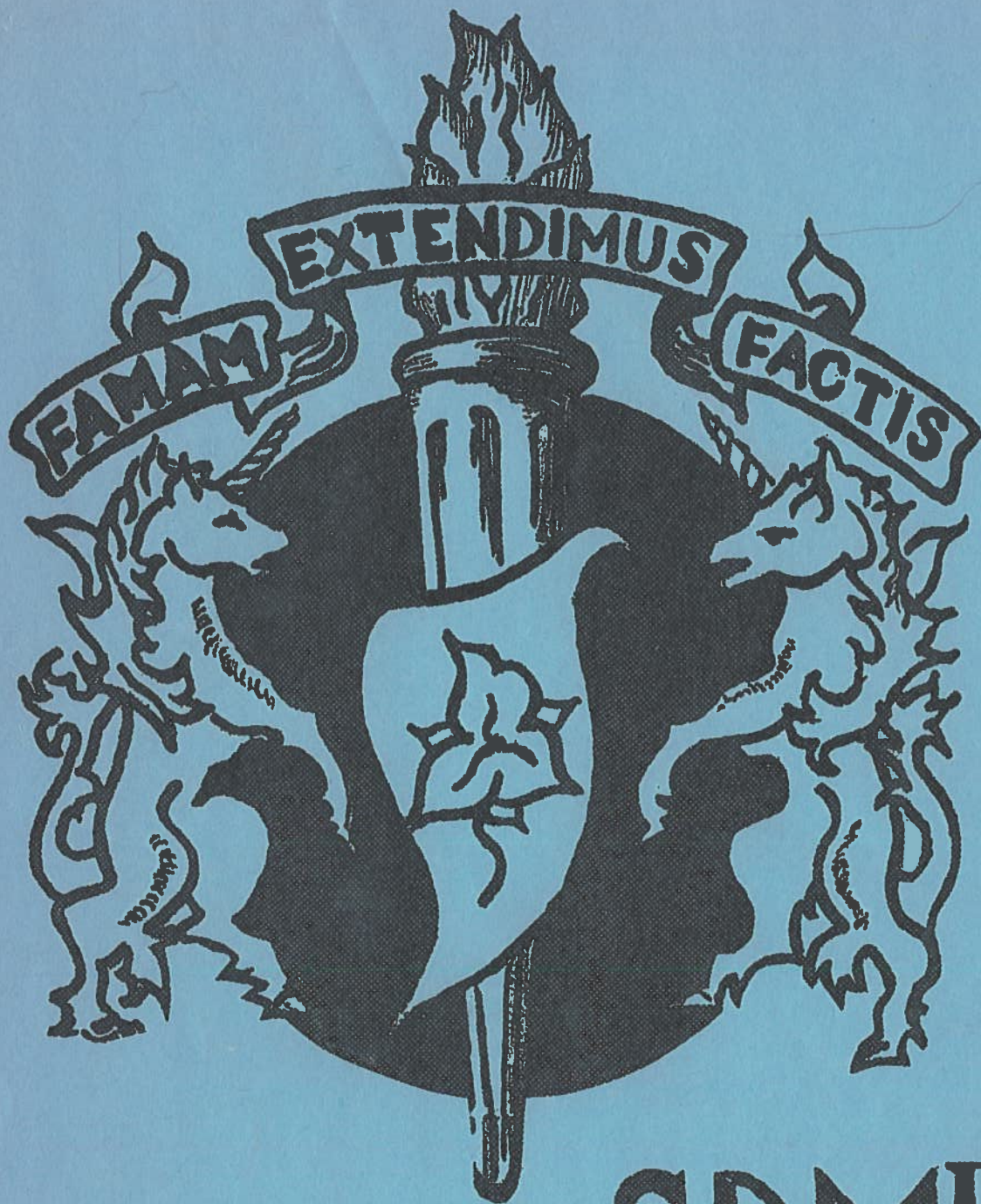




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SOCIETY OF DIRECTORS OF MUNICIPAL RECREATION OF ONTARIO

SUMMER NEWSLETTER

L. G. BRANCH, Editor

JUNE 1960

May we first say thank you to all those who sent kind remarks this way concerning the March Bulletin. We hope that everyone was satisfied with it. Successful publication of the Society bulletins and newsletters is due to the provision of material by the members. You came through in great style in March, and hence a successful bulletin. We were a little worried about having sufficient information for our first newsletter for June, but by the deadline members again came through with loads of interesting material. We hope that you enjoy this - our first newsletter, and may we say thanks to all who have contributed.

The newsletter will not take the same form as the bulletin with respect to coloured sections, etc. However, where certain pages are worthy of "extra standout" they are in colour - i.e. Fellowship information, Training Institute.

It really goes without saying that all the material sent in and used in the publication has great value and should be of interest to all. We trust that everyone will read all the items and not just those that pertain to their own Community or District. It is a very busy time of the year with summer programmes getting under way, but take a moment now to read about "Doings" of your friends and colleagues.

Finally, bravos and gracias' to Miss Bette Steen and Miss Nancy Amy of our own office publication staff who have toiled frantically to meet the mailing deadline.

