



The Shelby Little House

The History

GIRL SCOUT PROBLEM PRESENTED AS IT CONFRONTS CITY OF SHELBY



In the past four years, the Girl Scouts of Shelby have grown from one troop of 16 girls to five troops with an enrollment of 110 girls. This remarkable growth has brought with it a number of problems, the most important of which is a need for accommodations for regular meetings.

The Girl Scout program is an unusually fine one, sponsored and directed by the national organization. This program encourages each girl to develop her particular talent and broadens her outlook and interests, making her a better citizen. The program is not meant to duplicate her school education—nor is it meant to be a substitute for her family life—its purpose is to supplement the two, blending them into a complete youthful life which will grow into a well rounded character.

As can well be understood, this scout program requires diversified avenues of study and play which in turn necessitate a meeting place which is large, well heated, light and airy, with good plumbing facilities and an interior sturdy enough to withstand lively games.

These requirements have been

discussed at great length during the past year, by various persons who have become interested in the Girl Scouts of Shelby. Several buildings have been used as meeting places, but as yet, none of them have proved adequate. To meet this need, our great benefactor, Mrs. Anna R. Fish donated land on which to build a Girl Scout lodge. With this property as a beginning, the local council of the Shelby Girl Scouts is planning to raise money to build a small house. Tentative plans have been drawn up which include a large recreation room, small work rooms and kitchen. One room will be available to the Boy Scouts of Shelby whenever they wish to use it. The exterior will be of a rustic nature.

The council feels that the progress made in previous years has proved that the Girl Scouts of Shelby is a permanent organization and worthy of having its own headquarters. This undertaking is of such a civic nature that it has been suggested that the people of Shelby would like to help. Each and every parent knows the value of scouting. By helping in this drive each contributor will have part in building the future security of Shelby because "Scouts are Good Citizens."

Miss Zorayda Sheets



Local Council for Girl Scouts

Shelby, Ohio
June 22, 1939

The Women's Club
Shelby, Ohio

Dear Friends:

The Girl Scout organization must begin now to plan for the future if they expect to offer a program to the girls of Shelby which will help them meet problems of citizenship and personal development.

The greatest present need is a place where Girl Scouts may meet informally, yet learn to use their talents and energies. Mrs. Anna R. Fish, having seen this need, some time ago gave the land which can be used as a site for a Girl Scout lodge. It is hoped that a building can be erected on this property before fall as Girl Scout meetings are now being held out of doors because there is no suitable building.

Full details concerning the plan for building a lodge have been published in recent issues of the Daily Globe, and we hope that you have read these articles and are more or less familiar with the program.

The enclosed pledge card gives you an opportunity to contribute towards this very worthy cause. A generous response to our requests will mean we are to help these girls for years to come by developing and training alert citizens through the Girl Scout program. We might add that any local girl between the ages of 8 and 18 is eligible for membership.

Please return your pledge to Mrs. L. A. Smith, 43 Boulevard on or before June 28, as the 26th, 27th, and 28th of this month are the days set aside for this campaign.

We trust your group will be glad to join with us in this project.

Very truly yours,

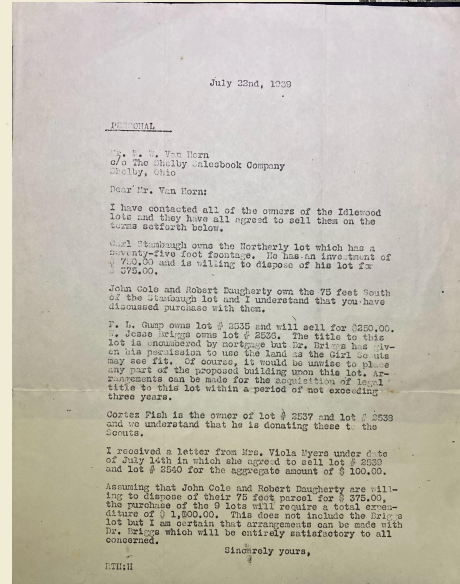
THE SHELBY GIRL SCOUT COUNCIL

Ruth Green
Commissioner

The Beginnings

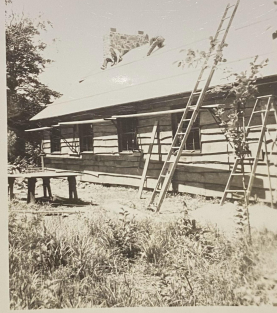
- The Shelby Girl Scout Council started writing articles about the need for a meeting space in June of 1939
- Troops were meeting in church basements, parks, and leaders' homes
- They wrote letters to various groups and organizations to bring awareness to this need
- They held a drive for funds while also hosting bake sales and other events to raise money

- With the funds raised, the council was able to buy land for the Little house, and ultimately paid \$1,100 for the lots, while also being donated one by Mrs. Anna R. Fish
- They signed a contract for the construction with Stacy S. Haun, stating that the house must be finished within 75 days of starting construction on the date April 10th or as soon as possible after that date
- The architect for the Little House was Walter Harrison Smith, who designed it after the house from the disney movie *Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs*
- After some delays and a groundbreaking ceremony held by the local Girl Scouts, construction on the Little House began.



