CAMP ROTHROCK OPENS AUSPICIOUSLY

Boy Scouts of Chester County Find Site More Pleasant Than Ever.

Improvements Made Insure Comfort, and Efficient Overseers Promise All a Happy Outing.

Scout Executive P. Henry Sluyter, of Chester County Council, Boy Scouts of America, is home from Camp Rothrock, on Laurel Lake, near Pine Grove Furnace, in Cumberland county, where the Summer headquarters of the County Scouts have been opened. The site is an ideal one, in the South Mountain, and the camp appointments are the admiration of all visitors. Mr. Sluyter accompanied the first bus load of boys to camp, and will shortly return.

The feature of the Fourth at camp was a base ball match between the Scouts and the Hunters' Run team, the latter winning out by a 12 to 10 score, in the presence of a big crowd. The Hunters' Run team was composed of much older boys, and the Scouts were much pleased with their showing.

THE CAMP PERSONNEL.

Captain Clifton Lisle, of Wayne, is Camp Director again this year, to the delight of all the boys who were there last year. He is assisted by John Headley, of Avondale, a student at Haverford. The camp physician is Jerald Backstrand, of Portland, Oregon, a fourth-year man at the University of Pennsylvania. William Keator, of Paoli, is again on duty as Camp Clerk, being assisted by Wilbur Pratt, Senior Patrol Leader of Troop 1, Coatesville. The commissary is in charge of Thomas Y. Ford, Assistant Scoutmaster of Locustdale Troop, and a student at Penn State. His assistant is Ralph Nixdorf, of Troop No. 1, Coatesville, a student at Girard College.

With so efficient a personnel, the welfare of the boys from Chester county is assured. Present this week are Scouts from West Chester and Paoli, with several from Carlisle. Later this month thirty-five or forty Scouts from Carlisle will avail themselves of the privileges of the camp.

IMPROVEMENTS NOTED.

Several improvements have been made at camp. A well has been dug, and water found at a depth of thirty-three feet has resulted in a good flow. Instead of using tents, as last year, roofs have been built over the tent platforms, the tent canvas being used as side curtains. The roofs are of gable form, and are covered with green asphalt shingles. The seventeen camp shelters, arranged around three sides of the rectangle, at the other end of which stands the mess hall, make a scene decidedly appealing to the lover of the great outdoors.

On Saturday last a veritable cloudburst visited the section, one of those storms which causes the oldest inhabitant to hark back fifty or more years to find its equal. The streams were all out of their courses, and considerable damage was done. Yet so near perfect is the drainage at Camp Rothrock that within an hour after the rain had ceased falling, the ground was absolutely dry.

An improvement in transportation this year was decided upon, and the Scout Executive authorized to look after the comfort of the boys to and from camp. As a result, only pneumatic-tired trucks or busses will be employed, insuring also a quicker trip.

The "dads" will be welcomed again this year, at times suitable, rather than at the close of the season. Several who availed themselves of this opportunity last year are enthusiastic over repeating the experience, but hope for warmer weather.

TO FINANCE THE MOVEMENT.

Plans are quietly being made throughout the county to secure funds to finance the Boy Scout movement in the county. Three years ago, a drive for $15,000 was conducted, the proceeds of which have sustained the movement thus far. The coming campaign will be conducted without special excitement, the results thus far attained having proved the value of the organization. Committees are being formed in the several centres, and it is believed the necessary funds will be secured without difficulty. The campaign is under the direction of the County Council, of which Norris B. Slack is President.