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SATURDAY, JULY 22ND.....

It is only a few days until the 22nd, on which date we are looking forward very much, to Timlo's 1967 Visiting Day. Although, lasting simply one day we expect to have a good visit with you about your son's progress and development and at the same time have you observe or take part in a few special events. The schedule for Visiting Day is covered completely in the enclosure.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28TH.....

Timlo got off to a fast start with 95 campers arriving by car, bus and airplane from 16 states and the District of Columbia including; Alabama, Canada, Connecticut, Florida, Illinois, Indiana, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Virginia, West Virginia and D.C. Some of the staff members arrived at camp before June 1st and worked up until the day before camp opened completing the usual preparations for camp and a number of significant new projects which are described below.

PRAMS ADDED TO SAILING FLEET..... This important new project didn't require any preparation during the pre-camp period because Dell Jordan, our Sailing Master, completed production of the new prams in Florida. We used this size boat for the first time in our sailing clinic last August and they were so popular and worked in so successfully that we have added 4 of them to the fleet of Comets and Stars. By the way the Sailing Clinic this year will operate from August 15th through August 20th. More about that in a later issue.

NEW RIFLE RANGE OPENS IN DIFFERENT LOCATION.... After truck loads of sand and carpenters arriving late the new rifle range has been opened and is in full swing. Jeff Cerasano is in charge of the activity assisted by John Biba. Traditionally this has been one of the busiest activities. Parents will notice the range easily, since it is within easy view of the cook-out area at which the Saturday, Parents' Buffet is served.....**OLD RIFLE RANGE BECOMES TUTORING CABIN.....** In addition to housing our Head Counselor Larry Kappauf in one section of the old range, we are using the other room for Mr. Gilland and the boys having private tutoring..... Approximately 25 feet north of the target area of the old range is the sight for a new cabin which we expect to have completed by next June 1st. The former Cabin 9 (the oldest building in camp, as it was on the property when Timlo began construction in 1934) will be used in conjunction with waterfront activities and not as a sleeping cabin.....**CABIN 10 IN NEW LOCATION.....** Cabin 10 which houses the oldest group of campers seems to be doing nicely in its new spot, closer to the cook-out area and just overlooking the Craft Shop. The cabin 10'ers have fixed their cabin up and have been busy completing their landscaping and paths and steps. 'Special Note' - The three campers, (two with canes and one with his leg in a cast) have no relation to the cabin's new location. Alan Cody and Peter Starkweather are the counselors living in 10.

Had we printed a spring Newsletter we would have gone into detail about our many visits to campers in different areas. I had an opportunity for some unusual visits, for example, an extremely interesting tour of David Garber's father's milk processing plant which was anything but typical. It was surprising to witness the most recent advances in the processing of milk, manufacturing ice cream and methods of mass production. We are hoping to borrow his color slide coverage of this to show to the campers some evening prior to our movie.....**RIDING....** would have been included in the spring issue because it is being developed in a different fashion than previously. Because we have more horses there will be a slightly larger number of campers riding at one time. The schedule for riding has been changed to first period in the afternoon instead of during the middle of the day. In addition to training in the ring, riding in the fields and trail rides we are for the first time planning overnight camping trips with the horses for the accomplished riders. Mr. and Mrs. William Ladish of Alexandria, Virginia are back with us again to conduct this program.

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TENNIS COURTS

Having described to you above the many projects which turned out successfully we at present have to report that the new tennis courts, to which we all looked forward so much, produced a totally unexpected snag in their final development. It might be helpful to state that the contractors were approximately 3 weeks into this spring in concluding the work which had been started last fall. Because we have had many projects over the years we were well accustomed to the delays and tactics of the small contractors in our area, but nevertheless have always been fortunate in being able to complete work in time for camp opening. Granted this was an unusually large undertaking, we still held every hope that we would make the deadline.

The surface was prepared, the fencing and post work was completed, the landscaping, although it looks peculiar now, was finished, the new nets and tapes were on hand to be installed and then the unexpected happened. Frankly, putting our confidence in the contractor we had no reason to suspect that he had put on a surface so entirely out of proportion from the correct formula. When the big heavy road roller appeared, to put the final touch on the courts before putting the lines down, it almost tipped over and got stuck and had to be pushed off the courts by a team of counselors. What happened was the contractor had put on the surface virtually in reverse with respect to the ingredients and correct amounts. In other words, the packing material which was to be on top approximately 3" deep and the sand which was to be on the bottom an inch or two, developed actually to be an inch of packing material and 6 or 7 inches of sand. It was not apparent to us as we walked on it ahead of time and used our small hand roller, but when the 6 ton road paver went on it, it was like rolling a sand beach. The 35 tons of red slate material from Vermont practically disappeared into the sand. At this writing, even though it might appear ready for use, the new courts are not playable.

This has been a great disappointment to us, to the members of the staff, who worked so hard on it, and I dare say the campers. Looking at the situation from a distance it isn't all that shattering for us, because after all, for 33 years we have used the other tennis facilities which are presently in full use under the capable direction of Larry Gladhill and Brian Fussell. You might ask, "Well, why don't they get it finished as soon as possible and have it completed by the end of camp?" There are 2 factors bearing on this, 1) we are having a dispute with the contractor as he has not come back to correct his error and at this time of summer it is virtually impossible to secure another contractor on such short notice; and 2) we are getting some pretty good advise from tennis court builders which seems to indicate that we might be better off in the long run to hard-top the entire new tennis court area. What most of you might not realize is that hard-topping could not be done this summer as the paving experts advise that the new area must settle for 2 years. Although we personally might prefer the clay surface on which to play, the hard surface likely is a superior arrangement for a camp set up.

It isn't usual that we have to announce delay or postponement of a project, especially one which was anticipated with such interest, and it isn't usual that we go into this much detail, but because of these factors and all the time and effort put into the new development thus far, and the widespread interest, I wanted to relate the circumstances to you. On the brighter side, however, you will be able to see clearly the potential for these fine facilities.

This has turned out to be a combination Newsletter and review of some of the projects which will be new to you. The subsequent Timlogs, of course, will deal in detail with the campers, staff and activities of this summer. We look forward very much to visiting with you Saturday, July 22nd.
