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This record offers a spacious look at activities related to the **Scalpers**
from its emergent years to relatively contemporary data.

This "**Scalpers**" research fills-in history gaps from three previously researched **Lake Pleasant** documents, i.e.;

Chronologically ordered accounts remembering the

Lake Pleasant
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Research is directed toward the **Scalpers'** order. Generally, articles contain off-topic Lake Pleasant information. For the most part, this secondary content will *not* be given. (see above)

Seven hundred and twenty-three (772) individual accounts are condensed to compose the document.

A logical beginning for me is to contact a personal friend and classmate—TFHS `63—with a few questions pertaining the Scalper's Order . . . email banter ensues.

--------- Original Message ---------
From: ED GREGORY <golfserv@comcast.net>
To: RICHARD REIL <booreil@aol.com>
Date: 08/15/2024 10:57 AM EDT
Subject: Re: Scalpers

Hey Rich,

How-the-hell are ya?

I'm doing some in-depth research regarding L.P. and the Scalpers. I'm hoping to complete a good deal of it by Aug. 24, the 150th celebration.

- May I ask the origin or meaning of the Scalpers' lodge . . . Miscoluspi.
- Will the Scalpers be 'setting-up' for the celebration? If so, when will you begin. I'd like to visit to take some pics.
- How long have you been a Scalper?

Any information you can provide for the above will be most welcome.
Be well,
G.

On 08/20/2024 10:59 AM EDT RICHARD REIL <booreil@aol.com> wrote:

Hi Gizmo sorry it has taken so long to get back back.

- 7 young guys that worked at Lake Pleasant for the summer because rent was so high decided to start a club in 1893 and in 1907 bought where the club is still.
- The name is basically because they acted like a bunch of wild Indians as they were young and liked to party. The club name and tribe were just made up.
- I joined in 1966.
- For the 150th . . . Other than having overflow parking we (Scalpers) are not involved. The event starts at 1 PM.

Take care, Boo
Sent from my iPhone

From:**ED GREGORY**<golfserv@comcast.net>
8/20/2024 11:58 AM
To RICHARD REIL
Boo,
Good "stuff".
Thank you.
G.

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March 2, 1895 Greenfield MA Gazette 1894-1896 - 0506.pdf

Lake Pleasant's "Scalpers"

The first mid-winter convention of the Independent Order of Scalpers, composed of the young campers (and some of the older ones) of Lake Pleasant., will hold, Saturday, at Boston, for the purpose; of considering the ways and means by which the order may be perpetuated.

Various topics of great importance were brought up at the meeting, the principal one of which was the securing of land, as a place to erect an Indian village, which will undoubtedly be the star attraction at the Lake the coming season.

A committee consisting of A.T. Pierce of Boston, Silas Mason of Hartwellville, Vt., and Russell Bickford of Greenfield was elected for the purpose of securing and attending to the preparation of grounds for the aforesaid purpose.

A banquet was given in the evening at St. Leger hotel, which was largely attended by the members who reside in the various Sates. Among those present were, high chief, Little Grip (C.M. Bickford) of Greenfield; chief of Scalpers degree. Tooboozers (A.W. Albers of New York; chief of council wigwam, Strong Brave (Silas Mason of Hartwellville, Vt.; chief of Hunter's degree, Strong Eagle (J. S. Stoddard) of Marlboro; scribe, Red Feather, G. A. Woodruff) of Boston; medicine man, Raw Jaw (J. P. Sylvester) of Boston; Weak Calf (Mr. Boothby) of Portland, Me., and many others.

Letters of regret, for non-attendance, were received from the honorary chiefs. White Cloud (Dr. Beals) of Greenfield, who is now in Colorado, and White Eagle (James Wilson) of Bridgeport, Conn., who at present is too indisposed to leave his home.

The reunion of the tribe was a very social affair and all those who were present enjoyed themselves quite heartily, and are looking forward for a good time at the Lake next season.

August 19, 1895 **North Adams MS Adams Transcript 1895-08-19_1.pdf** via Springfield Republican

Lake Pleasant

The "Scalpers" held open last night and gave a parade in costume at 6.

February 8, 1896 Greenfield MA Gazette 1894-1896 - 0975.pdf

The Scalpers' Banquet

The second grand annual mid-winter council fire and feast of the Independent Order of Scalpers, of Lake Pleasant, Mass., was held on Saturday, Jan. 25th, at the new Castle Square Hotel in the city of Boston. Thirty-five delegates of the tribe, representing Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, District of Columbia, Louisiana, and Canada, were in attendance. The banquet was held in the famous blue room of the hotel.

This room is undoubtedly the finest and most sumptuously furnished and decorated banquet hall in the city of Boston. The menu contained all the delicacies of the season and was complete in every respect. Toasts were given by Chas. A. Bickford, Esq., High Chief, and Hon. Silas Mason, Chief of Council, which were well received. There was plenty of good music-and singing.

The reports of the scribe and keeper of wampum show that the already large organization is steadily increasing in membership and that, financially, the tribe is in a flourishing condition.

The boys are in for a good time at the Lake this coming season and have decided on the different events which they intend to hold, among them being the Scalpers' dance and a grand barbecue. The tribe will issue a circular giving information about themselves and also the dates upon which they will hold their principal events and distribute the same before August 1st.

September 10, 1897 **Brattleboro VT Vermont Phoenix 1897 09 0809_1.pdf**

The Vermont Phoenix, Brattleboro, Friday, September 10, 1987.

He Had Information Against Liquor Sellers at Lake Pleasant—Lewis Taft, One of the Sellers. Drowned Himself Monday Night.

Note: The entire article is given here. A curious and somewhat humor-clad report. *e.g.*

Frank A. Sampson, until recently the special police officer at Lake Pleasant who absconded with some useful information concerning the liquor raids last week, was before the district court at Greenfield, Mass. Tuesday, to answer the charge of contempt. in defence[sic] Sampson alleged that Joe Prew, who was fined $50 for selling lager beer at the lake, threatened him. saying "Sampson, if you value your life you'll get out of here within 24 hours."

The witness also said that Clerk Blinn of the association told him he could never have another day's work on the ground and that one of the leading women who is a director of the spiritualist association threatened him. Sampson further alleged that the "Scalpers" threatened to cut his scalp, summing the matter up.

Sampson concluded that he wasn't wanted at Lake Pleasant and went over to Millers Falls, where he said a committee waited on him and offered him a winter overcoat of tar and feathers if he would stay with them, but Sampson declined to allow himself to be thus indebted to the people of Millers Falls and slipped away to his home in New Salem and from there, thinking possibly it more conducive to good health and a perfect physical condition, he went to Somerville to which place Deputy Sheriff Pratt traced him last Friday Sampson was dis charged Tuesday because of the suicide of Taft, against whom he was to testify.

Lewis R Taft. 48, proprietor of the Wayside Inn. on the line of the electric road between Lake Pleasant and Turners Falls, and about one and one-half miles from the latter place was found dead in a brook about 250 yards north of his house Tuesday. The body, which was discovered by two children of a neighbor, Mr. Hastings on their way to school, lay in about 12 inches of water. One shoulder and side were entirely out of water, and it is a remarkable thing that a man could have been drowned in such a place. Taft went out to call on Mr. Hastings Monday evening. and left there ostensibly to return home at 8 o'clock, evidently in the best of spirits.

Medical Examiner E.C. Coy of Turners Falls viewed the body Tuesday morning and pronounced the case one of suicide. No reason can be ascribed for the act unless the return of the runaway witness, Sampson, who it is supposed would testify against Taft for selling liquor, worried him to this rash act. Taft leaves a widow and three children, and has always lived at his late home, which is the old Taft homestead.

August 5, 1898 Greenfield MA Gazette 1897-1899 - 1343.pdf

The Independent Order of Scalpers, an organization of young men, will light its council fire at midnight, Aug. 6. They will have some interesting exercises during the present month.

Aug. 6 Greenfield MA Gazette 1897-1899 - 0818.pdf

The Scalpers will have their flag raising at noon Monday. They are to form a new lodge of women, a "Squaw lodge."

Aug. 13 Greenfield MA Gazette 1897-1899 - 0828.pdf

Lake Pleasant's Peculiar Order

The Scalpers' Mysterious Performances—Now the Daughters of the American Forest Come to their Aid

The Council fire of the Independent Order of Scalpers was lighted at Lake Pleasant Sunday night at midnight. It will burn for three weeks, during which time the tribe will hold many mysterious meetings at Miscoluspi, their home across the track front the New England Spiritualist Camp meeting.

The opening council and digging up of the tomahawk is a very impressive ceremony. Promptly at 11.30 Red Cloud-Chief Warrior of the Guard, with a guard of eight warriors took possession of the encampment and prepared it for the coming of the chiefs. He was instructed to see that the torture stake with its set of eight chains was in working order, that the skeletons were in their right position, that the graves were opened and everything in order for the pale faces who wished to learn the mysteries and become warriors of the tribe.

At. midnight High Chief Little Grip and the other chiefs accompanied by a strong guard of the warriors took formal possession of Miscoluspi. The war paint was put on and

with great ceremony the tomahawk was dug up. With it were the other implements of the different degrees and many tokens buried by the warriors.

A large number of braves were present. All the chiefs except Dog Feet, who is spending the summer in London, were present and took part in the proceedings. The council tire was then lighted with material that was buried with the other things. The first signal of the encampment was hoisted on the new flag pole. The warriors then held the wild and weird war dance.

The raising of the United States and I.O.S. flag took place Monday at noon. The

Montague Historical Society

Scalpers brass quartette furnished music. A salute of 12 guns was fired. A large crowd witnessed the raising and added their cheers to those of the Scalpers. The tall flag pole was a present from Chief of Council, Strong Brave, Hen. Silas Mason of Hartwellville, Vt., and was brought from his home.

The tribe has numerous applications for membership and will initiate many new members in the coming week. After this no new members will be accepted unless by a vote of the tribe. The officers of the order are: High Chief, Little Grip, Charles M. Bickford; Chief of Scalpers, Tooboozers; A.W. Albers; Chief of Council, Strong Brave; Silas Mason; Medicine Chief, Little Dog; L. H. Crosier; Chief of Hunters, Chas. N. Barron; Scribe and Keeper of Wampum, Little Snake, S. H. Smith; Chief Warrior of the Guard, Red Cloud, Dwight Weston.

The order was organized in 1893 at Lake Pleasant. It started with 10 charter members whose aim was to form a club for mutual fun and enjoyment, but as each year passed, the order has assumed a more dignified standing and objects. It is now one of the largest orders of the kind in New England. Its members are widely scattered but a majority of them meet at Lake Pleasant each year and furnish most of the fun and enjoyment of the

camp. In the coming week the order will organize a full brass band and will give three concerts a week. In addition to this will be the brass and string quartettes and the glee club. Tuesday the flag of the order was at half-mast in sorrow at the death of the oldest active member, White Cloud, Jas. Wilson, who died in June at his home in Bridgeport, Conn.

The young ladie's squaw lodge was formed Wednesday afternoon. This is to be an auxiliary order to too I.O.S. It has started with 14 charter members. The name of the order will be "Daughters of the Forest" and has the following officers: High Princess, Helen Fanshawe; Princess of the Council. E. Frances Bickford; Medicine Maiden, Edith Evans; Chief Huntress, Bessie Blood; Scribe and Keeper of Wampum, Alice Wilbur; Chief Messenger, Mabel Townsend. Each member will be given an Indian name.

The installation of officers took place Thursday night by the members of the Independent Order of Scalpers. The order will adopt a neat badge similar to the I.O.S. and will conduct its business on the same plans aa that lodge. Much enjoyment is expected by the co-operation of the two lodges.

The charter members are as follows: Misses Bessie Bickford, Bessie Blood, Mabel Townsend, Edith Evans, Helen Fanshawe, Alice Wilbur, Floretta Sherwood, Ethel Mann, May Fleming, Lota Woodruff, Edna Turton, Georgia Fallon, Grace Cook and Mrs. John Houston.

Plans are on foot for a big week at the Lake. The cake walk will take place in the pavilion and many other amusements will take place.

A very enjoyable whist party was hold on the hotel veranda Friday afternoon. Over 80 people played at the tables.

Chas. Bickford, Thos. Tanner and L.H. Crosier are the committee in charge of sports and amusements.

Aug. 26 Greenfield MA Gazette 1897-1899 - 1374.pdf

Montague

The band of Scalpers and ladies, 24 in number, came from Lake Pleasant on Saturday noon last, by car, taking dinner at Williams' hotel, and remained till 3 o'clock, when they returned.

Aug. 27 Greenfield MA Gazette 1897-1899 - 0853.pdf

L. J. Pfefferle and Miss Thorton of Brooklyn were awarded the cake at the cake walk under the auspices of the Scalpers at Lake Pleasant.

Stafford Springs CT Press Not Dated. Stafford Springs CT Press 1898 02 0240.pdf

Dwight Weston attended the annual banquet of the “Scalpers” in Springfield a few nights ago. This society had its origin among the summer guests at Lake Pleasant.

August 12, 1899 Greenfield MA Gazette 1897-1899 - 1353.pdf

The Scalpers raised their hatchet, with ap propriate ceremonies, at midnight, on Monday.

-The game of baseball on Monday resulted: Scalpers, 32; Neversweats, 11.

Aug. 26 Greenfield MA Gazette 1897-1899 - 1377.pdf

The Scalpers of Lake Pleasant, together with the Daughters of the Forest, held their annual banquet at the American House[1] last Tuesday evening.

Sept. 2 Greenfield MA Gazette 1897-1899 - 1390.pdf

The ball game on Green Pond between the Millers Falls team and the Scalpers promises to be both novel and interesting.

Sept. 9 Greenfield MA Gazette 1897-1899 - 1400.pdf

Millers Falls

Labor Day was enjoyed by many here in various ways. A number attended the game of water base-ball played on Green Pond at Lake Pleasant between the Millers Falls team and the scalpers, which created much merriment.

Base-ball Game on Water Greenfield MA Gazette 1897-1899 - 1393.pdf

There was an arousing game of baseball on the water at Green's Pond Monday afternoon between the Millers Falls nine and the Lake Pleasant Scalpers. The game was witnessed by upwards of 500 people, a generous contingent of which was from Greenfield.

Nothing of the kind had ever been seen before in Franklin County, and a more unique and, at the same time, amusing contest cannot be imagined.

The bases consisted of small rafts located in the same positions as a regular land ball diamond, and a tennis ball was used. The real amusement begins when the ball is batted and all the players immediately plunge from their bases into the water, some in pursuit of the ball, and others in pursuit of the batter. It is rarely that any of the batters reach the home plate, but in Monday's contest the Scalpers' third baseman, Louis Pfefferle of Turners Falls, succeeded, by dexterous swimming and clever diving, in reaching the home base, thus winning the game for the Scalpers.

In the middle of the second inning, as Pfefferle was stealing second base, Millers Falls' second baseman, John Rodder, was seized with cramps and sank beneath the surface of the water. He was soon rescued, however, by the emergency boat crew who were on the alert for such a contingency.

The stipulations of the game as set forth by President Lowe of the electric railway company, were that the victors should dine at O'Keeffe's hotel, Millers Falls, at the electric railway company's expense, on turkey, while the vanquished were to eat beans. Mr. Lowe modified this decree, however, and at 6.3O o'clock in the evening all of the 22 contestants

[1] American House in Greenfield. The former Wilson Dept. store building.

went to Millers Falls on a "special"[2] and enjoyed one of those delightful suppers that is characteristic of O'Keeffe's Inn.

Next the electric railway company will plan to have more of this modern sport at Green's Pond on a larger and completer scale.

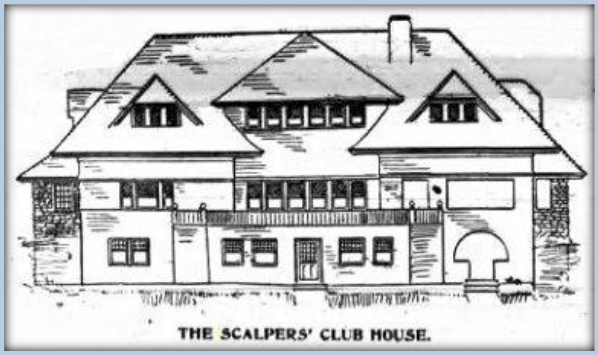
February 3, 1900 Greenfield MA Gazette 1900-1901 - 0049.pdf

Scalpers Meet at Springfield

The Independent order of Scalpers has been holding its regular winter meeting in Springfield, having headquarters at the Hotel Russell.

This is the organization of young men who have a summer camp at Lake Pleasant and there for a month each year rejoice in the freedom which was the privilege of the early red men.

There was a large attendance at this winter meeting, about 50 being present. A banquet was served at the Russell Saturday, at midnight, at which several guests were entertained, Including William Smith of New York, formerly of the Louisville baseball team, Pearl Chamberlain of Orange, Harry G. Hall of Turners Falls, and H.L. Hall and A.L. Weatherbee of Millers Falls. High Chief Charles Bickford presided and there were several speeches.



THE SCALPERS' CLUB HOUSE.

The members are interested in plans for a new club-house which they hope to build at Lake Pleasant in the near future. J.R. Bickford, one of the "chiefs," has drawn plans for an attractive two-story house with large piazzas, and the members have in mind a fine location on the lakeside. The plans provide for a building 88 by 42 feet. On the first floor is a reception hall, dining-room and reading room; on the second floor a lodge room, card-room and two bedrooms. It is hoped to make a start on the building next season.

Feb. 10 Greenfield MA Gazette 1900-1901 - 0057.pdf

The members of the Lake Pleasant scalpers organization say they expect to put $2500 to $3000 into their new bouse at the lake. They hope to have it done in season for next summer, and are now looking for a suitable lot of land.

Feb. 14 Greenfield MA Reporter 1900-1901 - 0057.pdf

The Scalpers' society[3] held their annual mid-winter convocation at Springfield. The session was well attended. Arrangements are being perfected for the erection of a club

[2] A special trolley.
[3] The Scalpers are an Order, not a society.

house or "wigwam," a council house for members of the order it is hoped a proper place can be secured to locate it.

June 5 Greenfield MA Recorder 1925 - 9547.pdf

Charles Bickford, chief promoter of the Scalpers, has once more followed the trail to old and much-loved reservations.

July 11 Greenfield MA Recorder 1925 - 9166.pdf

New Club House for the Scalpers

Elaborate plans have been made and are being exhibited by Russell Bickford for the proposed new club-house of the Scalpers' organization, to be erected on the Millers Falls side of the lake, if the land can be purchased of the association on satisfactory terms and sufficient capital can raised.

The tract of land referred to is a splendid location for an imposing structure and hotel men have often suggested it as a charming site for a building.

July 14 Greenfield MA Gazette 1900-1901 - 0283.pdf

Camp Life at Lake Pleasant the Opening of the Summer Season at This Pretty Resort.

. . . The growth of the colony is a steady one, though not rapid. About Seven cottages were put up last year. This year so far two have been put up. The Scalpers' association expects to begin next fall a fine new house, which will be the best on the grounds. . . .

-The Independent Order of Scalpers Greenfield MA Gazette 1900-1901 - 0289.pdfhas had its grounds put in good condition and has pitched the main tent. The program for the season will soon be out and promises to be ahead of any previously issued by the order. Plans are drawn for the erection of a fine club house which the club intends to build at a point commanding a lake view. It is hoped to complete the building for use next season.

July 21 Greenfield MA Gazette 1900-1901 - 0297.pdf

Independent Order of Scalpers

The following is the program for the season of the Independent Order of Scalpers at Lake Pleasant.

The lighting of the council fire, raising of the tomahawk and first council, midnight, August 5, war dance and paint.

Monday, 6th. Raising the U.S. and I.O.S. flag with appropriate ceremonies. Business meeting at 3 p.m. Opening council and reception to members at Miscoluspi, 10.30 p.m. Grand chorus at Minne-wahoo at midnight.

Following events will take to be given out later.

Grand field day with feast wild turkey and pig races, sports and Grand pow wow.

Two midnight trails into the forest. This will be made an enjoyable event for the warriors.

A council of the order will be held once a week for the arrangement of events, sports and amusements.

Grand fish hunt. Corn dance and feast.

Reception and banquet to the lady friends of the order.

Election of officers and general business meeting September 1st.

Smoking the pipe of peace, burying the tomahawk and closing council, midnight, September 2d.

Exhibition cake walk in the pavilion, Open to members only. Special features will be added this year.

Grand boating sports and fete is being arranged for two days of the week of August 20th. The affair is in charge of Chairman J.R. Bickford.

The Scalper Golf links will be laid out and ready at the opening of the season. The order have a fine base ball ground on which games will be played with local teams. Also croquet grounds and tennis courts.

Boating, cycling, trolley rides and excursions to points of interest, Ml. Tobey, Old Deerfield, Posts seat, etc., help to keep up the round of pleasure.

The cakewalk was a dance developed from the "prize walks" (dance contests with a cake awarded as the prize) held in the mid-19th century, generally at get-togethers on plantations where Black people had been enslaved.

The water base ball[sic] which was a successful feature last year, will be repeated about the 25th of August.

The annual Scalpers ball will be held Friday evening, August 31st. Full and evening dress in order.

Arrangements are being made to have a first-class musical organization at camp two days during August. Many enjoyable events are being planned.

July 25 Scalpers Greenfield MA Recorder 1925 - 9180.pdf

Scalpers'

The unique organization that has convened at Lake Pleasant for the past seven years and is known as the Independent Order of Scalpers, will hold its midsummer encampment, this year, from July 29 to August 26, inclusive.

The lighting of the council fire, raising of the tomahawk, and first council of the tribe will take place at "Miscoluspi," the reservation of the "Scalpers." At midnight, on Sunday, July 29.

On this night the friends of the tribe are invited to attend the concert which will be given from 7.30 to 10 o'clock at "Miscoluspi," by Stratton's Operatic Orchestra of Orange. Immediately after the concert the guests will be requested to leave the reservation as the members of the tribe will proceed to make their preparation for one of the most impressive ceremonies—that of digging up the tomahawk; the other ceremony, which is, also very impressive, comes at the close of the encampment and is the burial of the tomahawk.

The council fire will be lighted exactly at the hour of midnight and at the same moment a light will be run up on the flag pole. This light will burn throughout the time the dusky warriors are holding their weird sessions at "Miscoluspi." Alas, for anyone who enters into the reservation during the pow-wows, for the impressive words over the gate which if read, are sufficient to scare away the most courageous; "Miscoluspi, the home of the Scalpers, he who enters here leave, hope behind."

By courtesy of the Independent Order of Scalpers.

High Chief Charles M. Bickford, otherwise known as "Little Grip," will preside at the opening of the council. There will be speeches by the chiefs and others of the tribe. Mr. Bickford has been high Chief of the unique organization ever since its origin in 1893.

On Sunday, July 20, at 11.30 p.m., Red Cloud, chief warrior of the guard, with eight warriors, will take possession of "Miscoluspi," post the guards and prepare the village for the opening ceremonies. He is instructed to see that the torture stake, with its of eight chains is in working order, that the skeletons are in their right positions, that the graves are opened and everything in order for the pale-faces who wish to learn the mysteries and become warriors of the tribe.

At Midnight the formal procession of "Miscoluspi" will be accomplished by the chiefs and a strong guard of warriors. The war paint will be put on and with great ceremony the tomahawk will be dug up and with it the implements

for the working of the different degrees and many tokens buried by the warriors. The wild and weird war dance will wind up the ceremonies for the night.

This will be just the beginning of the to many good times which the tribe has planned for the month it is in session at the Lake. There will be many councils and events of interest during the weeks following the opening.

The social life at the camp of the New England Spiritualist Association at Lake Pleasant can hardly be said to have begun until the council fire at "Miscoluspi" is lighted. The ceremonies of raising the United States and Scalpers' flags will take place Monday, July 30 at 12 o'clock, noon.

There will be a business meeting at 3 p.m. and at 10.30 p.m., an opening council and reception to members at "Miscoluspi."

At midnight there will be a grand chorus to "Minne-wahoo" (water good for the stomach), known to the pale-faces as Jacob's well. This is a spring of icy coldness and it is claimed to possess medicinal properties. The spirits of departed Indian chiefs are said to watch over it and all warriors drinking of its water will feel strengthened and refreshed. The chorus starts off in this wise:

"*How dear to our hearts are the scenes of our ramblings. As fond recollections present them to mind.*"

Among the events arranged for, open only to members of the order, are: Grand field day with feast of venison, wild turkey and pig races, sports and grand pow-wow, the date and place to be announced later. There will be two midnight trails into the forest with wild hollow pumpkins and dog meat for refreshment; war paint and tom toms. Scalp, war, con, medicine and peace dances will occur while the tribe is on the war trail. An invasion to the paleface camps with the Scalper band and tom toms is expected to occur. A council of the order will be held once a week for the arrangement of events, sports, and amusements.

An election of officers and business meeting will occur Thursday, August 23, at 3 p.m. The burying of the tomahawk, smoking the pipe of peace and closing of the council at midnight, August 26, an exhibition cake walk with special features will be quite an innovation to the program of the season.

The mid-winter banquet and council will be held Saturday, January 26 and 27th, 1901. The place of holding the same will be decided at the business meeting, August 23. Special events and councils will be announced in the high chief's bulletin.

Sports and Entertainments

The committee of the Scalpers to see "Aborigine Genealogy or Thought Vacillations on Our Ancestry."

The water base ball[sic] which was such a feature last year, will be repeated about the middle of August. The club challenges any amateur team. The annual midsummer banquet and ride will be held early in the season.

The Scalpers' ball, which has been a prominent function since the organization of the order will be held Friday evening, August 24. Arrangements are being made to have a military band in attendance. An excursion to Old Deerfield and the museum is being planned.

Green Pond or, as the Scalpers call it, "Minne-lulah," a short walk from the lake, furnishes excellent bathing facilities. The Scalpers string quartet will be present during the season. Band concerts by well-known musical organizations will be given and every Sunday evening an entertainment of some kind will be given at "Miscoluspi."

"Miscoluspi"

"Miscoluspi," the home of the Scalpers, is situated on a bluff above the lake, just across the tracks of the Fitchburg Division of the Boston & Maine railroad, and is enclosed.

The spot was once the camping ground of the numerous tribes of Indians that occupied this section, years ago. Many relics of Indian times have been found here.

The camp contains a flag staff on which the signals for the dusky warriors are run up. Back of this is the torture stake, then the council fire and in the rear is the council tent. There are also two guard tents in the enclosure and a wigwam for the chief of hunters and the medicine chief. A graveyard is one of the possessions of the organization. Those who have gone back on the order are buried here, and appropriate epitaphs are placed on their graves. Imitation graves are made and there is always one for any paleface who fails in the tests demanded by the tribe.

Several skeletons have already been unearthed, which are supposed to be those of pale-faces who also failed in the tests demanded by our ancestors. It is claimed that there is still room in the tract added to the graveyard and all candidates are assured of plenty of room in which to enjoy their long sleep, and that the practice of using some of the bones to beat the tom toms with will be done away with after this year.

The medicine chief, Young Dog, J.R. Bickford, has entirely rewritten the famous medicine degree and for this degree must be well prepared to withstand the ordeal. His new medicine Hienkuh and Gieuneskansenkuhura from the Quazzalmanha mountain possesses great virtue.

Objects and Emblems

The objects of the order are liberty, brotherhood and happiness. The emblems are the tomahawk, scalping knife, arrow, and pipe of peace, symbolic of the trail, war and peace. The official badge of the tribe starts off our story.

Brief History of the Order

The Independent Order of Scalpers, or as it is termed, the "Tribe," was organized in August, 1803, at Lake Pleasant, by several young men who spend their vacation there. It started with ten, charter members, whose aim was to establish a club for mutual fun, enjoyment and good fellowship, but as each year passed the organization assumed a more

dignified standing and objects. It has become very popular and the membership has increased until now it has over 200 members, both active and honorary.

The order has established itself on a solid and substantial footing, commanding the respect of all. Its popularity and growth has far exceeded the most sanguine expectations of its founders. It is composed of young men in all honorable walks of life, of good moral character and social standing.

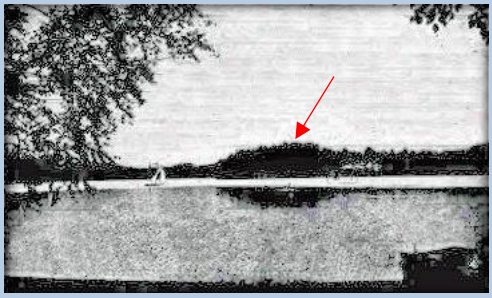
In using the word young, we do not always refer to years or outward appearance, but to inward feeling and heart. It has among its members men who are somewhat advanced in years, but still their inward feeling is as youthful as when they were hoys.

Its benefits are numerous. Chief among them is the fraternal feeling that exists among the members, the hearty co-operation in all that will tend to amuse and entertain its members.

The order is partially a secret one. Certain ceremonies must be observed according to the secret ritual of the order and traditions that have descended from the Indians. One must learn the secrets of the order degree by degree before he can become a warrior of the tribe; he must acquire a knowledge of the manners and customs of the Indians.

The New Club House

The Recorder publishes a lake side view of the new club house for the Scalpers, which will probably be erected next spring on the high land, to be seen in the cut of the lake, which is also published in this issue. The plans were drawn by J. Russell Bickford, a member of the order. This structure will be an imposing one, and when completed will undoubtedly be the best and most fully equipped building at the lake. It will be situated on the east and Millers Falls side of the lake, and will be two stories high with a large basement.



The Wigwam will command the lake. The Scalper's new building will stand on the summit of the knoll in the background.

In the plans for the first floor a large reception hall and dining room are provided, which are so arranged that they can be opened into one large room for dancing purposes. This will make one of the largest halls on the grounds, 60 by 30 feet. A movable stage will be built for the banquet hall, and using the reception room for an auditorium, will make a first-class place for entertainments. On this floor will also be a leading reading room, office for the scribe, a kitchen, and a pantry. A wide promenade on three sides of the building cap, easily and at a small expense, be made to run entirely around the house.

The second story will be occupied by the lodge room, card room, and two bed rooms, with bath and toilet rooms.

The committee composed of L. H. Crosier, chairman, Silas mason, J.R. Bickford, Wyman S. Barron and James Fegan, is meeting with every encouragement and the members are very enthusiastic over the project of having a home.

Building stock is being subscribed for mostly by the members of the order. There will be a reservation in connection with the building, where the outdoor lodge work will be carried on in the same way as previously to the building of this commodious wigwam. It is expected that everything will be in perfect readiness to celebrate the tenth anniversary in the new quarters.

Plans are already formulating to make this occasion a red-letter day for the Independent Order of Scalpers.

Out of the 200 members in the order, it is expected that a large percentage will be present this year. Several of the old members that have not been present at the council for some years are expected to be present. A genuine Indian chief from Canada is expected to visit the wigwams of the braves this year. He will sit at the council fires and go on the war trail with his Dusky brothers.

With all their torturing, scalping and deadly war trails, can it be possible that the Scalpers mean what they quote from Longfellow's Hiawatha?—

"*Beautiful is the sun. O stranger,*
When you come so far to see us!
All our town in peace awaits you,
All our doors stand open for you.
For the heart's right hand we give you."

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The Scalpers' Opening Music

Stratton's Operatic Orchestra of Orange, Charles M. Bickford, leader, will give a concert on the Scarpers' reservation, Sunday evening, July 29, just previous to the digging up of the tomahawk by the dusky warriors. The soloists are Albert LaBounte and F.O. Dodge. After the concert visitors will be requested to leave the camp.[4]

July 28 Greenfield MA Gazette 1900-1901 - 0312.pdf

Scalpers Open Their Season

The Independent Order of 8calpers formally open their season, to-morrow evening, The programme[sic] will be gendered as follows: At 7 p.m., reception to friends and campers interspersed by a choice concert by the Stratton operatic orchestra of Orange, (C. M. Bickford leader) followed by speeches by High Chief "Little Grip," Chief of Council, and other officers.

[4] The "camp" being the Scalper's grounds.

Light refreshments will be served, concluding the public reception at 10.15 p.m. At 11 p.m., "Tribe secret ceremony, Chief Warrior Red Cloud" taking charge of the reservation, preparatory for the coming of the Chief at midnight, whereby the degree of digging up the tomahawk will be worked.

