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Standing Room only for Silence

"It was obvious that the fisherman was a beginner and an impatient one at that. He baited his hook, cast his line and waited a few minutes. Then when nothing bit, he yanked the line in again and changed the bait. He repeated this process several times, growing more and more exasperated. Finally, he threw down his rod and reached into his pocket pulling out a handful of coins. He flung them into the water. "There," he shouted angrily, "Go buy yourselves something you do like."

The newsletter, bulletin, or what ever it may be called, is prepared to tell in simple words what a new society in the field of professionalism is doing throughout the province. It is the humble desire of the Bulletin Committee to pass on to the Society membership, true facts, light humor, and personal tip-bits.

The Society of Directors of Municipal Recreation of Ontario needs a contact of human interest, one that can not be bought, but earned through a medium of co-operative endeavour. The activities and programs of the membership are of interest to all who share its privileges, and through contributions of materials can there only be left "Standing room for Silence" which means there is no room left.

Remember - The deadline for news for the April issue of the Bulletin is April 10th. Do your "fishing" for news early.

The Editor.

Do You Know Your District Reporter?

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Since the last Bulletin, we have seen the completion of an event that will be a significant milestone in the budding life of the Society.

The Public Relations Seminar sponsored by the Society and hosted by Central Ontario was an outstanding success! All who were fortunate enough to attend felt that this type of training might very well be repeated and indeed, that a pattern had been established that would fill a real need in the future.

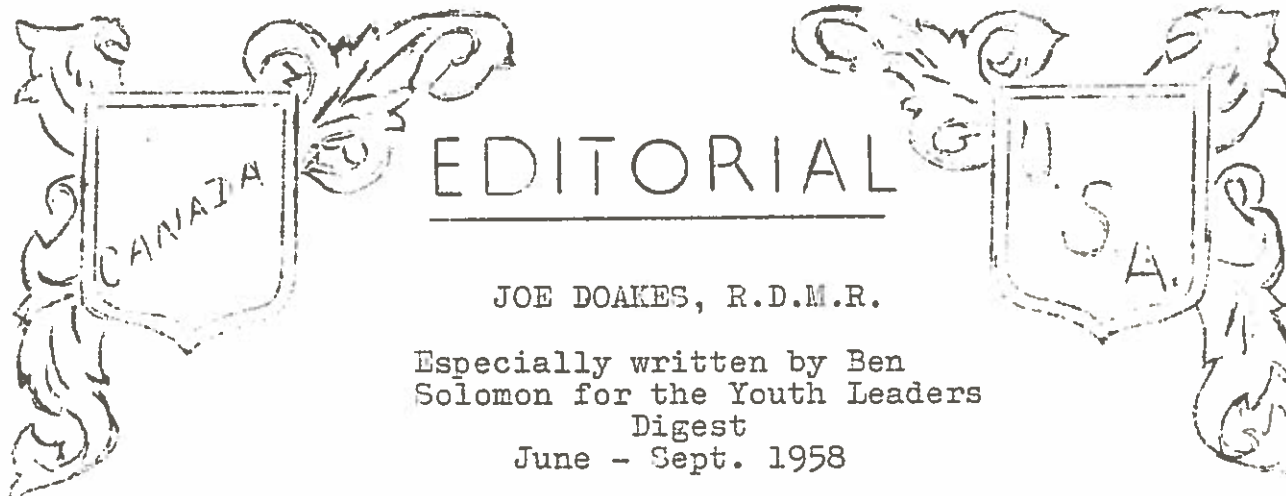
This seminar could never have been the unqualified success that it was without the efforts of several people. Jack Dane, as Course Director, and Tedd Sommerville as Chairman acting for Central Ontario gave of their time and efforts in such a manner that I'm sure none of us have ever participated in such a well organized and professionally conducted course.

I was fortunate enough to attend a similar seminar sponsored by no less an august body than the American Recreation Society and I can say, comparatively, that ours, though shorter in duration, had more variety and was better organized.

Congratulations then to those already mentioned, their committee and to Central Ontario for their leadership in this event. I sincerely hope that a regular pattern of such seminars on a number of different topics may be established!

Ian Thomson.
President.

When Put
To The Test
An Ounce
Of Loyalty Is
Worth A
Pound Of Cleverness



These letters R.D.M.R. very probably constitute one of the most important advances that has been made in the field of recreation in North America to date. It registers the fact that in at least one large and important area on this continent recreation has been recognized BY LAW as a professional occupation.

The facts are clear and unequivocal. On March 27th, 1958, Bill No. 30 "An Act to incorporate The Society of Directors of Municipal Recreation in Ontario", by action of the fourth session of the 25th Legislature, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, became official law. This law now awaits ratification by a general meeting of the Society which already has been called for September 5, 1958 to be held at Bowmanville, Ontario. At this meeting the Society will probably ratify the action of the Provincial Legislature, will also adopt a new Constitution and By-Laws and a code of ethics that normally goes with such a Constitution. From that moment on, recreation in the Province of Ontario will be well started on its way toward public recognition as a professional occupation and qualifying members who hold Provincial and Society certificates presumably will also be recognized as professionals in their work.

This bill, now law, has not magically dropped out of a hat. On the contrary it took over ten years of planning, working and development by the Recreation Directors Federation of Ontario to bring this to fruition. This is indeed an epoch making, an historic moment in the progress of recreation in North America. It is our fervent hope that recreation leaders in the States will follow this excellent example.

Careful reading of the Bill reveals four especially important points:

1. The Society of Municipal Recreation Directors of Ontario is legally incorporated, recognized and accepted by the Provincial government as the official professional body representing the field of municipal recreation in Ontario.

2. The Bill sets up, through the Society, legal specifications for membership in the Society.

3. It provides certain privileges especially the one that each qualified member in good standing is entitled to use the professional designation "Registered Director of Municipal Recreation" or its initials R.D.M.R. after his name. And no one else can use this designation or the initials under penalty of conviction by a magistrate and a fine of \$25 for each offense.

4. The bill, through the Society, makes provisions for creating a practical code of ethics which all members must adhere to and it also prescribes for violation of this code.

