

Scout Building Dedicated In Ceremony On Sunday

June 1948

"Stan" Gibson Commissioner of newly-formed Fruit Belt District, presents awards. Lieut.-Col. L. H. Millen, D.S.O., V.D., Provincial Commissioner, addresses large gathering. Scouts, Guides, Cubs and Brownies parade through town.

Formal dedication of the Beamsville Scout Building took place on Sunday afternoon in a brilliant sunshine with a ceremony in which the religious element shared prominence with congratulatory speeches and an address by the Provincial Commissioner of the Boy Scouts Association.

An interesting and unscheduled item on the program was the introduction of Stanley L. Gibson, Beamsville, as the newly appointed Commissioner of the Fruitbelt District of the Boy Scouts Association. "Stan" was called to the platform in front of the new building by Lieut.-Col. L. H. Millen, D.S.O., V.D., Provincial Commissioner, of Toronto, when the Colonel caught sight of him at one side and not taking part in the ceremonies. As his first official act "Stan" was pressed into service to present Bronze Arrowhead certificates to 23 boys of this district who won them recently.

One of the highlights of the ceremonies was presentation by the Provincial Commissioner of King's Scout badges and Bushmen's Thongs to two Scouts, Bill Dawe and Jack Hodges, both of Beamsville.

Moment of Silence

In memory of those Scouts who fell in World War II, a few moments of silence was observed. The Scouts came to attention during the reading of the names of Graham Bolton, Stanley H. Cotterill, Arthur Geddes, Harry R. Hamilton, Tommy Page, Herbert Wright and John B. Stallwood.

Parade from High School

Shortly after 2.00 o'clock nearly 300 Scouts, Cubs, Girl Guides and Brownies, from Beamsville, Grimsby, Grimsby Beach, Winona, Fruitland and Hamilton formed up on the playing field back of the High School under the direction of Scoutmaster A. J. Hayward of the Beamsville Troop. Guides from Beamsville, Grimsby and Grimsby Beach were headed by District Guide Commissioner Nina Creet. Led by the Beamsville Citizen's Band, under Bandmaster C. L. Tallman, and preceded by the white car of the Provincial Police bearing Constables Hope and Bayes, the parade marched through town via Ontario St., King St. and East Avenue back to the new Scout Building where a crowd numbering several hundred awaited the ceremonies.

Forming up in front of the building the Scouts heard Frank B. Sutherland, chairman of the Group Commit-

Presented With Thumb-Stick

Following his address, Col. Millen was presented with a thumb-stick by the Beamsville Scouts. In thanking them for the present, the Commissioner stated that nothing the Scouts could have given him would be more appreciated. "I will use it as a support when my knees sag and my legs ache," he said, adding that he would bring it back sometime and ask the Scouts to inscribe his name and the date on it.

Certificates Awarded

Field Commissioner A. S. "Scotty" Fleming, Hamilton, read out the

names of 23 Scouts who passed the tests for the Bronze Arrowhead, first step towards Patrol Leader rank. Those who received the certificates from the hands of Commissioner Stan Gibson were Robert Millikin, George Munro, William Harris, Clayton Moffatt, Ronald Costen, Douglas Hambrook, Howard Walters and Hugh Peel, all of Winona; Allan Baisley, Cliff Schwab, Robert Fisher and Merritt Anderson, Grimsby; High Trevor, Jack McMullen, James Redford and John Garbella, Fruitland; and William Gable, Norman Geddes, Douglas Humphries, Frank Mikoloch, Douglas Wilds, Bill Stoner and Eddie Hildebrand, all of the Beamsville Troop. The last four named are from Vineland where they will become first patrol leaders of a new troupe to be established there with Norman J. Wilds as Scoutmaster.

tee of the Beamsville and District Lions Club, present the building for dedication. To the strains of the National Anthem played by the band, the Union Jack was broken from atop the high flag pole. Attending the pole were the two King's Scouts, Dawe and Hodges.

Cuts Ribbon

Lieut.-Col. Millen then cut the green, red and yellow ribbons in the doorway of the new building and declared it officially open. "I officially state that this building is now open for the Scouts and Cubs of Beamsville," were his words as the ribbons fell.

