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Chief Kawanhee Pays Traditional Visit

Chief Kawanhee has finally arrived.

For the thirty-sixth year, this was the cry uttered as excited campers witnessed the symbolic "Coming of the Chief" ceremonies held out at Council Ring, July 3. The evening's festivities were initiated by Mr. Raymond Frank's annual history-of-Kawanhee message. Among other things in his enlightening talk, he stated that throughout the 1600's, the entire valley was inhabited by Indians; then about 1770, a group of trappers from Hallowell, Maine, were instrumental in establishing a trade route to the Connecticut River. Thirty years later, an Indian chieftain, Kawanhee, and his son, Skookamee, lived on Tumbledown Mountain, which faces the camp across the lake. The legend says that rocks from the mountain came tumbling down, killing the Chief and his son. One of them forms what is known as Bass Rock.

Following this fascinating lecture, the lodges filed silently out to Council Point to receive Kawanhee's blessing and to be initiated into his sacred tribe.

Mr. Frank sent out three calls of "Oh Kawanhee" and the Chief, impressively impersonated by Mr. Chace, made his appearance. The ritual was then carried through without a hitch, ending with Dean Miller's reading of the message of last year's sachems, and the Chief's lighting of the mystic K to begin officially the camping season.

The significant pledge of every camper's aid in making this season the very best in the history of Kawanhee left a deep mark in the hearts of every Kawanheean for the final seven weeks of the season.

D. Gehlbach

Mike Mathews and Lee Smith Head Teams

A matter of great interest was removed from the realm of speculation when John Nowold announced the names of the captains at supper Tuesday evening, July 3. For 1956 these two men, the quality of whose leadership plays so large a part in setting the tone and morale of a season, are Mike Mathews and Lee Smith, both Junior Counselors who have been Kawanhee campers for several years. The size of the cheer welcoming this news endorsed the wisdom and proclaimed the popularity of the choice, and Mr. Nowold proceeded immediately to the crucial flip of the coin. Mathews called the toss correctly and annexed the name of Maroon for his team, while Smith took the title Captain of the Greys.

With reference to Kawanhee history, the Maroons are top men on the totem pole. They scored substantial triumphs the past two seasons, winning by 2895 points in 1955 and by 3440 in 1954. In the over-all annals of team competition since 1923, the Maroons have 17 of the annual victories to their credit, to 15 for the Greys and one tie.

The two captains spent the following day in close consultation with charts and records, with Nowold and Fergus, and by Wednesday evening were prepared to make known the personnel of their teams. Considerable attention was paid, as usual, to the relative success of the two captains in signing up the high point-winners of the previous year. At so early a stage of the game, such data constitute about the only clue to the potential strength of the teams. On this basis, it would appear that Mathews had the best of it, for the Maroons drafted seven of the twelve returning campers who last year rolled up individual scores greater than 500. Their major acquisitions were R. Guthrie and D. Beggs who, as Junior A's, last year earned 770 and 740 points respectively, and Richard Barnes, 1955's ranking Junior B Cub. The other Maroon over-500 men are C. Clarke, D. Gardner, C. Rodgers and R. Eckler. The Grey captain captured R. Bennett, last season's top Junior B with 750 points, and F. Smith who trailed him closely with 725, as well as Robert Barnes, W. Hauser and S. Hall. At best, however, this Maroon advantage is only on paper. The value of proven point-winners has often — if not always — been offset by the work of energetic newcomers with the whole field of levels open to them for potential points. In short, the time for predictions has certainly not yet arrived, and the race is about as wide open as it could possibly be, for two enthusiastic teams under able captains are ready to shoot the works.

C. S.

Veteran Senior Counselors Return

Camp Kawanhee is again favored with many familiar and well tried names on its list of staff members. These men have proved their loyalty to the high ideals of Kawanhee by their many years spent as campers and/or counselors.

After a very successful year as Director of Activities in 1955, John Nowold is retaining this all-important position. John's association with Kawanhee goes back to 1943. During all the intervening years but two, John has been in such activities as Athletics, Archery, Fishing, and the camp score, all of which help in a large measure to qualify him for the position he now holds. In Columbus John is Coach and Director of Physical Education at Mohawk Junior High School. John is also supervising the Athletic activities. John has reported the following staff assignments for this season.

