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Enrollment Hits New High: So Does Lake

Kawanhee's thirty-ninth season, which opened June 30th, is the biggest population-wise (to use current jargon) in the camp's history, and in every respect may prove to be the best as well. That bright, brisk Tuesday afternoon found a goodly company already assembled in Kawanhee, for the staff which had been handling the work of preparation, and the campers who had been arriving in ever increasing numbers by car, had added up to approximately one hundred mouths to be fed that noon. With the late afternoon arrival by bus of Mr. George Frank and his cohorts from Ohio and of Mr. Raymond Frank's group from the New York area, the total count jumped to one hundred ninety-five. This number surpasses last year's roster by fourteen, and tops the previous highwater mark of one hundred eighty-eight reached in 1955. The enrollment of campers accounts for one hundred thirty-three of the one hundred ninety-five, the remainder representing counselors and other highly essential personnel.

One startling sight immediately evoked the general question — "How come no beach?" Where usually stretches the familiar expanse of tawny sand, the waters of the cove were sloshing almost up to the row of rocks before the Junior-side lodges. From the Crows' Nest to the Falcon Lodge, a helter-skelter assortment of boats and dock sections were precariously anchored or pulled up into the bushes. Explosive as were the newcomers' exclamations of amazement over the strangeness of the scene, they were nothing compared to the more specific exclamations of the stalwart crew which had labored long and faithfully the previous week to put in the docks and to set the whole waterfront in order for the opening. Rain amounting to a baby deluge fell on the Webb Lake Valley Sunday, June 28th. Monday, the lake rose more than three feet in a few hours, and when, after sunset, the wind built up toward gale force, John Nowald's slumbers were troubled by "things that go bump in the night," as boats floated off-shore, and section after section of the dock came unstuck. Talk about the best laid plans of mice, etc.!

When attention could be distracted from the disheveled state of the cove, the well-prepared neatness prevailing in the non-aquatic portions of the camp could be appreciated. Trunks and duffle-bags were waiting in the lodges; a good, hot supper was waiting in the dining hall; many old friends were waiting to be greeted. The evening passed quickly with unpacking, and *Taps* came as a welcome finale to the big day. It was certainly a good night for sleeping! The weather was distinctly on the cool side, a most happy contrast to the recently experienced muggy heat of New York and Ohio.

Wednesday morning, July 1st, the full program of activities went as smoothly into high gear as if the motor had been idling quietly ever since last August. John Welton had the Athletic Department off the ground virtually before the dust of arrival had settled, announcing the organization of the usual Little League at noon, and the setting up of new softball and basketball leagues during the afternoon. Classification of swimmers progressed rapidly under Gardner Defoe and Dave Fergus. Pete Schofield served notice at noon that the Fishing is likely again to be the most articulate of departments.

The day's two extracurricular activities were the reactivation of Bill Keating's razor (It had been AWOL, he claimed!) and the reassembly of the docks. The waters of the lake had receded overnight to a level which allowed the scattered lengths of the various piers to be floated into their assigned positions. There they were loaded with large rocks to anchor them in place. The docks could scarcely be considered functional that day or the next, since they remained, for the most part, awash and fell short of contact with the still narrow beach by several feet, but in appearance at least, the waterfront had returned to normalcy.

Veteran Senior Counselors Return

The staff selected by George and Raymond Frank for the thirty-ninth season of their camp is composed in the main of men well versed in the ways of Kawanhee. Twenty-two of the thirty-two Senior Counselors have served in past seasons — frequently through a notable series of past seasons — in the departments to which they return. Their presence guarantees a continuation of many Kawanhee traditions which have proved to be most memorable throughout the history of the camp.

It is Kawanhee's particular good fortune to have John Nowald as its Director of Activities once more. John's accumulation of Kawanhee experience is as assorted as it is lengthy for, during one or another of his first ten years as a counselor beginning in 1943, he managed such variegated activities as Archery, Athletics, Fishing and the camp score and records. Since 1955 he has discharged the big job of running and co-ordinating Kawanhee's many-sided activity program with such distinction that he seems permanently stuck with it, much to everyone's satisfaction. Mr. Nowald's home is in Columbus, Ohio, where he is Director of Athletics, as well as teacher of Social Science, at Mohawk Junior High School.

The current, if not the all-time, record for continuous service in a single Kawanhee job belongs to Clarence Bateman, teacher of Industrial Arts at West High School in Columbus, Ohio, as he begins his twenty-seventh consecutive summer in charge of the Trip Department. His occupational longevity poses no mystery to anyone familiar with his unique accomplishments in this line. Thanks to his infectious enthusiasm and constant attention to detail, the program of trips has steadily grown in popularity and variety until it includes wilderness camping, gold panning, mineral hunts in Maine mines and quarries, surf bathing at the seashore and deep-sea fishing, as well as numerous mountain expeditions and canoe trips. Bates arrived in Kawanhee with Mrs. Bateman on June 21st this year to take his usual important share in preparing the camp, and to start limbering up the truck and warming up the roads for the ambitious schedule of trips in prospect.

