

NEWSLETTER

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SOCIETY OF DIRECTORS OF MUNICIPAL RECREATION OF ONTARIO

JUNE ISSUE



SAM

In every walk of life, whether it be a trade, profession, or other endeavour, certain human beings rise to the occasion and stand out amongst others. It is not necessarily so that the particular human being will be remembered as the best in his particular field, the most popular in his particular field, the most respected in his particular field, but the type of individual being referred to is one who becomes known, understood, admired, and befriended by all those who work and associate with him.

When one thinks of the recreation profession in Canada, and some of its many leaders, I am sure those connected with the scene in the Province of Ontario will always enter the name of Samuel Perry Jacks into discussions related to this field. To those closest to him, his fellow professionals, I am sure he has been known as the teacher, the lawyer, the contributor, the executive, the comedian, the critic, and yes, and most important of all to his peers, one of the most dedicated men to his profession.

When an individual is taken away from his profession, whether it be business, politics, historian, or tradesman, I am sure that the impact is not always known. The recent untimely death of our fellow professional, simply known as "Sam", may not be fully recognized for many, many years. Those who knew him over a period of years recognize his contributions, but only through a passing of history will newcomers to the profession acknowledge his immense loyalty and contribution to the recreation field which he so dearly loved.

The profession of recreation in this Country is a better field because this gentleman served to ensure that the objectives, ethics, professionalism, and value of recreation was known to mankind!

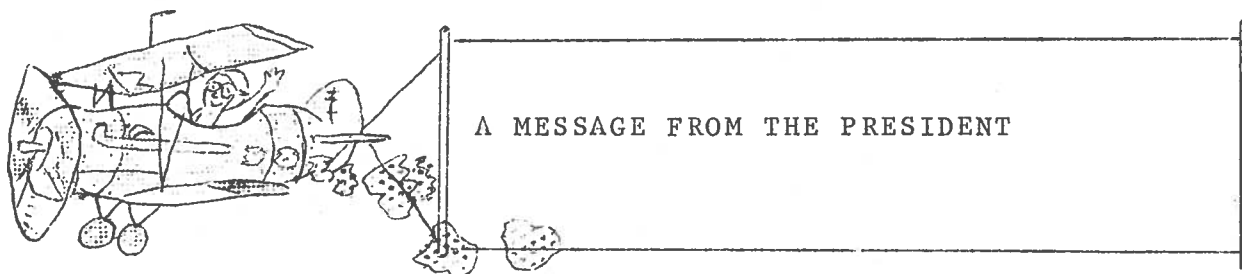
"Blessed are they that mourn, for they shall be comforted."
St. Matt. V. 5

May Jesus have mercy
on the Soul of
Samuel Perry Jacks
died May 14th, 1975
age 60 years

O Gentlest Heart of Jesus, ever present in the Blessed Sacrament, ever consumed with burning love for the poor captive souls in Purgatory, have mercy on the soul of Thy departed servant. Be not severe in Thy judgement, but let some drops of Thy Precious Blood fall upon the devouring flames, and do Thou, O merciful Saviour, send Thy angels to conduct Thy departed servant to a place of refreshment, light and Peace. Amen.

Thank you, Sam, and we shall be with you always.

Blayne C. Rennick.



Elections! - That's the message.

Not the Provincial, or the Federal, or the Local, but our own Society Elections scheduled for November 14-15 at Geneva Park.

I would encourage all members to "run for office". It is a duty that goes with membership. Strength of the organization is shown by the number of members running for office. We need to show our Government, strength at this time more than ever before in the history of the Society.

The new Ministry is called "Culture and Recreation". Hopefully, one day it will be known as the "Ministry of Recreation", period.

There is no hesitancy in sponsoring a candidate. Mainly, the first step is the decision to accept the responsibility of executive if you are elected to office.

If you are not elected, you do have the satisfaction of creating competition - and that's a strong healthy attitude.

FACILITIES

Hamilton will be opening a new pool at Victoria Park in July '75' and new tennis courts at Westdale and Rosedale. Coming soon will be a new arena at Lawfield and a new recreation centre will be added to Sir Wilfred Laurier Secondary School. It is also worth noting that Ryerson Recreation Centre has just had a new public school built onto it!

