

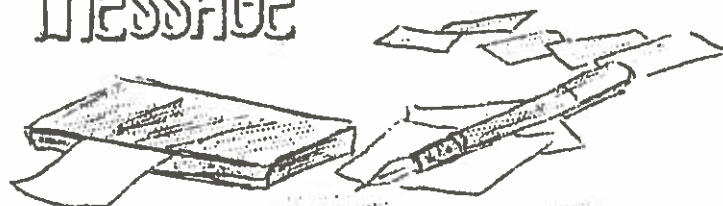
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**SOCIETY OF DIRECTORS OF MUNICIPAL RECREATION OF  
ONTARIO**

# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

JOHN THORSEN.....



One gets the feeling, on looking ahead to the year's work before the Society, that this year's problems and challenges are short history. If there is a characteristic, however, that seems to identify the projects planned for this year by the Society, it might be that, after many years of concern with the internal growth and strengthening of the Society, this year we will be expanding our activities to work with, and for, other organizations and interests, perhaps to a greater extent than before. The year ahead offers challenges and opportunities, and a great deal of hard work, for the Executive and membership.

The most important project ahead is the Minister's Conference on Municipal Recreation. Planning is underway, and Chairman George Kormos' committee is preparing a Brief for submission to the Minister in the near future. This Conference will have great long-range effects on our future work.

Your Executive has endorsed the O.R.A.'s new publication plan, and the President has been invited to sit on the editorial board of "Recreation in Ontario." This project will require the wholehearted support of the profession, to realize its full potential.

Many other concerns now before the Executive will have an important bearing on our work, now and in the future. To cite a few:

- Current study of implementation of the recommendation to institute a full-time executive secretary for the Society
- Assistance in the planning of the Ontario Craftsmen's Conference in April (see item and questionnaire elsewhere)
- Preparation of a Swimming Pool Operators' Manual
- Implementation of the Junior Track and Field Test Project
- Continued study with O.R.A. representatives of the future form and role of the provincial organization.

This year we will also watch with interest the results of current merger discussions among the four major recreation organizations in the United States. These will have implications for us and our related groups in Ontario, and Canada.

In starting to undertake the work of this year, the Executive will welcome comments and suggestions from the membership. I have been pleasantly surprised by the amount of correspondence received already, signifying a willingness by many members to bring forth ideas and make suggestions and observations. Although not all those willing to serve the Society can be actively involved in its work, I hope all members will accept this suggestion as another avenue of service.

Soon the Society will begin to take a full part in the new procedure for certification of recreation personnel. This will be the result of hard work in the past by members and committees. The schedule of projects ahead of the Society this year holds the promise of making a similar contribution to the future of our field. The support and co-operation of all our members will be required, if we are to realize this potential.

Department of Physical Education  
University of Illinois  
Urbana, Illinois

November 10, 1964

Mr. George Kormos  
Past President, S. D. M. R. O.  
Director of Recreation  
Sudbury, Ontario

Dear George:

After reading "Forging the Future" as prepared by the Past Presidents' Committee under your chairmanship, I was immediately moved to write and tell you what I thought of it. In my opinion it is an outstanding piece of work which should reflect great credit on you and the other Past Presidents concerned. The Society can take great pride in this statement and should make it available to as great an extent as is possible to other professionals on the Continent and to the leading laymen of the Ontario Recreation Association, as well as to city council members and committee members on the local scene.

As a result of talks, visits, reading, and correspondence about the Ontario scene, and also because of certain observations which I have made since my return to the United States, I would like to highlight for your serious consideration two of the points which were made in your Study as follows:

1. You should make every effort to recruit Pass B.A. degree people to take a one-year program of specialized professional preparation in recreation and municipal park administration leading to the diploma or perhaps to a B.R.M.P.A. degree (such as the situation at Queen's University where a B.P.H.E. is awarded at the end of the fourth year above Grade 13). This is the only way that professionals can follow up with M.S. programs over here until the time when such programs would be available in Canada.
  - a. An integral part of such a one-year diploma or degree course should be a three-month planned internship experience (at half-pay) under the supervision of Society-approved recreation directors in local communities.
2. You have simply got to come to grips with this matter of research in recreation and municipal park administration in a more effective manner than you have been able to do at the present. This is not a criticism; our universities down here are really just beginning to do this themselves. As directors and practitioners, you simply do not have the time and energy to do this yourselves. I feel you should take steps to affiliate loosely with the developing research effort here at Illinois, perhaps to the extent that you would finance your chairman of research to spend a short time here annually to discover what steps have been taken in the preceding year. Or as a temporary measure, perhaps, until you have someone available with enough time to gather together research findings, you ought to

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consider inviting someone like Doctor Allen V. Sabora of this University to spend a short period with you annually to bring you up-to-date. Of course, this practice, if adopted, should not continue indefinitely. Some Canadian university must eventually pick up the ball and add to the fund of research knowledge upon which a true profession can be built.

In summary, therefore, I am suggesting that the status (and salary level) for which you have been striving (and which you deserve) will not be forthcoming until these two professional requirements are met.

May I offer my sincere congratulations to President Sam and his Executive for their dedicated efforts these past two years.

Having returned to an administrative post myself as department head here, I can only say that "Famam Extendimus Factis" has been uppermost in my mind. The big trouble is that "Ne Illegitimus Carborundum" seems to be fighting its way to the forefront.

The very best to you all for an outstanding annual meeting.

As ever,



Earle F. Zeigler  
Department Head

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THE CANADIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY

ONTARIO DIVISION

WATER SAFETY SERVICE

INFORMATION REGARDING LEADER-WATER SAFETY PATROL COURSE

WHO CAN RUN THE COURSE?

Any qualified Red Cross Water Safety Instructor or group of instructors. An area could plan one course for the area and bring candidates into one centre for four or five days, or the course could be part of the individual programme and run for several weeks.

WHO PAYS FOR THE COURSE?

The course is the responsibility of the community or individual programme. Candidates must buy a kit (\$1.00) and could be charged an additional fee to cover other expenses of the course (i.e. pool rentals).

HOW DO YOU RUN A COURSE?

