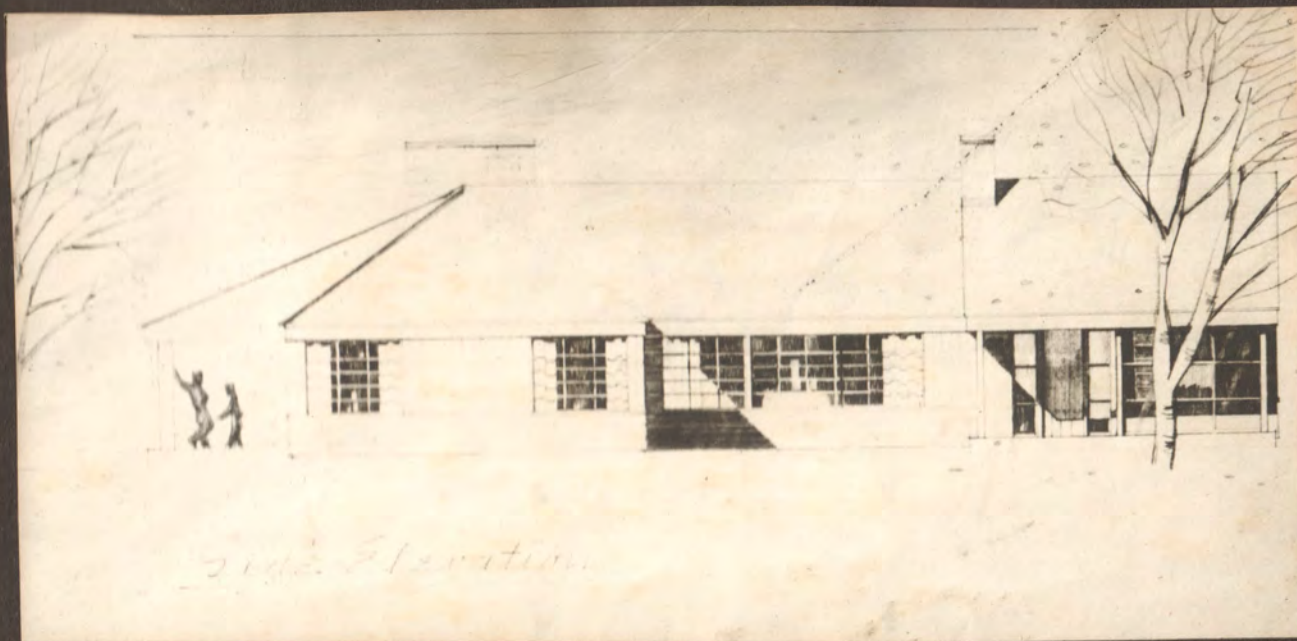
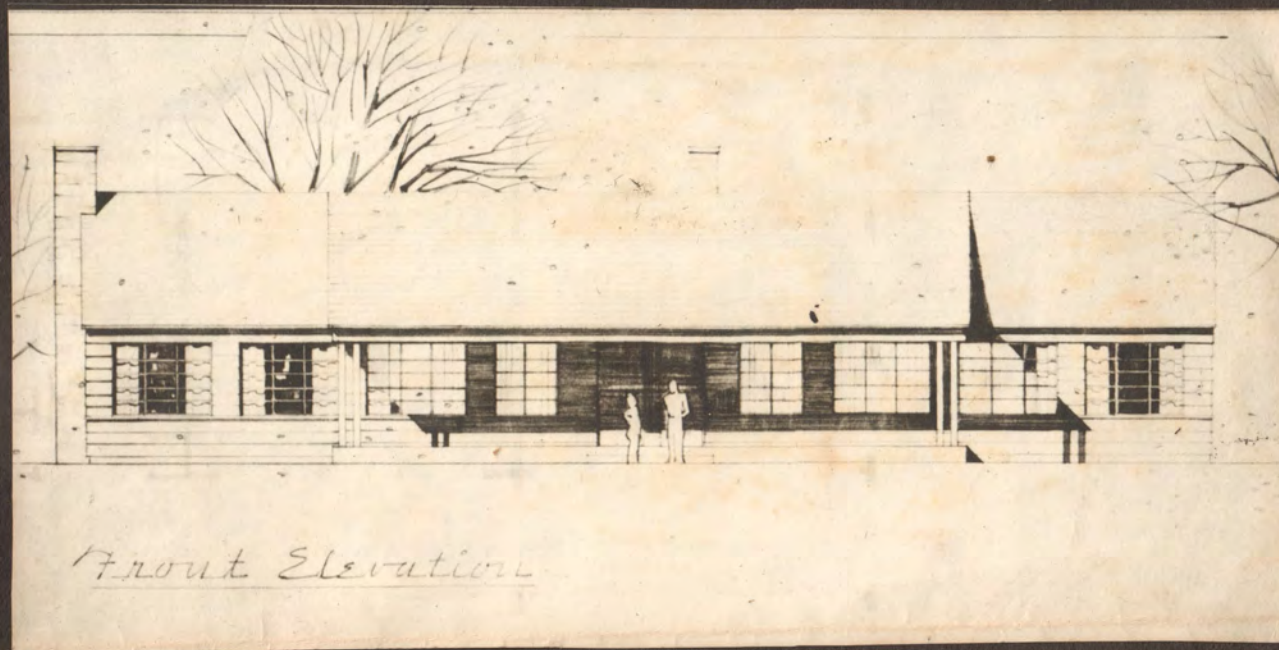






Side Elevation



Front Elevation



Proposed
RECREATION HALL ** HERKIMER, N.Y.

