

THE SOCIETY OF DIRECTORS OF MUNICIPAL RECREATION
OF ONTARIO

NEWSLETTER

R. W. Sones, Sr., Editor April 1959

The April Edition of the Newsletter is compiled for the sole purpose of presenting to the Society, information of coming events such as conferences, training courses, outstanding activities, social events and personal notes.

It is difficult to determine the division between professional evaluation of news and the common gossip type of information. It is hoped this new form of presentation will be acceptable to the membership and with the full support of the members this style of Newsletter could be issued alternately with the Bulletin.

A large precentage of this issue is devoted to training courses and the O.R.A. A number of the districts have been kind enough to take time out to jot down a few items of interest for which we are very grateful. To those districts who have not submitted, we are aware of the many tasks at hand at this particular time of the year, and hope we will be hearing from them in time for the next issue of the Bulletin which will be in June.

A note of solemn thought is in order at this time as every district, every municipality and every recreation committee is busy planning playground courses, day camp courses, leadership seminars and recreation conferences, but, have you given thought to yourselves? Are you busy, busy, busy? You are a recreationalist, but do you say you are too tired to have fun? REMEMBER: the ability to work and to stop working, to be active when necessary and to be quiet and peaceful, to be contented alone as well as with people, is necessary if you are to have a well balanced personality. Think about your holidays NOW and when they come enjoy them to the fullest, for recreation must not stand still, and those dedicated to it must "keep-fit" to push forward.

Your Editor,

Bob Sones, Sr.

THE SOCIETY EXECUTIVE SPEAKS

Canons of Ethical Practice

Jac Copley and a Committee are busy polishing the Canons and putting them into an acceptable form. The membership requested this at the last annual meeting. The essence of the Canons is not being changed; merely the wording and the format.

Policies and Procedures

Crop is also working on a policy and precedures manual. Your executive spent considerable time at their last meeting discussing this whole matter and deciding where various items belonged - whether in the Canons, of Policies and Procedures, or Principles of Practice. With the completion of these three projects we will have our own bible for guidance in all matters pertaining to the Society.

Ontario Medical Association

The Executive was very pleased to receive an invitation from the Ontario Medical Association to meet with them to discuss Child Safety. This recognition on the part of the Medical Association is very gratifying. Bill Hare was appointed to attend their next meeting.

Fellowship Examinations

It was felt by the Executive that the time of the Fellowship examinations should be changed to allow those completing the course in June to take the exam prior to the Annual Meeting. Now that the course dates run from September to June, it was recognized that the exams should follow the course; and successful candidates could still receive their fellowship awards at the Annual Meeting.

Annual Meeting

This matter brought forth a great deal of discussion. The results of the discussion were that the Annual Meeting

should be more than just a business meeting; that after many years of streamlining our operation we should be able to complete our business in half a day; and that the remainder of the Annual Meeting should take the form of a seminar. With the success of the first seminar the Executive feels that at least two seminars should be held each year.

It was felt that Toronto was the best spot to hold such a seminar because of the availability of speakers and resource people. We feel that this new format for the annual meeting will meet with the approval of the membership, and will prove far more interesting than strictly a business meeting.

Finances

Your Executive received quite a scare when they received the Treasurer's report and found that our finances were dwindling quite rapidly. The expenditures required to change over from the Federation to the Society have been extensive. The fact that we have a fourteen month year this year as compared to a ten month year last year has also had a great bearing on our present financial situation. Therefore, your Executive has had to drastically curtail expenditures for the remainder of this year. Many of the curtailed items are important and urgent, however, we had no alternative. Another year should alleviate this situation appreciably.

Joint Meeting with O. R. A. Board

We had a very good meeting with members of the Board of O. R. A. during which we discussed matters of mutual interest and concern. This was in no way an official meeting, meaning that neither body was prepared to take action before discussing a particular matter with their membership. However, we were able to establish areas of responsibility and action, and also set the stage for further meeting.

