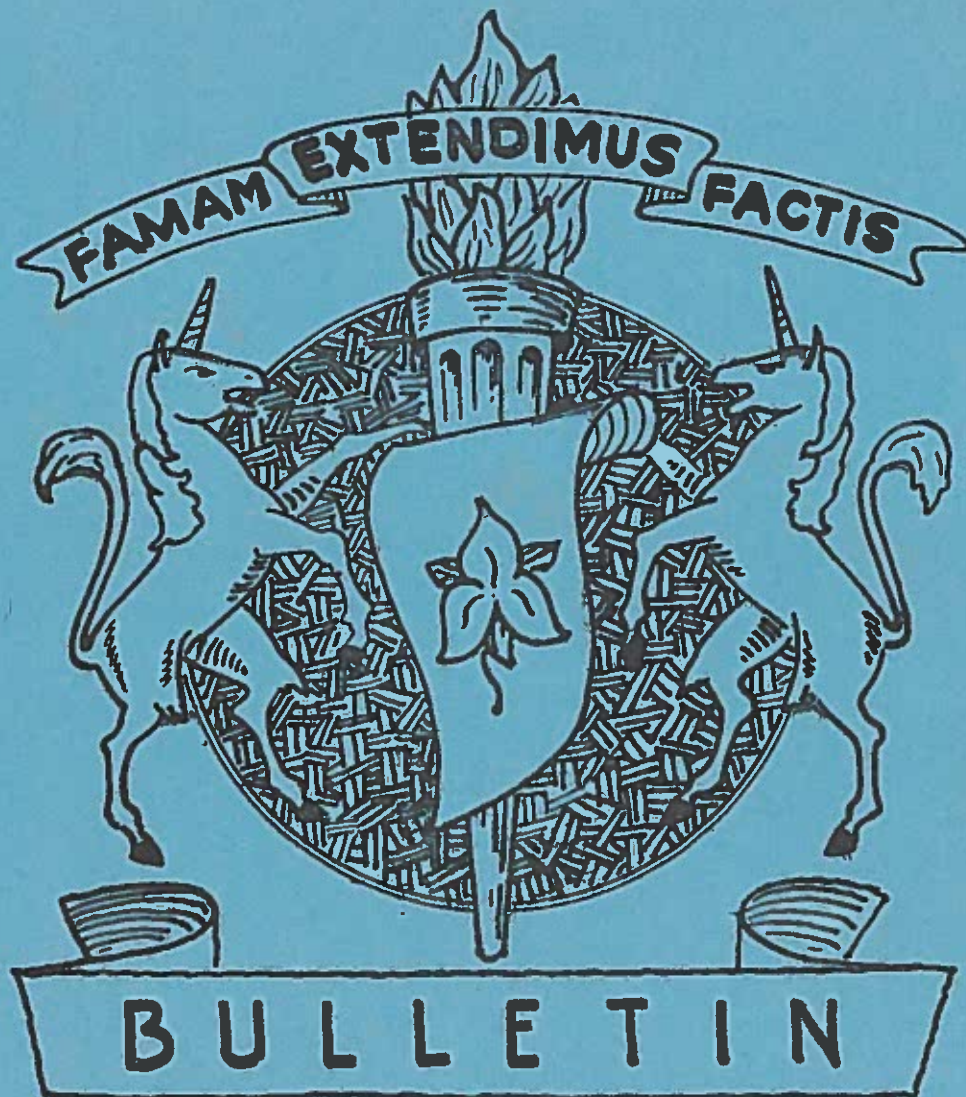


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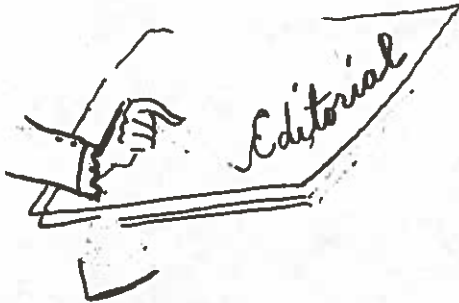
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"B U L L E T I N"

V. M. Werner - Editor

December - 1962



As our first Edition goes to press we would like to address these few comments to the Society Members:

We gladly accept the challenge of carrying on the fine tradition of publishing Newsy and Informative Bulletins. We will strive diligently to create publications equal in calibre to those of previous years, and sincerely solicit support of all members through news articles, comments, and suggestions for future "Themes" in this respect.

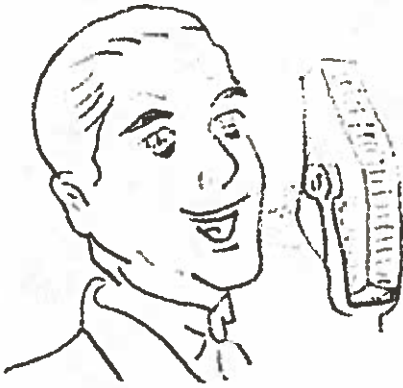
Our newest feature "The Bulletin Board" is intended to inform each other of both exciting events and times of trial. So - let us know if you buy a pink cadillac, have triplets, lose an appendix or become "Limbo Champ for '63.

The Bulletin Committee will include "Area Group" Reporters who are forwarding news from the ~~various~~ Clubs, Associations, etc. (and who will prod members to contribute news) A list of the Reporters will appear in the next Edition when their appointments are confirmed.

May we take this opportunity to wish all members a peaceful and successful 1963.

V. Madeleine Werner

Editor



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I would be indeed insensitive if my first sentence did not thank the membership for the honour of permitting me to be their President.

It is well known to all of you, a President's actual power is limited to one vote. So to suggest anything that I personally hope to accomplish would be a mixture of unrealistic vanity and downright stupidity.

Credit for accomplishments this year, as in any other year, belongs to the Executive as a whole, their Committees and the membership in direct proportion to the support given these bodies.

A President can suggest, observe and initiate, but when "the chips are down," he must be an impartial referee.

To the Society as a whole, this past excellent Training Institute and Annual Meeting leave one shadow -- the absentee members.

Surely membership in our Society means more than the right to display a certificate in your office. Surely the concept of "contributing to the body of knowledge" has a personal implication.

This is a personal request to the entire membership -- start planning now to be at your Society's Annual Meeting next year.

Sincerely yours,

Sam

Sam Jacks
President
S.D.M.R. O.



Wishbones Poodles and Goop

GUEST EDITOR

by FRANCES McHALE

(For the past five years, Mrs. McHale has been Supervisor of Senior Citizens' Programs for the London Recreation Department. She is considered one of the outstanding leaders in the Recreation field in Senior Citizens' programs and activities.)

Most people in their late sixties or seventies do not want to become members of "The Folded Hands League". Given encouragement and affection that remains steady through both successes and failures, they may attempt to learn something new. Many fears of inadequacy not directly related to the activity itself may prevent a person from attempting to learn a new skill. The leader must be sensitive to the feelings of the person, and be able to judge the moment to encourage him to be independent, as well as when to give him special guidance. From a confidence of the leader's good will and respect, the aged person may gain the security to break the monotony of his life with a new interest or accomplishment.

Leadership is the key to successful work with this age group. The qualifications to be looked for in a leader of activities for the aged are as follows:

1. A person who gives of himself.
2. One who has a feeling for the needs of the elderly.
3. One who knows how to organize a program.
4. One who knows community resources.
5. One who has had some specific training in recreation or group work.

One of the biggest hurdles we have to surmount in planning recreation programs for the aged is the idea that old people are helpless, and would rather "have done for them" than "do for themselves." Over-protection contributes to deterioration, well-meaning as it may be.

The best time for considering the matter of program is when the club or day centre is being organized. What kind of club will serve the needs of the people, what sort of a building, or room will you have, and what leadership is available. The answers to these questions will determine your program and activities.

There is little permanent vitality in a club that does little else except play cards or bingo, and have an occasional party. A good program for Senior Citizens should:

1. Stimulate interest:- in their own well being, in others, and in the community.
2. Revive old skills and interests, and encourage new ones.
3. Provide companionship and a worthwhile personal experience, of belonging, and of being needed.

Steps in Planning

1. Start with your group at the level on which you find them.
2. Proceed a step at a time, checking and recording reaction to each type of program you offer. Try each type at least twice as a different group may attend, and the reaction be inconsistent.
3. No matter what program you offer, do not expect it will please everyone, but to be successful it must please the majority.
4. Once the club or group is well established, set up a program committee. The club is organized for its members, consequently, the program must satisfy them.
5. The director or sponsoring group, then becomes the guide, advisor, and helper.

A year's program should include programs of LOOKING, being entertained, watching demonstrations, etc. DOING - crafts, games, singing, dancing. GOING - a bus trip or local tour of some special place, a visit to another club, or institution. GIVING - Seniors should continue to contribute to the community, not necessarily financially, but of themselves, and their experience.

It is essential that those planning programs for Senior Citizens should plan with Seniors, not for seniors. The group may be slow or reluctant to try new ideas, but with good, and considerate leadership they can widen their horizons. It is equally important that they share the work. Most of them enjoy being useful, and resent being waiting on, so both plan and work not for, but with Senior Citizens.

The title of this article may seem inappropriate and too facetious to be related to a program of elderly people. Nevertheless, it refers to three most successful craft programs underwritten at our day centre.

We are now five years old, and have little difficulty in attracting members to craft classes. It was a different story during our first year. Older people for the most part have limited incomes, and are afraid to risk their meagre funds for craft materials unless they are sure they will like it, and be successful. Many have not tried to use their hands for many years, and are clumsy and shaky. A local radio station sponsored a Lucky Wishbone Contest, and the director of the day centre enquired about the unused supply of wishbones that had accumulated at the studio. On learning that they were destined for the incinerator, she acquired them for the members of the day centre. They were cleaned, polished, and decorated, and distributed as favours, given to institutions, and some were sold. The materials used were nearly all donated. Damaged rolls of gift-tie ribbons from a manufacturer, bottles of old nail polish, and paint, glitter and glue, soon transformed the cast-offs to attractive novelties.

Toy poodles made from polyethelene film, styrofoam, or coat hangers made welcome and glamorous presents for grandchildren and friends. They did not take long to make, and the technique could be learned in one or two classes. Projects which can be completed fairly quickly are most popular, and we seldom continue classes in any one craft for more than three weeks. Many members will continue a craft at home for much longer with the help of the director to obtain material or assistance to overcome any problems.

The Goop refers to modelling material of salt, cornstarch and water, and serves as an introduction to ceramics, or sculpture, although very attractive results may be obtained with this inexpensive mixture. The new Container Crafts, using plastic bottles and jars, are very simple, yet challenging for craft classes.

