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Maroons Carry the Ball in First Score

The Maroons rounded the first turn in the season's scoring race with a lead of 295 points. At the campfire of July 16, Dave Fergus announced a score of: Maroons, 1215; Greys, 920. It was a good-sized score for the season's first but, on the other hand, it was late for the summer's initial report. Maroon-Grey competition was not launched until ten days of the season had elapsed, so no report could be rendered until mid-July. From any point of view, however, an advantage of almost 300 was worth shouting about, and Captain Hoster and his Maroons did just that in their cheer for the Greys.

The week's weather had noticeably conditioned the score. The much needed rain of Saturday, July 16, washed out the scheduled Maroon-Grey ball game and track meet, thus eliminating all possible sports-events points from the score and leaving it to be built entirely of Achievement Level winnings. By the same token, the uninterrupted two weeks of fair weather preceding that Saturday allowed the "outdoor" departments to get in unusually good licks for so early in the summer. The Athletic Department was the week's most productive. Ray Brown reported the completion of forty-three levels, twenty-four of which scored 535 for the Maroons, while nineteen added up to 365 for the Greys. Tennis accounted for twenty levels, and the ever popular shop checked in with twenty-four.

Kawanhee's Achievement Level system is built on a carefully graduated set of tests, designed to measure and recognize each camper's accomplishments throughout the summer. There are three Levels of work for each age-group in each of eight major departments — Aquatics (combining Boating and Swimming), Athletics, Campcraft, Nature, Sailing, Shop, Tennis and Wrestling. Points are awarded each camper as he completes the group of tests in each Level. The elementary First Level scores 15 points; the intermediate Second, 35; and the advanced Third, 50 points. These points are counted on the team scores and, indeed, make up their bulk. The climax of each week is the announcement at the Saturday campfire of the list of campers completing levels during the week, and of the team scores which these levels have produced.

Achievement Levels, July 1 - July 16

AQUATICS, Junior B—First Level: W. Allen, B. Gardner, R. Goldthwaite.

ATHLETICS, Junior B—First Level: W. Allen, D. Bates, J. Fung, E. Griffiths, B. Gardner, R. Goldthwaite, T. Hoster, B. Johnson, N. Perkins, D. Pickering, C. Pingree, M. Sabback, T. Ultes, B. Welton, C. Waters.

ATHLETICS, Junior B—Second Level: N. Perkins.

ATHLETICS, Junior A—First Level: J. Alexander, J. Allen, S. Davies, C. Fowler, D. Gardner, N. Granholm, D. Hall, G. Herrick, G. McElroy, H. Mihan, C. Rogers, D. Spears, K. Wheeler, S. Yeaton.

ATHLETICS, Junior A—Second Level: S. Davies, D. Gardner, N. Granholm, D. Hall, G. Herrick, G. McElroy, H. Mihan, C. Rogers, D. Spears.

ATHLETICS, Junior A—Third Level: S. Wolfe.

ATHLETICS, Senior—First Level: L. Copeland, C. Davenport.

ATHLETICS, Senior—Second Level: C. Davenport.

NATURE, Junior B Cub—First Level: L. Andre.

NATURE, Junior B—First Level: W. Brewer, R. Cory, W. Dudley, E. Griffiths, M. Hertenstein, S. Hall, J. Maynard, J. Price, Tom Tibbals, H. Westwater, C. Waters, R. Wismer.

SAILING, Junior B—Second Level: T. Krumm.

SHOP, Junior B—First Level: J. Fung, B. Gardner, R. Goldthwaite, D. Hayward, S. Hall, J. Maynard, N. Perkins, D. Pickering, J. Price, C. Pingree, B. Welton, J. Wolfe, C. Waters.

SHOP, Junior B—Third Level: D. Hall, D. Spears.

SHOP, Junior A—First Level: R. Alley, D. Gardner, G. McElroy, C. Rogers, S. Yeaton.

SHOP, Junior A—Second Level: L. Copeland.

