

One of First Troops Pearl Mc leader 1926 Troop organized
Dorothy Morrison (3) with 1926
1 member (2) Frances Nordberg

1109 Shasta Street
Vallejo, California
February 20, 1973

Dear Mrs. Warren,

I'm happy to tell you what I can remember about the Girl Scouts, although I have few records to back my memories. First of all, I'm deeply grateful to Pearl McAuslin who was our troop leader along with Frances Nordberg Fongie. Pearl was our leader for a long time.

I remember going to Camp Four Winds in Plymouth in 1928 and 1930, and the typed paper I'm enclosing indicates the troop must have been organized in 1926. We met in the downstairs room of the Congregational Church, each patrol meeting in a corner. I belonged to the Elk Patrol and we designed and made our own patrol flag. We were the Cloverleaf Troop, and the clipping, undated, will give you some names to go on. Nowhere is Pearl McAuslin mentioned but she was our leader for a long time, and the letter from you caused me to recall many, many memories of the activities she planned for us: bird walks on Sunday mornings at Silver Hill or Stow Brook when we sometimes cooked our breakfast before returning to our Sunday School classes; overnight camping at Cedar Hill, Waltham; supper hikes; cooking classes with Mrs. Stockbridge; classes with you on Concord Street; first aid with Martha Champagne and Mary Ward (George Luker was the baby we practiced baby care on); Classes with Marion and Lillian Townsend--- and many others.

There must have been a troop before ours, because while I recall we did wear the one piece khaki outfits with the pork pie type hats, we soon changed over to the 2 piece outfits in green, and I have a snapshot of Barbara Stockbridge and me in the green ones in 1930. The khaki outfit before our time was a 2 piece affair, and I know there were some around when we had a Scout Fashion show in those early days.

I left Scouting for a while when I went to college, but when I returned I had a troop with Elizabeth Wetherbee Moore from Stow when we both taught

in the junior high. I have snapshots of hikes we took and of a Memorial Day parade in 1939. The girls in Troop LII were: Doris Newman, Eleanor Dimery, Lobby King, Margaret Crowe, Ann Tucker, Dorothy Fayton, Ruth Croft, Nellie Make, Olga Kuchun, Mildred Forssen, Jeanne O'Brien, Kay Crotty, Teresa Mariano, Helen Worensky, Marion Smith, Ruth Kataff^{RI}, Thelma Dawson, Martha Lawrence. There may have been others, but these girls are in the snapshots.

In 1940 we were still Troop LII and in a snapshot of us at Waavings' cottage at Lake Boone are Ann Hamlin, Miriam Pinolehto, Ginny Taylor, Shirley Marlik, Anne White, Eleanor Dimery, Doris Seder, Anna L^uhaik, Ann Hoffman, and Pearl.

In 1940 on a bike hike, were Anne White, Ann Hamlin, Eleanor Dimery, Priscilla Marchant, Shirley Babb, Teresa Mariano, Jennie Mariano, Sylvia Symanen, and Eleanor Flaherty who was an assistant.

For a while these troops met in the old Town House across from the mill and there was a magnificent rosewood grand piano that someone had donated to us. There was also a box of records, but who knows where they are after all these years?

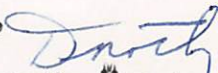
Could Girl Scout headquarters help you on definite dates? The headquarters are at 830 Third Avenue, New York, 10020. They should have records of all the troops that have been organized. I'm sorry I can't be more specific on dates, but I have no records, just memories.

And we do have many memories of Maynard. We had a good time growing up, despite the depression and its aftermath. I'm very appreciative of what many people in Maynard did for young people the ones I've already mentioned along with Pearl, Janette Taylor, Ethel Butterworth, Alice Warren (Roberta, Helen and I all remember your teaching us crafts, about books, etc), Clara Grieve, who had a group of younger scouts that I also helped with, and many more. I wish the names would come back to me so I could give them credit. If you need any more information

I'll try to help but I guess I've shot my bolt. The enclosures you can keep if they are of any use. The extra picture might be of interest to someone, maybe someone who is writing a history of 4-H.

It has been pleasure visiting with you and reminiscing. My spelling is better than my typing, but I am sure you can decipher what I mean.

Sincerely,


Dorothy Marsden

Florence D. & Doris Miller
Leaders
MRS. FRANCES D. FORGIE

17 SHAKESPEARE ROAD
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March 3, 1973

Dear Alice,

I wish you success in your enterprise of compiling information on Maynard Girl Scout history.

