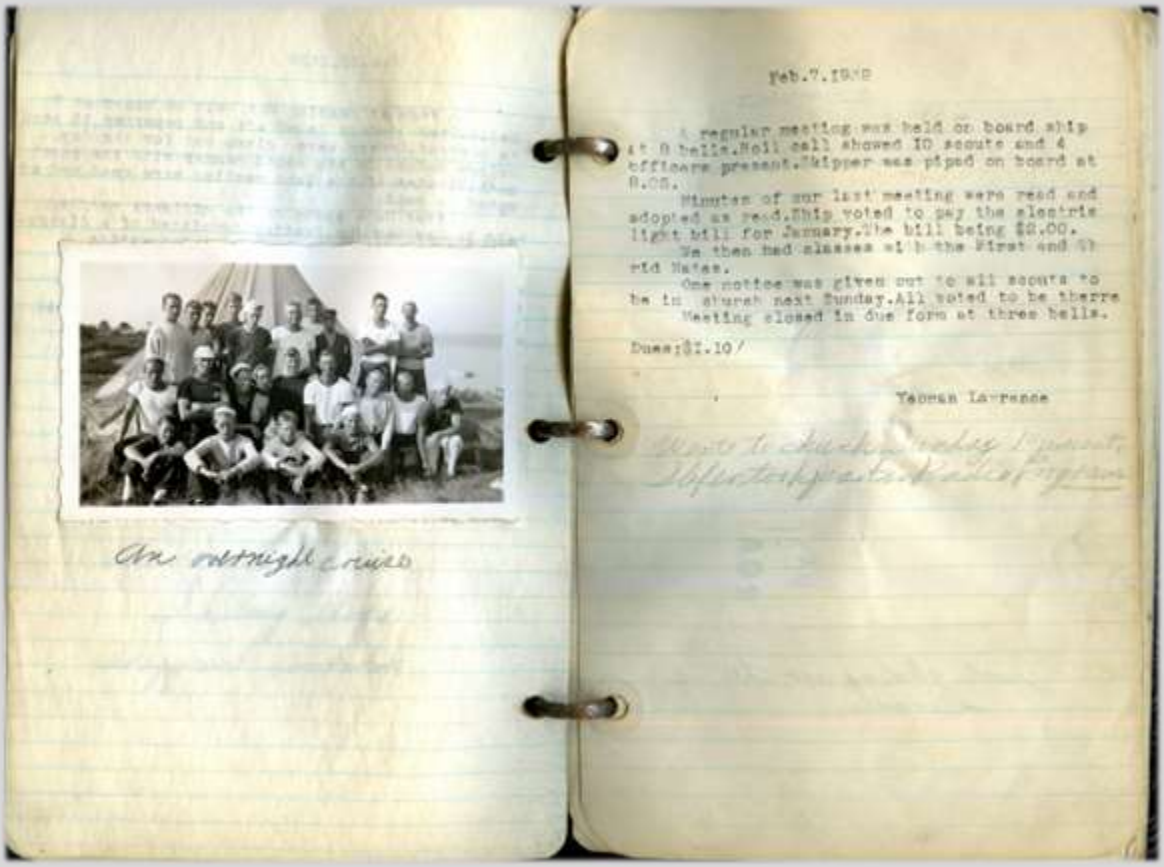
SEA SCOUTS

Turners Falls, et al., Massachusetts



Feb.7.19[illegible]

A regular meeting was held on board ship at 8 bells.Roll call showed 10 scouts and 4 officers present.Skipper was piped on board at 8.00.

Minutes of our last meeting were read and adopted as read.This voted to pay the electric light bill for January.The bill being $2.00.

We then had classes at 9 the first and 9 rid Mates.

One notice was given out to all scouts to be in church next Sunday.All voted to be therre

Meeting closed in due form at three bells.

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Yeoman Lawrence

Were to church Sunday 1 point.
Observed Boat Program

On overnight cruise

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March 13, 1929 Greenfield MA Recorder 1929 - 0627.pdf

New London

Sea Scouts Will Get Ocean Training

Sea Scout general interest article *e.g.*

A sea scout training course for officials will start at the coast guard academy April 26, according to an announcement made today, and will be for a period of three days. The sea scouts is a part of the Boy Scouts organization and is one of the features in coastal towns and cities. Sea scout leaders from Connecticut and Rhode Island will take part in the three day course of instruction which will include a trip to sea in one of the large patrol boats. Officials from the coast guard and from the academy will act as instructors.

January 10, 1934 Greenfield MA Recorder 1934 Jan-Mar - 0068.pdf

Boy Scouts Council Annual to Be Jan. 18

The mostly Boy Scout related article is truncated to offer an *unusual* take on definition of the Sea Scout organization. *e.g.*

. . . A dinner will be served at 7 o'clock, but prior to it a business session will be held at which the 1934 council officers will be elected. The speaker of the evening will be Thomas J Keane, national director of *the older boy movement, the Sea Scouts,* who has spoken before 70,000 persons throughout the United States in the past year. Mr. Keane is an engineer by profession, but saw five years' service in the Navy during the World war and after wards. He is a student of boy psychology and from his studies came *the older Boy Scout movement known as Sea Scouts. . . .*

Feb. 15 Greenfield MA Recorder 1934 Jan-Mar - 0384.pdf

Sea Scouts Form at Northfield

NORTHFIELD—The Boy Scouts held a meeting at the library hall on Tuesday evening to install a ship of Sea scouts which has been preparing for the ceremony the past year. The hall was so arranged that it had the appearance of the deck of a ship and signal flags, ship's lights, and ropes. The installing officer was Albert Norton of Northampton. Boy Scout executive for the Hampshire-Franklin district. He was assisted in the ceremony by Lester Polhemus of East Northfield and Dr. Allen H. Wright.

The scout installed were: Ronald Askern, Glenn Billings, Clayton Glazier, Ralph Kervian, John Lernatowitz, Roman Mankowski, and Ellsworth Cota.

The plan is to have a boat on the Connecticut and practice seamanship. It was pointed out at the meeting that the national championship foe Sea Scouts is now held by a troop in Topeks, Kan., and that the presence of a large river such as this one that flows through Franklin County will be of great assistance in the training of the local troop.

April 30 Greenfield MA Recorder 1934 - 1461.pdf

Float Wins Prize

Haven H. Spencer post, Ameri can Legion, won the prize at the Vermont convention last week in Brattleboro. Vt., for the best float in the parade put on by a post of less than 50 members. The prize was $10 and was awarded by the Past Commanders club of Vermont.

The float was in the form of a boat manned by the Sea Scouts of Northfield in their new uniforms and was an impressive exhibit of the naval work being done in Northfield by local young men. Six members of the Sea Scouts took part. The float represents a boat called "Quinne-Tuck" and sponsored by the Northfield Legion for the Sea Scouts. It took first prize at the parade at Brattleboro, Vt.

The organization is under the auspices of the American Legion. Lewis Wood, scoutmaster, is skipper of the Sea Scouts. The present plan is to show the float again at the Greenfield fair.

Dec. 4 Greenfield MA Recorder 1934 - 2362.pdf

Sea Scouts Meet

Shelburne Falls—The newly organized Sea Scouts met with Skipper Roy S. Turton at the scout hall last evening for the first meeting of the season. Those present and who signed their registration papers were Irving Kendrick, Francis March, Edward Moore, William Ward, Richard Bardwell, Robert E. Shaw, Robert Hume, Kenneth Davis, and Roger Smith. Austin Whalen and David Blassberg will sing later. Since the requirement is nine scouts ship, the group plans to register as a ship.

During the evening Turton explained the requirements of Sea Scouting, the activities and the purpose. Each member must be over 15 years of age and most be a first class scout to belong to the group. During the business session it was voted to hold meetings each Monday evening at 7 at scout hall. It was voted to name the ship at the next meeting and the by-laws were acted upon and will be completed during the week.

Dec. 18 Greenfield MA Recorder 1934 - 2498.pdf

Sea Scouts Meet

Shelburne Falls—The Sea Scouts met last evening with Skipper Roy S. Turton at the home of Richard Bardwell of Mechanic Street. There were 10 present and it was voted to name the newly organized ship "Potumcut".[sic] Those present passed tests in knot tying and each took the seaman ship oath for the cabin boy requirement. New uniforms were discussed and Sea scouting was practiced throughout the evening.

May 31,1935 Greenfield MA Recorder 1935 - 1450.pdf

Memorial Day

Lengthy article pared to show Sea Scout participation. *e.g.*

Shelburne Falls—Memorial Day was quietly observed here yesterday with a parade in the early afternoon. . . . The parade formed in front of the hall [American Legion] after the

services in the following order: The Shelburne Falls band, American Legion, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, and the Sons of Union Veterans. There were about 56 scouts in the procession Including many Sea scouts who appeared in uniform for the first time. Calvin Cronan, Sea scout of Newton, who was visiting in town, also took part in the parade with the local Sea scouts.

Sept. 20 Greenfield MA Recorder 1935 - 2564.pdf

Scout Activities

Members of the local Boy Scout troop and Sea scouts met last evening at scout headquarters on Bridge Street and announcement was made that Roy S. Turton, who for several years has been active in scout activity in Shelburne Falls, is being forced to withdraw from active service due to the pressure of other work. He will remain as sociated with the troop, however.

At the time of re-registration, the Sea Scouts will register as a patrol with Burton Alden as first mate. When nine Sea Scouts have become members, the patrol will register as a ship.

September 4, 1936 Greenfield MA Recorder 1936 - 2435.pdf

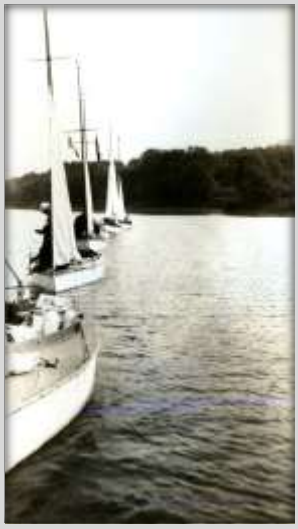
Montague Sea Scouts Will Enter Three Yachts in 'Hamp Carnival

NORTHAMPTON—The second annual water carnival of the Sea Scouts of Hampshire and Franklin counties will be held Labor Day at the Northampton Outboard Motor club and the Connecticut river, a few hundred feet below the Hadley bridge. [Cooledge Memorial Bridge]

Participants will be present from Greenfield, Montague, and Northampton with a program of activities under the direction of Commodore Howard Hosford. Competition will be on a point basis between Hampshire and Franklin County groups for a Sea Scout trophy, which is being awarded for the first time this year. This trophy, a silver ship model on an ebony base, will be placed in competition each year from now on and will be kept by the winning team until the next carnival.

In the yacht race are entered the "Comet," "Penguin," and "Yankee," from Montague, all three of which were constructed by the Montague Sea Scouts under the direction of Skipper Charles Ripley during the past six months. These boats with officers and crews will make an over-night cruise from Montague to Northampton the day preceding the carnival and remain here during the period.

The period between noon and 2 p. m. has been set aside for dinner and rest. At 2, a parade of the whole flotilla will be held on the river. The afternoon program of events



Montague Sea Scouts join regatta. m.h.s.

beginning at 2:30 is headed by a swimming meet including a long distance endurance swim and races featuring the breast stroke, back stroke, a four-man relay, the 50-yard dash and the 100-yard dash.

Events following the swimming meet include canoe races with singles, doubles and fours, a big lifeboat race, lifesaving demonstrations featuring various holds and methods for breaking strangle holds, a canoe capsizing and righting con test, a diving contest, watermelon polo, a hot dog race, a sculling contest, gunwale pumping, log walking, a tire tube race and out board motor races.

Outboard motor races will be conducted by members of the Outboard Motor club as the final event of the afternoon program.

A hot dog roast at 5:30 p. m. will complete the carnival. In case of rain the carnival will be postponed to a later date.

Sept. 8 Greenfield MA Recorder 1936 - 2455.pdf

Sea Scouts Bow Northampton in River Meet

Northampton—"Sailing, sailing over the bounding Connecticut" was the ditty the Franklin County Sea Scouts chanted at the second annual Sea Scout water carnival held here yesterday. The carnival, held on the Connecticut river at the Northampton Outboard Motor Club drew a crowd of nearly 400.

The feature of the program was a race between three yachts constructed by the Sea Scouts of Ship 17 of Montague, under the direction of Skipper Charles Ripley, won by the "Penguin," with the "Comet" 2nd, and the "Yankee" 3rd.

Franklin county, however, lost on total points Ship 112 of Northampton, Leo Dragon, skipper, defeated the combined forces of Ships 3 and 5 of Greenfield and ship 17 of Montague by 91 to 63.

Positions of Franklin County entrants were:

Canoe singles: Fred Lawrence of ship 17, Montague, second.

Gunwale pumping; won by William Helbig of Ship 3 Greenfield.

Row boat singles; won by William Helbig of ship 3.

Swimming. 50 yard free style, won by George Gaudry, ship 3, with B. Thayer, also of ship 3, third.

100 yard free style; Eugene Pirog of ship 3, second.

Breast stroke; Pirog of ship 3. Third.

Back stroke; Paul Wattles of ship 17. Montague, first.

In the life saving events, Pirog and S. Levitch of Greenfield won the front strangle hold exhibition.

Sept. 9 Greenfield MA Recorder 1936 - 2465.pdf

Montague

The Montague Sea Scouts entered their sailboats, Comet. Penguin and Yankee, built by local members, under the direction of Skipper Charles H. Ripley, in the second annual water carnival of Sea Scouts of Hampshire and Franklin Counties at Northampton, Labor Day.

May 15, 1937 Greenfield MA Recorder 1937 - 1379.pdf

What the Scouts are Doing

Six Greenfield Sea Scouts. Bertram Hubbard, Edward Dzenis, Joseph Pilvinis, Theodore Telega, Stanley Mieczkowski, and Joseph Wroblewski, were presented apprentice awards at the Bridge of Honor of the Hampshire-Franklin council in Carnegie Hall, Northampton, last night.

Awards of ordinary sea scouts also were presented Fred Lawrence and Donald Wattles of the Montague troop.

July 30 Greenfield MA Recorder 1937 - 2212.pdf

12 County Sea Scouts Off to Sail Own Craft

Four 23-foot sailboats leave Hartford, Conn., docks tomorrow at 7 a. m., bearing 12 Franklin County Sea Scouts, on an eight-day cruise down the Connecticut river and out into Long Island Sound.

With them will sail sea scouts of Northampton under the general leadership of Northampton leader, Leo Dragon.

Boats head to Long Island Sound. m.h.s

Built by the boys themselves, the four boats, named "Yankee," S. S. Penguin," "Slow Poke," and "Osprey," have all been sailed with the exception of the "Slow Poke" whose christening will take place tomorrow morning. They are single sail craft made from plans of the national sea scout council and built by the Montague set troop.

Nine Montague, two Northfield and one Greenfield boy will make the cruise.

Intended as a cruise to learn how to handle the boats the boys have made, Leo Dragon said recently, "Any boy going on this cruise should be able to qualify as an able sea scout upon his return." The cruise will include a stop at Saybrook, Conn., an inspection of the submarine base at New London, Conn. a trip to Fisher's island and a tour of the Newport, Conn., naval training base.

The boats were taken overland to Hartford, Conn., from Montague, where they were constructed, by a trailer. The boys financed the trip by pooling their resources.

Charles Ripley, a former member of the Hartford Conn. Yachting club and an old-timer in sailing, has been the guiding spirit of the Montague Sea Scout Troop of which the two Northfield boys are members. It was largely through his efforts that the trip was made possible

Those who will make the cruise include: Herbert F. Darling, son of: Mr. and Mrs. Herbert M. Darling of 73 Philips Street Greenfield; Louis Wood, assistant sea scout commissioner for the Franklin Hampshire council, and Roman Mankowitz of Northfield; and Fred Lawrence, Allen Fiske, Harlen Buckmaster, Charles Ripley, Raymond Slifer, Alden Graves, Robert Richason, George R. Richason, and Junior Rublewski[sic][1] of Montague.