Ben Bennett returns to Kawanhee for his ninth season as one of the supervising counselors in the shop. The work on bows and model boats will claim his particular attention during the summer. His activities are by no means confined to the Shop itself, for wherever in camp there develops a need for repairs or construction, Ben and his partner, Herb Birch, are much in evidence. Ben's home is in Columbus where he teaches Mathematics at Crestview Junior High.

From Tenafly, New Jersey, and a position as teacher of Industrial Arts at Tenafly High School comes Herb Birch. If any doubt could have existed as to his continuing in his post of leadership in the Shop, it was dispelled within the first forty-eight hours of the season by his utterance of the Shop-man's traditional plea for the return of just a few of the hammers borrowed by the other activities. Herb is again designated as the director of the Swift River outpost camp in August, an assignment reminiscent of the fact that the first six of Herb's thirteen summers at Kawanhee were spent, not in the Shop, but at the head of the Campcraft Department.

The Campcraft Department presently enjoys the able supervision of Edward K. Chace, Superintendent of Schools in Scituate, Massachusetts. The Junior Maine Guide program, which has been prominently featured in recent years, and the teaching of all woodsman's skills, from knots to cooking, thus come under his overall supervision. Ed will again lead numerous mountain trips, for his knowledge of the great Presidential Range and of Tumbledown and its neighbors, the Jacksons, cannot be excelled.

The essential Swimming program, including Diving, Water-skiing and Life Saving, for the second season experiences the vigorous supervision of Gardner Defoe. Gardner, whose home is in nearby Dixfield, boasts as complete a Kawanhee career as is known, for he first came to camp as an Eagle in 1943, and thereafter progressed through every grade of camperhood and counselorship to his present eminence. During the past winter, he did graduate work at the University of Vermont in Burlington, and anticipates more of the same for the coming year. Lee — that is, Mrs. Defoe — again accompanied him to camp and fills the position of camp secretary. Gardner, who is a Maine guide, has made three expeditions into the Allagash country since last August, including one flight in for ice fishing during the winter.

One major department was deprived of its accustomed chief as the season opened, for Forrest Dexter, the director of all Nature activities for the past six years, was attending the University of Indiana for a four-week teachers' course in chemistry. He expects to return to his familiar habitat in the Nature Building July 13th or 14th. Mr. Dexter, whose home is Cranford, New Jersey, remains a faculty member at Union Junior College. He is Chairman of the Department of Chemistry, Admission and Guidance Director for Science Students and Chairman of the Nursing Program.

Bob Elliott's fourth Kawanhee summer finds him serving as a Senior Counselor in the Sailing Department for the second time. In September, he will embark upon his Sophomore year at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology where, as a Freshman, he was a member of the sailing and fencing teams. Bob's home is in Springfield, Ohio.

Dave Fergus recently graduated from Valparaiso University in Indiana and will initiate a course of graduate study in Mathematics and Education at Ohio State University in the fall. In spite of his comparatively tender years, Dave is one of the landmarks of the Kawanhee staff. Ever since his years as a Junior Counselor — and this is his fifth year as a Senior Counselor — he has filled responsible positions in the camp store and post office and in connection with the score and the achievement level records. He is supervising the store this summer, taking his traditional post as scorekeeper, and rejoining the Swimming Department as an instructor for the third season.

Dave Forry, of Columbus, seems a mere babe in this list of veterans, for he was a newcomer to Kawanhee a year ago. He has, nevertheless, established himself firmly in the ranks of Kawanhee, both as an instructor in Campcraft, where Scouting is his particular concern, and as counselor in charge of Kawanhee music. The organization of the Glee Club was his first project in the latter capacity, with hopes held out for an orchestra in August. Dave graduated from Ohio Wesleyan University in 1958 and is presently engaged in a three-year course of study at Wesley Seminary in Washington, D. C.

Ed Hamblin rejoins the Kawanhee staff after a year's sabbatical to head the Department of Boating and Canoeing for the third time. Ed's home is in Columbus, Ohio, where he teaches Social Studies and English at Bexley Junior High School and serves as advisor for the Junior High School yearbook. Ed first joined the Kawanhee tribe in the early 1940's and has piled up a total of eleven seasons in camp.

Another who came up through the ranks of camper and Junior Counselor is Tony Hirsch. Tony, who is spending his second summer on the Senior staff, is working as a Swimming Counselor with water-skiing as his prime concern. The post of camp photographer is his as well. Tony, whose home is in Columbus, is a Sophomore at Ohio Wesleyan University. There he is a photographer on the yearbook staff and last year swam on the varsity four-hundred-yard medley relay team which holds the conference record.

Last summer, Ernest Johanson failed to check in at Kawanhee for the first time since 1949, but this summer finds him once more filling his familiar berth in the Sailing Department. He makes his home in Columbus. Next December, he will graduate from Ohio State where he presently majors in Economics and enjoys membership in Bucket and Dipper and in Romophus.

