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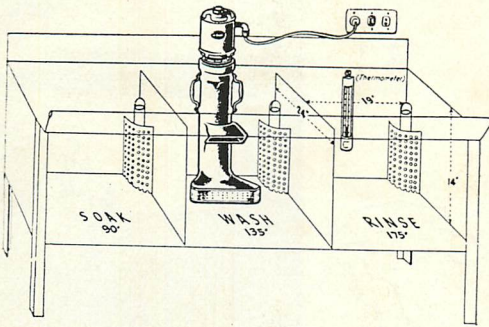
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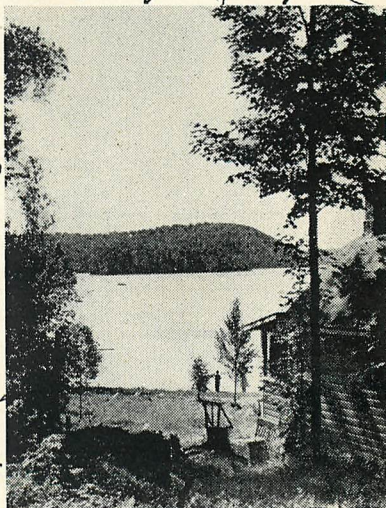
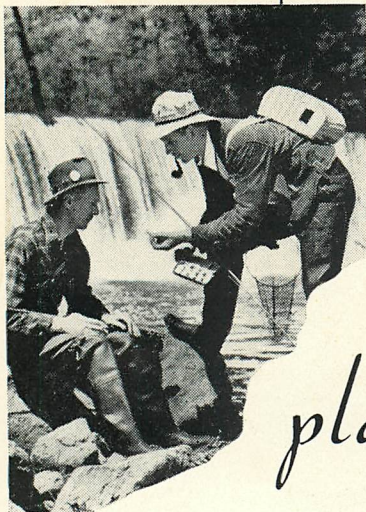
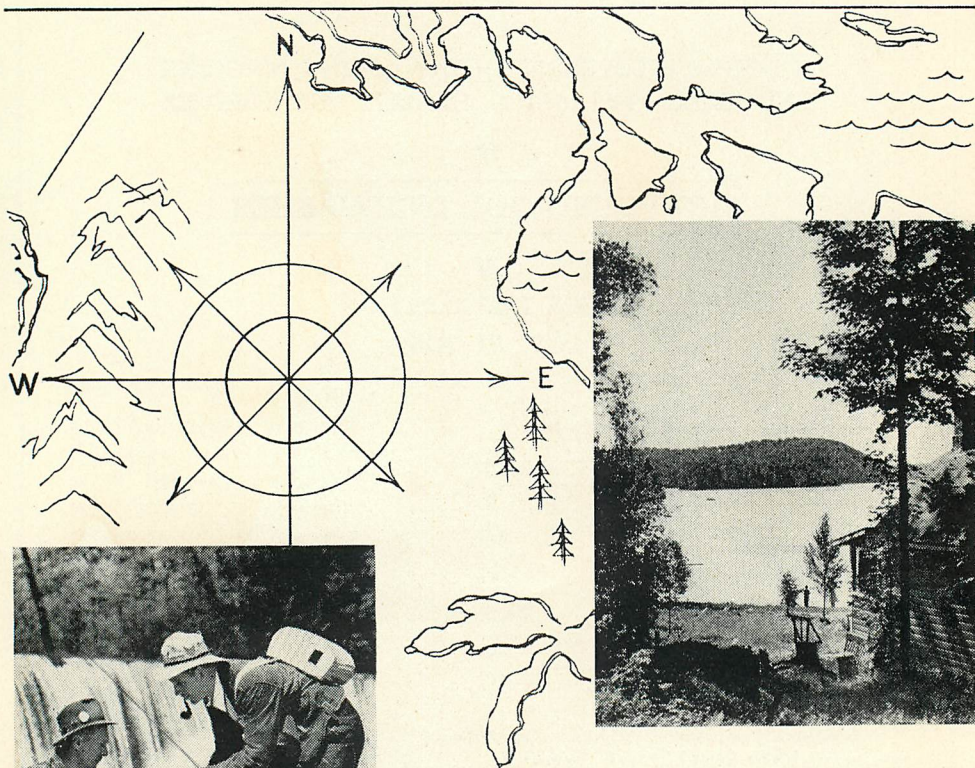
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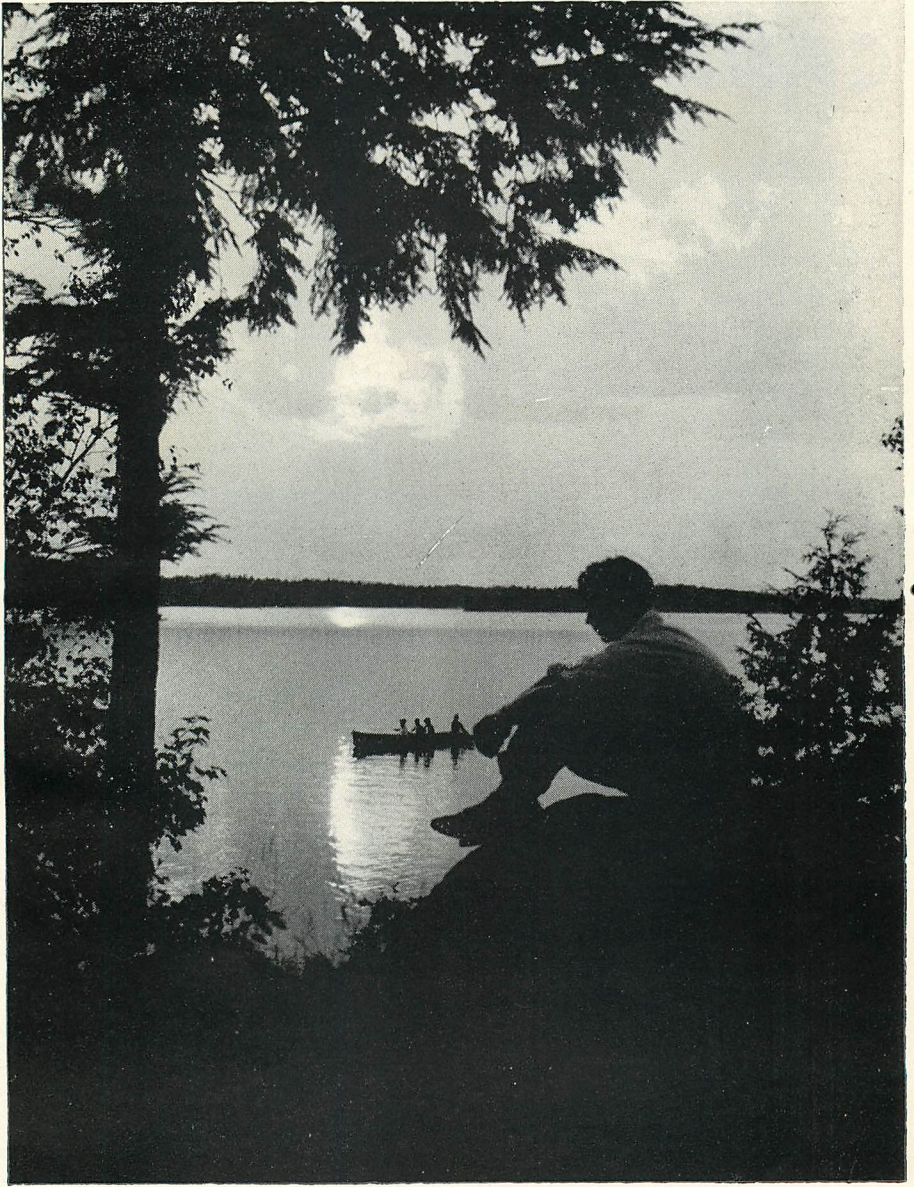
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The Magic of Camping