Swimming pools are the big thing and this year the Welland department opened four large pools on Saturday May 31st. for a summer run of some ninety-four days with closing tentatively scheduled for Labour Day. A new 50' by 50' metre pool was also opened making the second 50 metre pool that the city has constructed in the past eight years. We now boast of five large pools, three small pools and two childrens' splash pools.

Four new asphalt tennis courts are also scheduled to open in the next two weeks with lights to be installed later this summer. These courts have been installed on a secondary school site with an agreement with the local Board of Education. Time is to be allocated for school use at the site on a daily basis. Locker room and shower facilities hopefully will be made available by the School Board.

The new Woodridge-Vaughan Pool Complex is now open. (Corner of Hwy. #7 and Islington Ave.)

It just might be splash, splash in the Town of Ancaster early in 1976 with an Indoor Pool attached to the High and Vocational Institute of Jerseyville Road in Ancaster. The Council has decided that an architect be hired and the design tendered publicly. The Parks, Recreation and Community Centres Advisory Board

have spent numerous hours digging up pool specifications and touring many pools in Ontario, and hopefully Ancaster will be coming up with a pool facility to meet our needs.....Keep your fingers crossed for us.

Oshawa's Donevan Recreation Complex which is jointly programmed by the Community Services Department's Recreation and Arenas Divisions will be officially opening on June 26, 1975. The following is the statistical data.

Impressive architecture and bright, modern decore describe the Donevan Recreation Complex, which opened to the public for swimming on the 21st. of May.

Construction began May 15/75 on the complex, at a cost of \$1,417,000. The complex includes an olympic size swimming pool, arena and a general purpose community room.

The arena consists of an ice pad, 180' long by 80' wide, standing room for 200 to 300 spectators, five dressing rooms, first aid room referees change rooms, and an enclosed observation room overlooking the ice at the west end.

Several new ideas have been initiated within the Complex.

The arena area of the complex will expand further with the addition of a second ice surface, to be located at the south side of the building, out of doors.

The pool is 25 meters long and 42 feet wide, with six racing lanes. The pool is three feet deep at the shallow end and six feet at the deepest point. There are no diving facilities as the main purpose of

FACILITIES .CON'T.

Donevan Recreation Complex Con't.

the pool is for the enjoyment of the public for swimming and for competitive swimming.

The bathing capacity of the pool is 225 persons with a spectator capacity of 100 for special events. An enclosed viewing area is located at the east end of the pool for the convenience of spectators.

Men's and ladies' change rooms are fully equipped with coin-operated lockers, saunas, showers and wash-room facilities.

The pool can be rented by the public for special events of competition or by community groups for swimming parties.

The all purpose room can be rented by any neighbourhood group or organization for meetings or get-togethers. The room will have a capacity of 100 people or can be divided into two separate meeting rooms. Kitchen facilities are available and are located just off the all purpose room.

The Donevan Recreation Complex will be under the experienced direction of its co-ordinator, Mr. Ross Dahmer.

PEOPLE/PLACES/PLUS

From Hamilton Recreation Department Bob Sugdon reports that Mr. George Willott will be retiring July 2/75 as Centre Supervisor from Huntington Park. George worked with the Recreation Department since November 16, 1959.

Also from Hamilton Mr. Ken Harrop will assume supervisory responsibilities at Westmount Recreation Centre.

Lindsay Brooks of Auxora was appointed a recreation assistant for the Timmins Department of Parks and Recreation. She'll be in charge of girls and women's activities within the city. She is another top graduate from Seneca.

Port Colborne Recreation Department has a new Program Supervisor. He is Tom Lannan, a resident of Port Colborne and a 1975 graduate of the Sports Administration Course, Durham College, Oshawa.

Mr. Manuel Novoa, a recent graduate of Canadore College has joined the Onaping Falls staff as the Assistant Director of Recreation.

From Niagara Falls Bob Sones reports that Joy Mackenzie has been promoted to Deputy Director of Recreation for the City of Niagara Falls. This is a new position and will allow for an opening of Program Co-ordinator, which was Joy's former position.