Bill Keating, of Worthington, Ohio, has before him, come September, the Sophomore year of his pre-medical course at Ohio University, Athens, Ohio. As a Freshman there last winter, he became a member of the swimming team and of the gymnastic team. Here he is one of the Swimming counselors, and heads up the work in Diving. This is Bill's second summer as a Senior Counselor topping a career which began in 1950.

But what are ten or eleven years in comparison with the camp history of the Reverend Ross Miller! The Dean — to use his camp name — joined the staff in 1925, and only once in the succeeding years has he failed to put in a summer appearance on the Lake Webb shores. Far more impressive, however, than the mere record of years is the stature of his influence with the boys and men of Kawanhee throughout those years and into the present. Lodge devotions, the Sunday services, personnel work and the continued story to be told at campfires are the specific entries on his assignment sheet for the summer. In Alma, Michigan, last winter he enjoyed his first year of retirement after completing his work at Alma College in 1958. He had a small nearby church in his charge and, with about sixty children in an average congregation, found the work most rewarding. Mrs. Miller accompanied him to Weld late in June and is serving as Kawanhee's tutor.

Jim Murphy, whose home is Mt. Gilead, Ohio, has spent six past summers in Kawanhee, the most recent in 1956 as a Senior Counselor assisting on the Range. This season discovers him in the baseball division of the Athletic

Department. Jim enters his Senior year at Kent State College in the fall. His college activities have inevitably included some work in dramatics, and it is hoped that he may breathe some life into the far too long moribund Dramatic Department here this summer.

Roy Nickerson continues in command of that ever active department, the Range. Finding Nick in this neck of the woods may occasionally surprise old-timers who remember how many of his earlier Kawanhee seasons were spent on the waterfront as the Director of Boating and Canoeing. Nick makes his home in Tenafly, New Jersey. As has been his practice ever since his retirement from active high school coaching several years ago, he officiated this past year at numerous sports events in Bergen County, soccer and football games in the fall, and track meets and baseball games in the spring.

In his second Kawanhee season, Elmore Putnam switches from Boating to Shop for his major activity. His home is in Rocky Hill, Connecticut, and he teaches Mathematics in Manchester High School, Manchester, Conn. As a result of his sixteen years of experience in other Maine camps Putt fits into the Kawanhee scheme of things as if he had been among those present since Chief Kawanhee was a papoose.

The leading contestant, barring a couple of Franks, for the title of Oldest Living Inhabitant is Yours Truly, the Editor of the *Wigwam* — name, Campbell Scarlett; home, Columbus, Ohio; year of Kawanhee debut, 1923 (as a mere child, of course!). He has been grinding out *Wigwams* (including this column) since 1936 and therefore hopes to be forgiven for skimping this report on so thoroughly exhausted a subject as himself.

A year ago in his first season as a Senior Counselor, Peter Schofield made so definite a place for himself in camp that now his energetic administration of the Fishing Department has virtually the status of a tradition. Pete's home is Weld. He was among the first-comers to Kawanhee this summer, arriving on June 15th to take a very active part in preparing the camp for opening day. In September, he will begin his Sophomore year at Kent State College, Kent, Ohio, where he is Vice President of the University Religious Council.

After a summer's absence, Del Lee Tracy of Columbus, Ohio, rejoins the Kawanhee staff in the capacity of Assistant Director of Activities (a position which in the past has occasionally and variously been designated as Co-ordinator of Activities and Pop Nowald's Leg-man!). Del's winter duties at Mohawk Junior High School consist of guidance work and the teaching of Social Studies, Mathematics and English. In addition to these, he has done considerable tutoring of handicapped children, both privately and for the Board of Education.

For the second time, Jack Welton assumes the responsibilities of Director of Athletics, supervising the three main phases of the program — Baseball, Basketball and Track. In the first three of his four earlier camp seasons, Jack made a notable success of his administration of the Swimming Department. His home is in Saugerties, New York, where he teaches Business Education and Mathematics at Saugerties High School, and coaches the tennis team.

C. S.

New Additions to Senior Staff

Kawanhee this year welcomes ten new men to its Senior staff: Dave Angerer, John Bobb, Gene Cayten, Sturges Dorrance, Rick Eckler, Al Hoster, George McElroy, Ben McCoy, Dan Spivey and Bob Waldner. Among the members of this illustrious group are eight who can trace their Kawanhee careers back before this year. The only Senior Counselors entirely new to the sunny shores of Lake Webb are Dan Spivey and Bob Waldner. First, let's have a look at these newcomers.

Dan Spivey hails from Columbus, Ohio, where he is an instructor in Math and Science at Lenmore Junior High School. In addition to his teaching talents, he speaks German fluently, and during a recent hitch with the Armed Forces in Germany, Dan acted in an official capacity as an interpreter. He filled out the rest of his time with Uncle Sam as a dog-trainer with the Canine Corps. At Kawanhee, Dan works full time in the Nature Department.

