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Dear Tribesmen and Friends of Kawanhee:

The forty-eight hours between the evening of Saturday, June 30, and Monday, July 2, saw Kawanhee well away on its thirty-first summer. It was difficult, however, to put one's finger on the exact minute when the new season came into being.

There was, of course, a fair sized population in camp even before Saturday evening. Staff members who had been preparing for the opening of camp, and campers and counsellors who had driven in a day or two early, added up at least to fifty or sixty for supper that day, but the arrival of the two big groups of boys from Columbus and New York was needed actually to awaken the camp to its typical robust life. The first such arrival occurred late that evening, when Mr. George Frank's convoy from Ohio pulled into camp in two large busses. It had been a remarkably easy and uneventful trip, Mr. Frank reported (and, by the way, it is also a pleasure to report that George Frank is, and looks, fully recovered from his illness of last fall!). To no one's surprise, the early connection in Boston had been missed, necessitating the later train to Portland and the bus trip to camp ending about bed time. And bed time was all that interested anyone, after a brief pause to do justice to the hot supper which Emma and Laurence had awaiting the travelers.

The summer's full complement of numbers was reached about 11:00 A.M. next day when Mr. Raymond Frank and his group put in their appearance after an overnight trip from New York, which was also described as routine and unnewsworthy. Although now fully stocked, the camp still had the air of marking time before taking off for the summer. To some extent this was due to the weather, a gray, overcast day dissolving into rain several times towards evening; and to some extent to the effects of loss of sleep during the trips, which made long rest hours unusually acceptable. In the end the day was chiefly occupied by unpacking, shaking down comfortably in the lodges, and visiting with such good friends as Mrs. Raymond Frank, the Camp Mother, on the porch of her cabin, or Dr. Elmore, as he inspected his garden in front of the Infirmary. After supper, everyone gathered in the Recreation Hall for a few songs and a short educational movie, and were then quite willing to call it a day at an early hour.

The anticipatory lull was ended next morning. The wind had changed during the night, and Monday was a beautiful day, bright and clear, warm in the sun but cool around the shady edges. The directors promptly launched the camp upon the full program of activities and by mid-morning every department was running full blast. In the morning swim period, Malcolm Davis quickly had the camp back in the routine of the "buddy swim", and during rest hour Bud Sengelmann could be heard putting the Glee Club through its first rehearsal. Supper produced the first of Emma's extra special cakes, when a newcomer, D. Stone of the Deer Lodge, managed to beat even Barry Birch to the honor of the summer's initial birthday celebration. The total effect of everything ticking along so smoothly was to make it difficult to believe that there had been any interrup-

tion at all, let alone ten months since last August, in the continuity of Kawanhee life.

The official sanction to the opening of the season was given Monday night when Chief Kawanhee paid his ceremonial visit. After gathering in the Recreation Hall to hear Mr. Raymond Frank give his account of the early history of this valley and explain the symbolism of the ceremony, the lodges filed quietly through the darkening woods to Council Point for the traditional ritual. Mr. Kiefer again filled the role of the Chief with his usual dignity and sincerity, and Jock Duncan read the message of last year's sachems to the campers of 1951. An interested spectator of, and participant in, the ceremony was Mr. H. C. Marshall, the original, and for many memorable years the only, impersonator of Kawanhee. He remarked that it was an occasion to which he had long looked forward, for it offered him his first opportunity of hearing Raymond Frank's narrative, and of contributing to the central fire a token stick of his own.

Fifteen Senior Counsellors Return

It is no surprise to find the 1951 staff composed largely of counsellors already well known to the camp. Kawanhee has come to depend upon this backbone of experienced and trusted men, and there could be no happier omen for the season's success than the fact that there are fifteen such veterans in the group of Senior Counsellors assembled by the directors.

