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B U L L E T I N

Bob Sones, Sr. Editor

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News Travels

The information compiled in the last issue of the Bulletin has become a world traveller. For instance, the article written by Ben Solomon of Putnam Valley, N.Y., was published in the February issue, and appeared as a re-write from the S.D.M.R.O. in the May issue of the Arenas, Pools & Parks Magazine. Also appearing in the same issue were the articles "Did You Know" and the story written by Tom Murgham on "Have you Thought of Giving a Leader's Course"? To Eddie Sargent and his staff of "Arenas Pools & Parks" we wish to say thank you.

Since the publishing of the April issue a number of letters have been received congratulating the Bulletin Committee for the fine job that they are doing.

It is the desire of the Bulletin Committee to produce the best possible, but whether it be a Newsletter or a Bulletin, it can only be as good as the information and material that is sent in.

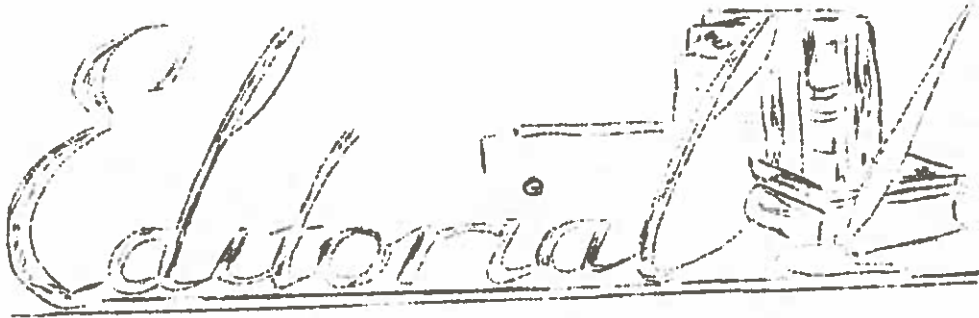
Your Committee would be very pleased to receive any comments or criticisms with regard to how the Bulletins are set up, and the type of information that should be printed.

Your comments would be of real value, not only to the present Bulletin Committee, but more so to the new one that will be taking over in the Fall.

Let's keep the Bulletin travelling, and the Society better known.

Your Editor.

"If you have to eat your own words they will
digest more easily if they are pleasant ones"



By R. W. Sones

Your editor has taken pen in hand, and tongue in cheek to scribe this editorial. Not that there is not good material, a lot better than is written here, but it would be someone else's thoughts, someone else's words. All that could be written would be something repeated, but often it is the sincerity with which it is repeated, so thoughts are cited and meanings are given in a toast to the Members of the Society:-

Health enough to make work a pleasure,
Wealth enough to support your needs,
Strength enough to battle with difficulties,
Patience enough to toil until some good is accomplished,
Grace enough to confess your sins and forsake them,
Charity enough to see some good in your fellow man,
Love enough to move you to be helpful to others,
Faith enough to make real the things of God,
Hope enough to remove all anxious fears concerning the Future.

"ONE CAN USE EACH DAY ONLY ONCE"

Suppose for a moment that you are living in 1900 and are told that these things will happen in the next half century.

Canadians in all parts of the country will see instantly visual images flashed from thousands of miles away.

Your grandchildren's life expectancy will be 30 years longer than your own.

Your country will become one of the world's leading trading nations, increasing exports from less than a million dollars value a year almost five billion.

The population will triple and three new provinces will be created. Some of these prophecies would seem fantastic. Yet they have all been achieved in less than a normal lifetime.

I believe we will accomplish even more in the second half of this century if modern Canadians are as energetic and ingenious as their forefathers.

(Editorial cont'd.)

The quality most vital to our continued progress will be individual initiative. Canada will thrive to grow only if individuals, working alone and together, are encouraged to open new frontiers in recreation, - and are properly rewarded for their efforts.

Pensions, shorter hours of working time, and more leisure are the common earmarks of modern society.

What are the physical qualities of a Recreation Director?

Three quarters of a century ago, before the "organization man" and his colleague in "the gray flannel suit" made their appearance, Robert Louis Stevenson wrote, "look at one of your industrious fellows. He sows hurry and reaps indigestion; he puts a vast deal of activity out to interest, and receives a large measure of nervous derangement in return."

Today's recreation directors are no better off. The heat is on, and far more of them, due to nervous tensions from their hurry and activity, are seeking the counsel of psychologists.

What are the symptoms of modern society in the field of recreation?

BOTTLED FEELINGS? The ulcer may be the badge of yesterday's rugged individualist turned smooth.

The enforced politeness of a recreation worker is to blame, in the opinion of many medical consultants today. Today's organization man must never show anger, must always remain smooth and unruffled. This often means that a man will turn anger inward, expressing it in headache, backache, or stomach trouble.

Dr. Gerald Gordon, a well known psychiatrist related: "A young man came in with stomach trouble. He had been easygoing on the surface, a good compromising assistant Recreation Director. He seldom took a stand on anything - but he was taking everything out on his stomach. We had to get him to release some of his pent-up feeling in a constructive way'.

PROMOTION DEPRESSION? The average man yearns to make good, to get ahead. Yet it is a curious fact that some people just can't stand promotion.

One theory is that promotion often brings a backwash of guilty feeling - "Perhaps someone else deserved this more than I did". "Am I really as good as they think I am, or am I a fraud?" "I would have resented anyone else who got this directorship - and now they resent me".

(Editorial cont'd.)

FEAR OF SLOWING DOWN? Many a middle-aged man is afraid he is slowing down, that he is not doing his best for council or commission.

Fears of a fall-off around the age of 50 are mostly unfounded. A man of 55 ought to be just as good as he was at 26. Intellectually he's often much better.

