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Greys Take Tiny Bite Out of Maroon Lead

The Maroons steamed past one more milestone in the scoring race well in advance of the Greys. At the campfire of July 24, Dave Ferguson reported the total score as: Maroons, 3747½; Greys, 3304. Actually the Greys had had a slight edge in the point-winning during the preceding week, amassing 1713 points to 1703½ for the Maroons in the seven days. The Maroons, however, did not appear to be worried, since this small setback only cut into their over-all lead by 9½ points and left them with a comfortable margin of 443½ to the good.

The most notable aspect of this score was its size. It was a week when a lag might have been expected. The Monhegan trip reduced the camp's population by thirty-odd for more than four days, and rain from time to time disrupted the programs of several departments. Nevertheless, a total of 3416½ points was produced during the period, almost doubling the score. Apparently neither team is allowing any grass to grow underfoot this season.

More than ever the score was derived from levels. Only one Maroon-Grey sports event materialized, the brief water meet, and that generated only 38 points for the winning Maroons and 28 for the Greys. The fish continued to bite, providing 40½ points for the Maroons; 15 for the Greys; and a probable headache for the score-keeper in the form of that half-point which is likely to dangle from the score for the remainder of the season. From levels, however, the Greys earned 1670 points, to 1625 for the Maroons. The most productive departments of the week were Athletics with 26 levels and 760 points, and the Shop with 35 levels worth 725 points.

Achievement Levels, July 18 - July 25

AQUATICS, Junior B Cub—First Level: D. Casto, M. Goodwin, D. Hayward.

AQUATICS, Junior B Cub—Second Level: M. Goodwin.

AQUATICS, Junior B—First Level: G. Benua.

AQUATICS, Junior A—First Level: L. Clinton, R. Duvall, R. Eckler, G. Kirk, R. Lucas.

AQUATICS, Junior A—Third Level: R. Johnson.

ATHLETICS, Junior B Cub—First Level: Richard Barnes, M. Goodwin.

ATHLETICS, Junior B Cub—Second Level: T. Hoster.

ATHLETICS, Junior B—Second Level: R. Bennett, N. Marcalus, D. Spears.

ATHLETICS, Junior A—First Level: L. Clinton, G. Kirk, R. Lucas, F. Richardson, R. Windecker.

ATHLETICS, Junior A—Second Level: L. Clinton, R. Eckler, J. Eigensee, T. Johnson, G. Kirk, D. Maxwell, F. Richardson.

ATHLETICS, Junior A—Third Level: R. Eckler, J. Teichert.

ATHLETICS, Senior—First Level: F. Hoster, R. Laylin.

ATHLETICS, Senior—Second Level: Barry Birch, R. Laylin, D. Pratt, W. Wilson.

CAMPCRAFT, Junior B—First Level: C. Clarke, R. Dow, R. Hill, N. Marcalus, G. Warner, T. Wittig.

CAMPCRAFT, Junior B—Second Level: J. Kraemer, R. Lamb.

CAMPCRAFT, Junior B—Third Level: H. Hamilton, T. Harrison, S. Hoster.

CAMPCRAFT, Junior A—First Level: R. Baker, D. Connor, R. Lucas, R. Roberts, R. Windecker.

CAMPCRAFT, Senior—First Level: C. Conant, D. Gehlbach, R. Laylin, J. Shepard.

CAMPCRAFT, Senior—Second Level: R. Mathews, J. Shepard.

HANDICRAFT, Junior B Cub—First Level: Richard Barnes, Robert Barnes, D. Casto, R. Daniels, M. Goodwin, D. Hayward, T. Hoster, D. Pickering, M. Saltsack, C. Stetson.

HANDICRAFT, Junior B Cub—Third Level: A. Adams.

HANDICRAFT, Junior B—First Level: C. Clarke, M. Hicks, R. Hill, R. Lamb, G. Parker, D. Springsted.

HANDICRAFT, Junior B—Second Level: G. Benua, G. Kirk.