Aug. 9 Greenfield MA Recorder 1937 - 2291.pdf

Sea Scouts Get Deep-Water Lore

"Ease the jib" and "Stay the Mainsail" now have a real meaning for the 12 Franklin County Sea Scouts who returned yesterday from an eight days trip down the Connecticut and into the sound in sailboats.

The group of 30 from both Franklin and Hampshire counties arrived home enthusiastic about open water sailing which they had tried for the time on this trip. They arrived in Hartford Conn., yesterday about 4 p. m. and spent the rest of the day m losing their "sea legs." The boats were brought back to Greenfield on trailers.

The sail upstream from Saybrook to Hartford took three days. There was little wind, it was said, and the boats had to be towed some of the way. The return trip was in leisurely stages with camps at Essex and Middleton. Sailing upstream proved not so difficult; it was said because the tide carried the boats along.

Skipper Charles Ripley of Montague, who accompanied the boys pronounced himself well satisfied with the way the boats built by the boys, handled in open water. The Sea Scouts were loud in their praise of the Skipper, "who can certainly handle a boat," they said.

The Sea Scouts sailed six or seven hours every day while they were at New London. They, made trips to points of interest, including the state fish hatchery at Noank. Conn., on the Mystic River, where they also visited a Sea Scout unit.

Sailing on the open water took its toll among the boys in sunburned faces which rapidly became tanned. Although no one admitted being seasick, "some confessed to a bit of dizziness which they succeeded in conquering before it developed in to any serious.

Appetites were excellent during the whole trip it is reported by the cook who was kept busy every day.

[1] Could be Wroblewski.

The scouts report they lost all fear of ""big water on this trip and are anxious to make another. Standing watches was part of the routine when the expedition camped with watches both on shore and on the boats.

The 12 from this county who made the trip follows: Herbert Darling of Greenfield, Louis Wood, "assistant Sea Scout commissioner, Roman Mankowitz of Northfield, Fred Lawrence, Allen Fiske, Harlem Buckmaster, Charles Ripley, Raymond Slifer, Alden Graves, Robert Richason, George R. Richason, and Junior Rubleski of Montague.

The four boats from here were the Yankee, the S.S. Penguin, Slow Poke, and Osprey.

Sept. 13 Greenfield MA Recorder 1937 - 2630.pdf

A large column on the goings-on at the Fair. Only Sea Scout is given here. *e.g.*

. . . Twelve troop with 60 boys will be represented at the village. They include the five Greenfield units, and others from South Deerfield, Shelburne Falls, Leyden. Montague, Northfield, and the Montague Sea scouts led by Charles H. Ripley

. . . Exhibits will include a sail boat built by the Montague Sea Scouts, boat models, plaster castings, leather work and signaling displays. Scouts will serve as aides to the officials, judges, and other workers and remain prepared for any emergency. . . .

August 17, 1938 Greenfield MA Recorder 1938 - 0426.pdf

Sea Scouts Back from Salem Camp

Twenty-one sea scouts, from ships five of Greenfield and 17 of Montague returned Sunday after a 10-day outing on Misery Island, four miles off the Salem coast; as guests of the, North-shore council of Sea Scouts. Occupying the Salam council camp on the island, the scouts entered two Marblehead races, visited the Gloucester fisheries, fished, and swapped tall yarns with the warden of the island.

Leading all the way, Robert Richardson and crew of the Osprey easily won the Aug. 10 race at Marblehead, sailed around the triangular course twice in one-minute, 56 and one-fifth seconds. The Ranger under Ralph Kervian crossed the finish line second followed by the "Red Wing, piloted by Joseph Wroblewski.

Because of rain squalls, the first race scheduled for Aug. 6 was not held although all seven boats made the trip to Marblehead from their island base.

The scouts were the dinner guests of Ralph C. Wheelock, a prominent official of the Marblehead races and godfather of the outing, last Saturday at the Corinthian yacht club.

Caught in the Gloucester harbor Tuesday after a several hour visit to fisheries, the seven boats were towed, out by harbor police in the face of an approaching electric storm the wind from the coast did not sweep into the harbor and provide sailing power.

Boats used on the outing were the design of Skipper Charles Ripley, of Montague whose original design last year won praise from the national council in a scout magazine and was recommended to other Sea Scout troops.

Boats and scouts who were at Camp Misery were:

Penguin: Skipper Charles Ripley. Henry Wonsey and Richard Dresser.

Yankee: Fred Lawrence, Allen Fiske, Harlan Buckmaster, and Robert Ross.

Slow Poke: Second Mate Dorrace Graves, Warren Welch, and Rolland Fisher.

Osprey: First Mate Stephen M. Richardson, Robert Richardson Bertram Hubbard, and Donald Wattles.

Ranger: Assistant Commissioner Lewis H. Wood, Ralph Kervian, and Roman Mankowski of Northfield.

Red Wing: Joseph Wroblewski. Chester Fiske, and Myles Covey.

Greenfield. Flying Cloud: First Mate Henry Curtis, Richard Cade, Leon Martin, Eugene Pirog, Richard Burnham, and Robert Levitch.

Sea Scouts at Ripley's. 1938 m.h.s.

Sept. 2 Greenfield MA Recorder 1938 - 0574.pdf

Complete Program or New Bridge Dedication Day

TURNERS FALLS —An extra hour has been added to the bridge dedication program to start the celebration at 9 a.m. with an exhibition by the Montague Sea Scouts, the general committees voted at a meeting in the town hall last night.

The following complete program received official approval:

Montague Sea Scouts' program: t to 10 a. m.; pet show, 10; doll carriage parade, 10.30; racing pigeon release, 11; bicycle race. 11.15; girls' races, 11.45; Musical Waldrons, singers, 12.15 p. m; Hill Billy band. 12.40.

Events from 10 a. m, to 12.40 p. m., are under the direction of the morning activities committee, with the exception of the track meet from 10 to 12, Under the direction of the sports committee.

Dedicate At 2

Parade, followed by dedication ceremony. 2 p. m; baseball game. Turners Falls A. C. versus Athol, 4 p. m. The river regatta will also be held at this time. Sea Scouts, barges, and canoes, boat racing, swimming, and diving events included.

Block dance, 7 p. m. on Avenue A between Second and Third streets. Music by the Musical Bargerons. Joint band concert at Unity Park at 7:40, with the Turners Falls Military and Shelburne Falls bands.

Fireworks at 9.30 p. m. will close the day's events. More than $300 of a total of $400 needed tor the display has been raised, John Casey, chairman of the evening entertainment committer announced. The committee expressed their thanks and appreciation of the support given the drive by the merchants, industries, and townspeople.

Three Drum Corps

The drum corps committees, Harry Kay chairman, reported that three drum corps have already entered, with 12 more to be heard from Entries are from Springfield, Brattleboro and Millers Falls.

The parade route has been revised by the parade committee, Charles E. Bankwitz, chairman, announced. The parage will now form in Riverside, cross the bridge in broken step and then pass down tie Avenue to Seventh, up Seventh to L and down L to First, Second and Third Streets, where various units will be disbanded.

It is expected that the parade will be the largest ever held here, with 32 floats and decorated cars already entered, three bands, at least three drum corps, all the public schools marching units, Legion, Co. L, girl and boy scouts, and civic and fraternal, organizations.

The committee will meet again Wednesday afternoon at the town hall for official discussion of all dedication day matters.

Nov. 17

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Sea Scouts reaching the ordinary seaman rank, increased from seven last year to 19 this year.

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Monday the Cub Scouts at 4 p.m. Tuesday at 7:30 p. m. troop No. 5 Scouts, the Sea Scouts and Cub Scouts will hold parent's night for all parents and friends of the boys, with a program and refreshments.

May 1, 1939 Greenfield MA Recorder 1939 - 1197.pdf

Sea Scouts Prepare for Bridge of Honor

Participation of Franklin district Sea Scouts in coming. Hampshire Franklin council activities was outlined today by Assistant Commissioner Lewis H. Wood of Northfield. following a skippers and mates meeting in Greenfield Friday.

-The council bridge of honor[2] will be held May 18 at the Montague center town hall, with Stephen Richardson as general chairman. Further plans are being made.

In preparation for the bridge of honor, boards of review will be held at the following places: Ship 17, Montague, Tuesday; Ship 5 Greenfield, Thursday, both at 7:30 p.m. Chairman of senior scouting Willis Weisbrod will be guest chairman at both boards.

Whitmore's Rock. Montague Sea Scout boats. m.h.s.

Memorial Day a council regatta will be held at Whitmore's rock on the Connecticut near the Montague-Sunderland town line, with sailing races and other water' events.

Also scheduled for Montague, the date to be announced, will be the western Massachusetts conclave of skippers and Sea Scout leaders. Sea Scouts will combine overnight cruise requirements with the annual painting of the Camp Chesterfield boats Saturday and Sunday in a council-wide project. Sea Scouts will also join in the council camporee at the Chesterfield camp June 3 and 4.

The next skippers and mates meeting will be at Easthampton May 26.

May 9 Greenfield MA Recorder 1939 - 1283.pdf

Sea Scouts Condition Chesterfield Boats

Sea Scouts from Ship 17 of Montague led by Skipper Charles Ripley and from Ship 5 of Greenfield led by Skipper Henry Curtis spent Saturday and Sunday at Chesterfield camp painting and reconditioning the seven rowboats and four canoes, there.

The boats were prepared in advance, this year, for the Hampshire Franklin Boy Scout council camporee June 3 and 4. Curtis and his scouts prepared meals. The boat project is the annual "good turn" by the Sea Scouts.

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[2] [2] A Sea Scout Bridge of Honor is a forum where awards are presented, often held in connection with a Ship's social event. The traditional ceremony is held on a Landship. Many ships recognize a Sea Scout's progression to a new rank with a gift from the ship, such as Liberty Cuffs when a Scout makes Ordinary or a Marlinspike knife when one earns the rank of Able. The highest rank a Sea Scout can earn is the Quartermaster Award.

May 19 Greenfield MA Recorder 1939 - 1399.pdf

Sea Scouts Hold Bridge of Honor at Montague

Montague—Franklin County Sea Scouts shared last night with other Hampshire-Franklin council ships in the distribution of advance honors at a bridge of honor in the town hall here.

More than 200 friends and saw the ceremonies in the town hall, the first time a county town has been the scene of the Sea Scouts program that corresponds to the Boy Scout code of honor.

President Oscar Koehler of Greenfield, and other officials of the Hampshire-Franklin council, were in the receiving line which opened the evening at 8 p.m.

Led Grand March

The grand march was led by Skipper Charles Ripley of Ship 17 and Mrs. Ripley. First Mate Stephen Richardson and Mrs. Richardson, and Second Mate Harold Cobb and Miss Louise Clark.

At 9:30 the hall was transformed by the Montague Scouts, into the deck of a ship. Skipper Ripley turned his "ship" over to Commissioner Leo H. Dragon of Northampton who was assisted by Secretary of the Bridge, Lewis Wood of Northfield.

Apprentice rank awards were made by Willis Weisbrod of Greenfield, chairman of the senior scouting in the Franklin district, to the following:

Ship 17, Montague. John Caz, Walter Williams, jr., Chester Osowski and Robert Dirks; Ship 5, Greenfield, Philip Martin, Robert Cade, Ted Richardson, and Angelo Bruno; Ship 113, Northampton, Roy Vaughn, Paul Carnicki,[sic][3] Robert Young, Richard Benoit, Edward Diemand, Thomas Murphy, and Edward Murch; Ship 209 Easthampton, Zigmund Pietrasuik, and Edward Skowronek.

Get Ordinary Rank

Stuart Winch of Greenfield. Franklin District Boy Scout chairman presented ordinary Sea Scout rank to the following:

Ship 17, Montague, Robert Ross, and Richard Cade, Richard Burnham, and Leon Martin; Ship 113, Northampton. William Gardner, Robert Lovett, Robert Anderson, and Ernest Dion; Ship 209. Easthampton, Edmund Stasz, and Thaddeus Borochowski.

Dr. Paul Serex of Amherst, Boy Scout commissioner, presented able rank awards to Allen Fiske, Harlan Buckmaster, Raymond Slifer, Robert Richardson, Henry Wonsey, and Bertram Hubbard of the Montague ship. Swimming merit badges went to Robert Ross of Montague and Robert Anderson of Easthampton.

[3] Could be Czarnecki.

Long-Cruise Badges

Long-cruise badges, awarded by Bernhard Dirks of Montague, chairman of the Ship 17 committee, went to Skipper Charles Ripley, First Mate Richardson, Second Mate Dorrace Graves, Assist—Commissioner Lewis Wood, Fred Lawrence, Donald Wattles, Robert Ross, Richard Dresser, Myles Covey, Henry Wonsey, Harlan Buckmaster, Joseph Wroblewski, Warren Welch, Robert Richardson, Allen Fiske, Chester Fiske, Ralph Kervian and Roman Mankowsky of Montague; Robert Levitch, Eugene Pirog, Richard Cade, Richard Burnham, and Leon Martin of Greenfield; skipper Robert Pomeroy, Connie Nanartonis, Bernard Jackimczyk, James Phelps, William Glasheen, Herbert Ball, George Murch, Robert Lovett, Robert Anderson, William Gardner, and Commissioner Dragon of Northampton.

Specialization certificates went to Skipper Ripley, Stephen Richardson, and Dorrace Graves of Montague. Skipper Henry Curtis of Greenfield, Skipper Robert Pomeroy, and George Lovett. of Northampton. Commissioner Leo Dragon and Assist, Comb missioners Alfred Kilgour and Lewis Wood also received certificates. Sea Scout flood certificates also went to the skippers of the Greenfield, Northampton, and Montague ships.

Certificates for a second-class ship went to Greenfield, and the regional flagship flotilla certificate was transferred from the Montague to the Northampton ship.

Sept. 4 Greenfield MA Recorder 1939 - 2491.pdf

Montague Leads Sea Scout Regatta in Sunderland

SUNDERLAND—The Hampshire Franklin council of Sea scouts held its annual regatta at Whitmore's rock, yesterday afternoon. A breeze held for the duration of the first race, but slackened as the second nested an end.

Montague made a clean sweep of today's events. The first race was won by the Montague boat, the Osprey, skippered by Robert Richardson, and the mile and one half course was negotiated in 37 minutes and 20 seconds. Other winners in this first race were: second, the Redwing, skippered by Robert Ross; third, the Ranger, skippered by George Ripley and fourth, the Slowpoke, skippered by Alden Graves.

The second race was won by the Osprey skippered by Robert Richardson and the course was covered in 53 minutes and eight seconds. Second, third and fourth went to the Slowpoke, skippered by Philip Dirk; the Ranger, skippered by George Ripley, and the Redwing, skippered by Robert Ross. Easthampton Sea scouts arrived late this afternoon and were unable to compete. However, they are expected to take part in tomorrow's races at 11 a.m. and 2 p. m.

Other boats and their skippers were: Montague, the Penguin, skippered by Henry H. Wonsey; the Yankee, skippered by Dorrace Graves; the Rainbow, skippered by Harold Cobb, and the Almost, skippered by Warren Welch. Northampton; The Bob L. skippered by Willaim Glasheen, and the Pauli, skippered by Herbert Ball; Greenfield, the Flying Cloud, skippered by Donald Cade.

Judges were Asst. Comdr. Louis H. Wood of Northfield, Skipper Charles Ripley of Montague, and First Mate Stephen M. Richardson of Montague.

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Basketball implies fall season. *e.g.*

Sea Scouts, Troop 5 Score Hoop Victories

The Sea Scouts defeated the Boston Shoe Juniors on the Nash's Mills floor last night 47 to 30. Led by Bergiel with a 17 total, the Scouts were never in trouble. Cade of the Mariners helped his outfit along with 15 points. Carme was best for the Shoemen with 10 points.

Sea Scouts—L, Martin. If 2: Sullivan. If 0: D. Martin, rf 4; Cade, rf 15; Bergiel c 17: Burnham, lg 3: Gaines, lg 0:Yetter, rf 6. Totals 47.

Boston Shoe Jrs.—Kaczenski. rg 4; Krol lg 7: Demaria. c 6: Carme. rf 10; Fotopolos, If 3. Totals 30 Timer Brown. Referee Streeter.

