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Hi! Scout! - Well, the long wait is over and here we are at Horseshoe, - and are we going to have a good time!? Everything's ready - and say, did you see the new dam? Well There's so much to tell that we are using this issue for that purpose.

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A HISTORY OF THE HORSESHOE FARM.

The history of our Camp property has been exceedingly interesting. Such a beautiful and picturesque site was certain to catch the eye of the early American pioneers marching westward into the fertile land of Lancaster County. Many stopped and marvelled at the almost perfect horseshoe made by the winding Octoraro in its three and a half mile journey around one of the many wooded hills. Our Camp proper is now enclosed ~~within this~~ horseshoe thus allowing about three hundred feet for our present road and the hill on which we have located our Outdoor Chapel.

Shortly after the beginning of the Nineteenth Century, the property was first used for a farm by Samuel Reynolds, who bought the place for $300.00, paying for it in dried peaches and sheep. For their home, they built a little flint house near our present Kindness Center. In 1826, the property was conveyed by Samuel Reynolds to his son Ira for the sum of $1100.00. The greater part of the farm was still covered with timber which was then cut and used in the Reynolds' Pottery near Rock Springs. When enough ground had been cleared, rye was planted and this constituted the principal crop for some time. Ira Reynolds continued to clear the land, meanwhile building a large double dock barn on the site of our Kindness Center, a wagon shed which we remodeled and fixed up as the Scoutleaders House. The farm was next bought by Ira Reynolds' son, B. F. Reynolds whose specialty was oxen and sheep. At one time this gentleman planned to build a tunnel through the hill which separates the creek after it makes its horseshoe bend. The creek was then going to be run through the tunnel and used for water power. Although this idea was abandoned, the start of the tunnel can still be seen down along the creek road.

For a long time the farm was widely advertised for its water power and mineral supply and in 1903, the farm was bought expressly for the purpose of utilizing the minerals especially the gold which was present. however, this idea was abandoned for it cost more to extract the gold than it was possible to sell it for. At one time, it is said that the farm was sold for as high as $25,000.00 because of its mineral supply.

Several years ago the property was recommended as a camping site to the Philadelphia Boy Scout Council but they believed it to be at too great a distance from their Headquarters. In 1927, the site was first visited by Chief Heistand and he immediately saw the great possibilities for a Camp that were present in this wonderful site and shortly thereafter, the Chester County Boy Scout Council purchased it for this purpose. During the spring of 1928, the buildings were erected and in the summer of 1928, the Farm was first used as a Camp.

(We wish to thank Mr. H. B. Reynolds of Toughkennamon for the historical data.)

THE DESIGANATION OF THE CAMP BUILDINGS:

"KINDNESS CENTER" was erected by the Penna. Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals for they believe that by the erection of such a building for the Scouts they could impress upon the boys the Scout Law - "Kind." This building is the recreation center of the Camp in rainy weather.

"SCOUT LEADERS LODGE" was erected by the citizens of the Main Line as a memorial to Edward Browning, a former Scoutmaster of Troop #50 of Devon.

"THE DINING HALL" was erected by the Manufacturer's Casualty Insurance Company of Philadelphia. This building is fully equipped with the most modern equipment and appliances.

"A UNIT CAMP" was erected by the Rotary Clubs of Oxford, West Chester, Coatesville, and Downingtown.

Naming of Unit Camps And Trails

Camp 1 - Sherwood Forest - Named from the woods in which Robin Hood and his men had their rendezvous. The trail leading to this Camp is "The Sherwood Path."

Camp 2 - Boonesboro - named from the celebrated pioneer. The trail leading to this Camp is "The Wilderness Trail." - the trail which Dan Boone made.

Camp 3 - Kit Carson - Named from the noted pioneer and Indian Scout. The trail leading to this Camp is the "Santa Fe Trail."

Camp 4 - Davy Crocket - named from the noted Congressman and Backwoodsman and above all the hero of the Alamo in Texas. The title page of his autobiography is "I leave this rule for others when I'm dead, be always sure you're right - then go ahead!" The Trail leading to this Camp is "The Alamo Trail." "Remember the Alamo."

Camp 5 - Bayard Taylor - named after Chester County's famed and well-loved poet and author.

ORDER OF THE ARROW

The order of the Arrow takes pleasure in welcoming to the Horseshoe all those fine Scouts who are here.

The order of the Arrow is a Fraternity of Honor Campers serving this Camp as a part of the National Organization. To become a member of this tribe is the ambition and goal of all Horseshoe Campers. Only 2 Scouts out of each Stockade and the Staff are nominated by their fellow campers at the close of each 2 weeks. Membership is based on Character and the Tribe reserves the right of final selection.

Purpose of the Tribe:

(1) To recognize those campers who best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives and by such recognition cause other campers to conduct themselves in such a manner as to warrant recognition.

(2) To develop and maintain Camp Tradition and

(3) To promote Scout, Camping Spirit and

(4) To crystallize the Scout Habit of Helpfulness into a life purpose of Leadership in unselfish service to others.

BULLETIN FROM THE TRIBE CHIEF:

The Order of The Arrow was officially approved by the National Council, B.S.A. at a recent meeting. Accordingly on January 1, 1935 the Arrow received from the National Council its Charter. Most of the procedures and methods now used in the Order will be continued but a few important revisions in Ritual have been made.

