

**RUBY REBEKAH LODGE PLAN DISTRICT MEETING**

Ruby Rebekah Lodge met in regular session last Wednesday evening with Mrs. M. Legault, N.G. and Mrs. A. Morris V.G. presiding and forty-three members present.

The minutes were read by Mrs. Anna Laine and Mrs. B. Whent, Treasurer gave the financial statement. A report on the recent tag day (pencil) held by the Cancer, Polio and Tuberculosis Fund Committee was given by Mrs. F. Grover.

Mrs. Mavis Slater announced that the Inaugural meeting of the District Committee will be held in St. Johns Anglican Church Hall on Saturday, June 25th. A supper will be served to the members and visitors following the meeting with Mrs. W. Collinson and Mrs. W. Thrower joint Convenors. A wedding gift was presented to a recent bride, Mrs. G. Holmes by Mrs. H. D. Weaver, on behalf of the members of the Lodge.

International Goodwill day will be celebrated following the next meeting.

A degree practice was held by Mrs. A. Laine Degree Captain, following the meeting.

Mrs. W. Clemens, P.N.G., Mrs. M. Smith, P.N.G. and Mrs. M. Slater, P.N.G. left on Saturday to attend the Rebekah Assembly of Ontario held in Toronto this week. Mrs. Slater will receive her Commission as District Deputy President of District 41 at this Session. Mrs. Clemens and Mrs. Smith are representatives to the assembly from Ruby Rebekah Lodge.

**BIG INFLUX OF CAMPERS EXPECTED THIS YEAR**

To accommodate three-quarters of a million campers in Ontario's provincial parks this summer - an expected 50% increase over last year's near half-million - 50% more campsites are being made available, with a similar increase in picnic tables, fire grills, toilets, shelters and other services.

Guided by past experience and the fast-rising popularity of camping, it has been found necessary also this year to set aside in provincial parks overflow camping areas to take care of exceptional demands on certain weekends during the summer, particularly holiday weekends.

Of just under a half a million campers last year in only 52 to 60 parks that were fully operating in 1959, 374,000 were from Ontario, an 80% increase over 1958; 81,000 were from the United States, an increase of 47% and 24,000 from other points showed a 71% increase.

Ten new provincial parks are being opened for the first time to the general public this year. These, however, are still under development and will not be fully operational until next year.

Last year's statistics, taken in only 52 of the 60 parks, showed more than five million visitors, 1,410,447 vehicles entering, and an attendance of 287,000 at park nature interpretation programmes. In the period from 1957 to 1959 there was a 124% increase in the number of vehicles using the vastly expanded parks system and a 141% increase in park visitors, the Minister pointed out.

Following are summarized camping regulations:

A camper will be permitted to occupy one campsite only unless numerous campsites are unoccupied, in which case a camper may be allowed to occupy more than one site upon payment of additional fees according to the number of campsites occupied.

The maximum stay permitted in a provincial park is 28 days.

Where a permit is surrendered before its expiry, the permittee is not entitled to a refund.

The reserving of campsites is not permitted.

The check-out time from a campsite is 2 P.M., after which time an additional day will be charged.

Group campers such as Boy Scouts, Girl Guides etc. will not be charged for camping privileges providing they occupy a special area set aside for that purpose.

The 1960 vehicle entry permit for provincial parks is \$2.00. This permit admits vehicle and its passengers to all provincial parks any number of times during the season. A reciprocal arrangement has been worked out with the St. Lawrence Development Commission so that the entry permits issued both by the Department of Lands and Forests and the Commission will allow entry into all parks under their control.

For those who do not use the provincial parks on more than a few occasions during the season, a daily vehicle entry permit is available at a charge of fifty cents a day.

Organized groups should make arrangements prior to the time they wish to use park facilities. Picknicking by groups in Provincial parks has become very popular and such groups are urged to make advance reservations with the park superintendent well in advance.

**AKELA-PACK CUB CAMP**

The camp will be held from July 22nd to 26th at White Sands Lake. Forms can be obtained from E. Stobart and should be completed and returned before June 20th.

**SUMMER ART SCHOOL PLANNED AT QUETICO PARK**

William Roberts, ARCA, OSA, has been named director of the Summer Art Schools to be held in Northwestern Ontario, it has been announced by J. B. Fraser of Atikokan, President of the Northwestern Ontario Art Association.

Mr. Roberts is on the staff of the Ontario College of Art and is a teacher and painter of wide experience. He received his training at the Vancouver School of Art and the Ontario College of Art. He has painted in England, France, Spain and in many parts of Canada.

In announcing the appointment, Mr. Fraser said that this year another course would be added to the three that have been held annually in the past. He said that a course for training Community Art Instructors will be held to develop teaching skills, insight into how groups function as well as the application of teaching methods to the teaching of art.

The courses are sponsored by the NWO Art Association in co-operation with the Quetico Conference and Training Centre and the Community Programmes Branch of the Ontario Dept. of Education.

The first three courses will be held at Quetico on June 30th to July 10 (Cont'd Pgc.13)