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DENOYER

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Mrs. L. P. Denoyer

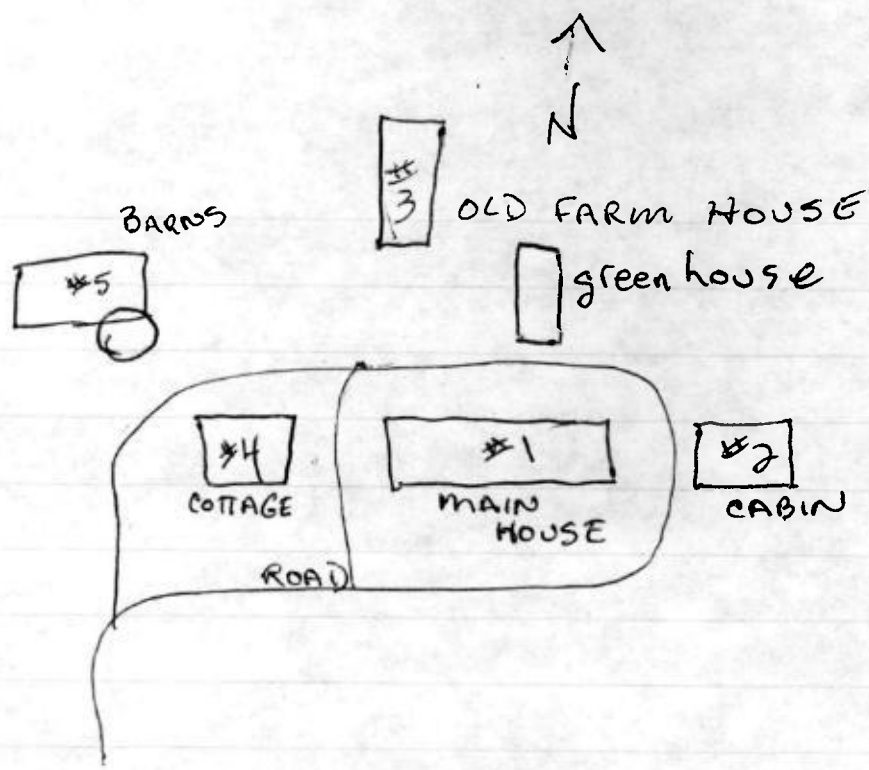
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## WHEELING

# 3 men charged in log cabin blaze

Three Wheeling men were charged with criminal trespass and criminal damage to property in a fire early Monday that destroyed a Park District log cabin dating to the turn of the century.

Police said Joaquin Castillo, 23, Jesus Gabriel, 19, and Nestor Vega, 27, were charged Monday evening after allegedly admitting to police that they had illegally entered the Denoyer Cabin late Sunday and apparently touched

off the blaze with matches or a discarded cigarette.

Just before midnight Sunday, police said they received a call about noises in the area of the cabin, which is in a 4-acre park along Illinois Highway 83.

Officers arrived at the cabin to find the three men but made no arrests because there didn't immediately appear to be anything wrong, said Michael Hermes, Wheeling deputy police chief. The fire erupted a few hours later,

prompting police to re-question the men.

The cabin, once owned by the Denoyer family, was acquired by the Park District in 1997 and was scheduled to be demolished this summer as part of a \$110,000 upgrade of park grounds.

Fire Chief Keith MacIsaac said that while a definitive cause for the fire has yet to be determined, careless use of smoking materials is likely.

*Eric Ferkenhoff*

## Fire destroys Denoyer Cabin in Wheeling

A Wheeling Park District log cabin that was to be bulldozed this summer burned to the ground early Monday morning.

Wheeling firefighters are investigating the pre-dawn fire at the Denoyer Cabin, which sat on a 4-acre park on Illinois Highway 83 in Wheeling.

Firefighters received the call around 3 a.m., said village Manager Craig Anderson.