My memories are not so much about our scout meetings as about some activities and experiences which grew out of it:

Some of us ran a lunch counter at high school.

The week at Fort Pond was a grand event for us.

Being a Girl Scout gave me courage to walk home after the meetings with Emma Whitney who lived in the old house on the top of the hill where the Maynard Country Club now is - Emma was not permitted to attend the meetings if she had to walk home alone.

Being a Maynard Girl Scout led me to several courses in Girl Scouting at Nat'l Training Camp in Briarcliff, Manor, N.Y., and being a Unit Leader at Camp Andree for several summers, and becoming a local director for Albany County Girl Scouts for a year and their camp director for one summer.

I shall always be grateful that there was a Florence Gustafson willing to undertake Girl Scout leadership in Maynard and a Doris Miller to assist her.

If you are not in too much of a hurry for your information, it may be that Pearl, Edith and I could get together sometime between April 7th and April 27th. We'll be away from March 5th to April 5th, and then from May 1st to Nov. 7th.

Sincerely,

Pam Forgie

You may have this snapshot if you want it. It is the only picture I have of Girl Scouts in Maynard

Barbara = 1926
Sturbridge
Dot Marsden joined
(H)

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March 29, 1973

Dear Mrs. Warren,

I'm afraid my recollections of my Scouting years in Maynard are rather vague. I do remember that I joined the year Dot Marsden did - 1926 - I think. We were in the same patrol. We were avid bird watchers during those years, and I know we often rose early (4 or 5 A.M.) to take bird walks

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up Silver Hill way. We also worked steadily on badge work and earned a great many. The rallies in Boston (I don't know how many we attended), were outstanding in my mind because of the joy of traveling to Boston by bus with just Girl Scouts, and the thrill of seeing so many Scouts together in one place - the Arena, I think.

I would be remiss if I didn't ^{make} mention of our

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outstanding leader, Pearl McAuslin. She was instrumental in getting different people to help us in badge work - my mother for cooking, Mrs. Champagne for first aid, and others who gave so generously of their time and talent.

Also her leadership which started us so we could carry on in patrol meetings and which kept the troop active and interested.

Frances Nordberg was also another who helped and

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I well remember her future husband - Graham Forgy(?) building a target, I think, + the bows and arrows to go with it so we could learn archery over on the piece of land below Frye's house. (Now a garage is there.) What fun we had and how we could hardly wait until school was out so we could "practise"!

I went to Girl Scout camp two summers - which ones I can't say for sure. The first was in Gloucester

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at Wingasheek(?) Beach —
a former lodge which was
given to the Girl Scouts, and
the second year I went to
"Four Winds" in Plymouth
at Long Pond.

I hope I've added to
your "facts" and I think
you're doing an excellent
thing to compile a
"storehouse of memories"
of Scouting in Maynard.
Good luck in your venture!

Sincerely,

Barbara (Stockbridge) Kenney

1922-1923 - Helen Rupprecht
Wilcox
Assisted Pearl McAnshin
Florence Gustafson
1929-30 leader 1923
HWR

Feb 23-'72

Dear Mrs Warren,

Having been away since the 13th of Feb. I did not get your letter until two days ago.

I do not think I will be of much help, as I was a member of the Girl Scouts back in 1922 + 1923. At that time Florence Gustafson was the leader. I do get Christian Endeavor and the Scouts sort of mixed up as to leaders, but I do know that Ethel Butterworth was either in one or the other.

Frances Nordberg, who later married Fraser Fogey, was very active in the Scouts, and I am sure if you could contact her, she might be of much help.

I also assisted Pearl McAnshin during 1929 and 1930. That was for a very short time, as we moved to Belmont in the summer.

of 1930.

Sorry, I cannot be of any more
but 50 years is a long time back to re-
member. I do hope you will be able
to get the information you need.

Sincerely

Helen Rupprecht.

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1919

THE SILENT TRAVELERS

306 East 19th Street

New York 3, N. Y.

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GRamercy 3-0649

My dear Mrs Warren.

I can remember
Charlie Warner since he worked
in De Lee's Drug Store so I knew
Charlie for a long time and so
did my brother who knew him
very well. my brother died in 1916.
He was much older than I.

