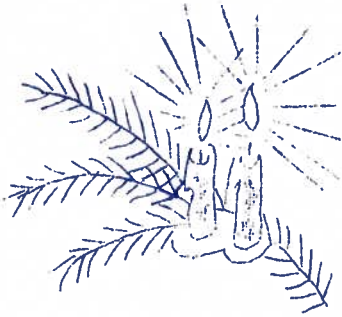


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SOCIETY OF DIRECTORS
OF MUNICIPAL RECREATION
OF ONTARIO

CHRISTMAS NEWSLETTER

L. G. BRANCH, Editor

DECEMBER 1960

This is the final edition of the official 1960
Society of Directors of Municipal Recreation of Ontario publications.
It has been a most enjoyable and gratifying experience preparing
the Bulletin and the Newsletter during the past twelve months.
We trust that you have found them informative and beneficial.

Space does not permit naming all individuals who have
assisted through contributions. We simply and sincerely say
thank-you and

BEST WISHES FOR THE
HOLIDAY SEASON

The Publication Staff:

Laurie Branch - Editor,

Bette Steen - Secretary.





PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It gives me a great deal of pleasure to send Seasons Greetings through the Bulletin of our Society.

We hope that this issue of the Bulletin and the ones to follow will provide interesting reading and will bring you up to date on the activities of the Executive and your fellow members throughout the province.

At the time of writing, the Executive are preparing for their first meeting. At this meeting, through committee appointments and direction, it is our hope that the task of implementing your recommendations can become firm action.

The Annual Meeting held at Prudhomme's was one of the most productive I have ever experienced. More members contributed their thinking than ever before and as a result, the Executive have their work cut out for them this year.

My plea, and I am speaking for the complete Executive, is that members will accept Society responsibilities willingly and do their utmost to see that these jobs are completed efficiently and effectively. As Jac Cropley pointed out in his paper - "One Gets Out of an Organization What One Puts Into It", and if our Society is to function properly, all members must accept their responsibility.

Just a reminder to all members - please feel free to let us know your feelings about Society affairs. Comments and constructive criticism are most welcome. I have already received a number of letters along these lines and will try to incorporate the thinking into our decisions.

Before I close I would like to take this opportunity to extend to each and every member a wish for a Most Merry Christmas and a Happy Holiday Season.

Yours sincerely,

W. R. Jones,
President.



PAST PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I would like to take this opportunity to say "thank you" to the membership for a wonderful year as your President. It was a most satisfying year and I was proud and privileged to serve you. It was a good year because of the broad participation of many members in the affairs of the Society.

I feel that the Annual Meeting was one of the best I have ever attended, again because of the broad participation by so many members. I wonder how many of you realize just how much of a work load you have set for the year? I have given this matter a great deal of thought and I can tell you that there will be plenty of work to keep most of the membership quite busy throughout the year. I hope each of you is prepared to accept a healthy share of this work.

I would like to commend at this time, Jack Dane and the Training Committee for the best institute to date. The West Central group deserve bouquets for the manner in which they played host and handled the mechanics. The City Engineers' Association have shown a great deal of interest in our Training Institutes. The President was quite impressed with the material I brought back with me from Prudhomme's.

You are to be commended for electing a fine executive. Give them your complete support and cooperation and the Society will make great strides forward in 1961.

George Kormos

Past President.

VOICE OF THE V. P.



The first meeting of the Society Executive was held in Toronto on Thursday and Friday, December 1st and 2nd. For about nine and one-half hours between 7:30 p.m. on Thursday and 5:00 p.m. on Friday, we hammered away at committee appointments, started machinery to implement the recommendations of the Annual Meeting and heard committee reports.

Most of the time was spent on committee appointments. Besides considering each appointment very carefully, we questioned the need and purpose of each committee or liason office. Earl Davis, Corresponding Secretary, will be asking many of you to accept chairmanships, and each chairman will be selecting committee members. Most of you will be asked to work on a committee; consider it carefully when you are asked, and plan to make a real contribution. Each chairman is to submit to the next executive meeting a list of his committee and a plan of work for the year. I think we can look forward to an unusually productive year.

Jack Dane has accepted the appointment as Director of Training. He will chair a committee consisting of the Chairman of the Undergraduate Training Committee, the Institute Committee and the In-Service Training Committee. George Kormos will chair the "Blueprint" committee.

Requests for close working relations or liason have been received from the National Recreation Association, the International Recreation Association and the Canadian Junior Bowling Council; liason officers will be appointed to these organizations.

Jack Dane attended the Friday night session and reviewed the Institute evaluation. We agreed to proceed with ONE institute in 1961 in conjunction with the Annual Meeting. It was agreed that first consideration would be given to "writing, reporting and speaking" as the Institute subject.

There was considerable discussion on making Fellowship examinations and ceremonies more meaningful, both to the participant and to the Society. Careful study of this will be required by both the Board of Regents and the Honours and Awards Committee.

We agreed that the Society should prepare a report on Physical Fitness. The Physical Fitness committee will probably be asking each of the members for contributions. The Society intends to make its voice heard in the current clamour about Physical Fitness.

A Merry Christmas
from
Dick Watts,
Vice President.

A R E M I N D E R

RESOLUTION AM-60-23-7 from the Annual Meeting of the S. D. M. R. O. in November:

"Whereas a recent study has been made, which showed need for periodic inspection of arenas and

Whereas the Ontario Recreation Association has moved to obtain action on this matter

Be it Resolved

That the members of the S. D. M. R. O. co-operate fully in this venture by following the recommendations of the O. R. A."

(Editor's Note: The Society executive has asked the Bulletin staff to include this reminder. No doubt all members have received their outline from the O. R. A. Have you taken action yet by contacting your local M.P.P. ?)

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The pastor of the church was delivering his sermon, but he didn't notice one of his pages was missing. He was reading along and he came to the bottom of the page and read the following: "and so Adam said to Eve", he turned the page and found the next one missing. He cleared his throat and started again "and so Adam said to Eve"; and in a low tone, forgetting the loud speaker was on, added "there seems to be a leaf missing".