Apply to the Ontario Division. A "Request for Course" form will be sent to you. When this form is returned the following material will be sent....

- 1.- Course Conductor's Syllabus - lecture notes for the course.
- 2.- Candidate application forms.
- 3.- Test sheets, attendance sheets, candidate evaluation sheets, kits.

Shortly before your examination date the theory examination will be sent. This must be written by each candidate under the supervision of the Course Conductor. The examination is marked by the Course Conductor and the marks recorded on the test sheet before the Examiner arrives. All examinations (used and unused) must be returned to the Division.

WHO TAKES THE COURSE?

The only pre-requisites are that the candidate must be 16 years of age on or before the testing date, and that he/she be a strong swimmer.

The following courses are suggested as excellent pre-training for the candidate but they are not pre-requisites:

- 1.- Senior Red Cross
- 2.- R.L.S.S. Bronze Medallion
- 3.- Y.M.C.A. Junior Life Saving, Fifth Star

#### HOW LONG DOES THE COURSE TAKE?

This will depend upon the previous skill level of the candidates. For the candidate with previous skill training, the course will take approximately 36 hours. Half of this time is lecture time.

#### EXAMINATION

Only supervisors of the Ontario Division can examine the leaders' course. The examination must be requested at least one month prior to the required date. It takes approximately two hours to test ten leaders.

#### WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THE COURSE?

The course conductor must attempt to:

- (a) develop swimming strokes and skills to their fullest.
- (b) teach and practise rescue skills so that the leader is capable of effecting a rescue.
- (c) develop proper attitude toward the patrol procedures and safe practices.
- (d) to teach the individual how to deal with water emergencies when they arise.
- (e) to teach the candidates the methods of teaching and promoting safe practices, water safety and public education.

#### WHAT IS EXPECTED OF THE CANDIDATE?

- 1.- Practical test: This is the highest skill level test of the Red Cross. Candidates must be able to perform all skills with a high degree of efficiency, strength, maturity and judgment.
- 2.- Objective examination: A theory examination prepared by the Division which is written under the supervision of the Course Conductor.

- 3.-- Oral test and personal interview, on an individual or group basis, to determine the candidates personality and skill throughout the course.

WHAT IS THE PRACTICAL EXAMINATION?

- 1.-- 500 yards continuous (100 yards each of back crawl, side stroke, front crawl, elementary back stroke and breast stroke). These strokes must be performed with a high degree of efficiency and skill.
- 2.-- Entries: Stride - from a running take off  
Shallow  
Running  
From tower - any entry - This must be performed quickly - with no hesitation.  
All entries must be done simulating a rescue situation. The candidate must perform the follow-up of head up crawl after each entry.
- 3.-- Reaching Assists: must be able to adapt to the situation and material available. Candidate must secure victim. All candidates must be able to throw a rescue line 40 feet.
- 4.-- Rescue: An approach to an apparently drowned victim floating at the surface. The patrol approaches and reverses 6 feet away and then approaches with caution.  
  
The tow and carry will be judged on the strength, judgment and quickness of the candidate.  
  
Grading on the rescue technique is based on alertness, judgment and skill of the candidate.
- 5.-- Defence methods: Must be performed quickly and with a complete break and reverse from the victim.
- 6.-- Drownproofing and Travelling Stroke.
- 7.-- Artificial respiration: Candidates must perform this in a rescue situation (i.e. recover victim, begin A.R. in deep water if possible, and if not, in chest-deep water). On land, candidates will be expected to perform rescue breathing and a manual (as outlined in syllabus).

### PRACTICAL UNITS NOT TESTED

- 1.- Boatmanship: There is a section in the syllabus on items to include. This will depend upon the local situation. All candidates should be familiar with some kind of rescue boat.
- 2.- Teaching: If candidates are to be used for assisting in the teaching in a programme, they should practise teach under the supervision of the Course Conductor. A supplementary lecture section on this is included. The degree of emphasis on this section depends upon the programme.

### LECTURE UNITS

- 1.- Artificial Respiration
- 2.- Introduction to Patrolling
- 3.- Swimming Pool Supervision
- 4.- Waterfront Supervision
- 5.- Boatmanship
- 6.- Principles of Water Rescue
- 7.- Procedures at Pools and Waterfronts
- 8.- First Aid
- 9.- Search and Rescue Procedures
- 10.- Public Education and Water Safety

All lectures are fairly complete in the lecture syllabus supplied by the Division. The syllabus must be supplemented by the Instructors' Guide and Reference and additional material from the Course Conductor's notes from his/her Instructors' course and any other material he can obtain.

# "SKIING" - A COMMUNITY ACTIVITY

Scarborough now has a Learn to Ski programme operated as a leisure service of the Recreation and Parks Department. Now in its second season, learning to ski has become a most popular and successful winter-time programme.

To those in our more northern centres, this may not seem to be too spectacular. However, in Metropolitan Toronto, the idea of offering ski lessons was thought to be almost impossible, mainly due to our poor snow conditions, especially during the "January thaw" period and short winter season.



Why! Skiing is southern Ontario's fastest growing winter sport. Almost everyone has been "bitten by the bug" to head for the slopes and enjoy the speed, thrills and tremendous enjoyment of the sport. In addition, this area has developed many of Ontario's finest ski facilities which are only minutes from central Metro.

We became interested in a Ski School through the motivating force of the Toronto Ski Club, and especially Messrs. Leo Gough (Chief Instructor) and Bob Gooch (President). Initial plans called for the Ski Club Instructors to carry out the programme. Our problems were more complex. Many hills were available, but most areas proved to be too steep, too long, or too far away to be accessible to the greatest number of residents. We finally found the right location, centrally located, and known well by most who would participate--at Thomson Memorial Park.

Promotion was carried out through the regular methods and media--namely newspapers, radio and TV. Each of our Recreation Centres posted prepared notices, with application forms attached. Schools were issued flyers for circulation. Registrations flooded into our office prior to opening date and each novice was mailed a receipt and notification of time, date, and place, and equipment required for opening day.

