

# BOY SCOUTING and GIRL SCOUTING HISTORY BRIEFS

*Manitowoc County 1912 — to date*

**PREFACE:** *This review of Boy Scouting in Manitowoc County is dedicated to the thousands of men — some named — but far too many unacknowledged, who through these past sixty years have given of their time, energy, enthusiasm, experience and money to help boys become Scouts and Scouts to become men.*

Mead F. Hansen

## *Manitowoc — Manitowoc County Waumegesako Council Boy Scouts of America*

### PRE-COUNCIL PERIOD

**1909** — Through a "good turn" done by an unknown English Boy Scout to an American publisher in 1909, scouting was brought to the United States of America.

**1910** — The organization was incorporated as the Boy Scouts of America on February 8, 1910. Early national leaders of this scout movement included: publisher, William D. Boyce, Colin H. Livingston, Edgar M. Robinson, Ernest Thompson Seton and Daniel Carter Beard.

In October, 1910, James E. West was chosen to head the Boy Scouts of America as the first chief scout executive, a position he held with distinction for thirty two years. He saw the organization grow from a struggling infant of several thousand scouts to a strapping youth of over 1,500,000 scouts and scouters. From its inception, Boy Scouting spread like wildfire across the land. The minimum age level was 12 years.

**1912** — Late in 1912, Franklin F. Horstmeier, the head of a local music studio approached several civic leaders to enlist their aid in starting a Boy Scout Troop in Manitowoc.

**1913** — The first Boy Scout Troop in Manitowoc was organized in 1913 with F.F. Horstmeier as Scoutmaster and Judge John Chloupek as chairman of the troop committee. Troop 1 of Manitowoc received its charter in September, 1913, and has been in continuous existence ever since. Only a short time later, Mr. Horstmeier left Manitowoc on an extended concert tour and turned the troop over to game warden, John Egan.

**1914** — During the summer of 1914, Scoutmaster John Egan led Troop 1 on the first recorded camping trip. The troop camped at English Lake.

**1915** — In 1915, Mr. Horstmeier returned to Manitowoc, following his

concert tour, and announced his interest in organizing another Boy Scout Troop in the city.

**1916** — In February, 1916, Troop 2 received its charter. Meetings were held at the Presbyterian church on Sunday afternoons and membership was citywide. When the troop membership exceeded fifty scouts it was deemed advisable to split the membership into several troops.

**1916** — The Boy Scouts of America was granted a federal charter by Congress, being only the second national organization to be so honored. The President of the United States of America is the honorary president of the Boy Scouts of America.

**1916-1917** — As a result of the desire for scouting among Manitowoc's youth, Troops 3, 4 and 5 were organized under the sponsorships of various churches. However, due to a lack of leadership and unfamiliarity with the scouting program, only Troop 5, among the three new troops, survived.

**1917-1919** — Troop 2 remained as an independent troop, opening its own meeting room in quarters rented in the Wood Block. Later the Troop was given the use of the third floor of the Henry Dumdey home at 9th and Hamilton Streets. (Now Eagles clubhouse).

To finance its operations, Troop 2 sponsored youth dances in the Wood Hall, several shows, and a Scout Circus at various locations. A four wheel hand cart was built and used for the collection of waste paper. The Schmidtman Company permitted the Troop to bale all loose paper at its plant. During this period summer camps were held at Wettenkamp's Corner and at Shoto. Other active troops confined their activities to camping and hiking programs. During World War I all Scouts in the city served as emergency messengers and sold War Bonds and Stamps.

Through the generosity of a few men and the monies earned, Troop 2 was able to rent a parcel of land along the river above the Shoto Dam and build a cabin on the site. The cabin was used for two years as both a summer and weekend camp; and until 1923 was a weekend camp, when it was disposed of.

### COUNCIL PERIOD

**1919** — In 1919, interested citizens, stimulated by the leadership of the Manitowoc Rotary Club, organized the Manitowoc Boy Scout Council. The Council organization meeting was held on November 5, 1919, and the Council charter was approved and signed by the national council, Boy Scouts of America on December 3, 1919. The officers of the first council were: president — Atty. A.L. Hougen; vice president — Frank Hoffman; vice president — Henry Groth; vice president — Wm. F. Pflueger; treasurer — Atty. R.H. Markham; scout commissioner — John Egan. Other council members were: Dr. H.W. Aldridge, R.T. Buerstatte, Henry C. Burger, Judge John Chloupek, Edwin T. Clark, H.A. Dumdey, S.D. Eckel, Charles Esch, Frank Fetzer, Dr. C.M. Gleason, T.W. Gray, Spencer Hanson, Atty. John J. Healy, Atty. E.L. Kelley, Emil Krug, R.C. Kielsmeier, Atty. Lawrence Ledvina, William H. Pauly, William Rahr, A.P. Rankin, Atty. E.S. Schmitz, Arthur Schuetze, Paul Schuette, Abe Schwartz, E.C. Spindler, C.G. Stangel, G.H. Torrison, George Vits, and Frank Woyciekowsky.

A financial campaign was conducted to raise the \$12,000 needed to cover a three year program. Even though only enough money was raised to assure two years of operation, it was decided to go ahead with the hiring of professional leadership. Frank D. Chadwick, a Y.M.C.A. director from Hamilton, Ohio, was selected from a list of applicants for the position of Scout Executive, Manitowoc Council, Boy Scouts of America.

**1920** — F.D. Chadwick assumed his position as Manitowoc's first Boy Scout executive on January 1, 1920. He served as Scout Executive until February, 1924, when he resigned to assume a position on the Region Seven staff with headquarters in Chicago.



*Sir Robert Baden-Powell (founder of the Boy Scouts), Lady Baden-Powell and Juliette Low, 1919.*

During the first year of Council operation under professional leadership, Scouting grew in Manitowoc from three active troops with 56 registered Scouts to eight troops with 176 registered Scouts.

Two troops were organized in Two Rivers but they didn't affiliate with the Manitowoc Council. Land was leased on the north shore of Pigeon Lake and the first Council sponsored camp was held during July, 1920, with very meager equipment.

Mead F. Hansen, a member of Troop 2, was selected to represent Wisconsin Scouts at the National Safety Congress in Milwaukee. Sixteen Scouts from various states served as messengers and pages at the Safety Congress.

**1921** — Three major events took place during the second full year of Council operations. (1) The Orpheum theatre (former Turner Hall) was purchased by Mr. George Vits, and turned over to the Scout Council for its use. The former National Guard Armory, under the stage, was converted to a gym, the Council office was moved to basement quarters and several meeting rooms and kitchen were provided under the main floor arena. However, because of limited Council finances, it became necessary to continue renting out the theater, thus limiting the use of the main floor and stage for scouting and recreational activities.

(2) The Manitowoc Kiwanis Club received permission from the City Council to construct a cabin, 24' x 40' of imitation logs, on city owned land along the Little Manitowoc River, just north of what is now Reed Avenue, and just east of present Reed Avenue subdivision. The cabin was equipped

with sleeping bunks, stoves, tables, benches, cooking utensils, electric lights, and an excellent fireplace. The cabin was used for weekend troop camping and as a Council winter camp, accommodating up to 32 scouts and leaders. The building was used until Camp Vits was donated to the Council at which time the cabin was donated to the city and moved to Lincoln Park.

(3) A large tool shed used during the war at the Shipyards, was donated to the Council by Mr. C.C. West and moved to the Pigeon Lake camp. The building was reconditioned and a porch the full length of the building was added. The porch served as the camp dining area and the building was divided into the camp office, kitchen and cook's quarters.

The new camp was named "Camp Sinawa". 1921 camp attendance totaled 43 scouts for 79 boy weeks.

**1922** — A.P. Rankin was named Council President to succeed Atty. A.L. Hougen who had served as president from the date of council organization in 1919.

Assistance was given interested persons in organizing scout troops at Rockwood, Reedsville and Mishicot.

Franklin Zeran of Troop 5 became Manitowoc's first Eagle Scout.

By 1922, many of the troops were using the meeting rooms at Scout Headquarters for regular scout meetings. This trend continued for several more years when it became evident that troop sponsor interest had become almost nil.

**1923** — George Vits was named council president to succeed Atty. A.L. Hougen.

Theodore Shiremeyer and James Hughes became Manitowoc's second

and third Eagle Scouts. Camp Sinawa was rented to the Girl Scouts for a one week camping period. The joint use of Camp Sinawa for summer camping was continued until the consolidation of the Manitowoc and Sheboygan Girl Scout organizations.

**1924** — William Chadwick became Eagle Scout No. 4. In February, F.D. Chadwick resigned as Scout Executive to accept a position on the region seven staff.

Mead F. Hansen was engaged to supervise the theatre and headquarters program on a part-time basis.

In April, Milton Stangel was named Scout Executive to succeed F.D. Chadwick.

The first all-Scout track and field meet was held in June.

Mr. Stangel directed a most successful summer camp. However, in late summer he decided to return to the University of Wisconsin and as of September 1, 1924, the Council was without professional leadership.

On Oct. 1, 1924, Mead F. Hansen was named Scout Executive, a position he held until March 1, 1929.

During the several transition periods several troops became inactive and registered scouts dropped from a high of 350 to 240.

As no finance campaign had been conducted, the Council, in September, found itself approximately \$1,800 in debt. Through the generosity of President George Vits, who contributed \$2,500, the outstanding obligations were taken care of, leaving a nest egg of some \$700. A mail campaign netted another \$2,800 making it possible to end the year free of debt.

**1925** — One new troop was organized and Scout membership increased from 240 to 283. With most of the troop meetings at Scout Headquarters (Orpheum Theatre) scouting activities were combined with a broad recreational and athletic program.

(A) Scouting activities included an inter-troop first aid contest, a hobby show, birdhouse building contest and the annual scout field day.

(B) Each troop sponsored a basketball team and a full season of games was scheduled with a league champion crowned. Several troops sponsored baseball teams playing each other and various school and club teams. Boxing and wrestling classes were scheduled for individual participation.

(C) Over 250 scouts and leaders turned out for the annual Memorial Day parades to both Calvary and Evergreen cemeteries.

(D) A four week summer camp was held at Camp Sinawa. William Rahr was camp committee chairman. Scout Executive Hansen was camp director; Anton Chermak, assistant camp director; Emil Ziarnik, waterfront director, and Mrs. John Allwardt, head

cook. Several scout leaders spent a week at camp with their troops and volunteers got the camp in top shape. Mr. Rahr secured help to clean the campsite and Mr. Vits closed the Goods cafeteria so that Mrs. Allwardt could cook at our camp. The firm also donated much new aluminumware. With all this help and donations of foodstuffs, etc. from service club members, parents of campers and various business firms, the Scouts were able to operate a most successful camp at only \$5 per week (camp fee covered full 7 day camp week). Each service club, (Rotary, Kiwanis and Lions) held a regular dinner meeting at Camp Sinawa.

Dr. C.W. Gleason arranged for weekly visits by Manitowoc doctors. Each scout was given a physical checkup. Manitowoc pastors visited the camp each Sunday to conduct open air services. Catholic scouts hiked to St. Nazianz for services.