May 24, 1940

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Montague

At Sea Scout Meeting

Sea Scouts of the ship, Penguin, with Skipper Charles Ripley, First Mate Stephen Richardson and Second Mate Harold Cobb attended the New England Council of Sea Scouts in Swampscott, Wednesday.

The local ship has been awarded membership in the national flag ship fleet of 1940 rating of over 300 points. Marblehead took the lead and Montague Sea Scouts rated second.

August 27, 1941

Greenfield MA Recorder 1941 - 1580.pdf

Sea Scouts' Regatta Sunday at Northampton Sea Scouts of the Franklin council will Hampshire hold their annual regatta in Northampton on Sunday, south of Coolidge Memorial Bridge, starting at 10 a.m. with at least two races before dinner and two more before 4 p.m.

From Montague, the Penguin, New England's 1941 ranking Sea Scout unit, will maneuver several of its best boats down the river by stages from its base at Whitmore's landing, Sunderland, starting Friday evening and again on Saturday. Easthampton will send several crews and boats up the river from its Ox Bow anchorage, and the "Flying Cloud" from Greenfield will also participate.

Commodore Charles H. Ripley of Montague will be official starter.

Aug. 31 Greenfield MA Recorder 1941 - 1622.pdf

Montague

The Montague Sea scouts will take part in the annual regatta on the Connecticut river in Northampton Sunday morning. Commodore Charles Ripley will be head starter.

Sept. 4 Greenfield MA Recorder 1941 - 1670.pdf

Programs During Fair

-The Sea scouts of the county will conduct a ship ceremony and meeting program on the grounds. Tuesday evening.

-On Tuesday evening the Sea Scouts of Montague will meet on the grounds. At 9.30 each, light a camp fire program will be held within the camp with singing, stunts, etc. Call to quarters will be sounded at 10:25, and "taps" at 11 p.m.

September 3, 1943 Greenfield MA Recorder Gazette 1943 - 2192.pdf

Sea Scouts Plan Regatta

The Montague Sea scouts will hold their annual regatta on Sunday, wind and weather permitting, at Whitmore's rocks.

There will be only four sail boats manned this year by the Sea Scouts, whose troop now number 12 members from Montague and Sunderland. The morning race will get under race about 2:30. There will also be row boat demonstrations and swimming.

The boys will carry picnic lunches and a hot dog roast will be given for the evening meal. Commodore Charles Ripley and Skipper Stephen Richardson are in general charge.

October 19, 1944 Greenfield MA Recorder Gazette 1944 - 2707.pdf

Scout District Officers Named at Millers Falls

A lengthy article will show only Sea Scout officers only. *e.g.*

. . . Representatives include Theodore Farwell, Montague, for Sea Scouts . . . Damon told the group that three new troops will be started in Turners Falls, one each for Sea Scouts, Cub packs and another Boy Scout troop. . . .

July 24, 1950 Greenfield MA Recorder Gazette 1950 - 2902.pdf

No Boat Club House This Year

TURNERS FALLS—Construction on the new club house for the Franklin County Boat club has been halted because of failure of a bulldozer. Preliminary plans have been drawn and estimates made to be presented to the Aug. 14 meeting of the club, Herman Denton has announced.

Construction of the buildings will not be started until next spring, but a survey is being taken to determine interest in buying shares to finance the building. Details of the sale will be decided at the next meeting. Shares are expected to cost about $25 each, Denton said.

The bulldozer had been used to clean the yard and level the grounds. The new club will be built on the five-bay cellar and foundation of the old ice house there. It was torn down three or four years agon. Denton said. The land had been leased from the Western Massachusetts company, he said, and old timbers and sawdust at the site of the ice bouse had to be cleared.

Although plans are indefinite. Denton thinks the new building will have a meeting room, lockers, toilet facilities and a banquet room. A wharf for the landing convenience of club members also will be built. He said the club will not go into competition with commercial organizations which have quarters on the river.

Denton said the club will also consider sponsoring of the present Sea Scouts ship in Franklin County at the Aug. 14 meeting. He said the present ship is not recognized by state of national organizations of the Sea Scouts because it does not have an organization that will sponsor the group, Denton said the Sea scouts may branch out into two ships. A ship in the Saa Scouts is similar to troop group organization in the Boy scouts.

November 14, 1951 Greenfield MA Recorder Gazette 1951 - 4546.pdf

Sea Scouts to Form Friday

TURNERS FALLS—The first organizational meeting of the new Sea Scout Troop will be Friday at 7:10 p.m. in the Fourth Street town hall, it was announced today.

Sea Scouts will be sponsored by the Franklin County Boat Club and all boys between the ages of 14 and 18 in Franklin County are eligible to join, whether or not they have had previous scouting experience. Bertram Hubbard will be skipper of the troop. The committee planning the troop has extended an invitation to all boys interested and hopes for a large turnout.

Nov. 28 Greenfield MA Recorder Gazette 1951 - 4750.pdf

Sea Scouts Attend Northampton Session

TURNERS FALLS—About 19 Sea Scouts attended the Northampton troop meeting aboard that ship last night, Paul Prunier, correspondent, reported today.

The skipper of the Northampton troop explained and demonstrated the correct procedure for use of a life jacket, life belt and life preserver. Games with both troops participating followed the meeting. Attending with the local troop was one new member, Peter Mesic of Riverside. The next meeting will be Friday in the town hall.

TURNERS FALLS—Franklin County Sea Scouts at a recent meeting started study of the Sea Scout ritual under direction of Skipper Bertram Hubbard and First Mate Fred Bidwell.

Shown here in the Fourth street Town Hall are Mate Bidwell (officer's cap); and Dunston Jackson and John Hahn, tossing salutes. Hubbard explained to troop members that the ritual of the Sea scouts when properly conducted is impressive.

Dec. 18 Greenfield MA Recorder Gazette 1951 - 5108.pdf

Sea Scouts Sail to Amherst

TURNERS FALLS—Skipper Bertram Hubbard, will lead his troop of Sea Scouts to the round table discussions in Amherst to night. Yeoman Paul Prunier announced leaders will meet at Eagles Hall on Third Street at 6:30 and transportation will be provided.

Others making the trip are First Mate Fred Bidwell and Robert Eagan, committeeman, and Leaders Joseph Aldrich of this place. Ernest Yukl of Riverside and John McBride of Greenfield.

About 10 boys were led by Hubbard and Bidwell on an exploration of the caves at the foot of Mt. Toby Sunday. Prunier, reporting on the excursion, noted evidence in the 110-foot deep caverns was found deer, porcupine, and bobcat. The trip was of considerable interest to all the boys.

February 9, 1952 Greenfield MA Recorder Gazette 1952 - 0555.pdf

Complete Plans for Sea Scouts Ceremony

TURNERS FALLS—Plans for tomorrow night's ceremony in Hibernian Hall at which the Franklin County Sea Scouts Ship will receive its charter were discussed by members and other plans outlined at the meeting in Eagles Hall last night.

The charter will be presented to Skipper Bertram Hubbard by Peter Campbell of the Franklin County Boat Club, sponsoring organization. The presentation will be made 7:30 p.m. and the public may attend. In addition to presentation of the charter, boys will receive ap prentice badges.

The scouts will meet Tuesday at 8:30 p. m, at the Eagles Hall for transportation to Mt. Hermon to continue swimming lessons. On Friday at 2:30 p. m. the ship will sponsor a food sale in Neipp's Store on Avenue A.

The next meeting will be Friday at 7:30 p. m. in Eagles Hall. Reporter for the ship is Yeoman Paul Prunier.

April 1 Greenfield MA Recorder Gazette 1952 - 1277.pdf

Sea Scouts On Four Committees

TURNERS FALLS—Seventeen members attended the meeting of the Sea Scouts at Eagles Hall last Friday.

Chairmen were elected for the four activities committees: Dick Shumway of Greenfield for outdoor activities; John McBride of Greenfield, indoor; Robert Leighton of Gill, service; and Tommy Sowell of Turners Falls, social.

Esh man elected will serve for three months and will pick committee members from each crew. Turners Falls, Riverside and Greenfield, until all crew members have a place on a committee. Each drew will be represented on each committee and will plan activities of the ship.

April 28 Greenfield MA Recorder Gazette 1952 - 1715.pdf

Sea Scouts Watch Ship Dock in Gloucester

TURNERS FALLS—The Sea Explorers went to Gloucester yesterday to see Capt. Irving Johnson's Brigantine[4] sailing ship return an 18-month cruise around the world.

The Sea Explorers among thousands on hand for the docking of the ship, were the only ones allowed on board, along with relatives of crew members. They met the mother of the skipper, who offered a personal invitation for the Explorers to visit his curio shop in Hadley to see his many souvenirs.

The boys were also guests of the skipper of a Coast Guard cutter docked in the harbor. They met the Sea Explorers of Gloucester and their skipper conducted the group through the 38-foot picket boat.

The Explorers arrived home last night. Twenty-two including Skipper Bertram Hubbard of Turners Falls and First Mate Robert Egan of Greenfield, made the trip.

June 10 Greenfield MA Recorder Gazette 1952 - 2398.pdf

Turners Sea Scouts Elect

TURNERS FALLS—The Sea Scouts met Friday evening. Following inspection, Robert Leighton was named to replace Douglas Stotz as crew leader and Peter Mesic is assistant crew leader. All three boys are from Gill.

Lessons were given on boat etiquette and instruction was also offered on the different types of boats and their uses. The Sea Scouts were notified by William Casey, civilian defense director, that they will be asked to form a rescue squad in time of trouble. They are now preparing a list of boats that would be available.

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[4] A brigantine is a two-masted sailing vessel with a fully square-rigged foremast and at least two sails on the main mast: a square topsail and a gaff sail mainsail (behind the mast). The main mast is the second and taller of the two masts. Wikipedia.

July 25 Greenfield MA Recorder Gazette 1952 - 3066.pdf

Sea Scouts May Obtain Boat

TURNERS FALLS—The Sea Scout Explorer Ship met at Eagles Hall recently. It was voted to raise the weekly dues to 35 cents to meet coming expenses. Instruction was given on navigation and following charts.

Commdr. Burt Hubbard reported on his trip to Boston to consult with Navy personnel regarding a boat that is available. It is a 24-foot plane-personnel boat and if it is possible for the Sea Scouts to procure it plans are underway to purchase a motor.

Aug. 9 Greenfield MA Recorder Gazette 1952 - 3279.pdf

Sea Scouts

Sea Scouts Ship 66 met at Eagles Hall last night at 7:30. Twelve members were present. Peter Mesick opened tile meeting as acting officer of the deck. John McBride later took over as officer of the deck and will preside at the next meeting. Knot games and practice in navigation featured the program.

Sept. 26 Greenfield MA Recorder Gazette 1952 - 3964.pdf

County Scouts Write Own Saga of Sea on Voyage

The third chapter of a minor, saga of the sea is expected to end this week-end when leaders of Explorer Ship 46, Sea Scouts, bring a 34-foot lobster boat up the Connecticut River from Stonington, Conn., to Springfield. They are hoping they will have an easier time than on the first two parts of the trip.

The boat was recently purchased for Sea Scouts use by Frank and Joseph Wallner, members of the troop committee, in Wells, Maine. The fun began when the local sailors began to sail the craft down the Maine coast, bound for the Cape Cod Canal and up the river to Springfield for winter docking.

The first week-end saw the county sailors buffeted by a howling northeaster and forced to pull into Quincy after being dragged two miles with the anchor down in 15 foot waves.

Current in Canal

Last week-end the ship, called the Sunrise, hit a terrific current coming in the canal and took two and a half hours to pass through at a rate of three miles per hour.

The trip began two week-ends ago with Herbert E. Darling as skipper, Bertram Hubbard as second officer and navigator and Robert Leighton and Robert Egan as crew members.

All went well until the Sunrise ran into the northeaster outside Boston, bearing for the Cape. A rudder cable snapped in the storm and the crew had to drop anchor. After being carried two miles. Hubbard picked up Graves Light, changed course and docked at Quincy.

The second installation of the trip started last Friday night. Saturday night the crew stopped at Onset on the west side of the cape. When the trip through the canal began, the Sunrise was bucking the tide and had to proceed at a snail's pace.

Reach River Mouth

The trip resumed Saturday morning and next stop was at Westport, Conn., for fueling. By dark the Sun rise had reached Stonington and this week-end the trip will be completed by bringing the ship to Springfield for drydock and over haul.

Peter Mesick of Gill, a Sea Scout. was taken along on last week-end's trip and Lowell Patch of Bernardston and Fred Bidwell, other members of the troop committee, joined the group at Onset tor the cruise to Stonington.

Hubbard is a quartermaster in the Sea Scouts end was a boatswain mate in the Navy during World War II Darling and Hubbard have both taken U.S. power squadron courses in navigation. Egan is vice-commodore of the Franklin County Boat Club. The Sunrise is driven by a 100 hp marine engine and can accommodate five. It will sail out of Saybrook next summer.

Sizable Fleet

The Explorer Ship Sea Hawk, which will be using the Sunrise, already has a fleet of seven sail boats and members were active throughout the summer with instruction and sailing. The scouts made several overnight cruises up the river, with some boys sleeping in their boats anchored in the stream while others slept-ashore. A sail boat race climaxed the summer's activities just before Labor Day and the boys plan to have another race before the season ends.

There are now 32 boys registered in the group from Greenfield, Turners Falls, Millers Falls and Gill. Boys 14 to 18 are eligible and meetings are conducted on the top floor of Eagles Hall in Turners Falls Friday evenings at 7:30. The ship has its own dock at the river.

Chief task at present is getting the two-ton 24-foot cruiser in shape. The engine ss being installed and it is expected that the boat will be ready soon.

Those who have passed their apprentice test and are now registered Sea Scouts are Reginald Bovin, Charles Emery, Benjamin Rubin, James Lyman, Paur Campbell, John Bowe, and Arthur James.

January 14, 1953 Greenfield MA Recorder Gazette 1953 - 0170.pdf

Sea Scouts Elect Leaders

TURNERS FALLS—Crew leaders were elected at last nights' meeting of the Sea Scouts in Eagles Hall with 18 present.

Crew 1 of Turners Falls elected Reginald Bovin as new leader and John Bowe, as assistant. This was followed by instruction on compass study and navigation on an inter crew competition.

The scheduled trip to the boat show in New York was cancelled last week-end because of the unfavorable weather but a two-day visit is planned to the boat show in Hartford this week-end. Hie meeting closed with the scout oath and law and the Sea Scout promise.

July 21 Greenfield MA Recorder Gazette 1953 a - 0291.pdf

Sea Scouts on River Journey

TURNERS FALLS — Several members of the Sea Scouts traveled up the Connecticut River in their 21-foot cabin cruiser over the week end, spending the night at Captain Kidd's Island.

They were accompanied by Skipper Bertram Hubbard. The cabin cruiser was provided by the U.S. Navy with the new Marine engine furnished by the Franklin County Boat Club. The Sea Scouts will take part in the Boat Club's Treasure Hunt Sunday.

Oct. 27 Greenfield MA Recorder Gazette 1953 a - 1790.pdf

Sea Scouts Will Say Farewell to Capt. Johnson

Members of the Franklin County Sea Scout unit will travel to Gloucester Sunday to see Capt. Irving Johnson depart on another around-the-world cruise will be accompanied by Skipper Burt Hubbard.

The boys will go aboard the ship to meet Johnson's new crew and study to ship. They plan also to attend church in Gloucester.

The Sea Scouts recently journeyed to New London, Conn., where they toured the Naval base there and spent a couple of hours looking over an atomic sub marine. The boys camped over-night in a state park outside New London and the next day traveled 20 miles out to sea in a sailing ship where they practiced navigation under hazy conditions.

While in New London they also visited the historic port of Mystic which has been restored to the appearance of a sailing port dating back 100 years. They saw two large square-rigged ships and made arrangements to serve as a crew on the 90-foot schooner. The Brilliant, next summer.

The Sea Scouts will have a Halloween party Friday evening at the home of George Roberts in Turners Falls.

Roberts and two other boys, Donald Holden and Ronald English, both of Gill, recently joined the ship after passing apprentice examinations.

The Sea Scouts are currently taking a Red Cross course in first aid to qualify themselves to as sist the civil defense organization.

