

BOYS' FARM AND TRAINING SCHOOL - SHAWBRIDGE, QUE.



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THIS BOOKLET is dedicated to the many benefactors who, over the years, through their constant generosity, have made this School possible.

It is the earnest desire of the Directors that this publication may serve to enlighten parents, social agencies and magistrates regarding the training facilities available at Shawbridge for boys with problems of behaviour.



THE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING



THE ACADEMIC SCHOOL



SIR EDWARD BEATTY GYMNASIUM



THE KIWANIS HOSPITAL

THE BOYS' FARM Its Background and Purpose

The Boys' Farm was established in 1908 for the protective care, guidance and training of boys. It is located in the foothills of the Laurentians, forty-one miles north of Montreal.

Since the founding of this School thousands of boys have been helped to appreciate the day-to-day discipline of an orderly life, have been shown wholesome and consistent examples and afforded opportunities for self-direction and for self-development.

The Boys' Farm was a pioneer in Canada in the establishment of the family group plan of cottage life. It is an accredited Protestant School incorporated under the laws of the Province of Quebec and in full operation twelve months a year.

The goal of the School is to help each boy toward a satisfactory social adjustment so that he will be better able to meet the responsibilities of community life.

The Cottage System

There are six residential cottages, each accommodating 25 boys. Each is under the supervision of a man and wife who keep in close touch with their boys. They direct and advise, encourage or correct, according to individual needs. They attend to routine matters of discipline. The cottage parents provide an atmosphere as close as possible to family living. The boy soon learns to feel he is a part of the family—a large family it is true, but still small enough to give the boy a feeling of security.

Vocational Training

In 1952 the Department of Social Welfare and of Youth established a Trades School at Shawbridge. It is divided in two sections—carpentry and machine shop practice. The salaries of the two instructors are paid direct by the Quebec Government, the Boys' Farm providing board and lodging.

Courses follow the prescribed curriculum of the Arts and Crafts Administration. A boy who fulfils the requirements of the course may enter a more advanced Trades School in Montreal or elsewhere. There he pays for tuition but if funds are not available he can apply for a scholarship, of which there are hundreds for this purpose.

Other skilled technical training is provided in the print shop, in the kitchen, and the weather station.



LINDSAY COTTAGE



LEWIS COTTAGE



DAWSON COTTAGE



THE MOLSON CHAPEL



DOUGALL COTTAGE



HOCKEY RINK



STAFF HOUSE



SIXTH GRADE



VOCATIONAL SHOP



THE FARM DEPARTMENT SPRUCES UP



THE WEATHER STATION

Academic Training

The academic school curriculum is designed to meet the needs of three different types of boys:

Those who are qualified to follow a regular course of study.

Those who have adequate intelligence but who are academically retarded.

Those with certain degrees of mental retardation or who are emotionally disturbed.

Regular classes follow as closely as possible the curriculum laid down by the Department of Protestant Education in Quebec.

Spiritual Training

Protestant and Roman Catholic services are held each Sunday in the beautiful Molson Chapel which has recently been renovated.

Special arrangements are made for Hebrew boys to attend services of their own faith.

A boy is taught to respect his own church and religious affiliation. He participates in the daily Cottage devotions, attends weekly Sunday School and church services.

Visiting clergy and laymen take an active part in the programme. Communion services are held regularly and boys of the Church of England and the United Church of Canada have the opportunity to attend Communicants' classes.



VOCATIONAL VISITS TO PLANTS IN MONTREAL



THE MAIN BARN



Farm Department

Of the 1,600 odd acres owned by the Institution about 400 are under cultivation. The farm is considered to be a model in the Province of Quebec. It maintains a pure bred Jersey herd of approximately 85 head. This herd has been built up from valuable stock which has been donated to the farm, and through careful breeding. Selections from the herd have been shown at the Lachute and Ormstown fairs where they have invariably captured the majority of the prizes. The boys who are assigned to this department take great pride in the animals at all times, and particularly in preparing them for show, as well as in the ribbons and prizes they win.

The farm has a modern dairy, and milk which is not consumed by the Institution is shipped daily to Montreal, where it is sold.

There is also a hennery and a piggery.

The department provides useful instruction in animal husbandry, dairy operation, care and maintenance of equipment and the production of field crops and small fruits.



ONE OF THE FARM TEAMS



THE JULIAN SMITH MEMORIAL WORKSHOPS



THE FIGGERY



COLOR PARTY

SOCK IT!



ELMER LACH VISITS SHAWBRIDGE

Sports and Recreation

Play is the serious business of Youth! Its constructive values are fully understood by the Administration and are used to the utmost in the programme at Shawbridge.

The recreational programme, both formal and informal, is carefully planned, as are the closely related activities of the Cadet Corps and the Scouts and Cubs. All of these come under the supervision of the Director of Recreation.

