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Maroons Ahead in First Point Tally

The Maroons rang the first bell in the 1959 campaign. The initial report on the season's score credited them with a 65-point lead over the Greys. Saturday evening, July 11, Dave Fergus announced at the campfire in the Recreation Hall that the score stood: Maroons, 425; Greys, 360. Captain Dunlap and his team were therefore the first to receive a congratulatory cheer from their rivals, a salutation to which the Maroons quickly replied with a resounding "Long Kawanhee" for the Greys.

As both captains were prompt to remark, this modest score was no more than a token of things to come. "Level work" alone produced the total, and only three of the nine major departments reported completed Achievement Levels. In all activities, the preceding week had been a period of breaking in, of learning fundamentals, of laying the ground-work for many productive projects which will show up in the score at a later date. Department head after department head read generous lists of preliminary tests successfully passed, but only Campcraft, Sailing and Tennis had reached point-bearing pay dirt. The bulk of this was turned up in Sailing, where the Maroons and Greys broke even with 300 points apiece. The Maroon advantage was earned with levels in Campcraft, 60 to 45, and in Tennis, 65 to 15.

For those who may be unfamiliar with the term, it must here be noted that the Achievement Level is the basic unit in the measurement of all Kawanhee accomplishment. In eight of the major departments, (Athletics, Boating, Campcraft, Nature, Shop, Swimming, Tennis and Wrestling), the work of each of the four age groups is organized on three "levels" of carefully graduated difficulty. On the completion of any level, points are awarded: 15 for the primary First Level; 35 for the intermediate Second; and 50 for the advanced Third. The nonconformist Sailing Department uses a unique set of "ratings" as its measure of progress. For purposes of scoring, these ratings are translated into levels by that Einstein of the charts, Mr. Fergus. It is as levels that the work in Sailing is reported below, rather than in such esoteric terms as "Mate" and "Bosun" dear to the nautical hearts of Admiral Johanson and his crew.

Achievement Levels, July 1 — July 11

CAMP CRAFT, *Junior B Cub* — First Level: W. Bendley, E. Clark, S. Cushman, P. Evans, J. Holland, W. Sullivan, S. Tracy.

SAILING, *Junior B Cub* — First Level: T. King.

SAILING, *Junior B* — First Level: P. Adriance, D. Brooks, R. Carrick, J. Cushman, C. del Valle, D. del Valle, J. Estabrook, B. Griffin, David S. Harrison, P. Hopper, R. Irwin, R. Larcomb, B. Larson, T. Morehouse, T. Neval, B. Newman, R. Poor, F. Postelwaite, R. Rugen, J. Soliday, D. Yantes.

SAILING, *Junior A* — First Level: R. Adriance, K. Bance, R. Becker, D. Coppess, H. Cory, W. Cumberland, J. Fulda, T. Gallagher, J. Hauser, J. Langer, H. Lorentzen, S. McCarty, W. Park, M. Patton, H. Ticknor, J. Wasey, P. Woodward.

TENNIS, *Junior B* — First Level: C. Dargusch, B. Griffin.

TENNIS, *Junior B* — Second Level: L. Perry.

TENNIS, *Junior A* — First Level: B. Conner.

Range and Archery

The weekly reports of the Range and the Archery Departments are a regular feature of the Saturday campfires. These two activities are independent of the Achievement Level set-up and are associated with national organizations having their own systems of awards. The medals and badges of the National Rifle Association, the requirements for which various campers have completed during the preceding week, are distributed by Mr. Nickerson for the Range, and Mr. Angerer of Archery presents the recently won emblems of the Camp Archery Association. The first lists from these departments were as follows.

RANGE, JULY 1 — JULY 11

Sharpshooter: P. Kuhns.

First Bar: B. Conner, E. Kersten, P. Kuhns, M. Sabback.

ARCHERY, JULY 1 — JULY 11

Junior Yeoman Pin: R. Carrick, C. del Valle, D. del Valle, J. Fish, D. Gordon, David P. Harrison, M. Houston, G. Johnson, B. Larson, R. Newman, R. Poor, R. Rugen.

Junior Yeoman Arrow: C. del Valle, D. del Valle, J. Fish, D. Gordon, David P. Harrison, M. Houston, T. King, R. Newman, R. Poor, R. Wilson.

