

The Society of Directors of Municipal Recreation of Ontario 1971 - 72 Executive



Back Row — Left to Right:

Ross Ventrcek, Secretary; Don Wadlow, Treasurer;
Robert Christie, Past President.

Front Row — Left to Right:

Gary Stoner, Vice-President; Brian Wigglesworth, President;
Jim Maxwell, Vice-President.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

During the coming year the Executive will strive to keep the membership informed of the action taken by the Executive and the various committees. This will be done mostly by articles in the Newsletters and special reports that may be circulated from time to time.

At the present time, action is being taken on several very important items. The new Provincial Government restructuring of Cabinet positions and Department responsibilities may have great implications for municipal recreation in Ontario. While we do not as yet know all of the details involved, we do know that the Youth and Recreation Branch is involved as part of these changes. Arrangements are now being made to meet with the Y. & R.B. staff and Mr. Robert Welsh in order to find out what changes are being suggested. Once this is known, The Executive will have to decide what action is appropriate. We will keep the members informed of further developments.

During the past year the S.D.M.R.O. has become very closely involved with the Ontario Municipal Association. This has occurred because we have realized the benefits of a closer liaison with a body whose chief concern is municipal affairs. The trend in this area is continuing. The Ontario Municipal Personnel Association has initiated discussion with other professional municipal bodies to explore the possibility of forming a Federation of Municipal Officials. A meeting has been called for the last week in January to explore this possibility. The following groups will be sending representatives;

Association of Municipal Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario,
Ontario Municipal Administrators Association, Association of
Municipal Tax Collectors of Ontario, City Engineers Association,
Society of Directors of Municipal Recreation of Ontario,
Association of Police Governing Authorities, Ontario Parks Association,
Ontario Association of Fire Chiefs.

The Executive feels that such a Federation could be of great benefit to municipal recreation and are looking forward to further discussion on this matter.

At a meeting held December 3 and 4, the Executive made appointments to most of the committees of the S.D.M.R.O. All appointments will be ratified at a meeting to be held February 4 and 5 in order that the committees may start on their assigned roles. The Executive thanks all members who have offered to serve in various roles, and are looking forward to a very productive year.

If any members have any suggestions or concerns, would they please contact a member of the Executive and we will deal with it as soon as possible.

Brian Wigglesworth,
President, S.D.M.R.O.

ONTARIO RECREATION SOCIETY

1ST ANNUAL CONFERENCE

1972

INN-ON-THE-PARK, TORONTO

JANUARY 26th, - 29th, 1972

CONFERENCE THEME: "Ontario" - A PLACE TO STAND

WORKSHOP TOPICS:

- Recreation Education and Certification
- Involvement of the Community in Recreation
- Recreation Facilities and Equipment Design
- The Challenge of High Density
- Therapeutic, Rehabilitative & Other Group Needs
- People Planning Their Environment

ANNUAL MEETING:

SATURDAY, JANUARY 29th, 1972 9:30 A.M.

ROOM RESERVATIONS:

Contact: Inn on the Park
Leslie and Eglinton Ave.,
Don Mills, Toronto.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:

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559 Jarvis Street,
Toronto 5, Ontario.

A NOTE FROM YOUR " T E M P O R A R Y " EDITOR

a) Thanks

Once again, I would like to thank the many members who contributed comments, special articles and new items for publication in the January Newsletter.

b) Training Institute & Annual Meeting

Two months have passed since our very successful Training Institute and Annual Meeting was held at the Geneva Park Conference Centre. The spirit and fellowship experienced at the 25th Annual Banquet will be remembered by many for years to come. Through this Newsletter we wish to share with those who were unable to attend the Annual Banquet, some of the highlights of the evening's program.

Included is a copy of the remarks made by Mr. Jac Cropley, R.D.M.R. prior to the presentation of the Past Presidents Citations to all of the Past Presidents who were able to attend. Jac's remarks served as a mini history of the Society as he traced the progress of the organization from its inception.

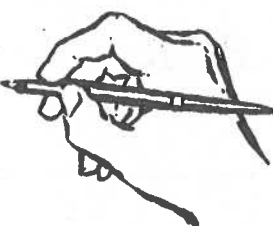
Mr. Donald Garvie and Mr. Charles Wier were recognized for their contribution to the field of recreation and became the first recipients of S.D.M.R.O. Citations. The remarks made by Mr. Sam Jacks when presenting these awards are contained in this Newsletter also.

Each year the retiring President is recognized for outstanding service rendered during his term of office. Mr. Peter Cavill did an excellent job in verse with the presentation and his poem is published for your enjoyment.

c) New Editor

At the last Executive Meeting held on December 12th, 13th 1971. Mr. Grant Southwell was appointed as Newsletter Editor for this current term. I trust that all members will continue their co-operation by providing Grant with information for inclusion in future Newsletters.

Don Wadlow,
Treasurer.

From the
Editor's Pen 



The Society of Directors of
Municipal Recreation of Ontario

CITATION

It is both a privilege and an obligation of a professional body to recognize those who, through their endeavours, creativity, assistance or dedication, have brought credit to the body or expanded the area of knowledge and worth of the profession. It is our honour to commend

FOR

CITATION AWARDS

The following are the remarks made by Mr. Sam Jacks when presenting the S.D.M.R.O. Citation Awards. Mr. Wier received his Citation at the Banquet but Mr. Garvie, Unfortunately was unable to attend.

CHARLIE WIER

Charlie is a Saskatchewan Boy who found his way to Ontario via the Y.M.C.A. College, Springfield, U.S.A.

His Professional Life started as a teacher of Physical Education. Fortunately he discovered the error of his ways and became Stratford's first Director of Recreation, later he held the same job in Peterborough.

This in itself may not seem significant but rumor has it that Stratford had to bring in the Shakespearian Festival to fill the void left by Charlie's leaving. In the case of Peterborough, both Jack Dane and Later Ken Robinson justified their overtime hours trying to discover the void Charlie left when he left Peterborough.