The annual flag raising of the U.S. and I.O.S. colors takes place the following day at noon.

Aug. 4 Greenfield MA Gazette 1900-1901 - 0319.pdf

. . . The Scalpers have opened their season in good earnest and their numbers are increasing daily by the arrival of some of the order. Chas. Baron, a prominent member, recently arrived, coming direct from Paris, where he has been located in business.

The opening reception last Sunday evening was very much enjoyed by the large party present. The concert rendered by the Stratton operatic orchestra of Orange was brilliant. The degree of raising the tomahawk at mid-night was solemnly worked.

Monday the annual flag raising was held with their exercises. Their programme[sic] from now out embraces many interesting and pleasurable features.

-The Scalpers baseball nine will play the "Millers Falls" nine this afternoon at 2.30 on the home grounds. . . .

Aug. 11 Greenfield MA Gazette 1900-1901 - 0337.pdf

The Scalpers will give a mock trial next Thursday evening in the Temple, whereby Chas. K. Robbins, (Water Loon) Chief of the Hunters, will be tried for a breach of prom ise. The order will spare no pains to make toll a hit. Water Loon was arrested while enjoying the mazy dance at the pavilion last Tuesday evening by Messrs. Barron and Weston. The warrant was publicly read by Chief "Tooboozers," fixing the bail at $10,000, which was obtained through Jack Glickland, allowing Water Loon his liberty until the trial.

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. . . The Scalpers' Annual Dinner will be served at 11 p.m., after the mock trial, by Prendegast & Holmes, the caterers, at the hotel, to-morrow evening.

Aug. 18 Greenfield MA Gazette 1900-1901 - 0338.pdf

A Musical Treat for Lake Pleasant

It was learned Thursday that through the efforts of the Scalpers arrangements were completed whereby a band of 25 well selected artists picked from several of the best bands of the state under the leadership of Chas. M. Bickford had been engaged to arrive here to-night remaining until the close of Camp which means 10 days, including the next two Sundays, of high-grade music.

This feature will undoubtedly attract large crowds especially upon Sundays on which excursions from both directions are expected. This band in connection with the Stratton Operatic Orchestra of Orange will furnish the music for the Scalper's ball which will be

held next Friday evening in the Temple. The program this year is one of special merit and is a fore-runner of a grand occasion.

Scalper's Mock Trial

The mock trial given by the Scalpers for society was a howling success. The parts were distributed as follows: Judge, Russell Bickford; clerk, John Muldany; crier, Dwight R. Weston; counsel for defence,[sic] Don Houston, Sanford Shaw; counsel for prosecution, Charles M. Bickford, Augustas Albers; witnesses for defence, H.E. Conant, Louis Pfefferle, Mrs. F. Boyden, Mrs. Milligan; witnesses for prosecution. Miss Ida Foster, Miss Bessie Blood, Silas Mason.

After reading a long list of cases on the docket, which were not ready, among which were Association versus several polecats for passing bad scents on the grounds, and Campers versus Association to collect damages for allowing Montague street to run into the bridge,—the business of the evening was reached which was the case of Dyer versus Bobbins to collect damages of $30,000 for breach of promise and prostration of business interests.

The defence set up the plea of insanity, and letters from Queen Victoria through her private secretary Oom[sic] Paul, from the Prince of Wales, McKinley, Bryan, Cephus Burnham and others amply proved their contention, to say nothing of the long stories of the witnesses. Mr. Pfefferle's testimony was of great importance to the defence; his position as manager of the Northampton Insane Asylum and president of Smith College giving his utterances a prestige otherwise not easily obtainable.

The prosecution produced a phrenologist, who, after examination of defendant's bumps, mounds, ridges, dents, morasses, etc., pronounced said defendant to be without brains and therefore could not be insane. Then by the use of a couple of familiar tools he proved that defendant was "on the square" and that his head was "level."

After many more intricate points of law being fought out by the opposing counsel the case was put into the bands of the twelve good men and fairly solved. The twelve asked permission to retire and "debilitate" which was allowed, and they returned a verdict spoken by the foreman, Charles Barrows, as follows: The jury finds the defendant guilty of marrying his wife (a witness for the defence) but not guilty of the charge before the court.

Aug. 20 Greenfield MA Recorder 1925 - 9221.pdf

Hot Night, Scalpers Dance

The Braves Enjoy Annual Ball at the Lake

An event looked forward to for weeks ahead at Lake Pleasant is the annual Scalpers' ball, and it was all that was expected of it this year, being a complete success.

This affair was the sixth the organization has given and took place at the Temple, Friday evening. Many were present from among the campers, and Greenfield, Turners Falls. Millers Falls and Montague were well represented.

The concert, which started off evenings pleasures was begun at 8 o'clock and lasted an hour with music furnished by Stratton's Operatic Orchestra of Orange and a band of well selected musicians under the leadership of Charles M. Bickford. This talent also furnished the music for the dancing and continued until 1 o'clock. The music was one of the features of the evening. The evening was very warm and the dancers made good use of the plazas, or strolled along the walks to keep cool.

The hall was tastefully decorated with evergreen, golden rod and cut flowers and the Scalpers and Daughters of the Forest's flags were conspicuously displayed around the stage and made a very pretty setting.

The grand march was begun promptly at 8 o'clock and was led by Charles M. Bickford and Miss Bessie J. Blood of Boston. The followed the members of the Independent Order of Scalpers, and after them came a long line of others making a total of about 100 couples on the floor. The program included 20 dances and was an elaborate affair.

On the cover was a picture of an Indian (perhaps a Scalper) with all his trappings made in neat colors. The floor was excellent throughout the evening and not too crowded and it was all too soon that the party broke up.

Among those present were:

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Cook, Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Wright, Mr. and Mrs. John Houston, Mr. and Mrs. Don Houston, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Conant, Mr. and Mrs. Cooper, Mr. and Mrs. Thorpe, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Stratton, Mr. and Mrs.J. Lucius Allen, Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Stevens, Mr. and Mrs. Crawford, Mr. and Mrs. John Mamaney, Mr. and Mrs. Bickford.

Mrs. Piner, Mrs. Hunt, Mrs. Tice, Mrs. Taylor, Mrs. French, Mrs. Mussen, Mrs. Damon, Mrs. Boyden.

Misses Edwina Cook, Endorah Maher, Edna Johnson, Mary Strahan, Mae Wassenberg, Jennie Harvey, Ruth French, Bessie Blood, Ida Foster, Bessie Bickford, Sadie Bickford, Kate Pfefferle, Anna Rode, May Luippold, Winnie Allis, Maud Caswell, Winifred Kent, Clara Haywood, Miss Martin, Miss Rude, Miss Sherwood, Miss Caldwell, Miss Tyson, Miss Cherry, Miss Flaherty, Miss Hamilton.

Messrs. Putnam Hunter, Wilfred Smith, Fred Browning, Herbert Streeter, Lemuel Graves, Harry Stratton, Hector Strahan, Charles Bickford, Edward Streeter, Charles Barron, Silas Mason, Edward Strecker, Dwight Weston, L. Halsea Crosier, Minot Crosier, Samuel Comstock, Albert Blinn, Cephas Durning, William Thomas, Harry Blodgett, Don Parmalee, Charles R. Robbins, Arthur G. Wallace, Harry C. Hall, J. Russell Bickford, Augustus Albers, John Carney, Louis Pfefferle, Frank Shattuck, Percy Lyons, George Hart, Sanford Shaw, J. Norwood, E. Stone.

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The local members of the Scalpers attended the annual banquet held at Hotel Russell in Springfield Saturday.

June 22 Greenfield MA Gazette 1900-1901 - 0854.pdf

Scalpers at Lake Pleasant. Program for the Summer—House to be Put Up Next Winter

The Independent Order of Scalpers which has scored such success in camp since its organization, expects to render a very interesting and hustling program, this reason. Some of the officers and members have already arrived, and arrangements are well under way. The program will be conducted as follows:

Sunday, July 28th, at midnight, lighting of the council fire, raising of the tomahawk and first council, which embraces a fitting and impressive ceremony.

Monday, July 29th, at 12 noon, raising of U. S. A. and I. O. S. flag with patriotic and Indian ceremony. Business meeting at 8 p.m. opening council and reception to members at Miscoluspi at 10.30 p.m. The dates have not been fixed for many novel features which will occur between the opening and closing exercises. Special events will be announced in the high chief's bulletin. The list of events of which dates will appear later are as follows:

Two midnight trails in the Forest of invasion to pale face camp with Scalper band. Grand field day, I. O. S. minstrel show, annual Scalper's ball, which will be conducted on a larger scale than ever before, using full band and other elaboration. There will be an entertainment of some kind every Sunday evening at Miscoluspi. Land is under consideration for playing golf.

The order will hold Its usual midsummer banquet. During two weeks in August the Scalpers' band, watch will consist of fifteen musicians selected from different bands in the state. Communications have been freely received from many prominent scalpers who expect to spend their vacations here this summer. The management feel that undoubtedly it will prove the largest encampment ever held.

The erection of the proposed club house is hoped for during next winter. The funds required have been pledged, and all that is detaining the arrangements is obtaining a clear title of the desired lend.

The grand boating fete will occur during the week commencing Aug. 19th, lasting two days. The mock trial which proved such a success last season has been earnestly requested to be repeated.

Among expected Scalpers this season are numbered several crack base ball[sic] players, which will no doubt be the means of forming a good team.

The summer program will conclude as usual, Thursday, Aug. 29th, with election of officers, and on Sunday, Sept. 1st. at midnight the closing council will be held, and while

the weird tomahawk is being buried the dusky braves and warriors will smoke the pipe of peace.

June 26 Greenfield MA Recorder 1925 - 9584.pdf

The official program of the Scalpers" will be given to the public on the return of Charles Bickford from South Framingham.

July 6 Greenfield MA Gazette 1900-1901 - 0883.pdf

The Scalpers duly celebrated the Fourth at Miscoluspi. Shortly after midnight they rendered a program consisting of various musical selections and displaying fireworks.

July 17 Greenfield MA Reporter 1900-1901 - 0684.pdf

Scalpers' Rising Planned

Lake Pleasant Soon to Witness Warlike Scenes

The program for the eighth annual midsummer encampment of the Independent Order of Scalpers that convenes every year at Lake Pleasant, was made out this week by the committee in charge and everything indicates a most successful season. The entertainment committee is striving to outdo this year all previous undertakings and to furnish for the many Indians of the tribe, campers and community in general, a meritorious program. The encampment will last from July 28 to August 25 inclusive and the supplementary season, one week. The lighting of the council fire, raising of the tomahawk and first council will occur at midnight, July 29.

Monday, July 29, at 12 o'clock, noon, raising of the United States and Independent Order of Scalpers' flags with other ceremonies. Business meeting at 3 p.m. Opening council and reception to members at Miscoluspi, the home of the Scalpers, 10:30 p.m. Grand chorus to Minne-wahoo at midnight.

Although there will be plenty of entertainment during the first week or two the height of the season will not be reached until the last two weeks. On August 3 and 10 there will be midnight trails into the forest with wild hollow pumpkins and dog meat, paint, and tom-toms.

Friday evening, August 16, a grand minstrel show will be held at the Temple and the members of the order are already preparing their parts and will be ready for rehearsals immediately upon arriving for the encampment. A fish hunt on the lake will be one of the novel features and will occur Saturday, August 17. Two sides will be chosen to go out for fish. The side bringing in the most fish, by fair means or foul, wins. The defeated side will be obliged to set up the supper Stag night will be celebrated in the evening.

The mock trial, which was such a success last year and for the repetition of which there have been numerous requests, will be given at Miscoluspi, Sunday evening, August 18. A prominent member of the tribe will be tried on a serious charge. It is expected that last year's trial will be eclipsed. On August 19 the grand field day will be held at the Bloody

Brook House, South Deerfield. There will be a feast of venison, wild turkey and pig, races, sports, and a grand powwow.

The annual mid-summer banquet and trolley ride will occur on the evening of August 20.

Two days of the encampment, August 21 and 22 will be devoted to boat races on the lake. There will be music and prizes.

The annual Scalpers' concert and ball will be held Friday evening, August 23. This will be made the usual social function at the lake. The music will be furnished by the Scalpers' orchestra, under the direction of Charles M. Bickford, and composed of prominent musicians of this section.

The Scalpers' golf links[5] will be ready early in the season and members will be pleased to hear that arrangements have been made to use land belonging to Mr. Goddard. Lillian Cascade, the famous picnic resort, will be the home green. This will combine a most delightful outing place with the pleasure of the links. The order has an excellent ball ground. A number of good ball players who are members of the tribe have signified their intention of being present. The club would like to make arrangements with strong teams in this vicinity.

A Scalpers' band will be organized to be present at the Lake from August 10 to 26. It will be made up of men now playing in the prominent bands in the country.

Special events and councils will be announced in the high chief's bulletin. Burying the tomahawk, smoking the pipe of peace and closing council will take place at midnight, August 25.

Aug. 3 Greenfield MA Gazette 1900-1901 - 0921.pdf

Scalpers Raise the Tomahawk.

The Independent Order of Scalpers formally opened its season, last Sunday night, at midnight. Notwithstanding the pouring rain the solemn tomahawk was duly raised by the warriors with their usual exercises, Monday noon, the annual raising of the U. S. and I.O. S. flags took place with enthusiastic patriotism.

The order paid its tribute, last Sunday night, to the honor of Uncle Billy Palmer who recently passed away at bis home in Brooklyn, N.Y., by forming a march from its headquarters down Montagne Street to the solemn beat of the "tom-tom."

It marched to his late cottage where an appropriate ceremony was rendered. Its flag was at half-mast all day Tuesday in honor of "Sleeping Owl" which was the scalper name awarded Mr. Palmer when he joined the order.

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[5] The golf links were a miniature golf course maintained on today's Unity Street a block south of Kostanski's Funeral Home on the same side of the street at the corner of Chestnut St., up to Hillside Ave. *e.g.*

Aug. 10 Greenfield MA Gazette 1900-1901 - 0935.pdf

Scalpers to have a Band

Arrangements are being considered by the Association and Independent Order or Scalpers to secure the services of a first-class band to arrive Aug. 17th remaining until the 26th, the band to consist of twenty pieces selected from Springfield and Fitchburg. This will be a feature which will undoubtedly draw a large attendance and give general tone to the camp.

Aug.14 Greenfield MA Recorder 1925 - 9652.pdf

The Scalpers "Little German Bard" has caused a lot of fun this week.

-The Scalpers are perfecting arrangements to place a band here by the 17th for the rest of the season. It will be made up of the best professional performers.

Aug. 15 Greenfield MA Gazette 1900-1901 - 0353.pdf

Turners Falls

Several from here attended the Scalpers' ball at Lake Pleasant last evening.

Aug. 24 Greenfield MA Gazette 1900-1901 - 0955.pdf

Scalpers' Gala Week

The Independent Order of Scalpers has been exceedingly active, with lively entertainment, the past week, and has cooperated with the association to facilitate a grand close of the present session. The program of the week has been one that kept not alone the management but all of the young people royally entertained.

Much credit is due Chas. M. Bickford, who stands at the head of the order, who formed a band consisting of twenty musicians, who have discoursed concerts daily and on Sunday, with special programs. The annual mock trial was held in the Temple Wednesday evening before a large audience. Silas Mason, as "Strong Brave" made an ideal judge, while Charles Bickford and Francis Woodbury posed as learned attorneys. The usual local hits Were made and a good time was enjoyed.

The annual midsummer trail took place Tuesday when the braves all went to South Deerfield and received the hospitality of Landlord Wright at the Bloody Brook, who is a prominent member of the order.

Scalpers' Ball

The social event of the season took place last night, in the temple where the annual Scalpers' ball took place. The music was furnished by their full band and orchestra, and proved a decided feature. The Temple was crowded, many coming ' from distant cities for the occasion which annually affords such a good time. There were about 100 in the grand march.

Preceding the ball the band rendered a choice concert. At 8.15 the grand march formed and started. J. Russell Bickford and sister, Miss Sadie Bickford of Boston, led the march, followed by officers of the order with ladies, members, and visitors.

The floor was in charge of J.R. Bickford, who had for assistant floor directors Chas. Barron and Halsea Crosier. The aids were Sidney Wright of South Deerfield, A. Tyler of Athol, Harry Stratton of Millers Falls, L.F. Ellis of Greenfield, Louis Pfefferle of Turners Falls, H.P. Dykeman of Bridgeport, Ct., and E.B. Cook of Hartford, Ct.

A special feature of the grand march was a piece composed specially for the occasion by High Chief Chas. M. Bickford. Dancing began about 8 80, lasting until 1 this morning.

Aug. 28 Greenfield MA Recorder 1925 - 9668.pdf

The season is closing here and to the astonishment of many people has been successful financially. All the associations have done well and have means at hand to pay All bills.

Great crowds were present Sunday and the concerts of the Scalpers' band were a marked feature of the day. Charles Bickford is receiving hosts of compliments, which he deserves for his work in this department. That the fine music given by these high-class musicians was appreciated here is testified to by the fact that money has been contributed to pay for it.

-Scalpers Ball and Final Ceremonies

The Scalpers closed a most successful convocation at 3.30 a.m., Monday morning, with the impressive ceremonies of the burial of the tomahawk and council fire.

This association has increased its membership, raised a large amount of money for entertainment uses and financially and socially is steadily gaining. Its membership now consists of men in every walk in life, residing from Maine to California.

The animal ball, Friday evening, under the auspices of this association, was the great social event of the year. About 100 couples participated in the festivities, which continued until 1 a.m. Nearly every large New England city or town had a representative present.

The orchestra, under the direction of Charles Bickford, gave the choicest music heard at the lake or years. The grand march was written for the occasion by Mr. Bickford. The hall was handsomely decorated with the emblems of the order.

-Turners Falls—Several from here attended the Scalpers' ball at Lake Pleasant, Friday evening.

July 12, 1902 Greenfield MA Gazette 1902-1903 - 0287.pdf

Scalpers on the Trail.

There are signs of Indian life at the Scalper's grounds, and the flag pole from which Old Glory waves has been erected. There are at present two prominent Scalpers here: Charles M. Bickford, "High Chief," and Jesse R. Stratton, "Big Owl," who assure us that we shall later witness a royal feast of "Injun corn and venison." Their program includes a crack band with which the last two weeks of August will be made especially interesting.

Aug. 2 Greenfield MA Gazette 1902-1903 - 0310.pdf

Scalpers Light Campfire Aug. 10. Full Program of the Events of the Season

The Independent Order of Scalpers ninth annual encampment takes place Aug -10 to Sept. 1, at Lake Pleasant. Following is the program:

The lighting of the council fire, raising the tomahawk and first council, midnight, Aug. 10. Monday, Aug, 11, raising the U.S., and I.O.S. flags, with salute at noon. Business meeting and reception to members at Miscoluspi, 10.30 p.m.

Tuesday, Aug. 12, will be reserved as Memorial Day. Appropriate services will be held at Miscoluspi at 7 o'clock p.m.

Wednesday, 13th, council of chiefs and committee at 3.30 p.m. Two midnight trails into the forest, Aug. 16 and 23. Stag trolley ride. Corn dance. Scalp and medicine dance. Fish hunt, Aug. 18. Annual field day, races and sports, Aug. 20 with feast of wild turkey and pig. Place to be decided later.

Invasion to pale face camps with Scalper band and tom-toms.

Election of officers and business meeting Tuesday, Aug. 26, at 3 o'clock p.m.

Burying the tomahawk, smoking the pipe of peace, and closing council, Aug. 31, at midnight.

The mid-winter banquet and council will be held Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 24 and 25. 1903. Place of holding same will be decided at the business meeting,

Aug. 26. Stay-over feast Wednesday, Sept. 3, at Miscoluspi.

Sports and amusements will be under the charge of Council of Chiefs and the following committee: Wm. Miller, L. J. Pefferle, E.B. Cook. The Daughters of the Forest[6] will contribute largely to the amusements as in former years. Boat races on the lake are being arranged for the week of Aug. 20.

Some time[sic] during the week a carnival will be held on the lake. There will be two Scalpers' nights at the pavilion. Also, Scalpers' night at the rustic theatre. As usual a ball team will be organized. The Order has an excellent ball ground, where many games will be played during the season. Also, tennis and croquet grounds.

Dancing in the pavilion every week day night. Music by Stratton's Operatic Orchestra, C. M. Bickford director. A trolley ride and banquet will be given to the lady friends of the Order. A game of water baseball or tennis is being arranged for on Green pond.

The annual Scalpers' ball will be held in the Temple, Friday evening, Aug. 29. Full and evening dress in order. It is expected that a military band will be in attendance and no pains will be spared to make this the most enjoyable affair of the season. An entertainment of some kind will be given in the Temple by the Order. The officers are: High Chief, Little

[6] The Scalper's auxiliary group.

Grip, C.M. Bickford; Chief of Scalpers, Yellow Calf, H.L. Dikeman; Chief of Council, Bald Eagle, Edw. B. Cook; Medicine Chief, Young Dog, J.R. Bickford; Chief of Hunters. Water Loon, Charles R. Robbins; Scribe, Little Dog, L. Halsea Crosier; Chief Warriors. Red Cloud, Dwight Weston.

Aug. 23 Greenfield MA Gazette 1902-1903 - 0345.pdf

Last Week of the Season at Lake Pleasant—A Lively Finish

The management of the band is in the hands of the Scalpers. They promise that the camp will be filled with high grade band music, together with wideawake parades.

There will be a benefit concert given at the casino to-morrow at 4 p. m., which will undoubtedly fill every seat.

The band will be ably assisted by the Ladies' Schubert Quartette, with Weston Rose, piccolo soloist, George Schuyler, vocal artist, and the well-known soprano, Miss E. Francis Blackford of Boston.

-The Scalpers' ball next Friday evening promises to be a big affair. The music will be furnished by the full band and orchestra, dancing continuing until 1 o'clock, with special electrics in all directions.

Lake Pleasant Casino

Week of Aug. 25 to Sept. 1.

Christy's Old Time Minstrels.

Evenings at 8.15.

Matinees: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at 4 o'clock Saturday at 2.40 p. m.

Dancing afternoon and evening.

Scalpers' Grand Ball

Friday Aug. 29, 1902.

Band Concerts every day during the week.

Sunday, August 31

2 BAND CONCERTS 2

From 1 to 2 and 4 to 5 p. m.

Aug. 27. 1902

The annual masquerade party at the pavilion Friday evening drew another large party. The costumes were simple but effective, some being unusually good. The feature of the evening was the appearance of ten prominent Scalpers, who came forth from their reservation in the middle of the evening attired in genuine Indian costumes.

Aug. 30 Greenfield MA Gazette 1902-1903 - 0355.pdf

Scalpers Annual Trail. The Scalpers annual trail and field day took plane Wednesday. The tribe with their band trailed through wood and forest, arriving at Landlord Wright's Bloody Brook in Sonth Deerfield about noon, giving a band concert, after which a genuine dinner was served followed by the usual program of the day.

Charles Dikeman of the party received a bad flesh wound in the right hand caused by the exploding of a cannon cracker which he held, supposing the explosive had gone out. He was taken to Dr. Trow, who was assisted by Dr. Parker of Greenfield Mr. Dikeman returned to camp with the party last evening.

-South Deerfield

A party of 30 Scalpers from Lake Pleasant were entertained by Landlord Wright at the Bloody Brook House Wednesday.

-Scalper's Ball

The Scalper's ball last evening was the usual brilliant affair and the attendance larger than ever. The Temple was handsomely decorated and the floor was filled with the merry throng.

The gowns of the ladies were attractive and neat, some being elaborate. Many invited guests were present from far and wide. The music by the orchestra of 15pieces rendered a choice concert and dispensed the dance numbers throughout the evening beautifully.

The ball concluded at one o'clock, everyone satisfied that a delightful evening had been passed.

February 7. 1903 Greenfield MA Gazette 1902-1903 - 0597.pdf

Will Live Indian Fashion for a Week

The Independent Order of Scalpers at its session in Springfield on Sunday decided to hold a field day some time in August at Lake Pleasant, the details to be decided at the summer meeting. It is expected that the order will have a band throughout the month, and some other innovations are planned.

It is expected that all the members will spend one weak in tents, living as nearly as possible during that period in accordance with the old Indian custom. The organization will celebrate its tenth anniversary the coming summer, and it is proposed to build a more commodious club house at the lake as one good way in which to observe the ground.

Aug. 1 Greenfield MA Gazette 1902-1903 - 0863.pdf

Much regret is expressed at the loss of Dwight Weston of Stafford, Ct., who passed away at his late home last week, after about a year's illness. He was a prominent member of the Independent Order of Scalpers, being known as "Red Cloud."

He had passed many seasons here and was well liked by all. The Scalpers were represented at the funeral by Chief C.M. Bickford and Scribe N.C. Barron.

Aug. 12 Greenfield MA Recorder 1925 - 5895.pdf

Tenth Annual Meeting

Scalpers Session Began at the Lake, Sunday

The Independent Order of Scalpers, which has been a feature of the summer life at Lake Pleasant for the past nine years, began its tenth annual session at Miscoluspi, the tribe's reservation, Sunday.

There was a reception to friends at Miscoluspi in the forenoon, and later in the day the council fire was lighted and the tomahawk raised. On Monday there was a business meeting and the raising of the tribe and national flags followed. This ceremony was accompanied by the usual salute.

The tribe this year mourns the loss of its chief warrior of the guard, Dwight J. Weston of Stafford Springs, Conn., who in his connection with the order was known as Red Cloud. Tuesday was set apart by order of the tribe as Memorial Day in his honor. Red Cloud was a popular member of the tribe and held the office of chief warrior of the guard for eight years. His death occurred July 23 at his home.

The business of to-day was a meeting of the chiefs and committee at 3.30 this afternoon. Saturday of this week will be given to initiations. The remainder of the program is as follows: Monday. August 17. Midnight trail into the forest, under Past Chief Dog Feet

Tuesday August 18. Stag night and smoke talk for the warriors.

Thursday. August 20 Business meeting at Miscoluspi.

Saturday, August 22. Initiations and feast to new members, under the guidance of Chief Red Lion.

Sunday, August 23. Midnight concert at Miscoluspi for the members.

Monday, August 24. Last initiation.

Tuesday, August 25. Boat race to be, held at 2 p.m.

Wednesday, August 26. Annual business meeting and election of officers at 3.30 p.m.

Thursday, August 27. Annual field day.

Friday, August 28. Scalpers' annual ball. By vote of the tribe this will be by invitation only.

Saturday, August 29. Invasion of pale face camp by the tribe in war paint and full regalia. Golden Degree night.

Sunday, August 30. At 6 p.m., a farewell supper will be served to the tribe at Miscoluspi by the chiefs. At midnight closing ceremonies and burying the tomahawk.

Monday August 31, 12 noon. Lowering the I.O.S. flag and taking the trail from Miscoluspi.

Aug. 15 Greenfield MA Gazette 1902-1903 - 0883.pdf

The 1808 circular issued by the Independent Order of Scalpers is a handsome souvenir number, representing the tenth anniversary of their encampment. The program includes their regular trails and feasts and promises a highly interesting season.

Aug. 22 Greenfield MA Gazette 1902-1903 - 0893.pdf

The Independent Order of Scalpers have again arranged for a week of first-class band music, which will begin to morrow under the leadership of C.M. Bickford. There will be two concerts dally. The occasion will serve to give the camp a rousing close.

Sept. 2 Greenfield MA Recorder 1925 - 5919.pdf

South Deerfield

The Scalpers from Lake Pleasant had its annual dinner at the Bloody Brook House Saturday afternoon. The members gave a concert in front of the hotel and judging from the appearances of some of the buildings, telephone poles, tar walks and water tank, they must have brought along a good supply of red paint and left some of it behind.

June 20, 1904 Greenfield MA Recorder 1925 - 6238.pdf
Greenfield MA Recorder 1904-1905 - 0220.pdf

Scalpers Come in August

The 11th convocation and encampment of the Independent Order of Scalpers will open about the second week in August. High Chief Little Grip, C.M. Bickford has arrived and the programs Will soon be issued. "Mike"[7] will receive at the Scalpers' grounds the night of August 7.

July 6 Greenfield MA Recorder 1925 - 6254.pdf

The Fourth at the Lake

There is always, something doing at the Scalpers' Reservations on the night before the Fourth. Representatives from ten states reported this year, among whom were K.B. Cook of Hartford, Conn., Charles Barron of Montreal, G.H. Russ of Dayton, Ohio, Frank Weaver of Athol, H. Loveland of Oneonta, N.Y., Mr. Bickford of East Greenwich, R. I., H.D. Reed, and E. S. Fernald of Boston.

Mr. Valentine deserves honorable mention he appearing during the day in several different characters, his best being "Lo," the Indian chief."

Two well attended dancing parties were given by Stratton's orchestra and the evening attendance surpassed all Fourth of July dances.

July 9, Greenfield MA Gazette 1904-1905 - 0281.pdf

The Independent Order of Scalpers are planning their usual program for the season. The echo of the tom-tom are heard from a distance, and in a few weeks the tribe will assemble around the camp fire.

July 27 Greenfield MA Recorder 1925 - 6271.pdf

Scalpers Encamp August 6

The Scalpers will open their annual convocation on the night of August 6. A prominent lawyer, a member of the order from Boston is working out plans for the permanent home of the order, positive arrangements are to be made this season.

[7] I find no reference to "Mike."

Aug. 3 Greenfield MA Recorder 1925 - 6282.pdf

Scalpers Notes

The largest attendance on record be present at the twelfth annual convocation of the Scalpers next Saturday evening. The band, 22 pieces, will give a concert about 7 p.m. Lunch will then be served; at 12, midnight, the council fire will be lighted, followed by tire solemn ceremony of raising the tomahawk. Corn and venison will be served.

Aug. 6 Greenfield MA Gazette 1904-1905 - 0322.pdf

. . . Dances at the pavilion are being well at tended. Manager Stratum offers for a special attraction next Tuesday evening the annual prize waits which will no doubt draw a large crowd.

The band in connection with the Scalpers arrives to-night[sic] and will give a concert in front of the pavilion at 2 o'clock, followed by two concerts to-morrow.[sic] The opening ceremony of the raising of the "Tomahawk" will take place to-morrow at midnight . . .

Aug. 10 Greenfield MA Recorder 1925 - 6290.pdf

Scalpers Reception and Band Concert

It was not anticipated that such a great concourse of people would gather at the reception to the "Scalpers," Saturday evening. An elaborate affair had been planned, but the train however was an hour late, and the program had to be curtailed. George Cleveland distinguished himself by the beautiful floral decorations for the occasion.

Speeches of welcome were made by the three vice presidents, Churchill, Sanger and Waterhouse. The Schubart Ladies Quartette sang, "Should Auld Acquaintance be Forgot," and selections from "Hiawatha." High Chief Little Grip responded with a light speech and the band played several selections.

At 12 o'clock the council fire was lighted and the tomahawk was raised for the twelfth annual session. More than half the membership of the order was present.
There were two spreads served during the night to about 50 men.

Great Crowd Monday

About 4000 people were on the grounds. The camp meeting services were conducted by Mrs. Josephine Haslam, John Slater and the quartet in the morning and Mrs. Carrie E. S. Twing and the quartet in the afternoon. The Scalpers' band gave two fine concerts to the public and one for the members at their reservations. Mrs. Carrie Twing conducted the Temple service in the evening.

Scalpers' Notes

Two new members were initiated Monday night.

The parade of the Lake Pleasant fire department will eclipse even the "greatest show on earth."

The Scalpers' band will give concerts at the lake from the 21st to the 29th daily.

Aug. 13 Greenfield MA Gazette 1904-1905 - 0332.pdf

. . . The Independent Order of Scalpers are very much in evidence and have with their band and assembly of patriotic braves made the "Miscoluspi" reservation very, lively. Several new candidates were duly initiated into the order at the opening.

A lively program is planned for the last two weeks of this month, which will include the 'Scalpers' Grand Ball, trails in the forest, concerts, concluding with the usual closing ceremonies. . . .

Aug. 17 Greenfield MA Recorder 1925 - 6295.pdf

Scalpers' Notes

The fun will soon to begin again.

The band arrives Saturday evening to remain until the close of camp. Two concerts will be given next Sunday.

Initiations are requested and the society is being strengthened by a fine class of membership.

The Lake Pleasant fire department is sure to parade.

