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Trains Late, Chief on Time, Season Starts on Schedule

The 1948 season managed to get away to a prompt start in spite of a certain lack of co-operation on the part of the railroads. Mr. George Frank and his group from Ohio reached camp a couple of hours late on the afternoon of June 30. Delayed three hours in reaching Boston that morning, they had been forced to take a later train to Portland and to transfer to buses for the trip to Dixfield. Mr. Raymond Frank and the New York contingent arrived the following morning, again an hour or so late. Needless to say, the remainder of that day was devoted to unpacking, long rest periods and early Taps.

By July 2, the necessary preliminaries of the season were well under way. Friday and Saturday mornings were filled by the physical exams. Lodge inspection began Friday morning. The Aquatics Department immediately went into action and, during Friday alone, sixty-five of the tribe passed the essential Cove Swim test. The first track meet was held on Saturday afternoon, in order that the captains might form some opinion of the athletic prowess of their prospective

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Doctor Inspects Campers, Finds Symptoms of Good Summer

On Friday morning, Dr. Garfield G. Defoe once more resumed his duties as camp physician which he has performed so successfully for many past seasons. He made a thorough physical examination of every boy and man on the Junior side of camp. At the same time, the initial weights and measurements were taken. In a similar session Saturday morning, Dr. Defoe performed the same service for the Senior Camp. He pronounced the members of this year's Kawanhee tribe a healthy lot, but found no case in which eight weeks of Maine would not be a perfect prescription for an inch to be added, or for a few pounds to be gained. Dr. Defoe's office is in nearby Dixfield and his summer home on Lake Webb is within half a mile of the camp.

New Heads for Three Activities, Newcomer Shares Shop Work

By E. HAMBLIN, JR. COUNSELLOR

This year Camp Kawanhee is again privileged to have some new and outstanding Senior counsellors to add to its already fine staff.

William Anderson, whose home town is Watertown, Mass., is going to be a Junior at Yale in September. Besides being in the Army for a few years, he has spent ten years at Camp O-At-Ka, not far from Kawanhee. Bill will organize the wrestling classes at Kawanhee this summer and will act as an assistant in both Aquatics and Woodcraft.

Benjamin Bennett, from Columbus, Ohio, teaches Industrial Arts at Crestview Junior High. Ben is a graduate of Ohio State, from which school he received both the B.S. and M.A. degrees. He has spent some time in a church camp. With Mr. Piersche he will share the heavy duties of running Kawanhee's busy Shop.

Ed Tulloss, of Springfield, Ohio, is an old camper here. He first came to camp as a Junior C in 1934. This year will be his ninth at Kawanhee, for it has been many summers since he was a member of the camp. During the war he spent two years in the Navy teaching radar. He will be a Senior at Harvard University in the fall. The Sailing Department will be his special care this summer and he will lend a hand with Woodcraft, when sailing conditions are bad.

Felix Ziffer, who was born and raised in Stanislawow, Poland, now lives in New York City. After spending some time in the English Army, he entered Yale. Felix will be a Junior next year. Last year he spent part of the summer helping Frederic March plan a charity show. The latter part of the summer was spent at a coeducational camp where he taught Dramatics and Athletics. Kawanhee's Dramatics have been entrusted to him this season, and he will assist in Aquatics.

Ed Sands, whose home is in Lewiston, Maine, is this summer's bookkeeper and secretary. He spent a few years in the Army and now he will be a Junior at the Maine School of Commerce.

Advance Guard Opens Kawanhee, Frank Ladies on the Job

Although the camp season officially opened on June 30, the activities in Kawanhee began at a considerably earlier date. Indeed, for Peleg White, the caretaker, they never ended, but continued all winter. Early in June, the vanguard of the summer made its appearance. Emma and Laurence came on June 3. Morse Burtis, Irv Bouton and others arrived within a week or so. Bates reached camp on June 23 and was on hand to welcome each succeeding newcomer with the words, "We've just been waiting until you came to help us put in the big dock."

Mrs. George Frank arrived on June 11 to open Kawanhee Inn and prepare for another busy summer as its manager. In addition to this customarily complicated job, she had this year to assemble the furnishings for another new cabin built on the lake shore.