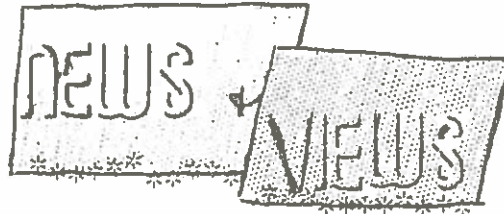
Lessons were presented for seven weeks, beginning the first Saturday morning in January and continuing once a week through February. The lifeblood of the whole programme was our Parks Department, who transported snow, "gilded", and continuously performed miracles to keep our novices on their skis each weekend but one. At this time, an important dry session took place on care and use of equipment, proper conditioning, safety, and a movie on techniques shown.

The finale was held at the Toronto Ski Club headquarters at the Summit where proper use of tows was demonstrated, longer hill skiing was attempted, and final tests were given to all novices. We now had produced more than 400 Scarborough skiers, 6-66 years of age.

All was not yet complete. Letters were mailed to many of the skiers to obtain their evaluation and ideas for future programmes. From the letters returned, we felt that we had offered a successful Learn to Ski School.

Now in the happy position of having a sanitary landfill site given to our Department, we are developing a Winter Wonderland to include ski hills for the most experienced skiers and for the novice skiers, toboggan runs, and natural ice skating areas, all stemming from the extensive interest shown in the Ski School.





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COMMUNITY PROGRAMMES  
BRANCH

1. Staff Changes

- 1) No one has yet been appointed to replace Jean Salvail for the Northern Area.
- 2) Mr. H. E. (Bud) Thomas - formerly Supervisor of Special Services for Community Programmes Branch has been appointed Assistant Director of the Youth Branch of the Ontario Department of Education. He will work with Dr. Walter Koerber who undertook the organization of the Youth Branch in January, 1964. The Minister of Education has described the work of the Youth Branch as follows:

"The initial objectives of the Youth Branch are to stimulate and co-ordinate research into the needs and problems of youth; to study the correlation of economic, sociological, and employment factors with the needs and problems of youth, to encourage the alignment of existing governmental, public and private programs for youth.....The ultimate objective of the Branch is to combine principles, practices and programs in such a way that youth and society may get maximum value from one another."

- 3) Mr. R. E. (Bob) Secord - formerly supervisor of Field Services - will replace Mr. Thomas as Supervisor of Special Services.
- 4) Mr. D.A. (Don) Garvie - formerly Representative at Hamilton will replace Mr. Secord as Supervisor of Field Services.
- 5) Mr. Walter Toshiyuki Sunahara has been appointed Art Advisor to replace Paul Bennett. (see next page for personal history).

## COMMUNITY PROGRAMMES BRANCH

### A R T   A D V I S O R   A P P O I N T M E N T

Mr. Walter Toshiyuki Sunahara has replaced Mr. Paul Bennett as Art Advisor for the Community Programmes Branch

Mr. Sunahara was born in Vancouver some thirty years ago. He received his Elementary and Secondary Education in London, Ontario. His talents in Art were recognized early in his career when he was selected to attend Saturday Morning classes at the London Art Gallery under the direction and instruction of Mr. C. Bice.

After completing his Secondary Education, Mr. Sunahara enrolled in the Ontario College of Art in Toronto. In 1960 he graduated from this College with a diploma, Associate of The Ontario College of Art, A.O.C.A.

In 1960, he was awarded a scholarship by the Japanese Ministry of Education to study at the Tokyo University of Fine Arts for three years. While working at the Tokyo University, he took the opportunity to visit Thailand, Laos, Malaya, Singapore, Cambodia, India and Ceylon. While on these visits, he studied with students both old and young in the field of Art and Crafts.

Upon his return to Canada, Mr. Sunahara worked as a guest instructor at the Hockley Valley School of Art. When the Quetico Conference and Training Centre established a Retraining Programme for Craftsmen, he was selected to teach Design. He taught at our District course in Ridgetown last summer.

In partnership with Miss Audrey Spenser formerly Crafts Instructor for the Women's Institute Branch, they opened Craft House at Iroquois, Ontario during the summer of 1964.

Mr. Sunahara comes to our Branch as a competent artist. He has much to offer to both professional and amateur artists in Ontario.



# ART

A Study of the Amalgamation of  
Parks, Recreation, Community Centre and/or Arenas

December, 1964

Preamble - An outstanding authority in the field of Parks and Recreation in the United States, Mr. Charles E. Doell, had this to say about the amalgamation of parks and recreation, "No park was ever built that did not contain an element of recreation in its concept. No public recreation programme was ever completely diversified unless it utilized public parks".

"Parks and Recreation go together as completely as love and marriage - you can't have one without the other. In point of fact, in public affairs parks and recreation are considered as a combined public service, for the public is not well served by facilities alone or by programme alone. It is the combination of both, in a single unified service, that constitutes the commodity which interests the public".

"Who can properly provide the true picture of the appropriate total Park-recreation service? The Parkman? The Recreation man? Only the combination of the two, or the department in which both are combined, can logically reflect the nature of the park and recreation service required in this instance, as a part of the overall plan of service to the entire city."

Facts Concerning Ontario.

The Director of the Community Programme Branch has stated, "There is a growing demand for the union of parks and recreation in Ontario municipalities." At the present time, there are at least 20 municipalities with combined parks and recreation departments, and there are many more municipalities giving this matter serious thought at the moment. Some municipalities with combined departments are North York, Scarborough, Weston, Toronto Township, Sarnia, Ottawa, Fort Erie, New Liskeard, Atikokan, Toronto, Fort William, Windsor, North Bay, Saltfleet Township, Belleville, Sudbury, Brantford. Port Hope is considering amalgamation and Oshawa is very close to a full amalgamation.

Some Facts Concerning Amalgamation

In a recent 1963 survey, conducted in 23 Ontario municipalities with combined departments, the following facts emerged:

Facts Concerning Amalgamation Cont'd.....