A Director is a man who is sensitized to his limitations as well as to his abilities. A true recreation director in middle age is MORE sensitized to his limitations than to his abilities. This is what enables him to use his powers with the greatest effectiveness and the least wear and tear.

The irony of it is that the man who realizes his limitations goes further.

It could be justly said that all this is just fancy; that to be a good Recreation Director does not require physical qualifications.

All this may only be hogwash to some, but it has been a reality to others, and the only answer to it all is "WORK", by directing oneself to the fullest understanding of the job, by trying to rise to the highest degree of professionalism.

It makes sense that a Director budgets his abilities as he budgets his money. Enjoy a little at a time.

"One can use each day only once" and by learning and being a good Director of Recreation, one can also make a sound investment in that diversification of interest in good living.

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HERE'S FROM THE A THOUGHT-PRESIDENT

- Ian Thompson

June is with us again and as the song goes "is bustin' out all over". This applies to nature and love, I suppose, but it is also evident in our programmes throughout the Province.

The race for qualified summer staff, the opening of positions of a permanent nature, the tremendous expansion of programme, facilities and our old "buddy" budget, seem to indicate the increasing awareness of the values of recreation services.

The difficulty in filling the permanent positions with qualified persons also seems to indicate that we must strive even harder to raise professional standards to recruit and train better leaders.

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Jack Dane and I were fortunate enough to be able to visit Listowel in May and to meet Mrs. Ken McLeod. This charming lady made our visit a pleasure in spite of the tragic occurrence that brought it about. To all of you who contributed to the fund, a large "thank you"! The response was indeed gratifying and indicated, in some measure, our feeling when one of our own has suffered loss. Incidentally, the amount of \$400.00 was contributed and turned over to Mrs. McLeod.

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Now that the O.R.A. Conference is over for another year, most of us are eagerly anticipating the Society Annual Meeting and Seminar to be held in Toronto in November. Accurate dates have not been set but Central Area, our host, assures us of a big welcome and the best Annual Meeting yet. Make up your mind to attend; you won't regret it!



TOP DRAWER

INFORMATION

VICE-PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Here is the latest news concerning Executive business. Our last meeting was held in Toronto June 4th and 5th, at which time many vital issues were discussed. I will brief you on some of the decisions reached.

Treasurer's Report Honest Sam Jacks reported that even though we have a fourteen month year to contend with this year because of the early date of last year's annual meeting, our finances are in surprisingly good shape. We have again had to make some fairly heavy expenditures, but, even so, it looks like we can keep our head above water.

Annual Meeting and Seminar This matter was again discussed at great length. Jack Dane, our Chairman of Training and Education, has been giving this matter serious thought and will have further and more complete details to report in two or three weeks. The topic for the seminar will be "Human Relations". Jack feels that Human Relations and Public Relations are so closely tied together and interwoven that it is logical to tackle this subject next. Jack has discussed this topic with two or three experts, and they feel the necessary resource people will be available. The executive concurred with Jack's thinking in this matter. Two or three other topics were suggested for future seminars.

The Executive also gave serious consideration to the matter of the Annual Meeting and whether the meeting could be properly completed without rushing it, in the time allotted. Actually, the combined Annual Meeting and Seminar will consist of seven periods or units. The schedule for the Annual Meeting and Seminar is as follows:

Thursday evening
Friday morning
Friday afternoon
Friday evening
Saturday morning
Saturday afternoon
Saturday evening

Reception (Hosts - Central Zone)
Annual Meeting
Seminar
Seminar
Seminar
Seminar
Annual Banquet

(Vice-President's Column cont'd.)

In order that the business of the Annual Meeting can be expedited and completed in the time allotted, the Executive would urge each member to read the annual reports carefully. These will be in your hands at least two weeks prior to the Annual Meeting.

Should contentious points arise which cannot be brought to a satisfactory conclusion, the Executive is prepared to hold a Special Meeting at the time of the next seminar, which will take place within six months, of the Annual Meeting. The Executive feels that holding a General or Special Meeting in conjunction with each seminar might work out very well and might become policy. In this way, the membership and the executive will have the opportunity of reporting on and discussing Society matters twice a year rather than only once, which is the case at present.

Probable dates for the Annual Meeting and Seminar are November 5, 6, 7, and the place is Toronto. Keep these dates open. Your attendance is necessary for the Annual Meeting and you can certainly benefit from the Seminar.

In-Service Training Course The Executive have given the In-Service Training Course very careful study this past year. For the most part, we have been extremely pleased with most aspects of the course. Certainly, the present set-up of the course is a tremendous improvement over previous years. The Executive have made certain recommendations for further improvements in the set-up. These recommendations were forwarded to the Community Programmes Branch, and were discussed at a meeting with Mr. K. L. Young. A complete account of this matter is given in the minutes of the last meeting which you will be receiving in a few days.

Membership Seven members, stalwart and true, have agreed to assist our Membership Chairman, Del Earle, in recruiting new members. This seems to be a very happy arrangement for everyone concerned, and should produce some new members.

Constitution The new revised version of the constitution will be completed very shortly. Bob Davidson, and his committee, feel that they now have incorporated those changes suggested by the membership at the last Annual Meeting. Would you read this document over very carefully when you get it; and prepare any questions you might have. The Executive would like to have the constitution adopted without having to go through it point by point, since this was done at the last Annual Meeting.

(Vice-President's column cont'd.)

Training and Education Fund We now have a fund to use for further training and education. The funds come from two sources - a grant from C.F.B. for post-graduate training; and some funds from the last seminar which were designated for printing the contents of the course. We now have \$400 as a fund for the above named purposes.