"The cabin is a total loss," he said.

Owned by the Denoyer family and used by the Girl Scouts in the 1930s and '40s, the cabin had no historic value, said Park District Director Karop Bavougian.

The district acquired the cabin from the Denoyer estate in 1997 and intended to demolish it as part of a \$110,000 upgrade of the



Tribune photo by Jim Prisching

Workers try to save the stone chimney of the Denoyer Cabin, which was leveled by a fire early Monday. The cabin was set to be razed.

surrounding park. Bavougian said bringing the cabin up to code would have cost about \$150,000.

"We were going to try to keep

the fireplace and the foundations and incorporate them into a gazebo," he said.

*Anika M. Scott*

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September 23, 1964

## L. Philip Denoyer, 1875-1964

Mr. L. Philip Denoyer passed away suddenly this afternoon, September 23, at his home in Wheeling, Illinois. He would have been 89 years old on December 12 of this year.

He was a graduate of Lawrence College, Appleton, Wis., where he later received an honorary M.A. degree. He took post-graduate work in geography at the University of Chicago after having served as a high school principal. Mr. Denoyer was the first geography department head at the State Teachers College at LaCrosse, Wis.

He was co-founder of the Denoyer-Geppert Company, educational publishers in Chicago, established in 1916, and served as its President until January of this year. He was made Chairman of the Board on February 1. He served on the Board of Directors of this company since 1916.

Mr. Denoyer was the author of *Outline of Commercial Geography*, 1912, and the *Teachers Manual for Globes*, 1929. He was editor of *Successful Geography Teaching*, 1939; *Map Projection Studies* (with Henry M. Leppard), 1943; *Denoyer's School Atlas*, 1947; and *Denoyer's Student Atlas*, 1949. He designed Denoyer's Semi-elliptical world map projection, many charts and maps, and globe and map accessories.

Mr. Denoyer was very active in men's Bible classes in earlier years, at one time having the largest men's class in the Chicago area at the Woodlawn Methodist Church, later to continue his activity at the Rogers Park and Wilmette Methodist Churches. He was a keen Bible student and teacher.

He leaves his widow, Mrs. Xenia Bilhorn Denoyer, a former Chicago teacher and principal; a daughter, Mrs. Muriel D. Roudabush; and a granddaughter, Mrs. Rheta Naylor, of Washington, D.C.

The funeral arrangements are in charge of Oehler's Funeral Home, Lee and Perry Aves., Des Plaines, Ill. He will be buried in Memorial Park Cemetery, Grosse Point Rd. and Harrison St., Evanston, Ill. The funeral services at Oehler's will be Saturday afternoon, September 26, at 2:45 p.m.

Sincerely yours.

DENOYER-GEPPERT COMPANY

By:  
O. E. Geppert  
President

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "O. E. Geppert".

House burned 9/95 out

Mrs. Xenia Bilhorn Denoyer

Xenia Bilhorn was born September 22, 1893 in Chicago, Illinois. She married L. Philip Denoyer, March 8, 1930 and moved from Chicago to Wilmette. In 1935, the Denoyers built a home in Wheeling where Mrs. Denoyer lived until her death in 1976.

Mrs. Denoyer taught school at Richard Yates from 1917 - 1930. In 1919 she was asked by a group of girls from Marshall High School in Chicago, to form Girl Scout Troop #11. She was their Cap'n Lady and their numbers quickly grew from the original dozen to 152 girls. Her school schedule kept her busy, but her summers were devoted to camp leadership at Juniper Knoll Camp.

In 1930, when she moved to Wilmette, Mrs. Denoyer worked as a Girl Scout leader and council officer until 1940, when she became the leader of Wheeling's Girl Scout Troop #1.