HANDICRAFT, Junior B—Third Level: D. Inglis, R. Porter, R. Roberts.

HANDICRAFT, Junior A—First Level: R. Brandes, T. Carlson, L. Clinton, R. Johnson, T. Johnson, D. Maxwell, B. McCoy, D. Miller, N. Seibert, G. Stearns.

HANDICRAFT, Junior A—Second Level: S. Hoster.

HANDICRAFT, Senior—First Level: L. Smith, D. Ward.

NATURE, Junior B—First Level: W. Bayley, R. Bennett, P. Kuhns, D. Spears, G. Warner, W. Wassell.

NATURE, Junior A—First Level: R. Borel, R. Eckler, L. Espenshade, T. Johnson, R. Lucas.

NATURE, Junior A—Second Level: R. Lucas, W. Roys.

NATURE, Senior—First Level: R. Johnson.

SAILING, Junior B Cub—Second Level: T. Hoster.

SAILING, Junior B—First Level: C. Clarke, T. Harrison.

SAILING, Junior B—Third Level: P. Heer.

SAILING, Junior A—First Level: R. Brandes, R. Elliott, R. Lucas.

SAILING, Junior A—Second Level: T. Hirsch.

SAILING, Junior A—Third Level: D. Pratt.

TENNIS, Junior B—First Level: J. Stiles.

TENNIS, Junior A—Third Level: Barry Birch.

Archery, Range and Swimming July 18 - July 25

ARCHERY

Junior Yeoman Pin: C. Clarke, M. Hicks, J. Portner, G. Warner, T. Wittig.

Junior Yeoman Arrow: C. Clarke, J. Portner, G. Warner.

Yeoman Pin: C. Clarke, G. Leake, L. Smith.

Junior Bowman Pin: R. Elliott, M. Mathews, H. Morton, L. Smith, G. Stearns.

Junior Bowman Arrow: R. Elliott, H. Morton, L. Smith, G. Stearns.

Bowman Pin: H. Morton, L. Smith, G. Stearns.

Bowman Brassard First Rank: J. Eigensee, G. Stearns, G. Stukey.

Bowman Pin Sharpshooter, Gold: W. Wilson.

RANGE

Pro-Marksmen: D. Beggs, R. Dow, R. Elliott, R. Lamb, R. McKnight, D. Springsted.

Marksmen: R. Elliott, R. Lamb, N. Marcalus.

Marksmen First Class: C. Davenport, R. Elliott, P. Gelpi.

Sharpshooter: C. Davenport, R. Wollam.

Ninth Bar: T. Hirsch.

SWIMMING

Cove Swim: D. Hayward.

Lake Swim: D. Keck, R. Laylin, J. Murphy, G. Stearns.

Packages from Home Become a Problem

The Directors wish to ask the co-operation of Kawanhee parents in a matter effecting both the health and the morale of the camp. The "package" problem has reached a new high this year. The receipt of Parcel Post mail is keeping the camp post office hopping, and the dispersal of these packages through the lodges is creating several regrettable situations.

The majority of these packages, of course, contain candy and other sweets. It need not be pointed out how quickly an excess of such packages will scuttle the camp's plans for a balanced diet. Provisions are made for the supervised distribution of such extra sweets in reasonable quantities but, when every boy in a lodge has a box to be passed around, these arrangements inevitably break down. The supplies of candy from home already on hand,

plus the candy available in limited quantities at the camp store, are more than ample to last out the remainder of the season. The Directors therefore believe it to be in the best interests of all concerned that an embargo at the source be placed on all further shipments of edibles except for birthday treats.

The excess candy problem is merely one aspect of a larger problem which seems peculiarly out of place in a boys' camp. It is simply a manifestation of the old Keeping-up-with-the-Joneses attitude. If one boy in a group receives a certain kind of package from home, all the other boys are inclined to believe that they do not "rate" unless they have similar items, and promptly write home for them. This object of sudden demand may be candy; it may be some fancy article of clothing or equipment, or just a plain gadget; or it may be cash for extra buying on trips. The whole point seems to be to "get something" in the mails. The desire for the "something" is stimulated too often, not by any genuine need or taste, but by the mere fact that "the boy in the next bunk has one". In this day and age, boys are subjected to too many social pressures of this type in the cities. The wholesome simplicity of camp life should bring comparative freedom from such attitudes.