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It is a distinct joy and honor to share in this salute to *Canadian Camping* as it takes on the characteristics of maturity and larger promise. There is an irresistible temptation on such an occasion to reminisce about the earlier days of camping and to comment on how far camping has come since then. My own experience, though by no means comparable to that of the veterans in Canadian camping, goes back about thirty years and to the prairies of Saskatchewan.

In memory I recall those pioneer camps, on the shores of the swift Saskatchewan river, or beside streams so narrow that an Olympic jumper could span their banks, so primitive that the only lumber "building" was the cook car from a threshing outfit. In those days doctors or nurses, dieticians or "Camp mothers" in camp were relatively unknown, "unhonored, and unsung."

Today organized camping has achieved a large physical dimension and a highly acceptable status in the educational and social structure of Canada and the United States. More significant than the physical expansion that has taken place in camping is the transformation and enrichment in its objectives, program, and personnel. The curious soul is prompted to ask, what has brought about this transformation? What is this magic of camping?

The causes of the phenomenal growth of camping are, of course, many and diverse. Not least among them are the vision, faith, and quality of leadership of the persons who have conducted the kind of camps that have become highly prized by parents and the public. But the most fundamental cause lies in the distinctive role or function of camping as an essential complement to the experiences and education of our modern industrial civilization.

Life in the modern community, with its machinery and congestion and routine, is incomplete and impoverished. It tends to deprive persons of any vital sense of their kinship with the world of nature. The life and education that the city can give is only half of life and education at their best. To be complete it should be supplemented with "the other half", the ingredients of which are fresh and vital experiences of outdoor living.

