



FIFTY GREAT YEARS





FIFTY GREAT YEARS GREETINGS



I can never repay scouting for what it did for me when I was a boy. Theodore A. Greanier, Petersham; 52 years in scouting; Silver Beaver 1953; Assistant Commissioner, Western District.



I don't think in any other organization... can a boy get into so many things to do. This will help me help myself... and help others. Dino Drudi, Jr., Life Scout in Troop 21, Winchendon.



You have to stand behind your kids... my boys would never have done it if we weren't behind them all the way. One is an Eagle Scout. Jean Rogowski (Mrs. Stanley A.) of Barre; active in cubbing and leadership training since 1965.

In 1920, it was a seven-mile round trip to a neighboring town for troop meetings. Much of it meant hiking up and down steep hills after dark and in sub-zero cold. So young Ted Greanier became a Lone Scout in Pelham, sending his advancement tests to national headquarters for scoring. Since then, Ted has held nearly every volunteer post scouting offers, and today his wisdom and counsel inspire scout leaders half his age.

In 1965, a Winchendon youngster named Dino Drudi, Jr. became a cub, later a scout and is now an explorer, too. Along the way he discovered a talent for drawing, developed an interest in becoming a lawyer, and is working toward Eagle rank. In his mid-teens, Dino already recognizes one of life's great truths — that happiness comes from hard work and from taking part in activities that challenge the mind and spirit.

Eight years ago, an attractive Barre housewife followed a son into Cub

Scouting, became a den mother, then joined in round table and leadership training programs. Today, Jean Rogowski is more active in scouting than ever as she continues to demonstrate how much children need the participating support of parents during the crucial years of adolescence.

In addition to Ted, Dino and Jean, there are 2,700 others who share our fellowship of fun, challenge, achievement and personal growth. They are the cubs, scouts, explorers, volunteer leaders, council executives and professional staffers of the Monadnock Council. Each pursues scouting's goals in a variety of ways knowing that his personal contribution enriches the lives of all.

To these inspired people — and to the great legion of scouts who since 1922 have given their time, talent, energy and resources to make life better for our young people — we dedicate this pictorial celebration of **Fifty Great Years**.

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Scout Executive
Gardner

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President
Winchendon

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Commissioner and 50th
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FIFTY GREAT YEARS HIGHLIGHTS



1916 Scouting began in Gardner with the establishment of Troop 1 and in Templeton with Troop 30.

1917 Growth of scouting in Gardner assured with the chartering of Troops 2, 3 and 5. William G. Nunn named Troop 3 scoutmaster.

1918 Gardner troops helped sell Liberty Bonds to finance World War I and took part in other patriotic activities.

1921 Chair City Club sponsored the newly created Gardner Scout Council. Rex M. Cate, Gardner playground instructor, hired part time as first scout executive. Capt. H. F. Hartwell elected first Council president.

1922 Charter granted to Troop 26, Barre. Herbert W. Lunn named scout executive. First Eagle award to Hjalmar Kiiski who, 41 years later, returned to scouting as waterfront director at Camp

Woodrow Wilson, 28th President of the U. S., was in office when scouting took root in the area now referred to as the Monadnock Council. In 1914, troops had sprung up in four area towns, two years before President Wilson signed the bill granting a federal charter to the Boy Scouts of America.

Today, ten presidents later, scouting continues to flourish in the Monadnock Council. At the end of 1972, 2,196 youngsters — including 50 girls in exploring — were sharing the joy, adventure, service and accomplishment so uniquely identified with scouting.

1914 First troops registered in Athol, East Templeton, Orange and Winchendon.

1915 Frederick F. Davis named scoutmaster for Winchendon's pioneer troop; Frederick W. French became scoutmaster for troops in Royalston and South Royalston.

Official 50th Anniversary Patch. The sun back of Mount Monadnock shines on Lake Wampanoag in Gardner, site of Camp Collier. Racing in from the left is one of our famous Moth Class sailboats. On the shore, right, is a pack and a hiking boot. In the foreground, two hands embrace scouting's fleur-de-lis — the symbol of happy, active and productive young people within the Monadnock Council and throughout the free world. Designed by Scout Dino Drudi, Jr., Winchendon.



Rex M. Cate, first scout executive of the Gardner Scout Council. Photo, taken in 1929, courtesy of the Manhasset, N. Y. school system where Mr. Cate became director of athletics.



Henry E. Heywood, Council officer and camp chairman from early days until his death in 1941. Heywood Hall named for this pioneer scoutmaster and benefactor of youth.

Workers and Supporters. If there were a special court of honor for anniversary program workers and supporters, the Monadnock Council would call a number of people and companies forward to be recognized for a job well done.

Henry W. Sheldrick of Gardner combined the discipline of the engineer with the patience of an historian in researching photographs, matching names with faces and events with years. Betty O'Donnell Goguen, office manager of the Council Service Center, dusted off plaques, photos, banners, ribbons, news clippings, and helped pin down dates, places, people and happenings. Beverly Boudreau, Athol

den mother, rounded up community strips, badges, other insignia, and literally gave two of scouting's shirts off her back for the front cover background. And Jean Clarkson, also of Athol, did the sewing and mounting of both front and back covers, making the final insignia arrangement and layout prior to color photography.

Scouting owes much to a number of area companies for their continuing faith in our youngsters and the work of the Council. Without their dedicated support, the program could not have gone to press. They are recognized by name on the inside back cover.

And finally, warm thanks to scouters

Gerald C. Clapp of Winchendon, Robert Crouch, Dr. Raymond E. Levesque, Duane A. Nyman, Clair E. Shirley, and Dr. Leonard B. Thompson — all of Gardner — for reviewing the manuscript and suggesting improvements in the text.

Frederick H. Clarkson, Jr.
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Collier, Gardner and Fitchburg Councils combined forces for summer camping at Camp Neeseponsett in North Dana, now under the Quabbin Reservoir.

1923 Council membership: 9 units, 225 boys. Charter granted to Troop 6, Gardner. Gardner Council renamed Monadnock Council, setting stage for scouting's spread into surrounding communities. Lt. Col. Seth Heywood of Gardner named second Council president. David R. Collier opened "Kenesto," his summer home in Hubbardston, as a summer campsite for boys of the Council.

Albert H. Stone, benefactor of scouting and third president of the Monadnock Council, 1925 to 1948.



1924 Council membership: 18 units, 418 boys. Summer camp with boys of the Wachusett Council (Leominster) at Camp Wanockset in Dublin, N. H.

1925 Albert H. Stone of Gardner, elected third president of the Monadnock Council, serving until his death in 1948. Council extended to include Gardner, Templeton, Westminster, Hubbardston and Barre. Bradford H. Field appointed scout executive.

David R. Collier, whose generosity and dedication to scouting is commemorated by the David R. Collier Boy Scout Reservation, known to all area scouts as Camp Collier.



1929 Charter granted to Troop 33, Westminster. Present summer camp site obtained by David R. Collier and other interested men so scouts of the Monadnock Council would have access to adequate camping facilities. Raymond K. Lester of Athens, Ga., elected scout executive. First venison supper at Camp Kenesto for finance drive workers and scout leaders.

1930 Monadnock Council became a corporation. Camp Collier operated for six weeks — rate \$7.00 per week.

1931 New units chartered: Pack 1, Gardner; Troop 12, Hubbardston; Troop 15, Baldwinville; Troop 17, Athol. Due to depression, weekly rate at Camp Collier reduced to \$6.00. Camp committee: David R. Collier, William G. Nunn, Henry E. Heywood, Roderic L. Bent, Albert H. Stone.

1932 Charter granted to Troop 38, Athol.

1934 Council operating budget was \$3,100. The lake at Camp Collier was drained during dam repairs by the Nashua River Reservoir Company. Summer camp held at Spectacle Pond, Groton, N. H.; Packard Heights, Athol; Y.M.C.A. camp in Richmond, N. H.; and Cambridge Camp, Rindge, N. H.

1935 Charter granted to Troop 9, Gardner. As of December 31, there were 491 scouts, 101 cubs, and 195 volunteer leaders in the Council.

1936 Charter granted to Troop 21, Winchendon. Betty O'Donnell Goguen, office manager today, joined Council staff.

Scouts line up for the cameraman in 1929 at Camp Kenesto in Hubbardston. Kenesto, property of David R. Collier, was used before the Council took title to our present camp site.



1937 Charter granted to Troop 27, East Templeton. Robert X. Perry of the Boston Council assumed scout executive post. 42 scouts of the Council's Jamboree Troop, headed by scoutmaster Vance Butterfield of Westminster, left for Washington, D. C. Jay Drake, Chester B. Roche, Jr., George Heywood and John Heywood of Gardner's Troop 5 were members of the American World Jamboree contingent in Holland.

1938 Newest units in Council: Pack 9, Gardner; Troop 4, Gardner; Troop 35, Winchendon. First Monadnock Moth built by Henry W. Sheldrick and son William L. Sheldrick; a fleet of 26 was to follow, most built as father and son projects. Scout-O-Rama "with cast of 1000" staged at Orange Amory under direction of Roy W. French. September hurricane leveled trees and buildings at Camp Collier.

1939 Charter granted to Troop 31, Wheelwright. Loring O. Chandler of Malden, Mass., became scout executive. Massachusetts legislature changed the name of Camp Collier's "swimming hole" from Ballou's Reservoir to Lake Wampanoag.