Yeoman Pin: C. del Valle, W. Doyle, J. Fish, D. Gordon, David P. Harrison, M. Houston, T. King, R. Poor.

Junior Bowman Pin: C. del Valle, J. Fish, David P. Harrison, T. King, R. McCandless, S. McCarty, R. Poor, M. Sabback, J. Willis.

Junior Bowman Arrow: C. del Valle, J. Fish, David P. Harrison, R. Morton, R. Wilson.

Bowman Pin: D. Bittenbender, C. del Valle, David P. Harrison, J. McGee, H. Murray, D. Yantes.

Bowman First Rank: C. del Valle, R. Evans, David P. Harrison.

Bowman Sharpshooter: R. Evans, C. Gilbert, David P. Harrison, L. Perry.

Archer Pin: David P. Harrison.

Swimming Tests Passed, July 1 — July 11

With the level of the lake down to normal and the temperatures on the warm side, Kawanhee campers have begun the annual ritual of swimming the Cove. There are three major distance swimming tests at Kawanhee; the docks, (about one hundred yards) the Cove, (about two hundred and twenty yards) and the Lake swim (about four hundred and forty yards). The following campers have swum the Cove:

Cove Swim: R. Adriance, R. Angerer, K. Bance, R. Barnes, J. Benua, B. Birch, D. Bittenbender, D. Brooks, B. Burr, S. Campbell, C. Compher, T. Cole, B. Conner, P. Conner, B. Cooke, D. Coppess, H. Cory, S. Culter, W. Cumberland, C. del Valle, R. Doran, W. Doyle, J. Estabrook, R. Evans, J. Fisher, W. Fisher, J. Forman, J. Fulda, J. Gallagher, T. Gallagher, C. Gilbert, J. Glidden, P. Gockenbach, J. Gore, M. Haywood, T. Hinnens, J. Holden, R. Irwin, George Johnson, Gerard Johnson, T. Knowlton, J. Kraemer, J. Langer, R. Larcomb, H. Lorentzen, R. McCandless, S. McCarty, A. McElroy, J. McGee, A. Miller, R. Morton, D. Olson, J. Osborne, W. Park, M. Patton, J. Paul, T. Pears, R. Perkins, L. Perry, R. Rand, D. Roth, W. Ruggles, S. Soons, E. Spelyng, F. Stewart, J. Stewart, T. Taylor, H. Ticknor, J. Wasey, B. Welton, J. Willis, D. Yantes.

Johanson Sets Sail for Busy Summer

While one might occasionally accuse Kawanhee activity leaders of running their activities primarily with their own

wind, there is one activity in camp which, it must be confessed, depends completely upon wind for its existence. That is, of course, the Sailing Department. This year, the responsibility of teaching the eager young sailors their "ready abouts" and "hard alee" belongs to Ernie Johanson and a crew made up of Bob Elliott, Jay Sanders, Bob Waldner, Bill McKenzie and Alan Beck. For Ernie, this is his ninth year in the Kawanhee Sailing Department, and in veneration for his years, we should say that he knows most of the ins and outs of sailing on Lake Webb.

So, it was most naturally to Ernie that we went for a brief description of the Sailing program at Kawanhee. He told us that there are seven different ranks, or "ratings", which a boy may achieve: Novice, Crew, Bosun, Second Mate, First Mate, Skipper and Racing Skipper. The first three of these ranks are designed to familiarize the campers with the boats. They stress the terminology of sailing, the knots and the parts of the sailboat. After mastering these fundamentals, the young sailors can go on to Second Mate, First Mate and Skipper where the emphasis is placed on learning how to handle the boat. This is a process which can not be taught rapidly. Experience here is the keyword, but, as Ernie put it, the objective is "experience with learning." Racing Skipper, the highest rank, is the most difficult. In fact, since the initiation of the Sailing Department's present system of ratings several years back, no boy has ever received the rank of Racing Skipper. Speaking generally, Ernie said, the teaching of sailing at Kawanhee is designed to give the boys an idea of the proper conduct in all types of boats at all times and particularly in sailboats. He emphasized that "Throughout the whole sailing program safety and common sense are the most highly stressed points."