Reports I have been given the task of seeing to it that annual reports are prepared and are ready to be incorporated in the Annual Report which will be sent out. For your information, the reports are to be forwarded to me, not later than September 21st. My address is Box 1,000, City Hall, Sudbury. Just in case some of you are not aware of the fact that you are to send in a report, I am including a list as a reminder. I may have missed a few reports. If so, I would appreciate hearing from the person concerned.

Reports

President	Scotty Thomson
Vice President	George Kormos
Corresponding Secretary	Bill Jones
Recording Secretary	Dick Watt
Treasurer	Sam Jacks
Registrar	Ron Standen
Pension	Tom Dickson
Policies	Jac Cropley
Recruitment	Bill Hare
Training	Jack Dane
Research	Dick Watt
Public Relations	John Thorsen
Constitution	Bob Davidson
Del Earle	Membership
Historical and Custodial	Marg Phillips
Heraldry	Joan Lambert
Liaison	A number of People

This is your first reminder. I will be sending you further reminders, but remember, the responsibility of having your report ready is up to you.

Monograph Bill Hare has prepared an excellent outline of what a Recreation Director is and does. You will probably receive this with your annual report, and we feel sure that you will agree with the Executive that this is an excellent piece of work on Bill's part.

George Kormos,
Vice-President.

MEMBERSHIPS

The Society have appointed a "Contact Person" to act on the Membership Committee from each of the Districts in the Province.

The list is as follows:

<u>District</u>	<u>Contact Person</u>
Northern	Bob Bateman
Ottawa	Dave Adie
Ottawa Valley	Bert Hall
East Central	Doug Rigg
Central	Gord Hutchinsen
West Central	Laurie Branch
South Western	Ken Burgess
North Western	Del Earle

We now have 125 members on the roster of the Society, and expect that figure to improve with the addition of the new contact people in each district, working to promote membership for the Society. By being in close touch with each district, it is hoped they will notify the Membership Chairman of any changes in personnel, addresses, etc.

Del Earle,
Membership Chairman.

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DO YOU BELONG?

A man who had just moved into a small town, fell into conversation with an old Quaker, who was accustomed to sit on a bench in the square.

"What kind of people live here?" asked a newcomer.

"What manner of people didst thee live amongst before?" enquired the Quaker.

"Oh, they were mean, narrow, suspicious and very unfair."

"I am sorry, friend, but thee will find the same manner of people here."

(Memberships cont'd.)

Not long afterward the old Quaker was accosted by another man who had come to live in the town.

"What sort of people are they here?" asked the stranger.

"What manner of people didst thee live amongst before?" enquired the old man.

"Friend", he answered, "They were the finest folks in the world. They were always friendly, kind and lovable. I hated to leave them".

"Thee will find the same manner of people here, then", beamed the wise old Quaker.

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Membership versus Salesmanship

A shy young man came into the office of a Recreation Director, timidly approached the desk and mumbled, "You don't want to buy a Society Membership do you?"

"No", was the brusque reply.

"I was afraid not", said the embarrassed chap, starting to back toward the door.

"Wait a minute" exclaimed the Director. "I've dealt with salesmen all my life, and you are the worst I've ever seen. You have to inspire confidence that you can make a sale. I'll buy a membership".

Signing the form, the Director said, "What you have to do is learn some good techniques and use them".

"Oh, but I have", returned the salesman. "I have an approach for almost every type of businessman. The one I used was my standard approach for Recreation Directors".



Letters of Application for Fellowship Examinations are now in order, so says the Registrar, Ron Standen. Examination day will be October 10th, in Toronto, since the M.R.A. Conference starts on the 27th of September and runs through October 2nd.

All members who have completed the In-Service-Training Course are eligible for Fellowship, and should apply for Examination by the Board of Regents. Application should be in the hands of the Registrar by September first next.

- Category "A" requires In-Service-Training Course satisfactorily completed, or equivalent academic standing from accredited sources and courses. Oral examination by Regents.
- Category "B" requires ten years' consecutive full time service as a Director, in one or more localities, and a written examination plus the oral.
- Category "C" requires fifteen years' service in one locale, with Oral Examination by Board of Regents.

All times under "B" and "C" must be authenticated, and the ten or fifteen year terms prior to December 31st, 1957.

Fee covering the Examination is \$5.00, payable at time of exam.

Applications should be sent to

"The Registrar",
R. H. Standen,
316 Church Street,
Toronto 18, Ont.

and if you have not already done so, let's get active.



DISTRICTS NEWS



EAST CENTRAL ONTARIO DISTRICT

SENIOR CITIZENS

June 20th is the date set for the East Central Ontario District Picnic for senior citizens. This is a joint effort of the Branch, O.R.A. Zone and the Directors. The current count appears to be at least 200 attending from the various senior citizen organizations within the Zone and the picnic will be held at Victoria Park, at Lake Ontario, Cobourg. During the afternoon there will be games, contests, singsong and entertainment and music by the various clubs. Square dancing will be included for those who wish it. After a picnic supper the groups will be heading home around 6.30 p.m. to 7.00 p.m. It has been suggested that the picnickers wear old-time costume if they wish and no doubt will burrow in their trunks to come up with some 19 hundred fashions.

PLAYGROUND LEADERS TRAINING COURSE

The East Central Ontario Playground Leaders Training Course is again scheduled for Quin-Mo-Lac on Noira Lake at Madoc and it would appear that the number of students attending will again show an increase. Still pushing further eastward there will be a number of first year students coming from Cornwall and Bicroft and together with municipalities who do not have full-time staff it would appear that camp accommodation will be pushed to the limit. The course curriculum will contain all the usual subjects necessary for the adequate training of summer personnel and will again feature 50 schoolchildren to come in for a complete day to act as "guinea-pigs" for the leaders who will be supervising the Zone playgrounds in approximately twenty centres.