Aug. 27 Greenfield MA Gazette 1904-1905 - 0352.pdf

The past week has been one of events which marks the close of the convocation. The program has been one of merit and attracted large crowds. Besides speakers of quality and entertainments at the Temple, the camp has had a musical treat by the Scalpers' band, which has given good concerts daily.

-The annual trail and feast of the Scalpers took place Thursday at which time Landlord Wright of the Bloody Brook at So. Deerfield entertained the tribe.

-To morrow's program includes a grand benefit concert by the Scalpers' band in the grove back of the Temple, with the following soloists: Weston Roes, piccolo; Frank Laird, cornet; A. Pariseau, baritone, followed by the well-known soprano, Miss Francis Bickford of Boston.

-Scalpers' Ball

The annual ball of the Independent Order of Scalpers was held last night in the Temple and was largely attended. Besides the many campers who attended, many came in from outside. There was a grand concert by the "I.O.S" band in front of the Temple at 7 o'clock followed by the ball program numbering 20 figures.

The braves and their squaws made a fine appearance. About 75 couples participated in the grand march. The music consisted of an excellent orchestra under the leadership of High Chief Little Grip Chas. M. Bickford. The occasion was both merry and successful, and will hold a prominent place among the events of the Indian season.

Aug. 24 Greenfield MA Recorder 1925 - 6303.pdf

More People That Could Find Quarters

Season Closing: with Many Events of Interest Littlefield, the Socialist Advocate to Speak—Scalpers to Have More Sport.

. . . The Temple was not near large enough to accommodate those who wanted to hear May S. Pepper, in the afternoon and several hundred stood outside during the services.

The Schubert Ladies' quartet gave choice vocal music as usual. The Scalpers Military Band, C. M. Bickford, leader, gave two concerts and received many recalls for the excellent work done.

-The Scalpers do not wish to brag, but much of the life and progress at the lake they are responsible for. Honor to those to whom it is due.

Aug. 31 Greenfield MA Recorder 1925 - 6311.pdf
Greenfield MA Recorder 1904-1905 - 0293.pdf

Scalpers Pay Their Annual Visit

South Deerfield

The Scalpers from Lake Pleasant came by special trolley last Thursday afternoon for their annual field day here. Landlord Wright of the Bloody Brook House served an excellent dinner, after which the band gave a conceit on the common. During the afternoon the war dance was given by the warriors.

A balloon ascension, a ball game and the discharge of cannon crackers were the features of the day.

At the close, of the concert Landlord Wright was presented with a gold mounted umbrella which was inscribed this; "Presented by I.O. S. 1904." The Scalpers departed after playing "Auld Lang Syne."

April 26, 1905 Greenfield MA Recorder 1925 - 6595.pdf

The Scalpers are being thoroughly reorganized and have already about 20 new applications for membership. The members of the executive committee were here recently, looking over several pieces of property, one of which will he purchased early this season.

May 3 Greenfield MA Recorder 1902-1903 - 0585.pdf

Leading Lake Pleasant Man E. R. Barron Die at his Home in Brooklyn

E.R. Barron, 61, of Brooklyn, N.Y.; died at his home Sunday evening, after a brief illness. He was one of the largest property owners at Lake Pleasant, and was known as man of sterling integrity.

Funeral services were held at his home, Monday evening. The burial was at Montague. Francis B. Woodbury scribe of the "Scalpers," of which Mr. Barron was an honorary member, assisted.

June 7 Greenfield MA Recorder 1925 - 6647.pdf

Scalpers to Have a Fine Club House

The Independent Order of Scalpers, by its attorney, E. S. Fernald, of Boston, has purchased of Isaac Chenery, administrator of the Hunter estate, the property known as "Valley House," located a mile west of Lake Pleasant grounds. This property consists of the hotel, barn, ice houses and nearly five acres of land. This deal is the result of nearly a year's hard work to secure permanent quarters for this growing institution at the Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Hunter, a very worthy couple, for many years conducted a hotel here and were very popular, Mrs. Hunter was a cook of the "mother used to make kind" and many residents here who held these people in high respect are glad that the property is going to the "boys" rather than to strangers, eventually the buildings will be remodeled and a first-class club house will be the outcome.

The boys are receiving congratulations from all over the county. Some of the most prominent officials of the order will meet at the Lake, Saturday afternoon next to outline a definite plan.

June 14 Greenfield MA Recorder 1904-1905 - 0641.pdf

The Scalpers are to have quite a pleasant time, July 4..

June 24 Greenfield MA Gazette 1904-1905 - 0797.pdf

The Independent Order of Scalpers will be brilliantly represented this season with their new possession of the Valley House[8] property which will soon be transformed into a wigwam for the dusky braves.

July 12 Greenfield MA Recorder 1925 - 6691.pdf

The Scalpers are receiving many applications for membership. Their degree teams have a hard season before them.

July 19 Greenfield MA Recorder 1925 - 6696.pdf

The Scalpers are making arrangements for a grand clam bake at their reservation.

Aug. 2 Greenfield MA Recorder 1925 - 6719.pdf

Scalpers Will Hold Council at Midnight, Saturday

The 12th annual council fire of the Independent order of Scalpers will he kindled next Saturday night, at 12, and the tomahawk will be dug up at their wigwam and Long House.

Corn and venison will be served, the keys of the building turned over to the trustees and the election of officers held. The members will also have breakfast and dinner served

[8] The current (2024) property along County Road . . . Miscoluspi.

in their own peculiar style at their reservations, Sunday. A large attendance of members of the order is expected. The large dining room of the Scalper's Club home has been repainted and tinted and is being made ready for the festivities.

-More automobile stables ate already needed. Mr. Allen of Attleboro has been remodeling one at the Scalpers reservation for his machines.

-Mrs. T. U. Reynolds will lecture next Sunday, at 10.30, and give communications. At 2.30, J. J. Morse, editor of the Banner of Light will lecture. The Schubert ladies' quartet will furnish the vocal music and the famous Scalpers' band will give concerts at 1.30 and 4 p.m.

-Next Sunday the Scalpers will have their annual opening. The famous scalper's band will give two concerts and corn and venison will be served at the wigwam at 8 p.m.

Aug. 12 Greenfield MA Gazette 1904-1905 - 0866.pdf

The Independent Order of Scalpers have formally opened their season's program at their new reservation. Members of the order are gradually arriving and the next two weeks promise to be unusual interest, particularly in the feature of music.

High Chief Chas. M. Bickford is arranging to furnish one of the best bands ever beard here. A large number of new members are being enrolled and without doubt the Indian season will be a lively one.

Aug. 16 Greenfield MA Recorder 1925 - 6731.pdf

Coming Days to be Lively

The next ten days will be the lively ones of the camp as not only the Scalpers' band but members of the order from all over the country will be present. The Scalpers' ball the great social event of the season will be held in the Temple, Friday evening, August 25.

-Sunday, at 10.30. Albert Blinn will lecture and at 2.15 Rev. May S. Pepper will lecture and give tests. The Schubert Quartet will sing and the famous Scalpers' band will give two concerts at 1.30 and 4 p.m. The Scalpers' band will arrive on Saturday evening and will give concerts every day for one week on until August 28.

Aug. 26 Greenfield MA Gazette 1904-1905 - 0885.pdf

Turners Falls

The Scalpers Band will give a concert tonight at Hotel Vladish.[9]

-The Independent Order of Scalpers have been the past week entertained not only at their reservation and Long House wigwam, but have given the grounds a royal treat in the music line. The Scalpers' band of 20 of the best musicians of the state, selected by Band Master Chas. M. Bickford, high chief of the order, has the past week rendered a most satisfactory series of concerts at different points of the grounds. It is without doubt the best band heard at Lake Pleasant.

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[9] Hotel Vladish was located at the southeast corner of 5th street and Avenue "A". It became the Turners Falls Inn.

Director Bickford finds himself ably supported by 10 solo artists which count for much in producing the classical numbers. Wm. Putnam, formerly of the old Fitchburg band and Russell orchestra which was so popular here 25 years ago, has numbered among the members of the band the past week, while the ever popular John Saunders, solo clarionetist,[sic] who was also a member of this organization at that time and played many seasons here and afterward served here with the Worcester Cadet Band which was also popular.

Other solo players worthy of mention that are with us are Felix Rossetti, flute; John Carney, clarionet;[sic] Carl Dewey, Frank Laird and Leonard Bemis, solo cornetists; W.H. Brittan, baritone; August Parisseau, trombone; Edward Sheehan, xylophone; Al Billings, bass.

Aug. 28

Greenfield MA Recorder 1925 - 6739.pdf
Greenfield MA Recorder 1902-1903 - 0721.pdf

Scalpers Entertained Monday

The Scalpers gave, a royal reception to about 90 men at their wigwam Monday evening. Many prominent business men from surrounding towns were present. The club was handsomely illuminated and decorated.

The band gave a fine concert while the officers were receiving their guests. C.H. Allen of Attleboro was the toast master of the evening, and C.R. Murray of Gardner gave an address on mining at Cripple Creek in the early days.

"Interesting phases of law" was a subject handled ably by E.S. Pernald of Boston. "Western Life" was enlarged upon by E.L. Waters of Portland, Ore. A substantial lunch was served and C.R. Murray of Gardner and L K. Conroy of Worcester gave an exhibition of five rounds of sparring.

The committee in charge of the successful entertainment consisted of Charles H. Allen, Attleboro; J.B. Stratton, Athol; Henry Allen, Chester, Vt., and L.R. Pfefferle, Turners Falls.

-Never has any band at the lake received any more praise than the Scalper's this year. Thursday afternoon by request the concerts will be entirely of classical music

Aug. 30

Greenfield MA Recorder 1904-1905 - 0726.pdf

The Spiritualist's camp meeting for the season has closed. Sunday brought to the Lake the largest crowd of the season, about 8000 people, who in spite of the inclement weather enjoyed the magnificent concerts of the consolidated bauds, Greenfield, Turners Falls and Scalpers being represented, under the leadership of C.M. Bickford. So much was the concert repeated at the call of the great audience that it was nearly 6 o'clock before the concluding selection was given.

-The annual ball, Friday evening, was a notable occasion, one of the best ever held under the auspices of the order.[10]

-The Scalper's field day, Saturday, was an enjoyable occasion. An old-fashioned boiled dinner was served at 1.30, to about 50 members and friends at the club bouse. A band concert, Scalper's dance, fat man's race, base ball[sic] game and other sports took up the time until evening. The tomahawk is not buried yet for the season as many of the members will tarry among the pines until after Labor Day.

-It is quite likely the Scalper's mid-winter meeting will be held in Boston.

-The Scalpers band from Lake Pleasant gave a very pleasing concert from the Hotel Vladish[11] veranda, Saturday night.

January 24, 1906 Greenfield MA Recorder 1925 - 7065.pdf

Scarpers to Fill Three Days

The midwinter meeting of the Independent Order of Scalpers, the band of red men which makes its summer home on the shores of Lake Pleasant, will be held at Springfield, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. The chieftains from all parts of the country will trail to the City of Homes, Friday afternoon, to be in time for the grand peace dance, which will take place in Memorial Hall in the evening.

Saturday afternoon, there will be a smoke talk at the Highland Hotel and the entire crown will go to Poli's in the evening. The annual banquet will come at midnight and will last until sunrise. The annual business meeting will be held at the Highland, Sunday afternoon at 8.

A Wright of this town is a member of the committee in charge of arrangements.

Jan. 31 Greenfield MA Recorder 1925 - 7073.pdf

Scalpers of Springfield

The anneal winter session of the Scalpers at Springfield, this week, was the usual lively occasion, the chiefs making the fun almost continuous Friday afternoon until Sunday evening.

Memorial hall was crowded for the annual ball, Friday evening. High Chief "Little Grip," Charles M. Bickford, formerly of Greenfield, leading the grand march with Miss Nellie Nolan of Boston, J. Russell Bickford, also formerly of Greenfield, and, J. R. Stratton of Athol were members of the floor committee.

Still more chiefs arrived on Saturday in time to take part in the smoke talk at the Highland in the afternoon and the theatre party at Poli's in the evening. At midnight the

[10] Independent Order of Scalpers.

[11] The Hotel Vladish was located on the southeast corner of Avenue 'A' and 5th Street in Turners Falls. It later became the Turners Falls Inn.

warriors gathered at Highland for the annual banquet It took until the early morning hours to dispose of the venison and hear the last of the "big talks."

The business of the session was taken np at 2, Sunday afternoon, and the gathering closed with a grand concert by the Scalpers band.

June 27 Greenfield MA Recorder 1925 - 7254.pdf

The Fourth is to be Gloriously Celebrated

The Scalpers are to have two lunches at their reservation.

William Shepard and several Scalpers were at the reservation, Sunday, from Springfield.

July 11 Greenfield MA Recorder 1925 - 7270.pdf

Local Short Notes

Scalpers Hold Annual Feast

The annual corn and venison feast of the Scalpers was held at the lodge wigwam, Tuesday evening of last week, and was attended by about 50 chiefs and warriors.

Wall of Norwich, Conn., catered and Woodbury and Bemis had the decorations in charge.

-There will be two band concerts by the Scalpers band, Sunday, with Charles M. Bickford as director. One concert will be given from 1 to 2.30, the other from 4 to 6 p.m. There will be a sacred concert in the Temple at 2.30, free admission. Bickford's orchestra will give several selections and there will be violin and piano solos. Miss Anna Hartman and others will sing. President Dally, Vice President Churchill and others will give 10-minute addresses, to be followed by message and test mediums.

July 14 Greenfield MA Recorder 1925 - 3230.pdf

. . . Two band concerts by the Scalpers' band at Lake Pleasant next Sunday at 1 o'clock and at 4 p.m.

-Two concerts by the Scalpers' band, C. M, Bickford, leader, will be given to-morrow at Lake Pleasant, at 1 and 4 p. m. To-night the Scalpers' orchestra will furnish music for the dance at the pavilion.

July 18 Greenfield MA Recorder 1925 - 7275.pdf

Scalpers in Convention

The 14th annual convocation of the Independent Order of Scalpers was opened, Saturday night, with the largest attendance in the history of the order.

After the digging up of the hatchet, a council fire was lighted by a delegate each from the north, south, east and west applying a torch. The orator of the evening was W. H. Shepherd, an official of the Boston and Maine railroad who delivered an able address. J. Russell Bickford, in a humorous talk, also then delighted the chiefs and warriors.

Every member present was obliged to make a speech, after which the trail was taken to the wigwam and "Long House" where the annual election was held resulting as follows:

High chief, Charles R. Bickford; scribe, Francis Bailey Woodbury, chief of council, W. H. Shepherd; chief of scalpers, Weston Ross; chief of hunters, Jesse Stratton; medicine chief, Dr. Parker; chief of guards, Frank Shattuck.

At 4 a.m., corn and venison were nerved and a general feast held. Three applications were received for membership.

-Charles Barron and Star Barron presented the Scalpers with two framed oil paintings at the council, Saturday night. Charles Clark of Norwalk, Conn, also presented a One Indian scene.

Aug. 11 Greenfield MA Recorder 1925 - 3272.pdf

. . . The annual cake walk at the pavilion comes next Tuesday evening, when 13 couples of the camp's little folks will entertain with their artistic steps, which always attracts wide attention. Other pavilion attractions are the annual masquerade which is scheduled for the 21st; the Scalpers' ball the 24th; annual prize waltz the 28th. and a moonlight waltz party of which will he announced toter. . . .

Aug. 15 Greenfield MA Recorder 1925 - 7310.pdf

The Scalpers' band will arrive, Saturday night, for one week's engagement Next week, the Scalpers have their special festivities, smoke talk, ball, field day and reception.

The Scalpers' ball, the social event of the season, is announced for August 24.

Aug 18 Greenfield MA Recorder 1925 - 3277.pdf

Criticism of Expenditures of Money —Two Tickets in Field.

. . . There is some feeling among the Scalpers that they should be more largely represented. At the present time their only representative upon the official list is Henry Douglas. Mr. Allen, an Attleborough jeweler, who would be satisfactory to Scalpers, and Frank Woodbury, are talked of for directors . . .

Aug. 22 Greenfield MA Recorder 1925 - 7318.pdf

Next Sunday J. Clegg Wright and May S. Pepper will occupy the rostrum and the Scalpers' band will give concerts. Saturday afternoon the Scalpers' field day will come off at the reservations of the order. Games, sports, etc., all the afternoon concerts by the band and a general good time. Public invited.

Friday evening the social event of the season will occur, the Scalpers' ball at the Temple.

-Monday evening, the annual smoke talk of the Scalpers was held, about 70 persons being present. A band concert was given, speeches were made by R.F. Churchill, Francis B. Woodbury. Mr. Waggoner read several selections, monologue, (original,) Charles Murray. Light refreshments and cigars were served and the Scalpers quartet gave several selections. G.W. Edwards, school principal of Brooklyn, N.Y., was the last man initiated in the Scalpers.

Aug. 25 Greenfield MA Recorder 1925 - 3293.pdf

Scalpers' Ball

The Scalpers' ball last evening at the temple was a brilliant and social occasion. The usual decorations emblematic of the "Indian" were profusely in evidence. Dress suits were in order, while the women looked their prettiest in their evening gowns. The orchestra of 10 pieces, under the direction of High Chief Bickford discoursed excellent music.

Many prominent scalpers from various cities were present. The grand march started at 9 o'clock, followed by a well-arranged program which was participated In by the merry throng until one o'clock this morning.

-The specially arranged band of the Scalpers which has been in session the past week, giving daily concerts has been a feature of merit. Band Master Bickford never fails in his efforts to entertain Lake Pleasant with the best of material to please everyone. Concerts will be given to-morrow at the usual hours by this organization.

Aug. 29 Greenfield MA Recorder 1925 - 7326.pdf

Scalper's Field Day

The Scalpers field day was a great success indeed the beet ever held by them. After a series of boat races in the forenoon a dinner of broiled halibut an sheep bake was served ate the wigwam.

An original humorous poem was read after dinner by George Edwards of Brooklyn, N.Y., and a speech was made by R.F. Churchill. A telegram was read from C.H. Allen, written at Philadelphia, where he was detained by business engagements.

The band gave a fine concert on the lawn and Indian dances were introduced for the entertainment of pale faces. A hotly contested ball game, rifle shoot and other sports filled in the time until dark.

The degree teams of this order will be obliged to work this week to finish the season's work.

January 5, 1907 Greenfield MA Recorder 1906-1907 - 0557.pdf

The 14th annual dinner of the Independent Order of Scalpers is to take place at Hotel Russell, Springfield, Jan. 26. R. F. Churchill has been invited to speak.

May 20 Greenfield MA Recorder 1925 - 7667.pdf
Greenfield MA Gazette 1906-1907 - 0627.pdf

Scalpers to Give Concert

The Scalpers' Band, whose members are drawn from the leading bands of the western part of the state, will give a benefit concert for the Lake Pleasant sufferers at Washington Hall[12], Saturday evening. The program will be under the direction of Charles

[12] Washington Hall was on the south side of Main Street, Greenfield, Ma. near the Veteran's Mall.

M. Bickford of Springfield and the soloists will be Frank A. Laird, cornet, and Weston Boss, flute. The arrangements are in charge of Francis B. Woodbury.

May 25 Greenfield MA Recorder 1925 - 3704.pdf

A concert will be given by the Independent Order of Scalpers band, Charles M. Bickford director, at Washington Hall, Saturday evening, June 1st. at 8 o'clock, proceeds to go to relief of persons made destitute by fire at Lake Pleasant. Every member of this band is a solo artist. Tickets, 25c, with no reserved seats.

July 24 Greenfield MA Recorder 1925 - 7744.pdf

Scalpers Raise the Tomahawk

The impressive, dignified, and ancient ceremony of raising the tomahawk and lighting the council fire, which occurred Saturday evening was enlarged upon by Mother Nature, for as a prelude to the services the most terrific thunder storm that has visited the place for years for an hour presented a rapid series of weird pictures. At last, the aged prophet raised his hand and reverently said The Great Spirit has spoken. All is well. Call the braves and warriors, it is time the trail for 1907 be taken. Instantly the tom-tom was heard, followed by the Scalpers' march, and the long line of dusky savages filed into their reservations.

The strong box containing the tomahawk and other valuables was taken from the hiding place where it had been put at close of last year's trail, and then the great circle was formed about the council fire. W.H. Shepherd of Springfield advanced, delivered his message and lighted the fire for the warriors of the north. Jesse Stratton kindled the flame for the warriors of the south. J. Russell Bickford represented the warriors from the far west and F.B. Woodbury from the east. Every warrior in the council then delivered his personal message to the tribe.

The high chief next passed the tomahawk to the scribe with instructions to proceed to the Long Home call all the tribe together and elect those who are to care for it and the tribe's interest for the ensuing year. Again, the tom-toms were sounded and the echoes of their fantastic music rolled away over the Sun Sick hills as in the days of long ago.

The results of the election were: High Chief, C. M. Bickford, Springfield; scribe, F. B. Woodbury, Greenfield; chief of council; W.H. Shepherd, Springfield; chief of scalpers; F.R. Shattuck, Boston, medicine chief; C.S. Kellogg, South Hadley, chief of hunters; Jesse Stratton, Springfield, chief warrior of the guard; H.C. Root, Springfield; keeper of wampum, Lonis Pefferle, Turners Falls.

Trail was then taken to banquet hall where Woodbury and Whall served a clam chowder and sword fish dinner. Dr. C.H.P. Birchmore, a prominent Scalper and member of the Ancients and Honorables of Boston made one of the principal speeches.

July 27 Greenfield MA Recorder 1925 - 3796.pdf

The Independent Order of Scalpers lighted their camp fire and raised their "Dusky Tomahawk" last Saturday night at low 12.[13] There were about 20 of the brave warriors present and the opening was in every way a success.

July 31 Greenfield MA Gazette 1906-1907 - 0709.pdf

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The committee is Charles Allen, Attleboro; Fred Colle, F.I. Webster, Turners Falls; George Edwards, Brooklyn, N.Y., Mr. Cook, Hartford, Conn.: Frank Bickford, Lake Pleasant. Each member is entitled to three tickets for admission.

Aug. 14 Greenfield MA Recorder 1925 - 7765.pdf

Season Now at its Height

. . . To cap the climax of the week who should appear but John L. Slater of San Francisco. Now in all the world are there is only one John Slater, and with all his peculiarities he is always welcome at Lake Pleasant.

He is John to everyone here. Probably there is no person in America who has appeared before more people than he. He is at home here, everyone loves him for his liberality and his most remarkable gift of mediumchief.[sic] He calls this his vacation and works all the time.

To this talent will be added next Sunday the old favorite, Edgar W. Emerson. Everything is full in the way of accommodations or will be by Saturday night as the Scalpers' anniversary Friday, Saturday, Sunday will add to the population here very largely.

The camp management and Scalpers alike do not appear to have reached any understanding which would result in producing band concerts here Sundays during camp meeting. The people who feel this most are the privilege holders, but the glad hand of the electric road has not appeared.

The annual fair of the Ladies' Improvement Society is now going On.

The Scalpers anniversary opens on Friday evening with a "ladies' night" and reception. Admission will be by ticket invitation only. Mrs. Pepper-Vanderbilt, John Slater, J. Clegg Wright, and Edgar W. Emerson are all to appear several times during the next 10 days.

The annual masquerade of the Scalpers will be held Saturday evening and the annual ball at the Temple, Friday evening of next week.

[13] Midnight.

July 31 Greenfield MA Recorder 1925 - 7749.pdf

Lake Season Opens

On the evening of August 16, the Independent Order of Scalpers will begin a three days celebration of their 15th anniversary with a reception, illumination, band concert and buffet lunch. The committee is Charles Allen, Attleboro; Fred Colle, F.I. Webster, Turners Falls; George Edwards, Brooklyn, N.Y., Mr. Cook, Hartford, Conn.: Frank Bickford, Lake Pleasant. Each member is entitled to three tickets for admission.

Aug. 21 Greenfield MA Recorder 1925 - 7773.pdf

Scalpers Keep Anniversary

Unique Order Continues to and Grow and Thrive

The anniversary of the institution of the Independent Order of Scalpers was opened Friday evening with a band concert and ladies' night at their reservation. Invitation tickets were issued to 175 people and 250 people attended. The Scalpers originated among the young men in the spirit of fun. Several years ago, an attempt was made to "put them out of business" but wiser councils prevailed. Some prominent earners were admitted to membership and a work of building up an institution which should be or benefit to men joining and also to Lake Pleasant as a summer resort.

The Scalpers have never been a Spiritualistic society in any way whatever, and are perfectly non-sectarian. The order now has nearly 100 members and out of this number a very few have any connection or interest in the Lake Pleasant camp meeting association or its work. The membership is scattered over the United States and Canada. They own the property known for years as the Valley House located about one-eighth of a mile west of the campground, separated from association property by the Montague Road, consisting of five and seven-eighths [acres] of land and a large house and barn. Charles M. Bickford who has held the office of high chief for 15 years presided on Friday evening.

After a fine concert by the Scalper's band the crowd was invited to the out-door council chamber of the tribe where a council fire was lighted and Dr. C.H.P. Birchmore was introduced and gave a historical address and also explained some of the ritual and principals of the tribe. R.P. Churchill also addressed the company. The trail was then taken to the council house where Francis B. Woodbury was assisted by George Cleveland and William Aldrich and Mr. Whall, in serving to all the company a bountiful buffet lunch.

Saturday at 2 p.m., a New England dinner was served to all members and during the afternoon a hotly contested game of baseball was played.

Sunday a consolidated band concert was given by members of Greenfield. Turners, Shelburne Falls and Scalper's bands. A seashore dinner was served and the anniversary was closed with a smoke talk.

Scalpers Beaten at Lake Pleasant

The annual election last Monday morning called out a large number. The usual routine of business was enacted and with the exception of a dash of ginger now and then everything passed smoothly. Three tickets appeared in the field. The association ticket consisted of the names of the board of last year with the exception of Prof. George W. Edwards of Brooklyn, who was elected to fill the vacancy of Nathan H. Read of Attleboro. There was an independent ticket and one known as the Scalper's ticket The association ticket was elected as follows: President, R.F. Churchill; vice presidents, W.W. Lee, Troy, N.Y., Mrs. Alice S. Waterhouse, Somerville, Mrs. T.U. Reynolds, Troy, N.Y.; clerk, Rev. A.P. Blinn, Norwich, Ct.; treasurer, Byron Loomls, Haydenville; directors, R.F. Churchill. Greenfield, K.D. Childs, Marlboro, L F. Crafts, Whately, Byron Loomis, Haydenville, Dr. Wm. Critchley, Portsmouth, N.H., H.S. Streeter, Greenfield, E.W. Clark, North Adams, F.C. Bryant, Lake Pleasant, G.W. Edwards, Brooklyn, N.Y.

The meeting opened promptly at 9 a.m. The proper officers were duly stationed at the entrance of the temple, at which time the association ticket seemed to be the only one in evidence. About 9.15 the Scalpers' ticket appeared and fell into the hands of one of the property holders and voters, F.L. Fletcher, who quickly observed the absence of two earnest workers from the ticket, which seemed to be constructed for their defeat. The voter expressed himself quietly by regretting the absence of the names of these two men and termed their ticket a private one. At the same time, he took from his pocket a ticket to meet the issue, which acted both as a surprise and astonishment, as stickers were on this ticket for the purpose of reelecting Judge Dailey in place of R.F. Churchill as president.

The matter was so quietly handled that but few, if any, knew of the movement, and Judge Dailey had not been interviewed previously in regard to the matter.

The Scalpers' ticket was overwhelmingly beaten, as Dr. Critchley of the association ticket had 102, Frank Bryant of that ticket 119 and H.S. Streeter of the same ticket 120. Against them were F.B. Woodbury, who had 58, Dr. C.P. Burchmore, 14. and W.N. Aldrich, 9.

There was a breezy moment at this period of the meeting, but the result was the same as last year, to the effect that Judge Dailey felt physically unable to accept the office, but had Lake Pleasants interests purely at heart and would gladly work with the board and the people all that he could.

At an adjourned meeting the directors unanimously re-elected R.F. Churchill as president. It is not known exactly what Mr. Churchill's position is in the matter, as he reserved his decision of acceptance to the chair until the continuation of the annual meeting, which was adjourned until 9 o'clock this morning in the Temple, at which time he will reply. It is generally hoped that he will stand for another term. He has had, without

doubt, the most difficult year to serve since the resort was opened 34 years ago, and his good work and thoughtfulness to Lake Pleasant's interests have been many, particularly were they in evidence during the unfortunate fire of April 26th.

He reached the scene of destruction at 6 o'clock in the morning and begun a crusade of a good Samaritan to the many sufferers, which he has continued to do ever since in a general way. It would be hard to replace him, and it is thought that his services can be retained as president for the coming year. The result of the count showed that Clerk A.P. Blinn had quietly dropped 32 bond votes which acted as an unexpected surprise and seemed to puzzle a few very much. Dr. Burchmore ventured to ask if they were the personal property of Mr. Blinn, feeling perhaps that there might be a possible error, but was assured that they belonged to Mr. Blinn and therefore went on record as such.

-Serenades by Scalpers' Band

Yesterday afternoon the Scalpers' band assembled at the cottage of Prof. Geo. W. Edwards, and tendered their brother warrior a rousing serenade which was responded to by Prof. Edwards with fitting remarks, after which the band marched to the cottage of Willis N. Aldrich of South Deerfield and gave their brother Indian a lively serenade which was shared by Pres. R.F. Churchill, who makes his headquarters at this cottage. The significance of the serenade to Brother Aldrich was attributed largely to his recently announced engagement to Mrs. Alice Whall of Everett. After this the band in turn serenaded Francis Bailey Woodbury, who is also numbered among the tribe.

Aug. 28 Greenfield MA Recorder 1925 - 7781.pdf

Scalpers Not Defeated

To the Editor of the Recorder:

Bulletins of a paper published in Greenfield and issued last Saturday announced "Scalpers beaten at Lake Pleasant election."

The Independent Order of Scalpers whose membership consists of many business men from New York, Brooklyn, Boston, Attleboro, Greenfield, Springfield and Turners Falls, had no ticket in the field at the recent elections at Lake Pleasant. The ticket which appeared with several Scalpers' names upon it was positively unauthorized by the order. Hence the statement that they were defeated when they have constantly refused to put a ticket in the field is a great injustice to them.

The New England Spiritualist Campmeeting Association has in its membership only six or eight Scalpers and it would be utterly useless for that small number to attempt to control one of their annual meetings if they wished so to do, which they do not.

The Scalpers' organization is a non-sectarian institution whose members have no desire to run a Spiritualist Campmeeting. Perfectly independent of all other societies at Lake Pleasant, it intends to remain so.

Francis Bailey Woodbury, Scribe of Scalpers

Oct. 3 Greenfield MA Recorder 1925 - 7870.pdf

Scalpers Had Game Feast

Gathered from Many Towns at Lake Pleasant

The annual game supper of the Independent Order of Scalpers was held Saturday evening at the Long House at the Lake Pleasant reservations. Thirty were present. The tables presented a very attractive appearance, banked with rock and maiden hair ferns, out of which the light of fantastic jack-o'-lanterns glowed on the tastily arranged spread.

Mrs. Frank Bickford furnished the rabbit pies. Roast turkey, with all the "fixins" and side dishes of partridges went to make up a dinner the best ever offered by "Chef" F.B. Woodbury, who was in charge.

Among the prominent members present were High Chief Charles M. Bickford, Springfield; William Shepherd, division superintendent, Pasumpsic division of the Boston and Maine Railroad of Springfield; M. O'Keefe, proprietor of the Grand Trunk hotel, Turners Falls: Dr. McGillicuddy, Turners Falls; J. Russell Bickford; C.H. Allen, manufacture of jewelry, Attleboro; George Edward, school supervisor, Brooklyn. N.Y.; F.A. Rossetti, New York; Alfred Billings, superintendent Duryea automobile works, Chicopee Falls; W. S. Barron, of Wyman Brothers Manufacturing company, Brooklyn, N.Y.; Charles Barber, Millers Falls: F.A. Laird the celebrated cornetist, Springfield; James Fegan, Greenfield; Earl Guilford, bridge department, Boston and Maine railroad: Clarence Newton, Stevens-Duryea company, Chicopee Falls; Fank Potter, Boston and Maine Railroad, Springfield; Frank Bickford and John Thompson, Lake Pleasant; L.A. Bemis, Athol.