January 16, 1954 Greenfield MA Recorder Gazette 1954 - 0206.pdf

Sea Scouts to See Air Rescue Unit in Action

Franklin County Sea Scouts will have an opportunity to observe the air rescue unit at Westover Field in operation Sunday, Skipper Bert Hubbard of Turners Falls reported today. The youths and officers have been invited to Westover to see a demonstration of the air

rescue system and if the weather is favorable may be allowed to fly in one at the airplanes used for the demonstration.

The Sea Scouts are also participated in a weekly course in navigation and boat handling each Thursday night at the Navy reserve training center in Springfield. A model ship is used in the training and the Sea Scouts chart courses and observe the simulated movement of the ship in the nearby plot room. They also received instructions there last year.

Feb. 22 Greenfield MA Recorder Gazette 1954 - 0739.pdf

County Sea Scouts Conduct Broom Sale

Franklin County Sea Scouts are taking advantage of school vacation week to boost their unit's treasury.

Burt Hubbard, skipper of the county ship, reported today that members plan to conduct a door to-door campaign to sell brooms. About 500 brooms are expected to be sold this week and 10 cents of every dollar will benefit the crew.

The Sea Scout selling the most brooms will receive a free vacation trip for the port of Mystic, Conn., where he will sail for a week aboard the Joseph Conrad a square rigger, which has a 5-cotorful past in nailing adventure.

Crew leaders and Assistants will serve as chairmen of the sales campaign. They are Richard Emery and Fred Bidwell of Greenfield, Russell Webster and James, Reipold of Turners Falls and Arthur James and DeWitt Wadsworth of Gill. Boatswain Benny Rubin and Boatswain's Mate Reginald Boivin are general chairmen.

May 3 Greenfield MA Recorder Gazette 1954 - 1881.pdf

Sea Scouts Give Highest Recognition

TURNERS FALLS—A dozen area Sea Scouts received merit badges and a few were given special awards Saturday evening in Turners Falls High School at a meeting of seven Western Massachusetts Sea and Explorer Scout groups.

Awards were presented from 7 to 8 p.m., followed by dancing until 11:30. Refreshments were served by local mothers. The school auditorium was decorated in nautical designs.

In the accompanying photo, John Bowe (center) is presented the Well Done Award plaque, highest Sea Scouting award, by Skipper Bert Hubbard. Looking on is Richard Emery, who received the Ordinary Award with Bowe.

Sea Scouts came from Chicopee Falls and Northampton, Mariners from Chicopee Falls and Easthampton, and Explorer Scouts from Greenfield, Amherst, and South Hadley.

Swimming badges went to the following local Sea Scouts: Fred Bidwell, Jr., Dean Avery, Brian Bennett, James Reipold, William Russell, George Roberts, Russell Webster, and Bowe.

Cooking badges were presented Ernest Yukl, Arthur James, Reginald Boivin, Benjamin Rubin, Webster, and Bowe. James, Roberts, Webster, Rubin, and Bowe won rowing badges.

Cited for having made the long cruise were Bowe, Dick Emery, James, Rubin, and Robert Leigh ton. One-year service pins were presented Bowe, James, Webster, Rubin, and Richard Emery.

June 4, 1954 Montague 200th (Bicentennial) Greenfield MA Recorder Gazette 1954 - 2507.pdf

Scouts Active in Many Fields

The first Boy Scout troop was organized here in November, 1931, by Roger Nash, who lived in North Leverett, as scoutmaster with 16 boys forming two patrols. The troop soon expanded to 36 scouts. In the intervening 23 years, the charter has never been dropped.

A week at Camp Anderson, a three-act play, presented in Montague, Shelburne Falls and Leverett, and attendance at Camp Coolidge in North Dana, now non-existent, were among early activities.

Among early chairmen of the troop committee were Earl Wattles, Frank McCarthy, and the late J. Laurence Raymond.

First Eagles

First scouts to receive Eagle award were Edwin Wattles and Raymond Slifer. There have been others since.

The Montague troop contributed many hours of labor towards erection of the council camp at Chesterfield. On two occasions the entire troop with Scoutmaster Robert Ross camped for a week at Chesterfield. Each year several have attended camp for a week or two.

An outgrowth of the original troop was Ship 17, Sea Scouts. Meetings were at the home of Charles Ripley. Skipper Ripley designed and helped construct the ship's fleet of sailboats: "The Penguin", built by Ripley; "The Yankee", by Fred Lawrence; "The Rainbow," by Harold Cobb; "The Slow Poke", by Alden Graves; "The Almost", by Philip Dicks; "The Osprey", by Robert Richardson; "The Red Wing", by Joe Wrobelewski, and "Blue Bird", by Alan Fiske.

These sailboats were 16-foot Marconi rigged sailing sloops, constructed of native wood and rigged with Wilson sails. Home port for the fleet was Whitmore Rock on the Connecticut River where, for 10 years, there was plenty of activity. On race days as many as 500 spectators watch ed from the rocks while 16 sail boats from Montague, Greenfield and Northampton raced. Many overnight cruises, sleeping aboard, were enjoyed by the boys.

The meeting room over the shop in Ripley's home was equipped with gear made by the group and Ripley. At one time there were seven leaders and 32 boys making up four crews.

Start Cruises

In 1937 the ship acquired Stephen Richardson at a leader. Through his interest "Long Cruises" were started, the first in 1937. The boats were towed to Hartford by trailer, then launched in the Connecticut River. After rowing the boats to Saybrook, they sailed to New London. Mystic and the Coast Guard base. Four leaders, six scouts and four boats participated in this cruise.

In 1938, a 10-day cruise around Misery Island, Salem, was taken. There were five leaders and 14 scouts from Montague and seven from Greenfield, plus seven boats.

In 1940 the Sea Scouts took another "Long Cruise" to Little Chebeag Island off Portland, Me. There were six leaders, 18 scouts and five boats on this cruise.

At New London. l. to r. Harold Cobb(?), Fred Lawrence, Alan Fiske. 1937. m.h.s.

Two of the outstanding awards presented to the ship were: in 1940 vice-Flagship of New England, presented at the regional meeting in Swampscott, and in 1941, Flagship of New England. This was presented by Commodore Bidwell at a bridge of honor in Montague town hall with over 200 guests attending.

Many Join Navy

In 1941, when war was declared, many of the boys being draft age, volunteered for the Navy. Sea Scouts Ship 17 had a record of over 40 boys Serving in World War II. As the nucleus of the ship was in the service, the unit was disbanded. These "boys" returned to become leaders of the present troop of Scouts.

Among outstanding events of the past 10 years were participation by several scouts in a "Long Trail Hike" (over 50 miles), led by Ted Farwell, Jr., and a "Long Trail" canoe trip from Kezar Lake to Lovel Pond, led by Robert Ross and Ronald Newton. The National Jamboree at Valley Forge, Pa., was attended by Charles Hall, James DeWolf, and Ronald Newton.

The troop has been able to use a camp behind Lake Wyola Lodge, owned by Al Bennett. The troop committee under leadership of Roger Newton has remodeled the camp so the scouts have been able to enjoy several summer camping seasons.

Present troop chairman is Mason Ariel; scoutmaster, Albert Lindsay, and assistant, Herbert Hayde. There are About 20 scouts, some of whom are sons of the original troop. The group is sponsored by the Montague fire department.

Past leaders follow:

Paul Wattles, Roger Nash, Fred Lyman, Norman Councilman, Albert Belk, Theodore Farwell, Fred Oakes, Arthur Lyman, Herbert Hayde, Byron Klaus, Richard

Stuart, Henry Powels, J. L. Raymond, Stanley Webber, Albert Lindsay, Jack Raymond, Edwin Cox, Roger Newton

Fred Lawrence, Harold Cobb. Wallace Crawford, Stephen Richardson, Robert Ross, and Skipper Ripley.

Aug. 24 Greenfield MA Recorder Gazette 1954 - 3741.pdf

Sea Scouts on Board Old Ship for Training

Ship 46, Sea Scouts, under leadership of Skipper Bertram Hub bard, left yesterday for Mystic, Conn, where the group will use the old square rigger Joseph Conrad as base for four days of ship board life.

The youngsters will live a regular Navy routine for the stay, standing watches and taking small boat training. The group was transported to Mystic by Skipper Hubbard and Frank Roberts with the skipper remining with the ship. Ralph Adams will assist in transportation home.

Making the trip were Bos'n John Bowe, Yeoman David Russell, Purser Robert Sweeney, Crew Leaders Russell Webster and Tom Russell, Francis Roberts, Richard Ball and Pete Taylor of Greenfield, Harold Haskins and Donald Holden of Gill, William Russell of Lake Pleasant, and James Reipold and Kurt Welcome of Turners Falls.

Aug. 31 Greenfield MA Recorder Gazette 1954 - 3846.pdf

Sea Scouts Return from Training Trip

Sea Scout Ship 46 at Turners Falls began settling down to dock and boat work this week after a five-day trip to the ocean off Connecticut.

The 13 boys under command of skipper Bert Hubbard of Turners Falls, returned Friday night. Aboard ship, the scouts perform ed every duty required, including cooking, scrubbing, and standing watch. They averaged only two hours free time daily.

Recreation included a pulling race with another ship and swimming. Highlight of the trip, however, was a visit to New London via launch. Their ship passed close to two Navy atom-submarines.

Later, the group was given a guided tour of the Naval Base at New London and through a sub. At Fisher's Island the ship anchored for a swim session and a visit to the lighthouse.

So successful was this excursion, Skipper Hubbard and the boys are planning to make it an annual event. Hubbard said it was the most enjoyable scout operation in his 23 years' experience with such units.

Cadet diplomas were presented the entire membership by the captain of the Conrad.

—Sea Scout Mothers Plan Rummage Sale

Mothers of the newly organized Sea Scouts of Greenfield, Ship 60, will sponsor a rummage sale Sept. 17 at 9:30 a.m., in the vacant store next to Mackin's on Bank Row.

Persons with donations may can Mrs. Elwin Swinerton or Mrs. J E. Conroy any time before the sale. Articles will be called for.

Proceeds will be used by the boys for repairs on the newly ac quired boat. The boat will be open for public inspection Sunday, Sept. 5, at the Turners Falls Boat Club.

Dec. 20 Greenfield MA Recorder Gazette 1954 - 5897.pdf

Sea Scouts, Girls Skate in Turners

TURNERS FALLS—A combination dancing and roller skating party for Sea Scouts and Girl Mariners in Western Massachusetts took place Tuesday at the Rivervu Rink here. The local unit. Sea Hawk, was host to the 100 girls and boys taking part.

Committee members serving under Skipper Bert Hubbard were James Reipold, John Bowe of Greenfield, and Russell Webster.

This is one of a series of social events for the Sea Scouts and Mariners. Next month the group will attend an ice skating party Chicopee Falls. That community, Northampton and Greeng=field were represented here this week.

January 24, 1955 Greenfield MA Recorder Gazette 1955 - 0323.pdf

Sea Scouts Tour Navy Facilities at Westover

TURNERS FALLS—Sea Scout Ship 46, the Sea Hawk of this town, and Ship 60, the Yankee of Greenfield, spent Saturday as guests of the Navy at VR6, the Navy Air Transport Command at Westover Air Force Base.

Twenty-two Sea Scouts and Skipper Robert Eagan of Greenfield and Bert Hubbard of Ship 46 were taken on a guided tour which included boarding a Constellation plane and visits to the Navy's portions of the base. Dinner in the mess hall ended the afternoon.

Plans are being made for a flight from Westover to Quonset Naval Air Station in Rhode Island for both groups. No date has been set. The local scouts will be taken aboard an aircraft carrier and will tour the base.

Transportation for the Turners Falls group was provided Saturday by Norman Sweeney of the Ship 46 committee and Felix Thompson of the Ship 60 committee. The tour was, arranged by the Greenfield Naval Recruiting Station. GM1 Donald McGann, recruiter, said the tour is available to all interested groups.

April 20 Greenfield MA Recorder Gazette 1955 - 1894.pdf

Sea Scouts Will Greet Yankee

Franklin County's two Sea Scout Ships have been invited to take part in the welcome-home celebration for Capt. Irving S. Johnson, Sunday at Gloucester.

Ships Seahawk of Turners Falls and Yankee of Greenfield will leave Sunday morning to be on hand when Capt. Johnson returns from an 18-month around the world cruise aboard the famed Yankee.

The ships have been invited to take part in the celebration by the Gloucester Chamber of Commerce. Ship 60 of Greenfield, named after Capt. John's sailing ship, has made_ arrangements for the captain to sign the ship's original charter.

Capt. Johnson, a native of Hadley, is returning from his sixth round-world trip and it is expected to be his last. He prides himself on leaving Gloucester at 2 p.m. and returning 18 months later at the same hour.

The Seahawk members will be under direction of Skipper Bertram Hubbard and the Yankee will be led by Skipper Robert Egan.

Members of the Seahawk were present when Capt. Johnson left on his trip, and Franklin County Sea Scouts are expected to go aboard the Yankee after its arrival Sunday.

May 2 Greenfield MA Recorder Gazette 1955 - 1928.pdf

County Sea Scouts Greet Captain Johnson, Yankee

Sea Scouts from Turners Falls and Greenfield formed part of the official honor guard to welcome Capt. Irving M. Johnson and his brigantine Yankee yesterday afternoon in Gloucester harbor.

The Franklin County delegation from Ship 46 Turners Falls, and Ship 60, Greenfield, were personally welcomed by Capt. Johnson and given a ride in the famous ship across the harbor to Rocky Neck.

Capt. Johnson, just back from his sixth round-world cruise, signed the original charter of the Greenfield ship, Yankee.

The local Sea Scouts arrived in six cars a7 9:30 yesterday morning and attended church services. Catholic members attending mass at Our Lady of Good Voyage Church.

Later the group helped police the crowd at the docks and helped take the lines from the Yankee when she docked. Skipper Bert Hubbard of the Turners Falls Ship, Sea hawk, said it was the first time several members of his group has seen the ocean.

The county delegation was then welcomed aboard the Yankee where Capt. Johnson told highlights of the trip and explained workings of the ship. Each member was given a picture of the Yankee.

The Ship 60 group from Greenfield included Donald Milton, Jr., Clark Bowlen, Raymond Creek, Joseph Conroy, John Spencer, Al Swineton, Donald St. Peter, Paul Thompson, Roger Wright, Skipper Robert Egan, Mate Donald Milton, Sr., and Felix Thompson of the committee.

Ship 46 members attending were Skipper Hubbard, John Bowe, Brian Bennett, Peter Taylor, Russell Webster, Dave Russell, Bill Russell, Gary Plante, Peter Koch, Kurt Welcome, Robert Sweeney, James Mayrand, Ben Rubin, and Nelson Heath.

May 5 Greenfield MA Recorder Gazette 1955 - 2002.pdf

GOC Session for Sea Scouts

TURNERS FALLS—An instruction session for new Ground Observer Corps members, including Ship 46 Sea Scouts, Will be conducted at 7 p.m. today at the Turners Falls Airport by Bernard C. Fournier, supervisor, and members of his staff.

Telephone reporting procedures and aircraft identification will be taught.

The local GOC has 67 members. Another 101 volunteers are need ed to carry out the program successfully, Fournier said.

January 4, 1956 Greenfield MA Recorder Gazette 1956 - 0020.pdf

World Traveler Sponsored Here by Sea Scouts

Pricilla Hiers, one of four girls to make the most recent round the world cruise on Capt. Irving Johnson's brigantine, Yankee, will present an illustrated lecture under the auspices of the county Sea Scouts at the high, school auditorium Feb. 8 at 8 p.m.

Mia Hies, who lives in West Hartford, Conn., spoke to a capacity audience at the First Methodist Church in October. She will show slides of many of the distant points touched by the Yankee on the 18,000 mile cruise.

The lecture will be sponsored by the Sea Scout Ship Yankee of Greenfield and the Sea Hawk of Turners Falls. Topic for the lecture will be "Sea Sights Sails Around the World"

Tickets may be obtained from Mrs. Bertram Hubbard of 253 Chapman Street; Mrs. Eugene Koch of Maple Street, Turners Falls, Mrs. Allan Adie of Riverside, Crosby Opticians of Greenfield, and Fournier's Drug Store in Turners Falls.