In suggesting a reduction of these shipments from home, the Directors have no intention of interfering with packages celebrating birthdays and other special occasions. They would merely like to request that, in the future, packages be sent to Kawanee only after the following question has been answered in the affirmative — Will the contents serve any real need in camp? Knowing that Kawanee parents have the most immediate interest of all in the successful operation of the camp program, the Directors are confident of receiving the co-operation they ask in this matter.

Weather and Trips Fail to Slow Activity

In retrospect it appears that the two conditioning factors of the past week were the Monhegan trip, which subtracted a large active group from the camp personnel for several days, and the weather which was frequently of a type politely known as "inclement". The week, nevertheless, was a busy and productive period in Kawanee.

There was, for instance, marked activity on the musical front. The long awaited musical arrangements having at last arrived, Herb Yenser called both the Glee Club and the Orchestra to their first rehearsals on Monday. Another new note was struck when an ambitious volunteer joined the staff of buglers of which Brian Birch and Bill Keating are the mainstays. Bill Hauser, a Junior B, after spending his first season at Kawanee last year, decided that someday he would like to be the camp bugler. He therefore undertook the study of the bugle during the winter and, early this week, made his first solo flight in *Taps* with great credit.

The first part of the week also saw a visit of the barbers on Tuesday; the departure of the Monhegan trip that afternoon; and an Abbott and Costello movie, *The Moose Hangs High*, on Wednesday evening. On Thursday Dean Miller led a small expedition of counselors and Senior campers to Tumbledown. The party carried packs to the top, expecting to camp there for the night, and then scaled the seldom climbed peak of Tumbledown on the far side of the so-called "Crater" Lake. The aforementioned weather later changed the group's plans, and it returned to the foot of the Old Trail to spend the night in the buildings of the Maranacook Base Camp.

Cancan Chorus Causes Commotion

On July 23, Herb Brown rang up the curtain on the regular Friday night show with *The Chief Marshall Story*. It was freely adapted from the television program, *This Is Your Life*, with an amplified narration provided by director-produced Brown himself. Old-timers received with some skepticism this reputed life history of H. C. Marshall (After all, it contained not a single reference to Oberlin!), but enjoyed seeing the Chief impersonated at various stages of his career by everyone from Barry Birch (Early struggles, humble beginnings!) to Ron Baker (Solid success at last—he becomes a Kawanee counselor!).

The mid part of the program was provided by two lodge productions. The Bear presentation was entitled *Riot in Cell Block Green Barn*. It was a bit short on audible lines, but made a most satisfactory commotion on the stage. Fred Hoster, Ned Williams and the Duke, as played by Dan Keck, were among the visible inmates of this theoretic Kawanee jail. The Panthers chose the Dining Hall as the scene of their satiric squint at camp life. *This Is the Spirit of Kawanee* proved to be an amusing skit paying its particular respects to Herb Birch's cannon, Leo Staley's bell, and table manners (?) in general. Russ Bennett as Mr. Birch, Fritz Smith as Mr. Staley and Tom Hinner as an unidentified counselor led the pantomime on the stage most ably, while George Kraft's amplified voice neatly put across the narrative with its recurrent punch line.