Naturally with this record, community programmes hired Charlie. First as a Field Representative, then supervisor of Field Services, then facilities advisor and finally a Superintendent of Administration, in which capacity he played a significant part in the Minister's Conference on Recreation.

A good Administrator has everybody but himself working. This was proved during one phase of the Minister's Conference preparations when one of the advisory committee observed "That Wendall Brewster does nothing and Charlie helps him."

Charlie has always been the burr under the saddle of recreation, a stimulus that we greatly needed in our formative years.

As a friend of all, a highly respected professional in our field, the Society deems it a privilege to present you our Citation.

DONALD A. GARVIE

This esteemed gentleman started his working life in business - checking with my usually reliable sources failed to disclose its nature.

However, his early life was spent in Dundas, Ontario. He eventually built his own house and swimming pool on Governor's Road, Canada's oldest thoroughfare. Remembering pre-war salaries, I am forced to conclude, whatever his job was, it must have included a fine source of supplies.

With the advent of World War 2, Don enlisted with the R.C.A.F. and became Chief Trades test Officer. In this capacity he successfully tested all female personnel and saved thousands of lives by teaching the Mechanics not to salute with a hammer in their hand.

Following the War, Don became Principal of the Hamilton Re-Habilitation School and eventually found his way to the Community Programmes Department of the Ontario Department of Education. In 1947 Don Became the Niagara District representative.

Don was released on loan from the Department to become the First Director of the Ontario Crafts Foundation. On return from this assignment he returned to the Branch to become supervisor of Community Programme in Ontario.

Don is married to "Peter The Potter" (Isobel), has two charming Daughters and is twice a grandfather.

Our Society is honoured and proud to present one of our first Citations to a fine professional, a gentleman and a friend - for major contributions to the Field of Municipal Recreation in Ontario.

PUBLICATIONS & JEWELLERY

Attached at the back of this Newsletter for your convenience and use are order forms for S.D.M.R.O. Insignia, Jewellery and Publications.

JEWELLERY & INSIGNIA - a limited stock of crests and jewellery items are on hand. Please allow approx. 4 weeks for delivery of items not in stock.

PUBLICATIONS - a considerable amount of money has been invested by your Executive in the publications that are now on sale. A good stock of our latest book "An Administrative Guide for Recreation Personnel" released at the 1971 Annual Meeting, is on hand and obtainable from our Publications Chairman, Mrs. Pat Artkin. Support your organization and add to your library by ordering your copy to-day.

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The real problem of your leisure time is to keep others from using it

RECREATION DIRECTORS ACT FUND

At the 1971 Annual Meeting, it was suggested that a special fund be established for the purpose of receiving donations from members who may wish to contribute towards the cost of revising the Recreation Directors Act. It was reported that the cost of this revision would be approx. \$1,200.00.

To date, the fund totals \$50.00. Any member wishing to contribute may send their money to Mr. Don Wadlow, S.D.M.R.O. Treasurer, c/o 8 Main Street, South Brampton.

TO THE PRESIDENT OF '71

Your year is up; you've had your fun;
We say, "Good show - a job well done,
But when we think of this past year,
There's some things which just aren't quite cle

And standing out amongst the haze,
Are things to haunt you all your days;
Such things like drinking 'rusty nails'
And bets on blondes with blokes from Wales.

I suppose you've told your charming wife
That business ruled your week-end life,
When you've gone home in quite a mess
From one long session at the Kress.

It's not all true dear Mrs. Bob,
He's only sometimes on the job;
Ask Brian, Don or Blayne or Jim,
There's some week-ends we haven't seen him.

If he's told you he's been with us;
Don't rant and rave and start to cuss;
Don't ask us where your Bob's been seen,
We don't know where the hell he's been.

There's always good in nursery rhymes;
So let's be fair, there have been times
When Bob's shown up, though slightly bent,
To rule us as our President.

There's one thought comes into my mind
And Bob, I mean to be quite kind,
A question that you've half expected,
Just how the hell were you elected.

And golly, what a motley crew
To help in what you've had to do;
Most other guys would quit and run
Knowing of the jobs they've done.

You're First-Vice, sometime in the rear,
Worked as plumbing engineer.
What this guy did when he was newer
Was try to lay an up-hill sewer.

Your Secretary, I am told,
Comes from the north, where it is cold;
When there was nothing else to do,
He taught the Indians in the Soo.

The Treasurer is not a duffer,
He used to be a first-base stuffer.
Though other treasurers might begrudge it,
He almost worked a balanced budget.

Then Blayne, the terror with the pen,
Who scares alike, both Gods and men.
The Government bods swear on the level,
That ne's related to the devil.

To comment on the Second-Vice,
The only guy that's really nice.
They tell me he was once a Bookie
And shore the sheep at Rookey-nookey.

The Pres., to you who want the answer,
Used to be a ballet dancer.
Just imagine Bob in tights;
Enough to give you sleepless nights.

But Bob, you may not think this true,
We really think a lot of you.
And just to give you one big lift
We've got for you a little gift.

I know not what is in the box;
Perhaps you'll find a set of blocks;
The ones, you know, with A B C's
If that's the case, it's sure to please.

You may think this is for the birds,
But someone said you don't know words.
To help you spell Tom, Dick or Harry,
You'll maybe find a dictionary.

Or maybe there's some ballet slippers,
To pass along to wife or nippers.
Or on the other hand, old mate,
Perhaps a ruddy paper weight.

Whatever's in the box, old son,
We thank you for a job well done.
And with our thanks we say, "Good Health",
Good wishes, fun and lots of wealth.

* Remarks made by Mr. Peter Cavill while presenting a gift to Mr. Robert Christie for his work as S.D.M.R.O. President for the 1970-71 term.

A MINI HISTORY OF MUNICIPAL RECREATION

By Jac Cropley, R.D.M.R.