April 10 Greenfield MA Recorder Gazette 1956 - 1539.pdf

Turners Falls Sea Scouts Plan Several Events

TURNERS FALLS—Ship 46 Turners Falls Sea Scouts, committee's meeting at the home of Skipper Bertram Hubbard Sunday featured plans for a tour with other Franklin County Explorer units to Westover Air Force Base May 5.

About rune local Sea Scouts were sent to the U. S. Naval and Marine Training Base in Spring field the past three Fridays to learn about navigation, gunnery, and other phases of Naval life.

Plans few a bridge ff honor April 20 at the high school gymnasium were discussed and printed invitations have been sent and officials and Explorer unit leaders. Refreshments will be served and dancing is planned.

Clarence Frigon of Turners Kails will be in charge of the orchestra and public address system. The Coca-Cola Co. has pledged a donation of 15 cases of soda.

Attending the committee meeting were Skipper Hubbard, Mate John Bowe, Mate John Mc Bride, Mate Ernest Yukl, Ernest Cocking, Frigon, Donald Girard, John Strysko, Lowell Patch, James Russell, and Alan Adie.

Letters of thanks were sent the Turners Falls Rod and Gun Club for use of its property and to the Mohawk Engraving Co, of Greenfield tor past advertising help.

April 16 Greenfield MA Recorder Gazette 1956 - 1786.pdf

Yankee Sea Scouts Meet

Advancement groups highlighted the Sea Scout Ship Yankee meeting last night at Washington Hall. Crew 3 set up the land ship as duty crew with Leo Bousquet as officer of the deck.

Yeoman Paul Thompson gave the report of the previous meeting and the financial report. Crew Leader David Ball reported on a recent round-table at his home.

After advancement study groups, the landship was dismantled by Crew 1.

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Sea Scouts Honor Montague City Boy at Bridge of Honor Rites in TF Gym

TURNERS FALLS— James Mayrand, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lucius Mayrand of Montague City, was presented the "well done" plaque, top award of the Sea Scouts, at Ship Sea Hawk's annual Bridge of Honor in the high school gymnasium last evening.

More than 200 parents, friends, and sea scouts attended. Presentations of the plaque was by Skipper Bertram Hubbard. The award was based on vote of his shipmates on leadership and popular qualifications.

James Palmer of Ship Yankee of Greenfield received an eagle pin from George P. Billings of Greenfield, chairman of the Catholic lay committee.

Paul Thompson of the Yankee was presented a bronze palm by George Dallas of Greenfield district advancement chairman.

Also participating in the award presentations were Yankee Shipper Robert Eagan of Greenfield; Council Pres. Ted Farrell of Montague City; Robert Bibby of Greenfield. Past president of the council; Comr. Steve Richardson of the Franklin-Hampshire Council of Sea Scouts; other local Scout commissioners and visiting skippers from Sea Scout ships in Westfield, Granby, Amherst, and Chicopee.

Star awards were presented 10 Sea Hawk crew members; Alan Adie, Charles Burnham, Lee Christian, Edward Cocking, Peter Koch, James Mayrand, Francis Paulin, Philip Verrier, Kurt Welcome, and Donald Yukl. Yankee men receiving star awards were Joseph Conroy, Raymond Creek, and John Spencer.

Promoted to ordinary seaman were 12 Scouts from the Sea Hawk and five from the Yankee.

Girl mariners from Greenfield attended and participated in the dance which followed the awards. Music was provided by six members of the Turners Falls band through the efforts of Committee Members Clarence Frigon and Donal Girard.

Nautical flags. Montague Sea Scout collection. m.h.s.

The gym was decorated with the Ship International Code flag, a large fish net loaned by Wilson's, and a large sign painted by Third Mate John Bowe and Second Mate Ernest Yukl, both past recipients of the "well done" plague.

Refreshments included 15 cases of soda donated by the Coca Cola Company and sandwiches and cake made by mothers and members of both ships.

The ship-boarding ceremony was presided over by First Mate, Richerd Edwards of the Sea Hawk. A replica of an entire ship's dock was set up and the awards were made on the bridge behind a large ship's wheel.

Aug. 21 Greenfield MA Recorder Gazette 1956 - 3889.pdf

Sea Scouts Plan Overnight Trip

TURNERS FALLS—Sea Scouts of Ship 46 met Wednesday to make final plans for an overnight camping trip to Captain Kidd's Island this week-end.

Sea Scouts who an interested in making the trip have been re quested to meet at the Sea Scout dock Sunday at 3 p.m. The campers will return Monday afternoon. During Wednesday's meeting the scouts discussed the paper drive to be staged in about two weeks and made arrangements to organize a clean-up detail. All scouts were urged to meet at the docks at 1:30 p.m. Saturday to help freshen up the winter meeting house in preparation.

Sept. 28 Greenfield MA Recorder Gazette 1956 - 4320.pdf

Turners Falls Sea Scouts Elect

TURNERS FALLS—Officers were elected and plans for a hay ride made by Sea Scouts of Ship 16 in Eagles Hall Wednesday.

Named were Francis Paulin, boatswain; Philip Verrier, boatswain's mate, and Eric Schuhle treasurer. Reporter for the ship is Joel Frigon.

The hay-ride will take place this fall at a date to be announced. Sea knot tying was practiced. Leading the meeting were Skipper Bertram Hubbard, First Mate Robert Leighton, and Second Mate John Millett.

Oct. 2 Greenfield MA Recorder Gazette 195 - 4482.pdf

Turners Falls Sea Scouts to Receive Liberty Boat

TURNERS FALLS--With the aid of equipment from three area contractors. Turners Falls Sea Scouts Ship 48 will receive its new Liberty launch this week. Skipper Bertram Hubbard will go to Boston Friday to get the 26-foot boat, given the group by the Navy. He will use a cab and driver donated by Warner Bros, of Sunderland and a flat-bed trailer offered by Mackin's of Greenfield. B&M Construction Co. of Hadley has offered use of its

crane and operator to unload the boat at the docks here, where it will be stored. The troop committee, meeting last evening at the Riverside home of Alan Adie. signed the application for charter renewal. Ralph H. Lenois was welcomed as a new member. It was noted that all fathers of Sea Scouts will be welcomed as committee members.

Adie Was reelected chairman and secretary and Lenois was named treasurer. The group resolved to give all assistance possible to scout mothers who have scheduled a food sale Thursday at Kneipp's Shoe Store on Avenue A.

Mate Kurt Welcome has made posters and placed them in local stores to promote the sale.

This will be a busy week-end for the boys, committee members noted. All except one of the ship's four sailboats will be taken ashore Sunday, ending a summer-long training period in which several novice seamen became adept at handling the boat. Committeemen will provide transportation for the scouts' trip to Mountain Park in Holyoke Friday.

The committee and scouts will report at the Franklin County Boat Club docks here Oct. 20-21 to, help remove the docks. Because the club sponsors the ship, committmen[sic] feel this is a small way of showing appreciation.

Members noted John Bowe, who advanced from apprentice sea man to mate in his five years of Sea Scouting, is now in the Navy. It was also reported that the boys old $53.55 in tickets for the YMCA sponsored Navy band concert in Greenfield last week.

The next meeting is scheduled Nov. 4 at Clarence Frigon's home. Mrs. Adie served refreshments last night to the following: Skipper Hubbard. Mates Richard Edwards. Robert Leighton, Welcome and John McBride, and Lowell Patch. Edward Cocking, Frigon, Lenois and Adie of the committee.

Oct. 15 Greenfield MA Recorder Gazette 1956 - 4580.pdf

Turners Falls Sea Scouts Have New Boat

TURNERS FALLS — Sea Scouts of the Sea Hawk Ship 46 added another boat to their six-craft fleet at the Turners Falls Boat Club docks Saturday.

The newest addition is a former liberty boat donated to the local group by the Navy. It is a 26-foot 7½-ton craft capable of carrying 25 to 30 scouts.

Skipper Bert Hubbard stated the boys will start work at once on the task of reconditioning the craft, expecting to have the work completed by summer. The hull will be scraped and repainted and the fitting replaced or restored during the process.

A 90-horsepower V-8 engine bought and built piece-meal by the scouts two years ago, will be lifted from the old 24-foot plane personnel boat and set into place in the newer craft. Many of the old boat's fittings will also be transferred to the liberty boat Chief Engineer Clarence Frigon will supervise.

The old stripped-down hull will be offered to the Hampshire-Franklin Council and mad available to any troop in area desiring to have it. Hubbard said.

The former Navy boat, when in ship-shape, will be used by the Sea Scouts for training purposes, camping, and sightseeing trips up river, and for picnics for scouts and their families.

Work of transferring the craft from Navy to Sea Scout was accomplished through the donated services of several agencies. The Warner Oil Co., of Sunderland provided the cab, the Mackin Co., of Greenfield loaned a trailer and the B&M Construction Co., of Hadley made available a crane and two men to swing the boat from the trailer to the cradle where it will remain until next summer. The Boston Navy yard donated the boat on application from the local Sea Scout unit.

Ship 46 now boasts a fleet of five sailboats, the plane personal boat and the liberty boat.

Oct. 19 Greenfield MA Recorder Gazette 1956 - 4668.pdf

Sea Scouts Plan Work on Ship

TURNERS FALLS—Plans for remodeling their new liberty launch and classes in seamen ship occupied Ship 46, Sea Scouts in Eagles Hall Wednesday.

Skipper Bertram Hubbard taught classes for able-bodied and ordinary seamen and First Mate Bob Leighton lectured to apprentice seamen on boat parts. Hubbard also discussed the emergency service award. Taking parts in leading the meeting also was Third Mate, John Millett.

Boys were asked to report at the Franklin County Boat Club docks tomorrow at 10 a.m. to help remove docks from the water. It was reported $40 was realized from the recent food sale conducted by mothers of scouts and thank was extended to all who worked for and supported the sale. Philip Verrier was officer of the day.

January 8, 1957 Greenfield MA Recorder Gazette 1957 - 0092.pdf

Turners Falls Sea Scouts Plan Charter Night

TURNERS FALLS—Plans for the Charter Night covered-dish supper Jan. 17 at Turners Falls High School were made by the Sea Scout committee of Ship 46 Sunday at the home of Allan Adie of Riverside, chairman.

Skipper Bertram Hubbard reported money earned through paper and scrap collected had enabled the ship to purchase a newer truck.

Mate Richard Edwards reported he la working on plans for the ship to sail on salt water this summer instead of returning to Mystic, Conn.

The committee agreed to help several Sea Scouts who wish to build sailboats 17 feet long.

The program for Charter Night Jan. 17 will be under direction of Skipper Hubbard and the mates with Chr. Adie as master of ceremonies. Ralph Lenois and Clarence Frigon will have charge of supplies and Mrs. Hubbard, Mrs. Adie and Mrs. Frigon will solicit food from mothers of Sea Scouts and wires of committeemen.

In addition to those mentioned, these attending include Frank Wallner, who has been absent several months because of pressure of business; Lowell Patch of Bernardston, institutional representative, who has a perfect attendance record; Robert Leighton, Kurt Welcome and John McBride, mates. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Adie.

The next meeting will be at the home of Clarence Frigon Feb. 3.

Feb. 7 Greenfield MA Recorder Gazette 1957 - 0484.pdf

Sea Scouts Plan Open House Event

TURNERS FALLS—The public has been invited to an open house of Sea Scout Ship 46 at Eagles Hall Thursday at 7:30 p.m. Plans for the event, at which the charter will be presented, were discussed by scouts Thursday at the hall.

Francis Paulin reported on a recent ship council meeting and Donald Yukl on a trip to New York made by Turners Falls and Greenfield Sea Scouts.

The meeting was conducted by Skipper Bertram Hubbard and Mate Kurt Welcome. Yukl was officer of the deck and Peter Koch, yeoman. Joel Frigon is reporter.

Feb. 20 Greenfield MA Recorder Gazette 1957 - 0827.pdf

Turners Sea Scouts Win Council's Ski Competition

Sea Scouts of Ship 46 in Turners Falls skied away with team honors yesterday at Holland Farm where Boy Scouts of the Hampshire—Franklin Council conducted their annual ski meet

Lack of snow hampered the scouts but three events still were run by boys from area ships, troops, and Explorer posts. Ship 46 tallied a total of 31 points and Ship. 60 of Greenfield was second with nine points.

Eric Schuhle of Ship 46 won the giant slalom with Peter Koch of Post 46, second; Robert Bruce of Troop 2. third, and Bill Bomely of ship 60, fourth.

Front to rear: l to r: Robert Bruce, Eric Schuhle, Peter Koch, Bill Bomley, Ray Dubriel, Phil Verrier.

Peter Koch won the ski jump with Bomely second, Schuhle third and Philip Verrier of Ship 46 fourth. Verrier won the cross country event, with Schuhle second, Bomely third and Ray Dubriel of Post 6 placing fourth.

Ship 46 was presented a trophy in recognition of its point victory.

Assisting Chairman Van B. Hopps on the committee were Ted Farwell, Sr., Myron Powers, Don Ames, Bomely. Ed Blewett, and Roy Turton. Ames and Turton, members of the council health and safety committee, handled first aid at the meet.

The council today expressed its gratitude to the Greenfield Park department for allowing use of its facilities and the services of Supt. Charles Cunningham.

March 9 Greenfield MA Recorder Gazette 1957 - 1052.pdf

Sea Scouts Open Sale of Brooms

TURNERS FALLS—Swab the decks to keep things clean and more close order drill! That's the order of the day for Ship 46; Turners Falls Sea Scouts.

Meeting Wednesday in Eagles Hall, the scouts voted to conduct a broom sale which began yesterday and voted also to have more precision maneuvers m the ship's work.

Persons interested in buying brooms should contact Joel Frigon. Skipper Bertram Hubbard, Allan Adie, Francis Paulin, or members of the ship. Frigon was named storekeeper and Kenneth Roberts, assistant.

A guest Wednesday was Robert Dempsey.

Sept. 10 Greenfield MA Recorder Gazette 1957 - 4075.pdf

Turners Sea Scouts Host Youths from Roslindale

TURNERS FALLS—The Sea Hawk, Sea Scout Ship 46, played host during the week-end to Sea Scouts and their first mate from Roslindale. Bert Hubbard of Greenfield has assumed command as skipper of Ship 46.

Arriving Friday, the visitors bunked in the boat shed of the Franklin County Boat Club. Visiting scouts made a trip to North Sunderland Saturday and went .through the caves in the mountain, something they had never had a chance to do before.

Escorts for field trip were Yeoman and Peter Koch, Purser Eric Schuhle, Boatswain's Mate Philip Verrier, Ralph Faulkner, Dennis Bovin arid Skipper Hubbard.

On returning, dinner was cooked and Skipper Robert Egan of the Yankee and his crew took them on a cruise up river, under French King Bridge to Capt. Kidd's Island. The group were taken out sailing for the rest of the day and early evening.

They were taken Saturday night 4o the roller skating rink. On Sunday, all of the Sea Scouts went to church. Boating of various types followed. Later in the morning, they were told of the Indian history of Deerfield, Hadley. King Philip's seat-on Sugar loaf Mountain and the battle of Capt. Turner at the dam or rapids in Turners Falls.

A trip was made through Deerfield and to Sugarloaf. This sight impressed the boys from Roslindale very much, because most of them had never seen a mountain, or a view such as the one from Sugarloaf. From the mountain they were shown how potatoes and tobacco are grown. A little while was spent looking for arrowheads and a visit to an old Indian spring at the river in Sunderland was made.

The group was also taken to the state fish hatchery in Sunderland, managed by John Norell. He showed them the diet house, where feeds for the fish is prepared, and also fed some of the large trout. Norell explained hatching of eggs and a visit was made to the hatch house.

Returning to Turners Falls, the boys had a dinner cooked over charcoal. The rest of the afternoon, was spent sailing, rowing, canoeing, and riding the Sea Hawk's cruiser.

Roslindale Sea Scouts departed for home then. Thios weekend; the Sea Hawk will visit the Roslindale Sea Scouts with trip planned to put to sea fox tuna fishing.