(E) The highlight of the year's program was the first annual Scout Circus. Tickets were sold by all scouts and each troop was assigned one money raising booth. A variety stage program followed by an evening of dancing drew record crowds. Every troop netted a nice sum for the troop treasury.

(F) Some funds were raised by the Council during the year but because no organized campaign was held a financial pinch was felt at the close of the year.

**1926** — The number of registered Scouts increased only slightly during 1926. (289 compared to 283 in 1925.)

(A) William G. (Billy) Schultz, who was operating a refreshment stand on South 8th Street, after over 25 years as a performer with Ringling Bros. Circus, was engaged as a part-time gym instructor.

(B) Camp Kiwanis was in use almost every weekend from September through April; each troop using the cabin from one to four weekends.

(C) Summer camp followed closely the 1925 camp, both as to program and in overall attendance. There being no swimming pool in Manitowoc, emphasis at camp was placed on swimming instruction.

(D) Three scouts reached Eagle rank. They were John Schmidtman, Arnold Holtz and Edward Gentgen.

(E) Scout leaders formed a basketball team playing the preliminary games for the city team at the Orpheum Theatre.

(F) The big event of the fall season was the second annual Scout Circus consisting of eight acts trained and directed by William G. (Billy) Schultz. All performers were scouts or scout leaders except two girls. Robert Ellig directed several sideshows and various troops had money raising booths. The circus program was augmented by band concerts featuring the Aluminum

Goods Marine Band and the Lincoln High School Band. The Orpheum Theatre was jammed to the doors all

three nights (Thanksgiving weekend). Following is a program from that circus.

1926 Second Annual Benefit 1926

**BOY SCOUT CIRCUS**

**— PROGRAM —**

**BAND CONCERT — 8:45 p.m.**

By one of the following:

**ALUMINUM GOODS MARINE BAND  
MANITOWOC HIGH SCHOOL BAND**

**8 BIG ACTS ON THE STAGE**

Under the direction of

**MR. WM. SCHULTZ (Wm. Lester) —**  
Formerly of Ringling Bros. Circus

- ACT I — "THE THREE EAGLES" — On the Roman Rings  
Serenio Hansen, Ervin Kletzein and Bernard Novy
- Act II — "THE FRANCIS BROTHERS" — On the Double Trapeze  
Russel and Ralph Hansen
- Act III — "CAMP SINAWA SONGSTERS" — A Load of Melody  
Scouts — B. Rassmussen, M. Peterson, E. Teske, R. White,  
P. Sweetman, L. Brennan and J. Napiezinski
- Act IV — "THE MANITOU TROUPE" — On the Mexican Webb  
Serenio, Russel, Ralph and Norman Hansen, Erwin Kletzein,  
Bernard Novy, Wesley Boswell, Samuel Caldwell, Harold Barthleme,  
Francis and Richard O'Connor and Charles Heyda
- Act V — "TWO MINUTES OF WHITE FACE FUN"
- Act VI — "THE SWINGING SWEETHEARTS" — On their Flying Ladders  
Misses Ione Kletzein and Eleanor Hansen
- Act VII — "PROFESSOR WIFFENPOOF AND HIS LAUGH PROVOKERS"  
William Schultz, Robert Ellig, Julius Stupecky, Richard Schaus,  
Lewis Mally, Harold Schmidt, Ralph Heridith,  
Henry Felber, Paul Jaklin and Edward Buerstatte.
- Act VIII — GRAND FINALE — "ARABIAN PYRAMIDS", "ZOUAVE DRILL"  
and "HIGH WALL WORK"  
Scouts — W. Boswell, Hansen Bros., B. Novy, E. Kletzein,  
H. Barthleme, F. Hoffman, R. O'Connor and F. Galbraith.

DANCING: 10:30 — 12 P.M.

*We hope you enjoyed the Circus and will visit us again.*

*Tell your friends about us. Thank you.*

*Don't forget to visit*

**THE R. ELLIG SHOWS ON THE PIKE**

**Admission to anyone only 5¢**

The Services of the band whose concert you enjoyed was donated for this occasion. Entire circus under the direction of Mead F. Hansen, Scout Executive.

**BOOST THE BOY SCOUT MOVEMENT**

As the year drew to a close it became increasingly apparent that the community as a whole was losing interest in Boy Scouting and that some drastic steps were necessary if scouting was to grow and continue as a vital force in the lives of Manitowoc's boyhood.

**1927** — A reorganization meeting was called, at which nearly every church, civic organization, lodge and labor group were represented. A new council was formed, made up of representatives of all groups interested in the future of Boy Scouting in Manitowoc. New officers were elected and committees, pledged to activity, were appointed. It was voted to abandon the Orpheum Theatre as the scout headquarters, and to bring scouting back to where it belongs, namely, in the churches and schools. During the six year experiment at the Orpheum, scouting had not grown as it should, due to lack of interest in and

support of individual troops. The Region Seven staff was called on for assistance and advice in connection with the council reorganization and financial campaign. The news media endorsed the change and gave the campaign full coverage.

In March, an organized drive for funds was started under the leadership of an active finance committee, assisted for two weeks by a region seven staff member. The goal was \$5,100. After the final checkup, a total of \$6,302.50 had been raised, indicating to everyone that Manitowoc could and would support Boy Scouting if given the opportunity.

Use of the Orpheum Theatre was continued on a limited basis for special events, basketball and circus training. The scout office was moved to the Wood Block where it remained until the scout office building was erected on South 9th Street.

There was more interest, activity

and enthusiasm shown during 1927 than at any time since scouting came to Manitowoc. On orders from national headquarters, limited council service was extended to scout troops in Two Rivers, Reedsville and to any other area in the county if and when a scout troop was organized.

### MEMBERSHIP AND ADVANCEMENT

On December 31, 1927, registered membership had increased to 299 Scouts and 114 Scouters in 12 troops. Nine of the troops were sponsored by churches and three by civic organizations.

More scouts advanced in scouting ranks than during any previous year, with 15 boys becoming Star Scouts, 4 Life Scouts and 2 reaching the coveted rank of Eagle Scout.

### LEADERSHIP TRAINING

To increase the effectiveness of local scout leaders a six week approved "Minimum Course in Leadership Training" was conducted. Twenty-four men enrolled and 16 completed the course. Scout Executive Hansen enrolled in the "Eleventh National Scout Executives Training School" at Briarcliff Manor, Tarrytown, New York. He graduated from the 30 day course in September, 1927. He also attended a five day camp school at Indianapolis. Our Council was represented at the Region Seven Conference in Chicago.

### CAMPING

For the 8th consecutive year "Camp Sinawa" on Pigeon Lake proved its worth as a summer activity. A total of 106 scouts attended the five week camp for a total of 146 boy weeks. In addition, the camp was rented to the Manitowoc Girl Scouts for one week and to the Two Rivers Boys Work Association for two weeks.

Camp Sinawa received a "B plus 44 points" from the National Department of Camping, ranking 23rd among 100 region seven camps inspected. The camp operated within its budget even though the camp fee was held to \$5.25 per week.

Camp Kiwanis, a 24' x 40' cabin built six years ago on city property along the Little Manitowoc River by the Kiwanis Club for use as a weekend and winter camp was used by 411 scouts and scout leaders on 34 weekends in 1927. One Girl Scout troop also used the cabin and a three day Council sponsored winter camp was held during the Christmas holidays. Eighteen scouts and three leaders attended the winter camp.

### CIVIC SERVICE

The Kiwanis Club purchased 2,500 trees to serve as the nucleus for a Scout nursery project. The trees, plus others, were planted in an area north of Camp Kiwanis under the supervision of Dr. George Babcock. Each participating

troop was assigned a plot to plant and maintain.

Scouts assisted in the delivery of Christmas baskets to the needy, assisted at the County fair, and at several conventions. On Halloween (Manitou-ween) Scouts came through with an outstanding piece of civic service: (1) decorated the light poles along the main street, (2) helped erect refreshment stands, queen's throne and first aid station, (3) distributed noisemakers and novelties to parade participants, (4) assisted the police department with traffic control, (5) set up red flares along the parade route and (6) assisted in policing the high school grounds where the pageant was held.

### INTER-TROOP ACTIVITIES

Inter-troop activities during 1927 included: (1) The fifth annual Rotary Club Cup Meet at the Orpheum Theatre during National Boy Scout Week, (2) the annual track and field meet for the Lions Club Cup held at the County fairgrounds, (3) an inter-troop basketball league during the winter months of 1926-1927, (4) a troop stunt night which packed the Orpheum to the doors. No admission was charged.

1927 was a year of decision, action and change. The Council not only operated within its budget but set aside \$1,000 toward the purchase of a campsite.

1928 —

### MEMBERSHIP AND ADVANCEMENT

Twenty-seven percent of all boys of scout age in Manitowoc were members on December 31, 1928. The 303 Scouts were enrolled in eleven (11) troops. Scout advancement exceeded that of any previous year. The Council Court of Honor held 11 sessions at which 155 Scouts received 246 merit badges. Fifteen scouts reached the rank of Star Scout, five the "Life" Scout rank and five scouts earned the coveted Eagle Scout award. A record number of 100 Boy's Life subscribers were reached as the result of a special campaign.

### CAMPING

During the nine years that Camp Sinawa had been in operation, over 1,100 boys and girls attended summer camp. In 1928 the camp was operated for a total of eight weeks — Manitowoc Boy Scouts five weeks, Manitowoc Girl Scouts one week and Two Rivers Recreation Department (Boys Camp) two weeks. One hundred eight Boy Scouts attended the 1928 camp for a total of 153 boy weeks.

Camp Sinawa rated 25th among 110 Region Seven Camps with a B plus 54 points. Many points were lost because the camp was not Council owned, but rented on a year to year basis. In this category it was ranked 72nd out of 110 camps.

Camp Kiwanis was extensively used by all 11 Scout troops, two Girl Scout

troops and one Two Rivers Scout troop. The cabin was used on 32 weekends. It was closed during July and August. A four day winter camp attended by 17 Boy Scouts and three leaders was conducted over the Christmas holidays. Each and every troop conducted a number of day and overnight hikes during 1928 averaging six such hikes per troop. Your Scout Executive attended the Region Seven Camp Directors Course held at the Detroit Council Camp near Flint, Michigan, in May.

### PROMOTIONAL BULLETIN

The following camp promotional bulletin may be of interest.

