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Maroons Come from Behind to Win

The Maroons pulled the final rabbit out of the hat, and the "rabbit" was one of the most resounding upset victories in Kawanhee history. The ultimate score, revealed at the closing exercises on Thursday, August 23, was: Maroons, 28,341; Greys, 27,959. This triumph of 382 points tasted particularly sweet to the Maroons after a season of subsisting too regularly on the humble pie of second place. The Greys seized the advantage, 550 to 437, in the first modest little score reported on July 14. Week by week this Grey lead was built up to 931 points on August 4, when the score was announced as 7609 to 6678. It was then that the Maroons dug in their heels. The following Saturday, August 11, they had improved their position until there remained only 182 points separating them from the still leading Greys. With the score in this nip-and-tuck state, the iron curtain of silence was clamped down on the official records. No report was made on August 18 in accordance with the traditional policy of allowing the suspense to mount to the banquet. It mounted alright, right through the climactic moment while the captains agonized and Dave Fergus, with apparently inexhaustible deliberation, pinned number after number to the camp banner! When he stepped back at last, the Maroon yell was something to wake the echoes of the Webb Lake valley for sure! Congratulations flew thick and fast, although it was difficult to know to whom the warmest congratulations should be addressed — to Captain Mathews and his Maroons for the persistence which had won them this final and infinitely satisfying victory; or to Captain Smith and the Greys for the fine work which had kept them out in front for so long and for the complete good grace and good will with which they accepted their rivals' success.

The score made a phenomenal advance in the last ten days of activities, for in that period the Maroons added 17,655 points to their total, and the Greys 17,091. The total combined score was something of a phenomenon in itself. It exceeded by approximately 7500 and 9500 points respectively the totals of 1955 and 1954, two seasons in which the Kawanhee enrollment was roughly identical to that of this year. There are two possible explanations for this jump, and both are needed to account for its magnitude. The splitting of the old fictitious plaque activity of "Aquatics" into its component parts, Boating and Swimming, each with a full potential of Achievement Level points, probably added a minimum of 5000 points to the combined scores. The remainder of the difference is undoubtedly to be attributed to the high level of team enthusiasm and general interest built up throughout the season from a rather slow start.

The narrowness of the margin of victory — only 382 points — leaves things wide open for the after-the-ball pastime of pointing with pride to the work of this individual or that department as the source of the decisive points which turned the trick — and, happily, it is quite true in every case! This may most easily be noted in connection with certain once-a-season blocks of points which were weighed in during the last ten days. Bonuses for completed plaques favored the Maroons 1100 to 700. The small class in Senior Life Saving gave the Maroons another advantage of 550-to-150, while the big class in Junior Life Saving almost broke even — 1200 for the Greys and 1100 for the Maroons. The year's take in Scouting points was small and evenly divided — Greys, 180; Maroons, 175. The results of the Archery tournament were also remarkably close, at 545 for the Greys and 535 for the Maroons. The Wrestling tournament was another story, for it was greatly to the profit of the Maroons with a score of 1465 — 975. The real slaughter of the innocents, however, was the Tennis tournament, and the Maroons were the "innocents". All of the champions, and all but one of the semifinalists, were Greys, with the result that they cleaned up the event, 960 to 370. Earlier in the season the Maroons received their biggest helping of gravy when the points awarded for the Junior Maine Guide levels proved to be in their favor, 735 to 0.

J. Fung Tops Camp's Largest H.P.W. List

The summer produced the largest crop of High Point Winners in the camp's annals. In all, sixty-four campers piled up individual scores of 400 points or more. As a standard for comparison, it may be noted that the productive season of 1955 ended up with only forty-six men in this scoring bracket, and 1954 had just forty. If there is need for any further explanation of the score's magnitude or of the vigor which characterized the team competition, it may easily be found in the fact that so many capable point winners were operating on both sides.

The top man on the totem pole — in more specific terms, the High Point Winner for the whole camp — was John Fung, a Junior B, a Grey and a second-year camper. John distanced the whole field by 40 points with an impressive total of 885. The bonus for completing a Junior B plaque in two years accounted for 200 of these points, and the championship of John's weight class in the Wrestling tournament accounted for 115 more. Aside from 10 points earned in the Tennis tournament, the remainder of the 885 resulted from good, solid work in Achievement Levels.

The next three ranking men, all Junior B's, were closely bunched. Bruce Gardner, a Maroon, took second place with 845 points, while David Fung and George Tittmann, both Greys, tied just behind him with 840. The 200-point bonus for completing a Junior B plaque in two years swelled the totals for both Bruce and Dave, and the Wrestling championship in the 85 lb. class gave Gardner 115 more. Tittmann made his chief haul of non-Achievement-Level points by winning the Junior B Tennis championship, an accomplishment which brought him 110 points.

The largest score in the Junior A division, 805 points, was rolled up by W. Dudley, Grey, who also ranked fifth for the whole camp. The top Senior was S. Cushman, a Maroon, with 775 points. Junior Life Saving and the Wrestling tournament contributed substantially to both of these scores, while Junior Maine Guide work and a plaque

completed in three years each gave Cushman an additional one hundred.

There follows a complete list of the summer's high point winners:

Junior B: J. Fung, 885; B. Gardner, 845; D. Fung, 840; G. Tittmann, 840; T. Pears, 795; B. Conner, 755; B. Escher, 755; C. Cox, 740; R. Welton, 705; J. Long, 700; R. Bentley, 670; P. Connor, 640; J. Dunnick, 610; H. Long, 545; Tim Hirsch, 535; C. Stetson, 520; T. Clark, 500; R. Wismer, 480; T. Lutz, 470; B. Connor, 465; R. Wells, 460; L. Andre, 440; J. Colthup, 440; T. Benua, 425; J. Burke, 410; D. Escher, 410; S. Carnes, 405; T. Slade, 405; B. Welton, 405.

Junior A: W. Dudley, 805; S. Hall, 790; W. Hauser, 755; C. Clarke, 670; M. Murphy, 655; D. Hoch, 640; D. Connor, 615; R. Guthrie, 590; R. Robinson, 590; W. Dale, 585; J. Fish, 580; F. Smith, 565; K. Wheeler, 565; A. Nevai, 550; P. Guthrie, 540; J. Allen, 515; D. Angerer, 510; S. Savage, 495; S. Davis, 465; G. Beals, 460; W. Unckrich, 455; R. Roberts, 440; C. Rodgers, 440; J. Salsich, 435; D. Studebaker, 425; D. Burr, 420; D. Beggs, 410; P. Gelpi, 410.

Senior: S. Cushman, 775; R. Eckler, 730; W. Chipman, 520; W. Diehl, 505; T. Krumm, 465; J. Pethick, 464; Barry Birch 410.

Plaques: Old, New and Completed

PLAQUES COMPLETED IN 1956

Junior B Cub Plaque, completed in two seasons: D. Fung, T. Pears.

Junior B Plaque, completed in two seasons: J. Fung, B. Gardner, S. Hall.

