

- 1953 **Joan Shaw**, member of Senior High Camp Staff, **William Lankton**, McCormick Seminary student on weekly staff for Senior High Conference, Rev. W. J. B. Tate, Director (Downers Grove). John Gouwens (brother of Robt & Don) Lifeguard on staff (1952-53).
- 1954 **Swift Villa** burned (4/8). Senior High conferences shifted to Lake Forest College. Rev. Art Bily, Director at Camp Gray. 31st Older Girl's Conference (4/23-25) at First Church, Oak Park.
- 1955 Presbytery prevented sale of camp. Glen Graham & Dixie Elder on Emergency Camp Committee. Rev. Wendell Halverson, LaGrange Church, chairman of committee. William J. Hilmert of Hope College, Acting Manager (lived in High Ridge.)
- 1956 George Hladik comes as Supt. of Bldg & Grounds (7/1). Camp called "Presbyterian Park". Tim Smucker on staff (1956-62. Waterfront Dir. 60-62). Tornado damages: Beetha, Woenwild, Sandpiper, Cedarcrest, & Stoughton Hall (4/2). New shower house in Gray (6/15). Erie House begins Family Camping at Gray. Rev. Maurice Bone, consultant, visits. Rev. Herbert Brockway becomes General Presbyter (1956-60)
- 1957 **Department of Camps** created (2/12). Garbage building in Gray built by Ames, Iowa work group. Glen Graham, Treasurer to 1963.
- 1958 **Rev. Richard McCarthy** becomes 1st "Director" (3/1). Family Camps begin in Westminster Lodge area. "Director's Cabin" in Gray built on site of former toilet. Edna May Mosley comes to Presbytery Staff for Christian Education (5/15-/78). 38th Older Boy's Conference held. ACA membership begun.
- 1959 Michigan Cabin in Gray torn down. Teepee & hogan canvas purchased. Bruce Jensen (Pastor at Itasca) & Bob Woodward (of Watergate fame). on summer Maintenance staff. 36th Older Girl's Conference (4/24-26) at Homewood Church.
- 1960 Senior High Conferences back at Saugatuck. Underground cable for telephone laid. Teen Camp begun at Camp Gray (to 1973). Big Pavillion burned (5/7). Presbytery staff: Rev. Don E. Zimmerman as Presbytery Executive, Rev. Ellis Butler as Director of Christian Education. Rev. Wm. McGill, chairman of camp Board.
- 1961 Presbytery Office at 29 E. Madison (to 1973). Synod of Illinois CE camp study. 5,000 evergreens planted on dunes. New water pump installed.
- 1962 Synod of Michigan Senior High Conference held in Westminster Woods. John Sonderegger and Robert Schultz on camp board (from Arlington Heights). Camp Adahi begun. Workshop built. Hilltop & Hillside cabins in Camp Gray built (\$3,000 each). LaVerne Holder, comes to South Central Planning Council (forerunner of AUM).
- 1963 **Dixie Elder** (Mrs. A. L.) 25 years as Camp Director. Crerar Cabin torn down. Rev. Kenneth Dobson, Outpost Coordinator (1960-64).
- 1964 Crerar Ridge outpost camp (Camp Kema) first used. I-96 expressway completed. Druce Lake Camp sold (11/1). Thomas Hills, chairman of camp Board (1964-66).
- 1965 Construction on new Dining Hall begun (11/3). St. Andrews Family Camp started. Wayne Elseth, camper '66
- 1966 **Rev. G. William Lankton** becomes 2nd Director. 43rd Annual Older Girl's Conf. (3/18-20) at Wheaton Church. Maple cabin torn down. Staff: 33.
- 1967 George Hladik, Resident Manager, leaves (5/11). Boy's Hall & Gemac Cabin torn down. "Community camps" begin (West Suburban, Rev. Conway Ramseyer, Director). **Rev. Robt. Holloway**, chairman of camp Board.