Our Trip Program is again under the enthusiastic direction of Clarence Bateman who for the past 23 years has developed a knowledge and appreciation for the state of Maine which Kawanhee tribesmen have long appreciated. "Bates" teaches Industrial Arts at West High School in Columbus where he has recently been exercising his knowledge of floriculture in the landscaping of the school grounds.

This is the seventh season for Edward K. Chace who along with his colleague, Rev. Ross Miller, is directing the Campcraft Department. Ed and "Dean" are continuing the Senior Guide program initiated last year for Junior Counselors, Master Campers' and the members of the Bear and Badger Lodges. Ed plans on spending a month at Kawanhee before his duties as Superintendent of the Scituate Schools in Massachusetts will call him back for about ten days early in August.

The Dean is known to all Kawanheeites since he first joined the staff "way back when", or to be more exact, 1926. Besides his recently assumed job in Campcraft, Rev. Ross Miller will continue a long established tradition of giving the camp devotions and campfire stories. Dean is the head of the Department of Religion and Dean of the Chapel at Alma College, Alma, Michigan, where he and Mrs. Miller make their home.

The team of Birch and Bennett is again directing the Handicraft Department which is popularly known as the Shop. Ben Bennett, Mathematics teacher at Crestview Junior High in Columbus, is beginning his sixth season in the Shop with the construction of model boats coming under his particular supervision. Ben's son, Russ, is also again in camp, this being his fourth year.

Herb Birch is racking up his eleventh year at Kawanhee. His wealth of experience makes him a natural for directing the Outpost Camp on Swift River during the month of August. His home is in New Jersey where he teaches Industrial Arts at Tenafly High School. Bonnie and Mrs. Birch are spending the summer in their cottage near the Inn. Barry and Bruce are representing the clan here in camp while Brian, well known to Kawanhee campers for his pitching, is working in Rumford.

For another season Ray Brown is active in the Athletic Department. Ray is spending his ninth summer here at Kawanhee, five of which were as a camper and Junior Counselor. Ray will be a Senior in Pre-Med at Yale this fall. We hope he will make as good a doctor as he is a Director of Athletics.

For the second summer Gardner Defoe is attending camp as a Senior Counselor assisting in the Swimming Department. With the sum of Gardner's years at camp standing at a total of nine, it is clear that he may also lay claim to seven years' experience as a camper. He lives in nearby Dixfield and is a Junior at Dartmouth College, where he is majoring in Business Education.

Kawanhee is fortunate in having Forrest Dexter for the fourth consecutive summer heading the Nature Department program. As usual, the program is a large one, ranging from the study of flowers and trees to minerals and bugs. Cranford, N. J. is Mr. Dexter's home. He teaches Geology and is Chairman of the Department of Chemistry at Union Junior College, where he also serves as Admission and Guidance Director for Science Students and heads the Department of Nursing. The knowledge of nursing is to be put to use this year in the teaching of First Aid, along with his regular duties in the Nature Department.

Dave Fergus is spending his ninth year at Kawanhee. He is filling his customary position as manager of the camp Post Office and store, as well as camp Scorekeeper. Though Columbus, Ohio, is his home, he is now spending most of his time at Valparaiso University, Valparaiso, Indiana, where he is beginning his Sophomore year in the Liberal Arts College.

One of the early arrivals in camp this year was Ernest Johanson who is assisting again in the Sailing Department. "Eggebert", whose home is in Columbus, is a Sophomore in the Liberal Arts College at Ohio State. The camp sailing enthusiasts owe a great deal to Ernie and the rest of the Sailing Department who came to camp two weeks early to put the sail boats in top-notch condition.

A new face in the Boating Department this year is Ed Hamblin who is racking up his ninth year here at Kawanhee, the last three seasons, '49, '50 and '54, as a Senior Counselor. Ed is also Assistant Editor of the *Wigwam*. In Columbus, his home, he is finishing up work on an Education Degree at Ohio State before beginning work on a Master's Degree. Enough about Yours Truly!

Stuart Klapp for the third consecutive year fills the job of assistant in Campcraft. His connection with Kawanhee began in 1952. Stuart's home is in Columbus where he is a Junior at Ohio State. He is active in school affairs, as is shown by the fact that he is editor of the Ohio State Engineer Magazine and Vice-President of his fraternity, Acacia.

Mr. H. C. Marshall is again participating in the Kawanhee program, assisting in the Boating Department. Mr. Marshall has worked in most of the departments during his thirty years at Kawanhee. He is best remembered for his seventeen years in the Tennis Department and his many years as Director of Activities. At the age of 83, "Chief" can still give anyone a good run for his money.

