Plaques in Dave's House

Dave's House is the home of AstroCamp. It was named after camper Dave Warner, who died in a tragic waterfront accident. The interior wall of Dave's House is adorned with a collection of plaques that honor the young man as well as dress up the facility.

*Impelled by his high vitality,
We “carry on” with a smile."

FOR DAVID
Lou Sandock writes:

According to George "Coop" Cooper**, on the last day of camp - (in August 1931 or 32) - Dave was involved in horseplay with his cousins on the waterfront at Camp Eberhart. From the sandy beach, Dave ran out on the lifeguard pier and they were trying to dump a bucket of water on him. Dave dove off the pier head-first, into shallow water. His head struck bottom and he broke his neck. Coop was in the Hickory Limb (swimsuit dressing building) about 50 feet away, heard the commotion from the waterfront, ran out and tried to revive Dave. Coop's efforts were of no avail. Dave had lost his life. It was most tragic, because Dave Warner, a senior camper, was the best swimmer in camp that summer.

Coop notified Dave's parents. Dave's parents decided to provide the funding so that Camp Eberhart could build the building known as Daves House, in memory of their son.

In the archives at camp, there are a few letters of correspondence between Coop and Dave's parents on how the building should be designed, and of the progress of construction. Daves House opened the next summer for campers at Camp Eberhart and is in use to this day.

** This story is one of many on a CD of Coop Stories, for sale at the gift shop at Camp Eberhart (or possibly on-line). Get one and become familiar with the lore of EB, direct from the source - George Arlo "Coop" Cooper.

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