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S E P T E M B E R

Summer is over.....the Unicef Christmas and Holiday card order form is in the mail. The greetings in each, as always, are in five languages. I would like to greet all in this issue with THANK-YOU in as many or more languages. Merci and Gracias is my limit.

"T H A N K Y O U"

To all camps who opened their gates to Echo-Logical Theatre, one of two O.C.A. sponsored projects. Involving six people, 1980 Summer Youth Employment Canada was our partner for "The Water Safety Show" Tour. Co-ordinator Karen Waterman may be tiny but her stamina, enthusiasm and performance is BIG. Watch for Karen's report of her summer - how many times, at how many camps, she and Bert and Jay and Cheryl performed - how many times David put up the set and set up the props. Keeping the home office ticking was Jocelyn (administrator) behind the scenes administrating.

"Merci beaucoup" to all camps who offered hospitality to the Butler cousins, Janet and Leslie - to photograph sights and tape sounds. The Provincial Government Ministry of Culture and Recreation was our partner in this venture, Experience '80. Fred Okada was O.C.A. liaison. A pre selected carousel was delivered and turned over to Janet and Leslie who have co-ordinated tapes with photos -Sights and Sounds of Camping. STOP THE PRESSES! Sights and Sounds was viewed by those of us who were in the office when the Butler girls brought them in. The twenty minute "show" more than fulfils our expectations. Beauty, action, humour, industry and frequent moving moments are evident throughout. Thank you, Janet and Leslie.

To all who made Standards visits "Muchas gracias". This very important function of O.C.A. requires volunteerism with a capital "V", time and effort by visitors and visited. Benefits exist for both. I know with husband John and I, we found for both interests and rewards. As close as Hockley Valley and as far as 30 miles North of Wawa and the Taylor Statten Camps in between - our visits delighted us.

"Thank you" to Nora who presided, during July, at #1806 while Jean holidayed - a motor trip with Eric - East . . . and to Jean who returned to take charge in August while Nora moved to a new home, celebrated the arrival of a grand daughter and with Fred tripped West.

BARBARA GILCHRIST

PRESIDENT

DOREEN HOPKINS

Doreen Hopkins died on June 12, 1980, but she lives on in the hearts and minds of thousands of campers, counsellors and parents with whom she has come into contact with at Bayview Glen Day Camp (and the Junior Schools). Doreen was a member of the Ontario Camping Association, the Canadian Camping Association, the American Camping Association and a member of the Society of Camp Directors as well as many other associations relating to education and atypical children. She was one of the first members and chairpersons of the O.C.A. Day Camp Committee. When Doreen founded Bayview Glen Junior Schools and Day Camp in 1962 there were only three bungalow type rooms on the four and a half acre site in the seclusion of the Don Valley at Bayview and Lawrence in Metropolitan Toronto. Under her direction the organization has grown tremendously. There are now 600 pupils in the school, about 1,300 campers each summer in the Day Camp, a fleet of over 30 buses, 5 swimming pools and many new buildings. From the outset "The Glen" was a special place for children. All children between the age 2 and 12 were welcomed, accepted, and integrated into regular groups and programmes. Many blind, deaf, physically disabled, emotionally disturbed and other "special children" have joined with so-called normal children in almost all regular activities. These children have learned a great deal from each other. The many preschool campers have had a regular camp programme especially adapted to their needs. Despite all the difficulties involved Doreen insisted on providing half day programme options to better meet the needs of campers and parents. As in all other areas "impossible" was not in her vocabulary. It was her belief that day camping provided both an excellent complement to the regular educational process and provided perfect preparation for resident camp. As the director of both a school and camp she was in a rare position of being able to see and utilize the strong relationship between the two. A day camp was to be a camp and not a playground. Children of all ages stayed on overnights in tents, went on cook-out hikes, learned archery, campcraft and the like. Doreen loved children and devoted all her waking hours to learning about them and helping them to learn and grow. She became personally involved in the lives of thousands of children and was always a constant source of philosophy and inspiration to parents and staff. She was happiest with an office full of campers when she dressed up as a favourite character (Dorothy in Oz, the Queen of Hearts, Mother Goose, a mermaid in the pool, an old Indian story teller at campfires) on special days. Doreen's dream of maintaining the valley as a very special place for all campers will be realized. Her last wish was that a non-profit foundation be formed - and her husband John and sister Valerie are now overseeing this process. She has left us all the legacy of a life of service to children and a recognition of the truth of the motto of the Glen: -