SHOP, Senior—First Level: R. Brandes, C. Davenport, C. Kurtz.

TENNIS, Junior B—First Level: C. Clarke, E. Griffiths, J. Price, B. Welton, E. Warner, C. Waters.

TENNIS, Junior B—Second Level: R. Bennett, R. Guthrie, S. Hoster, R. O'Connor, C. Sanders.

TENNIS, Junior A—First Level: J. Allen, H. Mihan, C. Rogers.

TENNIS, Junior A—Second Level: C. Rogers.

TENNIS, Junior A—Third Level: R. Duvall.

TENNIS, Senior—First Level: Todd Tibbals, J. Whitney.

TENNIS, Senior—Second Level: J. Whitney.

TENNIS, Senior—Third Level: J. Whitney.

Archery, Range and Swimming

As is the custom, recognition was given at the Saturday campfire of July 16 for accomplishment in fields other than the Achievement Level activities. The Archery list was particularly impressive, for Kawanhee's new chief archer, J. Whitney, announced that 96 of the Camp Archery Association's pins and insignia had been earned since the beginning of July. The list was as follows:

Junior Yeoman Pin: W. Allen, D. Bates, D. Burr, S. Davies, J. Fung, B. Gardner, D. Gardner, W. Greenwood, R. Goldthwaite, M. Goodwin, D. Hayward, G. Herrick, M. Hertenstein, B. Johnson, W. Keating, T. Larcomb, W. Lovebury, G. McElroy, H. Mihan, N. Perkins, C. Rogers, C. Sarich, D. Spears, J. Stoddard, R. Stürgwolt, Tom Tibbals, T. Ultes, R. Weber, H. Westwater, K. Wheeler, B. Welton, S. Yeaton.

Junior Yeoman Arrow: W. Allen, D. Bates, S. Davies, D. Gardner, W. Greenwood, R. Goldthwaite, M. Goodwin, G. Herrick, B. Johnson, W. Keating, T. Larcomb, W. Lovebury, G. McElroy, H. Mihan, N. Perkins, C. Rogers, C. Sarich, D. Spears, J. Stoddard, R. Stürgwolt, Tom Tibbals, R. Weber, H. Westwater, K. Wheeler, B. Welton, S. Yeaton.

Yeoman Pin: W. Allen, S. Davies, G. Herrick, B. Johnson, W. Keating, T. Larcomb, W. Lovebury, G. McElroy, C. Sarich, R. Stürgwolt, R. Weber, B. Welton, S. Yeaton.

Junior Bowman Pin: D. Connor, R. Duvall, G. Herrick, B. Johnson, G. McElroy, C. Sanders, J. Stiles, R. Stürgwolt, W. Wassell.

Junior Bowman Arrow: R. Duvall, G. McElroy, F. Smith, R. Stürgwolt, W. Wassell.

Bowman Pin: R. Bennett, C. Clarke, G. McElroy, C. Sanders, R. Stürgwolt.

Bowman Brassard: R. Brandes, C. Clarke, R. Stürgwolt.

Bowman Pin Sharpshooter: C. Clarke.

Archer Pin: R. O'Connor.

Archer Pin Sharpshooter: A. Hoster.

Silverbow Pin: A. Hoster.

Mr. Nickerson read the list of those completing their targets for various National Rifle Association medals since the camp season opened. The Range Department was no better supplied with the actual medals than was the Archery Department, both shipment's having been delayed, so on Saturday night the successful marksmen of both varieties

had to content themselves with the honor of being named and the promise of the decorations' early delivery. Those qualifying for the Range awards were:

Pro-Marksmen: D. Burr, J. Fish, C. Rogers, F. Smith, C. Waters.
Marksmen First Class: R. Bennett, R. Guthrie, G. Parker, D. Spears.
Sharpshooter: N. Robbins.

