

There is still a great deal of work to do before our Site is a show place, but by basing more Rover activities there, we hope to stimulate interest.

During the year Hamilton Roving has been represented at all the publicized Rover activities in the Province. A canoe trip into the wilds of Northern Ontario and a motor trip to Mexico to film native art and customs were also successfully accomplished.

Once again Hamilton Rovers have spent a year living the knight's creed of Service and Adventure.



1953

Camp Committee Report

George Jaap, Chairman - Cub Camp Committee

Harry West, Chairman - Scout Camp Committee

Ed Ascott, Chairman - Rover Camp Committee

The year 1953 started out for us as one of gloom and heartbreak after the Mount Nemo fire, but quickly turned to hope, determination and plans for the future. Mount Nemo was on the march again and today we see the camp in her infinitely more satisfactory dress, namely the new buildings.

To those of you who played a part in this transformation, whether it be in cleaning up the rubble planning the new

buildings, or assisting with the raising of Apple Day funds, I am sure you will feel as I do, that it has not been a bad old year and it certainly got all of us pulling in the same direction.

Yes! We have much to do yet in furnishings, etc. in 1954, but the road is clear. Let's keep digging, your accomplishments speak for themselves.

1954

Executive Board Committees

Mr. Rolph Barnes, Chairman Camp Committee, with his committee of Scouters under A.D.C. Tom Rogerson, has carried on a programme of construction and conservation to improve facilities at our Mount Nemo Scout Camp so that thousands of boys will continue their year-round camping. Improved facilities in all Lodges, construction of a dam in the Bronte Creek, encouraged over 8,000 campers and visitors to Mount Nemo for a one day camp or more. To date, over 29,000 trees have been planted to improve the value of our camp property.

From the President's Report

James Wright Area Commissioner

President: John Hamilton

CAMPING Mount Nemo, our District Campsite, has been used once again for 52 weeks of the year. Winter Camping, Rallies, Jamborette, Training Courses and Group Camping has kept the lodges and campsite full of activity. Nineteen of our Packs and Troops camped for 127 days away from our own site, with 527 Cubs and Scouts taking part in the Camps.





1957

Area Commissioner's Report James Wright

CAMPING - Mount Nemo has again continued its record of keeping its gates open 52 weeks in the year. Winter Camping, Courses, Rallies, Camporees and Group Camping have kept the campsite full of activity, with never a dull moment. Our thanks are extended to our new Camp Committee, who have donated hundreds of hours of service to maintain the high standard throughout the year.

LADIES AUXILIARIES - Every time I attend a Scouting event, I see our most loyal supporters, the Mothers, working and aiding all our Committees in a hundred and one ways, sewing, catering, providing transportation, cooking at camp, operating canteens, counting Apple Day money, stringing Apple Day tags, issuing Headquarter's mail, purchasing projectors, training equipment, first-aid equipment, sponsoring boys and leaders to take advanced courses, even painting and decorating at the Mount Nemo Scout Camp on work week. We could not get along without them. One of our outstanding pioneers in Ladies Auxiliary work came to the end of her term of office this year. I was very happy to present our friend, Mr. J.G. Hamilton, with a Gold THANKS BADGE. Thank you, Mrs. Hamilton for an excellent job.

1958

From the Area Commissioner's Report James Wright

Have you every thought that when our Boys pitch their tents at Mount Nemo, thousands of boys throughout the World are doing the same thing? They join the Movement for the 'out' in Scouting and we, here in Hamilton, are justly proud of our record - close to 10,000 camper nights during the past year.



1960

From the President's Report Norman MacGregor

Maybe the most spectacular development of the year was the increase in the use of Mount Nemo, and to support this development, our Apple Day Campaign went away over the top allowing us to create a fund for the purchase of a northern camp site.

Our Annual Boy Scout-Girl Guide Parade was larger, more colourful, and better organized than ever before.

The Hamilton Spectator, not being content with providing the financial support for our parade and with giving us editorially and pictorially a most satisfactory coverage in our public relations, also gave us the funds for another much needed Cub Lair at Mount Nemo. We have also during the year been able to fill a much-needed want at Scout House by erecting a wing to take care of our own and the Girl Guides' much expanded activities.

**From the Area Commissioner's Report
James Wright**

Throughout the year we have specialized in conservation-our forestry course planted 2,000 trees, and hundreds of leaders donated their time to keep our campsite to a high standard. Again I would like to say Thank You to Harlie Duncan and his staff for this major achievement.