Best to all for those months before Fall!

Laurie G. Branch,

Society Editor.



P R E S I D E N T ' S M E S S A G E

It is again my pleasure to bring greetings from the Executive and wish you all well. I trust that you are well along with your plans for your summer program and that Council were generous in dealing with your budget requests.

The last executive meeting was held May 26th and 27th with a full turnout. This was an excellent meeting with a great deal accomplished. As you will know by now the Annual Meeting is being held November 12th, 1960 at Prudhomme's Garden Centre, Vineland. The annual meeting will be preceded by the Fourth Training Institute, on November 10th and 11th. The theme will be "Techniques of Business Management in Recreation". Jack Dane and the Training Committee have held several meetings and are confident that this will be the best institute yet. Each of us will gain a great deal of practical knowledge about how to improve our overall operations. I would urge all members to plan now to attend both of these important functions.

Earl Davis and the West Central group will again be our genial hosts. We all enjoyed the wonderful hospitality and excellent arrangements at the last institute. Earl and the gang will be trying to surpass their previous effort for this institute and Annual Meeting.

You will also see in the minutes that our financial standing at the moment is excellent. Our training fund is also quite healthy at the present time. I think you will agree that this is a very happy state of affairs for the Society.

Our Registrar, Ron Standen, reported on how members were doing in the In-Service Training Course. The Executive were pleased to learn, that for the most part, members were keeping up with their assignments very well. May I personally congratulate these people. For those who have fallen behind, I would urge you to do your level best to complete your assignments in the allotted time. If you need help, all you have to do is ask. There is not a member who will not be pleased to give you all of the help possible.

Those of you who attended the O.R.A. Conference probably saw the new Society display. Credit for this fine piece of work must go to John Thorsen, our Public Relations Chairman, and the gang from East Central. Ken Robinson supervised the actual completed product. My personal thanks to all of these gentlemen. Any group within the Society who wants the use of this display may make arrangements through John Thorsen.

May I commend those members who have written to the Executive regarding matters of benefit to the Society. Many excellent suggestions have been received. We appreciate this interest on your part to help improve the Society.

My warmest personal regards to all.

Fraternally,
George Kormos
President.

THE FOURTH TRAINING INSTITUTE IN RECREATION ADMINISTRATION

The Fourth Training Institute in Recreation Administration is being conducted by the Society in conjunction with its Fourteenth Annual Meeting. The course will be held at Prudhomme's on Thursday and Friday, November 10th and 11th, with the Annual Meeting following on Saturday, November 12th.

The theme for the two-day training session is Techniques of Business Management in Recreation. It will cover such items as office procedures, staff and committee relationships and general business practises.

To add to the Society's library of factual knowledge two papers will be presented by Fellow members. President George Kormos will deliver one on Liability Insurance and Jac Cropley the other on The Recreation Director as a Professional.

Personal letters have been sent out to 165 recreationists in the Province inviting them to attend what should be the most practical and worthwhile training course yet attempted by the Society.

A return postcard has gone out with each letter which should be returned right away to Bob Ballantyne, who is in charge of registration. The return of the card does not commit anyone to a registration fee. Its immediate return will give the planning committees a good start on preparing for the correct number of people attending.

(Editor's Note: It was learned by this office that cards were sent to all members - mailed on Friday, May 27th by second class postage, and that by May 31st 25 persons had returned their cards indicating that they expected to attend the Institute. Apparently Director of Training Jack Dane was quite pleased to find that members would react so promptly to this request.)



TAKE NOTE

DON'T FORGET!!!

SOCIETY OF DIRECTORS OF MUNICIPAL RECREATION OF ONTARIO
F E L L O W S H I P S

Any member planning on applying for Fellowship status may so apply to the Registrar by ordinary letter.

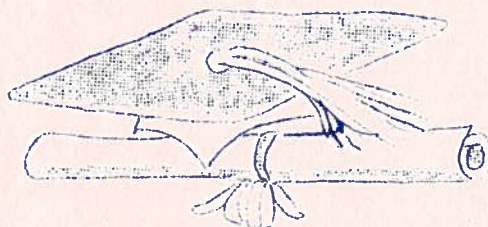
Please state full names and addresses and qualification i.e. successful completion of the In-Service Training Course, etc.

All applications to be received by the Registrar on or before August 15th, this year 1960.

Registrar's address - R. H. Standen,

316 Church Street,

Mimico, Toronto 18, Ontario.





FROM THE DESK OF.....

1. W. G. "Jerry" Love, Assistant Director of Recreation, Toronto Township:

"As you are probably aware, I act as liaison between the Society and the Canadian Association for Health, Physical Education and Recreation. Our latest Journal (Vol.26, No.4 - April-May 1960) deals specifically with fitness. Since I am on the publications committee of this Journal and am quite familiar with its material, I am in a good position to recommend this particular issue to all Society members. There has been a great deal of controversy concerning fitness recently and many of these problems are clarified in the light of the fitness issue of our Journal.