Roy Nickerson is directing the Range during July, pending the arrival of Howell Windle. This is not to say that Nick is new on the Range, for he was co-director with Howell last year. In August Mr. Nickerson will move back to the Boating Department to handle the canoe trips, always a highlight in the camp program. Nick, now in a retired status, has kept himself busy during the past fall officiating soccer and football games. During January, February, and part of March he and his wife spent their time in Florida. In the spring Roy was officiating track meets and baseball games back at their home in Tenafly, N. J.

In the archives of Kawanhee will be found the name of Campbell Scarlett who has — shall we say — "weathered" with the camp. Beginning as a camper in 1923, two years after the camp's inception, Cam has earned the right to be called the most loyal Kawanheeite outside the Frank clan. From the *Wigwam*, you will get to know Cam, for he is the Editor.

Kawanhee is fortunate to have a Sailing Master this year that's really a go-getter. Mike Smith, whose home is Marblehead, Massachusetts, arrived at camp two weeks early to recondition from stem to stern two of the camp's sail boats. A new 70 foot sailing dock, two new sail boats, and a new building for the Sailing Department are also in the making. Mike, incidentally, will be a Junior at Harvard this fall and is majoring in the study of the Scandinavian countries. The *Wigwam* will have more to say about Sailing in an early issue.

As Co-ordinator of Activities for the second straight year, Del Lee Tracy gets in a lot of leg work. Del handles the sign-offs and makes other adjustments in the daily schedules both mornings and afternoons. He also spends part of his time in the Athletics Department handling baseball. Del teaches Social Studies and Mathematics at Mohawk Junior High in Columbus, Ohio. His family is staying at Pine Lodge.

Jack Welton, another new addition to the Kawanhee clan last year, is carrying on his job as Director of Swimming. Jack plans to introduce more in the line of water sports this year. Like a number of other Department heads, Jack is ever interested in improving his department in any way possible. The Weltons, along with the Tracys, are occupying the Pine Lodge. Two boys of Jack's are Kawanhee campers this year, Brad in the Eagle Lodge and Roy in the Hawk. Teaching Social Studies and Business Education at Saugerties High School, Saugerties, New York, is Jack's regular occupation. He is also Line Coach for the high school football team.

What would the Kawanhee staff be like without the pulsating personality of Herb Yenser, who directs the music and dramatics of camp! He also assists in Baseball when he has a chance. This is Herb's third straight season and he has developed a distinctive position in the hearts of Kawanheeites. Herb's winter job is at the head of the Music Department at Arlington High School, Columbus, Ohio, where he also makes his home.

E. Hamblin

Newcomers, Ex-Juniors Join Senior Staff

Chief Kawanhee has welcomed ten new Senior Counselors into the camp staff for the 1956 season. Four of these new Seniors have advanced from the Junior Counselor ranks of previous seasons; six are spending their first summer at Kawanhee.

Julian Freedman of Springfield, Massachusetts, is head Tennis coach for 1956 and Senior Counselor of the Birch Lodge. Julian is a Junior on the Dean's List at Bates College, Lewiston, Maine. One of his favorite hobbies is playing his trumpet; he directs a dance band at Bates.

New to the Nature Department this summer is Bob Gowen, a Sophomore at Rutgers University, New Brunswick, New Jersey, which is also his home town. Bob is majoring in History in preparation for the ministry.

Dick Green, an Ohio State University Senior from Martins Ferry, Ohio, is working in the Shop. He will be a Freshman dormitory counselor at Ohio University during the coming academic year.

Entering the Senior Counselor ranks during this, his fourth season at Kawanhee, Dan Keck is the right-hand man to Jack Welton and Gardner Defoe in the Swimming Department. Dan was graduated from Springfield High School, Springfield, Ohio, this June, and will enter Miami University, Oxford, Ohio, on an N.R.O.T.C. scholarship in September.

Dave Kent, of Medway, New York, is joining the Nature Department for his first Kawanhee season. Dave is studying for the ministry at Bangor Theological Seminary, where he also completed his undergraduate work two years ago, and will be preaching at the Carthage Union Church each Sunday morning during the summer.

Although this is Chuck Kirkpatrick's first Kawanhee season, Chuck already has had much experience working with boys. He is Scoutmaster of the Ohio State School for the Blind scout troop and formerly was an assistant director at a Y.M.C.A. camp in South Dakota. Chuck is doing graduate work in rehabilitation counseling at Ohio State University; his home town is Aberdeen, South Dakota. Chuck is the head of the Archery Department this summer.