Junior B Plaque, completed in three seasons: J. Fish.

Junior A Plaque, completed in two seasons: D. Hoch.

Junior A Plaque, completed in three seasons: S. Davis, R. Eckler, W. Hauser.

Senior Plaque, completed in three seasons: S. Cushman.

NEW PLAQUES WON, WITH NUMBER OF LEVELS CREDITED

Junior B: L. Andre, 7; R. Angerer, 8; Richard Barnes, 13; Robert Barnes, 13; R. Bentley, 16; Bruce Birch, 7; J. Burke, 10; B. Burr, 10; S. Carnes, 12; D. Cole, 8; J. Colthup, 10; B. Conner, 14; P. Connor, 5; L. Cory, 8; C. Cox, 15; H. Curtze, 8; D. Dunnick, 9; J. Dunnick, 13; B. Escher, 13; D. Escher, 8; M. Follansbee, 11; D. Fung, 8; J. Fung, 16; Tim Hirsch, 8; G. Johnson, 7; H. Long, 13; T. Lutz, 12; A. Nyitray, 4; T. Pears, 9; W. Putt, 9; W. Riley, 7; J. Ruhle, 8; D. Salembier, 7; T. Slade, 5; H. Smith, 7; E. Spelyng, 7; C. Stetson, 11; H. Sydnor, 11; G. Tittmann, 14; R. Wall, 9; W. Weld, 6; R. Wells, 12; R. Welton, 4.

Junior A: C. Adams, 4; D. Angerer, 11; G. Beals, 8; R. Bennett, 11; G. Benua, 9; W. Dale, 10; S. Dorrance, 8; J. Fish, 11; J. Fodor, 7; P. Gelpi, 7; P. Guthrie, 7; R. Guthrie, 12; S. Hall, 9; B. Harmon, 4; E. Hershberger, 8; T. Hinners, 6; B. Johnson, 5; G. Lohnes, 8; M. Murphy, 14; A. Nevai, 9; P. Nevai, 6; M. Peppe, 10; D. Pickering, 6; R. Robinson, 13; M. Sabback, 4; J. Salsich, 9; S. Savage, 8; R. Scherring, 5; D. Shea, 5; W. Smith, 8; J. Stiles, 3; D. Studebaker, 8; W. Unckrich, 9; E. Warner, 5; J. Wiggin, 7.

Senior: W. Chipman, 8; D. Connor, 4; S. Dexter, 5; A. Hoster, 6; D. Murphy, 8.

LEVELS ADDED TO OLD PLAQUES

Junior B Cub: L. Andre, 4; P. Connor, 6; D. Fung, 5; Tim Hirsch, 3; A. Nyitray, 5; T. Pears, 3; T. Slade, 4; R. Welton, 6.

Junior B: A. Adams, 8; C. Adams, 1; T. Benua, 10; W. Brewer, 3; T. Clark, 7; B. Connor, 7; R. Cory, 4; M. Crispin, 1; W. Dudley, 5; J. Fish, 1; J. Fung, 7; B. Gardner, 5; R. Goldthwaite, 1; E. Griffiths, 2; S. Hall, 3; M. Hertenstein, 6; T. Hinners, 2; B. Johnson, 3; D. LaRue, 1; D. Pickering, 2; M. Sabback, 1; J. Stiles, 1; T. Ultes, 4; E. Warner, 4; R. Weber, 6; B. Welton, 5; R. Wismer, 7.

Junior A: J. Alexander, 4; J. Allen, 3; D. Beggs, 7; D. Burr, 6; C. Clarke, 5; D. Connor, 3; M. Crispin, 4; S. Davis, 5; S. Dexter, 2; R. Eckler, 3; C. Fowler, 1; W. Greenwood, 2; W. Hauser, 6; D. Hoch, 3; R. Roberts, 2; D. Seeger, 4; F. Smith, 8; K. Wheeler, 5.

Senior: Barry Birch, 2; S. Cushman, 3; R. Eckler, 3; J. Teichert, 5; R. Mathews, 1; J. Shepard, 1; R. Wollam, 3.

Cups Honor Greatest Improvement

Kawanhee has many awards and is happy to confer them all. Inevitably, however, a special feeling attaches itself to certain of them. Mr. George Frank made this point as he opened the Awards ceremony Thursday afternoon. Champions are champions when they come here, and would have been champions whether or not they came. It is a privilege for the camp to enlist their special abilities, and these it is happy to recognize with ribbons and such. On the other hand, when a camper makes great progress in some particular field of activity during his stay at Kawanhee, then it is felt that the camp has given that camper something lasting and valuable, and that the camper's good work has made a definite contribution to the morale of the season. The "Greatest Improvement" awards have therefore always held a unique place in Kawanhee regard. Heading the list of such awards are three cups which have been a part of Kawanhee history from its earliest years. The cups themselves have long since been outgrown for inscription purposes and the names are now engraved on plaques continuing the tradition of each cup.

CAMP CUPS

Greatest Improvement in Swimming ..... Ed Hershberger
Shepard Plaque

Greatest Athletic Improvement ..... David Escher
Benua Plaque

Greatest Physical Improvement ..... Joseph Fodor
Lattimer Plaque

SAILING

For Outstanding Ability and Co-operation ..... C. Rodgers
Robert J. Page Award

WRESTLING

For the Greatest Improvement in Camp ..... Rickey Eckler

Ribbons for Competitive Activities

ARCHERY

CHAMPIONS: J. Burke, *Junior B;* W. Hauser, *Junior A;* D. Angerer, *Senior.*

RUNNERS-UP: T. Clark, *Junior B;* C. Fowler, *Junior A;* W. Chipman, *Senior.*

GREATEST IMPROVEMENT: L. Andre, *Junior B;* S. Simms, *Junior A;* P. Guthrie, *Senior.*

ATHLETICS

CHAMPIONS: T. Benua, *Junior B;* R. Roberts, *Junior A;* R. Eckler, *Senior.*

RUNNERS-UP: G. Tittmann, *Junior B;* G. Beals, *Junior A;* R. Guthrie, *Senior.*

GREATEST IMPROVEMENT: D. Escher, *Junior B;* J. Wiggin, *Junior A;* D. Murphy, *Senior.*

BASEBALL

CHAMPIONS: E. Spelyng, *Junior B;* M. Murphy, *Junior A;* J. Allen, *Senior.*

RUNNERS-UP: B. Escher, *Junior B;* G. Lohnes, *Junior A;* T. Krumm, *Senior.*

GREATEST IMPROVEMENT: H. Long, *Junior B;* J. Fodor, *Junior A;* J. Teichert, *Senior.*

DIVING

CHAMPIONS: G. Tittmann, *Junior B;* D. Hoch, *Junior A;* W. Diehl, *Senior.*

RUNNERS-UP: Robert Barnes, *Junior B;* W. Hauser, *Junior A;* A. Nevai, *Senior.*

GREATEST IMPROVEMENT: R. Bentley, *Junior B;* C. Clarke, *Junior A;* R. Eckler, *Senior.*