THE SOCIETY OF DIRECTORS OF MUNICIPAL RECREATION OF ONTARIO
"TECHNIQUES OF BUSINESS MANAGEMENT IN RECREATION"
PRUDHOMME'S - NOVEMBER 10th & 11th, 1960

RESULTS OF INDIVIDUAL EVALUATION

Seventy-eight persons registered for the institute and thirty-six evaluation sheets were turned in (late distribution). While the returns were less than fifty percent they give a good cross-section point-of-view from the Society membership. Some of the returnees did not answer all of the questions. Some volunteered extra information which necessitated a couple of further breakdowns under Section 2, re Value. For example, thirty-one checked off "Office Design and Layout". One person indicated that it was of "great" value, fourteen said "much" value, four medium, and twelve of little value. Those who answered "O.K." or "satisfactory" to Section 3 were placed in the "Fair" column on the attached score sheet. "Splended" or "superb" answers were rated as Excellent.

Additional suggestions for "Methods Used" 3(e) were:- the involvement of more people, greater use of visual aids, a greater variety of techniques and an opportunity for more group discussion. Four people felt that the group discussion method that was used presented difficulties. Three rated the Fellow's papers of great value, twenty-two said much value, two medium, and three of little value. Two specifically mentioned Kormos' paper and two said Cropley's was outstanding for a tot l of thirty-four answers to that question.

The answers to Section 4 - "Future Sessions" - would indicate that November is the best time of year to hold the training institutes at Prudhomme's. Twenty-seven favoured the same time of year while only four indicated a preference for two institutes a year. Those who signified a desire to meet somewhere other than Prudhomme's were not specific about the locations other than one person who voted for Toronto. Five preferred any location that is central, three anywhere other than Prudhomme's, and one person said "up North". Only one said November was a "poor time of the year".

A great variety of topics for future sessions were suggested, with no one topic receiving many votes: Principles of Administration, Facilities, Social Psychology, Human Relations, Personnel Training and Leadership Training. One person wanted "something practical" and another asked that it be "less expensive". The latter is desired by all, but is something over which we have no control.

It is needless to say that the reason for the "Individual Evaluation Sheet" is to act as a guide for future Training Committees. The present returns indicate that November at Prudhomme's is the preferred time and place. However, something that was not settled at the Annual Meeting is, "do we have one or two training institutes a year?" Since the question did not appear on the sheet perhaps very few people thought about it.

1. HOW HELPFUL WAS THIS INSTITUTE TO YOU?

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THURSDAY:

- (a) OFFICE DESIGN AND LAYOUT
- (b) TRY THIS
- (c) REGISTRATION PROCEDURES
- (d) FUNDAMENTALS OF ACCOUNTING

(a) CORRESPONDENCE AND FILING

(b) TELEPHONE MANNERS

(c) FELLOW'S PAPERS	Kormos	Cropley
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(d) MAKING MEETINGS MEANINGFUL

(e) PERMITS

(f) PRINCIPLES OF ADMINISTRATION

(g) EVALUATION

VALUE			
GREAT	MUCH	MEDIUM	LITTLE
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	19	3	12
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3	27	1	3
2	27	1	3
3	22	2	3
	22	2	10
	7	4	25
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	19	2	3

(Editor's Note: Space did not permit reproducing the entire score sheet.)

FROM THE DESK OF:

EARLE ZEIGLER: May I offer a few items from the Excited States Branch (Michigan Wing) of the S.D.M.R.O.?

In the last Newsletter I made the mistake of mentioning names of folks that I had seen in Washington. Well, I dood it! Forgot Ex-Prexy George, of course. By the way, I just finished reading the minutes of the Annual Meeting, which sounded real interesting. I wish I could have been there. Believe it or not, I had four classes on Saturday morning from 8 - 12. Most of our graduate students come in from the surrounding communities, and Saturday is their only convenient day on campus.

Some of you folks in Hamilton will recall one Cam Gray who came down here on a track scholarship. Well, he graduated in physical education, but has had his heart set on recreation because of his early experience in Hamilton and what recreation meant in his own development. To bring you up to date on Cam, I helped him get a fellowship at Illinois, where he is now working on his M.A. The only problem is that he wants to settle in Florida - thinks it's a nice climate! Dont't we all!

Please allow me to brag a little (the old man's buttons are bustin') - my 15 year old, Don, who is a high school junior, made the all-city football team, the all-league team, and was elected co-captain for next year. Now, if I can just keep him from finding out about girls, he may get good enough grades to go to college.

Personally, I just received appointment as Chairman of the Joint Council on International Affairs of A.A.H.P.E. & R. Last week I spoke to the Milan Community Council nearby, as they would like to get an organized community recreation program going. I felt so sorry for them, as they didn't know where to turn for help. You folks don't realize what momentum you have gathered in Ontario; it's very impressive when one looks in from the outside.

Question: Who got elected?

Another question: Wasn't Sam Jacks feeling well at the Meeting? He only seconded one motion!

Seriously, may I wish you all the best for the Holiday Season!

I wish each and every one a very Merry Christmas and a most Happy New Year!

K. L. YOUNG: To all the members of the Society
from all of the Staff of the
Community Programmes Branch
may I wish for each of you the best
for Christmas, and may 1961 be a year
of satisfaction and achievement.

ANONYMOUS: Recently, the idea of taking the "Merry" out of Christmas has been proposed. Many will feel that the proposition has timely merit, even if only as an attempt to reclaim its Christian origin.

Even if the idea may be considered by others as untimely or too religiously slanted, the "merriness" of Christmas could well be tempered by the remembrance that the Biblical origin of the Christmas of Christendom was the Prince of Peace.

To this end, the following is offered. It is by no means new, either to Society members or to the Christian world.

PEACE PRAYER OF SAINT FRANCIS

Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace.