Furthermore, an article by Bill Hare entitled "The Contribution of Community Recreation to Fitness" appears in this issue.

Copies of the fitness issue are available at \$1 each from -
Executive Secretary
Room 311
206 Huron St.
Toronto, Ont.

Inquiries concerning membership in CAHPER should be directed to: Mr. Ivor Wynne, Director of Physical Education and Athletics, McMaster University, Hamilton.

I feel that CAHPER is an association in which more of our members should become involved."

2. Earle F. Ziegler - University of Michigan:

"Hi!

I certainly enjoyed the weekend at Vineland Station in every way. Scotty Thomson made a difficult transportation problem a lot easier - thank you Carolyn, also (and Bon Voyage!). Hope you caught the recent little article on the case method technique of research in recreation in the A.R.S. Bulletin; I have appreciated some of the recent cases submitted; thank you very much and I will preserve the anonymity of the cases! I was so glad that I had a chance for a good chat with Ken Young before he left on Friday of the Institute Weekend. Some parts of my talk on status of recreation research will be appearing in Recreation, and the original (slanted to Ontario) will be in a fall C.A.H.P.E.R. Journal. I gather that most of you folks were as happy with Cec Collins as I was; let's keep him in the fold! Hope you all spend a pleasant summer (although I know it will be busy)." (Editor's Note: Thanks very much, Earle, for the copy of "Physical Education for Men - Alumni Newsletter" of Michigan University.)

D I S T R I C T D O I N G SWEST CENTRAL

A weekend Seminar for all instructors and camp directors of the Playground and Day Camp Courses was held at O. A. C. Guelph on May 13, 14 & 15. This gave all instructors an opportunity to appreciate the other courses and the other Camps. Each instructor also created a friendly relationship with the other instructors before arriving at Camp. The weekend also gave the instructors an opportunity to co-relate their specific course with the other instructors in their camp. Very successful!

The Recreation Directors Association of West Central Ontario is embarking on a research programme with regard to Playgrounds. This will investigate the purpose and the effectiveness of Playgrounds according to the children, parents, leaders, commission members, council members and professional recreation staff. The complete research job may take three years to complete.

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A committee has been formed to investigate methods of training Swimming Pool Staff, Instructors, Guards, etc.

Preliminary studies indicate a manual covering these phases of Pool operation may be compiled.

EAST CENTRAL

The entire East Central District is pulling together in preparation for summer. Time is dwindling but we are nearly ready for it. Our Spring was filled with such activities as Junior Bowling Tournament held in Oshawa March 26th with 110 young people participating, the Art Exhibition, also held in Oshawa with approximately 200 pictures entered and 45 selected for display. The show ran for a week and Professor Barker Fairley, University of Toronto, was guest speaker. The East Central Zone Annual Workshop Conference was held in Port Hope April 2nd, 9:30 A.M. - 4:45 P.M. It proved most successful for both professional and voluntary recreation workers. Mr. Walter Harris, Chairman of our O.R.A. Zone, in his annual report commended the Directors of the District for the tremendous job they are doing.

With another successful O.R.A. Conference just past we feel it very much in order to give one, Bob Turner, a big pat on the back for the great job he did on the O.R.A. (Bob is still an "outside" member of East Central??)

The members of our District who form the Publicity & Public Relations Committee of the Society under the capable chairmanship of John Thorsen (Cobourg) are happy with the reception the new Society display was given at the O.R.A. Conference at Cornwall. Much credit for the working out of the design for the display goes to member Ken Robinson, (Peterborough), in whose city the work was done.

The district is sponsoring the 2nd Annual Senior Citizen's Picnic planned for Saturday, June the 18th at Victoria Park in Cobourg.

The East Central Playground Leadership Training Course will be held at Camp Quin-Mo-Lac on Moira Lake, June 24th-29th. This will be the 9th consecutive course in the same number of years and we are quite proud of it. We anticipate 126 students to attend with 15 staff members. Leaders will come from - Peterborough, Oshawa, Belleville, Trenton, Bowmanville, Bicroft, Colborne, Cobourg, Cornwall, Lindsay, Campbellford, Grafton, Haliburton, Lakeport, Port Hope and Sterling under the guidance of Camp Director - John Thorsen (Cobourg); Camp Manager - Red Doran (Belleville); Course Director - Ken Robinson (Peterborough); in addition all Directors and assistant Directors in the district attend, as well as a couple of members of Community Programmes Franch (we hope!) There are ample duties for all.

Our course keeps getting larger but feel that the quality is there as well as the volume.

CENTRAL

Golf Tournament - on Thursday, May 19th, the Central Ontario group held their third annual golf tournament at the municipally-operated Lakeview Golf Course in the Township of Toronto.

Herb Carnegie seems to be the perennial champion, as the North Yorker turned in a score of 46 for 9 holes. However, he may be among the ranks of the unemployed at this time since he defeated boss Gord Hutchinson by 5 strokes. Jim Cosburn of Scarboro and Jack Green from Etobicoke tied for 3rd low gross with 54 while Jim Maxwell of Scarboro had 55 as did his superior Jack Keay. Scotty Thompson (Etobicoke) successfully defended his high scorer trophy. The ethical standards of the writer prohibit this score from being published.