Citations highlight singular acts of distinction, major discoveries, moments of bravery, brilliant performances and achievements or related signal events. It is futile to distinguish between the personal impact of Presidents, Executives, Committees or Members - for each plays a vital part. History, however, tends to blur the record and hush the sound of personal identity. Notwithstanding, all do interrelate in that sweet smell of success. This is dedicated to all those unnamed individuals who have quietly and anonymously contributed to this society and thereby to the recreation movement.

It is awesome to be confronted with the names of twenty-four close friends and try to cite their particular contributions. It compares to the dilemma of Elizabeth Taylor's seventh husband - He knows what to do - but how do you make it interesting? Presidents are selected by the membership each at a time in history when the majority wanted a peculiar brand of leadership to meet that particular situation. In citing these, I propose to relate to the eras of significance - by grouping points of growth which remain as evidence of our progress.

The embryonic period of the federation - those wonderful years 1947 through 1952 - we were finding our way - reaching for unanimity of purpose - searching for experience and knowledge. We were inspired by a melting pot of beliefs and philosophies coming from a variety of backgrounds - the services, labour, schools, churches, institutions, industry, university, sports; all of these were to play an important part in our destiny.

A most amusing aspect was the assumption that each new face had the answer - or was a competitor to be reckoned with - or here God willing might be the Messiah! Then he opened his mouth, telling of his unique situation, his empire of playgrounds, the stupidity of his Mayor and Council - At that

THE HISTORY OF THE

REIGN OF

CHARLES THE FIRST

IN WHICH ARE CONTAINED THE

CAUSES, THE CONDUCT, AND THE CONSEQUENCES OF THE

WAR, WHICH BROKE OUT IN GREAT BRITAIN, IN THE

YEAR 1629. BY

JOHN BURNET, BISHOP OF SALISBURY.

LONDON, Printed by J. Streater, at the Sign of the Gun, in St. Dunstons Church, in Fleet-Street, 1682.

point, he was established, just one of the gang!

Emphasis centered on developing some kind of generalization of the Recreation Director's role within the community. Many of those hired were perplexed as to what was really expected of them. We compared programs, experiences, skills, procedures and developed in a modest way a body of knowledge. The course of action seemed clear - we needed a unified training program. We needed strong government support. We must organize formally to survive as a viable working group, and enunciate a common philosophy with respect to leisure activities. Those were the days of the long car trips and all night discussion sessions. We met in strange places at crazy hours and now it seems for some pretty odd ball reasons - perhaps in our frailty, we were desperately seeking a sympathetic ear - an opportunity to unload problems, and in the process acquiring others.

We thrived in a turmoil of triumph, disappointment, uncertainty, omissions, misadventures, and mistakes - and yet, there was that resilient capacity to get up off the mat, and forge ahead. The close knit, fraternal aspects of the group, and the realization that we would only survive as a group probably was our prime motivation. The O.R.A. and the Branch were of tremendous influence and assistance despite what seemed to be a constant cross fire. Occasionally, we would revert to the hearts and flowers syndrome - all sleeping in the same bed. It was the frenetic snooze of an anxious lover on a compromising caper!

Yes, those were the golden years; none of us had much money - just faith. It took a special kind of leadership to get the right response. Attributes of stature, foresight, humour, organization, dedication and the ability to roll with the punches. Such men as Mert McKinnon, John Pearson, Bob Coleman, Jack Dane, Ken Robinson, Andy Ley, stand out as our forerunners.

No less hectic were the immediate years to follow - 1952 to 1958. Already your Federation was showing signs of growth - its maturing manifested itself in a movement to - create a professional society having legislative sanction - graduates of the in-service training course were already influencing a trend towards mandatory training, and governmental control through certification. There was more selectivity in the hiring process within communities - sometimes we were asked to assist by setting guiding principles. I have mixed emotions about the sessions in the old temporary safety building at the School of Social Work in Toronto, the tobacco lectures in the bowels of the observatory at Western, the brown outs and power failures at the Ford Hotel, and vividly recall the northern nectar that was trucked into the Frontenac Arms at the time of the national emergency - the first beer strike,

The membership was still haunted by the spectre - lack of official acceptance as a professional group, insecurity, inequality in benefits and working conditions, low salary scales; a high turnover in job opportunities reflected some of these problems and many a promising person became a job casualty. Perhaps this aggravation helped to accelerate the development of a broad all encompassing document or constitution which would enunciate our purpose, define our role, and give practical guidance in organizing to meet this challenge. The Society was launched, and the document served as a basis for the assimilation of the private bill which was soon to follow. There was an increasing awareness that we were not alone - There were other agencies, groups, associations and institutions with related purposes. Our guardian angels, the Branch and the O.R.A., like patient parents, endured our moods of frustration, suspicion and jubilation. This era of related consolidation is associated with Wendall Brewster, Bill Pillsworth, Ted Story, Bob Davidson and Bill Hare.

58 thru 61 were the administrative years - mending the fences that the mavericks had torn down. Smoothly fitting the wheels to the motor and making it go. We had risen from the purgatory of hopes and speculation - in one sense, we had arrived but there was need to capitalize on the gains and to broaden representation in committees and organize to meet the challenge which was inherent in the charter of the private bill. Great was the urgency to broaden our field of influence, to establish active liaison - with a host of representative groups. Our Society was lauded as a pioneer and prime mover in legalizing certification and imposing educational standards of membership. For these and similar break throughs, we achieved international acclaim. Ontario emerged as a leader in the field of recreation with an imposing list of first and significant innovations.

A move toward a certification committee in partnership with the branch was stirring. More graduates kept coming from the course, and still we could not meet the ever increasing job openings. A ludicrous position - like a Venetian streetwalker without her Junior Red Cross. Concern was expressed for broader geographic representation within the Executive. This revived the original area association concept which was the basic unit of the federation. We needed anchor men, and found them in Scotty Thompson, George Kormos, and Bill Jones.