An interesting sidelight that has no connection with the Bill itself but of great importance is the fact that the Provincial Department of Education through its Community Programmes Branch distributes grants of money to municipalities to help promote their local recreation programs. Highest grants are given to holders of Type "A" Provincial Certificates and lower grants for Type "B." Still lower grants are available to municipalities without any Provincial Certificate. As the "Branch" and the Society work closely together on the whole professionalization effort this may tend to induce employing municipalities to seek and hire those Recreation Directors who have earned this R.D.M.R. designation, a situation which most certainly will enhance the value of those four initials. At the present time the number of registered recreation directors in Ontario, those qualified for the R.D.M.R., is relatively small and insufficient to supply the already increasing demand, a situation which is impelling many recreation leaders to study hard and seriously to qualify for certification.

Although it is not yet mandatory by law for employing municipalities to hire only registered directors it is hoped that public opinion may gradually exert pressure to bring this about. On the other hand it would hardly be practical for any employing agency, organization or department to discharge a registered director without just cause (which is done altogether too often here in

the States) because the Society expects to officially investigate such matters and also to take action when and where needed. Such action might include legal aid for a member unfairly treated, or maybe public dissemination of the facts of the case, or bringing pressure on members of the Society and other recreation directors to avoid applying for the position. In time it is hoped that the merit of the Society's position will win the cooperation of the public as well as of all professional recreation people and employers.

All this is an excellent step in professionalizing the whole recreation movement but by far it is not the whole job. Much more of real importance must be accomplished and it will take many more years of hard and intelligent work. For instance the number of qualified registered directors must be vastly increased especially if the Society ever expects employers to hire only certified directors. There must be a supply more or less equal to the demand.

Then again no code of ethics that the Society may write will be one whit better than its enforcement and practice. Actual cases must be investigated, fought through and won before the code is accepted, not only by the professionals and the employers but also by the general public.

VOLUNTARY CERTIFICATION

It is interesting, at this point, to look over what recreation leaders in the United States have been doing about this professionalization of their occupation. For many years past there have been innumerable meetings and discussions of this question all leading inevitably to what is euphemistically called "Voluntary Certification," a process by which each State Recreation Society sets up its own qualifications (which must be agreeable to the majority of its members) and then distributes certificates, upon payment of a fee, to all who meet the requirements. These fine looking certificates (very suitable for framing) all attest the "fact" that the holder is a recreation professional. This simple process, in some cases, include all those staff workers who have been "blanketed in" many of whom do not have even minimum academic or training qualifications for the job.

And that, if you please, about sums up the total effort of the past many years to professionalize recreation in the United States. Seemingly, it hasn't yet dawned upon American recreation leaders that this is a meaningless procedure, that these certificates are without value, except one - they do caress the vanity of the recipients. Worse than all this though, this voluntary certification process practically stops all real effort toward doing the job that ought to be done. Certain definite steps must be taken if recreation in America is to be professionalized but in no state of the union do we see practical work along these lines.

American recreation cannot even boast of a professional recreation society. At the present time the American Recreation Society allows anybody - anybody at all - who applies and pays his dues to belong to the Organization. There are no admission standards or requirements. Certainly if recreation leaders want the public and the employing municipalities to accept them as professionals is it too much to ask that the recreation leaders themselves make their own group a society of professionals?

But this, a professional society is but a first step. There are many other important steps to be taken but that story we shall leave for another day.

Our editorial hat is off to The Society of Directors of Municipal Recreation of Ontario for an unusual and excellent job well done. Our heartfelt congratulations to them and the Community Programmes Branch of the Provincial Department of Education for their foresight, their clarity of thinking and their definity of action. Here is hoping that some State Society in the United States will follow this excellent lead.

All most men want from their wives is affection,
 admiration, encouragement, and the ability
 to live grandly on an inadequate
 income.



THUMBNAIL SKETCHES OF THE EXECUTIVE

"SCOTTY" THOMPSON

President

Recreation Director for Etobicoke Township. Scotty is married and has two children, one of them, we understand, a new arrival. He started in Etobicoke in 1954 and has been sitting as an executive member since 1955.

BILL HARE

Past President

Bill is 32 years old and has been the Director of Recreation and Parks in Toronto Township for eight years. Married with three children. Has served on the Executive for five years. One of the prime movers in the passage of the Private Bill, he is an advocate of "the professional approach" and a bug on Public Relations. He is known as "the Phantom" in Toronto Township and has never been on time for an Executive meeting yet.

GEORGE KORMOS

Vice-President

"Honest" George, Recreation Director of Sudbury, has served on the executive for the past two years. One of the few eligible bachelors in the business, George has trouble fighting off the fair members. Previously a Toronto resident, (Woodgreen Community Centre) George has become a confirmed northerner, and with his running mate, Sam Jacks, is noted for the conservative nature of the conferences he holds in Sudbury.

BILL JONES

Corresponding
Secretary

Generally a quiet individual, Bill, Recreation Director of Sarnia, is a repatriated northerner, who it is feared, is still tarred with the "moose-mills" brush. Bill has been sitting on the executive for three years, and during that time, has made a significant contribution to the Society.

DICK WATTS

Recording
Secretary

Replacing Ross Rathie in mid-term, Dick is Recreation Director of Brantford. One of Dick's biggest contributions is his ability to become confused so easily. It wouldn't be an annual meeting without him saying at least once, "I'm confused." Seriously, Dick's musical ability is notable, particularly at conferences, where he generally sits in on any of the quartets that are often formed.

SAM JACKS

Treasurer

Sam has been Recreation Director of North Bay so long, they say the mayor doesn't make a move without asking his advice. We also know the secret of his charm! Sam's wife is thoroughly charming and rumour has it, a little rubs off on him. Square-dance king of Ontario, Sam has been a long-standing member of the Society and has served on the Executive before. He is reputed to have the finest zoo in the Northland.

JAC CROPLEY

Member-at-large

Recreation Director of Deep River, Jac has been the prime-mover in such significant steps as the Private Bill, the Canons of Professional Ethics and many others. Although he lost in his bid for the reeveship in his last civic election, Jac is probably the best-known individual in Deep

River because of his association with a multitude of groups. Together with Jack Dane, Jack co-ordinates the functions of several society committees.

JACK DANE

Member-at-large One of the original members of the old Federation, Jack is noted for his former pugilistic ability and his organizational talents. Director in Forest Hill, "Canvasback" still feels he could pound Chuvalo into oblivion! Jack is a past-president of the Society, and from time to time, sits on the executive just to keep the young bucks honest. At conferences, Jack can generally be seen leading a song or punching out four part harmony around a piano.

