

MAYNARD GIRL SCOUTS

Beginning of the "BROWNIE GIRL SCOUT" troops-1955
by Alice Warren

Mrs. Charles (Alice) Warren
Memorial Day Parade-1953

In looking back over the years that I worked in Scouting, I am impressed with the wonderful leaders and assistants who took part in Scout work. Their ideals were excellent and they gave willingly of their time and ability. Without such women, Scouting would not have lived through the years. They were dedicated people and many excellent leaders have been women without children.

I did not take an active part in scouting until it was revived by Mrs. Harold Wilcox and her committee. It was through the demands of her daughter, Susan, to "find something for the girls to do" that Mrs. Wilcox thought about Girl Scouts. She interested other women in the idea--Miss Delma Sanborn(a teacher in the schools), Mrs. N.A. Keto, Mrs. Carl Nelson, Miss Virginia Whitney, Mrs. Lauri Manning and others. I was asked to join them. Many meetings were held at Mrs. Wilcox's home as it was spacious and centrally located.

In the first years, I served on the committee and also helped the girls in badge work. I was just as enthusiastic as they were. Everyone worked for the badge she was interested in and there was no limit to the number one could earn. They came to my home at any time and Saturdays were especially busy. I was strict and they didn't get a badge unless they earned it. Their work was certified by me and then, taken to their troop leader.

At one of our committee meetings in Mrs. Parker's home, the subject of "Brownie girl scouts" came up. My real forte had been working with younger children and I accepted the position as leader. We had no trouble recruiting leaders and for a time we had more "would-be Brownies" than we could take care of.

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In looking back on my term as Chairman, I remember the wonderful leaders who worked with me. We were all beginners in Scout work but we learned that scouting all over America had been well organized and certain rules to live up to if we were to become "Girl Scouts" and members of the National organization.

There were few camping sites where we could take the girls so we had to learn rules of "camping" as the "central powers" dictated. Miss Sanborn was an authority on Scout rules as she had held a position of rank in scouting in Maine. She was the "backbone" in getting us on the "right track" and prevented us from making "blunders". The national organization sent leaders to instruct us and answer our many questions. These meetings were held in one of Concord's schools.

In the beginning of Scouting, The Maynard troops kept the money they earned by the sale of cookies, cakes, scout drives and other projects. Almost every church and fraternal organization were kind enough to donate money to the Girl Scouts. This certainly swelled our "coffers" and aided the troops in purchasing flags, standards, manuals, and all paraphernalia needed in Scout work. Tickets for the Mother-daughter banquets were partially paid out of this fund with mothers purchasing their own. It was a treat for all to go to a catered turkey dinner in those days.

I held meetings on Saturday mornings for those who wanted to join a "Hobby Club". It was held in the American Legion Hall. Each child had a "hobby" or helped someone with theirs. Some collected newspaper or magazine headings. This proved very interesting for some of them were not being printed anymore, and could be collector's items. Barbara McGarry collected newspaper headings and as her Dad was traveling man, he picked up many interesting headings for Barbara. She has kept it all these years and may donate it to us. One scout collected pennies and arranged them accordingly to dates. Seashells proved interesting and was a popular hobby. Pictures of wild and tame birds, babies, animals, along with buttons, rocks were various categories selected. We talked over how to catalogue and arrange each hobby. It was a busy crew, cutting and pasting, full of energy and enthusiasm. Oh! to be young again!

A choir was recommended to the scouts by the Masons so they put on a concert. Those little girls had no trouble selling tickets to parents, neighbors, and the organizations went "all out" to make it a great success. It was a treat in those days to hear good music.

The Congregational Church allowed us a table at their Christmas Fair and we gave them a percent of the profit. The wreaths, swags, and Christmas novelties were made by the scouts and leaders. We learned much in getting ready for the fair.

Mrs. Carl Nelson had charge of many cookie drives. She received and delivered them to the troops. We had meetings at her home and she worked close to me. She had a large family and the results of wonderful training could be seen in the way her children responded.