Bob Waldner will return to Princeton this fall as a Sophomore. A Princetonian through and through, he defends Princeton's hallowed halls with unquestioned loyalty. Bob is planning to major in Civil Engineering, and, in line with that end, he spends his spare time working as an engineer for radio WPRB, the college radio station. As a new Kawanheean, Bob is not too sure about the activities in which he will work. He now confines himself to Tennis, but because of a strong interest in sailing, Bob eventually expects to be transferred into the Sailing Department.

Along with these new arrivals, Kawanhee welcomes back as Senior Counselors several seasoned veterans. These boys have, for the most part, worked their ways up through the ranks, having been at one time or another campers, Master Campers and Junior Counselors.

Topping the list alphabetically and size-wise is Dave "Bear" Angerer. Dave graduated this past June from Columbus (Ohio) North High School. His present plans will send him to Ohio State University come September to major in Chemistry. At Kawanhee, Dave's many interests keep him occupied in a wide variety of activities. He heads up the Archery Department, and is personally the holder of the highest award given by the National Archery Association. He is the official scorer for the camp Little League, and, come a clear night, one can usually find Dave occupied with his favorite hobby, astronomy.

John Bobb, Pete Schofield's long-suffering assistant in the Fishing Department and new Captain of the Grey Team, is another experienced Junior Counselor returning to Kawanhee this year. John is giving consideration to a career in architecture, and he plans to take the necessary courses as a Freshman at Washington and Jefferson College next year. A man of many talents, John has recently taken to favoring us with a dubious rendition of the popular hit, "MTA", on his guitar.

Gene Cayten returns to Kawanhee after a year's absence for a trip to Germany. Gene spent last summer living with a German family and bolstering his already excellent German. Having been an assistant scout master for several years, Gene knows boys and the art of living out of doors. Most naturally, he intends to work in the Campcraft Department at Kawanhee.

Sturges Dorrance, a recent graduate of Friends' School in New York, heads for Hanover, New Hampshire, and Dartmouth College in the fall. Sturges divides his time at camp between work on the *Wigwam* and the waterfront where he can usually be seen doggedly demonstrating the J-stroke to enthusiastic, if somewhat inept, campers.

Ricky Eckler steps in to head the Wrestling Department this year after being absent from Kawanhee for the past two summers. Rick was the captain of the wrestling team at Upper Arlington High School (in Ohio) from which he graduated this spring. With the close of camp, he will direct his steps toward Princeton and courses leading eventually to a law degree.

A real veteran of the camp is Al Hoster. Al has been returning to Kawanhee off and on for nine years. Interested in nature and reading, he will have his hands full working in the Nature Department this summer. Al graduated from Eastmoor High School in Columbus and is planning to continue his education at Denison University in the fall.

George McElroy comes to us from New Canaan, Connecticut. He is, however, a Senior at Gunnery School in Washington, Connecticut, where he is active on the school newspaper and the yearbook. George's new, innocent-looking Fiat 1100 is the latest addition to the automotive population of Kawanhee. "I guess that you might say that sports cars are my hobby," he explained. George is also charged with the responsibility of strengthening the serves and making more accurate the drives out on the tennis courts.

Last year's victorious captain of the Grey team, Ben McCoy returns to the Maine woods in which he is evidently so at home. Ben earned the not easily attained title of Junior Maine Guide last year, and plans to work with this year's aspiring J. M. G.'s in Campcraft. He is also assisting in the Wrestling Department. His home is in Charlotte, North Carolina, a fact evident in his familiar southern drawl. Ben graduated from Myerspark High School in Charlotte this June, where his interests ranged from dramatics to wrestling. He is looking forward to being a Freshman at Davidson College this fall.

So there they are, the new Senior Counselors, a healthy mixture of talented new arrivals and seasoned old hands.

S. Dorrance

J. C.'s Play Important Part in Camp Life

Whether the Senior Counselors would like to admit it or not, the Junior Counselors play a most important part in camp life. A quick survey would show "J.C.'s" present and busy in almost every activity in camp. What is more, they provide much in the way of guidance as counselors in the individual lodges. The average age of the Junior Counselor is sixteen or seventeen, and this year all boys, with the exception of one, acting as "J.C.'s" are in high school. Let's, for a moment, glance at these fellows who provide Kawanhee with so much of its activity — and its spirit.

Out on the Athletic Field are Bob Guthrie, Ted Dunlap and Dave Harrison. Dave helps out wherever he is needed in the Athletic program while Bob is in charge of basketball, and Ted heads up track under Mr. Welton's general supervision. Ted will have additional responsibilities this year in that he is captain of the Maroon team and Bob assists in the Tennis Department. For Bob, Bethesda, Maryland, is home. There he attends Chevy Chase High School and will be a Senior in the fall. Ted and Dave, respectively, are from Canton and Dayton, Ohio. Dave enters the Sophomore class this year at Colonel White High School. He has several heavy extracurricular activities, but is most pleased with his position as a first chair trombone player in the school band. Ted on the other hand sticks mainly to sports for his extracurricular work. He is a Junior at Glenwood High School in Canton, Ohio.