At the head of the staff is one of Kawanhee's oldest and truest friends, the Rev. Ross Miller, serving as Head Counsellor and Director of Activities for the fifth season. Dean Miller has other traditional Kawanhee functions connected with trips, camp stories and camp devotions, which stretch back much farther in his camp history, all the way back to his first summer in 1925. For these he hopes that his supervisory duties will allow him some time. For several years the Dean and Mrs. Miller have been living in North Dakota, where he has been on the faculty of Jamestown College. When they leave Kawanhee at the end of this camp season, they will move to Alma, Michigan, and the Dean will assume his new position as Professor of Religion and Dean of the College at Alma College.

With almost as many Kawanhee summers to his credit as the Dean, Clarence Bateman is quite as firmly entrenched in Kawanhee's esteem. For the nineteenth time Bates has charge of the program of Trips which he has built into one of the most thoroughly worthwhile aspects of camp life. Leaving his home in Columbus, Ohio, where he teaches Industrial Arts at West High School, ten days before the beginning of the season, he came to camp to handle the reconstruction of the diving tower and the big dock. His trip to Weld included a detour via Byron, that he might see how his cabins on Swift River had weathered the winter.

Ben Bennett, after missing one summer, returns for his third season to take charge of all the multiple activities in Kawanhee's shop. There he plans to stress the making of objects closely connected with camp activities, such as bows and model boats. Ben teaches Industrial Arts at Crest-

view Junior High School in Columbus. Mrs. Bennett and their family again accompanied him to Kawanhee.

The Woodcraft Department, it is rumored, is about to assume a new title, Campcraft and Forestry (We trust that the tradition-ridden *Wigwam* will remember the change of names!), but happily the director of the work is more familiar. Herbert Birch, who is a teacher of Industrial Arts at his home in Tenaflly, N. J., heads the activity for the seventh consecutive summer. The other members of the Birch family are also in or near camp, Mrs. Birch in a cottage near the Inn, and the older boys in camp. Herb will again direct all the Boy Scout work in Kawanhee, and run the outpost camp on Swift River.

For Herbert Brown of Columbus, Ohio, this is only the second summer as a Senior Counsellor. It is, however, his seventh in Kawanhee, for Herb is one of the several counsellors who have grown up (and in Herb's case we *DO* mean *grown!*) through the various ranks of camper and Junior Counsellor to his present dignities. This summer the major share of his time will be absorbed by his duties as Mr. Bennett's chief assistant in the Shop. In the fall he will be a Junior at Denison University, Granville, Ohio.

Lawrence Bugbee is another ex-camper with a considerable Kawanhee history, spending his second summer as a Senior Counsellor. His home is in Short Hills, N. J., and he has completed his first year in Columbia University's medical school. In camp he is in charge of the Junior C program and is one of the chief aides in Aquatics.

Ben Hadley's four previous Kawanhee summers date back to 1945, and include the leadership of the victorious Gray team in 1946 and his first summer as a Senior Counsellor in 1949, when he was an assistant in Tennis. This year he takes charge of that department, as well as working in Aquatics. September will find him combining his Senior undergraduate year at Dartmouth with his first year of graduate work in that university's Tuck School of Business Administration. His home is in Columbus, Ohio.

To Kawanhee it is just cause for celebration that for the tenth time Arthur Kiefer is directing the work of the Nature Department, which he has developed to its present high state of diversity and popularity. As usual, he claims merely to have spent the winter "exposing" the students of North High School, in Columbus, to Chemistry, but a more careful inquiry into his activities discovers, among other things, the completion of eleven chapters of a new High School textbook of Chemistry, of which he is one of the authors. He has five more chapters to go as his share of the project, and hopes to account for them this summer.

The Nature Department is also fortunate in the return of its second "pillar", David Logan. Dave has previously spent seven seasons in camp. Either as camper or counsellor, he has devoted the greater part of all of them to the Nature work. His home is in Camden, Ohio, and he spent the past winter, his first after graduating from Miami University, as the Assistant Reference Librarian of that school, in Oxford, Ohio.

Sailing is another department assured of tried and true supervision, for Dick Miller is once more at the helm. This is Dick's third season as a Senior Counsellor, but the twelve years of his camp career include most experiences available to tribesmen, including the leadership of the Maroon team in 1948. Dick is ready for his Senior year at Oberlin University.