General regret was expressed that, C.S. Kellog, one of the most respected members of the order, of South Hadley, departed immediately after the dinner for Seattle, Wash. Mr. Kellogg has always been a member who could furnish at a moment's notice entertainment for the tribe.

Sunday morning, the regular New England breakfast, baked beans and other things was served and at noon a fish chowder, dinner closed the festivities. Louis Pfefferle, Turners Falls, ably handled the finances as usual. A large delegation attended the Whall-Aldrich wedding, in the evening, at Greenfield, Mr. Aldrich being a member of the order.

January 1, 1908 Greenfield MA Recorder 1925 - 7978.pdf

Events of the Year 1907 in the County

August 16. Anniversary celebration of Order of Scalpers at Lake Pleasant.

January 29 Greenfield MA Recorder 1925 - 8005.pdf

Scalpers' Winter Meet

Two Day Powwow at Springfield with Interesting Features

The annual midwinter powwow of the Independent Order of Scalpels, always an occasion of much pleasure to the members of the order, was held at Springfield, Saturday night and Sunday.

The annual banquet, which occurred at the Hotel Russell at 11.30, Saturday evening, was preceded by a theatre party, 50 of the chiefs marching to the Nelson theatre wearing feather head dresses, and taking seats in a parquet section reserved for them. Wives of the members occupied balcony seats.

Just before the opening of the banquet, the golden degree, to which only members of 10 years standing are entitled, was conferred in full form upon five candidates. After the feasting, F.R. Shattuck of Boston responded to the toast.

"The tribe in retrospect," Frank A. Bickford of Lake Pleasant to "The families and their antecedents," and Francis B. Woodbury of Greenfield to "Liberty, brotherhood and happiness."

The exercises extended until well into the morning hours. Sunday at 11.30, the tribe met in business session, which lasted until 2.15. At 4 o'clock in the Hotel Russell parlors, the members listened to a two-hour orchestral concert given by a picked orchestra of 20 pieces under the leadership of Charles M. Bickford.

July 8 Greenfield MA Recorder 1925 - 8200.pdf

Scalpers to Convene, Saturday

Francis B. Woodbury, scribe, has sent out this week the annual call for the summer council of the Independent Order of Scalpers, which will convene on the tribe reservation, "Miscoluspi," at Lake Pleasant at midnight, Saturday, when the annual election of chiefs will be held. The tribe will remain on the reservation until September 12. Among the events planned for this year are the annual field day, smoke talk and ball, two trails to* neighboring reservations and ball games between the members.

July 15 Greenfield MA Recorder 1925 - 8205.pdf

Elected New High Chief

Charles M. Bickford, Long Head of Scalpers Resigns

A delegation of Scalpers numbering two thirds of the entire membership of the order assembled at the reservation at Lake Pleasant, Saturday night for the opening of the annual convocation. The many-colored blankets and feather head dresses of the chiefs and warriors presented a weird picture in the bright moonlight and one could easily fancy themselves in a council of the red men in the days when the early history of New England was made. But instead, the war-like spirit of long ago, peace and harmony characterized every action of the warriors gathered.

Four trails were taken to locate the tomahawk and other emblems which had been buried at the close of last year's camp. All were finally located and dug up, and the high chief announced: "We are ready to light the council fire for 1908." The tom-toms sounded

the call to the trail and the long procession slowly filed among the tepees upon the reservation. W.H. Shepherd, after an eloquent speech, lighted the fire from the north; J. Russell Bickford applied the torch from the south; Jesse Stratton from the west, and F.B. Woodbury from the east.

The trail was then taken to the Long House where the high chief surrendered the tomahawk, his emblem of authority, to the scribe who immediately announced that the first business was the annual election of officers, which resulted as follows: High chief, W.H. Shepherd, of Springfield; chief of council, George W. Edwards, of Brooklyn, N.Y.; medicine chief, Dr. E.K. Parker, of Springfield; chief of scalpers, Edward Mead of Springfield; chief of hunters, Frank Bickford, of Lake Pleasant; scribe, Francis B. Woodbury, of Greenfield; keeper of wampum, Louis Pfefferle, of Turners Falls; chief of the guards, Albert Billings, of Chicopee: legend bearer and historian, Christopher Murray, of Gardner; honorary high chief, Charles Bickford.

Mr. Bickford for 16 years has been high chief of the order and positively refused to serve longer. William Shepherd, his successor, is a prominent official of the Boston and Maine railroad. He is a brilliant speaker and has been a great worker in bringing about the improved conditions which characterize the order in 1908.

The chief of council, G.W. Edwards, of Brooklyn, is a supervisor of public schools in that city, having charge of some 40 teachers, a man of culture and ability. Christopher Murray, of Gardner, legend bearer and historian, is a talented writer and speaker, one of the brightest young men of his town.

F.B. Woodbury and Louis Pfefferle, well-known local men, endeavored to retire from office, but were not allowed even to state their wishes. This new board of management was unanimously elected and when the result was known, each officer was given three times three cheers and numerous tigers. A constitution was then adopted and measures taken to absolutely free the organization from debt within a few weeks.

The present management is made up largely of men who joined the order when the residents of Lake Pleasant were endeavoring to annihilate it, and have by persistent labor brought the institution up to its present standing in the community where it is located. Its business meetings are conducted with great dignity and discourse and as its membership is now comprised of practical businessmen largely, it promises to become a strong and influential organization.

July 18 Greenfield MA Recorder 1925 - 4324.pdf

Dusky Warriors Tested on Following the Trail

Nocturnal Raids of Scalpers Performed at Lake Pleasant

Although the camp meeting season does not open at Lake Pleasant until Aug. 2nd, the Independent Order of Scalpers opened their season last Saturday evening with an attendance of about 35 members.

The warriors were [*illegible*] arrayed in their paint and feathers.

The night was a perfect, one for trailing, the nearly full moon lighting the plains with well high daylight brilliancy. As the paleface warriors passed in the moonlight, they bore close resemblance to the red skin brothers they sought to imitate. When the tomahawks and other utensils were buried last season, several documents were prepared and deposited with various officers of the order to aid in the search for the buried articles when the time should come. When these were opened it was found that owing to the art of trailing failing in danger of becoming obsolete, it had been decreed that the warriors must be trained in the art. Consequently, several had been designated to follow, the trail by means of maps which had been prepared with crude pictures after the fashion of the Indian sign writing, to show them where the trail ran and where the implements were buried.

It was provided that all who failed to follow the trail by these maps must pay a forfeit to be used for the good of the order next year when the tomahawk is again dug up. Seven of the warriors had so far lost the art of trailing that they failed in the quest and will be obliged to pay forfeits. There was no end of sport for the warriors in the downfall of those who could not follow the trail. The trailing and lighting of the council fires took several hours and the sun was just creeping over the eastern hills when the election of officers was taken place.

The occasion was the annual digging up of the tomahawk, the lighting of the council fire, and the election of officers. Charles M. Bickford has held, the exalted office of high chief for 15 years, and feeling that some other members were worthy and well qualified for the honor he gracefully declined to serve, And W.H. Shepard of Springfield, division passenger agent of the Boston and Maine R.R., was elected. The other officers elected were: Chief of council, Geo. W. Edwards of Brooklyn, N.Y.; medicine chief, Dr. Parker of Springfield; chief of scalpers, E. Meade of Springfield: chief of hunters, Frank A. Bickford of Lake Pleasant; scribe, F.B. Woodbury of Greenfield; keeper of wampum, Louis J. Pfefferle of Turners Falls; chief of guards, Albert Billings of Chicopee; fable bearer and historian, Christopher Murray of Gardner. Charles M. Bickford was made honorary high chief. These officers will be installed on the evening of July 25th.

July 22 Greenfield MA Recorder 1925 - 8216.pdf

The Scalpers are to install their new officers with dignified ceremonies Saturday night. A ball game, under the auspices of the golden degree.

July 29 Greenfield MA Recorder 1925 - 8226.pdf

The officers of the Scalpers were raised up on Saturday night. Jack Glickland and F.B. Woodbury, prepared a fine dinner and "Sambo" served it. The first initiation occurs Saturday night.

Scalper's Winter Meet

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Two Day Powwow at Springfield, with Interesting Features.

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Aug. 5

Greenfield MA Recorder 1925 - 8234.pdf

The Scalpers initiated nine new members, Saturday night, and had their annual sword fish and sweet corn bake on Sunday at noon.

Aug. 7

Greenfield MA Recorder 1925 - 4883.pdf

Last Saturday evening the Independent Order of Scalpers celebrated preliminary to the opening of the camp meeting season, with an entertainment and banquet, members being present from all over the state. High Chief Shepard presided and toasts were responded to by C.W. Bickford, J.R. Stratton. Charles K, Allen. J.R. Bickford and the chairman. Quite an interest is being taken in the outcome of the anniversary to be celebrated by the Silver Degree members Aug. 14th. These members, otherwise known as the "Tin Plate" men haye been members of the order five years and vow that on the 14th they will carry out such an affair as will make the Golden Degree members (the "brass kettles") sick with envy.

Aug. 15

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The Independent Order of Scalpers has quite a large representation here this season and each Saturday brings a large a large number to enjoy the pleasant week end festivities at its commodious club, house. Several new members have been initiated this year, and High Chief Shepard seems to be the right man in the right place.

Aug. 19 Greenfield MA Recorder 1925 - 8248.pdf

Scalpers Hold Initiation Night

The initiation degree as worked by the Scalpers, Saturday night, was a most delightful and imposing ceremony. High Chief Shepherd, Chief of Council Edwards Chief of Hunters Bickford and Legend Bearer Murray proved adept in the secret work of the order. All were in full Indian dress and the council fire revealed weird and beautiful picture. Dr. Parker, as medicine man, was inimitable in his impersonation of that character.

- The social event of the season, the Scalpers' ball, will be given Friday evening of next week. There will be dancing from 8 to 1 with music by the Scalpers' orchestra, 8 pieces. Mr. and Mrs. William Shepherd, of Springfield, will lead the grand march.

- The annual smoke talk of the Scalpers will occur Tuesday evening from 8 to 10.30. Music will be furnished by a band and male quartet. Short speeches will be given and a buffet lunch served at the reservation. Ad mission will be by invitation ticket only.

Aug. 22 Greenfield MA Gazette 1906-1907 - 0280.pdf

Turners Falls—Many from this village are planning to attend the annual Scalpers' ball to be given in the Temple at Lake Pleasant, Friday evening.

Aug. 26 Greenfield MA Recorder 1925 - 8259.pdf

The Scalpers' ball Friday evening is expected to be the usual success, and dancing will not cease until 1 o'clock. It will not be a full-dress party The Scalpers' orchestra will play. The public is invited.

-Scalpers Held Smoke Talk Greenfield MA Recorder 1925 - 8253.pdf

Entertained Palefaees[sic] and Brethren with Music and Feast

A party of 100 warriors and palefaces gathered around the campfire of the Scalpers at Lake Pleasant, last evening, and from 8 o'clock until midnight had the time of their lives. It was the annual smoketalk[sic] and the members of the committee had exerted themselves to the utmost to make the occasion a pleasant one. In which they were successful, for there were dull moments in the program. The Long House was the scene of the festivities, the grounds being attractively decorated with Japanese and other varieties of lanterns.

The Greenfield Military Band under the direction of Charles M. Bickford, for many years high chief, gave a concert of an hour; Louis Pfefferle, of Turners Falls, in full Indian costume sang an original song, "The Indian Chief" and the Close Harmony, of Greenfield, sang a number of selections. Willis Mulligan, of Keith's theatre, of Boston, gave a number of brilliant piano solos, and "Sambo"[14] of Millers Falls, contributed original musical selections.

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[14] "Sambo" is mentioned in other articles. Several searches yield zilch. I've not ***yet*** identified this entity as a 'notable' person from Millers Falls . . . nose-to-the-ground. *e.g.*

An elaborate buffet lunch was served, and the pipe of peace went the rounds immediately afterward. The club room was an attractive spot in new decorations just completed by Jack Glickland. The attendance represented some 15 cities and towns. The committee in charge consisted of William Shepherd, Springfield; F.B. Woodbury, Greenfield; John Glickland, Boston; Louis Pfefferle, Turners Falls.

Aug. 29 Greenfield MA Recorder 1925 - 4387.pdf

Last evening witnessed the 15th annual ball given by the Scalpers. The Scalpers' orchestra, with J. K. Stratton as prompter, furnished the music, the Temple being handsomely decorated. It was the moat largely attended party that has been held for several seasons.

-Scalper's Smoke Talk

The annual smoke talk of the Scalpers was held at the Long House at their reservation at Lake Pleasant Tuesday evening, when upwards of 100 of the braves and their paleface gusts were present.

The evening's entertainment was opened with a line concert by the Scalper's band, Past Chief "Little Big Grip" C. M. Bickford, conductor. Louis Pfefferle in full costume sang "Big Indian Chief" with band accompaniment.

The pipe of peace was passed and there was much good fellowship. An elaborate buffet lunch was served. There was singing by the Greenfield Close Harmony Quartet, with everybody joining in the choruses. Wm. Mulligan of Boston presided at the piano.

The Long room was resplendent in its new decorations recently finished by John Glickland of Boston. William Shepherd of Springfield. John Glickland of Boston and Louis Pfefferle were the committee in charge.

Sept. 2 Greenfield MA Recorder 1925 - 8261.pdf

Scalpers Had Successful Field Day

The Scalpers had a successful field day, Saturday, the sports eliciting lively interest on the part of the members. The baseball game was the leading event of the day, but it failed to establish the supremacy of either the Golden Degree nine or the Silver Pin aggregation, the score standing 17 to 17 when darkness put an end to the playing.

A big sensation was caused during the morning hours by the parade of the tribe in full costume under the leadership of the high chief.

The annual dinner was served at 2 o'clock, and just about this hour the chefs, "Jack" Glickland and F.B. Woodbury found themselves surrounded by a band of warriors. With a few appropriate words High Shepherd presented each of the chefs with an envelope containing a sum of pale face wampum. The recipients responded, "Sambo" gave one of his songs and all hands sat down to an excellent dinner.

This has been a most successful season with the order, and next year's encampment will be awaited with greater interest than ever. Among the late arrivals were C.H. Allen, of

Attleboro, Russell Bickford, of Boston, Stanley Buschman and John Saunders, of Springfield.

The sports were won as follows: Shooting contest, "Black Horse," J. Thompson, Lake Pleasant; quoit pitching, "Black Fox," W. S. Barron, Brooklyn; throwing baseball, "Strong Tiger," B. Bartlett, Springfield; mystery, "Yellow Calf,"' H. Dykeman, Bridgeport; three-legged race, "Strong Tiger" and "Tiger Eye," Messers. Bartlett and Pfefferle, shotput, "Little Grip," C.M. Bickford; hunters race, "Slow Horse," R. Billings; hop, skip and jump, keg race, scouts race, all won by "Tiger Eye," Louis Pfefferle, Turners Falls.

The Scalpers ball, Friday evening, was a great success. The Temple was made most attractive by decorations which delights the eye of the red man. High Chief W.M. Shepherd, and Mrs. Shepherd led the grand march after which there was dancing until 1 o'clock.

Oct. 3 Greenfield MA Recorder 1925 - 4437.pdf

Invitations are out for the wedding of Louis J. Pfefferle of. Turners Falls and Mrs Kate Nowack of Lake Pleasant. The marriage will be solemnized at the Scalpers' Club house, Oct. 24th. Mr. Pfefferle being a prominent officer of the Independent Order of Scalpers.

Oct. 24 Greenfield MA Recorder 1925 - 4472.pdf

The marriage of Mrs. Katherine S. Nowack and Louis Pfefferle will take place this afternoon at the club house of the Scalpers at Lake Pleasant. Both parties are well known both here and at Lake Pleasant and Mr. Pfefferle is one of the head officers of the Independent Order of Scalpers.

Oct. 28 Greenfield MA Recorder 1925 - 8329.pdf

Wedded at Scalper's Club

Nowack - Pfefferle Ceremony at Lake Largely Attended

A wedding of much interest to Turners Falls and Lake Pleasant took place at the club house of the Scalpers at the lake, Saturday evening. Mrs. Katherine Sturm Nowack, of Brooklyn, N.Y., becoming the bride of Lonis John Pfefferle, of Turners Falls, a prominent officer of the Scalpers. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Richard E. Birks, of Deerfield, in the presence of over 200 relatives and friends.

The bride was attended by Miss Katherine B. Pfefferle, sister of the groom, and the best man was C.V. Jacobus, of Turners Fall. The ushers were W. H. Shepherd and J. R. Stratton, of Springfield, F. W. Schots of Greenfield, and C. H. Barber, of Millers Falls.

The bride wore pearl gray mescaline and carried white carnations, and Miss Pefferle was gowned in pink batiste. The bride was given away by Frank Bickford.

The club house was profusely and tastefully decoronated with autumn leaves, evergreen and cut flowers, the bridal couple standing beneath an arch of evergreen during

the ceremony. As the bridal party entered the room the Scalper's orchestra played the wedding march from Lohengrin and while the ceremony was in progress.

Charles M. Bickford played Barowski's "Invocation." For a recessional the orchestra gave the Mendelssohn march.

A reception followed, at which a buffet lunch was served by a committee of the Scalpers consisting of John Glickland, F.B. Woodbury and "Sambo", of Millers Falls.

Guests were present from Brooklyn and Utica. N.Y., Attleboro, New Haven, Hartford, Springfield, Boston. Westfield, Northampton, Millers Falls, Turners Falls and Greenfield.

After a wedding trip they will occupy their new house at Lake Pleasant.

Dec. 30 Greenfield MA Recorder 1925 - 8928.pdf

Memorable Occurrences in the Town

Note: Annual Report. Hundreds are mentioned. Lake Pleasant (Scalpers) is given. *e.g.*

August 9. Tenth annual meeting of Inde pendent order of Scalpers opened at Lake Pleasant.

June 16, 1909 Greenfield MA Recorder 1925 - 8625.pdf

With Elaborate Ceremony Scalpers Open 17th Annual Convocation at "Miscoluspi"

With all the ceremonial and solemnity for which the Independent Order of Scalpers is noted, the 17th annual convocation of the order was opened at the Lake Pleasant reservation, Saturday evening.

As night fell, chiefs and warriors from distant hunting grounds reached their" home tepees, to be called therefrom soon afterward by the tom-toms announcing the annual feast. A note of anxiety was communicated to the gathering by the announcement that the wife of Black Swan, F.B. Woodbury, of Greenfield, was critically ill from pneumonia, but this was relieved shortly afterwards by the news that Mrs. Woodbury had passed the crisis of the disease and had begun to improve.

The feast was in charge of L Bemis, of Athol, who with the aid of a committee of braves prepared a delectable repast Slow Bull, Albert G. Billings, came from the reservation of Pelham "Holler," laden with genuine venison, and this formed the most toothsome item on the menu.

At the powwow which immediately followed the dinner, the joyful news was communicated to the assembled chiefs that the tribal home, "Miscoluspi," will be freed from debt during this meeting. There is more than enough wampum in the reservation belt to pay all outstanding obligations, a result toward which the officers have labored for many years.

The big talk concluded, the warriors headed by the chiefs took the trail for the forest, where the ancient tomahawk, which has lain buried since September, was taken

from its. hiding place. All immediately assembled in the mystic quarter of the grounds, where the impressive ceremony of lighting the council fire was carried out. The pipe was then lighted and the legends of the tribe rehearsed About that time, Black Swan, the missing scribe, appeared and the annual election of chiefs was taken up.

The following is the result: High chief, Brave Dog, William H. Shepherd, of Springfield; medicine chief, Tiger Eye, Louis Pfefferle, of Turners Falls; chief of scalpers, Strong Tiger, Benjamin Baillet, Springfield; chief of hunters, Strong Bull, Frank Bickford, Lake Pleasant; scribe, Black Swan, F.B. Woodbury, Greenfield; assistant Scribe, Creeping Tiger. L. Remis, Athol; keeper of wampum, Prairie Wolf, F.C. Potter, Springfield; chief of guard, Albert Billings, Pelham; historian, Little Grip, Charles M. Bickford, Springfield.

Brave Dog W. H. Shepherd High Chief of the Independent Order of Scalpers.

The tribe misses this year the late Isaac Chenery, of Montague, who, although not a member, had been the constant counsellor of the society. It misses also the late Sidney A. Wright of Greenfield, whose voice was frequently heard in its councils. The reelection of High Chief Shepherd comes in the nature of an appreciation of a fruitful year's service, and was unanimous. The re-election of Scribe Woodbury was rather against his wishes nut he finally consented, when given an assistant. Mr. Woodbury enters into his ninth year of service in the office. The retention of Circles M. Bickford as tribe historian finds hearty favor among the members. None has contributed more to the literature of the society than the former high chief.

The first initiation will occur at midnight. July 3, five candidates having passed the first ordeal.

The thanks of the society are due one of its members, C.H. Allen, of Attleboro, who furnished the money for the clubhouse purchased a number of years ago, and allowed the tribe to take its own time in reimbursing him. The members would have been pleased to honor Mr. Allen by election to office, but he has steadily refused preferment.

Aug. 18 Greenfield MA Recorder 1925 - 8712.pdf

The social event of the season at the Lake, the Scalpers ball, will be held Friday evening, August 27, at the Temple. The annual field day of the Scalpers will be held the next day.

Aug. 21 Greenfield MA Recorder 1925 - 4904.pdf

Unusual Harmony at Annual Meeting

The "Tin Plates" (silver, degree men) of the Independent Order of Scalpers entertained the members of that organization last Saturday night. The "Long House" which forms the headquarters of the order was brilliantly illuminated and decorated with Chinese

lanterns, flags, and bunting and an elaborate menu was provided. An exhibition of fireworks preceded the banquet, speeches were made by prominent members, and an evening of joviality and good fellowship was spent.

Aug. 25 Greenfield MA Recorder 1925 - 8722.pdf

Scalpers' Annual Ball, Friday

The annual concert and ball of the Scalpers, the biggest social event of the Lake season, comes Friday night at the Temple with music by the Scalpers' orchestra. Jesse R. Stratton, prompter. It will not be a full-dress occasion and a good time is assured all who attend.

The Scalpers announce the freedom of their society from debt and the accumulation of a good sum in the treasury. There have been seven initiations this season and three more applications are now on hand.

Among those recently taken into the order was W.C. Pomeroy, of Northampton, a former director of the camp meeting association. The following members have been chosen Trustees to have charge of the reservation property: C.H. Allen, Boston; W.S. Barron. Brooklyn; C.M. Bickford, Lake Pleasant; J.R. Stratton. Springfield, and Francis Bailey Woodbury, Greenfield.

Aug. 27 Greenfield MA Recorder 1925 - 4902.pdf

The Scalpers are planning the 27th at Lake Pleasant. They will aim to make it the event son. The public is invited.

Sept. 1 Greenfield MA Recorder 1925 - 8732.pdf

Samuel Oats and Charles Somers played with the Scalpers band at Lake Pleasant, Sunday.

Sept. 4 Greenfield MA Recorder 1925 - 4926.pdf

On Saturday the Independent Order of Scalpers had its annual field day, which was followed by that unique ceremony known as "going on the trail."

February 5, 1910 Greenfield MA Gazette 1910-1911 - 0051.pdf

Scalpers to Set Out Shade Trees at the Lake

Their Officers for the Ensuing Year—Annual Dinner

The annual mid-winter festivities of Independent Order of Scalpers was held at Springfield Jan. 28, 29, and 30. The reports of the officers, were received with much enthusiasm. The society now owns a nice property at Lake Pleasant, free from debt and a balance of about $100 in the treasury. Money now received from dues and initiations will go to improve the property. As soon as possible a large number of shade trees will be set out. Eventually the buildings will be moved to the rear of the reservations, leaving a large lawn in front.

The constitution and by-laws were amended and the annual election occurs at the mid-winter meeting. The new board of officers is as follows: High chief, Bald Eagle, Edward B. Cook, Hartford, Ct.; chief of council, Gray Panther, William C. Pomeroy, Northampton; chief of scalpers, Red Calf, Henry M. Allen, Chester Depot, Vt.; medicine chief, Little Owl, C.H. Allen, Attleboro; chief of Hunters, Creeping Lion, L.B. Smith, Springfield; scribe, Red Fox Arthur H. Cook, Hartford, Ct.; keeper of wampum, Prairie Wolf, C. Potter, Springfield; historian, Black Swan, F.B. Woodbury, Greenfield.

Sixty-one were present at the dinner which occurred at Hotel Russell Saturday evening. Sunday afternoon a fine concert was given at the hotel by the Scalpers' orchestra, 25 pieces, Charles M. Bickford conductor.

June 28 Greenfield MA Recorder 1928 - 1410.pdf

Harry Dikeman and Mr. Sully of Bridgeport, Conn., were at the Scalpers' Lodge for the week-end.

Scalpers in Session

The Independent Order of Scalpers held their meeting at the club house on the Reservation Saturday evening. Those present were: High Chief L. Bemis, Braves Jesse Strutton, Leon Roby, J. R. Bickford, Harry Dikeman, Mr. Sully, Arthur Cook, Charles Barrow, Fred Morse, Dr. Perry and Mr. Ruggles.

July 2 Greenfield MA Gazette 1910-1911 - 0288.pdf

The Independent Order of Scalpers has issued a neat and attractive announcement in pamphlet form, giving the season's plan of arrangements.

July 23 Greenfield MA Gazette 1910-1911 - 0318.pdf

Vernon and So. Vernon, VT.

C.C. Newton and wife spent Sunday at Lake Pleasant to attend the Scalpers' meeting, It being "ladies" week."

July 30 Greenfield MA Gazette 1910-1911 - 0324.pdf

The tragic death of Mrs. Elinor Shepard of Springfield has thrown a gloom over the camp as Mrs. Shepard and her husband were very popular among the younger set.

Mr. Shepard was High Chief of the Independent Order of Scalpers last year, and a week ago Sunday, in behalf of the young women of Lake Pleasant, Mrs. Shepard presented a very handsome flag to the order, for use, at its club house.

-Mrs. Edward B. Cook, wife of the present high chief of the Scalpers, entertained the Ladles' Improvement Society last Monday afternoon whist being played and refreshments being served.

Aug. 13 Greenfield MA Gazette 1910-1911 - 0344.pdf

To-night the Independent Order of Scalpers are to have an enjoyable affair as the Silver Pin members are to entertain the tribe with a banquet and smoker. The Silver Pins are those who have been members for less than 10 years.

Aug. 27 Greenfield MA Gazette 1910-1911 - 0364.pdf

The Scalpers entertained about 150 members and guests at a smoke talk in their wigwam at their reservation at Lake Pleasant Thursday evening.

Last night their annual ball was held in the Temple.

Sept. 3 Greenfield MA Gazette 1910-1911 - 0374.pdf

The annual ball given by the Independent Order of Scalpers at the Lake Pleasant Temple Friday evening, Aug. 26th, was a most successful function Led by High Chief Edwar B. Cook and wife, the long line of couples which had doffed the Indian costume for the evening to appear in the habiliments[15] of civilization worked out the intricate figures of the grand march and made a most picturesque effect.

Sept. 10 Greenfield MA Gazette 1910-1911 - 0397.pdf

Mrs. Edward B. Cook is entertaining friends from Hartford and gave a dinner in their honor at the "Long House" of the Scalpers last Tuesday. Twenty plates were laid.

July 8, 1911 Greenfield MA Gazette 1910-1911 - 0853.pdf

Record Breaking Crowd at Lake Pleasant

Scalpers Have Annual Ceremonies for Raising the Hatchet

. . . Never before has there been so many cottages open and occupied and so many campers at Lake Pleasant so early in the season. The intensely warm weather has been as apparent here as it has everywhere else, but toward evening a cool breeze has come up every day and the nights have been cool and comfortable.

On the whole, our national birthday passed very quietly.

On Saturday, July 2nd, the Independent Order of Scalpers, held its annual function of "raising the hatchet," with twenty-five members in attendance. Each fall, at the close of camp, a committee of the red-men bury the hatchet in a secret place with matches and a bottle of oil, then give a chart of the location to a new committee which works out the location, digs up the hatchet and uses the matches and oil to start the annual council fire the following spring. Two hours were required this year before the hatchet was located and the fire ignited, following which a very enjoyable luncheon was served.

July 22 Greenfield MA Gazette 1910-1911 - 0872.pdf

The Scalpers' annual functions have opened most auspiciously this season with excellent attendance and interesting ceremonies at each. The first initiations of the season took place last Saturday at the midnight hour and candidates were put through the soul harrowing degrees.

It is rumored that the initiated had more fun than the initiates and, that the newly made members are anxiously waiting for the next victims, to even things up.

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[15] Clothing.

Aug. 14 Greenfield MA Recorder 1912-1913 - 0305.pdf

The Independent Order of Scalpers will hold their annual midsummer ball in the Temple at Lake Pleasant Friday evening.

The ball will be preceded by a minstrel show which will be started promptly at 8 o'clock and continue until 9.30. The best instrumental and vocal talent to be secured in the county will take part in the minstrel show and an exceptionally fine evening's entertainment is assured all who attend.

The cast contains artists well known to the people of Franklin County, among them being Dr. C.E. Perry of Conway; Earl Bardwell, Edward Shea, James Carson, J. J, Walsh, Leo Duress, P. Barnes and C.D. Jenkins of Greenfield; L. J. Pfefferle of Lake Pleasant; C.S. Kellogg, the world famed bone artist of Seattle, Wash., and other star artists, imported for the occasion. Dancing will be continued until one o'clock. There are to be special cars to all points after the ball.

Aug. 19 Greenfield MA Gazette 1910-1911 - 0914.pdf

Scalpers Have Moist Night at Lake Pleasant

Lively Contest for Association Officers

The Scalpers had a most enjoyable time Saturday night at Lake Pleasant, it being the long looked for time when the Silver Pin members (five year men) entertained the Gold Pin members. If rumor be true, it must have been a rather wet night for plenty of moisture in the form of small cold bottles, was in evidence. But everyone had a good time, joviality and good fellowship reigned supreme, and the boys wended their way home in the "wee small hours" and were able to find the key holes at the first attempt.

Sept. 2 Greenfield MA Gazette 1910-1911 - 0934.pdf

The Scalpers had a glorious finale to their season's functions. On Friday night of last week, the Temple was beautifully decorated and the Scalpers' ball was held. The grand match, led by High Chief Edward B. Cook and wife, had 12 couples in line.

On Saturday the annual Held day was observed with a parade of the members in regalia, preceded by the Scalpers' Band. Then came sports of all kinds, a hotly contested ball game between the Silver Pin and Gold Pin men, and a banquet at night. It was a day long to be re membered.

April 6, 1912 Greenfield MA Gazette 1912-1913 - 0137.pdf

. . . The Scalper's ball held in the Temple on the last Friday evening of camp, will probably be held on an earlier date if the Temple is used for the occasion.

Aug. 31 Greenfield MA Gazette 1912-1913 - 0366.pdf

The Scalpers held their field day last Saturday and a clam bake Sunday afternoon. Between the liquids and refreshments some did not care if they never went home.

February 12, 1913 Greenfield MA Recorder 1912-1913 - 0564.pdf

Scalpers Will Make Changes

At the annual midwinter festivities and ball of the Independent Order of Scalpers held at Springfield, January 24, extensive improvements were ordered at "Miscoluspi" the home of the Scalpers at Lake Pleasant.

The wigwam is to be turned around and moved several feet in order that ample room for field sports may be had on their land. The committee in charge of the work are Charles M. Bickford of Greenfield, chairman; Francis Bailey Woodbury of Springfield, Starr Barron of Brooklyn, N.Y., Jessie Stratton of Springfield, and C.H. Allen of Springfield.

The 20th anniversary of the order will be celebrated at Lake Pleasant next summer and two of the original members of the order are members of the local chapter and are well known in this vicinity, they are Charles M. Bickford of Greenfield and J. Bickford of Providence, R.I.

June 4 Greenfield MA Recorder 1912-1913 - 0733.pdf

Annual June Breakfast Indulged in by Scalpers and Friends at Lake Pleasant

The annual June breakfast of the Independent Order of Scalpers of Lake Pleasant was held at their club house there Saturday night and many of the warriors and their paleface friends took up the trail to the reservation. High Chief "Willing Bear", known in private life as Dr. G.T. Lemis of Holyoke, was in charge of the exercises and true hospitality was dispensed by the warriors of the tribe and their pale face friends.