61 to 67, the swinging sixties, heralded the outpouring of graduates from recreation courses. Membership underwent a significant philosophical change - it fostered new and fresh approaches to professional problems. Working at the invitation of Bill Davis, our Society created Ontario's first minister's conference on leisure - the bi-products of that encounter are still influencing the tempo of the times. Yes, we had come a long way. The Society had attained a high degree of competence and

credibility. The introduction of the resident recreation course at the University of Guelph - another milestone in professional development. This remarkable period witnessed two presidents returned for a second term. This just didn't seem possible that such a precedent could occur in a group with such a turbulent background of controversy, challenge and individualism. Were we complacent? Was there no longer a cause to champion?

This portends the lull before the storm - we were on the verge of integration of the old by-the new - painful process but a moment of truth - youth was not to be denied, and if past concepts were valid, then there should be no concern for the future. Leadership, at this time, demanded the elasticity of compromise, an appreciation of the new, yet an ability to maintain stability in a very shifty field of sand - to accept and respect fresh approaches without completely abandoning older concepts. Marg Phillips, Dick Watts, Sam Jacks and John Thorson performed magnificently in straddling the era of the generation gap and keeping a firm hand on the wheel.

The forces of change are already evident, and this post centennial period will probably conclude with this the Silver Anniversary. I would label this, not without affection, as the term of the tigers. An explosive awakening of great significance, it has served as the crucible to test faith, philosophy and professional concepts. Like all good programs, there comes a time for evaluation: most certainly this Society was overdue for this step. It has just emerged from a self examination, dissection, remoulding and in some cases major surgery. From this stems evidence of shrewd decisions encompassing administrative, organizational and delegative skills. These have resulted in a reactivated, viable force, that is united in purpose with clear cut objectives for the future of the profession.

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We retain our founding characteristics of tenacity, objectivity and grim determination, and salute the harbingers of our future, the new guard - they have taken the bull by the horns and blasted us into the seventies - Laurie Branch, Tom Riley, Blayne Rennick, and Bob Christie.

Hope, heartbreak, and triumph have been our constant companions in this turbulent quarter century of growth - yet never has our capacity for friendship, comaradarie or good fellowship waned. This elusive quality of fraternity is the greatest achievement of all.

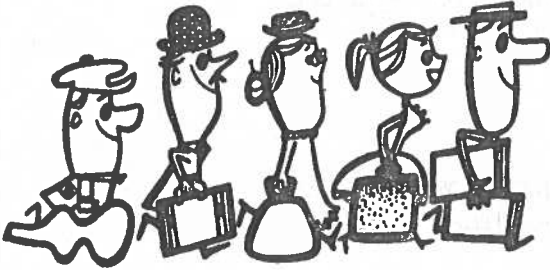
Our past is rich with personalities and detail. However, this presentation reflects only the spirit and nature of the times. For many, like myself, it spans a significant part of a professional career, and I am grateful to the recreation movement for the chance to be part of that great adventure which started by chance just yesterday, about 1945.

In conclusion, I would like to leave you with a quotation from a very close and dear friend of mine, Robert Green Ingersoll: "I am the inferior of any man whose rights I trample underfoot - men are not superior by reason of the accidents of race or colour. They are superior who have the best heart, the best brain. The superior man stands erect by bending above the fallen - he rises by lifting others".

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This address was given by Mr. Jac Cropley on November 20th 1971 on the occasion of the presentation of the Past Presidents' citations at the 25th Annual Banquet, Geneva Park.

PEOPLE ON THE MOVE



APPOINTMENTS * PROMOTIONS * DEPARTURES

a) FROM THUNDER BAY PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT

The following staff changes have taken place resulting in the following appointments

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| * <u>JOE ERDELAC</u> | - Programme Developer |
| * <u>ANDY HEWAT</u> | - Community Development Officer |
| * <u>IAIN ANGUS</u> | - Community Development Officer |
| * <u>SUSAN COOMBES</u> | - Programme Developer |

b) FROM THE BOROUGH OF NORTH YORK!

- * G. PAUL STEWART has been promoted to Area Supervisor of Youth Services - Newtonbrook Area.
- * BJORN NIELSEN former Director of Recreation at Grandview School under the Department of Corrections has joined the Staff of North York as Youth Supervisor - Don Mills Area.
- * DON OITMENT formerly an employee of the East York Parks & Recreation Department has been appointed as a Recreation Supervisor.

c) FROM THE TOWN OF MISSISSAUGA!

- * OLGA TYNE former Supervisor of Physical Programmes has been promoted to Co-ordinator of Programmes with a staff of 13 permanent personnel.
- * BOB CASPELL - former Supervisor of Area Programmes has been promoted to the position of Supervisor of Physical Programmes.
- * BOB DALBY a graduate in B.S.C. in Recreation/Parks Administration from Indiana University and a recent employee of the Borough of York joined the Mississauga Staff as a Supervisor of Area Programmes. For those who may not know, Bob is the son of George Dalby of the Niagara Parks Commission.

d) FROM OAKVILLE PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION!

* BRUCE IRELAND has been appointed as Area Supervisor - North and Central Core Areas. A graduate of Sir George Williams University he received his Bachelor of Arts Degree in Applied Sociology and also holds a diploma in Recreation and Outdoor Education from Mount Royal College in Calgary.

* IAN SCOTT an Honours Graduate in Physical Education from the University of Waterloo joins the Oakville Staff as an Area Supervisor - South West Oakville.

e) FROM THE TOWN OF BURLINGTON!

* MRS. MARY WEAVER has been APPOINTED CO-ORDINATOR OF AQUATICS

* MRS. LOIS MITCHELL has been appointed as Co-ordinator of Senior Citizen Services.

f) FROM THE CITY OF GALT!

* WAYNE TAYLOR formerly of the Kitchener Parks & Recreation Department has been appointed Director of Programs for the Galt Parks & Recreation Department effective January 10th, 1972.

* BRENDA COUCH has been appointed Activities Co-ordinator effective January 10th, 1972 to co-ordinate the CAN-AMERICA Community involvement program which includes week-end games with the Township of Saginaw, Michigan.

g) FROM HERE, THERE & EVERYWHERE!