It seems that on Friday Night our friend and pal, etc. John Riedigor and Charles Wilgis went out in a canoe. Wilgis, who was the less experienced of the two was a very close observer. It happened that the party of the second part inquired as to how an approach to the boat dock should be made. Riedigor left port with a "flying" start and went exploring on the bottom of the creek. Wilgis thought that the demonstration was all wet so both returned boastingly to their quarters.

Havent you met all the Staff?! Well step up and meet them. - Now there's our:

Director: Mr. T. J. Price, who has placed himself, since coming to Chester Co. six years ago, in the hearts of all Horseshoe Campers. Formerly of Pittsburgh Council as an Executive and Scouter, he has brought to us many new things. His untiring work has given us our new boating place. "Hail Chief." "How."

Asst. Director: Connie Strayer of York, Pa., and a five-year Camper at Horseshoe. After holding various positions in Camp such as, Stockade leader, Swimming, Boating and Athletic Director and last year as Asst. Director & Dir. of Program. A fromer Scoutmaster of #21, West Chester, he is now a neighborhood Commissioner in York.

Bus. Manager: Charlie Wilgis, our Camp musical composer, can also wield a wicked typewriter. If he seems a bit "hard boiled", he's only looking out for the business end.

Steward: Frank Beam of Parkesburg has yet to let us down on the eating end. If good eats are to be had, he'll get them for us.

Asst. Steward: Don. Rorobaugh of Spring City, an old Horseshoe Camper and a good truck driver. If he lets the truck get away from him, we won't get our eats or mail so stick with us Don.

Director of Campfire: Bill Lear of West Chester. Horshoe Campfire Programs and indoor shows are never complete unless Bill has charge and a part in them. To him goes the "hand" for creating our American Youth Pageant, given in the Sacred Campfire Circle. We sure are in luck to have him with us.

Dir. of Camp Band: T. Holland Paist Jr. of Cheltenham and a former Asst. Scoutmaster of #43 West Chester, is a graduate of the musical course at the West Chester State Teachers College and a ~~"new comer" on our Staff.~~

Doctor's Assistant & Bugler: Dave Hartman, the Phoenixville athlete does a good job of getting us up in the morning. Too good! **** His cannon is always on time. He also knows his first aid.

Dir. of Nature Study: Raymond Keim of Enhart, Pa. is a newcomer to our Staff. Ray is a quiet chap but you know what is said about quiet persons. He is a science teacher of Swatara, Pa.

Camporee & Trading Post Dir.: Palmer Raysor of Downingtown. Palmer was Goodie's Asst. at Camp Thomas last season and contributed much toward building it up. His new job will give him a new field to conquer.

Asst. Swimming Dir.: John Riedigor of #70, Thorndale will help Hank at the pool and "woo to the Scout who lags behind at the close of the swim." Johnie has a strong arm so watch out for him.

Sherwood Forest:

Leader: Ray Watson, our new, "old sea-going salt" and a longtime Camper at Horseshoe will lead the "merry men" of Sherwood and also direct the test passing. Ray is an old Camper of Rothrock and knows what it's all about.

Asst. Leader: Dick Shepherd of Paoli #1 will make an able helper for Ray.

Boonesboro:

Leader: Elwood (Ozzie) Spellman tells us that Boonesboro is going to win everything along the line this year. Ozzie has just

completed a course in Boating and should be able to show you tenterfeet some new things on the water. Look him up at the boat dock.

Asst. Leader: Eddie Zell of #30, West Grove adheres to all that Ozzie says so you other stockades better look out.

Kit Carson:

Leader: Agnew (Hank) Ewing is now a medical student at the University of Penna., and has many years of Camping to his experience. Besides his stockade duties, Hank can be found at the pool showing Scouts how to break a loving embrace in the water. All those wanting Life Saving, see Hank. "Buddy Up."

Asst. Leader: Ralph (Noisy) Proud of #30 West Grove has an ambition to be a preacher. He sure can talk enough to be one. If you have never heard Proudie you have missed something.

Davy Crockett:

Leader: Glenn Wolfe of Pomeroy is an old Horseshoe Camper and a good Scout. Glenn is Sakima of the W.W.W. (order of the Arrow) and has done a good job with it. Handicraft is a hobby of Glenn's so you workers of art get to know him better.

Asst. Leader: Leon Lawrence of Pomeroy has been on our Staff several years and will Back Up all that Glenn does.

Chefs: Albert Smith and Clarence Henry are back again and promise us good eats.

K.P.'s; Jack Hoskins of West Chester#21 and Charlie Rayser of Downingtown #2 are going to see that you eat from clean dishes.

Camp Engineer: George Cole. George always keeps the pool sparkling.

Camp Ranger: C. C. Cole (Coley to you) our old friend is a tradition at Horseshoe. You new Campers will soon love him as much as we do.

Things Every Camper Should Know.

The Mail box is located at the steps of General Headquarters and at the entrance to the Mess Hall.

Stamps, Cards, Films, Writing Paper, Candy, Ice Cream, Etc. may be purchased at the Camp Store which is under Kindness Center.

Letters may be written during Siesta. (rest period)

You can buy a Canteen ticket at Headquarters for $1.00. This eliminates the danger of losing your money. If any money is left on your ticket you can redeem them at the end of your stay.

The best way to get a good tan, according to "Doc." is to take your shirt off for only a short period (15 minutes) the first day. The second day this can be increased to one half hour and the third day you can have your shirt off all day with little danger of getting a good sunburn.

Consult your bulletin board often for all schedules of activities, etc. are posted there.