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WINTER NEWS LETTER

K.J. Burgess, Editor

January, 1962

The "delayed" WINTER NEWSLETTER is finally ready. No doubt you were also "snowed under" with numerous business and personal commitments during the festive season.

Looking back through 1961, several changes have developed for our Society to improve and promote public relations.

I sincerely trust that the efforts of your 1961 "Bulletin" Editor have fulfilled your expectations.

"All the Best in 1962"

Better Bulletins depend on YOU



Yours recreationally,

Ken Burgess

K.J. Burgess

1961 "Bulletin Editor"

A New Year's Message from the President

It gave me a real lift when so many of the members said they found something of value in my remarks at the Annual Banquet. However, it is one thing to express ideas — and quite another thing to get the ideas into action.



Let's recall some of the points I made in my inaugural talk.

1. THE RECIPROCAL RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN SOCIETY COMMITTEES AND THE ZONES MUST BE STRENGTHENED.

A zone study project committee is being formed under Bob Sones Jr., Marg Phillips and Ted Wood have both written to me expressing their personal interest in this study.

2. EVERY MEMBER SHOULD CONTRIBUTE TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE SOCIETY AND ITS PROJECTS.

Only half of the membership answered my questionnaire. There is another copy in this bulletin — please use it. Chairmen of committees and study projects are being assigned, and each chairman has the names of those who said they would be interested in his committee work. Each chairman is being asked to **USE THOSE PEOPLE.**

3. WE MUST IMPROVE OUR COMMUNICATIONS WITH EACH OTHER AND WITH PEOPLE AND GROUPS OUTSIDE THE SOCIETY.

Articles, papers, research reports, and other written materials will be planned for, solicited, and published by the appropriate committees. I have asked Jack Dane's Training Committee to spearhead this by outlining a plan of attack. I believe that skillful implementation of this objective can immeasurably improve Society solidarity, P.R., and prestige. The Bulletin is the number-one instrument in this process. Your article in the bulletin may serve as the stimulus for important contributions by others — we must get our ideas into print even though they may be imperfect and searching.

4. MEMBERSHIP MUST BE EXPANDED AND STRENGTHENED.

We all realize that there are many persons not in the Society who could, and would like to, make contributions to the work of the Society. Twelve members have offered to work on the Membership Committee. I hope they will consider carefully how the Associate Member category might be improved.

5. THE MEANING AND PURPOSES OF THE SOCIETY MUST BE CONSTANTLY EXAMINED AND DEVELOPED.

The blueprint committee was established for this purpose and is continuing its valuable work. But let's not forget that we create the meanings and purposes daily in our work. The Society is, in part, what you are and what you do every day. The chairmen of several committees have now accepted their appointments and have been asked to submit plans for the year's work to the executive for its January 18th meeting in Kitchener. I urge all committee chairmen and members of committees to contribute to this planning. The thinking that they do in the next couple of weeks will probably be the main guide for the work of the Society in 1962.

Best wishes to you and your families and friends.

Dick Watts, President,
Brantford, Jan. 1/ 1962.



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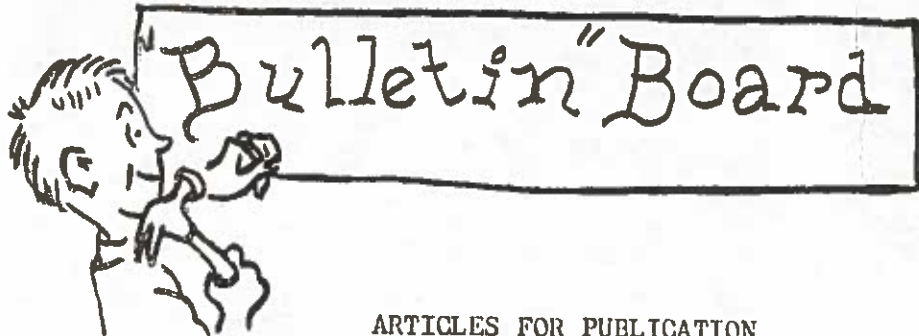
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Recreation Facilities Standards	- E. Davis
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Zone Study Project	- Bob Sones Jr.

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A.R.S. (American Society)	- I. Thomson
National Conference on Leisure	- W. Brewster
O.P.A. (Ontario Parks)	- E. Davis



ARTICLES FOR PUBLICATION

John Thorsen and George Kormos are collaborating on a re-write of George's excellent paper on Liability Insurance. The condensed version will be offered to many magazines, periodicals and journals. It is expected to receive very wide coverage.

Our Public Relations Chairman is more than willing to work with any member who wants to produce some writing. There are hundreds of publications throughout the country that will accept articles. Why not submit an item to John and help spread the recreation gospel. Not only will it put your name before the public but will help to interpret recreation and boost the Society.

