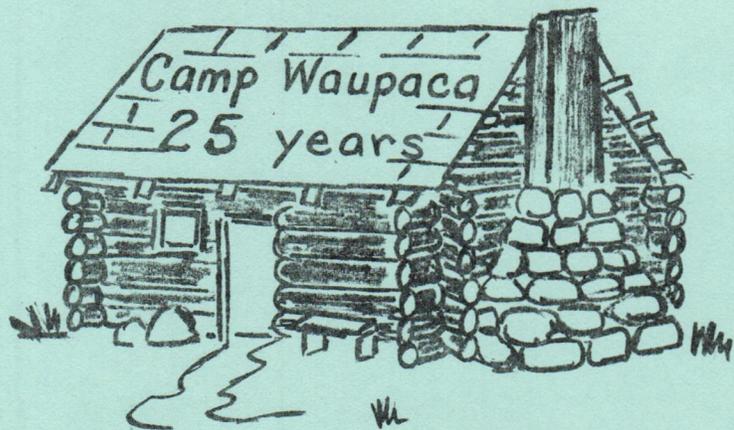


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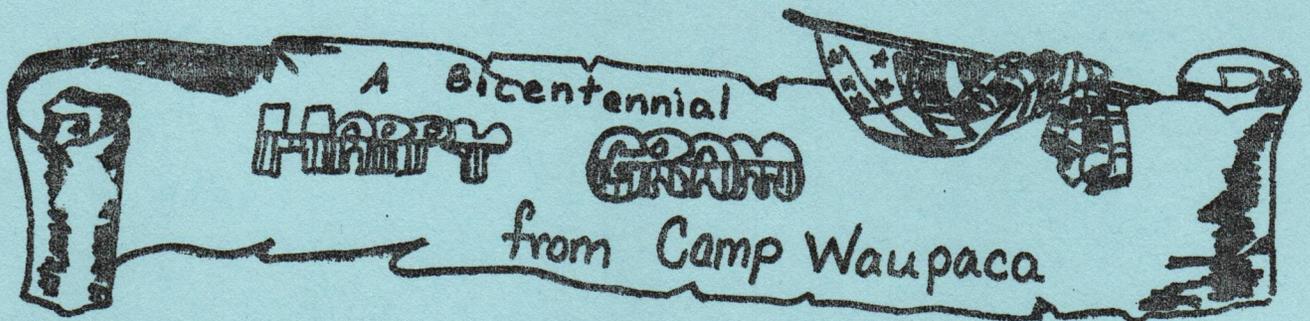


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August 13, 1976

Dear Campers, Counselors, Staff, and Friends of Camp Waupaca:

Another summer has come and gone, and, now, only the memories of Camp Waupaca, 1976, are left--memories of friendships, fun, classes --eight weeks of camping, learning, practicing, working, playing--a foundation for years to come.

These eight weeks together have given each of us an interest in Camp Waupaca. It has been our home-away-from-home for two months. Every so often, remember it during the other ten.

During the winter months ahead when you need a respite from the homework; the friends; and the cold, snowy days, open the book and read about these two, wonderful, sunshine-filled months and all the friends, classes, and activities you enjoyed so much.

See you at Camp Waupaca in 1977!

Mike Lurie,  
Yearbook Coordinator

and

Georgia Euer,  
Yearbook Advisor



## WAUPACA

W aupaca, Waupaca, the best camp in the land!  
A ll the things to do--like run around and play in the sand  
U can do anything here--from swimming to mini-bikes  
P ancakes, waffles, steaks are all right  
A nd then in competition we all play baseball and sometimes  
there are fights  
C ounselors and campers all are real nice  
A nd when we go to bed, we lay down and put down our heads.

by Dann Sharlach, Cabin #5

## CAMP

Camp is defined in the dictionary as "a recreation place in the country for vacationers, especially children." But that's only part of it. Camp is also the first time your child learns the value of living and working with others and understanding that fair play and respect are high on the list of moral values that all of us must use in our daily lives. At Camp Waupaca, the staff realizes this and plans a program with activities geared toward these objectives. Our programs stress competition mixed with sportsmanship and fair play. These are added to good, clean fun for an enjoyable experience.