Where there is hatred let me so love;

Where there is injury, pardon;

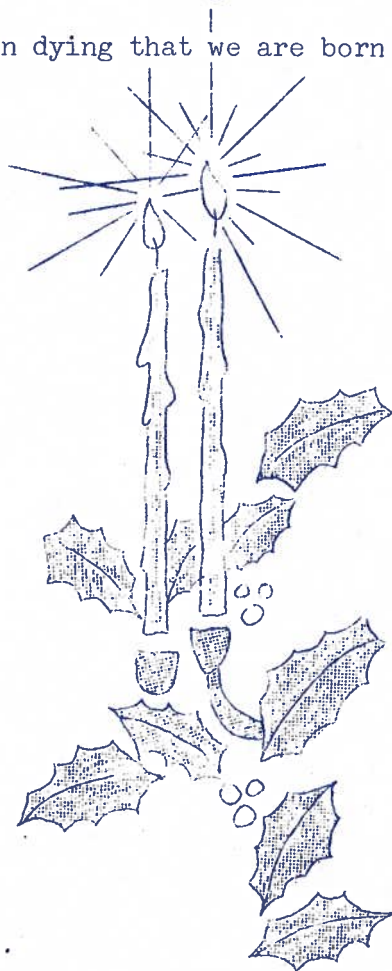
Where there is doubt, faith;

Where there is despair, hope;

Where there is darkness, light;

Where there is sadness, joy;

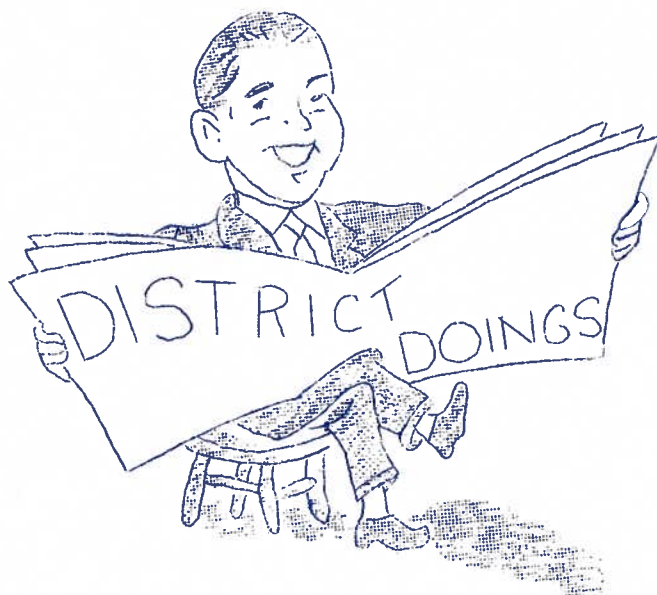
Oh Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek
to be consoled, as to console; to be understood as to
understand; to be loved as to love; for it is in giving
that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are
pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to
Eternal Life.



WEST CENTRAL

What's with West Central ?

(Editor's Note: Nothing in - but as a member may I pass on a few comments?)



- Regular meeting in November at Hamilton with a tour of the new \$10,000,000,000,000 (10 million dollars, I believe!) City Hall. From her "high in the sky" office, Florence Meiler can watch much of the recreation operation in both West Central and Central areas.

- An excellent 16 mm. film (colour, silent - with commentary sheets) has been completed by West Central covering their Playground and Daycamp Leaders Training Courses. If interested, contact Bud Brown, Oakville Recreation Department, for bookings. (Your only cost? - shipping!)

- Annual Christmas Party held at the Wagon Wheel Inn, Dundas, on Saturday, December 10th. A roaring success, with the Society Symphony featured (remember Prudhomme's?)

- New executive elected, headed by President Jack Ross of Oakville.

EAST CENTRAL

East Central District held an "Honor Night" and social on December 8th in Cobourg. Seven members and ex-members of the Zone who graduated this year from the In-Service Training Course were presented with their certificates by Dr. S.F. Maine, University of Western Ontario. K. L. Young, Community Programmes Branch, was also present. Guests of the Directors were members of their Recreation Committees from seven communities. Graduates are: Tony Dojcak, Bicroft; Wes Ogden, Oshawa; Ken Robinson, Peterborough; John Thorsen, Cobourg; Doug Rigg, Bowmanville (we hope); Joan Lambert, now of Deep River, and Bob Turner of Cornwall. It's hoped this will be the first of a series of annual "Honor Nights" and socials for the members and their wives. Vice President, Dick Watts, S.D.M.R.O. also attended.

Cobourg dedicates its new "Citizens' Centre" (formerly Market Building) in December. Building was renovated by the Kinsmen Club for use by Senior Citizens. Hopes are that it will develop as a Day Centre for this group. Cobourg Recreation Committee has finally arrived at agreement with local High School Board for use of gym facilities, and will be starting municipal basketball, fitness clubs and trampoline clubs in school facilities in the New Year. Directors Doug Rigg, Bowmanville and John Thorsen, Cobourg, assisted in a Senior Citizens' Workshop, sponsored by Community Programmes Branch, in Belleville on November 18th.

East Central District committee under Cec Nobes, Colborne, starting work on plans for third annual Zone Junior Bowling tournament, to be held in February or March.

SOUTHWESTERN

Congratulations are in order to Bill Jones of Sarnia, the newly elected President of the S. D. M. R. O.

The Southwestern Zone has undertaken a project that will be of service to all recreation personnel. Our objective is to produce a series of manuals consisting of practical information regarding the following areas of recreation: Training Techniques for: Coaches, playground personnel, aquatic personnel, etc. Facilities: playgrounds, pools, Senior Citizen Centre, schools, standards, administration, personnel and programme, survey, etc. Social Recreation: application, administration and programme, etc. Teens: programme, facilities, leadership, sponsorship, etc. Daycamp: programme, leadership, administration, facilities, etc.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

SOUTHWESTERN ZONE OF RECREATION DIRECTORS

NORTHWESTERN

The communication system of the Northwest Zone has been temporarily disrupted due to arena openings, the start of winter programmes and the general rush of the season. However, we do have time to extend Our Best Wishes and Season's Greetings to our associates in the province with the hope that recreation will continue to prosper and grow in 1961.

- The Northwest is saddened by the departure of Dean McCubbin, C.P.B. Representative who will be moving to North Bay in January. Before joining the Branch, Dean was director of recreation in Port Arthur and Fort Frances. He has been active in many of the projects which have made the business of recreation so important to the people of Northwestern Ontario. Dean has become a dear friend to directors, committees, municipal councils, group workers, organization executives and the citizens of this vast area. He will be greatly missed by everyone. It will be difficult to find a man to fill his shoes.