We are all children of nature, our closest kinship is with the universe "in which we live and move and have our being." But the city man is fast becoming a creature of gadgets and machines, of routine and regimentation, of crowds and customs. We sense but dimly, if at all, through the smoke screen of man-made artificialities, that we belong to an orderly universe and are dependent upon it for breath and food and life itself.

It is a primary purpose and obligation of the organized camp to help develop in children, and to restore to those who are older, this throbbing sense of kinship with and emotional aloneness in the natural universe.

The treasure house of the world—and of natural science—now fugitive behind doors that are barred and bolted to the city dweller—may be opened wide to the camper through contact and experience with field and forest, lake and hill, star and cloud. Man's

continuing dependence on nature for his physical needs may be sensed as the camper has firsthand experience in growing or cooking his food, in building a shelter, in the exploration of lake and forest.

Some day—soon, we hope—outdoor education will be as much a part of the education of the American child as reading and writing and "rithmetic." But such a development will come because many agencies and persons have pioneered and proven its worth as the inalienable right of every citizen.



Putting First Things First in Camping

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A successful camp depends upon the discovery of what is first in camping and then upon putting it first. This sounds trite but it's right. A little more difficult is how to determine just what does come first in camping.

There are some confusing contrasts in the field of camping. Some say that camp should offer the camper adventure, spiced with the sting of danger and the thrill of risk. Others say that camp should offer security. Some point to camp as an opportunity to get out of doors. Others, meanwhile, are building deluxe dining halls and comfortable cabins. Some belong to the rough-it-school, the let-the-rain-beat-in-your-face school. Others press hard for greater safety, better sanitation—keep your feet dry. Some tell us that camp is important because it is a complete change from school. Others are equally

vocal in asserting that camp is the most significant twentieth century educational technique. Some contend that camp should offer campers a permissive atmosphere—freedom from supervision. Others are busy defining the responsibilities of Camp Directors, program directors, sectional directors, unit directors, counsellors, assistant counsellors, counsellors in training, campers in training for counsellors in training. Some have maintained that camping is simple living in the outdoors. Others have avowed that camping is the adjustment of the individual in a highly complex community which involves the adaptive social function of anxiety, the professional services of such experts as psychologists, psychiatrists, group workers, case workers, dietitians, doctors, nurses, and counsellors who can fill in form 249D8. There are those who tell us that camping means getting away from the city. On the other hand, there are

those who say: "Straighten those trails!" "Prune those trees!" "Let's go into town for a spree!" Some maintain that camp should present to the camper the joys of rest, sleep and leisurely living. Others are firm in the belief that camp should give the camper hills to climb, stiff swimming tests, back-breaking portages, trails that are crooked, callouses on the palms. And then there are those who hold out that camp should take the camper away from the strains and stresses of civilization only to be completely frustrated by those who contend that camping must save the world.

However, in spite of confusing contrasts and conflicting opinions, there is one important common factor in the field of camping—human personality. The end product in camping is not a tin of tomato soup, a plastic bowl or a frigidaire. It is human personality. It would seem reasonable to suggest, then,

that what we put first in camping is *the highest development of human personality.*

Putting the highest development of human personality first puts camping in line with the greatest purposes and ultimate achievements of mankind. It gives camping a purpose that money can't buy or rules can't force. It gives camping a purpose that is bigger than camping itself.

What does putting the highest development of human personality first mean for the camp owner? It means that the camp owner, like the school teacher, the social worker or the minister, must be motivated by a desire to render unselfish service through helping his fellow man.

What does putting the highest development of human personality first mean for camp leadership? It means that in approaching a potential camp leader



your primary concern will not be, has he had any camping experience, but rather, how does he stack up in the business of living?—has he got the ability to influence significantly the attitudes and behaviour of other persons? It will mean not only a careful examination of written references but a knowledge of the ability of the persons who gave the references. It will mean the follow-up of written references with personal conversation. It is surprising the things that people know that they would never think of writing down. It will mean securing references that will tell you something about the *total personality* of the potential leader, not just one or two outstanding things in which he excels.

Being concerned first about the highest development of human personality will mean a new status for the counsellor. It is in the small tent or cabin groups that campers are most influenced. The counsellor in his field must be just as much an expert as the riding instructor, the swimming instructor or the camp nurse. The counsellor must understand the campers with whom he works. He must have a genuine liking for his campers. This will be indicated not only in the way he acts when he is with his campers, but also the way he talks about his campers when he lets down his hair in front of his fellow counsellors. The counsellor must have the necessary know-how regarding the philosophy of camping, group work, the techniques of leadership. If the counsellor is expected to keep neat and accurate records, he must be given adequate facilities to do so efficiently. Help in regard to records is indicated if the records take so much time that

the counsellor is forced to be away from his cabin group when the group needs him. This paper curtain between counsellor and cabin group must be done away with. It may mean introducing better and quicker ways of doing records such as the use of dictaphones, wire recorders, stenographic help.