Many of our members who had not painted for years were encouraged by such simple activities, and have once again taken up their oil paints, woodcarving, and weaving. Many more have been introduced to new crafts, and some have gained sufficient confidence to join other adult education and handicraft classes.

Everything that is done in a program for elderly people should emphasize the individual. Even minimal responses to recreation programs may have value for the individual far beyond the capacity of the observer to measure. To enrich the life of the individual citizen during this period is the ultimate goal of every program in gerontology. As long as there is life, recreation has a part to play.

A LOVELY LIGHT

A candle's but a simple thing.....

It starts with just a bit of string,

Yet dipped and dipped with patient hand,

It gathers wax upon the strand

Until, complete and snowy white,

It gives at last a lovely light.

Life seems so like that bit of string.....

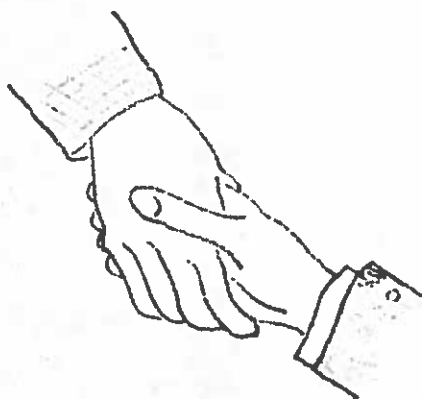
Each deed we do a simple thing,

Yet day by day if on life's strand

We work with patient heart and hand,

It gathers joy, makes dark days bright,

And gives at last a lovely light.



MEET YOUR 1963 EXECUTIVE

PRESIDENT - Sam Jacks, Director of Parks & Recreation,
245 Mattawa St., North Bay, Ontario. Tel. - Gr. 2-3930

Sam has had 3 years previous service on the Executive which include 2 years as Municipal Chairman and 1 year as Vice-President.

He began the road to a recreation career, after graduating from Bloor C.I., Toronto, through his interest in Boy's Activities. Sam was founder and first President of the Toronto Boy's Clubs Association, and the creator of Floor Hockey. A position in North Bay as Y.M.C.A. Physical Director followed by that of Y.M.C.A. Community Director, led to his present situation. Sam is a Fellow Member and holds his Permanent Certificate.

Asked for a few comments, Sam reports that he was married in England to the former Agnes Mackrell and that they have three sons, Barry 18, Bruce 15, and Brian 11. His hobbies are fishing, reading, stamps and old weapons.

His secret ambition is to own a Thunderbird.

VICE-PRESIDENT - John Thorsen, Director of Recreation,
Town Hall, Cobourg, Ontario. Tel. - Fr. 2-3041.

John served as member-at-large on the 1961-2 executive and has just finished a three year term as Public Relations and Publicity Chairman.

He graduated in Journalism from Etobicoke Collegiate and Ryerson Tech. John developed an active interest in group activities, teen clubs, team sports, etc., through school and later in service clubs, church groups and minor sports associations.

John entered the recreation field in Lindsay in 1956 as Director and Arena Manager. He came to Cobourg as Director in 1959.

The ladies in John's life include his wife, and three daughters - Nancy 10; Brenda 8; and Suzanne 3.

Reading, golfing, curling, tennis, basketball and bowling are among his favourite past-times and he is slowly learning to be gardener and home handyman.

Asked to tell us his ambitions and pet peeves, John comments:

Ambitions - 1. To be able to philosophize with the best of them. 2. To make a long leisurely visit to relatives in Europe. 3. To develop a model of small-town integrated recreation service in Cobourg.

Pet Peeves - small townishness that impedes realization of #3 above, and people who insist on calling him the "Sports Director."

TREASURER - Margaret Phillips, Director of Recreation,
P.O. Box 13, Kenora, Ontario. Tel. Hb 8-9034.

Margaret has been active in Society Committees as Historical Committee Chairman 1959-61 and Personnel Study Chairman 1960.

She began her Recreation career as a full time staff person in 1953. 1957 saw Margaret graduate from the In-Service Course and become Director of Recreation at Iroquois Falls, a position retained until March 1960 when she accepted her present post at Kenora.

RECORDING SECRETARY - Kenneth J. Burgess, Program Supervisor,
P.U.C. Recreation Department, London, Ontario. Tel. Ga 3-1211

Ken has served the Society as Bulletin Editor and is presently serving his second consecutive term as Recording Secretary.

He attended the Honours Physical, Health and Recreation Course at University of Western Ontario for two years. Ken graduated from the University of British Columbia, Public Recreation Course in 1953. While working for the City of Calgary, Parks and Recreation Dept., as District Supervisor, he also played professional football with the Calgary Stampede. In 1955, he was appointed Director of Recreation in Chatham, Ontario. He served in this position until 1960.

Ken and his wife Greta, have two children, Richard 5½ yrs and Robin-Lee (a girl) 2 yrs. His favourite past-times include hunting, fishing, sports and recently Physical Fitness (at present he is DOWN TO 245 lbs.)

His main ambition is to be instrumental in the development of a truly professional recreation Society.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY - W.G. Lowe, Director of Recreation,
Township of Toronto, Municipal Offices,
Cooksville, Ontario. Tel. - 279-7600.

Jerry is beginning his first year as an executive member but comes to this position with a background of service on the Fitness Committee and Life Guard Training Committee. He also has been liaison for Society to C.A.P.H.E.R., and served on the Editorial Committee of the Journal of the Canadian Association for Health, Physical Education and Recreation for the past three years. Jerry is presently Charter President of the Professional Recreation Guild (Metro Toronto.)

Jerry came in to the Recreation field following his graduation from University of Toronto, School of Physical and Health Education 1955 and Ontario College of Education 1956.

Jerry was married in April 1962.

Reading, Physical Fitness, research on athletic injuries and protective equipment and officiating at the University of Toronto Senior Inter-Collegiate Home games fill the bill for hobbies and outside interests.

MEMBER-AT-LARGE - L.G. Branch, Assistant Director of Recreation,
Victoria Park Pavilion, Kitchener Municipal Recreation Comm.,
Kitchener, Ontario. Tel. - Sn 3-5221 Ext. 62.

Laurie was born in 1930 in Bridgeburg, Ont. (now Fort Erie) and Bulletin Editor and is currently Chairman of the Membership Committee.

Laurie graduated from London Teachers' College in 1952 and taught

grades 5 and 6 in Waterford, Ontario prior to his appointment as Assistant Recreation Director and Assistant Arena Manager in Woodstock in 1953, becoming Recreation Director one year later. Waterloo attracted Laurie as Director in April, 1960 leading to his new position as Assistant Director in Kitchener.

Laurie reports that he married in 1955 and has two sons, Bob, born July 13, 1956; Jeff, born July 13, 1960 and now wife, Marilyn (former school teacher) is expecting third in July, 1963. He comments - "consistent eh!!"

Sunday School Superintendant L. Branch is also active in Parkminster United Church as Couples Club President and Church Elder.

For 21 years, Laurie has played trumpet in, organized, managed and acted as drum major for numerous bands, particularly of late in drum and bugle corps.

MEMBER-AT-LARGE - G.M. Strickland, Director of Recreation,
Sarnia Board of Parks and Recreation,
Box 306, Sarnia, Ontario. - Tel. Digby 4-6521.

Gerry begins his executive year as member-at-large following service as Chairman of Constitution Committee and Liaison to the Boy Scouts Association of Canada.

Gerry came into the recreation profession through a series of interesting activities. He lists - mining surveyor, army artillery and engineer surveyor, ballroom dancing instructor, amateur wrestler, volunteer work with Boy Scouts leading to professional executive. He entered the field as Arena Manager - Recreation Director for Virginiatown, Ont., followed by Assistant Recreation Director in Brantford prior to his present position.

Gerry states that he is a Retired-married man with a son 16 years old.

Asked about hobbies, he asks "What has time?" but lists Boy Scouts; Dancing; Sports Cars; Breeding and training dogs; Reading.

His pet peeves are (1) people who complain about the organizations to which they belong and quit, rather than working to improve the organization. (2) People who reason with their emotions rather than their intellect.

PAST PRESIDENT - R.E. Watts, Director of Recreation,
Sherwood Drive, Brantford, Ontario. Tel. Pl 3-5101

Dick has served on the Executive since 1958 as Recording Secretary, Treasurer, Vice President, President and currently as Past President.

He is a graduate of Ontario College of Education and University of Toronto in Chemical Engineering. Before entering the Recreation field, Dick taught in Ontario Secondary Schools for six years and one year in Winnipeg.

Dick and his wife, Florence, have two children, Suzanne 13 and John 12. Dick tells us that he enjoys tennis, skiing, gardening, painting and sculpture.

REGISTRAR - W. Brewster, Director of Recreation,
Oshawa, Ontario. Tel. - 725-1111

Wendell, a Past President and Fellow Member has served on the Executive for a total of nine years.

He is a graduate of the Dalhousie University, Halifax and Ontario College of Art, Toronto. Wendell also has completed the In-Service Training Extension Courses in both Recreation and Y.M.C.A.

Following several years as Physical Director; Boy's Work Secretary and as General Secretary with the Y.M.C.A. Wendell served as Supervisor and as Special Services Officer during the war. Eleven of his fourteen years as Recreation Director have been in his present position in Oshawa.

The Brewsters have four girls, Judith, 27 years old and married; Cathleen, 14 years old and 7 year old twins, Wendy and Patricia.

Tennis, Badminton, Photography, Golf, Drawing and Painting are activities which interest Wendell.

Two noteworthy ambitions: (1) to see the "Recreation Practitioner" achieve truly professional status (with all the best that this implies) (2) to become recognized as a primary and necessary leader in the "humanities field" of social achievement.

EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT - Doug Rigg , Director of Recreation ,
26 Beech Ave., Box 1239, Bowmanville, Ontario.
Tel. 623 - 3379

Doug Rigg will fill the new position of Executive Assistant for 1963.

He came to Bowmanville as Director seven years ago following 3 years as Assistant in Oshawa and 2 years part-time in Stratford.

Doug and his wife Dianne have two girls, Carolyn, age 5 and Nancy, 2.

The first faults we notice in others are often a reflection of our own.

Outlines of the 1963 executive structure, Board of Regents, and

Committee appointments are included in this issue (next page).

Further information regarding appointments of Committee Chairmen

and members will be printed in our next issue in "The Bulletin

Board" section. We suggest that members may wish to complete

their Committees Chart for easy reference in the future.