- Atikokan is still without a director, but the grapevine tells us that there are three highly-rated candidates from Eastern parts still being considered. By press-time we may know who will be joining us.

- Marg Phillips, Kenora, has the town hopping in preparation for the 9th Annual Northwestern Ontario Youth Conference held for four days at Easter. Harry Parsons, director of the Lakehead Planning Board, has been invited to be guest speaker. The other keynote speaker is still to be named. Eleanor Ressor was a speaker this year, and Rev. Bob Richards in 1959. Marg will have over 250 out-of-town delegates attending the event. The majority of the delegates will be travelling 300 miles or greater to visit Kenora for the Conference.

- The directors of the Northwest are grateful to the Society for sending amiable President (now Past President) George Kormos to our Zone Meeting. We note that more funds have been placed in the 1960-61 budget for additional trips such as this which indicates that there is agreement in the value of executive members travelling to other Zones. One of the items discussed with George which disturbed the N.W.

Zone was the method of selecting Fellows. At the annual meeting, this situation was remedied by the recommendations made by the Board of Regents. Communication with Society members was another discussion topic, and George promised that continued efforts would be made for improvement.

- The Northwest Zone Meeting agenda again kept us busy for two and one-half days as we met at the Quetico Conference and Training Centre to discuss such items as: Tennis Schools, Badminton Instructors' Clinic, N.W. Ontario Minor League Baseball, In-Service Training Course, Youth Conference, Secretary-Director Workshop, etc.

OTTAWA VALLEY

There are those who claim otherwise, but we know it to be true, that if the professional society of Recreation Directors was not born in the Ottawa Valley, at least it was conceived here in Pembroke, as the first members of the Ottawa Valley Recreation Directors Association can lustily testify.

Despite the Valley's promising beginning and the mighty oak of the S.D.M.R.O. that from this small acorn grew, the following years have not lived up to that early promise.

Here in the Valley, we have no slick zone organization, no magnificent seminars or training institutes, our child has grown and migrated to more fertile fields, and time passes us by.

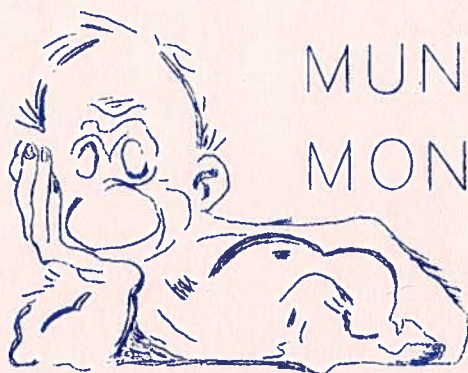
From this Valley, we watch the progress of our now lusty child, the honours it has received and the affiliations made, and hope and pray that it will not become too presumptuous, not too full of it's own importance, and not too miserly with it's honours and respects that have been so freely bestowed in the past.

Perhaps it is the insular nature of the hamlets within the Valley that precludes the formation of an active zone organization; or perhaps it is just "people" as Jac Cropley so often contends; however there's hope yet that the Valley will bestir itself as evidenced by the recent meeting held at RCAF Station Foymount.

Recreation Directors from Deep River, Pembroke and Renfrew with Recreation Officers from Camp Petawawa and RCAF Station Foymount and the CPB District Representative from Ottawa met on that high hilltop to discuss mutual problems, joint action and future cooperation, including, among other things, Children's Art, Referees and Coaches' Clinics, exhibition games and water safety courses.

The excellent accommodation provided by the RCAF Station, the welcome by the Station Commander, Wing Commander H. E. Smith and the hospitality of the Officers' Mess, made this conference an undoubted success and bodes well for the future of inter-community action and the possible development of a zone to contend with.

So it's Hello! from the Ottawa Valley to all you people out there, and may we wish you all, each and everyone, a Very Merry Christmas.



MUNICIPAL MONKEYSHINES

KITCHENER

TO ONE AND ALL
A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND A
PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR

FROM THE KITCHENER STAFF -

KAREN, SANDI, BOB & DON

(Editors Note: All's well in Kitchener !!)

MIMICO

"Youth is not a time of life. We grow old only by deserting our ideals. Years wrinkle the skin but to give up enthusiasm wrinkles the soul. Worry - doubt - self-distrust - fear and despair - these are the long, long "years" that bow the head and turn the growing spirit back to dust. There is in the hearts of us, whether seven or seventy, the love of wonder and love of life. We are as young as our faith and as old as our doubt - as young as our self-confidence and as old as our fear - as young as our hope and as old as our despair."

Anon.

WITH SINCEREST CHRISTMAS GREETINGS from The Registrar and Pat

(Editors Note: Thanks to Ron Standen and Pat Meeke.)

WATERLOO

Despite Bulletin publication and the recording and forwarding of Society Executive minutes, we do find that there is a recreation programme underway in Waterloo.

Considering that we might be saying too much throughout this 'magazine' we leave our reports and pencil sharpening to 1961. The new editorial staff will hear from us often in what appears to be an excellent year ahead for Waterloo.

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- Laurie Branch

SIMCOE COUNTY

Drama Workshops - we were telling you about the newly formed Simcoe County Drama Committee in our last report. The second Drama Workshop sponsored by this Committee was held in Orillia near the end of October. The emphasis was on 'acting' and 48 teenagers and adults from Simcoe County plus Gravenhurst and Owen Sound took part.

Murray Edwards of the C.B.C.'s Radio Division gave leadership to the Course. Emphasis was placed on such techniques as the projection of feeling, meaning and voice. Small groups worked on developing pantomimes, dialogues and radio playlets. The creativity and talent displayed was tremendous.

So much interest has been developed through these workshops that a third one on theatre production is now being planned to take place early in January.

The Community Programmes Branch has assisted financially in these training courses and the C.O.D.L. has given counsel and advice.

Recreation Conference on Youth - "Community Leaders look at Youth" was the theme of the Recreation Conference held in our area on Saturday, December 3rd.

