

## MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTORS

The Directors of Kawanhee are deeply appreciative for the total cooperation from all sources following last summer's July 20th fire. Parents, campers, Weld townspeople, and staff all worked together smoothly to assure a rapid return to our regular program. It is significant to note that not one camper left for home on account of the fire. We thank all hands for pulling together.

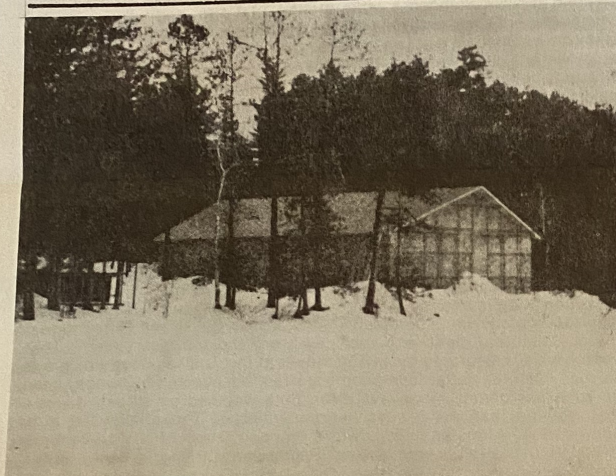
Thanks in abundance too go to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Blau and all other "Friends of Kawanhee" who contributed time, talent, and/or money to help us assure that there will always be a Kawanhee--the wish of "G.R." and "R.C." Frank, Kawanhee's founders.

Construction on our new dining hall and kitchen is going very well. This building, along with the new lodges, will be completed prior to our 78 opening date, June 25. Plans for the purchase and installation of kitchen fixtures and equipment are now being made, so that the entire project will be ready for feeding hungry campers in June.

We believe that when a boy is offered the advantage of participating in Kawanhee's program of some 20 activities, he finds new interests, increases his skills, and grows in self-esteem. At the same time, through group living, he has the opportunity to develop life-long habits in acquiring that all-important trait---how to get along well with others. Parents, there is no better summer investment for your son than to enroll him at Kawanhee.

We, the Directors of Kawanhee, pledge to perpetuate the spiritual and physical values which have been a significant force in the lives of Kawanhee campers and counselors for 57 years.

Walter Estabrook, Managing Director  
Herb Birch, Assistant Director  
John Detrick, Assistant Director



## THE NEW DINING HALL AND LODGES

As many of you know, it is our goal to have the new dining hall and lodges ready for the '78 season. The dining hall construction is going well and we're sure you'll be eager to see the new building this summer. For those of you who are dying of curiosity, though, we'll try to outline some of the features of the new building here.

The basic difference between the old and the new buildings is that in the original structure, the dining area and kitchen were on the first floor and the nine bedrooms were above. In the new building, there are eleven bedrooms on the ground level and the dining and kitchen facilities are above. Also, the new building is 60' x 90', approximately one-third larger than the old.

Due to the fact that a stone fireplace would cost about \$8,000, we are constructing a steel fireplace in the new dining hall. "Big John" Detrick & his crew will install this in June for close to one-eighth the cost of stone.

Herb Birch has volunteered his services to build the new dining hall tables along with an able assistant. These will be cut and assembled in June. A new system which utilizes a cart for each lodge table will, we believe, prove to be a practical method for setting, serving, and clearing tables.

We are pleased with the external design of the new building. It will be batten board very similar to the outside appearance of Hawk Lodge and the Nature Building. As of this writing, we are studying the relative merits of glass versus plexiglass for the windows. The porch in front (lakeside) will be smaller than the old building's porch, but there will be a side porch (toward the new Eagle-Falcon Lodge), and this will be good sized. The flag pole area is to be on the northwest side of the new building.

Early in June, "Big John" and crew will zero in to complete our new single building, (same location as before), which will replace Eagle & Falcon lodges. There will be a hallway separating the two groups, but because of time, space, and expense factors, these two groups will be under one roof. As most of us know, Eagle and Falcon house the youngest boys, and their activities are usually assigned together. Our study has indicated that the overall advantages of one building for these two lodges outweigh the disadvantages.