The dictionary may define camp as a recreational place for children; however, it is more: camp is people--living and learning with each other.

Joe DeMicco

# MEMO



We are proud and pleased as this '76 camping season comes to a close. Proud of the outstanding program and pleased that Waupaca campers enjoyed their summer. Each summer our program gets better. We were pleased to watch all of you in the daily classes and special activities--just to see how you participated was indeed a great pleasure.

Our camp has a great reputation for outstanding instruction in swimming, skiing, tennis, golf, archery, riflery, crafts, photography, baseball, basketball, nature, horseback riding, tripping--our rugby, soccer, flickerball games cannot be matched anywhere. Just to see your happy faces as you kept busy was enough to satisfy us.

Good programs do not come about by magic. It takes a great deal of work but, even more important, a personal interest of people who like to work with boys. We had such people on our great staff this summer. We appreciated the comments of many parents during visiting day as they complimented the staff. It takes a special kind of person that has the patience and understanding of dedication to youth. Without question, our staff was dedicated.

There are so many persons that make camp great---to mention a few: Erv Kasian for making sure everything was ready for the opening of camp. Of course, Erv does a great job in the craft shop. Whenever there is a crafts class, we can see the different projects the boys are having fun making. Who can resist the excitement of riding our mini-bikes. Keeping the mini-bikes running is a big job. To Erv, we owe our thanks. Erv is already planning the mini-bike program for next year. You will be surprised.

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took care of your scratches, sore throats, ear aches, or just listened and talked with you when you needed an extra ear. Thanks to both of you for caring.

To Mike Lurie for spending most of the summer in the office answering the hundreds of questions asked by our campers each day. Thanks for keeping the record straight. Also our appreciation for all the work on this great yearbook.

All campers should have an assistant director like Mike Euer. If you are not talking to a camper or counselor, answering the phone, printing special t-shirts for the campers--taking a personal interest--we can ask no more. Your friendly smile and patience helps make Waupaca great. We know of your devotion to Waupaca. Glad you are with us. We are very fortunate you are at Camp Waupaca. Much appreciation for your interest in making Waupaca better each year.

To the staff, we enjoyed having you with us. Our personal thanks to each of you for making the summer a happy one of learning and having fun. Hope we will see some of you next summer.

Much appreciation to Georgia Euer (Mike's wife) for editing this great yearbook. Putting a book like this together is not easy. The art work is super.

We hear from campers throughout the year telling us they read the yearbook several times. This helps them remember the happy times.

We are looking forward to next summer. The summer went by too fast, but it won't be long until you will hear--"It's another beautiful day in Waupaca."

As you know, this summer we had our greatest enrollment. We were sorry that so many boys wanted to come to Waupaca but we did not have the space. Our Early Bird enrollment during visiting days was a record high. (Thanks to parents who sent us those nice notes complimenting the camp.) We will be registering for 1977 starting in October. Our enrollment next summer will be limited.

If you have any questions, please phone us.

Get along with your families, friends, and teachers. Be respectful and helpful to others. See you at the reunion in January. In the meantime, remember the Spirit of '76 at Waupaca.

Lill and Manny Desnet, Directors  
Arnold Gassel and Bernard Cohen,  
Co-Directors

Warren Metzdorff, our waterfront director, assisted by his capable staff, offered a basic swimming course this summer. We were fortunate to have good weather and a lot of swimming. Thanks, Warren and the swimming staff for your instruction. We are proud we had five W.S.I.'s on the waterfront. Thanks to Rick Passman and his waterski staff for the many hours of pulling the campers around beautiful Stratton Lake. We even offered extra ski classes this year and skiing during the Blue and White War. We know how much you enjoyed skiing. Oh yes, we added a 75 horsepower motor to give you a better turn around the lake.