BOARD OF REGENTS
 W. HARE - 2 YRS
 O. McLAREN - 2 YRS
 T. CROPLEY - 1 YR.
 K. ROBINSON - 1 YR.
 T. LEISHMAN - 3 YRS.
 G. KORMOS - 3 YRS.

REGISTRAR
 MA. W. BREWSTER
EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT
 MR. D. RIGG

1963 EXECUTIVE
PAST PRES.
 MR. R. WATTS
PRESIDENT
 MR. S. JACKS
VICE-PRES.
 MR. J. THORSEN

MEMBERSHIP **RECOR. SECT.** **TREASURER** **CORRESP. SECT.** **CONSTITUTION**
 MR. L. BRANCH MR. K. BURGESS MISS M. PHILLIPS MR. J. LOVE MR. G. STRICKLAND

PAST PRESIDENT'S COMM.	TRAINING & EDUC. COMM.	PUBLIC RELATIONS COMM.	HISTORICAL COMMITTEE
CHAIRMAN - MEMBERS -	CHAIRMAN - MR. R. DAVIDSON MEMBERS - MR. I. THORSEN MR. J. DAVE MR. W. PILLSWORTH MR. W. HARE	CHAIRMAN - MISS E. BLANE MEMBERS - J. THORSEN	CHAIRMAN - MEMBERS -
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CHAIRMAN - MR. R. G. SONES MEMBERS -	CHAIRMAN - MR. G. W. WERNER MEMBERS -	CHAIRMAN -	CHAIRMAN - MISS C. SUMMERS
LIFEGUARD	RESEARCH COMMITTEE	RESOURCES COMMITTEE	
CHAIRMAN - MR. B. FLIVERY MEMBERS -	CHAIRMAN - MR. S. LABANOWICH MEMBERS -	CHAIRMAN - MEMBERS -	

STUDY COMMITTEES
ZONE - MR. R. BALLANTYNE
PERSONNEL - MISS M. PHILLIPS
AMALGAMATION -
 MR. G. STRICKLAND

LIAISON
 C.P.B.
 MR. S. JACKS
 D.R.A.
 MR. J. THORSEN
 GABRIEL
 MR. J. LOVE
 D.M.A.
 MR. W. BREWSTER
 D.A.A.
 MR. T. DICKSON
 D.P.A.
 MR. K. ROBINSON
 D.S.A.
 MR. R. WATTS

FITNESS AND AMATEUR SPORT

R. E. Watts,
Past President.

Here is a copy of the telegram sent to the Prime Minister on Sunday, November 11:

"The membership of the Society of Directors of Municipal Recreation of Ontario view with concern the recent reduction in the budget allocated for Fitness and Amateur Sport.

We hailed the foresight and wisdom of the government in setting aside Five Million Dollars to aid in the development of a national consciousness of fitness in all its aspects; and we feel that such aid is more vital now than ever before.

Representing, as we do, some 100 Ontario communities, we respectfully request that the Federal Government reconsider its policy of austerity in relation to this very vital program and allocate such monies, in 1963-64, as may be necessary to carry out fully the original objectives of the Act."

At the November 30 meeting of the executive I was asked to inform the membership of the results of sending the Fitness telegram from the annual meeting to Prime Minister Diefenbaker.

- * The telegram was acknowledged by Claude Gauthier, Secretary of the Prime Minister.
- * Canadian Press releases were read by members of the Brantford Board of Park Management and the Recreation Commission and motions were passed by the local boards to send the following statement to the Prime Minister with copies to federal and provincial MPs and -

T. A. Leishman, Director, CPB, Toronto
W. J. Davies, Minister of Education, Toronto,
Gordon Wright, Dir. of National Fitness & Amateur Sport,
Dept. of National Health & Welfare, Ottawa,
J. W. Monteith, Minister of National Health and Welfare,
Ottawa.

We are disturbed by the reduction in the budget for national fitness. Last year when the government embarked on a national program to promote fitness and amateur sport, we were pleased, but we fear that recent cuts in the budget will restrict the fitness program to the point where it will be relatively ineffective. We therefore request that the fitness budget be increased in 1963 so that the original aims of the Fitness and Amateur Sport Act may be carried out.

Five thanked us for our letter and our Member of Parliament (Federal) is taking further action. On his request for further information I sent him the following:

"Here is a list of references and people that should provide good material for preparing a talk on this subject.

- 1) Address of the Hon. J. W. Monteith to Carlton College, March 17, 1962. Available from the Dept. of National Health and Welfare.
- 2) Address of the Hon. J. W. Monteith to the Fed. Provincial Conference, February 19, 1962.

A group of Recreation Directors met Mr. Monteith in February, 1962. We found him and Mr. Joseph Willard, Deputy Minister, to be very knowledgeable on the subject.

Gordon Wright, the newly appointed Director of Fitness and Amateur Sport, Dept. of National Health and Welfare, has extensive Canadian and international knowledge of fitness and amateur sport problems.

- 3) Debates of the Senate, Vol. 109, No. 89, Tuesday, September 26, 1961, page 1177.
- 4) Brief prepared by the Society of Directors of Municipal Recreation of Ontario, January 1962. Available from Bill Hare.
- 5) Notes prepared by myself for Senator Ross Macdonald, September 1961 (attached).

There are two points about the Fitness Act as it relates to Ontario that bother me:

- 1) I understand that Ontario projects, in order to qualify for federal assistance, must be "NEW" projects. This stipulation seems to me to be quite unrealistic. What we need is an extension of services already available, particularly through the Community Programmes Branch, Dept. of Education.
- 2) In his address to the Federal Provincial Conference in February 1962, Mr. Monteith said: - Page 10, "It is obvious that if there were to be emphasis on assistance under the program for the construction of local sports and recreation facilities across Canada, there would be little if any possibility of financial aid for other purposes. Even the reasonably substantial funds now available would be quickly exhausted on local facilities alone, without beginning to meet existing requirements".

I am not sure this is true. Right now Brantford needs a swimming pool which would be open to the public all year round, additional outdoor artificial ice, and additional play space in North Ward. We submitted these proposals to Council for capital project budgeting up to 1968. We received the following reply: "These proposals were considered by City Council during the deliberations on the capital budget to be submitted to the Ontario Municipal Board. It was found that other projects deserved priority, and these projects could not be included". The proposed arena has apparently suffered a similar fate.

Brantford's two most urgent requirements for Fitness and Amateur sport are Leadership and Facilities. I think Mr. Monteith intends to direct a healthy share of the Fitness budget to leadership development, but we need a lot more help with facilities than we are apparently going to get".

NOTES ON PHYSICAL FITNESS AND AMATEUR SPORT

Prepared for Senator Ross Macdonald, Leader of the Opposition in the Senate, by R. E. Watts, Director of Recreation, Brantford, Ontario, September 23, 1961.

- * The objectives as stated are excellent but emphasis is on competitive sport and gives little attention to raising the level of physical fitness of all the people. Research by Dr. T.K. Cureton of the University of Illinois shows that mental fitness is directly related to physical fitness; a decrease in physical endurance is accompanied by an increase in anxiety, oversensitiveness, over-eating, mental fatigue and boredom. It would be of much greater value to Canada to raise the general level of physical fitness and hence of mental fitness than to develop stars and teams of international fame.
- * We need champions to give us a feeling of stature and to serve as incentives for aspiring young athletes. But not many can be champions and almost everyone can be physically fit.
- * The highest purpose of any physical fitness program should be that each individual realizes the importance of his own fitness so that he will commit himself to a way of life that will maintain a high level of personal fitness.
- * People will engage in physical activities only if the leadership and facilities are easily available to them. It is on leadership and facilities that the greatest stress must be laid in any programs to improve fitness.
- * Grants of money for leadership and facilities are now available to municipalities, agencies, and institutions through provincial government departments and branches. Increased aid should be made through these same channels by amending existing legislation. (A greater effort is required to inform municipalities, agencies and institutions of such assistance.)
- * The pressure to make direct grants to special interest groups will be great, but it should be resisted because of the haggling that would result. Rarely should the grants be made to anybody other than provincial departments, municipal councils, or municipal boards.
- * More facilities are required so that more people can participate. Many schools have no area suitable for indoor play. Some schools are even restricted in outdoor play space. School boards must be persuaded that school facilities are public facilities and should be available to the people at low cost and under minimum restrictions.
- * Many existing facilities are not used to their best advantage due to the lack of funds to engage leaders and coaches who could develop programs.
- * Classification of sports teams and competitions into age groups makes room for only the best players. Many are left out or sit on the bench. Systems to overcome this are in use, but more research is necessary. And more important than research is persuading coaches that winning is not the most important result of sports competitions.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

Eleanor S. Blake,
Chairman.

"Eleanor Blake, Chairman of the Public Relations Committee and co-workers Shirley Clouse, Jim Cosburn and Hugh Glydesdale, have started the wheels rolling on their many projects".

New on the scene this year, will be a scrap book of Society news. If any Society members see anything in magazines or papers pertaining to the Society, would they please forward it to Shirley Clouse, who will be in charge of this particular phase of the Committee. Shirley's address is Etobicoke Recreation Department, 550 Burnhamthorpe Road, Islington, Ontario".

RESOURCES & REFERENCES COMMITTEE

Ken Robinson
ex-Chairman

A plea from the ex-Chairman of the Resources & References Committee. We would be interested in hearing from anyone who has come across a reasonably fool-proof method of marking, stamping or embossing playground equipment in the nature of softball, basketballs, volleyballs, etc. We have had more than one request for such information and we would be pleased to hear from those who have the secret formula.

SOCIETY CRESTS

The Society executive has agreed to immediately re-order a supply of Society crests, which will be available to Society members eligible to purchase these.

Ordering of crests is now in process but we are unable at this time to advise the exact cost of the crests.

(Details re- cost and method of ordering crests will be given in the next issue of the bulletin.) However, members who desire to purchase crests immediately are asked to contact the Treasurer (Margaret Phillips, Box 13, Kenora) who will send them the necessary information at the earliest possible date.

ZONE STUDY COMMITTEE REPORT

Robert Sones,
Chairman

We thought it would interest members to receive the results of the Zone Study Questionnaire.

Six Area Groups have replied, one is completely inactive.

Eight Area Groups were sent Questionnaires.