The Township of Toronto treated the 21 members to a roast beef dinner and introduced Deputy-Reeve "Chic" Murray and Club Manager Jim Firth to the group.

Prizes were courtesy of Oscar Pearson Enterprises and the Township of Toronto.

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Miss Carolyn Batson, Adult Centres and Playgrounds Supervisor for the Township of Etobicoke, sailed on the Homeric, May 15th - she will spend three months in Europe.

OTTAWA VALLEY

On Thursday, May 19th, the Eastern Ontario Ottawa Valley Recreation Staffs met in Ottawa. The meeting was attended by G. H. Miller and J. McNeil of Community Programmes Branch, Herb Rushleau and Ed Cook of Renfrew, Rudy Payment of Cornwall, Tug Wilson of Pembroke, Claude Brouillard, Gerry Capello, John Cadieux, Dave Adie, Mrs. Margaret Farr and J. A. Dulude of Ottawa, and Jac Cropley, Bev McCauley and Jim Evraire of Deep River.

The meeting was instigated by G. H. Miller, C.P.B., and congratulations go to him for a well planned and interesting meeting. The group was officially welcomed by Ottawa Parks and Recreation Commission's J. A. Dulude. Mrs. Margaret Farr was present for the opening formalities.

John McNeil, Adviser of C.P.B., conducted a provocative and enlightening discussion on certification and the in-service training plan for recreation personnel. A great number of questions and answers emerged which may prove useful in guiding improvements for the future.

An informal dinner was held at the La Paloma, followed by a get-together on the back lawn of the Commissioner's office where coffee was served. Dave Adie poured.

Public Relations - Pembroke has pioneered the field in radio broadcasts on recreation topics since the late forties when inaugurated by Jim Pullen. Tug Wilson has done an excellent job carrying on the tradition and some of his broadcasts have achieved such excellence that they have merited rebroadcast. One of the recent ones in this category was Tug's review of Petawawa's economic and cultural significance to the Pembroke District.

Such daily programmes contribute greatly to the development of a sound recreation philosophy amongst listeners.

Research - Two interesting studies have been completed by the Deep River team - one entitled "Attitudes on Municipal Recreation" by Bev McCauley; the other titled "Long Range Planning for Areas to Serve Schools, Parks and Recreation Needs in Deep River" by Jac Cropley. The latter study has already received strong support by the Consulting Engineering firm of Proctor and Redfern which is involved in overall town planning in Deep River. Word has it that three other major studies are planned for completion in the next twelve months.

Here and There - As predicted, Dave Adie has purchased a jaunty sports cap to match the decor of his green M.G. We understand that he has had the doors cut low to facilitate curb cruising in the capital city.

Courses - Deep River announces its Annual Playground Leaders' Course to be held June 27th through 30th. The Waterfront Orientation Course is being conducted June 27th.

Ontario Division of Water Safety Canadian Red Cross Instructors School - Petawawa - weekends of June 11th and 18th. For details contact Tom Mungham, Supervisor, Ontario Division of Water Safety Services, Toronto.

Special Events - Deep River announces a successful super market in craft activities entitled "Crafts in Action". In the neighbourhood of 2,000 paid attendance and a colour movie is presently being prepared covering this experiment. A major contribution was made by Community Programmes Branch together with local and district artisans. Joan Lambert did a capable job at the wheel.

Eastern Ontario Drama Festival - Held in Deep River in March, the Festival involved groups representing the Deep River Players, Ottawa Little Theatre, Ottawa Civil Service Recreation Association, Trenton Drama Group, Pembroke Little Theatre and Kingston Theatre Group.

Attendance for the Festival topped expectations with a total of 1,100.

NORTHWESTERN

Greetings from:	Marg Phillips	- Kenora
	Al Miller	- Red Rock
	Ken Ward	- Terrace Bay
	Ray Wittenberg	- Port Arthur
	Ted Earley	- Dryden
	Cliff McIntosh	- Quetico Conference & Training Centre
	Mike Pearson	- Fort Frances
	Fern Gregoire	- Red Rock
	Harry Sirett	- Atikokan
	Del Earle	- Marathon
	Rob McCormick	- Fort William
	Art Widnall	- Fort William
	Bud Thomas	- Community Programmes Branch Fort William
	Dean McCubbin	- Community Programmes Branch Fort William

Youth Conference - Teenagers, their responsibility to their Home and Community and the "Teenagers of Tomorrow" were the topics under discussion at Northwestern Ontario's eighth annual Youth Conference held at Marathon on April 21, 22, 23 and 24.

Mrs. Eleanor Reesor, Public Relations Director, Metropolitan Toronto Y.W.C.A., Professor Bernie Hill, school of Social Work, University of Manitoba, Winnipeg and Dr. John Reason, M.O.H. Marathon, were the resource leaders handling the sessions with the 400 teenage delegates.