Our greatest achievement of the year is our record of 28,000 nights of camping, a gain of ten thousand over the record of 1959. This has been possible only through the tremendous effort of our voluntary leaders to keep their 'Out' in Scouting.



1961

**From the President's Report
G. B. Hamilton**

In June, we opened our new Spectator Cub Lair, donated by the Hamilton Spectator, giving us increased Cub capacity at Nemo, and we were supported again by the International Harvester Company, who maintained their Cub Lair, showing further evidence of the wonderful support we receive from the citizens of this community.

**District Council Commissioner's Report
C. H. Clark**

As in previous years, operation of the camp at Mount Nemo has filled its proper place in the Scouting life at Hamilton. The Camp Committee under Mr. J.

MacKenzie, in addition to their regular maintenance and improvement programme, installed and finished an addition to Tetonka donated by Baldasaro and MacGregor Ltd. contractors. By an outstanding effort they prepared the new Spectator Lodge for opening on June 24th at which time representatives from the business world, press and radio, along with any friends of Scouting, participated in the opening by the Rev. John Witzel, of Mount Hamilton United church. A Scouting flavour was added to the proceedings with the 17th Cub Pack and the two Jamboree Troops, all of whom were in camp for that weekend. The new Spectator Lodge, through its facilities, extends the spirit of adventure to many more of our Cub groups.

**Mount Nemo Camp Committee Report
Jack MacKenzie**

The two greatest achievements at Mount Nemo Scout Camp during the past year have been the construction of the new water storage tank, and the completion of the Spectator Cub Lodge, with the Rover Scouts and Scouters putting up most of the Cub building. Throughout the year a steady record of maintenance was carried on:

All lodges were painted inside, and repairs done to several. The veranda and walls of St. Giles Lodge were repaired, also the doors of B.P. Lodge. The Harvester Cub Lodge was fitted with windows and screens. A new stove was put in the Ram Inn. Floors and walls of Hencher and Gibson, the two Rover cabins, were replaced. Tetonka Lodge was enlarged. Camp equipment and all K.Y.B.O.'s were painted. The three Cub lodges received new signs. Grounds maintenance has been considerable. The Fleur-de-lis crest on the hillside has been made permanent, the parking lot extended, trails have been cleared, pot-holes in the Sports Field were filled in. The Scouts on the forestry courses planted new trees.

I would like to pay tribute to the quantity and quality of work accomplished by my predecessor, Mr. Harlie Duncan and his Rovers. To continue his standard of maintenance, I require the assistance of more Rover Crews, each of which I would like to see responsible for some area of camp upkeep. I wish also to thank the members of my Camp Committee for their loyalty and labour.

Mount Nemo Camp Committee (1961):

First Aid & Factor's Lodge - Dorothy Forrest

Forests - Gerry Johnston

B.P. Lodge - Elliott Aggus

#1 Cub Lair - Doug French

#2 Cub Lair - Bob Madill

#3 Cub Lair - Gord Worthington

Ram Inn - Royce Gunn

St. Giles Lodge - Rich Pearson

Tetonka - Don Clitsome

Gibson Den - Rich Etherdon

Hencher Den - John Webb

Camp Trails - Colin Leech-Porter

DuBurgh Chapel - Pete Smith

Fleur-de-lis Hill - Walt Simmons

#1 Cub Field - Wayne Block

#2 Cub Field -

#3 Cub Field -

Sports Field - Bob Bernat

Swimming Pool - Arnold Fowler

Poison Ivy Control - Rick Provo

#1 Troop Site - Jack Tamborn

1962

Council Committee Report

C. H. Clark

In the early part of the year the first phase of a permanent water system was installed at the Mount Nemo Campsite, designed to eliminate the use of contaminated storage tanks and to provide water services for the nearby lodges. As is the case with all new developments, some problems arose and remain to be worked out, so that the water service to the Cub side of the camp will be more readily available than at present. However, this installation of an approved permanent water storage is a major step in eliminating the cause of water problems, that have been serious in the past at Camp.



1963

From the President's Report

W.R. Macpherson

In many ways, the year 1963 was one of accomplishment. At Camp Nemo, improvements were made to the Factor's Lodge, and further allotments were made to the funds being provided for the building of a Rover Chalet and a Cub Lair. Unfortunately, our perennial problem, the water system, was not completely solved, but it is fully expected that needed improvements will be completed in 1964.

