

# The Grapevine ARCHIVES Memories of Fruitbelt

## Beavers Help Out



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December 1986: Joey Shuker presents a \$25 donation to Kevin Toner of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vineland (Bethesda) Rovers during Saturday's Father and Son Banquet held by the 1<sup>st</sup> North Grimsby Beavers at the Alway Community Centre. The Rovers will use the donation to help fund their trip to Walt Disney World in Florida next year.

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# 'Be Prepared': the Scout Motto is Followed

"Being Prepared" is the official Scout motto that has survived for many years and this past year's reports from every part of Canada have once again proven that today's youth are as prepared to help their neighbours, their communities and their countries as any of their predecessors.

During tremendous floods in Oakville, hundreds of young people turned out to fill and stack sandbags so that homes and property could be protected. Police Chief Fred Oliver strongly praised the Scouts, army cadets - and the high school boys and girls who flocked to help. Noting that they didn't stop working as long as sand bags were available he commended their work and said "I wish people who criticize the youngsters could have all come out to see this".

Last year during the severe storms that struck the south shores of Lake

Ontario, several Fruitbelt District Scouts from the Winona area helped to fill sandbags to protect homes along the shoreline. The high water level in all of the Great Lakes produced huge waves that threatened life and property during the many severe northeast storms.

Being prepared can take many forms. It can mean being prepared to roll up your sleeves and undertake the clean-up of a ravine in the city of Toronto where 75 Scouts removed a truckload of old tires, shopping carts, a discarded stove and almost every conceivable car part. Not content with this job they helped a local resident clean out his garage. Grimsby Cubs worked at cleaning up the Forty Mile Creek.

Being prepared to help others has involved Scouts in such fund raising activities as walk-a-thons, bike-a-thons and miles for millions alike. In some

cities Scouts have turned out by the hundreds to clean up the routes covered by other walkers. While this approach may not have directly raised funds, they helped save municipalities a great deal of money on cleanups.

The 1st Beamsville Scouts have had a great deal of success with their paper drives over a period of years. This is a cleanup of valuable material that can be recycled into another product. This is conservation at its best. The money earned by the Scouts doing this back breaking work is in turn used to educate our youth to be better Canadian Citizens.

Scouts have planted thousands of young trees in the past year, contributed to improving trails and undertook hundreds of conservation projects. They enjoy today, but have shown that they are prepared to work to make tomorrow even better!

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2 Name the Scouters, Name the year!

# BOY SCOUTS STAGED A LARGE CAMPOREE OVER THE WEEKEND

The Fruit Belt District spring camporee "Be Prepared" was held at camp Wetuskiwin, St. Catharines, April 25 - 27th, 1958.

126 Scouts, 6 Rovers and 11 leaders arrived in camp Friday evening between 6 and 8 p. m with full equipment and food to enjoy this week end in the open. Tents were soon erected and fire places made as 21 patrols of 6 boys each prepared for their first night under canvas.

Saturday morning reveille sounded at 630 a. m., some glad to get moving as the night was cold and they had not heeded their scoutmaster's warning to "GO PREPARED". However once bitten twice shy will be their slogan for future camps.

During the day the boys were instructed by demonstration on the following scout work. Trench-reflector-altar-charcoal fires by scouters R. Cox, K. Moore, A. Austin, J. Colclough. **The first emergency** call was sounded "Fire" and after assembly scouters D. Gay and J. Blake demonstrated and advised the boys on what to do in case of fire. String burning, a delight to every boy, was staged by scouter D. Johnston. Survival kit was shown as scouter T. Cumpstone advised the boys what to carry when going into the bush or unknown territory. Throwing the life line must be accurate so as the boys tried their aim scouter J. Blake gave them suggestions to improve their throwing.

Artificial respiration taken by scouter Keith McIntyre is a growing necessity to all citizens and our scouts are taught its many uses. Alert, - **The second emergency** has sounded "Automobile accident". As all rush to the scene of the accident they find an auto which has smashed into a tree, the driver hanging out the door with many imitation breaks and bruises. The "what to do" talk was given by Scouter D. Johnston as driver A. Austin lay helpless half out of the car.

After supper was over **the 3rd emergency** was sounded and the boys found a man, "Ken Moore" lying across a fallen electric cable. Scouter McIntyre demonstrated how to approach this emergency. With dry pole and ground sheet he was able to move the body from the cable without injury to himself.

Great activity was noticed throughout the camp during break periods and scouts could be seen making kites and giving them trial lifts preparing for the contest the following morning.

Sunday morning found the camp on the move at 7 a. m. Fires appeared and the wonderful smell of breakfast cooking was in the air. A good meal was necessary as kite flying was to be the mornings feature. Tension arose as the kites were put into the air with Vineland troop's kite winning the event much to the disappointment of others who were close competitors. Scouters D. Johnston and D. Holland could not resist the urge so they made a 6 foot kite with a turret top and much to the surprise of the boys it flew with the greatest of ease. Possibly this demonstration will lead to a greater and larger display of models this fall.

A "Scouts Own" service was held observing our "Duty to God". What a wonderful sight to see these boys in a horseshoe formation enjoying the singing of "Onward Christian Soldiers" a scripture reading by R. Cox and a short talk by District Commissioner J. Baker.

After thanking Rover Leader Frank Birch and his crews for their help, camp chief T. Cumpstone closed the camp and all prepared for their journey home as parents and friends stood by ready to assist their boys with their gear.

Next District event will be a scout - cub parade on May 25th, 2:30 p.m., at Bearnsville. We are inviting the Guides and Brownies of the district to join us.

Why not dust off that old photo album or unpack that dusty box in the attic and send us your old photos and/or stories from your Scouting past!

Submissions eagerly sought at  
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# The Meaning Of Boy Scout Week

By "THE SQUIRE" (1945)

This is Boy Scout Week A week dedicated to the memory of the late Lord Baden-Powell of Gilwell who, thirty - five years ago started the Boy Scout Movement. It is during this week that the Scouts of Canada try to tell you, the Public, what Scouting is all about.

From the parents' point of view it gives physical health and development; it teaches diligence, resourcefulness, and handicrafts; it puts into the boy discipline, pluck, chivalry and patriotism; in a word, it develops CHARACTER, which is more essential than anything else to a boy for making his way in life. The principle on which Scouting works is that the boy's ideas are studied, and he is encouraged to educate himself as well as to accept Instruction.

The Boy Scouts of Canada are preparing to help their brother Scouts in Europe as soon as peace is declared. In Canada, at the present time there are Scout books being printed in various European languages. These books are to be given to the unfor-

tunate chaps who have been unable to carry on active Scouting during the war. Many have carried on secretly. The Boy Scouts of Holland have had an underground newspaper for some time. That is true Scouting spirit.

To illustrate the British Scout spirit let us take an example of their wartime Scouting. When the German Luftwaffe made that devastating night raid on Coventry, British Boy Scouts were on duty driving Ambulances, forming stretcher parties, acting as messengers and helping rescue the injured. Not when the raid was over but when it was at its height. A number of these Scouts never made it home. Imperial Headquarters in London issued a statement days later that read "Our Scouts died as they lived, bravely."

The Scouts of today will become the Men of Tomorrow.

*(Editor's note: The last two paragraphs were heavily damaged and I have tried to make as much sense of them as possible.)*