"Uncle Charlie" Long is Kawanhee's full-time fishing counselor. Charlie has been in wildlife conservation work for over forty years, of which 28 were spent as a game law enforcement officer in Ohio. He has fished and traveled through all of the United States and all of the Canadian provinces in connection with his conservation work. According to Uncle Charlie, there are plenty of pickerel, perch, and small-mouth bass in the lake, and he says that they can be caught if one uses the right fishing techniques.

Returning to the Range for his sixth Kawanhee season is Jim Murphy of Cardington, Ohio. "Murph", who will begin pre-medical studies at Ohio Wesleyan University in the fall, is also assisting in Basketball. Jim was graduated from Cardington High School in June.

A valuable assistant in the Sailing Department is Jay Sanders of Rye, New Hampshire. Jay is returning to Kawanhee for his seventh season; his last three seasons were as a Junior Counselor in the Sailing Department. Entering Tufts College, Medford, Massachusetts, in the fall, Jay was graduated from Mt. Hermon School in Massachusetts this spring.

John "Abe" Whitney, officially a "cadet" Senior Counselor, is working in the Athletic Department, taking charge of Basketball. Wrestling, a sport in which Abe has made a considerable Kawanhee reputation, will appear on the 1956 program only as a rainy-day alternative to Basketball, with Whitney in charge. John, whose home is in Weston, Massachusetts, is a Senior at the Choate School, Wallingford, Connecticut. This is his fourth Kawanhee season.

D. Fergus

Junior Counselors and Master Campers

Junior Counselors not only do yeoman service as assistants in the various activities, they also constitute the strongest link in the chain of Kawanhee tradition. They have already had the experience of one or, usually, more seasons as campers and, being potential Senior Counselors, spend two or three seasons as neophyte members of the staff preparatory to full-time positions in later years. This year's group of eleven Junior Counselors has a total of thirty-nine camper seasons to its credit.

Don Gehlbach may have only one previous season, that of 1954, on his Kawanhee record, but the fullness of his summer's program should rank him as a veteran by the time August 25 rolls around. He is Fergie's aide and stay in the store and post office; assists in both Swimming and Tennis; and joins the *Wigwam* staff as Sports Editor. His home is in Columbus, Ohio, where he is a Senior at Upper Arlington High School.

Tony Hirsch begins his tour of duty as a Junior Counselor with considerable seniority in the Kawanhee community already established. This is his sixth session in camp. His assignments include Tennis and the *Wigwam*. Another native of Columbus, he will be a Junior at the Columbus Academy, come September.

In the matter of continuity of Kawanhee years, the grand-daddy among the Junior Counselors is Al Hoster, for he has been uninterruptedly a member of the camp since 1949. Al was a student at the Columbus Academy, but this year transfers to Eastmoor High School as a Sophomore. The position of chief assistant in Archery claims his attention in camp.

Another venerable, although not yet decrepit, tribesman is Bill Keating of Worthington, Ohio, who returns to camp for his seventh season. It was in Wrestling and Swimming that he distinguished himself as a camper and Master Camper, and it is in these departments that he serves as an assistant this year.

Mike Mathews simultaneously climaxes a three-year career as a camper and Master Camper by assuming the important post of Maroon Captain, and initiates his Junior-Counselor training as a full-time assistant in Swimming. He is also available as an assistant in the Campcraft Department where he is working on the Maine Guide program. His home is in Columbus, and September will find him a Junior at the Columbus Academy.

One year ahead of his brother at the Academy, Bob Mathews is also spending his fourth summer in Kawanhee. He is a full-time assistant in Tennis and is doing Maine Guide work in Campcraft. This is Bob's second season as a Junior Counselor.

John Pethick of Cranford, New Jersey, acts as an assistant in the Campcraft Department. He is a Junior at Cranford High School.

Lee Smith divides his third Kawanhee season between his duties as Captain of the Greys and his assignment as an assistant in Baseball and the general Athletic program. Lee's home is in McLean, Virginia, and he is a Sophomore at St. Stephen's High School.

Joe Shepard is another alumnus of the camper class of '49, but he sacrificed his claims to the longevity record by taking a sabbatical last summer. He is a Senior at the Columbus Academy where he is captain of the football team for his coming Senior year. Campcraft and Trips constitute his assignments in Kawanhee.

