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Dear Tribesmen and Friends of Kawanhee:

Here is a short *Wigwam*, to account for a short but busy period of Kawanhee time. It should at least serve to put this periodical back on its regular schedule.

The three final days of the season's first week ran their appointed course, never seriously inconvenienced by weather which was, to put it mildly, varied. Intermittent rains on Thursday curtailed the summer's first trip, but in camp the slack was taken up as lodge after lodge took time out from regular activities for weights and measurements under Mr. Bugbee's supervision. Friday was windy and chilly, but by evening the baseball diamonds were sufficiently dry to allow the first round of league games to be played. A movie program, consisting of several shorts and a feature, entitled *Song of the Prairie*, was divided up to provide entertainment in the hour before *Tattoo* both nights.

Summer temperatures arrived on Saturday. Such weather was ideal for the Maroon-Grey track meet in the afternoon and for the first of the traditional Saturday evening baseball games between the Senior Counsellors and the Junior Counsellors, a hot session which the Seniors won, 6 to 1. The day and the week came to their standard conclusion in the campfire on Council Point. This event followed its accepted program. It opened with the ceremony of the Four Winds, over which Jock Duncan presided, and proceeded through the reports of the activity heads and the announcement of the score, to the reading of the week's *Log*. (Here it may be noted parenthetically that *Punk from the Log*, the collection of such excerpts from each *Log* as make sense in print, will appear as usual in future numbers of the *Wigwam*. In the installment of the *Log* read on July 7, its writer produced nothing sufficiently startling, in the opinion of the *Wigwam*'s editor, to warrant this paper's spreading onto a third page. Now there's a nice example of not letting the right hand know what the left is doing!!)

Naturally the score announced by Mr. Nowold was a small one. The teams had only been in existence for twenty-four hours. That fact in no way lessened the joy of the Maroons when they heard that they were in the lead by 124 points. The score stood: Maroons, 361; Greys, 237. The Maroons won a fair part of this advantage in the track meet, which ended 101-57 in their favor. The remainder of the points came from levels already completed by ambitious campers. Of these the Maroons had fifteen First Levels and one Second for 260 points, to twelve Firsts worth 180 for their rivals. There follows a list of the campers credited with levels on July 7:

HANDICRAFT, Junior B—First Level: R. Irwin, S. Miller, J. Murray, H. Pyhel.

HANDICRAFT, Junior A—First Level: Remey Harris, T. Hicks, P. Macmillan, J. Shepard, J. Tribou.

HANDICRAFT, Senior—First Level: W. Hadley.

HANDICRAFT, Senior—Second Level: W. Hadley.

NATURE, Junior C—First Level: R. Bennett, G. Ford, F. Gaston, P. Gelpi, D. Hoover, E. Knezevich, F. Richardson, A. Ross, R. Silver, R. Sommers, M. Sterrett.

NATURE, Junior B—First Level: Barry Birch, R. Baker, W. Diehl, S. Miller, J. Murray, J. Wright.

Ford and Hedges Named New Captains

The most important business transacted during the period was without question the appointment of the captains and the annual division of the camp into two teams. Selecting the heads for the Maroons and the Greys is a vital decision, for no two individuals have a greater share in creating the spirit and enthusiasm which make or break the success of any season. The particular difficulty encountered by the directors in their choice this year was an embarrassment of riches. The group of Junior Counsellors included several popular and trusted young men who fulfilled every qualification of leadership and ability required of a captain. After lengthy considerations of the quite valid claims, first of this boy and then of that, the problem in the end was settled on the impersonal basis of seniority, and the appointments given to the two boys with the most years of Kawanhee experience.

In this case, the mechanical method of selection proved to be highly satisfactory, for the boys so named, Byron Ford and Herbert Hedges, had in all ways been leading contenders for the honor, and certainly could not be surpassed in suitability for the positions. For both Byron and Herb this is the eighth Kawanhee season, and those past summers have all been ones of solid accomplishment which will stand them in good stead as they undertake their new responsibilities. Two other outstanding Junior Counsellors were appointed as assistant captains, Bill Fleming to serve with Hedges, and Butch O'Neill with Ford.

On Friday, July 6, the names of the new captains and their aides were announced in the Dining Hall at noon and greeted with enthusiastic bursts of approval. Mr. Nowold then produced the coin for the traditional flip which would give one captain or the other the choice of colors, but no such recourse to chance was needed. Ford wanted the Maroons, and Hedges hoped for the Greys. The matter was promptly settled to everyone's satisfaction, and during the afternoon the new leaders, working over lodge lists and records, selected their teams. After the ball games in the evening everyone gathered in front of the Recreation Hall and the division of the camp into the summer's Maroon and Grey teams was read off in a rapid-fire order, eliminating the hints of the slave market which in past years occasionally made the event somewhat painful.

At this stage of the game it is tempting, although obviously profitless, to speculate as to which captain may have lined up the stronger team. An unusually large number of last year's high-scoring campers were available. Of these Ford nabbed R. Gaston, the camp high point winner in 1950; the ranking men in three of last summer's age groups: D. Fisher, D. Fergus and P. Bloser; as well as six other campers who had individual scores greater than 400: R. Beatty, J. Salembier, J. Shepard, Jim Corrodi, W. Hadley, and E. Johanson. Hedges bolstered the Greys with W. Diehl, who had the second highest score last year, and with six others of the over-400 group: J. Murray, A. Briscoe, D. Jeffrey, J. Sanders, J. Knezevich and B. Miller. The Maroons therefore have a distinct edge in the matter of point-winning ability proved by past performance. It must

be noted, however, that this is no sound basis for prophecies. By the mere fact of winning high scores a year ago, these campers may have exhausted many of the points which they could readily win, leaving this summer's big totals to be piled up by newcomers who start from scratch. Ah well, it is useless even to wish that the best team may win. It undoubtedly will!