1. Question - What is the name of the Area Group?
Answers - NWOZ - North Western Ontario Zone
RDAWCO - Recreation Directors Association of West Central Ontario.
PRG - Professional Recreation Guild
ECODRA - East Central Ontario District Recreationalists Association.
RCRDS - Renfrew County Recreation Directors Society.
(Bruce County Inactive.)
2. Question - Do you have a Constitution and by-laws?
Answers - Yes - 3. No - 2.
3. Question - How many members are there in the Group?
Answer - 132.
4. Question - How many of these are employed in Municipal Recreation?
Answer - 102.
5. Question - How many are not in the field of Recreation or Allied Fields?
Answer - 1
6. Question - What are the geographic boundaries of your area?
Answer - See Map.
7. Question - How many meetings do you have per year?
Answer - 1-2 regular meetings, 1-2 general, 12 Executive Meetings,
3-12 regular meetings.
8. Question - What was the date of the last meeting?
Answer - All within the last two months.
9. Question - What is the average attendance at meetings?
Answer - Average - from 51.1% to 90.9%
10. Question - Is there any place or function for Area Groups within the S.D.M.R.O.? Why?
Answer - 1 - Not sure. 4 - Yes.
"The prime function of these Area Groups is to involve a variety of persons - not necessarily those who can qualify for membership in the S.D.M.R.O."
"The Society is undertaking research and studies of various facets of the Recreation Field. Perhaps it would be more practical if the area groups were assigned some of these tasks rather than try to set up Committees of people from all parts of the Province."

"Greater progress would be made with area groups functioning, and that the S.D.M.R.O. would be strengthened by Area Groups."

"The potential effectiveness of the Society depends on the strength of Zones or Area Groups. The acceptance of the zone structure by the Society is a necessity if the Society wishes to prove truly meaningful."

11. Question - Should Area Groups be limited to S.D.M.R.O. members only?

Answer - 1 - Not sure. 4 - No.

"Most of our members agree that our Area Group cannot be as effective if restricted to S.D.M.R.O. members only. Project Planning includes people from the Community Programmes Branch, National Film Board and other Associations."

No - "We have a number of people who could not qualify for membership in Society but who, nevertheless, are contributing members to our Area Group."

No - "Just because some individuals do not subscribe to the constitution of the Society or have other personal reasons for not joining, they are in most cases assets to the recreation field and can be of great value to the Society. Inversely, the Society can be of value to them. Let's not make the S.D.M.R.O. a closed club."

No - "Why should they?"

12. Question - Will there be confusion and/or poor communications if there are eight or ten different Recreation Directors' Associations, Guilds, etc., in Ontario?

Why? -

Answer - 1 - No. 3 - Yes. 1 - Possible no.

"I cannot agree that there may not be confusion if there are a number of Recreation Organizations in Ontario. However, as I stated in my answer to Question 10, I believe that Area Groups serve a definite function because they can meet regularly and can involve people who may not be qualified for Society Membership."

Yes - "Have you tried asking some of your Committee Members of John Q. Public who are and who are not financially supporting these organizations, who and what are the O.R.A., O.R.A. Zones, S.D.M.R.O., N.R.A., etc.?"

It appears yes, there would be confusion or poor communication with 8 or 10 groups and that the S.D.M.R.O. should work for unity and co-ordination."

13. Question - Should any S.D.M.R.O. business be conducted by Area Groups if all persons involved are not members of the S.D.M.R.O.? Why?

Answer - "Dependent on the nature and nature of the business."

"The general feeling is that any S.D.M.R.O. business related

to constitution, by-laws or confidential matters could be reserved for a closed session of the Area Group, but that all other business related to the general field of Recreation, even if directed by the S.D.M.R.O., could include non-members."

"Yes. For basically the same reason as No. 11. Through dealing with the society, members may become sufficiently interested to join. However, I don't think that society business should dominate the area group meetings. This may tend to automatically eliminate the non society members."

"No - Unless a study project is undertaken or unless consultation is called for with others."

"The area groups may act in advisory capacity only to the society but should not carry on society business and, therefore, these Area Groups could include persons who are not Society Members."

For instance, the old Central Ontario Group made a definite contribution to the Society in its study project concerning Lifeguard Training. I believe that this is the type of work which an area assignment could carry on and could make a definite recommendation for the consideration of the S.D.M.R.O."

14. Question - Should the Area Groups be governed by the S.D.M.R.O. in regard to constitution, by-laws and membership?

Answer - "No. Let's not force our non-members into the Society."

"I don't believe that the Society should govern these groups: I believe that they should be autonomous but, as I indicated earlier, the area groups primarily are an advisory group, in my opinion to the society and are a convenient group in terms of travelling where persons can meet on an area basis. Furthermore, I don't imagine that the Society will ever be at the stage where it will meet more often than once a year, and, through these Area Groups, I believe the Society can receive some guidance from members and, again I state, not necessarily only those who are actually Society Members."

"The Area Groups could be governed by the S.D.M.R.O. constitution by-laws for confidential matters could be reserved for a closed session of the area group, but that all other business related to the general field of recreation, even if directed by the S.D.M.R.O., could include non-members."

15. Question - Add other comments not covered above.

Answer - "I believe, also, that we should not excommunicate all persons because they are not Society Members and I feel, further, that it probably does us a lot of good to affiliate and meet with persons other than those who are Society Members and this we are able to do if our Area Groups function and meet regularly and do not limit their membership to Society Members only."

"There were varying opinions in the Questionnaires. There were several strong opinions that the strength of the S.D.M.R.O., rest with the Zones, but in our particular area, our various projects are more effective through the participation of numerous non-members of the S.D.M.R.O. It was stated in several discussions that, while the S.D.M.R.O. should become the Central Body, it would be a serious mistake to constitute the Area Groups so that non-members in related fields would not be welcome. Several members mentioned the possibility of associate membership, so that those not engaged in Municipal Recreation could still become part of the group. It is likely that the Associate Membership presently in effect for S.D.M.R.O., would be extended to Area Groups."

Based on the foregoing answers I respectfully submit the following:

1. Area Groups should be autonomous and not subject to the present rules or regulations of the S.D.M.R.O.
2. There should be some means of uniting the efforts of Area Groups.

Therefore, I recommend that:-

1. Each Area Group be given the opportunity to be affiliated with the S.D.M.R.O.
2. Requirements for affiliation should be stated by the S.D.M.R.O.

EXECUTIVE MINUTES

The Recording Secretary, Ken Burgess, was directed to devise a system of symbols to direct specific members to particular passages in the executive minutes.

The below legend will be used in all future minutes to assist members in locating references to their job, assignment or additional specific duties:

Executive Minutes Legend

V.P.A.	..	VICE PRESIDENT AMPLIFIER
* C.S.	..	CONSPONDING SECRETARY
- Reg.	-	REGISTRAR
x Ex.A.	-	EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT
(V.D.I.)	..	VERY DARN IMPORTANT

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The following articles were submitted
regarding Senior Citizens Activities:

WOODSTOCK

In February 1960, the "Senior Citizens of Woodstock Incorporated" received their charter. This group, commonly referred to as the Senior Citizen Council or better still, "the Council", is comprised of representatives from all local organizations who are interested in the work and welfare of Woodstock's Senior Citizens. The personnel of the Council, who are not necessarily Senior Citizens themselves, come from the I. O. O. F., Red Cross, Service Clubs, Churches, Senior Citizens Club and other such organizations within the city. The formation of the Council resulted from actions of two spirited ladies who felt a need for the people of Woodstock to become more aware and interested in its senior group of citizens.

Little time elapsed before the first project of the council was realized. A Drop-in-Centre was opened in October 1960 -- a mere 8 months after the formation of the Council. This Centre is being paid off through two mortgages. The first which covers the interest and some of the principle is undersigned by 10 guarantors. The Council maintains the Centre through a Property Committee, and ways and means of raising monies is the challenge of the Finance Committee.

The Senior Citizens Club, however, does not accept their Centre completely without obligation on their part. Monies collected through membership fees of \$1.00 per year, sewing parties, Bake parties, bake sales, tag days, bazaars, and other such fund raising projects are turned over to the Council to assist them in paying off the mortgage.

As if projects to help pay for this Centre was insufficient to occupy their time, the club members have undertaken many worthwhile charitable activities. Rigorous Quilting Bees have resulted in quilts being sent to the Save the Children Fund, the Grenfell Mission, and the Red Cross. Pickering Parties have transformed old bed sheets into bandages which have been sent to the Unitarian Services Committee. Sixteen crates containing no less than 2,033 articles of shoes and other clothing have been sent to the Unitarian Services Committee and the Scott Mission in the past eleven months. Another crate is now being filled to add to the previous total.

During this past year a shuffleboard court has been constructed along side the horseshoe pitch on the property surrounding the building. This has been realized through the efforts of the Council's Program Committee chairman, who organized the project; the Woodstock Home Builders Association who built the court donating all labour and some materials; and by the Woodstock Recreation Committee who paid the bill.

The insignificant appearance of the Woodstock Senior Citizen Drop-in-Centre does by no means give justice to its true value. The tremendous good of the bales, quilts, and bandages is well coupled by the true fellowship and worthwhile feeling gleaned by the Senior Citizens through their activities within the Centre's walls.

The Senior Citizens Council and the Senior Citizens Club constantly voice their appreciation of the groups and citizens of Woodstock for their assistance. In turn the people of Woodstock can well thank these two organizations for their worthwhile contribution to society.

ETOBICOKE

Senior Citizens activities in Etobicoke are growing by leaps and bounds this year. At present there are four clubs in operation varying from the Scarlett-Wood Court Senior Citizens with 80 members, to the original Etobicoke Senior Citizens Club on Dundas Street with 350 members.

The original club operates from a permanent building on Dundas Street West, which is open six days each week. The club has facilities for, and provides instruction in, sewing, dressmaking, weaving, carpentry, copper tooling and aluminium etching, billiards, and flower making. In addition there is a meeting hall with provision for 250 people, and a sitting room equipped with television. Each afternoon there are volunteers available to teach the skills of the various crafts. Once each month a general meeting is held for all members during the evening.

The building is operated by the Senior Citizens Council, dedicated Volunteers, and a paid part-time Secretary who handles the financial matters and controls supplies. The proceeds from memberships, and the annual Bazaar are sufficient to maintain and operate the building, and its activities throughout the year.

The second club with a permanent building operates from the Rexdale Senior Citizens Drop-In-Centre. This building which was officially opened November 27th, 1962, is the result of co-operative efforts of many groups. The building, which had previously been a temporary building for the Royal Bank of Canada, was donated to the Township of Etobicoke. The Township donated the building to Rexdale Senior Citizens as a drop in centre. At this point the Rexdale Lions donated \$2,500.00 towards moving the building, and partially furnishing it, for use by the Seniors. The building is situated on property owned by the Metro Toronto Housing and Welfare Commission, and the Township Building Department at present is looking after maintenance and repairs.

The Recreation Department is aiding this club in obtaining furniture, organizing initial programmes, and helping to set up a group of volunteers to aid the Seniors with their programmes.