Inter-cottage games, contests, tournaments, track and field events are arranged. Invitation games are planned with outside groups and clubs, either at Shawbridge or elsewhere.

The School is ideally situated for winter sports. There are two large skating and hockey rinks, well lighted, and other cottage rinks are in constant use. Over 1,600 acres of property give ample opportunity for skiing.

For aquatic sports during the summer a modern swimming pool has recently been donated to the School.

Recreation each day begins at 4 o'clock in the afternoon when boys get out from their classes.

Each cottage has the gymnasium to itself for one evening a week. This building is well equipped, not only with training apparatus but for bowling, billiards and ping-pong, and there is a well stocked library which the boys are encouraged to use.

Informal recreation is carried on in the recreation rooms of the cottages every evening under the sponsorship of the cottage parents, when the boys are busy with hobbies, such as wood-carving, stamp clubs, painting and table games.



TIME TO RELAX



MISSED!



STRIKE ONE



GOOD MORNING — BOYS' FARM



IN THE HOSPITAL WARD



DENTAL CLINIC



THE PSYCHOLOGIST GIVES AN APTITUDE TEST



GROUP THERAPY

MEDICAL CARE

Kiwanis Hospital

It has been said that the health of the child must be an integral part of education.

A complete physical examination is given each new boy as well as periodic examinations. The hospital is in charge of a registered nurse. Boys are sent to the infirmary for minor ailments and the outdoor clinic is open every day. Operative cases or those of serious illness are referred to hospitals in Montreal. Apart from the regular weekly clinics, doctors are on call in nearby St. Jerome in case of emergency.

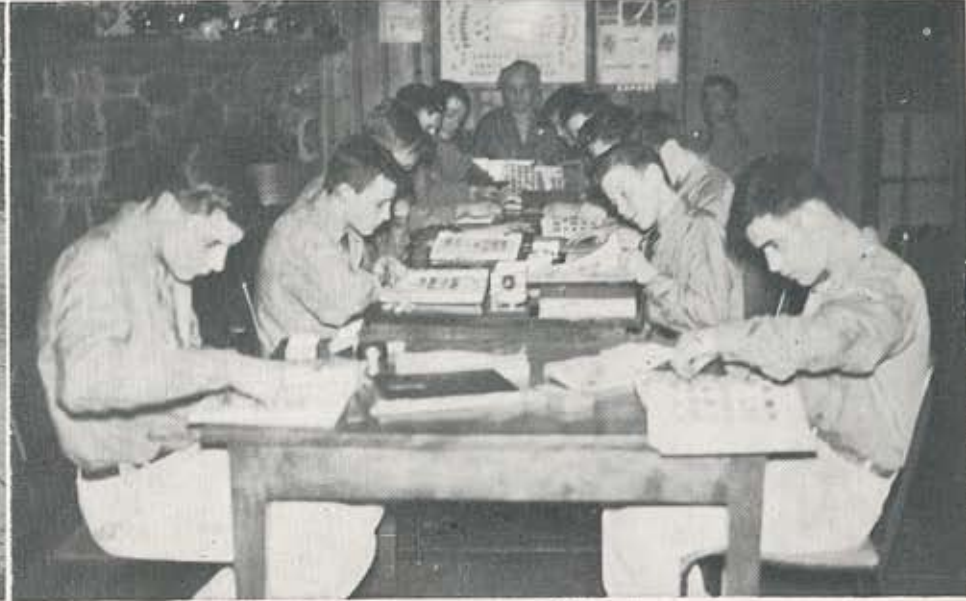
A dental clinic is held once a week and eye clinics when required.

A Mental Health Clinic, comprised of two psychiatrists and one psychologist, provides youth guidance facilities and advises the staff on the individual boy's training programme.

SHAWBRIDGE HIGHLIGHTS



BOY SCOUT TROOP ON PARADE



THE STAMP CLUB

CHOW TIME IS ALWAYS WELCOME





MEETING OF THE REVIEW BOARD



"GOOD

CITIZENSHIP"

Graduate Guidance

The question naturally arises, "Is there supervision, any follow-up or after-care?" This is regarded as an essential part of the work and is carried out by social workers whose headquarters are in the Montreal office.

All the time the boy is at Shawbridge close contact is maintained with him and with his family. We seek to prepare the home for the boy's return; or if there is no home, to find a suitable foster home for him. If he is old enough a job is sought to suit his capabilities.

Most boys leave the School before the expiration of the period for which they have been sent, having earned the privilege by their conduct and studies. They are granted 'conditional discharge'. This is considered only as an extension of the treatment at Shawbridge and provides time for the difficult period of adjustment to home and community life. It is in harmony with the principle of reformation and is a logical and practical method of rounding out the period of institutional care, just as convalescence is necessary after prolonged hospitalization.

The ultimate objective is to bring each youth to the point where he may be discharged from supervision. It is not until he is settled and happy in his home, is engaged in work where he may use his abilities to the maximum and has friends and interests who will not endanger his adjustment in the future that we feel this goal has been reached.