Write: John Thorsen, Public Relations Chairman, S.D.M.R.O.,
Town Hall, Cobourg, Ontario.

PUBLICATION OF PAPERS

The State University of Iowa has commended the Society for publishing the papers produced by Society members. The Department of Physical Education for Women is developing a research centre and will work with the Society on recreation research.

The Fitness and Recreation Division of the Province of Saskatchewan also send congratulations for producing the papers. The Director, J.M. Wilkie, found the material interesting and well presented. His praise for "taking this forward step" is most encouraging.

Three papers, submitted by Society members, have been published in booklet form. There are more to come. These publications will follow the same general format. Eventually a binder will be produced that will hold all of these works in one large volume. Reprints of the recent issues may be out of the question. File the copy you have in a safe place for the future. The binder may be produced sooner than you think.

MCGILL RECREATION STUDY

Jac Cropley recently visited McGill University, Montreal, to speak on "Community Recreation". McGill does not train specialists in recreation but feels that the Physical Education students should be familiar with this allied field.

The Physical Education Division at McGill is now interested in the Ontario In-Service Training Course. They feel that it would be a useful guide in planning their survey course. Congratulations to Jac for leaving such a favourable impression at McGill.

NATIONAL RECREATION ASSOCIATION IN CANADA?

Saskatchewan now has a duly constituted Recreation Association. While it is not identical to the Society it certainly parallels it. Perhaps we can join forces and bring about the beginning of a National recreation body.

FUTURE TRAINING INSTITUTES

Indicators point to a division of the membership for study purposes at the next Training Institute. A number of people have stated an interest in doing a survey on the local level. If this is the case it would appear that we are ready for "Research 2". This would mean that a seminar-type program would be conducted for those who wanted it. This study group could very fruitfully spend a couple of days on deliberating and debating their own and their fellow-workers surveys. Concurrently with this seminar an Institute would be going on that might deal with a different subject.

The Training Committee is studying the possibility of a dual program. A questionnaire will soon be distributed by the Institute Committee that should give us some useful guides.

The three Chairmen of Sub-Committees on Training, Davidson, Pillsworth and

Thomson, are collaborating on the production of a paper on "Training". They hope to have it finished before the next Training Institute. It should provide excellent material for "tearing apart" purposes.

PRESIDENT'S MEMBERSHIP SURVEY

In November the President circulated the following questionnaire to the membership and because of changes in the membership and because some members did not answer, the questionnaire is reprinted here for the immediate attention of the following: -
Acheson, Artkin, Billingham, Bradley, Burch, Cattarello, Closs, Colley, Cornack, Cropley, Dalzell, Davis (Mrs.), Dickson, Dillon, Doran, Earle, Edgar, Emms, Evraire, Fanning, Farquharson, Foster, Gelette, Hall, Heyes, Hill, Lambert, Magee, Mardall, Meadows, Meiler, Milhausen, Miller, Morris, Neeb, Payment, Rathie, Rigg, Roberts, Smith, Stanley, Stefaniuk, Strickland, Talentino, Wadlow, Wallace, Ward, Westoby, Willimot, Wittenberg, Young.

Questionnaire

The purpose of this questionnaire is to assist the executive and committee chairmen in the selection of committees and to be sure each member is asked to contribute to the work he is most interested in.

I would like to serve the Society by contributing to the work marked "X" in the following list.

(State preference if you wish)

Constitution

Historical

Bulletin

Public Relations

Training a) In-Service

b) Undergraduate

c) Institute

Physical Fitness

Membership

Policies and Procedures

Honours and Awards

Resources

Liaison

O.R.A.

N.R.A.

C.A.P.H.E.R.

A.I.P.E.

P.R.A.C.

Ontario Arenas

Canadian Medical Association

C.J.B.C.

(Other (Please state))



Name (legibly)

Please return by mail to: R.E. Watts, President
1 Sherwood Drive,
Brantford, Ontario.

A CASE IN RECREATION:

(by Earle F. Zeigler, Ph.D.
the University of Michigan)

Waterville, Michigan (A):

Bob Jones, a Negro recreation leader in the small mid-western industrial community of Waterville, had been engaged in recreation work for nineteen years. He had served this community competently since 1943, which was the year that the federal government constructed a beautiful recreation center and housing development in Waterville. This development was designed to house six hundred families in the low-income bracket, and was located in a section of the community occupied predominantly by Negroes. In 1948 the municipal government of Waterville assumed control of this housing development and community recreation centre.