Throughout the stages of acquiring this building it has been shown how co-operation between various departments of municipal government, Metro authorities, service Clubs, and the Royal Bank has made this a successful venture, at relatively little cost.

The other two clubs in the township operate from facilities available to them on specific nights but have little daytime facilities for crafts etc. However, both these clubs are eligible to use the facilities of the permanent buildings at any time.

The role of the Recreation Department with the Senior Citizens in Etobicoke is one of co-ordinating the activities of the volunteers, and aiding them where possible.

Each of the clubs through bazaars, bake sales, auctions and fees are financially self-supporting. Connected with each club are interested volunteers who provide guidance, instruction in crafts, and transportation. The Etobicoke Senior Citizens Council, composed of various people throughout the Township, co-ordinates all the activities of all the clubs and helps the volunteers on planning all the activities. Mr. Thomson, Recreation Director and Mr. Tomlinson, Welfare Administrator, because of their interest in this area are both prominent men on this council.

Thus from a modest start five years ago, the Senior Citizens activities have grown to four independently operated clubs, providing many hours of constructive and worthwhile recreation for the Senior Citizens of the Township of Etobicoke.

SUDBURY

Sudbury's Senior Citizens' Club is called the Perpetual Youth Club. This group was organized about three years ago by the Soroptimist Club with the assistance of the Recreation staff. The group has a regular meeting once a month, which consists of a business meeting, a guest speaker, entertainment, and card playing. They have parties in connection with holidays and special days - Hallowe'en, Christmas, Easter, St. Patrick's. They also make bus trips to points of interest; and go on picnics in the summer time. It is hoped that other groups will be formed, with a sponsoring body. A day drop in centre has been talked about as soon as one or two more clubs have been formed.

MIMICO

Mimico Senior Citizens Club, 80 strong - meet every Friday in the hall at the New Rink, and have developed a program of interest to everyone attending. The Euchres, Bingos, Pot Luck Lunches, Afternoon Teas, Musical programmes and other activities keep the interest high, and attendance good. A grand Christmas Dinner is scheduled for December 7th, with tree, decor and the fixings plus a special entertainment during the evening.

This Club was started under auspices and direction of the Recreation Commission some six years ago. Now it is entirely self supporting with the Commission standing by as advisory and co-ordinating help if needed. A Fraternity from the High School will provide drivers and cars for a tour of Metro's Christmas Lights, a deed muchly appreciated by the Oldsters.

TOWNSHIP OF TORONTO

Senior Citizens Christmas Light Tour

For the second year, some 200 Seniors from the four Senior Clubs in Toronto Township will journey by bus to see the Christmas Lights in the

Toronto area. This year, it is expected the trip will take place the week between Christmas and New Years and a brief stop will take place mid-way in the journey for refreshments served by the Seniors at Trinity Community Centre.

The Credit Valley Neighbours (Erindale Seniors) will move into their new Centre headquarters (in the Springbank Community Centre) the first of January. Already the Senior's are busy hanging drapes, pictures and furnishing the room to create a "homelike" atmosphere.

All four Senior Clubs are celebrating the Christmas season with Turkey dinners to which they invite their sponsors and those citizens who assist in transportation.

KITCHENER

THE ROLE OF THE RECREATION COMMITTEE'S CO-ORDINATOR

in the

Senior Citizens' Program

Effective co-ordinating involves not only the talents and efforts of the trained leader, but all the capabilities, latent or active, of the people with whom he works. Compatible ideals, kindred objectives and similar goals of satisfaction may not at first be evident but, as the sympathetic co-ordinator obtains the complete co-operation of the individuals and groups under his direction, there should gradually emerge a harmony as pleasing to the inward ear as the music of a great symphony.

Developing a successful senior citizens' program may be long and difficult, for each senior person, out of long experience, brings a differing view point. Quite often new and more desirable attitudes need to be carefully cultivated.

The co-ordinator should be well oriented toward the retired person's manner of thinking. This may be accomplished by attending as many functions as possible where the older people are in action. In their regular club meetings, their remarkable abilities as well as their physical limitations and their eccentricities.

A good co-ordinator will seek as much professional training as is available. This may be through the training institutes set up by the Community Programmes Branch of the Department of Education, through wide reading in this field, through the Society on Aging, or through frequent consultations with provincial advisers. He will also need as much local information about his charges, as can be searched out and recorded in an organized plan.

He will find that, in a city of 75,000 people for example, he will be responsible for giving some leadership to at least 5000 who are 65 years or over. Their names and addresses and other pertinent information may be readily obtained through the City Assessor. Other sources which might produce related facts are questionnaires, veterans executives minutes of past meetings, and best of all, personal visits with the people concerned. He will find out who can lead a square dance, who can instruct in crafts, who can contribute to entertainment, who is in need of transportation and who would be happy to have visitors.

In the average municipality only about one in ten of the older people belong to any club. Thus out of a potential 5000, at least 500 should be in Senior Citizen's organizations, including several churches that have fine monthly meetings, a number of industrial plants that keep in touch with their retirees through monthly dinners, a group of retired business men who may be meeting at the Y.M.C.A. and a Senior Citizens' Club which is interdenominational, meeting every two weeks in a church hall and offering the co-ordinator the best field for development.

But for intelligent, vigorous people over 65 a social meeting at such intervals comes far short of supplying the needs of those many idle days between. Some clubs intersperse bowling, choir or band practices or bus trips; but while these activities are essential, they do not quite fill the gap. A number of Ontario cities have solved this problem by providing a Day Centre, a well equipped building with a trained co-ordinator in charge. Here older people may enjoy a cup of tea together, have a game of cards, do some art or craft, or work on some service project.

The municipal attitude toward providing trained leaders to work with older citizens is improving encouragingly. Service clubs are alert to the increasing need in this field and, in at least one city, have underwritten the entire expense of a co-ordinator. As this is made known through the press, radio and T.V. a very beneficial influence is exerted on the community thinking, and more doors are opened for the progress of this work.

In a recent study of the recreational requirements of an Ontario city, made for the guidance of its city council in planning the proper development of recreation, properly staffed day centres for senior citizens were shown as a definite need for the near future. Such buildings need not be excessively expensive, but would make daily provision for the needs and interests of a much larger section of our older people. Here all their activities could be integrated into such a happy program by an understanding co-ordinator that it would be of inestimable value in preserving and putting into action the human values.

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YOUR JOB

Wherever you're working - in the office or shop,
And however far you may be from the top . . .
And though you may think you're just treading the mill -
Don't ever belittle the job that you fill.
Your job is important - don't think it is not.
So try hard to give it the best that you've got.
And don't ever think you're of little account,
Remember, you're part of the total amount.
If they didn't need you, you, you wouldn't be there . . .
So, always, my lad, keep your chin in the air,
A digger of ditches, mechanic or clerk
Think well of your department, yourself and your work.

-- Author Unknown



N O T E

Bending to the will of the Zone Study Chairman (1962) we now refer to reports from Zones, Associations, Guilds, Societies, etc., as Area Group Reports.

SIMCOE COUNTY

The Simcoe County Recreation Service was reinstated by County Council on Nov. 23, 1962. Congratulations to Louise Colley and the people of Simcoe County who worked to prevent the discontinuance of the service.

RECREATION IN SIMCOE COUNTY

by Louise Colley

For those who have been wondering about the fate of the Simcoe County Community and Recreation Service, I quote from the Collingwood Enterprise Bulletin of Nov. 29, 1962.

"The faith of a band of people and the diligence of a dedicated staff has resulted in Simcoe County retaining the prominent position it has reached in the matter of community recreation. The attempt to disband the County Community and Recreation Service was reversed on Friday at the Autumn session of Simcoe County Council.

A revised recreation by-law was introduced at a meeting of County Council and it was accepted after several changes that give Council a firmer grip on activities of the Recreation Committee and staff.

However, hundreds of residents of the County who signed petitions urging that recreation be continued on the same broad scope as in the past got their wish when the Council agreed that next year's Committee "shall be responsible for the development of a recreation service which encourages cultural, educational, physical and social activities for the inhabitants of the County in accordance with regulations issued under the Department of Education Act."

Members of Council agreed almost entirely with the by-law as presented, except that the new Committee will have five members from County Council instead of four as in the past, and two members outside Council.

Spokesman for the Citizens Committee who fought to keep recreation in the County under the same broad scope, indicated after the approval of the by-law that they were, "completely happy about the outcome."

The By-law states that the duties of the Committee will be to conduct or encourage and assist programs of recreation which will meet the needs and interests of all of the people in Simcoe County. In communities where there is already an established Municipal Recreation Committee, all contact will be through the approval of the Committee.

The large delegation of over 200 representing a County Citizens Committee were given a hearing on Thursday through their Chairman, John Whitfield, Elmvale druggist, who read an eight-page brief. He was followed by Jozo Weider, of Blue Mountain Winter Park, on behalf of the Simcoe County Arts and Crafts Association."

This gives only part of the story. So far, our Committee and staff have come through, thanks to citizen support. But we are a bit battered and worn. We lost our male staff member, Mr. Floyd Griesbach, who was only with us for a year, due to budget stringency. Floyd is now in East Pakistan as expert on Co-operative Education for the International Labour Organization of United Nations. Now we have to begin the build again and our next test will come when our Committee presents its budget to Council in January.

Growing pains are inevitable in an area such as Simcoe County, which cover 1,663 square miles not too far north of Toronto. It is going through a period of rapid social change. Many new people are coming in to the area. The farm population is declining while industrialization or urbanization are on the increase.

The Simcoe County Recreation Committee and many people in this area feel that a Community and Recreation Service on a County basis can do much to equalize opportunities in recreation and adult education for both rural and urban people. It can provide a bridge between the old and the new, between town and country, between occupational groups. It can provide an effective administrative set-up over an area whose population is scattered, between a number of larger centres and still totals only that of a small city.

We hope that the County of Simcoe will give support to the development of a County Community and Recreation Service which will meet the needs of today and tomorrow.

SIMCOE COUNTY CITIZENS' COMMITTEE
BRIEF
ON
COMMUNITY AND RECREATION SERVICE
TO MEMBERS OF
THE SIMCOE COUNTY COUNCIL
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 1962

Your Worship and members of the Council, I appreciate the opportunity to appear before you on behalf of the Citizens' Committee to discuss the Simcoe County Community and Recreation Program.