Alan Beck, Pete Kuhns and Joel Pardee all come to Kawanhee this summer for the first time. Alan hails from Gambier, Ohio, and is planning to attend Kenyon College in the fall. His chief interests are camping and Indian lore, but he hopes to broaden his interests by working in Sailing this summer. Joel is also interested in the culture of the American Indians. He will, however, help out in another of his fields of knowledge this year, the Nature Department. Once back home in Columbus, Ohio, Joel will be a Senior at Whitehall High School and President of the Student Council. His other activities run to varsity football, baseball and basketball, the school band and management of the business end of the yearbook. Pete Kuhns, from Dayton, Ohio, will be a junior at Oakwood High School this fall. He likes dramatics and sports, and at camp will be working in the Tennis Department.

Steve Dexter and Chuck Fowler both work on the Range. Similarly, both will be Seniors, come fall, at Cranford High School in Cranford, New Jersey. Steve's interests run the gamut from track to astronomy to riflery. Chuck Fowler also has a leaning toward sports and guns, but insists that his chief interests are feminine.

Down along the waterfront Ed Kersten and Bill McKenzie both keep themselves well occupied. Ed, who is an assistant in the Swimming Department and a water-skiing enthusiast, hopes to help once water-skiing gets under way later on in the season. He comes from out in Warren, Ohio, and will be a Junior at Warren G. Harding High School during the coming year. Ed's special interest is the school newspaper, and he would eventually like to make a career in journalism. Down at the other end of the Kawanhee beach the Sailing Department will have the services of Bill McKenzie for the second year in a row. Strangely enough, Bill comes from land-locked Springfield, Ohio, where he is now in his Sophomore year at Springfield High School.

Charlie Clarke and Ken Wheeler complete our roster of Junior Counselors for Kawanhee in 1959. Charlie, who assists Rick Eckler in Wrestling, attends Bexley High School in Columbus, Ohio. He will be a Junior. Ken is an assistant in the Shop where he is remembered for having constructed the sailboat which holds the unofficial camp record for overall size. Its total height was something over six feet, and according to Ken, it presented some rather unusual difficulties in mounting. In the fall, Ken will be a Senior at Upper Arlington High School in Columbus, Ohio.

Supplementing the work of the Junior Counselors in various activities are the Master Campers. These boys devote one period a day to helping in some one activity and spend the rest of their time engaged in activities of their own. The following are the names of Master Campers and their activities: John Fulda, Range; Jim Hauser, Basketball and the camp store; Tom Knowlton, Track; Jeff Kraemer, Campcraft; Don Olson, Campcraft and the camp store.

S. D.

Lodge Lists, July 5, 1959

EAGLE LODGE: *Senior Counselor* — R. Waldner; *Junior Counselor* — C. Clarke; *Campers* — D. Barnes, W. Casto, M. Edmonds, Mark Houston, J. King, J. Sullivan, W. Sullivan, S. Tracy.

FALCON LODGE: *Senior Counselor* — A. Hoster; *Junior Counselors* — C. Fowler, P. Kuhns; *Campers* — J. Abbott, W. Bentley, S. Cushman, E. Clark, P. Evans, J. Holland, B. Morse, P. Sullivan.

PANTHER LODGE: *Senior Counselor* — D. Angerer; *Junior Counselor* — W. McKenzie; *Campers* — J. Fish, D. Gordon, Mike Houston, C. King, J. Newman, R. Poor, G. Sweatt, R. Wilson.

POLECAT LODGE: *Senior Counselor* — W. Keating; *Junior Counselor* — D. Harrison; *Campers* — J. Benua, D. Brooks, W. Doyle, D. Del Valle, J. Estabrook, W. Fisher, R. Irwin, T. Nevai, S. Soons, T. Taylor.

PINE TREE LODGE: *Senior Counselor* — D. Fergus; *Junior Counselor* — E. Kersten; *Campers* — B. Birch, T. Cole, C. Del Valle, J. Duffey, B. Larson, R. Morton, J. Paul, R. Perkins, J. Stewart, R. Yantes.

HAWK LODGE: *Senior Counselors* — R. Elliott, J. Bobb; *Campers* — D. Cooke, R. Carrick, C. Dargusch, T. Fischgrund, S. Pierce, J. Redick, R. Rugen, W. Soons, R. Welton.

DEER LODGE: *Senior Counselor* — D. Forry; *Junior Counselor* — J. Pardee; *Campers* — P. Adriance, P. Conner, J. Cushman, B.

Griffin, P. Hopper, W. Neidig, C. McGee, T. Morehouse, F. Postlewaite, P. Roberts, J. Soliday.

BIRCH LODGE: *Senior Counselors* — G. Cayten, S. Dorrance; *Campers* — A. Dore, J. Gore, D. Harrison, R. Larcomb, A. Miller, A. McElroy, H. Murray, B. Newman, J. Soons.

BEAVER LODGE: *Senior Counselor* — P. Schofield; *Junior Counselor* — K. Wheeler; *Campers* — H. Cory, S. Culter, J. Forman, T. Gallagher, M. Haywood, J. Glidden, J. Osborne, W. Park, K. C. Putnam.