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Dr. Elmore Gives Inspiring Fourth of July Message

The first Sunday morning service was held in the Recreation Hall, for the bright, clear Maine day was a bit too windy for the Point. Dean Miller opened the service. Dick Miller read the lesson, Bill Romey led the prayer and the hymns were sung with the support of Ken Beck at the piano.

Dr. Elmore was the speaker and his talk was such as to make everyone realize afresh that these Sunday morning services are a privilege and an inspiration. As the day was the Fourth of July, Dr. Elmore spoke of the greatness of our nation; of the dangers that beset it without and, particularly, within, in the form of selfishness, political indifference, and racial and religious intolerance; and finally of the importance of such a camp as Kawanhee as a "seed bed" of true Americanism.

Dr. and Mrs. Elmore were among the season's early comers, for on June 8 they settled on Pine Point for another summer. They spent the winter in Florida, but appear to be happy to be back at Kawanhee, as is the whole camp to see them again.

SIXTEEN SENIOR COUNSELLORS RETURN

Mr. George and Mr. Raymond Frank opened Kawanhee's twenty-eighth season with every reason to believe that it would be one of the camp's best summers. With more than a hundred very promising campers, so many Master Campers as to fill the Wildcat Lodge as well as the Crows' Nest, and an outstanding group of Junior Counsellors, the backbone of the organization is provided by a staff of Senior Counsellors composed largely of men who have had many years experience of Kawanhee.

For the second summer, the Head Counsellor and Director of Activities is the Rev. Ross Miller, Professor of Bible and Religion at Jamestown College, Jamestown, North Dakota. Dean Miller's Kawanhee career, of course, is of much longer duration than his tenure of this particular office. He first came to Kawanhee in 1925, but it was only last summer that he added the responsibilities of directing the activities to such other of his traditional duties as Camp Devotions, helping with trips, and telling the stories at campfires.

Clarence Bateman will again give his primary attention to the ever expanding program of Trips which, during his fifteen previous years at Kawanhee, he has developed into one of the most interesting and popular phases of camp life. At his home in Columbus, Ohio, Bates teaches Industrial Arts at West High School, where he also serves as Faculty Manager of Athletics. Also in Mr. Bateman's charge this summer will be Fishing.

Ka-ne-do-go-nah, the Woodcraft Cabin, is for the fourth summer under the able direction of Herbert Birch. There he will oversee all the traditional Woodcraft activities, and also act as Scout Master for all the Boy Scout work at Kawanhee. The trips to the outpost camp on Swift River will of course be under his supervision, and the organization of campfires will claim his attention. Mr. Birch resides in Tenaflly, New Jersey, where he teaches Industrial Arts at Tenaflly High School.

Irvig Bouton makes his eighth season at Kawanhee his second as head of the Tennis Department. He will assist with campfires and, when wet weather discourages tennis, give his spare time to Woodcraft. Irv's home is in Tenaflly, and the coming winter will be his Senior year at Yale.

The title of Office Manager is the only official designation — and it is admittedly an inadequate one — which

has ever been found for the very essential work of Morse Burtis in Kawanhee. Directing the camp store and post office is his immediate concern, but his interest and aid spread through every department of camp life. For the problems of every camper and counsellor, and every parent as well, the best advice is, "Morse will help you," and the assistance is always generously forthcoming, this summer as in all his ten previous seasons at Kawanhee. Mr. Burtis makes his home in Englewood, New Jersey.

Ethan Davis returns to Kawanhee for his second summer as a Senior Counsellor, continuing a camp career that began as a camper, advanced through the rank of Junior Counsellor, and was interrupted for several years by his Army service. Ethan has charge of the special program for Junior C's and is one of the Swimming instructors. He has also inherited the exacting chore of keeping the Achievement Level charts and tabulating the camp score. His home is in New York. He graduated from Columbia University in June and expects to go into merchandising work in the fall.

For Web Davis of Columbus, Ohio, this will be the first summer as a Senior Counsellor. He is, however, the veteran of eight Kawanhee summers as camper and Junior Counsellor. The Junior C program will provide the chief claim upon his time. In September he begins his Sophomore year at Denison University.

David Logan is again the first assistant in the Nature Department. His home is in Camden, Ohio, and he is ready to begin his Junior year at Miami University, Oxford, Ohio.