First of all we must identify ourselves. We are a group of citizens from all parts of Simcoe County who are interested in maintaining the present broad Community and Recreation Services as it is now constituted in by-law #2305 passed in 1950. We are not a pressure group with any axe to grind- or - selfish personal interests to promote. We answer to no one except our conscience and have neither

sought nor received help from either the recreation staff or the county board. This I would like to emphasize, we are the tools of no one person or group. We have asked for this opportunity to appear before you because we think it is not in the best interests of the people of this county for the program to be discontinued. We have circulated throughout the County a petition in support of the work of the County Recreation Service, and this petition I now place before you. Over fourteen hundred citizens of Simcoe County have signed it and there are signatures from every part of the County. These are people who either have benefitted from the program themselves, or members of their family have or they are persons who value for others, as a feature of the life of this County, the many activities and services made available to us through the Recreation Program.

When you councillors voted at the June Session "That the present programme of Recreation for the County of Simcoe be discontinued as of December 31, 1962 and that the by-law #2305 be repealed in favour of a re-vamped and re-organized Recreation Programme for 1963", citizens throughout the County were shocked. You will recall that the public reaction was immediate. Radio programme "Pulse" on CKBB became plugged with comments from disturbed citizens. Letters to the editors of our county daily and weekly newspapers appeared. Your County Clerk received letters from Womens' Institutes, Church Groups, Home & School Associations, the Simcoe County Arts & Crafts Association, the Simcoe Presbytery of the United Church of Canada, the Simcoe County Federation of Agriculture, as well as many private citizens. Overnight, the Recreation Service became Top County News. What had happened?

Well, a group of interested citizens - maybe those who had had a little more contact without excellent Recreation Service throughout the years and who were genuinely concerned with the effect on the people of our county, met to discuss the problem. The history of the founding of the Service was reviewed. The purposes and methods of the Service were reviewed. We found that according to the by-law the programme must include cultural, educational, physical and social activities. Were these four Units of activities provided by the Recreation Service? What was the Value of this Service to our County citizens?

As a result of the information gathered, a bulletin was written and distributed throughout the County. You received a copy along with a personal letter from me, last week. We found that many people were not aware of the scope of the Recreation Service and the tremendous work that it has accomplished in our County. In talking to you councillors, we found that many were concerned with two things. Number one - 'with watching our finances and keeping them under control'. Number two - 'with cutting out the frills in the programme.'

Certainly every council must keep an eye on its' purse strings. However, on investigation we found that per capita allocation for this Service to our County is only 14¢ per person. Really spendthrift budget, is it? - particularly when we learn that the recommended amounts of money for recreation should be from \$2.00 to \$3.00 per capita. No, Members of Council, we can see that finance is not the problem here. In fact, we would urge you to consider an enlarged per capita budget in the future. A county with a budget of over one million dollars should be more concerned with a greater financial effort in this most important field.

We asked "What would you suggest trimming?" The answer - "We aren't going to spend all that money on Folk and Square Dancing." Yet when we look at the facts we see that the amount of Square dancing and Folk dancing in the Recreation Programme is very small. Since these groups in question received their organizational help from the Service, they have now become almost self-supporting.

This is true of many groups assisted by our Recreation Service.. I belong to a Choral Society that does not cost Simcoe County one Red Cent, yet without help from the Recreation Service we would never have been started. Other similar groups include Teen Towns and Arts and Crafts Association which in turn sponsors the Quilt, Rug and Craft Fair.

The myth of frills disappears!
Then what else did we find?

In the past a great deal has been accomplished with the guidance of the Recreation Services. For instance, over the past three years the staff has played a key part in 833 meetings with at least 80 different community groups.

How does our Recreation Service contribute to a sound, wholesome recreation programme in our communities?

In the first place they provide direct instruction. No matter what the activity is - hockey coaching clinics, swimming, choral singing, square dancing or handicrafts. We simply need to be taught and the Service provides the teachers - either from the staff in the case of swimming and social recreation activities, or by bringing in trained instructors in, say, handicrafts. This is the first way the Service has helped us in Simcoe County, by providing the basic, direct teaching and guidance when this was needed. In the second place they have helped us in organizing the activity - whether it has been the Arts and Crafts Association, the community swimming committee, the choral society, the night class committee, or the Teen Town. We all know that some kind of community organization is necessary if programs and activities are to be continued. In developing the community organization that is required, the Recreation Service has given a very important kind of help - helping with the right kind of organization, the right kind of committees, helping set out the duties and requirements of committees as they are needed, guiding officers when they were inexperienced - helping in many ways to set up in our communities the solid base of organization that is necessary if programs are to continue. The third kind of service is even less well-known or understood, but is very important. The Recreation Program makes available throughout this County many materials, pamphlets, books, records, song sheets, information drawn from outside the county from government sources, provincial and national organizations. We are served in this way in connection with many activities. And I am sure there are many people using such information or materials in this county right now who have no idea that they are getting their help from the Recreation Service. After all, seventeen years is a long time and some of the young people doing good work now are using materials their parents got in the early days of the Service, or that were procured from leaders who have since taken to staying at home in the evenings.

In these three ways the Recreation Service has been helping us here in Simcoe County. By providing the direct teaching or guidance in the first instance, by helping us set up the kind of community organization that would maintain the activity after it was started, and by supplying information, materials and advice to assist the group from then on.

I would also like to make two other points.

I would like to commend the Board which has guided this service over the years. The present members of the Board don't need to take all the credit, but they can take some. I think the Board has given good direction to this program inasmuch as they have always been dealing with new needs and new programs.

I would also like to say another word, and I speak personally with some feeling, but I also speak for the committee I represent very clearly too. We think that Miss Colley and her staff have given devoted service to this County, and we want to place ourselves on record in this respect. We know that there has been some criticism and this is why it may not be proper for us to mention this, since this is properly a matter for the Board of the Service. We know that no one can please everyone, that misunderstandings or personal irritations are bound to occur - we all know this - we don't even get along with our wives all the time! - but we want to pay tribute to the dedication and knowledge and skill of the staff and particularly to Miss Colley.

Seventeen years ago councillors like yourselves had vision and foresight. They were highly respected men in our communities and they saw the value of a broad recreation programme. That is why by-law #2305 was adopted. Over the years their wisdom has been proven. Today, WE have the only Recreation Service in any County in Ontario. No other County has been able to get the Provincial Government support that we have enjoyed. We don't want to lose this privilege.

Under present Provincial Legislation our County received a grant for our Recreation Service - almost \$6,000.00. This is because of the broad programme as stated under by-law #2305 - "which includes cultural, educational, physical and social activities for the well-being of the community and for the benefit and advantages of the inhabitants."

A watered-down, narrow, revised and revamped programme will not only lose our County this \$6,000.00 grant, but will set our Recreation Programme back 17 years.

Our Province is on the threshold of introducing a new approach to Recreation, and is using the Simcoe County Community and Recreation Service as its study project. Our Recreation Service has gained an enviable prestige for our County throughout Canada and even beyond because of its' share in the development of our Simcoe County Quilt, Rug and Craft Fair. This year, over 3,000 people from Canada, the United States and overseas visited the Fair which was held at Beeton.

The eyes of our Provincial and Federal Governments are upon you. The eyes of our neighbours both here and at home are upon you. Our County must continue to be the pioneer in this field.

Well, it was a good idea to give me only ten minutes, otherwise I might talk the rest of the week - because I feel strongly about this matter. I cannot review the program of the Service, it is too large, and anyway this is a matter for the Recreation Board, and I have already said how important we think the Service is to this County, and how important it is that we not only keep it but develop its usefulness.

In closing, I do want to say, although you hear only me talking and see only these members of the committee who are with me this morning, that, looking at us you should see not only us, but the thousands of children whose summers have been made happier and more profitable in these past years because of the Recreation Service. Hearing and seeing me you should see not only me but the many adults who have profited from the handicraft activities, the singing groups, the drama, the discussion programs, and these people are in Farm Forums, the Federation meetings, the Junior Farmers, the Senior Citizens Groups, the Women's Institutes, the Church Young People's, Service Clubs, local Community Recreation Boards, and other community groups of many kinds. And hearing and seeing me I want you also to see the

thousands of young people in this county who have been helped through the leadership training program to a more wholesome and productive life.

We can never know of course what might have been - but I can tell you that it is my opinion that there would have been many youngsters in a poorer way - many maybe drowned except for the swimming classes - many more young people in trouble, many adults with a more restricted life - had it not been for the Recreation Service. But we do know what has been done - thousands of children with opportunities they could never have had without the Recreation Service, hundreds of adults and young people with a greater range of talent and skill and enjoyment that would have been impossible without the Recreation Service.

We have heard from some of you that you do not mean to undo all this fine work. Well, we are glad to know this. We want you to know that the members of this Citizens' Committee want you to make this resolve explicit, either by rescinding the By-law passed in June or approving a new By-law reconstituting the Recreation Service on the same broad basis as before.

EAST CENTRAL

Congratulations to Ken Robinson, the incoming Chairman of East Central Ontario Recreation Directors Association. Ken reports for his Zone pending appointment of their Bulletin Correspondent. No December meeting is planned.

There is a slight lull in Area activities at the year end but early in the new year will see us organizing the Directors' Annual Junior Bowling Tournament, planning for our playground course, getting involved in the numerous hockey tournaments and, of course, lending our efforts towards the organization of the O. R. A. Annual Conference to be held in Peterborough in the early spring.

After going through the usual anguishing details of finding a replacement, the Peterborough Commission have selected a replacement for Ted Wood, who left us to take up the position of Director of Recreation for Grimsby and our new Assistant will be appearing on the job at the turn of the new year. We are not being coy about the matter, but are merely refraining from naming our new assistant until ratification has been received from Council.

SOUTHWESTERN ZONE

The December meeting is to take the form of a social evening (mates included) at the home of A. Turner on December 15th at 8:00 p.m. A midnight supper will be served. Each municipality will be called on for part of the evening's program.

The January meeting will include the election of officers for 1963.

AREA GROUP NORTHERN ZONE

S.D.M.R.O. BULLETIN

The Northern Ontario Recreation Directors Association (Southern Section)

is meeting in Sudbury, January 21 and 22, 1963. Communities represented in this section include Huntsville, North Bay, Deep River, Temiskaming, Sudbury, Espanola, Onaping, Elliot Lake, Sault Ste. Marie, Tarentorous Township, Korah Township, and Wawa. We have a total of 21 members in this section. Our meetings usually last a day and a half.

Drama Festivals - one act - Elliot Lake, April 25-27.
- High School - Sudbury - to be announced.
- Three Act - Espanola - March 27-30

1. An excellent drama workshop with 36 persons present was conducted by Leonard Crainford of Toronto. It was sponsored at Elliot Lake by Q.U.O.N.T.A., The Elliot Lake Players, the Community Programmes Branch and the Recreation Committee.