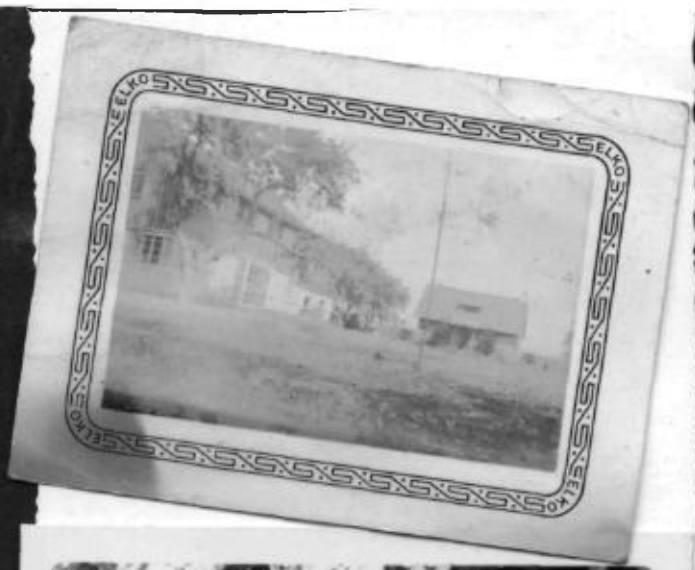
Singing Grove was opened to Mrs. Denoyer's troop upon the completion of the log cabin in 1935. Girls met in the cabin for summer camp and some of their meetings. Communities came together for the Investiture and Tree Planting Ceremony held at Singing Grove, November 10, 1940. Girls from Wilmette, Skokie, Kenilworth and Wheeling participated in the ceremony.

Mrs. Denoyer was active in the Wheeling/Buffalo Grove Neighborhood when they became part of the newly formed Northwest Cook County Girl Scout Council in 1953.

At a 45th anniversary recognition event for Mrs. Denoyer in 1964, a council member commented, "Through her years of service, Mrs. Denoyer has brought a world of fun, adventure, friendship and an understanding of high ideals of conduct to thousands of girls who have met her in troops and camps."

Mrs. Denoyer was also recognized by the Northwest Cook County Girl Scout Council in 1974 for her 55 year commitment to the Girl Scout organization. And she was recognized by the national organization. Tributes were paid by Congressman Samuel Yound, Illinois Governor Dan Walker, and President Richard Nixon.

We now celebrate 75 years since Mrs. Denoyer accepted the Girl Scout Promise.





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Kenia's mother

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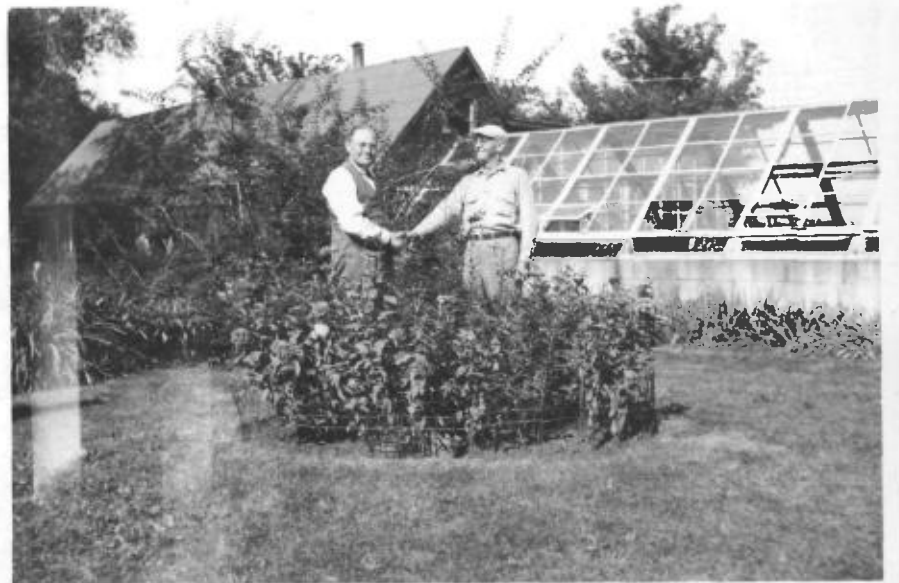