6/13/28

*"Hello There, Scout*

*"Maybe you think we aren't tickled over the camping prospects this year and we know you will be tickled too when you hear of our camp plans for this summer.*

*"If you haven't been to Camp Sinawa, you've missed the best day of your life. Up in those rolling hills above the beautiful Pigeon Lake we have the most ideal campsite you ever saw. Plenty of woods, sky and water, plenty of fish to be caught, plenty of birds, animals and flowers to be seen and plenty of pals to be with.*

*"Think of the swimming. Swimming that is safe and clean, with expert instruction in swimming, diving and water safety.*

*"Think of the handicrafts — archery, leathercraft, basketry, beadwork, art stone projects, plaster casting and woodcarving. Imagine the dandy articles you'll take home from camp this year.*

*"Think of the games, stunts, boat rides, hikes, contests and wonderful campfires. You can't afford to miss this year's camp — not with 3 fine meals each day with plenty of second helpings. Scout advancement is not forgotten — Let's all be Eagles soon. Now is the time to reserve a place for yourself in the chow line. All that is needed is to have the application card sent to your parents sometime ago properly filled out and deposited in the Scout Office with 25¢ for each week you intend to stay at camp. Better do it now. If you can't find the card get another at the office.*

### BOY SCOUT CAMP PERIODS

*"July 2nd to 16th (2 weeks) (we'll come to town in a body for the 4th of July celebration.)*

*"July 16th to 23rd (1 week)*

*"July 23rd to 30th (1 week)*

*"July 30th to Aug. 6th (1 week)*

*"Who's going to furnish this wonderful program you ask! Ssh! I'll tell you. We have a real camp staff this year. Edward Gentgen of Des Moines will be in charge of the program and will handle all types of crafts and the campfires. This will be too good to miss. Then there will be Emil Ziarnik,*

who will handle the waterfront program and all contests and athletics. You can be assured of a real treat here. Then there will be Dwight Derrick of Des Moines as official camp bugler and assistant to Emil Ziarnik on the waterfront. To top this off every scoutmaster and assistant is planning on spending a week at Sinawa this year. Scoutmasters are real chaps and they'll help make your stay at camp a joyous never-to-be forgotten experience, and of course what would camp be like without the Scout Executive in charge as camp director.

"Then Scout, think it over — this camp is your camp and it costs but \$5.25 per week to be out in the open with pals so true; doing the things the great pioneers used to do.

"We meet at the Orpheum Theatre at 1:00 p.m. on the following Mondays — July 2nd, 16th, 23rd and 30th. Our own camp truck will take you — bag and baggage to dear old Sinawa.

"Here's what you'll need to bring Scout uniform (shorts) if possible, pajamas, 3 heavy blankets or quilts, bathing suit, extra underwear, shoes, a change of clothes (complete), sweater, handkerchiefs, raincoat or poncho, toothbrush and paste, comb, soap, towels, pocket knife, scout handbook and pencils. Cameras, flashlights, fishing tackle, diary, compass, watch, axe and musical instrument will help you enjoy the camp more.

"By the way here's a secret. We've changed our awards this year. Bring your scout belts or a light colored leather one. Awards will be stenciled on your belt this year. By the way a dandy stencil is ready for all who bring musical instruments to camp this year. Better bring the old horn or stringed instrument along.

"Camp Sinawa pennants will be awarded to all Scouts qualifying for the honor camper awards. The pennants and medals are to be awarded in addition to the regular belt awards. Many other surprises await your coming. Better sign up for camp now!

"Ten cents a day is the sweets limit. This does not include writing materials or handicraft supplies you may need.

"Enclosed you will find a physical examination blank. Follow instructions. Have it filled out by your family physician and bring it along to camp. If there is any good reason for not being examined have your dad fill out and sign the blank.

"Now is the time to get prepared for camp! Don't forget the big two week period starting July 2nd. If you are holding a full camp thrift club folder you need not include the 25¢ fee with your registration card. Just send the card to the office.

### SCOUT!

"WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE A LEADER? THEN COME TO CAMP. DO YOU HOPE TO BE AN EAGLE?

THEN COME TO CAMP. DO YOU LIKE THE WATER, WOODS AND WIND? THEN COME TO CAMP. DO YOU WANT A COAT OF TAN? THEN COME TO CAMP. SURE YOU WANT TO BE A REGULAR SCOUT AND COME TO CAMP.

"Yours for a Real vacation at a Real Camp.

William Rahr, Camp Chairman  
Mead F. Hansen, Camp Director  
"P.S. — We would much prefer your parents to transport you to camp if they have a car and the time. Only about 16 Scouts can be accommodated on the camp truck."

### LEADERSHIP TRAINING

A Scout Leaders training course was started in December and will be completed in the spring of 1929. Four scout leaders conferences and two scout leaders dinners were held in 1928.

### CIVIC SERVICE

Scouts continued cultivation of their respective troop tree plots at Camp

Kiwanis. Over 70 percent of the various type tree seedlings have survived. The Kiwanis Club awarded a cup for the best maintained tree plot. It was won, guess what, by Kiwanis Club sponsored Troop No. 12. Troop 1 placed second and Troop 3 was third.

The largest turnout of Boy Scouts for a Memorial Day parade was recorded on May 30, 1928 when 252 Boy Scouts and leaders participated. Scouts again assisted Elk's Club members in delivering Christmas baskets to the needy and ushered at a special theatre performance. Several traffic counts were made by Scouts at 8th and 10th Street bridges at the request of city officials and 5,000 flyers urging every eligible voter to vote were delivered to each household in connection with the "Get Out and Vote Campaign". On October 30th, Scouts were everywhere helping with the second annual Manitoween Parade and celebration.

### PROGRAMS AND RALLIES

Numerous rallies, contests and programs were held during the year to

### PROGRAM

Third Annual

### BOY SCOUT CIRCUS

1928 — April 12-14 — 1928

### — PROGRAM —

BAND CONCERT — Boy Scout Band

### DIRECTOR — ALVIN SCHULTZ

BAND MEMBERS — R. Ellig, R. Schaus, L. Mally, J. Stupecky, N. Felber, V. Kerscher, P. Geissler, U. Ziesler, M. Schultz, F. Kerscher, P. Aumann, H. Schmidt, S. Zagrodnik, H. Witzek, H. Beck, E. Teske, A. McCully, F. Darbant, H. Geisler and Paul Jacklin.

### 12 — BIG ACTS ON THE STAGE — 12

Under the Direction of and Featuring

### WILLIAM G. SCHULTZ — Formerly of Ringling Bros. Circus

Act I — THE FLYING EAGLES — On the Roman Rings  
Serenio Hansen, Bernard Novy and Russell Hansen

Act II — VIOLIN CONCERT — Charles Kippen  
Accompanist — Emanuel Teske

Act III — SNITZEHIMMER AND HIS GLOOM CHASERS  
Wm. Schultz, Lewis Mally, Alvin Schultz, Julius Stupecky,  
Henry Felber, Richard Schaus, Harold Schmidt, Robert Ellig,  
Paul Geissler, Upton Zeisler and Marvin Schultz.

Act IV THE FRANCIS BROTHERS — Double & Breakaway Trapeze  
Ralph and Russell Hansen

Act V — SCOUT TRIO — A Load of Melody  
Paul, William and Gordon Hansen

Act VI — DANCE OF THE REPTILES  
Featuring Wm. G. Schultz

Act VII — THE MALOU TROUPE — Statues & Mexican Webb  
Francis O'Connor, Sereno Hansen, Bernard Novy, Ralph Hansen,  
Paul Clemens and Norman Hansen

Act VIII — THE SWINGING BELLE — On the Swining Ladder  
Eleanor Hansen

Act IX — TROMBONE SOLO — Director Alvin Schultz

Act X — TRICK HOUSE & COMEDY ACROBATICS  
With Wm. Schultz, Charles Hejda and Richard O'Connor

Act XI — LITTLE CARUSO — John Napiezinski

Act XII — GRAND FINALE — Roman Ladder Drill  
W. Boswell, B. Novy, P. Clemens, 4 Hansen Bros.,  
F. Clemens, H. Bartelme, F. O'Connor, H. Caldwell,  
R. O'Connor and R. Bartelme

DANCING: 10:30 — 12:00 P.M. CAPITAL ORCHESTRA

We hope you enjoyed the circus — thank you.

Tell your friends about our show.

### BOOST THE BOY SCOUT MOVEMENT

Entire Circus under the Direction of  
Scout Executive Mead F. Hansen

stimulate the varied interests of our scouts and leaders. Major events included: (1) the 6th annual Rotary Club Meet held at the Orpheum Theatre during Boy Scout Week. Troop 7 gained permanent possession of the Rotary Cup by winning it for the third consecutive time. (2) The 3rd annual Scout Circus was held during April 1928 and drew capacity crowds for the three nights event. The Circus acts and a clown band under the direction of William G. (Billy) Schultz rivaled those of any professional indoor circuses.

(3) The Lions Club field day was held in June at the Lincoln High School track and was won by Troop 7. (4) An all-time council high of 110 subscribers to Boy's Life was reached in 1928 and a list of 85 books for boys was compiled by the Reading Committee and a copy given each Scout. The books, together with merit badge pamphlets, were available at the public library. Armados Belisle became the first Eagle Scout in Two Rivers.

### FINANCE

The 1928 campaign raised a total of \$5,324.25 out of which \$500 was taken and added to the campsite purchase fund. The campsite fund will be used for the purchase of a Council camp when a suitable site is found. Council members spent many hours looking over possible sites including Pigeon Lake, Crystal Lake, Maribel Caves and others.

The year ended with a general fund balance of \$424.16.

**1929** — The year 1929 began with the election of a new Scout Council and broadening of the Council membership.

### MANITOWOC

#### BOY SCOUT COUNCIL — 1929

Officers: George Vits, president; William Rahr, first vice president; C.C. West, vice president; Frank Hoffman, vice president; A.L. Hougen, vice president; John Egan, scout commissioner; P.W. Moore, treasurer; Mead F. Hansen, scout executive.

Executive Board: All officers and J.J. Kuplic, William Sterling, Michael Lutz, A.P. Rankin, Rev. M.S. Weber, H.S. Bonar and Earl O. Vits.

Council membership: Dr. H.W. Aldridge, Dr. George Blaesser, Charles Buerstatte, R.T. Buerstatte, H.H. Buss, H.S. Bonar, Thomas Clark, Stanley Eckels, J. Aubrey Egan, John Egan, A.J. Fanta, Sam Feldman, Alois Fischl, Dr. C.M. Gleason, T.W. Gray, Harold Groth, Elton Hansen, Harold Hanson, Spencer Hanson, Charles Hedja, Frank Hoffman, George Hollander, A.L. Hougen, Leland Huppert, Dr. W.G. Kemper, Rev. Theo. Kersten, E.L. Kelley, J.P. Klinkner, Edward Koutnik, Frank King, Emil Krug, James J. Kuplic, Charles Ludwig, Michael Lutz, R.H. Markham, Edward W. Mackey, E.S. Mueller, P.W. Moore, A.L. Nimitz, Anton Novy, William H. Pauly, William Pflueger,

R.G. Plumb, Edward Pilger, Rev. J.M. Pociacha, Herbert Pitz, A.P. Rankin, William Rahr, Abe Schwartz, John C. Schmidtman, R.R. Smith, William Sterling, Arthur G. Stangel, Dr. S.J. Stangel, C.G. Stangel, A.W. Storms, R.X. Stiefvater, A.D. Strouf, James Taugher, John H. Thiell, Anton Trochlell, Arthur Trippler, August Tech, George Vits, Earl O. Vits, L.J. Wagner, Rev. M.S. Weber, C.C. West, Louis E. Wedertz, Frank Woycieckovsky, Arthur Zander and William Ziemer.