Northern Ontario Quebec Broomball Championships - March - New Liskeard.

WEST CENTRAL NEWS

The West Central Area Group R.D.A.W.C.O. held a two day Annual Meeting and retreat on Oct. 24th and 25th. - 26 attended.

1962 Accomplishments

1. Summer training courses - Jr. Sr., Teens Playgrounds; Day Camp and Handicapped Childrens Programs.
2. Pool Operators Course.
3. National Film Board Presentation - Request for Recreation film through C.P.B.
4. Youth Conference.
5. Session on Arenas as Recreation Facilities.
6. Emergency Measures Organization Study - (still being done)
7. Coaches Clinics - Minor hockey, etc.
8. Seminar on facilities planning.

1963 Executive

Past President	- ~~Bob~~ Bob Ballantine
President	- Frank Vigor
1st Vice	- Dave Smith
2nd Vice	- Tony Dojeak
Secretary	- Sandi Roberts
Treasurer	- Stewart Bell

The 1962 President's Report

Reporters Notation: Last year the R.D.A.W.C.O. had four project units:

- Number 1 - covered Recreation personnel from Brampton, Oakville, Burlington, Acton, Hamilton, Dundas - 21 professional personnel.
- Number 2 - Area was from Fergus, Guelph, Kitchener, Waterloo, Elmira, Stratford, - 13 professionals.
- Number 3 - Area was from Woodstock, Ingersoll, Tillsonburg, Simcoe, Delhi and Brantford - 11 professionals.
- Number 4 - From St. Catherines, Saltfleet Twsp., Thorold, Grimsby, Fort Erie, Port Colborne, Fonthill. - 10 professionals.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT - R. D. A. W. C. O. - OCTOBER 25, 1962

The following plan was developed because of the concern of the Association Executive that the Association was falling apart at its four seams. The Executive became aware of this "falling apart" due to the apparent lack of liaison between the Project Units.

It is hoped that this plan will help to maintain a strong unity within the Recreation Directors' Association of West Central Ontario, and that the plan be tried for one year.

There will be two committees of equal status in the R.D.A.W.C.O., - the Executive Committee of the Association, and the Vice President's Committee or Project Units' Representatives Committee.

The Executive Committee will remain as in the present constitution, consisting of the Past President, President, First Vice President, Second Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. The function of this committee which would meet every two or three months, will be:

1. - to set the Goals of the Association e.g., - determine as to where "we" the association should be going.
2. - to determine liaison projects e.g. - liaison with the Emergency Measures Organization.
3. - to determine special study projects of common interest to the general association membership e.g. - the Playground Study.
4. - to conduct training courses for Instructors.
5. - to handle all finances regarding: (a) Instructor training courses
(b) Memberships
6. - to handle general Association Membership.
7. - to arrange and conduct General Meetings of which there would be two two-day sessions. One to be held in early February, and one to be held in early October; the latter to include the Annual Meeting.
8. - to arrange Association Socials

The duties of the Executive Committee officers would be:

- President - as per the constitution
- First Vice President as per the constitution plus Chairman of the Project Units' Representatives Committee, thereby forming a strong liaison between Project Units and the Executive.
- Second Vice President as per the constitution plus Director of Training.
- Secretary - as per the constitution.
- Treasurer - as per the constitution plus acting as Comptroller of the Project Units.

The Project Units' Representatives Committee, or, to be more expedient, The Vice President's Committee, will consist of the First Vice President as Chairman, plus the representatives from each of the Project Units. Due to the amalgamation of Project Units number two and three there would then be three other members on this committee which could meet every month. The functions of the Vice President's Committee will be:

1. - Delegate the Projects as determined by the Association Executive i.e. - which Projects Unit (s) shall take which project.

2. - Determine the best manner by which to undertake these projects.
3. - Determine who can best handle specific projects. These projects would include not only those suggested by the Executive, but by individual Project Units.
4. - Keep a financial accounting of Project Unit affairs. This would be maintained by the Executive Treasurer.

ORGANIZATION CHART

R.D.A.W.C.O. Executive
Committee

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Vice President's
Committee

Past President
President
1st Vice President
2nd Vice President
Secretary
Treasurer

1st Vice President
Proj.U. #1 Representative
" " #2 "
" " #3 "

The benefits expected to be derived from the foregoing plan are:

1. - Closer, stronger, more active inter-liaison between all Project Units.
2. - Closer Liaison between the Project Units and the Association Executive.
3. - An awareness by the executive of the total Association financial picture.
4. - Place the Project Units as working groups of the Association, rather than separate organizations unto themselves.

I would also strongly recommend that care be taken upon the selection of projects, either by the Association Executive or the Project Units. The Association has had a history of undertaking too many projects resulting in the completion of very few. We should tackle one project at a time, complete it, and take on another."

R. Ballantyne.
1962 President R.D.A.W.C.O.

QUEBEC

Cliff Sutton, Cote Saint-Luc, sends some information of interest to all members. Quebec are forming the professional Recreation and Parks personnel as an organization to be known as the Recreation and Parks Association of Quebec.

At present they are in an intense organizational program and in process of drafting a constitution.

Cliff has provided information about the S.D.M.R.O. to all potential members of Quebec and asked them to forward contributions of articles to our Bulletin. He also suggests in his letter that some communication between the two Societies would be of mutual advantage.



WOODSTOCK

The Woodstock Recreation Department is embarking on a Recreational Area and Facility survey. The Survey will be similar to those discussed at Peterboro, and a lot of worthwhile ideas gleaned from the institute are being put to good use.

I would also at this time like to thank the members of the Society who have replied to the questionnaires re: Tennis Courts, and Artificial Ice Rinks. This type of co-operation is further significance of the value of the Society. Many thanks again, and the best to all in the coming season.

PETERBOROUGH

As can be expected, Peterborough has established another first. It is assumed that for the first time a Recreation Director has a son on city council. We know of one situation where it was reversed and our only regret is that it gives some indication of the incumbent's age when one of his up-spring has a place in the driver's seat.

We have yet to conclude whether the citizens of Peterborough exhibited perspicacity or whether they were just plain desperate.

MIMICO

Mimico's new Artificial Ice Rink was opened to the public November 26th, and judging by the turnouts to enjoy skating in the summer weather we have been having, it is going to be greatly appreciated. 3500 adults and children took advantage of excellent ice the first week, and judging from comments, the rink is going to be the busiest facility in our town.

Culminating years of promotion, and some continued effort, the citizens voted "yes" in no uncertain terms, and Council laid the project in the laps of the Recreation Commission to get the operation underway. The ice sheet is 200 x 82 feet, making room for large crowds to skate and giving a real sized floor for the hockey enthusiasts. The floor will be used for Lacrosse during the summer, and will get almost continuous use.

Those responsible may well feel a large measure of satisfaction in having provided this addition to Mimico's outdoor recreation facilities.

TORONTO TOWNSHIP

Saturday Morning Girls Gym

Over seventy young misses, ages 11 to 15 years of age met each Saturday morning over a ten week period to participate in games, dancing, gymnastics, exercises and to see interesting films and hear interesting speakers. The groups were under the very capable direction of Mrs. Yvonne Parsons at Lakeview Beach and Mrs. Olga Tyne and Miss Marlene Heydon at Queen Elizabeth schools.

Both Saturday morning Girls Gym classes amalgamated last week at Queen Elizabeth school to hold a most successful closing to a very popular programme.

During the morning the girls teamed up, according to schools and participated in several competitive and non-competitive relays, games etc., with a squad from Queen Elizabeth school emerging victorious. Miss Eleanor Blake, Assistant Director of Recreation presented the winning team with a Township Recreation Department crest.

Because of increased interest in this programme, the Township of Toronto Recreation and Parks Department are planning a second ten week series to be held at three locations - Queen Elizabeth School, Cooksville Public School and Hillcrest Public School (Clarkson) commencing February 2nd.

ELLIOT LAKE

Facilities - We got our first golf course last summer and plans are being made for an outdoor artificial ice rink which will be covered in time. We also had a completely new beach and park area opened this summer.

Stimulation of a craft programme was spearheaded by a recent meeting at which Miss M.E. (Bunt) Muff, Crafts Adviser for Community Programmes Branch was present.

DEEP RIVER

Deep River Forty-Niners Club - We now have a club for people forty-nine years of age and over. The club meets Tuesday afternoon for card playing, film shows, slide shows etc., given by members. They have met four times - have a membership of twenty-five; the members do their own planning and organizing and are currently planning a Christmas Party.

Summer vocational School

This year we had 10 boys attend an Auto-Mechanics Course. The boys received individual instruction for 2 hours per week at the local B.P. Station under the supervision of the lessee.

Survival Course - We are conducting an experimental Survival Course for adults. The course is on bush survival for the casual outdoorsman. It consists of a lecture each week with practical outdoor sessions being held on Sunday afternoons. Thirty-eight (38) people are attending the course. They are receiving instruction on map and compass work, building shelters, snares and traps, emergency signals, edible and poisonous plants, first-aid in the bush, psychological aspects of survival etc. If this course proves to be a success, children's survival courses will probably be held next year.

KIRKLAND LAKE

Winter Carnival - run by A.C.T. includes broomball, speedskating, dog teams derby, stock car racing, skiddoo racing, snowshoe races and other carnival contests.

Plans are under way to start jam can curling in elementary schools, girls bowling as a YW activity and the Y may try junior bridge.

NEW LISKEARD

The Recreation Committee, Arena Board, Parks Commission and Community Hall Board have been amalgamated under one committee of 12 members. It has 4 sub-committees. Meetings are held monthly with sub-committees and the Director reporting.

SUDBURY

C.K.S.O. - T.V. Show - The Sudbury Recreation Committee show appears twice weekly from 12:45 to 1:00 p.m. Members of the Recreation staff are featured along with guests, both local and from out of town. Two guests on the first show this fall were Dean McCubbin and Paul Bennett of Community Programmes Branch. Other program items include movies, demonstrations, interviews and discussions.

Hockey Rules School - Sudbury is privileged to have a Hockey Rules School this year. It is sponsored by the Crown Life Insurance Company with the co-operation of C.K.S.O. Radio and Television, the Sudbury Wolves, Sudbury Arena, and the Sudbury Recreation Committee. The school is being held in 3 parts: 1. Referees' and Coaches 2. Referees and Coaches "On the Ice" Demonstration. 3. Hockey Rules School. Local officials involved include: Referees - Gerry Wallace, Wilf Lemieux, Lou Prete, and Danny Newell; Sportscasters - Hub Beaudry and Joe Spence.

