstrations of teaching methodology. In addition, achievement levels and standards were discussed by the group in reference to rock climbing. A co-ordinating committee was also appointed to give leader-

Alpine Climbing Course cont'd.

ship to the rock climbing movement in Ontario.

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ACCOMMODATION

CONFERENCES OR WORKSHOPS

New Conference and training facilities are now available at the recently completed facilities of the Boy Scouts of Canada Woodland Trails Camp near Aurora. Now offered for use by non-profit organizations, it includes conference rooms to accommodate a hundred or more. Sixteen bedrooms, three to a room will accommodate forty-eight delegates. Meals are also served. For complete details, please call

Mr. Dan Peace  
Regional Scout Office  
Tel: 925-3425

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MASTER DATE CHART

In the OCA office, a master date chart has been set up for all members who plan meetings and conferences. It is kept up to date for this purpose, so that those planning in advance can consult the chart to avoid overlapping of dates, times and use of the office. Any plans with dates set aside must be noted on the board for others to observe. ALSO....Please call Nodja when the office is required for use, so that she will have a record on her books.

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NEW BOOKLET

The Code of Recommended Practices for Outdoor Education in Ontario, is the title of a very valuable publication for those engaged in this field. Some of the topics covered are Supervision, Water Safety, Teacher Liability Transportation, and much more. A limited number are available through our office, and the Council of Outdoor

Educators of Ontario, both of which are responsible for its collation and publication.

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CONTRIBUTIONS

CANADIAN CAMPING MAGAZINE

The Editor, Helen Stewart, requires more and more articles and photographs, so that a backlog of material can be built up for coming issues during this season. Get busy, writers. Pass on your suggestions, ideas, provocations, complaints anything. Don't feel that they must be in A-1 literary form. We have an editor who can polish and brush up. Just give us your ideas and we'll do the rest. But hurry! We are looking to Spring and Summer issues now.

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