SAILING

CHAMPIONS: C. Cox, *Junior B;* D. Seeger, *Junior A;* W. Diehl, *Senior.*

RUNNERS-UP: J. Long, *Junior B;* D. Hoch, *Junior A;* J. Denise, *Senior.*

GREATEST IMPROVEMENT: G. Tittmann, *Junior B;* S. Dexter, *Junior A;* G. Lohnes, *Senior.*

SWIMMING

CHAMPIONS: Tim Hirsch, *Junior B;* R. Bennett, *Junior A;* T. Krumm, *Senior.*

RUNNERS-UP: B. Gardner, *Junior B;* D. Hoch, *Junior A;* W. Diehl, *Senior.*

GREATEST IMPROVEMENT: D. Escher, *Junior B;* W. Dudley, *Junior A;* E. Hershberger, *Senior.*

TENNIS

CHAMPIONS: G. Tittmann, *Junior B;* R. Roberts, *Junior A;* T. Krumm, *Senior.*

RUNNERS-UP: E. Spelyng, *Junior B;* J. Salsich, *Junior A;* R. Guthrie, *Senior.*

GREATEST IMPROVEMENT: R. Welton, *Junior B;* M. Murphy, *Junior A;* D. Murphy, *Senior.*

WRESTLING

CHAMPIONS: R. Welton, 55 *lb. class;* J. Fung, 65 *lb. class;* B. Connor, 75 *lb. class;* B. Gardner, 85 *lb. class;* D. Connor, 95 *lb. class;* Barry Birch, 105 *lb. class;* C. Rodgers, 115 *lb. class;* K. Wheeler, 125 *lb. class;* R. Eckler, 135 *lb. class;* A. Nevai, 155 *lb. class;* D. Angerer, *unlimited class.*

RUNNERS-UP: D. Fung, 55 *lb. class;* B. Escher, 65 *lb. class;* Richard Barnes, 75 *lb. class;* C. Stetson, 85 *lb. class;* W. Unckrich, 95 *lb. class;* R. Robinson, 105 *lb. class;* R. Guthrie, 115 *lb. class;* J. Allen, 125 *lb. class;* P. Gelpi, 135 *lb. class;* D. Gardner, 155 *lb. class;* S. Cushman, *unlimited class.*

GREATEST IMPROVEMENT: P. Connor, 55 *lb. class;* T. Pears, 65 *lb. class;* B. Welton, 75 *lb. class;* S. Hall, 85 *lb. class;* F. Smith, 95 *lb. class;* W. Hauser, 105 *lb. class;* W. Dudley, 115 *lb. class;* P. Guthrie, 135 *lb. class;* W. Greenwood, 155 *lb. class.*

Special and Meritorious Awards

Much of the most memorable work of a Kawanhee summer is accomplished in departments where it is impossible specifically to measure excellence by tournaments or to award it with ribbons won in competition. In these activities "Meritorious Awards" are the customary form of recognition. While these citations are not so tangibly pinnable on-the-chest, they are entirely equal to ribbons in the honor and distinction which they convey.

The practice of giving out small prizes or Special Awards has grown up in one or two departments. The Perham Awards in Nature are the most notable of these, and come to the camp through the generosity of Mr. Stanley Perham. Perham's famous Mineral Shop in West Paris is the one "must" stop on every mineral trip that leaves Kawanhee throughout the season. For the first time this year one of these sought-after prizes was given for the cutting and polishing of stones. This phase of the mineral work developed remarkably over the summer. In all twenty-nine projects were completed. Eleven of these were paperweights, while the others represented the shaping and finishing of smaller, more complicated pieces for earrings, cufflinks and pendants. Lepidolite was the most popular material, and a pattern representing a moosewood leaf came into high favor.

BOATING

MERITORIOUS AWARDS

Junior B: R. Bentley, J. Colthup, C. Cox, J. Long, W. Putt, M. Sabback, G. Tittmann, R. Welton.

Junior A: W. Dale, J. Fish, P. Guthrie, R. Guthrie, M. Murphy, S. Savage, D. Studebaker.

Senior: S. Cushman, W. Diehl.

CAMPCRAFT

OUTSTANDING AWARD ..... S. Cushman, *Senior*
(Book: *Woodsmoke* by Ellsworth Jaeger)

HONORABLE MENTION

Junior B Cub: R. Bentley, B. Conner, M. Follansbee, R. Wall.

Junior A: M. Murphy, J. Salsich, R. Scherring.

NATURE

SPECIAL AWARDS

For Over-all Interest in Nature

Flower Book ..... R. Bentley, *Junior B*
Bird Book ..... R. Robinson, *Junior A*
Flower Book ..... J. Allen, *Junior A*

For Tree Study

Tree Book ..... J. Fish, *Junior A*
Tree Book ..... J. Pethick, *Senior*

For Insect Study

Insect Book ..... M. Peppe, *Junior A*
Insect Book ..... J. Fodor, *Junior A*

PERHAM AWARDS IN MINERAL WORK

For cutting and polishing ..... D. Pickering, *Junior B*
(Cutting material — amethyst, topaz, quartz)
For outstanding mineral collection ..... K. Wheeler, *Junior A*
(Cabinet specimen — pyrite crystals)

MERITORIOUS AWARDS

OVER-ALL INTEREST IN NATURE: J. Long, *Junior B.*

INSECTS: B. Burr, *Junior B;* W. Smith, *Junior A.*

TREES: Bruce Birch, R. Wall, *Junior B's;* M. Crispin, *Junior A.*

MINERAL COLLECTING: H. Long, T. Ultes, W. Weld, *Junior B's;* J. Burke, E. Hershberger, S. Savage, K. Wheeler, *Junior A's.*

CUTTING AND POLISHING OF MINERALS: A. Adams, *Junior B;* C. Adams, S. Hall, W. Hauser, P. Nevai, M. Sabback, *Junior A's.*

SHOP

MERITORIOUS AWARDS

Junior B: R. Angerer, Robert Barnes, R. Bentley, Bruce Birch, W. Brewer, B. Connor, E. Curtze, S. Hall, Tim Hirsch, H. Long, D. Pickering, D. Salembier, C. Stetson, R. Welton.

Junior A: D. Beggs, S. Dexter, J. Fish, P. Nevai, R. Roberts, D. Seeger.

Senior: Barry Birch, W. Chipman, B. Harmon, E. Hershberger, J. Teichert.

Boy Scout Merit Badges, 1956

On Tuesday, August 21, a Kawanhee Board of Review passed on the work in Scouting done by campers this summer and, for the satisfactory completion of requirements, gave certificates of approval for the campers to present to their home Boards of Review. Mr. Chace sat as Chairman of this Board, which was composed of Mr. Birch, Mr. Dexter, Mr. Kirkpatrick, Dean Miller and Mr. Welton. For purposes of scoring, the work in Scouting was given the following values: Second Class, 30; Camping Merit Badge, 25; Life Saving Merit Badge, 20; and Swimming Merit Badge, 10. The campers recognized by the Board of Review were:

Second Class Scout: B. Harmon.