The lists of cove and lake swimmers continued to grow during the second week of the season. The following campers passed the tests between July 9 and July 16:

Cove Swim: B. Connor, L. Copeland, R. Guthrie, M. Hertenstein, L. Perry, D. Pickering, M. Sabback, J. Sarich, H. Westwater, C. Westrafer.

Lake Swim: D. Burr, J. Donovan, M. Goodwin, D. Pickering, C. Rogers, M. Sabback, L. Smith.

Campcraft Promotes Guide Program

Take a log that's been soaking in the lake for five minutes; chop it up for kindling and wood to build a fire; light the fire and have it burning well enough to boil a cup of water — and if this is all done within ten minutes, it is par for the course by the standards of the Junior Maine Guides! Larry Espenshade completed this wet-day-fire test in ten minutes flat, but another camper, taking fifteen, saw the need of improving his technique. This is only one of many such feats of woodsmanship under constant practice in Campcraft since the initiation of the new Guide program for Seniors, Master Campers and Junior Counselors.

This program is Kawanhee's tie-in with the state's Junior Maine Guide organization sponsored by the Maine Camp Directors' Association with the co-operation of the Maine Development Commission. This set-up, through annual examinations open to qualified campers from all of the state's many camps, offers a standardized recognition for skill and accomplishment in campcraft on a statewide level. Any camper passing the rigorous tests earns the title and badge of a Junior Maine Guide and is qualified to serve as an assistant guide in the state.

This year's examinations are to be held at Bemis in the Rangeley Lakes district on July 27, 28 and 29, and consist of both field tests, and written and oral quizzes. The whole three-day period is a basic field test in camping, for each group must establish its own wilderness camp and be under constant observation and interrogation on such fundamentals as the choice of the campsite, the construction and maintenance of the shelters, cooking and, above all, the safety rules for the handling of campfires. Competence in fire-making, in axemanship and in the use of map and compass come in for individual examination.

These subjects lie within the area of campcraft itself, but both the examinations and the preparation for them extend into allied fields. The candidate must go into Nature Study for a knowledge of the common Maine trees and their use, to the Range for a knowledge of the care and construction of rifles, to Fishing in order to acquire some skill in casting and information on fishing laws and fish conservation. Canoeing comes in for particular attention, with heavy stress on the ability to keep a loaded canoe under absolute control in any type of water. It is a broad program into which anyone genuinely interested in camping can sink his teeth, and it is one which emphasizes the concept of camping as the ability to live — and to enjoy living — under wilderness conditions. This idea is not infrequently mislaid in the general tendency to think of such a camp as Kawanhee as merely the most pleasant place available for spending a summer primarily devoted to sports, crafts or other hobbies not essentially connected with campcraft.

Kawanhee will probably be represented in the Bemis examinations by six men. This is a good delegation for any camp, for each camp is expected to do its own screening and to send only men of certified efficiency in the fundamentals (Fire-making; Paddling; Equipment; Food and Cooking; etc.). The Guide program in Kawanhee, however, is by no means limited to these six men. It is available to all campers in the older groups as an elective program, and, if elected, it takes priority over the regular program. A number of campers are working on it, not with this year's examinations in view, but looking forward to those of 1956 or 1957, for, as the directors of the examinations themselves point out, two and a half seasons are not too long for producing a Junior Guide. Furthermore Kawanhee's Campcraft work in general, for the younger as well as the older campers, is being reoriented with the Guide Program as the ultimate objective.

C. S.

Thirty Kawanheesites Visit Monhegan

Twenty-seven campers and three counselors arose at the early hour of 5:30 A. M. on Wednesday, July 13, to depart for the Monhegan Island trip, the first of the special big trips to leave camp this summer.

Monhegan Island, sixteen miles out in the Atlantic from Boothbay Harbor, Maine, is a historical isle now famous as a summer resort, and a lobstering and fishing colony. Captain John Smith used the rocky isle as his headquarters in 1614, and it has been a haven for ocean fishermen since then.