JIM MUNRO

Word's around the District that Jim Munro will be leaving the field on June 15th to take up a position as salesman with a plastics product firm. The 'gang' will certainly miss Jim and, as yet, we are not aware as to Cobourg's intention concerning a replacement.

TONY DOJCAK

Tony Dojcak has taken up his duties as Director of Recreation for the Improvement District of Bicroft and has

(East Central Ontario District cont'd.)

found many interesting problems facing him. He has already concluded that he can't lick the black flies, so he is endeavouring to live with them. Actually, Tony is finding the job very interesting and, at the moment, is concentrating on getting the swimming pool into shape for the summer programme, and convincing the powers that a major athletic field is necessary. Tony will be at the East Central Ontario Playground Leaders Training Course and expects to bring some summer personnel for training with the intention of opening two playgrounds this year.

PETERBOROUGH RECREATION COMMISSION

The Commission has arrived at a choice of Assistant Director of Recreation to fill the vacancy created by Tony Dojcak leaving, and upon receiving City Council's ratification of the appointment, it is hoped that the new staff member will report for duty somewhere around June 29th, 1959.

PETERBOROUGH ORNAMENTAL SWIMMING CLUB

The Peterborough Ornamental Swimming Club, sponsored by the Peterborough Recreation Commission, have a busy season in front of them, and in between studying for exams, the girls have been going through a heavy training schedule. On June 22nd and 23rd the entire group (90 members) will be featuring their Annual Spring Show; June 27th will be a feature in Cornwall's reception for Her Majesty - 24 club members will be performing at Cornwall; July 7th the top 12 girl team will sail for England for a two week tour of presentations and demonstrations. Ornamental Swimming is growing rapidly in the Old Country and several of the demonstrations will be performed at girls' high schools.

C. NOBES

Cec Nobes is a busy man in Colborne assisting and preparing that town's centennial programme. One of the features of the week-long celebrations will be a contest for drum majorettes, baton corps and junior bands. Those who feel they might have something outstanding in this field of activity might contact Cec for details and further information.

K. W. Robinson,
Director of Recreation,
Peterborough, Ont.

NORTHWESTERN ONTARIO DISTRICT

Greetings from:	Del Earle	- Marathon
	Al Miller	- Red Rock
	Ray Wittenberg	- Port Arthur
	Harry Sirrett	- Atikokan
	Ted Earley	- Dryden
	Ken Ward	- Terrace Bay
	H.E. "Bud" Thomas	- C.P.B., Ft. William
	Dean McCubbin	- C.P.B., Ft. William

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How to Build a Better Tomorrow!

600 Teenagers from Teen Clubs throughout Northwestern Ontario gave adults and contemporaries a hint on how to build for a better future at the 7th Annual Northwestern Ontario Youth Rally, just past. In their attempt to pinpoint and solve the problems of the modern teen, these kids tore into discussions with a zeal and ability that made this conference the most successful ever.

Highlight of the four-day affair was the session on "The Teenager and Society" introduced by Rev. Bob Richards, the "pole-vaulting Preacher" of Olympic fame. Rev. Bob, probably the best speaker any of us will ever hear, held the delegates in a trance for nearly two hours, as he gave them a new outlook into their place in the modern world. Speaking again at the wind-up banquet, the Reverend fired the determination of the young people as he told of the Olympic Games and of the keynote of the Games, "desire".

As a result of a session on "Boy-Girl Relations", introduced by Dr. Johnston of Port Arthur, the delegates forwarded a resolution to government that an investigation be made re the possibilities of sex education being taught through the schools, by qualified personnel. This resolution has had far-reaching effects to date.

Inspector Herman Scarnati of the Port Arthur Police Force outlined "The Teenager and Law" to the delegates, and pointed out the many ways in which they can help make ours a better and safer society. Probably the most important point in this session was the fact that it is the duty of Teen Clubs and groups to help the law in its effort to straighten out wayward teenagers.

To try to portray the tremendous effect that this annual Youth Rally is having on Northwestern Ontario, not only for the teenagers but for the adults as well, is virtually impossible. You have to take part to see it and feel it. Tapes of all sessions have been distributed throughout the area and are now being used by adult groups to increase the liaison between teenager and adult for better understanding and mutual planning.

(Northwestern Ontario District cont'd.)

Although sponsored by the Northwestern Zone, S.D.M.R.O., this Rally is planned, operated and supervised by the teenagers. They leave nothing to chance. Every minute and every detail is closely supervised; every possible avenue of difficulty is investigated and prepared for in advance. The adult planning and preparation that is carried out in connection with the Rally proves beyond a doubt that our teenagers everywhere can respond successfully to a challenge, if we make them aware of the fact that the challenge is there.

ZONE HAPPENINGS:

Tennis Clinics - at Dryden and Terrace Bay.

Mr. George Mansfield, travelling instructor for the Canadian Junior Lawn Tennis Association, and sponsored by the Pepsi-Cola Company, held very successful clinics at Dryden, for the area West of the Lakehead, and Terrace Bay, for the area East of the Lakehead.

Playground Supervisors' Course

To be held at Chippewa Park, Fort William, June 24th to 28th inclusive. An enrollment of 60 is expected by Course Director Dean McCubbin. Instruction will be provided by Dean, Ted Earley, Ruby Owens, Rita Baxter, Marlene Bloom and Ken Ward.

Swimming and Water Safety Instructors' Course

To be held at Fort William June 25th to 29th inclusive. Course is sponsored by the Red Cross in co-operation with the Northwestern Zone C.P.B.

Art Courses

Three summer courses are planned on an area basis, all to be held at the Quetico Conference and Training Centre. Courses are sponsored by the Lakehead Art Association in co-operation with the C.P.B.