Birch Lodge will be re-built in '78 if there is time. There is a possibility that construction of this lodge could commence during the season under "Big John's" supervision with the help of volunteer older campers. Another alternative is to wait until '79 to finish Birch Lodge. If additional lodge space is required for the summer of '78 we have considered the possibility of knocking out the walls in Badger Lodge to enlarge that lodge. If that plan is followed, a new outside stairway to Crow Lodge (which is above Badger) would be constructed.

In '78 all deliveries by service vehicles will be made by the new entrance along the existing right of way from the main road running between the fort and the infirmary directly to the new kitchen. This road is used currently by Central Maine Power as well as by telephone



company personnel. Traffic by car into the center of camp will be discontinued.

We hope that these changes and new structures will be well received by all. We appreciate your contributions, suggestions, and support.

Your Building Committee  
("Bates", "Big John" Detrick,  
Jane & Walter Estabrook,  
Dr. Bud Sengelmann.)



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Shortly after the fire last summer a group of former campers and counselors, who were vacationing in Weld, began discussing ways of helping Kawanhee rebuild. All believed that many former and present Kawanheans would want to help if they knew what had happened and of plans for the future.

Early results were discouraging. Many addresses were more than twenty years old and no longer current. Within the first two weeks nearly four hundred letters with out-of-date addresses were returned. On the positive side, however, more than 1300 letters were delivered and it soon became clear that our hopes for support were well founded. Replies have now been received from more than two hundred individuals who have contributed over \$32,000 to help Kawanhee rebuild.

In part as a result of the Friends of Kawanhee mailing, there are in formal plans underway for an "old timers" weekend next summer in late July or early August. Some old timers might be all of twenty-two while others may be considerably older. Anyone who has ever been associated with camp should consider a return visit. We can't offer you a drink from the fountain of youth, but a long overdue reunion on the shores of Lake Webb will make you step lighter.

While at Kawanhee, if you are up early in the morning, you may hear the weird and eerie call of a pair of loons flying up the lake, while from back in the woods you hear the croaking and fussing of a family of ravens. If you are familiar with these unusual birds, then their calls are music to your ears. Take a walk down toward the council ring and as you look down over the bank towards the lake you see such rare flowers as the lady-slipper, the trillium, bunch berries and many others. Stop at the chapel area, sit down and keep quiet and you will see and hear many of the creatures of the wild. I have seen species of all the wild animals of Maine except two, the marten and the otter. Reach out your hand and you can pick mountain cranberries. Pull off a new growth leaf of the wintergreen and chew it. The taste and fragrance is better than any found in chewing gum. Open one of the little blisters found on a balsam fir tree and you find a clear, sticky fluid which is known as an excellent antiseptic. The famous old dinner bell rings and you know it is time for breakfast, and man what luscious food, and so much of it, served by Ruth, Ginny, Nancy and Patti.

Nearly is the rifle range where you see dignity and patience in the practice of hitting the bull's eye. Many of these boys have never had a rifle in their hands before. They are learning the safe and correct way to use firearms, as set up by the National Rifle Association. They receive medals and certificates from Washington. Some become so good they qualify as expert riflemen.

These are just a few of the things that makes Camp Kawanhee such a SUPER camp and a great place to be. I would like to be there for a hundred years.

"Bates"

**Notes and gleanings as to the Activities of Various Kawanheens  
as reported to Tom Taylor**

The fellowship of Kawanhee goes on all through the year more and more each year. The really big off-season gathering of the tribe occurred for the Third Kawanhee Thanksgiving, when 27 of the loyal braves joined in a weekend long to be remembered on the shores of Lake Webb. B.A. fills in those details in another article in this issue of **The Wigwag**. Besides the Thanksgiving reunion, various Kawanhees have returned to Camp this fall and winter for short visits, including Polly van der Horst, Patty Neiswander (who is now residing in Maine and is a frequent visitor), Dave Alexander, Bates, Wynn and Duncan Parrish, Jonathan Lupfer, Craig Miller, John Tulloss, Chip Trayner, Chummy Sullivan and others. If anyone wants to come up, just let B.A. or me (Tom Taylor) know: you always have a place to stay, and we'll be delighted to see you.

know, you always had a plan. You were bumbling around Camp for a month or two, went back to Columbus, Ohio, to bungle on his music, and at last reports was hitchhiking out to California to make it rich in the golden land out there. **Yasser Alwan** went to California last summer, but he and his brother, **Nowfal**, are looking forward to returning to Camp this summer. If an expected trip to Alaska does not work out for '78, **Brian Long** may return to Kawanhee. Even if the trip does go as planned, Brian is keeping his eye on returning to Camp in a couple of years as a counselor.