George Kormas

The man who knows How will always find a
place in life, but the man who knows Why
will be his boss.

THE ONTARIO DISTRICTS' REPORT

News Flashes from East Central District

We offer congrats to the Thorsen's of Lindsay. John and Edith recently became the proud parents of a spankin' new baby girl on March 14th - who will be known by the name of Suzanne. Another boost for family recreation!

Tony Dojcak, as of May 15th, will become Director of Recreation for the Improvement District of Biccroft. More specifically, at the Biccroft Uranium Mine District. We all wish him luck and success at his new job. Everyone in the District has told him how to handle his new position, but no one has any ready answer for the District Reporter on how he is going to procure an adequate replacement.

The District, with Branch assistance, is rapidly whipping the Quin-Mo-Lac Playgrounds Leaders Training Course into shape. Calls for an end-of-June session as usual and it appears that enrollment will be larger than ever; and may even include personnel from "Pierre" Turner's down-east Cornwallians.

Primarily through the efforts of Tony, the E.C.O.'s first Junior Bowling Tournament was successfully staged at Peterborough on Saturday March 21st. Six municipalities were represented with many nice trophies up for competition. This "do" was for the under 16's and a team was composed of 5 girls and 5 boys, thus bringing the fair sex into our outside competitions. A Peterborough team took home the grand trophy but a number of individual awards left the city. The team championship trophy was a Directors' of Recreation presentation.

The executive of the E.C.O. of the O.R.A. has been set up for the 1959 term and Walter Harris, Executive Director of the Red Cross and Community Fund of Peterborough has been elected President. They are presently considering several matters affecting the Zone and on the 16th of this month will be joining the E.C.O. S.D.M.R. to discuss mutual interests and areas of operation. Looking stronger all the time, in fact, and these joint meetings on recreation should prove beneficial all round.

A change in format of the East Central Ontario annual Travelling Art Display was voted in this year at the annual meeting. Some of the "die-hards", of which your District Reporter is one, were not too kindly disposed to the contemplated change but we are agreed in full support of the effort. It will mean a higher category of artistic effort on display and we only hope that the beginners and new-comers will continue to support the local and district "hangings".

Peterborough, last Saturday (April 4th) held its first annual Kids Cordwood Curling Bonspeil (the first in Ontario, as far as we can ascertain - although they are not uncommon in the west), which was an unqualified success. The Peterborough Curling Club turned over their entire facilities plus the active support of their membership, and the rocks (which were actually made of wood) were banging all day long. Twenty eight rinks were entered with interest being promoted via the publicity outlets and the schools. Kids had a wonderful day with champs, runners-up, etc., being declared and some wonderful prizes being donated for winning rinks. This will undoubtedly be an annual affair particularly through the efforts of some of the older curlers who originally viewed the promotion through a rather jaundiced eye. (Another one of Tony's efforts after a two year "selling" job to the Club - any wonder that we are reluctant to let him go.)

That is all from East Central District - where the important things happen first!

Ken Robinson
District Reporter

Northern Ontario District

The most recent meeting of the Northern members of the Society was held February 23rd. An outstanding attendance has been recorded at these meetings. Seldom is there less than ninety percent attending. This requires that members travel in excess of 3,000 miles. We are very proud of the importance which our members in the North place on Society business.

Many projects of general concern were discussed at the February meeting.

Broomball: This sport has become extremely popular in recent years. The culmination of this season's activity took place in Noranda on the weekend of April 4th and 5th. Teams from all over Northern Ontario (14 in all) participated in the Sixth Annual Broomball Tournament.

Ken Neeb, in Noranda, deserves a good deal of credit for his excellent work in preparing for the 250 Broomballers.

We must note an error made in our last Newsletter--The Recreation Director in Elliot Lake is Mr. Wilfred Best, not Jim West as recorded.

The Annual Northern Ontario Playground Hockey Association Jamboree held in Sudbury was a most successful one. Sam Jacks can be justly proud of his hockey program in North Bay. The Bay won the Hockey Jamboree in all three divisions--Pee Wee, Minor-Bantam, and Bantam.