For the seventh time Arthur Kiefer, of Columbus, takes charge of Kawanhee's teeming and popular Nature Department. Temporarily he must be content with the old Nature Room in the Rec Hall but he is champing at the bit to move into the new building in order to spread out, a process for which he has the department as well as the physique. He organized the first trip of the season when he led a group of mineralogists on July 3 to Black Hill and West Paris to collect mineral specimens for facing the fireplace of the new building. During the winters he teaches Chemistry at North High School and instructs Freshman Chemistry classes at Ohio State.

Roy Nickerson has surprised everyone, in this, his fifth Kawanhee summer, by suddenly making his camp debut as director of the Athletic pro-

gram, including Baseball. Of course, the fact that Nick teaches Physical Education at Leonia High School in New Jersey is ample explanation of his new position. He stands ready to give assistance with his old activities of Boating and Canoeing, as well as with the big canoe trips. He will also have a hand with the campfires.

There has been no change in the activities or location of Noel Piersche, who expects to keep Kawanhee's large Shop humming all summer with the production of bows, model boats and various types of metal work. At his home in Columbus, he teaches Mechanical Drawing at Central High School. This is his twenty-third summer at Kawanhee.

Kawanhee longevity records, however, belong to Campbell Scarlett, the editor of the *Wigwam* and the writer of the Log. Since 1923, with the exception of one year, he has participated in every Kawanhee season, in one capacity or another. His home is in Columbus.

The vital department of Aquatics is for the second time entrusted to the capable hands of Joe Selden, of Erie, Pennsylvania. His work includes the strenuous Life Saving classes, as well as the instruction in Swimming and Diving. At Yale, where he is a member of the swimming team, he will begin his Senior year in September.

Donald Wambaugh is in charge of Boating, Canoeing and the Beach Guards. The canoe trips will also come within his province and he will assist with Aquatics. A veteran of every gradation of Kawanhee life, from Junior C to Senior Counsellor, he has missed only one complete season, because of Army service, since 1935. His home is in Columbus and he will be a Junior at Ohio State in September.

Another product of long Kawanhee training, interrupted only in his case by his service as a Paratrooper, is Charles Windle, of Morrisville, Pennsylvania. He has charge of the Rec Hall games and is Mr. Nickerson's first assistant in both Athletics and Baseball. The coming winter will be his senior year at Oberlin.

This list of familiar counsellors is completed by the name of Howell Windle, whose service as Range Master has been long, faithful and eminently successful. A teacher of Science at the Bok Vocational School in Philadelphia during the winters, his summer interests include the work in Photography and his able assistance in the production end of Dramatics.

New Additions Discovered Amid Kawanhee's Familiar Sights

Kawanhee looked much the same to the many boys and men who returned to camp on June 30 and July 1, and a very welcome sight it was. The Webb Lake valley showed no scars of the great forest fires which wrought so much damage in Maine last fall, for the closest burn was in Carthage Township, two and a half miles below camp, and this fire, through the efforts of hundreds of local men, among them Mr. R. C. Frank, was contained before it spread over a large area. Kawanhee and its surrounding forests were as green as ever, such a green, indeed, as to show the results of a late spring and a cold, wet June. Doctor Elmore's garden in front of the Infirmary was no further advanced than a mere series of hopeful green rows. The chilly weather itself was only a memory, for the first two days of the camp season were unusually warm for this part of Maine.

Among the familiar buildings, the fresh color of unweathered lumber and the red of new roofs called attention to the additions to camp made during the fall and spring. The new ice house beyond the Crows' Nest on the road out to Pine Point extended the camp buildings a bit further around the cove. The floor of the big dock had all been reconstructed. Other improvements were not so immediately to be noticed. The new nurse was greeted by a new hot water heater for the Infirmary alone, and a fireplace and chimney newly reconstructed to include a heatolator, a project which should once and for all discourage the family of small snakes which once furnished more entertainment for the patients than for the nurse. Laurence took a favored few on special inspection tours of the completed basement storeroom beneath the Dining Hall on which he was laboring so industriously last summer and fall. The construction of the large new refrigerator which the storeroom will eventually contain has been delayed by the impossibility of procuring properly seasoned lumber.

