

A tribute to Charles 'Charlie' Morgan



It is with regret we record the passing on 20 August 2004, of another of our stalwarts, Charlie Morgan. Charlie joined Scouts in 1935. Served with the Imperial Light Horse during the War. On return to Cape Town he carried on Scouting serving the Movement as a Group Scouter / Assistant District Commissioner, District Commissioner and then Assistant Area Commissioner.

He served on various Gilcape Development Committees as well as assisted at numerous Scout Competitions, the Senior Scout Adventure and on Training Courses.

In 1995 he was awarded the Bar to his Silver Protea.

Charlie loved God and served his church in various offices, he was also a keen member of the Regimental Association of the ILH (Imperial Light Horse). His hobby was his Morris Minor 1000 of which he was very proud. Cheerful and smiling despite his pain Charles will be remembered as a good Scout. Our sympathies and prayers go to his son, two daughters and their families. Go well old friend.

Denzil Roberts

And from the Archives - circa 1970

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He has taken a very keen interest in all the activities of the Division by assisting at Divisional Competitions, such as the Gordon Shield, etc., and also District Competitions in the C.W.9 Area (Withinshaw Trophy, Crosswell Trophy, and the Bi-Annual Exhibition for the Adams Shield). He also organised and ran the Annual Cub Competition for the whole period that he was District Commissioner.

He has always taken a keen interest in the Troops of the District, paying periodic visits and attending their Annual General Meetings. He also held regular Group Scouter meetings.

For some years past, he has been responsible for organising Scouts Own Sunday at Maynardville.

He was a prime mover in the Girl Guide/Boy Scout Co-operation Movement.

During his service in scouting he has been a District Scoutmaster and a member of the Local Association.

In all his activities, he has been very ably assisted and encouraged by his wife, who has been connected with Scouting since 1953, originally as a member of the 2nd Kenilworth Scout Group and later, as a member of the Local Association. She attended to most of the clerical work arising out of her husband's position as District Commissioner and continues to do so in his new position.

For some years past, she has been responsible for the serving of tea to the V.I.Ps attending Scout Sunday.

He has also been:-

Judge at Gordons Shield since 1958

Convener of Edwards Shield since 1959

Organiser of Divisional Scouts Own at Maynardville

Badge Examiner Cubs and Scouts C.W. 9 and Guides Wynberg & Claremont Districts

Assisted on Training Courses Divisional and District

Supervised Meadowridge/Bergvliet District for 5 years

Organiser of District Tree Planting - Training area Gilcape

Scout Show - after hours booking and front of house staff 1954 - 1965?

Liaison with City Council, bookings of Halls and Grounds, hiring of equipment, leases etc.

Liaison with Coloured Boy Scouts - Annual Xmas Tree and Training

Awarded Scout Woodbadge 1957

Awarded G.S.M's /Commissioners Woodbadge 1965 - 1st in South Africa

Long Service Medal and 50 year bar