A probable new counselor for '78 is **Harold Abram**. He is full of enthusiasm and good ideas about organizing some events this summer in Track and Field. So if anyone out there has some ideas or would like to help in this, Harold would appreciate hearing from you. **Luis Garcia** writes that it is nice and warm in sunny Puerto Rico . . . Luis, here I come! **Greg Malta** thinks that he will be returning to Camp this summer, and **Mike Carey** will be back, too, if he gets through all the reading assignments that his English teacher has given him. Mike played a lot of football this fall and is really enthusiastic about getting back to the State of Maine.

This fall and is ready enthusiastic to take over the editorship of **The Wigwag**. During this Fall, he has been publishing his own newspaper, the **News Informative**. The cost . . . 15¢ an issue. Dan also did some research for Tom Taylor concerning where the Liberty Bell was hidden when the British occupied Philadelphia during the winter of 1777-78. (The bell was hidden in Dan's basement in Allentown, Pennsylvania!) **Frank Erf** has been busy in 6th grade and hiking and camping with the Scouts. **Andy Trayner** has been wooing the ladies during his school's recent skiing trips. (Atta boy, Andy . . . go get 'em!)

Andy's brother, **Chip**, has been occupied with wrestling and trying to stick to his homework between daydreams of **Camp Rick Dieterich** has been in the entertainment business this fall. He has put on dazzling state-board exhibitions, performed Kiss rock concerts, and engaged a British Grenadier to take over his school for a day. Without denying that Hawaii was a neat place to spend a summer, **Will Warren** is looking forward to a return journey to Kawaneeh in '78. **Jeff Luce** is also thinking about coming back to take in the wonders of John Morr's C.I.T. program. **Lars and Eric Jensen** hope to return to Camp and tell us all about last summer's trip to Europe. (I hope you bring your pictures, Eric!) **Tommy Johnson** wrote to see how soon he could start working on points for '78. It seems that he wants to beat last year's amazing record!

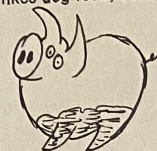
Flip LiCalzi is well and excited about returning to Camp, and even "Nonhegan Trip" Randall has managed to stay out of trouble and is "lovin' life". He hopes to visit Camp sometime this winter.

**Mike Harrison** (the younger) missed Camp last summer as his family moved to Germantown, Tennessee, but he says that he is doing all his missing of Camp now in the winter, so he won't have to miss it in '78. He has his eyes set on Second Mate this summer. Other movers during the past year were the **Colecotts, Dave, Doug, and Steve** who followed the wagon trains from New Jersey to the sunny (?) shores of California. Although they are a whole continent away, they are "thinking Kawanhee" for '78. **Doug** writes that he is a freshman in high school now. According to him, **California** is great but different from New Jersey, and he can't wait to sail on Lake Webb again. **Steve** is on the freshman wrestling team and is a

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I understand that Matt Lotz is on the board of the Ski Club. He's apparently looking forward to trying some new holds on somebody this summer! Sam and John Detrick have been raising pigs for a year and a half. The 450 mama sow likes dog food, beer and the neighbor's flowers. They have 12 healthy little hogs which eat 100 lbs. of food each day. In Billy Paul's family, there's some exciting news. Billy's sister, Mary, was the 1977 Champion Equitation, ages 18 and under, for the Tri-State Horse Shows Association which includes Ohio, West Virginia, Pennsylvania, Kentucky, Indiana, and Virginia. She was only 13 years!