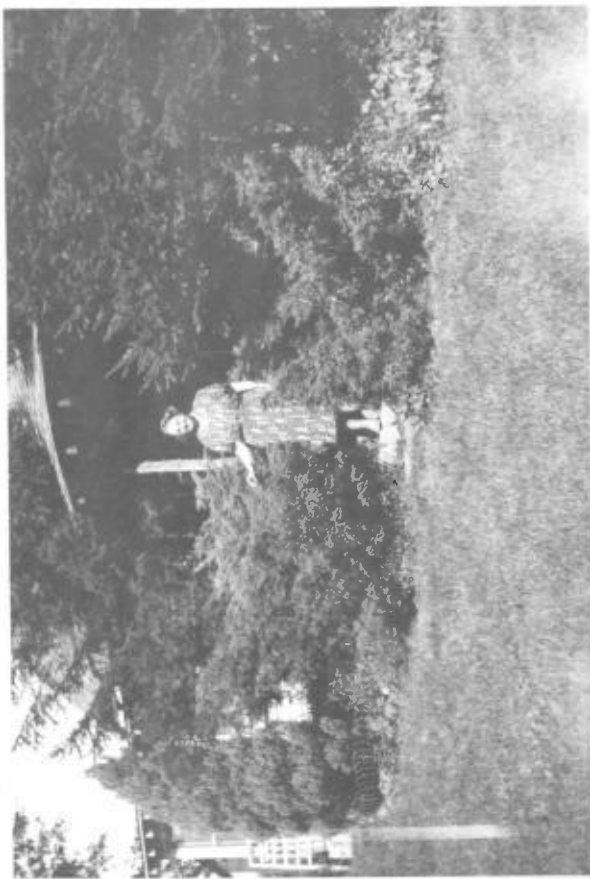


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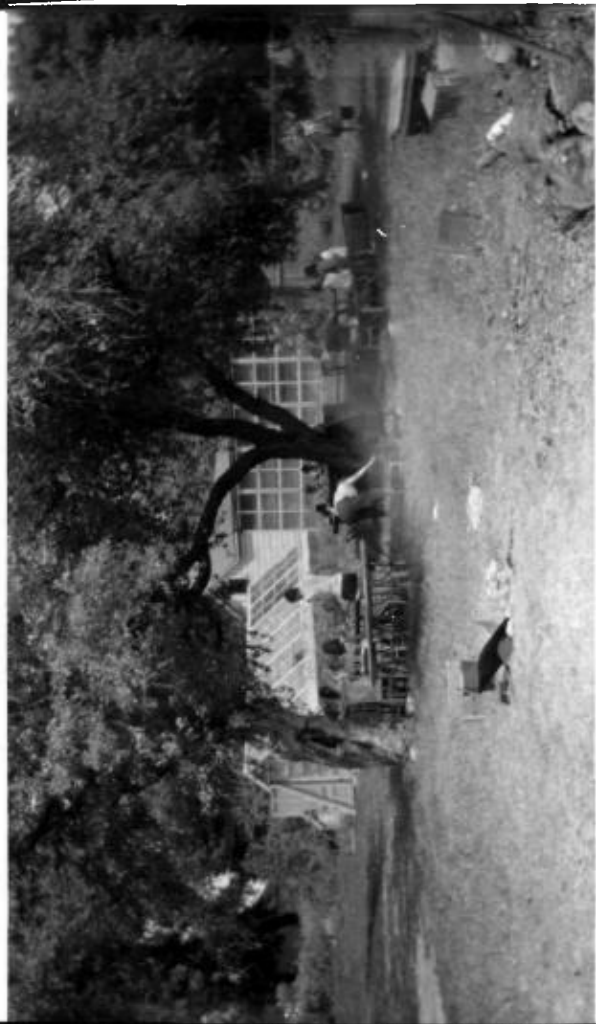
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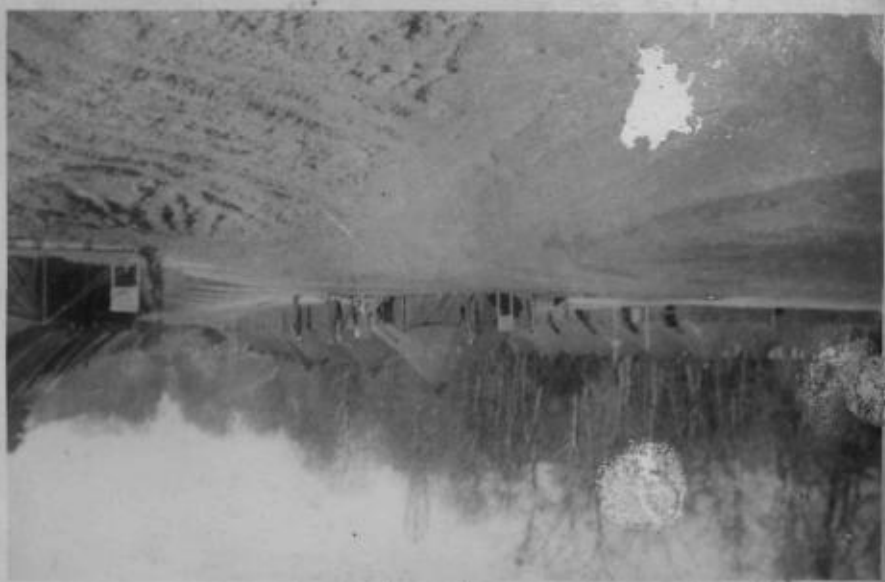