Camping Merit Badge: D. Connor.

Life Saving Merit Badge: J. Allen, D. Beggs, C. Clarke, M. Crispin, W. Dale, W. Dudley, B. Harmon, D. Hoch, D. Studebaker, J. Wiggin, J. Salsich.

Swimming Merit Badge: J. Allen, D. Beggs, C. Clarke, W. Dale, W. Dudley, B. Harmon, D. Hoch, D. Studebaker, J. Wiggin, J. Salsich.

Junior and Senior Life Saving

One solid and lasting accomplishment of any summer is the winning of a Red Cross Life Saving certificate. This summer, under the able instruction of Jack Welton, Gardner Defoe and other members of the Swimming Department, a class of twenty-three campers completed the course in Junior Life Saving, and a group of four Junior Counselors and Senior campers passed the Senior Life Saving tests. For scoring purposes, J. L. S. is rated at 100 points, and S. L. S. at 150. There follows the list of those who successfully completed the courses:

Junior Life Saving: G. Beals, D. Burr, C. Clarke, M. Crispin, S. Cushman, W. Dale, W. Dudley, J. Dunnick, P. Gelpi, P. Guthrie, B. Harmon, W. Hauser, E. Hershberger, D. LaRue, A. Nevai, P. Nevai, M. Peppe, R. Roberts, F. Smith, W. Smith, J. Stiles, D. Studebaker, J. Wiggin.

Senior Life Saving: W. Chipman, W. Keating, M. Mathews, J. Pethick.

Achievement Levels, August 19 - August 22

ATHLETICS, *Junior C — Third Level:* T. Slade.

ATHLETICS, *Junior B — First Level:* G. Benua, H. Smith.

ATHLETICS, *Junior B — Second Level:* D. Cole, M. Follansbee, W. Riley, H. Smith, R. Wells.

ATHLETICS, *Junior B — Third Level:* A. Adams, H. Long, E. Spelyng, H. Sydnor, R. Wall, R. Weber.

ATHLETICS, *Junior A — First Level:* R. Bennett, S. Dorrance, P. Gelpi, E. Hershberger, A. Nevai, E. Warner.

ATHLETICS, *Junior A — Second Level:* R. Bennett, S. Dorrance, P. Gelpi, E. Hershberger, A. Nevai, M. Peppe, R. Robinson, W. Smith, E. Warner.

ATHLETICS, *Junior A — Third Level:* R. Bennett, P. Gelpi, A. Nevai, R. Robinson, F. Smith.

ATHLETICS, *Senior — First Level:* W. Chipman, A. Hoster, J. Pethick.

ATHLETICS, *Senior — Second Level:* W. Chipman, D. Connor, A. Hoster, J. Pethick.

ATHLETICS, *Senior — Third Level:* W. Chipman, S. Cushman, J. Pethick, J. Shepard, R. Wollam.

BOATING, *Junior C — Third Level:* T. Slade.

BOATING, *Junior B — First Level:* R. Angerer, Richard Barnes, D. Cole, L. Cory, E. Curtze, J. Dunnick, M. Follansbee, H. Long, A. Nyitray, W. Riley, E. Spelyng, T. Slade, R. Wall, R. Wismer.

BOATING, *Junior B — Second Level:* R. Angerer, R. Cory, J. Dunnick, B. Escher, D. Escher, M. Follansbee, D. Fung, Tim Hirsch, H. Long, A. Nyitray, W. Riley, D. Salembier, C. Stetson, R. Wall, R. Wismer, R. Welton.

BOATING, *Junior B — Third Level:* J. Colthup, B. Conner, B. Gardner, B. Johnson, J. Long, W. Putt, C. Stetson, G. Tittmann, R. Welton.

CAMPCRAFT, *Junior B — First Level:* D. Fung, Tim Hirsch, E. Spelyng, H. Sydnor.

CAMPCRAFT, *Junior B — Second Level:* B. Escher, H. Long, J. Long, W. Riley, R. Wells.

CAMPCRAFT, *Junior B — Third Level:* A. Adams, R. Bentley, W. Dudley, E. Griffiths, M. Hertenstein, T. Hinners, R. Wall, R. Wismer.

CAMPCRAFT, *Junior A — First Level:* C. Adams, Robert Barnes, G. Beals, S. Dorrance, M. Sabback, W. Smith.

CAMPCRAFT, *Junior A — Second Level:* D. Shea.

CAMPCRAFT, *Senior — First Level:* D. Murphy.

NATURE, *Junior C — Third Level:* P. Connor, D. Fung, R. Welton.

NATURE, *Junior B — First Level:* L. Andre, D. Cole, J. Colthup, E. Spelyng.

NATURE, *Junior B — Second Level:* Bruce Birch, J. Colthup, P. Connor, C. Cox, J. Dunnick, T. Pears, W. Riley, H. Smith, R. Wells, R. Welton, W. Weld.

NATURE, *Junior B — Third Level:* R. Bentley, M. Crispin, B. Gardner, H. Long.

NATURE, *Junior A — First Level:* G. Benua, P. Guthrie, A. Nevai.

NATURE, *Junior A — Second Level:* R. Guthrie, S. Hall, E. Hershberger, S. Savage.

NATURE, *Junior A — Third Level:* S. Davis, J. Fish, R. Robinson.

NATURE, *Senior — First Level:* D. Angerer.

NATURE, *Senior — Third Level:* R. Mathews.

SAILING, *Junior B — First Level:* L. Andre, L. Cory.

SAILING, *Junior B — Second Level:* W. Dudley, D. Fung, J. Fung, B. Gardner, H. Long, T. Lutz, R. Wismer, B. Welton.

SAILING, *Junior B — Third Level:* W. Dudley, D. Fung, J. Fung, B. Gardner, H. Long, T. Lutz, R. Wismer, B. Welton.

SAILING, *Junior A — Second Level:* D. Angerer, D. Beggs, R. Eckler, J. Fish, R. Guthrie, S. Hall, W. Hauser, D. LaRue, D. Seeger, F. Smith.

SAILING, *Junior A — Third Level:* D. Connor, S. Dexter, R. Eckler, W. Hauser, G. Lohnes, D. Seeger.

SAILING, *Senior — Third Level:* J. Teichert.

SAILING, *Novice:* L. Andre, L. Cory.

SAILING, *Crew:* D. Beggs, R. Eckler, R. Guthrie, S. Hall, D. LaRue.

SAILING, *Skipper:* D. Hoch, D. Seeger, J. Teichert.

SHOP, *Junior B — First Level:* B. Burr, P. Connor, D. Fung, R. Welton.

SHOP, *Junior B — Second Level:* L. Andre, B. Burr, E. Curtze, D. Dunnick, Tim Hirsch, T. Lutz, A. Nyitray, T. Pears, W. Putt, J. Ruhle, T. Slade, E. Spelyng, H. Sydnor, T. Ultes, R. Wells.

