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HERE'S FIRST SCOUT TROOP IN FALLS, ORGANIZED 20 YEARS AGO

Members of the first Boy Scout Troop ever organized in Cuyahoga Falls are shown in the picture above. Back row, left to right, Willard Shaw, Harold Hathaway, Paul Benway, Divain Swetgart, Curtis Williams and W. E. Woodbury. Front row, left to right, Edwin Davis, Ralph Hertzler, Audley Gray and Charles Derfuss.

Reunion Of Pioneer Group Will Be Held This Month

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CUYAHOGA FALLS, Feb. 8 — Falls Boy Scout officials are planning a get-together meeting for all members and former members of Troop 152, which was organized 20 years ago this month, as part of the 25th anniversary of Scouting in America.

All three members of the original troop committee, C. O. Skeels, Frank W. Orth and Sol Hertzler, are expected to attend the reunion. Each of them has kept an interest in Scouting up to the present time.

Several members of the original troop, some of whom later became scoutmasters and assistant scoutmasters, still live in the Falls and probably will be on hand.

The first scoutmaster was the Rev. Frank Doamer, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church where the troop was organized in 1915. He was followed by Al Roosma, J. E. Preston, Fred Chamberlain, George B. Kirk, C. Audley Gray, M. E. Scholla and George Eiseman. Mr. Eiseman has been the scoutmaster for the last five years. He is an Eagle Scout and one of the best-known Scout enthusiasts in the entire Akron Area.

R. T. Medkeff is assistant scoutmaster. The committee now is composed of W. D. Wolfe, Dr. S. L. Stewart and W. T. Parson.

The troop has been registered every year since its formation. During all but two years it has been located in the Methodist Episcopal Church. In 1923 and 1924 it was moved to the high school, where Mr. Kirk, the scoutmaster, was director of physical education. After Mr. Kirk resigned his post the troop went back to the former headquarters.

The troop has taken an active part in all Scouting activities during its existence. Its members helped to build Camp Sycamore in Northampton Township in 1922. Camp Sycamore, for years the mecca of Falls and Akron Boy Scouts, was abandoned a few years ago when Camp Manatoc was established near Peninsula.

Original members of the troop included Willard Shaw, Harold Hathaway, Paul Benway, Divain Swetgart, Curtis Williams, W. E. Woodbury, Ralph Crosby, Charles P. Woodbury, Edwin Davis, Ralph Hertzler, Audley Gray and Charles Derfuss.