"The prospects for sailing look very good this year," commented Ernie toward the conclusion of the interview. Two new M.I.T. dinghies are soon to be added to Kawanhee's present fleet of two Cape Cod Knockabouts, one snipe and two M.I.T. dinghies. The additional boats will make more racing possible. Ernie foresees a league of sailors which will compete during the afternoon activity periods on Wednesdays and then again on Saturday afternoons. It will be, however, another two or three weeks before that program can get under way. One other new plan is afoot in the form of a sailing float. Such a float could be used to practice landings, and during races it might serve as a Committee boat. The new equipment will be all well and good, but Sailing's most valuable asset for this year is an enthusiastic group of campers. (That enthusiasm was proven at the last Council Fire when the Sailing Department gave out a total of forty-four awards for completed work, more than any other department except Archery.) All in all, Ernie looks for smooth sailing on Lake Webb in 1959.

S. DORRANCE

Eagles and Falcons Visit Wildlife Den

The Eagles and Falcons had the honor of initiating the summer's schedule of trips. At 2:00 P.M. Tuesday, July 7th, they set out from camp in Mr. Bateman's Bouncing Buggy with Al Hoster, Chuck Fowler, Pete Kuhns and John Fulda. Their objective was the Maine Wildlife Den at Bryant Pond, Maine.

This small zoo displays nothing but wildlife native to the state of Maine. Two bears, five deers, foxes, racoons, skunks, beavers, porcupines, a great horned owl, and a red-shouldered hawk are on view along with rabbits, squirrels and snakes. Many of the animals have been partially tamed and have small tricks to perform for the visitor. The owner, Mr. Whitman, conducts each party, feeding the animals with, of all things, raisins, and putting them through their

paces. A small museum in connection with the Wildlife Den houses a collection of mounted specimens of Maine animals too rare or too wild to be included in the menagerie.

Although the Den had not yet officially opened for the season, Mr. Whitman took the Kawanhee party on a special tour. An albino porcupine was possibly the most curious sight. The clown of the company was a big black porcupine which, under the stimulus of a proffered raisin, went into a rock-and-roll act. At the conclusion of their visit, the Kawanhee travelers drove on to Locke Mills to eat supper in the picnic area there and then returned to camp in the early evening.

C. S.

Mt. Blue Scaled by Hawks and Deers

The Hawk and Deer Lodges rumbled up to the base of Mt. Blue on July 9th in the back of the famous Bates-mobile. The leaders of the expedition were Jack Welton, Dave Forry and Ricky Eckler. The nineteen Kawanhee campers on the climb were P. Adriance, P. Conner, J. Cushman, B. Griffin, P. Hopper, W. Neidig, C. McGee, T. Morehouse, F. Postlewaite, J. Soliday, D. Cooke, R. Carrick, C. Dargusch, T. Fischgrund, C. Pierce, J. Redick, R. Rugen, W. Soons and R. Welton.

On the way to the base of the trail, the group passed several logging crews hard at work and was impressed with the way the logs were piled and stripped at the side of the road. Arrival at the base found the eager climbers ready to get under way. No trouble was encountered in finding sturdy individuals to carry the first-aid pack and the food pack. (A mile or so of hard climbing changed this optimistic situation completely!)

This trip was unusual because so much time during the two-and-a-half-mile climb was spent on the back. Every rest stop—and there were many, as expected—found half of the members of the gang flat on their backs. It is rumored that J. W. suggested that this would stimulate the blood circulation back into the body. The feet of these embryo mountaineers were pointed uphill while the rest of their bodies flattened out the other way. Some, however, felt that this only contributed to the sensation of sleepiness which several experienced whenever it was time to resume the climb.

Once at the top, much fun was had in smearing peanut butter and jelly on squashed bread slices. Banana pudding and crumbled cookies high-lighted the meal. Wayne Russell, the ranger, invited the climbers, three at a time, up into the fire control tower to enjoy the magnificent view of the surrounding countryside.

Nothing spectacular developed on the way down with the possible exception of a few blisters. An unsuccessful attempt was made to keep up with our local 440-winner who practically ran down the mountainside. An agreement had been made earlier to meet Bates at 3:00 P.M. and, to the surprise of the group, he was right on time with the big truck. The party left the site singing songs and eating raisins. All were happy and full of a fine experience on one of the most beautiful of Maine mountains.