- 1.- Generally, amalgamated services have no problems which are not also problems for non-amalgamated departments.
- 2.- Overlapping and duplication of services will be reduced to a minimum in an amalgamated department.
- 3.- There is general agreement that an amalgamated service affords the best opportunity for better informed and more effective planning of both facilities and programme.
- 4.- All municipalities reporting are satisfied that amalgamation has resulted in increased efficiency in the provision of services.
- 5.- There is little, if any, savings in budget, as growth follows increased efficiency. Savings have been made in some few cases.
- 6.- All agree that an overall administrator or chief executive is required for most efficient operation. In the majority of municipalities with amalgamated services these services are administered by a single chief executive.
- 7.- Amalgamation presents no problems which cannot be overcome by careful planning and co-operative effort.
- 8.- It was generally agreed that amalgamation should be made on the basis of more and better services rather than on savings of money. While it will probably cost as much to provide the same services, the money will be spent more efficiently.
- 9.- The chief executive should be an experienced administrator: His experience should be either in parks or recreation. It is essential that he have a good knowledge of both parks and recreation and understand the relationship between them.
- 10.- An amalgamated board or department can give a more effective and efficient service than separate departments because of better co-ordination. Consolidated effort permits the judicious use of personnel and equipment, avoids costly duplication of services and provides a close relationship between programming and maintenance.
- 11.- In an amalgamated department personnel of parks and recreation learn more about each other's problems and thus can give a better and more co-ordinated service.

Some Further Advantages of Amalgamation which have been offered by various authorities.

- 1.- The abolishment of cross-correspondence and communication that is necessary in the case of three departments.
- 2.- The control of all municipally-owned land (park and recreation) being in the one department.
- 3.- The potentials of relationships with such organizations as School Boards, Conservation Authorities, etc. in the joint acquisition, development, and programming of areas.
- 4.- There is one less city department when parks and recreation are combined. It is more convenient, and less confusing, for the public to deal with one office for all their requirements.

An Amalgamation Study Committee has acted as follows:

A brief was submitted to the Minister of Education on March 12, 1964. The basic proposal is as follows:

It is proposed that permissive legislation be included in the Municipal Act and the Public Parks Act which would enable a municipal council:

1. (Where no Board of Park Management has been established under the Public Parks act)

to pass a by-law under the Municipal Act creating a single authority to manage parks and recreation services with all powers and benefits available under the Public Parks Act, Community Centres Act and Regulations under the Department of Education Act.

- 2.- (Where a Board of Park Management exists under the Public Parks Act)

to pass a by-law under the Public Parks Act empowering a Board of Park Management to manage parks and recreation services with all powers and benefits available under the Public Parks Act, Community Centres Act, and Regulation under the Department of Education Act; and

to re-name the Board of Park Management to include words appropriate to its new functions.

The brief contained reasons for these proposed changes and detailed suggestions for changes in the legislation.

A reply was received as follows:

As you are aware, a Select Committee of the Ontario Legislature has been studying the various Acts of the Ontario Government offering assistance to municipalities for the development of parks and recreation areas and spaces. The Select Committee has made its report, with which you are familiar, to the Ontario Legislature.

I understand that the Select Committee has been re-constituted with additional members to continue their investigations. Your paper will be submitted to the proper authorities for their information and consideration.

The Select Committee is now conducting hearings in various centres in Ontario. The recommendations re: parks and recreation from its previous report are as follows:

\*That the Public Parks Act, the Community Centres Act and the Parks Assistance Act be integrated with the appropriate provisions of the Municipal Act (Section 377, para. 69).

\*That a parks and recreation branch be established under the direction of the Deputy Minister or a Branch Director of the Department of Municipal Affairs.

\*That all programmes and services afforded to municipalities by the various statutes in regard to parks and recreation be administered by a parks and recreation branch of the Department of Municipal Affairs.

To Which the Amalgamation Study Committee further replied:

1.- We support your recommendation to integrate existing parks and recreation legislation, but we recommend that the following be included in paragraph 1:

Regulations under the Department of Education Act

- i) Programmes of Recreation
- ii) Municipal Recreation Directors Certificates.

2.- We support your recommendation to establish a single branch of government to co-ordinate municipal parks and recreation.

3. A field service, such as that now offered by the Community Programmes Branch of the Department of Education, is necessary for co-ordination and dissemination of information. A field service should be continued.
4. If a parks and recreation branch were formed in the Department of Municipal Affairs, the existence of the Ontario Council of Arts and the projected Youth Branch, both connected with the Department of Education, would tend to disintegrate municipal services in the same way as they have been disintegrated by the present parks and recreation legislation.
5. Recreation comprises enjoyments of a physical, social and artistic nature; parks are only one means of providing facilities for these activities. The creation of a single government branch to co-ordinate municipal parks and recreation must be based on a very broad concept of the meaning and values of recreation; parks are for people; and recreation is for people of all ages and all interests.

All the foregoing indicates the closing of gaps between the two departments at the provincial government level - further strengthened by the appointment of a Provincial Director of Parks and Recreation at the end of November this year.

#### Methods of Amalgamation

- 1.- The simplest method is to have the same individuals appointed to be the members of both boards so that the Parks Board and Recreation Committee, are in fact, the same board. Twelve (12) members may be appointed for this purpose.
- 2.- The municipality may have a Private Bill passed in the Provincial Legislature establishing an amalgamated department.
- 3.- Council may pass a by-law establishing an amalgamated department.
- 4.- If so desired, it is also possible to disband the Parks Board either by a plebiscite or a private bill. However, for the present time para. (2) or para (3) would appear to be more acceptable and applicable.

## CENTENNIAL PROJECT

### SWIMMING POOL

An outdoor swimming pool has been approved as Cobourg's Centennial project. The submission was presented by a joint committee of Five Service Clubs, who have agreed to share the cost of the pool (est. \$70,000), with the Town. Recommended that the Recreation Commission be the operating authority. Currently progress has been slowed by a problem of reaching agreement on a suitable site for the pool.

The Recreation Commission hopes to hold a community conference in late March or early April. Planning has begun with some other local groups. It will be the first for Cobourg, and, unless we miss our guess, the first in East Central zone for many years.



# "TIMMINS COMMUNITY"

The year 1964 in Timmins was of Historic significance. Recreation wise programmes were much as usual. However, the new mineral find of Texas Gulf gave new life and hope to the town. High boots and Hi-jinks were the order of the day. Prospectors, financiers, wheeler dealers and hangers on, gave the place an "Early days atmosphere."