General Herkimer Council, Inc.
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

WYATT A. JORDAN - A. I. A. MAY 1, 1957

THE CONSTRUCTION OF
CENTRAL LODGE

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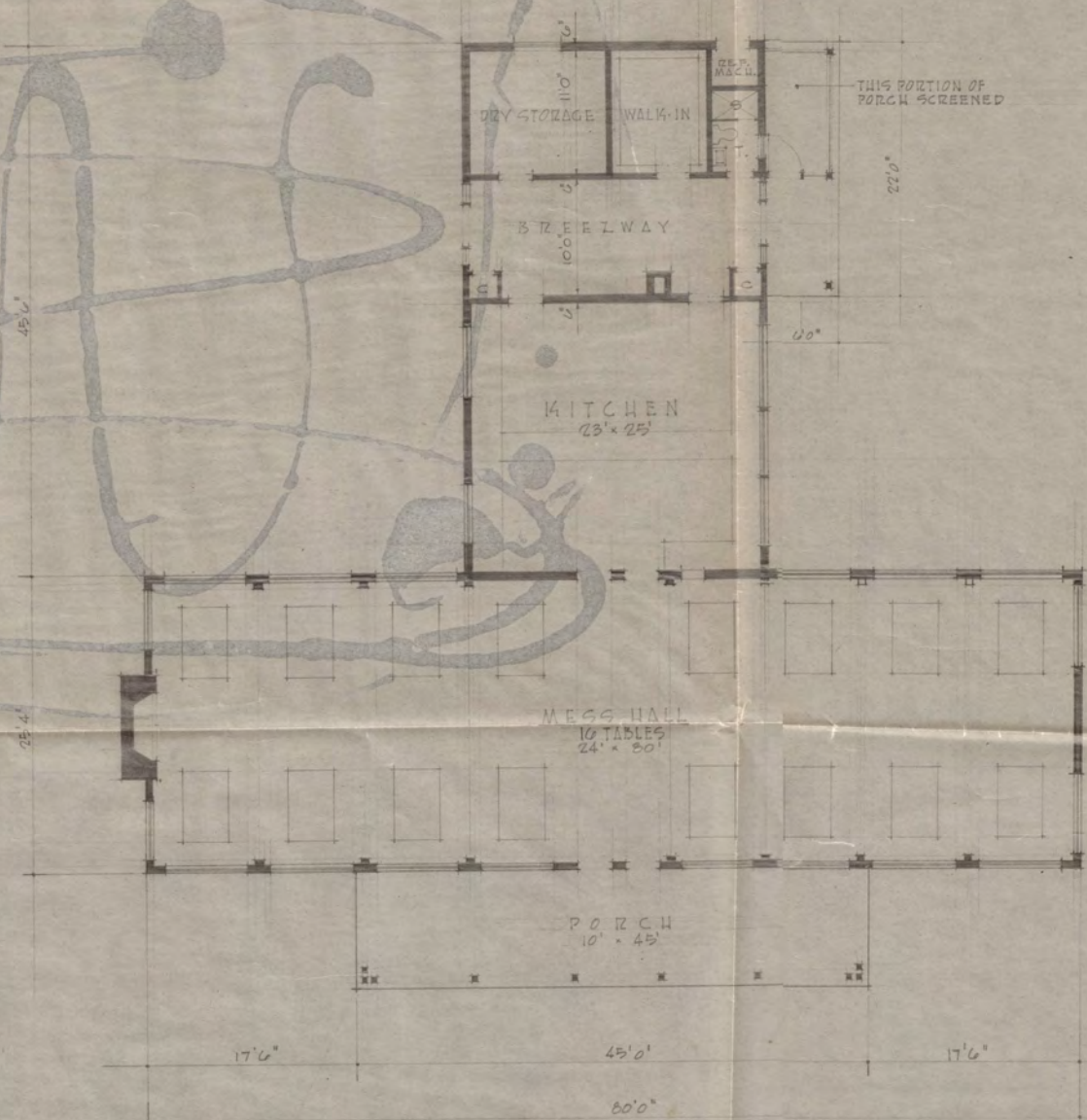
Camp Russell

1959 - 1962

Commander Steve Gilles
of Seabees Division
3-31, Utica, N. Y. lays
first cornerstone of
foundation.

American Hardwall and
Plaster Company pours
first footing for Cen-
tral Lodge late in 1959.





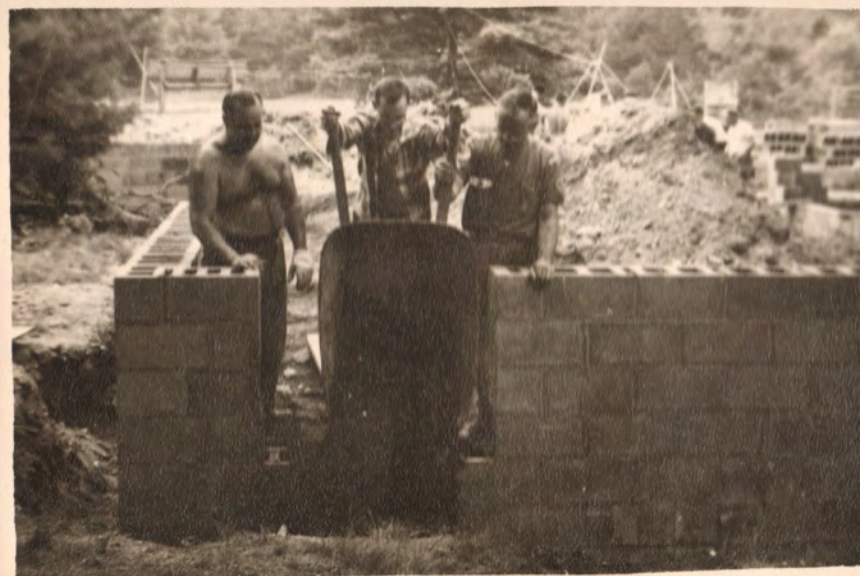
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PROPOSED
DINING & RECREATION HALL - HERKIMER, N.Y.
GENERAL HERKIMER COUNCIL INC. • BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

2 PRINTS

Tom Pratt and Ilion Scouters
fill around foundation and
level floor.

George Wells and Bob Fager
and other Ilion Scouters
do likewise.