Also....For the First time in 21 years I am the only Bob Sones employed in Recreation! My wife, mom & I had the pleasure to attend my Dad's official retirement evening, put on by the Town of Niagara-On-The-Lake. I envy him because now he can do the travelling, the arts & crafts and all the other things he was too busy to do before.

Paul Wilson is now in the position of Director of Parks and Recreation for the Town of Vaughan. He has held this position since April 1st, 1975. Paul comes to Vaughan and Municipal Recreation from Central YMCA in Toronto, where he held the position of Director of Physical Education.

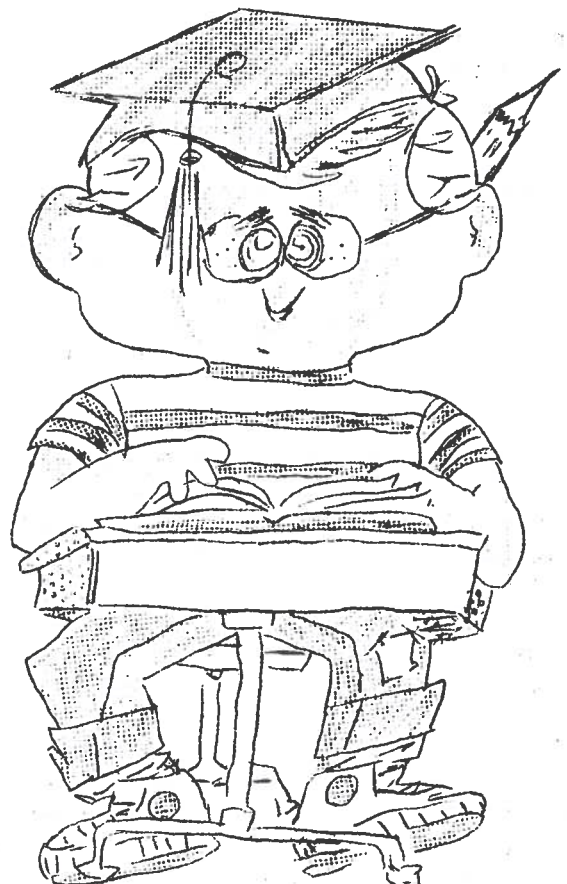
EDUCATION

"RECREATION ON THE MOVE"

Again this year, the Recreation Leadership Program at Centennial College is involved in two Travel Study Programs. The first is an exchange trip with Central Michigan University, which will take place between May 26th. and June 8th., 1975. Thirty-one students from Central Michigan University will be arriving in Toronto on May 26th. and will be here until June 1st. On June 1st. they will be returning to Central Michigan University, along with fifteen students from the Recreation Leadership Program of Centennial College. During the week spent in Toronto, the students will be learning about the mentally retarded services in Metropolitan Toronto and in Ontario and will participate in practical experiences, working with the mentally retarded in such agencies as Surrey Place, the Harold R. Lawson Residence and the Durham Regional Centre. The week in Michigan will be spent in preparing for and helping to run the 'Special Olympics' where 2,000 mentally retarded children and adults will participate. This will take place at the Central Michigan University, Mount Pleasant, Michigan. The trip will be led by Mr. Ronald M. Fein, Co-ordinator, Recreation Leadership Program, Centennial College, and Mr. Roger Coles, Professor, Central Michigan University.

The second Travel Study Program is the five-week 'Centennial Mile' which will take fifteen Recreation Leadership students across western Canada from Toronto to Vancouver. The students will be taking two courses, the first a Canadian Studies course and the other a Special Project, where the students will be learning about the recreational services offered across Canada. The Cross Canada trip will be led by Mr. Paul

Drohan, an instructor in the Recreation Leadership Program, along with Mr. Steve Freed and Mr. Ian McFarlane from the Department of Social Sciences.



SPECIAL PROGRAMS

SOMETHING TO SHARE....Timmins Dept. of Parks and Recreation are fortunate in having a couple of students working on Experience 75 Programs 11 and 13. Two are working on Open Door 75, a summer recreation program for the handicapped and another is working on setting up a committee to help organize themselves.