What does this primary concern for the highest development of human personality mean for the camper? It means that the campers have a real share in the running of the camp. Wilbur C. Hallenbeck, of Teachers College, Columbia University, has said: "One of the things most devastating to human personality is that characteristic of our modern world which has deprived individuals of their right to have something to say about what happens to them." Houseman said the same thing in another way—

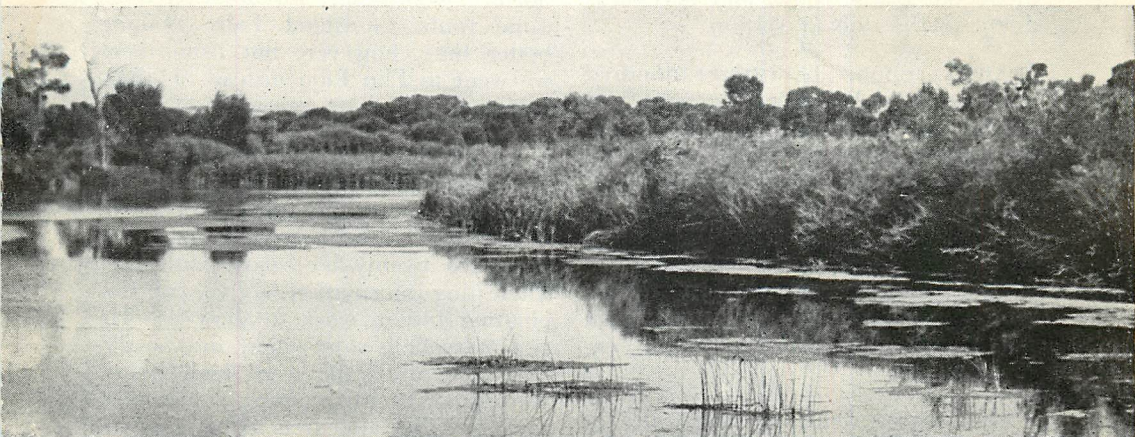
"I am alone and afraid
In a world I never made."

This concern about human personality means that every camper will be recognized as a unique individual. It has been said that nature never makes the same mistake twice—she made each one of us different. The camp program, therefore, will be tailored to fit and all individuals will not be forced into a common pattern.

In a camp where the highest development of human personality is put first, there is increased responsibility placed on the individual. Within sensible limits of health and safety, the camper is given opportunity for making decisions and choices. This is not done for him by rules and regulations imposed from above or rigid traditions

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Canoe Trip in the Churchill Country

E. B. Cox

On the Staff of Upper Canada College, Toronto

Early in March, memories of unforgettable canoe experiences began presenting themselves, and I found myself living over again trips up the Mississauga River, in Algonquin Park, and other Northern Ontario areas. The urge to set out again was becoming irresistible. A few days later I had the good fortune to meet Harley Mowat, of Richmond Hill, whose interests as a naturalist had taken him for several seasons into the Churchill country. An evening spent with him, and a look at his maps and photographs, fired me with enthusiasm to make my next trip in this area. A group of 'teen-agers at Upper Canada College were eager to accompany me on a long canoe trip, and the prospect of a trip into what for them was "the real North", made them wild with excitement. "Our Churchill adventure" soon resolved itself in a two-canoe, four weeks' trip, the idea being to penetrate as far north as Neultin Lake, about five hundred miles north of Sherridon, our jumping off place.

We set to work immediately, securing government maps of the area and searching old copies of *The Beaver* for information regarding trails. We read "Sleeping Island" by P. G. Downes, and our enthusiasm mounted by leaps and bounds. We wrote the Hudson Bay Co. for advice, and the Winnipeg Headquarters gave us much practical and detailed information. After weeks of correspondence, poring over maps, studying trails, working over lists of equipment and supplies, we were ready to take off.

The bus trip from Toronto to Winnipeg via Chicago was relatively insignificant to a tenderfoot group setting out for the wilderness trails of the real North. Leaving Minneapolis three hours late gave us great concern, but an obliging bus driver, learning where we were going and what our schedule called for, made every effort to make up time. That he was really interested could not be denied. As soon as he had disembarked his passengers and secured permission from the office, he

drove our party of six and our packs direct to the railway station.

At Sherridon, about three hundred miles north of Winnipeg, we were met by the truck which was to take us and our packs, two eighteen-foot canoes and two five-horsepower Johnson outboards to the water. Here we took on gas and oil, tracking line and additional supplies of food, including strings of pungent summer sausage, dry and unpalatable looking. But was it good when our scanty supply of bacon was exhausted!