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The wicked Queen soon learned from her magic mirror that Snow White was still alive. She planned a new way to get rid of the Princess so that she, the Queen, would once again be the fairest in the land.

She dressed as a beggar and went to the little house. When Snow White came to the door, the Queen gave her a beautiful red apple.

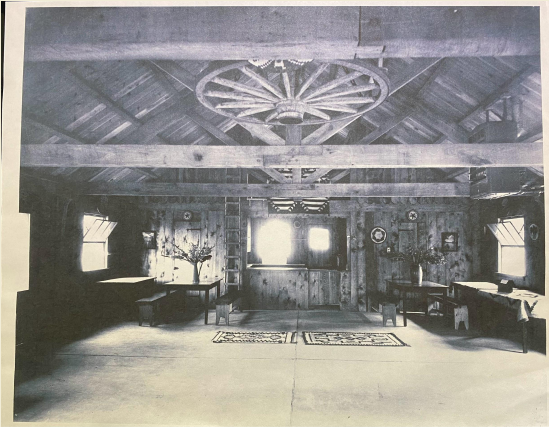


It was a strange little house, small enough for a child's playhouse. No one seemed to be at home so Snow White went in. There she saw a table set with seven places. She cleaned the house, washed the dishes and set the table neatly. Then she prepared a delicious dinner with food that she found in the small kitchen.

By this time, Snow White was tired and decided to take a nap.



When it became dark, the Seven Dwarfs who lived in the house came home through the forest. During the day they worked in a nearby mine digging for jewels. They were surprised to see lights on in their house and to smell food cooking. They entered the house carefully and found Snow White asleep on three of their beds. They stood around her wondering how she got there and admiring her beauty.



- Once the Little House was finished building, the Shelby Girl Scout Council decided to hold a dedication ceremony.
- They held the dedication on September 8, 1940. During this, decorations like the wagon wheel chandeliers, Native American rugs and baskets, and candlesticks were donated to the Little House
- From there, the Little House was ready to be utilized by troops and the community alike, with local troops holding meetings and the community holding dances, club meetings, parties, reunions, and various other events

GIRL SCOUT LITTLE HOUSE TO BE DEDICATED SUNDAY

The Girl Scout Little House, which is located in Seltzer park is now completed. It will be dedicated to future use in the community, Sunday afternoon, September 8 at 2:30 o'clock. The public who so generously supported the project and all friends of scouting are cordially invited to attend this dedication service. An interesting program has been arranged. Open house will be held afterwards and visitors are invited to inspect the Little House.

The Girl Scouts are anxious to show the many unusual features of their new home. Among these are the novel stately hand hewn beams

clever lighting fixtures made from wagon wheels, the two locks which are over 100 years old and were presented by local men, the handwork on the balcony rail, the crane in the fireplace made here in Shelby, and the interesting Indian collection donated by Mrs. Roscoe Skiles.

One feature of the program will be the flag raising ceremony. The flag pole was donated by the Ohio Seamless Tube Co. The entire program will be outlined in full later in the week.

The Girl Scouts hope the people of Shelby will attend the program so that they may see the fine results of their generous



DANCE
featuring
The
Mahogany
Popsicle
SAT., JAN. 27
Girl Scout House
8 to 11:30 p.m.
Adm. 75c

Teen Dance
Tues., Aug. 20
8:30 to 11:30
Girl Scout House
LIGHT SNOW
GLASS MENAGERIE
Admission 75c



DANCE
Friday, Nov. 17
8 to 11
Girl Scout
Little House

**"THE
REACTIONS"**
50c Admission

TEEN DANCE
Will Be Held at
The Scout House
Saturday Night
8:00 to 11:00
Adm. 75c
The
Royal Nights

DANCE
Mon., Sept. 2
Girl Scout House
SOUND TRACK
8:30 to 11:30
Admission 75c



NEW PAINTING — The board members of Shelby Little House, Inc., are placing this painting in Marvin Memorial Library to publicize their efforts to obtain a trust fund that will provide for future operations and maintenance expenses of the facility in

Seltzer Park. The work was painted by Kinley Shogren of Mansfield. The board includes (from left) James Kehoe, Mrs. James Dick, Mrs. Dale Weber and Mr. and Mrs. George Jones. (Globe Photo by Linda Stotts)



- In 1979, the board for the Little House wanted to establish a trust fund for the House, so that the finances of the house would be covered in times of need
- The board, which consisted of James Kehoe, George Jones, Doris Weber, Doris Dick, and Doris Jones, sent letters to people and organizations in the community to raise funds, while also putting up a painting of the Little House in the library
- They also published a writing of the history of the Little House written by Elvanor Straw in the Daily Globe
- They eventually reached their goal of \$28,000 in 1980 to establish the fund, thanks to many generous donors



MANY THANKS

The Shelby Girl Scout Council wishes to thank the people of Shelby for their splendid co-operation in raising funds to build a Girl Scout Little House.