The year opened with plans to intensify our efforts to acquire a campsite and the raising of enough additional funds for its purchase. To accomplish this the Pigeon Lake Land Co. was organized with shares in this non-profit corporation offered at \$100 per share. No one person would be permitted to purchase enough shares to gain controlling interest. The Scout Council voted to purchase 16 shares with monies now in the campsite fund.

Fortune at last smiled on our efforts when a 20 acre site on the west shore of Pigeon Lake became available. R.X. Steifvater and Mead F. Hansen handled the negotiations. The site was purchased for \$4,500 by the Pigeon Lake Land Co. and enough shares of stock were sold to cover its cost. Later another 40 acres was acquired through a gift and purchase from an estate with a number of heirs. The parcel, however, consisted of 39 acres of water and 1 acre of land. However, the single acre of land included the island and several hundred feet of needed shoreline.

Earl O. Vits was named camp committee chairman to succeed William Rahr, who had held the post since the organization of the Scout Council.

One of the most outstanding scouting events ever undertaken was the Boy Scout exposition held during the month of February 1929, at the Orpheum Theatre. The exposition sponsored by the Rotary Club featured display booths depicting various merit badge requirements. Rotary members volunteered to assist troop leaders in setting up the respective exhibits and paid for necessary exhibit materials or equipment. A stage program, dramatizing the Scout Oath and Law, a campfire scene and other scouting highlights rounded out the exposition, which drew capacity crowds.

Mead F. Hansen tendered his resignation as Scout Executive, effective March 1, 1929, to become secretary-manager of the Manitowoc Merchants Information Bureau (later the Manitowoc Chamber of Commerce).

In closing my portion of this review of Boy Scouting in Manitowoc County, I wish to pay tribute to the hundreds of men who brought Boy Scouting to Manitowoc County and supported the program year after year, not only

financially but with personal participation.

While the council leadership and troop sponsorship is an important ingredient, the scouting program would fail if it were not for the dedication and personal sacrifice of our scoutmasters and assistant scoutmasters. My thanks go to the following scoutmasters and assistants who served so faithfully during my tenure as Scout Executive.

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**Troop 1:** Lions Club — Edgar Wilson, Scoutmaster

**Troop 2:** Wesley M.E. Church — George Hollander, Scoutmaster; Fred Groll, Thomas Felber, Richard Schrieber and Julius Stupecky, Assistant Scoutmasters.

**Troop 3:** St. Paul M.E. Church — Samuel Caldwell, Scoutmaster; Sewell Woolman and Wesley Boswell, Assistant Scoutmasters.

**Troop 4:** St. Paul Lutheran Church — Harry Chermak, Scoutmaster.

**Troop 5:** First Presbyterian Church — Percy Hughes, Raleigh Wilda, Dr. L.D. Thompson, Scoutmasters; Donald Bacon and Newell Conant, Assistant Scoutmasters.

**Troop 6:** St. Boniface Church — Anton S. Kerscher, Scoutmaster; John Frieder, Assistant Scoutmaster.

**Troop 7:** Sacred Heart Church — Harvey J. Stangel, Scoutmaster; Frank Tadych, Assistant Scoutmaster.

**Troop 9:** First Lutheran Church — Oscar Gunderson, Scoutmaster; Halver Halverson and Ray Gilbert, Assistant Scoutmasters.

**Troop 10:** Drows-Bleser Post, American Legion — Adam Hendrick, Scoutmaster; William Pentzein and Marvin Fehrman, Assistant Scoutmasters.

**Troop 11:** St. Mary Church — Rev. A.F. Krauz and Emil Ziarnik, Scoutmasters; Emil Ziarnik and Theodore Komosa, Assistant Scoutmasters.

**Troop 12:** Kiwanis Club — John C. Schmidtman and Dr. George W. Blaesser, Scoutmasters; Herbert J. Schipper, George Pech and Halver Halverson, Assistant Scoutmasters.

**Troop 13:** Anshe Poale Zedek Synagogue — Ben Dwoskin, Scoutmaster; David Roseff, Assistant Scoutmaster.

### TWO RIVERS

**Troop 1:** Grace Congregational Church — Newell Conant and Austin Buege, Scoutmasters. Harry Zoerb and John Christensen, Assistant Scoutmasters.

**Troop 2:** St. Luke Catholic Church — Roland E. Klinkner, Scoutmaster.

**Troop 3:** St. Mark Catholic Church — Norman J. Hippert, Scoutmaster; Francis Rocheleau, George Arle and Leo Rocheleau, Assistant Scoutmasters.

**Troop 4:** Evangelical Church — Harry H. Zoerb, Scoutmaster; John

Kriehn, Assistant Scoutmaster.

## REEDSVILLE

**Troop 1:** American Legion Post 199 — Dr. Erwin C. Carey, Scoutmaster; Fred D. Wells, Assistant Scoutmaster.

The executive board met to select a successor to Mead F. Hansen as Scout Executive. Herbert J. Schipper was named acting Scout Executive effective March 1, 1929.

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and Mrs. William Rutherford were co-captains. These troops disbanded in 1922.

Girl Scouting was permanently established in 1927 when the Manitowoc Girl Scout Committee was organized with Mrs. Walter Spindler as Chairman. Troops and their leaders were:

**Troop No. 1:** Presbyterian Church — Doris Fitzgerald and Ruth Hansen

**Troop No. 2:** Sacred Heart Church — Dorothy Stangel and Alice Barns

**Troop No. 3:** Dorothy Kries and Elizabeth Kries

**Troop No. 4:** Mrs. Harry Cox, Jr. and Elda Schmitz

Martha Schuette and Irma Westphal assisted the troops.

The Manitowoc Girl Scout Council was formed in 1927. Charter members were: Mrs. Walter Hamilton, Commissioner; Mrs. A.F. Rank, Deputy Commissioner; Mrs. Rose Wright, Secretary; Ruth Hansen, Treasurer; Mrs. Walter Spindler; Mrs. E.J. Tower; Mrs. C.C. West; Mrs. H.L. Vits; Mrs. Nic Dedrick; Mrs. Charles Babcock; Mrs. John Egan; Mrs. Vincent Rosmoser; and Mrs. Arthur Pitz. Miss Merle Pickett was selected as part-time local director. Her duties included keeping individual records of the Girl Scouts and directing summer camping activities.

In 1928 the Girl Scouts camped at Camp Sinawa at Pigeon Lake for two weeks. There was no Community Chest or Girl Scout Cookie sales in those days but the Girl Scouts conducted their own fund-raising drives. When \$3,500 was needed for the Girl Scouts to camp at Camp Sinawa, the troops held enormous bake sales, and the Council sponsored a benefit lecture.

Manitowoc Girl Scouts were given their first merit badges at a court of awards in June 1929. As there were only four troops, all the early court of award ceremonies were city-wide programs with the Council buying all of the badges for the girls.

In 1930 the Council sent a troop captain (or leader) to a regional camp for two weeks of training, and thus started a policy of sending as many adults as possible to regional and national camps so they would be better equipped to handle the Girl Scout work in Manitowoc. Troops continued their bake sales to pay their share of the organization's operating cost. Membership had increased and there were five troops. Girls paid \$6.00 a week to go to camp in 1930.

One of the big projects of 1931 was the remodeling of the kitchen at Camp Sinawa, and Manitowoc received congratulations from national Girl Scout headquarters for the fine established camp, which was directed by Merle Pickett. Mrs. A.F. Rank became Council Commissioner in 1932,

## HISTORY OF GIRL SCOUTING IN MANITOWOC COUNTY

"Come right over," said Juliette Gordon Low. "I've got something for the girls of Savannah, and all America, and all the world, and we're going to start it tonight." This something Mrs. Low was talking about in 1912 did indeed spread all over the U.S.A., and to Manitowoc County, Wisconsin. The Girl Scout movement grew so quickly in this country that a national council was soon organized to help the numerous troops that were springing up. As the Girl Scout movement expanded over the years this national organization became a professional volunteer movement. By 1944 one million members were registered and today it is the world's largest voluntary organization for girls.

The purpose of this essay is to give you an idea of how the Girl Scout movement grew in Manitowoc County. Obviously the Girl Scouts have become more structured since 1912. And, in Manitowoc County, what started as city, village and lone troops in Cleveland, Francis Creek, Kiel, Manitowoc, Mishicot, Reedsville, St. Nazianz, Two Rivers, Valders and Whitelaw became a countywide council that has evolved into a four county council, Manitou Council, which serves Manitowoc, Calumet, Sheboygan and Northern Ozaukee Counties.

Before we take a close look at the history of the Girl Scout movement in Manitowoc County, it might be useful to understand the national structure.

Girl Scouting has been going and growing since its 1912 founding in the United States by Juliette Gordon Low. Mrs. Low organized the first group of girls on March 12, 1912 in Savannah, Georgia. The Girl Scouts of the U.S.A. was incorporated in Washington D.C. on June 10, 1915 and chartered by the United States Congress on March 16, 1950. Girl Scouts of the U.S.A. is the largest voluntary organization for girls in the world. It is part of a worldwide family of girls and adults in 104 countries through its membership in the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts.

Although there have been a great many changes in Girl Scouting since 1912, the basic concept has remained constant. Girl Scouting is a movement that gives girls from all segments of American life a chance to develop their potential, to make friends, and to become a vital part of their community.

Based on ethical values, it opens up a world of opportunity for youth, working in partnership with adult volunteers. Its program is a continuous adventure in learning that offers girls a broad range of activities which address both their current interest and their future roles as women. Through activities that stimulate self-discovery, they are introduced to the excitement of the worlds of science, the arts, the out-of-doors and people. Girls grow in skill and in self-confidence. They have fun, they make new friends, and through meaningful community service acquire an understanding of themselves and others.

There are approximately three million members, 2,276,000 girls (one out of every nine girls, ages 6-17) in the United States. In Manitou Council we have recently registered 4,701 girls. There are four program levels of girl membership in Girl Scouting:

Brownies . . . . . ages 6-8 (grades 1-3)

Juniors . . . . . ages 9-11 (grades 4-6)

Cadettes . . . . . ages 12-14 (grades 7-9)

Seniors . . . . . ages 14-17 (grades 9-12)

Nationally there are approximately 553,000 adult members (women and men) who serve as volunteer leaders, consultants, board members, and staff specialists in the areas of child development, adult education, outdoor education and administration. In Manitou Council, we have registered 1,110 adult members. Girl Scout leaders participate in Girl Scouting through group activities in troops. Nationally there are 157,000 troops; in Manitou Council there are 403 registered troops. Girl Scout troops are organized by Girl Scout Councils — 336 in the U.S.A. Councils are local units chartered by the national organization to administer and develop Girl Scouting in a council's jurisdiction. Manitowoc County Girl Scouts are administered by Manitou Council which is headquartered in Manitowoc and serves Manitowoc, Sheboygan, Calumet and Northern Ozaukee Counties. Now that we have taken a look at the broad picture of what Girl Scouting is in Manitou Council and how it fits into the national spectrum, let us explore the development of the Girl Scout movement in Manitowoc County.