Something of interest...while in liaison with members of the local C.N.I.B., it was brought to our attention that blind people would enjoy bicycling. How? Why - with a tandem! Some of us have never thought about it. But it's a great idea! A volunteer could assist a blind person to enjoy the exercise and pursuit of this very popular sport.

This summer is a new experience within the area of Ear Falls. A program supervisor for summer activity has been selected who hopes to set up programs for teens, adults and younger children.

Water polo, water basketball are only two of the aquatic possibilities, while on land flag football and Irish Hurling are being practiced.

A copy of the "EAR FALLS ECHO" will come in handy in answering some of your questions.

June is a busy month in Welland with the giant ROSE FESTIVAL taking place. It involves Queen Contests, Parades, Pancake Breakfasts, Swim Meets, Canoe Jousting Events, Rose Shows, Art Shows, and most everything else you can name.

Hamilton Programs for Summer 75.
New - Sailing School in conjunction with Harbour Commissioners
- Botanical Out-reach as an experience '75' project on a farm site

Looking Ahead:

- Development is underway for a Sports Council
- Development is underway to merge the 3 existing competitive swim clubs - speed section, with a new 'Olympic' pool on horizon.

A NEW PART-TIME SUMMER PROGRAM STAFF

PRE-SELECTION TRAINING PROCEDURE

Submitted by:

Roger Wyatt,
Area Supervisor.

In past years, by means of a double interview process, the Kitchener Parks and Recreation Department has selected its summer program staff. Although this method has met with varying degrees of success we felt that there were some inherent weaknesses in singularly using this means of selection. Firstly, no matter how well the interview was done, some people just simply did not project well and were clearly at a disadvantage if this was their only means of assessment. Secondly, program skills were only verbally related not practically demonstrated. In addition to these concerns there were others:

- . Many seemingly good applicants had little or no related experience. ("Where are we supposed to get it?" was a common question asked by many.)
- . Several good applicants withdrew their applications after discovering that once hired, they would be expected to attend a five day resident training experience, without pay, in the last week of June. (This had an added complication in that there was an additional week between the time that the training sessions would end and the actual summer program would start. In effect we were asking all applicants to make an eight week commitment to us while only paying them for six. Students putting themselves through school understandingly could not afford to do this.) In addition many applicants prior to starting with us had another job.
- . It was impossible for all five area supervisors who utilized program staff to equally view all applicants - or to view some applicants at all.

With these perennial concerns in the back of our minds we again asked ourselves this question: How do we fairly and effectively select, assess and place our best applicants on any one of the five different types of summer programs that we operate? (Day camp, therapeutics, adventure playgrounds, playgrounds, youth). We decided after considering the various trade-offs of different methods, to combine our pre-selection procedure along with a training program. This method would allow us to view all applicants in a job-like setting; give those individuals who were not interview-oriented a chance to demonstrate practical ability along with others; provide some experience and training for those with little or none; permit us, if necessary, to transfer an applicant laterally across to another program (thereby giving the candidate maximum opportunity and exposure for employment consideration); and do away with a lengthy resident training program thereby accommodating those with other jobs or other commitments in early summer months.

SUMMER PROGRAM STAFF TRAINING PROCEDURE

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In order to initiate this program we requested that all summer applications be in no later than the end of February. During the first two weeks of March information sharing interviews were set up with all perspective candidates. During these 20 minute encounters we tried to get a "feeling" for each candidate; pass along information concerning the content of the proposed training program, our department, the programs and salaries; and the commitment we would require from each person making application with us.

Specifically this commitment would mean attendance at eight, three-hour sessions that would operate each Tuesday evening and Saturday morning (with the exception of Spring-break holidays) between March 15 and April 19, as well as attendance at a week-end resident training program in late June. Allowances were made for returning staff, and individual outside commitments ex. music lessons, jobs etc. Accordingly, individual timetables were established. Letters were sent out to each applicant restating points and commitments that had been mutually agreed upon in the interviews and outlining times and places for each session. The areas of concentration for each program were as follows:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>DAY CAMP</u>	<u>THERAPEUTIC</u>	<u>PLAYGROUND</u>	<u>ADVENTURE</u>	<u>YOUTH</u>
March 15	group dynamics	low organized games	music	low organized games	low organized games
March 18	Rainy days/ Drama	group dynamics	low organizational games	music	music
April 1	Astronomy	Community Resources	Group Dynamics	Orienteering	Community Resources
April 5	Nature Games	Drama	Crafts	Group Dynamics	Group Dynamics
April 8	Orienteering	Crafts	Special Events	Nature Crafts	First Aid
April 12	Campcrafts	Quiet Games/ First Aid	Quiet Games	Drama	Crafts
April 15	Nature Crafts	Nature Crafts	Drama	Nature Games	Drama
April 19	Weather	Nature Games	Story Telling	Campcraft	Campcraft