The community centre was placed immediately under the Waterville Department of Parks and Recreation. The Department was undergoing extensive re-organization as the city was anxious to promote a complete recreation program for people of all ages within its boundaries. A larger amount of money was appropriated for this expansion, and Ralph Custer, an experienced white recreation leader, was named Superintendent of Parks and Recreation to head the city-wide program. Bob Jones was to continue as the director of the community centre, and was assigned certain other duties throughout the city as well. The personnel of the Department displayed a great deal of interest and enthusiasm. As a result a very successful program was developed. On one occasion a team of recreation experts from a neighboring university rated the program higher than any other within a sixty-mile radius.

Ralph Custer, the Superintendent, delegated a great amount of responsibility to Bob Jones because of his background and ability. When Ralph had to be out of town, he asked Bob to assume the role of acting superintendent in his absence. Both men were very ambitious and anxious to improve their status in their chosen profession. In 1956 Ralph was offered a more important position with a greater salary in a larger community. He accepted the new post without hesitation.

When Ralph submitted his resignation to the Waterville City Council, he recommended strongly that Bob Jones be considered for the position that he was leaving. Bob knew about the letter and its contents and felt rather confident that he would be offered the post. This confidence stemmed not only from his friend and colleague's recommendation but also because earlier in the year one of the leading service clubs in Waterville had given Bob a testimonial banquet for his "outstanding service to the community.". Three members of the City Council belonged to this organization.

When the Council met to appoint Ralph's successor, the majority decided evidently not to promote Bob. It was announced in the local newspaper that the Council was accepting applications for the post of Superintendent of Parks and Recreation. They appointed Frank Watson, a member of the local high school physical education department, to serve as Acting Superintendent until such time as a new Superintendent was selected. Frank was on his summer vacation from teaching.

Bob was extremely perturbed and perplexed over this development. He knew that he had the background for the position, although he realized that he didn't know too much about park maintenance. He felt further that many of the citizens in the community recognized the contribution that he had made over the years. He reasoned further that he had handled Ralph's duties efficiently during the several occasions when he had served as acting superintendent for short periods of time.

Bob worried about the turn of events so much that at times he felt that he should

resign his position and leave the community. But then he thought of his wife and his three children of school age. Waterville had a good school system as well as many other advantages. In 1953 the Jones family had built their "dream home" and they couldn't bear to part with it and to leave their many friends. In addition, Bob was forty-two years of age.

Frank Watson and Bob could not seem to work harmoniously during the summer. Frank was inexperienced and tried to lean heavily on the more experienced Bob for assistance, but Bob was not too helpful. At the end of July Frank wrote Bob a letter in which he threatened to call Bob's laxity and uncooperative attitude to the attention of the City Council. Bob was so angry about this that he asked permission to speak at the next meeting of the City Council. At this time he told the members of the Council that he had hoped for the position of Superintendent, and that he could not help but feel that the Council had discriminated against him. Some members of the Council were very displeased with Bob's appearance and his statements.

Toward the end of August, the Council announced that Ray Andrews, a thirty-four year old recreation director from Pine Bluffs, had been named the new Superintendent. In the same statement to the press the Council announced the establishment of a new position of Assistant Superintendent of Parks and Recreation. Bob Jones was named to fill this position.

Suggested Questions for Discussion

1. Should Ralph Custer have asked Bob to take over his duties during his occasional absence from town?
2. Should Ralph have shown his letter of recommendation to Bob?
3. Why do you imagine that the Council did not appoint Bob to the vacant position?
4. What do you think of the idea of an Acting Superintendent?
5. Would you blame Bob, if he decided not to be of too much help to Frank Watson?
6. Should Bob have gone to the City Council at any time?
7. Is the reason obvious why the Council named Bob to the post of Assistant Superintendent?
8. Should Bob have looked for another position, when it became apparent that he wasn't going to get the job?

Editor's Note

This case study is certainly thought provoking. Please forward any comments directly to Earle Zeigler.

Other News From Earle Zeigler

Don, was accepted on early decision to Amherst College for next fall. Bert, Barby (our 12 year old), and I may spend six months at the University of Cologne in West Germany next fall. I have a sabbatical coming, and this would be a fine way to dig up some resource material for a history of the persistent problems of physical, health, and recreation education that I would like to tackle after the philosophy text I am struggling with at present. I enjoyed the last two papers by George and Sam.

CANADIAN JUNIOR BOWLING COUNCIL IS ON THE MOVE

"After all" says Nina Holden Miss America 1962, "Physical Fitness is of vital importance to the future of the nation and there is no finer sport than Canada's original, Five Pin Bowling".

Back in 1906 the late Tommy Ryan introduced Five Pin Bowling and since that time it has been proven to be the most participated in sport of all ages and more especially the children.

Although we can claim Five Pin as "the Canadian Bowling Game", there are the other pin bowling, which include Ten Pin, Duck Pin and Candle Pin and these are all being played by our youth.