Dr. Elmore's Thermostat Registers Well

The warm, still weather of Sunday, July 8, allowed the morning service to be held out of doors, and it was in the beautiful setting on the shore near Council Point that Dr. Elmore gave his sermon. A talk by Dr. Elmore is always a memorable event, but his first address to the camp each season causes us to wonder afresh at the clarity of his presentation, the vividness of his images and the sincerity of his message. Sunday he spoke immediately to the whole of his varied congregation of campers, counsellors and guests with his striking figure of the thermometer and the thermostat. A thermometer recognizes and registers the temperature of the conditions in which it exists, but it takes a thermostat to do something about those conditions. With simple and impressive illustrations from the Bible, from the history of our country, and from the life of the camp itself, he brought home this thought to young and old alike, leaving in many a heart the firm resolve to be Kawanhee's thermostats this summer.

Other participants in the service were Dean Miller, Herb Hedges who read the lesson, and Jack Corrodi who gave the prayer. Mr. Raymond Frank led the singing of two hymns, and the Glee Club very happily filled the place of the quartet. It is generally hoped, however, that the fine quartet, which is one of Kawanhee's most cherished traditions, will be reassembled to take its accustomed share in the services before the season is much older.

Sunday afternoon Dr. Defoe made his annual physical examination of the members of the camp and, in the evening, a simple and impressive vesper service was conducted by Dean Miller on the camp beach. The day ended with a brief, but much enjoyed, dip in the warm twilight. Monday morning found all activities in full swing again. A group of Master Campers and Junior Counsellors departed with Dean Miller to explore Tumbledown and the Jackson range, while Malcolm Davis had heavy traffic shuttling back and forth across the lake and cove, as eager campers passed the swimming tests which qualified them for their boating privileges.

C. SCARLETT

Newry Expedition Comes to Damp End

On Thursday morning, July 5, Mr. Kiefer, Bob Noyes, and a group of eight campers left camp on a mineral-collecting expedition to the Nevel mine in Newry. Although ominous-looking clouds hung over the camp, various amateur weather prophets assured us that the skies would soon clear, and our party drove off expecting a sunny day.

We arrived at the foot of the mountain in about an hour and proceeded to hike up the mile-long trail to the mine. We kept up a good pace with few pauses, only one

of which was noteworthy. About five hundred yards from the mine itself, we halted to prospect a smaller mine. There we found good specimens of mica, milky quartz and columbite. At the top of this dump is a pit full of water, and several boys, ignoring Mr. Kiefer's promise of a "size thirteen shoe with a foot in it", hurled rocks into the pit to hear the echoing splash, some nearly precipitating themselves over the edge in the attempt.

As soon as we reached the top, we began to hunt, and many fine specimens of tourmaline, clevelandite, mica, lepidolite, quartz and other minerals were uncovered. After a lunch of sandwiches, the hunt was resumed for an hour before we perceived that ugly storm clouds had sneaked over the hill while our backs were turned. We quickly stuffed minerals, hammers, canteens and left-over food into our packs and dashed down the trail, just as the rain struck full force. Somewhat bedraggled, we reached the truck, piled in and raced home, skipping the customary visit to Perham's mineral shop in West Paris.

Although spirits had been slightly dampened by the rain, the trip was on the whole successful, judging from the quantity and quality of specimens brought back to camp.

R. NOYES

Track Meet and League Baseball

In the first Maroon-Grey track meet, on Saturday, July 7, the Maroons won by the score of 101 to 57. The Greys took an early lead by capturing the first six events, but this advantage was more than offset by the Maroons' sweep of the five concluding contests. The winners of first places in the various events were as follows:

Junior C 35 yard Dash	R. Sommers, Grey
Junior C Shoe Race	R. Sommers, Grey
Junior C Block Race	Grey Team
Junior C Baseball Roll	M. Sterrett, Grey
Junior B High Jump	D. Kerr, Grey
Junior B 50 yard Dash	D. Kerr, Grey
Junior B Broad Jump	D. Kerr, Grey
Junior A 70 yard Dash	R. Rector, Maroon
Junior A Broad Jump	R. Rector, Maroon
Junior A Golf Putt	T. Parsons, Grey
Junior A High Jump	R. Rector, Maroon
Senior Broad Jump	B. Ford, Maroon
Senior 80 yard Dash	J. Duncan, Maroon
Senior High Jump	J. Duncan, Maroon
Senior Golf Putt	W. Hadley, Maroon

Because of rain during the afternoon of July 6, both Senior League baseball games were postponed until that evening.

Denison's Indians took one of the openers from Bill Lane and his White Sox, 6 to 3. A four-run Indian rally in the first inning proved to be the deciding factor. Walks by Johanson and Hahn, followed by consecutive singles by Denison, Ford and Jim Corrodi, made up this rally. This early surge of runs was sufficient to withstand a late inning comeback by the White Sox which netted three runs. Denison and Corrodi of the Indians, and Duvall of the White Sox, were the leading hitters with two apiece. Pitchers Byron Ford and Ted Wilson displayed fine control through the game.

In the other opening game of the league, the Red Sox, headed by Bill Fleming, edged out Bob Sengelmann's Yankees, 5-4.

R. BROWN