

Lake Erie Girl Scout Council

LAYING THE CORNERSTONE

The laying of this cornerstone marks the completion of a dream, and the beginning of a new opportunity for girls of the Lake Erie Girl Scout Council. The hope of providing more adequate facilities on this site began in the days of the old Cleveland Council, when Mrs. Quigg Lohr served as president, and Mr. and Mrs. William Abendroth were chairmen of the Camp Committee. Officers and members of the Board of Directors have in succession carried on the financial campaign and the building program. Our immediate past-president, Mrs. Alto W. Brown, was successful in raising the funds which permitted the third building phase to be completed.

You will find in your program the names of those who carried the responsibility for many areas of work. Most important is the realization that only a community effort from those who believe inherently in the worth of Girl Scouting could have ever made possible such ambitious plans.

Our dedication of George Gund Hall is, perhaps, most significant in the promise it brings for future Girl Scouts and their camping experience. We are now able to utilize the full resources of beautiful Camp Hilaka, as we have not done in the past, and to offer a full range of program in the out of doors to many more girls in this council. The dream, the hope, the experience becomes the heart of George Gund Hall as we dedicate its use with this stone, bearing a trefoil.

(Hands stone to contractor)

Contents of the copper tube imbedded in the stone include:

- annual report
- board of directors list
- campaign chairman list
- camp folder
- Millwheel
- development committee for Lake Erie Girl Scout Council

The warm interest and concern of many of our friends in the community, from large institutions to small, has been manifested in many ways. Encouraged by their support, we launched into the third building phase of our camping program, building a dining hall and the swimming pool. The George Gund Foundation, with a contribution of \$25,000, provided the gift which made it possible to complete the dining hall. We are proud and happy to name this building in honor of George Gund, who for many years acted as a leader of so many community efforts. (Members of his family are here today and we are pleased to have them attend this dedication.) The foundation itself is made up of individuals, who are constantly watchful and interested in the development of community efforts which will be of widespread benefit. We hope that our use of this building, George Gund Hall, will reflect the man himself, the concern of the foundation, and the honor of his family for many years to come.

RESPONSE— Mr. George Karch

MR. DEAN OSTRUM

From the beginning of the camp development plan, launched and carried through by the Lake Erie Girl Scout Council, the business community supported the expansion of this program. Through its men's advisory committee, many new friends were made and interest secured. As the third phase of building continued, interest in the construction of a swimming pool became paramount to ~~two friends in the community.~~ A gift of \$50,000 from the Louis D. Beaumont Foundation was received. For many years the foundation, through Mr. Edgar Hahn, has demonstrated warm support for the many projects undertaken by the Girl Scouts. We are indeed ^{sorry that ~~Mr. Hahn~~ is not} pleased ~~to have~~ Mr. Hahn here today to accept the pool. *He is today receiving an honorary degree from John Carroll University.*

It has seemed fitting that the name of the pool be called the Louis D. Beaumont Pool. ~~Another business firm in Cleveland has also made a substantial gift toward the pool and we are indeed happy to announce the gift of the United States Steel Foundation in the amount of \$4,000 has been added to that of the Beaumont Foundation. (Mr. R. C. Tyson, Chairman Financial Policy Committee, United States Steel Foundation.)~~

RESPONSE - Mr. Hahn, Mr. Tyson

MRS. ANDERSON

We are most grateful for these gifts, and are indeed happy to have these guests with us to represent their organizations. It would be remiss of me, however, not to acknowledge many of the smaller gifts which have been given also, specifically earmarked for use of the pool construction. In our own Scout family many gifts from individuals (and neighborhoods) have been received. These girls and adults will have many direct benefits from their gifts, and we gratefully acknowledge the thought which prompted them.

RESPONSE - Mrs. Kinsman

MRS. ANDERSON

Before we write you to have refreshments, Mary Lou Gibbons and Senior Scouts from area will sing a group of songs. With the information on these songs, you will know after which

You are now cordially invited to visit our pool across the road to watch an exhibition of synchronized swimming and diving in the pool. Following the exhibition, punch will be served in this Hall. You are cordially invited **AND OF COURSE, SEE OUR POOL.** to look around our camp. If you have questions, the various hostesses, guides and Senior Scouts will be happy to answer them. Thank you for coming.