SHOP, *Junior B — Third Level:* A. Adams, R. Angerer, Richard Barnes, Robert Barnes, R. Bentley, W. Brewer, S. Carnes, D. Cole, L. Cory, C. Cox, J. Dunnick, T. Ultes.

SHOP, *Junior A — First Level:* T. Clark, R. Cory, J. Fung, R. Goldthwaite, J. Stiles, E. Warner.

SHOP, *Junior A — Second Level:* J. Alexander, D. Angerer, G. Beals, B. Gardner, R. Guthrie, B. Harmon, M. Hertenstein, B. Johnson, D. LaRue, M. Peppe, J. Salsich, S. Savage, R. Scherring, F. Smith, D. Studebaker, J. Wiggin.

SHOP, *Junior A — Third Level:* G. Benua, D. Burr, C. Clarke, J. Fish, D. Pickering, R. Robinson, W. Unckrich, K. Wheeler.

SHOP, *Senior — First Level:* D. Connor, M. Crispin, D. Seeger.

SHOP, *Senior — Second Level:* S. Dexter, D. Hoch.

SHOP, *Senior — Third Level:* W. Hauser.

SWIMMING, *Junior C — Second Level:* A. Nyitray, R. Welton.

SWIMMING, *Junior C — Third Level:* L. Andre, D. Fung, Tim Hirsch, A. Nyitray, T. Slade, R. Welton.

SWIMMING, *Junior B — First Level:* Richard Barnes, Robert Barnes, B. Connor, R. Cory, D. Fung, Tim Hirsch, A. Nyitray, T. Slade, R. Weber, R. Wismer.

SWIMMING, *Junior B — Second Level:* Richard Barnes, Robert Barnes, M. Hertenstein, B. Johnson, M. Sabback, T. Slade, J. Stiles, R. Weber.

SWIMMING, *Junior B — Third Level:* Robert Barnes, J. Fish, B. Gardner, M. Hertenstein, T. Hinners, B. Johnson, D. Pickering.

SWIMMING, *Junior A — First Level:* R. Bennett, D. Burr, B. Burr, C. Fowler, B. Gardner, T. Hinners, B. Johnson, T. Krumm.

SWIMMING, *Junior A — Second Level:* J. Alexander, J. Allen, D. Beggs, R. Bennett, D. Burr, D. Connor, B. Gardner, F. Smith.

SWIMMING, *Junior A — Third Level:* D. Burr, S. Davis, W. Diehl, F. Smith, K. Wheeler.

SWIMMING, *Senior — First Level:* Barry Birch, W. Chipman, C. Clarke, S. Davis, J. Denise, W. Hauser, W. Keating, S. Savage, J. Teichert, W. Unckrich.

SWIMMING, *Senior — Second Level:* R. Eckler, W. Hauser, W. Keating.

SWIMMING, *Senior — Third Level:* S. Cushman, R. Eckler, W. Keating.

TENNIS, *Junior B — First Level:* S. Carnes, J. Colthup, E. Griffiths, M. Sabback.

TENNIS, *Junior B — Second Level:* J. Burke.

TENNIS, *Junior B — Third Level:* B. Conner, B. Escher, E. Spelyng.

TENNIS, *Junior A — First Level:* C. Adams, R. Bennett, S. Dorrance, R. Robinson.

TENNIS, *Junior A — Second Level:* C. Adams, R. Bennett, D. Burr, D. Gardner, S. Hall, M. Peppe, S. Savage.

WRESTLING, *Junior B — First Level:* Richard Barnes, B. Connor.

WRESTLING, *Junior B — Second Level:* B. Connor, D. Fung, B. Gardner, T. Pears, R. Welton.

WRESTLING, *Junior B — Third Level:* B. Conner, B. Escher, J. Fung, R. Welton.

WRESTLING, *Junior A — First Level:* J. Allen, A. Nevai.

WRESTLING, *Junior A — Second Level:* J. Allen, D. Angerer, D. Gardner, W. Hauser, A. Nevai.

WRESTLING, *Junior A — Third Level:* Barry Birch, D. Connor, W. Dudley, P. Gelpi, R. Robinson, C. Rodgers.

WRESTLING, *Senior — First Level:* W. Greenwood.

WRESTLING, *Senior — Third Level:* R. Eckler.

Range and Swimming

RANGE, AUG. 19 — AUG. 23

Pro-marksman: L. Andre, B. Burr, J. Colthup, B. Conner.

Marksman: J. Allen, Robert Barnes, W. Brewer, J. Burke, D. Cole, D. LaRue, J. Fodor, J. Fung, A. Nevai, T. Ultes.

Marksman First Class: A. Adams, J. Allen, Robert Barnes, J. Burke, D. Cole, S. Dorrance, W. Dudley, J. Fodor, J. Fung, E. Griffiths, A. Nevai, A. Nyitray, T. Pears, W. Unckrich.

Sharpshooter: J. Allen, G. Tittmann.

First Bar: B. Harmon.

Second Bar: D. Connor, D. Gardner, E. Hershberger.

Third Bar: D. Gardner, E. Hershberger.

Fourth Bar: D. Gardner, E. Hershberger.

Fifth Bar: C. Fowler.

Sixth Bar: C. Fowler.

Seventh Bar: C. Fowler.

Ninth: Barry Birch, R. Wollam.

SWIMMING TESTS, AUG. 19 — AUG. 23

Cove Swim: W. Brewer.

Glee Club Makes Last Appearance on Sunday

The final week of the 1956 season began impressively with the morning service of Sunday, August 19. Dr. Elmore took as his text "The Heavens declare the glory of God: the firmament showeth His handiwork." No message could have been more appropriate than this sermon on "Reading God's Newspaper" for the conclusion of a summer lived close to the wonder of Nature in this beautiful valley.

Archery and Tennis tournaments claimed the attention of much of the camp and of many visitors during Sunday

afternoon. Another feature of the day was a display of wood carvings in front of the Recreation Hall during the morning. These were the skilled work of Uncle Charley Long. On exhibition were thirty-seven pieces, many of them miniature pieces of furniture worked out in great detail. Perhaps the handsome and colorful wooden birds provoked the greatest number of Oh's and Ah's.

The Vesper program that evening was a full and satisfying one. Several soloists made well applauded appearances. Bill Hauser played *Mayday* on his trumpet, and Rob Cory presented *Ivory Tower* on his flute, while Julian Freedman's farewell solo was *The Trumpeter's Lullaby*. Mrs. Marble of Dixfield was again so kind as to serve, and serve most admirably, as the general accompanist, and Hal Myers pepped up the mass rendition of *The Happy Whistler* with a drum accompaniment.

Dean Miller represented the devotional side of the evening. His talk, "Signs along the Trail", turned his listeners' thoughts to a few minutes of serious reflection in the midst of the music, and he read the Twenty-third Psalm to the hummed background of the chorus.

