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Big Season Launched in Record Time

No Kawanhee season ever took off to a faster start than this, the thirty-fourth. Twelve hours — well, maybe fourteen hours would be more exact — after the arrival of the busses on the evening of June 30, the full program of activities was in operation, and it has been perking along so smoothly ever since that it is difficult to recall any interruption of Kawanhee activities since last August. This is, moreover, the biggest of Kawanhee seasons. An enrollment of 141, including Junior Counselors, exceeds even last year's record roster, while the basic "cooks' count" of 184 mouths to feed gives the clearest picture of just what a sizable community Camp Kawanhee is in the summer of 1954.

All this — smoothly organized beginning and top enrollment — came about only as the result of long winter months of work and careful planning on the part of the two directors, Mr. George Frank and Mr. Raymond Frank. As usual, no small part of their thought and effort was devoted to building a staff of counselors and other specialists capable of carrying on the traditions of Kawanhee.

This summer's staff shows a happy combination of the old and the new — of counselors tried and found true in the administration of their departments through many Kawanhee seasons, and of newcomers who bring fresh ideas and fresh approaches to prevent any ossification of activities. Of the twenty-nine Senior Counselors, fifteen are continuing their work of last summer and, frequently, of several earlier summers as well. Seven are former Kawanhee men (Junior Counselors and campers) resuming or initiating careers as Senior Counselors. Only six come as complete strangers to this camp. This judicious mixture of seasoned timber and new sap — pardon, the metaphor carried us away — of seasoned timber and new blood promises much for the success of the summer.

Staley Joins Marshall at Program Helm

Right at the head of the staff is a happy example of this co-operation of the veteran and the newcomer, for the responsibilities of the Director of Activities are being shared by two men. One is a gentleman whose name is virtually synonymous with the job, Mr. H. C. Marshall. The junior member of this team, whose qualifications are founded on a wealth of experience in camp work elsewhere, is Mr. Leo G. Staley of Columbus, Ohio.

Mr. Marshall's knowledge of the job, of course, is unsurpassed, for, during the first twenty-six years of the camp's history, he created the position at the same time that his fine leadership was doing so much to mold the character and traditions of Kawanhee itself. Mr. Marshall was the founding headmaster of the Columbus Boy Choir School. For the past several years he has lived near Dayton and the years of his retirement have been so full and busy that it was no surprise to his Columbus friends a year or more ago to come across a newspaper feature on his ice-skating activities at eighty. This summer, as he did a year ago, Mr. Marshall is devoting part of each day to his Kawanhee interests, commuting from the head of the lake where he and Mrs. Marshall have their own small cabin on the Windle's property.

Mr. Staley is the Director of Intramural Sports at Ohio State University. He is a graduate of Springfield College, Springfield, Mass., and holds a degree of M. A. in Education from O. S. U. He has had many years of experience in Y. M. C. A., Boy Scout and church camps, including two years at Camp Cedar Crest in Maine's Belgrade Lake district. In his first Kawanhee season, he is not only Co-Director of Activities, but Director of the Athletics as well. These impersonal facts give but little idea of Mr. Staley's immediate personal success in fitting into a not uncomplicated niche at the very center of the Kawanhee organization. Kawanhee is finding him a versatile, as well as a popular, new leader, able to check the dining hall din for an announcement or to stage a peppy campfire (including Harry Lauder songs) with equal aplomb. It is entirely symbolic of his new position in Kawanhee that he and Mrs. Staley should be living in Ma Frank's Cabin and that it should remain as ever the favorite crossroads of the camp.

Fourteen Old Staff Hands on Deck

Of the fourteen familiar Senior Counselors doing business at their accustomed stands, the first in alphabetic order is Clarence Bateman, teacher of Industrial Arts at West High School in Columbus, Ohio. "Bates" is always among the first in any Kawanhee memory as well, for this is the twenty-second consecutive summer in which he has steered the program of Trips from the helm of the "Bouncing Buggy". His interest and enthusiasm have built these trips into one of the most popular and thoroughly satisfying aspects of Kawanhee life. The big enrollment poses for him the problem of squeezing all of the proposed trips for each boy into the camp's three trucks and the summer's eight weeks. Bates "had 'em rolling" early this year, with the Wildcat, Lynx and Moose lodges off to Coos Canyon for the famed swimming on Sunday, July 4.

Herbert Birch, beginning his ninth season on the shores of Webb Lake, is of more recent vintage, but he is quite as deeply entrenched in the life of Kawanhee. After running the Campcraft Department with notable success for six years, Herb switched over to Shop and has proved himself quite as effective in all the activities of that busy department, from painting paddles to running down wandering hammers. Mr. Birch teaches Industrial Arts in Tenafly High School at his home in New Jersey. Mrs. Birch, Bonnie and Bruce are spending another summer in their cabin near the Inn, while Brian and Barry are enrolled in camp again.