Recreation Directors in Northern Ontario have been watching closely the activities of the Northern Ontario Art Association. It is the intent of Northern members to take an active part in the local affairs of this group, so that a continuing development in the interest and standard of art in the North will take place.

We felt that we should acquaint you with the Northern Ontario members of your Society. They are as follows:

Pat Closs, RDMR	Kirkland Lake
Archie Dillon	Timmins
Ken Edgar	New Liskard
Margaret Phillips	RDMR, Iroquois Falls
Sam Jacks, RDMR	North Bay
Janice Corbett	North Bay
Terry Talentino, RDMR,	Kapuskasing
Bud Stanley	Cochrane
George Kormos	Sudbury
Bob Bateman	Sudbury
George Wallace	Sault Ste. Marie
Ken Neeb	Noranda, P.Q.

On May 25th the next meeting of Northern Ontario members of the Society will be held. This is to be at the lovely Red Pines Hotel at Kenogami. We extend our invitation to any Society members who might be in the area at that time.

Bob Bateman,
Sudbury.

Central Ontario District

Riverdale Terrace, Canada's first outdoor artificial ice rink, is being demolished to make way for the Don Valley Expressway. The Terrace was opened in 1950 and has served hundreds of thousands in skating and dancing. This rink was the pilot of some thirty-outdoor artificial rinks in Metropolitan Toronto, and one hundred in Canada. Oscar Pearson, who has had his office in the Terrace for the past three years is now located at 206 Sherbourne Street, Toronto.

Earl Zeigler sends greetings to his many friends; Earl is now in charge of Professional Preparation at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. Recreationists miss Earl's friendly counsel.

Ted Sommerville, the dynamic Director of Red Cross Water Safety (Ontario Branch) for the past year, has accepted a position with Associated Chemical Company of Canada, Ltd. We can expect big things from Ted in this new field, which is very much related to swimming and water safety.

Sydney Moore has been appointed regional field supervisor for the Community Recreation Bureau of the Alberta Government. Syd is a former physical director of the Regina Y.M.C.A.

The City of Toronto Recreation Department has undergone a reorganization recently, de-centralizing its operations into four areas with area offices. John Mardall is in

charge of the North area, with headquarters at 315 Christie Street; Frank Cornach is in charge of the West area with headquarters at the Coliseum Building Canadian National Exhibition; Hugh Clydesdale is responsible for the Central area with headquarters at Allan Gardens; and Bob Hately is in charge of the East area, with headquarters at the S.A. Armstrong Community Centre, 56 Woodfield Road. In the future, the four area men will be responsible for the total municipal recreation program in their area.

Township of Toronto

The largest Township of the Central Ontario District played host to guests of royal standing on Saturday April 11th at their headquarters, the Township of Toronto Recreation and Parks Department in Clarkson. The guests were Lady Louise, former Duchess of Argyll, Lord Colin Campbell, son of Lady Louise, and Major Robert Timpson, of Rehnbeck, New York. The occasion was the christening of a Band that is sponsored by an Area Recreation Committee, and is known as the Marquess of Lorne Pipes and Drums, and is named after the eldest son of the Duke of Argyll, the Marquess of Lorne.

The Township of Toronto Thomson "Saints", co-sponsored by Thomson Lumber and the Recreation and Parks Department, last Saturday won the Ontario Amature Basketball Association Intermediate "A" championship.

Defeating the Sault Ste. Marie "Merchants" here by 79-57 and in the "Soo" 55-54, the Thomson "Saints" won the round 134-111.

Ien Coolich, a recreation supervisor with the Township of Toronto, is a leading scorer and guard with the team. The "Saints" have been coached to this victory by W. G. "Jerry" Love, Assistant Director of Recreation for the Township of Toronto.

Meanwhile, Brockville Parke-Davis defeated Deep River to advance into the All-Ontario championship against the Thomson "Saints" in the Township on Saturday April 18th and in Brockville the following Saturday.