During the past few months the large quarters of the tribe have been moved from where they have been for years to a better location, leaving the large field connected with the reservation to be used as an athletic field.

Miscoluspi, as their home is called, has also been extensively improved and put into thorough repair and nothing has been left undone that will add to the comfort of the members of the tribe. New furnishings have been added at a great cost making it as desirable a home for an organization, of the kind as will be found in the state.

The following are the officers of the tribe this year: High Chief "Willing Bear" Dr. G.T. Lemis of Holyoke; chief of council; "Water Dog," E.W. Mead of Springfield, medicine chief, "Running Bull," Dr. E. K. Parker, of Springfield, chief of scalpers; "Long Panther" H. L. Benson of New Haven, Conn., chief of hunters; Dr. C. E. Perry of Northampton, chief warrior of the guard; "Solid Bull," J.F. Prokop, Turners Falls, scribe; and keeper of wampum, "Red Fox," Arthur H. Cook, of Hartford, Conn., Historian; "Black Swan,"F. R. Woodbury, of Springfield, commissary committee, Chiefs "Little Grip," "Strong Bear" and "Creeping Tiger."

The following program for the season:

July 5, Midnight—Lighting council fire. Raising tomahawk. Installation officers, First initiation.

July 6—Council 11 a.m. 12 noon, raising U.S. and I. O. S. flags.

July 13—Council 11 a.m.

July 19—Second initiation.

July 20—Council 11 a.m. Memorial Sunday.

July 27—Council 11 a.m.

August 2—Golden ″Degree Night″

August 5—Council 11 a.m.

August 10—Council 11 a.m.

August 16—Celebration 20th anniversary of the order.

August 24—Council 11 a.m.

August 29—Subscription ball, A new feature, "Executive committee in charge."

August 30—Annual field day. Midnight—Last initiation for 1913.

August 31—Closing council.

October 11—Annual fall feast. Chief Running Bull in charge.

The closing week August 24 to 30 will be full of interesting events.

June 14 Greenfield MA Gazette 1912-1913 - 0833.pdf

Knowland-Bickford Wedding

The event of the week was the wedding of Charles M. Bickford of this place and Miss Nellie May Knowland of Somerville, and the wedding reception tendered them on Wednesday evening. An elaborate luncheon was served, bands from, Springfield and Greenfield, with which the groom is associated, played throughout the evening.

The Independent Order of Scalpers attended in a body and friends and relatives from several states were present.

A notable array of wedding presents were on display. Mr. and Mrs. Bickford have the hearty good wishes of a host of friends.

July 12 Greenfield MA Gazette 1912-1913 - 0877.pdf

The Independent Order of Scalpers held their annual July meeting at their club house last Saturday evening. The Scalpers' band played several selections, and a general good time with refreshments made the occasion most enjoyable.

Aug. 16 Greenfield MA Gazette 1912-1913 - 0936.pdf

The Independent-order, of Scalpers is proud of the increased attractiveness of the "Long House" and in having its usual functions for the members.

Several new members have been initiated and preparations are being made for the annual field day which will include sports of all kinds. To-night[sic] the organization

celebrates Its 20th anniversary by holding "Open house," to which everyone is invited. The arrangements include a band concert and collation.[16]

Aug. 28 Greenfield MA Gazette 1912-1913 - 0940.pdf

14 Band Concerts

The Scalpers' Band will give 14 concerts at Lake Pleasant next week, two each day. The 20th-anniversary ball will be held Friday night. The annual dress carnival is held Saturday, Aug. 30.

Dec. 17 Greenfield MA Recorder 1912-1913 - 1033.pdf

Scalper's Ball Here January 30th

The annual concert and ball of the Independent Order of Scalpers will be held in Hibernian Hall Friday evening, January 30, and it should be a very successful affair. The past several years the ball has been held at Springfield but this year the members in this section felt that it should be held here and Turners Falls was decided upon for the place.

The banquet will be held the following night and it is probable that it will be held in Greenfield. This annual affair of the tribe brings the members together from all sections and is a gala time for them. The Scalpers' orchestra and there's none better in this section, will furnish music for the concert and ball and the affair will be open to the public.

February 4, 1914 Greenfield MA Recorder 1914-1915 a - 0042.pdf

Scalpers Annual Gathering

Members of Secret Order Enjoy Fine Banquet at Devens

The Independent Order of Scalpers held their 21st annual banquet at the Devens House Saturday evening following a concert and ball held in Turners Falls on Friday evening. Members were present from a dozen states and this was an affair of unusual interest to members of the order.

Many members from all over the state were present including Boston, Springfield, Hoyoke, Northampton and other places. J. Russell Bickford of Providence, R.I., a charter member known in the tribe as "Chief Young Dog" was toastmaster and Dr. G.P. Lemis of Holyoke, High Chief "Willing Bear" gave the address of welcome. The hero medal was awarded to W.H. Shepherd of Springfield, and several toasts characteristic to the order were given, one of which was a silent one to the departed members, another to the chiefs, warriors and invited guests. There were rollcalls of families and of years following the custom at this annual occasion.

Speakers of the evening were Mr. Bickford. Edward W. Meade, Francis B. Woodbury, and W.H. Shepherd all of Springfield; Edward Lemis of Holyoke, W.T.

[16] Organization.

Libby of Turners Falls, W.S. Barron of Brooklyn, C.H. Dey of Boston and C. R.Murray of Concord, N.H.

Covers were laid for 100 and Landlord Donaldson served an excellent banquet. Music was furnished by the Scalper's orchestra under the direction of L.M. Bemis.

The arrangements were in charge of a committee consisting of C.M. Bickford of Greenfield, chairman, Fred C. Haigis, W.T. Libby, M. O'Keefe, Joseph Prokup and Vencil Swagger of turners Falls. L.A. Bemis L. Pfefferle, R. J. Finlayson, Earl Guilford, F. A; Bickford of Lake Pleasant, Leo Duress, Clarence Jenkins, Earl Bardwell and Atwood F. Benjamin of Greenfield.

In a short business meeting the following officers for the ensuing year were elected: Dr. George T. Lemis of Holyoke, high chief; Edward W. Meade of Springfield, chief of council; Dr. E.K. Parker of Springfield, medicine chief; B. P. Bartlett of Springfield, chief of scalpers; Joseph Prokop of Turners Falls, chief of hunters; F.B. Woodbury of Springfield, historian; Arthur Cooke of Hartford, scribe and keeper of wampum.

Dec. 20 Greenfield MA Gazette 1912-1913 - 1138.pdf

The annual ball of the Independent Order of Scalpers will be held in Hibernian Hall Friday evening. Jan. 10, 1914, The Greenfield, Turners Falls and Lake Pleasant members will have charge of the affair.

June 24, 1914 Greenfield MA Recorder 1914-1915 a - 0262.pdf

Scalpers Make Plans

Interesting Program of Events Arranged for Coming Season

The Independent Order of Scalpers is planning for an elaborate series of events to be held this season. On Saturday the season at Lake Pleasant will be opened with a special program at the club house.

Postcard c1905 Montague Historical Society

The raising of the tomahawk on July 4 will be the event of the season. Between August 20 and 30 will be "Big Week," and the Scalpers' annual ball will be held August 28, and a field day will be on the 29th. It is planned to hold a bazar and society circus the week of August 24, with the Scalpers' band to give concerts.

This will be the 22d annual encampment. Membership of the order is limited to 100 and has a waiting list. More than $1000 in improvements have been made on the building at the reservation and valuation of property at Lake Pleasant as a whole has practically been restored since the big fire of seven years ago. The officers of the order for

this season are: High chief, George F. Lomis of Holyoke; chief of council, Edward Meade of Springfield; medicine chief, Dr. E.K. Parker of Springfield; chief of hunters, Joseph Prokop of Turners Falls; chief of scalpers, B.P. Bartlett of Springfield, scribe and keeper of wampum, A. H. Cook of Hartford, Conn.

Aug. 15 Greenfield MA Gazette 1914-1915 - 0357.pdf

The Scalpers are abroad in the land and to-night is one of their most festive occasions. The golden degree men, (those who have been members over 10 years) entertain the silver degree men and their friends. "Eat, drink and be merry" will be the watch word n the "Long House" to-night.

Aug. 26 Greenfield MA Recorder 1914-1915 - 0357.pdf

Harry Maddern, manager of the Turners Falls Band, is playing with the Scalpers' hand at Lake Pleasant this week.

February 6, 1915 Greenfield MA Gazette 1914-1915 - 0643.pdf

Scalper's Annual Dinner

The 22d annual dinner of the Independent Order of Scalpers, having headquarters at leaks Pleasant, took place Saturday evening at the Stevens hotel. It was attended by 76 members coming from neighboring towns, Springfield, Boston, and other places.

Edward Mead, Springfield, was toast master and among the speakers were: Frank Weaver, Athol, Wm. Shattuck, Boston, and Dwight W. Thurber, Amherst. The Greenfield Military band orchestra played for the occasion.

After the annual custom of giving gold emblem pins to members of the order for 10 years four received them as follows: C. H. Allen, Attleboro, L.A. Semis, Montague, C.H. Day, Boston, and Arthur Rist, Greenfield. Presentations were made by Toastmaster Mead.

In a business session the following officers were elected: High Chief John R. Bickford, Providence, R.I.; chief of council, Frederick W. Mead, Springfield; chief of scalpers, C.H. Day, Boston; medicine chief, H. C. Dikeman, Bridgeport, Ct., chief warrior of the guard; W.S. Shattuck, Lake Pleasant; scribe; L.A. Bemis, Lake Pleasant.

The golden degree was conferred upon the four members receiving gold-emblem pins.

The committee members having charge of the dinner were, Charles M. Bickford, Frank Durack, Greenfield, L.A. Bemis, Lake Pleasant, and Joseph Prokop, Turners Falls.

June 5 Greenfield MA Gazette 1914-1915 - 0833.pdf

The Independent Order of Scalpers held their initial function of the season in the early morning of Memorial Day. It was in the form of a June breakfast and William Shattuck, served as chef, a most appetizing spread.

Aug. 7 Greenfield MA Gazette 1914-1915 - 0947.pdf

The Independent Order of Scalpers administered the Red Men's degree to Fred B. Morse, Elbert B. Damon and two neophytes from Springfield and from subsequent reports none of the trimmings were omitted in the initiatory proceedings. Six new members have been admitted to the order since July 1st.

Aug. 25 Greenfield MA Recorder 1914-1915 - 0867.pdf

Annual Mid-Summer Ball

The 22nd annual mid-summer concert and ball of the Independent Order of Scalpers will be held in the Temple at Lake Pleasant Friday evening. The Scalpers' orchestra will furnish the music and guests are expected from all over New England. The ball precedes the annual field day on Saturday, which is one of the main events on the calendar of the order.

Aug. 28 Greenfield MA Gazette 1914-1915 - 0977.pdf

Scalpers' Ball

Last night the event of the season took place, "the Scalpers" ball. The day was fittingly celebrated by indulgence in field sports, baseball and the regulation Scalpers' parade in full regalia, with the full complement of the Red Men in line. The Temple was beautifully decorated for the evening's festivities and the Scalpers band discoursed sweet music. The affair was a brilliant success.

Oct. 23 Greenfield MA Recorder 1914-1915 - 1072.pdf

The Independent Order of Scalpers observed their closing function of the season last Saturday night in the shape of a harvest supper. The "Long House" looked decidedly attractive in its festoons of vari-colored electric lights that encircled the veranda, an a goodly number of members were in attendance and heartily appreciated the menu provided by Chef Wm. A. Shattuck. Music and speeches added to the enjoyment of the occasion.

February 2, 1916

Greenfield MA Recorder 1916 - 0034.pdf

Joseph F. Prokop and Charles M. Bickford attended the annual banquet of the Independent Order of Scalpers at the New Haynes Hotel in Springfield Saturday evening. L. A. Bemis of Lake Pleasant was elected secretary and keeper of wampum.

Feb. 3 Greenfield MA Recorder 1914-1915 - 0581.pdf

Scalpers Winter Session

J. Russell Bickford, Formerly of Lake Pleasant, New High Chief

The Independent Order of Scalpers held their 22nd annual banquet at the Hotel Devens Saturday evening with 75 members in attendance. Edward' Mead of Springfield was toastmaster, and among the speakers were Frank E. Weaver, Athol, William Shattuck, Boston and Dwight W. Thurber, Amherst. The animal custom of presenting gold emblem pins to members in the order for 10 years was followed out and C. H. Allen, Attleboro, L.

A. Bemis, C. H. Dey, Boston, and Arthur Rist received them, the presentation being made by Toastmaster Mead.

Silver loving cups were presented to Dr. George L. Lemis, the retiring high chief, and to A.H. Cook of Hartford, Conn., the retiring scribe. A vote of thanks to the Hotel Devens management for the excellence or the dinner was-passed.

The Greenfield Military band orchestra furnished music during the evening. Guests were present neighboring towns nee and Bridgeport, Conn., Boston and Springfield.

A business session was held in the afternoon preceding the banquet and the following officers were elected: High chief, J. Russell Bickford, Providence, R. I.; chief of council, Frederick W. Mead, Springfield; chief of scalpers, C.H. Dey, Boston; medicine chief, H.C. Dykeman, Bridgeport, Conn.; chief warrior of the guard, W. S. Shattuck, Lake Pleasant. The golden degree was conferred upon the four members receiving gold emblem pins.

The committee having charge of the banquet were Charles M. Bickford, Frank Durack, L. A. Bemis, Lake Pleasant, and Joseph Prokop, Turners Falls.

Feb. 3 Greenfield MA Gazette 1917-1918 - 0035.pdf

Scalpers Dine

The Independent Order of Scalpers held their annual meeting and dinner at the Devens Hotel Saturday evening with over 50 members present from far and near. High Chief J. Russell Bickford presided and acted as toastmaster. During the evening Mr. Bickford was presented with a silver loving cup.

The following officer\s were elected at the business meeting: High chief, Edward W Mead of Springfield; keeper of wampum, L J. Pfefferle of Lake Pleas ant; trustees for three years, C.H. Allen of Attleboro and W.S. Barron of Brooklyn, for two years, Maurice O'Keefe of Turners Falls and W.H. Shepard of Springfield, for one year, E.H. Cook of Hartford, Ct., "Golden Degree" member pins which are given to all who have been members for 10 years were presented to H.L. Henson of New Haven, C.C. Newton, F.C., E.W. Mead, Stanley Beauchemin and R.D. Billings of Springfield, Earl Gifford of Lake Pleasant, Maurice O'Keefe of Turners Falls and J.L. Fegan of Ware.

June 2, 1917 Greenfield MA Gazette 1917-1918 - 0248.pdf

Scalpers Hold June Breakfast

The Independent Order of Scalpers hold their June Breakfast this evening. Frank Woodbury from Springfield is to cater. Many warriors and palefaces are expected to be on hand.

July 14 Greenfield MA Gazette 1917-1918 - 0325.pdf

Henry Allen and Arthur Henry from Chester have been enjoying a week's vacation a t the Scalpers' club house.

Aug. 17 Greenfield MA Gazette 1917-1918 - 0377.pdf

Pale Faces "Run the Gauntlet"

The "Long House" of the Scalpers will be a scene of festivities to-night. Several pale faces are to receive the rights of initiation which will include "running the gauntlet," partaking of the "good medicine" of the medicine man, and several other interesting stunts—interesting equally for initiates and initiators. An entertainment and supper will follow the initiations.

Aug. 25 Greenfield MA Gazette 1917-1918 - 0389.pdf

The Scalpers' "field day" was a huge success. "Open house" was observed at the Long House and about every one[sic] from the camp[17] was present at the field sports and games.

Sept. 1 Greenfield MA Gazette 1917-1918 - 0399.pdf

The social event of the season was the Scalpers' ball, which was held in the Temple last night and was a brilliant affair. The music was excellent and' thoroughly enjoyed by the large party of dancers.

Sept. 15 Greenfield MA Gazette 1917-1918 - 0421.pdf

John Glickland of Boston has purchased about 5000 feet of land across from the Scalpers' club house from the association and is making his cottage into a winter home. For the past three years Mr. Glickland had used the tract under a lease from the association.

Oct. 20 Greenfield MA Gazette 1917-1918 - 0486.pdf

There was about 30 scalpers enjoy ed the turkey supper at the club house Saturday evening. Wm. Shattuck got the supper up.

May 4, 1918 Greenfield MA Gazette 1917-1918 - 0808.pdf

The Scalpers1 club house was opened for Saturday and Sunday. Several club members were present from Springfield, Greenfield and Hartford.

June 15 Greenfield MA Gazette 1917-1918 - 0875.pdf

Scalpers Gather

The Scalpers held their June breakfast on June 1st, with 27 present. Wm. Shattuck, "big turtle", furnished the breakfast. All reported a good time and. a good feed.

Aug. 10 Greenfield MA Gazette 1917-1918 - 0958.pdf

The 25th anniversary ball of the Independent Order of Scalpers will be held at Lake Pleasant, Friday evening, Aug. 16. The admission is by invitation only.

Aug. 17 Greenfield MA Gazette 1917-1918 - 0971.pdf

The Wednesday .and Saturday evening dances have proven unusually social and enjoyable affairs, but the event of the year in the way of dances took place last night. The Independent Order of Scalpers held its annual ball, an invitation affair, and a most

[17] The camp meeting at the Highlands.

enjoyable one. Seventy-five couples were in the grand march and a full band gave a splendid concert of an hour preceding the dancing. It was one of the most successful affairs ever given by the Scalpers, and as part of their program of celebration of the 25th anniversary of their organization it was a great success.

Scalper's 25th Anniversary

Greenfield MA Gazette 1917-1918 - 0966.pdf

The celebration of the 25th anniversary of the formation of the Independent Order of Scalpers of Lake Pleasant took place on Thursday and Friday of this week, and is continuing to-day and to-morrow.

Thursday the Long House was given over to the women of the tribe to use as they saw fit.

Friday at 8 o'clock p.m., a reception was held, with a band concert by the Scalpers' band of 20 pieces L.A. Bemis leader, followed by the annual ball and at 12, midnight, was given an initiation which was open to the public. To-day will be observed by the annual field day sports and at midnight two pale faces will be taken into the Tribe.

To-morrow there will be a dinner and general social time.

Aug. 21

Greenfield MA Recorder 1918-1919 - 0335.pdf

Scalpers Observed Anniversary

The celebration of the 25th anniversary of the formation of the Inde pendent Order of Scalpers of Lake Pleasant took place on Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.

Thurs day the Long House was given over to the women of the tribe to use as they saw fit. Friday at 8 o'clock p.m. a reception was held, with band concert by the Scalpers' band of 20 pieces, L.A. Bemis leader, followed by the annual ball, and at 12, mid-night, was given an initiation which was open to the public. Saturday was observed with the annual field day sports and at midnight two pale faces were taken into the tribe. Sunday there was a dinner and general social time.

Nov. 9

Greenfield MA Gazette 1917-1918 - 1099.pdf

The Scalpers had a gathering at the Club house, Saturday evening, about 20 being present.

August 9, 1919

Greenfield MA Gazette 1919-1920 - 0327.pdf

Scalpers' Initiation

The Independent Order of Scalpers is initiating candidates for members into that **most unique organization** every Saturday night. According to all reports the initiation have always been trying and nerve racking ordeals, and under the administration of High Chief Jesse R. Stratton of Holyoke, the candidates find the exercises to be of a nature to keep their minds busy from start to finish, also their nerves, sinews and muscles.

Aug. 30

The Scalpers' Ball

The event of the week was the Scalpers' ball, a strictly invitation affair, held at the Temple last night with excellent music by Rainey's orchestra of Athol. While informal dress Was in order it was apparent that every one[sic] especially the women had been reserving their "glad rags" for the occasion and the dresses were most attractive, as were of course the wearers. After the ball the entire assemblage convened at the "Long House" of the Scalpers, where refreshments were served and a social hour pleasantly spent. Big Chief Stratton had charge of the arrangements and. with the other lesser chiefs and warriors spared no pains to see that everyone had a good time. **The Scalpers are a unique organization with a live wire membership** and their social gatherings throughout the year attract the members from far and near.

To-day[sic] the annual field meet of the organization will be held at the Long House grounds and the evening will find the braves gathered around the council fire smoking the pipe of peace and recounting the events of the past. It is many moons since these, noble redmen first organized and each year has witnessed the burying and digging up of the hatchet, the fall venison and. corn roasts, the initiation, ball, and the winter dinners. The bears, the wolves, the foxes, the dogs, turtles and various birds are represented among the tribe and each family has its tribal dignity to uphold.

July 10, 1920 Greenfield MA Gazette 1919-1920 - 0953.pdf

. . . The fourth was a big day for Lake Pleasant. In the wee small hours the Scalpers got busy and paraded the grounds with all the "fixins" that go with such parades, and in the evening the biggest crowd that Lake Pleasant has seen for years assembled on the park to listen to a splendidly rendered concert given by the Turners Falls band and to partake of freely distributed watermelon; then adjourned to the bluff to see the fireworks and hear the continuation of the concert. A free dance In the Temple until 12 o'clock ended a day of pleasure, the enjoyment of which was not lessened by any accident.

Postcard c1910 Montague Historical Society

Aug. 21

Greenfield MA Recorder 1920 - 1622.pdf

The annual invitation dance given by the Independent Order of Scalpers will be held at Lake Pleasant on the evening of Friday. August 27. As usual there will be good music and a general good time.

Aug. 25

Greenfield MA Recorder 1920 - 1647.pdf

Friday evening the Scalpers will give

their annual ball, admission will be 55 cents a couple and 30 cents for extra ladies.

Oct. 16 Greenfield MA Gazette 1919-1920 - 1139.pdf

Scalper's Fall Feast

On Saturday night the Scalpers held their fall feed, 25 participating. Mr. Stoddard was chef and all spoke very highly of the supper, also of the string orchestra that Chas. Bickford, Leonard Bemis, Dr. Lewis and Henry Allen furnished.

The hatchet is buried for this year.

May 21, 1921 Greenfield MA Recorder 1921 - 1123.pdf

Willian; Shepard and Mr. Stratton of Springfield have been recent quests at the Scalpers' reservation.

May 25 Greenfield MA Recorder 1921 - 1152.pdf

Henry Allen of Springfield is spending some time at the Scalpers Wigwam.

Aug. 15 Greenfield MA Recorder 1921 - 1835.pdf

Mr. Henry Allen had the misfortune to fall and break his limb at the Scalpers reservation on Sunday.

Breaks Leg Playing Ball

Henry Allen of Lake Pleasant was taken to the Farren hospital yesterday, with a fractured lower left leg sustained in a ball game at the lake yesterday afternoon. The accident occurred while the man was running the bases. The ball game was played in connection with the picnic given by the Scalpers. Dr. C. R. Vinal of this town attended the man.

June 1 Greenfield MA Recorder 1921 - 1855.pdf

There was a large gathering of the Scalpers on Saturday to celebrate the June breakfast.

Sept. 24 Greenfield MA Recorder 1921 - 1916.pdf

One of the big events of the season comes Friday night, when the annual ball of the Scalpers' will be held. Bryants' orchestra of Orange will furnish music.

Aug. 17 Greenfield MA Recorder 1921 - 1855.pdf

The Scalpers had a clambake at their reservation Sunday.

Aug. 31 Greenfield MA Recorder 1921 - 1981.pdf

The Scalpers' ball was a grand success, nearly 300 being present. The field day sports and the parade headed by High Chief Stratton Saturday were greatly enjoyed. A band of 18 pieces was in attendance at the grounds and was enthusiastically received.

-Harry Dye from Boston was here for the Scalpers' ball and spent the week-end here.

June 14, 1922 Greenfield MA Recorder 1922 - 1743.pdf

Several Scalpers arrived Saturday for the June Breakfast, among them being Henry Allen of Chester, Vt., and Mr. Shepard of Springfield.

Aug. 23, Greenfield MA Recorder 1922 - 1740.pdf

Carnival at Lake Pleasant

The Scalpers at Lake Pleasant have completed plans for an interesting carnival to be held on their grounds Friday evening and Saturday afternoon and night. A display of fireworks will be given both evenings, and the Scalpers' band will furnish music. A program of interesting events will furnish lots of fun and a large attendance is anticipated. In connection with this event the annual Scalpers' ball takes place Friday night. There will also be dancing Saturday night.

Aug. 25 Greenfield MA Recorder 1922 - 1758.pdf

Turners Falls

Free busses will leave the corner of Avenue A and Third street tonight and tomorrow night at 1 and 8 o'clock for the Scalpers', carnival which, will be held at Lake Pleasant. A good attendance is expected at this affair and lots of fun is guaranteed.

Aug. 26 Greenfield MA Recorder 1922 - 1765.pdf

In the Local Field

Lake Pleasant Season Closes

The Independent Order of Scalpers held its annual ball in the Temple last evening. It was. the leading social event of the season with-music by Bryant's Singing orchestra, of Orange. The program of the Scalpers today included a parade, field sports and dinner at headquarters. This evening there will be a meeting of the big council with initiation and a general good time. After the supper there will be a concert by the Scalper's band made up of musicians from Greenfield, Springfield, and Athol.

Aug. 30 Greenfield MA Recorder 1922 - 1791.pdf

Jesse Stratton and wife of Springfield were here for the Scalpers' ball and field-day.

Sept. 6 Greenfield MA Recorder 1922 - 1854.pdf

There were several scalpers here for the week-end. Among them were Jesse Stratton, Mr. Loomis and William Shepard of Springfield.

Oct. 22 Greenfield MA Recorder 1922 - 2177.pdf

Saturday evening the Scalpers the had their fall feast at the club house. Those present from out of town were: William Shepard, Henry Allen, Mr. Wilkins, Charles Barron and L. J. Pefferle.

Nov. 15 Greenfield MA Recorder 1922 - 2407.pdf

The Scalpers held a Gome supper at their Club House on the Reservation Saturday night, about 25 being present, William Shepard, Frank Laird and Jesse Stratton of Spring field being among those present,

June 5, 1923 Greenfield MA Recorder 1923 - 1288.pdf

The Scalpers held their June banquet Saturday evening at their club louse. Among those present were: Wm. Shepard, Jesse Statton, Frank Laird of Springfield, Henry Allen of Chester, Vt., and Arthur Cook of Hartford. Conn.

June 20 Greenfield MA Recorder 1923 - 1415.pdf

Charles Kellogg of South Hadley Falls attended the Scalpers doings Saturday evening.

Frank Woodbury of Springfield was here for the Scalpers doings Saturday evening.

The Scalpers held a meeting on Saturday, night at twelve. Supper was served to the warriors and a general good time was given to all.

Aug. 6 Greenfield MA Recorder 1923 - 1782.pdf

To Give Away Twin Babies

Lake Pleasant will be the scene of great jollification next Saturday afternoon and evening, the day set for the Scalper's Carnival, an event looked forward to at this resort every summer.

The Scalpers' committee in charge of the affair has arranged for an afternoon and evening program which will not allow the participants one dull moment. The afternoon will be taken up with games and athletic sports, for which handsome prizes will be provided. There will be dancing on the lawn both afternoon and evening, music to be furnished by the Scalpers' orchestra.

The big feature of the affair will take place in the evening when two eight-weeks' old twin babies will be given away. The festivities will begin at 1 p.m. and will close at 12 midnight.

Aug. 29 Greenfield MA Recorder 1923 - 1964.pdf

The Scalpers Hall Friday evening was a big success, having a very large attendance. Their field day Saturday and parade with their 18-piece band made the camp seem revived again. The concert at 7.30 at their club house and short speeches by Olga and Frank Woodbury, chief of the tribe, were well received,

Sept. 25 Greenfield MA Recorder 1923 - 2191.pdf

Scalpers Closed Season

Saturday night the Independent Order of Scalpers met at their club house. Those present from out of town were, Wm. Shepard and Jesse Stratton of Springfield; Charles Barron of Schenectady; L. J. Pefferle of Greenfield and Frank Laird of Springfield. They buried the tomahawk to await the springtime of 1924 and the opening of a new season.

Oct. 17 Greenfield MA Recorder 1923 - 2360.pdf

There were about 30 Scalpers at the club house for the week end and they enjoyed a big supper on Saturday night.

Nov. 20 Greenfield MA Recorder 1923 - 2635.pdf

Scalpers Held Game Supper

The Scalpers had their game supper Saturday night at the reservation house. A number of ladies headed by Mrs. Carrie Morse, invaded the reservation and were admitted and Mrs. Carrie Morse presented the lodge with a very handsome silk flag. Charles Bickford made an appropriate speech.

-Harry Dey of Hartford was here for the game supper of the Scalpers.

January 23, 1924 Greenfield MA Recorder 1924 - 0184.pdf

The Scalpers will hold their regular dinner in Springfield, Saturday, January 26.

July 29 Greenfield MA Recorder 1924 - 2464.pdf

The Scalpers held a bazar and served a boiled dinner at their reservation on Saturday. There was a large number present.

July 31 Greenfield MA Recorder 1924 - 2475.pdf

The Scalpers held a bazar and served a boiled dinner at their reservation on Saturday. There was a large number present.

Aug. 30 Greenfield MA Recorder 1924 - 2721.pdf

Last evening the Scalpers' ball was held with music by by Raney's orchestra of Athol. It was greatly enjoyed.

Sept. 16 Greenfield MA Recorder 1924 - 2840.pdf

Sunday the Turners Falls Military band held an outing at the Scalpers reservation and Steward Charle Stoddard served them a fine dinner after which sports were enjoyed.

-Several of the Scalpers were here for the week end, among them being Harry Dye, Frank Laird and Jesse Stratton.

Sept. 24 Greenfield MA Recorder 1924 - 2851.pdf

Sunday the Turners Falls Military band held an outing at the Scalpers' reservation and Steward Charles Stoddard served them a fine dinner, after which sports were enjoyed.

Several of the Scalpers were here for the week end, among them being Harry Dye, Frank Laird and Jesse Stratton.

Oct. 1 Greenfield MA Recorder 1924 - 1504.pdf

The independent Order of Scalpers held its closing meeting of the season at their reservation on Saturday evening.

Two new members were [Initiated: John A, Sweet of Bridgeport, Ct., and Fred Whitney of Greenfield. Those present were: N. Charles Baron of Schenectady, N.Y., William Shepard, Jess Stratton, F.H. Laird, F.D. Durack, E.A. Ruggles,

Oct. 15 Greenfield MA Recorder 1924 - 1618.pdf

The Scalpers held a banquet and meeting at the reservation Saturday night. Some present were: William Shepard, Jesse Stratton, Frank Laird, Edward Page, J. Russell Bickford, Elliott Sloper, EL B. Cook, Arthur Cook, Charles Allen, Fred Morse, Dr. G. T. Lemis of Springfield, Charles Bickford, Louis J. Pfefferlc, L.A. Bemis, George H. Holdsworth of Greenfield, J. Russell Bickford, Elliott Sloper, Charles Stoddard, Edward Page and J. R. Glickland.

-They hurled the, tomahawk for the season of 1924 to await the June breakfast of 1925.

Nov. 19 Greenfield MA Recorder 1924 - 1911.pdf

Nov. 18 Greenfield MA Recorder 1924 - 1897.pdf

Scalper's Game Supper

The annual game supper of the Independent Order of Scalpers was held Saturday evening. Among; those present were N. Charles Barron of Schenectady, N.Y.; Harry Dikeman and two friends from Bridgeport. Conn.; Edward B. Cook of Hartford, Conn.; Charles Vandywater, Frank Gurack and Wm. H. Shepherd of Springfield; Charles M. Bickford, Louis J. Pefferle and Fred Whitney of Greenfield; Elliot Sloper, Fred Morse and Charles Stoddard of Lake Pleasant

June 29, 1925 Greenfield MA Recorder 1925 - 1439.pdf

Scalpers Held Initiation

A jollification was held at the Reservation Saturday night when Leon Roby of Boston and Mr. Orr of Greenfield were initiated in the Independent Order of Scalpers. Chief Arthur Cook of Hartford, and Braves Pfefferle, Sloper, Dikeman, Barron and Glickland were present. Refreshments were served by Edward Page.

July 23 Greenfield MA Recorder 1925 - 1512.pdf

July 4 Welt Observed

July Fourth was ushered in at 1 o'clock with a big bonfire, and a parade by the Scalpers.