The name of Roy Nickerson crops up with great frequency on the activities chart. In this eighth Kawanhee season, he is again in charge of Boating, Canoeing and the Beach Guards. Of course he will organize, and probably lead, the big canoe trips later in the summer. He is further-

more slated for work of an "advisory" nature in both Athletics and Aquatics, but it will be surprising indeed if something more strenuous than advice is not involved. During the winters, Nick teaches Physical Education and is Director of Athletics at Leonia High School. Mrs. Nickerson and their daughter again accompanied him from their home in Tenaflly, N. J.

John Nowold, who is Coach and Director of Physical Education at Mound Junior High School in Columbus, received something of a prodigal's welcome when he returned to Kawanhee the last week in June. From 1943 to 1947 inclusive, he was a member in good standing of the Kawanhee tribe, but three summers spent at his home in Columbus, or in traveling, almost allowed that membership to lapse. He was, however, soon "back in the groove", working with Bates on the reconstruction of the docks. Now that camp has opened, he is busy with Fishing and the organization of the camp baseball leagues, and is preparing to supervise the camp score and records.

The author of these pages, Campbell Scarlett, of Columbus, is officially designated as Editor of the *Wigwam* and writer of the Camp Log, but he sometimes suspects that a more appropriate title would be that of "oldest living inhabitant". Having first arrived on the shores of Webb Lake in 1923, he has in the (preferably uncounted) succeeding years survived almost every gradation of rank known to camper, counsellor, or even Inn guest, including a now somewhat improbable "stretch" as titular head of the Nature Department, in the dim and distant pre-Kiefer past.

For Henry Sengelmann, of Englewood, N. J., this is merely an eleventh Kawanhee summer. It is also his fourth as a Senior Counsellor and head of the highly successful Archery Department. The reorganization of Kawanhee's famed Glee Club was, of course, a project which claimed Bud's immediate attention, and he has undertaken the duties of a lodge inspector. In June he graduated from Colgate University, and at present is looking forward to graduate work in Zoology, and possibly to medical school.

Kawanhee is happy to find another good friend in his customary haunts on the Range. Howell Windle is in charge of that very popular department for the seventeenth summer, and will again exercise his notable talents as a photographer in taking the camp pictures. His home is in Morrisville, Pennsylvania, and he teaches Science at the Bok Vocational Technical School in Philadelphia. He and Mrs. Windle are settled for the summer in their cottage at the upper end of the lake, where Mrs. Windle's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Marshall, began their summer's sojourn late in June.

Two Newcomers, Two Promoted Juniors

The names of four new Senior Counsellors are listed on the staff. Only two of these, however, may be counted as newcomers, for the other pair is well seasoned in Kawanhee ways through years as campers and Jr. Counsellors.

One of the first-year men, William Bernard of New Canaan, Conn., is a graduate of Princeton and is ready in the fall to begin his second year at Columbia's College of Physicians and Surgeons. In camp Bill has adopted that orphan department, Dramatics, and will assist with the Junior C program. He is also one of the Fishing counsellors and expects to co-operate with the Nature Department in the latter's frequently expressed hope of further developing the art of fly-tying in Kawanhee.

Although the other new man, Ted Wolfe, has only one assignment after his name, he need not expect time to hang heavy on his hands this summer. That one assignment

makes him director of Athletics, a department which encompasses boxing, wrestling, basketball, field events and baseball instruction. Ted's home is in Columbus, where he teaches American History at North High, as well as coaching football and basketball.

Of the two who have, so to speak, come up through the ranks, Ken Beck succeeds to the full supervision of the camp store and post office, where he has worked as an assistant during several of his previous five summers in camp. He is also an assistant editor of the *Wigwam*. His home is in Columbus and he is a Sophomore at Ohio State University.

Malcolm Davis has the all-important position of counsellor in charge of Aquatics, a department where, as the first assistant, he proved his ability last summer. This places on his capable shoulders the responsibility for all the swimming instruction and the life saving classes. During the past winter, his first at Columbia University, he was a member of the Freshman swimming team. His home is in New York City, and his Kawanhee experience dates back to 1943, when he first entered camp as a Junior C.