Our canoes went into the water at Lake Kississing and from that point we made good time up the lake and through swamps to the next lake, Kipahigan, and from there on to the Churchill River and Island Falls. Paddling along the Churchill was a tremendous thrill. At last we had touched the real North. At Island Falls there is an imposing power development which supplies the mines at Flin Flon and Sherridon. Early one morning, while we were breakfasting on the shore above the power plant, we heard distress calls from the river. A canoe, carrying two Indians, had overturned in midstream and the occupants were holding on grimly to the upturned bottom. The canoe continued to move with the swift current, the water was icy cold and, as is usually the case, the Indians were unable to swim. We put out at once to attempt a rescue, but before we could reach the spot, one of them had lost his hold and disappeared. It was several days before the Mounties were able to locate the body.

From Island Falls we paddled up the Churchill to Loon Lake, then up Loon River and on through an interesting chain of large lakes, twisting rivers and swamps. We had experienced heavy winds and a great deal of rain, even hail, and we were considerably behind our schedule. When we finally reached Reindeer Lake, we realized that it would have to be our farthest point

north. Returning, we followed the same route to Island Falls, making better time, however; but from there we went to Flin Flon instead of Sherridon.

At Southend, on Reindeer Lake, we visited the Hudson Bay Post, where we were royally feasted and entertained. The factor, having been with the Company for twenty-five years, had most interesting information to give, and fascinating Indian work to show us. He is a marvellous story-teller, and we did not leave until the wee small hours. Returning to our camp, we walked through what appeared to be a greenish moonlight. A most unusual display of Northern Lights lit up the whole firmament, flashing green banners playing about over billowing clouds of velvety black. It was the finest display we had ever witnessed.

After leaving civilization, our major problem had been learning to read the maps. For a day or so it was most confusing, but after being forced to work over new situations time after time, our difficulties were gradually reduced to a minimum. The second problem, locating the entries to the portage trails, was not resolved so easily, however, and it was a constant headache. The trails were overgrown with brush and littered with fallen trees. We often wasted hours and once we lost a whole day trying to locate the portage. Beaver trails were very deceptive, and often gave us a false start. We finally found that the speediest method of procedure was to head at once for the place where the trail was supposed to be and then strike off into the bush and work back and forth until it was finally located.

The country is absolutely untouched, a lonely area where even the smoked stones of a trapper's fire give rise to a shout of joy. Our respect for those early prospectors and trappers who opened up the country—their courage, sagacity, self-reliance and determination—took on an entirely different

character from that which comes from the study of history or the reading of historical novels. The hills are low, but create interest except when a portage, for some unexplicable reason, climbs in a direct trail to the ridge. Jack pines grow everywhere and lend a rugged picturesqueness to the landscape. Burnt-over areas of gaunt, bleached skeletons appear frequently. Great flat rocks here and there provide excellent camp sites; balsam is plentiful for bedding and firewood is abundant and easy to cut. Everywhere water is good to drink and the lakes are very clear.

There was evidence of wild life everywhere but during the trip we met with only one porcupine and one beaver. Ducks of all kinds were to be seen in great flocks, especially in the marshes; also shore birds and waders. We were surprised at the number of bald eagles in the area. It was fascinating, one day, to see one swoop from his lofty look-out in a bare tree and, with amazing swiftness, seize and carry back with him a sizeable fish. He had probably been watching for some time and when the opportunity came to pick up a big one near the surface, he was in readiness to take off. The clearness of the water and the remarkable power of his telescopic eyes make such a feat possible.

On our return trip we met with an accident that just missed being a tra-

gedy. To avoid a chocked-up portage we were stringing our canoes down a rough stretch of rapids. One overturned and before we had rescued the contents, the second one had swamped, too. Maps, return tickets, cameras and equipment, food stuffs, packs and bed-rolls all went in the water. The latter floated and little damage was done during the short time they were in the water. And, fortunately for us, the food stuffs had been packed in cotton bags lined with white plastic and they, too, were in good condition. We lost nothing, but we were forced to remain there for the night in order to thoroughly dry our packs. The next day broke warm and sunny, perfect for drying, a delightful change after the disagreeable weather we had had during the first half of our trip. It turned out to be a continuous spell of fine weather, but unfortunately the wetting had put an end to kodachrome and other photographic work.

Though we did not succeed in making our objective, Lake Neultin, the trip which took us up the trail as far as Reindeer Lake was a thrilling adventure. It was also a highly informative experience which brought to each one of us a decidedly changed conception of "the real North" and what it takes to journey through the territory.



"In the Interests of Better Camping"

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Three of Eastern Canada's best known camp directors strolled down a woodland trail. It was a glorious day for camping, and each of the three was obviously enjoying this opportunity to swap experiences. They pursued the discussion rooted in a stimulating luncheon address by one of America's outstanding camping authorities.