Miss Virginia Whitney was a dedicated leader--a trained nurse who rose high in her profession. The girls respected and loved her. She was always ready to take nature walks and go camping. Scouting benefitted greatly from her services. The town of Maynard felt a great loss at her passing.

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Mrs. Orville (Grace) Tucker, a teacher in the Maynard schools, with her daughters, Ann and Jean, did a great deal for scouting as did her husband, a carpenter, by giving his services when needed.

Mrs. Ferris Cunningham will be remembered for the many years she gave. She helped on the finance committee and just before a banquet, realized that one troop was \$26.50 short and in one evening asked an organization for it. They were glad to help.

Mrs. Thomas Parker took an active part serving as chairman, holding many meetings in her beautiful home. She was a great addition to scouting and added ability and grace to the committee.

Mrs. Albert (Simone) Iskian was a leader to remember. Her graciousness and talents were given freely. A chairman of Maynard scouts, she knew what ought to be done and did it. She was a woman who gave charm and dignity to the committee. She valued me beyond my worth and I will never forget her kindness to me.

I must include Mrs. Howard King and Mrs. Ruth Manning who helped us to raise money as we were growing in numbers and needed more to cover expenses.

I cannot mention all the wonderful women who made scouting a success. Neither time or strength will permit me to do it. I know they will be included in other papers. There were so many who helped transport the Brownie Girl Scouts for in those days many lacked transportation.

I know others will write of the cook-outs, parties, trips, visits to the sick, carol singing, making "goodies" for shut-ins and other worthwhile activities. Scouts learn to "serve" as well as "be served".

I hope scouts never forget the "Flag Ritual" at the beginning of troop meetings and that love of God and Country will always be an integral part of their lives.

Scouting owes me nothing---I am indebted to it for some of the happiest days of my life.

God Bless the Maynard Girl Scouts

Sincerely,

Alice Warren

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(Mrs. Charles F. Warren)

G. GIRL MEMBERS — Girls of 16 and 17 serving as assistant leaders must register as girl

NAMES List alphabetically, last name first. Do not list names of girls whose current dues are paid.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS (Fill in complete mailing address for each person)				MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION (CHECK)			DATE 1st REGISTERED IN SCOUTING	DATE OF BIRTH	PRESENT SCHOOL GRADE	AM. ORL. SUBSCRIBER (check)
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1 Bramen Claire	5 Orchard Terr.	Maynard		Mass.	✓				3/26/64	3	
2 Calligades Susan	15 Reo Rd.	Maynard		Mass.	✓				4/21/64	3	
3 Caruso Susan	2 Walcott St.	Maynard		Mass.	✓				11/9/64	3	
4 Cynthia Fairbanks	21 Lewis St.	Maynard		Mass.	✓				9/7/64	3	
5 GUNN KAREN	83 Powder Mill Rd.	Maynard		Mass.	✓				11/2/64	3	
6 Hull Gretchen	80 Acton St.	Maynard		Mass.	✓				4/1/64	3	
7 Iannuzzi Jeanvive	19 Arthur St.	Maynard		Mass.	✓				10/2/64	3	
8 Kitowicz Katherine	47 Brooks St.	Maynard		Mass.	✓				11/20/64	3	
9 Landry Patricia	208 Maple St.	Maynard		Mass.	✓				10/7/64	3	
10 Masters Linda	29 Reo Rd.	Maynard		Mass.	✓				10/5/64	3	
11 Morrissey Susan	36 Glendale St.	Maynard		Mass.	✓				11/14/64	3	
12 O'Brien Christine	17 Espie Ave.	Maynard		Mass.	✓				6/14/64	3	
13 Poirier Debra	19 Euclide Ave.	Maynard		Mass.	✓				1/1/55	3	
14 Stoddard Carla	81 Powder Mill Rd.	Maynard		Mass.	✓				11/7/64	3	
15 Taylor Faith	25 Florida Rd.	Maynard		Mass.	✓				approx 8/13/64	3	
16 Wuorio Rae	5 Maple St.	Maynard		Mass.	✓				Jan 1, 11/12/64	3	
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