1961 has been a year of many changes for the Canadian Junior Bowling Council, but with it all, there has been tremendous results and a great deal of this is due to the interest of those Recreation Directors who have realized Junior Bowling can be a Community Activity and not just a commercial venture, and have introduced in their Municipality.

8 years ago the Toronto Telegram helped launch C.J.B.C. by providing office space, furnishings, secretary and other services such as printing, mailing etc.

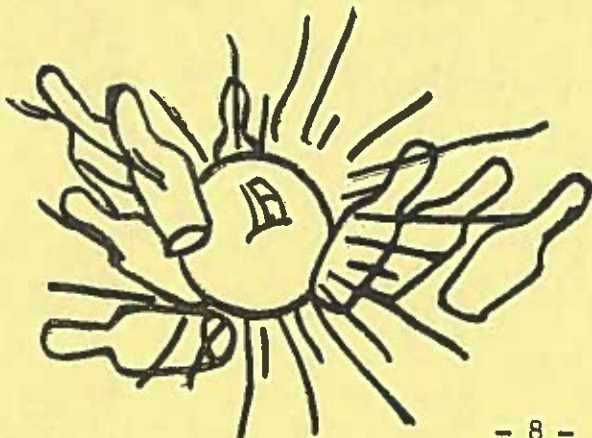
As the Tely is undergoing policy changes and as they feel they have assisted in making the council possible, they are withdrawing some of their support, which will be mainly office space.

Early in 1962 the council will be setting up offices in a new location and this will require certain equipment and as the C.J.B.C. is a non-profit organization it is imperative that requests be made for help.

The suggested approval to the problem is to inquire if there should be any desks, chairs, file cabinet etc. that are not in use, that the council could make use of in their new location.

Can you be a Santa Claus to this dilemma?

The Canadian Junior Bowling Council wishes to take this opportunity to extend the compliments of the Season to Directors of Recreation, their Assistants and Staff.



Bob Sones Sr.,
Executive Director,
Canadian Jr. Bowling Council,
29 Melinda Street,
Toronto 1, Ontario.

VIEWS OF RECREATION IN QUEBEC

Ontario persons in recreation may find it interesting to compare Ontario with the Province of Quebec from the comments of someone with 6 months observations.

There is no recreation agency on the provincial level, although there are certain Ministers who serve fringe needs under such portfolios as Welfare, Health or Youth. Some appeal has been made in recent months for government recognition of recreation needs on a "parish" basis with headquarters in the local Catholic institutions. The writer has a letter from the Dept. of Youth stating that no acts or regulations covering services to recreation are available, but that recreation headquarters throughout the Province of Quebec was under study at this time. This may or may not be connected with a recent assembly of public recreation types in Montreal to discuss the "parish" form of organization. With the two denominations and languages in the Province of Quebec, particularly in the larger cities, support to the "parish" organization could prove inadequate. Interest is increasing on the part of Protestant recreation persons on the professional level to protect their faith in recreation services for "all the people". Holding to this belief or yielding to the pressure of the majority is the question which the less religious influenced recreation directors must find the answer to.

Although, Metropolitan Montreal has a Recreation and Parks Department, the many incorporated towns and cities on the Island of Montreal which surround and project into the heart of the city are independent for their public recreation services. Less than half of these independent Recreation Municipalities have recreation departments, although the number of Departments appear to be increasing. A comparatively heavy responsibility for recreation services for the children and youths recreation needs are served by a large number of independent boys' clubs and settlement houses, similar to those sponsored by service clubs in the City of Toronto. They appear to be doing a great job, but are without local government awareness and action for all of the people. The ability of these boys' clubs to do a thorough job would make an interesting conference programme.

Shades of earlier pioneering in Ontario is evident in the wonderful work being done by a large number of "civic recreation associations" in the outlying independent communities on the Island. These volunteer administered associations organize many special events for their municipality, and some areas are showing courage and foresight in promoting major recreation facilities. In several areas these associations have been successful in organizing the financing of public swimming pools on a subscription basis with 20 to 50% of the local inhabitants contributing an annual fee of 15 to 25 dollars to pay for the capital investment and operating expenses of such pools. In one particular municipality the municipal authorities have been taking an increasing share of the responsibility for these facilities for their advantage to the municipality, and it is only a matter of time before the appropriate department takes the reins over from the civic recreation association. Will this be the regular evolution process in the future? This question makes interesting speculative thought and takes us back to "Ontario 1945"

One thing has been verified to me personally on many occasions recently. Anyone who has had an introduction to the administrative methods and organization for recreation in Ontario is not hesitant in proclaiming that they are most favourably impressed, and would entertain this calibre of public recreation services in this Province of Quebec.

