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Moose Jaw Troop No 1 (St. George's) Boy Scouts fonds. - [textual record]. - 1923-1940. - 8.50 cm of textual records.

Box V-89

### **Administrative history**

The scouting movement was founded by Lord Robert Baden-Powell in England in 1907. The movement began in Canada in 1908. In 1915 the Provincial Council of Saskatchewan Scouting was established, although there were scouts prior to that. The aim of the Boy Scouts of Canada is to help members become resourceful and responsible members of the community by providing for their mental, physical and spiritual development. This included learning about outdoor living through camping and hiking along with good deeds.

The first boy scout troop in Moose Jaw was organized on September 28, 1910 when boys from all denominations met in the Zion Methodist Church. Rev. G.F. Salton presided at the meeting and outlined the work, aims and objects of the scouting movement. Enthusiastically a troop was formed and patrol divisions were created. In 1911 the following scout troops existed in Moose Jaw: Divisions "A", "B", "C" First Moose Jaw Troop, Zion Church; Second Moose Jaw Troop, St. John's Church; and the Y.M.C.A. Troop, Y.M.C.A. In 1914 there was a scout troop at St. Michael's and All Angels Church on South Hill. Troop No. 9 (Hillcrest) was organized in 1926. Troop No. 1 St. George's was formed around 1923. Scout Master was C.F. Kempton. Senior Patrol Leader was Herbert (Bert) Gray.

Over the years there were many changes. Scouting was divided into sections for the various age groups: Beavers, 5-7, began in 1974; Wolf Cubs, 8-10 years, began in 1916; Boy Scouts, 11-14 years; Venturers, 14-17 years, began in 1966; Rovers, 18-26 years, began in 1917. Scouting is now open to both boys and girls.

In 1971 there were nine scout troops in Moose Jaw, 1970 seven troops, 1993 five troops. In 2004 there was one active group, Troop No. 5, Hillcrest with approximately thirty children in Beavers, Cubs and Scouts. There is no longer a local district, there is an area commissioner.

### **Scope and content**

This fonds consists of the first records of Troop No. 1 (St. George's) Boy Scouts. Included are financial statements from 1925 to 1929, records of the first members of the troop from 1923 to 1940, attendance records and reports of activities from 1923 to 1925, and undated newspaper clippings. There are 4 activity books and 1 guide book for Wolf Cubs.

### **Physical description**

The scout records from 1923 to 1933 are loose pages. The financial statements and newspaper clippings are glued to pages and included in a black binder with the scout

records from 1934 to 1940. The paper is brittle and tattered. The binder is very worn and brittle. The cover of the Wolf Cub guidebook is detached from the book.

### **Conservation note**

This fonds was re-boxed and foldered in 2004.

### **Note of immediate source of acquisition**

Donated to the Archives Dept. In 1985 by Herbert (Bert) Gray.

### **Accruals**

No further accruals expected

### **Finding aids**

See file list.

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#### File List

001 - Scout Records 1923-1933

002 - Scout Records 1934-1940 (Includes financial statements 1925-1929, activity reports 1923-1925, and undated newspaper clippings).

003 - Booklets for Wolf Cubs 1) Wolf Cub tests and how to pass them (3 copies), n.d.  
2) Jungle plays for Wolf Cubs, 1934  
3) Wolf Cubs by "Gilcraft", 1935