1940 Sea Scouts started Skippers' Club to discuss sailing and related subjects. Camp committee voted to build Stone Lodge for recreation hall.

1941 Life scout Charles Puliafico, Troop 29, South Barre, earned Gold Medal of Heroism for rescuing a drowning person. "Stag's Nest," an August sailing camp, established on South shore of Lake Wampanoag. Attendance often over 50 boys; used while girls occupied Camp Collier.

1942 Alan H. Tucker of the Charter Oak Council, Hartford, Conn., named scout executive. Veteran fund raiser Clinton J. Underwood elected 1943 Scout Drive chairman. Scrap drives conducted by many troops to reclaim critical materials for World War II defense plants.

1943 Charter granted to Pack 38, Athol. Arlon E. Cota joined Council staff as first Western district scout executive. Scouts Pierce Udall, George Godfrey, Alan Spencer and Richard Baumgartner were "enemy paratroopers" captured in Camp Collier air raid protection drill.

1944 Richard T. Wales of Providence, R. I., appointed scout executive. Scouts of Gardner Troops 1, 4, 6 and 7 aid in emergency drive to obtain "E" Bond pledges in support of Fourth War Loan and 1,600 brother scouts of the Council in military service throughout the world.

Scouts of the Monadnock Council root vigorously for UMass at 1938 football game won by the University of Rhode Island 20-0. Game attendance was intended to provide a new spectator experience for the boys.



Devastation of 1938 hurricane at Camp Collier. Note damage to roof of Heywood Hall, then called Arrow Hall. Scouts answered the storm challenge by cleaning up the grounds and repairing building damage in record time.



Annual venison supper, 1939, at Camp Collier. Scouters in aprons preparing the delicacy of the evening are, left to right, Everett Ball, William G. Nunn and Henry W. Sheldrick. Official tasters, background, are Albert H. Stone and Scout Executive Loring O. Chandler.





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- 1945** Paul E. Wemple named Western district scout executive. Sailing committee for Camp Collier's 7th Annual Sailing Regatta: Henry W. Sheldrick, chairman; scout executive Richard T. Wales; Leigh B. Goddard, timer; Alan Goddard (1944 winner), starter; Clarence Preble, scorer; Albert E. Rockwood and Stanford Hartshorn, dockmasters.
- 1946** Charters granted to Pack 2, Gardner and Troop 40, Orange. Official visit to the Monadnock Council by chief scout executive James E. West. Second class scout Leon M. Daniels, Troop 36, Winchendon, awarded National Court of Honor Certificate for saving two girls from drowning. 25th Anniversary of the Gardner Council celebrated at Camp Collier.
- 1947** Monadnock "skippers" won top honors over 39 other crews at the Region I Sea Scout sailing regatta in the Charles River Basin near M.J.T. 150 firemen successfully fought a raging forest fire between Ashburnham and Lake Wampanoag, site of Camp Collier.
- 1948** Charter granted to Pack 35, Winchendon. Henry W. Sheldrick, active in scouting affairs since 1929, named fourth president of the Monadnock Council, Inc. C. Murray Cott of the Housatonic Council, Derby, Conn., elected scout executive.

- 1949** Charters granted to Pack 27, East Templeton and Troop 16, Athol. Selwyn Hollis appointed Western district scout executive. Magee well dug at Camp Collier — cost \$1,200.
- 1950** Charter granted to Troop 18, Athol. Gardner Police Chief Cyrille LeBlanc elected fifth Council president. Testimonial banquet honored pioneer scoutmaster Frederick F. Davis for 36 years service to scouting in Winchendon. Lawrence Jones named Western district scout executive. William Farnsworth appointed scoutmaster of the Council's Jamboree Troop headed for Valley Forge, Pa.
- 1951** Pack 18, Athol, newest unit in Council. Monadnock Moth received national publicity with plans featured in **Boy's Life** magazine. Charles A. Coombs made Western district scout executive.
- 1952** Donovan S. Jones of Winchendon became sixth president of the Monadnock Council, Inc. Camporee held at the Athol Fair Grounds. The Council's annual operating budget was set at \$19,880 according to finance chairman Carlton Nichols.
- 1953** Charter granted to Troop 13, Otter River.
- 1954** Veteran scouter Dr. Leonard B. Thompson named seventh Council president. Joseph J. Valardi of Gilbertville became Western district scout executive.

- 1955** "Stag's Nest" sailing camp discontinued. Administration building moved across Lake Wampanoag on ice and now used as camp director's cabin at Camp Collier. Bernard F. Ryder assumed position of Western district scout executive.
- 1957** New units chartered: Pack 4, Gardner; Troop 25, Hardwick. Frederick R. Govain of Bridgeport, Conn., made scout executive.
- 1958** New units chartered: Pack 30, Templeton; Pack 33, Westminster; Pack 26, Barre; Troop 39, Phillipston. Dr. Warren P. Cordes elected eighth Council president.
- 1959** Charter granted to Troop 10, Gardner. James J. Cooney appointed Western district scout executive.
- 1960** Charter granted to Pack 39, Phillipston. William A. Farnsworth of Winchendon became ninth Council president.
- 1961** Charter granted to Pack 28, Athol. Clair E. Shirley of Bangor, Me., named scout executive. Star scout Neil Szoc of Troop 5, Gardner, honored for saving a 10-year-old girl from drowning. Nicholas D. Cianciola joined Council staff as first Eastern district scout executive. Camp Collier's name changed to the David R. Collier Boy Scout Reservation, signalling its year round recreational and educational use.

- 1962** Troop 42, Templeton, received charter. Dr. F. Ivan Vaughan of Athol elected tenth Council president.
- 1963** Charter granted to Pack 44, Orange. Charles J. Malinowski and Edward R. Ostrosky made Western and Eastern scout executives respectively.
- 1964** Joseph E. Lillie of Winchendon named eleventh president of the Council. Dedication of present Scout Service Center on Marquette Street. Gardner, Gift of Carroll St. Hilaire & Sons.
- 1965** New units chartered: Post 5, Gardner; Pack 12, Hubbardston; Pack 15, Baldwinville; Troop 32, Royalston.
- 1966** Charters granted to Pack 32, Royalston and Pack 23, Petersham. Paul Bryant of Gardner became twelfth president of the Council. Donald W. Rotteck became Western district scout executive.
- 1967** New units chartered: Troop 20, Gardner; Troop 23, Petersham; Troop 29, Barre.
- 1968** New units chartered: Post 7, Post 182 and Pack 20, all Gardner; Pack 37, Gilbertville; Pack 68, Athol. Dr. Rocco Raduazo of Gardner elected thirteenth president of the Council. Donald G. Bascom named Eastern district scout executive.
- 1969** New units chartered: Post 42, Templeton; Pack 8, Gardner; Troop 22, Hardwick. Dr. Raymond E. Levesque of Gardner named fourteenth Council president.
- 1970** New units chartered: Post 12, Hubbardston; Troop 1837, Orange; Post 700, Barre; Post 1390, Athol; Pack 25, Hardwick. R. John Thompson and Kenneth A. Young named Western district scout executives.
- 1971** New units chartered: Post 173, Westminster; Post 512, Hubbardston; Ship 71, Gardner; Pack 21, Winchendon; Troop 41, Orange; Post 50, Athol; Post 611, Athol; Pack 22, Orange. Gerald C. Clapp of Winchendon elected fifteenth Council president. Erich V. Briggs and Robert W. Keiser made Western and Eastern scout executives respectively. Camp Collier used during August by Gardner State Hospital.
- 1972** New units chartered: Post 677, Winchendon; Post 1, Gardner; Troop 72, Athol; Post 46, Orange; Post 814, Barre; Post 165, Athol. Council

membership: 2,196 members including 50 girls in Exploring. At the Golden Anniversary Annual Meeting, these Council officers were elected: Gerald C. Clapp, president; Donald E. Stuart and Duane A. Nyman, vice presidents; Herbert W. Neunherz, treasurer; Dr. Raymond E. Levesque, commissioner; Robert M. Crouch and George A. Stuart, assistant treasurers; Dr. Leonard B. Thompson, representative to the National Council; Richard L. Batt and Arnold M. Trifilo, Eastern and Western district chairmen respectively. Special events celebrating the Council's anniversary included: Ranger Cabin Auction, May 13, Gardner Armory; Family Day at Camp Collier, July 22; Climathon, September 9, Mt. Monadnock; Ball and Recognition Night, November 4, Winchendon American Legion Home. Laurie Suda appointed Eastern district scout executive.

1973 Eagle Scout Reunion Banquet, celebrating Council anniversary, held February 19 at F.O.E. Hall, Gardner. Ranger cabin at Camp Collier completed in time for camp opening. Cub Scout Webelos camp held at Collier July 1-7.

Cars tow "Stag's Nest" administration building across frozen Lake Wampanoag, winter of 1955. Building is now the director's cabin at Camp Collier.



Wives of distinguished scouters at head table during 50th Anniversary Annual Meeting, June 1972. Left to right, Mrs. Donovan S. Jones, wife of our sixth Council president; Mrs. Clair E. Shirley, wife of our present scout executive; Mrs. Frederick F. Davis, wife of one of the Council's pioneer scoutmasters.