Teen Counsellor Training Course

To be held August 28th to September 4th inclusive, at the Quetico Conference and Training Centre. Course is sponsored by the Northwestern Zone C.P.B. in co-operation with Quetico and C.P.B.

Red Rock Teen Festival

An annual Teen Festival, sponsored by the Red Rock Teen Club, to be held in July. Teen clubs from all over Northwestern Ontario will be invited to attend.

(Northwestern Ontario District cont'd.)

ZONE NOTES:

- We're all looking forward to meeting our new Zone member, Mike Pearson, recently appointed Director of Recreation at Fort Frances.
- Anyone interested in tapes of the Youth Rally sessions can obtain information from Ray Wittenberg, 244 Cooke Street, Port Arthur.
- Quetico Conference and Training Centre has completed a very successful year, and bookings for 1959 assure an even better one. The impact that this training centre has had on Northwestern Ontario is tremendous. Information on Quetico can be obtained from Cliff MacIntosh, Director, Kawene, Ontario.
- The Fall meeting of the Northwestern Zone S.D.M.R.O. is slated for November in Terrace Bay.
- Greetings to our friends in the east. We're looking forward to renewing acquaintances at the In-Service Trainin Course.

Ken Ward,
Director of Recreation,
Terrace Bay, Ont.

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NORTHERN ONTARIO DISTRICT

You might notice the new handle we are sporting these days. As was pointed out in a recent edition of the Society News Bulletin, use of the term "Zone", suggests an inconsistency, owing to the purposes of our Society, which should have no internal division. After checking with members of other "Societies", it was found that "Association" is the term commonly used to denote a local group of members of a Society-hence the new title.

The most recent meeting of the N.O.R.D.A. was held at Kenogami in the Red Pines Hotel. We might dwell on this briefly. We, in the North, have probably the finest accommodation for our meetings of any within the Society. The Red Pines was, at one time, the summer residence of Sr. Harry Oakes. It has a wonderful atmosphere and a tremendous cuisine. We can assure any of you that a trip to one of our Association meetings would be an enjoyable experience.

(Northern Ontario District cont'd.)

Equipment Study Concern has been expressed by several of the Directors here as to the best types and specific varieties of play equipment to buy when outfitting recreation areas. To this end a Study Committee has been formed, and evaluation of a wide variety of play equipment will be prepared in the near future, as a guide to communities purchasing play equipment.

Preparation for Annual Meeting Society members here look forward eagerly to this year's Annual Meeting and Seminar. The new form for the Annual Meeting appears as if it will be a very worthwhile weekend.

Northern Ontario Recreation Conference Preliminary plans have been laid for the 1959 Northern O.R.A. Conference. The location, it is expected, will be Haileybury, and the Conference will be held under the sponsorship of the Tri-Towns, Haileybury, New Liskeard and Cobalt. Recreation Directors throughout the area have started already to promote interest in this Conference. All of us view the Northern O.R.A. as an agent vital to the overall success of recreation in the north. The suggested format for the Conference this year is that several papers be presented; these to deal with various topics relevant to the operation of a recreation program by a municipal authority.

The next meeting of the Northern Association is to be held again at Kenogami, Red Pines Hotel, August 24th at 10 a.m. If you are in the area, please be our guest.

Bob Bateman, Assistant
Director of Recreation,
Sudbury, Ontario.

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The owner of a spotless new fish store in Florida is going to have to change the big sign across the front of his shop, which boastfully says -

"We sell anything that swims"

because Jerry Iove walked in and demanded Esther Williams.

IN-SERVICE TRAINING COURSE IN RECREATION



- Dr. S. F. Maine, Director,
Summer School and Extension Dept.,
University of Western Ontario,
London, Ontario

"DON'T GET BEHIND
THE EIGHT BALL"

NOTICE TO STUDENTS

Your attention is drawn to the following points:

- (1) The last date for assignments to reach the University in the current year is JUNE 25.
- (2) Fees paid during the 1958-9 session or earlier do not extend beyond the current year.
- (3) A statement of standing for the current year will be forwarded to each student as soon as possible after June 30.
- (4) In the first and second years of the Course, if a student fails in one compulsory subject, either in failure to secure a passing mark on the assignments, or in failure to send in the assignments, he may repeat the subject while doing the work of the succeeding years. He must pay the prescribed fee for a single subject in addition to the regular fee for the succeeding year.
- (5) In the first and second years of the Course, if a student fails in more than one compulsory subject for either of the reasons given in (4), he will be required to pay the appropriate fees, and to complete these subjects before continuing with the remainder of the Course.
- (6) If a student fails in one or more compulsory subjects of the third year of the Course for either of the reasons given in (4), he will be required to pay the appropriate fees and to complete these subjects in a subsequent year.
- (7) If a student fails in an optional subject, he may repeat the subject when it is offered, or he may choose to take a different option.

(In-Service Training Course in Recreation cont'd.)

(8) The 1959-60 Annual Institute for first and second year students will be held from September 14-18 inclusive, 1959, commencing at 9.00 a.m. on September 14.

(9) The 1959-60 examination in the first and second year optional subjects will be held on Wednesday afternoon, November 18, 1959, between the hours of 2.00 and 5.00 p.m.

(10) The 1959-60 Annual Institute for third year students will be held from May 9-13 inclusive, 1960, commencing at 9.00 a.m. on May 9.

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ROTOTRON

Many of our local schoolteachers look for summer jobs. Since there are few in which they can use their special training, most of them work as clerks, playground directors, and so on. We were decidedly envious when our science teacher came in all smiles one morning, and announced that he had found a position in a nearby laboratory. I asked him what he was going to do there.

"Operate a rototron", he said.

"And what", I wanted to know, "is rototron".