Irv Bouton began his Kawanhee career in 1940 and, with the exception of 1951 and '52 when his army service took him as far as Korea, he has been an active member of the tribe ever since. This summer finds him in charge of Tennis for the sixth time, and never have his efforts to put the courts in shape for play been more bedeviled by wet weather than they were in June this year. Irv, Pat and young Barbara arrived on June 19 this year and established themselves at Pine Lodge. Irv has been teaching Mathematics and coaching Track at Choate School, Wallingford, Connecticut, during the past year. His plans for

the near future call for some specialized work in Photography under the G. I. Bill at some school still to be selected.

Herb Brown, of Columbus, Ohio, begins his tenth Kawanhee summer as a brancher-outer. After several years as Shop assistant, Herb is discovered with a department of his own, Dramatics. He will also assist in Athletics. A graduate of Denison, Herb has just completed his first year in the law school of the University of Michigan.

Ray Brown, also from Columbus, continues in his accustomed groove as one of the chief assistants in Athletics. This is Ray's seventh summer in Kawanhee, and his second as a Senior Counselor. Autumn will find him beginning his Sophomore year at Yale.

The work in Campcraft again claims the attention of Edward K. Chace, Superintendent of Schools in Scituate, Mass. Through four Kawanhee seasons and many earlier seasons in other Maine camps, Mr. Chace has built up a great enthusiasm for "this neck of the woods", particularly for the Tumbledown Range. It was therefore no surprise to find that two of 1954's earliest expeditions were Chace-led ascents of Tumbledown and Big Jackson. Ed's duties in Scituate call him away from Kawanhee for two weeks from July 10 to July 25.

The head of the Nature Department is again Forrest P. Dexter, Jr., of Cranford, N. J., who first took over Kawanhee's highly developed Nature Building last summer. At Union Junior College he is chairman of the Department of Chemistry, and the Admission and Guidance Director for Science Students, as well as Chairman of the Nursing Program.

After his effective job with the Wrestling program last summer, it is only natural to find Jock Duncan in charge of that department again. His other assignments include work in Boxing and Athletics. Jock is a seven-year Kawanhee tribesman. His home is in Cleveland, Ohio, and in September he will begin his Junior year at Williams College, Williamstown, Mass.

In his eleven years at Kawanhee Herb Hedges of Columbus, Ohio, has plowed a long, straight row through every grade of camperhood and counselorhood from Junior B to this, his second year as a Senior Counselor. Herb is again in charge of the very popular Archery Range. He is a Sophomore at the University of Michigan.

The Rev. Ross Miller, Professor of Religion and Dean of the Chapel at Alma College, Alma, Michigan, returns to a collection of camp jobs (Story-telling, Camp Devotions, the leadership of certain trips) which he has made peculiarly his own through twenty-seven Kawanhee summers. This summer too he returns to the work in Campcraft for which he assumed a large share of the responsibility last year.

Roy Nickerson has the usual busy schedule lined up for the summer. He is in charge of Boating and the Beach Guards, and is one of the counselors assigned to Range. He may be looking forward to some well earned leisure at his home in Tenafly, N. J., this coming winter. On June 18, Nick retired from his long-time position as Director of Athletics at Leonia High School. The event was made the occasion of a large alumni dinner, and Nick and Mrs. Nickerson found themselves the recipients of many surprise gifts, including a television set, a watch, a camera, etc. After Kawanhee's own eleven years of pleasant association with Nick, the camp can well understand Leonia's disposition to do him honor.

Stewart Rowley of West Palm Beach, Florida, returns for his second summer in Kawanhee, this time as an assistant in Athletics with special emphasis on Basketball. He is entering his Senior year at Bangor Theological Seminary in September, and continues to serve as the student pastor of Carthage Union Church a few miles from camp.

The fact that Campbell Scarlett of Columbus, Ohio, is *NOT* writing the camp *Log* this year seems to prove that the leopard *can* change his spots. After nearly two decades of "Logging", he wants at least a sabbatical, and this summer will amuse himself, if no one else, as Editor of the *Wigwam*, a position with which he is not unacquainted. By actual count, this is your Editor's thirty-first summer in Kawanhee and, except for a Frank or two, that record leaves him in undisputed possession of the title of Oldest Living Inhabitant.

Since 1934, Howell Windle, as counselor in charge of the Range, has established a record of safety and accomplishment which is not likely to be approached, let alone equaled. Mr. Windle's other traditional Kawanhee activities find him continuing as camp photographer and as projectionist for the weekly movies. His home is in Morrisville, Pennsylvania, and he teaches Science at the Bok Vocational Technical School in Philadelphia.

Three Counselors Return after Sabbaticals

It is always pleasant to welcome the return of straying tribesmen, and this year a few have returned from far afield. Ed Hamblin, for instance, has come all the way from "Greenland's icy mountains". His service in the Transportation Detachment of the Army led to his spending a year, from March 1953 to March 1954, at a base on the southern tip of Greenland. Ed's name has been missing from the Kawanhee roster since 1950. Prior to that, he was a tribesman in good standing for seven years. Ed graduated from Ohio State in 1952 and this fall will enter the American Institute for Foreign Trade, in Phoenix, Arizona, for a Master's degree. He is supervising the program of the Junior B Cubs this summer, and will lend a hand at editing the *Wigwam*.