The bill wound up with unique renditions of several currently popular show tunes. On the stage Kawanee actors furnished the action and the wagging jaws, while the tape recorder put words and music into their mouths. Taking two hits from *Wonderful Town*, Bill Hadley and Ernie Johanson lachrymously regretted their departure from Ohio (*Why, Oh Why, Oh Why, Oh!*) in surprisingly feminine tones, and Al Palzer supplied a lot of back-field razzle-dazzle for *Pass that Football*. Bill Wilson had difficulty thinking up enough wiggles to last him through a long number not inappropriately called *Monotonous* from *New Faces*. The grand finale was a cancan the like of which was never seen in Montmartre. The chorus line was composed of Hamblin, Hedges, Blau, Griffith and two Browns—Herb and Ray. What these buxom belles lacked in finesse they made up in enthusiasm, and, if the Hall was rocking when their cavortings ended, it was partly from glee.

Glee Club Debut Welcomed Sunday Evening

With the return of the Monhegan contingent early Saturday afternoon the Kawanee week end entered upon the usual train of events. Although wet ground and absent players had eliminated the Maroon-Grey baseball game in the morning, a brief program of aquatic events was run off in the afternoon and provided an opportunity of initiating the new turning-boards recently installed on the docks by Bill Comley and Al Palzer. Too much moisture underfoot put a damper on the traditional Jr. Counselor-Sr. Counselor game after supper and led to the convening of the campfire in the Recreation Hall. The big novelty of the evening was provided by Herb Hedges who, thanks to a recent shipment from the Camp Archery Association, at last had some tangible Archery medals to distribute.

Sunday morning's service was the first to be held in the Recreation Hall this season, but Dr. Elmore's sermon on "Puzzles" would have sounded grand in even less inspiring settings. In the afternoon, the "off-again, on-again" game with Dixfield was finally played on the camp Athletic Field.

The debut of the new Glee Club marked the evening gathering in the Recreation Hall. The opening of the stage curtains discovered the group, almost forty strong, massed on the platform. Under Herb Yenser's direction, the Glee Club led the singing of two hymns and then presented its first rehearsed number, *The Happy Wanderer*, with great success. Much hearty laughter welcomed George Kraft's reading of his second *Log*, and Geof Leake received a well earned round of applause for two piano numbers. Dean Miller concluded this oddly assorted, but oddly harmonious, Sunday vesper program with his effective telling of the story of "The Angel Who Attends to Things".

C. SCARLETT

Monhegan Impresses Kawanhee Visitors

Monhegan Island became the talk of the camp Tuesday, July 20, as thirty-two boys and four counselors prepared to embark on a four-day combination trip to Popham Beach and Monhegan. The combining of the trips was necessitated by the rain which prevented the Popham trip from going out on Monday.

Bates, Herb Yenser, Neil Gest, Dave Fergus, and Stewart Rowley were in charge of the trip as it left for Popham Beach for an ocean swim Tuesday afternoon. After the swim and a box supper at Popham, Bates, Herb, and Stew drove the group to Damariscotta. Stew then returned to camp in the pickup truck. The grandstand of the abandoned Lincoln County Fair Grounds at Damariscotta became the campsite for sleeping out that evening.

A pre-breakfast hike sharpened appetites for a breakfast at the County Fair Wednesday morning. From there the campers went on to Boothbay Harbor, where they boarded the *Balmey Days*, a 60-foot motor launch, for the trip out to Monhegan. Captain Charles Wade of the *Balmey Days* has been escorting Kawanhee trips to Monhegan for several years. During the three-day stay on Monhegan, the campers slept in the island schoolhouse because of the rain.

The island of Monhegan is situated sixteen miles out on the Atlantic. The main occupation of its year-round residents is lobster-trapping during the winter, and fishing and tourist trade keep the islanders busy during the summer season.

Deep-sea fishing was one of the high spots of the trip. Half of the boys went out Thursday morning with Yenser and Fergus; and the rest in the afternoon with Gest. About a dozen pollock were caught, along with a cusk, a cod, and almost fifty baby sharks. Phil Mayher brought in the biggest fish, a 25-pound cusk.

During the time that one group was fishing, the others visited Ray Phillips, the hermit of Manana Island. Manana lies just across a small channel from Monhegan. Capt. Phillips rowed the boys across the channel in his newly acquired boat. On Manana the boys looked through the home where he lives and saw some of his sheep. Hiking on up the island farther, they examined the Viking markings on the rocks and visited the Coast Guard station. The Coast Guardsmen and the hermit are the sole inhabitants of the island, which is barren except for high grass and a couple of scrub pines.