Monadnock Council scout executives return in 1946 to help celebrate 25th Anniversary of original Gardner Council. Left to right, Herbert W. Lunn (1922-25), Raymond K. Lester (1929-37), Robert X. Perry (1937-39), Loring O. Chandler (1939-42), Alan H. Tucker (1942-44), Richard T. Wales (1944-48).



Chief Scout Executive James E. West (right) during 1946 visit to Monadnock Council. With him in front of U. S. flag is Scout Executive Richard T. Wales.



Planning World War II scrap drive in 1943 at the Gardner plant of Garbose Metal Company are scouting supporters (left to right, front) William Troendle, R. Allen Keyworth, Frederick Wallace, Haiman Garbose and (left to right, rear) Henry Manseau, Edgar Rummery and William Viner.





FIFTY GREAT YEARS CUB SCOUTING

Cub scouting influences a boy's character and his spiritual growth . . . develops habits and attitudes of good citizenship . . . encourages good sportsmanship and pride in growing strong in mind and body . . . improves understanding within the family . . . strengthens his ability to get along with others . . . fosters a sense of personal achievement by developing new interests and skills . . . shows a boy how to be helpful and do his best . . . provides fun and exciting new things to do . . . prepares him to be a scout.

In 1930, the Boy Scouts of America designed cub scouting, a new program for boys younger than scout age. One year later, the program took permanent hold in the Monadnock Council with the organization of Pack 1, Gardner. Cub scouting is a year-round, home-centered program emphasizing involvement between boys and their parents, boys and their leaders, boys and their friends.

Who can join? Any boy who has completed the second grade or is 8 through 10 years old, may join a neighborhood den. A den is usually made up of boys of the same

age who form a natural play group in the neighborhood. Meetings are held once a week under the supervision of a volunteer den leader — usually the mother or father of one of the boys. They meet in one of the boy's homes. Once a month, all dens in the neighborhood and the boys' families are brought together for a pack meeting under the direction of a cubmaster.



Advancement

The cub scout program includes a plan of advancement for each boy in which he learns by doing. Upon joining a pack, the boy's

parents teach him his Bobcat requirements: learning the Cub Scout Promise, Law of the Pack, handshake, salute, sign, and motto. After Bobcat, the boy works on requirements based on his age, leading to Wolf, Bear, and Arrow of Light ranks.

Wolf. If a boy is 8 years old or has completed second grade, he may begin working on his Wolf achievements. There are 12: feats of skill; flag; keeping healthy; your home and community; tools; collections; conservation; tying things; home and traffic safety; family fun; religious activities; research and books. Upon completion of these 12, he is awarded the Wolf badge, and until he is 9 may continue to work on Wolf electives in 20 different interest areas. When he completes 10 projects, he receives a Gold Arrow Point. For each additional 10 projects he receives a Silver Arrow Point.

Bear. If a boy is 9 years old, he begins working on his Bear achievements. Again, there are 12: wildlife conservation; woodworking; using rope; outdoor games; whittling; our American heritage; family get-together; cub scout fitness; writing; American folklore; religious activities; protection. After receiving his Bear badge, there are 20 Bear elective areas in addition to the Wolf elective areas in which he may work until he reaches age 10. Gold and Silver Arrow Points are awarded for these projects as in the Wolf electives.



Webelos is code for "We'll be loyal scouts," and is pronounced WEE-buh-lohs. At age 10 a cub scout may elect to stay in his cub scout den, or be transferred with ceremony into a Webelos scout den. This is a special den for a boy who has reached 10 years of age or who has completed the fourth grade. The Webelos scout wears a different kind of uniform that recognizes his new status. His leader is a man assisted by other den fathers, and he begins working immediately on requirements badges that will lead to the Arrow of Light



award, cub scouting's highest honor. In addition, he can work for and earn in any sequence as many as 15 Webelos activity badges as he wishes. They are: aquanaut; artist; athlete; citizen; craftsman; engineer; forester; geologist; naturalist; outdoorsman; scholar; scientist; showman; sportsman; traveler. Upon reaching age 11 or completion of the fifth grade, the Webelos scout is ready for scouting.

Activities. At weekly den meetings, a cub scout starts an activity. It may be a handicraft project or practicing a stunt for the next pack meeting. During the week, with mother and dad to help, he finishes the project or perfects the stunt. If it happens to be something required for his Wolf or Bear achievements, his mother or dad may sign his cub scout book. In this way, cub scouting helps to strengthen family ties throughout the week as well as at the monthly pack meetings.

Families are encouraged to attend pack meetings to see their boys in action. Most pack meetings are divided into two parts. The first is informal: it may be a viewing of exhibits or participating with their parents in gathering-time activities. The second part has a formal opening, den skits, games or stunts related to a monthly theme, and the awarding of badges earned since the last pack meeting.

Cubs of Pack 1 show how to get the job done in 1942 Gardner scrap paper drive. Lending a hand is den chief Jerry Underwood of Scout Troop 5.

Musical cubs demonstrate poise, talent and acting ability in appearing before large audience of families and friends at 1938 Scoutarama held at the Orange Armory.



Outdoor Program. Cub scouting encourages outdoor adventure for 8- and 9-year olds. Events include den picnics, outings, day and backyard camping. Being home centered, family camping is also emphasized. While cubs attended scout camp at Collier prior to 1940, the practice was discontinued in following years. This year (1973), however, Webelos Camp at Collier will be open to cubs who have completed the 4th grade by June.

Competitive Activities. Team sports and other competitive events occur within the pack and at an interpack level. Some of the favorite activities over the years are cub scout shows, pet shows, pinewood derbies, regattas, kite flying contests and summer Olympics.

Cub Circus staged at Gardner in 1958 under ringmaster Dr. Raymond E. Levesque, in costume at extreme right.



Cubs attending overnight camp at Collier in 1939 pose with their leader, Scout Charles Whitney, in front of Pawnee Cabin.



On May 6, 1933, thirty-eight inspired musicians of the Pack 1 Drum and Bugle Corps stopped playing long enough to be immortalized in this photo taken in front of the First Congregational Church, Gardner, their sponsor. In the front row, left to right, are drummers Mylan Baker, Gardner Bent, Philip Burnham, John Heywood; drum major William Casey; color bearer Donald Foster; bass drummer George Helow; color bearer Robert Steele; cymbalist Marvin Anderson; and drummers Herbert Brooks, Jr., Harold Whiting, Fred French and Ray Blood. Standing in the back two rows, left to right, are buglers William Ryan, Ronald Burrage, Jay Drake, Edward Livingstone, Harold Greenwood, David Stiles, John Conant, Charles Whitney, George Black, Allen Shepard, Charles Urban, Karl Wehren, Roy Bruce, Chester Roche, Paul Wehren, Ian Black, Philip Helow, Henry Knowlton, William Sheldrick, Norman Richards, Alton Sawin, Gordon Vincent, Fred Manseau, Francis Manseau and Harold King.





FIFTY GREAT YEARS CUB SCOUT PACKS

Chartered as of April 26, 1973

Year Organized	Pack No.	Town	Sponsor	Cubmaster	Webelos Leader	Institutional Representative	Chairman
1931	1	Gardner	First Congregational Church	Bennie Riggins	Leslie Whitney	Windsor Robinson	William Snell
1938	9	Gardner	Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Church	Henry Cormier	—	Gerard Vautour	Gerard Vautour
1943	38	Athol	Young Men's Christian Association	George Belden	*William Kennett	Oliver Massey	Donald Dushion
1946	2	Gardner	S. Bent & Bros., Inc.	Donald Hartley	Robert Feathers	Gardner Bent	Ann Romanson
1948	35	Winchendon	N. Congregational Church of the United Parish of Winchendon	John Norcross	William Grasmuck	Clinton Condict	William Webber
1949	27	East Templeton	Mr. and Mrs. Club of East Templeton	Earl Lucier	John Davis	James Sweeney	Richard Swenson
1951	18	Athol	Our Lady Immaculate Roman Catholic Church	Arlan Willard	*Lionel Boudreau	Francis Gaulit	Howard Burgess
1957	4	Gardner	Sacred Heart of Jesus Church	Romeo Boudreau	Duncan Burns	David Butler	Thomas Horrigan
1958	33	Westminster	William S. Miller Post 174, American Legion	Roger Bragdon	Harry Maylin	Clarence Grenier	Joseph Guertin
1958	30	Templeton	Templeton Grange No. 122	Paul Quatrociocchi, Jr.	Maurice Miller & Frederick Wiles, Sr.	William Ruckey	William Ruckey
1958	26	Barre	American Legion Auxiliary, Post 2	Frank Mercik, Jr.	*Lawrence Begin	William Ripley	Bettie Allen
1960	39	Phillipston	Phillipston Memorial Parent Teachers' Association	Phillip Cameron	Arnold Haley	Kenneth Vaidulas	Charles Fisher
1961	28	Athol	South Athol United Methodist Church	Robert Lanoue, Sr.	William Thorp	Clifford Sawin, Jr.	Robert Newbury
1963	44	Orange	American Legion Post 172	Gerald Parsons	John Hayden	James Haley	Ron Tellier
1965	12	Hubbardston	First Parish Unitarian Church	Willis Erickson	Willis Erickson	Gordon Clark	William White
1965	15	Baldwinville	St. Vincent DePaul Church	William Hackett	Peter Webster	Ross Whitney	Peter Farrell
1966	23	Petersham	Petersham Parent Teachers' Organization	Russell O'Brien	William Modzeleski	—	—
1966	32	Royalston	Royalston Parent Teachers' Group	Matthew Divoll	—	Rev. James Millis	Harold Dick
1968	37	Gilbertville	Gilbertville Congregational Church	Archie Routhier	—	Rev. James MacIntyre	Anthony Stairi
1968	20	Gardner	Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 905	Steven Ladeau	Arthur White	Richard Hermanson	Paul Jalliet
1969	8	Gardner	West End Beagle Club	John Samoriski	Maurice Bennett	Roland Mailoux	Calvin Johnston
1970	25	Hardwick	Hardwick Community Church	David Phillips	—	Merle Bingham	Richard Holden
1971	22	Orange	American Legion Post 172	Robert Allen	George Hayden	James Haley	Paul Robichaud
1971	21	Winchendon	Immaculate Heart of Mary Church	Charles Betourney	Anita Fournier & Adele Hilton	Father Richard Roger	Ruth Rich
1972	24	Athol	Salvation Army	Michael Allen	—	Randall Davis	Gordon Parson