To reach the island, the Kawanhee contingent, with Bates, Jim Gest, and Dave Fergus in charge, sailed from Boothbay Harbor on the 60-foot pleasure craft, the *Balmy Days*. A calm sea made the voyage on the *Balmy Days*, on which Kawanheesites have sailed for the past several years, a real pleasure.

At the southern tip of the island lies the wreck of the *D. T. Sheridan*, a tugboat from Philadelphia. The *Sheridan* ran aground on Monhegan in a fog, November 5, 1948, and its battered, rusted hulk now remains scattered there on the rocks. Exploring the wreck added a bit of adventure to the Kawanheesites' picnic lunch after they arrived on Monhegan.

Always a big feature of the Monhegan trip is a visit with the hermit on nearby Manana Island, across a narrow channel from Monhegan. The Hermit, Captain Ray Phillips, raises sheep on the small isle, barren except for grass and a few scrub pines. Except for the Coast Guardsmen who man the fog horn station on the island, Captain Phillips is Manana's only inhabitant. The captain rowed the campers across the channel in his own boat, showed them his shack, and told them about his sheep. The campers also had an opportunity to visit the Coast Guard station.

The lighthouse overlooking the campgrounds was another point of interest on Monhegan. On Wednesday evening the lighthouse keeper allowed the boys to climb the spiral staircase to the top. There they were able to see the huge lenses that refract the light from a gas mantle into revolving beams visible twenty miles out to sea.

Thursday afternoon and Friday morning brought opportunities for deep-sea fishing. Though Thursday was foggy and the waves were rolling high on Friday, Kawanhee fishermen brought in three cod, a cusk, and a sand shark. Bill Acker of the Birch Lodge brought in the biggest catch, the cusk, a 25-pounder.

One of the interesting persons the group met on Monhegan was Ida Sedgwick Proper. Miss Proper is the author of a historical volume, *Monhegan, the Cradle of New Eng-*

land. She also wrote *Our Elusive Willy*, a book about the life of William Shakespeare, after twenty years' research. Not only is Miss Proper a writer, but she is also an artist. She showed the counselors in charge of the Kawanhee group through her studio, in which hang paintings of scenes in the United States and many foreign countries. She pointed out especially several paintings done in Peru. Much of her work has been entered in national art exhibits.

Rolling seas greeted the Kawanhees and added a bit of excitement to the *Balmy Days'* return trip to Boothbay Harbor Friday afternoon.

Taps, echoing over Lake Webb that evening, welcomed the returning campers and sounded "finis" to a memorable three days on Monhegan Island, the "Cradle of New England."

D. FERGUS

Chisox and Tigers Take First Games

The Junior A and the Junior B hardball leagues and the Junior B Cub softball league were organized during the second week of July, and the first game in the Junior A league was played Monday, July 11.

Captaining the five Junior A teams are: George McElroy, the Boston Red Sox; Jack Allen, the Chicago White Sox; Buzzy Granholm, the Cleveland Indians; C. W. Rogers, the Detroit Tigers; and Rick Eckler, the Kansas City Athletics.

July 11 brought the Bosox against the Chisox in the season's opener, with the White Sox copping the game 6 to 5. Jack Allen, the winning pitcher, pitched a one-hitter and passed twelve. Doubles by Bill Acker, John Bobb and Bill Lovebury and Allen's single to left brought the Chisox out in front. Dick Duvall's pitching held the White Sox to six hits, while he struck out nine and walked five.

On Tuesday, July 12, the Indians met the Tigers, with Ray Roberts on the mound for the Tigers and Gary Griffis for the Indians. For the Tigers Sam Cushman whammed out a double in the second, and a triple in the third. Roberts walked eight and Griffis passed six. The final tally was 9 to 4 in favor of the Tigers.

The Junior B league was handicapped in its initial week by the absence of numerous players on the Monhegan trip. This forced the postponement of the scheduled games.