It was not all work and no play, for on the lighter side there were variety shows at which each community did a seven minute skit. They also had a couple of dances and two competitions. One was a dance competition, which was divided into three parts; polka, waltz and the cha cha, and the second was the crowning of Miss Teen Queen for 1960.

Although the youth conference is sponsored by the S.D.M.R.O., Northwestern Zone, it was planned and supervised by the host teenagers, and Marathon did a tremendous job.

If anyone is interested in tapes of the youth conference, they can be obtained from D. H. Earle, Director of Recreation, Marathon.

Zone Happenings

Swimming and Water Safety Instructors Courses - Instructors courses held on April 18 to 21 inclusive and June 27 to 30 inclusive in the Y.M.C.A. pool in Fort William.

A leaders course is being introduced this year and will be held in Red Rock from June 22 to 25.

Tennis Schools - Mr. George Mansfield, travelling instructor for the Canadian Junior Lawn Tennis Association, sponsored by the Pepsi Cola Company, will be conducting tennis schools in Dryden, Atikokan, Red Rock, Terrace Bay and Marathon.

Association Development - Many groups in Northwestern Ontario are becoming united in the Zone, for example: Northwestern Ontario Art Association, Northwestern Ontario Drama Association and Northwestern Ontario Square Dance Association, all newly formed associations.

The Northwestern Ontario Art Association plans to have art Courses this summer; one for advanced artists, one for the beginner and one for the art instructors at the Quetico Centre and one at the Lakehead.

Northwestern Ontario Drama Association held their first one-act drama festival on June 2, 3 and 4. They also plan a workshop this summer.

The Northwestern Ontario Square Dance Association held a jamboree in Red Rock this past winter, and plan a callers workshop this summer. They hold a jamboree in Fort William yearly.

All workshop courses are held at the Quetico Conference and Training Centre.

Playground Supervisors Course - To be held in Chippewa Park, Fort William, June 26 to 30. Capacity enrollment is expected by Course Director, Dean McCubbin. Instruction will be provided by Dean, Ruby Owen, Marilyn Miller, Rod McCormick, Ken Ward, Ted Earley and Ray Wittenberg.

Teen Counsellor Course - To be held August 26 to September 2 at the Quetico Conference and Training Centre. This course has been very successful and is sponsored by the Northwestern Ontario Zone in co-operation with the Community Programmes Branch and the Quetico Centre.

Zone Notes:

- We all welcomed with open arms (literally) our new zone member in the person of Marg Phillips, who was appointed Director of Recreation at Kenora this spring.

- Two assistants have been appointed recently in the person of Fern Gregoire, at Red Rock and Rod McCormick at Fort William.

- Bud Thomas is still looking for candidates for O.W.L.

- Quetico Conference and Training Centre had another very successful year and have a number of courses lined up for the remainder of 1960.

As you can see, throughout this report, the Centre is playing a very important part in the teen and adult activities throughout the Zone and we are fortunate indeed to have such a Centre available.

Information and membership forms can be obtained from the Director, Cliff McIntosh, Kawene, Ontario.

- The fall meeting of the Northwestern Zone S.D.M.R.O. will be held in October in Atikokan.

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The second floor tenant called out the window to party below:

"If you don't stop playing that blasted bugle, I'll go Crazy"

"I guess it's too late," came the reply, "I stopped an hour ago."

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BE SURE TO SEE THE EXTRA ITEMS AT THE END OF THIS ISSUE.....

a) "Boats ... boats ... but where are the marinas?"

from the Canadian Institute of Timber Construction.

b) Daycamp Leaders Course outline from West Central

(Please note that in this outline the "S" stands for the
Shorts group - Short on experience, and the "L" is for
the Longs - Long on experience.)

c) Waterloo's "Summertime '60" card.

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CORNWALL

Community Programmes Branch specialists have been regular visitors to Cornwall with our Department's drive for leaders. On the tourist list is Mr. George Merton, C.A. Weir, Paul Bennett. Mr. Merton arranged for two visits to enable himself to enjoy eastern hospitality and progress on Cornwall's new Bilingual Drama Guild.

Also, in reference to leadership, Cornwall has in progress a coach and umpires baseball Clinic. This Clinic started May 24th and ended May 28th, 1960.

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PEMBROKE

Pembroke's four hundred member Teen'n Twenty Club sponsored by the Municipal Department of Parks and Recreation handed a \$223 cheque to Director of Recreation Tug Wilson to pay for the installation of three (3) colorful plastic fibre glass park benches to be installed in Pembroke's War Memorial Park. Commented Tug.... "This is Juvenile Decency in Action". Other community responsibilities assumed by the live-wire T'N'T Club include membership on the Safety Council, entry of a float in the Town Safety Parade, a donation of \$50 towards the expenses of a Pee Wee Hockey team to visit the Tournament at Goderich; a renovation of fences and a purchase of a new tennis net for the tennis court loaned them by the Anglican church; a donation of \$50 to Hospital building, purchase of flowers and visits to the hospitals and a deep interest in the affairs of the community. The T'N'T Executive (4 boys, 4 girls) meets every Wednesday after school in the Recreation Office to discuss and act on club business. Says Tug again.... "Why need Canada tremble when she has youngsters like these".