D. FORRY

Chace Leads Assault on Big Jackson

Big Jackson Mountain is the highest of the Jackson Mountains. Beginning at the southwestern end of the range, first comes Tumbledown (3035 feet), then Little Jackson (3434 feet), then Big Jackson (3515 feet) and finally Blueberry Mountain (2900 feet). In Kawanhee memory, Big Jackson has not been climbed for fifteen or twenty years,

the last party having been one made up of Dean Miller, Bates and Reid Murphy. This year is the year for Big Jackson which has a wooded summit and a dense undergrowth of young spruce plus old blowdown. At various points are ledges from which marvelous views are ready for the hardy climbers.

On July 9th, ten Senior campers led by Ed Chace headed for this wooded fastness. Jim Doran, Tom Knowlton, Jeff Kraemer, Doug Olson, John Fisher, Mike Sabback, Roger Liddell, Ed Spelyng, Tom Ultes and Alan Beck left at 9:30 A.M. for the base of the Jackson and Parker's Ridge trails.

At 12:30 P.M. the party arrived at the ridge between Little Jackson and Big Jackson where the climbers ate a lunch composed of peanut-butter and jelly sandwiches (as well as a few, as Ed put it, jelly-with-peanut-butter sandwiches), cookies, chocolate bars and raisins. Following a council of war, it was unanimously decided to try to reach the top of Big Jackson.

The beginning was easy. There were fine ledges, but then came the forests of dead spruces through which a trail had to be hacked with hand axes and machetes. More ridges and magnificent views! Then forests of four-foot new spruce filled with old blowdown! The progress was slow. Trousers, T-shirts and skin suffered. But little by little the party inched its way upwards until about 4:00 P.M. it arrived at the summit. Along the way members took pictures of the marvelous views which stretched out on all sides.

The beginnings of a brand new trail have been made. Soon another group will finish the job and Kawanhee will have the honor of making a trail up a second mountain, the Blueberry trail having been the first. It was a rough-going trip but one which the members of the party will remember over the winter months as a pioneering adventure.

E. CHACE

Ed Chace, a member of the Appalachian Mountain Club, recently received word that he is among the first to receive the new Mountain Leadership Certificate (Group I) awarded by the Appalachian Mountain Club to men and women who have passed rigid tests in mountain leadership. Group I is for summertime climbing above the timberline. Group II is rock climbing. Group III is winter climbing above the timberline, and Group IV is winter rock climbing. Ed's certificate is effective until August 1, 1962, and is then renewable. He is now entitled to test campers and recommend them for similar certificates. Tom Knowlton is also a member of the A.M.C., having been elected to junior membership last winter. A boy must be recommended by two members to be able to join and must pay annual dues of \$3.00.

Streaks and Labels Top Little League

On July 6th, the Little League opened its first full week of games with the Redskins opposing the Blue Streaks. The Redskins won 5-1 behind the steady five-hit pitching of Carlos del Valle.

The next game, played on Tuesday, July 7th, pitted the Green Ghosts against the Black Labels. The Blacks won 11-7 in a real slugfest, including a three-run homer by Frank Stewart.

On Wednesday, the losers of the first two games, the Blue Streaks and the Green Ghosts, played. The Blues won easily, 11 to 1, behind the one-hit pitching of Chuck Compher. So far this year Chuck has allowed only one hit in six innings of pitching. He had a second straight no-hitter going until the bottom of the third, when Bruce Larson

hit a slow ball to short and beat it out when the shortstop hesitated to throw.

The week's final game on Thursday, July 9th, featured the Black Labels and the Redskins. The Black Labels led off with two runs in the top of the first. The Redskins came back big in their half of the inning by scoring five runs off Dave Roth on five singles and two walks. In the top of the third, the Blacks pulled up to 5-4 by scoring two runs on three hits. The Reds pulled out one run in their half of the third.

Dave Roth helped his own cause in the Black's half of the fourth by blasting a triple into deep center field with Randy Evans. He scored on an error on the same play, making the score even at 6-6. No runs were scored in the fifth, sending the game into extra innings. This brought up an awkward situation. Under Little League rules, a pitcher may pitch five innings or a whole game, whichever is completed first. Because of this ruling, the managers, Ricky Eckler of the Black Labels and Ben McCoy of the Redskins, called upon Randy Evans and John Glidden respectively as pitchers for the extra inning.