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## THE GIRL SCOUT LAWS

- I A Girl Scout's honor is to be trusted.
- II A Girl Scout is loyal.
- III A Girl Scout's duty is to be useful  
and to help others.
- IV A Girl Scout is a friend to all and a  
sister to every other Girl Scout.
- V A Girl Scout is courteous.
- VI A Girl Scout is a friend to animals.
- VII A Girl Scout obeys orders.
- VIII A Girl Scout is cheerful.
- IX A Girl Scout is thrifty.
- X A Girl Scout is clean in thought,  
word, and deed.



GIRL SCOUTS HEADQUARTERS,  
SAVANNAH, GA.—115



JULIETTE LOW  
*Founder of Girl Scouts in the United States*



THE LOW HOUSE,  
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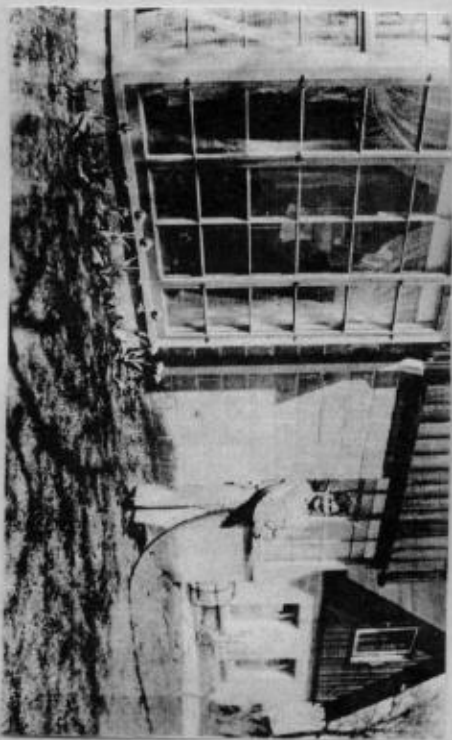