* GARY WATTS has been hired as Program Director in Stratford, Gary is a graduate of the 1971 Recreation Leadership Course at Fanshawe College in London.

* DEAN E. F. ZEIGLER has moved back to the University of Western Ontario and has been appointed Dean-elect of the new Faculty of Physical Education (to start on May 1st, 1972). This includes intercollegiate athletics and physical recreation and intramurals, undergraduate program in physical education and the program of graduate study and research. Dean Zeigler notes that health education will be left to the Faculty of Health Sciences and the Faculty of Education and that professional preparation for recreation leadership was dropped at Western some time ago.

* MORT McDONALD joined the staff of the Oshawa Recreation Department on November 29th, 1971 as a Recreation Supervisor in the Youth area.

* RAY MCKINSTRY, a graduate of the Recreation Course at Algonquin College joined the Nepean Township Parks and Recreation Department as a Program Supervisor last October and also acquired a wife when he married the former Miss Patricia Ridout on October 14th. Ray had been a part-time staff person for the past five years prior to his welcome as a permanent staff member to Nepean.

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THERE

* MISS GEORGINA SQUIRES has been appointed as Assistant Director (School Programs) with the Welland Recreation Department. Georgina is a 1971 graduate of Fanshawe College and hails from Manitoulin Island.

* SANDY PRIDE, a recent graduate of the Fanshawe College Recreation Leadership course has been appointed Program Assistant with the Brampton Recreation Department. Sandy commences his new duties on February 7th, 1972. In Addition to obtaining a new job, Sandy acquires a wife on January 22nd, when he marries Anne McCoubrey, another grad of Fanshawe College.

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT!

The following is a tribute to those great gals we marry; the ones who oft times become "Recreation Widows" because of the demands of our job.

WHAT IS A WIFE?

A wife is someone who always loves you. She'll marry you when your future is still a great big question mark and then she'll tell everybody she's the luckiest girl in the whole wide world.

She'll praise your virtues, ignore your faults, choose your clothes, govern your diet, tolerate your friends, cater to your relatives and never quite admit she's doing it. She'll build you up when you've been "put down", she'll make your dreams seem like real possibilities, she'll nag a little. She'll worry about your weight and then serve you three of your favourite things at one meal.

If its on a map, she can find it. If its in the house, she's the only one who can find it. If there's something to be done, she'll do it. If someone needs something, she'll give it. She may have trouble keeping a secret but who else would you tell it to? And isn't it nice that no matter who's on the OTHER side, she's on YOUR side?

Her companionship is your delight. Her laughter is your joy. Her dreams are your goals. Her faith is your strength. Her loyalty keeps your whole world steady. And as year follows year, she only proves to you over and over again the thing you've known all along - a wife is the one person you can't do without - because a wife is someone who always loves you!!!

DORIS FAULHABER

JOB MART

THUNDER BAY PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT

requires a

PROGRAMME DEVELOPER

SALARY RANGE: \$7,975.00 - \$9,775.00

Job Description will be made available upon request

CONTACT Mrs. Donna Crocker,
Thunder Bay Parks & Recreation Dept.
City Hall, Annex,
Thunder Bay "F" Ontario.

A "WEE" BIT OF HUMOUR

Lifeguard to Public Swimmer:

"I've been watching you on your last three visits to our new pool, Mr. Gallstone, and you'll have to stop urinating in the pool."

Mr. G. : "Everybody urinates in the pool."

Lifeguard: "From the diving board?"

EXECUTIVE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

This is a reminder once again that the 2nd Annual Executive Development Program will be held at the University of Waterloo in 1972.

The 2nd year class of 20 will be returning and 20-25 applications will be accepted for the 1st year program.

For further information. Contact

MR. DONALD ARNOLD
DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION
UNIVERSITY OF WATERLOO
WATERLOO, Ontario.



SPECIAL EVENTS!

THE TOWN OF BURLINGTON

Winter Carnival '72

FEBRUARY 11th to 20th

Two new events are planned this year. The first being a snowball Tournament for Senior Men's Basketball teams from Ontario and the second a "Winterfest Fun Night" for adults similar to an Octoberfest event.

THE TOWN OF MISSISSAUGA

Winter Carnival

FEBRUARY 4th & 5th

The 1972 Winter Carnival will feature the Argonauts in a hockey game Saturday afternoon and the fabulous chariot races Saturday evening at Huron Park. (EDITORS NOTE: Good to see the Argos trying something else - maybe - just maybe they will be winners at these sports cause they don't have much luck with football!)

THE CITY OF SAULT STE MARIE

BON SOO WINTER CARNIVAL January 27th to February 6th

" A great Time"

CITY OF WELLAND

8TH ANNUAL WINTER CARNIVAL
FEBRUARY 11th to 13th

This year's event features a "Snowflake Ball" Snowmobile Races and other various carnival events.

SPECIAL EVENTS!

TOWN OF OAKVILLE

3rd ANNUAL WINTER CARNIVAL IN FEBRUARY

PROGRAMS OF INTEREST!

* OSHAWA - The Annual Senior Citizens Bus Tour of Christmas Lights was held on December 28th, 1971. About 400 Senior Citizens were involved in the event.

* NEPEAN TOWNSHIP - Nepean Parks and Recreation Department will once again conduct their LEADERSHIP TRAINING COURSE in co-operation with Algonquin College Recreation Department every Saturday in March. Organizations and municipalities from the Surrounding area are invited to make inquiries: Algonquin College, 1385 Woodruffe Avenue, Ottawa.

* TOWN OF SIMCOE - Norfolk County School Board allows Simcoe Recreation Board to use the High School Gymnasium for a roller skating program. Average attendance was approximately 106 for the first two sessions held Sunday Afternoon 2:00 - 4:00 P.M. Skates normally used during the summer at the Arena now have year round use. The School Phys. Ed Department has full use of the skates during the week.