To Bob Marks for his new idea in running tournaments, we are grateful. The boys sure had fun. Looking for more of the same next summer.

To Kenny Robbins, we take off our hat for many moments of laughter with his special presentations. Who will ever forget his unusual entrance as Zeus during Olympics and the being the prospector for Gold Rush--even Betsy, our calf, gave an extra moo.

To Wayne Towne we give an extra thanks for your help in planning the overnights, Early Bird, and final banquet. The overnight tripping program, sleeping out of doors in the sleeping bags, was enjoyed by all--or shall we say it was in the "bag?"

We are sure every camper--four or eight weeker--will be thinking about activities they participated in this summer. How could you forget team competition, classes, Moment of Madness, Olympics, Early Bird, world series, message games, capture the flag, and, of course, the Blue and White War. Ron does the best job of programming that is possible. You know of his interest in each camper and his understanding of how campers feel and what they enjoy doing. We are very lucky to have him with us. We feel every camper will think back during the year of all the things he did. We know our program is the greatest. Thanks, Ron.

Our kitchen staff works very hard. Their interest in keeping your stomachs happy was certainly proven this summer. We can still taste those delicious hamburgers hot off the grill--"seconds, thirds, fourths, anyone?"

"To your good health!"--that's the slogan of our nursing staff. Our nurse, Rose Mary Clotiaux, assisted by Cindy Zilafro,

The 1976 season of Camp Waupaca is just about over, and I find myself looking things over to see what must be done before camp opens in 1977--you know it won't be long now.

Campers have participated in boating; canoeing; sailing; swimming; softball; archery; handicrafts; horseback riding; dramatics; and many, many more camp activities. As you read your yearbook, many memories will come to you. You have had the chance to form many new friendships, not only among your cabin mates, but also with boys and staff from other cabins at camp.

As Assistant Camp Director, I have the great opportunity to work with many campers and discuss with them their problems and hopes. One camper said, "I never could swim until I came to Camp Waupaca, but now I can even take waterskiing, and I'm not afraid of the water any more. Now that I can swim and have passed my Red Cross Intermediate tests, I can go into the deep water and off the diving board. I like canoeing down the Crystal River. Those trips are really fun."

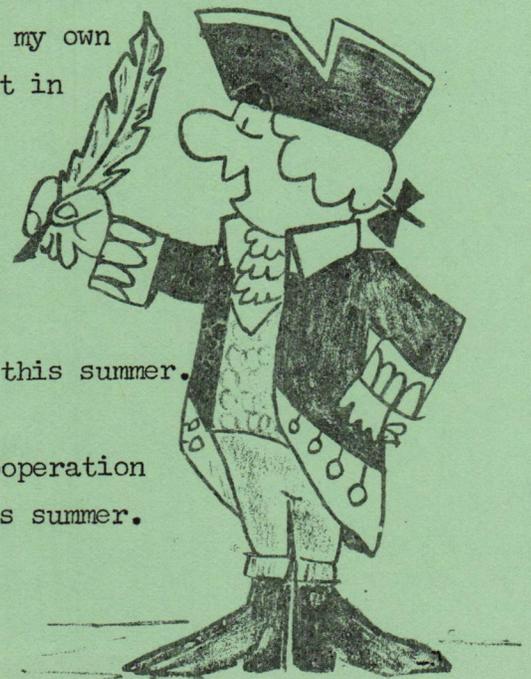
Another camper said, "I did lots of things this year at Camp Waupaca--pitched horseshoes, played volleyball, went on long hikes through the woods with our instructor, Ken Robbins, who taught us a lot of things about trees, plants, and animals. This summer I got real brown at camp and gained six pounds."

And still another camper said, "I learned silk screening. This summer I designed my own shirt and cut the stencil. I painted it in different colors and will take home a great shirt at the end of camp. My parents will think it is swell."