RECREOLOGY

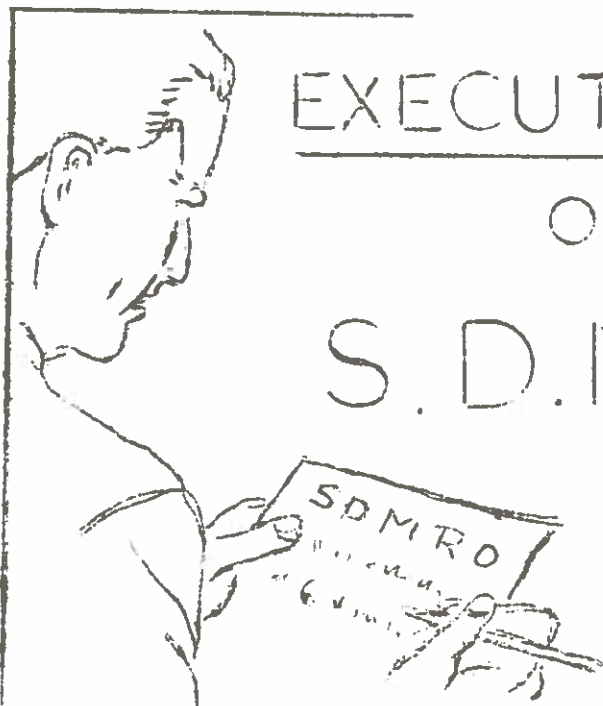
Lets Say What We Mean!

Mr. New Word butted in
To the trade's lingo confusion,
"Let me help you for a change
To come to a conclusion".

"Get out of here", the others said,
"We don't welcome your intrusion,
We want to stay the way we've been,
Alone with our illusion".

RECREATION.

Charles K. Brighthill



EXECUTIVE NEWS

OF THE

S.D.M.R.O.

IN-SERVICE TRAINING COURSE

Your executive spent considerable time at their last meeting discussing with Mr. Ken Young and Mr. John McNeil of C.P.B., a number of matters concerning the In-Service Training Course. The executive were pleased to hear that a

very large percentage of the members were keeping up with their assignments in the course.

It was felt that the system of zone tutors, which has been in operation for the past two or three years, should be broadened out and improved. Many of the tutors have been uncertain as to their exact duties; and have also felt somewhat inadequate in trying to tutor some of their students. The executive decided some sort of training program should be set up to help these people and that the term counsellor might better describe their position. Jack Dane has been appointed as Counsellor-in-Chief and is to work with C.P.B. to set up a seminar to train counsellors. Each counsellor is to receive copies of all course material so that he may acquaint himself with the revised course and be better prepared to assist those that he is counselling.

Counsellors can obtain confidential information regarding the status of individuals in the course, in order that they might better assist these people in keeping up with the course. All of this is designed to give every member every assistance possible to complete the course.

PENSION PLAN

Since the Annual Meeting, it has been learned that the Crown Life Insurance Company have withdrawn the plan

they originally offered. Since a great many of the members are interested and concerned about a suitable pension plan, the Executive has asked Tom Dickson to pursue this matter. Tom is to present his findings in a report not later than the next annual meeting.

MEMENTOS FOR SERVICE

Your executive feels that a number of non-members have given service to the Society in the past and certainly others will make significant contributions in the future. Examples are past members of the Board of Regents - Mr. Bob Ballard, and Mr. George Robertson. We feel that these people should be recognized in some more plausible way than just a letter of thanks. The Heraldry Committee has been asked to submit suggestions for such a memento.

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE 1958 ANNUAL REPORT

The executive reviewed each recommendation and took action as indicated in the minutes. In some instances action had already been taken immediately after the annual meeting. Therefore, as of the last meeting, all recommendations requiring action are being processed.

MEMBERSHIP

Del Earle, the new Membership Chairman, was present at the last executive meeting. It was quite evident that Del had given his new position and his new duties a great deal of consideration since his appointment. He had prepared a membership packet which will be forwarded to prospective members. This packet contains all the pertinent information regarding the Society which a prospective new member can study to decide whether or not he wants to become a member. Del was commended for this excellent effort.

I do hope that my elaboration of the information contained in executive minutes is giving each member a further insight into just exactly what the executive is doing at each meeting. We realize that at times the minutes do not communicate a total picture and we do want the members to know what is going on.

H E L P W A N T E D

In preparing the Membership Roster for our newly formed Society, it is evident that we will require the "HELP" of each district in order to reach our objective for the coming year. All Recreation personnel in the field of Municipal Recreation are prospective members and should be contacted.

The passing of the Private Bill last March, and the subsequent adoption of the Constitution and Code of Ethics at the Annual Meeting, along with other important developments are evidence of the tremendous growth of the Society during the past year. If progress is to continue at a similar pace to that which we have enjoyed in the past, it then becomes the responsibility of every member to help further the aims of the Society and encourage membership in our organization.

Resolve in the New Year to personally sponsor a "NEW MEMBER"!

Del Earle
Membership Chairman.

W I N T E R T R E E S

I think that I shall never ski
Again against so stout a tree.

A tree whose rugged bark is pressed
In bas-relief upon my chest.

A tree that with bacchantic air
Wears ski poles in its tangled hair.

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I've learned my lesson: Fools like me
Should never try to shave a tree.

---Conrad Diekmann

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"PUBLIC RELATIONS IS HARD WORK"

The Society's first attempt to conduct a program of further training for its members, turned out to be one of the most profitable ventures launched by the Society to date. The two-day seminar on public relations, held in the Forest Hill Collegiate, had a good attendance, ideal facilities, excellent course content and perfect participation.

All of these sweet-sounding adjectives, added together, total "success." However, success cannot be gauged by the amount of enthusiasm engendered over a two-day period, unless that enthusiasm has some lasting effect. The true value of the course will be measured when those who attended start putting into practice some of the things that they talked about and thought about during the two-day session.

But before any real results begin to show, it will be necessary to practise and practise and practise. When the business of practising good public relations becomes a habit, the results will be clearly visible through a better informed public, a more susceptible public and a more involved public.