Todd Tibbals returns to camp for his third season and his second as a Junior Counselor, to serve as assistant in the Tennis Department. Todd's home is Columbus; his school, Upper Arlington High; his year, Senior.

Bob Wollam, of Columbus, Ohio, acts as an assistant in Tennis in the mornings, and as a helper on the Range in the afternoons. His only previous Kawanhee experience was as a camper in 1954.

Six Master Campers vary their programs as Seniors by acting as part-time assistants in various departments of their choice. These are the men of the Badger Lodge, the newest lodge which last year was carved out of the south side of the boathouse below the Crow's Nest. The names of the Master Campers and the activities of their election are as follows: W. Chipman, *Range;* S. Cushman, *Sailing;* W. Diehl, *Aquatics, Boating;* R. Eckler, *Tennis, Wrestling;* T. Krumm, *Tennis;* and D. Murphy, *Boating.*

Lodge Lists, July 9, 1956

One feature of the lodge lists this year brings a glow of gratification to Kawanhee, and that is the sizable group of second-generation names making their appearance here. In all, this year's enrollment includes twenty-two campers whose fathers were campers here before them. The number of these repeating names recognizable to you probably will depend upon the length of your own association with Kawanhee. And if you can spot them all — heck, you're not just an old-timer, you must be old Chief Kawanhee himself!

EAGLE LODGE: *Senior Counselor* — R. Gowan; *Junior Counselor* — A. Hoster; *Campers* — Bruce Birch, P. Connor, D. Fung, W. Riley, R. Wall, R. Welton.

FALCON LODGE: *Senior Counselor* — D. Keck; *Junior Counselor* — Tony Hirsch; *Campers* — R. Bentley, S. Carnes, B. Conner, M. Follansbee, D. Dunnick, W. Putt, R. Wells.

PANTHER LODGE: *Senior Counselor* — J. Murphy; *Junior Counselor* — L. Smith; *Campers* — L. Andre, Robert Barnes, L. Cory, Tim Hirsch, G. Johnson, T. Lutz, T. Pears, J. Ruhle.

POLECAT LODGE: *Senior Counselor* — S. Klapp; *Junior Counselor* — W. Keating; *Campers* — Richard Barnes, W. Brewer, B. Connor, E. Curtze, T. Slade, H. Smith, R. Weber.

PINE TREE LODGE: *Senior Counselors* — J. Welton, E. Johanson; *Campers* — R. Cory, C. Cox, J. Curtze, B. Escher, D. Escher, A. Nyitray, C. Stetson, G. Tittman.

HAWK LODGE: *Senior Counselor* — M. Smith; *Junior Counselor* — D. Gehlbach; *Campers* — A. Adams, B. Burr, J. Fung, B. Gardner, H. Long, J. Long, T. Ultes, B. Welton, R. Wismer.

DEER LODGE: *Senior Counselor* — D. Fergus; *Junior Counselor* — R. Wollam; *Campers* — T. Benua, J. Colthup, E. Griffiths, M. Hertenstein, B. Johnson, D. Pickering, M. Sabback, D. Salembier, H. Sydnor.

BIRCH LODGE: *Senior Counselor* — J. Freedman; *Junior Counselor* — J. Shepard; *Campers* — R. Angerer, J. Burke, T. Clark, D. Cole, J. Dunnick, R. Goldthwaite, S. Hall, T. Hinners.

BEAVER LODGE: *Senior Counselor* — E. Hamblin; *Junior Counselor* — T. Tibbals; *Campers* — R. Bennett, G. Benua, M. Crispin, D. Crockett, J. Fish, J. Fodor, W. Hauser, S. Savage, B. Stiles.

MOOSE LODGE: *Senior Counselors* — G. Defoe, J. Sanders; *Campers* — C. Clarke, D. Connor, S. Dexter, W. Dudley, D. LaRue, P. Nevai, F. Smith, D. Studebaker, E. Warner, J. Wiggins.

LYNX LODGE: *Senior Counselor* — C. Kirkpatrick; *Junior Counselor* — J. Pethick; *Campers* — J. Alexander, G. Beals, D. Beggs, C. Fowler, D. Hoch, R. Roberts, D. Shea, R. Scherring, W. Unckrich.

