

(Herald Staff Photo by Julian Carpenter)

**WINCHESTER ROTARIANS REVIVE "BUILDING BEE" CUSTOM** and bend their backs week-ends and evenings to construct a \$25,000 lodge for the Winchester Council of Girl Scouts in the Middlesex Fells off Border road, Winchester, saving the council approximately \$12,000 and infusing a new community spirit in the town. Top left, Charlie Murphy, Rotary Club president; Sidney Elliott and Charles Kotch team to carry lumber for the building that will be finished by Christmas. Top right, Harry Chefalo, plumber, and Alfred Elliott, Winchester builder and leader of the project, consult plans. Both are contributing their skills. Lower left, pretty senior Girl Scouts serve coffee. Left to right are Anne Farquhar, Betty Ann Parker, Virginia Dyer, Mary Anne Damon and Harry Chefalo. The framework of the lodge, lower right, starts to rise after two weekends.



# Winchester to Dedicate Swank \$25,000 Cabin of Girl Scouts



**WINCHESTER COMMUNITY EFFORT** builds \$25,000 cabin for Girl Scouts. Swank Swiss lodge, shown below, will be dedicated Dec. 4. Leaders in the movement included, top, left to right, Alfred Elliott, builder; Charles Murphy, Rotary Club president; Mrs. Barbara Metcalf, Scout executive officer, and Mrs. James McElroy, Scout public relations officer.

By GEORGE CROFT

Every resident, professional man, shopkeeper, housewife and school-child in Winchester will celebrate on Sunday afternoon, Dec. 4, one of the greatest examples of community spirit in New England history with the dedication of a \$25,000 Girl Scout cabin on the Middlesex Fells Reservation in Winchester.

Every person in the town, school-children and adults, contributed in some way, shape or manner to the erection of the recreation cabin, which resembles a swank Swiss lodge more than a replica of an early American building.

Doctors, dentists, printers, soda counter men, laundry workers, gasoline service station owners, contractors, architects, students, town workers, the superintendent of schools and the Winchester Hospital Administrator are still nursing injured

bers, when an appeal for financial aid by the Girl Scouts to erect the cabin bogged down.

One by one the townspeople fell in behind the Rotary Club in an effort to aid the Girl Scout cause.

"Sure, we can't give more cash, but how about 500 feet of lumber, 10,000 bricks for the fireplace, windows, a door, sash weights, or could you use some plaster," businessmen said. And the drive was on.

Instead of playing golf, tennis, attending a cocktail party or playing bridge, the men of the community, as many as 200 at one time, donned overalls and made their way to the cabin site to work.

The Girl Scouts raised \$12,000 in a drive. This money they put into buying the materials donated at cost. The rest, labor and other materials, including furniture is being donated.

Winchester building contractors report the building, without volunteer labor and materials being donated, would cost at the bare mini-

the cabin are a recreation-living room, running the full length of the building complete with a huge grey stone fireplace, a shining modern kitchen, a council chamber, an outside tiled terrace with fireplace, and a 20-bed balcony dormitory.

Girl Scouts will use the insulated, heated cabin for Winter and Summer sports. They are planning weekend campaign trips, square dances, pajama parties, and holiday celebrations to be held there.

Sixty percent of all girls of school age in Winchester are members of the Scouts. Each troop is donating something to furnish the cabin. One troop is making curtains.

## Steel Flag Pole

The town presented the Scouts with a 64-foot steel flag pole, and town employees donated the labor needed to install the water and sewer systems from the road to the cabin some 500 feet away in the

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**STORIES BY FIRELIGHT**—Winchester Girl Scouts around fireplace in cabin built for them by Rotary Club. Left to right: Mrs. Waldon B. Hersey, senior leader; Senior Scout Elizabeth Carlisle, Jean Elliott, Stephanie Hersey, Ann Luftwiler, Brenda Cunningham and Noel Gove.



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## Civic Spirit Built Winchester Girl Scouts' Camp--- All Hands Chipped in to Give Town Model Cabin

BY EDWARD G. McGRATH

Camp Joy, reigning majestically on a woodland knoll of Winchester's Middlesex Fells, is a queen with a Cinderella history.

The five-section Girl Scout cabin is as ultramodern as its air conditioning system, as fashionable as its all-electric kitchen, as impressive as its interior-exterior fireplace built of enough bricks to construct a house.

