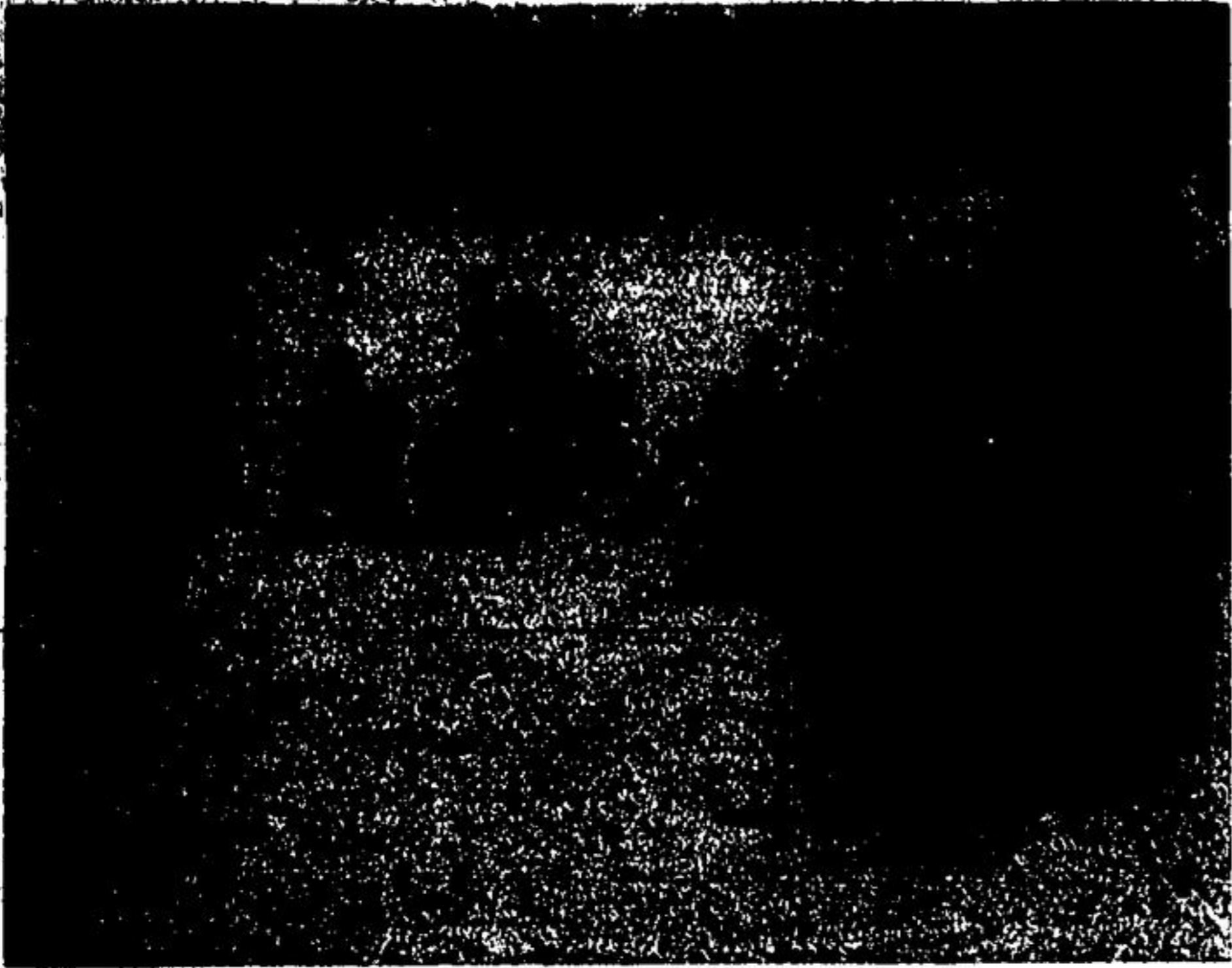