* SARNIA - We often boast of our successes but sometimes news of our failures can help other Departments avoid the same mistakes. Sarnia tried a "Mini-Theatre" this Fall. Movies were shown on Friday Evenings at a Community Centre for kids 7 to 12 years of age in order that Mom & Dad could go shopping in peace. Attendance never exceeded 25 youngsters and the lowest count was 6. The two hours of movies made up mainly of comedy and Walt Disney Types failed to attract the kids. Mom & Dad still like to take the kids with them on the supermarket trail!

* NEW LISKEARD - A Youth and Community Activity program was initiated in the High School for the Christmas holiday period. Full use was made of the gymnasiums and related areas Community resources were tapped for assistance.

* NEPEAN TOWNSHIP - Under the Provincial Local Incentive Programme, Nepean Parks and Recreation Department will employ two people to conduct a research study into the role, function and image of the Department, particularly as it relates to programmes and facilities. The Department was established in 1965, with programmes introduced in 1966; now five years later, the Department feels it would be a good time to present the question-are we fulfilling our function, meeting our goals and the need of the community.

While many municipalities would agree that such a survey would be most beneficial to future planning and development, often the age-old question arises as to who has the time, resources and money. Nepean Townships staff are delighted that under the Provincial Local Incentive Programme, such a project is now possible.

QUESTION? COMMENTS QUICKIES

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EARLE ZEIGLER - comments - "That experience that my wife and I had at the 25th Annual Banquet was outstanding and truly unforgettable. That afternoon we had seen Western win the Canadian title in football (a really sensational win) and, all in all, it really was a perfect day. Seeing all of those Past-Presidents lined up was a great experience for me."

WES OGDEN writes- "Only one comment describes the 1971 S.D.M.R.O. Annual Banquet - FANTASTIC."

DON SHAY notes - "That Simcoe, Ontario- is located in South Western Ontario near Long Point and Lake Erie and is not to be confused with Lake Simcoe or Simcoe County. (EDITORS NOTE: What do you say to that Peter?)

Don Also noted that he thought the 1971 Training Institute was excellent, the Survey Section, excellent, and is now looking forward to the results.

QUICKIES FROM OAKVILLE

- Two Recreation Office Girls just married (not to each other)
- Don Heath of Kinoak Arena recently married
- Murray Walker, Superintendent of Programs is engaged.
- Doug Rigg is growing hair.

TED WOOD adds - "If you are fortunate enough to have a Personnel Manager within your Municipal Government Administration, you have an opportunity to gain additional training. Each year, the Sarnia Municipal Personnel Administrator takes the time and effort to offer courses to all Municipal Department Staffs including Parks and Recreation. He does this through his affiliation with the International City Management Association. If you have a Personnel Manager, why not approach him and ask about this. Perhaps he would set up a course similar to the one the Sarnia Staff are taking entitled "Municipal Personnel Administration." Participation in the course is over a 4 month period plus a final examination.

MOVING?

Please let the S.D.M.R.O. Membership Chairman (Mr. Bud Bitton, City Hall, Peterborough) know your new address as soon as possible if you should change your place of residence.

STUDENTS please take note of this particularly on or after Graduation Day this Spring. Knowing where you are, helps us keep you informed on the activities of the S.D.M.R.O. through the circulation of Minutes, Special Reports, and Newsletters.

REGISTRAR IS APPOINTED

James G. Maxwell, R.D.M.R. was recently appointed by the Executive to serve as REGISTRAR for the purpose of FELLOWSHIP procedures for this current term.

Regarding Fellowship, a very encouraging report was presented at the 1971 Annual Meeting with respect to the number of members who had expressed interest in pursuing Fellowship. More recently, a very comprehensive document on Fellowship, prepared by Mr. Blayne Rennick, containing such information as procedures to obtain Fellowship, a directory of those presently holding Fellowship Status, and a list of Fellowship Papers now the property of the S.D.M.R.O., was circulated.

S.D.M.R.O. members are encouraged to consider Fellowship. Are you interested? Do you require further information.

Contact: MR. JAMES G. MAXWELL, R.D.M.R.
Director of Recreation,
Parks and Recreation Department,
269 Queen Street, East,
Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario.

December 22, 1971

ONTARIO MUNICIPAL RECREATION ASSOCIATION

Fifty six persons participated in the recent community school tour and workshop conducted by the Association, December 6, 7, 8, 1971.

They represented school boards, recreation committees and community organizations. The greatest representation came from school boards.

Large representations from Thunder Bay and Timmins as well as various separate school boards were there.

We saw a variety of schools in operation:

public, separate, high school, a school not yet built - but with program; some operated by the boards, some operated by joint co-operation between boards, recreation and other agencies.

Discussion and presentation sessions were fruitful as well.

May 10-13, 1972 - Victorian Inn, Stratford, Ontario - Ontario Municipal Recreation Association Annual Conference - F O C U S F O R

C O M M U N I T Y - R e C R E A T I O N

What are we doing? WHY?

Where should we be going? HOW?

--19-- " IT'S "
 FUNNY

The year is 1962 and the British Government policy of socialized medicine has been extended to include "Proxy Papas". That is, any married woman not having a child in the first five years of marriage, must receive the services of a Government Man, who will attempt to be the means of her becoming a mother.

The Smiths have no children and the Government Man is due. Smith leaves for work. He has a hang dog look as he pecks his wife dutifully at the door.

Mr. Smith I'm off. The Government Man should be here early. He leaves, and his wife pretties herself putting on her most seductive negligee. But instead of the Government Man, a door to door photographer, specializing in baby pictures, knocks at the door.