"....AS THE TWIG IS BENT - SO THE TREE IS INCLINED." (Alexander Pope).

TONY LEA - Director and STAFF
of Bayview Glen Day Camp

MR. DOUG NELSON

For a number of years, Mr. Doug Nelson has represented Kraft Limited in contacting members of your Association.

During that time, a strong personal relationship developed with many camp operators.

You may be aware that Doug had serious health problems for some years and his fight to survive and maintain a cheery front, was a source of encouragement to all who knew him.

On May 15, 1980 Doug passed away.

BRUCE D. CURTIS of KRAFT LIMITED

"T A P S"

*Day is done,
Gone the sun,*

Clear, through the gathering dusk, a bugle sounds,
In quick response the campers turn from play;
While through the silent hills the call resounds,
They stand erect to honour close of day.

*From the lake
From the hills,
From the sky.*

From western skies the colours slowly die,
The stars above the pines their watches keep.
Another joyous day goes swiftly by,
Another night bestows her gift of sleep.

*All is well,
Safely rest,*

A treasure-trove, life in the open brings,
Of magic gifts to hold for years to be.
Adventure, laughter, friends, - all goodly things.
And lessons learned from flower, bird and tree.

A sense of genuine pride in work well done,
A strength of body and a glowing tan.
Joy of achievement in a skill new-won,
Assurance "all is well" in life's great plan.

God is nigh.

As 'neath the stars the echoes softly fade,
An over-ruling sense of peace is there.
Since "God is nigh", no need to be afraid.
He hears the faintest whisper of a prayer.

FROM: "Under Open Skies"

BY: Mary S. Edgar

WHO WILL TAKE ON THE 1981 COUNSELLOR CONFERENCE?

Each year we ask that one camp accept the responsibility for this Conference which has been so successful for the past few years during which camp membership has increased to so great an extent. This does not call for use of the Camp site. We look only for a responsible and experienced Camp Director who can gather together reliable working staff members to manage all facets of the event. It has been felt, at times, that only the largest camps are to do this, but most certainly there are smaller camps with equally efficient staff available from January on who are able to impart O.C.A.'s famed esprit de corps to the whole. . . training sessions, entertainment, meals and arrangements for speakers. So let's hear from all who can contribute in this way to an important phase of the movement.

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O.C.A. ROAD AND BUILDING SIGNS

The Ontario Camping Association now has available for purchase by accredited members of the Association special Road and Building Signs made on strong and durable white plastic.

The sign may be placed on your camp's front gates, on camp road signs, or on buildings, to advertise your accreditation in O.C.A. and to identify you as operating a children's camp.

COST PER SIGN: \$24.95 (includes tax and cost of mailing)

SEND YOUR ORDER TODAY! (cheque included please)

c/o ONTARIO CAMPING ASSOCIATION, 1806 AVENUE RD., STE.2, Toronto, M6M 3Z1

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THE COUNCIL OF OUTDOOR EDUCATORS OF ONTARIO

10th ANNUAL CONFERENCE - SEPTEMBER 26, 27 & 28, 1980

*Skill Sessions (canoeing, kayaking, rock climbing, sailing), craft displays.
For more information write or phone to C.O.E.O. Conference '80 -*