Junior Counsellors Numerous and Able

Much of the work of the various departments will, as usual, be carried on by the Junior Counsellors who act as assistants. This summer's large group of Juniors is particularly well equipped to fill these places, for all have had previous Kawanhee experience in the activities to which they are assigned, either as Master Campers or as campers. As a matter of fact, the combined Kawanhee histories of these fourteen tribesmen add up to seventy summers spent on the shores of Webb Lake, an average of five for each man, sufficient to prove the mutual esteem already existing between these gentlemen and the camp.

For Ray Brown, a student at the Columbus Academy, this is the fourth Kawanhee summer. The Nature Department and his duties in the dining hall have first claim upon his time.

Jack Corrodi has elected to work in Sailing, Fishing, Campcraft and Dramatics, a choice which should amply fill his days. He too is a native of Columbus and a Junior at the Columbus Academy.

Sherman Denison expects to give his attention to Dramatics, and to act as an assistant on the Range and in Athletics. His home is in Shaker Heights, and he is a Junior at the University School in Cleveland, Ohio.

The captain of the 1950 Maroon team, Jock Duncan, is spending his second summer as a Junior Counsellor with a full schedule in Aquatics, Athletics, Trips and Campcraft. He also has the none too popular job of being one of the two lodge inspectors. In the fall he will be a Senior at the University School in Cleveland. His home is in Beachwood, Ohio.

Bill Fleming's camp career dates back to 1946 and includes such distinctions as being the camp's high-point winner in 1948. His home is in Columbus where he is a Junior at Upper Arlington High. Acting as an assistant in the Sailing Department is, naturally, first on Bill's program for the summer, along with some work in Tennis.

Byron Ford's seven previous summers in Kawanhee represent an almost straight run from the Eagle Lodge up through every grade of camp life to this, his first year as a Junior Counsellor. Assisting in Shop, Athletics and Tennis will account for his time. His home is in Worthington, Ohio, and he is a Junior at the Columbus Academy.

Assisting on the Range, as well as in Boating and Canoeing, and in Campcraft, are the assignments for Mitch

Greenawalt's seventh camp season. Furthermore he serves as Kawanhee's bugler. In Springfield, Ohio, his home, he has recently graduated from high school and will enter Wittenberg College in the fall.

Another Junior Counsellor with considerable Kawanhee seniority to his credit is Herb Hedges. His past accomplishments in Archery make it inevitable that that department should have first claim on his attention, but he expects to have time for Athletics, Dramatics and Trips as well. Herb is a Junior at Upper Arlington High School.

Bill Lane, of Canal Winchester, Ohio, a Junior at the Columbus Academy, is an assistant in the Tennis Department and will lend a hand with Boating and Canoeing, and with Athletics.

Bob Noyes rejoins the Kawanhee tribe for the first time since his two years as a camper in 1944 and 1945. His assignment is in the Nature Department, where he will concentrate on the work in Mineralogy. His home is in Mountain Lakes, N. J., where he is a Junior in high school.

Swimming and Trips are to be the first concern of Henry O'Neill's first session as a Junior Counsellor, after five seasons as a camper. His home is in Columbus, where he is a Junior at Aquinas.

Sailing and Campcraft are the departments in which Ted Parsons will act as an assistant. Ted comes from Shaker Heights, Ohio, where he, too, is a Junior in high school.

Bob Sengelmann, of Englewood, N. J., having distinguished himself during the past five seasons in both Archery and Tennis, naturally becomes an assistant in those activities now that he is a Junior Counsellor. He attends the Englewood School for Boys.

Ted Wilson's second summer as a Junior Counsellor, and his sixth in Kawanhee, will be spent as an assistant in Swimming, Athletics, and Trips. He graduated from Upper Arlington High School in June and will enter Miami University in September.