By 1960 the frame of
the building begins
to take shape - 26
feet by 81 feet.

The kitchen wing in
the T-shaped struc-
ture also doubles as
carport for camp
truck.

U. S. Navy Seabees
start early in the
spring of 1961 to
complete the fram-
ing and floor. This
is the kitchen wing.

Bob Wheeler and S.
E. Coutant fell and
prepare white pines
for front porch
supports.



View of frame completed looking East.
The framing of the trusses was only job requiring professional labor.



75 yards of concrete
were poured at one
time, to form the floor,
by the Seabees.

Scouters from Jordanville
and VanHornesville prime and
paint the 84 windows.

Scouters from Jordanville
led by Scoutmaster Lew
Royce are completing the
sanding of the 96 benches
and 24 tables.





Jimmy Legg from
East Herkimer and
Bob Wheeler grade
around the Lodge.



Work parties in the
dead of winter 1961
set and plumb all
the windows.

Remis from Ilion
completes the plumb-
ing. The first drop
arrives from the
pumphouse.

Jack Bergin and Van-
Hornesville masons
put up blocks on big
fireplace on north
side

Frank Young leads
a roofing "B".



Navy Seabees cut styro-
form to insulate the new
walk-in freezer.

Rear view of kitchen shows
sheathing on. Over 480
Scouts and leaders have
helped build the Lodge on
countless weekends.





Little Falls and Dolgeville
carpenters putting on the
finish siding; California
redwood.



Over 8,000 feet of white
pine and black cherry logs
went into the inside trim.
Herb Engert of Herkimer
sawed the logs.



Navy Seabees muster at
8:00 A. M. in spring of 1962.

The almost completed building
will look like this.



The first meal was served
on July 9, 1961 to the
first week campers.

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~~34~~th Annual

RECOGNITION DINNER
AND
DEDICATION OF
THE CENTRAL LODGE



CAMP RUSSELL -- WOODGATE, N. Y.

Owned And Operated By
GENERAL HERKIMER COUNCIL, INC.
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

THE CAMP RUSSELL STORY

- 1918 - Samuel F. Russell, late of Ilion New York, formed a membership corporation known as Camp Russell, Inc. to receive as a gift some land on White Lake at Woodgate, New York for the use of the Boy Scouts of America. His interest in Scouting stemmed from a "Good Turn" done by a Boy Scout.
- Oct. 8, 1919 - Samuel T. Russell built a mess hall, headquarters building, storehouse and garage and deeded 15 acres of land on the lake as "a camp for the work of the Boy Scouts of America", to Camp Russell, Inc.
- July 1919 - First summer camp opened for 4 weeks with scouts from Utica and Rome in Oneida County and Herkimer County.
- 1920 - Herkimer County Council was disbanded due to lack of funds and Upper Mohawk Council in Utica used Camp Russell virtually alone for 7 years. Fort Stanwix Council at Rome bought Camp Kingsley and left Camp Russell.
- Mar. 11, 1927 - General Herkimer Council, Inc. was organized with a total membership of 150 Scouts and returned to Camp Russell for summer camping.
- 1929 - Samuel T. Russell passed away leaving 4 children.

CAMP RUSSELL STORY

- Sept. 15, 1931 - The Russell heirs gave some adjacent land on White Lake to Camp Russell.
- Sept. 1932 - The Russell heirs again donated more adjacent land on the shores of White Lake.
- 1939 - Upper Mohawk Council bought Camp Ballou and withdrew from Camp Russell, Inc. leaving Camp Russell solely for the use of Herkimer Council Scouts.
- May 7, 1945 - Camp Russell, Inc. purchased 10 acres additional land reforested with white pine for \$300.00 from the Russell heirs.
- June 7, 1946 - Camp Russell, Inc. purchased Russell Island for \$700.00 from the Russell heirs.
- Sept. 1947 - Camp Russell, Inc. purchased 20 acres of the pine plantation for \$600.00 from Russell heirs making a total of 50 acres.
- Nov. 1947 - Camp Russell purchased the Charles McHarg cottage and lot for \$1,500.00 for use as the Health Lodge.
- March 1949 - Camp Development Plan was drawn up by National Council Division of Engineering and Camp Development Committee.
- 1956 - Freak windstorm destroys dining hall.

CAMP RUSSELL STORY

- 1957 - 146 acres on south side of Route 28 deeded to Camp Russell, Inc. by the Russell heirs. (Total acreage now over 180).
- Mar. 6, 1957 - Camp Russell, Inc. became co-operator under Forest Practice Act of State of New York.
- Nov. 1959 - New York State Conservation Dept. provided hours of planning and research to develop a Land Management Plan for forests, soil, fish and game; the purpose being "to create an interest and knowledge of problems and techniques in soil and water conservation, forestry, wildlife management, wood products, utilization, recreation, rustic structures, protection from trespass, fire, insects and disease".
- Apr. 26, 1960 - Camp Russell was cited by Eastern Loggers Association for best utilization of forest products and land management.
- Nov. 1960 - Order of the Arrow built 3 Patrol Shelters and Herkimer Rotary constructed leanto and boathouse
- 1960 - Thinned & developed village sites.
- 1961 - Original Camp Development Plan brought up to date. Many civic groups, firemen, labor unions, corporations, farmers and contractors spent money, time and materials to complete Camp Russell Development Plan.
- 1961 - The Hoard Memorial Fund of the Nellie H. Weaver Estate donated \$25,000.00 in Central Lodge development. U. S. Navy Seabees Division 3-31, with machinery from Griffiss Air Base contribute two weekends each year to complete the Central Lodge, in cooperation with over 480 Scouters, friends, lumbermen and builders.
- Oct. 14, 1961 - Camp Russell received Department of Agriculture 1962 award for "Outstanding conservation achievements through their exceptional contributions to the conservation of natural resources".
- Oct. 1961 - "A Man Planted Trees" - article in Scouting Magazine.
- Winter 1962 - Operation "lumberjack". Scouts and Scouters selectively thinned 8,000 feet of white pine and black cherry from a small area of the camp. Herkimer County lumbermen and manufacturers turned these logs into boards which were put on the new Central Lodge. Plantations begun by Samuel T. Russell 50 years ago are now under intense management and will provide the wood for building projects in future years.
- June 16, 1962 - Central Lodge dedicated at 35th Annual Recognition Dinner. This modern facility provides a training base, outfitting base and summer dining hall seating 275 Scouts and Leaders. New water system, gas and electric will provide ample utilities for 25 years to come.

