

**Appendix 7 to**  
***THE HISTORY OF SCOUTING IN SOUTH GEORGIA***

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## **Camp Osborn Dedication Program**

The official dedication of the camp was not held until January, 1950. The 1950 dedication was attended by Ms. Osborn and Lt. Governor Marvin Griffin who substituted for Governor Herman Tallmadge who was to have been the keynote speaker. Governor Osborn had died prior to the 1950 dedication. Below is the program.

## CAMP OSBORN DEDICATION PROGRAM

Camp Osborn was given to the Scouts by Governor and Mrs. Osborn in the spring of 1943. The first official summer camp was held that year. However, the dedication was not held until 1950. Governor Osborn had passed away but the dedication was attended by Mrs. Osborn. The following is from the Dedication Program a complete scan of which follows:

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A Health Lodge -  
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IN MEMORIAM



DEDICATION

of the

Chase S. Osborn Memorial  
Boy Scout Reservation

CHEHAW COUNCIL

Boy Scouts of America

January 22, 1950

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# Program



MUSIC ..... Tifton High School Band

FLAG CEREMONY ..... Mrs. Chase S. Osborn

INTRODUCTIONS ..... Dr. G. C. McKenzie

TREE-PLANTING CEREMONY — Scoutmaster W. L. Chapel and  
Eagle Scouts.

Indiana Tree — State of Chase Osborn's birth.

Michigan Tree — From the St. Marys River island home of Gover-  
ner Osborn.

Georgia Tree — From Possum Poke in Possum Lane, Governor Os-  
born's Georgia home.

REMARKS — Hon. H. T. McIntosh, Publisher-Emeritus, Albany  
(Georgia) Herald.

DEDICATORY ADDRESS — Hon. Herman Talmadge, Governor of  
the State of Georgia.

CLOSING FLAG CEREMONY ..... Mrs. Chase S. Osborn

TAPS—

CHASE SALMON OSBORN was born January 22, 1860, in Huntington County, Indiana, in a Wabash Valley log cabin. He left this life from his camp — Possum Poke in Possum Lane, Poulton, Worth County, Georgia — in the Suwanee River basin. His only home — on the Canadian border in the Lake Superior country—was a log cabin on a wild island in the St. Mary's River. He was a Boy Scout by nature before there was any such an idea or organization.

In his last book, NORTHWOODS SKETCHES, he wrote: "The motion pictures and stage shows and bright lights and night clubs of the cities, when placed beside the high life and excitements or remote places, are as tame as tinsel compared with the stars on a frosty night. I have had ample opportunity to choose the richest and fullest and most satisfying life. I have seen the best and the worst and all sides of all the great centers, from New York to Paris to Hong Kong and Calcutta. The substitutes for high adventure that they have offered have never fooled me for a minute. Out beyond the ranges I have seen too much of the real thing." . . . The greatest charm of prospecting "is not the hope of finding wealth; it is the life in the clean, unhurt out-of-doors. God is in the lakes and streams, in the sky and stars, in the hills and valleys—in everything, of everything, Everything."

Governor Osborn, even when he was busiest in the front rank of Progressive Republicanism, fighting for Theodore Roosevelt, himself prominently mentioned for the presidency, never allowed his love of wild places to lapse into a theory. Every day saw him close to God actively out of doors.

He especially loved this spot in South Georgia: its beautiful long-leaf pines, its blue unfailing spring. Because of its tangle and fragrant golden blossoms he called it Jasmine Springs; and he cherished the place through the years, feeling that there was greatness in its future. When the leaders of the Boy Scouts of Chehaw Council asked him for Jasmine Springs and a small cottage, he instantaneously saw that here at last was the great future he had sensed for it; and with all his heart gave the whole tract.

Boy Scouts everywhere, and all good Americans from the Arctic to the Gulf, may keep reminding themselves with him, wisely: "We have been a people immeasurably blessed in our inheritance of primeval restoratives and pleasures, but we can continue to enjoy our privilege to the full only if we accept with it a grateful responsibility. God has given us these grandeurs to love—and to take care of."

## Scouts And Parents To Attend Dedication Osborn Reservation

All three Boy Scout troops in Americus have voted to attend the dedication of the Chase S. Osborn Memorial Boy Scout reservation in Worth county next Sunday afternoon. Parents of the boys are urged to attend the affair also, and inspect Chehaw Council's beautiful camp.

The Scouts and their parents will meet at the First Methodist Church at 12:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon and go from there to the reservations. All Scouts are requested to wear their uniforms.

The dedicatory program will get under way at 2 o'clock. The program will include tree planting ceremonies, since scores of other Scout councils have sent trees from their localities to be planted on the reservation.

Several Scouters from this district are expected to attend the affair, also.

Article from the Americus Times-Recorder  
about the Dedication of Camp Osborn.

## Tree From Hawaii Going to Scouts' Georgia Campsite

It took an "assist" from the board of agriculture and forestry service to enable the Honolulu council of Boy Scouts to follow through with a good turn Tuesday.

It all started when the Chehaw council of Albany, Ga., found it was the recipient of an 810-acre campside near Sylvester, Ga.

**THE CAMPSITE** has been endowed to the Georgia council by the late Chase Salmon Osborn, former governor of Michigan, writer, patriot, philanthropist, naturalist and discoverer of many great iron ore deposits.