Henry Blau's travels last summer took him to Europe, and the previous year to New Mexico to observe the flight of balloons in an atmospheric project. Blau has been absent from the Kawanhee staff since 1950, his first season as a Senior Counselor. He returns to Kawanhee with a B. A. degree from Yale (1951) and a Master of Science degree from Ohio State (1952). His home is in Columbus, Ohio, where he is continuing graduate work in Physics at O. S. U. Henry is Dispenser of the Worms for the summer, being in charge of Fishing, and he will act as an assistant in Boating.

Ben Bennett, teacher of Mathematics at Crestview Junior High School in Columbus, spent three earlier summers in Kawanhee, the most recent being in 1951. As usual, his 1954 field of action will be the Shop. There his particular attention will be given to the construction of model boats, while sharing the supervision of that very busy department with Mr. Birch.

C. Scarlett

Newcomers and Ex-Juniors Grafted on Staff

Newcomers to Camp Kawanhee and to the Senior Counselor group number five this year. Bill and Owenita Comley are an active couple in camp. Their home is Covington, Kentucky. Bill was graduated from Ohio University this June, having been co-captain of the Swimming Team his Senior year. He has had previous camp experience, having worked at a camp in Midland, Ontario, as well as some "Y" camps. Getting the beginner swimmers started on the right track, and organizing the Senior and Junior Life Saving classes, have been his immediate goals. Owenita Comley is here as secretary.

Mike Griffith, an Upper Arlington High graduate, will be a Sophomore at Ohio State this fall. Being on the Ohio

State Sailing Team makes him especially capable of teaching this art to our campers. He could be out in California this summer with his team, participating in the National Collegiate Sailing Championship.

Being a Sophomore in Industrial Arts in the Education College at Ohio State University qualifies Phil Owen as an assistant in Kawanhee's Handicraft Department. His home is Dayton, Ohio. Phil has had previous camp experience at various "Y" camps.

Al Palzer, serving as assistant in the Aquatics Department, is from Douglaston, Long Island, New York. He is a Sophomore at the University of Maine. Water and he seem to get along fine, his job last summer having been that of a yacht captain along the Atlantic coast.

Herb Yenser is heading the music program this year. Herb has his Master's degree in Education from Ohio State and is working on his Doctor's degree in Education there. Herb is Instructor of Music at Upper Arlington High as well as heading his church choir. Herb is making singing a real joy here at Kawanhee this year.

Also new to the Senior Counselor ranks, but not to Kawanhee, are some former campers and Junior Counselors. Neil Gest was a camper here in '47 and '48. His home is Mechanicsburg, Ohio, and he is a Sophomore at Ohio Wesleyan. Neil is on the college baseball team and has a great interest in weight lifting. He is here at camp as an assistant in Athletics.

Stuart Klapp was graduated from North High in Columbus this June. He is entering M. I. T. this fall. His first year at Kawanhee was '52 as a camper. He was a Junior Counselor last year. Stuart is assisting this year in the Campcraft Department.

George Kraft, who also graduated from North High in Columbus this June, is entering M. I. T. this fall. George was a camper in '52 and a Junior Counselor in '53. He is an assistant in Campcraft.

Ted Nelson, a Kawanhee camper in '40, '41, '43, and '46, is assisting in the Nature and Campcraft Departments. His home is in Upper Arlington. He was graduated with a combined Commerce and Arts degree at Ohio State University last December. He is now doing graduate work in Psychology there.

Also assisting in the Nature Department, being in charge of mineral work, is Bob Noyes. Bob is from Mountain Lakes, New Jersey, and is now a Sophomore at Haverford College in Pennsylvania. He was a camper here in '44 and '45 and a Junior Counselor in '51 and '52.

E. HAMBLIN

Junior Counselors and Master Campers

Junior Counselors fill the essential roles as assistants in most departments. In many cases their Kawanhee histories are already of impressive length.

Brian Birch, for instance, is something of a venerable elder in the Kawanhee tribe, although he is only a Junior in Tenafly High School at his home in New Jersey. Brian has worked his way straight up from the Eagle Lodge through every rank of camper and Master camper to begin his first season as a Junior Counselor this year. He is the camp bugler and an assistant in Athletics.

Another youthful but already well-seasoned pillar of the Kawanhee program is David Fergus in his seventh Kawanhee summer. This is his third year as a Junior Counselor, and the assorted jobs which he has capably undertaken include one or two usually entrusted only to a Senior Counselor. Dave is the summer's Scorekeeper and master of all the Achievement Level charts. He also supervises the camp store and post office, and serves as Sports Editor of the *Wigwam*. His home is in Columbus where he will be a Senior at Upper Arlington High School in September.

All the way from Tavares, Florida, comes Russell Burleigh for his third Kawanhee season. He is the first assistant on the Archery Range and a Junior in high school.