Winchester real estate experts conservatively quote its value at \$25,000, but money was a secondary factor in its construction.

The cabin, as preconceived in the imagination of Winchester's 678 Girl Scouts, was to be a rough and ready base for communing with nature. Never did they anticipate the luxury that is now theirs. And when a fund-raising drive stumbled to an abrupt stop last summer far short of the goal, thoughts of the cabin-to-be gave way to disappointment.

### Town Spirit

It was then that the Scouts asked the local Rotary club for a helping hand. President Charles A. Murphy and his fellow Rotarian Alfred D. Elliott, a building contractor, reached a decision which later was to be accepted by the entire membership.

"We won't help you raise a cent," they responded roguishly, immediately adding, "We'll build the cabin."

To provide leaders building talents were funneled into a committee. Joining Chairman Elliott were his brother Sydney Elliott, and Nicholas Fitzgerald, also contractors. Electrician William Cleary and plumber Harry Chelalo added their skills.

"The start was fairly slow,"



New Winchester Girl Scout cabin in Middlesex Fells. Valued at \$25,000, ultramodern camp was built by Rotarians and fathers of Scouts.

by the Girl Scouts. They continued to do housecleaning tasks, to sell seashells, to baby sit, to pick blueberries, accept any job that promised to net a penny or dollar profit. En Ka, a Winchester women's club, held fairs and individual benefactors, many unable to



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# GIRL SCOUT CABIN-

ROTARY CLUB PROJECT  
1949-1950 - FELLOWS

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL



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BEST WHO SERVES BEST



Mr. Charles A. M...  
President, The Rotary Club  
Winchester, Massachusetts

IRA Caldwell



Dear Charlie:

Pictures from the October 11th "Boston Herald" have come to us showing you and other club members hard at work on the construction of the Girl Scout lodge, and we are glad to have this additional evidence of the enterprising spirit of the Winchester Club and the splendid community service it is giving.

DR. John R. Wallace

We know that the members are really enjoying the work of constructing this good-sized lodge and that there is a lot of good fellowship going into the building.

To our hearty commendation on this project, we must add our compliments to your club on the many fine projects that you have inaugurated and sponsored.

If there should be any way in which we may cooperate with you in any phase of Rotary club work, please feel free to call on us as we are anxious to work with you in every possible way.

IRA



DR. WALLACE



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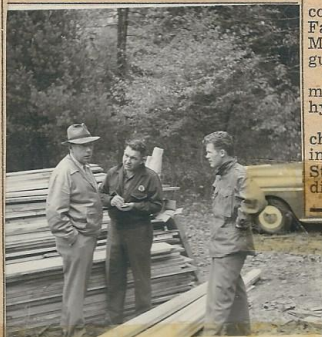
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*Al. Elliott - Charlie Murphy - Bill Cunningham*



*Prescott Randlett*



*FRED IVES*



*Bill Richardson  
Geo. Snelling*





Sid - AL - McFeley



DAVIS + Hutchinson



C. CARROLL



John McIntire



DALLIN + Elliott



HARRY DAMON and his group of foremen from  
BEGGS + COBB Leather Co.



It was necessary to remove trees and roots the  
entire length of ditch —



These men dug a long wide ditch for water  
through heavy woods and underbrush.  
The ditch was at least 1000 ft long.





Cub - Carroll Kock - Bob Dyer. Bob Dyer - Carroll J. Cole. Dr. Harry L. Benson.



Miller Mrs Metcalf. H. Damon - Al Elliott F. McFeeley



Al - Paul White.





Jim Haley - Al Elliott

Sid ↓



Chandler Symmes - McFarley  
Al - John Coles - Skip Davis

Chapman - Murphy - Koch  
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Al & Sid

Paul White - Al Elliott



Murphy - Mrs. Notch



Nick & Sid Elliott



Confusion



# THE HIGH SPOT



Nick + Sid ELLIOTT



CONFUSION- but



Coö'PERATION



WEAVE IT.



DR. SEYMOUR RUSSELL — DON SIMONDS



Constructioneer.



W. ALLAN WILDE



GETTING THERE.



RALPH PURRINGTON — PHIL POLLARD.



How Not to do it !