Friday morning the entire group took a four-mile hike around the southern half of Monhegan Island. The rugged beauty of Monhegan's rocky cliffs is a thrilling sight to behold. Many talented artists come to Monhegan each year to record its beauty on paper and canvas.

One highlight of the hike was noting the rusted and battered hulk of the *D. T. Sheridan* on the rocks at the

south end of the island. The *Sheridan*, a tugboat from Philadelphia, crashed on the rocks in a fog during November, 1948. Fortunately, no one was killed in the accident.

Fishing off the Monhegan wharf with small handlines proved to be a popular pastime during free moments. By Friday the Island Spa's supply of the handlines had been exhausted.

Because of a full load on the *Balmey Days* Friday afternoon, just six boys returned along with Yenser and Gest. The remainder left on a special trip of the *Balmey Days* early Saturday morning and arrived in camp in time for a late lunch.

Natural beauty impossible to describe in words, historical adventure, and the native culture of Monhegan have all combined to give this speck of land a quiet attractiveness for the visitor. The residents are kind and friendly, always willing to lend a helping hand. This writer would describe the island as a jewel with the azure sea for a setting.

D. FERGUS

Relay Teams Win Meet for Maroons

The Maroons turned the water meet tide with a 38-28 victory over the Greys, Saturday, July 24. The Maroons took six out of eight first places, including victories in both relay races, a medley relay and a freestyle relay, for the ten-point margin which won them the meet.

The Summary —

PING PONG BALL RACE — First: B. Connor (M), Second: R. Dow (G), Third: D. Roth (M); Time: 0:39.5.

JUNIOR B CUB CRAWL — First: R. Bennett (G), Second: T. Hoster (M), Third: W. Wassell (G); Time: 0:22.0.

SENIOR MEDLEY RELAY — First: Maroon Team (J. Shepard, G. Kirk, J. Waterfall); Time: 1:09.0.

JUNIOR B BREASTSTROKE — First: W. Hauser (M), Second: C. Sanders (G), Third: R. Duvall (G); Time: 0:40.0.

JUNIOR A CRAWL — First: J. Teichert (G), Second: R. O'Connor (G), Third: P. Heer (M); Time: 0:25.5.

JUNIOR A BACKSTROKE — First: R. Eckler (M), Second: W. Zeig (G), Third: T. Krumm (M); Time: 0:24.5.

DIVING — First: W. Keating (M), Second: J. Denise (G), Third: R. O'Connor (G); Score: 88.

FREESTYLE RELAY — First: Maroon Team (J. Waterfall, M. Mathews, R. Eckler, J. Shepard, M. Robart, D. Keck); Time: 2:06.0.

Dixfield Repeats Baseball Victory

Dixfield won its second straight ball game at Kawanhee, Sunday, July 25, by a score of 6-1. Kawanhee was limited to three hits, which they bunched in the sixth inning to score their lone run.

Bill Wilson scored the run on Jim Murphy's ground rule double after he had walked and gone to second on Dick Caton's single. Dana Pratt got the other hit, a single.

Jim Murphy pitched for Kawanhee, giving up two runs in the third, one in the fourth, and three in the sixth innings. He gave up five hits altogether.

In the Sports Whirl: Your writer, after cavorting around Monhegan Island for four days, returned to find a lot of the week's baseball rained out. There was one game in the Little League, in which the Vikings defeated the Indians, 3-0. The Viking win threw the league into a three-way tie, with all teams having 1-1 records. . . . Both the Maroon-Grey game Saturday morning, July 24, and the Counselor softball game that evening were rained out.