Bill Hadley is a Junior in Upper Arlington High School in Columbus, Ohio. Sailing is his scheduled activity, and it is likely that his position as Captain of the Greys may claim a fair share of his attention.

Ernest Johanson is another of the assistants in Sailing in his first season as a Junior Counselor. His career as a Kawanhee camper stretches back to 1949. His home is in Columbus where he is a Senior at North High.

Eric Johnson of Chatham, New Jersey, is a Junior in high school. This is his third Kawanhee summer and he is assisting with the program for the Junior B Cubs.

Jim Murphy's first summer as a Junior Counselor finds him, as might be expected of so well-known a marksman, acting as an assistant on the Range. Jim's home is in Cardington, Ohio, where he is a Junior in Cardington High, and this is his fourth semester on the shores of Webb Lake. He is the captain of the Maroon team for 1954.

Mark Robart, more generally known as "Chip", is a newcomer. He has a substantial assignment as the first assistant in Tennis. His home is in Tenafly, N. J., and he will enter Swarthmore College in the fall.

For James Sanders of Rye, N. H., this is the second summer as a Junior Counselor and the fifth as a member of the Kawanhee tribe. Jay is an assistant in Sailing, and will begin his Senior year at Mount Hermon Preparatory School in the fall.

John Waterfall, last summer's Maroon captain, first came to Kawanhee back in 1947. In his second summer as a Junior Counselor he is assisting in Swimming. John hails from Bronxville, N. Y. and is a Senior at Hackley School, Tarrytown, N. Y.

Six Master Campers are having a taste of counselors' responsibilities by serving as part-time assistants in several activities. Fred Hoster, who is the senior member of the group in point of Kawanhee experience, is acting as a lodge assistant in the Deer Lodge and is assisting in several departments, including Boating and Fishing. Ned Williams is second-in-command under Fergus in the camp store and post office. Such activities as Athletics, Aquatics and Sailing, and the care of the Tennis courts will absorb the working hours of Dan Keck, Bob Mathews, Joe Shepard and Todd Tibbals.

Lodge Lists, July 10, 1954

EAGLE LODGE: *Senior Counselor* — R. Noyes; *Junior Counselor* — E. Johnson; *Campers (Junior B)* — Richard Barnes, Robert Barnes, B. Connor, M. Goodwin, G. Marshall, D. Roth, C. Stetson, R. Wilson.

FALCON LODGE: *Senior Counselor* — E. Hamblin; *Junior Counselor* — E. Johanson; *Campers (Junior B)* — A. Adams, W. Borel, D. Casto, R. Daniels, D. Hayward, T. Hoster, D. Pickering, M. Sabback.

PANTHER LODGE: *Senior Counselors* — G. Kraft, T. Nelson; *Campers (Junior B)* — R. Bennett, K. Earle, T. Hinners, C. Sarich, T. Shelton, Fritz Smith, Steven Smith, D. Spears, W. Wassell.

POLECAT LODGE: *Senior Counselors* — M. Griffith, S. Klapp; *Campers (Junior B)* — D. Beggs, G. Benua, R. Brandes, M. Crispin, W. Hauser, D. Inglis, K. Johnson, R. Porter, J. Stiles.

PINE TREE LODGE: *Senior Counselors* — R. Nickerson, A. Palzer; *Campers (Junior B)* — C. Clarke, D. Connor, T. Harrison, R. Hill, J. Kraemer, N. Marcalus, J. Portner, G. Warner, H. Wood.

HAWK LODGE: *Senior Counselor* — W. Comley; *Junior Counselor* — Brian Birch; *Campers (Junior B)* — W. Bayley, W. Boothby, S. Condit, P. Kuhns, R. Lucas, R. McKnight, G. Parker, J. Reeves, D. Springsted.

DEER LODGE: *Senior Counselor* — S. Rowley; *Junior Counselor* — D. Fergus; *Master Camper* — F. Hoster; *Campers (Junior B)* — R. Borel, P. Clark, S. Dexter, R. Dow, R. Duvall, R. Guthrie, H. Hamilton, R. Roberts, C. Sanders, T. Wittlig.

BIRCH LODGE: *Senior Counselor* — N. Gest; *Junior Counselor* — J. Murphy; *Campers (Junior B and Junior A)* — C. Creith, S. Hicks, S. Hoster, R. Lamb, G. Leake, R. O'Connor, S. Ryner, B. Wolfe, S. Wolfe.

BEAVER LODGE: *Senior Counselor* — R. Brown; *Junior Counselor* — J. Sanders; *Campers (Junior A)* — Barry Birch, C. Davenport, S. Davis, P. Gelpi, G. Griffis, P. Heer, B. McCoy, N. Seibert, J. Teichert.

MOOSE LODGE: *Senior Counselor* — H. Blau; *Junior Counselor* — R. Burleigh; *Campers (Junior A)* — C. Adams, D. Angerer, R. Baker, J. Denise, J. Eigensee, B. Emerson, D. Maxwell, D. Miller, F. Richardson.