July 29 Greenfield MA Recorder 1925 - 1683.pdf

The Scalpers had a good time meeting on Saturday evening and enjoyed a hike to the Cascades at midnight. High Chief Cook of Hartford and his warriors were there.

Aug. 19 Greenfield MA Recorder 1925 - 1853.pdf

Funeral of E.B. Cook

Funeral services, for Edward B. Cook, who died last Thursday, were held at the Temple, Saturday, after noon at 4 o'clock, Rev. Albert P. Blinn officiating. Miss Carrie Gould sang several selections. The Scalpers attended in a body, and there was a vacant chair draped with blanket and the headgear, and the fitting floral piece, the Bald Eagle. His, family have, the heartfelt sympathy of all of the/people of the camp.

Sept. 2 Greenfield MA Recorder 1925 - 1973.pdf

The Scalpers' ball and field day was attended by a large number from Boston, Springfield, Holyoke, Schenectady. N.Y., and Hartford, Ct. The warriors and braves paraded around the camp during the day.

Sept. 23 Greenfield MA Recorder 1925 - 2131.pdf

William Shepard of Springfield spent the week end at the Scalpers' reservation.

August 24, 1926 Greenfield MA Recorder 1926 - 1725.pdf

This Friday evening, at the Temple, The Independent Order of Scalpers hold their ball. Everybody welcome.

Nov. 17 Greenfield MA Recorder 1926 - 2435.pdf

The Scalpers held their closing supper at the club house on the reservation Saturday evening and buried the Tomahawk to be found in the spring at the call of the high chief, Arthur Cook of Hartford. Among the braves present were: Charles Barron of Schenectady, Elliot Sloper of Greenfield and others.

June 14, 1927 Greenfield MA Recorder 1927 - 1463.pdf

Scalpers Hold Party

The Scalpers held a midnight breakfast at the Reservation on Saturday evening. Braves were present as follows: J.R. Bickford, from New York City, Harry Dikeman of Bridgeport, Frank Durak, Mr. Ruggles, Mr. Beauchman, Frank Laird of Springfield, Charles Barron of Schenectady, Arthur Cook of Hartford, Elliot Sloper, Fred Morse.

Aug. 3 Greenfield MA Recorder 1927 - 1893.pdf

Henry Allen of Putney, Vt. was at the Scalpers' Lodge for the week end, with Jesse Stratton of Athol.

Aug. 14 Greenfield MA Recorder 1927 - 2077.pdf

Friday evening, August 26, has been set for the annual Scalpers' ball, with music by Ramps' orchestra, at the Temple. The Field Day will be held Saturday at the reservation.

Aug. 25 Greenfield MA Recorder 1927 - 2085.pdf

Henry Allen and Mr. Ruggles are getting ready for the Scalpers' ball and field day at the reservation.

Aug. 31 Greenfield MA Recorder 1927 - 2127.pdf

Gift To Fred Morse

Yesterday afternoon Mrs. Jennie Boyden presented to Fred Morse a purse of $88.25 from the friends in camp and the Scalpers had previously presented him at their club house, a purse of $35.00 in recognition of his present trouble.

Oct. 16 Greenfield MA Recorder 1927 a - 0090.pdf

Scalpers in Session

The Independent Order of Scalpers held their fall feast Saturday evening at the club house. Braves present were Arthur Cook, Leonard Bemis, Charles Barron. Mr. Meades, Elliott Sloper, Henry Allen and others.

Oct. 18 Greenfield MA Recorder 1927 a - 0090.pdf

Henry Allen of Chester, Vt., was at the Scalpers' reservation for the week end.

June 6, 1928

Scalper's Breakfasted Greenfield MA Recorder 1928 - 1288.pdf

Scalpers held their June breakfast Saturday night at the Reservation. High Chief Bemis and Braves J. K. Bickford, Arthur Cook, Dr. Lewis, J. Fegan, Mr. Mead, Elliott Sloper, Dr Perry. Frank Laird, Jessie Stratton, and others were present.

June 27 Greenfield MA Recorder 1928 - 1471.pdf

At the Scalpers Lodge for the week-end were Jesse Stratton of Athol, Harry Dikeman and a friend of Bridgeport.

July 5 Greenfield MA Recorder 1928 - 1532.pdf

Leon Roby of Boston was at the Scalpers' reservation for the week end.

July 18 Greenfield MA Recorder 1928 - 1635.pdf

The Scalpers met Saturday evening at th4 reservation. High Chief Len A. Bemis, Henry Allen, Harry Dikeman, J. R. Bickford, Fred Whitney. Charles Barron, Arthur Cook and Frank Laird were present.

July 26 Greenfield MA Recorder 1928 - 1693.pdf

Several Scalpers were at the reservation for the week end. Harry Dikeman and three friends of Bridgeport, Mr. Ruggles of Springfield and Frank Laird were among them.

Aug. 15 Greenfield MA Recorder 1914-1915 a - 0262.pdf

J. R. Bickford of New York City, Harry Dikeman of Bridgeport, Henry Allen of Chester, Vt., and Dr. Lomis of Springfield, were here for the week making plans for the Scalpers' ball and field day.

Sept. 26 Greenfield MA Recorder 1928 - 2208.pdf

The Scalpers held a meeting at the club house Saturday evening. High Chief L. A. Bemis of Greenfield presided.

Oct. 17 Greenfield MA Recorder 1928 - 2379.pdf

Scalper's Fall Feast

The Scalpers held their fall feast Saturday evening at their club house on the Reservation. High Chief Len Bemis of Greenfield and the following Braves were present: J. Russell Bickford of New York, Harry Dikeman of Bridgeport, Frank Shattuck of Boston, Frank Durack, Paul Mead, Sr., Dr. Lewis, Paul Mead, Jr., of Springfield and Louis Pefferle of Greenfield. Elliot Sloper, Fred Morse, Mr. Sherman, Charles Barron, and Arthur Cook were also present.

January 28, 1929 Greenfield MA Recorder 1929 - 0206.pdf

William P. Coughlin of the Mohawk restaurant[18] catered at the banquet of the Order of Scalpers held at Lake Pleasant Saturday evening.

Sept. 3 Greenfield MA Recorder 1929 - 1480.pdf

Scalpers Hold Parade

The independent Order of Scalpers held its field day at their reservation on Saturday. They paraded with their band over the camp grounds with High Chief Mead and others in their Indian costumes.

August 4, 1930 Greenfield MA Recorder 1930 - 0325.pdf

On Saturday evening the Greenfield band played a concert at the Scalpers reservation and the camper were invited to attend. Alter the concert, the dance at the Temple was well attended.

January 7, 1930 Greenfield MA Recorder 1930 - 0050.pdf

The Scalpers held & melting Sunday in Greenfield and decided to hold their mid-winter banquet here at the club house on the evening of Jan. 25th.

Aug. 21 Greenfield MA Recorder 1930 - 0473.pdf

The annual ball of the Independent Order of Scalpers will be held at the Temple tomorrow evening.

Aug. 25 Greenfield MA Recorder 1930 - 0505.pdf

There was a large attendance at the Scalpers' ball Friday evening.

September 28, 1931 Greenfield MA Recorder 1931 - 2399.pdf

Scalpers' Lodge at Lake Pleasant Will Be Scene of Annual Event

TURNERS FALLS—The regular weekly rehearsal of the musicians in the Turners Falls Military band has been postponed until next Monday evening, Oct. 5, at which time

[18] Mohawk restaurant was located at 219 Main St., Greenfield.

plans (or a clambake and outing at the Scalpers' Lodge at Lake Pleasant on Oct. 12 will be discussed.

At the last practice the members voted in favor of the outing and appointed the director, Leonard A. Bemis of Greenfield, to open arrangements for the day. These plans are expected to be completed by the next meeting when the members of the band will be more fully informed as to the day's program,

June 9, 1932 Greenfield MA Recorder 1932 - 1369.pdf

Arthur Cook, of Hartford, entertained the Volcano Bowling club over the week-end at the Scalpers headquarters.

Oct. 5 Greenfield MA Recorder 1932 - 2470.pdf

The closing council of the Independent Order of Scalpers will be held Saturday, at midnight, at the Long House.

May 31, 1933 Greenfield MA Recorder 1933 - 1232.pdf

. . . J. Russell Bickford of New York and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Shattuck and daughter, Louise of Medford spent the week-end with their mother, Mrs. Frank A. Bickford, Messrs. Bickford and Shattuck and ten other members of the tribe were guests at the annual June breakfast of the Independent Order of Scalpers held at the Long House, Sunday morning. . . .

June 2 Greenfield MA Recorder 1933 - 1251.pdf

Band Plans Outing

The Turners Fails high school band is planning an outing, banquet and dance at the Scalpers' lodge at Lake Pleasant, Friday afternoon and evening, June 16. Swimming and music by Schosenhouser's German band at Green Pond will precede the supper and dance.

At Lake Pleasant there will be music by, the Masters of Melody from Greenfield. Those in charge of preparations are Lillian Mosseau, general chairman: Edward Stratton, chairman entertainment; and Dagny Hoff, chairman refreshment committee,

June 10 Greenfield MA Recorder 1933 - 1391.pdf

Band on Outing

Members of the Turners Falls high school band held an outing last Friday afternoon and evening at Scalpers' lodge, Lake Pleasant. A swim at Green Pond preceded the supper and dance at Lake Pleasant, where the music was supplied by the Masters of Melody from Greenfield. The chairmen of the committees for the outing were: Lillian Mosseau, general chairman; Dagny Hoff, refreshment committee, and Edward Stratton, entertainment committee, Charles M. Bickford. supervisor of secondary school music and director of the band, was in charge of the affair.

Aug. 29 Greenfield MA Recorder 1933 - 2004.pdf

Scalpers Meet

The Independent Order of Scalpers observed Saturday as its annual field day. About thirty members of the tribe assembled at the Long House and about 58 of campers enjoyed with them the activities of the day, including a parade of the grounds in the regatta of the tribe, band music and refreshments.

Oct. 26 Greenfield MA Recorder 1933 - 2503.pdf

Scalpers Have Feast

The annual fall feast of the Independent Order of Scalpers was held at their Long House Saturday night at which High Chief Roger Billings of Springfield presided.

About 30 members attended, Springfield, Hartford, New York Holyoke, Greenfield and Lake Pleasant being represented.

January 17, 1934 Greenfield MA Recorder 1934 Jan-Mar - 0130.pdf

Members from Greenfield. Turners Falls and Lake Pleasant met at the cottage of Fred B. Morse recently, to formulate plans for the annual mid-winter business meeting and supper of the Independent Order of Scalpers and Voted to hold he event at the Long House at Lake Pleasant.

Jan. 30 Greenfield MA Recorder 1934 Jan-Mar - 0232.pdf

Scalpers Elect

A party of nine members of the Independent Order of Scalpers, with Frank R. Shattuck of Medford as host were entertained at supper Friday evening at Miscoluspi, the home of the order at Lake Pleasant, preparatory to the mid-winter banquet and business meeting which followed.

The banquet was served at the Long House Saturday night with 21 members of the tribe and six pale face visitors present. The committee comprised local members with L. Halsea Crosier of Greenfield as chairman: L.A. Bemis of Greenfield as steward and E.C. Soper and F.B. Morse of Lake Pleasant as house committee.

Following the banquet, High Chief Roger Billings of Springfield offered (*illegible*).

Toasts offered were as follows: "Records of the banquet 25-years ago" . . . L. Halsea Crosier; "Absent members", Louis Pfefferle; "Thoughts for our summer program", Arthur G. Cook; "Roll call of the years 1893 to 1933, inclusive. Remarks by visiting pale faces.

The annual election of officers resulted as follows: Frank A. Shattuck of Medford, high chief: J. Russell Bickford of New York City, chief of council: Leonard A, Bemis, chief, of scalpers; Elmer Ruggles of Springfield, chief of hunters; Elliott C. Sloper of Lake Pleasant, chief warrior of guard; Dr. George Lemis of Springfield, medicine chief; Arthur Cook of Hartford, Conn. keeper of legends; L. Halsea Crosier of Greenfield, scribe.

The summer program of the tribe will start on May 26 with the annual opening council.

May 29 Greenfield MA Recorder 1934 - 0539.pdf

Scalpers Meet

The opening spring meeting of the Independent Order of Scalpers was held at the club home, the Long House here, Saturday evening, followed by the annual June breakfast Sunday morning. About 20 members attended representing New York City, Boston, Springfield, Hartford, Medford, Greenfield, Turners Falls and Lake Pleasant.

January 30, 1935 Greenfield MA Recorder 1935 - 0253.pdf

Scalper's Elect

The Long House of the Independent Order of Scalpers was opened last week Thursday and under the direction of L.A. Bemis and Fred B. Morse it was thoroughly aired and heated in preparation for the annual mid-winter festival and business meeting of the tribe.

Fourteen members arrived Saturday, coming from New York city, Bridgeport, Springfield, Greenfield, Turners Falls and Medford. The election of officers resulted in the election of Frank A. Shattuck of Medford as High Chief and L. Halsea Crosier of Greenfield as Scribe. The sub chiefs will be appointed by High Chief Shattuck later.

June 25 Greenfield MA Recorder 1935 - 1690.pdf

Arthur G. Cook of Hartford, Conn., arrived Saturday and opened his cottage on First avenue. He was accompanied by a party of friends consisting of eight young men whom he entertained with a dinner Saturday night at the Long House of the Independent Order of Scalpers of which Mr. Cook is a past high chief.

Oct. 16 Greenfield MA Recorder 1935 - 2795.pdf

Scalpers Meet

Members from New York. Bridgeport, Boston. Medford, Greenfield and Lake Pleasant congregated at the Long House of the Independent Order of Scalpers Saturday evening for the closing council and annual fall feast of the tribe. Routine business was transacted, final arrangements were made to hold the mid-winter meeting of the tribe here at Lake Pleasant and a bountiful repast followed the meeting.

February 13, 1936 Greenfield MA Recorder 1936 - 0384.pdf

Scalper Officials Named

High Chief E.E. Ruggles, of Springfield, has appointed the following sub-chiefs of the Independent Order of Scalpers, to be approved at the May meeting of the tribe: Charles M. Bickford, of New York City, medicine chief; Leonard A. Bemis of Lake Pleasant, chief of scalpers; Arthur H. Cook, of Hartford. Conn., keeper of legends; Elliott

O. Sloper of Lake Pleasant, chief warrior of the guard; L Halsea Crosier of Greenfield, scribe and keeper of wampum; J. Russell Bickford was elected a trustee of the tribe.

March 24 Greenfield MA Recorder 1936 - 0801.pdf

The last vestige of ice disappeared from the lake Thursday and water has been flowing ever the dam at the outlet for 10 days. Swollen brooks did considerable damage to county roads in the vicinity of the club house of the Independent Order of Scalpers.

May 25 Greenfield MA Recorder 1936 - 1398.pdf

Scalpers Open Season

A large delegation of the members of the Independent Order of Scalpers, representing Newfane, Vt., Cassadaga, Fla., Hartford, Conn., Boston, Medford, Springfield, Greenfield, and Lake Pleasant, assembled at Long House Saturday evening ro observe the annual raising of the tomahawk and Council, and the June breakfast of the tribe. The event was held a week earlier than usual.

May 27 Greenfield MA Recorder 1936 - 1426.pdf

The annual ceremony of raising the tomahawk, followed by the annual June breakfast held at the Long House by the Independent Order of Scalpers over the week-end was a successful affair. About 30 members from all parts of New England attended.

June 26 Greenfield MA Recorder 1936 - 1731.pdf

Arrangements are being made for holding open house at the Long House of the Independent Order of Scalpers on the night of July 3. Charles M. Bickford, sr., Elliott C. Sloper and N. Charles Barron constitute the committee of arrangements.

Sept. 8 Greenfield MA Recorder 1936 - 2459.pdf

Scalpers' Field Day

The Independent Order of Scalpers assembled in force at their Long House for the holiday week end and on Saturday afternoon observed their annual field day by holding open house and indulging in games and sports.

At 4 p.m., the grounds, about 40 members being in the line and later a New England boiled dinner was enjoyed by the members and their friends at the club house.

Members present represented Chicago, Ill., New York City, Portsmouth, N.H., Bridgeport and Harford, Conn., Wollaston, Boston, Springfield, Greenfield, Orange, Turners Falls and Lake Pleasant.

Sept. 23 Greenfield MA Recorder 1936 - 2680.pdf

Frank Pomeroy and his family of Northampton, spent the week-end at their summer home on Union Street and Mr. Pomeroy gave a whist party at the Long House the Independent Order of Scalpers Saturday evening to his friends and several members of the Scalpers. About eight tables were play.

Nov. 17 Greenfield MA Gazette 1908-1909 - 0503.pdf

Scalpers Feast at Lake Pleasant

On Saturday at midnight at the Long House of the Independent Order of Scalpers, the annual mid-winter feast of the tribe was held, the menu comprising a turkey dinner with all the fixings. Until this year the feast was always held on the last Saturday of January, but owing to the uncertainty of weather and travelling[sic] conditions at that time of year, "it was decided to hold the event on the mid-Saturday of November and the large attendance of members from all parts of New England Saturday night, testified to the wisdom of the change of date.

-Mrs. Elizabeth Bickford Allen has closed her summer home on Zenita Street and is staying with her sister, Mrs. Frank A. Shattuck at Medford Hillside, for the winter. Mr. Shattuck attended the Scalpers dinner: Saturday night.

June 24, 1937 Greenfield MA Recorder 1937 - 1685.pdf

Scalpers Hold Annual Election at Lake Pleasant

The Independent Order of Scalpers met at the Long House recently and elected the following officers: E.E. Ruggles. Springfield, high chief. Charles M. Bickford, Lake Pleasant, chief of council; C. Harry Dey, Boston, medicine chief: Leonard A. Bemis. Lake Pleasant, chief of scalpers', Arthur H. Cook, Hartford, Conn., keeper of legends; Elliott C. Sloper Lake Pleasant, chief warrior of the guard; L. Halsea Crosier. day evening Greenfield, scribe and keeper of wampum; Roger D. Billings, West Springfield, L. Halsea Crosier, Greenfield, J. Russell Bickford, Jeffersonville, Ind. Trustees.

The tribe observed its June breakfast and clean-up day at its wigwam Saturday with a large attendance members served as committee in charge.

July 6 Greenfield MA Recorder 1937 - 1881.pdf

The Independent Order of Scalpers assembled at its Long House at midnight Saturday and about 30 members in full Indian regalia paraded the grounds, headed by the Scalpers band.

Sept. 3 Greenfield MA Recorder 1937 - 2544.pdf

William E. Jones has bought the old barn of the Long House of the Independent Order of Scalpers, with the intention of razing the building.

Sept. 15 Greenfield MA Recorder 1936 - 2538.pdf

Acting as the host for the Eastern Band Association, Sunday afternoon, following the concert given at Turners Falls, 165 members of 10 bands were served with a turkey dinner at the Long House of the Independent Order of Scalpers. A brief concert was given by the attending musicians, following the dinner.

Nov. 2 Greenfield MA Recorder 1937 - 3190.pdf

Halloween Party

A group of about 60 young people from Turners Falls attended' a Halloween party at the clubhouse of the Independent Order of Scalpers, In Lake Pleasant Saturday night. The party included an entertainment by Karner & Bell, professional magicians, of Greenfield. Miss Helen Stratton of Turners Falls also entertained as a sorceress and fortune teller.

The program was arranged by Franklin A. Bickford. chairman of the I. O. S. Young Men's club. William Baker of Turners. Falls was master of ceremonies with Herbert Greuling of Montague City assisting.

January 20, 1938 Greenfield MA Recorder 1938 - 0183 (2).pdf

Plan Annual Meeting

E.E Ruggles of Springfield. L. Halsea Crosier, of Greenfield. Fred Whitney of Greenfield, and Charles M Bickford. Leonard A. Bemis, Elliott C. Sloper and Fred B. Morse, of Lake Pleasant, executive committee of the Independent Order of Scalpers, met at the Long House of the tribe Sunday and made arrangements for the holding of the mid-winter banquet on Jan. 29. at 6 p.m. The annual meeting will be held on the following day with dinner being served at noon, Members are expected to be present from New York, Connecticut, Springfield, Worcester, Wollaston Medford, Springfield, Greenfield, Turners Falls, Millers Falls and Lake Pleasant.

Jan. 27 Greenfield MA Recorder 1938 - 0238 (2).pdf

Junior Scalpers Elect

The junior branch of the Independent Order of Scalpers met in their lodge at Lake Pleasant to elect officers, Sunday.

Plans for the coming year were discussed. Members were present from Turners Falls and Greenfield.

Officers are Franklyn A. Bickford, president; Clarence A. Frigon. vice president end music master; Harold E. Sears secretary and correspondent.

The next meeting will be at the lodge, Jan. 29

Feb. 1 Greenfield MA Recorder 1938 - 0286 (2).pdf

Junior Scalpers Meet

The program for the year was discussed at the meeting of the Junior Scalpers held at the Lake Pleasant lodge Saturday. It was decided that the group which played Christmas. carols around town last season, would give a series of concerts at Lake Pleasant through the summer. In conjunction with the Senior lodge, several social evenings are planned under the direction of Herbert L. Grueling of Montague City.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Clarence Frigon of Edward Street, vice-president, on Sunday.

Feb. 5 Greenfield MA Recorder 1938 - 0334 (2).pdf

Fred Whitney of Greenfield who is making his home at Lake Pleasant this winter, gave a venison steak supper Friday night to members of the Independent Order of Scalpers at the club house. Among those present were Frank R. Shattuck, of Medford Hillside, M.C. Day of Boston, Reagh Boyden of Wollaston, and Leonard A Bemis and Fred B. Morse, of Lake Pleasant.

March 15 Greenfield MA Recorder 1938 - 0700 (2).pdf

Several members of class B, Independent Order of Scalpers met at the home of Charles M. Bickford on Montague Street Sunday and held an instrumental musical rehearsal.

April 25 Greenfield MA Recorder 1938 - 2099.pdf

John Vandewater, Roger Billings and E E Ruggles of Springfield spent Saturday and Sunday at the Long House of the Independent Order of Scalpers, of which they are members.

Aug. 9 Greenfield MA Recorder 1938 - 0342.pdf

Scalpers Order Has 45th Birthday

The forty-fifth anniversary of the founding of the Independent Order of Scalpers was celebrated at the society's[19] reservation, Miscoluspi, here, Friday through Sunday.

Led by L. Halsea Crosier, high chief "Little Dog", the three-day celebration was climaxed Saturday evening with an hour and a half concert by the Scalper's band, followed by talks by Crosier, Louis Ellis of Brattleboro, Vt., who spoke on behalf of the former members present and Franklin Bickford of Lake Pleasant for the B class members.

Tokens of esteem were presented former high chief "Little Grip", Charles M. Bickford by Crosier.

Preceding the evening's celebration, the Scalpers played baseball. Friday evening was devoted to a concert by the Scalper's band and reminiscences.

Founded in August. 1893, by C. M. Bickford. the order has at present 45 members. A club house and grounds are maintained at Lake Pleasant the year through where members may bring their families for vacations. The clubhouse has a small golf course, two quoit pitching grounds and a croquet field.

The committee in charge of arrangements included: C. M. Bickford chairman, L. M. Bemis, N. Charles Barron, A. H. Cook, Frank R. Shattuck, E.C. Sloper, F. S. Pomeroy, W. B. Rudolph, Frank Bickford, Herbert Greuling, Winfred Marsh, Louis Ellis, Frank Durack, Paul Mead, Clifford Oats, and Dr. G.T. Lemis.

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[19] The Scalpers are an order . . . not a society.

The Scalpers' will hold their annual field day and ladies' night Sept. 1.

Aug. 10 Greenfield MA Recorder 1938 - 0355.pdf

Among Scalpers at Anniversary

Among those attending the 45 th anniversary of the founding of the Independent Order of Scalpers, at lake Pleasant over the weekend were L. Halsea Crosier, Greenfield, high chief "Little Dog"; Charles M. Bickford, Lake Pleasant, chief of "Little Grip"; J. Russell Bickford, Lake Pleasant, medicine chief "Young Dog."

Charles Barron, Lake Pleasant, chief of scalpers "Dog Feet"; RC. Boyden. Wollaston, chief of hunters "Swift Panther"; Arthur H. Cook, Hartford, Conn., keeper of legends Red Fox"; E C. Sloper; Lake Pleasant, chief warrior of the guard, "Willing Owl."

Leonard A, Bemis, Lake Pleasant, scribe, and keeper of the wampum "Creeping Tlgar"; past chiefs E.W. Mead, Springfield, "Water Dog*; RD. Billings, West Springfield, "Slow Horse"; E. E. Ruggles, Springfield, "White Owl."

Warriors, Henry W. Allen, Chester. Vt, "Red Calf"; W. H. Brittain, Springfield. 'Red Panther"; H. C. Dey, Boston, "Sleeping Turtle"; J. L. Fegan, Monson, "Sick Bear."

James McCullum, Northampton, "Sea Turtle"; L. B. Smith. Portsmouth navy yard, N.H., "Creeping Lion"; Fred Whitney, "Lake Pleasant, Slow Tiger."

Members of the "B" class, Frank Bemis, Franklin Bickford, Charles R. Bickford. J. Franklin Pace, all of Lake Pleasant; Frank Bouzek, Greenfield; E.W. Baker, Clarence Fregon, Turners Falls; Herbert Greuling, Montague; Winfred and Walter Marsh, Montague City; John S. McCullum, Northampton; W.B. Rudolph, Hartford, Conn.

Former Members: Louis Ellis, Brattleboro, Vt.: John Shea, Turners Falls.

The Scalpers, founded in 1891 by Charles M. Bickford, maintaining a club house and grounds at Lake Pleasant for the use of members.

Oct. 11 Greenfield MA Recorder 1938 - 2865.pdf

The Scalpers held their fall feast and closing ceremony at the club house in Lake Pleasant Saturday.

Oct. 19 Greenfield MA Recorder 1938 - 2947.pdf

Scalpers Plan Party

The Independent Order of Scalpers will hold a Hallowe'en[sic] party their lodge at Lake Pleasant on Saturday. Oct. 29 at 8 p.m. There will be music, a bonfire, games, a surprise reception for guests, and prizes for the funniest, best, and most original costumes.

The Scalper's orchestra will furnish music. Committees are: Entertainment, William Baker, chairman; Harold Sears, Winfred Marsh, and Merrill Tibbetts; refreshment, Edward Stratton and Herbert Grueling.

Oct. 27 Greenfield MA Recorder 1938 - 3046.pdf

The junior members, class B, of the Independent Order of Scalpers will observe Hallowe'en at the Long House of the tribe, Saturday night. The program will include orchestral selections, dancing, and Hallowe'en games.

Oct. 31 Greenfield MA Recorder 1938 - 3074.pdf

Thirty members of the Independent Order of Scalpers with their guests assembled at the Long House Saturday evening for the annual Hallowe'en[sic] frolic of dancing and games. F. Gilbert Gillette of Turners Falls sang several solos.

January 27, 1939 Greenfield MA Recorder 1939 - 0258.pdf

Scalpers to Dine at lake Pleasant

The annual banquet of the Independent Order of Scalpers will be in the Long House of the tribe over the weekend. The banquet will be Saturday night in the form of a turkey dinner and the meeting will be Sunday.

L. Halsea Crosier of Greenfield, high chief of the organization, with Charles M. Bickford, and Leonard A. Bemis of Lake Pleasant constitute the committee. Members from all parts of New England and from New York City will be present.

Jan. 31 Greenfield MA Recorder 1939 - 0291.pdf

A large delegation of members of the Independent Order of Scalpers attended the banquet at the Long House Saturday evening and participated in the annual meeting Sunday, when the following officers were reelected: L. Halsea Crosier of Greenfield, chief; Leonard A. Bemis of Lake Pleasant, scribe and keeper of wampum. The sub chiefs will be appointed by chief Crosier.

In addition to the members from Greenfield, Turners Falls, and Lake Pleasant, those present were William B. Rudolph of Hartford, Conn., Ben Smith of Kittery, Me., Frank W. Bemis and Harry Dey of Boston, Frank A. Shattuck of Medford Hillside, Reagh Boyden of Wollaston, Roger Billings, H. S. Sherman and William Ruggles of Springfield.

Feb.14 Greenfield MA Recorder 1939 - 0438.pdf

Scalpers Name Officers at Lake Pleasant

L. Halsea Crosier, of Greenfield, high chief of the Independent Order of Scalpers, has announced the appointment of the following officers: Charles M. Bickford, Lake Pleasant, chief of council and keeper of the legends; J. Russell Bickford, Medford, medicine chief; N. Charles Barron, Lake Helen, Fla., chief of Scalpers; Reagh C. Boyden, Wollaston, chief of hunters; Elliott C. Sloper, Lake Pleasant, chief warrior of the guard; Leonard A. Bemis of Lake Pleasant, scribe and keeper of wampum; L. Halsea Crosier, trustee. The opening council of the tribe will be held at the Long House May 27.

April 14 Greenfield MA Recorder 1939 - 1029.pdf

Henry Allen of Chester Depot, Vt., died in his 52nd year at his home, Monday. Burial was in Chester, Thursday afternoon. Mr. Allen's parents were property owners here for many years preceding the fire of 1907 and Henry spent part of each summer here for nearly 50 years. He was a charter member of the Independent Order of Scalpers.

May 31 Greenfield MA Recorder 1939 - 1526.pdf

Several members of the Independent Order of Scalpers assembled at Long House for the weekend, including Fred Whitney of Athol, E.E. Ruggles of Springfield, Frank A. Shattuck of Medford Hillside. Reagh C. Boyden of Wallaston, Arthur H. Cook and William B. Rudolph of Hartford, and Frank W. Bemis of Boston.

July 6 Greenfield MA Recorder 1939 - 1896.pdf

Scalpers Celebrate

The Fourth was ushered in the night before with the Independent Order of Scalpers holding a Ladies' night at the Long House during the evening and a parade on the grounds at midnight by the members of the tribe led by the Scalpers' band. Various cottagers were serenaded by the band during the parade.

Aug. 7 Greenfield MA Recorder 1939 - 2210.pdf

Scalpers Entertain

The Independent Order of Scalpers held the third of the series of ladies' nights at its Long House with about 75 guests present. A concert was given by the Scalpers' band. Dancing was enjoyed and refreshments were served.

July 16, 1940 Greenfield MA Recorder 1940 - 2155.pdf

Class B, the junior class of the Independent Order of Scalpers, held a weenie roast at the "Long House" of the tribe. Saturday evening. Several out-of-town members attended.

Oct. 16 Greenfield MA Recorder 1940 - 3101.pdf

Fifteen members of the Independ Order of Scalpers assembled at the "Long House" of the tribe, Saturday evening, for the closing council fire of the season. Supper at 6 was followed by asocial hour, music, by the Scalper's band, and the council meeting.

Among out-of-town members present were J. Russell Bickford and Frank A. Shattuck of Medford Hillside, Willim B. Rudolph of Hartford, Conn, Harry J. Schuerman and Roger Billings of Springfield, and Reagh C. Boyden of Wollaston.

Oct. ? Greenfield MA Recorder 1940 - 0281.pdf

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Scalpers Elect at Lake Pleasant

The annual mid-winter banquet of the Independent Order of Scalpers consisting of a turkey supper was held at the Long House of the tribe, Saturday evening, followed by the annual business meeting and election.

About 20 members attended. Leonard A. Bernis, L. Halsea Crosier, and Fred E. Whitney were the committee. Among those attending were; Reagh C. Boyden of Wollaston; Frank R. Shattuck of Medford Hillside; and Frank W. Bemis of Boston; Frank Bisson of West Springfield; Roger Billings. E.E. Ruggles, E. J. Schuerman of Springfield, L. Halsea Crosier, Harold Sears, Warren Cotton, Harold Sweley of Greenfield; Edwad Stratton, Clarence Frigon of Turners Falls; Warren Partenheimer of Montague City; and Leonard A Bemis. Charles M. Bickford, Fred E. Whitney of Lake Pleasant.

Reagh C. Boyden of Wollaston was elected high chief of the tribe. Leonard A. Bemis of Lake Pleasant, as scribe, and keeper of wampum; and Roger Billings of Springfield, trustee for three years. High Chief Boyden will appoint the sub-chief. It was voted to hold the opening council of the tribe at the Long House, May 18 at Lake Pleasant.

