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# 8-Division Parade of 1,000 Scouts, Troopers Features Walton Camporee

# Civic Leaders of 3 Counties Review Line

**Capt. Fox, Chairman of  
Record Scout Event, Heads  
Mounted Troop**

*By a Binghamton Press Staff Writer*

Walton, June 4—Organized boyhood of three counties stepped smartly in review, 1,000 strong here today, in the eight-divisioned parade that featured appearance of nine youth bands and furnished colorful highlight to three-day program of Otsego county council Boy Scouts 1938 Camporee.

Prominent scouting officials and civic leaders of Otsego, Schoharie and Delaware counties, James J. Braddock former heavyweight boxing champion of the world, and other notables witnessed the spectacular demonstration.

Stirring beat of drums, blaring bugles and the sight of kaki-clad lads from more than 60 troops throughout a wide, rugged section of agricultural Empire State moved through cheering crowds that lined the curbs of this ordinarily quiet village.

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Having eaten and slept in their own tents last night, scouts were up 6:02 a. m. reveille—many long before. They cooked their own breakfasts, were inspected, cleaned the grounds in mass demonstration of scouting efficiency, staged scouting competition events, then formed parade line of march.

Captain Fox, as grand marshal, led the procession followed by 30 troopers mounted on the outfit's famed spotted ponies.

Escorting Braddock, Council officials and other guests who rode in cars from the campsite to a reviewing stand in Gardiner Place, opposite the municipal building, was Walton High school's 42-piece band in orange and black uniforms.

Two girl drum majors, Miss Jean Willis and Miss Rose Baxter, led the colorful unit. The girls strutted gaily, twirled batons and flaunted high plumed shakos.

Line of march was from the fairgrounds along Bridge street to Delaware street to the reviewing stand in Gardiner Place where the mounted troops halted, the Walton band fell out and guests left cars and mounted the reviewing stand.

While Walton band rounded the block to fall in behind, formations proceeded as follows: Captain Fox and mounted troopers, Oneonta High school band and first division of 150 Boy Scouts, Norwich Boy Scout drum and bugle corps, visitors from Susquehanna council and the following bands, each followed by a division of more than 100 scouts: Worcester High school band, Treadwell High school band, Delaware Academy

**CAMPOREE PARADE TODAY**—Colors are massed as Boy Scouts of Otsego and Harrie counties fall in line for parade from Walton fairgrounds, scene of record and carried out under direction of Captain Daniel E. Fox of Troop C, State Police.



**HE MADE THE CAMPOREE A SUCCESS** — Captain Daniel E. Fox, commander of Troop C, State Police, and general chairman of camporee, and Chesterfield, 25-year-old horse who came from retirement to do his speciality, hurdlng an open auto.



**AT HOME ON CAMPOREE RANGE**—Trooper Bill Mossman of Sidney Troop C, former cowboy and circus star, spins rope for gallery of awed Boy Scouts.



# 1,000 Scouts Camp on Site Used by Indians in Long Ago

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Captain Daniel E. Fox, commander of Troop C state police at Sidney, was general chairman and that brought truckloads of spotted ponies onto Delaware county fairgrounds at midday yesterday. Early bird scouts who had already arrived by bus, automobile, truck and bike, watched Troop C trick riders ease their mounts to the ground—each pony guided by a man who clung to the tail to keep the horse from slipping

as it trotted down the gangplank.

There was Bud, the chunky chestnut which Captain Fox rides—Bud with the famed 101 brand on his hip. There was Patches, another 101 pony and former high school horse; Tiny, a little grey; Duke and Clarence Chamberlain, named when the aviator was flying high and far; Donald Duck and Kate Smith. Those were the seven trick riding horses that were to pound up and down the grandstand straightaway while riders did breath-taking stunts upon and under them.

And tied in two rows, head to head under the long horse tent were the rest of the spotted troupe—20 in all, including 15-year-old Chesterfield, called from retirement to hurdle an open auto

once again as a special treat for excited youngsters.

Scout Maish and Bill Mossman, Troop C's ex-cowboys, kept close watch along with Sharkey McAdams, long-geared Waltonite and fairgrounds worker, as scouts approached the ponies—some timidly and some too carelessly.

"Hey, I pelted Captain Fox's horse—honest!" one lad announced to his troopmates and many another boy had similarly impressive feats to report.

Across the 100-acre sweep of mainland pup tents, fly tents, army tents and teepees mushroomed up as boys worked like beavers under leaders' supervision. In general headquarters underneath the grandstand, Scout Executive John W. Northrup of Oneonta headed a busy staff. His office secretary, Mrs. Dorothy Darling, greeted newcomers, checked them in and steered them to Captain Howard Orcher of Walton's Co. F, 10th Infantry, National Guard.

The captain, with a Floyd Gibbons patch over his left eye that was flicked by a rein a few days ago, studied a map of the grounds and assigned troops to their positions in the canvas-shelter village.

This was the layout: Along the south side of the grounds, beyond which South Mountain towered were troops from Schenectady, Sharon Springs, Middleburg, Central Bridge, Otsego, Oneonta, Cooperstown, Westville and Middlefield.

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