Special thanks to Robert DuBoe, Cindy Zilafro, Bruce Frost, and all the campers who helped with silk screening this summer. You all did an outstanding job.

Many, many thanks to Ron for his cooperation with the office during his programs this summer.

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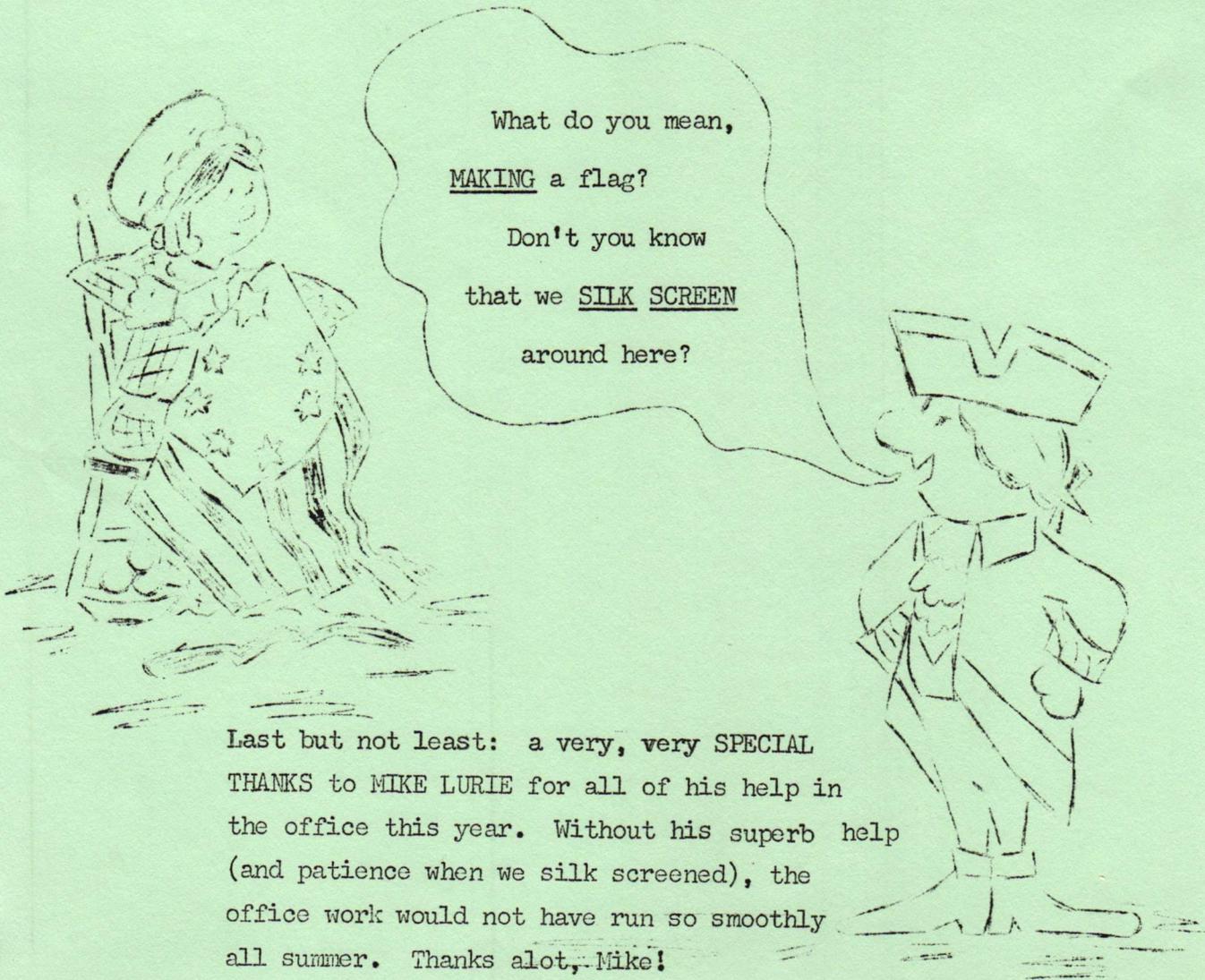


To Manny, the word "thanks" seems so inappropriate because he does so very, very much to make camp a wonderful place to spend the summer. Without his encouragement and help, the office would be a difficult place to run.