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KITCHENER

Trial Run on a Summer Playgrounds Program System

Taking a searching look at our summer playgrounds programs, we are, by no means, completely satisfied with their content. So we're asking the experienced leaders to step on to the Playgrounds "cold" and formulate programs according to the expressed wants of the children.

There shall be problems to challenge the whole playgrounds administration system from director to child. How, for instance, does one guide from 'wants' to 'needs' where 'wants' are not realistic, for whatever reason. Shall we prepare a stock of expendable materials for such things as crafts, or shall we merely list the scrounge sources and thus open the door for children and leaders to get their own materials when and if they need them?

We have thought of other problem areas but, (possibly in deep ignorance of what we are undertaking), we are keen to get going.

One bright ray the leaders are also very excited about it.

What Are You Doing With Wading Pools?

We have had Wading Pools in Kitchener for about twenty years. They are well attended and the children are enjoying themselves, but we feel there must be another use for these pools besides being 'pretty poor piddle ponds'.

The general playtime will stop for one or two hours a day, maybe more, depending on the number of children. Children 4, 5 and 6 years of age will be instructed in the basic techniques of swimming and water safety. The leaders are going to be younger in age than playground leaders (17 years) and will receive an honorarium of \$5.00 for their work.

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OAKVILLE

Oakville-Trafalgar Recreation Junior Bowlers have been notified that their team of Junior Girls have taken first place of 122 teams entered in the Canadian Double Diamond Trophy competitions. Junior Bowling was organized as a clinic for 160 youngsters of 7 to 14 years in March-April-May of 1959. In September, a second clinic was formed with 375 children. In January, 1960, these boys and girls were placed on competitive teams, as mixed bowling according to averages, regardless of age. It balanced out to two 7-8 year, two 9-10 year and two 11-13 year per team. The League is divided into five sub-groups of ten teams. All coaches are volunteer representatives of local bowling teams (adult). Five secretaries and five supervisors, also volunteers, handle all details except registrations, as a Junior Bowling Council chaired by a Recreation Staff member. Junior Boys placed eleventh of 132 teams competing.

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NEW LISKEARD

The New Liskeard Recreation Commission and New Liskeard Town Council received letters of commendations for their Recreation Director Ken Edgar for his handling of the Northern Ontario Playground Hockey Jamboree, and the Northern Ontario and Quebec Broomball Jamboree. 12 teams from all over Northern Ontario took part in the Northern Ontario Playground Hockey, while 22 teams participated in the Broomball.

The 10th Annual Urban school softball tournament sponsored by the New Liskeard Recreation will be held Saturday, June 4th. 8 teams have entered.

The Festival of Music held May 4th, 5th and 6th this year in New Liskeard saw 1,800 entrants. Mr. D. Elliott and J. Sedgwick of Toronto were adjudicators.

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PETERBOROUGH

The Recreation Commission of Peterborough has just completed its first full scale playground leaders training course. It ran for a period of four weeks, with 34 people attending. T. Dojcak, Director of Recreation, Bicroft, W. Brewster, Director of Recreation, Oshawa, and W. Ogden, Assistant Recreation Director, Oshawa, and J. Thorsen, Cobourg, lectured on the following topics - "Philosophy on Playgrounds", "Special Events", "Problem Children" and "Programming". Mr. D. W. Maddocks gave an address at the final session and Mr. Paul Bennett gave a very enlightening talk on arts and crafts on the playgrounds, which was followed by a practical demonstration. The students attending were able to participate following his demonstration. From the 34 attending the course 20 will be selected for the Commission's summer playground programme, which will commence on July 4th. At the conclusion of the course a 30 minute test was set for the students.

O. R. A. Zone Conference, Port Hope - April 2nd. Walter Harris re-elected President of O. R. A. Very successful. 200 attended from this Zone.

O. R. A. Cornwall Conference. 3 members from Peterborough attended; W. C. Bennett, Commission Chairman, P. W. Meek, Commission Treasurer, and E.A.W. Wood, Assistant Recreation Director. Their comments were that the Conference was well organized, that they gained much by attending and felt it was successful. 300 people attended from all over the Province.

Plans have been made for the Senior Citizens annual picnic to be held in Victoria Park, Cobourg on Saturday, June 18th from 2:00 p.m. onwards. It is anticipated that 500-600 senior citizens will attend this event. This is an annual event which commenced during the summer of 1959.

Don Church, Director of Recreation, Lindsay, will commence duties on June 1st. Good luck!!

Senior Citizens drop-in centre at Campbellford was opened 2 months ago. Mrs. Helen Upper attended the opening. This lady is very active in senior citizens work in Port Hope.

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FOREST HILL

The Forest Hill Baseball League conducted a baseball clinic during the Easter holiday week for boys registered in the Pee Wee and bantam series. During the clinic sessions various fundamentals such as throwing, catching, sliding, batting and many other skills were taught to the boys participating. On the final day of

the clinic, Bob Prentice, former professional player with the Cleveland Indians and Toronto Maple Leafs, recapped what had been taught in previous sessions.