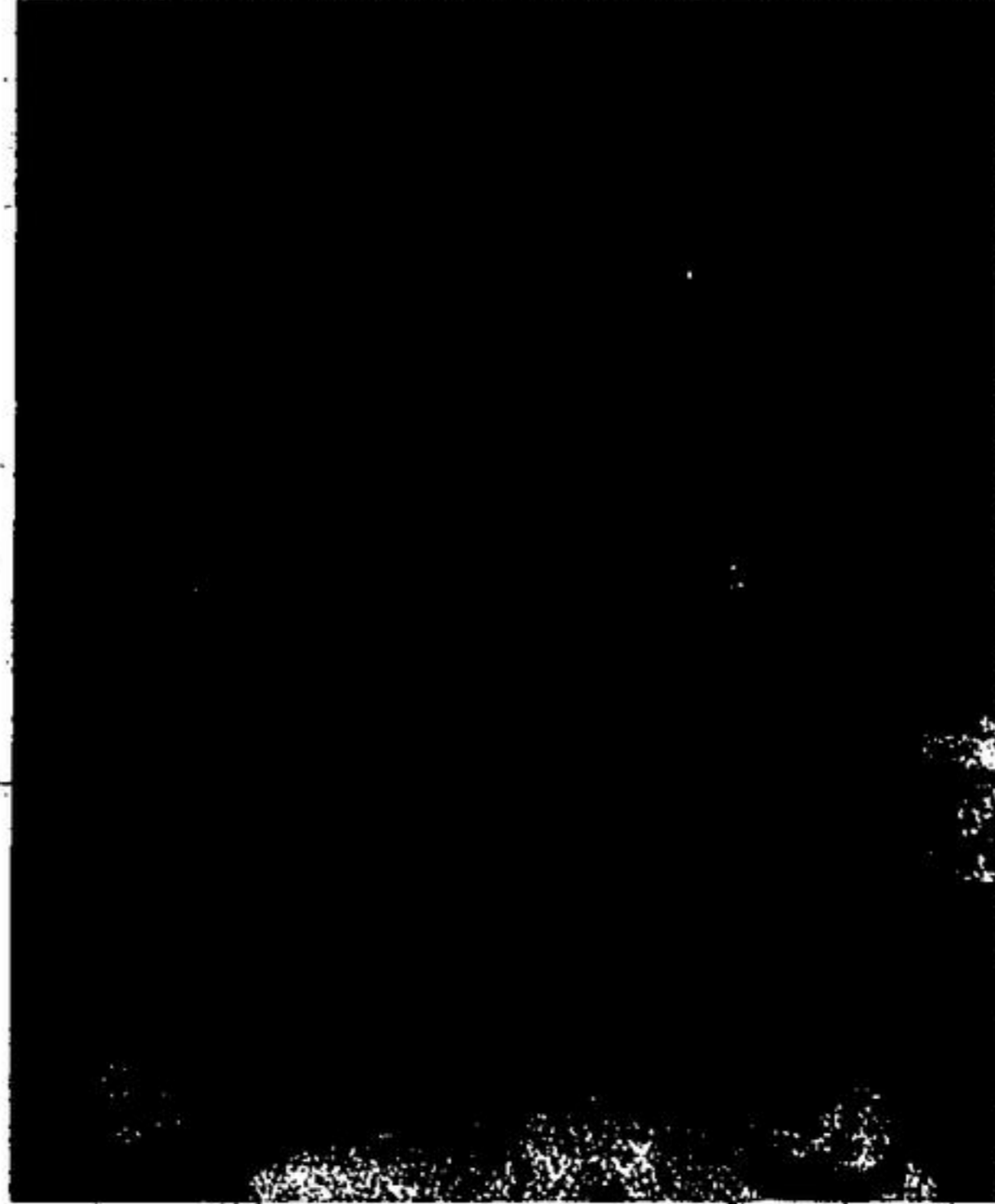