SUMMER PROGRAM STAFF TRAINING PROCEDURE
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These five programs ran simultaneously at different locations and were run by our own full time staff, community specialists or returning staff.

Monday, April 21, was designated application evaluation day at which time all area supervisors met as a group and assessed all applicants. Following discussion selection of staff was made. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of that same week was used to reinterview those applicants of whom we were unsure or were "borderline" in our minds. Friday, April 25 letters were sent out to all applicants indicating whether they had been hired or not. All applicants received a letter acknowledging the fact that they had attended a training program sponsored and operated by our department. It was and is our hope that this letter will assist unsuccessful candidates (and there were many good ones) in securing a position elsewhere. (We had over 200 applications for 120 positions).

At the last session we requested an informal evaluation of the training program from the participants: Those things they liked or disliked about the commitment they were asked to make, sessions they did or didn't enjoy, sessions they would like to see added or deleted, sessions that needed expanding upon, and so on. The information would assist us in determining what sessions should be covered or restressed at the resident training week-end in June and also whether or not we should continue in future years along this line of combined pre-selection and training.

Selected staff will meet periodically before June on an area basis (we operate many of our summer programs on a decentralized area basis) to share mutual concerns, to cover the mechanics involved in summer program operation, to get to know one another, to start "knitting" as a group. By so doing we hope that by the time the two day training weekend arrives in June much of the tone and information will be set for the summer.

Initial reaction to this method has been quite favourable but at this point in time it's really too early to know what real effects it has or will have. But we feel that this method has a lot to offer to all concerned and it certainly is one functional alternative to the interview only method we utilized in the past.

MINISTRY OF CULTURE & RECREATION

PROGRAM '13'

'ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND'

Brier Park Community Committee is working in co-operation with the Brantford Recreation Department on the areas first Adventure Playground.

WHAT IS AN ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND?

An adventure playground is a place where children of all ages, under friendly supervision, are free to do the many things they are no longer able to do in our crowded community; such as building huts, walls, forts, dens, gardening, as well as playing team and group games, painting, arts and crafts, drama, reading--trips, or doing nothing. For it must also be a place where children just meet and talk in a free, relaxed atmosphere.

WHY AN ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND?

On a conventional playground, once a child has swung on a swing, slid down the slide, rocked on the metal horse, what next?

An adventure playground is more fun for children because they are playing on or with things they have built themselves. The structures and activities are always changing, there is always something new going on. And by everyone doing his/her own thing, the children unconsciously develop their faculties to an astonishing degree.

TYPE OF LEADERSHIP PROVIDED.

The main function of our playleader is not to organize or push for activity, but to listen, guide and help, in short to "enable", and to see that the children do not injure themselves or fellow playmates while participating in activities.

The relationship between our playleader and each individual child is to be of great importance. The leaders must know when to help the child and

when to withdraw so that the child will work his problem himself and gain confidence through unaided achievement. The playleader will try unobtrusively to get children involved in as many ways as possible.

MOMS AND DADS CAN HELP TOO.

Parents are urged to come over to the park and see what the program is all about. Any suggestions you have will be most welcome. We would also ask you to supply some of your own tools for the building project your child gets involved in.

HOURS OF OPERATION.

The adventure playground site will be open Mondays thru Fridays from 9:00 a.m. til 4:00 p.m. ONLY.

On rainy days Brier Park School will be used for other activities such as Arts and Crafts, drama, special events etc.....

Various excursions and trips are also planned during the summer period. Not to mention sport activities, over-nights and family nights.