MOOSE LODGE: *Senior Counselor* — Tony Hirsch; *Junior Counselor* — S. Dexter; *Campers* — K. Bance, R. Barnes, C. Compher, W. Cumberland, J. Evans, George Johnson, H. Lorentzen, R. Rand, P. Woodward.

LYNX LODGE: *Senior Counselor* — J. Murphy; *Junior Counselor* — T. Dunlap; *Campers* — D. Bittenbender, R. McCandless, J. McGee, D. Roth, F. Stewart, H. Ticknor, J. Wasey, J. Willis.

WILDCAT: *Senior Counselor* — B. McCoy; *Junior Counselor* — R. Guthrie; *Campers* — L. Andre, R. Becker, B. Cooke, D. Coppess, J. Langer, M. Patton, T. Pears, W. Ruggles, B. Welton.

BEAR LODGE: *Senior Counselors* — D. Spivey, G. McElroy; *Campers* — R. Adriance, B. G. Burr, S. Campbell, B. Connor, R. Doran, C. Gilbert, Tim Hirsch, S. McCarty, L. Perry, R. Shepard.

CROW'S NEST: *Senior Counselors* — E. Hamblin, R. Eckler; *Campers* — R. Angerer, J. Fisher, J. Gallagher, T. Hinners, J. Holden, Gerry Johnson, R. Liddell, E. Spelyng, M. Sabback, T. Ultes.

BADGER LODGE: *Senior Counselor* — E. Johanson; *Junior Counselor* — A. Beck; *Campers* — J. Fulda, J. Hauser, T. Knowlton, J. Kraemer, D. Olson.

Staff Boasts its Distaff Branch

It is a pleasure to relieve the monotony of the male roll call above by reporting the activities of a few charming ladies who fill essential roles in the Kawanhee organization.

"Essential" is certainly the proper epithet for Mrs. George Frank and her job, although to the camp itself, she is usually the Invisible Lady. She fills the all-important post of camp dietician, and her skilled ordering and planning of all meals for Camp Kawanhee constitutes the one truly indispensable piece of work in the whole set-up. She came to Kawanhee with Mr. Frank on June 2nd this year to prepare the Inn for its opening late in the month. Happily, she has recovered from the accident which partially confined her to her cabin last summer, and better health permits her more personal appearances in the course of her duties as manager of Kawanhee Inn.

Mrs. Raymond Frank reached Weld at an even earlier, and chillier, date this year. She and Raymond arrived on May 23rd to spend a week in their Center Hill home before digging into the cleaning and setting-to-rights of the camp buildings and grounds. After a month of this strenuous work, Frannie still had her never-failing cheerfulness intact to resume her traditional — and endlessly demanding — role as Camp Mother. The Raymond Franks' daughter, Betty, is in Boston this summer enjoying a position as assistant to the dietician at Deaconess Hospital. It was expected that she would pay Kawanhee a few days' visit in early July. In the fall, Betty enters on her Senior year, with a Home Economics major, at Simmons College in Boston.

Last summer's very popular nurse, Mrs. Elizabeth K. Compher, R.N., again takes command of the camp infirmary which she administered so successfully in her first Kawanhee season. She is a graduate of Chicago Wesley Memorial Hospital and Northwestern University. For three years she has been the school nurse of Carl Sandburg High School in Orland Park, Illinois. She makes her home in Palos Park, Ill., where she is active in the Little League Mother's Club, a fact which will come as no surprise to anyone who has heard her rooting at Kawanhee ball games, particularly when her son, Chuck, was on the mound.

Mrs. Ross Miller, the camp tutor, and Mrs. Gardner Defoe, the camp secretary, most ably and graciously complete the roster of the staff's feminine division.

New Cook Joins Emma in Kitchen Command

Counselors and staff members may all be very important and/or decorative, but the truly vital question in any season is — who's running the kitchen? It is a pleasure to report that the task of stoking the bottomless appetites of Kawanhee this summer is in the hands of two very capable ladies, Mrs. Emma Briggs and Mrs. Abby Denning, and their staff of assistants.

Emma (in the past twenty-six years she has become far too well known to Kawanhee for anyone to think of her as Mrs. Briggs) once more holds sway in the pantry, with all the dessert-making and baking, including twenty loaves of her memorable homemade bread each day, as her particular care. Emma came to Kawanhee from her home in Madison, Maine, on June 1st this year to cook for the pre-season workers and to set the kitchen in order for the summer. She regards with particular satisfaction a new serving rack with large stainless steel trays for handling desserts. This has been ingeniously designed to cope more efficiently with the hurly-burly as lodge waiters present their occasionally inflated claims for ice-cream or apple pie.

Mrs. Abby Denning of Farmington, Maine, is the new chief cook in the kitchen proper. The hot, generous, well seasoned meals which she has been serving cause all Kawanhee to think of her as an old friend already. Although this is her first session in a boys' camp, she is certainly no stranger to the art of the stove, having cooked in Florida, California and Massachusetts as well as at such well known Maine resorts as Kennebago, Middle Dam, the Megantic Club and Badger's at Dodge Pond. She proudly announces that she has been cooking since she was eighteen and just as proudly adds just how many years that has been. A large, new gas range in the kitchen allows more scope for Mrs. Denning's culinary talents than would have been possible on the unlamented, wood-burning monster which was retired in June.