* Assistant Cubmaster

FIFTY GREAT YEARS SCOUTING



Scout Carl F. Mellin, Jr., four-year member of Camp Collier staff, in 1940 photo subsequently used in council fund raising literature.



In support of World War II shortage of critical materials, twenty-three trucks, manned by more than 200 scouts from Gardner, collected 85,000 pounds of scrap iron, rags, rubber, and paper during 1943 campaign, one of the most successful in the state.



"Between the ages of twelve and eighteen years, the interests of a boy are general and reach all the way from the catching of minnows and tadpoles to finding God in the stars."

So wrote John L. Alexander in "Boy Scouts," a booklet prepared in 1911 to explain the scouting movement to a host of fascinated American boys.

Scouting's Purpose. Alexander's booklet, sponsored by what was then the Minute Tapioca Company of Orange, Mass. (today a part of General Foods Corporation) "as a means of advertising its products," told scouting's purpose in these words . . .

"For years men have been working with boys . . . along the lines of woodcraft and Indian life . . . pioneering, handicraft and outdoor life . . . in imitation of the knightly life that centered around the Round Table of King Arthur . . . for the boy's education for the duties of life and citizenship . . . and along social and moral lines."

"It (scouting) seeks to promote the ability in boys to do things for themselves as well as for others. Its method is summed up in the term 'scout-craft', which is a combination of observation, education, handiness and ideals."

Scouting's Activities. Alexander went on to say, "The activities of the boy scouts are as broad as boyhood and touch upon everything in which boyhood is interested; camp life and resourcefulness; hut and mat making; the tying of knots . . . boat management; swimming; cycling; finding

the way in a strange country . . . community service in the doing of a good turn daily . . . saving life from fire, drowning . . . health, personal hygiene . . . physical exercise; sanitation; food . . . patriotism, United States geography, history and the deeds that made our country . . . duties as citizens; helping the civic departments such as the police, fire, etc. All these are offered to the boy scout for his development, and as a field for the outlet of his activities."

Scouting's Vitality. These interests and activities are as valid today as they were sixty years ago when John L. Alexander defined them. Yet scouting's continuing fascination for boys comes from its ability to stay current, to meet the problems and demands of right now.

In 1969, Congress challenged the Boy Scouts of America to reach more boys in the disadvantaged rural and urban communities. In response, the BSA launched BOYPOWER '76, a program designed to reach a representative one third of all boys in America.

Advancement. Part of this program is devoted to making Scouting more relevant to the times. Features include a flexible advancement program with more options; easy adaptation to any local environment; emphasis on modern skills such as communications, space exploration, personal management and decision making; new emphasis on sports, leadership development, and personal



growth. Early motivation for achievement takes the form of skill awards a scout can earn as soon as he joins. They are: camping, citizenship, communications, community living, conservation, cooking, environment, family living, first aid, hiking, physical fitness, and swimming.

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Operation Reach. Recognizing the national threat of drug abuse, the BSA launched "Operation Reach" in 1972 as a positive approach to prevention. The BSA asks youths to reach for substantive, positive values instead of drugs. Dynamic leadership for this vital program within the Monadnock Council has been provided by Dr. Robert G. Knight of Orange. During our anniversary year, Dr. Knight conducted a sensitivity training program for boys and parents in many of our units. Funds for this crusade were raised by Dr. Knight personally, with special drug prevention grants of \$3,000 from two major industries within the Council area.

Project SOAR. The national conservation "good turn" of the BSA is called Project SOAR — **Save Our American Resources.** It is an ecology program that teaches young people to understand their interdependence with the environment. A focal point in 1972 was April 29 — **Keep America Beautiful Day** — when more than 500 Monadnock Council cubs, scouts, explorers and leaders gathered five tons of litter and refuse on the highways, commons and parks of our seventeen towns. This effort was backed up with a training program and distribution of approximately 5,000 pieces of literature and ecology material plus local tree planting and community beautification projects.



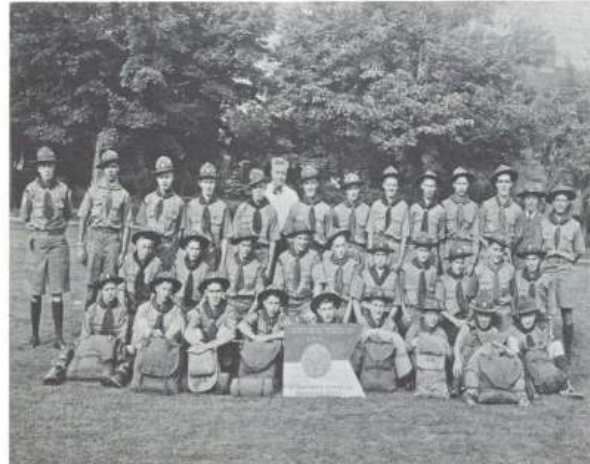
Adventure. While scouting concerns itself deeply with problems of society and community, it will never lose sight of the importance of vigorous outdoor activity. Nationally, the BSA maintains 640 camps operated by local scout councils, and there are additional high-adventure camps: Philmont Scout Ranch and Explorer Base in New Mexico; Charles L. Sommers Wilderness Canoe Base in Minnesota; Northern Wisconsin National Canoe Base; Maine National High Adventure Area; and the Florida-Bahama Treasure Hunt, an underwater experience. Scouts of the Monadnock Council continue to thrive on the outdoor experience of Camp Collier, district level camporees, troop campouts — and the superb adventure of Council troops especially formed for Philmont and each year's National Jamboree.

Scouts Duane A. Nyman, left, and Leonard B. Thompson, Jr., at 1947 World Jamboree held in France.

Philip Vivian-Clarke, who was to become radio star of "Mr. Keene, Tracer of Lost Persons," from panoramic photo taken in 1930 during visitors' day at Camp Collier where he was camp director.



Jamboree Troop 30, made up of scouts from Monadnock Council troops, pose at their Washington, D. C. campsite in June, 1937. Left to right in the giant chair are Assistant Scoutmaster Harley M. Palmer, Gardner; Scoutmaster Vance Butterfield, Westminster; and Assistant Scoutmaster Walter Horsley, South Barre. Birch logs for the chair were cut in Gardner, the finished assembly forming Troop 30's campsite entrance.



1935 Monadnock Council National Jamboree Troop equipped for travel to Washington, D. C. An influenza epidemic forced cancellation of the trip, however, and the boys camped out in the White Mountains. Overseeing the picture taking was council president Albert H. Stone in white shirt. Notice that several packs down front were World War I general issue.



Monadnock Council high adventure troop at Philmont Scout Ranch, Cimarron, N. M., in 1967. Front row, left to right, John Matheson, Paul Wesockes (senior patrol leader), Charles Lemire (scoutmaster), James Brown, Michael LaPoint. Back row, left to right, Mark Hopkins, Robert Sadowski (assistant patrol leader), Robert Gray, Stephen Flanagan, Steven Girouard, James Stewart, Donald Matheson, James Croft, Tim Smith.



HONORED FOR SAVING LIFE



A gold medal for heroism was awarded in 1941 by the Council to Charles Puliafico for rescuing a drowning person. Charles was a life scout in Troop 29, Barre, at the time his courage and scout training were so dramatically and successfully tested.



On July 30, 1945, Scout Leon M. Daniels of Troop 36, Winchendon, and another boy rescued two girls from the Miller's River. Leon, rated an average swimmer, applied artificial respiration as taught in scouting, and was credited with saving the girls' lives.



Nell Szoc, Troop 5, Gardner, saw a girl floundering below the rapids in the White River near Bethel, Vt. on June 25, 1961. Nell swam some distance, dove underwater, came up behind her and after considerable difficulty towed her to safety.