Through the Brier Park Community Committee other special programs will be planned to offer a very comprehensive program for the youth and the adults in the Brier Park Community such as a scavenger hunt, car rally, Fantasy Island, Monkey Golf Tournament (adults 18 & over), Fly Open Golf Tournament (Men Only), and a corn roast. Other activities will include band concerts and film nights.

The adventure playground program is free for all youth 6 to 15 years of age.

A Tot Lot program for youth 3 to 5 will also be set up in Brier Park on Monday to Wednesday and Fridays

ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND CON'T.
Hours of Operation Con't.
from 1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

The children will be involved in arts and crafts, active games, quiet games and special events. There is no charge for this program through the 7 week period (July 2-Aug.22).

ADULT EVENINGS

Various sport activites and other events will be arranged for adults Tues. and Thurs. evenings from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. All adults are encouraged to participate over the 7 week period (July 1-Aug. 21). Brier Park School Gymnasium and Park will be the site.

We're hoping from this program that the success of working with a Community Committee in joint programs will get our other 27 Community Committees involved in the same type of programs.

Woodstock is going A.P.E. during the summer of '75'! Our Adventure Playground perience will begin by tearing down buildings at an old day camp site, and reusing the salvaged materials in the Play-ground. Two(2), students are being hired by a grant from Program 13. A.P.E. is a brand new experience for Woodstock.



FROM THE S.D.M.R.O. REGISTRAR

The S.D.M.R.O. Registry Committee is pleased to announce to the Society Membership that a total of forty-five Letters of Privilege were conferred as of April 7th, 1975. Presentations and the announcement of those eligible to receive their letters was announced in a brief ceremony at the Ontario Municipal Recreation Association Conference Annual Banquet on May 9th, in Niagara Falls. Five certificates were presented at the dinner to Donald M. Shay of Simcoe, Robert E. Secord of Toronto, James G. Maxwell of Sault Ste. Marie, Joy Mackenzie of Niagara Falls and Pat Artkin of Toronto. The persons now are entered on the Official Registry of the Society as Registered Directors of Municipal Recreation and are entitled to use the designation R.D.M.R. following their proper name. Fellows of the Society who were so recognized having completed the necessary requirements will now use the designation R.D.M.R.(F).

Those persons receiving their letter privileges are:

Honourary Fellows

Allan F. Klein	Thomas A. Leishman	Robert E. Secord
Thomas W. Thompson	W. Stanley Wadlow	Earle F. Zeilgler

FELLOWS

David E. Bass	Wendell M. Brewster	Robert G. Christie
Hugh Clydesdale	Judith E.A. Cooper	Carlo M. Cattarello
Thomas P. Dickson	Tony Dojcak	Eleanor S. Glover
Bertram Hall	William J. Hare	Samuel P. Jacks
John J. Keay	Anthony G. Ley	Robert J. Lucas
James G. Maxwell	Wesley L. Ogden	J. Douglas Paton
Margaret A. Phillips	William J. Pillsworth	Blayne Rennick
Kenneth W. Robinson	Donald M. Shay	Terry Talentino
A. Brian Wrigglesworth		

REGISTERED MEMBERS

Pat A. Artkin	C.M. Bud Bitton	W. James Evraire
Donald Gravett	J. Ronald Gillespie	W. Gerald Love
Leonard H. Love	Joy L. Mackenzie	Art C. Morris
Rodolph Payment	Thomas G. Quinn	Pauline L. Reaney
Arthur V. Stead	Edward A.W. Wood	

All members of the Society who presently meet the requirements as laid out in the By-Laws of the Society may apply to the Registrar for Registration and the Privilege of becoming a Registered Director of Municipal Recreation. Persons not presently eligible may apply and request the Registry Committee for guidance and direction on their individual requirements to upgrade so that they may become eligible for the designation R.D.M.R.

Interested members should write to the Registrar W.L. Ogden, 35 Wavell Court, Welland, Ontario requesting an application form.

FROM THE REGISTRAR CON'T.