PROGRAM

35th Annual Recognition Dinner

and

Dedication of the Central Lodge

Sat. June 16, 1962

Camp Russell

Woodgate, N. Y.

Tour of Camp Russell conducted by S. E.

COUTANT, Camping Committee

Master of Ceremonies

JOHN W. BERGIN,
President

OPENING CEREMONY

Invocation

Rev. ARTHUR LACEY
Ilion Baptist Church

Dinner

Mrs. JAMES KEEFE

Singing

FRANK DEVITO
Camp Russell
Program Director

Introduction of Guests

~~GEORGE SEHRING~~ John Bergin
Executive Board

Report of Camp
Development

ROBERT WHEELER

Recognition of Donors

EDMUND P. RICH
Finance Chairman

PROGRAM

Dedication of Central
Lodge

DAVID E. SNYDER
Executive Board

Three-Year Training
Awards

~~ROBERT WOODRUFF~~ Maynard Chapin
Training Chairman

Coming Events

THEODORE E. RUSSELL
Scout Executive

Recognition of Scout-
ing's Leaders

~~PAUL AGRELIUS~~ John Murphy
Council Commissioner

Silver Beaver
Presentation

ROBERT WOODRUFF
Training Chairman

Address

A1
Woodford ~~J. VICTOR SKIFF,~~
Deputy Commissioner
New York State
Conservation Dept.

Benediction and
Closing

Rev. ARTHUR LACEY
Ilion Baptist Church

Assisting on Dinner
and Awards

Kamargo Lodge
Order of the Arrow

DAVID WELLS, Chief
ERNEST WILSON, Advisor

Waiters

Recent Eagle Scouts
of
General Herkimer Council

THE PURPOSE

Camp Russell.....Woodgate, N. Y.

Owned and operated by General Herkimer Council
Boy Scouts of America

Camp Russell is the year-around camp of the General Herkimer Council serving boys in Herkimer County and the northern part of Otsego County. Because of its several purposes, it can be considered a Reservation more than simply a camp. The long-range aim of the camp is:

1. To develop boys into men of good characters prepared for useful and participating citizenship.
2. To develop in boys physical fitness for a full and significant life.
3. To develop in boys an appreciation of the out-of-doors and a recognition of his partnership with God.

The immediate aim of the camp is to provide:

1. Weekend year-around camping by Troops and Explorer Posts.
2. Long term Summer Camp for Troops (200 per week capacity).
3. Cub Pack picnic areas.
4. Adult Leader Training Center.
5. A Base Camp for trips to Adirondack trails and Canoe Routes.

OFFICERS

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HON. EDMUND A. MCCARTHY	Vice-President
JOHN MURPHY	Vice-President
KENNETH TILLINGHAST	Treasurer
PAUL AGRELIUS	Council Commissioner

National Council Representatives

GEORGE A. SEHRING	A. C. BENJAMIN
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JAMES, CLARENCE	YOUNG, J. FRANK
JORDAN, MYRON	YULE, CLARENCE

THEODORE E. RUSSELL, Scout Executive

DEDICATION

To the Unit Leaders of General Herkimer Council who, through countless hours of unselfish service to youth, are insuring the future of our country.

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JOHN MURPHY Vice-President

KENNETH T. BROWN...
PAUL A. BROWN...
GEORGE A. BROWN...
A. C. BROWN...

1. To see to it that the...
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ANDERSON, GEORGE
AUSTIN, DONALD
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GOLDMAN, HAROLD
HESS, EDWARD
HORTON, JOSEPH
JAMES, CLARENCE
JORDAN, MYRON
THEODORE E. ROSS... Executive

2. To see to it that the...
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To the Unit Leaders of General Herkimer Council...
who, through... of...
vice to youth, are insuring the future of our
country.

5. A Band Camp for trips to Adirondack...
and... and...

NOTES

Present
George Darlington + wife
1st Council Executive
William Gelder
Council Executive



Scouter working
on the back
porch and
roof section



The roof is complete
now. and all the
windows are in.

June 19, 1960

\$41,000 Construction for Scouts

Machinery Roars in Camp

By BOB PRYOR

Camp Russell, White Lake
—The roar and clank of heavy construction machinery shattered the quiet of the Adirondack Mountains here yesterday as a dream began taking the form of reality.

The Seabees had moved in to begin what will eventually be a dining and recreation hall with a value of some \$41,000 for Camp Russell, the General Herkimer Boy Scout Council summer camp on White Lake.

It was just one more example of what men will do to insure that khaki-clad kids in Herkimer County will have the finest summer camp in the Adirondacks.

Construction Battalion (CB) Division 3-31 of the Naval Reserve, Utica, made up of skilled construction men, moved in Thursday evening. They will be on the job until tonight.

BEYOND the Seabees tremendous contribution there are these items:

Myron Jordan, Richfield Springs architect, designed the building and drew the blueprints; American Hard-wall Plaster Co., Mohawk and Utica, gave 3,000 cement blocks plus timbers salvaged from a burned out building, for the foundation.

S. E. Coutant, state forester from Herkimer, has selectively marked trees that will be cut by the Northern Lumber Co., Poland, and then hauled to their plant to be cut into interior and exterior siding for the "T" shaped building.

Finally, over the next year some 100 Scouters (adults) will give up several weekends to build the "Central Lodge," as it will be called.