The regular schedule of the Forest Hill baseball league got under way on Saturday, May 14th, with four teams in the Pee Wee series and three in the Bantam group. These teams have adapted names of teams in the National and American Leagues.

At the present time there are 74 boys registered in the Pee Wee series and 36 in the Bantam series.

Twilight Sports Clubs

The Twilight Sports Clubs opened the season on Monday, May 2nd, at South, North and West Prep Playgrounds. This type of programme is conducted every evening except Saturday and Sunday from 6:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. until the end of June.

This programme is well varied and consists of softball, basketball, floor hockey, volleyball and many other games that are enjoyed by boys and girls eight years of age and up.

At the present time there are 300 boys registered and 90 girls for a total of 390 registered.

Tennis

At the present time there are 76 adults and 50 teenagers registered in the Forest Hill Recreation Commission Tennis programme.

Tennis is played at the Collegiate Tennis courts Monday through Friday from 6:00 P.M. to 11:00 P.M. and all day Saturday and Sunday and all non school days April to October.

A tennis clinic for Juvenile and Junior boys in the village of Forest Hill is conducted on Saturday mornings with 100 boys and girls participating.

Community Fire Works Display

The Annual Victoria Day Celebration held Monday, May 23rd at Memorial Park was witnessed by 9,000 people who enjoyed the music of the Forest Hill Junior High School Band and the Majorettes.

The Forest Hill Fire Department put on a fire display which consisted of a burning car, which the fire fighters used precision timing in putting it out and administering first aid to the occupants.

This gala evening was topped off with a gigantic fire works display which was enjoyed by everyone present.

New Programmes

A programme for the picnickers, camper and cottager. Designed to make your vacation trouble-free and more enjoyable.

Tips on safety at the summer cottage, the campsite, on the picnic trail and on the water.

Boating regulations, the operation and care of the outboard motor and boat, sanitation and water supply, first aid, packing and storing and many other items will be covered. To be held at the Forest Hill Community Centre - 340 Chaplin Crescent, during "Water Safety Week" June 19th to 25th.

Track and Field

A training and coaching programme of track and field for boys and girls under the supervision of Mr. Paul Poce, President of the Toronto Olympic Club.

Training sessions will be held at Memorial Park Track, Monday, Tuesday and Thursday evenings and Saturday afternoons.

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WATERLOO

Editors Note: Waterloo Director of Recreation, Laurie Branch, sends us Summertime '60 programme cards - a copy outlining what's doing in the City, of which Kitchener is a suburb, is enclosed.

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SIMCOE COUNTY

Summer Program

Thirty-two community committees in Simcoe County are now planning swimming classes and daycamps for children in the rural areas and small communities within this area. A staff of about 22 leaders has been employed by the Simcoe County Recreation Service to act as mobile teams to give leadership at these classes and camps. Alliston is having four daycamps under the direction of Corporal Lee Lafferty, Recreation Specialist, R.C.A.F. Camp Borden.

A Summer Leaders Training Course will be held on June 28th and 29th under the direction of a County planning committee and with the co-operation of Community Programmes Branch. Mr. Steve Davidovitch and Miss Eileen Muff of C.P.B. will give leadership as well as local recreation personnel i.e. Mr. Russ Davey of Barrie YM-YWCA, Corporal Lee Lafferty, Miss Louise Colley and Mrs. Florence Fish of the Simcoe County Recreation staff.

The Annual bus trip of the Simcoe County Arts and Crafts Association held on Saturday, May 7th, was a most enjoyable and successful event. 30 people went and loved every minute of it, despite continuous rain. Mrs. Daphne Lingwood demonstrated her leather craft. Mrs. Hoey and her husband who work together doing silk screen printing of materials gave a most fascinating demonstration too.

Plans are now underway for the first Simcoe County Craft Fair which is to be held at the Johnson St. School, Barrie, from August 10 - 13, 1960. This will be a follow-up on the popular Quilt & Rug Fairs held in this area for 10 successive years. These exhibits are sponsored by the Simcoe County Arts and Crafts Association.

Weekend Workshop in Group Training

About twenty people attended the Workshop on Group Development and Human Relations which was held at the Studio, Barrie, on May 13, 14 and 15. Six sessions, each about two hours in length, were held from the Friday evening to Sunday afternoon. These included lectures on the theory of group inter-action and personal behaviour and feelings, exercises to develop perceptive skills and actual participation in small training groups.

As the weekend progressed, participants became more and more aware of how groups could work more effectively. Various methods and procedures were stressed to meet different problems and situations which could arise. Ways in which individual group members could assist in a meeting were reviewed. These would assist the group as a whole.

The Course was sponsored by the Simcoe County Recreation Service and was under the leadership of Mr. David Smith. Mr. Smith is a National Consultant for Group Development and Human Relations, and has his headquarters in Barrie. His next project is the Canadian Conference on Social Work which is to be held in Halifax on June 6th to 10th.