In regard to the Girl Scouts
I really don't remember too much
about the beginning I think it
began in 1919 Eva Dodge a
science teacher was the adviser
I was Captain Doris Miller was
lieutenant and when Eva Dodge
left a Council was formed and
I remember Doris's mother + Mrs
Dorothy were on it. I think

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Doris & I had it until the
beginning of 1924. I think
there is a history of ^{maybe 1925} Maynard
that was written somewhere
in the early 20's and it has
a picture of the girl scout
float during some anniversary
the town was having. ~~1921~~

I think Pearl McCuslin
would tell you more about
it after Doris & I left it.
I am sorry I can give you
so little information about
it. The one thing I remember
we had several cake sales
& Anna Greenmore wrote

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to raise money for camping
which we did the summer
of 1922 up in Chelmsford
which the group still
remember as it was the
first time a group of Gals
had gone camping.

I think Beene McCauslin
Frances Fogie & Edith McCauslin
ought to tell you in.

Most Sincerely

Florence Gustafson

Mrs. Frank S. Grieve
206 Washington Street
Norwich, Connecticut 06360

Feb. 4. 1973

Dear Mrs. Waluck,

I am sorry I can't be of much help to you, re Girl Scouts of Maynard.

I can't seem to remember much of my troop, except we met at the Congregational Church, and I remember some of the girls, especially Ginny Carlton and Maria Mc Garry. At one time I had some snaps I took in the Church yard, I have looked everywhere for them, to no avail. Having moved 2 or 3 times since I left Maynard, have no doubt destroyed them.

If I could talk to Alice Warren or have someone say "do you remember when"; I could come up

with something. All I can rem
is they were a great bunch of girls.

I think I took over the young
girls from Pearl MacAuslin and she
continued with the older girls.

Marathy Marsden (she probably is
married now) was in the Dr.

troup and helped me, as I remember!

I lived in Maynard from 1931-1950
and I don't know how long I had
the Scout troupe.

I plan to come to Maynard in
the spring for a few days. If I can
be of help then - Fine.

Hope you can get better
help from others - Best wishes
to you anyway.

Sincerely

Clara Greene

Girl scouting in Maynard

There was a great deal of interest and activity in girl scouting in the years from 1954-1958. There were as I remember 5-girl scout troupes and about that time a Brownie troupe was organized.

The mother and daughter banquets were a great success proving that there was much interest in the part of parents as well as the girls.

Maynard had a lone-troupe organization and the Committee worked hard in trying to get our troupe in to the Bay Path Council located in Framingham. Due to financial difficulties ^{we} were not successful at that time. Now with the change and progress in the scouting movement all troupes belong to a Council. This is a great stride forward. Trained teachers and leaders are available in planning and working out the troupe program.

The girl-scout program when well carried out can certainly play an important part in the wholesome development of a girl.

Wilhelmina Parker

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Fitzwilliam, N.H. 03447

April 10, 1973

Dear Lillian,

Aili Kyander Potter

First I must apologize for not writing sooner. We have had many weeks of confusion and concern, along with the everyday business of living. I kept putting off my reply, hoping to remember more of my scouting days in Maynard. I continued as a leader in Petusham, Mass. and Syracuse, N.Y. so some of those years continue to invade my memories.

I started in Scouting when I was in Junior High School — Had a wonderful leader whose name escapes me but she lived in the yellow house directly in back of what was once Boeske Bros (Harvard Walter) Garage on Acton Street. We met in the English Congregational Church. In High School, Miss Weatherbee of Stone, Mass & Miss Ethel R. Butterworth were our leaders. That would be years 1933 - 1937. Boy! That's a heckawer long time ago.

It seems to me Ruth Bradley (I don't

(remember her married name) the school teacher, was a leader. Maybe not — I remember her because she was our class adviser, hockey coach, and just a great person who was in everything with us — so guess I feel she was in Scouts, too.

I went to a Leader's Camp in 1936-37 in Plymouth, Mass. Enjoyed that —

Then I was a leader when you were a Scout so that could be around 1942 to 1945. I don't think I was a leader in 1945 — maybe just 1942-1944. Seems I was with the Scouts only a couple years when I first moved back to Maynard, after being away a short while.

Yes, Marion Hull Stuppell was in Scouting with me. She was an assistant leader — or we were all called Service Leader Scouts for awhile.

I guess that does it. Sorry I'm not much help really. It's a great many years to go back and not staying around Maynard, I haven't kept in touch with anyone. My husband and I always did keep in touch with Miss Butterworth on a Christmas note basis. She is gone, now, so I guess it's only my relatives we see on our yearly visit. Pack Forest. Warrensburg, N.Y. 12885