Master Campers Gain Experience

Six Master Campers serve as part time assistants in various departments. They are all campers of considerable past experience in Kawanhee who find that it adds value to their senior years to assume responsibilities in the activities which have interested them most, and thereby to prepare themselves for possible future positions as Junior and Senior Counsellors. The names of these Master Campers and the departments in which they have elected to work are as follows:

C. Duvall, *Boating and Canoeing, Range, Sailing, Sign-ups, Tennis*; Richard Harris, *Archery, Range, Athletics*; W. Meador, *Aquatics, Sign-ups, Trips*; J. Olinger, *Nature*; C. Robinson, *Athletics, Fishing, Range, Sailing*; J. Shimer, *Boating and Canoeing, Dining Hall*.

Lodge Lists, July 4, 1951

A first glance at the lodge lists proves the fact that the camp is well filled again. A more careful examination brings other facts to light. About sixty percent of the names are "repeaters", representing boys who are returning for a second or third, or even a sixth or seventh, summer. The general trend toward more and more youthful camps is decidedly marked this year, when the Wildcat Lodge, the traditional stronghold of the Seniors, is inherited by Junior A's. And, finally, it is evident that Kawanhee is becoming something of a family habit, for ten of this summer's camp-

ers are sons of men who were campers in earlier years. As of July 4, the lodge lists stood:

EAGLE LODGE: *Senior Counsellor*—L. Bugbee; *Junior Counsellors*—R. Noyes, E. Parsons; *Campers (Junior C)*—R. Bennett, E. Knezevich, A. Ross, R. Silver, M. Sterrett.

FALCON LODGE, *Senior Counsellor*—B. Bennett; *Junior Counsellor*—W. Lane; *Campers (Junior C)*—G. Ford, F. Gaston, P. Gelpi, D. Hoover, F. Richardson, R. Sommers.

PANTHER LODGE: *Senior Counsellor*—H. Brown; *Junior Counsellor*—S. Denison; *Campers (Junior B)*—Barry Birch, R. Baker, W. Diehl, S. Miller, J. Murray, J. Salembier, J. Wright.

POLECAT LODGE: *Senior Counsellor*—M. Davis; *Junior Counsellor*—R. Sengelmann; *Campers (Junior B)*—S. Ackley, F. Andrae, A. Briscoe, M. Gelpi, P. Hammer, R. Irwin, J. McHutison, H. Smith.

PINE TREE LODGE: *Senior Counsellor*—R. Nickerson; *Junior Counsellor*—H. Hedges; *Campers (Junior B)*—N. Anderson, R. Angier, T. Hirsch, A. Hoster, D. Jeffrey, W. Keating, D. Kerr, E. Sanders.

DEER LODGE: *Senior Counsellor*—H. Sengelmann; *Junior Counsellor*—W. Fleming; *Campers (Junior B)*—R. Beatty, W. Dutcher, P. Earle, R. Gaston, P. Macmillan, S. Ryner, S. Ross, J. Schwarzell, D. Stone.

BIRCH LODGE: *Senior Counsellor*—Richard Miller; *Junior Counsellor*—John Corrodi; *Campers (Junior B)*—S. Cornwall, D. Enloe, D. Fisher, D. French, Remey Harris, R. Knowlton, H. Pyhel, H. Pope, C. Salembier.

BEAVER LODGE: *Senior Counsellor*—W. Bernart; *Junior Counsellor*—B. Ford; *Campers (Junior A)*—P. Beneville, Brian Birch, J. Brown, J. Ferris, T. French, D. McCabe, J. Shepard, T. Walcott.

MOOSE LODGE: *Senior Counsellor*—D. Logan; *Junior Counsellor*—H. O'Neill; *Campers (Junior A)*—S. Elliot, F. Hoster, D. Keck, H. McAllen, P. Nusbaum, R. Rector, M. Robson, H. Schwarzell.

LYNX LODGE: *Senior Counsellor*—B. Hadley; *Junior Counsellor*—M. Greenawalt; *Campers (Junior A)*—R. Boyce, W. Brown, D. Earle, R. Hahn, N. Knezevich, J. Murphy, T. Parsons, E. Johanson.

