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TRAVEL TALK

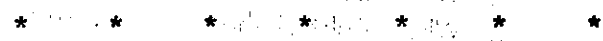
During the last month and a half, travels and events have moved quickly, with very little time spent at home or in the office at Lake George. We have been in seven or eight states, including the following: Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, Pennsylvania, Ohio, the District of Columbia, and many parts of New York. As we approach May, it's again clear that it's just not possible to get around to see and visit many of the campers, families, and counsellors. At this time of year every season we wish we had at least an extra two months.

After talking with some former campers and counsellors in central Massachusetts, we stopped for a very pleasant visit with the Kennedys in Foxboro. We saw Brad, Jon, and David Kennedy. They will be moving into a new house in June. Brad will be going to college next year at Clarksan in upstate New York. Later that evening in Providence, Rhode Island, we had an entertaining and interesting visit with the Kirkman family. Bob, the eldest, used to be a camper at Timlo, John was a JAC last year, and Rex was in Cabin 9. Their sister Amy is at Pine Log. Consequently, it was a visit with four campers, which make the discussion and comments lively.

After that visit we moved on in a driving rain to Connecticut College to interview some counsellor prospects late at night. Heading east in Connecticut, I had hoped to see Jamie Shepherd at his home but when we were nearby, there was no answer, but we did telephane later that evening to say hello.

NEW TENNIS COURTS

We have made thorough investigation and study of what surface would be best adapted to the conditions on the mountain at Trout Lake. Whereas we might prefer a very good clay court, it now develops that it would be more practical in the long run to have the courts hard surfaced. Obviously the clay courts would require daily attention and considerable work at the beginning of each season. As you can visualize, we are confronted with a drainage problem and it would be quite upsetting and disappointing to arrive each spring and see that the snow and rain had sent some of the clay rushing down the mountain toward the lake. We have gotten bids from three surfacing companies and all of them state they can finish the hard topping of the area by June 20. With the four tennis courts and the basketball court (at the far end), it's clear that this will be a great addition to our facilities and will be one of the centers of activity at camp. We shall have an appropriate dedication ceremony early in the season.



ICE GOES OUT EARLY

In an unexpected and sudden move, the ice went out of Lake George this year on April 1. A day or so later, with some big pieces of ice still apparent, a southwest wind caused the ice to do extensive damage to the docks and bathhouses on the east shore of Lake George. The docks at our camps did very well with the exception of one bit of Pine Log's new docks which raised up a few inches when the lake rose about two feet.

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From Connecticut we went to New Jersey and had a pleasant but brief visit with Jack and Bob Finn. From New Jersey the next stops were in Maryland and Virginia. We didn't see anybody in the Baltimore area but did have an enjoyable afternoon stay with Billy Smith and his family in Alexandria. Looking out their back window reminded us how many weeks ahead Virginia is of Lake George when it comes to flowers and leaves on the trees. We talked with the parents of Bobby and Bruce Morehardt but they live just too far away in West Virginia for a visit.

Miscellaneous visits and telephone calls included talking with Mark Lawson who lives nearby in Ticonderoga. We are looking forward to visiting the Cerasanos soon. We did have a good visit with Jeff when he was home from Alfred University for spring vacation. We expected to be in Ohio and Michigan again at which time we might get to show Mike Moss the movies of his sailing performance last August, but that trip is now indefinite. While in Schenectady recently we had a good visit with Mark DeMatteo. The same day we saw Mark, over in Albany we saw

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Mickey Mann and right up the street from him we saw John and Bill Oppenheim. Just before that we had seen Joey Avellino's mothers and then visited with George Stasior and his mother and sisters in their new home in Loudonville. Someday soon coming up the Northway we expect to stop off and see David Wells in Woodstock.

Helen Lareau, camp nurse, paid us her second visit at Lake George recently. She is fine and will be back at Timlo this summer. This reminds us that Roma and Del Jordan arrived safely from Florida on Friday night, April 12. They are both fine and already are busy helping to get things prepared and organized for the summer. We recently had a letter from Brian Fussell who is going to school in North Carolina and is a parttime caretaker during the winter for a summer camp nearby. Dan Koenig writes of his experiences teaching in a little town in northern Indiana. A letter from Dave Walker informs us that he is in the Army stationed in Texas and will advise us of his next assignment. He hopes to become a member of the paratroopers and upon completion of his training expects to be assigned duty in Vietnam.

QUESTION CORNER

After a brief absence of the Question Corner due to a lack of space, we are happy to continue it in this issue. The names of the winners will be announced at the opening of camp and the two campers with the highest score will be able to select their prizes at that time.

1. When did the ice go out of Lake George in 1968? _____
2. Who was the Trip Counsellor last summer? _____
3. What former campers was Assistant Handyman last year? _____
4. How many new tennis courts are being constructed? _____
5. As you look out of the dining room across Trout Lake, in what direction are you looking? _____
6. What is the name of the highest mountain on Trout Lake? (It has the name of an animal.) _____
7. What are the names of the two dogs at Timlo last summer? _____
8. What night of the week is reserved for campfire? _____
9. Who was the Archery Counsellor in 1967? _____
10. What day in June does camp open in 1968? _____

Name _____
Cabin _____

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