The purpose of the course was to try and inculcate in everyone a better understanding of the meaning of public relations, and to get away from the idea that public relations is good press coverage, advertising, glad-handing and cocktail shaking. While publicity and advertising are part of any good public relations program, it is not attention-calling and product-boosting. Public relations is the creating of good public attitude and goodwill building. Public relations is the sum total of the effect that we have on other people and is 90% doing and 10% saying.

Perhaps this was best exemplified by the manner in which the course itself was conducted. According to many, the outstanding feature of the seminar was the smooth and precise way in which everything operated. THIS DIDN'T JUST "HAPPEN". It was "PLANNED". From the time the first announcement was made until the final evaluation, every minute, every move, was carefully charted and time-tabled. Every move was made with the convenience, comfort and well-being of the participant in mind. The first announcement, accompanied by the self-addressed envelope; the man to help park the cars; the reception committee at the door; the handout material, complete with note-pad and sharpened pencil; the short stroll to the cafeteria for coffee; at least one member of the committee delegated to "take care" of each guest; desks on which to rest elbows; all of these and many other small details were PLANNED. The presentation of the course material itself was just as carefully planned. Hours and hours of careful study went into designing the seminar. The operation of it was smooth, simple and easy.

Was the planning committee trying to set an example of good public relations? Did it try to create a good public attitude and build good will? The answer is "yes". Did the work the planners did have a good effect on other people? The answer to this is better left to those who attended.

If the course did nothing more than prove that a program planned with meticulous care can pay off in good public relations, then the time was well spent. If, in addition to this, everyone left with the feeling that their business was the public's business, and they wouldn't make a move without first considering all of the public relations aspects, then the course was a success.

This is not to say that all of the course material was first rate. Some of it was excellent, some good, some not so good and parts of it laid an egg. Some of it didn't even follow the script and showed up glaringly in the lack of preparation. However, we learn from our mistakes and can only hope that they will not be repeated.

Generally speaking, the material was well presented and worthwhile: the highlight being the presentation by Don Graham, Director of Education for Forest Hill, followed by the reading of a number of papers by Fellows. This period alone was worth all of the time spent on the course.

This type of training is not only needed and desirable, but is extremely popular with Society members. Hardly had the dust settled from the first one, before many requests were received for another. The Central Ontario members feel that at least two courses should be held each year. The Society Executive has now agreed that future Annual Meetings shall, in addition to the business of the Society, include a training course of not less than two days' duration.

At the last meeting of the Executive, the Training Committee was given the green light to produce course number two in connection with the Annual Meeting to be held in Toronto early in November. The subject material has not been decided. May we hear about your preferences by dropping a note to Jack Dane, 78 Dunloe Road, Toronto 7.

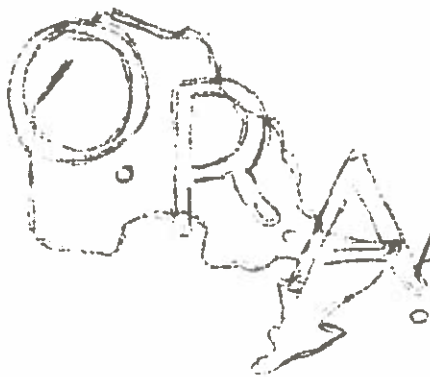
Jack Dane.
Forest Hill.

LET US SMILE

The thing that goes the farthest toward making
life worth while,
That costs the least, and does the most, is just
a pleasant smile;
The smile that bubbles from the heart that loves
its fellow men
Will drive away the cloud of gloom and coax
the sun again;
It's full of worth and goodness, too, with manly
kindness blent -
It's worth a million dollars, and it doesn't cost
a cent.

There is no room for sadness when we see a
cheery smile;
It always has the same good look - it's never out
of style; -
It nerves us on to try again when failure makes
us blue;
The dimples of encouragement are good for me
and you.
It pays a higher interest for it is merely lent -
It's worth a million dollars, and doesn't
cost a cent.

Baltimore American



ONTARIO RECREATION ASSOCIATION

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The Ontario Recreation Association Annual Meeting and Conference will be held this year on May 1st, 2nd and 3rd at Kitchener-Waterloo, the twin cities. This is to be the highlight of conferences for 1959. Everyone is talking about attending, the friends they will meet, the discussions they will participate in and the cities who will be the hosts of the Conference.

KITCHENER-WATERLOO

At an altitude of 1,100 feet above sea level, these cities are the highest in Ontario.

In area, they cover 7,024.32 acres. Within their limits are 147.31 miles of pavement.

Since 1950, the populations have increased 68%. There are other valuable statistics about the twin cities, but everyone wants to know more about the conference.

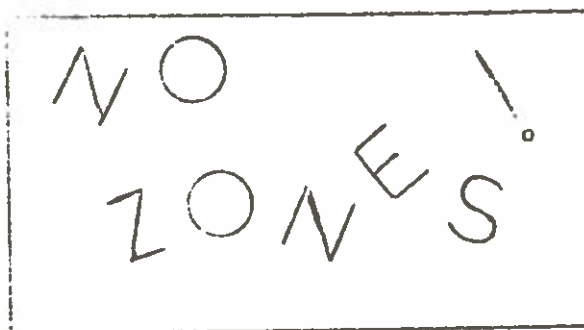
1. Conference Chairman is John Darling, Agency Secretary of Education of the Mutual Life Assurance Company of Canada. John is Chairman of the Kitchener Public School Board. He has been associated with Municipal Recreation for four years and is completely conversant with its operation and philosophy, locally, in the West Central Zone as Vice-President, and provincially, through participation in several C.R.A. Conferences. The Co-Mechanics Chairmen are Nick Niens and Don McLaren. This is a Kitchener-Waterloo hosted conference.
2. Publicity is available through the C.R.A. Executive Committee on such matters as theme, registration, displays, programme, speakers and other leaders, form of the conference, costs and accommodations. Plans in all of these items are in the process of being promoted by their respective chairmen and committees which were chosen in November 1958. Several conference meetings have been held and liaison between the local and provincial committees has been close and active.