WILDCAT LODGE: *Senior Counsellor*—T. Wolfe; *Junior Counsellor*—J. Duncan; *Campers (Junior A)*—James Corrodi, W. Hadley, B. Miller, J. Sanders, J. Tribou, D. Williams, P. Fagan.

CROWS' NEST: *Senior Counsellor*—H. Birch; *Junior Counsellors*—T. Wilson, R. Brown; *Campers (Senior) and Master Campers*—J. Beatty, P. Bloser, K. Campbell, D. Fergus, P. Hay, G. McCleary, R. Olinger, J. Shimer.

GREEN BARN: *Senior Counsellor*—K. Beck; *Campers (Senior) and Master Campers*—C. Duvall, I. Garbin, Richard Harris, W. Meador, C. Robinson.

Nurse New, but Old Friends in Kitchen

Counsellors and campers are undoubtedly important to the success of any season, but those wise in the ways of Kawanhee count a few other individuals as the ones who are really indispensable to the welfare of the camp. The infirmary and the kitchen are the places where these invaluable ladies and gentlemen are to be found.

A new nurse holds sway in the camp hospital this year. She is Miss Marguerite Anderson, R.N., a graduate of Grant Hospital in Columbus, where she makes her home. A boys' camp is new in Miss Anderson's experience, but neither she nor anyone else regards that fact with any trepidation. She is a public school nurse, and her usual charge consists of the 3500 pupils of Heyl, Barrett and South High schools. Surely even Kawanhee will not be able to cook up any sur-

prises for a cheerful and efficient lady accustomed to such numbers. Dr. Garfield G. Defoe, of near-by Dixfield, is again serving as the camp physician, as he has done so successfully for many years in the past.

Returning tribesmen found a sincere welcome awaiting them in the kitchen, for there Emma and Laurence are at their usual posts. That fact alone is a guarantee of a well-fed and happy summer. Since 1932, Mr. and Mrs. Laurence Briggs, of Madison, Maine, have been among the most highly esteemed members of the tribe and the thought that the camp is again to enjoy Emma's baking and Laurence's cooking is a most happy prospect. They came to Kawanhee on June 5 this year, and since then have been busy organizing, cleaning, repairing—in short, setting up the camp for the summer.

Another early arrival was Miss Flora Fletcher, Emma's faithful assistant for many a past summer. Now, once again, she is dealing out desserts with her usual friendly impartiality. The other members of the kitchen staff are Alice Withee, Julia Coro, Lenora Dyer, Peter Scofield, and Robert Cushing. An alumna of this group, Patricia Crockett, is also happily, if only temporarily, on hand. Pat elected to spend the week's vacation from her position in the Wilton bank back in Kawanhee. There really must be unsuspected attractions to wiping silver and arranging salads in the Kawanhee kitchen.

The summer's bookkeeper and secretary is a newcomer. He is Bernard Purington, of Lewiston, Maine, who is a Senior at the University of Maine.

The week progressed as smoothly as it began. The departments settled into the summer's work, and J. Wright passed the year's first level in Nature. The sedate new bubbler on the dining hall porch quickly became as familiar as its unlamented predecessor, which used to gush treacherously in the eye of the unwary. Tuesday evening the camp gathered in the Rec Hall for a vigorous round of games and to hear Dean Miller tell *The Man without a Country*. Wednesday proved to be as quiet a celebration of the Fourth as could be imagined. The traditional watermelon did appear (and rapidly disappear!) at dinner, and a movie, entitled *Destroyer*, was shown after supper.

In order to bring you the above information on the opening of the 1951 season, this *Wigwam* has been rather hastily assembled, and will appear, willy-nilly, as soon as possible. Future numbers, it is expected, will resume the regular schedule of being distributed in camp and mailed out on Friday of each week. As this paper goes to the printers early in the morning of July 5, certain important events, such as the naming of the captains and the selection of teams, are still to be announced and reported. To bring you all such news of the Kawanhee summer, as promptly and as adequately as is in our power, will be the purpose of the *Wigwam* and its editor,

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