The Black Labels immediately jumped on Glidden for two cheap runs, one on an error and the other started by a base on balls. The Redskins put men on 2nd and 3rd with "Sunny" Dargusch getting his third hit of the game. "Sunny" ended the week with the highest batting average in camp, a soaring .715. Randy Evans, however, quickly settled down and retired the next three men in order on a pop fly, a strike-out and a ground-out on second. The final score was: Black Labels, 8; Redskins, 6—a thrilling end to an exciting week of baseball activity.

D. ANGERER

As of July 11th, the Little League standings were:

BLACK LABELS	.....	Won, 2	.....	Lost, 1	.....	Pct., .667
BLUE STREAKS	.....	Won, 2	.....	Lost, 1	.....	Pct., .667
GREEN GHOSTS	.....	Won, 1	.....	Lost, 2	.....	Pct., .333
REDSKINS	.....	Won, 1	.....	Lost, 2	.....	Pct., .333

Celtics Take Two as Cage Season Opens

The Basketball League of the older campers kicked off Monday, July 6th, with a 9-11 rout of Kraemer's Pistons by Knowlton's Knicks. Tom Knowlton pumped in eight of his ten points in the first half as his crew outclassed the taller Pistons.

The season's second contest, Tuesday evening, July 8th, went right down to the wire as the Spelyng Celtics eclipsed the Knicks 18-17. Knowlton and Doug Olson handled the Knicks' scoring chores completely with eleven and six respectively. The Celtics were more spread out, although Butch Cook contributed heavily with ten.

Once more the Celts prevailed in Wednesday's contest as they opened up a heavy barrage in the second half after leading 11-8 and set the Pistons back for the second time, 22-12. Ed Spelyng's fourteen tallies, including six field goals, represented the season's high.

The first week of play ended with the following standings: Celtics, won 2, lost 0; Knickerbockers, won 1, lost 1; Pistons, won 0, lost 2.

R. GUTHRIE

Two games were played in the Junior Softball League during the first half of the week to produce the following standings: C. Clarke's Comanches, won 1, lost 0; P. Kuhns' Apaches, won 1, lost 1; D. Harrison's Mohawks, won 0, lost 1. This softball association has appeared on the camp schedules designated as the "Biddy" League. The epithet

presumably was chosen to convey the idea of the small size and extreme youth of the players. Mr. Webster, however, defines "biddy" as "a hen or chicken"! Did someone lay an egg?

Evenings Well Filled: Perch Biting

In addition to all the games reported above, the evenings of the week featured several interesting activities and events. Monday, after the games, Ed Chace filled the Recreation Hall for a program on the Presidential Mountains. He showed pictures from his large collection of colored slides taken on many trips over the range and added his highly informed commentary. Wednesday night produced one "can" of the week's movie, *The Al Jolson Story*. Thursday evening was too warm and balmy to waste on movies, so the camp enjoyed the first free evening dip of the season. Saturday, of course, wound up with the traditional campfire which on this occasion was convened in the Recreation Hall. The standard round of songs, awards and cheers for the score was topped off with the first installment of Dean Miller's continued story for the summer. The Dean has turned once more to his literary hero, Victor Hugo, and has chosen *The Toilers of the Sea* for this year's tale.

Thursday and Friday evenings found the Fishing Department getting in its best licks, and quite impressive ones they were! The group that went out Thursday after supper pulled twenty-four perch out of Webb Lake, and the Friday night group brought in a catch of fifty-six perch. Lake fishing during the week produced seventy-eight perch and one pickerel, while a small expedition to a nearby stream landed twenty-three brook trout. J. King with ten perch to his credit, S. Culter with eight, and W. Cumberland with seven were the leading camper-fishermen of the period.

Counselors Return and Siren Introduced

Two counselors and a camper arrived during the week to swell the ranks of Kawanhee. The camper was Phil Gockenbach who appeared on July 8th to fill the berth reserved for him in Beaver Lodge. On Friday Jay Sanders of Rye, New Hampshire, returned as no stranger to a counselor's position in the Sailing Department. Jay spent seven summers in Kawanhee as a camper or Junior Counselor before his full season as a Senior Counselor in 1956. He spent a week or ten days of August here in 1957 and then missed 1958 completely. During the past winter he finished his Junior year in Engineering at Tufts College. His home base for the summer is the Badger Lodge.