Dedication of the Scouts' new home was made by Rev. E. F. Maunsell, St. Alban's Church, and the scripture lesson was read by Rev. F. G. Balsdon, of First Baptist Church. As one of the two passages of scripture, Mr. Balsdon chose the story of The Good Samaritan. After the hymn, "Onward Boy Scouts, Onward," to the tune of Onward Christian Soldiers, Rev. W. C. Almack, minister of Trinity United Church, offered a prayer. "Fight the Good Fight" was sung, accompanied by the band, after which Col. Millen addressed the gathering.

Scouts Addressed

The Provincial Commissioner congratulated the Lions Club and the citizens of Beamsville for the work and expense they had gone to in providing such a fine meeting place for the local troop. He made particular reference to Mr. Almack's prayer as especially appropriate for the occasion and stated he had asked Mr. Almack to send a copy to Scout Headquarters for use on other similar occasions.

Speaking to the Scouts he explained the significance of the Scout pledge and told his hearers that the Scouts of today are the leaders among citizenry of tomorrow. "Mistakes are wonderful things," said the Colonel, "for with every mistake comes that experience through which everyone benefits." In a word to the grown-ups, he referred to the valuable work they were doing in fostering and sponsoring such projects as the Scouts' Building. Only insofar as the younger generation is brought up with high ideals and soundness in body and mind will this country be a better place when they are the ruling generation.

Col. Millen described a recent meeting with Lady Baden-Powell, widow of the founder of Scouting. She had an abundance of confidence in the future which will be in the hands of boys such as were present at this gathering. In visiting the war-torn countries of Europe, Lady Baden-Powell had been amazed at the strides scouting had taken since the close of hostilities.

Rev. Dr. L. L. Young, of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, pronounced the benediction, closing what was one of the most colourful ceremonies seen here in some time.

BEAMSVILLE TROOP NO. 1 BOY SCOUTS

Scoutmaster — A. J. Hayward
 Ass't Scoutmaster — T. M. Potter
 Rover Scouts
 Bill Dawe, Jack Hodges, Ted Boughner
 Troop Leader — Bill Gable
 Patrol Leaders
 John Mierau, Neil MacGregor, Doug Burton
 Scouts
 Doug Wilds, Bill Stoner, Frank Mickalick, Rodger Hoffman, Jack Kitamura, Bruce Sutherland, Glen Mewhiney, Don MacGregor, Doug Humphrey, Jim Nation, David Amori, Eddie Hildebrand, Tom Moore, Russell Burton, Eric Bradbury, Norm Geddes, Leo Weise, Fred Short-house, Don Archer, David Thomson.
 Cubs
 M. M. Carthew — Cub Master
 Mrs. M. M. Carthew—Ass't. C. M.
 Geo. Humphrey, Barry Humphrey, Norm McKenna, Henry Mierau, Ernie Mierau, Murray Howard, David Roebuck, Herby Roebuck, Roland Davis, David Cummings, Doug Falby, David Cornelius, Johnny Burton, Douglas Juniper, Fred Borne, Allan Parker, Norman Wright, Bill Lipischak, Dale MacGregor, Frank Thomson, Ralph Spaetzel, Jimmy Johnson, Mervin Lumley.