Cliff Sutton,
Director of Recreation
CITY OF COTE SAINT - LUC,
Province of Quebec.



The 1962 Treasurer - Earl Davis has been directed by the Executive to locate and secure all society materials such as crests, newspaper cuts, stationary or any society equipment.

ALL MEMBERS ARE REQUESTED TO NOTIFY EARL REGARDING ANY OF THE ABOVE AND TO FORWARD SAID MATERIALS TO HIM - PRONTO -



ZONE NEWS

NORTH WESTERN ONTARIO ZONE

North Western Ontario Zone would like to extend an official welcome to Bill Young of Dryden. Bill was warmly received at the zone meeting in October held at the Ontario Conference and Training Centre. A vote of confidence was extended to Bill as the group promptly placed the 10th Annual North Western Ontario Youth Conference in Dryden.

Ray Wittenberg is busily preparing for the Provincial O.R.A. CONFERENCE to be held in Port Arthur in April. A number of other communities in North Western Ontario have committed themselves to handle some sections of the conference but the vast part of the operation will be managed by the host committee. Plan now to include the 1962 conference in your forthcoming budgets.

Ken Ward, Terrace Bay, Al Miller, Red Rock and Marg Phillips, Kenora will be travelling for the Christmas holidays. Ward will be in Huntsville - Cravenhurst for three weeks. Miller will be off to Winnipeg for three weeks and Marg will spend about a week in Ottawa (I think). Marg was south to Jamaica in the fall so can only steal a week at Christmas.

Those in the North West would like to extend seasons greetings to all their associates in the field. We will convey our New Years' greetings when we see you at the O.R.A. Conference in Port Arthur next April.

EAST CENTRAL DISTRICT

Mr. G. Celette of the Oshawa Staff is moving to become one of the Etobicoke Crew under Scotty Thompson. When we lose one we lose a flock - Tony Dojcak of Bicroft is also moving. He will now take up residence in Burlington under Earl Davis. The East Centre Boys are throwing themselves a Christmas Banquet. It will be held at the Empress Hotel in Peterborough (wives and staffs invited).

Editor's Note

The 1962 Executive has accepted the offer of the East Central Zone to host the 1962 Training Institute and Annual Meeting in Peterborough.

Advanced notice to all hotel and motel owners. Be sure to bolt all pianos securely in place during the S.D.M.R.O. activities in your entry.

SOUTHWESTERN ZONE

The Southwestern Zone of Recreation Directors held their final 1961 meeting in Chatham on December 12th. Plans were discussed to sponsor a creative approach to Crafts Workshop to be held at Easter. Definite plans for 1962 are being finalized. After the meeting a very delightful social party was held at Mrs. Audrey Turner's home.

TOWNSHIP OF TORONTO

SANTA TO HOST SENIORS OF TOWNSHIP OF TORONTO

Jolly old St. Nick will pay a special visit to the Township of Toronto on Thursday, December 14th, and will have a special big 'hello' to all members of the four Township Senior Citizens Clubs. This is the evening that "Santa" and the Seniors will take a Gray Coach Christmas Light Tour of the Yonge St., Kingsway, Leaside, North Toronto and Bayview areas. A "pause that refreshes" (for tea and a light lunch) has been scheduled for the Grenadier Restaurant, in High Park.

It is expected that some 200 Seniors, members of the Lorne Park, Cooksville, Lakeview and the newly-established Erindale Clubs will be aboard to take this trip, which is being sponsored by the Township of Toronto Recreation and Parks Department.

All Seniors are looking forward to this trip with "tingling anticipation" and every one of them hopes to meet that jolly old chap, St. Nick, who will accompany them on their bus trip through Metro Toronto.

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Toronto Township Recreation and Parks Department has two new programmes to offer to its residents. Golf and bridge clinics have been started, and have proved to be highly successful. The idea behind both clinics is to hold 10 weeks of classes on a beginner's level, followed by a second 10 week series of advanced instruction. Our Townships' residents have thus far showed keen interest in the programmes.



MOTIVES

When in a happy spending mood,
At bargain windows ladies gawp,
As "safety"guides they're really good
They heed the traffic caution "STOP"

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The men are conscientious, too,
From working man to noble duke,
When blondes or redheads come in view,
It's ten to one all men will LOOK.

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Eavesdropping folks of either sex
Are worried what they may be missin,'
That's why they always stretch their necks
And strain their ear,s they always LISTEN

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STOP, LOOK, and LISTEN, all the three
Are sometimes proper things to do;
It all depends on just what we
STOP for! LOOK at! and LISTEN to!

Bob Whiteman
P.U.C. Senior Citizens Club
London, Ontario.