FIFTY GREAT YEARS SCOUTING

SCOUT TROOPS chartered as of April 26, 1973

Year Organized	Troop No.	Town	Sponsor	Scoutmaster	Assistant Scoutmaster	Institutional Representative	Chairman
1916*	1	Gardner	First Baptist Church	Donald Ray	Leonard Lepkowski	Bruce Hunt	Albert Valade
1916	30	Templeton	Templeton Men's Club	Richard Hautala	George Davis	Roger Henshaw	Forrest Johnson
1917	5	Gardner	First Congregational Church	Philippe Heroux	Windsor Robinson & Baxter Tenney	Windsor Robinson	Gordon Hall
1917	17	Athol	Young Men's Christian Association	Arthur Gray, Jr.	David Allen & Robert Shepardson	Oliver Massey	Alexander Johnstone
1922	26	Barre	American Legion Post 2	Ronald Rich	Thomas Duane, Charles White & Bradley Witt	William Ripley	Richard Cody
1922	33	Westminster	William S. Miller Post 174, American Legion	Steve Phillips	William Sakkinen	Raymond Stockwell	Leonard Salo
1923	6	Gardner	American Legion Post 129	Paul Bosselait	Myles O'Reilly	Philip Holmes	Dr. Peter Jengo
1931	12	Hubbardston	Hubbardston Evangelical Congregational Church	Gordon Clark	Richard Lyon, Richard Rayworth & Philip Cardaci	Kenneth Taylor	Louis Richard
1932	38	Athol	Young Men's Christian Association	Joseph Labrie	Roger Gutkopf	Oliver Massey	Philip Amadon
1935	9	Gardner	Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Church	Alfred Gallant	Robert Babineau	Alan Cormier	George Boudreau
1936	21	Winchendon	Immaculate Heart of Mary Church	Clarence Therrien	Gerald Duvarney, Sr.	Joseph Schneider	Leon LaPlant
1937	27	East Templeton	Mr. and Mrs. Club of East Templeton	Jeffrey Hendrickson	Charles Morse, Jr. & John Radigan	James Sweeney	Kermit Coleman
1937	15	Baldwinville	Couples Club of the Memorial Congregational Church	Lawrence Glover	—	Philip Arey	Joseph Lamontagne
1938	31	Wheelwright	Romar Tissue Mills, Inc.	James Judycki	—	Joseph Valardi	Walter Powers
1938	4	Gardner	Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church	Herve Valois, Jr.	Chester Maxim & Thomas Cosgrove	David Butler	Paul Sylvester
1938	35	Winchendon	United Parish of Winchendon	Robert Mable	Carroll Saveall	Ernest Fletcher, Jr.	Clinton Condict
1946	37	Gilbertville	Gilbertville Congregational Church	Wesley Briand	Wayne McFadden	Arthur Rossi	Louis Germain
1946	40	Orange	Knights of Columbus Council 2135	Armand Bouthillier	Henry Culver, Ralph Perry, Jr. & Kenneth Songer	Joseph O'Loughlin	Joseph O'Loughlin
1949	16	Athol	American Legion Post 102	Carl Stange	Elwin Bacon, Danny Delmolino, Stephen Hastings & Earl Bacon	Parker Kimball	Donald Higgins
1950	18	Athol	Our Lady Immaculate Roman Catholic Church	Edward Taintor, Sr.	Denis Brault	Francis Goulet	James O'Loughlin
1953	13	Otter River	Otter River Sportsman Club	Robert Brewer	David Peabody	Joseph Dembek	Joseph Cote

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Year Organized	Troop No.	Town	Sponsor	Scoutmaster	Assistant Scoutmaster	Institutional Representative	Chairman
1957	25	Hardwick	Hardwick Community Church	Richard Walker	Roland Morin, Louis Ruggles & James Swindlehurst	Rev. James MacIntyre	Fay Butler
1958	39	Phillipston	Phillipston Memorial Parent Teachers' Association	Daniel Sanden	Albert Vittum	Kent Dumas	George Marshall
1959	10	Gardner	Holy Spirit Church	Bruce Skamarycz	Albert Hill, Jr. & Robert Jandris	Francis Lupien	Joseph Cyganiewicz
1962	42	Templeton	Walter E. Fernald State School	Roger Cormier	Norman Hicks	Henry Weidlich	Charles Lemire
1965	32	Royalston	Royalston Grange No. 178	Ralph Shatos	Donald Langlois, Geoffrey Newton & Larry Williams	A. R. LaRoche	William Williams, Sr.
1967	23	Petersham	American Legion Post 415	Edward Craig, Jr.	Larry Robinson	George Brunelle	Bart Germond
1967	20	Gardner	Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 905	Donald Gallant	Francis Jaillet	James Landry	Douglas Young
1967	29	Barre	Kiwanis Club of Barre	David Allen	Richard Jenkins	John Pevear	Frank Roberts
1969	22	Hardwick	Eagle Hill School	Harold Webb	—	Roger Marecaux	Mark Griffin
1970	1837	Orange	Athol-Orange Lodge of Elks #1837	Paul Mallet	Charles Maynard	Keith Divoli	Bruce Jacobsen
1971	41	Orange	Knights of Columbus Council 2135	Donald Parker	David Dexter	Carlton Spear	Thomas Harty
1972	72	Athol	St. Francis Church	Robert Carey	Norman Carey	Justin Steponaitis	Robert Carey

*1916 earliest date in council records. Troop 1, according to veteran scouters Philip S. Holmes, started in 1912 with twelve boys. Edmund Alger was scoutmaster and Alvah Slocumb assistant scoutmaster. The Rev. Elmer Williams was chairman, and committee members were Elmer W. Crouch and George T. Greenwood.

Mt. Monadnock Climbathon

In celebration of the Council's 50th Anniversary, a combination marathon and mountain climb was staged on September 9, 1972. President Gerald C.

Clapp was lead-off man in running the Climbathon torch the first mile. The total distance covered was 23 miles — from Winchendon to the base of Mt. Monadnock.

Weather conditions were unfortunate, but never slowed the host of adventurers in their mountain conquest.

Leaving Winchendon on first leg of marathon are Scout Dino Drudi, Jr. and Council President Gerald C. Clapp. (Worcester Sunday Tel. photo)



Undaunted by rain, overcast and chill, this Climbathon group could have scaled a mountain twice as high as Mt. Monadnock.



Objective accomplished — Old Glory unfurled at top of Mt. Monadnock. Aerial view taken by scouters Armand Morin of Orange.





FIFTY GREAT YEARS EAGLE SCOUT REUNION

According to records of the Monadnock Council, there have been 317 Eagle Scouts since Hjalmar Kiiski received the first Eagle Award in 1922. On February 19, 1973 at the Fraternal Order of Eagles Hall in Gardner, about 75 returned with wives and other family members to a reunion banquet recognizing the Council's 50th Anniversary. Here are some of the guests in a joyous celebration during which all re-pledged on their sacred honor to make their "influence strongly count for better scouting and better citizenship in troop and community."

Members of the Reunion Committee were Joseph E. Lillie, chairman; Ernest P. Fletcher, Jr.; Paul Bryant; Edward Atter; Edmond Morgan; Clair E. Shirley, scout executive; Stephen A. Brooks, master of

ceremonies; Weikko Mackie, registration; Manuel DeMoura, banquet; Dr. Raymond E. Levesque; Dr. Leonard B. Thompson; and Joseph W. Carr who created the larger-than-life Eagle insignia back of the speaker's platform.



Hjalmar Kiiski, left, first Eagle Scout in the Council. Photo taken in 1963 when "Skipper" Kiiski returned to Camp Collier as waterfront director. Joseph E. Lillie, right, Silver Beaver 1968, reunion chairman.



Stephen A. Brooks, Eagle Scout in 1942, master of ceremonies. Eagle insignia, background, was rendered especially for the reunion by designer/artist Joseph W. Carr.



Robert M. Newbury, left, Eagle Scout in 1973, who led Pledge of Allegiance. Dr. Norman Tousignant, Eagle Scout in 1944, guest speaker from Massachusetts. Charles Rollins, right, Eagle Scout in 1922, guest speaker from New Hampshire.



Lt. Col. Robert D. Jones, U.S.A.F., Eagle Scout in 1946, guest speaker from Texas — and with parents, Mr. and Mrs. Donovan S. Jones, and Henry W. Sheldrick at 1946 Eagle Court of Honor.



Dr. Peter Paull, Eagle Scout in 1930, guest speaker from Connecticut — and as he appeared in visitors' day photo at Camp Collier in 1930. Joining Dr. Paull at the reunion was his mother, Mrs. Blanche Paull, and Eagle Scout brothers Richard Paull and Dr. Thomas Paull.

Gordon M. Clark, Eagle Scout in 1932 and as quartermaster of the 1937 National Jamboree Troop. As scoutmaster of Troop 12, Hubbardston, he turned out ten Eagles between 1969 and 1973, a dramatic example of one man's leadership skill.

Scout Executive Leonard B. Thompson, Jr., left, Eagle Scout in 1950, guest speaker from Maine's Pine Tree Council. At right, Dr. Leonard B. Thompson, distinguished scoutmaster and Silver Beaver 1941; and Maurice Friedman, Eagle Scout in 1926.



Lt. William A. Farnsworth, Jr., U.S.N., Eagle Scout in 1955, guest speaker from Maryland — and with W. A. Farnsworth, Sr., far right, and Dexter Hedstrom, center, at 1955 Eagle Court of Honor. (Worcester Tel. & Gazette photo)

Attentive reunion participants are, left, Eagle Scouts David and Rick Peabody, sons of Bayard Peabody, Silver Beaver 1971. At right, enjoying a private joke are Barre Eagles Jeffrey Witt, Herbert White, and Joseph Rogowski.