LYNX LODGE: *Senior Counselor* — H. Hedges; *Junior Counselor* — M. Robart; *Campers (Junior A)* — J. Bobb, T. Carlson, S. Cushman, A. Johnson, G. Kirk, T. Krumm, N. Robbins, R. Windecker, W. Zeig.

WILDCAT LODGE: *Senior Counselor* — H. Brown; *Junior Counselor* — J. Waterfall; *Campers (Junior A)* — L. Clinton, J. Cookman, R. Eckler, R. Elliott, L. Espenshade, R. Johnson, H. Morton, W. Roys, G. Stearns.

CROWS' NEST: *Senior Counselor* — H. Yenser; *Junior Counselor* — W. Hadley; *Campers (Senior)* — T. Hansberger, T. Hirsch, A. Hoster, W. Keating, P. Macmillan, M. Mathews, P. Mayher, L. Smith, G. Stukey, Terry Tibbals, D. Ward.

BEAR LODGE: *Senior Counselors* — J. Duncan, W. Owen; *Campers (Senior and Master Camper)* — C. Conant, D. Gelbach, D. Keck, R. Mathews, D. Pratt, J. Shepard, Todd Tibbals, N. Williams, W. Wilson, R. Wollam.

The Ladies, Praise Be, Are Still with Us

After all these lists of men and boys, it is a pleasure for the *Wigwam* to turn to the small but very select feminine contingent of Kawanhee.

Mrs. George Frank arrived early in June to supervise the opening of Kawanhee Inn, of which she is the Resident Manager, and to start all the preliminary work necessitated by her position as the camp's head dietitian. That she accomplished her pre-season work with her usual efficiency and dispatch is demonstrated by the fact that the Inn has been open and operating since the last week in June, and by the satisfying and well planned meals which Camp Kawanhee has been tucking away with gusto three times every day.

Mrs. Raymond Frank, ever one of the prime movers in the process of opening the camp, has been upon the scene even longer. This year she and Raymond are living once more in their cabin on Pine Point, but Mrs. Frank continues to use Ma Frank's Cabin as her base of operations in her manifold job as Camp Mother. Just what the limitations of that job may be, no one has ever been able to determine, least of all Frannie herself. Suffice it to say that, as Camp Mother or simply as herself, Frannie is always ready with a helping hand and a cheerful word for every counselor, camper or parent who wanders through camp. Miss Betty Frank departed on June 26 for her third season in Camp Kineowatha in Wilton.

After her highly successful summer in the camp infirmary a year ago, Mrs. George Marshall of Columbus, Ohio, is again Kawanhee's nurse. Polly is an R. N. who took her training at Grant Hospital in Columbus, and took graduate work at Ohio State. Her wide experience in nursing includes work in pediatrics, supervision of the admitting department of an emergency hospital, and a summer spent in a girls' camp.

That very popular member of last summer's Nature Department, Miss Mary Baker, returns to devote another season to studying the nocturnal habits of the local bugs and moths, and to directing the diurnal activities of those even more lively critters, the younger Kawanhee campers, in the Nature Building. The never-ending parade of the latter who trail her with squashed flowers, mangled insects and the question, "What's this, Miss Baker?", bears witness as much to her patience and good will as to her knowledge of Nature Study. Miss Baker is a teacher of Biology at West High School in Columbus, Ohio, and has had considerable experience of summer camps in the past.

An addition to the ladies' group is Mrs. Leo G. Staley, of Columbus, Ohio. Mrs. Staley took her nurse's training in Flower Hospital, New York City, and is an R. N. She is spending the summer as assistant both to the nurse, and to the Camp Mother.

Other seats at the ladies' table are regularly and pleasantly filled by Mrs. Clarence Bateman, and by Mrs. William Comley, the Camp Secretary, or Clerk. Mrs. Ross Miller commutes from the Millers' traditional cabin near Pine Lodge for dinners and for her tutoring assignments in camp.

Dietary Well-being Assured by Emma and Sue

Two ladies absolutely essential to the well-being of Kawanhee are to be found in the kitchen, and they, of course, are Emma and Sue, the chief cooks. Mrs. Emma Briggs of Madison, Maine, is undoubtedly one of the best and firmest friends that Kawanhee has ever had, and every summer since 1932 her long hours of faithful work have proved and proved again how invaluable she is to the camp. To find her holding forth in her pantry again is a truly welcome sight, and welcome too is the appearance of her wonderful home-baked bread on the table each day. It is no wonder that special efforts of Emma's, like twenty-five apple pies baked for one dinner and forty dozen hot rolls for another supper, draw enthusiastic cheers from the Dining Hall. Mrs. Susan Weld of Dixfield is spending her third summer in the camp kitchen and has firmly established her own place in Kawanhee affections. Sue presides over the big range with a fine knack for flavoring which makes every meal do a rapid vanishing act once it reaches the table.