WILDCAT LODGE: *Senior Counselor* — R. Brown; *Junior Counselor* — R. Mathews; *Campers* — D. Burr, W. Dale, M. Murphy, M. Peppe, J. Salsich, D. Seegar, W. Smith.

CROWS' NEST: *Senior Counselor* — H. Yenser; *Junior Counselor* — M. Mathews; *Campers* — S. Davis, J. Denise, S. Dorrance, P. Guthrie, R. Guthrie, B. Harmon, G. Lohnes, R. Robinson, J. Teichert, C. Rodgers, K. Wheeler.

BEAR LODGE: *Senior Counselors* — D. Tracy, D. Kent; *Campers* — C. Adams, J. Allen, D. Angerer, Barry Birch, D. Gardner, P. Gelpi, W. Greenwood, E. Hershberger, A. Nevai.

BADGER LODGE: *Senior Counselors* — R. Green, J. Whitney; *Master Campers* — W. Chipman, S. Cushman, W. Diehl, R. Eckler, T. Krumm, D. Murphy.

Emma and Sue Preside Again in Kitchen

So much for the camp's vast masculine majority! Now for the pleasure of a few lines devoted to the highly essential feminine minority which efficiently, but with typical grace and tact, stokes, patches and bolsters up the appetites and egos of the predominant Kawanhee male!

If, as tradition has it, the way to a man's heart is through his stomach, the turnpike to Kawanhee affections has its first tollgate on the desk of Mrs. George Frank. Throughout the camp's history she has served as its dietitian and its well-fed reputation must largely be credited to her skilled planning. Mrs. Frank's interlocking duties as resident manager of Kawanhee Inn keep her from many personal appearances in the camp environs, but hers is the vital contribution to camp life that keeps it perking along.

Presiding over the kitchen and pantry in camp itself are two highly esteemed ladies, Emma and Sue, both of whom happen to be celebrating anniversary years as members of the Kawanhee staff. For Mrs. Emma Briggs of Madison, Maine, this is the twenty-fifth summer, and it certainly gives pause to the imagination to contemplate how many miles of her famous home-made bread must have been baked in those years, at her present rate of from 120 to 130 loaves a week. Emma reached the shores of Webb Lake on June 4 this year — " in a pouring rain," she adds — and within an hour or so had a hot meal on the table for such Kawanhee denizens as had already forgathered.

Mrs. Susan Weld devotes her sure hand and unflagging cheerfulness to the big range in the kitchen for the fifth time, and must already have stacked up quite a record of hamburgers cooked and flapjacks flipped, to say nothing of the very particular place for herself which she has built in Kawanhee regards. Sue lives in nearby Dixfield where, during the winters, she is in charge of the cafeteria for the Dixfield schools.

Another good friend of Kawanhee to be found in the culinary department is Mrs. Marian Comins of Wilton, Maine. This is Marian's third summer in camp and her primary duties engage her as Emma's chief aide.

Ladies Regain Beach-head in Dining Hall

The remainder of Kawanhee's distaff division may most readily be enumerated in the Dining Hall where the ladies once more have the refuge of a table of their own after a year's exile to the hurly-burly of the back porch. Mrs. Raymond Frank does the honors at the ladies' table and does them, of course, most graciously, just as she performs all of the manifold duties, chores, courtesies, etc., which are lumped together under the all-inclusive title of " Camp Mother ". As anyone with more than one hour's experience of Kawanhee can assure you, Frannie is the person to whom, eventually, everyone goes for a favor of some kind, and goes with the sure knowledge that the requested assistance will be cheerfully and promptly forthcoming.

Miss Mary Baker's name should rightfully have been called above on the role of well established counselors, since this is the fourth season in which she has been one of the instructors in the Nature Department. Counselors, however, are a dime a dozen around camp, at least in comparison with ladies of Mary's charm, so it seems best to list her here in more distinction. Insect study is likely again to be her special phase of the Nature work, and all her infinite patience will again be called into play to identify the limp blossoms and dilapidated bugs thrust at her with the inevitable query, "What's this, Miss Baker?" Miss Baker is a teacher of Biology and Science at West High School in Columbus, and her graduate work at Ohio State during the past winter has led her to a special interest in "School Forests", with the hope of establishing the first such project in Columbus for West High.

The nurse this summer is a newcomer, but one who has quickly made her place in Kawanhee. She is Miss Patricia Dinsmore, R. N., of Dayton, Ohio. Pat took her Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing at Ohio State in 1953, and is now a surgical nurse at St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Dayton. She has had a year of Public Health work in Montgomery County, in which capacity she served as school nurse for four schools. She is no stranger to camp nursing nor to Maine, having spent last summer as the camp nurse at Camp Kennebec in the Belgrades.