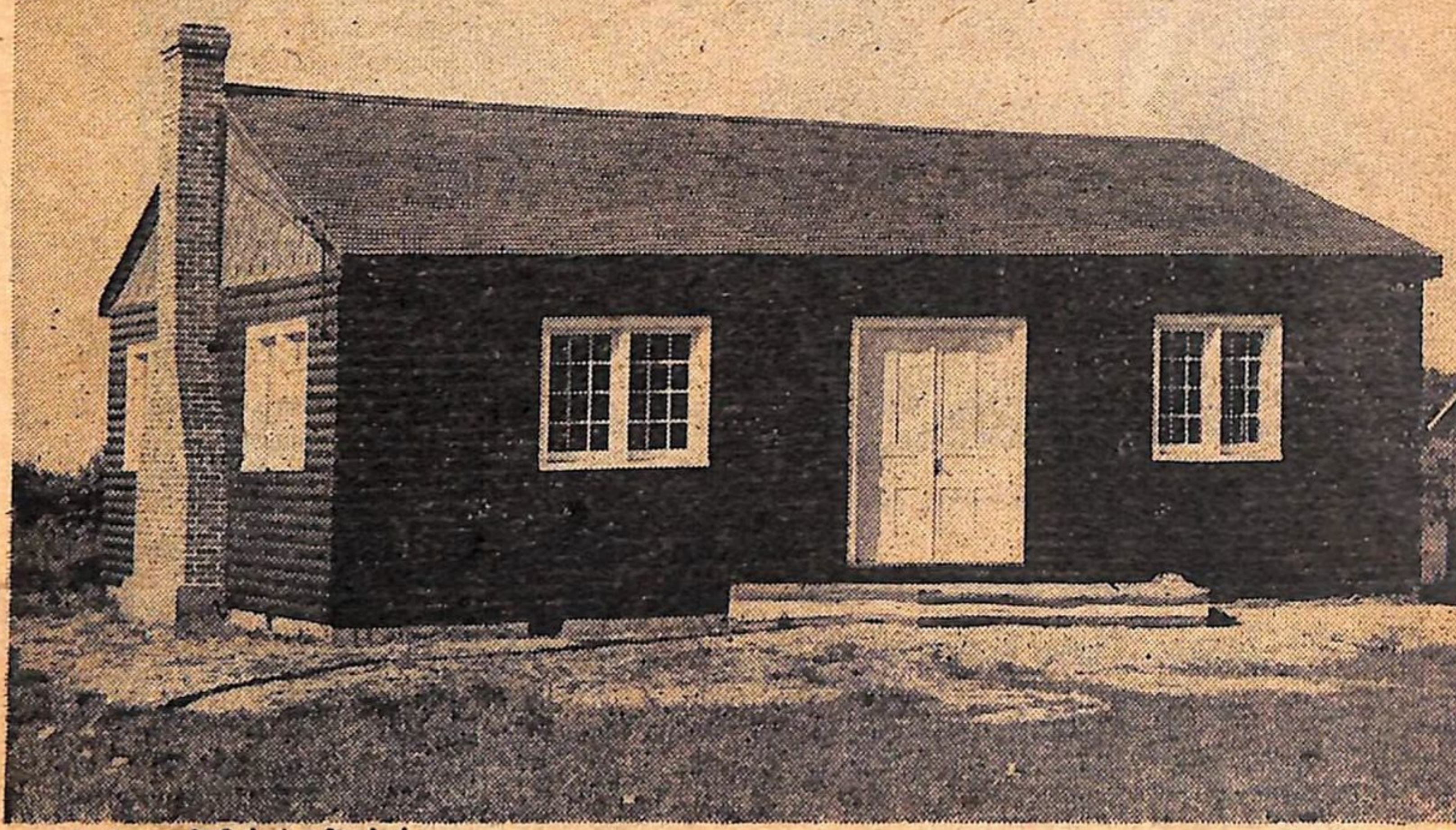
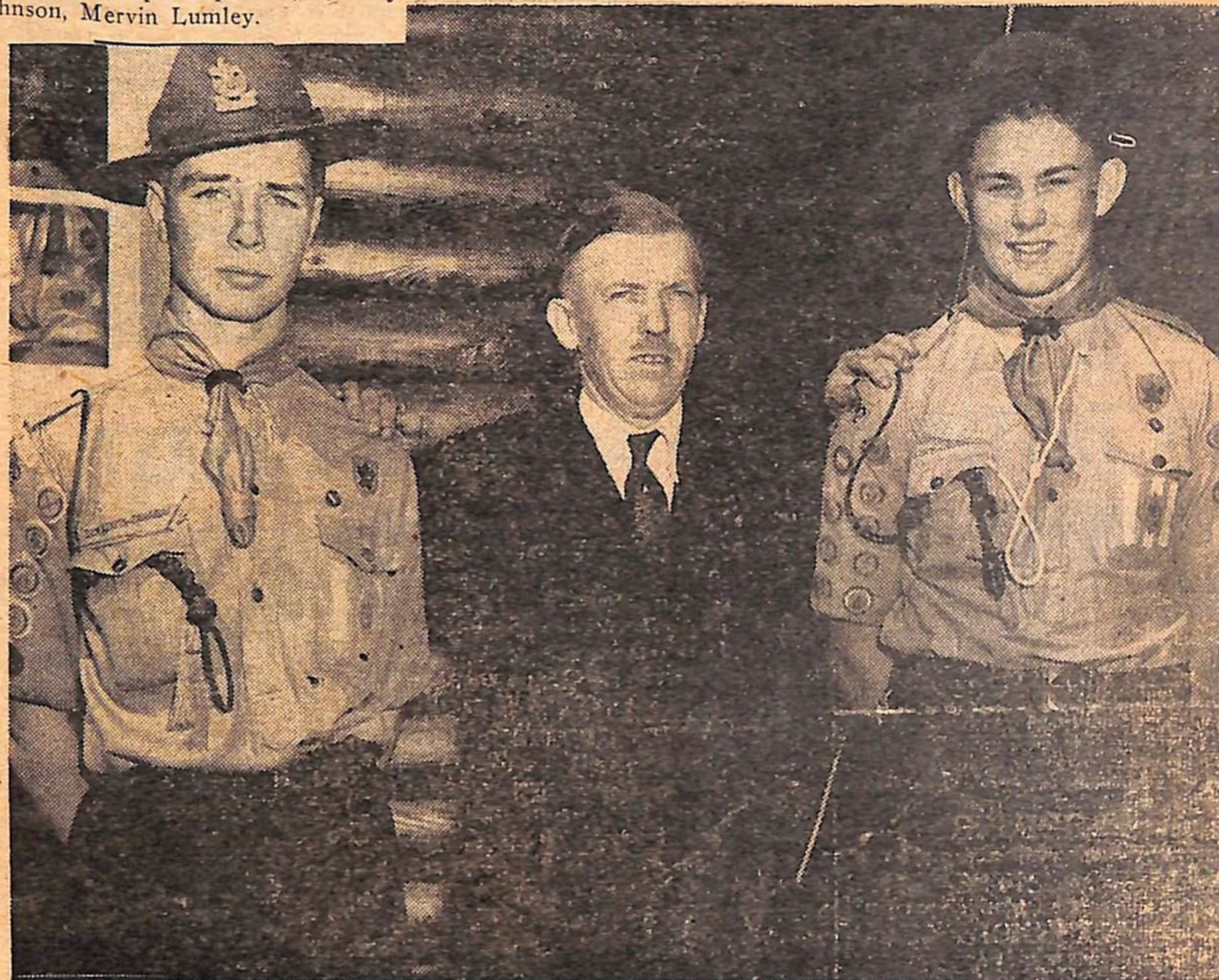
DOROTHY SAUNDERS GIVEN HIGH HONOUR

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Chosen as one of the 16 Girl Guides from all Canada to act as aides during the Western Hemisphere Conference Camp of the Girl Guides, Dorothy Saunders, Beamsville, will attend the important meeting in New York during August.

Dorothy's name was sent in by the local Guide group and she was chosen as one of Canada's representatives. She has been to Guide camps for five years and holds her All Round Cord and First Class Badge. Recently she took her tests for the Gold Cord, highest Guide award.

Every country of the Western Hemisphere will be represented at the Camp, which will be held at Cookstown, near New York City.



Cut Courtesy St. Catharines Standard
 New District Commissioner Stanley E. "Stan" Gibson and King's Scouts Jack Hodges (left) and Bill Dawe (right) at the official opening and dedication of the Scout Building on Sunday. Stan was appointed to head the new Fruit Belt Scout district at a meeting held in Winona Friday (see page 7). Lower photo shows new Scout Building as it looked after the impressive ceremonies in which Lieut.-Col. Lionel H. Millen, D.S.O., V.D., Provincial Commissioner, took a leading part.