Boy Scout News

LETTERS INDICATE GREAT TIME AT MA-KA-JA-WAN

Dear Tommy:

Arrived at Camp Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan yesterday. The advance party will have everything ready for the first period group. Saw Jim Mooney, the nature study man building a wire trap and snake cage. George Anderson has his handicraft shop set up. "Duke" Reed from Deerfield and I are laying out baseball diamonds and a complete athletic field. The water was just perfect for swimming today. We are planning tournaments, field days, regattas, swiming meets and baseball games. Hope to see you soon.

Howard F. Copp, activity director.

This is from a Florida "cracker" who has never been in a northern scout camp before: "One thing I will say is that the officers sure know how to handle things and they know what teamwork means. At present the camp buildings are being cleaned and painted in preparation for the campers. The kitchen is being painted in white; there is also an addition to the kitchen being built where the dishwashing will be done. Another thing, everybody is proud of the two new outboard motors and the new water pump. In other words the camp and everybody is okey! — from Dave, helping the chef.

SCOTTY SAYS THIS YEAR TOPS THEM ALL

"Scotty" McPherson of Lake Forest says: "Camp Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan has reached another outstanding year. Camp has always been great, but this year tops them all. Hundreds of dollars have been spent in making camp more suitable for the scouts who are coming up to enjoy "real scout-like living."

The nature end of the camp is, as usual, well taken care of by Mother Nature — the water is just the right temperature and the air—well, just as it always was, clean and fresh and it makes anyone eat like a lumberjack.

The staff is really doing their best in making camping interesting. The officers are great fellows but just "squirely" (so George Hinn says). Pat Cody is really the backbone of the bunch.

Well, I have to stop now, but I could really go on forever. But come up and see the camp and then to explain it — words can't describe the camp, but one thing sure — it's great!

Don Toeppen says: "Boy! What food! All you want and more! Chef Ross is here with his sweet roll factory going full blast. Come up and see if you can eat him out. We haven't succeeded yet!

CAMP OBJECTIVE GIVES MENTAL, MORAL, PHYSICAL AID

The organization of Camp Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan is instituted for the purpose of giving your boy a broadened mental and moral outlook, coupled with recreational activities which make these experiences lasting. Nature abounds in beauty around Spring Lake and on the camp grounds which instills in every boy an appreciation and understanding not gained elsewhere. Under the excellent guidance offered by camp personnel and this pleasant environment a stronger, healthier, and better fitted ind will be returned home at the end of the camp season, ready to take up the thread of his activities with vim and vigor.

Each day brings with it several new activities which draw and hold the stimulating camping experiences. It provides a wealth of wonderful impressions which will more than likely be lived over ,talked over and dreamed about the rest of the scout's life.

—Jim Mooney, nature director.

CAMP IN NEW MODE FOR 117 SCOUTS COMING

Monday morning found the camp all in readiness for the 117 scouts registered for the first period. With a new dishwashing room annexed to the kitchen, the Q.M. fixed with new counter and display shelves, a coat of white paint in the kitchen and also in the hospital, and the docks newly creosoted, old timers were surprised and newcomers were impressed. The improvements mean a finer, healthier and happier camp.

WATERFRONT AWAITING SCOUTS SAYS DICK WICHMAN

The Camp is set for a grand season — we have had lots of rain and everything is green and fresh. The water is just right and there is lots of room and leadership so that no boy will have an excuse to go home, not having advanced in water ability. The craft leaders are set with new and better equipment and are making remarkable progress. The fellows seem to have a tough time deciding what to take up among the many things there are to do.—Dick Wichhman, swimming director.

CAMP IMPROVEMENTS MANY, REPORTS GEORGE HINN

It may be work to set up dear old Camp Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan, but as usual those who have worked to put up the camp have been rewarded by seeing the camp not as the old Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan, but as a new, much improved camp. This year everything posable has been done to insure everyone attending camp a happy, healthy, and safe time. Arriving at the main dock on the west side of the lake, the old timer notices the first change: the dock has a coat of paint. Before long a boat arrives to take him across the lake. Yes, in no time he is in camp for the two new Johnson motors make the trip certain and possible in very little time. The old timer notices first the new engine which pumps drinking water to the improved water reservoir. Continuing to the mess hall on the porch he notices the handicraft department headed by Mr. Anderson. The kitchen is dressed in a coat of shining white. A new addition has been added to the south east corner of the hall. This is open and allows fresh air to those who struggle with the dishes, for in this room only dishes are handled. No dirty dishes are allowed in the kitchen. What was in the past the dish compartment is now used for the purpose of making bread and pastries and the likes of which only Chef Ross knows how to make. The next stop is the hospital which has been painted a cream color. But wait a minute — Mr. Old Timer, you passed the Q.M.