-Under direction of L. Halsea Crosier of Greenfield, High Chief, and Leonard A. Bemis, Charles M. Bickford and Fred E. Whitney of Lake Pleasant arrangements are going forward for the annual business meeting and election of the Independent Order of Scalpers and the mid-winter banquet consisting of a turkey supper, at the Long House of the tribe, Saturday night.

February 3, 1941 Greenfield MA Recorder 1941 - 2303.pdf

At the recent annual meeting of the Independent Order of Scalpers. in Boston Reagh C. Boyden of Wollaston was elected High Chief and, Arthur Cook of Hartford, Conn, scribe and treasurer.

July 7 Greenfield MA Recorder 1941 - 1064.pdf

The Fourth was quiet here. Junior members of the Independent Order of Scalpers assembled at their "Long House" before midnight, July 3 and with the Scalper's band paraded the grounds and tolled the bell in the Alliance and Association Temple.

July 22 Greenfield MA Recorder 1941 - 1215.pdf

Old Camper Passes

The death of Jesse R. Stratton in Westfield last week at the age of 79 takes another old camper and resident from Lake Pleasant Mr. Stratton was manager of the dancing pavillion several years before it was burned in 1907 and was a charter member of the Independent Order of Scalpers.

Sept. 2 Greenfield MA Recorder 1941 - 1635.pdf

At a meeting of the Independent Order of Scalpers, Saturday night, at the Long House one was added to the tribe. High Chief Reigh Boyden of Wollaston presided at the installation.

Sept. 11 Greenfield MA Recorder 1941 - 1746.pdf

The Turners Falls Military band will sponsor a clambake at the Scalpers Lodge near Lake Pleasant Sunday, Sept. 21. Members of the Greenfield, Shelburne Falls, Orange, and Athol bands have been invited, as well as all former members of the local band.

Tickets may be obtained from band members until Sept. 16. The bake will be under the supervision of George Campbell.

Sept. 22 Greenfield MA Recorder 1941 - 1886.pdf

Band Has Clambake

About 30 members of the Turners Falls band and guests from the Greenfield band had their annual clambake yesterday at the Scalpers Lodge at lake Pleasant. The bake was under direction of George Campbell. The band played several selections, using the porch as a bandstand. The committee included Jacob Alber, Harry Maddern, Noe Regali and William Baker.

January 17, 1942

Greenfield MA Recorder Gazette 1942 - 0267.pdf

Charles M. Bickford, Elliott C. Sloper, and Fred Whitney left this morning for Boston to attend the annual mid-winter meeting and banquet of the Independent Order of Scalpers at the Hotel Manger to night.

Feb. 2 Greenfield MA Recorder Gazette 1942 - 0277.pdf

The annual mid-winter meeting and banquet of the Independent Order of Scalpers whose headquarters are at the Long House on the County Road near the south entrance to the Lake Pleasant grounds, were in Boston, Saturday evening, with about 25 members from all parts of New England attending. High Chief Frank Shattuck of Medford-Hillside presided.

May 5 Greenfield MA Recorder Gazette 1942 - 1319.pdf

William B. Rudolph and Arthur Cook of Hartford, Conn., attended the meeting Saturday of the Independent Order of Scalpers.

Oct. 9 Greenfield MA Recorder Gazette 1942 - 2834.pdf

Band Holds Annual

Turners Falls Military band will hold its annual dinner tomorrow noon at the Scalpers' club house at Lake Pleasant. The committee on arrangements includes Jacob Alber, Noe Regali and Harry Maddern.

Oct. 14 Greenfield MA Recorder Gazette 1942 - 2868.pdf

Scalpers Close Season

Thirty members of the Independent Order of Scalpers assembled Saturday at the Long House of the tribe for the closing council fire and dinner of the season. High Chief Charles M Bickford presided and tentative plans were formulated for the assembly of the tribe next year when the organization will observe its 50th anniversary. Members were from

Hartford, Conn., Springfield, Boston, Medford, Wollaston, Greenfield, Turners Falls and Lake Pleasant.

-Band has Banquet

The annual banquet of the Turners Falls Military band under the leadership of Charles M. Bickford was Sunday at the Long House of the Scalpers with a large number of the band attending.

Dinner was served at noon and in the afternoon the band gave, a public concert on the lawn in front of the building, Jacob Alber, Noe Regali and Harry Maddern served as committee of arrangements.

July 6, 1943 Greenfield MA Recorder Gazette 1943 - 1664.pdf

Arthur H Cook of Hartford. Conn., and Roger B. Billings and H. J. Scheurman of Springfield spent the week end holiday at the Long House of the Independent Order of Scalpers. The usual Fourth of July activities of the tribe were omitted this summer.

June 14 Greenfield MA Recorder Gazette 1943 - 1600.pdf

Charles Bickford Death

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. . . .music at the Turners Falls and Montague schools. He also for some time served as first violinist of the Springfield Symphony orchestra.

Bickford studied music under Edmund Severns of Boston, and graduated from the American Institute of Normal Methods in Boston. He toured the United States with the Boston Festival association, members of which belonged to the Boston Symphony orchestra. He founded the Independent Order of Scalpers at Lake Pleasant In 1893, and was its first high chief.

In 1908 he became leader of the Greenfield Military band, having been a leader of the City of Homes band in Springfield, and of the Gardner Brass band. Success of the military band in the following years was due largely to his qualities of leadership and extensive musical knowledge. Unsparing of his time and interest. Bickford labored at all times with a single purpose, namely, to bring the band to the highest possible musical standard. The year following the engagement of Bickford, the selectmen moved an appropriation for a municipal band stand, feeling that the summer concerts had become a part of the civic life of Greenfield.

In 1913 the work of the band attracted the attention of Mils Margaret McLaren Eager, one of the foremost writers and directors of L'American Pagentry, and Bickford wrote and directed many of her pageants until her death.

The band won high praise for its participation in other out-door pageants, and received high recognition by the Utica Observer when it played in August. The band

played in several states, and broadcast a concert from a Springfield radio station. He was followed by William. S. Jeffs as director.

He leaves a brother, John Russell Bickford of Lake Pleasant; a sister, Mrs. Frank M. Shattuck of (*illegible*) the armored forces in Tennessee, and RM Charles M. Bickford, jr., at Jupiter Point, Fla. His wife died three years ago.

Funeral arrangements in charge of C.E. McCarthy of greenfield are incomplete.

Aug. 14 Greenfield MA Recorder Gazette 1943 - 2015.pdf

State Guard Maneuvers

Arrangements for the outing and maneuvers tonight and Sunday of Company 102, Massachusetts State Guard, under command of Capt. Arthur E. Burke, have been completed and the Long House and grounds of the Independent Order of Scalpers have been made ready for the company which is expected to number 65 strong.

Aug. 15 Greenfield MA Recorder Gazette 1943 - 2004.pdf

Montague State Guard Unit Plans Maneuvers

Montague company. 102, MSG, will participate in week-end maneuvers Saturday and Sunday. The company will assemble at its home station Saturday afternoon and will proceed to the grounds of the Independent Order of Scalpers at Lake Pleasant.

The guardsmen will participate in night maneuvers and in problems in interior guard duty. Sgt. Elliott Sloper. former mess sergeant of Co. L, has been assigned to the Montague company to assist in the preparation of the meals. Arrangements have been made so that the enlisted men of the company will have the opportunity to attend religious services Sunday morning. Sunday maneuvers will consist of extended order movements and other exercises upon which the guard has been drilled for the past several weeks.

It is expected that members. of region II headquarters staff will visit the camp Sunday and it is hoped that they will be present for the noonday meal. Camp will be broken Sunday afternoon when the men will return to their home station arriving about 5 p.m. The maneuvers offer opportunities for men to put into practice the theories which they have learned during the regular drill nights. The maneuvers also afford the men opportunities such as spending the night outdoors and under conditions which are subject to military regulations.

Officers of the company suggest that if any towns' people have extra camp cots which they would like to donate to the company for the week-end, they will be appreciated. The company has not yet received any quartermaster items and because of the scarcity of certain materials it is difficult to purchase some of the much-needed equipment.

In memoriam of the name of the late Charles Bickford, the camp will be known as Camp Bickford. Previous to his death the company commander and Bickford planned the overnight camp. It is the wish of the men of the Montague company that the name be dedicated to his name.

The state guard will meet today at 7 p.m. to receive final instructions and to pack equipment.

Aug. 17 Greenfield MA Recorder Gazette 1943 - 2033.pdf

Lake Pleasant Group Elects

The second week of camp meeting was bald here Sunday. The 102nd Company, Massachusetts State Guard, which was bivouacked at Camp Bickford outside the Long House of the Independent Order of Scalpers and had put in a busy night in maneuvers under command of Capt. Arthur E. Burke[20] was assembled at 9 with about 25 campers from the grounds, and listened to a service with Rev. Albert P. Blinn as officiating clergyman. At 9:30 the men went by bus to Turners Falls for mass and returned in time for dinner served under the direction of Lt. Wayne Pleasant and Sgt. Elliott C. Sloper. The afternoon was functioned with exercises and social features.

Aug. 31 To Note Anniversary

The Independent Order of Scalpers, the social organization of young men of the grounds which was organized 50 years ago by the late Charles M. Bickford, will celebrate its 50th anniversary Saturday at the Long House at the lower end of the grounds.

Sept. 7 Greenfield MA Recorder Gazette 1943 - 2214.pdf

Lake Pleasant Scalpers Observe 50th Anniversary

Members of the Independent Order of Scalpers from all parts of New England assembled at the Long House of the tribe Saturday and Sunday to observe the 50th anniversary of the organization.

Fifty years ago, under the direction of the late Charles M. Bickford, who for the first 10 years served as high chief, several members of Battery B band which at that time gave three daily concerts on the grounds here, held the first meeting and invited the young men of the camp, to join. That season the tribe held its meetings at the band headquarters on Massasoit Street but the next year the tribe leased the ground across the railroad which had been occupied by the skating rink built by Henry L. Barnard of Greenfield and which burned in mid-winter the year after its erection.

Three years later the tribe bought the building known as Hunter's Hotel[21] which it remodeled and has used ever since. During the years which have intervened the membership has run into hundreds but almost all the original members are now gone.

Sept. 27 Greenfield MA Recorder Gazette 1943 - 2370.pdf

The Turners Falls Military band held its annual outing and field day at the Long House of the Independent Order of Scalpers Sunday with about 35 members present. A chicken dinner was served at noon acid: the band gave a public concert.

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[20] Burke is Superintendent of Schools for the Town of Montague.
[21] Also known as the Valley House.

January 27, 1944 Greenfield MA Recorder Gazette 1944 a - 0227.pdf

Scalpers To Meet

The Independent Order of Scalpers, the social organization which was organized here at Lake Pleasant in 1893 by the late Charles M. Bickford, will hold its annual mid-winter banquet and business sessions at the Hotel Manger in Boston, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday with members from all parts of New England in attendance. The high Chief Fred Whitney, John Russell Bickford and Elliott C. Sloper will represent the Lake Pleasant delegation.

Feb. 1 Greenfield MA Recorder Gazette 1944 a - 0275.pdf

Scalpers Hold Banquet

The Independent Order of Scalpers celebrated its 50th annual midwinter banquet at the Hotel Manger in Boston, Jan. 28, 29 and 30 with the following members attending: High Chief Fred Whitney, John R. Bickford and Elliott C. Sloper of Lake Pleasant, Arthur G. Cook and William B. Rudolph of Hartford, Conn., Harry Dikeman of Bridgeport, Conn., Roger Billings of Springfield, Ben Smith of Portsmouth, N.H., Frank A. Shattuck of Medford Hillside, and Harry Dey of Boston.

A memory service was observed Saturday for John Sweet of Chicago, who died Jan. 1. Miss Louise Shattuck of Medford presented each member present a sculptured plaque in clay made by herself. Miss Shattuck is a niece of the late Charles M. Bickford, founder of the organization and its first high chief for several years.

July 12 Greenfield MA Recorder Gazette 1944 - 1802.pdf

. . . A number of members of the Independent Order of Scalpers, who have been staying at the Long House on vacation, have returned home, including Arthur C. Cook and William B. Rudolph of Hartford, Conn., and Roger Billings, E.E. Ruggles and H.J. Schurman of Springfield, L. Halsea Crosier of Greenfield, J.R. Bickford, Elliott C. Sloper and Fred Whitney of Lake Pleasant were also in attendance during the week. . . .

Aug. 31 Greenfield MA Recorder Gazette 1944 - 2263.pdf

Field Day

Members of the Independent Order of Scalpers are arriving for the annual field day of the organization which will be observed Saturday at the Long House and on the grounds of the tribe. Frank Shattuck of Medford Hillside, High Chief of the tribe is spending a two weeks' vacation here at the Bickford summer home on Zenita Street with his wife and daughter and his brother-in-law, J. Russell Bickford.

Sept. 5 Greenfield MA Recorder Gazette 1944 - 2294.pdf

Scalpers Elect at Lake Pleasant

The Independent Order of Scalpers held its annual field day and election of officers Saturday at its Long House near the south entrance to the Lake Pleasant grounds. In addition to the local members present, members from all parts of New England attended,

including Ben Smith of Augusta, Me.; Harry Dikeman, Bridgeport; Arthur G. Cook and William B. Rudolph, Hartford; Roger Billings and H.J. Schurman, Springfield; N. Charles Barron, Lake Helen, Fla.; Frank A. Shattuck, Medford Hillside, and L. Halsea Crozier of Greenfield; Fred Whitney of Lake. Pleasant was elected high chief of the tribe and Arthur Cook of Hartford, Conn., was elected scribe.

The annual mid-winter banquet will be held in Boston on the last Saturday in January, 1945. Because of his continued serious illness, Elliott C. Sloper of Montague Street was unable to be present, the first time he has been absent for several years.

Oct. 16 Greenfield MA Recorder Gazette 1944 - 2674.pdf

Lake Pleasant

New England was well represented at the closing council and fall feast of the Independent Order of Scalpers held Saturday night and Sunday in the Long House of, the tribe. Those present included Frank A. Shattuck of Medford Hillside, Roger Billings and H. J. Schurman of Springfield, William B. Rudolph and Arthur G. Cook of Hartford, Conn., L. Halsea Crosier of Greenfield, and J. Russell Bickford, Fred Whitney and Elliott C. Sloper of Lake Pleasant.

October 16, 1945

Scalpers Close Season at Lake Pleasant Greenfield MA Recorder Gazette 1945 - 2784.pdf

The fall feast and closing council of the Independent Order of Scalpers for the season of 1945 was held Friday and Saturday at Long House of the tribe on County Road at the south entrance of the Lake Pleasant grounds with High Chief Fred E. Whitney of Springfield presiding.

Members present were: Reagh C. Boyden of Wollaston, Frank R. Shattuck of Medford Hillside, Arthur C. Cook and William B. Rudolph of Hartford, Conn., Harry L. Dikeman of Bridgeport, Conn., Roger D. Billings and H.L. Schuesman of Springfield, L. B. Smith of Kittery, Me., W.H. Baker of Turners Falls and J. Russell Bickford of Lake Pleasant.

The reports of the high chief and of the keeper of wampum showed the tribe to be in good- financial condition with all obligations paid in full-and a substantial balance in the treasury.

On account of the probability of the return to civil life by the many members now in the armed forces plans for season of 1946 which are usually formulated, at the closing council will be made at the mid-winter council to be held in Boston Jan. 26 and 27.

After the burial of the tomahawk in accordance with the ancient rites and traditions of the order the high chief officially declared the season of 1945 closed.

May 14 Greenfield MA Recorder Gazette 1945 - 1304.pdf

Sloper Funeral Services

Funeral services for Elliott C. Sloper were held Saturday afternoon from the McCarthy funeral home in Greenfield with Rev. Albert P, Blinn of Lake Pleasant officiating. Members of the Independent Order of Scalpers served as bearers.

Burial was in Elm Grove cemetery in Montague where Mr. Blinn read the committal service and at its close Lt. Kenneth M. Clark of the National Guard presented Mrs. Sloper with the flag. Mr. Sloper had been an officer in the guard for several years.

Members of the Order of Scalpers were called to Lake Pleasant this week-end for the services. Those remaining over the week-end were: Arthur C. Cook and William B. Rudolph of Hartford, Conn., Roger Billings of Springfield, L. Halsea Crosier of Greenfield and Fred Whitney and J. Russell Bickford of Lake Pleasant.

July 2, 1946 Greenfield MA Recorder Gazette 1946 - 1913.pdf

Herbert Schurman of Springfield and Roger Billings of West Spring field arrived at the Long House of the Independent Order of Scalpers, Saturday. Billings returned home, Monday, but Schurman is remaining here through the week.

July 8 Greenfield MA Recorder Gazette 1946 - 1961.pdf

Alfred Breyette of the merchant marine, who is home on furlough with Roger Billings, arrived from Wast Springfield and spent the week-end at the Long House of the Independent Order of Scalpers.

July 15 Greenfield MA Recorder Gazette 1946 - 2143.pdf

Charles Nelson and Howard Pike of Agawam and Roger Billings of West Springfield are guests at the Long House of the Independent Order of Scalpers.

Sept. 9 Greenfield MA Recorder Gazette 1946 - 2587.pdf

Scalpers Have Field Day

The Independent Order of Scalpers kept open house at the Long House on County Road and observed their annual field day, Saturday, with many members attending from all parts of New England. Most of them remained over the week-end and holiday. Among those present were; Arthur Cook and William B. Rudolph of Hartford, Conn., Roger Billings and Herbert Schurman of Springfield, Reigh Boyden of Wollaston, Frank A. Shattuck of Medford Hillside, L. Halsea Crozier of Greenfield, and Leonard A. Bemis, Fred Whitney, and J. Russell Bickford of Lake Pleasant.

Oct. 15 Greenfield MA Recorder Gazette 1946 - 3087.pdf

Scalpers Close Season

The Independent Order of Scalpers had the closing council of the season at the Long House. County Road, Saturday night, preceded by dinner for members.

Those present were Frank R. Shattuck of Medford Hillside, Arthur G. Cook and William S. Rudolph of Hartford, Conn., Harry Dikeman of Bridgeport, Conn., Roger Billings Herbert Schumann of Springfield, Leonard A. Bemis, and J. Russell Bickford of Lake Pleasant.

September 5, 1947 Greenfield MA Recorder Gazette 1947 - 2918.pdf

Many Attend Field Day

Many members from all parts of New England assembled here, Saturday, for the annual field day and council of the Independent Order of Scalpers on the grounds and at the Long House of the tribe during the afternoon and evening. Many remained for the week-end and holiday. They represented Greenfield, Montague, Wollaston. Medford, Springfield, Worcester, Bridgeport and Hartford, Conn.

Sept. 3 Greenfield MA Recorder Gazette 1947 - 2918.pdf

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Sept. 15 Greenfield MA Recorder Gazette 1947 - 3072.pdf

T.F. Band Plans Outing

The 26th annual outing of the military band, now in ts 53th year, will start at 9:30 a.m., Sunday, at Scalpers' Lodge, lake Pleasant. All members and former residents with their wives will be welcomed. A program of entertainment, including dancing, music, and games, is being arranged, and refreshments and a buffet lunch will be served.

On the committee are J. C. Alber, chairman, Henry Waite, Paul Dubreuil, Russell Webster, William Baker, and Harold Maddern.

Nov. 5 Greenfield MA Recorder Gazette 1947 - 3746.pdf

The Independent Order of Scalpers closed its Long House, Monday for the winter. Harry Dikeman and Charles Dey returned, Monday, to their respective homes in Bridgeport. Conn., and Rochester, N.Y.

June 12, 1948 Greenfield MA Recorder Gazette 1948 - 2012.pdf

Dies in Medford

Frank R. Shattuck of Medford Hillside died in Medford Memorial Hospital Friday afternoon. He had been in failing health several years. On Jan. 1, he was retired from the Boston Elevator Company completing 47-years' service.

For more than 50-years, Shattuck had become a member of the Independent Order of Scalpers at Lake Pleasant, Mass.

July 8 Greenfield MA Recorder Gazette 1948 - 2310.pdf

Ben Smith, chief of the Independent Order of Scalpers, and Herbert Sherman, of Springfield, arrived, Saturday, for a week at the Scalper's club house on County Road.

Oct. 11 Greenfield MA Recorder Gazette 1948 - 3556.pdf

The 56th annual outing of the military band will be Sunday at Scalpers lodge. Lake Pleasant. All members and former members have been invited. Chowder will be served at noon and there will be an informal concert All attending should, take instruments. Refreshments will be served. Former members should contact band members before Thursday for reservations.

Oct. 26 Greenfield MA Recorder Gazette 1948 - 3781.pdf

Andrew F. Craigan of Springfield, who spent the summer at the Scalper's clubhouse on County Road, left Friday for Florida to spend the of the winter.

Harry Dikeman. who has been at the Scalpers clubhouse, returned to Bridgeport Conn., Saturday.

June 1, 1949 Greenfield MA Recorder Gazette 1949 - 2071.pdf

Ben Smith of Springfield, and Reigh Boyden of Boston were at the Scalpers Club, Sunday.

Aug. 9 Greenfield MA Recorder Gazette 1949 - 3014.pdf

Band Reunion in Lake Pleasant

An impromptu band concert and retreat ceremony highlighted the fifth annual reunion of the 172nd Infantry Band Association Sunday at Scalpers Lodge. About 50 were from Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island and New York.

Sept. 8 Greenfield MA Recorder Gazette 1949 - 3407.pdf

Scalpers Have Field Day

The annual field day council of the Independent Order of Scalpers was on Labor Day. Following the meeting a boiled dinner was served at the club house on County Road.

Members present were: Peter Bisson, Alfred Breyette, Roger Billings of Springfield, Ben Smith and Herbert Sherman of Springfield, William B. Rudolph of Hartford, Conn., Charles C. Barron of Lake Helen, Fla., Reigh Boyden of Wollaston, Harry Dikeman of Bridgeport, Conn., Halsea Crosier of Greenfield, Andrew Carigan of St. Petersburg, Fla., George Stotz of Turners Falls, and Russell Bickford and Fred Whitney of Lake Pleasant.

Oct. 7 Greenfield MA Recorder Gazette 1949 - 3929.pdf

Reigh Boyden of Boston spent Sunday at the Scalpers club house on County Road.

February 1, 1950 Greenfield MA Recorder Gazette 1950 - 0400.pdf

Scalpers Have Dinner

The Scalpers club had a winter meeting in Greenfield recently and supper at the Mohawk Restaurant with a business session in Herman Sons Hall, Turners Falls. High Chief Roger Billings of West Springfield presided. Members were present from Medford. Wollaston, Springfield, West Springfield. Greenfield, Turners Falls, and Lake Pleasant Five new members were accepted.

Mr. Fred Whitney local caretaker Eighth street, replacement of hardwire on doors, replacement of of the club attended.

Feb. 4 Greenfield MA Recorder Gazette 1950 - 0454.pdf

Give Club Play

The Teen-age club met at the Scalper's room last evening with 21 members and 35 guests present. Mrs. Grace Holloway led the meeting. The club will buy 100 boxes of greeting cards to be sold by members. Members will go on a sleighride tonight "Life with Luigi" was presented by the following: Philip and Annette Bourdeau. Louis Councilman, Harry Powers, jr., Janet Cossett, Hatti Kratz, Jim Russell, and Deon Matheson.

Refreshments were served.

May 26 Greenfield MA Recorder Gazette 1950 - 2075.pdf

The first meeting of the season of the Independent order of Scalpers will be at the lodge house in Weaaant Saturday af 8 p. m. All members should attend. Plans for the year will be made.

July 7 Greenfield MA Recorder Gazette 1950 - 2655.pdf

The Scalpers club of County Road entered a float representing the club house Tuesday in the parade in Turners Falls. On the float were: J. Russell Bickford, Roger Billings, Fred Whitney, Harry Dikeman, Andrew Craigan and Emil Demars.

-Harry Dikeman, who has been staying at the Scalpers club house on County Road, returned to Bridgeport Conn. Thursday.

July 22 Greenfield MA Recorder Gazette 1950 - 2864.pdf

Lake Pleasant to Hear Turners Falls Band

The weekly band concert by the military band will be at Scalper's lodge. Lake Pleasant, tomorrow at 8 p.m., Dir. Benjamin Weiner announced today.

Oct. 18 Greenfield MA Recorder Gazette 1950 - 4068.pdf

T.F. Rod & Gun Observes 25th Anniversary

Thirty-five members and guests of the Turners Falls Rod & Gun Club celebrated their 25th anniversary of the club's founding at the lodge of the Independent Order of Scalpers at Lake Pleasant, Sunday . . .

July 20, 1951 Greenfield MA Recorder Gazette 1951 - 1986.pdf

The military band will conduct its seventh concert of the season Sunday at 8 p. m. on Scalpers Lodge front porch, Lake Pleasant.

Aug. 11 Greenfield MA Recorder Gazette 1951 - 3478.pdf

Harry Dikeman of Bridgeport, Conn., and Herbert Sherman of Springfield, who are at the Scalper's Club this week, attended a banquet in Millers Falls Tuesday evening.

Aug. 24 Greenfield MA Recorder Gazette 1951 - 3322.pdf

Scalpers Meet in Lake Pleasant

The Scalpers Club on County Road met Sunday afternoon. Members present were Roger Billings of West Springfield, Charles Barron of Lake Helen. Fla, Andrew Craigan of St. Petersburg. Fla., Fred Whitney of Scoring, Fla., Harry Dikeman of Bridgeport, Conn., and John Russell Bickford of Medford Hillside.

They voted to have their annual dinner Sept. 1 and to serve turkey. Dr. Fuller and Tony Criscola of Springfield presented the club a large white sink which has been installed in the club kitchen by Fred Whitney.

Sept. 8 Greenfield MA Recorder Gazette 1951 - 3527.pdf

Scalpers' Outing in Lake Pleasant

The Independent Order of Scalpers observed their annual summer field day at their club house on County Road Saturday. Turkey dinner was serv ed at 4 p.m.

Present, were Roger Billings, Emile Madard and Alfred Breyette of West Springfield, Dr. Marcus Fuller, Ben Smith and Herbert Sherman of Springfield, Reigh Boyden of Wollaston, Harry Dikeman of Bridgeport, Halsea Crosier of Greenfield. Charles Barron of Lake Helen, Fla., Andrew Craigan of St. Petersburg. Fla., J. Russell Bickford of Medford Hillside, the Carrigans of Turners Falls and Fred Whitney of Sebring, Fla. Fred Whitney as chairman of the banquet committee, was assisted by Roger Billings and Charles Barron. The turkey was roasted at the Mohawk Restaurant, Greenfield.

Sept. 18 Greenfield MA Recorder Gazette 1951 - 3717.pdf

Dr. Marcus Fuller and Roger Billings of Springfield spent the week-end at the Scalpers Club house.

Oct. 4 Greenfield MA Recorder Gazette 1951 - 3940.pdf

Andrew F. Craigan who has been stayi ng at the Scalpers Club Home on County Road this summer, left Wednesday for Albany, N.Y., where he will visit friends before leaving for St. Petersburg, Fla.

April 21, 1952 Greenfield MA Recorder Gazette 1952 - 1586.pdf

Harry Dikeman and John Collins of Bridgeport Conn., spent the week-end at the Scalpers Club House on County Road.

June 1, 1953 Greenfield MA Recorder Gazette 1953 - 1349.pdf

Harry Dikeman of Bridgeport, Conn., has opened the Scalper's Clubhouse on County Road and will remain for the summer. The Scalpers had their annual spring meeting Saturday. Among those attending were Ben Smith, Doc Fuller, Roger Billings and Roger Sherman of Springfield. Emil Demars of this community and Dikeman.

June 15 Greenfield MA Recorder Gazette 1953 - 1754.pdf

Scalpers Add New Member

The Scalpers conducted the June council and initiation Saturday evening at the club house. Steve Kennedy of Springfield was welcomed as a new member. Present were; L B. Smith, Roger Billings, Herbert Sherman, Dr. Marcus Fuller, Norman Hess, Buster Harrington and Tony Criscola of Springfield. Harry Dikeman of Bridgeport, Conn., Charles Baron of Lake Helen, Fla., Andrew Craigan of Str Petersburg, Fla., J. Russell Bickford of Medford Hillside and Emil Demars of Lake Pleasant.

Andrew Craigan of St. Petersburg. Fla., arrived Sunday and will spend the summer ai the Scalpers' Club house on County Road.

June 20 Greenfield MA Recorder Gazette 1953 - 1986.pdf

Charles Barron of Lake Helen, Fla., who is staying at the Scalpers' Club house on County Road, left Saturday for Schenectady, N.Y., where he will visit friends.

July 1, 1953 Greenfield MA Recorder Gazette 1953 a - 0089.pdf

Herbert Sherman of Springfield arrived Friday and will vacation at the Scalpers' Club house on County Road for two weeks.

February 1, 1954 Greenfield MA Recorder Gazette 1954 - 0439.pdf

Lake Pleasant Scalpers Note 60th Anniversary

The Independent Order, of Scalpers, Miscoluspi Lodge, of Lake Pleasant, observed its 60th anniversary at the Hotel Highland in Springfield yesterday with one of the founders joining 24 other members in revising the "day* before the turn of the century.

The meeting was called to order by High Chief Herbert Schuerman of Springfield, who used the members' adopted Indian names in conducting the program. Primarily a fraternal organization, the lodge was founded.by John R. Bickford, now 84 and living in Medford; his brother, the late Charles M. Bickford, the first high chief; and Charles Barron of Lake Pleasant. Barron, 77, is presently in Florida but John Bickford attended yesterday's celebration.

The Bickford's and Barron were youngsters when at Lake Pleasant in 1893 and vowed to keep it alive as a group for fellowship and mutual help. In the early years the membership consisted of residents in the Greenfield-Montague area but later Springfield friends of members were invited to join the roster.

Roger D. Billings of West Springfield was called on by High Chief Schuerman yesterday to reminisce on the years when he Joined the lodge as a "paleface," and to tell of the annual get-together at the Highland in 1905.

Billings, a native of South Deerfield, paid special tribute to the founders. Now 69 and a past high chief of the Scalpers, Billings was enthused over increasing membership and the maintenance of the home encampment at Lake Pleasant.

The encampment consists of a lodge structure, the "Old Plantation," about a mile from Lake Pleasant, where members may spend the pleasant months of the year. If they are willing to provide the heat, they may use the building in the winter as well. Members of the ledge generally meet on holidays through the year, such as Memorial Day. Independence Day and Labor Day, and frequently the cessions take place at the Highland.

Dr. Marcus A. Fuller, Springfield dentist, was chairman of yesterday's banquet Committee. It is expected that a good share of the future membership of the lodge will come from Springfield and surrounding communities.

May 20 Greenfield MA Recorder Gazette 1954 - 2169.pdf

The 61st opening council of the Independent Order of Scalpers was Saturday evening at the club house on County Road. Louis Ben Smith of Springfield, scribe, and keeper at the wampum, is celebrating his 50th year aa a member. Saturday evening me warriors "dug up the tomahawk", which officially opens toe 1954 season.

-Andrew Craigan has returned from St. Petersburg, Fla., and will spend the summer at the Scalpers club house on County Road.

May 26 Greenfield MA Recorder Gazette 1954 - 2290.pdf

Harry Dikeman of Bridgeport, Conn., and Charles Barron of Lake Helen, Fla., arrived over the week-end and will spend the summer months at the Scalpers club house on County Road.

Ben Smith of" Springfield spent the week-end at the Scalpers Club.

June 4 Greenfield MA Recorder Gazette 1954 - 2516.pdf
Greenfield MA Recorder Gazette 1954 - 2517.pdf
Greenfield MA Recorder Gazette 1954 - 2453.pdf

Town of Montague 200th Anniversary Edition

. . . The Scalpers were organized; [1881] steamboats were run about the lake and more than a little pleasure was combined with the religious aims which drew the crowds.

Scalpers Lodge in Seventh Decade

The Independent Order of Scalpers, Miscoluspi Lodge, a fraternal unit devoted to fellowship and mutual aid, was 60 years old last February.

Beginnings of the group were on Lake Pleasant soil, where three young men. one of whom was 17, decided to perpetuate their friendship and incorporate others into the circle.

Indian folklore and language were drawn on heavily for customs, decorations, celebrations, and names of many members.