The advice and help of the City Office is available to any graduate as long as he wishes. The boys are encouraged to call and to join organizations in the city, such as church and boys' clubs, and the Y.M.C.A.

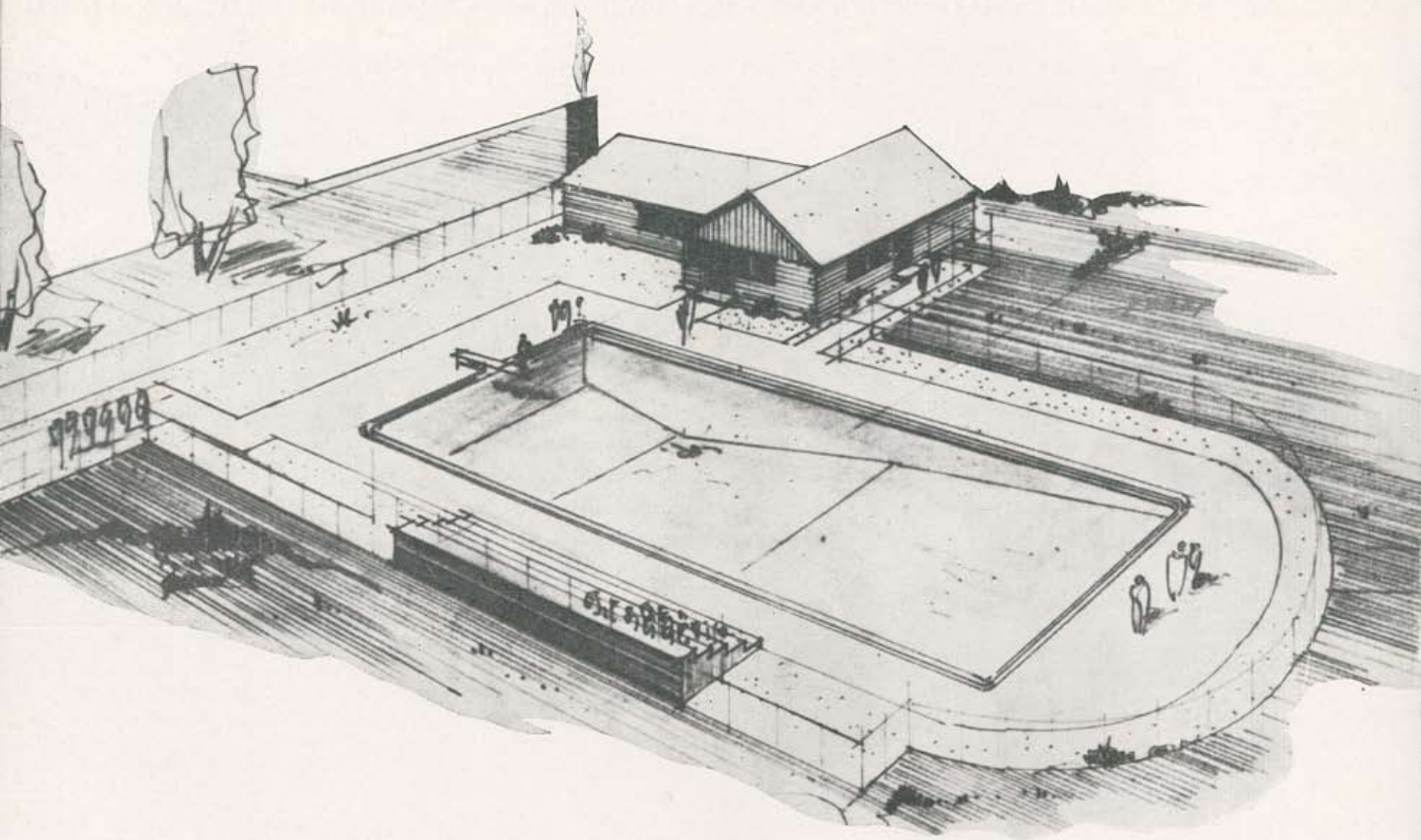
Financial loans are made to those boys who require them.

THE BOYS' FARM IS HONORED BY A VISIT FROM HIS



EXCELLENCY, THE GOVERNOR - GENERAL - VISCOUNT ALEXANDER





Architect's drawing of the swimming pool donated to the Boys' Farm and Training School by the Kiwanis Club of Montreal in 1954. It is a regulation size pool and is equipped with a filtration plant and adjoining bathhouse facilities for boys and staff.



*T*HE GOVERNMENT of the Province of Quebec has indicated its confidence in the merits of this Institution and the desirability of its continuing under private control. This confidence however, is predicated on the maintenance of that full measure of private support which the Boys' Farm has hitherto enjoyed. It is therefore most important to retain the goodwill and support of our present subscribers and to enlist the interest of prospective supporters.

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