Estimated cost is \$41,000 but the Council expects to spend only about \$1,600—all because of men interested in the welfare of boys.

The new building will replace the dining and recreation hall that caved in from the weight of snow on its roof three years ago.

The story of volunteers and Camp Russell is much longer, however, and involves many people.

Item: The Herkimer Rotary Club built a waterfront boat shelter and life guard tower



VOLUNTEERS AT WORK . . . Camp Russell, White Lake, took on the appearance of a battlefront construction scene of World War II yesterday as the local Seabees moved in to work for a weekend on new buildings at the scout camp. (Photos by Dante Tranquille.)

this spring. Last year they built an Adirondack lean-to.

Item: The Middleville Volunteer Fire Department cut logs to make an "outpost camp" on an island in White Lake and then floated them to the island. They will soon build an Adirondack lean-to on the island.

Item: The Mohawk Volunteer Fire Department combined with the troop committee of Troop 22, East Herkimer, to construct a rifle range building this spring.

Item: Kamargo Lodge, Order of the Arrow, honorary Scout group, under Robert Fistic, its chief, last weekend built a new two-way entrance from Rte. 28 into the camp. Michael Denapole, Fairfield farmer, provided and operated a bulldozer. These Scouts also built nine new latrines, using railroad ties given by the New York Central Railroad. Other camp preparation is being done by them.

ANOTHER newly completed feature is a log cabin shelter that will hold 40 boys. When partially completed, the father of one of the scouts at camp asked about the materials needed for completion. Next morning they arrived, paid for by the father, who wished to remain anonymous.

Incidentally, the shelter was designed by the camp committee and when a representative of the State Conservation Department saw it, he asked for the plans. Now, the department has decided to build a number of them in state parks across the state.

Another project that will soon become a reality at Camp Russell is an authentic Indian village. Seven huge teepees (16-feet in diameter with 22-feet high poles) are now being built to be used at the National Jamboree in Colorado Springs this summer by County Scouts.

After that they will be returned to Camp Russell to form "Mohawk Village" which will house 28 boys.

IT IS worth all of the trouble?

An emphatic "yes" is given by looking at 1960 season registration figures. Already, 35 of the 40 Scout troops in the Council have "signed" for summer camping. That means more than 500 boys will use the facilities this year. And the Council is growing yearly.

Ted Russell, Council scout executive, will be camp director this summer, the 43rd that the camp has been in operation.

When all of the projects are completed within a

year, some \$50,000 worth of building will have been done at a fraction of the cost.

The Indian village will have a value of more than \$800 and the boat shelter and tower will have a value of more than \$3,000.



DEEP DIGGERS . . . Utica area Seabees went deep yesterday as they laid the foundation for a new lodge room at Camp Russell.

H. Tel. 5/9/61



FORTY MEN in uniform, members of U. S. Navy Seabee Reserve Division 331, reported at Camp Russell over the weekend to help complete a new dining room and other projects for the Boy Scout facility. In top picture, James Legg is shown operating a bulldozer donated by S. C. Legg, East Herkimer, to handle grading for the building as a foundation goes up nearby; middle picture shows some of the Seabees putting up kitchen partitions and finishing the floor; below, Navy cooks in charge of Sal Dardano, middle, prepare a hearty meal for the workers. The Rotary boat house and a big fireplace are nearly completed. Commander Stephen Giles of New Hartford headed the contingent. Commander Edmund Hollendar, Herkimer, is project officer.



Geo. J. Hunter
Joan Ashe
Phil Will
Roger Burgess
Clarence S. Yule
Don Auspelmeyer
Harold Hapner
Art Turner
Ed. Heller
David Snyder
Fred House
George Schring

We had a grand get together. Sorry you missed it.
Ted Russell

SILVER BEAVER ANNUAL DINNER

- P R O G R A M -

Prospect Hotel Herkimer, New York

Tuesday, November 24, 1959

George A. Sehring, President

- I. Invocation
- II. Welcome and Introductions
- III. Presentation to 1959 Silver Beaver Recipients
Donald Auspelmeyer
Clarence S. Yule
- IV. Presentation of Eagle Scouts - 1959

John Murphy	Post 50
David Heller	Post 2
John Coutant	Post 2
James Hennings	Troop 2
Fred O'Brien	Troop 37
Francis Grates	Post 1
Thomas Adams	Post 4
Peter Kelly	Troop 125
Joe Sitts	Troop 33
Mikel Sitterly	Troop 33
- V. Business Meeting
 - (a) Election of Officers for 1960
 - (b) 1960 Meeting and Date
 - (c) Progress on Camp Russell Gateway
- VI. Camp Russell 1959 Program
- VII. Closing Ceremony

SILVER BEAVER AWARD RECIPIENTS

1931 -- 1959

1931 -- George J. Sluyter
1932 -- George J. Sheimer, deceased
1934 -- Richard Dimock
1935 -- Richard Rasch
1937 -- David Snyder
1938 -- Vernon L. Lee
1938 -- J. J. Ingraham
1940 -- Thomas Shearer, Sr.
1940 -- G. Everett Allen
1942 -- Roy Chandler
1942 -- Albert Silvernail
1943 -- Webster C. Rich
1944 -- George Sehring
1946 -- Joseph Baker
1946 -- Harold Hausner
1946 -- Herman Davis, deceased
1947 -- George Hildebrandt
1948 -- William H. Duggleby
1949 -- Philip E. Will
1950 -- Fred House
1951 -- Earl K. Palmer
1952 -- John C. Hannahs, deceased
1953 -- Ashley W. Strong
1954 -- Roger Burgess
1955 -- W. A. Best
1956 -- Francis J. Ashe
1957 -- Edward L. Hess
1958 -- Arthur H. Turner
1959 -- Donald Auspelmyer
1959 -- Clarence S. Yule
1960 -- James Dopp
1960 -- Robert Woodruff
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Silver Beaver Awards

Given At Camp Russell

6-16-62

Silver Beaver Awards, highest in scouting under the Boy Scouts of America program, were presented to Robert C. Wheeler, West Winfield, and William C. Youker, Dolgeville, at the 35th annual recognition dinner Saturday at Camp Russell, Woodgate.