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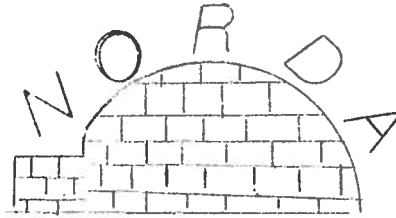
One of the tasks which has been assigned to me as Registrar of the Society has been to up-date a listing of retired members of the Society, and attempt to obtain individual addresses for the past members.

I am asking all Society members to assist in this task and to send to me any members of the Society that you know who are now retired and a past member of the Society.

Your efforts in this regard will be greatly appreciated.

Forward your information as soon as possible to :

W.L. Ogden, R.D.M.R.(F)
Registrar
35 Wavell Court
Welland, Ontario



N.ORDA (North) meeting was held Monday, April 14, 1975 in Matheson.

The business topics from the meeting are as follows:

- 1) Mr. H. Adams-Ministry of Education explained the Experience 75- 15 program
- 2) Mr. Larry Gadoury-Co-ordinator, Ministry of Culture and Recreation, explained the Experience 75 - 13 Program
- 3) Mr. Richard Beaudoin- Consultant of Sports & Recreation Bureau, explained the New Community Centres Act now in force.
- 4) Mr. Waldo Henderson-Sports Consultant, Ministry of Culture & Recreation gave information on:
 - a) Sports symposium
 - b) O.C.D. Program
 - c) Sport Travel Code
 - d) Junior Olympic Program
 - e) Sport Achievement Award
 - f) Ontario Lottery
- 5) Discussion re:- Technical Director for Northern Ontario Hockey Association
- 6) Playground Leaders Course to held June 22-26 at Camp Waskesiu

Anyone coming North for the Holidays?? Please call us at 264-1331, we would like to show you our North Country

SPECIAL EVENTS

Parkview Centre (for Seniors) in Barrie will be celebrating the First Anniversary commemorating the official opening on Wednesday, June 18, 1974.

The first year of operation has certainly proved very successful in all aspects of this new city facility. The Centre, which is ideally located in a park area overlooking Kempenfelt Bay, provides recreational, social and leisure-time activities for Senior Citizens in Barrie and surrounding area.

Programs over the past year have included courses in pottery, oil painting, needle and pettitt point, leather work, rug hooking, felt craft, drawing, bazaar workshops, weaving and silkscreening. Special events planned by the social committee included: old fashion house parties, dinners at Thanksgiving, Christmas, Easter, two pot-luck luncheons, entertaining guests from Toronto and Mississauga, public pancake supper, valentine & St. Patrick's day parties, Christmas tea and bazaar and a display at the Georgian Mall of crafts and activities representing Parkview Centre. Bus excursions to Pioneer Village, C.N.E., Oktoberfest, Huntsville, have been enjoyed by everyone.

This month, which includes Senior Citizens' Week functions will be an extremely busy one. Plans include a cottage outing, a tour of Simcoe County, Open house at Parkview, Anniversary Celebrations, sponsoring "Sound of Music", a bake sale at Georgian Mall, Steak Dinner compliments of Maude Koury's Steak House, return visit to Cawthra Centre, Mississauga and swimming at the 'Y'.

Membership is open to all Senior Citizens 60 years of age for \$1.00 per year. Financial assistance is received from New Horizons, the Pro-

vince and the Municipality.

Monthly newsletters are published and mailed to each member, the last week of the month for upcoming activities at Parkview.

During the summer season, the sun deck provides a beautiful setting for cards and tea, overlooking the shuffleboard courts and horseshoe pits on the lower level. A ramped entrance from the parking lot provides easy accessibility for our members with limitations. Many members drop in for that special cup of tea or coffee, a chat or just to relax in the lounge area with the piano, television or stereo.

Progressive euchre, social bridge, square dancing and bridge instruction are scheduled weekly activities that we manage to squeeze into our fun-filled days at Parkview; as well as gardening enthusiasts who have rental gardens at the Bell Farm.

We were fortunate to have had successful guest speakers from the Police Department on 'fraud and safety' and a panel discussion on 'wills and estates' by two Barrie Solicitors.

How many times have you heard, or asked a Senior Citizen "What do you do in your spare time?" The popular response here is "Oh, I joined Parkview Centre!".

Remember, growing old is something busy people don't have time for.