The camp staff tried to see that each and every camper had the very best camping experience that is possible. If you wish to write to the staff, their addresses are at the back of the yearbook.

Have a good school year and start packing for 1977. See you then.

Mike Euer,  
Assistant Camp Director





## STAFF ORIENTATION

June 15 found about forty staff members from various places arriving at Camp Waupaca for their first glimpse of camp and, for many, of each other.

Staff orientation began with words of welcome from Manny. Then, the programs and duties were outlined for the staff by Manny, Mike, and Ron.

Part of each day was devoted to setting up camp, while the remainder was spent in staff orientation sessions.

This summer, for the first time, Camp Waupaca had an educational psychologist to work with the staff during one week of staff orientation.

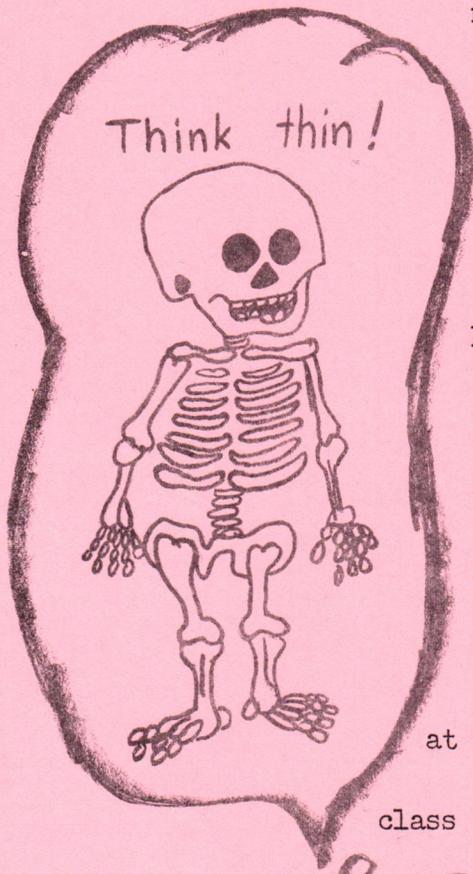
It is believed that a camp situation is in itself a human relations laboratory. As with any "people" profession, skills in communication and handling conflict are essential. Team building, awareness of co-workers, and personal awareness of human interaction are the natural by-products of this type of experience which provides a more rewarding and growthful experience for staff, as well as campers.

Gloria Dible worked with the staff in the area of human relations, and the concepts presented were integrated into an experiential staff workshop. The sessions were conducted on a residential basis simultaneously with physical preparation of the camp ground.

Obviously the real test of effectiveness is the usefulness of workshop content in direct interaction with the campers. Therefore, feedback was obtained from the counselors after they had begun working with the boys. For the most part, responses remained extremely positive.

