

# Great Falls Tourist Camp Is Now One of the Best in Northwest Equipped With All Modern Conveniences, Is Free to Motorists

With elaborate service and sanitary improvements the Great Falls tourist camping ground recently completed under the direction of the park board, commercial club and city council promises to equal in facilities any camp site in the west.

The buildings on the camping ground have been built bungalow style, with tiled and stucco roof finish. A concrete floor has been put into each building with a drain through the center of the floor to the sewer. All the buildings have overhanging roofs and have the appearance of Italian villas. Two service stations have been built with a shower bath in each. Hot and cold water will be at the disposal of the visitors night and day and a serviceable drainage system has been installed.

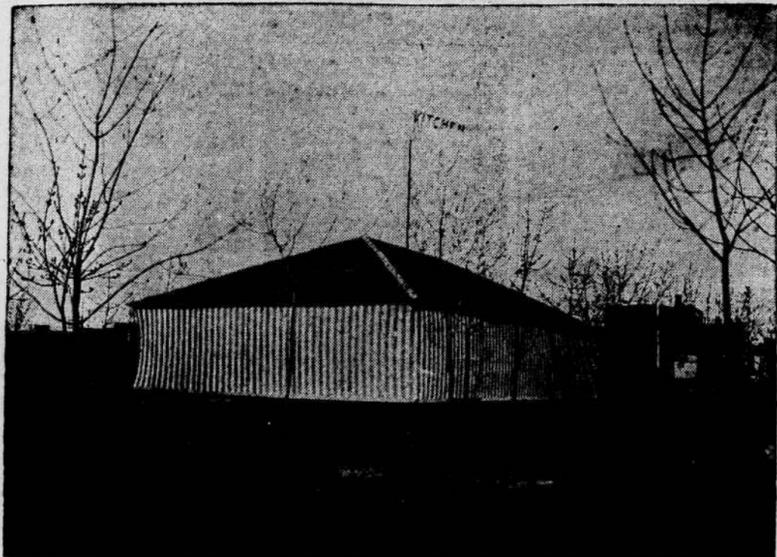
**Gas Stoves for Campers.**  
The kitchen has two shelves, each 18 feet long; one will be used as a cooking utensil bench and the other has 15 gas holes for cooking. Five families. It has been estimated, may use the kitchen at the same time without discomfort. The kitchen is also of bungalow construction and has canvas down the sides and edges of the large side windows to protect the occupants from rain.

The park board last year commenced to fill in the old mill ditch running along the main path of the site and this work was completed last week by local residents. This strip of ground 90 feet by three blocks long is now accessible for automobile shelter and cars may be parked under the trees.

The nursery has many small saplings planted and announcement was made that 250 by 300 feet space would be cleared soon and the trees transplanted. This space will increase the acreage of the site available for tourists.

The Merchants' association of Great Falls has plans for further improvement of the place and it is expected that the park shore will be put under contract and improved this week. Arrangements are being made for the erection of a bathing house and a special landing for the use of tourists in washing cars.

A series of small dining rooms along the shore for the use of the visitors is being planned by the Merchants' association. The lawn has been seeded and trees are being trimmed on the site.



Modern Kitchen With Gas Ranges at Tourist Camp



Park by River Bank for Use of Motorists

A flagpole will be erected on each building denoting, with a pennant, the building.

With the fishing below the bridge considered the best within close distance of the city a wharf will be erected where tourists may angle while visiting the city. Registration books will be placed at the city tourists camping site by the Great Falls Commercial club and a list of visitors recorded.

Elaborate preparations are being made by the Great Falls Commercial club for a nationwide publicity campaign featuring the city tourist camping ground as one of the best sites in the west, according to L. E. Jones, secretary of the organization. Publicity matter will be distributed to all states in the Union showing the advantage of the camping site and a large number of tourists are expected to be brought to the city through these mediums.

All organizations in the city have been asked to co-operate in the campaign and all channels possible to distribute the matter will be used by the commercial club.

The Merchants' association of Great Falls has taken an active interest in the new site and has joined in the movement to bring tourists to the city this summer. Members of the automobile association and the merchants' organization joined last week in completing the work of filling in the ditch in the camping ground and trimming the trees.

E. H. Cooney, chairman of the park board, has been supervising the work on the site during the past few months and members of the executive committee of the organization have been giving much time to the completion of the work. The possibilities of connecting the camp sewer with the main sewer owned by Charles Gies has been before the board for some time.

## Harlem Boy Scouts Build Rustic Log Cabin for Club House in Their Prairie Home Town

Harlem, May 14.—To the Boy Scout organization of Harlem belongs the distinction of having the most unique and distinctive headquarters and club house of any similar organization in the state. The building is constructed of massive logs which were cut in the Rocky mountains near Glacier National park 300 miles west of here, and is constructed on the order of the rustic log buildings seen throughout the park. As yet the cabin is not fully completed, but will be just as soon as the boys can secure the funds. The main structure of the building is completed and the interior nicely finished up in rustic style, to be one of the main features of the building, is still lacking. A hewed mantle piece to extend the width of the building is waiting the construction of the fireplace.