Guest Officials include: Mr. Clarence Campbell - President, National Hockey League
Mr. Vern Buffey - N.H.L. Referee
Mr. Hugh McLean - O.H.A. Referee
Mr. Bill Friday - N.H.L. Referee
Mr. Bob Davidson - Toronto Maple Leafs

NORTH BAY

Police Playground Mother and Daughter Banquet

The Police Playground Committee recently held their first annual Mother and Daughter Banquet. This is the first event of this type held and there was a complete sell-out for 200 mothers and daughters. Arrangements for the banquet were made by the fathers in the playground area and included the cooking and serving of the dinner. The guest speaker for the banquet was Police Woman Dorothy Ellis of the Metropolitan Toronto Morality Bureau. Her topic was "The Police Woman's Role in Law Enforcement", which was followed by a question and answer period and a movie entitled "Powder Puff Patrol."

Future banquets will have other women as guest speakers to pass on information about their careers to mothers and daughters. This will include female lawyers, doctors, teachers, airline stewardess, etc.

The success of the first banquet leaves no doubt that this annual event will grow each year.

LONDON

1. The Recreation Department's 7 Adult Community Centres in London will close for the Christmas season on Dec. 14th and continue on January 7th. This program is conducted in Public and Secondary Schools using gymnasiums, home economic rooms, industrial art rooms, music rooms and class rooms.

This 20 week program started last October with 85 groups participating with a total membership of 2211. The most successful new class was canapes and entertaining.

A second term registration is now underway for golf instruction, men's physical fitness, ladies keep fit, effective speaking for men and women, fly tying, canapes and entertaining, personal development and charm, and home gardening. Also another registration for arts and crafts will be conducted in January. It is expected that the membership will reach 3500 by the middle of January.

2. The Recreation and Parks Departments opened Christmas Wonderland in Victoria Park on Friday, Dec. 7th with remarks by Commissioner J. Stewart Killingsworth, Chairman of the Recreation Department and Commissioner E.W. Curtis, Chairman of the Public Utilities Commission. Susan Nicholas, age 9 years, under the care of the Children's Aid Society and Mrs. Ethel Stokes, Past-President of the Senior Citizens' Golden Age Club officiated during the traditional turning on the lights ceremony. The Chesley Avenue School Choir sang Christmas Carols.

Christmas Wonderland includes 10 decorated Christmas Trees in 2000 lights, a Nativity Scene, Children's display area, Santa and his reindeer, and various other decorations. A special feature is the decoration of lamp standards by 25 Public Schools and the construction of 60 candy canes by Opportunity Classes. A new attraction this year is sleigh rides around the park provided free of charge by the Public Utilities Commission.

VERDUN, QUEBEC

Track and Field Meet

Jacques Normandin, Superintendent of Recreation for the City of Verdun, is hoping that next summer, some form of a track and field meet, made up of the best of each surrounding municipals, will be held.

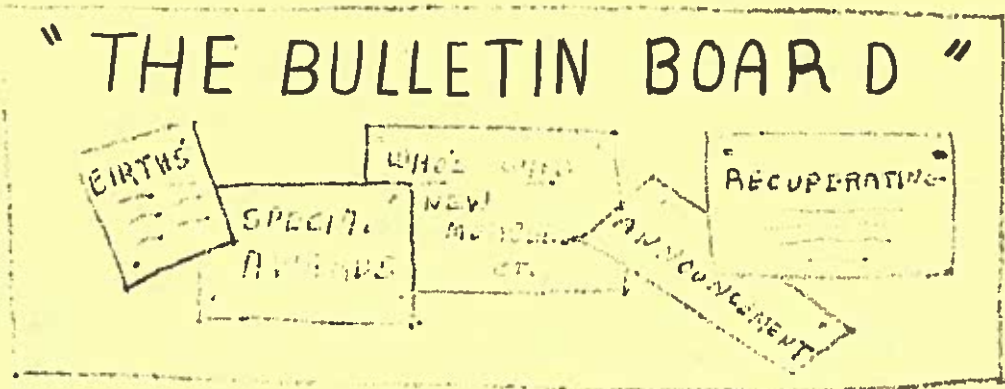
Following is the complete text of Mrs. Normandin's circular letter to recreation directors on the island of Montreal:

"I think we are all aware of the physical fitness problem of our people and obviously this situation has been recognized at the Federal government level, with the newly-formed department of physical fitness and amateur sports. At the Provincial level a Commission has been designated to study sports and recreation and we can expect some sound recommendations from this Commission.

"However, as administrators of municipal recreation programmes, I believe we have the opportunity to make a strong contribution in the immediate future to the ultimate solution of physical fitness.

"Already in most municipalities, during the summer playground programmes, one of the important special activities is the Playground Olympic Games or Track and Field meet. Generally these events are carried out at the local level and naturally the interest dies away after the inter-playground competitions.

"In order to create more incentive for mass participation in the sport of track and field in our own municipalities, I recommend that competitions for local winners be carried on at the Metropolitan area level with an annual meet scheduled for late August or Labour Day."



Firstly, I am pleased to report - and I am sure the information will be greeted with pleasure by our members- that Wendell Brewster is rapidly approaching his pre-illness unbearable self. For those members who were not aware of it, Wendell has had a rather lengthy session in hospital and out of pure spite has decided to stay with us a while longer. It is expected that before long he will be back in full harness making life miserable for all and sundry.

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Laurie Branch has left Waterloo, and is now Assistant Director of Recreation in the City of Kitchener.

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A steal from a 1958 Bulletin donated by Oscar Pearson

There's music in the Kettle
There's music in the Spout
There's news in Recreation Directors
But it's hard to get it out

ASSOCIATED ACTIVITIES

Some good news arising out of the recent Quebec Provincial elections, is that there are plans to set up a Physical Education, Sports and Recreation Commission in the province, to work under the Department of Youth. There are quite a few Directors of Recreation within the province, but nothing has been done, as in Ontario, and other provinces, in regards to Conferences, Studies, etc.

Day Camp Committee - Social Planning Council

At a recent meeting of the Day Camp Committee, Social Planning Council for Metropolitan Toronto, it was decided that a workbook and bulletin service would be set up and distributed approximately six times a year. These publications will contain valuable items to those operating Day Camp programmes. Included in the workbook, will be such topics as Administration, Personnel, Publicity, Sites and Facilities, Transportation, Programme, Bibliography; while the Bulletin will contain "News", "Did you Know?" "New Ventures", "Have You Tried This?", "Programme Ideas", "Coming Events", "Guest Editorial", "Committee Reports".

Anyone, operating Day Camp programmes, outside the Metropolitan Toronto Area, interested in receiving a subscription copy of these publications for 1 year may do so by sending one dollar (\$1.00) to Keith Smith, Social Planning Council, 160 Bay Street, Toronto 1, Ontario.

Newsletter - For any Director that might be interested, the following is a list of the Management Aids published by the American Institute of Park Executive:

- No. 1 -- Manual for Park and Recreation Boards and Commissions.
- No. 2 -- Municipal Handbook for New Green Committee Chairmen.
- No. 3 -- Park Equipment for cities of 150,000 Population or less.
- No. 4 -- Outdoor Theatres.
- No. 5 -- Picnic Facilities Survey
- No. 6 -- Refreshment Stand Survey
- No. 7 -- Vandalism - How to Stop it.
- No. 8 -- Small Lake Management Manual and Survey.
- No. 9 -- The loss of Park and Recreation Land.
- No. 10 -- Lawn Bowling.
- No. 11 -- Housekeeping Manual for Parks and Recreation Buildings.
- No. 12 -- Building and Programming Casting Pools.
- No. 13 -- A Safety Guide - Including Survey and Analysis of Occupational Hazards of Park and Recreation Employees.
- No. 14 -- Characteristics and Accomplishments of Park and Recreation Administration.

A rather imposing list ranging from Municipal Cemetery Management to Par-3 Golf Courses are in the process of preparation.

These booklets are excellent and I have no hesitancy in recommending them.

Write: Research & Education Division
American Institute of Park Executives
Oglebay Park,
Whelling, West Virginia.

Rates: \$1.00 per copy for member.
\$2.00 per copy for non-member.

Ontario Rural Leadership Forum will be held at Niagara Falls, Ont., from February 17-23. Further information available from Agricultural Representatives or the C.P.B.

Mid-Year Field Staff Conference - All Community Programmes Branch representatives will meet in Toronto, January 15-18.

Following is an article written by a young Indian woman. It tells how she sees the work in community recreation which the Simcoe County Community and Recreation Service has been doing on Christian Island, a nearby Indian Reserve, this past year.

As an experiment, the Indian Affairs Branch made a grant to the Simcoe County Community and Recreation Board so that it could supply staff to help with the organization of community recreation. There are nearly 500 people on Christian Island, half of whom are children and teen-agers.

THE INDIAN AND RECREATION

Since the Recreation Program began on Christian Island it has been enjoyed by both young and old.

The people seem to have lost some of their inferiority complex and are starting to join in the fun.

Most recently we have been learning how to square dance, to sing in groups, and how to call square dances. We have a group membership of about 40 participants, age 14 to 70. The fee is \$1.00 for five lessons, one night a week.

I feel that a knowledge of how to create ways of providing interesting programs to bring entertainment to our community is greatly needed as we have no source of entertainment on the Island - such as a movie theatre, bowling alleys, or skating rinks. We do have television, but we need more than that to communicate with one another.

Although we have all kinds of blue water and ice on Georgian Bay, we feel it is unsafe for our youngsters to go alone to a lake and skate. Therefore, I feel that if we had a skating rink we would have a place where they could be watched.

Since Miss Colley and Mr. Griesbach started coming over last winter and spring, they helped plan interesting parties consisting of games, songs and dances.

Prior to this the young people, especially, thought it was too dull around here. But now that we have been taught how to plan parties, have learned how to square

dance and sing in groups, we really enjoy ourselves. The ones that did not pay their fee to join us are sorry now. We can see them watching us and we can notice that certain look in their eyes which says "I wish I had been to those lessons!"

So far we have tried to include everyone in our Recreation Program. Since last August those age 7 to 16 took part in swimming lessons given by Mrs. Broley for five days. After completion of lessons and tests, they were awarded with pins and certificates. The Youth Group have had their own committee and they had the privilege of planning their own parties, wiener roast and record hops. I feel they are learning to handle their own affairs and to accept their responsibilities. Encouraged or given an opportunity to do so they will have enough to do without getting into any mischief. They do need an older person to advise and help them to work out their problems.

Now that the children have had their swimming and the young adults have had square dancing lessons, it's time for the adults to have Craftwork.

MRS. FAITH MARSDEN



Happy New Year
1963