This address was part of the program of the largest annual meeting of camp people held in Canada. Each of these directors had been attending this gathering for years. There were always stimulating speakers—outstanding leaders in the camping field; and the discussion groups which followed were built around many and varied phases of camp administration and program. Whether you were interested in Day Camps, Co-educational Camping, Staff Training, Special Evening Programs or in fact any one of a dozen other pertinent camp topics, you would find a group with a discussion leader and resource person ready to share ideas.

One chap remarked that the Conference was better than ever—in fact, each year it seemed to improve. Many share his feeling, probably because this has always been one of those gatherings which combines friendly atmosphere with vitally interesting subject matter, and because those who attend are active camp people.

These three directors had just visited the elaborate exhibits of latest camp equipment and supplies set out by commercial concerns. They place their orders with the same suppliers every year and welcome this opportunity to meet

"the man behind the product." Some order their supplies right on the spot, while others, having little to do with the actual purchasing of supplies, find it helpful and relaxing to spend an hour or so here, just bringing themselves up-to-date on things.

One of the highlights of this particular conference had been the singing. In the brief music periods spaced throughout these two days, Bill White had done some wonderful things — he had helped each one of the two hundred and eighty present to enjoy the thrill of spontaneous part-singing, and more than that, through the very simplicity of these music periods, he had taken them back for brief spells to memorable campfire circles.

The tall, greying man on the left has been camping in Temagami for years. He made a few hasty notes as a twelve-year-old "veteran" of four seasons told camp people at yesterday's luncheon:

"I like a camp that doesn't have sidewalks like the city. I like things kind of wild. I guess the thing I like best is to explore some old cave—or maybe catch a turtle!"

This youngster, with the three other children at the head table, came as representatives from a camper assembly held in conjunction with the conference and attended by over one hundred campers from Scouts, Guides, C.G.I.T., private, organizational and church camps. With skillful discussion leadership, they had talked freely about the things they thought we needed to make summer camping even better.

After the luncheon there had been an actual demonstration of water safety in the swimming pool, at the conference headquarters—a demonstration which would tie in very closely with the final evening session on “Standards of Health and Safety and ways of achieving them.”

Well—it really wasn't a sunny summer day—and McGill St. in Toronto probably shouldn't be compared to a path through the woods. But it is certainly an undeniable fact that from this conference with its fellowship, with its music, with the atmosphere created by commercial and non-commercial exhibits, and with the downright practical values of its program content, we caught a vision of another “better than ever” camping season for thousands of young Canadians.

Both the Ontario Camping Association and its dominion-wide parent group, work constantly toward “better camping for more children”, and appropriately enough, this slogan will be the theme of this largest gathering of Canadian camping people in 1949. Dr. Hedley S. Dimock, Dean of George Williams College in Chicago, and Dr. Fritz Redel from Ann Arbor, Michigan, are to be key speakers, and a number of committees under the general chairmanship of Mr. W. Chapman have been working since shortly after the 1948 conference to make this another important step in the INTERESTS OF BETTER CAMPING.

The dates for the O.C.A. Conference are Friday and Saturday, February 18th and 19th, and the place is the Central Y.W.C.A., 21 McGill Street. We hope you will be there!



The Editor Comments

"Canadian Camping", with this number, makes its debut as a printed magazine. Though it is small in size, there are unsuspected possibilities in this modest beginning. Just as camping in Canada is developing tremendously in every province—not only in numbers, but in new types of camps—so this magazine may develop and become an organ of intrinsic value to the Canadian Camping Association.

It is *your* magazine, camp leaders! May it speak to those of you whose mountain camps are beside the western waters of Howe Sound and the Pacific, to those of you whose campers know the wide prairies, to you whose boys and girls paddle their canoes through the countless lakes of Ontario, to you, camp leaders who know and love the vast Laurentian playground of Quebec, and to you, camp folk of the Maritimes, whose campers know the salt tides of the Atlantic.

Yes, it is *our* magazine—"Canadian

Camping". Let us make it truly *Canadian* and truly of value to camping. This calls for the wholehearted cooperation of us all. Make suggestions, criticize if you wish, but above all, send in articles, news items and book reviews. Let it be a "combined operation" in the interests of better camping.

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Above all, may this new enterprise (which is the natural evolution of two years of mimeographed bulletins) serve to link together the far-scattered members of the Canadian Camping Association. May it inspire us all with a sense of the worth-whileness of our work and help us in some measure at least, to do a better job.

*I am content with Canada
And ask no fairer land than has been given me,
No greater joy, no more inspiring task
Than to upbuild and share her destiny.*

—HELENA COLEMAN

Notes . . .

from the Provinces

In BRITISH COLUMBIA, Counselor Training is to be given major emphasis in this year's program, with a view to stimulating interest in the Camping Association as well as providing guidance and assistance to member organizations. The officers for this year are: Honorary President, Gertrude Moore; Past President, Lorne Brown; President, Bev Savory; Vice-President, George White; Secretary, Helen Shea; Treasurer, Douglas Whittle.

