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Camp Don-Yon-Dah, A Boy Scout Camp during the 1930's was located in the Town of Carlton east of Kuckville on the Belson farm. The present picnic grounds of Lakeside Park are in the approximate location of where the camp was although no remnants of the camp can be seen now due to extensive erosion to the lake shore banks.

From the August issue of the *Albion-Midlander* we find this information under the title "Sheret Post Scout Camp Now Open."

"Orleans County is extremely fortunate in having an American Legion interested in a scout camp. That the Sheret Post's committee on boy's work, of which William P. Lynch is this year's chairman for a second term, he performed an excellent service in this field is clearly shown by the enthusiasm among local boy scouts at the prospect of going to Camp Don Yon Dah for two weeks of outdoor life this summer.

"Forty boys can be accommodated at the camp, which opened August 5, for scouts in this district. The camp is again under the general supervision of Rev. A.L. Pollock. Chester Sledzinski will have charge of the swimming and boating activities. One of the important items of camp, namely the preparation of good food and plenty of it, will rest in the able hands of Ray Meland.

"This summer has been extremely favorable for life in the open. It is to be expected that the boys who attend



Camp Don Yon Dah will enjoy their two week stay at the lake with a zest which is the privilege enjoyed by all who have been trained to get the most from the great outdoors."

Our photo with this article

show scenes of the camp taken by Fred Holt. The scouts lived in World War I tents placed on wooden decks built by the Legion. There were also some rough cut log structures including the mess hall which partly

shows in one of these pictures. Note the totem pole in the other photo to the far right. This must have been a scout project.

The camp opened in the early 1930's and was in use for around ten years.