The Boy Scouts were organized here several years ago and took a very active part in the various Liberty bond and other drives during the war. Nearly all the boys have received medals as a recompense for their hard work which they carried on at that time.

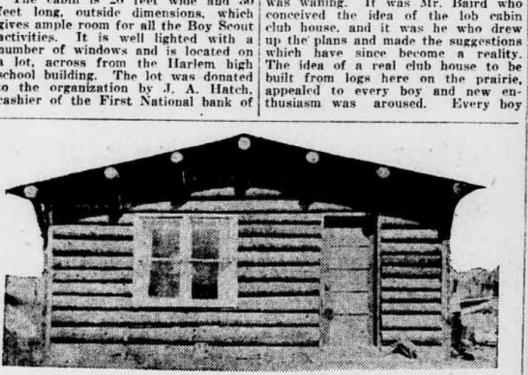
It was a hard matter to keep the organization intact and the boys interested in their work because they had no meeting place. The meetings used to be held at the various homes occasionally, but this did not offer the proper inducements for the boys to report themselves as they liked and the organization died down for a while.

However, in February, 1920, it was revived again by R. W. Baird, manager of the Home Lumber company, when he took upon himself the duties of scoutmaster, after he saw the work was wanting. It was Mr. Baird who conceived the idea of the log cabin club house, and it was he who drew up the plans and made the suggestions which have since become a reality. The idea of a real club house to be built from logs here on the prairie, appealed to every boy and new enthusiasm was aroused. Every boy saw the enthusiasm of the boys they also immediately got behind the movement. Mr. Baird finding his time so fully taken up resigned as scoutmaster. J. Van Cleave, pastor of the United Brethren church, was elected in his place and is now acting in that capacity. Mr. Baird still retains a position as assistant scoutmaster and is still active in the work.

After the design of the cabin had been approved and accepted the logs were ordered from a point in the western part of the state. Before the logs arrived it was decided to have a Boy Scout week in March and such a week was declared by Mayor Cowan by proclamation. During this week the Boy Scouts devoted their time to a "Buy a Log Campaign."

At the conclusion of this entertainment an auction sale was held and the roof logs, the ridge log, the mantle piece log, the front door and all the windows were closed.

On Saturday evening at the end of that week the boys put on a stunt "United Brothers church, was elected in his place and is now acting in that capacity. Mr. Baird still retains a position as assistant scoutmaster and is still active in the work."



Front View, Boy Scout Cabin, Harlem.

Harlem, who is an enthusiastic Boy Scout booster. So far the cabin has cost the boys \$500, and nearly all of this amount has been raised through the various activities of the scouts themselves. Owing to the financial stringency at this time it has been somewhat difficult for the boys to complete the project which they started off so nicely a year ago.

took hold of the work with renewed vigor and a resolve that the new club house would be built that year. Quite a number of new members were enrolled and plans put under way in a hurry. The troop committee consists of J. A. Hatch, cashier of the First National bank, E. P. Ekegren, merchant and banker, and H. G. Bosley, rancher and social worker. When they had the proposition put up to them and they

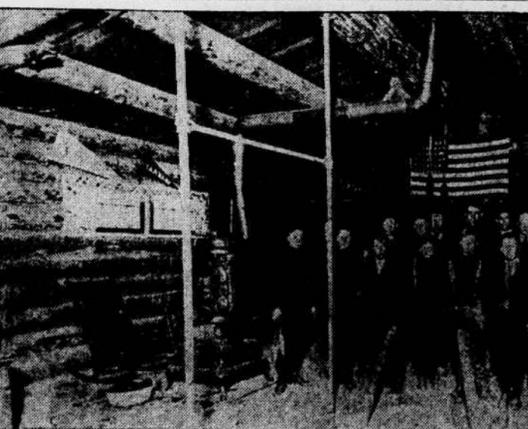


Harlem Boy Scout Camp in the Little Rockies.

The whole town and community was thoroughly canvassed by the boys and everyone was solicited to buy a log. Before the end of the week every log had been sold except the ridge log and four roof logs and the mantle

The furnishings of the cabin were made in rustic style. There is a massive library table made of split logs, also a fine book case. Several chairs and benches have also been constructed in the same way. For athletics a horizontal bar and rings have been installed. Then there is a wrestling mat, gymnasium horse, Indian clubs and boxing gloves. More equipment is being added from time to time. A fine library is also a part of the equipment, the books having been donated.

A basket ball team that has beat everything for its size in this section of the country. They are all under 16 years of age and average 105 pounds. They are now organizing a baseball team for the coming season.



Interior of Boy Scout Cabin, Harlem.