With the closing of the Hollinger Mine due in 1965 the Town was classified as a depressed area. Now the outlook for the future is most encouraging. Town Council are beginning to build for the future. The beautiful Hollinger Park and facilities has been purchased by the Municipality. An indoor Arena has been chosen as our Centennial Project. Others are pushing for an indoor Swimming Pool. When these projects become a reality Recreation in Timmins will have made a great stride forward.

We are quite fortunate in that we are one area that has sufficient snow for Ski-ing. Our local Ski Club is an energetic and thriving group. As a volunteer group, with a little assistance from Municipal Recreation they purchased land, built a chalet and recently finished erecting a twenty five thousand dollar (\$25,000.00) T-Bar. Their next project is lighting the area for night Ski-ing.

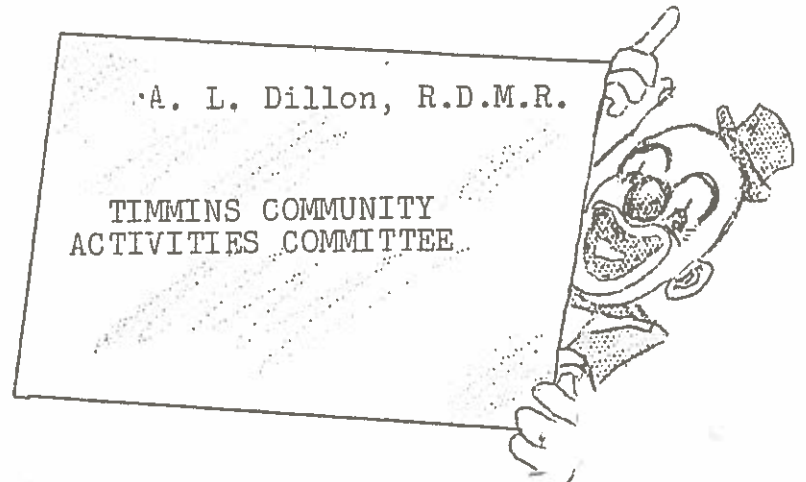
Broomball is very prominent in this area and Timmins will host a Tournament on the weekend, Febraury 5th, 6th and 7th: Prizes total one thousand two hundred and fifty dollars (\$1,250.00) Twenty six (26) teams are expected. Local teams have won the championship in each of the past three (3) years. They are challenging all comers.

February 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th Timmins will hold its Second Winter Carnival. Events planned include; Mocassin Dancing, Bowling, Curling, Ski-ing, Snow Shoe Races, Ice Fishing, Teen Age Dance Contests, Mardi Gras and Skating Carnival, The Crowning of a Carnival Queen and an Old Time Fiddlers Contest will bring the Events to a close.

An open invitation is extended to all. Come and see the town with the new look.

A. L. Dillon, R.D.M.R.

TIMMINS COMMUNITY  
ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE



PROVINCIAL CRAFTSMEN'S CONFERENCE - J. Thorsen

On January 4, the first meeting was held to begin planning for a "Conference of Ontario Craftsmen" to be held at Geneva Park, Lake Couchiching, April 23-25. The Conference will be co-sponsored by the Ontario Council for the Arts and the Community Programmes' Branch, with the objective of assessing the needs of crafts and craftsmen in the Province, and recommending ways of developing crafts in Ontario.

The Society has been invited to participate in the planning of the Conference, along with representatives of several major craft guilds and organizations. It is also thought that some members of the profession may be involved in the conduct of the Conference as well. One of the major roles the Society can play, at present, is in the provision of information to be used as background for some of the Conference presentations and discussions. To meet this role, the attached questionnaire has been designed to gather this information.

The results of the Conference, applied to recreational crafts programmes, may provide means of raising standards for crafts instructors, and thus for their programmes; opportunities for skilled students to advance to successful professional status; and development of a climate to stimulate wider crafts participation.

Members are asked to complete the form as fully as possible, and return to the writer not later than February 15. (Only one form per community).

Address: TOWN HALL,  
COBURG, ONTARIO.

# "RECREATION IN ONTARIO"

## THE OFFICIAL PUBLICATION OF THE ONTARIO RECREATION ASSOCIATION

The Ontario Recreation Association is proud to announce that a contract has been signed on your behalf with Southam Specialized Marketing Services, to publish our new publication, RECREATION IN ONTARIO.

Plans are being made for the first issue which will reach you about the third week in March. Thereafter, it will be mailed to subscribers during the first week of every second month (six issues per year.)

RECREATION IN ONTARIO is your magazine. Representatives from your Zone and other O.R.A. Zones in the province, on the Board of Directors, made the decision to produce the publication. It seemed so important to them that we have a more effective means of communication that they, on behalf of the membership, assumed the financial responsibility for one year, which is in the neighbourhood of \$25,000.00, and chargeable to O.R.A. Whether or not we shall be able to continue depends on you. We must have your active support and assistance in these ways:

1. by being a member of the Ontario Recreation Association, which is making possible the whole project;
2. by subscribing to the magazine for your complete committee and staff. We must have 6,000 subscriptions to put us in position to continue publishing beyond the first year. Subscriptions will cost \$3.00 per year. We need your committee's subscription now. Although the first issue is complimentary, we hope you will not wait until then to send in your subscription, but forward along with your 1965 membership fee.
3. by taking additional subscriptions for your Public Relations programme for your committee. We suggest subscriptions for your part time and volunteer leaders. Imagine their enthusiasm for such a gesture of your appreciation.

Subscriptions for other people on related committees to whom you wish to interpret your work, such as members of Council, Parks Committees, School Board, etc. For as little budget as \$30.00 for a small town to \$500.00 for a larger community you can imagine the fine public relations provided by your gift of RECREATION IN ONTARIO for one year.

4. By giving us a list of names and addresses of other potential subscribers in your community. A complimentary copy of the first issue will be sent to this list for promotion, along with information about the new publication (e.g.- church leaders; coaches; arena managers; service clubs, etc. Also

specific interest groups such as drama, art, crafts, dance, fitness, etc. There will be articles of interest to them. Include industrial recreation club executives and staff; labour's recreation staff and executives).