Secondary highlight of the program was dedication of the new \$50,000 Central Lodge, major construction in the three-year development plan, now in its final stage. Camp Russell is owned and operated by General Herkimer Council, Inc.

Among other awards were scoutmaster's keys, presented to Scoutmasters Charles Schanthal, Troop 4, St. Francis de Sales Church, Herkimer; Clarence Maxfield, Troop 5, 100 percent class, First Baptist Church, Herkimer; Anthony DiPiazza, Troop 13, St. Joseph's Church, Little Falls; Frank Litten, Troop 30, E. W. Corey, Hose Co., Middleville; Roger Drake Troop 15, Citizens Group, Cedarville, and Cubmaster Clifton Lehmann, Pack 31, Cold Brook Methodist Church.

Scouters training awards were presented to Pack Committee Chairman Charles Manzer, Pack 22, East Herkimer P.T.A.; Cubmaster George Staring, Pack 11, Monroe St. School P.T.A., Little Falls; Cubmaster Richard House Pack 8, Ilion Methodist Church; Assistant Scoutmaster Joseph Bastille, Troop 4, St. Francis de Sales Church; Explorer Advisor William Leitz, Squadron 44, Ilion Elks Club, and Assistant Cubmaster Donald Hall, Pack 21, West Winfield Citizens' Group.

Den Mothers Awards went to Mrs. Catherine Gerhardt and Mrs. Catherine Drake, Pack 21, West Winfield Citizens Group, and Mrs. Dolores Manzer, Pack 22, East Herkimer, P.T.A.

Special awards were presented to Myron Jordan, architect; Edmund P. Rich, finance; Webster C. Rich, executor Hoard Memorial Fund; Robert Wheeler, construction engineer, and S. E. Coutant, lumber, all in connection with the camp development program.

Dedication of Central Lodge was given by John W. Gorgis, council president; while Silver Beaver and three-year training awards were presented by Maynard Chapin. Leader recognition was given by John Murphy, vice president, while Wheeler cut the ribbon in front of the lodge fireplace. Eagle Scout Timothy Schanthal kindled the first fire in the new lodge from coals of the final camp fire in 1920, preserved by Theodore Reuswig, who is now Superintendent of schools in Utica.

Program included an afternoon tour of Camp Russell under the direction of Coutant, invocation and benediction by the Rev. Arthur Lacey; report of development by Wheeler, recognition of donors by Edmund Rich, comments on coming events by Scout Executive Ted Russell.

Mrs. James Keefe was in charge of the dinner, Frank DeVito, Camp Russell program director, in charge of singing, while Kamarge Lodge, Order of the Arrow under Chief David Wells and Advisor Ernest Wilson assisted with the dinner and awards. Council's Eagle Scouts served as waiters.

Wheeler, a building contractor, was a Boy Scout and has been directing youth activities for many years. He was advisor of Post 21, West Winfield Rotary Club from 1955 until 1957 when he became a member of the Scout Executive Board. A committeeman of Post 21, he also is a member of General Herkimer Long-Range Planning Committee and is president of Camp Russell, Inc.

He started as a counselor at the Y.M.C.A. Camp at Fourth Lake when a young man, joining the scout program in West Winfield when his son became a scout.

He began to direct the new development program at Camp Russell in 1959 and "has spent uncounted hours at construction work himself, and also in leading other men in the development work." This work reached its peak in 1961 when he spent 12 straight weekends at the camp, rebuilding Central Lodge which was destroyed during a freak windstorm in 1956.

Wheeler is a past master of West Winfield Masonic Lodge, active in Zeta Patrol and holder of the office of assistant mess sergeant. He is a past Rotarian, secretary of the Southern Tier Shrine District, a past assistant chief of West Winfield Volunteer Fire Co., and a member of the Federated Church of West Winfield.

Youker, who resides at 34 W. State St., Dolgeville, was committeeman for Troop 18, American Legion, starting in 1947; has been a scoutmaster since 1950, receiving the Key Award last year. He has

Russell for at least one week each summer.

An outstanding scoutmaster for 40 boys, Wheeler "not only is technically proficient in the outdoor skills of scouting, but promotes the spirit of scouting on a high level. He lives up to the oath and law in church, school and home and expects his scouts to follow this important principle." He was cited for his enthusiasm for scouting setting an example for other new leaders throughout the council.

Youker is a member of Dolgeville Masonic Lodge and the American Legion Post, where he serves as adjutant. He is a member of the First Presbyterian Church, served on the pulpit committee and teaches Junior Sunday school. He is currently working for a BA degree in citizenship education in evening courses at Utica College.

Local Donates Work For Scout Building

Herkimer—The \$40,000 Central Lodge under construction at Camp Russell, General Herkimer Boy Scout Council summer camp on White Lake, got a "helping hand" last Saturday when a day of masonry was donated. *o.d. 8/12/60*

Masons of Local 88 of the Bricklayers, Masons, Plasterers International, Herkimer, gave a day's work.