Henry (Hank) Labatte of the National Y.M.C.A. was the theme speaker. He analysed the changes to which we can look forward in the coming decade. Increased population, movement to larger centres, wealth and creative activity are predicted. More and more people will be involved in working with people. In this situation of rapid change there will be a search for a redefinition of values. The point was emphasized that we need to learn to work together effectively toward clearly defined goals.

A panel of community leaders - a county councilor, a minister, a teacher, "Y" and recreation personnel - tried to tackle the difficult job of how to meet youth needs in a society which is in great flux. There was plenty of discussion, enough disagreement to make things lively and the emergence of new ideas.

Thirty-five people attended the Conference which was planned by "Y" and recreation personnel in Simcoe County. Frank Willock of the Community Programmes Branch, also assisted at the Conference.

SCARBOROUGH

SCARBOROUGH WINS (little) GREY CUP ! !

On Saturday, November 5th, the Championship 90 lb. and 115 lb. teams from the Scarborough Kiwanis Football League travelled to East York Memorial Stadium for their first crack at the Little Grey Cup (The Stan Wadlow Trophy).

In the 90 lb. division, Scarborough Kiwanis came through with a resounding 22 - 0 victory over East York's McGill Redmen.

In the 115 lb. division, West Hill Kiwanis and East York Varsity Blues went down to the wire all tied up. With the minute flag up, Scarborough kicked a single point to give them a 14 - 13 victory.

Bring on the Rough Riders !

EAST YORK

East York Recreation's latest programme to be put into effect for the Fall and Winter season, and proving quite popular, is the rapidly growing sport - curling. One day each week (Tuesday) is put aside in the East York Arena, 5 rinks being in operation. Morning and afternoon sessions are used mainly by the housewife and shift worker, with a well attended mixed league taking the evening hours 7 to 11 p.m. This evening session gives the adult of the community a chance to participate as a family, thereby proving a welcome addition to a recreation programme.

One of our most popular Saturday morning programmes is the Junior 5-Pin Bowling. 112 mixed teams, consisting of approximately 700 youngsters taking part. The league is divided into three divisions, Bantam under 12 years, Junior under 14 years, and Intermediate under 19 years. Our most popular tournament in this is the "Parent-Child" - this again brings family participation.

OAKVILLE

- Instructor's Clinic for Junior Bowling Coaches was held on Saturday, November 26th at Oaktown Lanes, Oakville. 38 coaches qualified for Canadian Junior Bowling Council Instructor's Certificates. Executive Director Ron Forbes of the Canadian Junior Bowling Council introduced Clinic Instructor Mrs. Vera Ward, of Hamilton. Facilities were donated by Mrs. Cliff, Oaktown Lanes. Arrangements - V.M. Werner, Oakville-Trafalgar Recreation Department.

- Fifty representatives of Recreation and Minor Sports Committees attended the Minor Sports Conference sponsored by the Oakville-Trafalgar Recreation Committee on Saturday, November 5th from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Discussion was centred on the topic "The value of minor sports and how best they can serve youth of the Community". Representatives attended from Burlington, New Toronto, Brampton and nearby points.

LONDON

Now that the winter season has finally arrived, our four outdoor rinks are in full operation. Included in this programme are the following hockey leagues: Recreation League - 16 teams, U.W.O. Interfaculty and Fraternity Leagues - 16 teams, London Minor Hockey League - 20 teams, Public School League - 20 teams, Separate School League - 15 teams, Pee Wee Leagues - 44 teams, Squirt Leagues - 48 teams, Boy Scout League - 12 teams, Church League - 6 teams.

In the girl's section of our winter programme we operate Figure Skating classes at all four rinks. The P.U.C. Recreation Department also programmes the Public School Girls Basketball League which includes 12 teams.

The P.U.C. Children's Theatre School will present a four-act play entitled "Puss in Boots" at the Wollesley Army Barracks and at the Victoria Hospital Crippled Children's Centre.

Christmas Wonderland in Victoria Park opened on December 2nd with the traditional Turning on the Lights Ceremony. Christmas Wonderland includes an impressive Nativity Scene, several children's displays and decorations of lamp standards and provision of 30 large candy canes by the Public Schools. Christmas Wonderland will be open until January 2nd.

NEW LISKEARD

The New Liskeard Recreation Commission sponsored the first Hockey School in Northern Ontario. Recreation Director Ken Edgar brought in Gus Mortson, Ike Hildebrand and Dit Clapper for a two-day school with 100 young boys attending.

The Northern Ontario Playground Hockey Championship Jamboree is to be held in New Liskeard on Saturday, March 18, 1961. Teams from Sudbury, North Bay, Kirkland Lake, Timmins and Kapuskasing will be competing for top honours.

The Earlington Recreation Committee is to have a Recreation Centre. Mr. Clem Heroux and his Earlington Committee are at present planning on buying and redecorating the old Earlington School into a Community Centre for this small town 16 miles north of New Liskeard.

How a man plays a game shows some-
thing of his character; how he loses
shows all of it.

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It's usually the little things that
bother you the most.

For example, you can sit on a
mountain - - but not on a tack.

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WORTH READING

THE RELATIONSHIP OF COMMUNITY RECREATION TO INDUSTRIAL RECREATION

By W. J. Pillsworth, of London

Presented at:

Panel Discussion,
Industrial Recreation Workshop,
November 4, 1960,
Sarnia, Ontario.

It is a pleasure for me to be a member of a panel which has been given the task of discussing the relationship of community recreation to industrial recreation and the benefits that can be realized through mutual understanding and respect. Both agencies should be concerned with providing recreation programmes that will benefit the whole community and it is my opinion that this challenge can be met by more effective liaison being established between indus-

tries and public recreation departments in our communities.

The premise that public recreation departments can serve all the recreation needs in a community is entirely false. To say that all valuable forms of recreation that constitute community recreation can be eliminated in favour of tax supported programmes would place a great burden on municipal revenues that could not possibly be borne. There is a place for both public and private agencies in the recreation field because of the difference in purpose and objectives. The key word is "unity" in order to serve the community in the best possible manner.

