

son Ken, a troop leader, took over. He had the boys mount in unison and proceeded into the program. At the end of the program I took over and my horse was taught to kneel and then we left the arena in single file. This was a great crowd pleaser.

We formed our troop in May 1957 and were very busy and successful until the fall of 1962. As the scouts became older they could no longer be scouts and so new boys had to join. The boys started to raise colts and some sold their horse and it became hard to keep a well trained troop going.



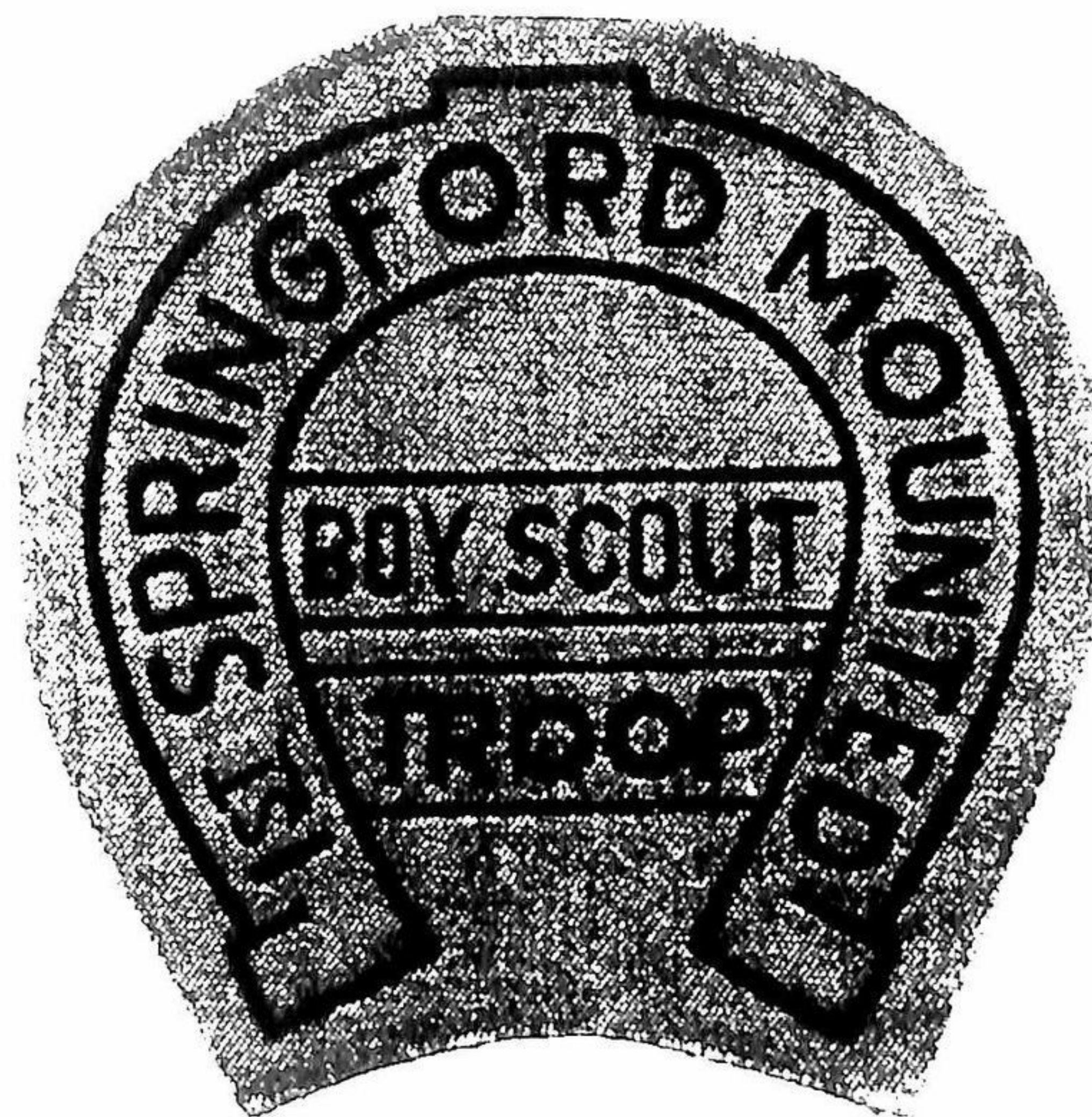
Mounted Scouts outside Springford store

We finally had to fold our 1st Mounted Troop. I was honoured twenty-five years later when I was asked to re-group as many old Scouter's and horses as possible, and parade to Otterville for the 175 year birthday. I was glad to find ten of the boys still around and willing to take part in what was a great reunion.

Rev. Raymond Lindsay of Parkhill saw my scrap book and asked if he could rewrite it for me. He was the chairman of the Scout National Council in Ottawa and wanted it to promote scouting. When the book was finished we made 32 copies and one was given to each of the boys, one copy was given to the Scout Archives in Ottawa and one is in the Archives in Norwich.

Many of the boys have become horse lovers in later years and one of my boys became a cowboy and rides in the Calgary Stampede. Scouting, the boys and horses, have been a big part of my life and I have enjoyed every moment of it and will cherish these years forever.

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