Electric Lights in Cabin. A large stove donated by some kindly person furnishes plenty of warmth during the cold weather. The building is lighted by electric lights stuck in rustic home-made chandeliers. A number of comfortable seats and chairs are conveniently set around and within the curtains made by the Camp Fire girls the whole interior takes on a most comfortable and homely appearance.

It might be stated that the Camp Fire girls under the leadership of Mrs. A. E. Everett, have performed an important part in the erection of this cabin, and as a reward for their labors, they are permitted to use the cabin, their meeting place one night each week. The girls usually officiated at all Boy Scout entertainments by selling home-made candy, the proceeds of which go into the cabin fund. There are now 22 members in the local Boy Scout organization. They are Clemens Burnett, Emmet Buckley, Henry Baldwin, Owen McAffrey, Eddie Fox, Jr., Harold Morrison, Willard Morrison, Royal Arbogast, Leo Granger, Ronald Hatch, Donald Bos-



Harlem Boy Scouts in Front of Their Cabin

## ACTIVE SOCIAL SEASON PLANNED AT MEADOW LARK COUNTRY CLUB



New \$30,000 Clubhouse at Meadow Lark Country Club

The occasional summer days are now turning the attention of Great Falls business and professional men to the advantage of membership in the Meadow Lark country club, the formal opening of the new \$30,000 clubhouse having been set tentatively for Saturday, May 28. Membership in the organization is limited to 150 corporate members and 150 associate members and a "drive" is in progress to fill the rosters of each class before the date of the formal opening, though the books will be held open until July 1.

The membership committee consists of J. W. Speer, chairman; I. W. Church, Thomas Mackey, M. G. Skinner and William Flowerree Jr. Corporate members of the organization are those who purchase shares in the association and thus become stockholders in the property. Associate members are those whose joining fee and dues permit them to all the privileges of the clubhouse, golf links and the grounds in general, but have no vote in the meetings of the corporation. Only \$150,000 of the \$200,000 authorized capitalization of the organization has been put on the market and nearly all of this sum has been subscribed by corporate members. There are a number of vacancies, however, for associate members and it is for this class of membership that the committee is now receiving applications.

The initiation fee for associate membership is \$125 plus the government luxury tax of 10 per cent. The annual dues for the year ending March 1, 1922, is \$50 plus the luxury tax. The total to be paid during the first year of membership for associates is \$192.50, and the committee has arranged easy payments, as follows: \$55 upon application are \$50 plus the luxury tax. The total which must be not later than March 1, 1922. No associate members are accepted into the organization until their application is approved by the existing membership.

More than \$100,000 already has been spent by the association in the purchase of land and in improvements upon it, which includes the erection of a magnificent clubhouse and the laying out of the golf course. The club owns 151 acres and an island of four acres at the mouth of Sun river. The new clubhouse is located on a point of land at the junction of the Missouri and Sun rivers, less than a mile above Great Falls. About \$25,000 more will be spent in completing the improvements.

It is planned to make the clubhouse the center of social activities for the summer. It will be well furnished, under the direction of the house committee and steward it will afford members all the necessary conveniences for entertaining. A competent caterer has been engaged who will serve luncheons and dinners. It is hoped that sufficient interest will be taken by members so that dinners will be served every evening. Cold lunches will be available at any time during the day between 11 o'clock in the morning and midnight. Arrangements can be made by members for private dinners, luncheons and tea parties.

Dancing is to be made a feature of the clubhouse, it being planned to hold regular weekly dances for members of the club. Private dancing parties may be arranged by groups of members by making arrangements with the house committee. Water sports are to be made a feature of the summer season at the club. Motorboats are to make frequent trips from the boathouse in this city to the wharf at the country club, it being a 10-minute journey. River bathing is to be popularized and a bathing beach is to be laid out not far from the clubhouse.

Golf, of course, is to be one of the main attractions for the men. The golf course is one of the best in the northwest, and a professional, L. L. Folsom, has been put in charge of the links. Mr. Folsom will be at the country club every day between 1 and 5 o'clock to give instruction and a bathing beach is to be laid out not far from the clubhouse.

The motor road from Great Falls to the club has been greatly improved and is to be given a gravel top. It is four miles to the club by the road. The Meadow Lark Country club is to be a social institution of which all citizens of Great Falls will be proud and it is believed that the vacancies in membership will be filled quickly.

**Open National Parks Soon; Glacier to Be Ready on June 15**  
The opening and closing dates of the tourist season in the principal national parks for 1921 follows: Glacier park, Montana, June 15 to September 15; Mount Rainier, Washington, June 15 to September 15; Rocky Mountain park, June 15 to October 1; Yellowstone park, Wyoming, June 20 to September 15; Grand Canyon park, California, May 24 to October 10; Grand Canyon park, Arizona; Hot Springs park, Arkansas, and Yosemite park, California, are open throughout the entire year. Free camp grounds are provided in each park for motorists who bring their own camp equipment. The giant panda of Tibet which looks like a bear is really a species of raccoon. It is one of the rarest of animals.