Mrs. Smith Oh, good morning
 Man: You probably don't know me, but I represent.....
 Mrs. Smith Oh yes, you needn't explain. My husband said to expect you.
 Man I make a specialty of babies, especially twins.
 Mrs. Smith That is what my husband said. Please sit down.
 Man: Then your husband probably told you that.....
 Mrs. Smith Oh yes, we both agree it is the best thing to do.
 Man Well, in that case, we may as well get started.
 Mrs. Smith Blushing -- Just where do we start?
 Man Just leave everything to me madam. I recommend two in the bathtub, one on the couch and a couple on the floor.
 Mrs. Smith Bathtub, floor, No wonder Harry & I.....
 Man Well my dear lady, even the best of us can't guarantee a good one every time. But, say out of six, one is bound to be a honey. I usually have the best luck with the shots in the bathtub.
 Mrs. Smith Pardon me, but it seems a bit informal.
 Man No indeed. In my line a man can't do his best work in a hurry. (He opens his album and shows the baby pictures to her) Look at this baby. It's a good job, took four hours, but isn't she a beauty?
 Mrs. Smith Yes, a lovely child.
 Man But for a tough assignment, look at this baby. Believe it or not, it was done atop a bus in Picadilly Circus.
 Mrs. Smith My God.
 Man It's not hard when a man knows his job. My work is a pleasure. I spent long years perfecting my technique. Now take this baby - I did it with one shot in Alexander's window.
 Mrs. Smith I can't believe it.
 Man And here is a perfect picture of the prettiest twins in town. They turned out exceptionally well when you consider their mother was so difficult. But I knocked off the job in Hyde Park on a snowy afternoon. It took from two in the afternoon until five in the evening. I never worked under such difficult conditions. People were crowded around four or five deep pushing to get a look.
 Mrs. Smith Four or five deep?
 Man Yes, and more than three hours. But I had two bobbies helping me. I could have done another shot before dark but by that time the squirrels were nibbling at my equipment and I had to give up. Well madam, if you're ready, I'll set up my tripod and get to work.
 Mrs. Smith Tripod?
 Man Yes, I always use a tripod to rest my equipment on. It is much too heavy for me to hold at any length of time.....Mrs. Smith? Good Lord, Mrs. Smith.....
 Have you fainted ????



THE ROLE OF THE PROVINCIAL CERTIFICATION
COMMITTEE

EDITORS NOTE: Certification in the recreation field to-day is most important and yet while we are perhaps familiar with the Ontario Regulations governing this matter, many of us are not familiar with the role of the Provincial Committee charged with this responsibility.

Doug Collison, Director of Parks and Recreation for the Town of Georgetown, and an S.D.M.R.O. MEMBER who serves on this committee, has kindly prepared the following for your information.

The Provincial Certification Committee was originally called the Certification Advisory Board and was founded in 1964. The original committee was made up of members of the Board of Regents of the society and three members of the Community Programs Branch now known as The Youth & Recreation Branch.

The structure of the committee over the past few years has changed a great deal to encompass a much broader area of recreation disciplines. In 1971, the committee structure was made up in the following way; one representative from The Ontario Arenas Association, three members of The Youth and Recreation Branch, three members of the S.D.M.R.O., two members of Recreation Educators and one member from O.R.S.

It should also be noted that the members of the S.D.M.R.O. are recommended by the Executive of the Society and ratified by the Minister through the Director of Y & R B.

The purpose of the committee is as follows:

- 1) To study present certification procedures and standards as they relate to the education programs being offered across the province today.
- 2) The evaluation of education programs existing outside the province and relating these courses to our standards for certification.
- 3) With the increased number of courses being offered in the province during the past few years, the committee is now looking at what is being offered in the various courses and how they measure up with the current standards that have been set.
- 4) For permanent certification the committee is concerned with how the individual has performed during intern years and whether he meets the acceptable standard.

The Committee is striving to maintain a high standard for recreation certification in Ontario. By doing this everyone in the field will benefit. Gone are the days when certification was an automatic thing that almost anyone who worked in the field could attain.

For information regarding Certification Regulations all members of the Society are urged to read the new regulations which came into effect in 1971, Ontario Regulation 392/71.

For any person eligible for certification it should be noted that the responsibility of making application lies with the applicant. Application forms are made available through the District Representative of the Youth & Recreation Branch.



NOTES FROM THE ZONES

RECREATIONIST'S ASSOCIATION OF WEST CENTRAL ONTARIO

The following were elected to the 1972 R.A.W.C.O. Executive at the Annual Meeting held on November 25th, 1971 in Guelph.

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| <u>PRESIDENT</u> | - | JIM OLMSTEAD | - | BURLINGTON |
| <u>PAST PRESIDENT</u> | - | WAYNE TAYLOR | - | GALT |
| <u>SECRETARY</u> | - | GINNY SIMS | - | BRAMPTON |
| <u>TREASURER</u> | - | BOB LUCAS | - | MISSISSAUGA |
| <u>SUMMER TRAINING</u> | - | GERRY GINSBERG | - | SALTFLEET |
| <u>GENERAL TRAINING</u> | - | BILL HUTCHINSON | - | KITCHENER |

NIAGARA REGION PROFESSIONAL RECREATION SOCIETY

The Recreation Directors in the Regional Municipality of Niagara have reviewed the old Niagara Peninsula Association and renamed the organization. as noted above or shortened to "N.R.P.R.S."

Serving on the Executive for the 1971-72 term are the following:

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| <u>CHAIRMAN</u> | - | ART STEAD | - | PORT COLBORNE |
| <u>VICE-CHAIRMAN</u> | - | JOY MCKENZIE | - | NIAGARA FALLS |
| <u>SECRETARY-TREASURER</u> | - | JOHN SKOCHYLA | - | THOROLD |

PROFESSIONAL RECREATION GUILD OF METROPOLITAN TORONTO

The P.R.G. circulated a very colourful and informative Newsletter to their membership at Christmas. It was noted that their membership stood at 71 as of December, 1971. Three interest groups namely "Competition," "Community Development" and "Therapeutic Recreation" have been formed with much probing done to date on each subject.



Did You Know?