CHAS. "CHUB" HOWE



# BRIDGEWORK



DR. EUGENE M. POLLARD



# CHECKING A HOPTICAL HILLUSION

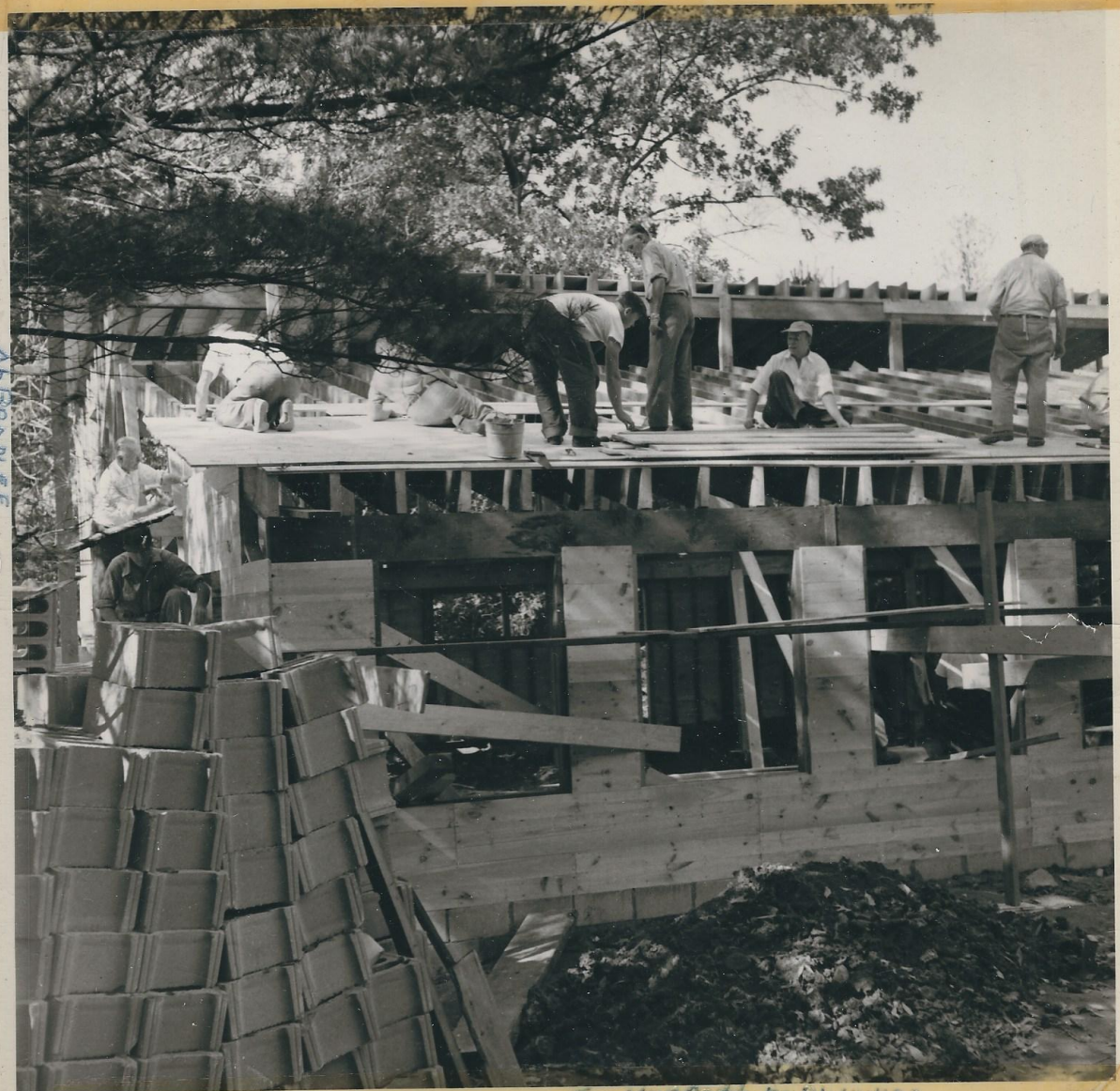


JOHN COLES.



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# TOGETHERNESS



AB BRADLEE

JOE MOFFETT DR. BLANCHARD

Ab. Bradlee	Hoyt Steever	JOE MOFFETT	DR. MILNE BLANCHARD
Chas. Koch	ANDY PUZZO		
	DICK HANANSON		



# PROGRESS



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BOARDING ROOF on MAIN HALL.



CABIN NEAR COMPLETION