Most interesting of all was the sight of the new Nature Building, the Ma Frank Memorial, just north of the Recreation Hall and across the road from Ma Frank's cabin. While the building is at last a reality, it is by no means completed. The difficulty in obtaining materials has hampered every stage of its construction. The walls are up, the roof on, and the windows in place. Doors, however, have yet to make their appearance and the chimney, to date, is only a collec-

tion of bricks and stone on the floor. As quickly as workmen and materials are available, the building will be pushed through its final stages and, long before the summer is ended, the Nature Department expects to move in, lapidary shop, squashed flowers, pickled frogs and all.

LODGE LISTS, JULY 5, 1948

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		J. Olinger	Osborn, Ohio
		R. Rex	Columbus, Ohio
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D. French	Bangor, Maine	J. Detrick	Worthington, Ohio
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H. Clark	Assinippi, Mass.		
J. Ferris	Englewood, N. J.		
F. Hoster	Columbus, Ohio		
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T. Moore	Canal Winchester, Ohio		
H. Schwarzell	Columbus, Ohio		
L. Weiser	Springfield, Ohio		
T. Wolcott	Columbus, Ohio		
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B. Birch	Tenafly, N. J.	W. Fleming	Columbus, Ohio
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N. Day	Short Hills, N. J.	M. Griley	Lancaster, Ohio
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R. Hahn	Columbus, Ohio	H. O'Neill	Columbus, Ohio
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		R. Smith	Columbus, Ohio
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R. Boody	Manchester, Vermont	C. Day	Short Hills, N. J.
D. Fergus	Columbus, Ohio	J. Duncan	Shaker Heights, Ohio
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D. Matheson	Columbus, Ohio	R. Johnston	Columbus, Ohio
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W. Rutan	East Orange, N. J.	A. Wunsch	Englewood Cliffs, N. J.
A. Tully	Englewood, N. J.	A. Yaus	Columbus, Ohio
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J. Gest	Mechanicsburg, Ohio		
R. Hadley	Columbus, Ohio		
R. Lamb	Canton, Ohio		
E. Loughrey	Mountain Lakes, N. J.		
M. Mueller	New York, N. Y.		
R. Taylor	Columbus, Ohio		
J. Van Horn	Canton, Ohio		
P. Yaus	Chicago, Illinois		

Ed. Note: Because of the delayed arrivals of J. Seldon and D. Crandall, H. Sengelmann began the season as Counselor in Deer Lodge, and R. Hadley as Assistant in Falcon Lodge.

Emma and Laurence Arrive Early

As camp opened, a sure sign that all was as it should be at Kawanhee was the sight of Emma and Laurence at their accustomed posts in the pantry and kitchen. Mr. and Mrs. Laurence Briggs (to mention them formally for probably the one time of the season) of Madison, Maine, have been among the most loyal and valued members of the Kawanhee tribe since 1932. They returned to camp on June 3 this year, and the newly painted boats, the new storeroom, and the fact that by June 30 the camp in general was all ready for action, were ample proofs that Laurence had been in there pitching as usual. Emma, we are happy to report, is looking well and has recovered from her illness of last fall. Her cookies, bread and strawberry shortcake are up to her usual high standards. Need more be said!

There were other familiar and welcome faces in the kitchen. Flora Fletcher is once again giving Emma her able support, and Patricia Crockett, back for her second summer, is another cheerful assistant. Homer Newell has also returned as Laurence's chief aide in the kitchen and dining room. The new members of the group are Audrey Pettengill, Delbert Rand and Walter Cunningham.

Season Starts on Schedule

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teams. Sunday afternoon saw a group of older campers depart on the first trip to Coos Canyon. Monday morning the regular schedule of activities for the summer went into effect.

The traditional welcome of Chief Kawanhee took place Friday evening. After gathering in the Recreation Hall to hear Mr. R. C. Frank tell of the history of this valley, the whole camp filed down to Council Point, lodge by lodge. There, in the impressive and familiar ceremony, the old Chief, again enacted by Mr. Kiefer, gave the camp his blessing for the twenty-eighth time.

Opening of Camp and Inn

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All of this she managed with such dispatch that the Inn was open and well filled with guests on July 1.

The Raymond Franks moved down from Center Hill Farm to camp on June 8. Their second winter as residents of Weld had taught them all the inconveniences of a dry well. Betty Frank departed for her second summer at Camp Mudjekeewis on June 30, and Frannie took up, with her usual good will, the never ending and ever varied duties of Kawanhee's Camp Mother.