With blood-curdling war-whoops and snake dances from die Highlands to the lake shore, the Scalpers both before and after the turn of the century celebrated holidays during the warmer months with revelry and merry making unsurpassed in this village.

In recent years, although meetings of the group are increasingly infrequent and the center of membership seems to be moving toward Springfield, membership has been numerically on the increase.

Founders were J. Russell Bickford, now 84, of Medford; his brother, the late Charles M. Bickford, first high chief, and Charles Barron, now 77, of this town who winters in Florida. Friends since they were youngsters the three founders in 1893 vowed to form a fraternal group and keep their association alive.

In the early years, the membership came almost wholly from Lake Pleasant-Montague-Greenfield area, but later Springfield friends of members were invited to join.

One of the most memorable of the past annual gatherings of the order was the 1905 celebration at the Highlands, where many "palefaces" were brought into membership.

A former high chief of the Scalpers is Roger D. Billings of West Springfield, a native of South Deerfield.

The home encampment building here is a lodge-type structure about a mile from the center of die community, called "the Old Plantation", where members may spend the pleasant months of the year free of charges If they are willing to provide the heat, they may stay there for the winter as well.

Members of die lodge still meet on holidays such as Memorial Day, Independence Day and Labor Day and frequently the sessions take place at the Highlands.

Et al, . . . Scalpers of Lake Pleasant had two car carrying men in colorful Indian costume. They included John R. Bickford of Boston, past high chief; L.B. Smith of Springfield, keeper of the wampum, and Andrew Craigan of Florida, a warrior, driven by Helen A. Wells of Lake Pleasant in the first car. In the second car were H.L. Dikeman of Bridgeport, Conn., Yellow Calf; N.C. Barron of the Seminole Tribe, Florida, Dog Feet; L.H. Crosier of Greenfield. Little Dog, and Emil Demars of Lake Pleasant, Wild Wolf, the driver.

-Rented Horses

Before the great fire of 1907, the Lake Peasant stables, under direction of W. E. Dudley, were located just off the grounds near the Scalpers' Clubhouse. These stables did a land-office business in buggies for hire.

June 14 Greenfield MA Recorder Gazette 1954 - 2685.pdf

30,000 View Montague's Parade of the Centuries[22]

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June 16 Greenfield MA Recorder Gazette 1954 - 2729.pdf

. . . Lake Pleasant was represented in the bicentennial parade Saturday by the Independent Order of Scalpers and the Ladles Improvement Society.

Oct. 2 Greenfield MA Recorder 1974 - 5320.pdf

Wanna be a Scalper?

Fresh from the enthusiasm of the Lake Pleasant Centennial several weeks ago and Franklin County Fair, the Scalpers are out looking for fresh blood.

The group, which has been in Lake Pleasant since 1893, is on the downward side of a membership boom. The lodge, which maintains a building on the southern end of the lake, has less than a dozen-members. At its peak, around 1920, the lodge was a place to escape to for more than 100 men.

The latest drive for new members was started soon after the half-dozen remaining members constructed, and displayed a float for two festivals this summer. The project was such a success they decided to turn the dub around.

According to William Breyette of Longmeadow, known to fellow Scalpers as "Running Bear", making tax payments on the huge lodge with so few members has become a burden.

The building. off County Rd., was originally used as a dining hall for Spiritualists visiting the camp during the summer. The International Order of Scalpers, looking for its own retreat, purchased the building.

The structure is unique in that the frame is completely suspended from the rafters on cables. "It's a beautiful and soothing building," says Running Bear. The group is seeking to have it declared a national historical landmark.

Breyette said the work that went into building the float in the fair apparently paid off because several have asked about joining the club. But hopes are for 25 to 50 "new scalps", and the drive goes on.

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[22] Town of Montague 200th Bicentennial celebration.

The lodge has 13 bedrooms, a large meeting hall as well as kitchen facilities and "is a great place for a man to get away and just relax for a few days or a few weeks."

He said members are not encouraged to do anything while at the lodge, but if someone wants "he can just work a little around the place."

The float, built entirely by members, displayed many of the significant events from the Lake Pleasant past through photographs and paintings as well as a mock scalping of one of the "townies" by a lodge member.

When the settlement was at its peak, lodge members would wander through the streets, "scalping" people and taking them back to the lodge. The practice was usually limited to summer holidays, with "war parties" returning to the lodge for a late-night party.

The Scalpers band was one of the most famous organizations in Lake Pleasant and the base drum from one of the first bands adorned the float.

Women are not allowed to remain overnight in the lodge, called "The Long House", though daylight visits are allowed.

Breyette said anyone interested in joining the group should contact him at 26 South Ave., Longmeadow, or visit the lodge weekends.

July 20 Greenfield MA Recorder Gazette 1964 - 2307 (2).pdf

Old Scalpers Fade Away

Yellow Calf, now 86 years old. fingered the frayed Indian headpiece and read the names of friends from a kit on the lodge wall. It included Little Dog, Lucky Bull, Sleeping Turtle, Chief Tooboozer and other members of the independent Order of Scalpers who have made the inevitable trip to fee happy hunting grounds.

"In the old days we had 60 or 70 members, a brass band, a ladies auxiliary and some wonderful times," Harry Dikeman said as he shuffled across the large recreation room, and settled into one of the ancient over-stuffed chairs that line the wall, "It's kind of quiet here these days," he added.

HARRY Took the Name Yellow Calf when he joined the fraternal organization at Lake Pleasant in fee spring of 1892. His mother, an ardent Spiritualist, came to the Lake, then one of the more famous summer resorts in New England, every summer. The younger members of the colony were not especially interested in religious meetings while surrounded by the natural beauty of the lake area and they formed the Scalpers group.

"We were just a gang of teenagers, who got together to raise hell and we've been doing it ever since," the old man grinned.

This was during the heyday of the Lake, when thousands of tourists came to spend the summer beneath the cool pines on its shores. Three brass bands played almost daily

and swimming and boating were a popular pastime. A steamboat plied the lake waters and summer cottages and tents were used for gay parties and for spiritual religious services.

DIKEMAN CITES the coming of the trolly from Turners Falls as the beginning of the summer colony's decline. The trolley changed the lake area from a family summer spot to a commercial recreation area.

A large fire in 1907 destroyed nearly all the permanent cottages.

During past years, members began to age, the Scalpers have become a little more serious in nature. No longer do members dress in Indian costumes or parade through the narrow streets of the tiny village. Gone are the intricate and fun-filled initiation, rights of running the gauntlet, or the shenanigans at midnight on the Fourth of July. No longer do the scalpers play softball.

Formed to "pester the old folks" in the late 1800's, the Scalpers' old folks now get their fun from a quiet game of cards in the County Road lodge or a round of pool at the decades old table in the recreation room. "Initiations have degenerated into something like the Odd Fellows or the Masons," Dikeman groused.

SCALPERS LODGE, called "the Long House" by members as an Indian custom, provides a central meeting place for the dwindling membership. A large kitchen joins the recreation room on the main floor. The 12 small private rooms on the second floor are reserved for those who want a week-end in the country or a convenient place to get away from worldly cares for a week or so.

The large wooden building is a treasure house of former days, wife a special room on fee upper floor dedicated to memories. Aged photographs, taken by Frank Crosier, Lake Pleasant's famed tin-typist, and father of Little Dog, cover all four walls. Husky young men are shown whooping it up—with pretty girls in vintage costumes.

Yellow Calf remembers all the faces and each occasion depicted. Dusty Indian costumes, a big bass drum, old letters and plaques, each carry significant memories are displayed in regal splendor.

"Everything has a story of its own, and I like to come up here every now and then and just sit and reminisce," Dikeman said. "That feather there was one of the ones we used when we caught a man bothering people over by the lake. We painted him a bright yellow, stuck the feathers on him and shipped him out on fee next freight train."

A clacker, used to frighten those attending tent Spiritualist meetings and now unused for years, stands in one corner.

DIKEMAN DENIED feat the Scalpers are a sort of Last Man's Club, citing the induction of a new member just last year. "We are careful of who we admit as members, just like we always have been," he conceded. "We really don't need, membership, for we don't owe anyone a dime; The Long House is paid for and we have a bank account. All the members know each other and there is no incentive to increase the membership rolls."

Yet, the ballot box with the black and white balls, stored on the fireplace mantle, is seldom used these days.

Finances are gained by a turkey raffle each Thanksgiving and from $35 dues paid annually by the 15 Scalpers still active.

A mid-winter banquet, a custom since the first, is scheduled on the last Saturday in January. When the group had more members, the dinners were in some of the larger hotels in New England. Now they are in the homes of members. Ten attended this year's banquet in Longmeadow.

THE ANCIENT ORDER of Scalpers continues but the cribbage board has replaced the bow and arrow and house slippers have replaced moccasins. The Long House, scene of wild and noisy gatherings for more than 70 years, now has a hushed atmosphere, broken only by the squeaks of a rocking chair on the sagging front porch as Yellow Calf sits and waits for Happy Dog or Black Swan to arrive for the week-end.

They will sit and recall similar week-ends when Lake Pleasant was mobbed with more than 10,000 pleasure seekers.

As Dikeman said: "There is nothing like the Scalpers in the World." He could have added, "and there is not likely to be anything like it again."

May 26 Greenfield MA Recorder Gazette 1954 - 2281.pdf

Lake Pleasant Spots in Lake Pleasant sites are listed: Maiden's Leap, a precipice overlooking the lake at the railroad depot.

Independent Order of Scalpers building, erected in 1894.

Rutter Memorial Bridge, the Old Oak Tree, whose tale will be told.

The Temple and Jacob's Well.

Sept. 24 Greenfield MA Recorder Gazette 1954 - 4283.pdf

Scalpers End Council at Lake

The 61st annual closing council and initiation of the Independent Order of Scalpers was Saturday evening at the club house on County Road: Present were members with colorful council names, such as Slow Horse, Little Bear of West Springfield, Creeping Lion, Creeping Turtle, Big Owl, Willing Lion and White Calf of Springfield, Slow Turtle of St. Pete and Young Dog of Boston.

Guido Zanone of Montague was welcomed to membership; and initiated with an Indian name, Happy Bull. A dinner followed.

Oct. 12 Greenfield MA Recorder Gazette 1954 - 4506.pdf

The Independent Order of Scalpers celebrated the fall feast, which terminates the season's activities at the club house on County Road Saturday.

Andrew Craigan, who has summered here, left for New York state Sunday for a short stay before leaving for St. Petersburg, Fla., to spend the winter.

Oct. 18 Greenfield MA Recorder Gazette 1954 - 4600.pdf

A member of the Lake Pleasant Scalpers reported yesterday that the Scalpers Lodge has 12-window panes smashed and a half-cord of slab wood taken Saturday night.

Oct. 22 Greenfield MA Recorder Gazette 1954 - 4694.pdf

Slab wood at the Scalpers' lodge was stored, not stolen. Police received a report from a lodge member Tuesday that a half cord of slab wood had been stolen. Officer James P. McHugh, acting on a hunch, searched in an area beneath the building and there, neatly piled was the Scalper's lumber. It was stacked there by caretakers.

June 9, 1955 Greenfield MA Recorder Gazette 1955 - 2616.pdf

Charles Barron of Lake Helen, Fla., arrived Wednesday and will spend the summer at the Scalper's club house on Conty Road.

June 23 Greenfield MA Recorder Gazette 1955 - 2858.pdf

Harry Dikeman of Bridgeport, Conn., arrived Friday and will stay at the Scalpers for the summer.

-Francis Young of Easthampton and Stephen Sherwood of Bridgeport. Conn., were welcomed as members of the Independent Order of Scalpers on County Road Saturday. Initiation into the order followed.

June 20, 1957 Greenfield MA Recorder Gazette 1957 - 2843.pdf

Scalpers to Initiate at Lake Pleasant

Initiation of new members into the Scalpers Lodge will take place at the "Long House" tonight it was announced today. Roger Billings and Herbert Sherman of Springfield are at the club quarters for the summer.

Sgt. Major Peter Bison, time member of the Scalpers, died Thursday at the Veterans Hospital in Holyoke.

Sept. 6 Greenfield MA Recorder Gazette 1957 - 4025.pdf

Scalper Elect in Lake Pleasant

The Independent Order of Scalpers at had its 64th annual council ae election of officers this week following a corn beef and cabbage dinner prepared and served by three of the 12 members present.

Elected trustees were Russell Bickford. "Young Dog", from Medford Hills; Steve Kennedy, "White Calf, also chief of Scalpers, Springfield; Jeremiah Preble, "Willing Lion" Springfield; "Big Owl" Springfield was elected high chief for another year and "Creeping Lion* was elected chief scribe and keeper of wampum.

Medicine chief "Slow Horse", Roger Billings of West Springfield. Chief of council is "Lucky Bull", Herbert Sherman, Springfield, Chief of Hunters is "Swift Panther", Ray

Borden of Wollaston. "Black Owl", Joseph Ruel, was elected chief order of the guard. He prepared the entire dinner, assisted by Charlie Barren of Lake Helen, Fla.

June 19, 1958 Greenfield MA Recorder Gazette 1958 - 2904.pdf

Ben Smith of Springfield opened the Scalpers Lodge on County Road and Harry Dikeman of Bridgeport, Conn., and Charlie Barron of Lake Helen, FLa., are here for the season.

February 4, 1965 Greenfield MA Recorder Gazette 1965 - 0513.pdf

L. Halsey Crosier Succumbs

Lewis Halsea Crosier, 90, dean of Franklin County Insurance agents, died Wednesday at The Anchorage Nursing Home, Shelburne, He formerly lived at 91 School Street. Crosier had operated an insurance agency in Greenfield since 1927, coming from St. Johnsbury, Vt. He retired about five years ago, selling his business to Charles Watters.

He was the oldest active member of the Franklin County Insurance Agents Association when he retired. He had served as association secretary. Born in Readsboro, Vt., on Feb. 12, 1874, son of Frank and Mine (Gore) Crosier, he was graduated from Readsboro High School. He joined his father in the photography business in the1890's and the two operated in that town and Lake Pleasant.

He was a charter member of the Order of Scalpers of Lake Pleasant and member of Second Congregational Church. . . .

May 2, 1968 Greenfield MA Recorder Gazette 1968 - 2301.pdf

Tomahawk Taken from Scalper's Club

A break into the Scalper's Club at Lake Pleasant was reported by Montague Police yesterday.

Chief Edward W. Hughes said Wilfred Bruyette of East Longmeadow reported at 5 p.m. yesterday entry had been made and a genuine Indian tomahawk taken from his room.

Officer Harvey Kellyhouse is investigating. Kellyhouse found entry to the building had been made through upstairs windows from a porch roof. Upstairs rooms were ransacked and drawers turned upside down though the downstairs was undisturbed.

May 22, 1974 Greenfield MA Recorder 1974 - 2557.pdf

The annual Memorial Day parade will be Sunday, beginning at noon from Scalpers Hall. All marchers to assemble at 11:30 a.m.

Aug. 12 Greenfield MA Recorder 1974 - 4266.pdf

Indians to Raid Lake Pleasant

This weekend's Centennial Celebration here is expected to be raided by Indians.

The group is expected to ride into this village on the eastern edge of the Montague Plains Friday evening and get into full Indian regalia for a Centennial parade Sunday.

According to Robert Begg of the Centennial Commission, about 12 members of the Scalpers Lodge confirmed last week they will have a float in the parade containing a tradition nearly as long as this village's history.

Members will be from as far as 10o miles away for the event which gets underway Sunday at 1 p.m. They will ride a flatbed truck through the village, dressed as Indians, and throw candy to youngsters along the route, Begg explained.

The Scalpers have been in existence since the late 1800s when a group of young bachelors formed what was called "a fraternity of fun lovers" in this summer resort.

At its peak more than 100 members spent summers at Scalpers' Lodge in Lake Pleasant.

Every July 3rd a "raiding party" from the lodge would overtake the village in a ritual that has since died.

The group also became popular in the Franklin County area for its annual Autumn Ball in the Lodge traditionally held in early fall. The formal white tie and tails affair was one of the social highlights of the summer season.

The group purchased a small house near the lake when it was first formed, moving to the present lodge off County Road around the turn of the century.

Th present lodge was originally a dining hall used by campers at the then active spiritualist camp. It has been converted into a large meeting room downstairs, with boarding rooms and a large museum of local Indian artifacts upstairs.

The parade is part of three days of festivities planned for the 70-family village which begins Friday evening with games for children, a concert by the Turners Falls Stage Band and a dance beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the Alliance building. [Thompson Temple].

Scalper's float

Saturday's events include the crowning of Miss Lake Pleasant, a number of field events, horse racing on the half-mile oval, a spaghetti dinner and block dance featuring two bands for continuous entertainment.

The parade will begin events Sunday at 1 p.m., followed by an afternoon of country and western music, square dancing, and other entertainment into the evening.

Food and drink will be available at all events with proceeds going towards the Lake Pleasant Bridge Fund.

Aug. 30 Greenfield MA Recorder 1974 - 4414.pdf

Sun Breaks Through for Lake Pleasant's 100th

. . . The Scalpers Lodge which has been in the village since shortly after its founding in 1874, had a float bedecked with old photographs and topped by several club members dressed as Indians, one of them about to scalp a villager; music was provided by the Millers Falls Drum and Bugle Corps and the ever-popular Millers Falls Old Timers band. Motorized equipment and antique cars were followed by about one dozen members of the Mohawk Ramblers Motorcycle dab rushing along the parade route doing "wheelies." . . .

August 3, 1976 Greenfield MA Recorder 1976 - 4325.pdf

Anything Goes Sunday

The Montague Elks, Oxford Pickle Company of South Deerfield and Food Mart of Greenfield have all fielded teams to accept Lake Pleasant's challenge to Anything Goes.

The competition, patterned after the television program "Anything Goes" where towns compete in zany tricks, will take place on Sunday afternoon at the grounds of the Scalpers Lodge as part of Lake Pleasant's Old Home Days festivities . . .

July 19, 1977 Greenfield MA Recorder 1977 a - 0524.pdf

Summer '77

On Aug. 13-14, the LPVA will sponsor the fourth annual Old Home Days at the Independent Order of Scalpers' Field on County Road.

July 25, 1978 Greenfield MA Recorder 1978 a - 3805.pdf

Just Plain Neighbors (Irmarie Jones)

Is There a Team that can knock off Lake Pleasant's merciless Scalpers at the Lake Pleasant Old Home Days, Aug. 12 and 13?

Robert Abel of Lake Pleasant is trying to find county teams to complete with the Scalpers, last year's winners, in an "Anything Goes" competition, patterned after the famous television program.

"Last year we had 11 or 12 teams," Abel said, and only two were from Lake Pleasant. I remember the Northfield Fire Department had a team and I think there was one from a CB club[23]. Those contests take all day long, starting at 11 a.m. and it was a lot of fun for everyone."

He also explained that this year the games will be less athletic than in 1977 and more dependent on skill and team coordination.

[23] **C**itizens **B**and radio (mobile).

Each team should have five members, at least two of which are women, and two alternate players, one man and one woman, for a total of seven members. Each participant must pay $1 entrance fee. Any group interested should contact Abel at Box 96, Lake Pleasant.

Prizes are $50 for first place and $25 for second place, as well as handsome trophies.

The field of battle is the lawn in front of the Scalpers' Lodge. The Scalpers' team that won last year, in the rain, included Lee and Helen Barker, John and Muong Farnum, Joe and Karen McCormack and Richard Reil.

Sounds like fun.

Aug. 3 Greenfield MA Recorder 1978 a - 4247.pdf

Lake Pleasant Plans Old Home Days

It's time to dust off the dancing shoes and haul out the sneakers. Lake Pleasant will celebrate Old Home Days on Aug. 12 and 13 with children's games, an afternoon auction, a Saturday evening dance and a spirited "Anything Goes" competition Sunday. At least six teams will compete in the "Anything Goes" and the lists are still open, said coordinator Joyce Cote.

First prize is $50 and second prize, $25. Members of winning teams will receive trophies; Teams consist of five starters (at least two must be women) and two alternates (one man and one woman). All team members pay an entry fee.

The games begin Sunday at 11 a.m. on the field in front of the Scalpers' Lodge on County Road. Anyone wishing to participate should contact Lionel Bordeaux or Totty Linscott.

Aug. 9 Greenfield MA Recorder 1978 a - 4409.pdf

Alley Cats of Lake Pleasant will be one of the teams to challenge the Scalpers, last year's winners of "Anything Goes" at Lake Pleasant Old Home Days Saturday and Sunday

Aug. 10 Greenfield MA Recorder 1978 a - 4442.pdf

Anything Goes This Weekend at Lake Pleasant

. . . The dauntless "Anything Goes" teams have fine-tuned their teamwork, village notables are preparing to hesitantly mount the dunking stool and the junk car is being shined up to face those residents with hidden aggressions.

Lake Pleasant Old Home Days will be celebrated Saturday and Sunday with a lively variety of activities for all ages.

Six teams have entered the crazy "Anything Goes" competition scheduled Sunc Lodge on County ginning at 11 a.m.

The Alley Cats and the Scalpers have entered from Lake Pleasant, two teams represent Judd Wire Co. of Turners Falls and Food Mart and Easthampton teams round out the list.

Lake Pleasant's
OLD HOME DAYS
August 12 and 13
at Scalpers' Field on County Road (off Rte. 63)

Saturday: at 1 p.m., Kids' Pet Show, and AUCTION OF GOODS, with Ralph Morris, auctioneer; at 8 p.m., DANCE to the music of Donald Johnson and the Schick Kickers; Sunday: at 11 a.m. until a winner is declared, SIX DYNAMITE TEAMS compete for $50 cash prize and trophies in the scintillating ANYTHING GOES competition (late entrants welcome, just call Lionel Bordeaux); Ongoing, both days: White Elephant Table with bargains galore; dunking stool; Dean Wonsey's Junk Car Bash; 40 and 8 rides; games of skill and chance; good food and drink; Lake Pleasant T-shirts and arts and crafts ON SALE . . . Franklin County's Littlest Village Dishes Up a Mighty Fine Time for Young and Old This Weekend: Welcome!

"Madame Marrakesh," known in her other life as Denise Bordeaux, will belly-dance at a floor show during Saturday's dance. The doors open at the Scalpers' Lodge at 8 p.m. for dancing to the music of Donald Johnson and the Schick Kickers.

All proceeds benefit the active Lake Pleasant Village Association and the volunteer fire department.

Aug. 16 Greenfield MA Recorder 1978 a - 4614.pdf

Scalpers Victorious Again

Nine teams participated in the "Anything Goes" competition at Lake Pleasant Old Home Days last weekend. The Scalpers' team was victorious for the second straight year.

"They almost got beat though," said judge Robert Abel, issuing a challenge to the teams. "I think someone could beat them next year." For four hours, the coed teams raced against the clock performing approximately 10 different stunts, from a water carry on kids' bikes to a fireman's carry of an 80-pound bag up a ladder.

The Food Mart Badgers and the Alley Cats placed second and third, beating out two Judd-Wire squads, the Patch Bums from Turners Falls' South End, an Easthampton team and two late entries.

"It's really something for a small town to put on an Old Home Days like ours," said coordinator Joyce Cote, a resident whose cooking skills and good will have contributed to Old Home Days in the past.

"There's so much work involved," she added, "and you're glad when it's finally over, but I can't think of a better way to raise a little money. Everybody enjoys some part of it."

Proceeds from the two-day festivities — which included an auction, a dance and children's games — are donated to the Lake Pleasant Village Association for town projects and maintenance and to the volunteer fire department.

August 8, 1980 Greenfield MA Recorder 1980 - 5143.pdf

Old Home Days will begin at noon Saturday, at the Scalpers Lodge on County Road, and continue through Sunday afternoon, said coordinator Joyce Cote.

July 31, 1981 Greenfield MA Recorder 1981 - 2922.pdf

The tales will be as tall as the pines on the Montague Plains as the Second Annual Liars Contest highlights the village's Old Home Days Aug. 8 and 9, according to Robert Abel, an organizer.

Beginning at noon Aug. 8, with games, food, bingo and bake sale, the Saturday agenda is scheduled to include a 1 p.m. horseshoe tournament and a dance at 8 p.m. The four-hour dance, In the Scalpers' Lodge ballroom, will feature the foot-stomping music of "Country Style," a group of Millers Falls and Montague Center musicians.

The following day, its fibbers come early as the liar's competition begins at high noon at the Scalper's Lodge. After the liar's contest, the Anything Goes Games competition will take place with eight players per team. Trophies will go to the winners of the horseshoe and Anything Goes contests, organizers say. A $1 entry fee will be charged for all participants.

January 15, 1982 Greenfield MA Recorder 1982 - 0248.pdf

Even with the bloodcurdling war hoops of summer festivals far away, the Independent Order of Scalpers. Tribe of the Miscoluspi, are in high spirits planning their annual midwinter feast Jan. 30, said Wildred Breyette. brother of high chief Richard Breyette of Longmeadow The unique organization was formed in February 1894 and had 300 members in its heyday Today there are about a dozen members and half as many Daughters of the Forest their female counterparts.

Aug. 9 Greenfield MA Recorder 1982 - 4898.pdf

'Anything Goes' at Old Home Days

. . . The action starts Saturday at noon when the midway opens, on the grounds of the Scalpers' Lodge in the village . . .

Aug. 12 Greenfield MA Recorder 1982 - 4969.pdf

Lake Pleasant Old Home Days Planned Under the "Big-Top"

. . . Activities planned for this year's extravaganza include the Third Annual Liar's Contest, a dunking booth, a dance, "Anything Goes" games, and a raffle. The event will be held on the grounds of the Scalpers' Lodge in the village starting at noon on Saturday and' 10 a.m. on Sunday.

This year most of the activities will be held under a large, "big top" style tent, which will cost the association about $200 to rent, he said. In addition, the hourly rate for hiring of the required auxiliary policeman has gone up considerably . . .

Aug. 16 Greenfield MA Recorder 1982 - 5032.pdf

Village celebrates with Gusto

Lake Pleasant had its Eighth Annual Old Home Days celebration this weekend, and it may have been the most successful ever for residents of Montague.

The four-man, two-woman Anything Goes teams had names like the Flying Toasted E-Monks, The Alley Cats (complete with Deely Bobbers), and one that was sponsored apparently by Automotive Recyclers and Mike Dukakis . . . and you thought the Lake Pleasant spiritualists were different.

To compete, you had to run with a bucket of water over your head—a bucket that had holes in the bottom. Then you had to hook a plastic milk jug that was floating in a wading pool. Then you had to push your partner on a wheeled toilet around a course till he could a Frisbee through a hoop.

. . . and so on, for more than five more than 100 people turning out to watch the fun. ____ _ The Oldies But Goodies walked away with the trophies for their efforts. They had the experience. 'Second were the Scalpers. The event was held on the grounds of the Scalpers' Lodge . . .

The Northfield Herald Northfield MA Press 1933-1934 00231.pdf

August 3, 1984

The Independent Order of Scalpers congregated at its Long House Saturday night and formally opened its season with the annual observance of the "Trail through the Forest" Members were present from New York, Bridgeport, Hartford, Athol, Springfield, Orange, Boston, Greenfield, Turners Falls and Lake Pleasant. Supper was served at the end of the trail.

July 21, 1992 Greenfield MA Recorder 1992 - 4218.pdf

Just Plain Neighbors (Irmarie Jones)

Lake Pleasant was getting ready for the influx of summer visitors:

"The program issued by the Independent order of Scalpers will soon be out. It promises to be an elaborate affair and far ahead of any previously issued.

A number of the prominent members have arrived and had the grounds put in good condition and their main tent pitched. They have plans well under way for greeting a fine club-house at a point commanding a good lake view and hope to have it complete for next season." L.E. Henry had opened his store and newsroom for the season, "where campers will find all of the daily and weekly papers."

April 14, 1995 Greenfield MA Recorder 1995 - 2181.pdf

Montague Historical Society Membership Meeting

The Montague Historical Society will hold a membership meeting on Monday at 7:30 p.m. downstairs of the Congregational Church on Main Street. The evening's topic will be the "Scalpers Lodge" of Montague, a fraternal order sited at Lake Pleasant, which recently celebrated its 100th anniversary. The presentation will be given by Joe McCormack, president of the lodge. He will show slides of the last century of the lodge's existence and original early artifacts. Following the presentation, refreshments and baked goods will be available. The public is invited.

October 16, 1997 Greenfield MA Recorder 1997 - 6313.pdf

Montague, Tuesday, 6:46p.m.—A caller reports a break and entry into the Scalpers Club in Lake Pleasant.

August 3, 1998 Greenfield MA Recorder 1998 - 4635.pdf

Montague, Saturday, 11:12 a.m.—Responded to Scalpers Lodge in Lake Pleasant for a com plaint of a loud noise disturbance.

January 26, 2004 Greenfield MA Recorder 2004 - 0515.pdf

Lake Pleasant—Helen M. (Maziarz) Reil, 88, of 43 Lake Pleasant Road, died Friday (1-23-04) in the Buckley Healthcare Center, Greenfield.

She was born on Dec 22, 1915, in Gill, the daughter of Peter and Franciszka (Butkowski) Maziarz.

She attended Gill schools and had been a resident of Lake Pleasant for more than 65 years. Reil was a homemaker.

She was a communicant of St. John's Church in Millers Falls and a Daughters of the Forest Independent Order of Scalpers. She enjoyed reading and her flower gardens.

June 10 Greenfield MA Recorder 2004 - 3541.pdf

134 Years of Lake Pleasant History Comes to Life in "Spirit and Spa"

. . . The devastating fire of 1907 that almost wiped out the entire village is the subject of another chapter and the Independent Order of Scalpers have their place in the story. Their photos are hilarious.

September 11, 2009 Greenfield MA Recorder 2009 - 5674.pdf

Just Plain Neighbors [Irmaie Jones]

LAKE PLEASANT. It's not a town . . . it's a village in Montague and there really is a lake there and a call has gone forth to all who ever have lived in the village and called Lake Pleasant home. " . . . The time has come to renew ancient acquaintances and recount

remembrances of the good old days of yesteryear," village organizers have said in their announcement.

A reunion is scheduled at the Independent Order of Scalpers, Miscoluspi Lodge on Lake Pleasant Road on Saturday, Sept. 19, from noon "until the last person leaving turns out the lights."

Grills will be available and those attending are requested to take food to share with others. Games and activities have been planned for the youngsters and "big folks, too."

And now a note of history: Lake Pleasant is the oldest continuously existing Spiritualist center in the nation. The smallest and the last settled of Montague's five villages, it was founded in 1870 as a summer picnic place and campground. Through the 1920s, it was the largest gathering place for the Spiritualists in the country. For further information, contact Karen (Reil) McCormack at ═══ or Nancy (Baker) Jackson at ═══.

May 7, 2012 Greenfield MA Recorder 2012 - 2752.pdf

Francis Reil, 73, a resident of Lake Pleasant and Greenfield died Friday 5-4-12 at Baystate Franklin Medical Center. He was born July 3, 1938 in Turners Falls the beloved son of the late Herbert and Helen (Maziarz) Reil. Francis graduated from Monson State Hospital as an aide. Francis worked for Reil Service He was always seen sweeping the parking lot at the Greenfield Saving Bank. He was a communicant of Holy Trinity Church and was a member of the Independent Order of Scalpers. Francis is survived by five brothers: Herbert "Sonny* of Florence, Louis of Lake Pleasant, Kenneth of Montague, Richard "Boo" of Shutesbury and John of North Grafton.

And three sisters: Helen Barker of Palm Harbor, FL., Karen McCormack of Greenfield, and Eileen Archer of Cornelia, GA. He is also survived by many loving nieces and nephews and his many loving caregivers.

July 25 Greenfield MA Recorder 2012 - 4481.pdf

Franklin County Technical School

Oct. 18 Greenfield MA Recorder 2012 - 6410.pdf

Montague, Oct 14 1:21 a.m. – 911 caller reports breaking and entering at Scalpers Lodge on Lake Pleasant Road. Report taken

Lake Pleasant Village Association is having a tag sale on Saturday from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Scalpers Lodge on Lake Pleasant Road. There will also be a pie auction at 1 p.m., and, if you'd like to contribute anything for the tag sale, bring it, or them, to the fire station building in Lake Pleasant on Friday between 3 and 5 p.m. If it rains on Saturday, the sale will be held on Sunday, same time and same place.

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