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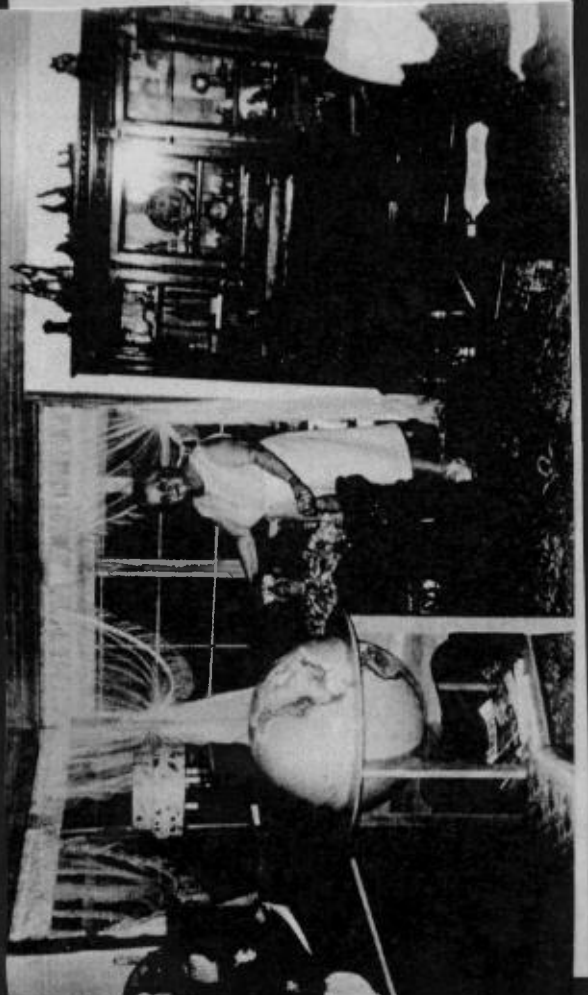
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