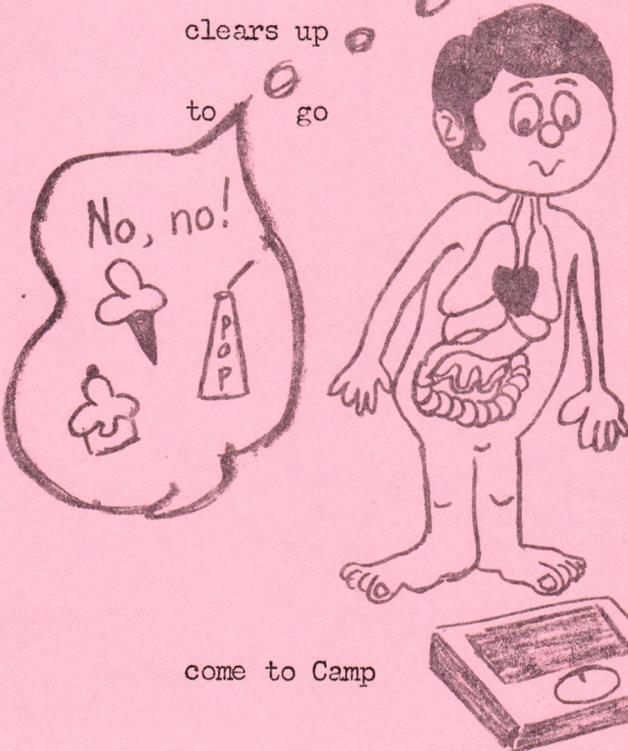
This experimental concept in staff orientation was evaluated by the participants following the workshop. Typical responses given indicate that 100% of the staff trained felt that the contents of the workshops was valuable in a camp setting.

Now that the summer is over and we look back on the past eight weeks, Rose Mary and Cindy feel that we have made many new friends.



Fortunately, this was a good year for most of the campers. A few words of advice, however: to Larry Wotman--stop your dreaming; to Mike Roskin--watch the teather ball; to Kurt Heyman--don't take it on the chin anymore!

One of the most popular ailments at Camp Waupaca is a sore throat at swim class time on cool days. However, this clears up automatically when it's time to go waterskiing.

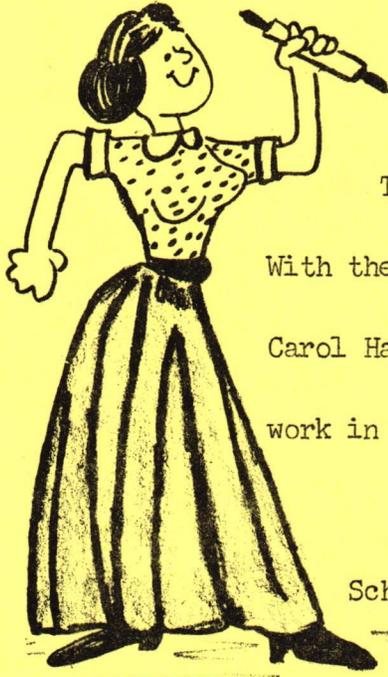


Homesickness was made a little less by a pat and a friendly word from the infirmary.

We hope we have eased the aches and pains of the campers who needed us this summer because we think the boys who come to Camp Waupaca are really great!

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Rose Mary Clotiaux, R. N.  
Cindy Zilafro, Assistant  
Nurse



## What's Cooking ?

by Nancy Desnet and  
Gayle Toppel

The service of '76 was never better!

With the help of Nancy Desnet, Gayle Toppel,  
Carol Hanson, Brenda Thompson, and Darci Wanty,  
work in the kitchen never went smoother.

The head cooks, Ann Towne and Norma  
Schneider, prepared delicious dishes with  
their tender loving care. The

other cooks not mentioned were: Andrea Wanty, Darlene Hanson,  
Lil Desnet, and Norma Johnson. Without their everlasting  
cooking help, the meals at camp would not have been complete.

This year there were a record number of campers, but  
that did not seem to disturb the everyday routine of the  
kitchen. There was plenty of food to go around and enough  
energy and enthusiasm to accommodate all the campers.

We are sure that the 1977 camp session  
will be a happy, healthy, and successful  
one for everyone just as it has been in  
1976. See you next summer.



# K I T C H E N



This year's maintenance was handled by Dan Wanty and Brian Maves. We had many new and weird things to do this year, such as mowing the golf course, mopping floors, painting the Gold Rush rocks, unloading trucks, and the never-ending job of cleaning the bathrooms.

We started working about the first of May and we have been working hard ever since. We started by raking the entire camp and doing other small things such as painting the tennis court lines, barrels, and the waterfront piers.

We seemed to get along well with the campers and staff.

Danny Wanty

Brian Maves,  
Maintenance Men

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