As usual the body, as well as the heart, of the program was supplied by Herb Yenser and his Glee Club. On this occasion the group's ten numbers were selected mainly from the patriotic and religious part of its repertoire, beginning with *God Bless America* and ending in the usual reverent manner with Malotte's setting of the Lord's Prayer. This brought to a close the Glee Club's third season. In three summers it has become an immensely popular Kawanhee institution. Its work is never less than a pleasure to hear. Over and above the enjoyment which it provides so generously, it makes a contribution to the morale of the camp which cannot be definitely evaluated. The magnitude of what Herb Yenser accomplishes under difficult conditions remains as much a source of wonder to those who have heard every concert as to those who listen to its music for the first time. Some sort of rising vote of thanks is certainly due to the Glee Club and its redoubtable leader!

C. S.

Tittmann Takes Junior B Tennis Title

On Sunday, August 19, the annual Tennis tournament was completed by the playing of the finals in two divisions. The contestants were: Junior B, George Tittmann *vs.* Edward Spelyng; and Junior A, Ray Roberts *vs.* James Salsich. A few days earlier Tahlman Krumm had met Robert Guthrie in the Senior finals.

The first set of the Junior B finals was extremely close, with each player winning his serve until Tittmann rallied in the eleventh and twelfth games. Grasping Spelyng's style at that point, Tittmann rapidly defeated Ed, 7-5. The second set found Spelyng the underdog, 6-0. Tittmann had won his place in the finals by defeating B. Escher 6-0, 6-0, in the semifinals, while in that round Spelyng had taken a rough match from D. Escher, 0-6, 6-4, 6-4.

The first set of the Junior A finals was decisively won by Ray Roberts, 6-1. Ray's quick serve and well placed shots finally won the second set, after winning the first, third, fourth, fifth, seventh and eighth games. In the semifinals Roberts had defeated C. Clarke, 6-1, 6-0, and Salsich had polished off F. Smith, 6-0, 6-0.

Tally Krumm did not drop a game in his quest for the Senior championship, but he dropped Bob Guthrie, 6-0, 6-0. Bob played excellent tennis, but Tally's experience as a varstiy tennis letterman proved to be too much for him. Krumm had advanced through the semifinals by disposing of J. Allen 6-0, 6-1. Guthrie had won from Barry Birch 6-1, 6-1.

Scoring for the Tennis tournament was: 100 points for first place; 50 for second; 35 for third; and 10 points for entering.

Tony Hirsch

Ruhle Shoots High Score in Archery Meet

Sunday afternoon, August 19, the Greys won the annual Archery tournament from the Maroons by the score of 545 to 535. The rate of scoring was: 100 points for 1st place; 50 points, 2nd place; 30 points, 3rd place; and 15 points for qualifying. The event was organized primarily for Maroon-Grey competition, rather than to decide the camp Archery ribbons. The champions, etc. were selected on the basis of accomplishment throughout the season, rather than on performance in this one event.

Good shooting was seen during the afternoon. J. Ruhle, in the youngest division, made the highest score with 196. The closest contest was in the Junior A group, where W. Hauser's 173 fell just short of S. Savage's 175. Six men qualified in each division with the following results:

JUNIOR B CUB — *First:* J. Ruhle (G), 196; *Second:* T. Pears (M), 141; *Third:* R. Wells (M), 116; *Qualified:* R. Bentley (M), Tim Hirsch (M), T. Lutz (M).

JUNIOR B — *First:* J. Burke (M), 180; *Second:* T. Clarke (M), 174; *Third:* B. Escher (G), 145; *Qualified:* B. Johnson (G), G. Tittmann (G), C. Cox (M).

JUNIOR A — *First:* S. Savage (G), 175; *Second:* W. Hauser (G), 173; *Third:* G. Beals (G), 146; *Qualified:* J. Alexander (G), D. Hoch (M), M. Murphy (M).

SENIOR — *First:* D. Angerer (G), 133; *Second:* P. Guthrie (M), 100; *Third:* K. Wheeler (M), 97; *Qualified:* C. Adams (M), A. Nevai (M), G. Lohnes (M).

Notable Alumni Return for '56 Finale

At the Sunday services, at the closing ceremonies, and from time to time in the intervening days, Kawanhee noted with great pleasure the presence of numerous former campers and counselors. The *Wigwam's* reports in this alumni department are probably none too complete, for visitor traffic was notably heavy at this year's wind-up, but a number of well remembered gentlemen did come within its ken. The camp's more or less salad days were recalled by the visits of such campers of the late '20's and early '30's as Edward J. Lutz of Columbus, Ohio, John C. Wiggin of Huntington Valley, Pennsylvania, and Jack Ruhle of Tenafly, New Jersey. The second-generation errand of helping their sons to celebrate the conclusion of the camp summer provided the immediate reason for their visits. Norman Ruhle too spent a week at the Inn, but rather as a prospective camp father. Mrs. Ruhle and their three children were with him, and the two boys looked like hot Kawanhee likelihoods. The Reverend George Tittmann, celebrated camper, counselor and baseball player of the '30's, showed up at the Thursday afternoon exercises to witness another George Tittmann collecting a whole chestful of ribbons. Bob Studebaker, of Dayton, Ohio, a former Shop counselor, was also seated in the parents' bleachers that day. Rafe Marshall, who was Kawanhee's first Range Master, was another visitor with the Windles and Mr. H. C. Marshall at that time. And a Sunday visitor of particular interest to the *Wigwam* was Hal Lieper, who is now the Protestant Chaplain at Pennsylvania State College. Away back in 1936 Hal, who was then a Junior Counselor, did the original drawings for the teepees which have flanked "THE WIGWAM" at this periodical's head for, lo, these many years. Yes, the error was deliberate! Would you recognize the picture of a real wigwam if it were used?

C. S.

Mat Finals Staged in Rec Hall

The annual Camp Kawanhee Wrestling tournament reached its final stages when a series of ten championship matches were staged at the Recreation Hall Monday evening, August 20. Coach Bill Keating, head of this year's Wrestling Department, presided at the evening's festivities while Fergus, Yenser, Whitney and Fred Hoster were his aides at the scorers' table.

Coach Keating explained quite clearly to the audience that Kawanhee uses collegiate rules in teaching the finer points of wrestling to campers, and not the style seen on television screens.

The first event on the bill was between Davy Fung and Roy Welton, with the latter gaining a hard fought 7-to-2 decision. This marked the second consecutive season that Roy had captured the 55 lb. crown.

Johnny Fung completely outclassed Ben Escher to shut Ben out and win the 65 lb. title, 7-0.

In the 75 lb. class, Smiley Conner eked out a 7-to-5 decision over Rick Barnes. This was one of the closest contests of the tournament.

Bruce Gardner easily outpointed Chuck Stetson, 8-1, to take the 85 lb. crown.

The first fall of the night was countered when Doug Conner pinned Bill Unkrich in 1:26 of the second round, grabbing the 95 lb. title.

Barry Birch received tough competition from Rush Robinson in the 105 lb. division, but succeeded in pinning Rush in 2:18 of the last round.

"Nature Boy" Rodgers put down a determined bid by Bob Guthrie to capture the 115 lb. title.

Underdog Ken Wheeler turned the tide in the 125 lb. division and outpointed Jack Allen 7-2.