Council Committee Report

C. H. Clark

At Mount Nemo - Early in the season, an extension was built onto the Factor's Lodge to provide better accommodation and to improve our First Aid set up there. The equipment that was installed in 1962 to improve the water services for the campsite met with limited success and further development is being investigated. Work was performed late in the season to bulldoze the toboggan slide and remove much of the hazard that we have experienced on the slope in the past.

Mount Nemo Camp Committee Report

R.F. Baxter Chairman

1963 saw a start to several important projects at Mount Nemo Scout Camp.

In three work weekends in April the interior of most of the lodges were repaired where needed and then all were repainted. A good deal of camp maintenance was also done at this time. In June, work started on a ten foot addition to the Factor's Lodge and this project was completed by mid summer. A telephone has been installed in the stockade and is already proving its worth.

Plans have been made to extend our water system to all the Cub Lodges by means of a pressure system to assist those working in those areas so far from the supply. Late in the year we had a bulldozer in camp which besides doing routing chores of filling the dump and cutting a path around the bird reserve, completed at long last our toboggan slope on the bird reserve. Many thanks go to those who, over the preceding months had worked endless hours making the slope ready for this winter.

MOUNT NEMO CAMP COMMITTEE (1963)

Executive Board Camp Consultants: W.A.T. Gilmour, J.M. Pigott Jr., T. Rogerson

Chairman - R.F. Baxter

Factor's Lodge - Mrs. F. Forrest

First Aid - Mrs F. Forrest

Stockade - M. Imrie

Camp Forests - Gerry Johnston

All Inn - C. King

B.P. Lodge - Ancaster Crew/H. McCullough

Scout Chapel - 68th Crew/D. MacDonald

#1 Cub Lair - 1st Crew/N. Manning

Rover Chapel - P. Smith

#2 Cub Lair - 42nd Crew/R. Madill

Flag Circle - R. Pearson

#3 Cub Lair - 25th Crew/H. Shannik

Fleur-de-lis - W. Simmons

Ram Inn - 63rd Crew/J. Hislop

Sports Field - R. Bernat

St. Giles - 6th Crew/J. Webb

#1 Troop Site - J. Tamborn

Tetonka - 12th Pack/D. Clitsome

Gibson Den - 4th Aldershot Crew/G. Hutchings

1964

Mount Nemo Camp Committee Report Chester Mulholland, Chairman

In the fall of 1963 plans were made for many important projects to be completed for the following year. Hencher Lodge and Tetonka Lodge were relined with new hardboard. All lodges were repainted outside, and all kitchens also received a fresh coat of paint. Roads were graded and oiled, the parking lot was extended.

A major improvement was made in the Factor's Lodge: a small addition to house pumping facilities was built, electricity was installed, along with an inside toilet and running water, and this lodge will be heated throughout the winter months. A new refrigerator and a radio were donated by Scouters for the further comfort of the Factor and his family. Water can now be extended to all lodges by means of a pressure system.

I would like to give a big hand of Thanks to all who have made this year what I believe to be a successful period for Camp Nemo.

1965

From the Rovering Report

Some three hundred Rovers from the Region attended the Spring Moot hosted by Hamilton District at Camp Nemo. The Moot was very successful both financially and in numbers attending. By October, the shell of the Rover Chalet was completed, and it promised to be a very fine building indeed. On Thanksgiving weekend three Crews painted the outside of the Chalet and put insulation underneath the floor.

Mt. Nemo Camp Report Chester Mulholland, Chairman

Throughout the year we have continued to develop winter camping in the lodges from Thanksgiving until Easter; summer camping from May 1st to Thanksgiving, and Cub Camping in the Cub Lairs from June 1st until October 1st. On some weekends 4-1/2 packs were accommodated, using the three Cub Lairs, B.P. Lodge, and Ram Inn. During the year, 23,238 camper nights were recorded.

At the annual Executive Committee supper at Mt. Nemo last June, plans were finalized for the long-awaited building of the Rover Chalet, one of our 1967 Centennial projects, and for the replacement of Hencher Lodge destroyed by fire in 1964. Construction was begun and I am happy to report that the outer shell of the Chalet can now be seen in the Rover Field, whilst a greatly improved Hencher Den is now located in a sheltered site below the orchard. It has been painted and insulated by the 21st Rover Crew and will soon be ready for use.

During the year, Venturers have built five small bridges over the creek to complete our Racoon Eye trail which starts from the training site in the valley, winds amongst the maples and firs of the conservation area and around the Bird Reserve, to give the camper and the visitor a refreshing look at our Ontario heritage.