There is no doubt in my mind about the importance of industrial recreation in our society, particularly in Ontario which is known as the Industrial Province of Canada. The difference between industrial recreation and public recreation is really a matter of purpose but both agencies can be contributors to the whole programme dedicated to leisure in our communities. I will quote from an article prepared by Don L. Neer, Executive Secretary of H.I.R.A. for the Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science - "Participation in industrial recreation programs tends to improve physical and mental health, cultivate leadership, stabilize employment, strengthen community relations, relieve tensions in the factory climate and strengthen morale." Industrial recreation is mainly concerned with employees, their families and to some extent their friends. It is the responsibility of public recreation to serve the community by providing essential services such as playgrounds, municipal swimming pools, skating rinks and similar programs and to assist, encourage and cooperate with all community recreation groups.

In my opinion, industrial recreation is similar to any other community recreation group consisting of people who have a band of relationship. One community group may have this relationship through a church or school. Industry has it through a common work situation. Since recreation carried on in schools, churches and clubs is a part of the whole field of community recreation, industrial recreation should be thought of as a part of community recreation.

It is stated in Recreation For Community Living that business, industrial and labor organizations may best be served through the co-ordination of their recreation programs with the recreation services provided by public and private agencies in the community. The service of industry and labor are best implemented as supplementary and complimentary opportunities. Co-ordination will enable companies and labor organizations to make maximum use of leadership, activities and facilities provided by the basic auxiliary agencies and allow these agencies to benefit from the programs of the companies and labor organizations.

The following statement was made during a session at the National Recreation Congress in 1955 - Co-operative planning between community and business can pay rich dividends to both. On one hand, the workers are going to get a better program, and on the other, the community is going to receive better support in all its undertakings from business.

In a study made by Community Programmes Branch of the Department of Education in 1951, it was most evident that there was very little active liaison between municipal recreation directors and industries. I believe that some progress has been made since 1951 but it isn't very significant and we have a long way to go. In the same study the majority of industries reported a need for more outside assistance with facilities, leadership courses, literature and co-operation with municipal recreation directors.

I feel that the most effective liaison can be implemented by the formation of Industrial Recreation Councils in our communities. This Council should include a representative from each industry in the community. The selection of the representatives is important so that sufficient interest is shown to carry out the functions of the Council. Some of the ways in which both groups may work together are:

1. The public recreation department could present existing and new programs to the representatives so they may in turn communicate the information to the employees of their firms. Examples are - athletic leagues, adult community centre activities, tennis classes and swimming classes.
2. The representatives could relate to the public recreation department recreation activities in industrial programs that are available to employees, families and friends. This free expression of services could result in a reduction of duplication of programs which no doubt exists in all communities.
3. An interchange of facilities could be arranged so that maximum use of ball diamonds, soccer fields, meeting rooms, etc. is implemented. More and better facilities may be arranged by both agencies advocating that a greater amount of money be provided by industry and the municipal government.
4. Both agencies could prepare long range planning together in order to have a unified effort in the future regarding facilities, programs and leadership.
5. Leadership training courses could be organized to provide a continuous source of instructors, coaches, committee members, etc.
6. There is a most urgent need for research in the field of recreation. Perhaps an Industrial Recreation Council could be instrumental in getting industry to provide foundations for this purpose.
7. Both agencies could work together to meet the recreation needs of the retired person. This is an important phase of recreation that should be stressed.

I am vitally interested in Municipal Recreation Departments establishing better communication with industry in order that a more comprehensive job may be done in planning recreation for the total community. Although this communication can be carried out at any time by individual communities, I believe that immediate steps should be taken to establish liaison between the Industrial Recreation Association, District 8 and the Society of Directors of Municipal Recreation of Ontario so that the whole subject of communication could be discussed.

Let us plan together in order to meet the challenges of leisure and recreation in our communities. We both have an important responsibility now which will be increased in the future with changes in our social structure through automation.

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Submitted by T. W. Trevelyan,
Recreation Director,
C. N. I. B.

RECREATION FOR THE HANDICAPPED

By Joseph E. Caruk - July 27, 1960.

Many picture the handicapped as individuals excluded and isolated from the world of activity around them. This is an erroneous image. Handicapped men, women and children frequently make what appear to be remarkable re-entries into community life. With timely and practical assistance they not only participate in a variety of activities, but contribute measurably to their successes. Among the numerous factors which make these re-entries possible is a carefully planned and executed recreation program.

This article deals primarily with the handicap of blindness, but the reader should keep in mind that what has been accomplished for and by the blind can also be achieved in lesser or greater degrees by other handicapped groups.

In Canada, there are more than 23,000 blind men, women and children, who either because of an accident, disease or other causes have been hurled into a temporarily confused or frustrated world.

Not all blind people are totally without sight. Approximately two-thirds of our blind population has a small degree of vision. Anyone having 10% vision or less is considered as a blind person. Partially sighted and totally blind once familiar with an activity or location, move freely and with seemingly little, if any awkwardness.

Blind Canadians seek and secure their assistance from two sources, the Canadian National Institute for the Blind and the Canadian Council of the Blind.

The former is a nationwide agency which provides a multi-service programme of rehabilitation, recreation, residence care and research. Its staff made up of blind and sighted specialists reaches into community life with constructive programmes to combat blindness and its limitations.

The Canadian Council of the Blind is a voluntary body of blind men and women whose chief concern is in the organizing of social clubs made up of blind people. It also keeps a vigilant eye on the overall needs of the blind and brings them to the attention of the service organizations for the blind and government bodies.

Through these two organizations, blind people make their way back into their communities. It is not unusual to find them at work and at play in areas where sight was once considered a must.

Recreation is an extremely important weapon in their fight against the limitations of their handicap. It cannot be limited to a passive role, for strikes at all age groups, sexes and creeds. The planned recreation programs must, therefore, be flexible and all inclusive. They must provide a maximum assimilative opportunity. Games of skill provide stimulating competition. Cards, checkers, chess, scrabble and a host of other indoor games have been adapted in such a way as to permit the sighted and the sightless to compete together on an equal footing. Reading too is good recreation. Braille and talking books keep the blind in touch through the world of words. Specialists teach crafts including leather work, ceramics, metal work and pottery, thus utilizing many otherwise wasted hours. Drama, music and literary groups run a popularity paralleled with public speaking and discussion clubs. These activities designed for the artistically inclined, as well as those who wish to better their ability to express themselves are on the increase.