No more bending over and poking your head in the window! Now you can walk in as if you were entering a big department store in the city. As far as the villages are concerned, five villages are in use this year. Blackfoot and Ottawa are not in use. Yours truly will guarantee that no tents will blaw down this year, so fellow campers, unless your tent floors are moored the tents will not move. Before the old timer has been here very long he will notice many more minor improvements, too numerous to mention in this short account. You have been told about camp. Come to Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan. She and her environment invite you to a period of many benefits which you will never lose or forget. See you some time this summer. — George Hinn, village director.

A LETTER

June 18, 1934

Board of Education of the
Deerfield-Shields Township
High School
Highland Park, Illinois

Gentlemen:

It is with a sense of pleasure and gratification that I wish at this time to express my appreciation and sincere thanks for the work done by the boys and young men, as well as the teacher and leader, Mr. W. E. Durbahn, of the vocational building trades department, in completing the dwelling at 1749 Broadview Avenue, Highland Park.

This work for practical experiment was begun in September last year and carried through in its various phases by the class without interruption until the final competion at the end of the school year, when the house was opened to the public for inspection for a period of three days. A large number of persons from within and without the district viewed the premises and many were the compliments, both as to plan and method of construction. In this connection, it might also be mentioned that during the construction period the "job" was visited by not only the residents of the immediate neighborhood, but others from the state, who expressed surprise and admiration for the plan and the work done.

We are now living in this new home and find that it fills our every requirement as a pleasant and practical domicile. Again I wish to express my sincere thanks and gratification, in which my wife, heartily joins, that the board accepted our proposition to build and complete this enterprise.

Yours truly,
O. P. Bondesson

Roland and Bernice Sack

Roland and Bernice Sack Graduate From Mooseheart Recently

Here is the brief story of two home-town children who, in spite of early and serious reverses, have made good. It concerns Roland and Bernice Sack of Highland Park. In giving the details, Arthur B. Craig, secretary of the local Moose Lodge No. 446, 588 Onwentsia Avenue, said:

"Immediately after the death of the father of these children, application was made to the Governors of Mooseheart by the lodge for the admission of the youngsters to the Moose Child City of Mooseheart, the internationally known trade and academic school, founded in 1913 by the Loyal Order of Moose, and located near Chicago. The applications were granted, and Roland and Bernice were admitted in July, 1921. With them came their mother and their brother Norman, who are still at Mooseheart.

"For thirteen years," continued Mr. Craig, "Roland and Bernice Sack have enjoyed all the privileges and opportunities of the Moose program of child welfare. This program means for every Mooseheart child the best of care in homelike surroundings, spiritual and moral training, and a sound education — both academic and vocational. In the latter, Roland's vocational training has fitted him as a secretary, and Bernice has specialized in beauty culture.

"In addition," continued the secretary, "Roland and Bernice have received a broad cultural education in literature, music, and art, and they have learned to 'play the game' on the athletic fields of this noted child city."

Acording to the Mooseheart records, Roland has shown conspicuous success in football, and Bernice in basketball and music.

I envy the beasts two things — their ignorance of evil to come, and their ignorance of what is said about them.—Voltaire.

War does not of choice destroy bad men, but good ever.—Sophocles.

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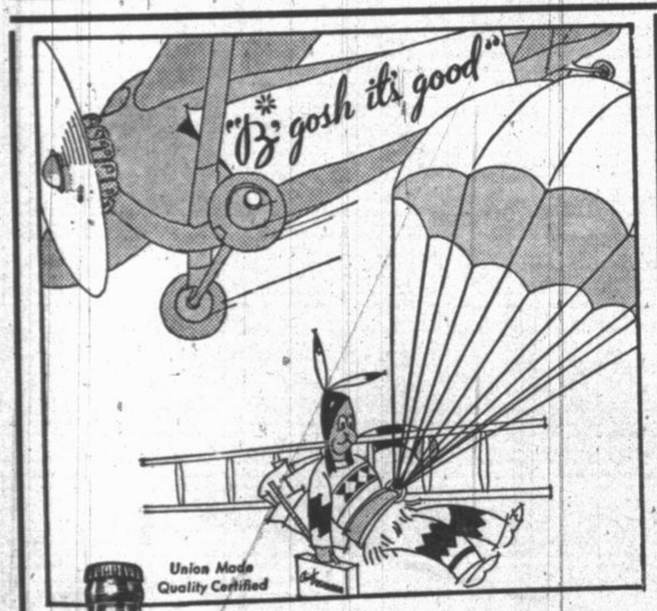

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