"Well, he said, looking rather smug, "It's all pretty hush, hush, but it has to do with dissecting plant life".

A few weeks later I happened to be driving past the lab. Outside one of the buildings I saw our science teacher. I was not surprised that he had been secretive about his work.

The Rototron was a lawnmower and the plant life he was dissecting was good green grass.

PLAYGROUNDS '59

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EXPLORER OF MIST

Lone little boy on a playground swing,
Scouting the edge of the sky,
What do you see from your soaring wing?
What do you dream and why?

Never a smile and never a word--
To the top of the world you go;
Explorer of mist, as a mythical bird,
What do you see or know?

Over the mountain and over the plain,
Skimming as light you race;
Are you a saucered satellite-brain
Spinning off through space?

It's a long, long ride in a playground swing
To the beaches of the moon;
Do spacemen fold each silver wing,
Then scurry home at noon?

-- Cullen Jones



THE PLAYGROUND SUMMER "NOTE BOOK"

The National Recreation Association has presented something different in their series of Articles for Playground Leaders. It is the "Signpost for Summer". It is set up in 12 sections -

1. Planning and Leadership
2. Promotion, Publicity and Public Information
3. Arts and Crafts
4. Special Groups
5. Games
6. Drama and Storytelling
7. Music and Dance
8. Rainy or Hot Days
9. Nature
10. Special Events
11. Family Night
12. Youth Fitness

If you are looking for material to assist your supervisors send for a copy of the Playground Summer Notebook, National Recreation Assoc., 8 West 8th St., New York 11, N.Y. also

(Playgrounds '59 cont'd.)

Virginia Musselman, the Editor of Signpost has this to say -

"The men and women who create a summer of happiness for their communities: Please share with us. Send us your best -- the craft project that swept the town; the quiz that people still quote; the game that clicked; the party that rocked them; the way YOU made something new out of the old. Do it at the close of your program, before you forget. Make the NOTEBOOK an Operation - Friendship."

"What's the Matter, Jimmy?"

(This really did happen)

On one of our hottest days last summer, the playground leader - a cute little college Junior - had been working very hard "recreating" about seventy-five children. All had had a wonderful time except Jimmy, a three year old who had come with his sister. Jimmy had been cross all afternoon. At closing time the leader said "What's been the matter with Jimmy? He hasn't been able to get along with anybody on the playground today."

"He's got the measles," was the sister's reply.

WEALTH

The future of the province lies not in the richness of its soil, or in the wealth of diversity of its mines and factories, but in the energy, character and intelligence of its children.

-- Virgil M. Hancher



★ ONTARIO ★ RECREATION ASSOCIATION

The following is a letter sent to The Bulletin Committee prior to the O.R.A. Conference by the Past President of the O.R.A., George Cummings, which should have appeared in the last Society Newsletter, but failed to reach its destination in time.

The information contained in this letter was pertinent to the conference, but is still very factual, because of the turn of events at the Annual Meeting of O.R.A., and contains some real sound advice, which we cannot afford to overlook. Thanks a lot George.

"SO WHAT CAN YOU DO?"

Yes, so what?

So often the members of the Society have asked me, themselves, and others what their role is in the O.R.A. I am going to suggest several and will be brief about it so you can really give serious thought to the implications.

Where can you assist?

- in your own community
- at zone meetings (and in zones)
- at the O.R.A.'s Annual Meeting and Conference
- at your training courses
- at your own Annual Meeting

(1) You can stand for OFFICE in the O.R.A. The old bogey about Recreation Directors has dissipated. (Some of the more disturbing elements have been kicked upstairs to the O. R.A. Presidency, etc., where they can't needle.) You fellows (and girls) have your finger on much valuable resource information which is needed by the Executive and Board.

(Ontario Recreation Association cont'd.)

(2) If you don't wish to stand for office, NOMINATE others to stand - laymen or professional - with brains, talent, energy, sincerity. Don't just nominate the nice guy. And EDUCATE 'em. Don't send them down to meetings without reviewing with them the minutes and decisions previously made.

(3) Act as CHAIRMEN of O.R.A. standing and study committees and fill out its membership with laymen and another professional. You have the office setups to do the job. You know the angles.

(4) SELL. Sell capital "R" Recreation. Sell the O.R.A. to community groups, to your recreation committee. If you don't know what you're selling ask the O.R.A. to tell you. An excellent resource, (because I wrote it) is the 1953 Public Relations Report.

(5) Make RESOLUTIONS at your zone conferences and at the provincial conference, and be prepared to guide the Board of the O.R.A. by means of these resolutions.

(6) DISCUSS the business of the O.R.A. at Annual Meetings and resolutions sessions.

(7) Act as SECRETARY of your zone and make sure letters are written, decisions are made, reports are prepared, and news is sent in to Ora and other publications.

(8) Show ENTHUSIASM.

(9) Ensure your ZONE REPRESENTATIVE to the Board is selected, informed, and active. Make your zone work. Ensure it contributes to the movement. Remember, the Board is only an agent of the zones.

(10) TRAIN lay people. Wherever you go, take lay people along and fill them in on what's going on.

To these I add, or enlarge on, two ways to contribute as individuals or as a group.

First, digest O.R.A. business and present it to your Recreation Committee - such things as reports, conference proceedings, etc. If you haven't got time, you're not sufficiently interested.

(Ontario Recreation Association cont'd.)

Second, have you ever considered that part of your Society's Annual Meeting could be set aside for discussion (not a report) on your assistance to the O.R.A. under such headings as Public Relations, Standards, organization, and general support? Until YOU decide and agree what YOU can and should do, until YOU are convinced, there is little the O.R.A. can actually suggest which you will accept and do anything about.

Take up the cudgel!