Oscar Pearson
District Reporter

A leader never quits,
A quitter never leads.

West Central District News

March is the windy month so the weatherman says. This being so, it was quite fitting that our retreat was held at the Flying Dutchman Motel in Kitchener on March 23 and 24. Theme of the two day programme was "Leadership Training" and an amazing variety of topics were covered such as Professional Standards, Professional Training, Staff Relationships, Selection and Training of Leaders.

A particular highlight of our sessions together was the evening presentation by Bob Secord from C.P.B.. Bob covered in some detail in a very stimulating way "The Responsibilities of a Recreation Committee" and illustrated his talk with personal experiences from his work in the Lake Huron area. Following the talk an interesting panel discussion was conducted with directors and recreation committee personnel on the panel.

It was felt that these two day sessions can be an effective method of increasing professional competence and training and will in the future be designated as "District Recreation Seminars" with a sub-heading "a workshop for municipal recreation personnel". Since they have proved their value to us as a group it was approved that we hold two seminars a year, in November and March respectively. Earl Davis of Burlington has been asked to assume the responsibility for planning the fall seminar.

Now is the time for all good men to - start plans for summer programs. In fact, our area has been planning for some time. Apropos of this - many of us are taking an increasing interest in the value of day camps as a big item in the summer program, and what better way could there be of training leaders for the special skills and knowledge required in this area than by having them attend the "Nature Week-End Camp" which is being sponsored and encouraged by the S.M.D.R.O., Hamilton Naturalists' Club and the Community Programmes Branch.

The camp will be held at Ryerson Beach on Lake Erie from May 15 - 18. Each participant will receive instruction in the following subjects: Mammals, Insects, Reptiles and Amphibians, Plants, Birds and Trees. Some of the outstanding men in their respective fields will be attending as instructors such as - Dr. D. M. Davies, Entomologist, McMaster University; Miss J. Shortt, Zoology, University of Toronto; Herb Milnes; Dr. Axtell, Curator of Biology, Buffalo Museum; Gordon McNair, Hamilton City Arborist; and many others.

There are option periods where special projects will be carried out - Banding Birds, Nature Photography, Animal Track Castings, etc. As Ed Sullivan would say this is going to be "reelly big" and this reporter for one, is certainly going to attend. How about you?

ONTARIO RECREATION ASSOCIATION
14th ANNUAL
MEETING AND CONFERENCE
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KITCHENER ONTARIO

The Ontario Recreation Association's Annual Meeting and Conference will be held this year on May 1, 2, and 3, at Kitchener-Waterloo. Their Worships Mayors Parkin and Hymmen of Waterloo and Kitchener respectively are looking forward to welcoming us all to their cities which are situated in one of the most beautiful parts of our province. Mr. N. Weims and Mr. Don McLaren and their respective Recreation Committees have been busy planning several months now in order to make this the best Conference ever. Mr. John Darling of the Kitchener Recreation Committee is the very capable Conference Chairman.

John's Program Chairman is Jean Shek, along with a capable committee. A program has been developing which should be of great interest to everyone interested in leisure time activities.

On Friday a symposium including highly qualified lay people in the areas of school, church, industry, municipal recreation, voluntary agency recreation, and labour will discuss their respective roles in the community under the skilled leadership of Mr. Ken Young. Everyone will have a chance to discuss some of the questions which arise. The whole idea is that we all try to discover how we as individuals or as groups, plan in our community so there will be more effective services for leisure time activities.

On Saturday we may all choose the area in which we are particularly interested. There will be a choice:

1. Facilities---joint use; who sets standards; financing of; design for; management staffing; community needs.
2. Parks and open space for Recreation Purposes--administration; advance planning for community; relationship between planning board and recreation authority standards; layout and development; function and what uses; camps and reservations within parks.
3. Leadership--volunteer; paid; recruitment; selection; training; recognition, satisfaction.