MUNICIPAL NEWS

ARNPRIOR ONTARIO

We started a new activity, namely, a course in electronics and ham radio. This class has a registration of twenty four youths and men who are really enjoying this program. Our judo club started two years ago is also very active. A glee club has been organized with mostly personnel from Playtex Ltd. They meet once at the United Church, with the local organist in charge of the group. At the present time they are practicing for the Christmas season and plan to cheer patients during the festive season at our own local hospital and the home for the aged at Renfrew. The Senior Citizens Club which now boasts a membership of 140 members are planning a Christmas dinner for all members free of charge. Proceeds to help defray the cost has been raised from a series of euchres and teas held at the Legion Hall. The Junior Art Class has a membership of forty boys and girls who meet once a week at the High School. Our senior art group was so large this year it was necessary to hire two Artists from Ottawa. We teach one class in the afternoon and one in the evening. In athletics, for a town our size, 5600, we have 600 boys registered for minor hockey. This is a record for our Town. We have also a record 12 team broomball league ready to go. Also very active are the Camera Club, Little Theatre Group who are bringing in a play from the Little Theatre, Ottawa for the children in two weeks. Our square dance group is very active and meet every second week. A Christmas party is planned for Dec. 14th at the Mayfair Pavillion.

Editor's Note!

Bert - with such a diversified and active program I hope you take time to enjoy the festive season.

BRAMPTON

Everyone enjoys singing Christmas carols. Wouldn't it be fun to have an outdoor carol sing around a roaring fire. With this in mind, we are planning on holding a carol sing on December 20th at one of our parks. This park is close to the downtown area and has a bandstand equipped with lights. The high school band and choir are going to assist with this event. There will be a bonfire (which is attended by a member of the Fire Department) so the participants will be able to keep their hands and feet warm. All the citizenry are invited and notices are being sent out through the School System regarding this event. Song sheets will be printed and passed out to everyone. This is the first year for this type of program and if it is successful, it is planned for next year to acquire a large iron pot for heating hot chocolate and possibly have a bean feed. There is every possibility that this sort of program could become an annual event. I would like to take this opportunity to extend my personal seasonal greetings to all the Society members and to wish them all success in the new and challenging year. - Dave Smith

COBOURG

Cobourg will hold its first Santa Claus parade on Dec. 9th. The Recreation Commission will be working on three float entries for its own playground programme, teen group and Church Hockey League. Mon's basketball league will function again in the New Year. Cobourg will be the site of the 1962 Little NHL Provincial Championship, April 24 to 28th. Cobourg Legion, Ontario Champions (baseball) for the past 2 seasons, were honored at a civic banquet. Recreation Director John Thorsen presented them with Eastern Minor League trophy, one of 6 they won during the year.

FOREST HILL

The Recreation Office in Forest Hill Village was a busy place during the month of October as the local residents registered for their favourite programmes. The fall and winter programme is reaching the half way point with 585 adults, with two beginners classes and one experienced class for a total of 137 bridge players. The golf class is second, in the most popular programme trend. However, public speaking, Spanish, French and the other classes are well attended. Figure skating and hockey are quite popular in the children's division, with 163 figure skaters and 168 hockey players and more coming. However, Bowling, Ballet, Dramatics, Art and the other childrens classes are also doing very well.

HAMILTON

Tom Shearman, Director of the Barton Community Centre in Hamilton, and his wife Joyce, are the proud parents of their first born - a boy Paul. An additional skating area of 60 x 100' is being constructed at each of Hamilton's four existing artificial ice rinks. This will enable us to more readily meet the great demands for the ice surfaces for hockey, figure skating, and general skating. Significant, is the fact that these extensions can be operated in conjunction with the original rink, and the originally installed compressors can handle both units. What a saving!

Skilled Workshops for Youth Leaders were conducted in November, and attracted over 60 young people between the ages of 15 - 18 years who were actively involved in the various youth groups throughout the city. The instructors were excellent, and very thoroughly covered such subjects as: How to Lead Group Singing; How to M.C. a Social Dance Program; How to Lead Groups; How to Publicize your Program; and the Use of Audio- Visual Aids. This is only the first of many such training periods.

KITCHENER

"Education is not to make anything of anybody, but rather to open the minds of everyone to go from cocksure ignorance to thoughtful uncertainty."

Philadelphia Journal of Education.

"A shorter Work week is inevitable.

How leisure is to be used is a paramount issue.

If it is not used constructively, we may develop into a society of the world's Best Fed Morons"

Walter Reuther

LEASIDE

Registrations in the various classes conducted by the Leaside Recreation Committee now exceed 400, a considerable increase over the same period last year. There have been some interesting development in the activities mentioned in this space last month.