Something I learned as a Director is "the O.R.A. is not the bread and butter of the lay person but it may be of the movement, profession and the professional".

George Cummings,
Past President, O.R.A.

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WHY RECREATION?

Here are a few of the important excerpts from the article written by Warren W. Kershaw, which appeared in the February issue of "Recreation".

The weakest link in the recreation profession today is the inability of its professional workers to answer clearly the blunt but natural question of -

Why have recreation anyway?
What real purpose does it serve?
Is it necessary?

Recreation people from one end of the country to the other have heard such statements as -

"When I was a youngster there were no recreation departments, and I supplied my own recreation" or,
"If you would just leave children alone they would take care of their own recreation needs" or,
"Recreation Departments are an impractical luxury".

While recreation is a broad field, it is well for the recreationist to remember that the central theme is the educational factor. We must teach for carry over.

THE CANADIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY



RED CROSS WATER SAFETY WEEK JUNE 14-20

This department strives to make the public water-safety conscious and to teach safe swimming and boating skills to as many as possible through:

- (1) Instructor Training. About twenty thirty-three hour courses of lecture and pool sessions are held in various centres throughout Ontario every year by the Department. Candidates must be eighteen years of age or over, hold the Bronze Medallion or equivalent, and be able to pass the Red Cross Senior Swimmer test. Successful candidates are equipped to set up and instruct in a Red Cross swimming programme.
- (2) Swimming Programmes. Children enrolled in Red Cross swimming programmes work toward the Water Safety Beginner, and the Junior, Intermediate and Senior Swimmer awards, which are pins, crests and wallet cards. Candidates learn water safety knowledge, artificial respiration and swimming skills.
- (3) Recreational Swimming for the Handicapped. Because swimming is one sport that the handicapped can enjoy, Red Cross has set up several programmes in Ontario with facilities, tests and awards especially designed for swimmers with physical and mental limitations.
- (4) Educational Material. Posters, pamphlets, booklets, wallet-sized cards, films, coloured slides and television film clips are available at cost or on loan to anyone interested in promoting water safety.
- (5) Technical Assistance. Research is done on safety equipment, pools and dock structures, and this information and a personal visitation can be obtained by anyone who needs help with an indoor or outdoor swimming programme.
- (6) Summer Supervisors. During July and August, eight Supervisors representing the Water Safety department travel throughout Ontario visiting swimming programmes in camps and communities, assisting in their organization, examining their candidates, giving talks and demonstrations and showing films on water safety.

(Water Safety cont'd.)

(7) Visitations. The permanent staff is available throughout the year on invitation to visit programmes, discuss problems, give talks and demonstrations and show films to communities, service groups, Home and School Associations, schools and any such organization seeking water safety knowledge.

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R E M E M B E R !

DROWNINGS ARE POSSIBLE IN ONLY TWO
INCHES OF WATER. A CHILD IN TROUBLE
OFTEN MAKES NO WARNING NOISE

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THE MILKMAN COMETH

One of the many amusing notes left a milkman is this one to try and remember -

"Dear Milkman: Starting today leave one homo on Mondays and Thursdays, but none on Saturdays. Then leave one heavy cream on Tuesdays, and one sour cream on Wednesdays with one quart of homo. Then leave one quart of homo on Fridays with the heavy cream, for the week-ends leave 2 homos and one sour cream on a Saturday and one heavy cream on Sunday. Please alternate this for me. If the heavy cream falls on a Saturday leave one homo with it then. Empty bottles are in the garage. Climb through side window. Garage is locked".

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Sam Jacks, a well known deer hunter, was being kidded by one of his North Bay friends about missing a shot at a fast travelling buck.

"Whut's the matter, Sam?" his heckler enquired, "Were he runnin' too fast for ye?"

"Running", Sam snorted, "That animal wasn't running at all. He was only putting a foot down here and there to steer himself by".

MOTOR BOAT SAFETY

HAS YOUR MOTOR BOAT GOT THIS ESSENTIAL EQUIPMENT?

EQUIPMENT	YES	NO	WHY NEEDED
The correct size of motor	,....		Too large a motor will capsize your boat
Navigation lights			Red, green and white for night boating
A fire extinguisher			Required by law for all inboard motor boats and any outboard motor boats over 26 feet long
A bailing can			A necessity for all boats
A set of oars or paddles			In case your motor won't work, for slow manoeuvring and a reaching aid
Department of Transport approved life jackets			One jacket or floating cushion required by law per passenger

BOATING DOs and DON'Ts

DO insist that nonswimmers always wear life jackets when boating.
DO give sail boats and other small craft the right of way.
DO watch carefully for swimmers and floating objects.

DON'T try to swim to shore if your boat dumps. Hang on!
DON'T hold impromptu races with other motor boats.
DON'T drink while boating.
DON'T overload your boat. Find out its correct capacity.
DON'T stand up or change places in a moving boat.

TWO WATER SKIING RULES

1. Water skiers should always wear life jackets. A sudden fall can easily knock the skier unconscious.
2. Always have two persons in the motor boat towing a water skier - one to operate the boat and one to watch the skier.

Especially prepared by the Canadian Red Cross Society, Water Safety Division.

"Far better is it to dare mighty things,
to win glorious triumphs even though
checkered by health and endurance,
than to rank with those poor spirits who
neither enjoy nor suffer much because they
live in the gray twilight that knows
neither victory nor loss."

-- Theodore Roosevelt

PRESIDENT AND FOUNDER OF
THE ONTARIO SWIMMING POOL ASSOCIATION PASSES

Joseph Michael McGuire, in his 62nd year was stricken with an abdominal haemorrhage while on a fishing trip and passed away in North Western Hospital, on May the 8th, in Toronto. A native of Haileybury, where he attended public and Collegiate Institute. Enlisting in the first World War, at the age of seventeen, he served with distinction in the Royal Canadian Engineers, and was promoted to the rank of sergeant. In 1924, in association with Professor L. G. Rogers, Ontario director of criminology, they organized Associated Chemical (Canada Ltd.), Mr. Rogers President and Mr. McGuire, General Manager, and Vice-President. This position he occupied for 35 years.