Another addition to the staff is Mrs. Mary Jane Harmon, the camp Secretary. Mrs. Harmon is a school clerk at Starling Junior High School in Columbus, where she makes her home. This is Mrs. Harmon's first experience of a camp, but she has already displayed a veteran capacity for meeting the most exigent demands for lodge lists, hurry-up jobs of typing, etc., etc.

Two good friends complete the ladies' group, Mrs. Clarence Bateman and Mrs. Ross Miller. Mrs. Miller, who is the camp tutor, did not actually come to Kawanhee until early in the second week of the season, after an event of interest to many members, past and present, of the Kawanhee tribe. The Millers' son, Dick, for many years a Kawanhee camper and counselor, was married on July 7 to Miss Joan Taylor Walton in Branford, Connecticut. The Dean, who was in camp for the opening days, went to Connecticut to perform the ceremony, and returned to Kawanhee with Mrs. Miller on Sunday.

Maintenance and repair work this year — and that embraces kitchen wood box and hospital water cooler, as well as a million and one other chores — is being handled this summer by "Uncle John" Farmer. The staff of the kitchen itself is rounded out by Stanley Amburg, returning for his second summer, Dick Terrio, Larry Welch, Tim Hanson and James Convery. Carl McGee has charge of the Dining Hall.

For Parents — a Reprint about Packages

At the request of the Directors the following article is being quoted from the *Wigwam* of July 29, 1954. The problem is not now so acute as it was then, but it is waxing again. It is hoped that this reprint may be instrumental in preventing any further build-up.

"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, the 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 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 Kawanhee only after the following question has been answered in the affirmative — Will the contents serve any real need in camp? Knowing that Kawanhee 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."

Movies, a Visitor, and the Weather

The first week of the season produced a full budget of evening programs, one distinguished visitor, and a somewhat varied diet of weather. On the evening of Monday, July 2, movies of the 1955 Worlds Series were shown in the Rec Hall. Tuesday evening was devoted to the traditional ceremony of the Coming of the Chief. Wednesday was the Fourth of July and, on the score of big bangs and noisy celebration, entirely honored in the breach rather than the observance. Indeed, the only remarkable event of the day was the appearance of the aforementioned, and very welcome, D. V., Dr. Henry Blau, who is known to a generation or more of Kawanhee tribesmen in terms less dignified than "Doctor". Henry is now working in Boston with Arthur D. Little & Co., a research consulting firm (Henry's a Ph. D. in Physics, not a pill-pusher!), and took the opportunity of the holiday for a hasty dash to this happy hunting ground of his former days as camper and counselor. Evening brought the showing of the first half of the weekly movie, this time Disney's *Beaver Valley* and the first reel of *Kill the Umpire* with William Bendix. There was enough of the Bendix picture left over to provide the second half of a two-part bill Thursday evening. The first part featured an unscheduled but vigorous wrestling match between the projecting equipment and an assorted group of

counselors, with Herb Yenser valiantly leading a somewhat tumultuous accompaniment of song.

Up to this point, the weather had been serviceable if uninspired, but on Friday it definitely went sour. About 11:00 A.M., rain began to fall, and continued for the better, or worser, part of the day. A program of songs and games was therefore instituted for the Rec Hall after supper. Saturday the clouds still sagged low on Tumbledown, although the day produced no actual rain. Both the lake and the atmosphere, however, proved to be too chilly for water sports, and the Athletic Field remained too wet for a track meet. The initial clash between the Maroons and the Greys had therefore to be postponed and a rainy-day program substituted for the afternoon. The diamond, happily, had attained a sufficient state of dryness by the end of supper to allow the Junior Counselors and the Senior Counselors to meet in their traditional softball game, an event won by the Seniors by a wide but indeterminate margin.

Swimming Tests, Nature Levels and Range

The campfire of Saturday, July 7, was convened in the Recreation Hall as soon as the camp could be pried loose from the counselors' ball game. The session opened with college songs, with special respects (?????) being paid to Mike Smith's alma mater, Harvard, and ended with a story, *The Man Without a Country,* most effectively told by Ed Chace. The important " Awards " section of the campfire program was somewhat unorthodox, for few activities had completed work to report as of that date. Three departments, however, read lists of tests passed and awards won, while the campers mentioned observed the Kawanhee custom of standing for recognition when their names were announced.