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From Dawn to Dusk 36 Cub Leaders Take Training To Further Their Knowledge in Boy Scout Movement

The Boy Scout standards for the Province of Ontario are set at Blue Springs Scout Camp three weeks west of Acton and last week 15 ladies and 21 men, all Cub leaders, underwent intensive training in order to become the nucleus for future leaders in Ontario.

Classed as adult-Cubs, according to the headquarters staff, the 36 Scouters, as they are better known in their respective districts, emerge from their sleeping bags ready to start the day's activities sharp at 7 a.m. each morning. They participate in an extensive program, stopping only for meals, until 10 p.m. in the evening, when "lights out" is sounded.

Extensive Training
Few citizens seeing the blue and green uniform of the Cubs, realize the tremendous amount of training and hard work put forth by the young Cubs and the Scouters who are Cub Pack "Akela's".

In order to uphold the motto of the Cub movement "Do Your Best", it is necessary for the leaders to take extensive training yearly. All training exercises taken at the Blue Springs camp are authorized for the Cub movement by Gilwell Park headquarters.

From All Over Province
Last week leaders from Ottawa in the east, Windsor in the west and Timmins in the north, congregated at the Acton camp and living under canvas, underwent the rigorous training laid out by Arthur L. Jackson, Brighton, of headquarters, course leader, and his assistants, Richard McIntosh of Windsor, Mrs. G. Ramsbottom of Otter Rapids, Mrs. W. Booker of Timmins and quartermaster A. S. Fleming of Port Credit.

One of the important features of any Cub course is wholesome food and each year the chore of heaping up dinner plates with tasty morsels fall on the capable shoulders of Mrs. W. Coles of Acton.

Sixth Course
The course last week marked the sixth one to be held at the Blue Springs camp this summer and included lectures, practical sessions, projects, ceremonies, discussions, campfire programs and other features of Cub life.

Each and every adult Cub took part in the morning devotions and during religious sessions, took part in prayers.

Training for Cub leaders begins not when they arrive at the Blue Springs camp but starts at the time he or she takes over the duties of "Akela". A District Commissioner keeps close tabs on all leaders and from time to time passes on information and tests from Provincial headquarters. This extra curriculum must be worked in by the leaders in addition to the time spent in guiding youngsters interested in the Cub movement.

Second Phase
The second phase of training takes place at Blue Springs and under the guidance of headquarters staff members, permanent leaders, a week's training period takes place regardless of weather conditions.

At the conclusion of the outing at the camp near Acton, leaders return to their district and practice the knowledge gained under the supervision of the headquarters staff.

Like a young Cub who has won for himself his First Star and proudly pins the emblem on his cap, leaders are justified in feeling equally as proud when after being approved by their District Commissioner, they are allowed to wear the Wood Badge Scarf.

The Boy Scout Camp at Blue Springs, considered by headquarters to be a perfect natural setting for Scout and Cub training, has been the site for many courses during past years.

A very interesting visitor to the Cub leader course was Ian Fraser, general secretary of the Cub movement in South Africa.

The uniform of the Scout or Cub is an emblem proudly worn by thousands of adults as well as youngsters throughout the world who are ready to serve at all times.

Many a Scout or Cub has been called "sussy" as he wends his way in his uniform to a weekly meeting, but proud he is to know that through intensive training he will grow up able to help in some way. As he passes into manhood his training will enable him to make the World a better place in which to live.

As the gate closed on the Blue Springs Scout Camp last weekend at the conclusion of the last course, many memories of the excitement and interesting knowledge gained by Scouters is carried back to the various district by the "Akela's".

Before the camp is closed for summer training entirely, a reunion is held each year with approximately 500 Scouters in attendance.