FIFTY GREAT YEARS EXPLORING



Today, explorers are the youth of America. Tomorrow, they will be its custodians.

Exploring is a division of the Boy Scouts of America especially designed for young men and women of high school age. It is contemporary, exciting, innovative. Most of all, it is what its members want it to be. Exploring is not a program run for young people. It's run by them.

Exploring helps young people find their present and future roles as individuals in society and the world of work through emphasis in six experience areas.

(1) **Social** activities designed to bring all kinds of people together — other explorers, adults, friends and those who will be friends. (2) **Vocational** activities that allow explorers to look ahead at potential careers. (3) **Outdoor** adventure to help explorers develop their skills in sports and their respect for the environment. (4) **Personal fitness**, the developing of self-reliance through physical, mental and emotional growth. (5) **Service** projects allowing explorers to give help to other people and develop the quality of unselfish leadership. (6) **Citizenship** is what exploring is really about. It enables one to participate as a member in the home, school, religious institution, and community — before and when a young adult is old enough to vote.

Who can join? Any young adult who has completed the eighth grade or is 15 years old (but is not 21) may join an Explorer Post or Sea Exploring Ship. Sea Exploring is a special program carried on as part of the total Explorer program. Posts are run by their elected officers — president, vice presidents, secretary, treasurer. Each post has a volunteer adult advisor and committee. Ships are also run by elected officers — boatswain, boatswain's mate, yeoman, purser. Their volunteer leader is called a "skipper."

Leadership. Exploring achieves its purpose through a planned program of action that brings young adults voluntarily into contact with adults. These adults are carefully selected and, by example of their character, citizenship traits, knowledge, physical and mental fitness, are a positive force in shaping the lives of youth.



Kathleen J. Flint
Secretary-Treasurer
Post 50, Athol

If you want to discover the world and yourself, you are an Explorer. If you dislike phonies, if you believe that the world could be better than it is, you are an Explorer. If you like doing things and going places with young men and women, you are an Explorer. 1973 — happy explorers of Law Enforcement Post 50, Athol, check in with secretary Kathy Flint (seated) at close of regular meeting.



* From Explorer Member's Guide, Exploring Division, B.S.A., New Brunswick, N. J.



Stanley T. Moak, Gardner
Council exploring chairman



Debra J. Kurth, president
Post 512, Hubbardston



Diane M. St. George, president
Post 677, Winchendon

Moak — Exploring is a series of activities totally relevant to the community with teenagers concentrating their interests and ambitions in such activities as nursing, law enforcement, auto mechanics and flying.

Kurth — Our post is mostly for camping or doing anything outside. The kids are fun to be with, and it's interesting to see how different people really are. It's really great and I love it.

St. George — We've had a state trooper, local police and a lawyer for speakers. I like the independence and responsibility of doing things on your own. It's not just exploring — it's the kids.



1972 — plaque formalizing 1971 dedication of the Walter N. Stone Program Center at Camp Collier is presented by Post 814 president Albert E. Hill, Jr., left, to Western district scout executive and 1972 camp director Erich V. Briggs, center, and to Henry W. Sheldrick. Wood sculpture by Mrs. Albert E. Hill, Sr.



John W. Pevear, advisor
Post 814, Barre



Albert E. Hill, Jr., president
Post 814, Barre



Thomas E. Whelpley, president
Post 50, Athol

Advising High Adventure Post 814 comes naturally to dynamic scouter and active outdoorsman John W. Pevear who has led Monadnock Council expeditions to Philmont. Leadership rests easily on the shoulders of Post 814 president (and Ship 71 mate) Albert E. Hill, Jr. Law Enforcement Post 50 owes much of its success to the take-charge and get-it-done philosophy of Thomas E. Whelpley.

Explorer Presidents' Congress

In 1971, the National Explorer Presidents' Congress was born and met in Washington, D. C. to elect a national cabinet. Our 1973 delegation to the 3rd Annual Congress was headed by Al Hill and Debbie Kurth, Post Presidents' Association co-chairmen and Monadnock Council Executive Board members. Activities included election of national officers, learning seminars, tours, fun and rubbing elbows with explorers from all over the country and with national figures appearing as guest speakers. A great experience for the young adults to whom we will look for leadership in the years ahead.

EXPLORER POSTS chartered as of April 26, 1973

Year Organized	Post No.	Town	Sponsor	Advisor	Assistant Advisor	Institutional Representative	Chairman
1965	5	Gardner	Henry Heywood Memorial Hospital	Dr. James Faust	Dr. Elmer Dech	Harold Callahan	Dr. Rocco Raduazo
1968	7	Gardner	First Unitarian Society	Rev. Cornelius Bakker	Gerard Dupuis, Jr.	Dr. Leonard Thompson	Robert Stowell
1968	182	Gardner	Gardner Airmen of Gardner Airport	Robert Keiser	Edwin Lahikainen, Wayne Wilkinson & Richard Batt	Roderick Bent	Edmund Gautreau
1969	42	Templeton	Walter E. Fernald State School	Charles Lemire	—	Henry Weidlich	Thomas Nix
1970	1390	Orange	Radio Station WCAT	Harry Greenwald	—	Edward Morris	James Finnegan
1971	512	Hubbardston	Hubbardston Fireladies Auxiliary	Janet LaPorte	Ruth Quinn	Nils Granquist	William Fales
1971	173	Westminster	Veterans of Foreign Wars	Arthur Trainque	—	James Lanides	Raymond Reynolds
1971	50	Athol	Massachusetts State Police, Athol Barracks	Robert Jillson	—	Stanley Wisnioski	Vera Wisnioski
1971	Ship 71	Gardner	Gardner Elks Club	Kenneth Flanders (skipper)	Albert Hill, Jr. (mate)	William Moore	Francis Lafontaine
1972	677	Winchendon	Winchendon Police Department	Steven Thompson	—	Selvino Marinelli	Raymond St. George
1972	46	Orange	Rodney Hunt Company	Louis Migliozi	John McManus & William Urban	Robert Collen	David Brown
1972	814	Barre	Trifty Supermarkets	John Pevear	Robert Jandris	Arnold Trifilo	Harold Green
1972	1	Gardner	The Stardusters	Bruce Lemire	—	Melvin Ostroff	Lee Kamman
1972	165	Athol	The L. S. Starrett Company	Paul Pralinsky	—	Raymond Starrett	Donald Ambrozy



The Collier camping experience means more in a boy's life than all the year's scout meetings put together. Bearing responsibilities, sharing in honor projects, practicing leadership, the opportunity for wholesome associations of friends, the companionship of men of character, new things to see and learn, the magic spell of the campfire — all combine under the spirit of the Scout Oath and Law to exert a lasting influence in a boy's life.

Who goes to Collier? Scouts and explorers registered to troops and posts of the seventeen area towns that make up the Monadnock Council — with one week set aside in 1973 for Webelos Camp. Collier is equipped to handle at one time 150 boys and their leaders.

What does Collier do for boys? Collier emphasizes the serious purpose of scouting, supporting its program of learning new skills with plenty of time for fun, recreation and self-expression.

Mornings are devoted to advancement in rank and/or earning merit badges. The scout chooses his subject and applies himself seriously to learning during this period. In addition to advancement instruction, he can acquire know-how in handicrafts like woodworking, basketry, chair caning and leather work.

Afternoons are set aside for sports, recreation, merit badge work and instruction in sailing, swimming, hiking, boating, canoeing, mountain climbing, nature study and fishing. Evenings are reserved for campfires around which songs are sung, stories told and dramatic presentations staged.

Swimming. The camp has one of the finest swimming areas in New England with shallow and medium depths for beginners. A large float with diving boards is provided for the more accomplished swimmers. This area, separated from other waterfront activities, is under the direction of a trained and qualified member of the camp staff.

Boating. All afternoon and early evening, Collier's Moth sailboats, rowboats and canoes can be seen in action on Lake Wampanoag. Before a boy takes out a boat, however, he must pass a swimming test and boat handling tests, and take along another qualified boy as crew.



Camp Collier — officially the David R. Collier Boy Scout Reservation — is the summer camp for scouts of the Monadnock Council. It is located on the shore of Lake Wampanoag, four and a half miles North of Gardner off Kelton Street. Collier's 427 acres of beautiful, unspoiled woodland guarantee generations of youth a true wilderness camping experience.

Reveille at Camp Collier, August 1930.



FIFTY GREAT YEARS CAMP COLLIER

Shelter. Collier scouts live in troop units in tents with wood decks raised above the ground. They sleep two to four boys to a tent, each on his own cot with mattress. Each troop unit is led by a campsite scoutmaster and one or more assistants.

Meals. The boys eat with their patrols in a full size dining hall. The food is prepared plainly, wholesomely, professionally and promptly and is served family style by the boys themselves. An abundance of fresh milk and vegetables is provided.

Religious and medical services. Scouts of all faiths attend services either at camp or in nearby Gardner, reflecting scouting's firm belief in reverence to God, faithfulness in religious duties, and respect for the religious convictions of all men. A trained nurse is on hand full time to treat minor medical problems. For more serious matters a physician (and former scout) is right on hand in Gardner.