Mr. McGuire was active in several organizations, particularly those dealing in health regulations. He was a member of the Canadian section of the American Water Works Association, and was the moving spirit behind the organizing of the newly formed Ontario Swimming Pool Association and was elected as president.

Many mourn the passing of this truly great citizen, and extend deepest sympathy to Mrs. McGuire and daughter Nora (Mrs. Wilfred Fielding) who resides in England, but arrived in time by air to attend the service.

The Executive and members of the Society of Directors of Municipal Recreation of Ontario also wish to extend their sincerest sympathy to the family at the passing of Joseph Michael McGuire.



THE QUESTIONS ASKED TEN YEARS AGO HAVE WE PROGRESSED

OCTOBER 1947

For recreation to merit the status of a profession it should be possible to give affirmative answers to each of the following questions:

1. Do we have a highly specialized, intellectual technique that is based on science and learning?
2. Can we indentify with a degree of confidence the practical and definite ends we serve?
3. Are recreationists held personally accountable by society for the achievement of these practical and definite ends?
4. Do we have a sufficient body of knowledge which must be mastered before one can achieve recognition as a recreationist?
5. Do colleges and universities offer extensive courses of study encompassing this essential body of knowledge for the admitted purpose of preparing recreationists?
6. Is entry to the field based on standards of specialized education, experience, and character?
7. Does society accept recreation as being important enough to its own welfare to require the certification in licensing of recreationists?
8. Are we so completely devoted to our field that we actively support, by contributions of our own time and money, societies and associations for the purpose of elevating our standards of competence?

(Ten Years Ago cont'd.)

9. Do we use these associations for promoting recreation according to our objectives and ideals?

10. Are we concerned with the relations between ourselves and the people we serve to the extent that we have erected a code of ethics and provided for its enforcement?

11. Are we conscious of our responsibilities, acting on our own initiative and in cooperation with others, to serve society with every instrument at our command?

The above questions are re-phrasing of the criteria of professions. Because professions are social institutions they never can achieve a condition of static form since the culture which gives them substance is always changing. The general outline of framework persists, however, and it is upon this that recreation must erect its structure of concept and content before it can rightfully claim membership in the family of recognized professions - Earl Kauffman, Jr., University of Kentucky, Lexington.

WHAT IS YOUR ANSWER?

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IS THIS TRUE IN CANADA?

The United States is experiencing the great era of the goof-off, the age of the half-done job. It is populated with laundrymen who won't serve; with carpenters who will come around some day maybe; with executives whose minds are on the golf course; with teachers who demand a single salary schedule, so that achievement cannot be rewarded; with students who take cinch courses. The land from coast to coast has been enjoying a stampede away from responsibility.



NOTES OF INTEREST

Wally Brown, one of the twins is not only a great athletic coach at North Toronto Collegiate, but finds time to serve as Superintendent of the Lawrence Park Community Church Sunday School, Toronto. Great work Wally!

Kirk A. W. Whipper is well on his way to outdo Prime Minister Diefenbaker for well-earned degrees. Kirk who assists in the University of Toronto Athletic Department, and is a former member of the Central Y. Staff, and has been holding the office of Director of Christian Education at the Lawrence Park Community Church, has his B.P.H.E., B.S.N., B.A., B.Ed., and the rumour is that he is off to the United States for greater honours. Good luck Kirk. This is something for Directors of Recreation to shoot at.

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Robert Sones, Jr., the son of our personable Robert, Sr., certainly exemplified all the traits of a fine recreationist at the recent O.R.A. convention at Kitchener. Robert was Johnny-on-the-spot looking after the interests of the exhibitors, and good public relations.

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Hugh Clydesdale has been appointed as assistant to Glad. Colhoun, Director of Recreation, Toronto Parks Department. Hughie is a serious type of fella, who, after several years in the army, and undergoing several operations for wounds, showed the stuff he is made of when he was given several tough jobs in the Parks and Recreation Department, and came through with flying colours. Hughie will be a real asset in the recreation profession.

(Notes of Interest cont'd.)

Jack Dane, who could throw a few hefty punches in amateur boxing was an interested spectator at the recent Down Town Central Lion's Club boxing show. Ted Sommerville, on his right, and Jim Pullen, on the left, can attest to the weight of Jack's punches. He fought every round!

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Jim Pullen was a proud pappy when his son JIM displayed his prowess in the sprints at the recent Toronto Secondary Schools Track Meet. Jim set up a new school record. Buttons popped off Daddy's vest.

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It is the sincere wish of the Bulletin Editor that the Membership Chairman, with the aid of his seven "Contact Persons" will have much more success in promoting membership than did your truly in obtaining news. You will notice that District News was supplied by three of the seven districts. The "Notes of Interest" were supplied by a true recreationist outside the professional field, Oscar Pearson. Your President, Vice-President, Membership Chairman, and Society Registrar have sent in information. The balance of the Bulletin has been collected and compiled by the Bulletin Committee.

To those who were kind enough to send in news we say "Thank you". To the hard working staff of Bill Harris goes a special word of appreciation. Typing by Mrs. Ruth Kerr; Proving and Mimeo, Lenny Coolich; Checking and collating, Mrs. Reta Gair and Mr. Al. Dearle.

The next publication will be in the form of a newsletter, and will be distributed at the end of September. Deadline for news will be Sept. 1 - 15th.

Your Editor,

Bob Sones, Sr.