Sept. 27 Greenfield MA Recorder Gazette 1957 - 4183.pdf

Turners Sea Scouts Enjoy Exciting Week-End Fishing at Cape

TURNERS FALLS—Sea Scouts of Ship 46 had an exciting week-end tuna fishing in the Cape Cod Canal — and never caught a tuna.

Skipper Bert Hubbard today reported the local group, guests of the Rosindale ship harpooned a shark and pierced another sea creature they believe might be a huge two-headed monster reported in the same area recently.

Hubbard's report on the trip follows:

"Crew Leaders" Ralph "Faulkner and Philip Verrier, Purser Eric Schule, Skipper Bert, Hubbard and institutional Representative Lewell, Patch arrived at Sandwich Basin on the Cape Cod Canal Friday evening, when we met the Sea Scout Ship from Roslindale.

"After taking aboard supplies, we got underway (with the Roslindale boat) at 9:15 p. m., across Massachusetts Bay for Provincetown on the tip of Cape Cod, his was quite a thrill for the boys because most of them had never been to the Cape.

The boys took turns at the helm, steering compass, as we would be out of sight of land. Boatswain Mate Philip Verrier had the first trick at the helm with Schule and Faulkner as lookouts. The seas were not too rough and we sailed under a bright moon, sky filled with stars; the moonlight on the water making it a very impressive sight. When we arrived in Provincetown about 2 in the morning, we tied up alongside a trawler of the fishing fleet for the remainder of the night.

"Saturday morning breakfast was prepared by Ralph Faulkner while the rest of the crew prepared the boat for sea and tuna fishing. At 9 a.m. we left port for the most exciting day we have ever had, chasing down schools of tuna. The tuna were not biting, so all the boats were using harpoons. "We had no luck through the morning, so we put into port and refueled at 2 p.m. While in port the boys had an interesting time watching the fishing trawlers making ready to go to sea. At 3 p.m. we left Provincetown once more to try our luck again at finding tuna. We found large schools of tuna this time but the helmsman had the same problem as before, trying to get the boat near enough for the boys to drive the harpoon into the fish.

There were as many as a hundred tuna at one time, some of them jumping completely out of the water, but as we got closer to them, they would dive and come up in a different spot. "The boys were taking two hour turns at the helm during all this excitement.

"About 4, a shark was sighted and a run was made for it. Several sharks were seen, some passing within a few feet of the boat. Finally, a harpoon was launched, which sank into a 15 foot shark, by the skipper of the Roslindale Sea Scouts. We were very happy to see the fish break the harpoon line and escape to safer waters, safer that is, both for him and us!

We arrived back at the Cape Cod Canal at about 8:30 that night and soon left for home. We were very tired but very happy because, we had a very interesting and exciting week-end behind us, in spite of the fact that we were unable to any get tuna.

Dec. 12 Greenfield MA Recorder Gazette 1957 - 5671.pdf

Sea Scouts Sell Christmas Trees

Greenfield Sea Scouts will sell Christmas trees to boost their treasury. Sale will take place at the Texaco station at the corner of Silver and Federal Streets. The youth in charge is Gerard Quadrino and the adviser is first mate Dick Lyman More than 500 trees have been secured and the Scouts will take orders and deliver.

May 9, 1958 Greenfield MA Recorder Gazette 1958 - 2166.pdf

Sea Scouts Will Install Docks

TURNERS FALLS—Turners Falls Sea Scouts have been asked by Skipper Mason. Arial to show up at the boat house tomorrow and Sunday to help install docks for the Franklin County Boat Club, sponsoring organization.

Boys, assistant yeoman Robert Dempsey said, are urged to show up even if only for a few hours.

Recently several boys from this ship and the Greenfield ship, accompanied by Skipper Arial and Skipper Robert Egan of Greenfield, visited the schooner Yankee and met Capt. Irving Johnson who completed another round the world journey in his ship. Along with Gloucester Sea Scouts the group from Greenfield and Turners Falls served as an honor guard for the Yankee.

Oct. 31 Greenfield MA Recorder Gazette 1958 - 5285.pdf

Sea Scouts Plan November Affair

Plans for a Badge of Honor and dance on Nov. 9 were made at the meeting of the Sea Scouts of the Yankee Wednesday in the Scout Room at St. James' parish house.

Scouts from Turners Falls, Granby and Florence have been invited to the ceremony and dance in St. James parish hall.

The three Sea Scouts in Greenfield who made the Navy cruise in the Caribbean in August went to the People's Institute in Northampton last night for the first reunion of those who went on the cruise from Granby and Florence. The three are Gerald Quadrino, Wesley Clark, and Joseph Seremeth.

Nov. 16 Greenfield MA Recorder Gazette 1958 - 5454.pdf

Sea Scouts Invest Four New Members

Four new Sea Scouts were vested at the Bridge of Honor of the SES Yankee Ship 60 Saturday evening in St. James' parish hall. Parents and friends tended the ceremony, followed by dancing.

The four new Sea Scouts Peter Sullivan, Donald Dreek[sic][5] and Philip Argy of Greenfield and David Arial of Montague.

The ship's charter was presented to John Quadrino of Greenfield Exchange Club, committee chairman, by Irving Blassberg of Turners Falls. It was given to Richard Braff, Exchange Club president and institutional representative for the ship.

Service pins were awarded to Gerard Quadrino, Wesley Clark, William Donovan, Raymond Gaynor, and Donald Galvis of Greenfield, and Charles Burnham, and Robert Dempsey of Turners Falls. Mert badges went to Clark, Donovan, Quadrino, and Gaynor. Clark also received a badge for completing the rank of Ordinary Sea Explorer.

The dance committee comprised Robert Dempsey, chairman; Quadrino, decorations; Argy, invitations; William Donovan, refreshments; Peter Sullivan, music.

January 31, 1959 Greenfield MA Recorder Gazette 1959 - 0430.pdf

Sea Scout Ship Seeks Members, Plans Canoe Trip

Sea Scouts of Ship 60, Greenfield, discussed ways of increasing membership at this week's meeting in St. James' parish house. John Quadrino and Richard Braff of the advisory committee attended the meeting.

In addition to each member striving to add a member, the Sea Scouts planned to present a program at the ninth grade assembly in the Junior High School in March and to arrange a television show. Prospective members must be 14 years or older.

Plans for a 100-mile canoe trip down the Connecticut River this summer were also discussed.

Feb. 17 Greenfield MA Recorder Gazette 1959 - 0687.pdf

Sea Scouts to Meet

The Sea Scouts will meet Wednesday at 7 in St. James parish hall. The meeting is open to all interested.

March 11 Greenfield MA Recorder Gazette 1959 - 1050.pdf

Sea Scouts Program at JHS Assembly

Presentation of a program by Sea, Scouts will feature the assembly of the Junior High School Thursday morning.

Sea Scout Ship Capt. Robert Egan and the crew will show slides on their experiences in sailing, and demonstrate how they conduct a meeting on their land ship.

Wesley Clark and Gerald Quadrino will show slides and relate details of the 16-day cruise to Panama. Bill Donovan will show slides and describe the 100-mile canoe trip the boys made in 1957. Raymond Gaynor, who arranged the assembly presentation, will also show slides and tell about the local activities.

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[5] Could be Creek.

April 4 Greenfield MA Recorder Gazette 1959 - 1452.pdf

Area Sea Scouts Cited at Friday Night Affair

A bridge of honor for four area Sea Scout Explorer ships was conducted in true nautical fashion by the crew of SES Yankee, 60, last evening.

Skipper Robert Egan was presented an award for completing all training courses available.

The Junior High School gym was decorated with ship flags and the ceremonies were conducted in a space roped off to simulate a ship's deck.

In natty nautical attire, the Sea Scouts boarded the ship in approved naval fashion and escorted guests to places of honor on the bridge. Chief E.G. Warner of Northampton, Scout executive for Franklin-Hampshire Council, was piped aboard with four side-boys.

Sea Scouts from Florence, Granby and Turners Falls participated. The audience comprised Mariner Girl Scouts from Holyoke, Granby and Greenfield, parents, and Scout officials. Refreshments were served and dancing followed to recorded music.

Yankee Sea Scouts receiving awards were: Wesley Clark, able seaman; William Donovan and Gerald Quadrino, ordinary seaman; William Donovan and Wesley Clark, Star Scout.

Skipper John Russell of SES 113, Storm King, of Florence; Edward Tucker, Skipper of SES 34, Mermaid, of Granby; and Mason Arial, Skipper of SES 46 Sea Hawk, of Turners Falls, presented awards to their crews.

Oct. 26 Greenfield MA Recorder Gazette 1959 - 4660.pdf

A lengthy article. Only Sea Scout is given here. *e.g.*

Amherst Bicentennial Event

. . . The order of march . . . Sea Scouts: Florence: Millers Falls, Winchendon. Springfield and Southwick VFWs: Sea Explorers, Southwick, and Forest Park Post VFW of Springfield.

Dec. 20 Greenfield MA Recorder Gazette 1959 - 5660.pdf

Quadrino Named President by Exchange Club

John V. Quadrino was elected president of the Greenfield Exchange Club at last night's meeting at the Weldon Hotel. He succeeds Frank P Birt.

The club will entertain members of Ship 60, Sea Scouts, at a dinner on Jan. 11, at the Weldon. The Exchange Club is sponsor for this Ship.

January 18, 1960 Greenfield MA Recorder Gazette 1960 - 0154.pdf

Exchange Club Hosts Sea Scouts

Sea Scouts of Ship 60, with Robert Egan as skipper, were guests of the Exchange Club at Monday's meeting at the Weldon Hotel.

Richard Braff was named chairman of the club's work with the Sea Scouts which will include an Exchange Club member at tending the weekly meetings of Ship 60 and meeting with the Sea Scout Council on Feb. 7.

April 7 Greenfield MA Recorder Gazette 1960 - 1526.pdf

Plan Honor Bridge

Ship 60, Sea Scouts, made plans for a bridge of honor on April 23 at 7:30 at the Junior High School, last night in St. James' parish hall. Raymond Gaynor gave a talk and movies were shown.

April 14 Greenfield MA Recorder Gazette 1960 - 1645.pdf

Sea Scouts Plan Bridge of Honor

Plans for the Ship 60, Sea Scouts Bridge of Honor on April 23 were furthered last night in St. James' parish house. William Donovan compiled the record of those slated for advancement.

Skipper Robert Egan spoke of the trip made by the five-man rifle team to the University ,of Massachusetts. The team comprises Robert Miller, Brian Phillips, Wesley Clark, Gary Dillensneider and Ray Gaynor.

Two movies, Task Force Frigid and Amphibious Warfare, showing the landing of an LST, were shown.

May 23 Greenfield MA Recorder Gazette 1960 - 2401.pdf

Donovan named Explore Scout District Head

William Donovan, son of Mr. and Mrs. James F. Donovan of 2 Phillips. Street, has been elected president of the district Cabinet of the Explorers of Franklin County.

Others named were Ray Allen of Bernardston, vice president, and Ray Gaynor of Birch Street, secretary.

Donovan, Ordinary Sea Explorer and Life Scout, has been in Sea Scouts for three years and in Scouting for seven. He is a member of Ship 60 Sea Scouts of Greenfield and has served as yeoman, crew leader, boatswain, and boatswain's mate. He also wears an interpreter's badge for German, which he studied in school.

He is a junior at Greenfield High School and is taking the college preparatory course.

The district Cabinet is part of the new Explorer program in Scouting. John Right of Shelburne Falls was the first president. The Cabinet plans the program for county Explorers. Each of the nine posts is represented on the district cabinet by two members.

Gaynor, formerly with Troop 20 where he became Star Scout, has been a Sea Explorer for 1½ years, is Ship's Bos'n, an apprentice Sea Explorer and Life Scout. Last winter he was a ski patrol man at Mohawk Trail Skiway, has an advanced first aid certificate and is a member of the CD medical corps. He is a GHS sophomore.

Allen is a student at Pioneer Valley Regional School. He joined a troop in New York state when 10, and after moving to Bernardston in 1955 joined Troop 62. When Post 62

was formed, he rejoined Scouting and was one of the initial cabinet representatives last winter, and was elected secretary of that group.

Sept. 7 Greenfield MA Recorder Gazette 1960 - 4200.pdf

Sea Scouts Sail on Sound Cruise

Greenfield Sea Scouts sailed Lone Island Sound last week-end on a 50-foot cruiser owned by Al Deming of Cromwell, Conn., skip per of the Cromwell Sea Scouts.

Making the trip were William Donovan, Brian Phillips, Robert Miller, Gary Dillensneider, Gene Money, David Thater, Skipper Robert Egan, First Mate Donald Milton, Jr., Manuel Rispler of Greenfield, and James Chartier of Turners Falls. The latter two were guests.

The group stood one-hour watches on the cruise from Cromwell to Greenport, NY., on Saturday when the Sound was calm. The return trip Sunday was reported "bumpy."

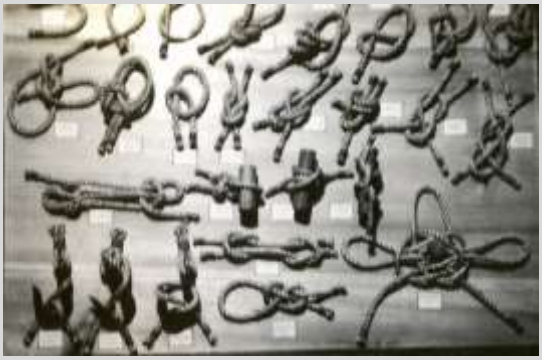
On watches, the Sea Scouts checked thermometer; barometer, and engines, steered the ship, changed course, and logged each buoy, the marking of coastal and inland buoys will help the Sea advancement work; They also enjoyed salt-water fishing.

Sept. 16 Greenfield MA Recorder Gazette 1960 - 4369.pdf

Yankee Sea Scouts Study Ropes, Knots

A new quarter started this week's meeting of the SES Yankee, Ship 60, at St. James* Hall with six members present.

Skipper Robert Egan discussed the point system and requirements for the rank of Able Seaman. In talking about marlinspike seaman requirements, the skipper mentioned new synthetic lines and ropes which are easier to handle and will not rot After the discussion on ropes and lines the boys tied various knots, applying the knowledge learned from the discussion.



Knot board. m.h.s.

At inspection 100 per cent was attained in shoe shines and uniform cleanliness.

Boys, 14 and up, interested in this year-round activity are invited to drop in on the meeting with friends or parents every Wednesday at 7.

Oct. 6 Greenfield MA Recorder Gazette 1960 - 4694.pdf

Sea Scouts Sell Varied Items

Sales of cards, brooms, Christmas cards and wrappings, and auto seat belts are among fund raising plans formulated by Greenfield Sea Scout Ship 60 last night at St. James Parish Hall.

Skipper Robert Egan outlined recent Ship participation with Turners Falls Ship 46 in removal of their boat, the Sea Hawk, and worked with the boys in review of first rank of apprentice.

Egan said the local Ship's boat, Yankee, will have to be placed in dry dock soon. First Mate Donald Milton worked with boys who are trying for apprentice rank. The Ship's Council will meet at 7 p.m., Saturday at Egan's home.

Local News

Oct. 7 Greenfield MA Recorder Gazette 1960 - 4716.pdf

Sea Scouts of the SS Yankee will meet at 2 p.m. Sunday at the home of Skipper Robert Egan of 30 Devens Street. There be no meeting Saturday evening.

Nov. 15 Greenfield MA Recorder Gazette 1960 - 5412.pdf

Local News— Four Sea Scouts from Ship 60, accompanied by Robert Egan, Skipper, spent Sunday in Mystic Conn., visiting the museum, square-rigged sailing ships and the training, ship. The four, who are leaders of the fund-raising groups selling Christmas cards and wrappings, are Eugene Morey, Robert Miller. David Thatcher, and Raymond Gaynor.

Dec. 5 Greenfield MA Recorder Gazette 1960 - 5838.pdf

Eagles Sponsor Sea Scout Ship

TURNERS FALLS—Turners Falls Aeris of Eagles will sponsor the Sea Scouts Ship formerly sponsored by the Franklin County Boat Club.

Announcement of the new Eagles program was made Wednesday by Vice Pres. Stan ley Kuklewicz. Members who signed the charter with him were Edmund Kawecki, Robert Leighton, Arthur Brule, and Lionel P. Bonnette. Bonnette will serve as club coordinator.