Flower Arranging - This class was filled several days before the opening session. Organized for a six week period the class is now almost finished, and an advanced class for the same members will be held in the Spring.

Investing Money Wisely

To being in January, this class has a closing date for registrations of November 30th. At this writing, twenty three applications have been received. The location of the class will be determined on the basis of the final number of registrations.

Effective Speaking

Response has been good for this January class as well. For ladies only, this class will be of benefit to officers and leaders of groups. Organization representatives reading this newsletter are asked to bring the class to the attention of potential registrants.

Curling

Eight rinks of Leaside lady curlers are now entered in a weekly league at the Don Mills Curling Rink, and as this is written, two additional rinks are being organized. In addition to the forty regulars, the Recreation Department maintains a list of reserves who fill in for those unable to attend.

HAD YOU HEARD?

For those interested in Curling, the news from the November 6th Meeting of the Town Council was most encouraging. At that meeting the Council accepted the recommendation of the Parks Committee to increase the allocation already in the Capital Works Estimates for 1962 for a

Curling Rink to \$250,000.00. At the same meeting a Ways and Means Committee was established to study the situation and make recommendations to Council. This Committee is to include two members of Council, two members of the Board of Management of the Leaside Memorial Community Gardens, two members of the Leaside Curling Committee, and two members of the Recreation Committee. In fairness to the Brief presented by the Citizens' Committee, it should be pointed out that while the original investment would be provided by Town Council through the Metropolitan Corporation, a Curling Rink and Curling Club could be operated on a self sustaining

basis, with debenture principal and interest as well as operating costs being realized from fees and other revenues. At the time of the retirement of the debentures this money could be used for other municipal purposes each year. The whole basis of the brief is that a Curling Rink could be constructed and maintained at no cost to the taxpayer.

MIMICO

Excitement has been evident the past two weeks - building up and up - as Gray Cup Parade day comes closer and closer. Mimico's number one class of Majorettes have been chosen to participate in the Big Parade. Fifteen of them - ages 6 to 15 will participate under the leadership of Miss Pat Meeke of the Recreation Staff. Trained by Miss Ruth Hodgkinson of C.N.E. Canadette fame, the group will make a good showing and give our Public Recreation Activities a big boost. Well done everyone!

NORTH BAY ONTARIO

The Kinsmen's Club of North Bay are staging a Christmas party for children of North Bay area on December 16th. They have asked to have a group of square dancers from Porvassan High School to help with the entertainment. I feel that this is a wonderful opportunity to increase good will through Public Relations. We will make every effort to have the audience enjoy it as much as the participants.

PETERBOROUGH

We have several Christmas programmes lined up. Two Senior Citizen groups have asked for assistance and our own Nursery School as well, will be having their Christmas Parties.

SIMCOE COUNTY

The fall months have been full of activity and action for the Simcoe County Community and Recreation Service.

An Arts & Crafts Week-end at the Blue Mountain Ski Barn near Collingwood, brought together about 45 people at the end of September. They enjoyed classes in painting and sketching, pottery and "quick crafts for Christmas", under the guidance of outstanding teachers.

The biennial County-wide Art Exhibit, held in the Collingwood District Collegiate auditorium, attracted about 400 visitors. Sixty-two artists from the area entered paintings of variety and quality. The well-hung show owed much to its setting, and was good example of how our schools can be well used for adult education and enjoyment.

The newest member of our staff, Floyd Griesbach, is assisting a Volunteer Services Committee of the Canadian Mental Health Association with an interesting service project. This project takes the Committee, a group of enterprising women, right into the maximum security building, Oak Ridges, in the Mental Hospital at Penetanguishene. There they have put on monthly social evenings for a group of from 40 to 80 men. Floyd has helped the Committee with program planning and went up with them on the first two evenings. The program has run more smoothly than anyone dared hope, and everyone seems to enjoy it. The staff at Oak Ridges are being hard put to find enough special work jobs for the men to do because this is the way they qualify for the privilege of attending the social evening! One night when the Committee Convenor said it was time to wind up the fun, one of the men quipped "What's your hurry, we're not going anywhere."

A meeting of representatives from Municipal Recreation Committees and "Y's" in the County attracted a thoughtful group of people from nearly every part of the County in mid-October. Our Community Programmes Branch adviser, Frank Willock, was also present. Discussion on the new Act to encourage Fitness and Sport was a highlight of the evening. We also had an opportunity to exchange ideas and to discuss ways of meeting mutual problems.

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As a result of this meeting, we had a request to assist in the organization of not only one but three hockey coaching clinics. Penetang and Midland sponsored the first one on November 25, and two more are now being arranged with Collingwood and Orillia as respective sponsors. Our staff is working with the local Committees to co-ordinate arrangements and Community Programmes Branch is supplying financial aid for leadership of these clinics.