Visiting. Scouting families are invited to drive out and visit their boys on Sunday afternoons. From time-to-time, parents are invited to campfires and special events, too. One such special event (pictured here) took place on July 22, 1972 when 625 guests attended the 50th Anniversary Family Day from 2:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Events included a camp-wide skill mill, tours, games, religious services, awards and recognitions ceremony and campfire.



1949 — Scouts, including boys from Troop 37, Gilbertville, and Troop 26, Barre, learn correct use of the table saw.



1972 — 50th Anniversary camp staff.

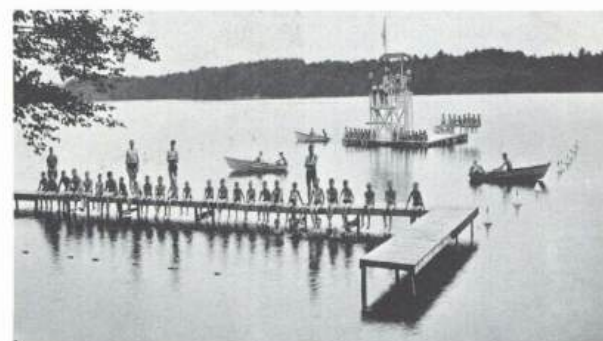
Famous old war canoe about 1955 — destroyed with other waterfront equipment in April, 1963 snow collapse of Stone Lodge roof.



1972 — campsite of Troop 21, Winchendon, ready for close inspection by visiting parents.



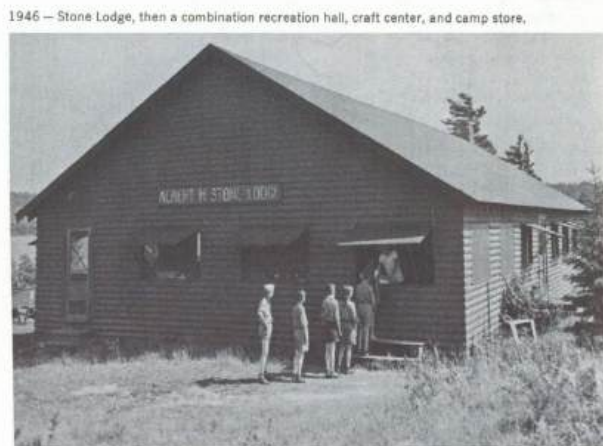
1972 — Troop 23, Petersham, is well represented in the family day recognition and award line-up. Scoutmaster is Ron Rich, Troop 25, Barre.



1937 waterfront scene. The float, background, with 31 boys and one lifeguard aboard, was 48 ft. square, surely the biggest scout camp structure of its kind ever seen up to that time.



1972 — Rob Haven of Troop 18, Athol, left, gets pointers on canoe handling from camp staffer Howard Spofford, Troop 40, Orange.



1946 — Stone Lodge, then a combination recreation hall, craft center, and camp store.



FIFTY GREAT YEARS CAMP COLLIER



More Highlights of 50th Anniversary Family Day, July 22, 1972



Early arrivals waiting for day's events to start.



Putting contestants through obstacle course.



Preparing barbecued chicken for 675 guests.

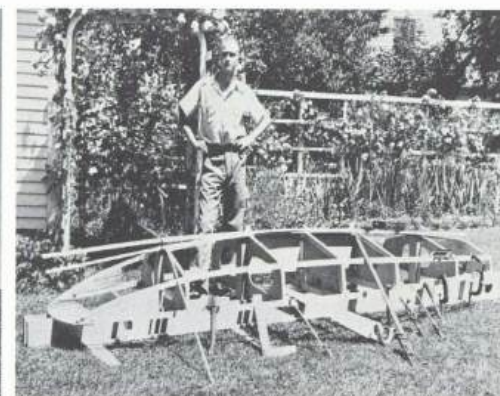


Family chow line outside mess hall entrance.

Camp staff lined up for awards program.



Campfire brings an end to a perfect day.



1949 — a Monadnock Moth gets underway on Lake Wampadag (left) with Alan Rockwood as skipper and George Brooks as crew. 1938 — framework of first Moth takes shape in backyard of Gardner scouter Henry W. Sheldrick with son William L. Sheldrick looking on.

New Ranger Cabin

On May 13, 1972, a 50th Anniversary Auction was held at the Gardner Armory to raise money to build a ranger cabin at Camp Collier. With past council president William A. Farnsworth and council president Gerald C. Clapp heading the auctioneers, \$2,013 was raised from the sale of over 500 items donated by individuals and companies throughout the Council area.

Auctioneer Bill Farnsworth of Gardner kept merchandise selling at fast pace, with scouts serving as runners.

The cabin, completed in time for the 1973 camp season, serves as an all-weather home for a full-time ranger to oversee camp property, now valued at approximately \$200,000.

Additional funds to complete the cabin were provided by the George W. Magee Memorial Trust Fund of Boston. This fund honors the memory of George W. P. Magee who, at his death in 1939, provided in his will that interest from a \$500,000 fund be disbursed annually to Boy Scout

Councils of Massachusetts.

A major assist to the project was provided by the Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School whose carpentry students took on construction of the cabin as a practical learning project. Unofficial clerk of the works was past council president Henry W. Sheldrick, with overall project management provided by hard-driving camp committee chairman Howard Morgenstern.

Finished ranger cabin as it appeared in May, 1973.





FIFTY GREAT YEARS COUNCIL OFFICERS

Successful operation of the Monadnock Council depends on the special skills of many men from business, industry, education, church or temple, and the professions. Their services to scouting come under such headings as camping, activities, finance, safety, training, advancement, exploring, long range planning and Order of the Arrow. The steady growth over the past fifty years of cubbing, scouting and exploring through the seventeen towns of the Council would not have been possible without the vigorous leadership of many talented officers and committee chairmen. The distinguished contribution to scouting of many of these men has been recognized by the Silver Beaver Award, opposite page.

Council Officers, 1972-73

Gerald C. Clapp, Winchendon.....president
Dr. Raymond E. Levesque, Gardner
commissioner
Duane A. Nyman, Gardner.....vice president
Donald E. Stuart, Gardner.....vice president
Dr. Leonard B. Thompson, Gardner
representative to National Council
Herbert W. Neunherz, Gardner.....treasurer
Robert M. Crouch, Gardner
assistant treasurer
George A. Stuart, Baldwinville
assistant treasurer
Rev. Jack M. Baker, Athol.....chaplain
Richard L. Batt, Gardner
Eastern district chairman
Arnold M. Trifilo, Barre
Western district chairman

Committee Chairmen, 1972-73

Edward J. Atter, Gardner
long range planning
T. Raymond Flanagan, Gardner.....activities
Theodore A. Greanier, Petersham
Order of the Arrow

Joseph E. Lillie, Winchendon.....advancement
Weikko Mackie, Gardner.....training
Stanley T. Moak, Gardner.....exploring
Howard C. Morgenstern, Gardner.....camping
George E. Newcomb, Gardner.....membership
Duane A. Nyman, Gardner.....finance
Bayard W. Peabody, Baldwinville.....safety

Executive Board Members, 1972-73

The Council executive board includes officers, committee chairmen and the following members:

Raymond H. Bourgeois.....Westminster
Paul R. Bryant.....Gardner
Alphonse W. Chartier.....Phillipston
Frederick H. Clarkson, Jr.....Athol
Robert L. Croteau.....Gardner
Royce T. Curtis.....Barre
Porter Dawley, Jr.....Westminster
William A. Farnsworth.....Gardner
Ernest P. Fletcher, Jr.....Winchendon
David M. Goldsher.....Athol
Roland A. Gustafson.....Gardner
Dr. Arthur F. Haley.....Westminster
Albert E. Hill, Jr.....Gardner

Parker B. Kimball.....Athol
Charles E. King.....Westminster
Dr. Robert G. Knight.....Orange
Debra J. Kurth.....Hubbardston
George A. Mennard.....Barre
Edward W. Morgan.....Gardner
Richard E. Paul.....Petersham
Santo Peruffo.....Gardner
Dr. Rocco Raduazo.....Gardner
Henry W. Sheldrick.....Gardner
Arnold C. Stacy.....Gardner
Raymond F. Starrett.....Athol



Henry W. Sheldrick



Dr. Leonard B. Thompson



Gerald C. Clapp



Duane A. Nyman



Howard C. Morgenstern



Bayard W. Peabody



Dr. Raymond E. Levesque



Dr. Rocco Raduazo



Herbert W. Neunherz



Richard L. Batt



Dr. Arthur F. Haley



Robert M. Crouch



Paul R. Bryant



Arnold M. Trifilo



T. Raymond Flanagan



Raymond H. Bourgeois



Santo Peruffo



Ernest P. Fletcher, Jr.

SILVER BEAVER AND FAWN AWARDS



1944 — Dr. Charles E. Thompson, left, holds award certificate. Sharing his moment of happy fulfillment is Clinton J. Underwood, Silver Beaver 1943.



Recognition night 1939 — Henry E. Heywood confers Silver Beaver on Cyrille Leblanc, right, Gardner chief of police.