For several years the local aerie has provided winter quarters for the Sea Scouts where the ship has been able to set up a mock boat and continue training throughout the winter.

The club's youth guidance committee reported it will continue sponsorship in the same vein as had been provided by the Boat Club. Also named last night were Brule, Bonnette, Walter Johnson and Raymond Zukowski as chairmen for a children's Christ mas party Dec. 19 at 6 p.m. in the hall.

February 24, 1961 Greenfield MA Recorder Gazette 1961 - 0843.pdf

Scouts Schedule Paper Drive

TURNERS FALLS—Sea Scouts of Ship 46 will conduct a paper drive throughout town Sunday.

Plans were completed at this week's meeting. Skipper William Roberge explained three trucks will be working with the scouts Those who have papers to donate have been asked to leave them on their front porch for collection.

Plans for the Scout-O-Rama March 25 in the Amherst College Cage and pool were discussed. Scouts will sell tickets for the event.

Ship 46 meets Tuesdays at 7 p.m. in Eagles Hall, Third Street Membership is open to boys 14 or older. Anyone interested in this phase of scouting has been invited to the meetings.

Oct. 2 Greenfield MA Recorder Gazette 1961 - 2457.pdf

Sea Scout Unit Conducts Cruise

Members of Sea Scout Ship Yankee went on a week-end cruise out of Portsmouth, N. H., on the1 18-foot cruiser Blue Bird owned by George Brown of Winchester, N. H.

The boys went to Portsmouth Friday night and slept aboard in Little Harbor and the next day cruised to York Harbor, Me., and back south of Portland where they docked and stayed aboard Saturday night. The Sea Scouts went to church in Portsmouth and in the afternoon cruised to the Isle of Shoals 12 miles off the coast where they did some fishing.

The group, under direction of Skipper Robert Egan, returned home Sunday night. Donald Matthews was chairman of the trip, Gerald Powilaitis and Barry Winans were cooks and James Johnston kept a log of the trip. The boys took turns at the helm during the voyage. Others on the cruise were Thomas Goodwin and George Milton.

January 23, 1962 Greenfield MA Recorder Gazette 1962 - 0322.pdf

Scouts Visit Boat Show

Greenfield Sea Scouts attended the New York Boat Show during the week-end.

The group spent five hours at the boat show and then visited Rockefeller Center. They were driven to Springfield, took a train to Grand Central Station and from there went by subway to the show, returning Saturday night by train.

The ship makes the trip annually. The boys were interested in the sail craft and had an opportunity to view radio direction and sonar equipment as well as repair material and safety equipment adaptable to their ship, the Yankee. They operate this 38-foot cruiser on the Connecticut River.

Of particular interest was an operating cutaway model of a GM diesel engine of the type used in the Yankee. The Sea Scouts met many other boys from the New England and mid-Atlantic states and exchanged ideas on program and ship operation.

Making the trip were Boatswain James Johnston, Yeoman Donald Matthews, Crew Leader Roger Hmieleski, Assistant Crew Leader Thomas Goodwin, Barry Winans, Walter Matthews, Randolph Ward, and Skipper Robert Egan.

March *5* Greenfield MA Recorder Gazette 1962 - 0989.pdf

Donald Mathews, Sea Scout, Will Receive Eagle

Donald Matthews, son of Mrs. Edna Matthews, of 83 Hope Street, will be presented the Eagle Scout award at the Sea Scout Ship Yankee Bridge of Honor Friday night at the Junior High School gymnasium.

The bridge is a gala event for Sea Scout Mariners from throughout the valley. The hall is draped with international signal flags, the landship on which the ceremonies are held is set up and a shipboard atmosphere is created.

As the Sea Scouts go through the ritual of the land ship ceremony, parents and friends sitting in review develop a greater interest in the program. After a colorful investure[sic] ceremony of new candidates, the ship recognizes its crew members who have advanced in rank.

Matthews is the ship yeoman and has served as crew leader and bos'n as well as acting chairman on many of the ship's varied activities. As general chairman of the 100-mile canoe trip the ship took last summer he took responsibility for getting canoes and equipment, planning and setting up a budget and figuring menus.

His scouting career started at the age on nine when he entered Pack 5, Cub Scouts and he advanced to the Webloe rank. On graduating he joined Troop 2, Boy Scouts, and worked his way to Star Scout. At 14 he transferred to Explorer Post 2, and continued advancement to the rank of Life.

A year ago, he entered the ship, his ambitions still bent on that top plateau. While completing requirements for Eagle he has advanced in Sea Scout ranks. A member of Second Congregational Church, he is active in the Youth Forum. He attends Greenfield vocational school and is in his junior year. He plans to make carpentry his career.

May 18 Greenfield MA Recorder Gazette 1962 - 2313.pdf

Members of Sea Scouts, Ship 60, on Saturday will pick up cans for the Cancer Fund, distributed about a month ago to stores on Main and Federal Streets. Gerald Powlaitis is chairman of the collectors.

May 25 Greenfield MA Recorder Gazette 1962 - 2483.pdf

Franklin County Boat Club Dedicates Plaque in Memory of First Commodore

TURNERS FALLS—A plaque honoring the memory of Herman Denton, first commodore, was dedicated in special ceremonies yesterday afternoon by Franklin County Boat Club. The plaque, an engraved granite memorial, is located in the ramp area and set within a small fenced-in plot of ground near the shore. His widow, guest of hon or, has donated a flag to be flown from a pole beside the memorial as further tribute. In addition, a flashing light tower, about four feet high, will be placed on French King Rock, just north of the bridge, to warn boaters of the hazard.

Ceremonies began at 2 p.m. with an invocation by Rev. William Bednar. Benton's favorite hymn, Rock of Ages, was played on the electric organ by Harry Foley, past commodore.

Master of ceremonies was Herbert Foley, who introduced several speakers including Robert Egan, Skipper of the Sea Scouts, who gave a brief history of the club. Selectman Daniel J. Kelleher; Inspector Michael Smith of the Coast Guard auxiliary, and John

Brooksbank of Holyoke, special officer for the state division of motorboats. A large crowd attended.

Past commodores since founding of the club in 1950 were introduced by Commodore Foley.

James Johnston raised the flag in a ceremony attended by a color guard of Explorer Scouts.

Following the dedication ceremonies, a motor boat parade took place with 22 boats participating Chairman of the parade committee was Robert Letourneau, vice-commodore. Letourneau also supervises a safety patrol of six members who keep constant watch over boating practices on the river.

The club membership totals about 400 enthusiastic boaters who live within a 50 mile area. Meetings are once a month. At present, about 100 boats are regularly docked along the 10 docks, while more than that number are brought by trailers for a day's outing.

Denton, who died suddenly, at the ramp area last summer, was prime founder of the club. Members used to say that if you wanted to see him, you could always find him at his favorite spot, the boat club ramp, assisting and advising members about boats. He was employed at Montague Machine Co. until retirement about a year ago, and had lived in Turners Falls for 25 years.

The marker reads, "Denton light, located on French King Rock, erected 1962 in memory of Herman H. Denton, first commodore of Franklin County Boat Club."

The light, which flashes at one-second intervals, will be bolted onto the rock and visible for a great distance. It is operated by batteries which will be replaced each month. A light was placed on the rock last year, presented by Neil Perry of Turners Falls, but within two months of installation someone shot a hole through it.

Dec. 7 Greenfield MA Recorder Gazette 1962 - 5497.pdf

Bridge of Honor for Sea Scouts in Mid-Winter

Sea Scouts of Ship 60, Greenfield, made plans for a bridge of Honor in mid-February at this week's meeting. The Bridge of Honor will: be open to the public, with admission by donation.

Officers of the ship discussed financial affairs and discipline while George Milton and Thomas Goodwin drilled the crew.

The officers are: Roger Hmielski, bos'n; Gerry Powiliatis, yeoman; Don Matthews and James Johnston, crew leaders; and Bob Felton, mate. Officers will meet on Wednesday with Skipper Herbert Foley at his home in Montague.

Committees for the Bridge of Honor include: Don Matthews, general chairman; Thomas Goodwin, invitations; James Johnston, decorations; Gerry Powiliatis, refreshments.

February 20, 1963 Greenfield MA Recorder Gazette 1963 - 0776.pdf

Build for the Future

Lord Baden-Powell
Wikipedia

Lord Baden-Powell of England, founder of the Boy Scouts and who published the first handbook for boys, ['Scouting for Boys'] believed scouts should be taught how to swim and to handle a boat.

In his book he included a short yarn about what sailors and scouts had in common. "I hope there are many Boy Scouts who, by taking up sea scouting and by learning boat management and seamanship, will be able to take their place in the service of their country as seamen on our battleships or in our great merchant service, or as lifeboatmen upon our coasts."

This resulted in boys becoming interested in sea scouting and what sea scouts were supposed to do. Powell's sea scouting started in 1910; the year scouting came to the United States.

Sea Scouting came to the United States when a sailing enthusiast Arthur A. Carey, of Waltham, developed his experiences from being a scoutmaster and teaching scouts canoeing, rowing, and sailing, into a pamphlet "Cruising for Sea Scouts."

The program spread along the coasts torn started inland. Its first real break came when the Secretary of die Navy authorized Navy personnel to cooperate in every way possible with the Boy Scouts.

In 1935 the sea scouting program came under guidance of a new national office department of senior scouting and in 1941 Air Scouting got its start. After that scouts 14 years and older became known as explorers, whether in a troop or an explorer unit.

In 1959 the exploring program was modernized after a study by BSA [Boy Scouts America] and the University of Michigan.

Main feature of the program was that it was to have a wide variety of interests and activities intended to include all young men. The program is not just for those who had been in scouting but for those of high school age who want to belong and learn.

EXPLORING IS ACTION with the young men organized into explorer posts for the purpose of planning and doing things together to give them a stronger and better understanding of leadership.

The organizational structure not only gives titles to young men but gives the post a plan where by using its members the post can plan and run the best possible program.

From the study it was evident that high school age young men wanted a balance of experiences in many different fields and in doing this would give each member a well-balanced outlook on life.

Six experience areas were set up and should be included in each unit's programming. They are vocational, personal fitness, social, outdoor, service and citizenship.

With the program came a new idea in uniforming[sic] for the explorer, a campus style blue blazer with explorer emblem on the pocket, gray slacks, white shirt, maroon tie, and worn for all dress up occasions. Other uniforms are a green service uniform, sea explorer and air explorer.

Explorers meet at post meetings twice each month with a short business meeting but most of the time spent on special activity. From normal activities posts schedule a super activity which might be a trip to some distant spot, a special visit to industry or a cruise by canoe into the wilderness.

EXPLORER POSTS are supposed to work on a specialty basis, one that would appeal to boys of an area. In small towns a specialty might change two or three times a year and take into consideration the interests of all members. In a large town or city, the specialty would stay the same, where an interested young man would have a choice of program.

There are explorer specialty posts learning from top professional men in the community and those sponsored by industry learning from executives and members of related companies.

Among sponsors are police departments, hospitals, factories, fire departments, bar associations. The above would be a set specialty, but a unit sponsored by a service club, church or veterans' organization becomes one that has a changing specialty.

The Explorer Code[6] is: "As an Explorer—I believe that America's strength lies in her trust in God and in the courage and strength of her people, I will, therefore be faithful in my religious duties and will maintain a personal sense of honor in my own life. I will treasure my American heritage and will do all I can to preserve and enrich it. I will recognize the dignity and worth of my fellow men and will use fair play and good will in dealing with them. I will acquire the Explorer attitude that seeks the truth in all things and adventure on the frontiers of our changing world."

Exploring is action and will pay dividends to any group interested in giving of a meeting place and manpower to run an Explorer post so that the young men in high school may get a proper outlook on the future.

March 19 Greenfield MA Recorder Gazette 1963 - 1127.pdf

Boat Club Asks Help at Docks

TURNERS FALLS—The danger of high water, present in the Connecticut River watershed, resulted in an extraordinary plea for help by members of the Franklin County Boat Club last night.

All available members and Sea Explorers will fasten docks at the boat dub marina Sunday at 1 p.m.

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[6] Has the manifestations of indoctrination. *e.g.*

Pres. Stanley Cislo warned a sudden thaw could release millions of gallons of water from deep snow in the north and create excessive damages to the club's facilities near Unity Park.

The Sea Explorers, formerly Sea Scouts, have offered aid, Cislo said.

June 28 Greenfield MA Recorder Gazette 1963 - 3001.pdf

History in the Recorder

25 Years Ago

Montague— Robert Richardson and Fred Lawrence, members of the Montague Sea Scouts, were in Cambridge for the week end to take lessons in sailing at the school of instruction sponsored by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

October 21, 1964 Greenfield MA Recorder Gazette 1964 - 3907.pdf

Sea Scouts Ask Permission to Use Town Hall

TURNERS FALLS—In one of the shorter meetings of the year, Montague selectmen signed weekly warrants, issued licenses, and tended to minor town business in the town office building Monday night.

The board expressed no objections to a request for use of the Fourth Street town hall by Ship 60, Franklin County Sea Scouts, if no conflict with other organizations are determined by Joseph Brule, custodian. Commander Herbert Foley of the scouts requested use of the hall every second Tuesday during the winter.

Oct. 23 Greenfield MA Recorder Gazette 1964 - 3935.pdf

Sea Scouts Will Replace Yankee with Liberty Boat

TURNERS FALLS—SS Yankee of Ship 60, Franklin County Sea Scouts, will be replaced by a 25 foot Liberty Boat after more than 13 years' service.

Cmdr. Herbert Foley said the new vessel with 100 horse power inboard diesel motor, is a government owned vehicle stationed in Mystic, Conn., and will be at the Connecticut River dock this fall. It will be christened SS Yankee II in early 1965.

The new ship, as was the case for the old, will be maintained and operated completely by the Sea Scouts who earn money for gas, paint, scrapers, and other incidentals.

The Sea Scout group will fully equip Yankee II with life Jackets, fire extinguishers, two way radios, camping equipment and lifesaving device.

Sponsored by the Franklin County Boat Club under auspices of the Boy Scout Explorer program, the Sea Scout organization is open to boys 14-18 years old. It meets in the Fourth Street Town Hall every other Tuesday evening during the winter.

Activities Include monthly "cruises" to recreation and educational areas throughout New England. Members will visit the Museum of Science in Boston, Charlestown Navy Yard and Westover Air Force Base this year.

Summer activities include cruises up the Connecticut River in the scout ship with frequent cookouts on scout owned facilities on Captain Kidd's Island. First Mate Walter Matthews of Greenfield is in charge of the ship and is qualified to sail as far north as Northfield Bridge.

Anyone interested in Joining is welcome to attend meetings, Foley said.

The old Yankee I will be reclaimed by the federal government and offered for sale, if salvageable. If not, the vessel will be scrapped.

February 16, 1965 Greenfield MA Recorder Gazette 1965 - 0610.pdf

Ship 60 Scouts to Get 25-Foot Diesel Boat

TURNERS FALLS—Yankee II, a 25-foot converted Liberty boat will be in Turners Falls April 1, Skipper Herbert Foley told Franklin County Sea Scouts of Ship 60 last night.

The 100-horsepower diesel ship, owned by the U. S. government, will replace the old Yankee-1, which will be retired after more than 12 years' service.

A crew from Mack in Construction Co., of Greenfield will deliver the boat to the Franklin County Boat Club docks here for dedication ceremonies in May, Foley said.

Four boot trainees joined the ship in Fourth Street town hall last night, bringing membership to 10. A new training program for Explorer Sea Scouts was explained and requirements for membership outlined.

The ship voted to sponsor a first aid course membership for Skipper Foley, who will complete the course before the boating season. A short knot-tying course was given by Second Mate John Morin.

Foley reminded the crew all must be qualified as apprentice seamen before joining Ship 60. A vote of thanks was given selectmen for furnishing the town hall as a winter meeting place.

March 19 Greenfield MA Recorder Gazette 1965 - 1216.pdf

Scouts Expect New Ship at T.F. Saturday

TURNERS FALLS—The scout's ship will finally come in Saturday, Comdr. Herbert Foley announced today.