5. by providing us with a list of potential advertisers, your suppliers.

MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE NEW PUBLICATION:

INVESTIGATION: Your Publication Committee, under the chairmanship of Inspector Ralph Boot, has consulted with staff and reviewed the facilities at Southam's and found both are excellent. Their very fine plant allows them to produce material by letter press or multilith. It is planned that our publication will be produced by means of letter press. It will include 24 pages plus cover.

The editorial staff is outstanding. Samples of some of their productions persuaded the committee of their high standards in both content and organization. Mr. Howard Gerring of Southam Editorial Staff, will be responsible for our editorial work. The O.R.A. will have the benefit of Southam's many writers and photographers stationed in Ontario, other parts of Canada and the U.S.A. They will seek out the material which will be most helpful to all of us in obtaining our objectives. It will:

- provide us with new ideas for community recreation, administration and programmes;
- enrich our minds in the area of education and philosophy for leisure;
- interpret our goals as community recreation leaders to others in the community, and assist us to gain supporters for our programmes;
- introduce new equipment, encourage high standards, and stress desirable specifications;
- describe good facilities;
- create a more desirable image in the mind of the public for the urgent need of education for leisure; the understanding of the full meaning of recreation; more constructive opportunities for leisure, more budget for municipal recreation committees and the need for recreation leaders.

We hope that many of you will forward articles, or advise us of outstanding programmes or facilities, so that editorial staff may visit and report.

The production of the complete publication will be supervised by an editorial committee composed of members from O.R.A. and Southam's:

MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE NEW PUBLICATION: cont'd.

CHAIRMAN: Inspector Ralph Boot, O.R.A. Exec. Vice Pres. & Chairman of Publication Committee.

Mr. Walter Harris, President O.R.A.

Mrs. Jean Darrach - Publication Officer of Community Programmes Branch

Mr. John Thorsen - O.R.A. Board member & President, Society of Directors

Mr. L. Sriver - Account Rep. of Southam Specialized Marketing Services.

Mrs. June Braaten - Exec. Sec. O.R.A. (ex officio).

ADVERTISING:

Mr. L. Sriver has advised us that a most experienced advertising agency will be responsible to Southam's, on our behalf. Agents are stationed in Canada and the U.S.A.

Ralph Boot, Chairman,  
Publication Committee.

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The following letter of interest was received by  
John Thorson, President of S.D.M.R.O.

Dear John:

Your Christmas news that O.R.A. and S.D.M.R.O. plan a professionally produced Ontario recreation magazine is both thrilling and wonderfully satisfying. I am all congratulations and full of support for the move.

Please convey to all concerned my admiration and hearty wishes for success. I know the quality will be high. I hope the sales will also be high.

If there is anything that I can do to help, please let me know.

Cordially,

Allan F. Klein,  
Professor,  
Social Group Work.

# "DEEP RIVER NEWSLETTER"

## ARTS AND CRAFTS WORKSHOPS

This year we have arranged a number of courses in Arts and Crafts held on a one weekend basis. We have already conducted successful workshops in Rug-Hooking, Interior Decorating and Furniture Re-finishing. Others planned are Creative Dress-making, Stone Masonry, Leather-craft, and Ceramics. Some of these Workshops involve a continuing home program to be carried on after the workshop. We have found the response to this type of instruction very encouraging, since people seem to prefer going "all out" on one weekend, rather than committing themselves to a course of study involving weeks ahead.

## NEIGHBOURHOOD RINKS

Deep River operates a number of outdoor neighbourhood rinks in addition to the Arena and two large outdoor community rinks. People in a particular neighbourhood submit a petition bearing at least 15 signatures to the Recreation Director who ensures that rink boards are delivered to that neighbourhood in time for the people in that area to instal them. This means that a number of small outdoor rinks are dotted around town and these are particularly suitable for smaller children.

## COMMUNITY PHYSICAL FITNESS

Departmentally we have been approaching the problem of community fitness and to this end have attempted to provide the opportunities in two basic ways - (1) providing facilities and initial instruction so adults may "do it themselves" and (2) organizing classes and providing instructors for group fitness programs. The following four channels are being used in our community fitness program:

In conjunction with a local industry, a fitness program was established for department and branch managers. This program was initiated with an extensive testing program. A testing team consisting of leading Y.M.C.A. personnel from Toronto and Ottawa, supplemented by recreation staff conducted the testing, which was limited to 25 people on a first-come, first-serve basis. Each individual was interviewed following his testing to explain the results.

Subsequently, a program was initiated to work on individual problems and classes are held for an hour twice a week. An average of 20 men attend; many of these men travel a great deal and may be away for some of the classes.

Another facet of our program takes place in our Health Centre, which consists of a gym containing weights, mats, exercycles, rowing machine, chinning bar, dipping bars, sun lamp, sauna and shower facilities. This Health Centre is open to all adults Monday to Friday with certain hours specified for men and women. This Health Centre has provided ample opportunity for the housewife since hours have been scheduled so that she can conveniently attend on a "do it yourself" basis. Another phase of the Health Centre is a session for women that is held twice weekly under the direction of a physical educationalist and which is designed to meet the needs of those people who would rather attend a conducted group session.

The programs mentioned are regulated for general fitness. Special conditioning programs for such sports as rugger, volleyball, basketball and hockey to prepare individuals for these specific events are also conducted.

A sports fitness class for girls 8-13 years is conducted twice a week. The class is designed to improve fitness as well as teaching Sports skills suitable for this age level. Some of the activities conducted are body mechanics, rhythms, games, relays and sports suitable for their age levels. The program maintains 80% attendance. It is an out-growth of an experimental class conducted during the summer. The results of the summer class were quite significant and warranted continuation of the program.

The fourth approach to our program is to take place in January. This is to be initiated when people begin to be quite weight conscious following the festive season. The Clinic will be open to both men and women. It was founded by Mr. Bert Life, Director of Toronto Spadina Ave. Y.M.C.A. who will conduct a day-long clinic. He will introduce his theory of stretching exercises to reduce waist size and exercises that are to be followed in the home and those to be done in a group. The group is then to meet twice a week for three weeks, then people are on their own.