The more physically active respond to the call of the great out-of-doors. The lawnbowler and horseshoe pitcher are frequently found on the greens and in the pits. Watersports beckon to the blind too, swimming, boating and fishing create the same enjoyment for the blind as for the sighted.

Bowling indoors and out provides a field for precision competition. Local and national tournaments for the blind produce news-worthy scores.

During the winter months skating takes a prominent place in the lives of the blind.

Group recreation serves as rehabilitation for the newly blind. In the setting provided by approximately 73 social clubs of the blind across Canada they find encouragement and inspiration. All 'round programmes at camps for the blind reopen temporarily closed doors to sports. These and similar activities provide stimulating contact with others who have mastered or are mastering their handicap. This is a therapy not easily duplicated.

There are few activities indeed which cannot be enjoyed by the blind. Even the links have been invaded by totally blind golfers who with the assistance of a sighted coach cover eighteen holes and emerge in the low 90's.

Acceptance in a community is essential to any individual's well-being. The man with the handicap is no exception. He should not be denied participation simply because he is handicapped. Often a minimum of assistance from a sighted friend results in an individual's maximum use of ability and talent. There are many yet unexplored areas into which the handicapped will enter. They will need help to cross the thresholds of new and exciting endeavors. They will continue to receive ~~this~~ help from the C.N.I.B. and the C.C.B., but as thorough as these organizations are, further assistance from other community groups is always welcome. Combined efforts help cancel out the limitations of a handicap.

O. R. A.

The Provincial Conference of the Ontario Recreation Association will be held in Hamilton, Sheraton Connaught Hotel, May 5th, 6th and 7th, announces Wendell Brewster, Conference Chairman.

The Conference delegates will be entertained at a reception Thursday evening, May 4th, by the West Central Zone of O. R. A.

Friday morning, May 5th, the Annual Meeting will be held, chaired by President Fred Brookbanks. This years meeting will be especially important as the Board of Directors will present a brief to the membership in which a new structure for O. R. A. will be suggested ... a Federation of Zones. The brief will be sent to the Zone executives prior to the Annual Meeting for study. The President and Committee Chairman will report on the year's work. Andy Ley, Programme Chairman, outlines the programme as follows:

On Friday afternoon delegates will have a choice of several topics which will be included in "Skill Seminars" ...

- Municipal Recreation Administration
- Financial Assistance for Municipalities
- Swimming Pool Management and Operation
- Day Camp Programme
- Developing Local Physical Fitness Programme
- Art Programmes in Ontario
- Inter-community Cooperation

Friday evening at the banquet, a symposium, chaired by Wm. L'Heureux, will kick off the main conference theme "Prescription for Family Living". Alice Trevis of the National YWCA will present the physical aspect; Mr. Wm. McCallion, Director of Extension, McMaster University, will speak of the intellectual aspect; Mr. John Londerville, Principle of Hamilton Teachers' College, will talk of the aesthetic aspect; Dr. F. Vallee, School of Social Work, McMaster University, will present the social aspect.

On Saturday, the delegates will hear a resource person, in their discussion groups, give a paper and also have a chance to express opinions, share ideas, and ask questions.

The Saturday banquet will be the climax, when Rabbi Feinberg will address the delegates. Sunday will include the resolutions session. If the Zones have any concerns about which the O. R. A. may take action, they can be presented at that time.

The Hamilton Recreation Committee is planning to entertain the delegates royally. Florence Meiler, Recreation Director of Hamilton, and Audell Schimmel, Assistant Recreation Director, are directing mechanics.

Information for budget purposes is as follows:

Registration, including 2 banquets and your conference proceedings \$18.00
 Hotel Accommodation from \$5.35 for a single and \$9.50 for a double (and up)
 Free parking at hotel. Reservations should be sent to -

Reservation Manager,
 Sheraton-Connaught Hotel,
 112 King St. E.,
 Hamilton, Ontario.

(Editor's Note: Our thanks to Earl Davis for the following.
 Although a similar prayer was published in the Bulletin a few
 months ago, we feel it is worth repeating in this slightly
 different version.)

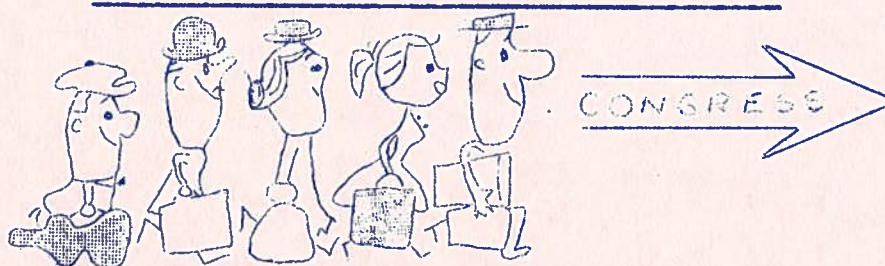
A PRAYER FOR LESS SPEED

"Slow me down, Lord. Ease the pounding of my heart by the
 quieting of my mind. Steady my hurried pace with a vision of the
 eternal reach of time. Give me amidst the confusion of my day,
 the calmness of the everlasting hills. Break the tension of my
 nerves and muscles with the soothing tunes of the singing streams
 that live in my memory. Help me to know the restorative power
 of sleep. Teach me the art of taking minute vacations - - of
 slowing down to look at a flower, chat with a friend, to pat a
 dog, to read a few lines from a good book. Remind me each day
 of the fable of the hare and the tortoise, that I may know that
 the race is not always to the swift, that there is more to life
 than increasing speed. Let me look forward into the branches of
 a towering oak, and know that it grew strong because it grew
 slowly and well.

Slow me down, Lord, and inspire me to send my roots deep into
 the soil of life's enduring values, that I may grow toward the
 stars of my greater destiny."

THE NATIONAL RECREATION CONGRESS IN DETROIT

OCTOBER 1 - 5, 1961



On November 5th and 6th, June Braaten, representing the Ontario Recreation Association, attended the Conference Programme Planning Meeting for the 43rd National Recreation Congress, to be held in Detroit, October 1 - 5, in the fabulous new convention centre Cobo Hall. It is held jointly each year by the National Recreation Association and the American Recreation Society. Mr. Wm. Frederickson, Recreation Director of Los Angeles is chairman. His committee laid basic plans at the week-end meeting for the five-day conference programme.

