

Appendix 6 to
THE HISTORY OF CHEHAW COUNCIL

Camp Osborn Dedication Photos

Camp Osborn opened in June of 1943 and a ceremony was held where a letter was read from Governor Osborn, whose health prevented his attendance in person. The official dedication of the camp was not held until January 1950.

In late June of 1943, Governor Osborn presented Eagle Scout Eugene Espy of Troop 40 in Cordele the deed to Camp Osborn. The presentation was held at Possum Poke and was attended by D. S. Hudson, Sheriff of Worth County; K. B. Hodges, Chairman of the Trustees; W. Y. Compton, Council Executive; Tenderfoot Scout Eugene Hudson of Troop 32 in Sylvester; and I. C. Gortatowsky, Executive Vice-President of Chehaw Council.



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The official dedication in 1950 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 are photos of the dedication held on January 22, 1950 at Camp Osborn.



The photo to the right is Ms. Osborn talking to guests at the dedication.

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The speakers platform was a flatbed trailer with the cab still attached.



Guests on the temporary platform and the guest in the audience are standing and looking at the flag which is in the center of the photo. Mrs. Osborn can be seen standing on the platform. On the left of the photograph standing on the ground next to the flatbed are two scouts in uniform. A parking lot can be seen behind the platform. However, it is unknown if it is the same parking which is now in use at Camp Osborn.



The flag can be seen in the distance by looking between the sound speakers and the pine tree at the left of the photo. The enlargement shows two scouts with their backs turned to the camera both of whom are wearing OA sashes.

The young lady in the uniform to the left is probably part of the Tifton High School band that performed as part of the ceremony.



The two photos (above) of the tree planting ceremony as described in the Dedication Program as *"Planting of trees today will begin the 'Trail of the States' leading from the entrance gate to the headquarters building. As they arrive from Scout Councils throughout the United States, others are being planted. From California to Maine and from Oregon to Florida Scouts and Scouters are forwarding native specimens to complete this project."* Mr. W. L Chapel of Cordele was in charge of the Eagle Scouts conducting the Tree Planting Ceremony