4. Finances--who pays for what? - why?
5. Community Planning for Recreation--agencies involved; their roles; inter-agency cooperation; physical planning as it related to social planning.

They will all be discussed keeping the idea of community planning in mind.

The program part will conclude with a panel composed of practioners in the same areas which were represented in the symposium, giving some specific ideas as to how effective community planning may be attained.

Highlights of the Conference will be the Friday night banquet with Miss Florence Philpott as our guest speaker and on Saturday Professor Hugh Maine of Western University..

It is hoped as many as possible will register Thursday evening at pre Conference registration at the Hotel Walper and attend the reception which the West Central District is planning , to start the Conference off in a big way. Then we will all be ready to be on hand for the most important annual meeting which begins early Friday morning with our President George Cammings assuring us that an annual meeting can be exciting too!

There is an advance registration form in the February issue of "Ora". More will be sent to Recreation Committees soon.

The Ontario Recreation Association Executive would like to take this opportunity of informing Recreation Directors about two items which went out in the past few months to Municipal Recreation Committees:

1. A report from the Zone Study Committee and some questions which it asked Recreation Committees to discuss, and then send in their opinions to Mrs. Pam. Graham (Chairman) Assistant Recreation Director, St. Catharines. If this material cannot be located, there is a complete duplicate in the last issue of "Ora".
2. A statement re fees for Municipal membership for O.R.A. and the first flyer re the Annual Meeting and Conference in Kitchener-Waterloo May 1, 2, and 3. The Board of Directors has established a new policy re the publication "Ora". It will no longer be sent out free. The voting members to

which each municipality or agency is entitled with municipal or agency fees and all individual members will receive "Ora". Further members of Recreation Committees may receive the publication of individual membership fees of \$2.00 are paid or \$1.50 for a subscription.

The question has arisen "Why should Municipal Recreation members each pay \$2.00 instead of the municipal fees indicated"? The answer to this is that if "Ora" is going to be the "Voice of recreation in Ontario" it must have financial support. If "O.R.A." is going to be of service to Recreation people in Ontario, do research in special areas, approach legislative bodies on issues which arise from time to time, bring together various agencies interested in Recreation, study standards and encourage the best standards, provide an annual provincial conference where all interested in Recreation may meet and discuss common interests it needs the support of municipalities, voluntary agencies, and many, many others.

The Ontario Recreation Association appreciates very much the opportunity of being able to have space in this publication and would appreciate anything that Recreation Directors can do in interpreting the foregoing item to their Committees.

June Braaten,
Executive-Secretary
of "Ora".

"THE BIG THINGS":

The really good things, the big things, are inside and not outside the man. The big thing is not luxury, but contentment; not a big house, but a big satisfaction; not accumulated art treasures, but a fine art appreciation; not a big library, but a serene studiousness; not a big estate, but a big vision.

Dr. J. H. Jowett.

?????????DO YOU KNOW ABOUT?????????????

A Workshop on Nature Lore for Directors and Senior Staff in non-profit Day Camps and Residence Camps will take place the week-end of May 22nd - 24th, at Geneva Park. This is sponsored by the Social Planning Council and the Community Programmes Branch, in collaboration with the Ontario Field Naturalists Society.

The Annual Meeting of the Ontario Welfare Council will take place May 21st and 22nd, at Hart House.

The 13th Annual Session of the National Training Laboratory in Group Development at Bethel, Maine will take place June 21st - July 10th.

A National Training Laboratory for Educational Leaders, a new venture in the field of education, will be held at Bethel, Maine, July 19th - August 7th.

The Annual Conference of the Parks and Recreation Association of Canada will be held August 23rd - 27th, at the Guild Inn, Scarborough. The Township of Scarborough will act as the host municipality.