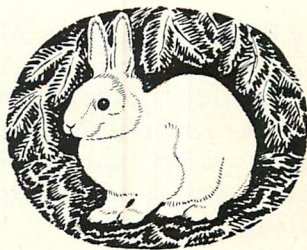
SASKATCHEWAN now has a more concrete answer to the question: "What do we get for our membership in the Camping Association?" Commencing with the spring of 1949 and continuing until the close of the camp season, the Association will finance expenses in connection with the use of experts at any existing camp leadership training course within the province. This will, for the most part, involve transportation charges, but where volunteer assistance at such courses is not available or desirable, the Association will also finance the fee covering the services of the person chosen to do the job. The only catch to the whole plan is that this service will not be extended to camps or camp organizations other than those which are members. This project is in the hands of the Leadership Training Committee, whose chairman is Miss Eva Latham of the Regina Y.W.C.A., and whose committee is drawing up a list of available and expert leadership for the training of camp leaders in this province.

MANITOBA: Mr. S. A. Steinman, who was our Manitoba representative on the Editorial Committee, left Winnipeg in January with his wife and family to fly to Addis Ababa, in Ethiopia. He has been appointed to direct Teacher

Training under the Imperial Ethiopian Government. Mr. Steinman has been for some years director of Camp Kenemogay for boys, operated by the Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship of Manitoba. We wish him great success in his interesting new undertaking.

ONTARIO, DAY CAMP SECTION

The growth of the Day Camping movement is of importance to the whole field of camping, while at the same time Day Camps have their own particular interests, problems, dreams. Recognizing this, the O.C.A. asked Mr. Grahame Watt, Director of "Camp Powow"—Day Camp sponsored by the North Toronto Y.M.C.A. and Kiwanis Club—to convene a Day Camp Section of the O.C.A. At a meeting held on December 29th this new Section was formed, plans for its future program discussed, and then Mr. Watt reported on his meeting with Provincial Government representatives concerning the possibility of subsidies for Day Camps. It was agreed to plan some special sessions on Day Camping at the Annual O.C.A. Conferences. We are anxious to know of Day Camps operating in Ontario.



Book Reviews

ADMINISTRATION OF THE MODERN CAMP: Dimock, Hedley S. (Ed.) Association Press, N.Y., 1948. pp. 283. Price, \$4.50 (Obtainable in Canada from the G. R. Welch Co. Ltd., 1149 King Street West, Toronto, Ontario.)

This is an essential book for every camp director and supervisor. Sixteen chapters, each written by an expert, discuss the various aspects of camp administration. As the preface states, this book "possesses some of the features of a manual—the concrete descriptions of procedures, for example—but it is more than a manual, because the why of the techniques—the purposes and principles which underlie and guide their use, is made basic . . . the emphasis is on the interplay of principles and techniques which should be viewed as inseparable."

No one is better qualified than Dr. Dimock to compile such a book. His continual interest in attempting to appraise what camping accomplishes or fails to accomplish, has been evident in his early book "Camping and Character" (1929) and in the work he inspired for establishing camp standards (Marks of Good Camping, 1941).

This is the camp directors' encyclopaedia and will serve as continual reference in the well-established or newly-developing camp.

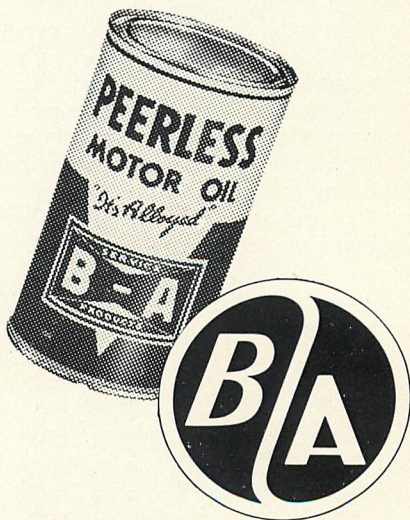
THE ESTABLISHED CAMP BOOK: Girl Scout National Organization, 155 East 44th Street, New York 17, N.Y. Price, \$2.00.

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resources, through the acquiring of a camp and the actual operation.

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THE CANOE AND YOU: Perry, Ronald H., illustrated by Carter B. Storr, published by J. M. Dent and Sons, Ltd., Toronto; 1948; price, \$1.25.

This little book contains sixty-five pages of excellent material on canoeing, with an abundance of clear illustrations which are both informative and humorous. Many of our best canoe trippers are expert paddlers who are inexperienced in analysing the difficulties of others. To these people, the book should be especially valuable.

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FOREST RANGER: Hambleton, Jack; Longmans, Green & Co., Toronto; 1948; \$2.75.