One of the most exciting matches of the evening was staged between Pete Gelpi and Rick Eckler, two of the best grapplers in camp. Rick finally pinned Pete to take the 135 lb. title.

Undoubtedly the closest and most fiercely contested match of the program was the final one between Andy Nevai and lanky Don Gardner. The score in the bout was knotted at five points each with 10 seconds remaining, until Andy executed a last second take down to win the 155 lb. title.

In the unlimited classification, the match was held a week early, due to the absence of good competition. The only two contestants were Sam Cushman and Bear Angerer. Bear finally ended up sitting on poor Sam for about two and one-half minutes, and thereby took the match by a score of 3-to-2.

The record shows that Maroon wrestlers won eight out of the eleven weight divisions. Ribbons to the winners and runners-up were awarded at the banquet, August 23.

D. Gehlbach

Much Hoopla at Star Game, but No Finish

Pre-game ceremonies highlighted the annual Camp Kawanhee All-Star game played August 22 on Diamond Number 1. The "Show" started at 2:15 when the "Kawanhee Kool Kats", under the direction of Herb Yenser, marched to the ball field playing one of Sousa's marches. At the diamond they found a colorful concession stand selling soda pop to the fans. Finally, after thoroughly gorging themselves with soda, the spectators settled down to watch some good baseball action. The game lasted two hours and thirty-five minutes, the result being a 5-to-5 deadlock at the end of six frames. Jack Allen and Tally Krumm, the two captains, displayed excellent teams which exhibited fine sportsmanship throughout the afternoon.

Jack and curve-artist Barry Birch handled the pitching chores for the two squads, and turned in very creditable performances.

D. G.

Murphy and Melodrama Well Received

Wednesday evening, August 22, the summer's first solid theatrical fare topped off the skimpy stage menu of 1956. A small group of Counselors and Junior Counselors served up to a large and appreciative audience in the Recreation Hall two acts well seasoned with melodrama — a dramatic reading by Jim Murphy, and a one-act play so venerated, not to say venerable, in these parts as to give rise to the belief that Chief Kawanhee had the original script in his jeans the very first time he delivered his famous punch line, "Who calls Kawanhee?".

Mr. Murphy used the Edgar Allan Poe story, *A Cask of Amontillado,* for his number. Jim's quality as a solo performer has become well known to Kawanhee in the past few seasons, and his ability to create a you-could-hear-a-pin-drop atmosphere is much and deservedly admired. All the customary poise and punch was there Wednesday evening to put across material that called for the projection of two contrasting characters and a cough which must have been a fugitive from the last act of *The Lady of the Camellias.*

Lord Dunsany's sure-fire thriller, *A Night at an Inn,* received a slightly ragged but undoubtedly effective performance. The cast was headed by Tony Hirsch as "The Toff", with Dick Green, Ed Chace and Jim Murphy in the other major parts. Mr. Chace's authoritative Albert served as the play's spark plug and, once he had things rolling, the other adventurers limbered up in the "supper scene" and went to their gruesome ends with satisfactory bravura flourishes.

Strictly speaking, the audience had to assume that the flourishes were satisfactory. Realistic lighting was carried to such an extreme that it was impossible to see just what was going on most of the time. "One Little Candle" may be all very well as a Glee Club number but, as total stage illumination, it leaves much to be desired. It was particularly unfair to the dramatic talents of Bob Mathews, Mike Mathews and Al Hoster in the mute parts of the three priests. Dark body make-up caused them to blend completely into the all-encompassing murk which prevailed upon the stage, with the result that they were invisible as well as inaudible. Not much scope left for running any gamuts of emotion!

Banquet Precedes Big Awards Program

At 1:00 P.M. on Thursday, August 23, the camp dining hall was invaded by an eager, white-clad horde, every member of which was as tidy and as slickly combed as if he had been trained in the Eagle Lodge. The stark spaces of the dining hall were as gaily decked out for the reception. Evergreens decorated the tables and the fireplace, and even the forlorn deer-head over the mantel looked rakish with a sprig of something-or-other. Favors in the shape of small ships of the Kawanhee sailing fleet (undoubtedly Tech dinghies!) held candy at each place. For all these party trimmings the camp was indebted to Miss Baker and the various ladies who assisted her, to Carl Magee, Rush Robinson, and various volunteers. The banquet which followed continued and enlarged the festive theme — to say

nothing of enlarging numerous belt-lines — fruit cup, through turkey and all the etceteras, to ice cream and cake, each piece iced with a K. Pent up appreciation ultimately found expression when Emma, Sue, Marion and all of their helpers were serenaded out of the kitchen and saluted with a truly shattering "Heep Wah"!

After a brief rest hour the camp reconvened, with the welcome reinforcements of many parents and other guests, in the Recreation Hall for the long anticipated climax of the season, the Awards program. It was a long, full and exciting afternoon, and the material which filled it — the information about plaques and cups and ribbons and scores, — may all be found in detail on the earlier pages of this Wigwam. An attempt to comment on any of the color of the occasion — the expression on the face of the camper who ended up with three (count 'em!) ribbons decorating his proud bosom, the enthusiastic cheers which greeted John Nowold's introduction of the two popular captains, Mike Mathews and Lee Smith — would multiply intolerably these already too numerous columns. It must suffice to report that the program opened with Dean Miller's talk on the "Kawanhee Mosaic", moved steadily through the serious business of dealing out awards (with one seventh-inning stretch when Mr. Frank suggested that the audience "pass out in sections"!) to its high point in the announcement of the score, and then concluded with the singing of *Peace I Ask of Thee Oh Father.*

Bear Lodge Razed by Fire

Fire destroyed the Bear Lodge, or "Green Barn", on Pine Point in the early morning hours of Friday, August 24. No injuries resulted from the fire and, indeed, no one was at any time endangered. Thanks to the prompt response and efficient work of the Weld Fire Department, the blaze was brought under control before it could spread into the surrounding woods and any possible threat to other camp buildings was thereby averted before it could develop.

The fire originated in the pump room, or shed, attached to the north side of the building. The exact cause has not been determined. It is generally believed, however, that the explanation lies in some mechanical or electrical failure.

Shortly after 4:00 A.M. the crackle of burning wood aroused Mr. Del Tracy, Senior Counselor of the Bears, to find that the fire had already taken the whole of the small wing which housed the pump and was threatening the main part of the structure. He quickly awakened the other members of the lodge. Although the blaze spread rapidly into the central part of the building, the Bears had valuable minutes in which to remove not only themselves, but also the major part of their possessions, from the dormitory room.

The steady tolling of the big bell back of the kitchen spread the alarm through the whole camp and brought the sleeping lodges to the alert. By that time the fire had swept into the whole of the Barn's main section and, across the dark waters of the cove the flames were to be seen towering treetop-high. While the bell was still sounding, the water tank of the Green Barn pump exploded with a loud report, shooting sparks well back into the woods.