In the pantry, Mrs. Ruth Buck, of Weld, assists Emma, and Mrs. Laura McGrillis, also of Weld, is Abby's assistant. Brett Hardy, of Wilton, is in charge of the dining hall, while Ricky Cushing, Jack Hart, Craig Turner and John Smith complete the kitchen staff. Kawanhee's good friend, Mr. John Farmer, of Dryden, Maine, is handling the maintenance chores once more.

C. S.

Three Leagues Set up in Athletics

An ambitious new Kawanhee sports program has been engineered by Jack Welton and designed to include every interested boy in an athletic league. The three-way affair centers on a continuation of Little League baseball which was introduced last year for boys from nine to thirteen years of age.

Thursday, July 2nd, the Red Skins managed by Ben McCoy and Ted Dunlap engaged the Green Ghosts of Gene Cayten and Jim Murphy in the opener. Ben Griffin spun a three-hitter at the Skins as the Ghosts vanquished them 3-2. Friday evening, July 3rd, the second game brought together Rickey Eckler's and Joel Pardee's Black Labels, and the Blue Streaks headed by George McElroy and Tom Knowlton. The Streaks prevailed as Chuck Compher refused to allow the Labels a base hit. Tom Fischgrund slugged two doubles to lead the 4-0 rout.

For the older boys a basketball loop provides a bit of athletic conflict. The three following teams will battle for the title: Ed Spelyng's Celtics, Jeff Kraemer's Pistons,

and Tom Knowlton's Knickerbockers. The captains chose their colleagues after a short scrimmage.

The younger fellows have a three-team group for softball with teams led by Pete Kuhns, Charlie Clarke and Dave Harrison. This league, as well as the basketball league, will play Monday through Wednesday, while Little League play continues through Thursday. Junior and Senior Counselors were to umpire and referee when the whole shebang was scheduled to go into action Monday, July 6th.

R. Guthrie

Dunlap and Bobb Line up 1959 Teams

The Fourth of July was celebrated in Kawanhee by the initiation of one more round in the great Maroon-Grey rivalry, an event possibly not so spectacular as a display of fire-works, but noisy enough in its own way. Immediately after rest hour Saturday afternoon, the whole camp gathered in front of the Recreation Hall, and the two captains chose their teams for the summer-long battle of points. The new captains, Ted Dunlap and John Bobb, had been named the previous evening. John Nowald introduced them in the dining hall to loud and enthusiastic cheers. Ted won the traditional toss of the coin — in fact, two out of three tosses — and selected the Maroons for his team, while John became the leader of the Greys.

The implied preference for the Maroons jibes with a general belief that the color may be somewhat more auspicious. Through the years, the Maroons have enjoyed a slight edge in the number of victories, with eighteen to their credit as opposed to seventeen for the Greys and one tie. The Greys, however, have been hot in recent years, scoring a last minute upset in 1957 and winning by a wide margin in 1958 under Captain Ben McCoy.

In lining up his Grey team for this year, Captain Bobb made a consistent effort, or so it appeared, to grab as many men of proven scoring ability as he could. Among his major prizes were D. Bittenbender, who in 1957 topped the whole camp with 975 points, and D. Roth, who ranked second last year with 965. Twenty-two of the 1958 "high point winners" (that is, campers whose individual scores for the season were four hundred points or higher) returned to Kawanhee this year. Of these, the Greys absorbed fourteen; B. G. Burr, C. Compher, C. Clarke, W. Doyle, J. Duffey, J. Glidden, J. Holden, C. McGee, A. Miller, R. Morton, D. Roth, F. Stewart, T. Taylor and B. Welton. Those from the 1958 H.P.W. list who ended in the Maroon ranks under Captain Dunlap are: B. Birch, T. Fischgrund, R. McCandless, G. McElroy, J. Paul, J. Stewart, R. Shepard and E. Spelyng. As assistants the two captains have last year's outstanding team leaders, Ben McCoy for the Greys and George McElroy for the Maroons.

Fire Dance Elaborates Familiar Ceremony

The 1959 Camp Kawanhee season officially got under way July 4th with the ceremony known as the "Coming of the Chief." This ritual, in which Chief Kawanhee gives his welcome to new campers and his blessing and advice to all campers, dates back to the very beginnings of Camp Kawanhee. The ceremony is held in the woodland Council Ring surrounded by tall, strong, pine trees.

We first assembled, however, in the Rec Hall to hear an all too short talk by Mr. R. C. Frank. Mr. Frank dug into the past as far back as the 1700's to produce facts and dates which tell the story of the valley in which Kawanhee is located. It seems that Chief Kawanhee and his son Skookamee lived on Tumbledown Mountain (visible from camp) in the early 1800's. An earthquake, it supposed, killed them both, but each year the spirit of Chief Kawanhee (in the person of Ed Chace) returns to greet newcomers and to start the camp season.