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TORONTO TOWNSHIP

(Editor's Note: Our thanks to Eleanor Blake who sent through a copy of the complete report of their recent Youth Conference "Mirror of Youth". We are not positive that copies are available to all, but if you have not received one and would like one, write to Miss Eleanor Blake, Toronto Township Parks and Recreation, Lakeshore Road West, Clarkson, Ontario, for information.

Following is a condensed report of what took place at the Conference on April 23.)

'I am not alarmed at the state of youth today. I am not impressed by the anguished cries that the younger generation is going to the dogs, is over-conforming, has lost its moral footing, and is sliding down the slope into delinquency and despair.' These were the opening remarks of the address given to nearly 200 delegates at the Township of Toronto Youth Conference by Dr. Frank G. Vallee, Department of Sociology, of McMaster University.

Taking as his topic 'The Role Of Youth In Modern Society', Dr. Vallee said that research into the rate of delinquency among youth showed that it accompanies industrialization and the growth of cities all over the world. He stressed that delinquency is not characteristic of modern youth and pointed out that, in Canada, no more than 3 per cent of persons between 14 and 18 commit serious delinquencies.

Dr. Vallee pointed out that guidance and inspiration in the home should be of a consistent nature. He stated that in a project carried out among high school students a few years ago, many of the students questioned said that they were not against punishment and strictness in the performance of disciplining by parents, but complained that they were disturbed by inconsistency and unpredictable changes in parent attitudes that made it impossible for a person to know just where they stood.

In closing Dr. Vallee said that he felt that modern youth 'is no worse nor no better than the youth of other times. As in any other period or place, our youth has a tremendous potential. I feel that this potential is hardly tapped in our country, where for a variety of reasons, young people are prevented from assuming serious functions in the society.' Dr. Vallee suggested that 'the earlier our youth assumes serious functions in the sphere of community services and in making themselves knowledgable and heard in public affairs, the more likely it is that they will be treated with the respect they will have earned and the more likely

it is that they will grow into the kind of adult this society needs to keep it free and viable.'

Dr. Vallee's address came as a highlight to the banquet that wound up the one-day Conference held at T.L. Kennedy Secondary School in Cooksville on April 23rd. The Conference exceeded all expectations for attendance with nearly 200 delegates attending from many points in Southern Ontario. Representatives were present from such communities as Deep River, Hamilton, Burlington, Oakville, Listowel, Scarboro, Malton, Meadowvale, Etobicoke, Port Credit, Mimico and several sections of Toronto Township.

The theme of the Conference was "Mirror of Youth" and during the day the teens and adult leaders had an opportunity to discuss mutual problems and successes, assimilate new techniques and skills in various types of programmes all under competent resource people.

Conference registration was under the direction of Mike Young and members from Meadowvale Club Verona, and when delegates were registered they received kits containing items supplied by various firms in the area. Rev. W.F. Harding of St. Mary's Church, Port Credit, opened the Conference with an Invocation and Chairman John Hall welcomed the delegates, introduced the Conference and resource people.

The morning sessions were broken down into three categories: "On The Road to Better Programmes", "Every Member a Better Member", "Executive Members" - these sessions were chaired by Messrs. Jack Eilbeck and Harold Harton and Miss Eleanor Saracuse all of Community Programmes Branch Staff. All the leaders joined the teens in the morning session on "On The Road to Better Programmes" which included principles of Programme Planning and discussion centred around the appropriateness of the seven key points of programme planning to teen age programming.

Mr. Eilbeck in his session on "Every Member A Better Member" outlined the various members' roles, suggested club or group organization and the principles of involving the members in the overall group success.

Miss Saracuse introduced the delegates attending her session to the principles of Effective Meetings, the duties of officers, and showed a film on The Proper Conduct of Meetings.

Following a buffet luncheon in the cafeteria, the groups reconvened for the early part of the afternoon. The adult leaders met for a session under the direction of W. J. Hare, Director of Recreation of the Township of Toronto and Jac Copley, Director of Recreation, Deep River. Topic for this session was "Teenage situation from the leader-administrators' point of view". Some 30 adult leaders carefully analyzed this topic and some concrete decisions were reached.

Following a mid-afternoon coke break and showing of the film of the 1956 Olympics in Australia, delegates entered the workshop sessions under such topics as Special Events, Social Recreation and Games Leadership.

The Conference concluded following the evening banquet with a dance. Mike Darrow, of radio station CHUM was master of ceremonies, supplying music from his 'Top Fifty' record stock, and awarding several special dance prizes.

The success of this, the first Toronto Township Youth Conference has assured the fact that it will become an annual event. Much was learned from the first attempt at such a conference and it is expected that future conferences will profit much from the experience gained.

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IT HAS BEEN SAID HAS IT ? ? ! ?

A bird in the hand gathers no moss.

A rolling stone is worth two in the bush.

Never put off until tomorrow what you can put off altogether.

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A JOKE

Did you hear that a
Mineralogist Association
and Weston's are getting
together to put on a
Rock and Roll Show ? ? ?

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