- * THE CANADIAN TRACK & FIELD ASSOCIATION are offering \$12,000.00 a year for a Technical Administrator. Base of operation is in Ottawa but successful applicant will be required to travel coast to coast. More information is available from any C.T.F.A. representative.
- * OAKVILLE will be opening tenders on January 18th for the construction of a new Arena estimated to cost \$370,000.00 Plans are also set for a Senior Citizens Drop In Centre (\$120,000.00) and an announcement is expected shortly of another Walk-to-Pool for 1972, courtesy of the Lions Club of Oakville.
- * THE ONTARIO BRANCH OF THE ROYAL LIFE SAVING SOCIETY has a new office and are now located at 559 Jarvis Street in Toronto. Effective immediately, all requests for materials, completed test sheets, requisitions, N.L.S. Courses and information should be forwarded to 559 Jarvis Street, Toronto 5.
- * MISSISSAUGA RECREATION & PARKS DEPARTMENT offices are located in the new Robert W. Speck Civic Square. This was reported, in the last Newsletter but it seems that their new address is
ONE CITY CENTRE DRIVE
MISSISSAUGA, ONTARIO
AND not 4100 Hurontario Street as previously reported.
- * A new indoor artificial ice rink in Cawthra Park, MISSISSAUGA should be open in 1972. The new facility features two ice surfaces, a common lobby and snack bar, and limited seating in each rink. The building is located in a 66 acres park adjacent to a Secondary School and Separate School.
- * NEW LISKEARD'S Arena & Recreation Centre Should be ready to open in early March, 1972.
- * THUNDER BAY PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT is conducting a Master Plan Study of Parks and Recreation. The study which places emphasis on Community Involvement commenced in November and should be completed in June 1972.
- * New Baseball floodlights were just installed at BRAMPTON'S Fairgrounds which now enables Brampton Minor Baseball Association to organize and provide more ball for midget and junior age boys. Cost of the new lights was \$38,500.00.

- * NEPEAN TOWNSHIP PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT is currently building a 5 million dollar SPORTSPLEX with a completion date expected by October 1972. Sportsplex will include two arena surfaces with seating for 3,000; Olympic size pool, meeting hall and a curling rink to be added at a later date.
- * OSHAWA RECREATION DEPARTMENT became responsible for programming the Oshawa Youth Centre, located in downtown Oshawa. A holiday program which included a New Years Eve Party for Youth was conducted during the festive season.
- * STRATFORD'S Dufferin Park Outdoor Rink has been converted into an arena and is scheduled to open sometime in January 1972. Stratford now has 3 indoor arenas.
- * FORT FRANCES is planning an indoor swimming pool at a cost of \$400,000.00. Construction is planned to commence in January, 1972. Stratford now has 3 indoor arenas.
- * FORT FRANCES is planning an indoor swimming pool at a cost of \$400,000.00. Construction is planned to commence in January, 1972 with a completion date set for September, 1972. The local Kinsmen Club along with a Community Action Committee are heading up the project. No local tax money will be used. To date the Kinsmen have pledged \$50,000.00 and other service Clubs have agreed upon several thousand dollars. Two hundred local persons are visiting every home and business in the community soliciting pledges to be spread over a three year period to help pay the capital costs. Upon completion the pool will be turned over to the Town which has agreed to accept the responsibility of the Pool Administration. Truly a community project!
- * WELLAND RECREATION DEPARTMENT is using a VEMCO AC-1 Counter (electrical) which shows an actual count by addition and subtraction buttons of those in the swimming pool at any one time. (Welland acquired these from Dometec Sales, 1763 Mattawa Ave., Cooksville, - Gerry Brinson - rep)
- * GALT officially opened the new Duncan McIntosh Community Centre November 26th, 1971, which includes an ice surface, activities hall (110' x 80') and dressing facilities etc. The facility will be expanded further in 1972 when a meeting room and lounge will be completed on an upper floor.
- * PEOPLE READ THE S.D.M.R.O. NEWSLETTER! After last months article on the Sarnia Cycling Club, Several Recreation Departments have made inquiries for additional information. Sounds like 1972 will be the year for Ontario Cyclists.

January 10, 1972.

To the Municipal Recreation Director.

You executive has very kindly offered to assist us in placing in your hands information regarding the Ontario Badminton Association that we hope you will find to be of interest.

From what we see happening in community recreation these days, we are convinced that social and recreational Badminton is experiencing an exciting increase in popularity. Our purpose in writing to you is to make sure that those who are involved with Badminton in your community are aware that there is a formal organization established, not just to support a small number of top tournament players, but to assist the recreational players to get the most fun possible out of a great sport.

We understand that a number of Recreation Department clubs are presently affiliated with our organization throughout the province; however, for those who are not and who would like to obtain information on the services we provide through our District Organization, as well as our Provincial and National Associations in terms of Junior programmes, league play, clinics, tournaments etc. please write to our Secretary Treasurer, Mrs. M. Rankin, 4 John Dexter Place, Markham and we will have the closest District association to you get in touch with you to explain our services in detail.

On behalf of the Ontario Badminton Association
a happy and prosperous New Year.



H. A. Kirkconnell,
President,
Ontario Badminton Association.



"T.R.A.P."

(TALK RECREATION AS PROFESSIONALS)

MARCH 10th
(Fri. Evening)

T O

MARCH 12th/72
(Sun. Afternoon)

\$13 /person/day (meals included)

LIGHT LUNCH UPON ARRIVAL - 9:30 P.M.

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POTENTIAL MEMBERS

YOURSELF

SOCIETY MEMBERS + GUESTS

- NO Registration Fee; Book Directly with the Resort
- Organize your own cabin group; 2 to 7 per Cabin (Twin)

REGISTRATION DEADLINE

FRIDAY, February 4th/72

DEPOSIT

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"T.R.A.P." Chairman,
J. MacKenzie
Recreation Commission,
Niagara Falls, Ontario.
(356-7521 Ext. 278)

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Brampton, Ontario.

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| ITEMS REQUIRED | Number | Item | Price | Total |
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TOTAL AMOUNT _____

Enclosed is a cheque for full payment in the amount of \$ _____

"Those persons who cancel their membership are no longer qualified to use the insignia."

Allow 4 weeks for delivery for all Jewellery items.