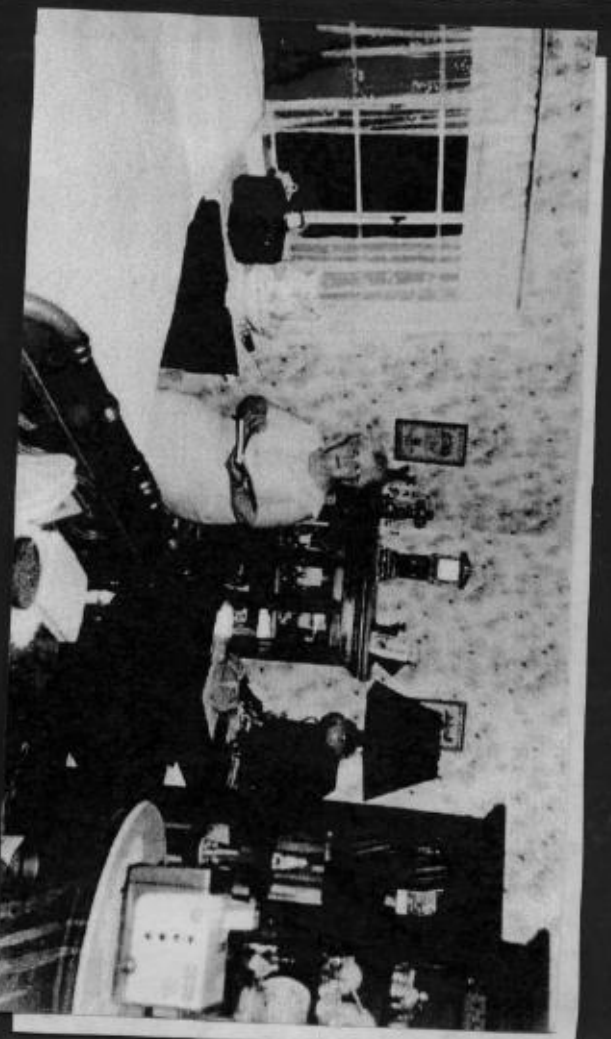
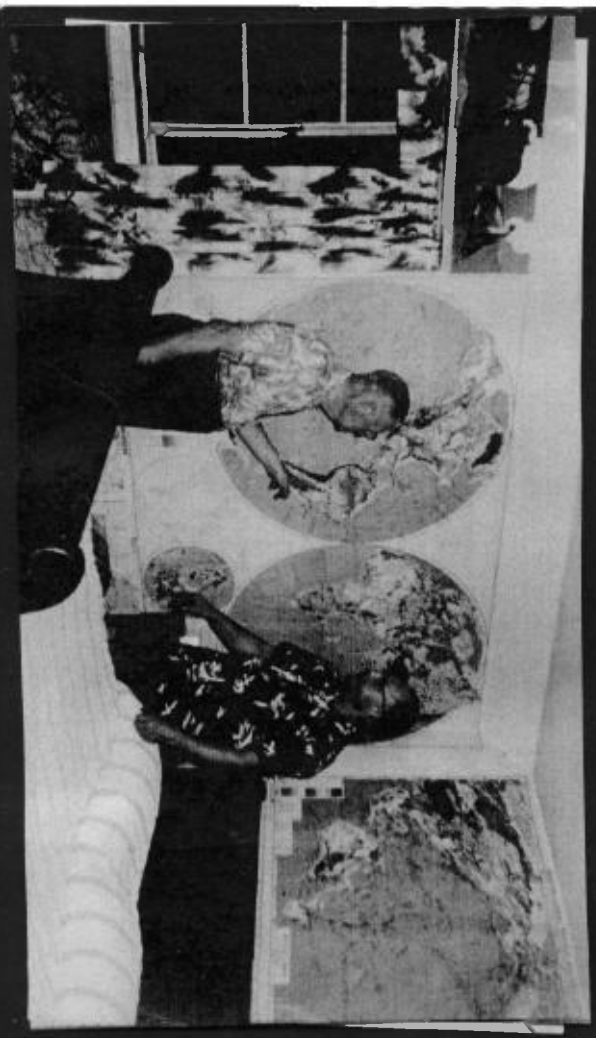
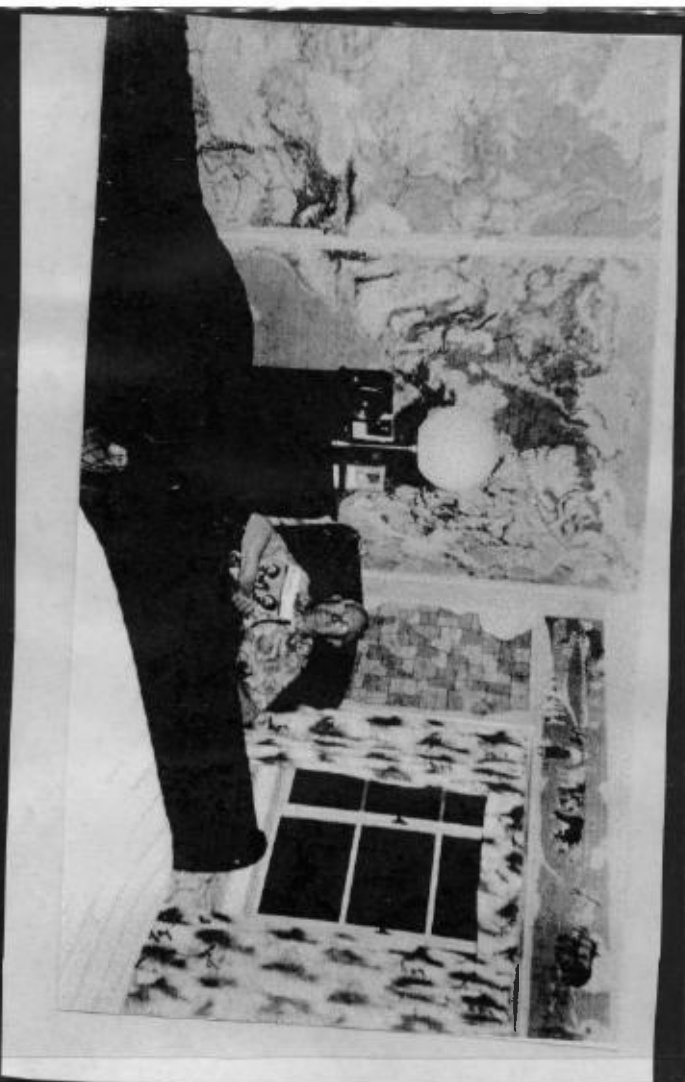