3. It is hoped that, among the members of the Society there is no suspicion of collusion, skull duggery or premeditated arrangement with anyone to influence the "powers" to choose Kitchener-Waterloo as the site for the 1959 O.R.C. Conference. Possibly this hardly needs to be mentioned. The task of being hosts is not so much an honour as it is a duty to be undertaken at the direction of those lay people who are vitally enough interested in the Provincial Recreation movement to undertake its management.
4. Dates are May 1st, 2nd and 3rd. Headquarters are the Walper Hotel, corner of Queen and King Streets in Kitchener.
5. Reception by West Central O.R.C. Zone on Thursday evening April 30th. Greater details are forthcoming.
6. Very possible theme shall be total community resources, who has them, identification of various recreation agencies in the community. The role of each agency, direction as to discussions on working together separately (or vice versa) and laying cards on the conference table as to how, and in what attitude, desirable results may be attained in this atmosphere of co-operation, sharing and possibly co-ordination of effort within the aim of conservation of resources in leadership, facilities and money.

A considerable amount of information concerning the Conference structure has been presented by June Braaten which will be presented in the next issue of the Society Bulletin which will be coming out in April. At that time, a more detailed account of the Conference will be given.

NEWS ITEM

Mrs. June Braaten, who accepted a part-time position as Executive-Secretary of the Ontario Recreation Association last May, was appointed to the staff of the Ontario Association for Retarded Children last October half-time. She is busy planning for the Provincial camp of the O.R.C. at Guelph Kiwanis Camp Belwood and assisting the fifty-three local associations across Ontario to form recreation committees.



NEWS!!

"It is quite correct that there are no "Zones" in the Society. "Zones" went with the Federation for the Federation implied an arrangement with groups through a central body. However, the Society is a body complete unto itself".

This is a statement received from the Office of Advocate of the Society, so to simplify matters the news items will be listed under the district heading and will be as received from the "District Reporters".

NORTHERN ONTARIO

Pat Closs, Director of Recreation Tisdale Twp. (Kirkland Lake) and Chairman of the Northern District of the Society, has been having problems scheduling a meeting for the members of our district. Winter, as you may know, is the peak activity season in Northern Ontario, so it is a real problem in arranging suitable meeting dates for our members. The date that will possibly be used is Saturday, March 14th, when many of the Directors from the North will congregate in North Bay to take the written examination for their I.S.T.C. for Recreation Directors.

Many people have been anxiously awaiting the outcome of recreation developments in one of our important northern centres. Elliot Lake has, after a great deal of difficulty, appointed a Recreation Director. You may recall that some distress was caused one or two members of the Society who applied for this position. We understand that a Mr. Jim West has been named Director. Mr. West is from Winnipeg. Northern members of the Society look forward to meeting him personally.

Co-operation: We feel that mention should be made of a recent incident involving two Recreation Departments. When Jac Cropley, Director of Recreation for Deep River, heard of the difficulties being faced by the citizens of Sudbury, owing to the Inco-Mine-Mill strike, he decided to do something about it. Two phone calls to Recreation Director George Kormos and a few days later a well-packed truck arrived from Deep River, with Cropley and his Assistant, Keith Morton, in charge of the cargo. The truck was loaded with food, clothing and other articles of family necessity. These had been donated by several community organizations in Deep River to assist their neighbours in Sudbury. This kind donation was immediately distributed by Sudbury Charity Organizations to many, many destitute families

The good-will and feeling of kinship that an act such as this can bring about between two communities is inestimable.

On Saturday, March 25th the largest annual winter sport event for Northern communities will be held in Sudbury. This is the occasion of the Northern Ontario Playground Hockey Association Jamboree. NOPHA, as it is known throughout the North, was formed several years ago by a few Recreation Directors. Today there are several thousand boys in Northern Ontario playing hockey under the guidance of the N.O.P.H.A.

The Jamboree in Sudbury will be the culmination of the 1958-1959 hockey season with over 300 youngsters taking part. This event spearheaded by Recreation Departments in the North, will have representatives from Sault Ste. Marie district in the West to Temiskaming in the East and from the North the Kapuskasing district, as well as the many areas within these far-flung boundries.

WEST CENTRAL

Our West Central area has been so active recently in a variety of effective programs that we just did not get around to sending any news. However, this reporter, having just been appointed, is now ready, willing, and "able"!

The activities have been encouraged, pushed, expedited and in the best of democratic tradition "ordered" by our hard-working executive. This is as good a lead-in as any to introduce them:

President	Laurie Branch	Woodstock
Vice-Pres.	Dick Watts	Brantford
Secretary	Frank Westoby	Dundas
Treasurer	John Skochyla	Thorold

Judging by the number of favorable comments we heard, the two day retreat in November at Prudhommes in St. Catharines was the most interesting and informative activity to date. Of particular interest were the workshops on Parks Operation, Summer Programmes for Teenagers, and Skills of Conducting Meetings. Don Garvie presented a challenging report on Planning - The Base of all Community Recreation Programmes. In addition to meetings of committees, there was a panel presentation on Leadership Training Courses for Teenagers that could be the basis for pre-training and selection of playground and day camp leaders. In fact, the whole "retreat" was so informative that we hear the executive is considering calling the next one an "advance".

During November, the Toronto Parks and Recreation Department very ably played host to our Directors with a sightseeing tour around Toronto giving us an opportunity to view some of the newer developments in planning and construction. Our Christmas Party, under the capable chairmanship of Bob Ballantyne (Burlington) was a highlight in the month of December. The place was the Wagon Wheel Inn at Dundas (and very delightful too) and the directors even provided their own entertainment.

Aside from program, we think one of the most interesting developments to arise out of this area's deliberations is the planning for a proposed conference and training centre to be located in or near the geographic centre of our area. This is greatly needed and would be used by all groups wishing to conduct a conference or training program in some phase of public service. Organizations that might use this would be, for example - O.R.A., o.p.a.; S.D.M.R.O.: Canadian Parks Association; Conservation Authorities; Board of Education; Y.M.C.A.: Y.W.C.A., Service Clubs, etc..

The type of settings being looked for would be in a hilly wooded area near a lake or river which would provide an atmosphere of seclusion. For those of you who have seen QUETICO Conference Centre at Atikokan, our plan is to have something similar. More news of this as we make progress.

Gil Playfair,
Hamilton, Ontario.