Junior Counsellors Notable for Knowledge of Camp Activities

By M. SPROUL, JR. COUNSELLOR

Twelve Junior Counsellors hold down the important positions of assistants in the various departments at Camp Kawanhee. With one exception, they are all former campers and many of them, as Master Campers and Junior Counsellors, have already had experience in the different activities.

Charles Barkwill, of Cleveland, returns to assist in the Tennis and Fishing Departments. He is a Senior at the University School and this is his fourth year at Kawanhee.

Henry Blau, another Kawanhee four-year man, will once again assist in the Swimming Department. Athletics, Baseball and the supervision of Rec Hall games will also make some claims upon his time. In the fall, Henry will be a Sophomore at Yale. His home is in Columbus, Ohio.

David Crandall, of Oswego, N. Y., arrives a bit late to take up his duties as chief assistant on the Range. The season of 1948 is Dave's third at Kawanhee.

David Fay, of Columbus, who is a Sophomore at Kenyon College, Gambier, Ohio, starts his fifth year at Kawanhee, although his most recent season here was as a Master Camper in 1944. David will devote his time to the Sailing Department and help with the Rec Hall games, meanwhile tuning up for the position of camp bugler.

Ed Hamblin, another Columbus Junior Counsellor, is a Freshman at Northwestern University. He resumes his duties in the camp store and post office. His work as an editor of the *Wigwam* and as the assistant keeper of the score and Achievement Level charts will amply fill his time.

Dick Miller, who begins his tenth year at Kawanhee, will divide his efforts between the Sailing and Swimming Departments. Dick hails from Jamestown, North Dakota, and will be a Freshman at Oberlin in the fall.

Peter Mueller, of New York City, will take over responsibilities in the Athletic and Baseball Departments. He will be a Freshman in Princeton this fall. His only previous summer at Kawanhee was spent in the Wildcat Lodge in 1945.

Bill Romey, of Richmond, Indiana, another four-year man, will devote his talents to the Tennis Department, and his wet-weather days to Woodcraft. He will enter the University of Indiana this fall. Bill was the captain of last summer's victorious Maroon team.

The only Junior Counsellor to head a department is Henry Sengelmann, who has inherited Archery for the

Nurse Unperturbed, Practiced Pill-Pushing in Orient

The new resident of the Kawanhee Infirmary is Mildred Dingle, R.N., the school nurse of the University School in Cleveland. Mrs. Dingle graduated from Wooster College in Ohio and took her nurse's training at Presbyterian Hospital in Chicago.

There is always a tendency to greet a new nurse with gentle hints that eight weeks spent in the Kawanhee Hospital may prove to be something less than a rest cure. Mrs. Dingle has met all such suggestions with a calm which is amply explained by her adventurous and diversified career in nursing. She was sent to Siam by the Rockefeller Foundation and spent six years in Bangkok as Directress of Nurses at the Government Hospital. While in the East, she married an English representative of the Shell Oil Company and lived for seven years in Malaya. At the beginning of the war, her home was in Malacca. Mrs. Dingle joined and served with the British Red Cross until she was evacuated with her son, Hugh, from Singapore to Australia only two weeks before Singapore fell to the Japanese. Such experiences must make it inevitable that Mrs. Dingle take all possible alarms and excursions of a Kawanhee summer in her stride. It is even possible that one usual situation may be reversed, that the campers, instead of regaling the nurse with tales of their own daring, may well listen goggle-eyed to the nurse's account of how she put at least one Japanese spy out of circulation.

summer. He is also slated for work in Athletics, Baseball and the Rec Hall games. In September, he will begin his Sophomore year at Rutgers. Henry's home is in Englewood.

Merrill Sproul, the youngest of this year's Junior Counsellors, is attending Tenafly High School. This is his third season at camp and he will devote time to the Woodcraft Department and act as an assistant editor of the *Wigwam*.

Dick Stillinger, of Shaker Heights, Ohio, will for the second year assist in Nature and Athletics. This is Dick's fourth year at Kawanhee and he will be a Sophomore at Oberlin in the fall. During the 1947 season, he was the Captain of the Greys.

Richard Webber, the only newcomer to the list of Junior Counsellors, will assist in the Swimming Department. Dick hails from New York City and attends Ohio State University, where he is a member of the swimming team.