Rover Scouts have continued to build the dam at the lower end of the swimming hole, while Scout Troops have built the ripple dams above the swimming hole. Those ripple dams aerate the water running over them, cleansing and clarifying the waters of our swimming hole. Throughout the summer months we have repeatedly mowed the camping sites to keep down the weeds; the poison ivy and thistles have been sprayed; in the early spring, grass seed was spread around the eroded hill, toboggan run and trails, whilst 3500 new trees were planted in our conservation area by the Scouts on the Forester Badge Course.

During the summer months our water system continued to pump water to four stand-pipes located around the camp, easing the task of our Cub Leaders. An improvement in our summer Factor's programme was the scheduling of their duty periods from Friday evening to Friday evening for the ten weeks of summer camping. Our winter weekend Factors supervised the camp for the remaining 42 weekends. These invaluable Scouters and Group Committeemen allotted "Good Turns", organized swim periods, arranged for campfire locations, rendered First Aid, supervised the burning of rubbish, arranged for the Scouts to tidy the Camp and swimming area, and created a spirit of cheerfulness and good will.

During the Victoria Weekend, we had the satisfaction of seeing 800 campers arrive with their Group Committee drivers, locate themselves in their separate parking lots, and transport their equipment to the assigned camporee sites, under the direction of the District Group Committeemen's Council who controlled the traffic into

and out of the Camp.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has helped with the many camp Good Turns throughout the past year, those who turned out on our work parties to paint the kitchens and floors, clean up and repair broken facilities, and clear and maintain the ground. Their efforts are of real benefit to the campers and leaders



1967

Mount Nemo Camp Dave Peat, Chairman Committee

Mount Nemo Camp continues to attract a large number of boys and leaders. The majority of Scouts and Rovers only use the camp for overnight or weekend camping. Cubs, however, make full use of all available facilities during the summer months.

Our Rover Chalet was officially opened by Controller Ann Jones on January 15th. Confederation Lodge, our Centennial camp project was not completed due to circumstances beyond our control but should be ready for use early in 1968. The District Camporee held on Victoria Day Weekend attracted more than 1,000 Scouts. This number included approximated 400 from Niagara District Council, New York, USA

I would like to thank all who helped in any way with our camping programs, from work parties to factors, and those who assisted with the boy programme, Scouters, Group Committeemen and Ladies' Auxiliaries; all played an important part in our camping success.



1969

From The District Committee Report

Throughout the year the Camp Committee was active in attempting to assess immediate and future needs of our camp at Nemo. A mailing survey was used to contact all leaders in the Council and we must acknowledge that the return is truly representative in that we received returns from 68% of the leaders expressing their feelings and the feelings of their boys concerning our campsite. In the early fall, the Camp Committee submitted recommendations to the Executive Board of the Council incorporating many of the ideas put forward which will improve winter camping and other activities on the campsite.

Camp Nemo Report

Gerry Johnston - Camp Administrator

Wilfred Darby - Camp Executive

1969 marked the approach of a new era in the quality of camping offered by the Hamilton District Council. There has begun an all out campaign to improve the appearance, serviceability and capacity of our facilities at Mt. Nemo.

One of the major concerns was to comply with the restrictions that the Board of Health recommended. To this end, there has been the addition of 7 new K.Y.B. O's of a greatly improved design over the ones used in the past. Four new drainage systems have been added to the Cub Lodges and the Factor's Lodge. The garbage dump has been replaced by an all metal garbage shed from which the garbage is hauled away once a week, resulting in the overall cleanliness of the camp being vastly

improved. The removal of all the old mattresses from the lodges has been another step in this direction.

The next concern was the condition of the lodges now present. It was indicated on the camp questionnaire that a number of the older buildings should be removed from the site. It was decided that this should be a three year project with St. Giles Lodge being replaced first. Ram Inn was destroyed by fire so the committee approved replacing both in the near future. To increase the scope of our winter Cub camping programme, we have insulated #2 Cub Lair and so the Scouts will not feel left out we have insulated Hencher for their use. Confederation Lodge is finished and available to all groups of over 50, providing they comply with the policy as outlined by the camp committee. The Factor's Lodge has now been improved to the extent that it is pleasant to live in all year round. The addition of a new stove, new ceiling, florescent lights, new drapes and painting all the inside has given the place a real home air. Our family of "all Inns" located along the creek in growing in number and new members to the family have been promised.