Another old friend working not far from the kitchen is Jim Armstrong, of Wilton, a Junior at Harvard. Jim is in charge of the Dining Hall and the inventory. Other members of the kitchen staff are all new. Miss Emma Mae Abbott of Avon, Maine, is Emma's assistant. Miss Birdena Savage, Miss Florence Schwarz and Mrs. Clyde Andrews are all assistants in the kitchen. Mr. Clyde Andrews, of Madison, Maine, has charge of the maintenance work this summer. Dick Caton assists in the Dining Hall and with some phases of the maintenance work.

This listing of the 1954 staff cannot be concluded without a word of sincere regret for one name that is missing. Peleg White, for many, many years Kawanhee's Caretaker, died on October 12, 1953, after an illness which kept him out of camp throughout the previous camp season. Kawanhee has lost a good friend in Peleg, and the camp will never seem quite the same place without his invariably optimistic greeting of, "It's a lovely day, isn't it!".

June Rains Cause High Lake and Low Corn

That covers Kawanhee personnel from Marshall to Marshall, from George the Eagle to H. C., the Director of Activities! Some fill-in of the chronological background now seems in order!

Of June little need be said save that it rained for forty days and forty nights in that one month. Of course the calendar credits June with only thirty days and nights, but obviously the calendar-makers did not live in Maine in June of 1954! The effects of these pluvial excesses colored, and occasionally conditioned, the early days of

July. The planting of Dr. Elmore's garden in front of the Infirmary was so delayed by soaked ground that, during the first week of the camp season, it was showing no more than hopeful rows of green shoots. It is a fine garden again, but on the Fourth of July the corn wasn't knee-high to anything but a chipping sparrow. The condition of the lake was more frequently remarked, for its waters were at the highest stage that anyone could remember for the month of July. The camp beach was reduced to the width of a few yards and when, on June 30, Bates, Bill Comley and a chilly crew re-erected the diving tower, the floor proved to be four inches under water. For several days the Aquatic Department had to fight a game battle to keep the docks in use, for once the sections were in place, high water tended to convert them into floats, and the wind to wash them away. The Nature Department found the results of the "unusual" weather more interesting and certainly less wearing. The rains had produced a remarkably "late" season. Bunchberries, twin flowers and other plants customarily well past their bloom by the first of July were flowering profusely in the woods, and even a few tired lady's-slippers were still standing. The insect world was behind schedule as well, and the unusual number of tiger swallowtails drifting around the fields kept Bruce Wolfe and other of Miss Baker's disciples hopping in constant pursuit.

Throughout June the work of opening the camp had gone forward, and the clans had gathered to do the work. By June 30, the camp buildings and equipment were in readiness for the summer, and forty or fifty tribesmen had already congregated on the shores of Webb Lake. That evening the arrival of the big convoys of campers from New York and Ohio was so orderly and so nearly on schedule as to be devoid of news value. Before 8:00 P.M. Mr. George Frank's two busloads, and Mr. Raymond Frank's one, had been safely unloaded between the war canoes. A good hot meal provided by Emma and Sue was enthusiastically stowed away, lodges were assigned and, with one accord, the hay was hit! Next morning, the program of activities went smoothly into operation, thanks to considerable chart work already accomplished by Mr. Marshall, and the 1954 season was a going concern with a record minimum of fuss and feathers.

Chief Pays Ceremonial Visit

The symbolic opening of the season took place Friday evening, July 2, when Chief Kawanhee paid his traditional visit of welcome. Toward dusk, the whole camp gathered in the Recreation Hall to hear Mr. Raymond Frank's tales of the early history of this valley and the legend of Kawanhee. Silently then the lodges filed down the trail to take their appointed places around the Council Ring while Mr. Frank sent his three calls echoing out over the lake. The Chief, impressively impersonated by Mr. Chace, made his appearance promptly, and the ritual was carried through without a hitch to close with Dean Miller's reading of the message from last summer's sachems, and the Chief's formal initiation of the season with the mystic sign of the K.

The feature of Saturday afternoon, July 3, was a track meet. Since the Maroon and Grey teams were not yet organized, the event had the character of putting the boys through their paces for the captains' inspection. That evening in the Rec Hall Mr. Stanley presided over an informal campfire composed of games, songs, and Dean Miller's traditional Fourth-of-July telling of *The Man without a Country*. Next morning clear skies allowed the first Sunday service to be on Council Point. In that beautiful setting, it was a privilege and a pleasure to hear Dr. Elmore once more, as he spoke on "How to be, not just a Kawanhee camper, but a *good* Kawanhee camper". Sunday was concluded with a brief vesper service in the Recreation Hall and Dean Miller's story-sermon.

Hadley and Murphy Line up Teams

The often asked question of "Who are the new Captains" was answered at Sunday dinner, July 4, when Mr. George Frank announced the 1954 leaders as Jim Murphy and Bill Hadley. In the midst of a spontaneous burst of applause which proved the popularity of the choices, the coin was flipped. Hadley won the toss and, to no one's surprise, chose Grey. Bill is the third of three Hadley brothers to serve as team captains. Ben Hadley in 1946 and Bob in 1949 both led Grey teams, and Bill carries on the tradition.