ALGONQUIN DISTRICT

As the Societies Reporter for this neck of the woods, we have tried to define our relationship to the Society insofar as our District is concerned. We have been rather loosely referred to as the Ottawa Valley Zone, but under the new setup we feel that this is not strictly accurate. The North Renfrew, Upper Ottawa Valley, and other local descriptions have been tried and found wanting, so for the want of a better name, we have decided to stick with our ancestral associations and remain as peace loving Algonquins.

Now all of you other tribes in the Iroquois, Mohawk, Oneida, and Onondaga Districts can either smoke the pipe of peace or beat out the old tribal warfare tomtoms over this declaration, our war canoes are ready and our tomahawks athirsting, How!

Big Chief Rain-in-the-Face, Jac Cropley at Deep River reports that one of his braves, One Feather Keith Morton has left the field entirely to take up another form of earning his Wampum. Another Deep River Brave, Little Beaver McAuley, is having his feathers trimmed during his week's holiday at Noranda and at the same time introducing his new squaw to the delights of genuine moose milk.

Chief Thundercloud Tug Wilson of Pembroke is celebrating an addition to the tribe, his son David.

An Algonquin District Powwow is scheduled for April the 11th in Pembroke with all the outlying camps invited, including both professional and lay bodies, and the smoke signals indicate that the Great White Queen will send her Most Qualified Observer Dusty Miller CPB OTTAWA to see that peace is maintained.

Two clinics were conducted in the district in the last few moons and we are indebted to Brian Lynch and Percy Shore for the Hockey Clinic and Abe Mosion referee-in-chief of the Ontario Basketball Association for his Basketball Clinic. Elements from the RCAF Foymount and Petawawa Military Camp attended the Clinics sponsored by the Recreation Chiefs of Deep River, Pembroke, Renfrew and Arnprior and CPB (Ottawa).

The Algonquins who attended the Public Relations seminar at Toronto were much impressed and as a result the armed sentries around our encampments have been reduced to half and the barb wire entanglements removed

entirely. Now we know HOW and all that we need to know is WHEN there'll be another seminar.

We welcome Sonia Moulton as a newcomer in our ranks. Sonia is assistant to Chief Many Waters Rusheleau of the Renfrew Tribe and for the past few years, has been the waterfront director at Renfrew. Pembroke has lost its waterfront director Gerry Gелlette who is now on Chief Brewster's Staff at Oshawa.

We send you our greeting from the Algonquin District.

Tug Wilson,

Pembroke, Ontario

NORTHWESTERN ONTARIO

QUETICO CONFERENCE AND TRAINING CENTRE

Applications for use of the new Quetico Centre at Kawene, Ontario, continue to mount as it becomes more widely and popularly known. Next course in those scheduled for 1959 will be a Craft Workshop for Northwestern delegates.

Instructors will be Miss Muff, Craft Advisor from C.P.B., Toronto, Mrs. Ruby Owne, Ryry Arts, Fort William, and H. E. "Bud" Thomas, C.P.B., Fort William.

Anyone interested in the progress of the Quetico Centre can obtain same from Cliff McIntosh, Director.

Tennis ***** A need for more schools throughout Northwestern Ontario was expressed and it was suggested and agreed that the Secretary write to the Pepsi-Cola Company requesting George Mansfield for six days in Northwestern Ontario to be used on tour basis, starting in East and continue West. Each community should contact their Pepsi-Cola dealers to pressure the Company to do this.

Further On Youth Rally

Ray Wittenberg's kids are reportedly turning the Lakehead inside out in their efforts to make this year's rally a success.

Holding such a large conference for 350 - 400 teenagers in a large city presents many problems, but the Port Arthur Teen Town group has gone to no end of preparation to make sure that even the smallest detail is not overlooked. Some of the folks who worry about teenagers not being mature enough should be aware of the endless "adult" decisions that youngsters can make when faced with the responsibilities of such an important event.

Programme for Northwestern Youth Rally:

Dates: April 2nd, 3rd, and 4th.
Location Site: Lakeview High School
Banquet: Exhibition Coliseum
Opening Address: Reverend Bob Richards

Questionnaires will be mailed to each community with six headings for suggested topics and room for individual suggestions. +THESE MUST BE RETURNED IMMEDIATELY".

The Royal Military Band will attend the Youth Rally again this year. However they may present a skit on army life instead of the customary "sales" talk.

Transportation: No cars allowed other than counsellors or directors. All city travelling done by chartered bus. One bus per Teen Town.

Billeting: Each Teen Club is billeted in a separate area of the city. An attempt will be made to have billets provide all meals.

Control: Police authorities will be closely associated with the Rally and will handle any outsiders. The list of delegates must be in a month ahead of time. Communities with Recreation Directors must have the Director with their Teen Town. Communities without a Director must have adult Counsellors.

Shopping: A controlled period is set aside to shop Saturday afternoon.

Quota: The quota allotted each Teen Town will not be based on the total

membership of the particular Teen Town. Each Director is to inform Ray of the total number in his club and the honest numbers he would like to bring, in the very near future.

Beauty Contest: Talent will be a factor this year. Prizes - Queen Trophy and miniature gifts for all. It was suggested by the rest of the directors that each contestant receive gifts that are equal, such as engraved spoons. Two princesses will be chosen. A briefing on how they will be judged will be sent in advance.

Rev. B. Richards'

Role: Open the session giving a general build up. He will be on hand to be used as a resource person throughout the Rally. Have him as guest speaker at the banquet and have him give his evaluation of the Youth Rally at this time.

An attempt is being made to fill the schedule completely, leaving very little free time. The schedule will not be deviated from. If you don't agree with it, stay home!

The Youth Rally Budget this year is \$4,000.000. It was suggested that each visiting club forward a donation to the host club because of the great increase in costs this year.

Two laid-on church services will be held Sunday morning at 9:00 AM. Any Directors who have tapes, records, or suggestions on the Youth Rally are asked to forward them to Ray immediately.

HAPPENINGS:

Marathon, Terrace Bay and Red Rock, formerly "Company towns" under the administration of Improvement District Boards, will become municipalities under elected council, on January 5th, 1959.

"Father Earle" was appointed Membership Chairman of the Society and immediately showed his administrative qualities by making it a district project.

By "capturing" Rev. Bob Richards for this year's Youth Rally, Ray Wittenberg capped a campaign he began two years ago after hearing Rev. Bob speak at U.R.A.. Now Ray's fighting a desperate battle to keep the Reverend free from the clutches of local service groups who want him for speaking engagements.