SPECIAL EVENTS GONE BY....Timmins
The department along with the local Kiwanis Club & Carling O'Keefe Breweries enjoyed another successful Wristwrestling event. Bobby Hall, the Golden Jet, was on hand to help with the Fifth Annual Carling O'Keefe /Kiwanis World Wristwrestling

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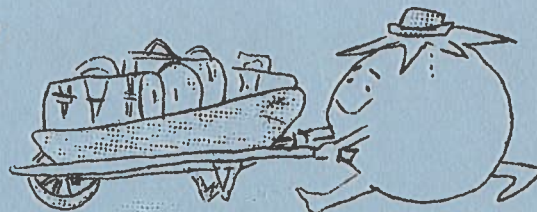
Championships. If you wish to obtain rules and regulations, and further information please contact Fred Dalvador for details.

We have had this exciting sport promoted in schools and we even have our annual youth championships for boys and girls.

POTPOURRI

I've said it before and I'm saying it again - we have among the best floor hockey players here in Pelham. At this point we're running out of opposition and if there are those who would like to pick up a few lessons and even maybe give us some opposition we'd like to know who they are!! We speak of young men of course, in the age bracket of 16 to 20 years of age. Address a letter to me: Sam Derreck,
Box 623,
Post Office,
Fonthill.

TOUR OF EUROPE '76'



The second invasion of Europe will commence in early September of 1976. Just one year and three months from now. Thirty six (36) people (the magic number for a reasonable rate) will land in London England around September 9/76 and stock up on English beer for 3 days. Then would you believe we're off to liberate Holland again - by boat & train. The total trip will be approximately 23 days long, Toronto to Toronto, about 7,000 miles of travel. We will be in the following cities and countries:

- London / England
- Amsterdam / Holland
- / Belgium
- Heidelberg / Germany
- Munich / "
- Insbruck / Austria
- Cortina / Italy
- Venice / "
- Rome / "
- Milan / "
- Lucerne / Switzerland
- Paris / France

Wow just think 8 countries-stopping overnight in 6 only. So you say how and where do we stay etc. Well we are working on a first rough draft and it looks some what like this:

- day 1 Toronto to London England (Wardair 747 night flight)
- 2 London -(Hotel Regent Palace)
- 3 London(Hotel Regent Palace)
- 4 London(Hotel Regent Palace)
- 5 London to Amsterdam (evening train & boat to Hook of Holland)
- 6 Amsterdam (hotel to be decided)
- 7 Amsterdam to Heidelberg (hotel to be decided)
- 8 Heidelberg to Munich (hotel to be decided)
- 9 Munich
- 10 Munich via Insbruck to Cortina (Hotel Royal)
- 11 Cortina to Venice (afternoon) (Hotel Continental)

- Day 12 Venice (Hotel Continental)
- 13 Venice (Hotel Continental)
- 14 Venice to Rome (Hotel Columbus)
- 15 Rome (Hotel Columbus)
- 16 Rome (Hotel Columbus)
- 17 Rome to Milan (Hotel to be decided)
- 18 Milan to Lucerne (Hotel to be decided)
- 19 Lucerne to Paris (Hotel Brébant)
- 20 Paris (Hotel Brébant)
- 21 Paris (Hotel Brébant)
- 22 Paris to London (fly or Hovercraft)
- 23 London to Toronto

Some trip eh! Now costs are on your mind and at this moment I am not certain exactly how much it will cost but our ball park figure re: inflation plus guessing 1976 hotel rates etc. is about \$900.00 per person.

If you are interested please write to Bob Christie RDMR(F)
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Remember you can't get Olympic tickets any way and for anyone who has never been there - this is some trip! It's long, its tiring but those who went the last time say it's fantastic!

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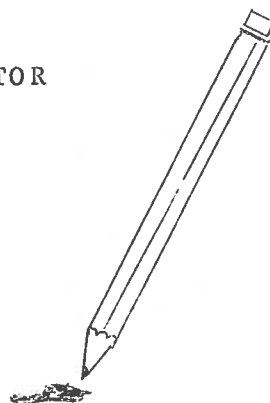
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Don't forget to keep in back of your mind the S.D.M.R.O. Conference to be held in November.