The latest — in more ways than one — arrival was Forrest Dexter. In the wee small hours of Sunday morning he reached the shores of Webb Lake, having driven straight through from Bloomington, Indiana, where he had been attending Indiana University for a concentrated course in Chemistry designed to acquaint teachers with the developments of the past five years in that field. Dex resumes his duties as head of the Nature Department for the seventh consecutive summer.

No report on recent additions to Kawanhee life would be complete without mention of the siren installed in Emma's pantry on Wednesday. Its raucous whine is a new sound for the Webb Lake valley, one likely to stand Chief Kawanhee's eagle feathers up on end as he snoozes over on Tumbledown. The range and volume of the siren seem somewhat excessive for its purpose. A distinctive signal has long been needed to summon waiters half an hour before each meal. Extra bells at such hours have proved to be confusing, suggesting free swim to half of the camp and mess call to the other half. The new siren is the answer, too distinctive to be mistaken for any bell and too arresting

to be ignored by any waiter, anywhere. And if its anguished wail brings an atomic bomb attack to mind, at least it prepares one for the fallout when Kawanhee waiters zero in!

Notable Visitors Welcomed

The congregation at morning services Sunday, July 12th, was distinguished by the presence of several most welcome visitors. Betty Frank was spending a week end's vacation from her job in Boston with her parents, the Raymond Franks. Hal and Bill Myers, well remembered campers and counselors of the 1930's, were both in attendance with members of their families. The Rev. Harold Myers of Moorestown, New Jersey, with Mrs. Myers and their two daughters, Mr. and Mrs. William Myers of Chatham, N. J., with their son and daughter have spent the early weeks of July at the Myers' family cottage "up the lake a piece" from the Inn. Another pair of brothers of comparable Kawanhee reputation but of somewhat more recent vintage, Herb and Bob Erf, also graced the occasion. Herb, who is with Republic Steel in Cleveland, Ohio, and Bob, of Glastonbury, Conn., and United Aircraft's research department, are visiting Kawanhee Inn with their respective families. In each case, the family is composed of Mrs. Erf, a young son, and a still younger daughter.

The true sight for sore Kawanhee eyes was a good look at Mr. H. C. Marshall and Mr. and Mrs. Howell Windle. Mr. Windle was for many summers the camp's very successful Range Master and photographer, while Mr. Marshall holds a very special position in Kawanhee history and affections as the Director of Activities who triumphantly saw the camp through its first twenty-five years. The Chief — for no old-timer can ever forget that the role of Chief Kawanhee was traditionally Mr. Marshall's in "the good old days" — kept himself in trim during the past winter with his figure-skating. He recently drove from Ohio to join the Windles in Morrisville, Pennsylvania, and came to Weld with them on July 8th to spend the summer in their cottage at the head of the lake.

Another long awaited friend returned to the shores of Webb Lake on Friday, July 10, when Mrs. Carl Elmore arrived from her home in Bradenton, Florida, to stay for several weeks in the cottage on Pine Point where she and Dr. Elmore spent so many summers. It is a joy to know that Mrs. Elmore is once more the camp's neighbor geographically, for she has always remained right next door in Kawanhee's memory.

The Sunday morning service was held in the Recreation Hall. Herb Birch read the day's passage from the scriptures, and the prayer was delivered by Ted Dunlap. The Glee Club under Dave Forry sang *One Little Candle* as its offering. Dean Miller opened his sermon with the statement "I want to talk about trees", and then took the image of the oldest, tallest white pine in camp as the basis of his remarks.

Attention was focused on the camp athletic field that afternoon where a baseball team of Kawanhee counselors met, and bowed before, the Weld nine. The final score was 4-1 in favor of the village. The game started well for Kawanhee. Pitcher Bob Guthrie scored a run in the first inning and held the visitors scoreless until the fifth inning. Then Weld brought in a run to tie it up. Things still did not look too bleak, but three runs by Weld in the seventh nailed down Kawanhee's hopes for good.

The day ended with an informal vesper gathering in the Recreation Hall under the auspices of Dave Forry and the Glee Club.

C. SCARLETT