The SS Yankee H, a 100 horsepower Liberty Boat, will arrive at the Franklin County Boat Club docks Saturday afternoon, weather permitting, Foley said. The diesel powered ship replaces Yankee I, which served the scouts for more than 12 years.

The 25 foot vessel owned by the United States and stationed at Mystic, Conn., will be transported to the river by a crew of workmen from Mackin Construction Co. It will be maintained and operated completely by the Sea Scouts, who conduct projects to finance gas, paint, scrapers, and other incidentals.

The Sea Scout unity of boys 14-18 years old will fully equip the new boat with fire extinguishers, life Jackets, two-way radios, camping equipment and life saving devices.

Sponsored by Franklin County Boat Club under auspices of the Boy Scout Explorer program, Ship 60 Explorer meets in the Fourth Street town hall every other Tuesday. A dedication ceremony is planned early this spring to christen the new ship. Ship 60 members were shown slides on basic parts of sail and water craft at a meeting this week. Fund raising projects were discussed with proceeds to help pay for summer activities.

Turners Falls Sea Scouts swarm gleefully over their newest acquisition, a former liberty boat given to them by the Navy Yard in Boston.

June 12 Greenfield MA Recorder Gazette 1965 - 2962.pdf

Article condensed to show Sea Scout activity. *e.g.*

New Speed Rules for Conn. River Dock Area

TURNERS FALLS—The Connecticut River, from the Western Massachusetts Electric Co. dam to the mouth of the Cove has been declared a dock area, and speed laws must be obeyed, Herbert Foley. Montague boating safety officer said today.

By state law, no boat shall travel faster than five miles an hour in any dock said.

Colored buoys will be placed the river by the Sea Scouts to mark the speed limits within the dock area. . . .

July 20 Greenfield MA Recorder Gazette 1965 a - 0310.pdf

Scouts Cruise Overnight on Connecticut

TURNERS FALLS—Ship 60, SSS Yankee H, took its first overnight cruise on the Connecticut River last week-end, Cmdr. Herbert Foley has announced.

Ten crewmen, all members of the Franklin County Sea Scouts, left the Franklin County Boat Club docks for Captain Kidd's Island Saturday at 6 p.m. Arriving at 7, a campsite was constructed on the island and supper cooked by the boys. A short talk on scouting followed before Taps, Foley said. Hard rain and thunder showers during the night provided some excitement but water proof tents, donated by Joseph E. H. Bonnette, kept the boys dry. Breakfast was served at 7 a.m. and, following clean-up of the campsite, crewmen

went water skiing and swimming. Camp dinner was served and tents dismantled. The boys re turned to home base in Turners Falls during the afternoon.

"The boys worked hard pre paring the ship and themselves for the first overnight trip," Foley said. "They painted, re paired and cleaned the ship and studied a definite waiter safety program before the trip was undertaken. All look forward to the next one."

August 13, 1966 Greenfield MA Recorder Gazette 1966 - 4043.pdf

Lengthy article condensed to reference Sea Scout activity. *e.g.*

TURNERS FALLS— Members of several municipal agencies last night greeted with reservations a proposal for a $200,000 recreational development of Unity Park, Cabot Woods, and the South End by Western Massachusetts Electric Co. . . .

Old Building. Also revealed were proposed intentions to purchase die brick river. Taft House[7], oldest building in Turners Falls, as headquarters of the Franklin County Boat Club and Sea Scouts or for use as an historical building. . . .

March 17, 1967 Greenfield MA Recorder Gazette 1967 - 1382.pdf

Sea Scouts Plan Trip to Mystic Fund Campaign

TURNERS FALLS—Ship 60 Sea Scouts will visit the Museum at Mystic, Conn., April 3, Skipper Herbert Foley announced today.

This museum is the largest of its kind and one of the best to the world, including many old sailing vessels, square riggers and equipment used on the ships that sailed the coast years ago, Foley said.

Fund-raising was started at this week's masting at which only two members were absent. Safety flares were handed out to the boys, who will attempt to set them, resting money to operate their ship. The Yankee, on the river this summer.

Tentative plans call for a camp out twice a month at Capt. Kidd's Island in the Northfield area of the Connecticut River. This area as leased by the Franklin County Boat Club and the scouts are able to establish a permanent camp site there.

Next meeting will be Monday at the Fourth St. town hall.

May 26, 1976 Greenfield MA Recorder 1976 - 3087.pdf

Time to Sail into Summer. A general comment section. Only Sea Scout is given here. *e.g.*

. . . An interest in sailing as a technical skill as well as a desire to enter the world of river boating appears to animate many members. "You can really get away from it all," observed longtime enthusiast William Gardner who joined the Northampton Sea Scouts as

[7] The Taft House served as a way point for the Bissell Ferry that plied the river where the abutments for the Upper (Red) Suspension Bridge are located.

a youth and until 1972 sold recreational craft from his Turners Falls paint business at 120 L st. . . .

. . . One angle Dunn would take to see the revival of the Greenfield Sea Scouts, a voluntary group of youths from 12 to 16 years old who train in the skills of boating. "We need some leaders," Dunn [Fred] said, "who win take the responsibility of training young boys and girls in these nautical skills. We have the boat they normally use. It's just sitting here." . . .

July 21, 1978 Greenfield MA Recorder 1978 a - 3653.pdf

Remembering the S.S.S. Penguin

"The regular meeting was held on board ship. The crew leaders lay aft and reported nine scouts and four officers present. The colors were raised in the usual manner. The Skipper was piped on board at eight bells."

SSS Penguin on lake Wyola. 1935 m.h.s.

This salty talk is not from a seaside village. The words are quoted from the 1940-41 official log of the Sea Scout ship "Penguin" of Montague Center, at one time flagship for Region One of the Sea Scouts.

And out of Montague at that time came 10 16-foot sailing sloops, all handmade in the shop of Charles Ripley, the Skipper, whose name became synonymous with sea scouting. In the loft over his shop, which was attached to the home just off Main Street in Montague Center, a spot was found to create a "land-ship." It was fitted with gang planks stanchions, running lights, a ship's wheel, and pennants.

"He loved the water," said his daughter, Hazel Welch, wife of Warren Welch, one of the former Sea Scouts. "About 1935 he started the Montague Sea Scouts with six members.

When the group was at its height, there were 30 young men."

Henry Wonsey of Montague Road, Lake Pleasant, was one of the Sea Scouts.

"It's hard to put into words. Skipper Ripley had so much going for us, compared to the youth of today. He kept us busy, kept us occupied, kept us off the streets. He was a great guy. The trips and the races were lots of fun."

A pattern maker for Montague Machine Co., Ripley in 1935 decided to build a 14-foot sailboat of his own design. This became the S.S.S. Penguin.

Obviously, the townspeople became interested and many of those who stopped in to see how the boat was coming along were Boy Scouts, looking anxious to join an advanced scouting group. They provided an extra hand for Ripley when he needed it, especially in

moving the heavy boat. Not only from Montague, but from Sunderland and Northfield the young men came.

Gradually, the idea evolved of forming a Sea Scout troop and the first six boys started more sailboats in the shop. In barns and garages around the town, boats were in various stages of construction as the young men began a Montague sailing fleet.

(This group is not to be confused with the later troop of Sea Scouts, operating out of Turners in the early 1950s in one large former Coast Guard vessel that used to sail up the Connecticut from the Turners Falls dam.)

"The first three sailing sloops were launched on Lake Wyola," Mrs. Welch said. "In 1936 there were two more. Philip Dirks was the first to build a boat. I remember Alden and Dorrace Graves built The Slowpoke. There was the Osprey."

All the wood was carefully chosen and seasoned in the attic of the shop-pine for planks, straight-grained oak for ribs deck and coaming and straight, clear spruce for mast and boom. Brass screws and white lead caulking were a "must," Ripley made his own hardware at the foundry where he worked. He managed to find sail cloth. All this was at a time when, unlike today, sailboats were not usually seen on county lakes and ponds.

Forty years later, Welch still remembers how he felt:

"The first fleet of sailboats was built, not in a day, or even in a year. But, along with the boats was built a special comradeship that only working together as a team can produce. Winter was the time for study as well as planning for the next summer's activities.

"There was one day set aside late in the fall as wood sawing day. It would have done you good to see men and boys go to it with a will, at the hated job of getting in the supply of wood necessary for the many stoves. But, the promise of those many evenings around the stoves in loft ship, in Skipper's den at the Franklin stove, and in the shop around the barrel stove, was incentive enough for anybody."

Mrs. Welch turned to a well-yellowed newspaper clipping in the Sea Scout scrapbook, showing the boats at the opening of the **Turners Falls-Gill Bridge**[8] on Sept. 10, 1938, giving the appearance of a regatta on the Connecticut River.

Although Ripley and the Scouts even made their own boat trailers for towing their fleet, a place had to be found to dock the boats.

"Floating docks were put in at Whitmore's rocks, you know, over the Montague line into Sunderland, near the falls," Mrs. Welch said.

Her husband said there an easy incline to launch the boats and plenty of solid rock, which even floods could not wash away. That wide place in the river was perfect for racing, with prevailing winds blowing straight up and down the river.

[8] The proper and only name for the bridge. *e.g.*

Even a "land-ship" was built nearby to be used as a re viewing stand for guests and officials. First Mate Stephen Richardson had a home nearby.

Mrs. Welch remembers a race to Northampton on a Labor Day weekend when she went along. But she and others had to get out and lighten the boats when they reached the sand flats in Sunderland. Then the passengers could get back in.

"When the 1938 hurricane was predicted, the men started out in cars, but each one was blocked in with trees," Mrs. Welch said. "So, they decided to take lanterns and walk the Whitmore's to pull the boats up. They got there just in time and saved them all."

Apparently, Mrs. Ripley became the ship's mother Planning birthday parties for the Scouts or playing the piano while the Skipper played the violin for square dancing were part of the social life at the Ripley home.

"They used to have community barn dances in Chapin's barn before it became the Chapin-Sadler garage," Mrs. Welch said.

Ralph Fronkus, another of the Sea Scouts still in Montague, remembered the cruises as very enjoyable. For two weeks in 1940 the Skipper Ripley and his Sea Scouts cruised the coast of Massachusetts using Great Misery Island as a base, and another time there was a long cruise off the coast of Maine.

In 1940, the S.S.S Penguin became the vice flag ship for New England Sea Scouting and in 1941, the flag ship.

Not all activity was confined to the shop or the water. In the "log" is recorded that in November (1940) the whole "ship" turned out to rake the leaves off the Montague Center common and to clean it up This was one of many service activities of the "ship."

However, with World War II looming on the horizon, the troop members gradually were attracted to the war industries in other states or enlisted in the service and the boats gradually fell into disrepair.

In the spring of 1945, Skipper Ripley died, leaving for many men the memories of exciting and exacting work of building boats, followed by the thrill of sailing and competition.

"I'm telling you, this house was filled with boys," said Mrs. Welch, who still lives in the Ripley home "There's never been anything in Montague Center like the S S.S. Penguin and the Sea Scouts.

March 24, 2006 Greenfield MA Recorder 2006 - 1792.pdf

Gill Man Reminisces About Sea Scouts

Just Plain Neighbors

Allan Adie of Gill praises the men and women who volunteer to lead Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, and other youth activities.

"But one youth group I haven't heard about in a long time is the Sea Scouts," Adie wrote.

Then he gave me a bit of back ground that he wrote for the History of Gill, Volume 2."

"Sea Scout Ship had 17 members present at the regular meeting in the Eagles Hall, Turners Falls in March 1952. The ship was represented by youth from Greenfield, Turners Falls and Riverside, Gill.

"Fred Bidwell of Gill remembered going to Boston and bringing back a Navy boat. It was called the Yankee and was docked near the Turners Falls Red Bridge[9] abutment. It was on this ship that the Sea Scouts followed the regulations and procedures of the United States Navy," Adie had written.

I talked with him about the boat. He said it had an inboard motor, a big windshield in front, five little portholes on each side that were in the cabin which was below deck. He also said 20 people could easily fit on board. My husband, Brud, and I used to see the boat when we had a little motorboat in the docks of the Turners Falls Boat Club, in the Connecticut River near the abutment.[10]

Adie wrote about the Sea Scouts exhibiting at a Boy Scout Jamboree at the Cage at the University of Massachusetts in April 1952. They were then "told to break ship" early and hurry home because the river was rising and the boys had to help secure the docks, which they did.

Adie remembered going with the Scouts to visit a submarine at the Charlestown Navy Yard. He was the liaison to the troop from the sponsoring Turners Falls Eagles. The late Bert Hubbard was their skipper.

Adie remembers the Sea Scouts from Gill were his son, Allan Jr., Robert Leighton, Ernest Yukl. Douglas Stotz, Peter Mesic, Arthur James, Ernest Cocking and Lee Christian.

Amazingly, when I contacted James, now living in Northfield, he said that for the last couple days he had been thinking about the Sea Scouts. He wondered if there ever would be such an organization again and wished someone would donate a boat for that purpose.

"Besides Bert Hubbard as skipper, we had a first mate and second mate. We had a lot of fun," James said.

"At one time we had three sail boats, also contributed to the troop." He wishes another ship could be available again for a new Sea Scout troop.

Adie also added a postscript about "a bunch of Sea Scouts", with Ernest V. Yukl, going to Worcester following the devastating tornado in the early 1950s "They worked for 14 days, a real experience for high school boys. President Eisenhower issued a commendation to the

Turners Falls Sea Scouts as Flagship of the Year. Their pictures appeared in Life magazine and many newspapers." Thanks Allan, for that peek into local history.

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[9] The Upper or "Red" Suspension Bridge.
[10] The Upper or "Red" Suspension Bridge abutment on the Turners Falls side.

Comment:
I remember the SSS (Sea Scout Ship) Yankee very well. As kids growing up in Turners, the river was one of many "swimmin' holes" for us. There were times when we would swim at the abutment where the Yankee was docked. We'd get a running start up the old approach to the edge of the abutment and dive over the boat. Swim across to riverside, get up on the abutment there, dive off and swim back to the Turners side. We had some amusing times there. *e.g.*

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That Friday Column about the Sea Scouts in the 1950s really went across the country fast. Mary Ann M. Butterfield, from Manhattan Beach, Calif., sent an e-mail. She told me that a classmate, class of 1959, who lives in Maine, sent her in California, an e-mail of that column. She didn't say whether it was a GHS or TFHS classmate as there were boys from both schools in the Sea Scouts.

Butterfield planned to send a copy of the column to her brother, Don Milton, class of 1957, who lives in Rhode Island.

"The Scouts had a 38-foot Coast Guard Cutter they kept on the Connecticut River. The Scouts spent many hours in Turners Falls scraping the boat down, painting it and keeping it seaworthy. However, the cost of fuel kept them from taking it out on the river very often," Butterfield wrote.

"I remember being jealous that they were able to take the boat to Captain Kidd's Island and camp overnight." Then, when I arrived at my computer Monday morning, there was a letter from her brother. Apparently the first boat of the Scouts was the Sea Hawk, only 21 feet in length, powered by a flat head Ford V-8 engine. No below deck space.

"The Greenfield Sea Scouts ship was 38 feet long. It was called the SES Yankee, skippered by Bob Egan. It was powered by a 200/250 hp six-cylinder Detroit diesel. The Yankee weighed eight tons and came from Portland, Me., arriving in Turners Falls on a flat car, transported FREE by the Boston and Maine Railroad.

"It was a Coast Guard picket boat. It did have a cabin with two bunks in the rear, a small gun rack and a separate enclosed pilot house," Milton wrote.

I received an e-mail from Eugene D. Arial of Lexington, S.C. ("always a Montague boy at heart.") He was the mascot for the Sea Hawk, where his brother, David, was a member and his father. Mason, was one of the leaders with Egan.

"The Yankee would make real nice waves and the smaller motor boats would jump them," Arial wrote.

Richard Emery, who still lives in the area, called to say the Sea Scouts wore blue or white uniforms, similar to those of the Navy.

Among his mother's memorabilia, he found a newspaper photo of him receiving an award for helping in Worcester for 14 days, with other Scouts, after the tornado in June 1953.

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At Whitmore's Rock. m.h.s.