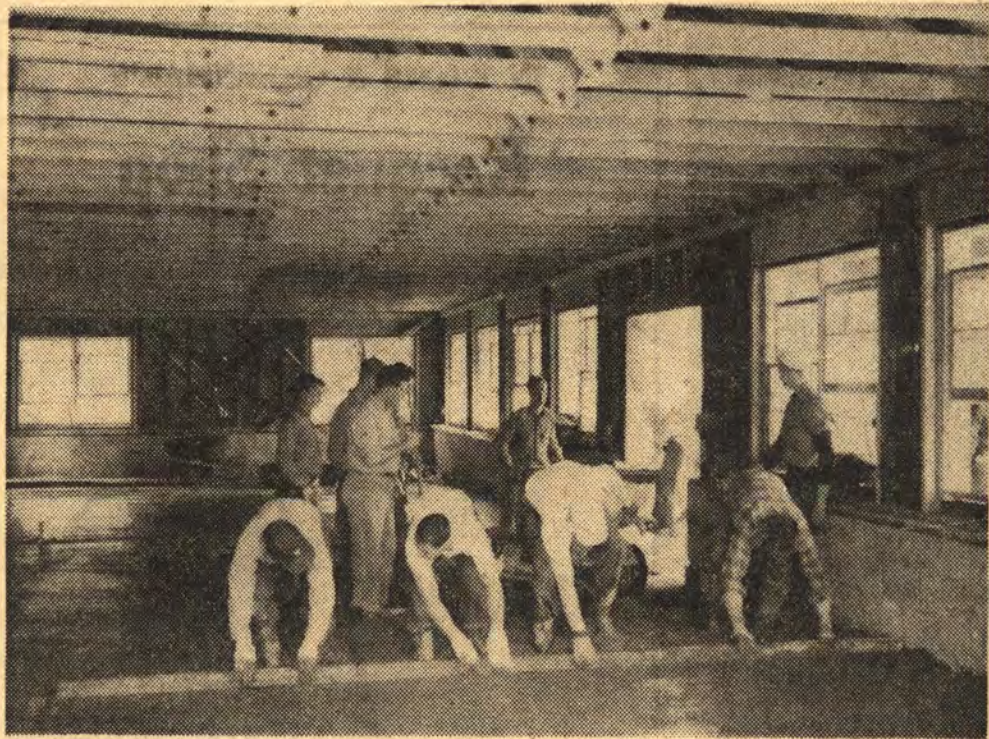
Cement blocks for the 80 by 81-foot building are being put up to the window sills to prevent rotting from snow and ice in the severe winters that the camp experiences.

Masons who worked on the project Saturday: Vito Girolomo, Joseph Peruzzi, Charles Jacopelle and George Mucica Jr. Scouters from St. Joseph's Church, Little Falls, who assisted them were Edward Krutz, Alvin Leskovar, Philip Laubenstein and five scouts from Troop 13.

About 40 scouts at the camp helped fill in the foundations.

Mucica, president of the local, has asked masons who did not work last Saturday to go to the camp this week to complete the job. About 600 more blocks must be put in before the framework can be placed.

O/D 5/9/61



SEABEES IN ACTION—The Utica Seabees Unit spent Saturday and Sunday at General Herkimer Council's Boy Scout camp at White Lake working on dining hall under construction. The 41 men poured 51 yards of concrete for the dining hall floor, excavated for huge grease trap and performed other work.



HELPING HAND—Members of International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers 181, Utica, assisted in construction of the Central Lodge at General Herki-

mer Council, BSA, Camp Russell. Arnold Kane, left, troop committeeman, directed operation. He was assisted by Al Paniccia, Ken Ellis and Chet Arthur.

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NOTE CAMP STORY—Members of the Board of Directors of General Herkimer Council, Boy Scouts of America, examine a story about their council's Camp Russell, a summer camp for Boy Scouts, in an issue of "Scouting," a worldwide publication of the Boy Scouts. Looking at the magazine, from the left, are Clarence James, Ilion; James Hammond, Mohawk; David E. Snyder, Herkimer and Roger Burgess, Frankfort. Representatives of the council will travel to New York tomorrow where a model of the camp will be set up in the Hotel Astor, scene of the Region 2 Scout Council's annual meeting.

Russell administrators have utilized plans of Adirondack lean-tos and other open-type shelters. They teach boys to build them from within the camp's own timber. Experimenting with the camp's own timber, they found just what they needed. A modification of the type used in state and national parks. These are valued from \$1,000 to \$2,000.

each.

From camp-grown timber Scouts helped build seventeen heavy-duty picnic tables, substantial, attractive, weighing 400 pounds. They were produced on an assembly line by groups of boys drilling, cutting, and assembling parts. This type of table sells commercially for about \$60.00. A day's production netted \$1,000 worth of tables for the camp.

The campers also learn about insect pests and tree diseases. They come to know the dangers of fire and how to use fire-fighting tools. They learn proper brush disposal. In their own camping they build fires in contained areas.

Each Scout is encouraged to lay out a quarter-acre to plant and work as long as he desires. This includes thinning, cleaning up, and piling the waste branches. He gets experience in chopping trees marked for removal by the forester.

In 1950, a near disastrous hurricane hit Camp Russell, leaving a widespread blowdown in its wake. Harold Lowenberg, manager of the Westinghouse plant in Utica, dispatched several trucks to haul the downed trees—some he had helped to plant in 1920, thirty years before.

"We've made only a beginning," the camp committee insists. "Scouts at Camp Russell have only an introduction to conservation, but give us time. As the years go on, some of our Scouts are going to become conservation enthusiasts. Then they'll become leaders in the field."

It all goes back to a man named Russell who loved trees . . . and boys.



A MAN PLANTED TREES

By WALTER MacPEEK

WHEN SAMUEL D. RUSSELL bought a stretch of desolate wasteland near Woodgate, New York, in 1909, he had a dream of converting this barren land into a forest. He started planting trees, a few hundred at a time, mostly white and Scotch pine. He invited Boy Scouts from his home town of Illion to help, and they responded eagerly.

Then, on a trip to Boston in 1918, this elderly man with his eyesight beginning to fail encountered a courteous Scout who carried his suitcase for him in a railroad station. This simple Good Turn so raised his already high opinion of Scouting that Mr. Russell decided to give the young tree plantation to the Herkimer Boy Scout Council.

The planting program expanded. Scouts helped put in 35,000 trees in 1922, and a similar number in 1923. Through the years, the Scouts ran up a total of 125,000 trees at Camp Russell. This project, begun over a half century ago, was one of the early private tree plantations in America. And how those trees have grown!