## MANITOWOC

The first troop in Manitowoc County was organized in 1921 in the City of Manitowoc. Mrs. Edward J. Koutnik

and Miss Pickett was succeeded as part-time local director by Mrs. A.N. Dedrick. The Girl Scout Council received financial assistance from the Community Chest in 1932 and has continued to be a recipient of monies from that fund. The Girl Scouts published a paper in 1932 called *Bottle and Pen*, and intertroop contests were held at city-wide rallies. The Girl Scouts contributed to permanent improvements at Camp Sinawa. Registration had risen to 113 girls in 1932 and all did their part to relieve the difficult economic situation existing at that time. A quotation from the minutes illustrates: "It was decided that to enable some of the Girl Scouts to pass their canning tests and to help them do their bit to relieve the economic situation, they be allowed to make preserves for needy families." The Girl Scouts canned peaches and tomatoes and made blankets and clothes for needy families in Manitowoc.

Several clubs in Manitowoc inquired about sponsoring Girl Scout troops in 1933 and the Daughters of the American Revolution offered to help any patriotic programs. A one-day Day Camp was held to promote Camp Sinawa and 87 Girl Scouts, out of a total of 145, registered and attended. Mrs. A.N. Dedrick, Mrs. Alfred Pingel, Florence Kuehn, and Marion Sanderson attended Camp Edith Macy, the seven-year-old Girl Scout National Training Center in Pleasantville, New York for outdoor and leadership training. Prospective Brownie Girl Scout leaders took training courses offered in Sheboygan and the first Brownie troop was formed. There were seven Girl Scout troops in 1933. That year Mrs. Walter Hamilton received the first "Thanks Badge" presented in Manitowoc.

By 1934 the Commissioners were considering finding a permanent office for the Council and hiring a full-time executive director. Mrs. A.N. Dedrick had resigned and Miss Mildred Seekamp was hired to replace her on a part-time basis. A city-wide festival and bazaar was held that year. The Council had 192 registered Girl Scouts and 118 attended Camp Sinawa for two weeks that summer.

The first full-time executive Director of the Council was Miss Vivian Sell of Sheboygan. She filled the position in September 1935 when Mrs. William Protz was Commissioner of the Council. A permanent office for the Council was established at that time in the Wood Block. An operetta, directed by Mrs. Kenneth Healy was one of the highlights of 1935. Of the 187 registered Girl Scouts that year, 125 Girl Scouts attended Camp Sinawa. This was the highest percentage of camp attendance of any council in the state. The first Day Camp was held for Manitowoc Girl Scouts at Lincoln and

Silver Creek parks.

The first "Golden Eaglet" Girl Scout award was presented to Josephine McCarthy (later a leader of Troop 9, St. Boniface Church) in 1935. Other "Golden Eaglet" awards were presented to Janet Plank, Cecilia Scherer, Rose Millar, and Patricia Sullivan during the years 1938 through 1940. This award was the highest honor in Girl Scouting but is no longer awarded. On the occasion of Janet Plank's award, Mrs. A.E. Hansen of Green Bay Girl Scouts noted, "Golden Eaglets are few even in so large an organization and movement as Girl Scouting . . . National headquarters feel that winning the Golden Eaglet is too hard a task and the requirements are too demanding to impose upon the Scouts . . ."

Mrs. Walter Spindler organized the first meeting of the Leaders' Club at her home, 1210 South Lake Street (which is the current Manitowoc Girl Scout Council office headquarters), in 1935.

In 1936 Mrs. Walter Spindler, Mrs. A.N. Dedrick, Merle Pickett, and Mrs. A.F. Rank, received "Thanks Badges." Mrs. Hans Ertz was the new commissioner that year and national trainers came to Manitowoc to give advanced training to leaders. Because of the popularity of camp, the Girl Scout session was extended to three weeks in 1936. For the first time the National Headquarters gave official approval for Girl Scouts to camp at Camp Sinawa.

The first Mariner Ship was organized in 1936 and meetings were held at the Manitowoc Yacht Club. Mrs. Harlan Groffman was Mariner Chairman. The first ship, "Stormy Weather" was led by Florence Seekamp (Mrs. Donald Storms), Mrs. Elda Hill, Lola Schmitz, and the Pilot Committee was Mr. and Mrs. Henry Schuette and Donald Storms.

(The Mariner Scout program was officially launched in 1934 at the Girl Scout national convention in Boston. It grew in popularity and became a branch of Senior Girl Scouting. Many of the activities have now been incorporated into the mainstream Senior Girl Scout program so that an individual girl may participate in water related activities without the necessity of belonging to one special troop, and may then also participate in other project areas of interest).

The year 1937 was the silver anniversary for the national Girl Scout organization and the 10th anniversary for the Manitowoc group. Manitowoc ranked first in the state in the number of Girl Scouts in proportion to the population. Over 400 Girl Scouts and Brownies were registered in 1937. That year 172 Girl Scouts attended camp.

Although the first nationally franchised Girl Scout cookie sale was held in 1936, it was not until 1938 that

the Manitowoc Girl Scouts held their first city-wide cookie sale to raise money for a troop cabin. Mrs. F.M. Tidmarsh was elected Commissioner in that year and Miss Capitola Olmsted was the new local director. Leaders who had troops for more than five years were given uniforms.

Community service has always been an important part of Girl Scouting and the annual report of the 1939 Manitowoc Girl Scout Council illustrated the variety of service projects girls participated in:

They assisted at the booth exhibiting work done by Wisconsin disabled at the Henderson-Hoyt Store.

During Manitowoc County Citizenship Day, 40 Girl Scouts acted as ushers.

Girl Scouts made scrapbooks and tray favors for the hospital.

They sang Christmas carols for many groups in stores downtown, at the hospital, the old folks' home, and sanitarium.

They distributed posters, when necessary, for various organizations.

The girls made toys, and collected clothing and food for Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets for the needy.

Manitowoc had 456 Girl Scouts registered in 1939; 211 girls attended Camp Sinawa that summer. Mrs. Gilbert Rankin received the Thanks Badge in 1939.

Mrs. Howard Plank served as Commissioner in 1940 and 1941. In 1940 a group of Manitowoc Girl Scouts visited the prison in Waupun to learn handicraft techniques and later exhibited their handicraft work at the State Fair in Milwaukee. A troop cabin at Point Creek was discussed but the idea was later abandoned.

Girl Scouts discontinued going to the Kiwanis cabin for overnites in 1941 and a cabin site, solely for the use of the Girl Scouts was again discussed. The regularity of attendance of some faithful council members was noted in the 1941 minutes: "Mrs. Jack Barenbaum, Juliette Low Chairman, has missed only one Council meeting in the past five years." Although war was not declared until 1941, the local Council was already assisting the American Red Cross and had organized a Girl Scout Service Bureau. On January 30 the national Girl Scouts pledged their services for national defense at a ceremony in Washington, D.C. Locally the Girl Scouts participated in grease, rag and paper collections, and many other service projects, and also rolled bandages.

Girls continued their war work in 1942 helping with paper drives and other defense activities. Masses were held at camp for the first time that year, instead of transporting campers to church in Valders. Mrs. Edward Ehlert and her mother, Mrs. Louise



Wunrow, began cooking for the Girl Scouts at Camp Sinawa and had a fine time with ration books and fixing meals. The tire and gasoline rationing also cut into trips to national training camps for leaders and staff.

The new commissioner for 1942 and 1943 was Mrs. R.E. Minogue. Miss Mary Zink succeeded Miss Capitola Olmsted as local director in September, 1943. One of the highlights of Mrs. Minogue's term in office was the honor of christening a ship at the Burger Boat Yards. This honor was given in recognition of the Girl Scouts winning first place in a War Bond Drive. The contest was held among women's organizations in the city to sponsor a 136 foot submarine chaser PC-1424, built by the Burger Boat Yards. As part of their service work in 1943, the Girl Scouts rolled bandages and conducted a drive for waste fats.

Mrs. G.C. Kubitz became Commissioner for the 1944 and 1945 term. At this time membership rose to a high of 662 registered girls, including 219 Brownies, 382 Intermediates, and 61 Senior Girl Scouts. Of that number, 248 girls attended Camp Sinawa that summer. The girls gave 1,500 hours of service projects to the community in 1944 which included assistance in the Salvation Army nursery and the presentation of shadow plays at the public library during the children's hour. The girls also made tray favors for Holy Family Hospital and Maple Crest Sanatorium. They maintained a messenger service for delivery of library books to shut-ins and filed at the War Price and Rationing Board on weekends and during school vacations. 270 Girl Scouts attended the four week session at Camp Sinawa.

The local Council elected Mrs. Adolph Stangel commissioner in 1946, and Miss Margaret A. Smith, an ex-Spar, succeeded Miss Mary Zink as executive director. Because of the polio epidemic that year, camp was cut to a two week session, but 124 girls attended.

Donations from the Rahr Foundation and Harry Wedertz made it possible for the Council to purchase 27 acres of land in 1946 near Shoto. This was to become Camp Manitou. The members of the first campsite committee were: Harry Wedertz, General Chairman; Clarence Alt, Chairman; Ed Scholten; Louis Vetting; Henry Schuette; Austin Smith; Frederick Raeuber; L.E. Fenner; F.M. Tidmarsh; Rolf Ristad; Mrs. E.V. Platt; L.L. Place; and Mrs. Alois Fischl.

Mrs. Stangel retired as Commissioner in 1947 to be succeeded by Dr. Gertrude Reimer. In 1947 the new campsite, Camp Manitou, was dedicated. The name Manitou is an Indian word which refers to the mysterious and unknown potencies and powers of life and of the universe. Troop 13 of Woodrow Wilson school and their

leader Marjorie Miley submitted the name. (At this writing in 1982, Marjorie Miley is Managing Editor of the Manitowoc *Herald-Times-Reporter*.)