The volunteer fire company of Weld was notified by telephone. Within a brief period of minutes it was on the scene with its equipment, and had its hoses and power pump in action. The trained fire fighters of the department prevented the spread of the flames into the trees around the barn, although one birch had caught, and even saved the two-car garage built against the west end of the building. The main section of the Bear Lodge burned to the ground and the pump room was demolished. The situation was entirely under control by 5:00 A.M., although the fire department stayed on duty for another hour, felling the last standing wall and damping down the smouldering remains.

The building was a total loss. The lodge members saved their trunks, which were more or less packed in preparation for departure. The loss in personal possessions was limited to some bedding and such scattered articles as shoes. Thanks to the quick thinking of Mr. Tracy, both cars parked in the adjoining garage were removed to safety immediately after the discovery of the fire. Both the building and the contents were covered by insurance. For the remaining day and night of the camping season, the Bears were given temporary quarters in the Infirmary and Pine Lodge.

The Green Barn was one of the original buildings standing on Pine Point when that property was annexed to the camp in the mid-Thirties. As a camp building it at one time housed a dark room and over the years was used sporadically as an overflow dormitory. In 1953 it was extensively remodeled with its own washroom and toilet facilities for its more efficient use as a lodge, and at that time it was rechristened the Bear Lodge. The pump serving all the buildings on Pine Point has, since pre-Kawanhee time, been located in the little shed built against the north wall of the former barn and boathouse. A new lodge, designed specifically for that purpose and minus pump houses, will be built on the site.

While such an event as this fire would scarcely be recommended as a deliberately arranged morale-builder, the total effect was in the end more reassuring than alarming. The reassurance arose from the recognition of the good judgement and quick action displayed by the Bears, particularly Mr. Tracy, in meeting the emergency; from an appreciation of the rapidity and efficiency of the protection provided by the Weld Fire Department; and from the vindication of the long verbal struggle to preserve the integrity of the bell as an alarm signal. This last is relatively a minor point, but its value was surely proved conclusively to every boy who ever entertained fleeting thoughts of what fun it would be to give the bell's chain a good yank at some odd hour. Friday morning its persistent ringing had the whole camp on its feet within a couple of minutes and it was heard and answered from as far away as the head of the lake. This would not have been true had it been allowed, through thoughtless high spirits, to fall into the Wolf-wolf category.

Successful Season Reaches Conclusion

Friday was a day for packing — packing trunks and packing the camp away for the winter. The waterfront had already been partially put to bed, for Ed Hamblin and Nick had supervised the storage of most of the boats Thursday morning. It remained for the big dock to be dismantled and for its parts to be stacked up on the shore. This a crew of counselors and older boys accomplished before a heavy rain moved in to add to the increasing bleakness of the camp's appearance. A long rest hour after dinner was inevitably prescribed to compensate for the alarms and excursions of the early morning hours. By the time this had run its course, the wind had shifted and the skies had cleared. The change, however, came too late to save the traditional ceremony of the Coming of the Chief, scheduled for that evening. The woods were too wet to allow the ritual to be staged at Council Point, and it was thought

preferable to cancel the ceremony rather than to mangle its symbolism by an attempt at indoor presentation.

As a consequence, a somewhat unorthodox program filled the last evening in the Recreation Hall. After Mr. George Frank, Mr. Dexter and Dave Fergus had shown a selection of colored slides, most of them shots of Kawanhee and a number of them taken this year, Dean Miller called to the front of the hall the recently elected Sachems who had composed the message to be conveyed to next year's camp. The message was not read on this occasion. Mr. Chace, who takes the central role of the Chief in the opening and closing campfires, spoke briefly of the symbolism of the closing ritual and of the basic thought which it sets forth, the belief that each boy and each man takes much away from Kawanhee with him each year — new friendships, new skills, happy memories. Dean Miller wound up the evening with the concluding installment of his continued story, *Les Miserables*.

The first bell rang all too early Saturday morning, and people, as well as events, moved briskly — for the simple reason that the thermometer at Ma Frank's cabin stood at 38 degrees, if for no other reason! The bus departed for Portland before 8:00 A.M., and the last echoing cheer of the campers and counselors as they rounded the bend was the curtain line for Kawanhee's highly successful season of 1956.

On the extent of that success, there can be no doubts. Those two unpredictables, weather and health, played ball to an extent for which no camp can often hope: much was accomplished both in the activities where progress was concretely measured by the myriad of levels and other awards, and in the more intangible phases of camp life that sent boys and men away fuller and abler individuals: and a sense of well-being and companionship pervaded the whole summer, springing largely, no doubt, from the spirit of good, vigorous competition with which Mike Mathews and Lee Smith animated the Maroons and the Greys and spreading through the hours and the events and the people that made up the season. Indeed, among the seasons which add up to Kawanhee history, 1956 may well have been "The Most"!

Raymond Frank Back in Kawanhee

Two items remain on the *Wigwam's* agenda before it too shuts up shop for the winter — one of general, and one of quite limited, interest!

The important matter, of course, is the health of Mr. Raymond Frank. After his siege in the Rumford Hospital, Mr. Frank returned to Kawanhee on Tuesday, August 21, and spent the remaining days of the camp season resting and recuperating in his cabin on Pine Point. The process of regaining strength is coming along in a most satisfactory manner, and Mr. Frank paid his first visit to the camp dining hall Saturday noon after the crowd had departed. He regretted the discretion which prevented his joining in the exciting hurly-burly of the season's last few days as much as everyone else did. He was very specifically in the thoughts of every boy, man and guest at the banquet and closing exercises, where the most sincere best wishes for his speedy recovery were unanimously entertained.

The minor tag end to tied up is a concluding word about the *Wigwam* itself. The Editor would like to take an opportunity not otherwise afforded of thanking all those who have assisted in this periodical's production this summer. With most particular appreciation, he pays his respects to Don Gehlbach who served the *Wigwam* as a reliable Sports Editor, to Mrs. Mary Jane Harmon who handled the addressing and several odd jobs of typing with such efficiency and courtesy as this slap-dash periodical has not often enjoyed, and to Ed Hamblin who, with unfailing good grace, shouldered many of the least rewarding assignments, such as those interminable lists of Achievement Levels which actually constitute the chief reason for the *Wigwam's* continued publication. In so far as the *Wigwam* has a "staff", these three are its components. Aside from their solid contributions, fuel from two sources keeps the *Wigwam* perking. One is the incorrigible verbosity of the Editor; the other, a mild system of blackmail which he has found productive. This latter consists of approaching a trip leader or activity head; spreading a little butter ("I've heard most enthusiastic . . . . . ", etc.); and then applying the screws ("If you don't feel like writing it up yourself, I guess I'll have to slap together what I can!"). This worked with notable success in the case of such articulate and obliging gentlemen as the Messrs. Chace and Smith. If the exploitation of these peculiar editorial assets has provided you with a satisfactory account of Kawanhee's memorable 1956 season, then the *Wigwam* feels that the results have more than justified any, and all, expenditures of blood, sweat and typewriter ribbon on the part of your reporter.

C. Scarlett