Mr. Walter Harrison Smith, an architect from Cleveland, Ohio, has generously donated plans for the house. Mr. Smith is well known in Shelby having designed several homes here in the city.

As soon as specifications are ready, they will be open for bids.

LITTLE HOUSE MEETING

Girl Scouts of Troop No. 1, officially put the Little House into use with a pot luck supper Monday evening. The girls of the troop were the first to pursue scouting in Shelby.

After a delicious meal the girls built the first fire in the new fire place. Scout leaders, Mrs. R. K. Pemberton and Miss Mary Purdy were chaperons.

Xi Deltas Plan Toy Party Oct. 1

Xi Delta Gamma Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met Tuesday with Mrs. Charles Pettit, and Mrs. Archie Steele served as co-hostess. Mrs. Pettit read the program for the coming year. Mrs. Steele, secretary of City Council, reported on the coming events in City Council.

Plans were made for the coming toy party to be held October 1 at the Girl Scout House. A rummage sale is being planned, time and place to be announced.

The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Jacque Valk, September 17.

THIRD ARTICLE PRESENTING THE GIRL SCOUT PROGRAM TO SHELBY PEOPLE



The Girl Scout program, as it is practiced throughout the world and in Shelby, instructs girls between the ages of 10 and 18 to develop unknown interests in home making, how to find an outlet for their ability in artistic and handicraft fields, and gives them first-hand advantages of outdoor life. It teaches them to have an interest in current events of their community and gives them the desire to serve. Through their participation in health and safety activities they increase their usable knowledge regarding personal health, public health and safety, and learn how to put this knowledge into practical use.

A program based on these principles has been brought efficiently, by forty-one volunteer Shelby leaders, to better than 100 girls during the past three years. All those connected with Girl Scouting realize that there are many girls of scout age who want and need the scout program. It has, however been impossible to consider increasing present troops or adding additional troops with the types of headquarters and training facilities they now have. They also know that greater benefits can be offered present and future Girl Scouts with suitable headquarters to take care of increased enrollment and equipped

to provide the right kind of training. With these thoughts in mind they have carefully planned a Girl Scout Lodge to be built in Seitzer park on land already provided. They believe that the citizens of Shelby realize the future citizenship and character building value of such a venture and will want to offer their assistance. The plans for the scout lodge will call for a rustic building, in keeping with the park surroundings, containing a large hall for meetings, games, programs, etc., and adjoining rooms for handicraft and home making training. It is not the intention of the Girl Scout organization to put on an intensive house-to-house campaign to raise funds. Those who are known to be definitely interested in the movement will be approached, but there will be many more who will want to lend their assistance. Monday and Tuesday, June 26 and 27, have been set aside as Shelby Girl Scout days and facilities will be provided, at various points in the city, for all who desire to make contributions for the lodge.

The Girl Scout organization has pledged to the people of Shelby that funds made available for their use will be handled judiciously and will be returned many times, in the years to come, through better citizenship.

GIRL SCOUT LODGE DRIVE FOR FUNDS OPENS MONDAY, JUNE 26



The local Girl Scout council will open its drive for funds to build a Girl Scout lodge on Monday, June 26. It hopes to meet this need largely through individual subscription. However, a person has been selected in each business place to solicit donations in that organization, so that all who wish to contribute may do so. The drive will take place Monday and Tuesday, June 26 and 27. During this time, Girl Scouts will

be located in the Post Office, the Citizen's bank, and the First National bank for subscriptions. The proposed Girl Scout lodge will be:

Adequate for supervised play. Equipped with facilities for training in handicraft and home making.

Accessible for supervised mixed parties.

A good healthful place for our children to spend their leisure hours in the right way.

Let's push this drive "over the top" as Shelby always does.

ATTEND SERVICES AT CHURCH OF CHRIST Next Lord's Day April 21st

At Girl Scout Little House

Bible School.....9:30
Communion & Preaching.....10:30

Special music by Lloyd Bushey on the Hammond Organ.

John Hardin - Minister
Sermon subject "God's Unexpected Answer"

Friends and visitors welcome. Come.



GIRL SCOUTS

This certificate is presented to

SHELBY LITTLE HOUSE

In appreciation of service given to
Girl Scouts of Heritage Trails Council

February 22, 1988

Nancy K. Stone

Shirley Knight

GIRL SCOUT LITTLE HOUSE, Shelby, Ohio