MISS BARB FOGLE

1669 Southview Dr., Sudbury, Ontario P3E 2L9
(705)522-2536

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TRAINING FOR ORIENTEERING

There's plenty of action a-doin' for those who include Orienteering in their programmes - and more and more Directors are realizing its potential. Conferences coming up -

The Seekers Orienteering Club
275 Iredale Rd., Richmond Hill, Ont.
(416)884-8262
Saturday, October 4, 1980

Forest City Orienteering Meeting
University of Western Ontario
Athletic Dept., Thames Hall, London, Ont
October 11 and 12, 1980

Guelph Gators Orienteering Club
Terra, Cotta, Ont.
Sunday, October 5, 1980

Peterborough Orienteering Club Meeting
890 Cumberland Ave., Peterborough, Ont.
(705)742-4774
Sunday, October 18, 1980

Sundridge Orienteering Club
Canadore College - North Bay, Ont. - (705)386-2226
Sunday, Oct. 19, 1980 - (Dave Boyce)

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OUTDOOR EDUCATION

The first Fall meeting of the O.C.A. Outdoor Education Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, September 16, 1980, at 7:30 P.M. in the O.C.A. Board Room, 1806 Avenue Road, Suite 2, Toronto, Ont.

Items under consideration - advancing standards/guidelines for camps involved with Outdoor Education and other extended use, - catching up on the Government Concern Group, interested in government centre activity in year-round camping - prioritizing and organizing other projects of the committee.

Any interested persons are welcome.

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SUMMER CAMP REQUIRED

Camp site wanted, to lease for August 3 to August 27, 1981. The Christian Community Camp (established nine years ago) needs space for thirty to forty children, fully equipped, access to land and water recreation areas, chapel, arts and crafts, etc. Bancroft - Haliburton - Madawaska area.

WRITE TO: REV. or MRS. PHILIP NUSBAUM, 325 Connaught Ave., Willowdale, Ont.
M2R 2M1 (416) 227-5345

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WE WELCOME TO O.C.A. THE FOLLOWING NEW INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS

KAREN BARNABY	RAFFI FULTON	MARK SMITH
SHIRLEY BROWN	IAN KIDECKEL	HENRY TENSER
CATHERINE FLETCHER	JAMES NUSBAUM	LESLEY THOMPSON
KEVIN FORSTER	BRENDA ROTHAM	PAM TUTTLE
	DAVID WALDRIFF	GORDON WILDER

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1981 O.C.A. CONFERENCE

ARE YOU PLANNING TO ATTEND THE 1981 O.C.A. CONFERENCE?
If so then READ ON!

The Program Committee is actively soliciting your ideas and suggestions on conference sessions. We are attempting to meet your needs so keep those creative juices flowing and send your ideas in to the O.C.A. Office or by contacting -

KIRSTY GRIFFITHS - Program Committee Chairman
at the Ontario March of Dimes, 90 Thorncliffe Pk. Dr., Toronto - 425-0501
or at home 489-1338

If you want to become more involved and a part of the Program Committee we will be meeting every 2 weeks until mid-November in order to finalize the Conference Program. The first meeting is -

Wednesday, Sept. 24, 1980 at the O.C.A. Office
1806 Avenue Road, Toronto, Ont.
7:30 P.M.

DATES TO REMEMBER

SEPTEMBER 15 7:30 P.M.	ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE 1806 Avenue Rd., Ste. 2 Toronto, Ontario
SEPTEMBER 16 7:30 P.M.	OUTDOOR EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING 1806 Avenue Rd., Ste. 2 Toronto, Ont.
SEPTEMBER 24, 7:30 P.M.	CONFERENCE PROGRAM COMMITTEE MEETING 1806 Avenue Rd., Ste.2 Toronto, Ontario
OCTOBER 6 7:30 P.M.	TORONTO HILTON - HARBOUR CASTLE Room - Pier #9 Toronto, Ont.
NOVEMBER 7, 8, 9	EDUCATION FALL WEEKEND Bolton Education Centre Bolton, Ontario