Our experience to date leads us to believe that increased and keen participating merits a detailed study into the group and individual processes which motivate a community fitness program. Related factors concerned with individual benefits and personal interest can better be established if some universal testing method can be agreed upon and applied to a community study.

# EAST CENTRAL ONTARIO RECREATION DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION

The election of officers for 1965 of the E.C.O.R.D.A. was a very mild affair with acclamations dominating the scene. Acclamations seem to be the general concept of elections in most zones.

The successful candidates were:

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|------------|-------------------------|---------------------|---------------|
| President  | Gerry Gelett            | Assistant Director  | Oshawa        |
| Vice-Pres. | Norm Carter             | Assistant Director  | Belleville    |
| Secretary  | Pat McGarrity           | Assistant Director  | Oshawa        |
| Treasurer  | Miss Francoise Mongeon, | Programme Director, | Peterborough. |

A busy year for the zone is in store if plans and various committees are any criterion.

A Papier Mache Clinic is being held in Colborne on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, January 15th, 16th and 17th with Nancy Hazell as instructor. This clinic was organized by a committee of N. Carter, Assistant Director of Recreation, Belleville, W. Ring, Director of Recreation, Colborne and D. W. Maddocks, Community Programme Branch.

A social Recreation Workshop will be held in Cobourg on February 20th with Angela Armitt doing the honours. The committee organizing this workshop is comprised of B. Fanning, Director, Bowmanville, M. Walker, Assistant Director, Peterborough, M. Laporte, R.C.A.F., Trenton and D. W. Maddocks, C.P.B.

Further plans are in the making for a Teen Age Conference and an Audio-Video workshop.

All this, apart from usual zone function, is sure to keep us all busy (or will it) for a few months.

Norm Carter,  
Assistant Director,  
Belleville, Ont.

THE ONTARIO RECREATION ASSOCIATION  
ANNOUNCES  
THE THEME OF THE  
1965 CONFERENCE

# "YOUTH & PLEASURE"

Inspector Ralph Boot, 1965 Conference Chairman, is pleased to advise that Mr. O. Waffle, former Reeve of Etobicoke, is your Conference Programme Chairman. Here are some of the features of the programme:

SPEAKERS: Outstanding national and provincial leaders are now being contacted and asked to speak frankly on the theme. We are pleased that the Hon. Judy La Marsh, Minister of National Health and Welfare, has accepted our invitation to speak at the Saturday luncheon. We shall have further names to announce to you by the time our ORA BULLETIN is published toward the end of January.

DISCUSSIONS: Delegates will have an opportunity to choose one of the following aspects of "Youth and Pleasure", and then consider it in depth to bring in conclusions, recommendations and programme ideas. Resource people will assist groups from their valuable experience in each of the following areas:

- Youth and Family
- Youth and the School
- Youth and the Community
- Youth and Culture
- Youth and Values
- Youth, the Consumer
- Youth and Facilities for Leisure
- Youth and a Variety of Ethnic Backgrounds

REPORT: Your copy of the Conference Proceedings will include all of the findings.

BENEFIT: Needless to say, the more delegates you can send to cover various areas the more helpful it will be to your community.

HOST OF THE CONFERENCE: The Township of Etobicoke. (in Metro Toronto) Mechanics Chairman is Tom Riley, Recreation Director of Etobicoke, and his committee members are busy planning for your every convenience. The Conference hotel is The Skyline, a fabulous setting, which provides everything for your comfort and leisure as well as ideal Conference possibilities.

DATES: Thursday, April 29; Friday, April 30; Saturday, May 1.

COST: \$25.00 for the package deal including registration, a banquet, two luncheons, Conference Proceedings.

A Ladies' Programme is Planned.

# "KITCHENER" NEWS

## LOOKING BACK !

Our new Breithaupt Park Community Recreation Centre and the new Senior Citizens' Recreation Centre are proving very successful after six months operation.

Many delegations have visited the centres -

YOU ARE INVITED TOO!

Royal Boothby, Senior Citizens Coordinator has retired and is now living in Collingwood.

Brian Wrigglesworth received his Interim B certificate in November.

## LOOKING AHEAD !

Mr. Ruskin Keyes, former Windsor school principal, has been hired as Senior Citizen's Coordinator.

1965 facilities development approved by City Council - new outdoor training pool, spray pools, ball diamonds and covered recreation area (artificial ice, tennis courts, etc.)

Parks and Recreation departments to amalgamate by late spring. Private bill now before the legislature. (Authority will be one Parks and Recreation Commission.)

Four proposed teen centres will operate afternoons and evenings (daily) from June 28th to September 3rd.

RECREATION DIRECTOR'S ASSOCIATION OF  
WEST CENTRAL ONTARIO

The 1965 Executive for R.D.A.W.C.O. was officially inaugurated at the December 2nd meeting in St. Catherines.

The new executive members are:

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| Past President     | Robert Sonos Jr. |
| President          | Ron Donaldson    |
| 1st Vice-President | Dave Smith       |
| 2nd Vice-President | Pamela Graham    |
| Secretary          | Audell Schimmel  |
| Treasurer          | Tony Dojcak      |

Committee Chairman were appointed as follows:

|                           |                             |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Historical and Custodial: | Frank Vigor                 |
| Constitution              | Bob Ballantyne              |
| Tour                      | Doug Rigg                   |
| Social                    | Mary Leeson-Joan Palubriski |
| Membership                | Alex Vanderzand             |
| Publicity                 | Bob Christie                |
| Bursary                   | Don McLaren                 |

General Training Committee: Pam Graham, Chairman  
Doug Rigg  
Robert Sonos Jr.  
Doug Paton

Summer Training Committee: Dave Smith, Chairman  
Sandi Lang  
Gary Stones  
Murray Davidson  
Bob Ballantyne  
Doug Rigg  
Doug Paton

At the R. D. A. December 2nd meeting the guest speaker was Robert Munson, President of the Ontario Parks Association. He presented a very interesting report on the aims, objectives and function of the O. P. A.

Doug Rigg, Chairman of the tour committee reported on the possibility of a spring tour to Flint, Michigan, to study at first hand the excellent use of schools' system there.