Any of our friends in the east who fear a green Christmas in their locale can have some of the "white stuff" free, simply by applying for same. We're what you might loosely term "snowed in".

K. G. Ward,
Terrace Bay, Ontario

EAST CENTRAL ONTARIO

Cecil Nobes - Director at Colborne, replacing Bob Turner and hailing from Belleville.

Gerry Gillette - A new Assistant Director on Wendell's staff at Oshawa. Gerry is one of the "Valley Boys" who saw the light and moved into civilization from Pembroke where he has worked under Roy Smith and Tug Wilson. Likes it up here but finds wearing shoes a bit strange. We explained that the northern types had to go through the same metamorphose.

Wendell's staff will also be increasing by a further member next month. - a Mr. Ward with Montreal experience (recreationally speaking.)

John Thorsen was re-elected District Chairman (he was warned not to go to the washroom). Jim Munroe is Vice (not 'arf, 'e ain't). Tony Dojcak - Secretary, Doug Rigg - Treasurer and K. W. Robinson - Publicity Chairman.

Kenneth W. Robinson received the distinct honour of being voted Peterborough's Citizen of the Year last week, which was both flattering and gratifying. In the winning of this election a friend kindly summarized it as follows: "He don't know nuthin', he don't do nuthin' but he sure buys a lot of cups of coffee".

The Directors of Municipal Recreation, Central Ontario, elected their executive for 1959.

President	Val Hill
Past President	Ian Thomson
Vice President	Jack Keay
Secretary	Ted Sommerville
Treasurer	Gerry Love

Several activities have highlighted the program of Central Ontario since last publication of the Bulletin.

1. Hosting the Public Relations Seminar, November 5th and 6th at Forest Hill Collegiate, Toronto.
2. Annual Broomball Tournament, January 8th at Riverdale Terrace, Toronto.
3. Gala Dance Party. Friday January 23rd at Cedarbrook Community Centre at Scarborough.
4. Annual Bowling Tournament, February 19th at Forest Hill Bowling Lanes in Toronto.
5. Annual Inter-suburban Pee Wee All-star Hockey Tournament, February 21st at the Maple Leaf Gardens in Toronto.

Central Ontario is divided for competition purposes, East versus West, and Yonge Street Toronto is the dividing line. Due to the superiority of the Eastern team it is generally the victor in most of the endeavours such as the Annual Golf Tournament and the Annual Broomball Tournament, but the new battle cry is-----

Victory to the West---At Last!

The west recreation directors showed their bowling superiority over the crew from the east when they won the Oriel MacNaughton Trophy, emblematic of bowling supremacy in Central Ontario.

Twenty-four of the best bowlers, employed in recreation east of Yonge Street, took on four 6 man teams from the west and suffered defeat by the total pin score of 5,360 to 5,144. Working it out on a point system the west won five of the eight games and collected two bonus points for the score of 7 to 3.

While the west won the team championship, the east took all of the individual scoring honours. Tedd Sommerville of Red Cross won high single with a fine 285. Jim Maxwell of Scarborough took high double prize with scores of 279, 200 for 479. Charley Cockburn of C.N.I.B. won the crying towel with a single of 69. Stan Wadlow of East York, who also had a 69, was overlooked when the boobys were being handed out.

Mr. Oriel MacNaughton, chairman of the Forest Hill Recreation Commission, presented an original trophy that he created from a regulation bowling ball mounted on an antique-wood column. On the base was mounted a gold plate suitably engraved. This unique prize will be competed for each year by the 48 odd recreation workers in Metropolitan Toronto and Toronto Township.

Annual Inter-suburban Pee Wee All Star Hockey Tournament sponsored by the Municipal Directors of Recreation of Central Ontario.

The games were played in the Maple Leaf Gardens in Toronto, Saturday morning of February 21st, starting at 8 AM.

The games were as follows:

1st Game	North York defeated Forest Hill
2nd Game	Toronto Twp. " York Twp.
3rd Game	East York " Weston
4th Game	Etobicoke " North York
Semi-final	Toronto Twp. " North York
Winner of final	Toronto Twp.

Mr. Ed Chadwick, Maple Leaf Goalie, presented the Daily Star Challenge Trophy and crests to the winners. Mr. Val Hill, President of the Central Ontario district pre sented the Directors Permanent Trophy.

SOUTH WESTERN ONTARIO

A retreat of considerable importance is to take place March 23 and 24th at the Flying Dutchman Motel, R. R. # 1, Preston, Ontario (between Preston and Kitchener on Highway # 8.

The Recreation Directors of South Western Ontario have set up a very complete committee to conduct the retreat.

Chairman	Laurie Branch
The chairmen of the various sections of the Retreat:	
Registration	Ted Smart
Professional standards	Earl Davis
Professional training	Earl Davis
Staff relationship	Earl Davis
Selection and training of leaders	Jack Ross
Adult activities: Cliff Sutton; Teenage activities: Ted Smart; Childrens activities: Ross McBride; Reporting and discussion of findings: Lloyd Minshall. For information re registration contact Ted Smart, Hamilton Recreation.	



CANADIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY

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HAVE YOU THOUGHT OF GIVING A LEADERS COURSE?

Recreation directors, high school teachers and camp owners are always in need of reliable assistance in their programmes, both winter and summer. Having a group of well trained young people from your own community involved in your programme is not only of great benefit to you, but to the teen-agers themselves as well.

Red Cross designed the Leaders Course to fill the gap between the Senior Swimmer and the Instructor's awards. It gives excellent training to those sixteen and seventeen years of age who would like to teach swimming but are not old enough to be Instructors. In addition to age, the other prerequisites are that candidates hold the Senior award and possess leadership qualities. Most Leaders go on to the Instructor's award when they reach eighteen, and are then well qualified to assume responsible positions as waterfront or pool directors.

As Mrs. Powell, Water Safety Chairman of Grimsby, points out in her report in the Chairmen's Forum, a community or camp which does not have sufficient funds available to hire additional Instructors, after engaging one qualified one to head their programme; find that Red Cross-trained Leaders are the ideal solution. However, it must be remembered that Leaders are entitled to teach only under a qualified Red Cross Instructor who is responsible for their work, signs the test sheets and calls for the Examiner.