As even the newcomers must know by this time, the Maroon-Grey struggle for points is a basic part of Kawanhee life, for it divides the whole camp into two teams for friendly rivalry and, through a point system which makes the completion of a mineral collection as valuable as the winning of a 50-yd. dash, carries that keen spirit of competition into every phase of activity. The Maroon and Grey rivalry is an old one, stretching back over all but the first two years of the camp's history. At present the tally of yearly victories stands even between the two teams: Maroons, 15; Greys, 15; and one tie in 1948. The Greys, however, have had a distinct edge in the last few years, winning in four out of five seasons.

Sunday afternoon the Captains labored over charts and records, and Sunday evening the camp was convened at the Rec Hall in order that their selections might be made public. As usual at such events, particular attention was paid to the success of the two captains in carrying off last year's high point winners. Murphy and Hadley came out nearly even-Stephen in this. The Maroons, it is true, did enlist Ben McCoy who last year was the camp's all-time high point winner with a staggering 1250. The Greys, however, enrolled R. Lucas, whose 1225 in 1953 left him in a very fast finish for top honors. Of the other ten campers who racked up individual scores of 700 or better in 1953, each team captured five: Maroons, S. Cushman, S. Wolfe, K. Johnson, F. Richardson and B. Emerson; Greys, R. Duvall, R. Brandes, D. Connor, C. Davenport and R. Borel. No one can base any predictions as to the final score on such data! Oh well, one of the two best teams is bound to win in any case!

Curtain up on Trip Program and Show

With all the introductory flourishes out of the way, the camp buckled down to work on Monday, July 5, and headed into a full week of the regular activity program with vim and vigor. Evening entertainment was provided by an informal campfire in the Recreation Hall Monday; a movie entitled *Kill the Umpire* after supper Wednesday; and the first of the camp shows produced by Herb Brown on Friday. The weather, although a bit unsettled in spots, co-operated well on the whole. In the latter part of the period particularly it produced several so-called "September days", clear, bright and windy with something of a chill around the edges. The resulting coolness of the lake waters somewhat cramped the style of the Aquatics Department in starting swimming tests, but the Trip counselors made hay — and mileage — while the sun shone.

Three lodges, the Wildcat, the Lynx and the Moose, visited Coos Canyon with Bates on Sunday, July 4. On Monday the members of the Bear Lodge, with Dean Miller and Mr. Chace, climbed Tumbledown by the Chimney

Trail, spent the night in the buildings at the foot of the "Old" trail, and went up Big Jackson on Tuesday. A similar Tumbledown expedition for the Crows was run off on Thursday and Friday. Thursday also found the Lynx and Wildcats climbing Blue, and the Eagles scaling Mt. Bald. An unusually productive first week of trips concluded with a mineral-collecting trip to the Newry mines and West Paris under convoy of Mr. Dexter on Friday.

The initial offering of the theatrical season, on Friday evening, July 9, employed counselor talent almost exclusively and was notable for broad humor and violent action. The first commodity was provided by a skit based on the television program, "What's My Line", with a remarkable panel composed of Ray Brown, Henry Blau, Ed Hamblin and Herb Yenser, and an even more remarkable set of Kawanhee "lines" turning up in the course of the questioning. The violent action was provided by a wrestling match so amazing that Jock Duncan later found it necessary to advertise that the exhibition was *not* typical of the brand of wrestling taught at Kawanhee.

Maroons Lead in First Score Report

Saturday evening, July 10, brought the first formal campfire of the summer. It was held in the Council Ring on the point, and opened with the time-honored ceremony of the Four Winds. The campfire progressed through songs to the period of recognition of the week's accomplishments when the campers who have completed levels, won medals or passed other tests are asked to stand while their names are read before the whole camp. Reports were comparatively light upon this occasion, for in most departments the week had been a time of laying the groundwork for the summer's work. This, however, did not prevent Herb Hedges from reading a list of a hundred and one medals already won on the Archery Range. Awards of a type new to Kawanhee were presented by Mr. Staley when he instituted the Order of the Red Feather. This is a purely honorary order recognizing the members of the Kawanhee tribe who see the opportunities for unselfish service and gladly take them. Bill Hadley, Stuart Klapp and Mike Mathews were named in the first citations. The campfire was concluded with the first installment of Dean Miller's continued story for the summer, *The Golden Quest*.

The high point of the evening came when Dave Fergus announced the summer's first Maroon-Grey score. It was the Maroons who gave the loudest yell, for this initial tally of the summer's point-winning showed the Maroons to have the advantage, 394 to 305. Not even the Maroons, however, could consider this much more than a token triumph, for it is a very small score as Kawanhee scores go. The Tennis Department was the largest contributor to this score, for the completion of levels there accounted for 250 points. Only three other departments reported levels, and these, along with 24 points from Fishing and the results of the morning's Maroon-Grey baseball game, made up the total.