The captains of the Junior B teams are as follows: the Brooklyn Dodgers, Charles Sarich; the Cincinnati Redlegs, Fritz Smith; the Chicago Cubs, Russ Bennett; and the Milwaukee Braves, Doug Connor.

Junior B Cub softball will get under way when Tim Hirsch's New York Yankees battle the only other team in the league, Roy Welton's Brooklyn Dodgers. Present plans call for the playing of all Junior B Cub games on Thursday mornings.

TONY HIRSCH

Greys Victorious in Big Track Meet

The first track meet of the season was run off Sunday afternoon, July 17, when the Greys beat the Maroons 277 to 226. The Maroons eleven firsts, but the Greys cleaned up on seconds and thirds. Nevertheless, most of the events were quite close. Runners with a future are: Russ Bennett, Fritz Smith, Charlie Sarich, Terry Tibbals and Rickey Eckler.

The Summary —
SENIOR 50-YARD DASH — First: R. Eckler (M); Second: Terry Tibbals (G); Third: M. Mathews (G). Time — :06.2.

JUNIOR A 50-YARD DASH — First: R. Lamb (G); Second: N. Granholm (G); Third: G. McElroy (M). Time — :06.5.

JUNIOR B 50-YARD DASH — First: R. Bennett (M); Second: D. Spears (G); Third: F. Smith (G). Time — :07.3.

JUNIOR B 25-YARD DASH — First: H. Westwater (M); Second: M. Hertenstein (M); Third: C. Clarke (G). Time — :04.2.

SENIOR HIGH JUMP — First: P. Mayher (M); Second: M. Mathews (G); Third: tie — A. Hoster (M), R. Sturgwolt (M).

JUNIOR A HIGH JUMP — First: N. Granholm (G); Second: S. Davies (M); Third: R. Guthrie (G).

JUNIOR A BROAD JUMP — First: R. Guthrie (G); Second: R. Lamb (G); Third: G. McElroy (M).

JUNIOR B BROAD JUMP — First: R. Bennett (M); Second: D. Casto (M); Third: R. Brandes (G).

JUNIOR A OBSTACLE RACE — First: J. Teichert (M); Second: B. Birch (G); Third: T. Larcomb (M).

JUNIOR B OBSTACLE RACE — First: F. Smith (G); Second: C. Clarke (G); Third: S. Hall (M).

JUNIOR A BASEBALL-THROW — First: W. Greenwood (G); Second: J. Allen (M); Third: G. McElroy (M).

JUNIOR B BASEBALL-THROW — First: W. Hauser (M); Second: D. Spears (G); Third: S. Hall (M).

SENIOR FOUL-SHOOTING — First: S. Cushman (G); Second: A. Hoster (M); Third: T. Hansberger (M).

JUNIOR A FOUL-SHOOTING — First: B. Birch (G); Second: S. Wolfe (M); Third: G. Herrick (G).

SENIOR RUN AROUND THE BASES — First: Terry Tibbals (G); Second: W. Dutcher (G); Third: W. Lovebury (G). Time — :16.9.

JUNIOR B RUN AROUND THE BASES — First: R. Bennett (M); Second: F. Smith (G); Third: B. Welton (G). Time — :18.9.

SENIOR GOLF PUTT — First: J. Murphy (G); Second: F. Hoster (M); Third: R. Mathews (M).

JUNIOR C WHEELBARROW RACE — First: Tim Hirsch, R. Welton (G); Second: A. Nyitray, T. Pears (G); Third: R. Barnes, L. Perry (M).

JUNIOR C HOP RACE — First: A. Nyitray (G); Second: R. Welton (G); Third: Tim Hirsch (G).

JUNIOR C SACK RACE — First: D. Fung (G); Second: Tim Hirsch (G); Third: R. Barnes (M).

JUNIOR C TUG OF WAR — Maroon Team.

JUNIOR C TREASURE HUNT — Tie.

JUNIOR COUNSELOR-SENIOR TUG OF WAR — Maroon Team.