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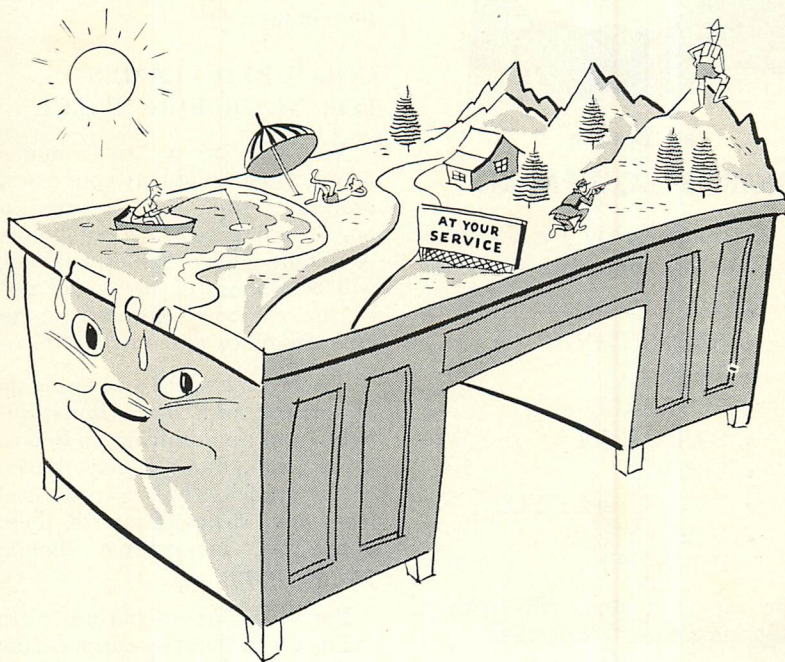
The main interest in a camping trip is, of course, the food, and pancakes are important on the menu-list for outdoor cooking. But a pancake-de-luxe calls for a generous serving of maple syrup. It is a sad fact that in this "Land of the Maple", many a Canadian camper has probably never even sampled the good old-fashioned sap-bucket variety of maple syrup. With disappearing forests and sky-rocketing prices, the genuine variety has become a luxury.

However, here is a recipe for an excellent maple-flavoured syrup, which can be made and bottled in the camp kitchen.

4 cups light corn syrup
2 cups brown sugar
2 cups water
4 teaspoons maple flavouring
4 tablespoons butter

Combine syrup, sugar and water. Heat to boiling. Cook, stirring until sugar dissolves. Add maple flavouring and butter. Cool.

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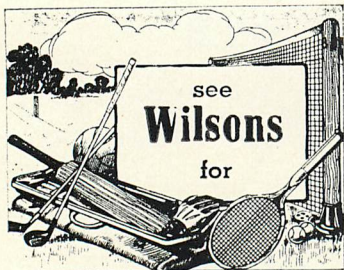


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- For red flames—strontium nitrate

You can sprinkle just a little of the powder on the flames for a surprising effect, or you can soak logs in a solution (one pound of the chemical to one gallon of water). Soft woods, such as pine or poplar, absorb the solution best, but also burn more quickly than hardwood.



LETTER FROM LONDON

A letter has come from Miss Anne Vail, in London, addressed to her "camping friends". We wish it were possible to print the letter in full, since the friends she made as secretary of the Canadian Camping Association are scattered all across Canada. However, we quote:

"In June I had an invitation from the National Council of Social Service Clubs in Great Britain to spend eight months in Britain surveying Youth Clubs, Community Centres, etc. I arrived in October and am living in a settlement, St. Margaret's House, London. Since coming here, I have had opportunities to interview heads of many National Agencies, and visit such varied places as Settlements, Community Centres, Evening Classes, Invalid Rest Services, Old Peoples' Clubs

and Y.W.C.A.'s, seeing all kinds of interesting programs.

After January 23rd, I embark on a tour, taking in the Midlands, northern England, Wales, Scotland and possibly Ireland. Then a plane trip to Holland, Norway, France, and, I am hoping, Switzerland. It all seems too good to be true, and I am enjoying every minute!

At Friends' International House on January 21st, I am giving the luncheon address. They have a speaker each month from a different country, and this is to be Canada day. I have chosen "Camping" as my topic. I am learning as much as possible about camping here and hope to make some connection between their Camping Association and ours.

Looking forward to meeting you all at our Annual Meeting of the Canadian Camping Association next September!"



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To the campers at her table
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"The meals we get are very good,
I'm really quite surprised.
It's such a great relief to know
The milk is *paralysed*."

—M.S.E.

(Episodes or sayings of campers are solicited for this series of rhymes: "Once there was a camper".)

*A good thing to remember
And a better thing to do
Is to work with the construction gang
And not the wrecking crew.*

A PROGRAMME HINT?

A small boy was trying to lead a big
St. Bernard dog up the road.

Kindly man: "Where are you going
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Small boy: "I - I'm going to see
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*The most inflammable kindling wood
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