Achievement Levels, July 1 - July 10

ATHLETICS, *Junior B Cub — First Level:* D. Casto, R. Daniels, D. Hayward, T. Hoster, M. Sabback.
ATHLETICS, *Junior B — First Level:* R. Bennett, N. Marcalus, C. Sarich, S. Smith, D. Spears, W. Wassell.
ATHLETICS, *Junior A — First Level:* D. Connor.
CAMPCRAFT, *Junior B — First Level:* C. Stetson, R. Wilson.
CAMPCRAFT, *Junior A — First Level:* W. Roys.
NATURE, *Junior B Cub — First Level:* C. Stetson.
NATURE, *Junior B — First Level:* D. Beggs, R. Guthrie, R. McKnight.
NATURE, *Junior A — First Level:* S. Dexter, R. Elliott, G. Stearns, S. Wolfe.
TENNIS: *Junior B — First Level:* D. Beggs, R. Bennett, R. Brandes, M. Crispin, R. Dow, R. Guthrie, D. Inglis, K. Johnson, R. Porter, C. Sanders, D. Spears, W. Wassell, T. Wittlig, H. Wood.
TENNIS, *Junior B — Second Level:* P. Heer.

Range and Archery Awards, July 1-10

RANGE

Pro-Marksman: K. Johnson.
Sharpshooter: G. Kirk.

ARCHERY

Junior Yeoman Pin: W. Bayley, R. Brandes, M. Crispin, R. Dow, G. Griffis, R. Hill, D. Inglis, K. Johnson, J. Kraemer, P. Kuhns, R. Lucas, D. Ward, D. Maxwell, P. Mayher, D. Miller, G. Parker, R. Porter, G. Stearns, G. Stukey, R. Windecker, H. Wood.

Junior Yeoman Arrow: R. Borel, R. Brandes, S. Condit, M. Crispin, R. Dow, R. Duvall, G. Griffis, R. Hill, D. Inglis, K. Johnson, J. Kraemer, P. Kuhns, D. Maxwell, P. Mayher, D. Miller, R. Porter, R. Roberts, G. Stearns, R. Stukey, D. Ward, R. Windecker, H. Wood.

Yeoman Pin: R. Borel, R. Brandes, C. Conant, M. Crispin, S. Dexter, R. Dow, G. Griffis, R. Hill, D. Inglis, K. Johnson, J. Kraemer, P. Kuhns, D. Maxwell, P. Mayher, D. Miller, R. Porter, R. Roberts, G. Stearns, R. Stukey, D. Ward, R. Windecker, H. Wood.

Junior Bowman Pin: R. Borel, S. Dexter, G. Griffis, W. Hauser, D. Inglis, P. Kuhns, P. Macmillan, D. Miller, R. Roberts, W. Wilson, R. Windecker.

Junior Bowman Arrow: W. Boothby, S. Dexter, G. Griffis, W. Hauser, D. Inglis, P. Macmillan, D. Miller, W. Wilson, R. Windecker.

Bowman Pin: C. Adams, W. Boothby, S. Dexter, G. Griffis, W. Hauser, P. Macmillan, D. Miller, R. Windecker.

Bowman Brassard 1st Rank: J. Cookman, S. Dexter, R. Mathews, D. Pratt, F. Richardson.

Archer Pin: J. Denise, S. Hoster, B. Wolfe.

The *Wigwam* wishes to apologize again for the tardy appearance of this, the first number of 1954. As was explained in the notice mailed to many of you on July 2, the delay was not of our choice but resulted from the fact that our printers were on vacation from July 3 to July 12. With this number the *Wigwam* resumes its usual weekly schedule of publication and, beginning next week, it is hoped that the regular day of issue will be Thursday. Whatever day it appears, however, the *Wigwam* will do its best to bring you all the news of Kawanhee.

C. Scarlett

Maroons Draw First Blood in Baseball

The Maroons opened Maroon-Grey hardball competition with a 12-5 win over the Greys Saturday morning, July 10. The Maroons opened with two runs in the bottom of the first and blasted out a five-run rally in the second to ice the victory. Four insurance runs in the third and another in the fifth more than offset a four-run Grey rally in the fourth.

Brian Birch and Bill Wilson led the Maroon attack, scoring four and three runs respectively. Rickey Eckler and Joe Shepard scored two apiece and Jim Murphy one. For the Greys, Fred Hoster, Phil Mayher, Tracy Johnson, Bill Hadley, and Rickey Laylin scored one apiece.

In the Sports Whirl: The first water meet of the season Saturday, July 10, was an affair based on lodge competition with no points for the Maroons and Greys. . . . Three baseball leagues are due to start competition this week. They will correspond to the Senior, Intermediate, and Junior Leagues of last year. . . . The Senior Counselors, even though crippled by injuries, handily won their second straight softball game over the Juniors Saturday, 10-2. . . . The Bear Lodge had a field day July 7 as they scored a 34-0 victory over the Crows' Nest in a challenge softball game.

D. Fergus