D. FERGUS

Punk from the Log, July 25

Since last a *Log* was written, an eerie sight has been seen along the smiling shores of the Webb — the Lakeside Cemetery. In whose busy little mind the conspiracy originated, nobody knows; but it was executed by the members of the Skunk — I mean the Polecat — Lodge. It is unique

among conspiracies in that the victims, although buried, can be seen stalking the halls of the Rec Hall; rattling their chains in the Dining Hall; and utilizing the facilities of the Fort. These, especially the last, are not the things usually done by ghosts. Hence, by logical deduction it is the general agreement among such experts around camp as Mr. Dexter, Big Bill Comley and Donald Casto that the ghosts are not ghosts and that the graves are by all means empty. When, however, you happen to meet "Center-board" Griffith, "Winchester" Windle, "Resolute Roy" Nickerson, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. "Mountain Goat" Klapp and myself—then think twice before you come near—we may be ghosts! Although no one has any idea whose brainchild the cemetery was—Dave Inglis and Dan Beggs, see that you don't let it happen again!

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Much to the glorification of the Nature Department, new species were discovered by several campers. Billy Borel identified the "Yellow-throated Blue-jacket", and John Stiles discovered a "Rubber-necked Hummingbird", and the "Green Horn". But of all the mascots to have, the Falcons have the oddest. Since all evidence points to not having two camp deers, or even one, this year, the Falcons decided to have their own pet. Dave Hayward, Miks Sabback and Ted Hoster believe that everyone should have his own leech. Hence the strange mascot on the Falcon porch!

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Nick can't help making news. Two incidents in the past two weeks distinguish him from the ordinary run-of-the-mill counselor. The first took place during a boating class when he was demonstrating the two-man canoe-carry to Sam Cushman. Following orders from Nick, Sam picked up one end of the canoe and faced toward camp; Nick picked up the other end and faced the lake.

"Alright," said Nick, "One—two—three, let's go!"

They both tugged. Sam wondered why Nick didn't help, and Nick wondered why Sam didn't co-operate. As it turned out, they both eventually recognized that, on a two-man carry, both men must go in the same direction, and, much to G. R.'s delight, the canoe was not snapped apart.

The other incident pertaining to Nick occurred the morning of the Popham trip. A report came in to

O'Henery Blau that a canoe was down the lake and that it contained some boys who should be getting ready for the trip. Blau told Nick.

With his usual energy, Nick grabbed O'Henery by the ear and said, "Come on! We've got to get those ———". (Well, what he said in effect was that they had better get those nice little boys in that nice little canoe and bring them back to this nice big camp!)

In a few minutes they were close enough to see the canoe and noticed an older man in it. Not recognizing him as a counselor, Nick assumed that he was a parent. Utilizing all the Kawanhee tact for parents accumulated over a twelve-year period and adding some of his own humor, Nick yelled, "Come on, I'll tow you to Popham Beach."

"I don't want to be towed to Popham Beach," replied the man. "I have my own beach. We live down the lake. Say, who do you think you are? Do you own the lake!"

"Sorry," said Nick, as he took one of his longest trips to camp in the largest life boat ever.

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The week was not without incident. Murphy lost his ball glove again. Scott Condit lost a tooth. The Junior B's renamed Mt. Blue "Mt. Gnat". And Stuart Klapp had the unusual opportunity of walking into his lodge and seeing himself lying on the bed. There he was, typical and lifelike, with his nose buried in *I the Jury*. His mischievous lodgemates had taken Stu's clothes, stuffed them with towels and used a tennis racket for a face—which, if I may comment, is quite an improvement.

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It is almost the end of July now, and the four Hosters are still confusing the counselors. Tony Hirsch has become the first this year to work on his master electrician's level. Nelson Robbins is still soaking up hot water in the showers. Herb Hedges has taken up the sport of hunting moose with his M.G. Irv Bouton, doubtless as the result of much practice on the tennis courts during the week, was able to give an exhibition of water skiing on the lake in front of camp Sunday afternoon. All in all, however, things are quite peaceful now, and will continue to be so until Billy Wassell receives his accordion through the mails.

G. KRAFT