Teen-agers from all over the County have set up a planning committee for a County-wide Teen Conference to be held in February. Orillia is the locale with most of the Committee members drawn from that centre. Florence Fish of our staff is working with this Committee.

An experimental square dance workshop, using local leadership from Camp Borden and Collingwood, along with our staff members, proved to meet a real community need. A big crowd attended from all over the County. Our aim was not only to provide an evening of fun through this excellent form of recreation, but to demonstrate the ways in which participation and good fellowship could be developed. Our leadership team also showed how different teaching methods, accompaniment and calling could be blended through a co-operative team effort. The result is a Callers Class with ten enthusiastic members. This class, we hope, will provide a nucleus of leaders for square dancing and social recreation in various communities of this district.

SUDBURY

Sudbury has it's own T.V. Show twice weekly, called "Recreation Workshop". The show is seen every Tuesday and Thursday from 12:30 to 1:00 p.m. The show features announcements, interviews, movies, demonstrations, instruction, etc. Hosts on the show are: George Kormos, Bob Bateman, and Eleanor Mongrain. Many favourable comments have been received.

An article entitled "Playground Operation Impossible Without Volunteer Work and Money says Sudbury", appeared in the November issue of Park Maintenance. The picture on the front cover of the magazine depicts some of the volunteers in action. As a result of this article enquiries about Sudbury's set-up have been received from several quarters including Omaha, Nebraska and Stoney Point, Wisconsin.

The Northern Ontario Playground Hockey Association is holding its final Jamboree in Temiskaming, Quebec, Saturday, March 17th. This is the first time the Jamboree will have been held in Temiskaming.

The Northern Ontario Recreation Director's Association will hold their next meeting in New Liskeard, on Monday, January 22nd.

Two week-end drama workshops were held in Sudbury, October 21, 22 and November 4, 5 with Russ Waller of the C.B.C. as Instructor. The workshops were sponsored by the Sudbury Little Theatre Guild and Community Programmes Branch. The first workshop dealt with Design (set, lighting, and costume). The second workshop dealt with the duties of everyone connected with a production from the Director down. These were the first workshops of this type ever held; and they were extremely well received. After their success in Sudbury, they will be repeated in other parts of the province.

WATERLOO

We welcome to our staff - Mr. Gary Stoner - appointed in September as programme director. Gary is responsible for numerous programmes including bowling, teens, minor sports, etc. In his "spare" time he keeps up with the "In-Service" course.

After some years of operation our Minor Bowling programme is now under the C.J.B.C. and is experiencing tremendous success. Registrations have tripled last season with 475 boys and girls participating.

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Adult classes in Upholstery, Refinishing, China Painting, Sewing, Pottery, and Metalcraft are well attended as is the new children's art and craft class.

Free Sunday Evening Concerts are being presented by the Recreation Department on the first Sunday of each month in the Waterloo Collegiate - November to April. Local musical groups (bands and choirs) are featured.

Bette Steen, our former office secretary, now Mrs. Stan Labanowich (formerly of the Etobicoke staff) sends word that all is well in Champagne - Urbana, Illinois. They're living in the married students' quarters while Stan works on his doctorate in recreation at the University of Illinois and Bette does secretarial work at the University.

Their address: 808 West Illinois St.
Urbana, Illinois.

Congrats to Ken Burgess on a fine job as Bulletin Editor for 1961.

LONDON

The winter program of the P.U.C. Recreation Department is in high gear. The attendance in all activities has increased over the previous season. In the elementary school sports program administered by the P.U.C. Recreation Department, there are 31 teams entered in Public School league, 12 teams in Separate School league, 61 teams in P.U.C. Pee-Wee Hockey League and 60 teams in the Squirt Hockey League.

At The culmination of a very successful fall term the P.U.C. Children's Theatre presented a Christmas Play entitled "The Mystery at the Old Fort". The 75 pupils under the expert tutelage of Director Mrs. A. Lewis received the basic principles of drama. Their production was well received and plans are being set for a summer spectacular at the Victoria Park Bandshell.

The Adult Recreation Hockey League includes 6 teams which play at the four outdoor rinks. There are 10 teams in the Recreation Basketball Open League and 16 in the Industrial Basketball League. At present there are 450 girls ranging in ages from 5 to 15 receiving instruction in figure skating.

2025 adults returned to the Adult Community Centres in London on January 3rd following the Christmas holiday break. A registration for new activities starting this month has been underway since November and a very good response has been received for golf instruction, personal development and charm classes, effective speaking, keep fit for women, and physical fitness for men. A home gardening course will start in February and the annual badminton tournaments in March. The closing programs for the 3000 members will include the Open House Week, Fashion Shows and Banquets.