Nature Weekend Camp sponsored by the Hamilton Naturalists Club and The Community Programmes Branch of the Ontario Department of Education at Ryerson Beach Camp on Lake Erie near Normandale Friday evening May 15th through to Monday afternoon May 18th. The course is designed for all those interested in furthering their knowledge of Nature.**

38th Annual New York State Recreation Conference Elmira New York, April 26th - 29th. Mark Twain Hotel sponsored by the New York State Recreation Society, with the cooperation of the New York State Youth Commission and National Recreation Association. Theme: "Community Planning for Recreation". For information contact Jack Ross, Oakville, Ont.

The 6th Annual Festival of the South-Western Ontario Puppetry Guild is to be held May 15th and 16th at Shelbourn, Ontario, in the Centre Dufferin District High School. The program is to include public shows of marionettes, hand puppets, and static displays from the Lakehead, Ottawa, London and the Niagara Peninsula. Saturday morning is to include a Puppeteers session.

Leaders Institute sponsored by the Community Programmes Branch of the Ontario Department of Education, Oakville Representative, Mr. Lloyd Minchall. July 27th 9AM to July 31st, 4:30 PM. Courses Offered 1. Art (first and second year). 2. Ceramics. 3. Drama. 4. Jewellery

5. Leathercraft 6 Millinery (first and second year)
 7. Music appreciation. 8 Social Recreation.
 Courses to be held at the McDonald Institute, Ontario
 Agricultural College, Guelph.

Basic Floor Loom Course for Leaders May 24th to May 31st
 McDonald Institute, O.A.C. Guelph, part of the Annual
 Ontario Handweavers and Spinners Course who are also the
 sponsors. For Information contact District Officer
 of the Community Programmes Branch of the Department of
 Education, Oakville, Ontario.

SPECIAL NEWS ITEMS

The Annual Meeting of the Five Counties Track and
 Field Association was held March 5th at the Offices of the
 Township of Toronto Recreation and Parks Department.

Returned to office was the entire 1958 Executive
 Committee of Treasurer, Ian Thompson (Etobicoke) Secre-
 tary Ross McBride (Stratford) and President Jerry Love
 (Township of Toronto).

It was the feeling of the meeting that the execu-
 tive had initiated certain policies in the preceding
 year and should be re-installed in office in order that
 the Association continue most effectively.

Included on the agenda were meet. organization,
 age groupings, list of events, area meets, insurance
 coverage for participants and A.A.U. cardholders.

The Association decided that ribbons be presented
 to athletes placing 1st, 2nd, and 3rd in each event.
 This was the policy last season. However, medals will
 be awarded to first place winners in the major meet.

Copies of the minutes may be obtained from Jerry
 Love, Assistant Director of Recreation, Township of Tor-
 onto Recreation and Parks Department, Lakeshore Road West,
 Clarkson, Ontario. Ta. 2-0541 and Cr. 8- 5812.

Keep these dates in mind: Saturday May 9th--Coach-
 ing Clinic (place not decided--this Clinic is designed
 to instruct Playground Leaders who intend to teach track
 and field). Saturday August 8th: Major Meet--Kitchener.

The APRIL NEWSLETTER has been brought to you through the Courtesy of the Executive of the Society of Directors of Municipal Recreation of Ontario and Edited compiled and distributed through the Offices of the Township of Toronto Recreation and Parks Department, Clarkson Ontario. Those responsible are Mrs. Pat. Smith, typist, Mr. Len. Coolich, mimeographing and colating, Mrs. Rita Gair and Mr. Al. Searle mailing, and yours truly Bob Sones, Sr. Editor.

With regard to the time and effort put into the preparing of the Society Newsletter and Bulletin, the words of Phillips Brooks can justly express it:

"It may be truly said that no man does any work perfectly who does not enjoy his work. Joy in one's work is the consummate tool without which the work may be done indeed, but without its finest perfectness. Men who do their work without enjoying it are like men carving statues with hatchets. A man who does his work with thorough enjoyment of it is like an artist who holds an exquisite tool which is almost as obedient to him as his own hand, and almost works intelligently with him."

Please Note: The closing date for receiving news for the June Edition of the "Bulletin" is Saturday, June 6th.