When Osborn died last year the Georgia Scout council decided to dedicate the campsite on the 90th anniversary of his birth, Jan. 22, by planting dormant deciduous trees, from every state and territory, on the camp grounds.

**HAZEN SHOWER**, Scout executive of the Honolulu council, turned to the forest service for advice upon receipt of request for a tree from Hawaii.

William Crosby of the territory forestry department contacted L. W. Bryan at the Manakea forest reserve on Hawaii. Bryan sent two mamane trees to the Makiki government nursery where they were prepared for shipment by air freight.

The mamane tree is a hardwood of the bean family, the same as the koa, Crosby explained. It is hearty and thrives in high altitude. It reaches a maximum height of 20 feet and rarely grows larger than 10 inches in diameter.

From *The Honolulu Advertiser*, January 18, 1950.

# Aspen Found Best Fitted As Utah Representative

Troop 60 and the South Ogden district of the Ogden area council, Boy Scouts of America, participated in a tree planting project in which a quaking aspen, native to Utah, was shipped to Sylvester, Ga., as a part of a scout camp dedication ceremony, to be held Jan. 22.

Request had come from the scout executive of the Chehaw council at Albany, Ga., to the local executive, Loo Roberts, that a troop here do a good turn by digging a native tree and shipping it to their camp at Sylvester, where it will be

planted on an 800-acre tract along with others from councils over the nation.

Troop 60, in the South Ogden district, was asked to do the good turn.

"The aspen was selected because it is truly a native tree and it is a tree of beauty. It will be identified where it is planted as to the section, troop district and council that supplied it," said a statement.

"In order that the tree would be properly packed for shipping, Tom Van Drimmelen, scoutmaster of troop 60, and Dell Cook, commissioner of the South Ogden district, gained the help of Lester Perry of Pleasant View, a commissioner in the Ben Lomond district.

"This is an excellent project for the scouts of our council. It will help our scouts to develop an interest in other parts of the country."

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*The Ogden Standard Examiner, January 16, 1950*



# Talmadge Speaks At Chehaw Scout Camp Opening

Governor Herman Talmadge will deliver the dedicatory address at the Chehaw Council Boy Scout Camp in Worth County Sunday. The Council is dedicating the Camp as the Chase S. Osborn Memorial Boy Scout Reservation in honor of the late Ex-Governor of Michigan, donor of the land, who was a long time winter resident of this area, having made his home at Possum Poke in Possum Lane in Poulan.

Members of the three Boy Scout troops in Americus will attend the dedication, many of them accompanied by their parents. The Scouts and their parents will assemble at the First Methodist Church at 12:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon to make the trip to Worth county. All Scouts are asked to wear their uniforms.

Governor Talmadge will appear on the program which is scheduled to get underway at the 810 acre Reservation at 2:30 P. M.

Mrs. Osborn will participate in a reenactment of Governor Osborn's long-practiced flag ceremony.

Eagle Scouts, under the leadership of Scoutmaster W. L. Chapel, of Cordale, will conduct a tree planting ceremony, planting a tree from the State of Governor Osborn's birth, Indiana; one from the state he served as governor, Michigan; and one from his Georgia home at Possum Poke.

State Senator, Frank J. Lunsford, president of Chehaw Council, who has already received a host of congratulatory messages on the project, will be on the platform

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## TALMADGE

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with Dr. G. C. McKenzie, Post Council President, now Chairman of the Trustees of the Reservation and Master of Ceremonies for the afternoon.

Henry McIntosh, Editor-Emeritus of the Albany Herald, will also participate, telling some of the background of his long time friend in whose honor the Camp will be dedicated. Governor Talmadge will be introduced by Senator Lunsford and the ceremony will close with the lowering of the colors and taps.

The Tifton High School band has accepted the invitation of the Committee to play, and will be on hand for the beginning of the festivities.

The dedication will inaugurate a long range plan to develop the Reservation into one of the finest year-around camps in the country. Boy Scout Councils throughout the nation are cooperating by sending native seedling trees which will be part of the plantings. A "Trail of States" leading from the Reservation gate to the dining hall, a distance of a half mile will be lined with these trees, which have been arriving from Maine to California and from Oregon to Florida.

One of the most interesting features is the fact that the Michigan tree has been shipped from Duck Island, the last resting place of Governor Osborn, and the grandson of the governor is a member of the Troop that contributed the tree. All of the trees that have been received have been immediately "held in" to preserve them until they can be permanently planted, which will be done by Scouts under the supervision of Mr. Chapel, a Research Forester.

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about the Dedication of Camp Osborn.

## Many From Americus Attend Dedication Of Boy Scout Camp

Approximately 60 people from Americus, including Boy Scouts, their leaders and parents, attended the dedication of the Chase S. Osborn Memorial Boy Scout Reservation in Worth county Sunday afternoon. All three Americus troops were well represented.

Several hundred people attended the dedication. Governor Talmadge was unable to be present to fill his place on the program, but Lieut. Gov. Marvin Griffin spoke in his place. Mrs. Osborn, widow of the late donor of the Boy Scout camp site, spoke, also.

Mr. Osborn, one-time governor of Michigan and part-time resident of Georgia, gave more than 800 acres of wooded land to Cheshaw Council, Boy Scouts of America. An attractive and efficient Scout camp is being developed on the tract.

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