The membership voted to take the tour in place of our usual spring seminar providing that a minimum of 29 register for the trip. The approximate cost for the 2½ day trip will be \$34.00 per person. The tour is also open to our local Boards of Education, Recreation Committee members and other interested citizens. To date, we have not received the definite dates of the trip.

Also at this meeting the membership authorized the Bursary Committee to place \$1,500.00 plus donated bursary monies in a trust fund to be managed by a trust company. The actual size of a bursary and the methods to be used in dispensing such have not yet reached finalization. But we feel that finally here is a step in the right direction.

On Thursday, January 7th, the new executive met in Hamilton. Pam Graham reported at this meeting that a questionnaire in this writer's opinion is certainly different as it has only one question on it preceded by this statement. "We ask you to advise us of your opinion covering that which you will support as a professional; or that which you will support through your efforts in the community". "What type of training or projects do you think the General Training Committee should undertake or sponsor this coming year?"

The Social Committee of R. D. A. are already active and they are planning a strictly Social gathering on Friday, January 29th at the Glenbrier Curling Club in Waterloo.

The R. D. A. W. C. O. has sent letters of welcome to the two new professionals in our area. Jim Ward, new Director of Recreation for the Township of Chinguacousy, and Mrs. Beth Colbourne, new Program Director in Brampton.

The next R. D. A. meeting will be held in Hamilton, in March. We hope to have a member of the Hamilton Recreation Committee to speak on their new development re joint school-recreation facilities.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Christie.

# RECREATION STUDENTS REPORT

We're not Mac girls,  
We're not Vets,  
We're the greatest,  
We're the Recs",  
Yea Recs' !!

Yes, we're the Recreation Class of '66 at the University of Guelph. No longer can we be ignored. We've successfully passed our first anniversary, and now, with twice as many on campus, we're headed full steam into the 1964-65 school year.

We have quite a cross section of students in our class of '66. Out of the 13 girls and 21 boys, we have persons coming from as far west as Winnipeg, Manitoba, and as far east as St. John, Newfoundland. Six of our classmates have passed the point of no return -- marriage. The rest of us are confirmed bachelors and spinsters -- at least for today.

It can be said, that all the students have some experience in recreation. However, some have specialized skills which we feel should be mentioned. Bob Small, has served as "eyes for the blind" at the C.N.I.B. Provincial Camp on Lake Joseph. Don Jerrick has worked as a Red Cross Examiner in Toronto Township. All-Star softball pitcher, Karen Martin can "throw that strike" as well as any male. There's more -- Besides teaching the basic skills of fencing, Sandra Hosker has competed in several championship events.

Field trips (every Wednesday), provide a refreshing change from the daily hum drum of lectures. Our trips thus far have included a tour of the Leaside Memorial Gardens - a complex consisting of a curling rink, a swimming pool, and an arena. Specialized recreation was revealed to us through the rehabilitation and training program of the C.N.I.B. Conservation is also our concern, as was revealed in our field trip around the Grand Valley watershed area. Our most recent field trip to Toronto Township provided us with the opportunity to view municipal facilities in operation.

The weekend before Thanksgiving we attended a two day camping trip to Camp Pine Crest near Bala. Our weekend was jam packed full of sailing, hiking, canoeing and camp craft. We all had lots of fun, and we returned to campus with many memorable moments.

Our lectures thus far have provided us with an opportunity to discuss Recreation as a group - the municipal breakdown, leadership, facilities, official planning, and so on. Most of our lecturers are brought in to speak to us on the various phases of recreation. We feel that this is very important background information, and we take it very seriously, with the thought that our personal philosophies will be formed through this media.

Although lectures and field trips constitute the major part of our learning, there are two half days spent weekly, in cultural skill labs, of drama, art, and ceramics.

Sports wise, Rec. '66 is right at the top. Our first spectacular football game against the O.V.C. Class '68 proved to be one of the great wins for the Recs'. The girls followed up with a volleyball victory. We're in the tennis finals, and we placed second in the Track and Field events. If the good work keeps up, it looks like we're in for a terrific year.

In concluding this report, I might say that there is more to the "Recreation Course" than meets the eye. The majority of us are crying for a 36 hour day. The work is endless, but then again so is the satisfaction of a job well done.

#### RECREATION HOTLINE

Peter Cavill - our eldest student, worked in Australia for eight years.

Donna Gilhooly - is the Camp Pine Crest limbo champ.

Class Coordinator, Mr. Daniels - is a canoeing expert and a full time member of the "Wet Pants Club".

Doug Trumble - has some R.C.M.P. experience.

Pat Walsh - taught Phys.-Ed. for two years in Newfoundland.

Sandra Holloway - Joanne McKenna - Jan Skinner - are future Judo Experts??.

Hugh Foy - is our year old birthday baby for the Homecoming Parade.

Submitted by: SANDY HOLLOWAY.

# OUR RECREATION DIRECTOR

If he talks on a subject, he is trying to run things.

If he is silent, he is dumb or has lost interest....

If he is usually at the office, why doesn't he  
get out.....

If he is out when we call, why doesn't he stick  
around the office more....

If he is not at home at night, he must be out  
carousing.....

If he is home at night, he must be neglecting  
outside contacts.....

If he does not agree with you, he is ignorant or bullheaded..

If he does agree with you, that's all he had to do anyway....

If he appears more cordial to one councillor than another, he  
is playing politics.....

If he should give someone a short answer, trim him down to size  
in his next budget.....

If he attempts to explain pros and cons of something, he is  
pussyfooting.....

If he is well dressed, he thinks he is a big shot....

If he isn't, he isn't a proper representative of your important  
industry.....

If he takes a vacation, he has been on one all year.....

If he doesn't, he must be afraid of his job.....

If he is on the job a short time, he is inexperienced.....

If he has been there a long time, we need some new ideas and it  
is time for a change.....

But, if he takes the bull by the horns, does a good fearless job,  
and doesn't let any of us bother him, he will probably be a  
success in spite of us, and wind up a tired old man with a two  
bit pension.....

Boy this is a careerrrrrrrrrr.....