This year's ceremony went very smoothly and was made doubly impressive by an authentic Indian fire dance staged by Dave Forry and Joel Pardee. Joel, dressed in vivid Indian costuming, danced with increasing furor around the circle until the dramatic moment when the central fire suddenly burst into flames. Chief Kawanhee then left us a parting message, and we filed slowly back to our lodges. This year's "Coming of the Chief" most definitely left a sharp impression on the mind of every Kawanheeite.

S. Dorrance

Lake Goes Down: Murphys Come Back

Before crossing the chronological boundary of the season's first week end, a few tag-end notes on the opening days should be added. They produced an assortment of weather, more or less previewing everything likely to turn up later — clear Wednesday, rain that night and Thursday morning, rather chilly Thursday night, bright and windy again Friday, warm and sunny Saturday. The first movie was administered in three successive evening doses, beginning Wednesday. It was entitled *Safari* and featured alligators, hippopotami and Victor Mature. Sailing Master Johanson struck a note of resounding familiarity Friday noon when he announced that the reef markers recently set out in the lake were NOT hitching posts installed for the convenience of boat-borne fishermen. Several venturesome canoeists reported the sight of a moose at the lower end of the lake, and found confirmation in the game warden's statement that there are three or four of the big animals in the vicinity at present. The Fishing Department recorded a number of interesting catches, most notably by Jim Gallagher who landed a 14-inch salmon and seven perch, including a jumbo one-pounder 13½ inches long. And day by day the lake subsided until a quite respectable width of beach was available. The Messrs. Defoe, Birch, Bennett et al. therewith had at the docks and put them in final shape for the summer — the big one with new binders along the side, the small one brave with newfangled non-skid paint.

Throughout the period, Kawanhee enjoyed the company of a former camper and counselor well remembered in these parts, Reid Murphy, now of West Hartford, Conn. With Mrs. Murphy and their three children he returned to Kawanhee for an early July vacation in the big cottage on Pine Point. Notable items in Reid's camp history include the facts that he was captain of the Maroons in 1936 (They won!), that he most recently served here as a counselor in 1941, and that he brought his bride to Kawanhee Inn for their honeymoon in 1946. Even more honored ages of Kawanhee's past were recalled on Sunday, July 5, when Reid's brother, Whitney, arrived for a few days. Whit Murphy is now an architect and a citizen of White Plains, N. Y., but in the late 1920's he was a very active camper in Kawanhee, and in the early '30's, a valued counselor. It has been a great pleasure to see Reid and Whit on the shores of Webb Lake once more.

Sunday and the Dean's Prayer

Thanks to the warm, sunny weather of Sunday, July 5, the first morning service of the season was held in the Chapel on the shore, with the great altar piece of blue skies,

distant mountains and sparkling water behind the birch cross. Most fittingly, the opening hymn was "O beautiful for spacious skies". In observance of the Independence Day week end, the flag was displayed and Mr. Birch led the pledge of allegiance to the flag. Under Dave Forry's direction, the Glee Club sang "He's got the whole world in His Hand." In his sermon, Dean Miller spoke of the mountains and their challenge, and the imagery of mountains also appeared in his prayer for the day, which was read by Dave Fergus. With the Dean's permission it is quoted here in full.

"O God, Our Father:"

"Make us dependable, so that our friends can trust us!"

"Hold us steady and upright and rugged and reliable, like the mountains around Lake Webb!"

"Make us gentlemen — sensitive to see that it is God's own beauty when sunsets and rainbows are painted on the sky!"

"'This is my Father's world!' Help us to see that, and behave like sons of Thine!"

"Remember our loved ones back home, those who expect us to grow upward as trees grow, our parents and friends who care! Point us toward the stars, and guard us against shipwreck and catastrophes of the soul!"

"Make us loyal to the freedom and the ideals which patriots have suffered to build for us to enjoy. 'God bless America, land that I love.'"

"Forgive our stony hearts when selfish! Forgive our impure thoughts, that sometimes hang on tight!"

"God, during these Kawanhee days of fun, help us to be good sports — generous when we win, courageous if we lose. Help us to be gentlemen — steady and true and reliable, like Tumbledown."

"May the end of camp find us better than when we came — perhaps even more like Christ!"

"In the Master's name. Amen."

The whole camp gathered again in the Recreation Hall Sunday evening to sing a few hymns and to watch a movie of last year's Worlds Series.

A Note on the Wigwam

With this number, the *Wigwam* resumes its regular schedule of weekly publication each Friday of the camp season. Copies will be mailed to the parents of all campers and distributed to every individual in camp. For anyone unfamiliar with these pages who would like a statement of aims, let it be noted once more that these weekly numbers will do their best to provide campers with an adequate record of their accomplishments here in camp and to furnish more distant parents and friends with all the Kawanhee news, minor as well as major, which fails to find a place in those semiweekly letters. It's a large order, but an all-out attempt to fill it will be the summer's first concern of the *Wigwam* and its Editor,

C. Scarlett