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GENERAL COMMENTS FROM THE TREASURER

During the past three or four years several significant developments have paved the way for what I like to consider the start of a "coming of age" for our Society. Among these developments, and perhaps the most obvious, was a considerably brighter financial picture brought about primarily by increased fees and membership. The revenue received from these two sources, as well as the successful promotion and sale of several publications, has put the Society on a firm stable financial base for the last three consecutive years.

Anticipating no major reversal in the present economic picture, the executive was responsible for a decision which resulted in no request being submitted to the Youth and Recreation Branch for the annual "grant" from the Ontario Department of Education. Motion number E6-69-Sa, moved by F. Burch and seconded by Mr. Laurie Branch, and circulated as part of the minutes of the May executive meeting indicates the terms by which we see the Society receiving funds from the Department of Education. To quote "That the Youth and Recreation Branch (etc.) be invoiced in an amount equivalent to the financial expenditure incurred by the S.D.M.R.O. and through members for services rendered at the direct request of, on behalf of, or for the benefit of the Branch, and that there will be no request for a grant for this fiscal term of the S.D.M.R.O.".

Our intent is clear. As a Society we will only receive Government funds which are direct payment for "services rendered". An example of such is the money saved through our treasury for expenses of the Society members serving on the Provincial Certification Committee. This committee is performing its function at the specific request of the Ontario Department of Education, and has specified in the previously quoted motion, we have billed the Branch accordingly.

Using the 1967/68 grant of \$3,000.00 as a basis, funds received through the Youth and Recreation Branch based on our new policy will be approximately \$2,000.00 less than during the same period last year. To some, I am sure that this will be judged an unnecessary loss of an admittedly large amount of money from a "traditional" source of financial support. However others hopefully will share my personal satisfaction that at least at present we are standing on our own feet financially and I sincerely hope that future executives will see themselves in a similar light.

Frank Burch,
Treasurer

RECREATION - A PROFESSION ON THE MOVE

In the last few months over 20 people have taken new positions in recreation in the province.

Some filled newly created positions, some moved to other communities to fill vacancies and others moved up within their present organization.

The Youth and Recreation Branch had the greatest number of new people posted around the province.

Miss Shannon Rowe and Frank Willock have been employed as special consultants working with the Minister of Education's Committee studying recreation in Ontario. Shannon comes from the North York Recreation Department while Frank, once a Branch stalwart, comes from the staff of Algonquin College.

Formerly a career counsellor with the University of Waterloo, Miss Elizabeth McTavish is working with the Branch's Youth Section.

Three new Consultants-Youth and Recreation have also been hired. Rocco Losole is working out of the Dryden office, Ray Shulman, in North Bay and Charles LeMay, in Ottawa. Rocco was formerly with Humber College; Ray was responsible for the physical education complex, and recreation programs at the Moosonee Education Centre; and Charles taught at Vanier High School in Ottawa.

As of September 1st, Jean-Marc Beauchesne began sharing his professional time equally between the University of Ottawa and the Youth and Recreation Branch as he began working with the Provincial Recreation Research Committee.

Mississauga has three changes in staff. Miss Linda Petroski and Mrs. Rosemarie Rahilly have just joined the staff while Bob Lucas has been appointed Supervisor of Aquatics. Linda is a graduate of Connestoga and Rosemarie of Carlton.

The Community Colleges also have seen some major changes and additions in the past few months.

At Centennial, Chuck Gullickson took over as head of the Recreation Program and Miss Pat Fonger, a recent graduate of Connestoga's one year post-degree program joined the Centennial staff.

Don Popple formerly director in Newmarket is doing Student Affairs work at Sir Sandford Fleming. Youth and Recreation Physical Recreation Consultant, Jack Eilbeck joined the staff at Humber College and Ron Gillespie left Owen Sound to assist Aiden Spiller at Fanshawe College.

Filling Ron's shoes in Owen Sound is Norm Carter, formerly with the Oakville Recreation Department, Sam Screaton recently manager of the Kingsville Curling Club is Arena Manager there.

Newmarket's new Recreation Director is Dan Shannon who came from the Peterborough Department. Don Shave left Dryden to come Orillia's new Recreation Director and Gerry Gelllette has moved to become Whitby's Director.

Ontario lost one of its professionals, Sandy Holloway, Sault Ste. Marie, who went to Nova Scotia. At the same time it has gained two from outside the province. Bill Hutchinson comes to Kitchener from Alberta, and Chuck Pel to Oshawa from the United States.

And the beat goes on

ONTARIO MUNICIPAL PECREATION ASSOCIATION

The tour of the Flint Community Schools Program has been an overwhelming success.

The response of Board of Education personnel and staff is most encouraging. Unfortunately some "professionals" were the ones who left it "to the last minute" and were unable to accompany us.

We will be given personal tours by the Mott Interns and officials while in Flint and as they can provide only a certain number of drivers and cars our numbers are limited. In addition to the 108 plane passengers we have allowed 32 persons to join us there. A considerable number were placed on the waiting lists, both for the plane trip and driving.

Because of the overwhelming response we are planning another trip in early 1970.

Moral of the story, "get your applications in early".

Pat Artkin,
Executive Secretary