Virginia, Pennsylvania and Michigan. And her show age was only 13 years! **Ben Glaspey** has really been busy, being involved in soccer, basketball, bowling, baseball, football, and his town's safety patrol. He took a boating test and got 99 out of 100! He really enjoys tennis, and has been going some hiking with his dad in search of deer. He is hoping to bag the biggest deer in the woods next year. **Andy Braunstein** "Grandpa" (the biggest deer in the woods) next year. He had a bout with the flu has been busy pursuing his interest in hockey.





## 1978 EARLY-BIRD APPLICATIONS

The following boys have already signed up for Kawanhee '78. They hope to see you next summer!

Harold W. Abram, Jr. Schenectady, New York	Geoffrey Marchand Tenafly, New Jersey
Pablo Alvarez Madrid, Spain	Doug Mueller Tenafly, New Jersey
David Banta Tenafly, New Jersey	Greg Mueller Tenafly, New Jersey
John M. Bertran San Juan, Puerto Rico	Tom Occhipinti Emerson, New Jersey
Brian J. Birch, Jr. Uncasville, Connecticut	Juan Oyarzabal St. Sebastian, Spain
Henry H. Blau, III Wayland, Mass.	Wynn Parrish St. Stephen, N.B., Canada
Peter B. Blau Wayland, Mass.	William G. Paul Columbus, Ohio
Michael J. Carey Larchmont, New York	Timothy R. Paxton Tenafly, New Jersey
David G. Colescott Danville, California	A. Stewart Pickard Columbia, Mo.
Douglas M. Colescott Danville, California	Enrique Plaza Madrid, Spain
Erik DiPaolo Tenafly, New Jersey	Trip Randall Tenafly, New Jersey
Michael S. Duncan Tenafly, New Jersey	Chris Reilly Tenafly, New Jersey
Timothy M. Duncan Tenafly, New Jersey	Juan Pablo Ridruejo Madrid, Spain
Edgar H. Fleming Omaha, Nebraska	Miguel Ridruejo Madrid, Spain
William S. Fleming Omaha, Neb.	Ignacio Ridruejo Madrid, Spain
Doug Fulmer Columbus, Ohio	Peter Shamamian Englewood, New Jersey
Gregg Fulmer Columbus, Ohio	Daniel Shire Allentown, Pa.
Mike Fulmer Columbus, Ohio	Rick Spencer Tenafly, New Jersey
Stephen Godwin Tenafly, New Jersey	Ashley Taft Columbus, Ohio
Peter Goodbody Tenafly, New Jersey	Mariner Taft Columbus, Ohio
Borja Goizueta Madrid, Spain	Andrew Trayner Tenafly, New Jersey
Gonzalo Goizueta Madrid, Spain	Edwin Trayner Tenafly, New Jersey
John R. Hall Beaconsfield, P.Q., Canada	Rees F. Tulloss Weston, Mass.
T. Gregory Hall Beaconsfield, P.Q. Canada	John J. Tulloss Weston, Mass.
William C. Heer III Columbus, Ohio	Douglas Walters Saddle River, New Jersey
Patrick A. Jeffrey Tenafly, New Jersey	William K. Warren Tenafly, New Jersey
Eric Jensen Tenafly, New Jersey	Andrew Zechiel Cold Spring Harbor, New York
Tommy Johnson Englewood, New Jersey	Howard Zechiel Cold Spring Harbor, New York
Matthew Lou Lincolnshire, Illinois	

## FRANNIE FRANK

—by Tom Taylor

Many in the Kawanhee family were saddened recently to hear of the passing of Frances L. Frank, (Mrs. Raymond C. Frank). Although the Kawanhee braves of the past ten years did not have the opportunity to know "Frannie", two generations of braves enjoyed her care and enthusiasm.

While Frannie headed no particular activity, counselors of every department eventually came to her for help. Frannie made all the sails for the boats constructed in the shop as well as mending those used on the big sailboats. She patched bases for the ball diamonds and lent encouragement wherever she could. Frannie helped boys take pride in their activities by attaching numerous Range, Sailing, and other patches to countless shirts and jackets. She was never too busy to help.