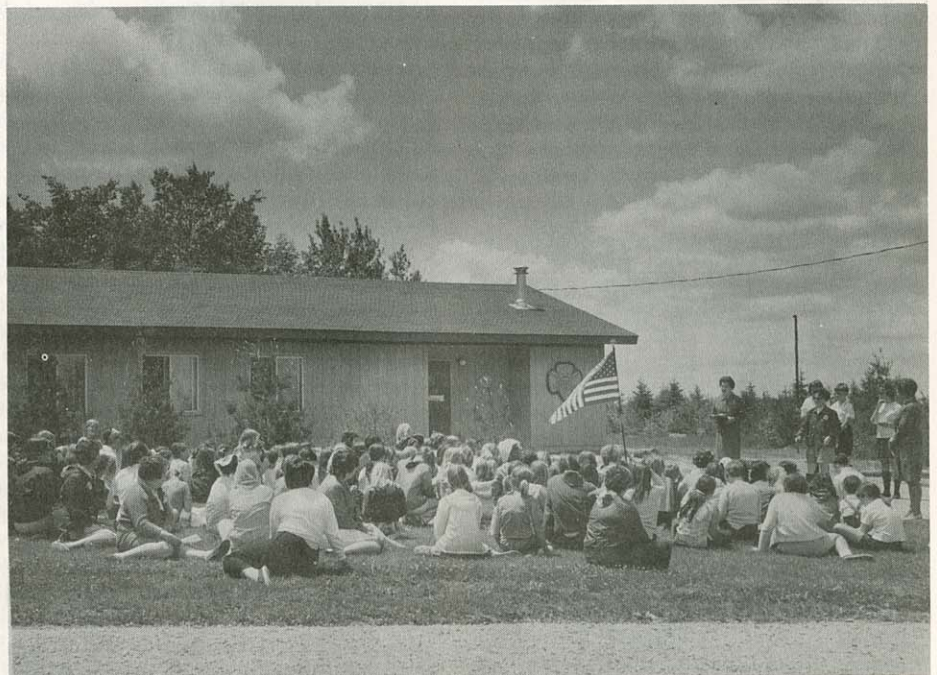
Through the years additional acreage has been acquired and the site now consists of 140 acres. The White Cabin was purchased in 1948 through a gift of the Rahr Foundation. It was renovated for troop camping with funds from Girl Scout Cookie Sales. That year the utility company donated the lines and installed electrical service. In 1950, the telephone company installed a phone as a courtesy. An additional 11 acres were purchased in 1951 to give the camp additional access to the river and to improve the site of the Lodge which was completed in 1952. The furniture for the Lodge was contributed by the Hamilton Manufacturing Company of Two Rivers and the building was dedicated on May 24, 1952. Three shelters were built during the years 1952-1954. The Spindler Foundation presented funds for the first shelter in honor of Mrs. Walter Spindler. A second shelter was built from the memorial fund of Mr. E.V. Platt. The fireplace in this shelter was a contribution of the Manitowoc Kiwanis Club. The third shelter was built by volunteers under the direction of Cal Herbst, former custodian. An additional 42 acres were purchased from the Manitowoc County Board in 1954 which included the gravel pit and land adjacent to it. The Log Cabin was also purchased from the Drumm family and renovated to serve as a bunk house. The Pine Troop House, a winterized multi-purpose building was completed in 1969 and dedicated in 1970. In 1974 the estate of Charles

Henry Hempel presented the Hempel cottage adjacent to Camp Manitou to the Council. The building is now used for troop camping. Funds for the maintenance of the buildings and improvement of the campsite are secured from the Council's annual Girl Scout Cookie Sales.

After much study, The Manitou Council Camp Development Committee, headed by Anne West, adopted a ten year building and development plan for Camp Manitou and Camp Evelyn. A new troop house, to be completed in 1982, is part of this plan at Camp Manitou. This building, set in a heavily timbered area adjacent to a significant rock outcrop, will be insulated for year round troop camping and as a conference center.

By 1945 the national Girl Scout organization, on the basis of the rapid growth in membership during the previous five years and projected growth for the next decade, advocated the adoption of a unified plan for the expansion of Girl Scouting throughout the United States, and indicated the need for overall coverage by strong councils. Region VII, the Great Lakes Region (which included Wisconsin), received directives concerning council coverage in October 1946. The national branch office in Chicago developed a master plan for each state and placed existing councils and lone troops under existing councils.

The services of the Manitowoc Girl Scout office were extended to the Two Rivers Council in 1947, with the executive director working Thursday at the Two Rivers office starting in 1948. Mrs. F.M. Tidmarsh was named chairman of the first area development committee to organize Girl Scouting on a countywide basis. Manitowoc had



*Dedication of the new Pine Troop House at Camp Manitou during the first week of day camping.*

634 registered Girl Scouts in 37 troops that year. In 1947 the name of the national organization was changed from Girl Scouts to Girl Scouts of the United States of America. National membership dues were raised to \$1.00 a year.

There were now 42 troops in Manitowoc in 1948. Margaret Smith resigned as executive director, and Verna Rosenthal took over the position on April 13, 1948. (Miss Rosenthal, at this writing in 1982, is the Executive Director of Manitou Girl Scout Council which includes Manitowoc, Calumet, Sheboygan and Northern Ozaukee Counties.)

Mrs. Frank Kracha, president of the Two Rivers Council and Mrs. Alois Fischl, president of the Manitowoc Girl Scout Council established a Countywide Organization Committee in 1949. After much planning and study, the Manitou Girl Scout Council was completed and officially began operation on May 1, 1950. Mrs. Alois Fischl was the first president of the Manitou Girl Scout Council, which was countywide and in compliance with the efforts of the national organization. On March 16, 1950 the Girl Scouts of the United States of America were reincorporated under Congressional charter. The National president sent a letter to the presidents of all councils (nearly 1,400) to explain the plan, how and why it was adopted, what it would achieve, and how long it would take. The aim of the plan was that councils be large enough and strong enough to offer to membership the services expected of a chartered council, such as standard training, program and camping opportunities. Councils would be expected to maintain an office, employ needed staff, effect a cooperative relationship with community groups, and extend an opportunity for membership to every girl of Girl Scout age within their jurisdiction.

In 1952 troops from Calumet Council merged with Manitou Council.

## TWO RIVERS

In 1934 Mrs. E.P. Hamilton, Chairman of a Community Committee to organize Girl Scouting in Two Rivers, called a meeting with the following people on the committee: Miss Josephine Herian, Secretary; Donald Dean, Treasurer; Mrs. Ben Nilles; Mrs. L.B. Clarke; Mrs. Howell G. Evans; Miss Judith Shafer; Mrs. Alfred Zlatnik; Miss Gertrude Sweetman; and Arthur Eckly. This was the beginning of Girl Scouting in Two Rivers.

Although lone troops persisted it was not until 1944 that the first Girl Scout Council in Two Rivers was organized. Charter Council members were Mrs. George Kahlenberg, Commissioner; Mrs. F.W. Eggers, Assistant Commissioner; Mrs. Peter Karl,



**PLAQUE UNVEILED** — The late Mrs. John (Mary) Torrison of Manitowoc unveiled the plaque affixed to the front of the home of her parents, the late Mr. and Mrs. W.E. Spindler, when the home was officially dedicated as the headquarters of Manitou Girl Scout Council. At right is Mrs. Walter Huchthausen, chairman of the council's personnel committee, who was mistress of ceremonies for the dedication. The inscription on the plaque is "Presented by the W.E. Spindler Foundation in memory of Martha Rahr Spindler, 1963." Mrs. Spindler was one of the founders of the Girl Scout movement in Manitowoc, and served as the first camp chairman.

Secretary, Milton Zuehl, Treasurer; Mrs. Wilber Dickson, Registrar; Edward Becker, Finances; Mrs. Ernie Mirro, Program Chairman; Dr. W.O. Simonis, Nominating and Constitution Committee; Mrs. Russell Goedjen, Chairman of Leaders Committee; Donald Dean, Camping Committee; and Miss Marie Stoelting, in charge of Leadership Training.

In announcing the program of activities, Mrs. George Kahlenberg, Commissioner, announced on March 28, 1944, that the Council had received \$500 from a local source to meet its expenses during the year, and that future methods of financing the activities had been planned through the Community Chest. It was also disclosed that some 28 leaders had already been obtained for troops and that 187 girls were registered.

By May 2nd, there were 16 organized troops and 259 girls active in Two Rivers Girl Scouting. At that time the association formally accepted the constitution which was written by the Constitution Committee headed by Dr. W.O. Simonis. By June 6th, there were 293 girls enrolled in Two Rivers Girl Scouting, and plans were being made for Day Camp. In line with the rapid growth of Girl Scouting, the Joseph Mann Public Library reserved a shelf of materials for the use of troop leaders on Girl Scout leadership, games and

handicrafts. Miss Ruth Kriehn planned an all day picnic for Brownies in Neshotah Park.

Miss Jeanette VanBramer became the new president of the Girl Scout Leaders group in September 1944. Other new officers were Miss Gertrude Gruman, vice-president; and Mrs. Frank Beitzel, secretary. On September 25th, a representative from the Girl Scout Chicago regional office arrived in Two Rivers for a month to conduct training for leaders and council members, and aid in the local Girl Scout program.

By November of 1944, almost 400 girls were registered in 24 troops in the city. They were involved in the war effort, packing comfort kits for servicemen, aiding in Red Cross work, salvage campaigns, collection of pocket edition books for soldiers, rolling bandages, knitting, making scrap books for hospitalized soldiers, and many other tasks.

In February 1945, Mrs. Emmanuel Galecki and Mrs. E.L. Merow attended a 5-day leadership course and Mrs. George Kahlenberg, commissioner of the local Girl Scout organization, attended a 5-day course for council members in Chicago. Representatives from other councils were amazed at the accelerated growth of Girl Scouting in Two Rivers.

The first public fly-up ceremony in

Two Rivers was staged by Brownies of Troop #7 in May 1945, under the leadership of Miss Mildred Zuehl and Miss Jeanette VanBramer. The Girl Scouts of Troop #5 formed a horseshoe. Mrs. A.A. Kruschke, Brownie leader, and Mrs. Earl Boehringer, assistant leader, pinned wings on the backs of the Brownies and they "flew" to join the Girl Scouts standing in the horseshoe formation. Each Brownie then recited the Girl Scout Promise and received her pin.

That summer 80 Girl Scouts and Brownies joined the Manitowoc Girl Scouts at Camp Sinawa at Pigeon Lake. Day Camp was held at Neshotah Park with about 100 girls attending. Coming out to the park to instruct the girls were Miss Mildred Zuehl, sketching; Miss Mary Scott, clay modeling; Mrs. Bert Beduhn, story telling; Ranger Fred Priest, nature hiking; Miss Charlotte Liens, folk dancing; and Mrs. George Kahlenberg, group singing.

The Leadership Training course held in January 1946 was attended by 27 leaders. Miss Charlotte C. Leins, area field director from Green Bay, conducted the training course and was assisted by Mrs. E. Merow and Mrs. Leonard Stangel. The purpose of the course was to give leaders and assistants an introduction to the history and organization of the Girl Scouts. That spring nearly 200 Girl Scouts participated in the annual Easter egg hunt at Neshotah Park. Members of the Mariner troop, under the direction of Mrs. Emanuel Galecki, hid the eggs while girls in Mrs. William Friedrich's Troop #4 decorated eggs for the Municipal Hospital.

At the first investiture program held at Sacred Heart Church in 1946, 37 Brownies and Girl Scouts received their pins. That summer, 124 girls attended Day Camp in Neshotah Park under the direction of Miss Charlotte Leins, area field director. Mrs. R.J. Portman was the area representative to Camp Edith Macy, the National Girl Scout Camp, for leader training that year.

In January 1947 new officers were elected: Mrs. Frank Kracha, Commissioner; Mrs. Emanuel Galecki, deputy commissioner; Mrs. F.M. Bouda, secretary; and Mrs. Clement Ahearn, treasurer. At that time there were 28 troops with about 400 girls and 55 leaders.