For the Swimming Department, Jack Welton read a considerable list of Cove and Lake swimmers. (In the following record, the name of a camper is listed only under the more advanced of the two tests if he has passed both. All Lake swimmers had first to accomplish the Cove swim in order to qualify for the Lake.)

Cove Swim: C. Adams, L. Andre, Robert Barnes, G. Beals, T. Benua, Bruce Birch, R. Cory, C. Cox, D. Fung, J. Fung, P. Gelpi, W. Greenwood, E. Griffiths, Tim Hirsch, T. Krumm, G. Lohnes, T. Lutz, M. Murphy, A. Nyitray, D. Pickering, R. Roberts, J. Ruhle, H. Sydnor, G. Tittman, T. Ultes, E. Warner, R. Wismer.

Lake Swim: A. Adams, J. Alexander, J. Allen, D. Angerer, Richard Barnes, D. Beggs, R. Bennett, J. Burke, D. Burr, S. Carnes, W. Chipman, C. Clark, T. Clark, J. Colthup, D. Connor, D. Crockett, S. Cushman, W. Dale, S. Davis, S. Dexter, W. Diehl, J. Denise, S. Dorrance, W. Dudley, D. Dunnick, J. Dunnick, R. Eckler, C. Fowler, B. Gardner, D. Gardner, R. Goldthwaite, P. Guthrie, R. Guthrie, S. Hall, W. Hauser, T. Hinners, D. Hoch, B. Johnson, D. LaRue, J. Long, A. Nevai, P. Nevai, M. Peppe, C. Rodgers, M. Sabback, J. Salsich, D. Seegar, T. Slade, F. Smith, H. Smith, T. Smith, C. Stetson, B. Stiles, D. Studebaker, W. Unckrich, R. Weber, J. Wiggins.

The Nature Department alone had levels to report, as follows:

NATURE, *Junior B — First Level:* B. Connor, P. Connor, C. Cox, D. Fung, G. Tittman, R. Wall.

Range, too, had a brief list to report, but a notably varied one. Nick presented National Rifle Association medals and certificates to the following campers:

Pro-Marksman: W. Chipman, J. Fung, T. Smith.
Marksman: W. Chipman.
Marksman First Class: W. Chipman.
Sharpshooter: W. Chipman.
Fourth Bar: R. Wollam.

No score was announced although actually, with levels reported, there had to be a score. Those six levels in Nature divided up as — two for the Maroons and four for the Greys, giving the Greys a lead of 60 to 30 — nothing to sneeze at if one considers the ratio rather than the total!

Sunday — Services and Activities

Sunday the elements were unobstructive if not positively encouraging, and the sun made its reappearance during the morning. The day, as it wore on, saw Mike Smith's reorganized Sailing Department taking visible form on the beach and in the cove. Boats, shining with fresh paint, went into the water, and the new dock stretched ever farther from the shore near the Deer Lodge out towards the moorings. At the morning service in the Recreation Hall, Dr. Elmore based his sermon on the story of David and Jonathan, and spoke of the importance of friendship. A choral group of ten, with Mr. George Frank singing tenor, provided another memorable moment with the *Finlandia* hymn, recalling the musical tradition of the famed " Sunday quartet " of former years.

Afternoon witnessed the first sports contest between the Maroons and the Greys, a hardball game, but it was only a " practice " encounter, played to allow the captains to assess the baseball potential of their men, with the view of selecting the most effective teams for later, point-winning games. The Eagles, Falcons and Panthers were taken by Mr. R. C. Frank for a short trip " to see a bear ". The bear was actually a bear skin, nailed to a barn door and in the process of curing, but, since it had been trapped here in the valley as recently as this spring, the spectacle had a certain valid excitement.

The day wound up with a vesper assembly in the Recreation Hall. Two instrumental soloists varied the program of songs. Tim Smith gave a spirited performance of a number, which he announced as *Sailor Song,* on the piano, and Julian Freedman introduced his expert trumpet to the camp with *Toy Trumpet* and *Beautiful Ohio.* Both performers were most enthusiastically received. Herb Yenser's celebrated Glee Club, as usual, proved to be the most rewarding feature of the evening, both in numbers of its own, and in support of the general group singing. Dean Miller gave his talk and Sunday ended with *Peace I Ask of Thee, O Father.*

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