

The lizard just came out from behind the wardrobe and started creeping towards the window. He got onto the window ledge and stayed there. I didn't want him to turn towards my bed and so I tried persuading him to go out the window but he wouldn't budge. When he started to move along the window sill, I took a long fan I have here and tipped him out of the window. Then I noticed why he had been creeping along the window sill so quietly. There was a big green insect with long blue wings half way up the window and the lizard was waiting until he got close enough to spring at it. So I put the insect outside too. One never knows what will happen next here!

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GILLES PERRIER REPORTS FROM VIENTIANE

I have visited Saigon, Hanoi and Phnom-Penh since reaching Indo-China and they all prove to be worth the trouble. They all differ from one another and I prefer Phnom-Penh to the two others. I have taken up painting and spend quite a bit of time on it. Results have not been anything to brag about but still I have made a bit of progress and might take lessons once back in Canada. I am living in Vientiane and find it healthier than the other cities of Indo-China. Our office building is built in what was originally a rice paddy which accounts for the herds of buffalo and oxen roaming about; It is built on stilts as a protection against floods in the rainy season and it is largely open to the outside so that it is nice and cool at times. When the days are heavy and humid it really makes working very hard as the stationery gets sticky, type is hard to handle and the wind blows paper all over the place. But like everything in Laos it is taken in good stride and one does not hear too much complaining.

THE ROAD TO RECREATION IS OUR OWN EARO

The following Executive will serve for 1955-56 to take charge of External Affairs Recreation Organization:

President	- James George
1st Vice-President	- Helen Larkin
2nd Vice-President	- Keith Henry
Treasurer	- Phillip Morrissey
Secretary	- Maud Kelly
Assistant Secretary	- Louise Venne
Committee	- Georgette Boudreault Malcolm Bow Françoise Gagnon John Hadwen Pat Howard Jim Meagher Jan Munro Mardi Peden Tom Read Fred Smith Bill Jenkins Julia Groves.

Craig Langille who was originally elected as President was posted to the U.N. Assembly Delegation. However, the Organization is very pleased that Jim George has accepted the Presidency.

Our new executive was full of plans and immediately started to put them into action. In order to be able to plan a really top-notch picnic the first requirement was replenishment of the Treasury so we had our "membership" drive. Keith Henry, newly returned from New Delhi, was given the choice assignment of Membership Convenor and with his usual drive and energy succeeded in making our Treasurer much happier about the financial situation. By this time, however, summer was getting on and the only dates we could reserve at Lac Phillippe were very close to July 1 week-end so it was decided to leave the picnic until late August. Bill Jenkins was appointed convenor with King Kingsley as co-convenor. They chose their committee and plans got under way. To keep the flow of events chronologically