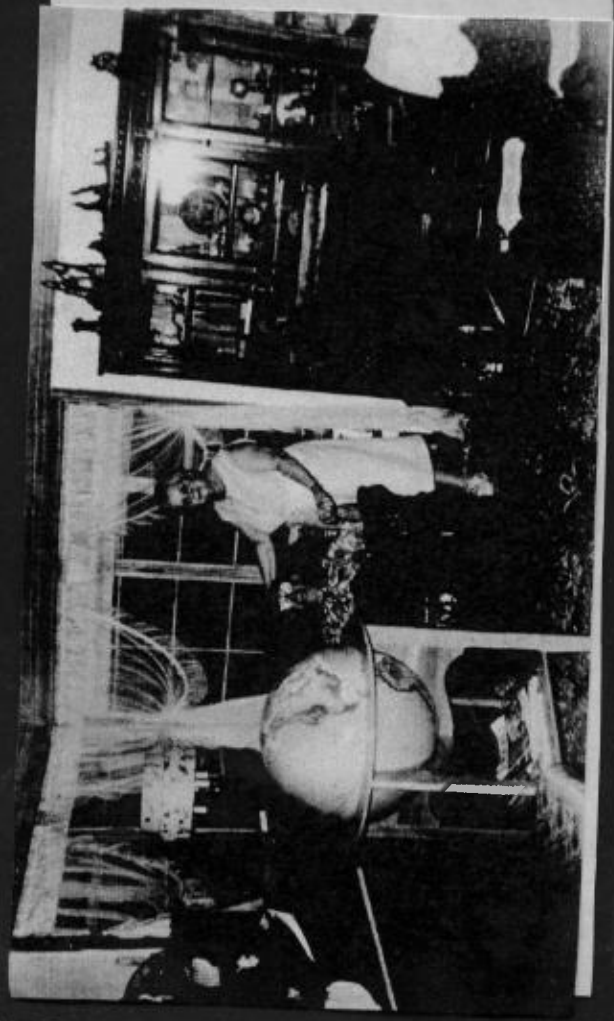


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In Memory of  
**Xenia B. Denoyer**  
September 22, 1893 - November 12, 1976  
Founder of Singing Grove Girl Scout Camp



Through her years of service, Mrs. Denoyer brought a world of fun, adventure, friendship and an understanding of high ideals of conduct to thousands of girls who met her in troops and camps.



Denoyer Park  
Was build by Wheeling Park Dist  
and named in memory of  
Xenia B. Denoyer

Denoyer Park  
Chimney monument  
In Memory of Mrs. Denoyer  
W.P.D. June, 2002









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- 2 MISS DOROTHY WIDEMAN, 1417<sup>E</sup> MARQUETTE RD., CHICAGO
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+ HEAD OF CANOEING - BILLY BONES
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26. A.U.L. TREASURE IS. - JAMMY
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Dowel  
Barn burned in 1873  
1993 Denoyer

Billhorn family were  
a family of preachers

Oliver Billhorn  
son of ~~Phillip~~ Zena  
brother Denoyer

Roman family as  
ground keepers

1932-33 married  
Phillip + Zena

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