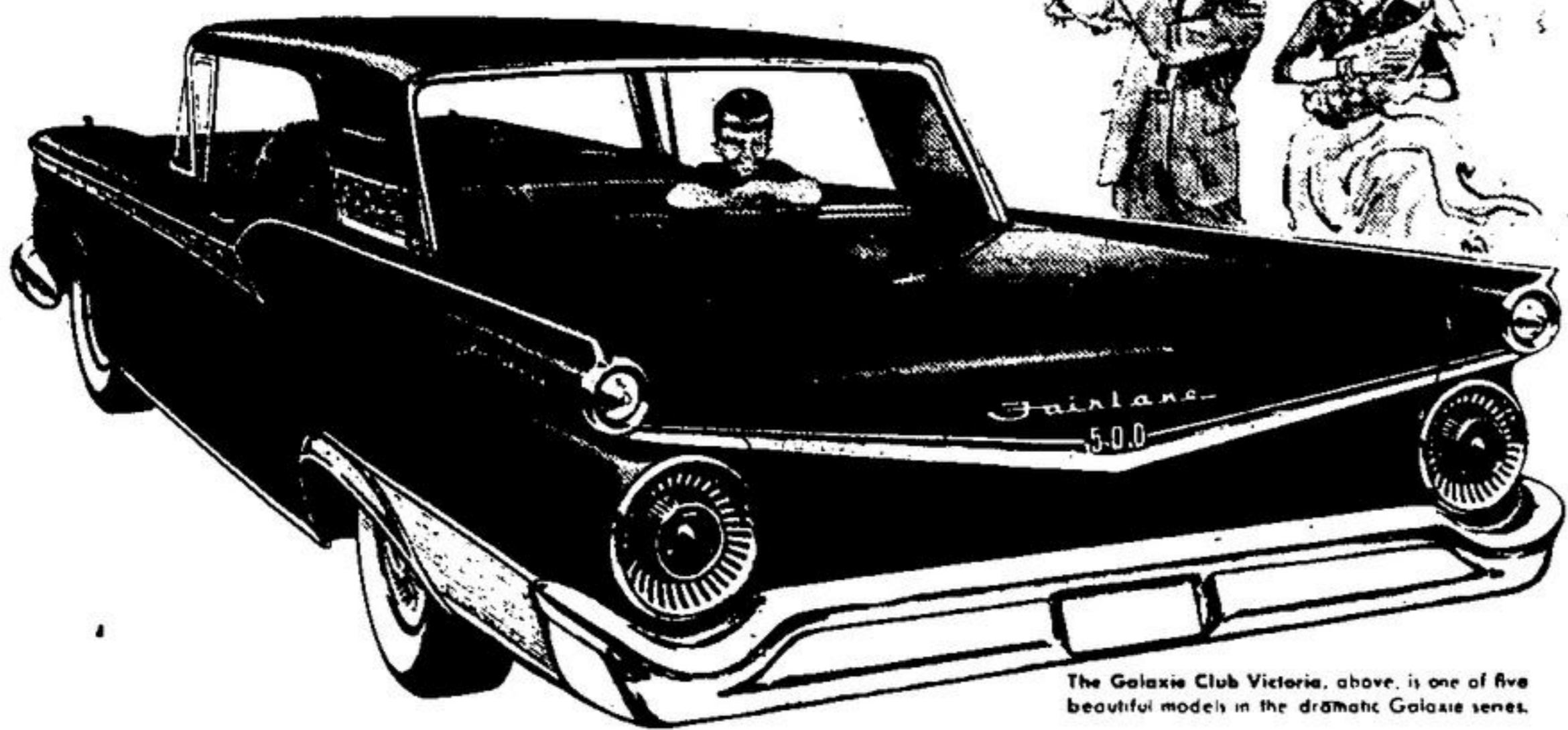


PRACTICAL TRAINING is an important feature of the cub leaders life at Blue Springs Camp and shown above a group of the adult cubs are testing knots they have learned to tie. During each day, lecture sessions take place after which practical work is practised. Leaders in the foreground have tied their knots with little difficulty, while some at the back run into some trouble.



TWO SLEEPYHEADS are awakened the hard way in the men's section of the cub leaders on course at Blue Springs, as a dish of cold water is poured over them. Shown above left to right are: Ron Mundy, Welland, John Clark, Burlington, Len Milson, Weston, Vic Brass, Ottawa, Fred Smith, London and Bert Snowden, Bowmanville. The week long course is enjoyed by the cub leaders as they further their knowledge in the Scout Movement.

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