The Boy Scouts of America, acting through the National Court of Honor, presents the Silver Beaver and Silver Fawn awards to volunteer scouters for distinguished service to boyhood. The awards are based on the candidate's record of service and noteworthy contribution to boys in scouting, his standing in the community, degree of activity in business, professional, civic, religious, educational, fraternal, veterans, rural and other fields exclusive of scouting.

At a special 50th Anniversary Ball at the American Legion Home in Winchendon on November 4, 1972, the Monadnock Council's first Silver Fawn award was presented to Alice Newbury of Athol, and the forty-fourth Silver Beaver Award to Dr. Raymond E. Levesque of Gardner. It would take a volume much larger than



Award winners 1972 — the Council's first Silver Fawn went to Alice M. Newbury and its forty-fourth Silver Beaver to Dr. Raymond E. Levesque.

Conclusion of grand march at 50th Anniversary Scouters' Ball, American Legion Home, Winchendon, November 4, 1972.



this anniversary booklet to cite the accomplishments of Mrs. Newbury and Dr. Levesque — and previous winners of scouting's "Congressional Medal of Honor" going back to 1931.

The award, made each fall at the Council's recognition night and banquet, consists of a framed certificate and a miniature silver beaver or fawn suspended by a ribbon to be worn around the neck. The ceremony is attended by previous Silver Beaver winners, volunteer leaders and friends of scouting throughout the Monadnock Council.

Silver Beaver and Silver Fawn Awards

1931-1972

No awards in 1950, 1954, 1955 and 1957.

William G. Nunn, Gardner.....1931
† Albert H. Stone, Gardner.....1932
David R. Collier, Gardner.....1933
Henry W. Sheldrick, Gardner.....1934
Charles R. Dewey, Gardner.....1935
Alton W. Clark, Hubbardston.....1936
Harold E. Drake, Gardner.....1937
Henry E. Heywood, Gardner.....1938
Cyrille Leblanc, Gardner.....1939
Frederick F. Davis, Winchendon.....1940
† Dr. Leonard B. Thompson, Gardner.....1941
C. Henry Manseau, Gardner.....1942
Clinton J. Underwood, Gardner.....1943
Dr. Charles E. Thompson, Gardner.....1944
Donovan S. Jones, Winchendon.....1945
Philip S. Holmes, Gardner.....1946
Robert M. Crouch, Gardner.....1947
Rev. Francis J. Warburton, Athol.....1947
Paul L. Stevens, Gardner.....1948
Rev. Frederick W. French, Royalston.....1949
George A. Mennard, Barre.....1951
Edmund L. Nichols, Gardner.....1951
James E. Young, Winchendon.....1952
Theodore A. Greanier, Petersham.....1953
William A. Farnsworth, Gardner.....1956
Rev. Wallace E. Hayes, Winchendon.....1956
Paul R. Bryant, Gardner.....1958
Leo A. Tero, Winchendon.....1958
George R. Guilford, Barre.....1959
William I. McFaul, Gardner.....1959
Robert H. Grace, Athol.....1960
Bernard H. Kinsella, Athol.....1961
Dr. F. Ivan Vaughan, Athol.....1962
Parker B. Kimball, Athol.....1963
Kenneth J. Flanders, Gardner.....1964
Jovide N. Girouard, Gardner.....1964
Roland J. St. Hilaire, Gardner.....1965
Dr. Robert I. Illingworth, Barre.....1966
Joseph A. Maselli, Orange.....1967
Joseph E. Lillie, Winchendon.....1968
Gerald C. Clapp, Winchendon.....1969
Dr. Rocco Raduazo, Gardner.....1970
Bayard W. Peabody, Baldwinville.....1971
* Alice M. Newbury, Athol.....1972
Dr. Raymond E. Levesque, Gardner.....1972

* Silver Fawn Award

† Also received the Silver Antelope, highest regional scouting award — Mr. Stone in 1944, Dr. Thompson in 1965.



FIFTY GREAT YEARS PROFESSIONAL STAFF

The home address of the Monadnock Council, Inc., Boy Scouts of America, is 70 Marquette Street in Gardner. Here the Council maintains and staffs a service center, the focal point for planning, policy determination, record keeping and financial management of a program involving over 2,000 area youngsters and 700 adult leaders. Management of the service center and direction of programs in the seventeen towns of the Council is vested in a professional staff headed by scout executive Clair E. Shirley.

Help for Units and Volunteer Leaders. Among its services, the Council issues literature, insignia, forms, certificates and advancement badges . . . handles membership registration, **Boy's Life** subscriptions, and rechartering of units . . . keeps training and advancement records . . . produces bulletins, program aids and kits . . . provides leadership counsel and training . . . maintains liaison with sponsoring groups . . . organizes camporees, expositions, jamborees, expeditions.

Educational Support. The Council makes available audio-visual materials . . .

provides monthly round table programs for committeemen, leaders, and den mothers . . . supplies training awards and insignia . . . sponsors junior leader training camps and programs . . . and recruits district merit badge counselors for more than 100 subjects.

Outdoor Activities. The Council staff operates Camp Collier in the summer and offers camping adventures to units all year long . . . helps motivate boys with participation in sports, handicrafts, hiking and outdoor adventure . . . and supplies camp slides, folders and literature to encourage units to become active in outdoor programs.

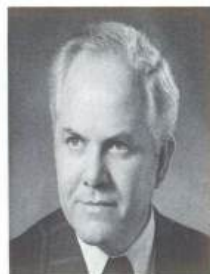
These are just part of the total assignment given our scout executive and his staff. Thanks to the strong personal motivation and drive of these career scouters, the same excitement that swept a nation of eager boys into scouting 63 years ago continues to fire the minds of our young people today — and highly competent citizens continue to come forward to serve our youngsters as volunteer leaders at every level of scouting.



Monadnock Council service center located in Gardner within easy reach of all seventeen Council towns.



Betty O'Donnell Goguen, Council office manager, applauded during November 1972 Eagle Scout Reunion Banquet for 36 years of gracious service to generations of scouts and volunteer leaders.



Clair E. Shirley, veteran of 30 years of scouting, who joined the Council as scout executive in 1961. Scouting's greatest growth has taken place during the stewardship of this energetic administrator and youth leader.



Erich V. Briggs, left, and Robert W. Keiser, Western and Eastern district scout executives during the Council's 50th Anniversary year.

Laurie H. Suda, Eagle Scout from North Kingstown, R. I., who joined the Council staff in 1972 as Eastern district scout executive.



Estelle B. Racette, right, helps Cub Scout Erik Morrill and his mother during visit to service center. Mrs. Racette is a former den mother, round table leader and clerk of Camp Collier.



Informal meeting October 16, 1964 in front of service center two days before its dedication. Left to right are building donors Edmund and Roland St. Hilaire, Mrs. Frederick F. Davis, and Wayne R. Cobleigh who learned his scouting under Mrs. Davis' husband.



Scouting challenges young people to reach for attainable goals. It inspires adult leaders because it states and restates their usefulness in youth service work. It is the perfect extension of good influences found in the home, in church or temple, and in school. And it leads boys and girls into being productive, positive-thinking adults — without mindless prodding and discipline.



Thomas P. Kelly, former Eagle Scout of Troop 4, Gardner, chairman of the 1973 Sustaining Membership Enrollment program.

To keep scouting moving forward, however, requires the continuing financial support of organizations and individuals, for the Monadnock Council produces no income of its own. As a non-profit operation, the Council receives funds for part of its annual expenses from its financial partners, the United Way of Gardner, the United Way of Franklin County and Montachusett Community Services of Fitchburg.



The balance of funds comes from Sustaining Membership Enrollment Programs in which parents, former scouts and scouters, business firms, and citizens at large are asked to participate as general members, special members or major members.

To the United Way organizations and to the sustaining members and friends of scouting in seventeen area towns, the president and executive board of the Monadnock Council, Inc., express gratitude for their support of the Council's programs for cubs, scouts and explorers . . . particularly as the Council



accelerates toward its goal of 2,600 members in 89 units by 1976, the 200th anniversary of America's Declaration of Independence.

And finally, a particular word of thanks for sponsoring "Fifty Great Years" goes to the companies whose messages are presented below. Their belief in the importance of our young people is tangibly expressed and warmly acknowledged.



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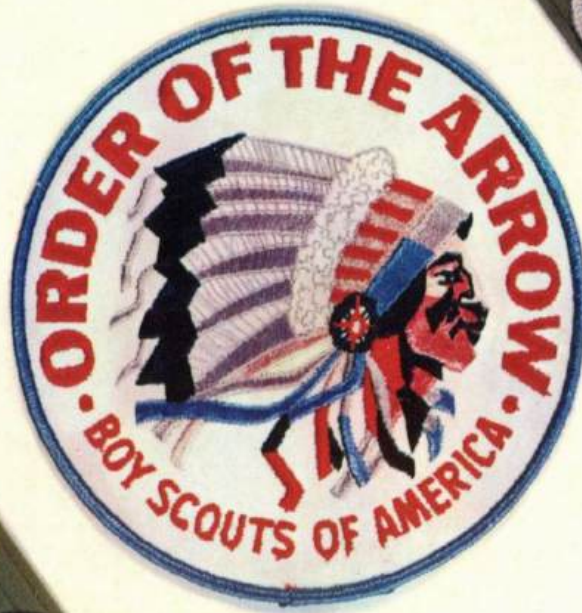
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