By this time the Two Rivers Girl Scouts were attending Camp Sinawa with girls from Manitowoc, and an occasional event, such as the semi-formal dance of April 1947 was planned jointly by girls from both communities. In June the formulation of a Manitowoc County area Girl Scout council was discussed when Miss Eleanor Schmitt from the Chicago Region VII Girl Scout office spoke to the Two Rivers leaders. At this time

Two Rivers did not have a regular field director as did Manitowoc nor office or clerical staff. A number of meetings were held until November 1947 when plans were announced for a county-wide Girl Scout organization. The main office would be in Manitowoc and a branch office in Two Rivers would be staffed by a field director one day a week and volunteers on the remaining days. By 1948 the Girl Scout office was on the third floor of the Vocational School in Two Rivers. Miss Verna Rosenthal, the new Manitowoc executive director, came to the Two Rivers office one day a week. On the eve of the Girl Scouts' 38th birthday anniversary in 1950 final organization plans were announced for a county-wide council, the Manitou Girl Scout Council. Nearly 200 adults from Kiel, Manitowoc, Maribel, Two Rivers, and Valders attended the first meeting of Manitou Girl Scout Council.

#### KIEL

The *Kiel Tri-County Record* on October 20, 1932 noted, "At the Yokowish Campfire Meeting held October 11, 1932, the members definitely decided to change to Girl Scout work." This was the 20th anniversary year of the founding of Girl Scouting in America. Miss Frances Klabunde, a local teacher, continued as leader.

The following year Mrs. Stoelting became co-leader. Mrs. Stoelting had had experience and training in Girl Scout work in Milwaukee. The first Brownie troop, including girls from third through sixth grades, was formed in the fall of 1933 with a troop of 47 girls led by Miss Cunningham, also a teacher.

The first troop committee was formed in 1934-35 with Mrs. A.G. Kuhn, Mrs. Edwin Duecker, Mrs. D.F. Nauth, Mrs. R.J. Sisson, and Mrs. C.A. Wallman. Miss Frances Klabunde continued as leader with the help of many people until she left Kiel in June 1938.

Records indicate that the Girl Scout troops continued to meet, with local teachers as leaders and interested women as troop committee members, forming a Lone Troop until the fall of 1948 when mothers of Girl Scouts became leaders. Mrs. Henry Meiselwitz had joined the troop committee in 1940 and was the leader of the Girl Scout adult organization in 1948.

The first Girl Scout Family Night, when all Girl Scouts and their families shared a potluck supper and program, was held in 1949. This gathering became an annual event for many years, until the group became so large that it grew unwieldy and was discontinued.

Mrs. Henry Meiselwitz, Mrs. Lester Mattes, Mrs. Donald Ronk, and Mrs. Wilmer Wolf took a leader training course from Mrs. F.G. Kiesler of Fond du Lac in the fall of 1949.

In the spring of 1950, Kiel's 70 Girl Scouts joined the Manitou Council with headquarters in Manitowoc. Kiel, St. Nazianz, and Valders became the south district of the council, and Mrs. Henry Meiselwitz was appointed chairman, automatically becoming a member of the Manitou Council board. Mrs. Jerome Mahlberg was also a member of the Council board, and Mrs. Meiselwitz also served as Kiel's Neighborhood Chairman.

#### MISHICOT

The first Girl Scout troop was organized in Mishicot in 1943. Miss Delores Lenz, a local school teacher was the leader. Troop Committee members were Mrs. Grover Kadow, Mrs. Hugo Holst, and Betty Ackerman. Charter members of the troop were: Donagene Wolfmeyer, Grace Jindra, Carol Jorgenson, Betty Gates, Jean Lambert, Janet Steffel, Judy Harpt, Margie Kadow, Joan Nelson, and Adele Nelson.

By 1947 there were 19 Brownies registered. A committee to solicit for financial aid included Mrs. Mark Brouchoud, chairman; Mrs. Joseph Gohr; Mrs. Edward Lambert; Mrs. Donald Racine; Mrs. Raymond Eis; and Mrs. Leona Just.

#### VALDERS

Three Girl Scout troops — Senior, Intermediate, and Brownie — were formed in Valders in 1948. The volunteers who organized the troops were Mrs. John Ryan, Mrs. Norbert Christel, Mrs. Fred Brockman, Mrs. Harwood Savage, and Mrs. Gorman Lex.

As earlier noted, by 1950, the different communities in Manitowoc County joined together and became one county-wide council. A number of interesting events have occurred over the years since the adoption of the county-wide council. The fortieth anniversary year of Girl Scouting, 1952, was an exciting one for Manitou Council. The Bronze Cross was given to fourteen-year-old Mary Lou Kronfrost of Mishicot for saving ten-year-old Sandy Eis. The Bronze Cross is still one of the most revered Girl Scout awards and is given only to a person who has shown special heroism or has faced extraordinary risk of life. On October 28th, 1953, Lady Olave Baden-Powell, chief guide of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts, and widow of Lord Baden-Powell, founder of the Boy Scouts, visited Manitou Council. She spoke on the topic, "Today's Boys and Girls — Tomorrow's Leaders," at the J.E. Hamilton Community House in Two Rivers. While in the community Lady Baden-Powell was the houseguest of Mrs. Walter Spindler at 1210 S. Lake Street in Manitowoc, now the headquarters of Manitou Council.

In 1954 the first neighborhood service teams were organized on an

experimental basis and the annual Girl Scout Week celebration was moved from October to March 12th, the Girl Scout birthday. In 1955 the first field director in Manitou Council was hired, Dorothy Fischl. That same year Mariner Scouting and Wing Scouting were issued as a pamphlet supplement to Senior Girl Scouting.

Manitou Girl Scout Council sponsored Senior Scout Patrols to four National Senior Girl Scout Roundups: Highland, Michigan, 1956; Colorado Springs, Colorado, 1959; Button Bay, Vermont, 1962; and Farragut, Idaho, 1965. In 1958 the council adopted the Catholic, Jewish, and Protestant Church award programs. In 1959 the Senior Girl Scout Planning Board received *Parents Magazine* Youth Achievement Award for initiating the Manitowoc Youth Council.

#### ST. NAZIANZ

St. Nazianz began Girl Scouting in 1954 with a Brownie and Intermediate Troop.

#### MAPLE GROVE — REEDSVILLE

Mrs. Charles E. Nate was instrumental in bringing Girl Scouting to Maple Grove in 1957. Mrs. Nate, a parishioner of St. Patrick's Catholic

Church, had been active as a Girl Scout in Manitowoc. She had joined the Girl Scouts as a Brownie and continued into the Intermediate, Senior, and Mariner Girl Scout programs. She continued to be active in the Girl Scout movement after her marriage and was a recipient of the Thanks Badge. Understanding the importance of Girl Scouting in her own life, she decided to establish an organization in Maple Grove. She met with several key women in the area, and found their interest and dedication to be as keen as hers. Mrs. George Goggins, Mrs. Melvin Cohan, and Mrs. Nate became the first troop leaders in the Maple Grove area. After several meetings, with the Maple Grove Girl Scout Leaders, interested women in the Reedsville area, Mrs. Faye Miller, Mrs. Eileen Knox, Mrs. William Cohan, Mrs. Ione Cohan, and Mrs. Carol Burkhardt joined Girl Scouting and founded the Reedsville troops. It was then that Maple Grove-Reedsville community association was founded. Miss Audrey Rameker of Reedsville became the first finance chairman for the community association. Later Mrs. Charles Nate was a troop leader for a Cadette Girl Scout troop and while working with them on the Catholic

Church award, was inspired to write both the music and words to "Our Marian Medal," published and copyrighted in 1977.

Several other women joined the association and became leaders and troop committee women and helped as they were needed. Mrs. W. McCulley, Mrs. Reinhard Grimm, Mrs. Charles Lorrigan, Mrs. William Schoshinski, Mrs. Norbert Schuh, Mrs. Alfred Sheehy (often a cookie sale chairman in Maple Grove), Mrs. Robert Willems (another cookie sale chairman in Reedsville), Mrs. Janet Shimek who served as volunteer Trainer and consultant, Mrs. Leonard Taddy, Mrs. Joseph Vogel, Mary Jo Vogel, and Maureen Goggins. Girl Scouting would not have been, had it not been for these dedicated people who made it all possible.

#### WHITELAW

Girl Scouting was organized in Whitelaw by Miss Verna Rosenthal, Executive Director of the Council, in 1960. Active members included Mrs. Clarence Connolly, Mrs. William Penkwitz, Mrs. Joseph Tynner, Mrs. Harry Zahorik, and Mrs. John Joyce. Girl Scouts in Whitelaw were part of the Reedsville-Maple Grove Association from 1965-1968. In 1970 the Whitelaw Association was formed. Mrs. James Vogel was the first Community Association chairman.

#### FRANCIS CREEK

Girl Scouting began in Francis Creek in 1966. Mrs. Fritz Reif and Mrs. Lavern Pribyl organized the first troops. Troop leaders were Mrs. Fritz Reif, Juniors; Mrs. Lavern Pribyl, Brownies; Mrs. Leo Konop, Brownies; Mrs. Art Ewen, Cadettes; Mrs. James Tuma, Cadettes; Mrs. Kenneth Lorenz, Juniors; Mrs. Harold Hassemmer, Juniors; and Mrs. Kenneth Hutterer, Cookie Chairman.

And, on the national level things were happening which would alter the Manitou Council. The Council Coverage Plan, called "Under the Green Umbrella," was started in 1948 and not completed until 1967.

This was a plan by the national organization to establish councils throughout the United States, reaching every part of the country, with each council to administer and develop Girl Scouting in its jurisdiction.

As a result of a national study of the Girl Scouts of the U.S.A., a plan of action was put into effect. In 1960 the National Council delegates approved the idea and development of a program change, designated to streamline and consolidate the Girl Scout program, including a change in the age groupings of troop members from three to four age-levels and the development of new handbooks and training materials by 1963. The National Council directed all councils to



**SELL GIRL SCOUT COOKIES** — *The Girl Scouts of Two Rivers sold more cookies in 1950 than in any previous year.*

*Shown as they were getting ready for the distribution are three girls from troop 19, the troop which sold the most cookies — left to right, Madelin Streu, Patsy Krumdick and Suzette Proper. Mrs. Frank Kracha, president of the Two Rivers Council which recently dissolved its charter in favor of a county-wide organization, is pictured with them. Mrs. Warren Proper was leader of Troop 19.*

*Money from the Girl Scout Cookie Sales has always been used to build and maintain the Girl Scout camps, the Girl Scout programs, and the activities of the Council.*

complete organization work, to work with neighboring councils and when in agreement, to come to the Board with recommendations on jurisdiction that would lead to the accomplishment of the national reorganization objective — strong and effective councils, touching border to border across the United States, each with sufficient resources in girls, adults, money, energy, and imagination to bring the Girl Scout program to every girl within its jurisdiction.