"We had some beautiful and valuable trees here," Scouter S. E. Coutant, a state forester, points out. "But we needed to get across to campers how to use forest products. Conservation means use—proper use. Some of us are inclined merely to protect or preserve. Too often we feel that not a twig should be touched.

"The aim is to involve boys in the processes of conservation—raising, caring for, and wisely using the products of the forest," Mr. Coutant explained. "Their obligation merely begins when they plant a tree. They can't expect anything of it if they don't take care of it. Boys need to get close enough to the wood to see some of the problems of conservation—and some of the possibilities.

"Campers can be taught forest management practices. They soon understand the reasons for various procedures and catch the spark of the plan."

Felling, peeling, and sawing up a tree with a chain saw isn't easy; it's dirty, grueling work. Yet Explorers and older Scouts tackle it, sometimes grimly, yet with a feeling of genuine achievement once the job is completed.

How do they learn about wood and its uses at Camp Russell? They help on projects that make and use forest products. Here are a couple of examples.

Camp Russell administrators have utilized plans of the best Adirondack lean-tos and other open-type recreational shelters. They teach boys to build them from blueprints with the camp's own timber. Experimenting with types of patrol shelters, they found just what they wanted—a modification of the type used in state and federal parks. These are valued from \$1,000 to \$2,000 each.

From camp-grown timber Scouts helped build seventeen heavy-duty picnic tables, substantial, attractive, weighing 400 pounds. They were produced on an assembly line by groups of boys drilling, cutting, and assembling parts. This type of table sells commercially for about \$60.00. A day's production netted \$1,000 worth of tables for the camp.

The campers also learn about insect pests and tree diseases. They come to know the dangers of fire and how to use fire-fighting tools. They learn proper brush disposal. In their own camping they build fires in contained areas.

Each Scout is encouraged to lay out a quarter-acre to plant and work as long as he desires. This includes thinning, cleaning up, and piling the waste branches. He gets experience in chopping trees marked for removal by the forester.

In 1950, a near disastrous hurricane hit Camp Russell, leaving a widespread blowdown in its wake. Harold Lowenberg, manager of the Westinghouse plant in Utica, dispatched several trucks to haul the downed trees—some he had helped to plant in 1920, thirty years before.

"We've made only a beginning," the camp committee insists. "Scouts at Camp Russell have only an introduction to conservation, but give us time. As the years go on, some of our Scouts are going to become conservation enthusiasts. Then they'll become leaders in the field."

It all goes back to a man named Russell who loved trees . . . and boys.



The Scoutmaster

By HARRY BARTELT

Norman Rockwell has painted a picture that every Scoutmaster can understand — a night in the open with his Scouts. Many of us have stood like that under a star-studded sky with sleeping boys around us, looking into the embers of the dying fire, thoughts stirring our minds before turning in for the night:

FINALLY, THEY'RE ALL ASLEEP . . . tired out at last, this second night out . . . wonder what they're dreaming about . . . tomorrow's chow, I suppose . . . how they can eat. . . .

We've planned this camp for months . . . earning money for tents . . . the excitement of opening the bundle of tents at troop meeting . . . ready to go camping that next day, even though the ground was deep with snow.

What a glorious night . . . can't blame these kids for wanting to be in camp . . . it's so peaceful . . . beautiful . . . wonderful . . . makes one forget the day's troubles and look to tomorrow with hope. . . .

This is the best gang I've ever had in the troop . . . or does it just always seem that way? . . . they're so alive and full of fun . . . yet you can never tell . . . like George who's never very serious . . . when some of the kids started eating last night he rushed over and said, "Don't you think we should have grace at meals, even in camp?" . . . so we had grace . . . and was my face red. . . .

No, you never can tell . . . I learn more from the boys than they learn from me. . . .

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What am I going to do with Joe . . . can't figure him out . . . doesn't seem to fit in . . . afraid to try things . . . needs to be drawn out . . . and I'll just have to keep at it . . . these camp trips should help. . . .

Well, guess I'll turn in, too . . . these Indians'll be up at the crack of dawn . . . wish I could be a kid again and take it like they do.

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Hold it, Scoutmaster, I want to tell you something before you turn in for the night.

I'm Joe's dad. Those traits in Joe you're worried about worry his mother and me, too. We realize he must associate with other boys and grownups; and we don't know of a better place for him to do it than in your troop under your leadership.

He thinks you're swell—talks about you at the dinner table all the time. You're Joe's hero. Your word is accepted without question. He'd follow you anywhere.

His mother and I want you to know we don't question where you'll lead him. We're happy that you're Joe's hero. If he copies your character traits, our prayers for him will be answered.

In this moment of quiet tonight, we want you to know of our faith in you. When they're grown, our Joe and all the other boys will look back on their association with you with warm and thankful hearts.

We, their parents, will be forever grateful to you.

Volunteers Help At Camp Russell

Volunteer carpenters under Larry Jennings, Jordanville, spent last weekend panelling the interior of the new Central Lodge at Camp Russell, White Lake.

The men are using black cherry boards which were cut off the property by Scouts, sawed at Herbert Engerts mill, dry kiln-dried at Northern Hudson woodcraft, Dolgeville, and milled at Helterlind Lumber Company, Stratford.

All work was done free of charge for the Scouts. Volunteer carpenters include Thomas Pratt, Robert Fager, Donald Polley, Herbert Polley, Ilion; Ford Geisler, Gordon Petrie, Little Falls; Lewis Royce, Larry Jennings, John Stark, Steve Storuck, Al Jaleski, Jordanville, and Ted Russell, scout executive.

Scouts of Troop No. 125, Mohawk with scoutmaster Dick Smith carried the lumber into the Central Lodge.

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THE BADGE OF SERVICE TO BOYHOOD

SCOUT OATH OR PROMISE

On my honor I will do my best
To do my duty to God and my country
and to obey the Scout Law;
To help other people at all times;
To keep myself physically strong,
mentally awake, and morally straight.