This year, several topics will be discussed in greater depth than in the past. On Monday, an outstanding person will speak on the dynamics of programme, following which sponsor agencies will each discuss separately where their problems lie. A further breakdown will follow in the afternoon when members of all sponsor agencies may choose from groups in different areas of programme, such as drama, sports, arts, crafts, etc. Finest principles and recent advances in approach will be discussed in detail.

Another day, delegates will have opportunity to hear reports on the White House Conference on Ageing which is being held in Washington in January. A day-long discussion will follow concerning the implication and meaning for Recreation people of the White House Conference discussions.

Personnel administration, including professional status, ethics, in-service training, will take a full afternoon's session.

On other days, there will be a myriad of topics on nearly every aspect of Recreation from which those present may choose. A Canadian dinner and evening is being planned.

As the Conference will be in Detroit this year, the Recreation Congress committee is inviting many Canadians to participate in the programme. They hope many of our Recreation people, both lay and professional, will attend. Mark down the dates on your calendar now, and if possible include the 1961 Congress of Recreation in your budget.

Of interest to professionals will be the institute to be held on Saturday and Sunday preceeding the Conference. Further information will be sent soon to all O.R.A. members.

(Editor's Note: See following for Institute outline - thanks to Jack Dane.)

NATIONAL RECREATION ASSOCIATION
SIXTH NATIONAL INSTITUTE IN RECREATION ADMINISTRATION
September 30 - October 1, 1961
Detroit, Michigan

THEME: Budget & Finance for Recreation Services

General Chairman: Vernon F. Hernlund, Director of Recreation,
Chicago Park District

Saturday, September 30th

- 9:00 - 9:10 a.m. - Welcome - Edward T. McGowan, First Deputy
Superintendent, Department Parks &
Recreation, Detroit, Michigan
- 9:10 - 9:20 a.m. - Introductions - Announcements - Instructions
- Morning Session - Recreation and The Economy
- 9:20 - 10:00 a.m. - "Recreation's Part in The National Economy"
"How Much Should a City Spend"
- Instructor and Leader
- Joseph Prendergast, Executive Director, N.R.A.
- 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. - "Relation of Recreation To Other Community
Financial Obligations" "How to Get a
Fair or Adequate Share of the Tax Dollar"
- Instructor and Leader
- John Huff, Executive Director, Michigan
Municipal League
- 11:00 - 11:20 a.m. - Coffee Break
- 11:20 - 12:30 p.m. - "What's Ahead in Municipal Finance"
"The Finance Director's Job and His Relationship
to the Recreation Executive"
- Instructor and Leader
- David Addy, Auditor General, Detroit, Michigan
- 12:30 - 2:00 p.m. - Lunch

Afternoon Session

2:00 - 3:30 p.m.

- "Financing Recreation - Sources of Revenue"

- "General Taxes" "Special Taxes" "Special Assessments" "Bond Issues" "Bequests & Gifts" "User Fees" "Others" "Trends"

Instructor and Leader - Dr. Luther H. Gulick, President
Institute of Public Administration, New York City
Chairman, Budget and Administration Committee
for the National Recreation Association's Board

3:30 - 3:45 p.m.

- Coffee Break

3:45 - 4:45 p.m.

- Buzz Groups - Question - "What Support in the Future Should We Expect From Fees & Charges?"
(Ten separate discussion groups dealing with ten different and specific activities.)

4:45 - 5:30 p.m.

- Summarizer's Reports

Evening Session

7:30 - 9:30 p.m.

- "Finance and the Community"

- "Enlisting Community Support" "Financial Planning With the Community" "Surveying Community Needs From Financial Viewpoint"

Instructor and Leaders - Arthur Williams,
Associate Executive Director N.R.A.
George Hjelte, General Manager, Department of Parks
and Recreation, Los Angeles, California

Sunday, October 1st
Afternoon Session

2:00 - 3:00 p.m.

- "Functional or Performance Budgeting"

- "Theory, Philosophy and Principles of Functional Budgeting"

Leader and Instructor - Edward Nowak, Budget Director,
Detroit, Michigan

3:00 - 3:15 p.m.

- Coffee Break

3:15 - 5:00 p.m.

- "Advantages & Disadvantages of Functional Budgeting"
"Application to Recreation" "Record Keeping"
"Program Interpretation in Terms of Dollars"
"Cost Analysis"

Instructors and Leaders - Arthur Williams,
Associate Executive Director, N.R.A.
George Hjelte, General Manager, Department of Parks
and Recreation, Los Angeles, California

Further information can be obtained from: W. C. Sutherland, Director,
Recreation Personnel Service,
8 West 8th Street,
New York 11, New York.

C L A S S I F I E D D E P A R T M E N T

WANTED - RECREATIONIST

ASSISTANT RECREATION DIRECTOR - DEEP RIVER, ONTARIO

RANGE - \$5,000 to \$6,100

- *** Man experienced in Recreation techniques, specializing in group and committee work, particularly with child and youth activities
- *** Physical education or liberal arts background preferred
- *** Must possess a Fellowship Degree (S.D.M.R.O.) or be able to obtain an A or B certificate in Recreation (Ontario Department of Education)
- *** Facilities include: Community Centres, Playfields, Gymnasias, Bowling Alleys, Playgrounds, Parks, Arena and Waterfront for a wide range of programme activities
- *** Preference will be given to applicants with experience in programming in these and related facilities
- *** Single accommodation in staff house or housing for a married person available
- *** Pension, Insurance, Medical and Vacation Plan

Letters of application should be written to the undersigned before January 5, 1961.

Interviews will be arranged where necessary.

J. A. Cropley, Executive Secretary,
Deep River Community Association
Incorporated.

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Press Time - - - NEWS FLASH - - -

Bev McCauley, Society Membership Chairman, will be bidding farewell to Deep River early in the new year. Our best wishes go with Bev as he commences his new duties in Fort William as Community Programmes Branch district representative, beginning February 1, 1961.

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