You might wonder why one needs Leaders if they are not able to call for an Examiner and sign test sheets. The answer is that the percentage of candidates, taught by personnel who have had no Red Cross leadership training, who fail is extremely high, because those who have worked with the candidates do not understand all that is required for the Red Cross examinations. Any Examiner who has had the experience of failing an entire class through no fault of the candidates themselves knows that the results are hard feeling and bad public relations between the person who hired the teacher, the children, their parents and Red Cross.

HOW DO YOU GO ABOUT GIVING A LEADERS COURSE?

Any recreation director, high school teacher or waterfront and pool supervisor, having first checked with

the Division office, may administer this course. When this is arranged, we will send application forms for the candidates which would be returned to us, along with a dollar from each candidate to cover the cost of the course literature they will receive. A Leaders course syllabus, screening sheets, master marking sheets, unit schedule and candidates' lesson plan blanks will be sent to the person giving the course to follow and use. The syllabus contains the outline and all the necessary information to lecture to the candidates, and the unit schedule indicates when to give a certain lecture and what each pool session covers. The screening and master marking sheets would be used to record each candidate's performance and attendance, and the lesson plan blanks would be issued to the candidates at the time of the lecture on that topic. The time required to run a Leaders course is eighteen hours lecture time and eighteen hours pool time.

EXAMINING FOR THE LEADER'S AWARD

The Division staff will administer the two practice teaching sessions, the final screening, and the theory examination, and will deliver the policy and procedure lecture. It is most important to confirm the dates when Divisional staff will be required well in advance. (Other dates that should be given to us early are when you wish to show films. These will then be sent out week by week.)

At the final screening, candidates will be responsible for all the strokes in the Senior level test - elementary backstroke, side stroke, breast stroke, front crawl and back crawl. There is no choice of strokes. For the theory examination, the candidates will be responsible for all their lecture notes and the material in their kits, but not for the policy and procedure lecture.

Those who are successful will receive a Senior Leader's wallet card, a Senior crest and a Leader's flash, which is worn below the crest.

by Tom Mungham, Supervisor

Though poets long have told us brightly,
 That spring on dancing feet comes lightly,
 It seems to us she really sloshes,
 Along in roomy old goloshes.



ADVANCE NOTICE

To:--All Day camp Directors, senior staff and administrators interested in Day Camping.

Hold these dates on your calendar now:

Wednesday, March 18/59--9:30 AM to 4:30 PM at the Four Winds, Steel Avenue West.

All day Workshop on Day Camping for Directors and senior staff (areas to be studied will include Day Camp standards, program planning and leadership)

May 22 - 24 - Friday night to Sunday afternoon at Geneva Park, Lake Couchiching.

A week-end workshop on nature lore for Directors and senior staff.

These workshops are being sponsored jointly by the Community Programmes Branch and the Social Planning Council of Metro Toronto. Contact either Jack Eilbeck (Em.3-1211 - local 22776) or Mrs. Jean Shek (Em 3- 4971).

Important Announcement

Second Annual Dinner meeting of the Social Planning Council of Metropolitan Toronto, April 8th, 1959 at 6:15 PM in the new Board Room of the Trade Building, at 11 Adelaide Street West, Toronto.

The guest speaker will be Dr. Omond McKillor Solandt, C.B.E., M.A., M.D., D.Sc., LL.D., M.R.C.P., F.R.S.C., Vice-President, Canadian National Railways.

For information contact Social Planning Council, 160 Bay Street, Toronto.

ONTARIO SWIMMING POOL ASSOCIATION

Working details of the newly formed Ontario Swimming Pool Association are now being finalized by the nine Directors who were elected at the organizational meeting on December 10th at the Lord Simcoe Hotel in Toronto.

The officers are:

President: Joe McGuire--Vice-President and General Manager of the Associated Chemical Company of Canada Limited.

Vice-President: Virgil Jacuzzi, President and General Manager of Jacuzzi Universal (Canada) Limited.

Treasurer: Warren Coulter, President and General Manager of the Coulter Copper and Brass Company Ltd.

Secretary: Ian Thomson, Recreation Director of the Etobicoke Recreation Committee.

Membership Chairman: Alex Budrevics, President of Paradise Pools (Toronto) Ltd.

Finance Chairman: G. R. Jardine, of the Bank of Nova Scotia.

Public Relations Chairman: Tedd Sommerville, Director of Ontario Division Water Safety Services, Canadian Red Cross Society.

Convention Chairman: Joe McGuire.

Standards and Ethics Chairman: Bill Carroll, President of Oakville Custom Pools Ltd.

Pool Operating Chairman: Oscar Pearson, President of Oscar Pearson Enterprises

The Association, known as OSPA, is affiliated with the National Swimming Pool Institute of America, builders, suppliers, designers, architects, engineers, pool operators, youth leaders and water safety personnel are all eligible for membership; over fifty representatives attended the last meeting. As an Association, OSPA hopes to raise the standards of swimming pool construction and maintenance, and to strive to make the best contribution possible to the health, safety and welfare of the public in this field.

WEST CENTRAL ONTARIO NEWS ITEMS

The dates of the Playground and Day camp leadership training courses have been tentatively set for June 26th to 30th at Paradise Lake, Camp Edgewood, Eden Mills.

The Directors have been named to the various sections of the course.

Director of Playground	Cliff Sutton
Course Director	Dick Watts

Day Camp:	Camp Director	Jack Ross
	Course	" Bob Ballentyne

Advanced Playground	
	Camp Director Art Mann
Course	" Frank Viger

More information will be available in the next Bulletin.

Leaside Recreation Office is now located in the Public Library Building, 165 McRae Drive, Leaside, Ontario.

Mr. Bob Davidson also reports that the Leaside Recreation Committee has surveyed the responsibilities of the Recreation Department in the town. A recommendation to seek an Assistant Director of Recreation was approved.

DID YOU KNOW?

That Metro Toronto is competing with the Artic for the supremacy of largest ice surface in Canada.

That the Township of Scarborough has 3 artificial ice rinks and 12 natural rinks.

That the Township of Etobicoke has 5 artificial rinks.

That the Township of North York has 4 artificial rinks and 82 natural rinks.

In these three Townships there are 106 rinks.

It certainly can be said there are not many cheap skates in Metro.