In 1962 Manitou Council, Sheboygan Girl Scout Council, Cedarburg and Port Washington Girl Scout Councils and Lone Troops in Sheboygan and Northern Ozaukee Counties began the study of a four county council. Myn Meiselwitz was elected chairman of the Organization Committee of twenty-eight members

from all segments of the above named counties. On January 15, 1963 a meeting was held at the Girl Scout House in Cedarburg for the purpose of dissolution of the various council charters, the adoption of revised by-laws, and the finalization of plans for the merger of these groups. The first four-county Manitou Girl Scout Council meeting was held on January 30, 1963 at Kiel High School. Council delegates accepted the by-laws, elected the board of directors, and accepted the recommendations from the organization committee.

The first board of directors after the four county merger consisted of the following individuals: Mrs. H.C. Meiselwitz, Kiel, president; Mrs. George Platt, Manitowoc, vice president; Mrs. Fred Puls, Sheboygan, vice president; Mrs. Leonard

Kaufman, Manitowoc, secretary; Mr. J. Randolph Kenny, Manitowoc, treasurer; Mrs. E.H. Beach, Sheboygan; Mrs. V.R. Becker, Two Rivers; Mrs. Kenneth Bohannon, Sheboygan; Mrs. Thomas Gannon, Manitowoc; Mrs. B.J. Heller, St. Nazianz; Mrs. Walter Huchthausen, Manitowoc; Mrs. E.R. Knauf, Sheboygan; Mrs. Gorman Lex, Valders; Mrs. Jack W. Mahnke, Sheboygan; Miss Marjorie Miley, Manitowoc; Mrs. Walter Mocco, Oostburg; Mrs. Charles O'Neil, Two Rivers; Mr. Greg Pauly, New Holstein; Mrs. C.A. Pagel, Brillion; Mrs. William F. Protz, Manitowoc; Mrs. Leonard Robichaud, Manitowoc; Mrs. William Schnorr, Manitowoc; Mr. William Schuknecht, Port Washington; Mr. Howard Schulze, Port Washington; Mrs. William Snook, New Holstein;



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Mrs. Arno Sunderman, Cedarburg; Mr. William B. Wolf, Kiel; and Mrs. Harry K. Wrench, Manitowoc.

Presidents who have served Manitou Girl Scout Council were Mrs. H.C. Meiselwitz, Kiel; Mrs. George Platt, Manitowoc; Mrs. Walter Huchthausen, Manitowoc; and Mrs. Paul Fischl, Manitowoc. Mrs. Joseph Vareka, Two Rivers, is currently president of the council.

The merger included the council receiving a 240 acre resident camp, Camp Evelyn, and the DeLand Girl Scout Service Center, 926 Broughton Drive, Sheboygan.

The DeLand Girl Scout House was given to the Sheboygan Girl Scouts from the estate of Mr. and Mrs. Ambrose Delose DeLand. The building was erected in 1936 and dedicated on October 31, 1937, which was the birthday of Juliette Low, founder of the Girl Scouts.

Camp Evelyn is located on 240 acres of land near Plymouth on the edge of the Kettle Moraine State Forest. A great deal of the work to develop the property was done by volunteer men, women, and children who came out to the camp on weekends. With the proceeds from cookie sales, donations, and volunteer labor, the camp was built. Construction of the troop house, three units and unit houses, water system, bridge, and dam was started in 1947. The first camping season at Evelyn was in 1948 with 350 girls attending. The dining lodge and camp office were built in 1964 and dedicated in 1965. The facilities now also include a heated swimming pool, shower house, archery range, games field, and an arts and crafts center. Gemini I and II troop houses were built in 1976. In 1982 a new camp building will be finished which is a winterized, year-round troop house and waterfront program unit overlooking Crystal Lake. It is designed to have sleeping, program and eating space, and boat and waterfront storage. Funds for these buildings are provided by the annual cookie sales and the donations of Girl Scout associations and individuals.

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The council staff continues to operate out of the buildings in Manitowoc and Sheboygan. They are, in Manitowoc, Verna Rosenthal, Executive Director; Martha Tomko, Assistant to the Executive Director; Sue Vermeulen and Karen Franz, Field Executives; Terry Cisler, Day Camp coordinator; Jan Kowalski, Secretary;



OUR TOWN — Heather Markvart of Brownie Troop 69 pins an "Our Town" Girl Scout folk fair button on Manitowoc Mayor Anthony Dufek during Girl Scout Week which is being observed March 7-13. Watching are Girl Scouts from left, Judy Sheahan of Cadette Troop 118; and Shawn Schermetzler of Junior Troop 100.

and Ade Lorenz, Bookkeeper-Registrar. In Sheboygan, they are: Pam Lidington and Julie Pemble, Field Executives; and Mary Hughes, secretary. Jeffrey Karoses is the Property Manager of Camp Evelyn, and George Decker is the Camp Caretaker of Camp Manitou.

Girl Scouting in the United States is part of a worldwide movement. Everyone who joins Girl Scouting in the United States make the Promise as follows:

*On my honor, I will try:*

*To serve God,*

*My country and mankind,*

*And to live by the*

*Girl Scout Law.*

The Girl Scout program is built on this ethical code. Its guiding principles are: belief in God, service, responsible citizenship, high ideals of character and conduct, and appreciation of the worth of people.

In 1982 the Girl Scouts of Manitou Council have been working on water related projects from water conservation and safety, to careers in the world of water. Girl Scouts were involved in clean-up and repairs; safety and rescue; conservation, water habitats; Great Lakes history; and safe sanitation. These "gifts of action" came from Girl Scouts of all ages as they became involved in the national Girl Scout theme, "The Gift of Water"

Manitou Council would like to thank: the thousand-plus volunteers who have given their time, skills, and energy to make Girl Scouting happen in their communities; the Cedar Grove Area United Fund; Greater Random Lake-Adell United Fund; Hilbert Community Fund; Kiel Community

Chest; New Holstein Community Chest; Oostburg Area United Fund; United Fund of Port Washington-Saukville, Inc.; United Way of Greater Milwaukee; United Way of Manitowoc, Inc.; Sheboygan Area United Way, Inc.; Two Rivers-Mishicot Area United Fund; and Valders Community Chest; the residents of Manitou Council who purchase cookies and thereby insure the continuation of Girl Scouting; the Churches, schools, community centers, businesses, and organizations who donate meeting places for troop activities, training, and neighborhood meetings; the local media who show their support through coverage of Girl Scouting and the donation of public time and space; and to the girls themselves who work hard and are a joy to work with.

There have been a number of changes in Manitou Council since that historic merger of 1963 but basically it's still Girl Scouting. Today the program for girls is built upon the ethical code of Girl Scouting just as it was in 1912 when Juliette Gordon Low formed the first Girl Scout troop. While the ethical code has remained the same, program materials have been updated, and uniforms changed, to keep up with the changes in society and most especially in the girls themselves. The updates represent that kind of change — a new way of looking at some basic principles.

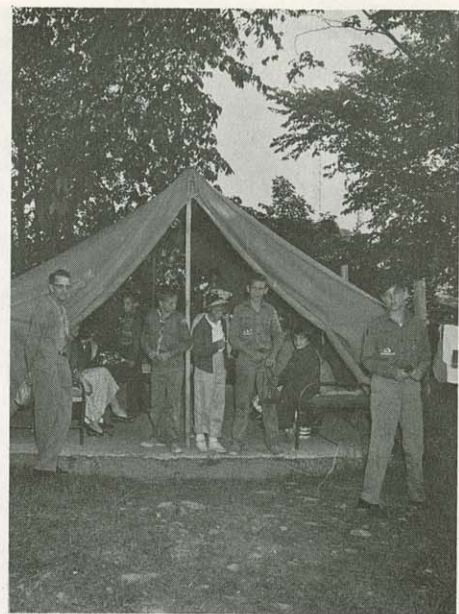
## Boy Scouting

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1930 — Tom Mix, famous cowboy movie star, visited Camp Sinawa. Council enlarged to include all of Manitowoc County except Schleswig



*The Orpheum was acquired in 1921 and sold in 1927.*



*One of the units in the Tent Colony.*

Township. Pack 130 was organized. H.R. Jorgenson became Scout Executive.

**1931** — St. James Episcopal Troop 15 was organized.

**1932** — Cub Scouting officially began.

**1933** — Camp Kiwanis moved to Lincoln Park from Reed Avenue. Carl McManus became Scout Executive.

**1934** — Clem Wagner received Lifesaving Honor Medal. Sinawa Lodge Order of the Arrow was organized.

**1935** — Scouts helped in Manitowoc Christmas parade.

**1936** — Annual Boy Scout Show at Lincoln High School featured Paul Siple, Eagle Scout and veteran of 2 Byrd Antarctic expeditions.

**1937** — Eugene Thornhill became Scout Executive.

**1939** — Council name was chosen in a council-wide contest. Chief Waumegasako symbolizes the things we strive to teach in Scouting — Character and Citizenship.

**1943** — E.H. Taae became Scout Executive.

**1945** — War Service Report: 800 Scouts representing 30 units collected 717,583 lbs. of paper for which 183 Scouts received the Eisenhower Award. 230,000 lbs. of tin were collected. 200 Scouts entered "Victory Green Thumb" gardening project, 7 received MacArthur Award.

**1947** — Council received George Vits Memorial Camp through the generosity of Mrs. Olive Vits.

**1948** — \$8,500 received from Rahr Foundation for erection of boathouse in memory of Frederick A. Rahr. Mrs. Vits provided a road to Camp Vits and a well.

**1949** — Boathouse and winter camp headquarters was dedicated.

**1950** — Complete new sanitary facilities at Camp Sinawa made available by Rahr Foundation, Vits Foundation, Edward Hamilton and

Kasper Construction Company.

**1951** — 20 acres was added to Camp Sinawa. A new pier was constructed.

**1953** — Manitowoc Lions Club built a Health Lodge at Camp Sinawa which was equipped by Hamilton Manufacturing Company. Council added a second staff member: Jack Corrigan.

**1955** — Ken Creamer became Scout Executive.

**1956** — "Get Out the Vote" Good Turn — thousands of door knob hangers placed by Cubs, Scouts and Explorers.

**1957** — Paul Totzke was employed as Field Executive.

**1958** — Dining Hall roof collapsed.

**1959** — New Dining Lodge at Camp. **1960** — J. William Copeland employed as Field Executive.

**1961** — Camp Sinawa Ranger Louis Paulow was employed.

**1962** — Bill Copeland left and the Council was reduced to one man.

**1963** — Fred Leist became Scout Executive.

**1964** — New Service Center built through the generosity of an anonymous donor.

**1965** — Keith Chrisman became Scout Executive.

**1966** — New Camp Ranger's home was constructed. Jack Corrigan became Scout Executive.

**1968** — New E.O. Vits Handicraft Lodge was erected on the old dining hall site.



**B.S.A.**



*Camp Sinawa lodge which was destroyed in a storm in 1958.*



One of the Waumegasako Boy Scout Councils in the 1930's. From left to right: Rolph Ristad, A.P. Rankin, George Hollander, Chief Kuplic, Dr. C. Gleason, I.D. Wood and Robert Stiefvater.



Dining Lodge which in 1959 replaced the one destroyed by the storm.



Waumegasako Boy Scout Council, 50th Anniversary in 1969. On left is Elmer Tazke, on right, Harvey Stangel.



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