Boys and counselors alike who needed someone with whom to talk soon found themselves at "Frannie's Cabin" where they were sure to find an interested listener and an encouraging talker. Frannie's customary "As you can plainly see . . ." will bring back for many persons remembrances of numerous conversations with Frannie that left a boy feeling a whole lot better. Frannie filled her cabin with care and affection for us all and we recognized it and appreciated it.

The Kawanhee family sends condolences to Betty Frank Smith, Frannie's daughter, and joins her in a sense of loss. As we bid farewell to Frannie Frank, though, we realize that she shall forever be a part of us through her example of love and concern for others.

## THANKSGIVING IN MAINE!

—by B.A. Altmaier

The third annual Kawanhee Thanksgiving had to be one of the biggest events in Kawanhee history. It all started on Wednesday evening as Kawanhees and friends came from all over the country and met at B.A.'s apartment in Wilton for a typical Kawanhee get-together. A good time was had by all and we even got our first snowstorm of the year that evening which made everything just perfect. People ended up staying at B.A.'s apartment and at Mark Standen's cabin in Weld so there was plenty of room for everyone. The group at B.A.'s was up very early Thursday morning getting things ready for the big feast. Head cook Bill Albershardt had things under control as usual and the whole crew was in Weld by noon on Turkey Day. Thursday was our day in camp and there was even a softball game which was loads of fun. The official Turkey Feast was held in Mark Standen's cabin around 7:00 p.m. and was a meal to remember. Albie had everyone doing something and there were even two turkey crews since we had two turkeys. One was cooked at Standen's and the other one was watched by B.A. and a small crew at one of Mr. William's cabins near camp. There was a singling campfire led by Tom Taylor, Craig Miller, Peter Wetherbee, and Mark Standen just before the feast. The menu consisted of two turkeys, (a 25 lb. one and an 8 lb. one), 20 lbs. of mashed potatoes, stuffing, mixed vegetables, a huge salad, a relish plate, 72 rolls, and all kinds of different breads. For dessert we had cakes, pies, and jello and all kinds of beverages so everyone was quite happy. The prayer and the first toast were given by Ferd Schoedinger since he came the farthest, all the way from sunny Florida. The main toast was given by Lorenzo Baker and there were many given through the evening. B.A. gave one for Billy Proctor and his future wife, Carolyn, who were officially engaged the week before Thanksgiving. There were twenty six of us for the official dinner and believe it or not we had everyone sitting in one room. On Friday, twenty seven of us were led up Little Jackson and Mt. Tumbledown by Lorenzo Baker and Billy Proctor. It was a beautiful climb and the view from the top was super! That evening we all celebrated by having dinner at the Chicken Coop which was real nice. Saturday afternoon people started to leave and by Sunday noon everyone was gone. As always a fun time was had by all and it was a Thanksgiving that will always be remembered. The official list is as follows: B.A. Altmaier (Host), Mark Standen (Host), Patty Neiswander (Decision Maker), Lorenzo Baker (Recreation Director), Becky Brous, Ferd Schoedinger, Liz Johnston, D.L. Long, O.J. Altmaier, Dave Van Houten, Bill "The Duke" Albershardt (Head Cook), Mark Schiewetz, Peter Wetherbee, Keith Erf, John Tulloss, Shawn Minear, Cary Esser, Henry and Oscar Shamamian, John Bell, Tom Taylor, Jon Trayner, Chip Trayner, Craig Miller, Nick Gill, and Billy, Carolyn, and Heidi Proctor.



## SPORTS NEWS

- Rick Spencer has told the Wigwam that he is planning to beat his see-saw record this summer with a partner to be named later.
- Scott Leiper is on his way around the world on behalf of the K.B.L. The Wigwam wishes Scott the best of luck. Our Kawanhee hearts and spirits will be with him.
- The K.B.L. Horse Association is thinking about putting Bill "Mr. Ed" Yardley on a one year suspension for black-mailing the editor of The Wigwam last summer. He forced The Wigwam to print a story on how he was the Horse Champion for 1977 instead of the real champion B. A. Altmaier. When The Wigwam asked B.A. about this, all he said was, "Mr. Yardley is over the hill and he has to use these methods to keep up with me. Like always, I'll do my talking on the basketball court and will win again in '78."