CROSS COUNTRY (Junior B, Junior A, Senior, Junior Counselor) — Grey Team.

P. MAYHER

Week Produces First Rain, New Counselor

A glance back over July's second week, preliminary to filing it away, recalls it as seven days of solid activity with the Monhegan trip as the first major variation on the smoothly functioning regular schedule. The week came in with a most welcome change of weather. During the night of Sunday, July 10, a brisk wind whipped the hot humid air out of the valley and brought in two or three "real Maine days," clear, sunny and cool to the point where lumberjack shirts appeared automatically at breakfast. At dinner that day, George Frank announced that three lodges, the Polecat, Hawk and Deer, were the year's first to earn a round of candy bars as the result of winning seven lodge inspections. A Junior B campfire occupied the Rec Hall that evening, while the Junior A league-baseball season was getting under way on Diamond No. 1 with the White Sox-Red Sox game. Other evenings during the early part of the week were open except for Wednesday night, when Ned Williams presented the weekly movie, *Fort Osage* this time, in the Recreation Hall. The weather warmed up as the week wore on, but continued favorable to all camp activities until Saturday. That morning a steady rain, the first to fall since the 1955 season convened, set in and kept going most of the day. This effectively wiped the Maroon-Grey baseball game and track meet from the schedule. John Nowold therefore hauled his rainy-day program out of storage and promptly put it into action.

Saturday was distinguished by the arrival of a recruit for the staff of Senior Counselors in the person of Mike Smith of Marblehead, Massachusetts. Mike is a Sophomore at Harvard, and cut short his third summer tour in Europe in favor of a season at Kawanhee. He is taking his place in the Sailing Department and will assist in Swimming.

Saturday evening found the lodges gathering in the Rec Hall for the big campfire. Doug Wales warmed up the assembly with a couple of spirited turns through *Mountain Dew* and soon had it in good voice for applauding the lists of Achievement Levels and other awards as they were read. T. Krumm's solo level in Sailing and the constant recurrence of R. Stirgwoit's name in Whitney's Archery report drew particular attention, and Fergie's long awaited announcement of the summer's first score really caused the rafters to ring. The camp then settled down to the satisfaction of listening to the second installment of Dean Miller's continued story, *Northwest Passage*.

Sunday, July 17, was warm and sunny. The woods, however, were still wet, so the morning service was held in the Recreation Hall. Dr. Elmore's sermon on birds was an unforgettable one, even by the exacting standards which he has established here in Kawanhee. The camp's traditional and well remembered church quartet has grown into a septet, composed of George Frank, Raymond Frank, Del Tracy, John Minton, Jack Welton, Ben Bennett and Dave

Fergus. Sunday morning the music of this group again made its own particular contribution to the Kawanhee service.

It was pleasant to see several Kawanhee alumni in the congregation. Ed Tulloss and Bob Cory are again spending summer weeks in family cottages not far from Kawanhee. Hal Myers, with Mrs. Myers and Judy, is at Kawanhee Inn. Hal, of course, is the Rev. Harold Myers of the Covenant Presbyterian Church in Springfield, Ohio, but in camp he is always remembered as the counselor who gave the Dramatic Department its best years. Since he has already been on the shores of Webb Lake for a couple of weeks with no official camp appearance, the inevitable question is circulating — "What about the drums?" An equally welcome but less regular visitor who was greeted Sunday morning was Ross Miller, Jr. With Mrs. Miller and Ross III, Bud is at the Inn to spend a week of vacation in the company of his parents, the Dean and Mrs. Miller.

Sunday afternoon was devoted to the postponed Maroon-Grey track meet, and Jock Duncan had a full and interesting program set up, one which allowed every camper the opportunity of entering an event. The day and the week concluded with an evening gathering back of the Recreation Hall to sing two hymns, to hear Jim Murphy play Schubert's *Serenade* as a flute solo, and to listen to the Dean's story of Gideon.

C. SCARLETT