



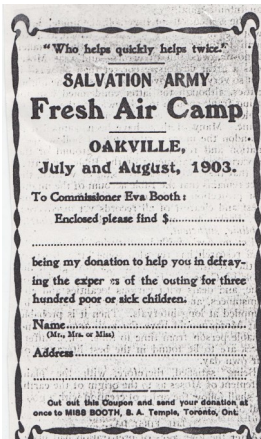
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Camps:

Salvation Army Camping !



*The first Salvation Army camp for children was held at Oakville, August 15 1902 and was attended by 300 children. Commissioner Eva Booth, the Territorial Commander had the idea that the Army should do something to provide a holiday for the poorest children living in the city of Toronto who had no opportunity of getting some relief from the hot dusty city with its asphalt and concrete, or the opportunity to experience fresh country air and a dip in the cool waters of Lake Ontario.

In 1910 farmland was bought at Clarksons on Lake Ontario. The Toronto "Star Weekly" reported, "On Tuesday The Salvation Army's Fresh Air Fairyland at Clarksons opened for the season."

In January 1916 Brigadier Gideon Miller suggested to the Territorial Commander, Commissioner W.J. Richards that the property at Clarksons should be sold and the property at Jackson's Point purchased. "the waters are much warmer for the children than the waters of Lake Ontario at Clarksons" said Brigadier Gideon Miller, the property Secretary who had spied out the property earlier. It was April 1916, the Commissioner agreed and the deal was made.



Only known photograph of main building at Clarksons, Ont.

very important part of Salvation Army ministry as Divisions from Vancouver to Newfoundland established camps and summer programs not only for Fresh Air Children but for corps youth sections and Women's Ministries, Men's Fellowships and music camps.

Salvation Army Scouting and Girl Guiding units were a very important part of the camping season and over the years hundreds of decisions for Christ were made.

What about the buildings at Clarkson? Brigadier Miller suggested they could be taken apart, and moved by truck to Jackson's Point and re-assembled again. The first building moved and assembled was the main building which was in place for the summer season and remained in use until 1976.*

Camping went on to be a



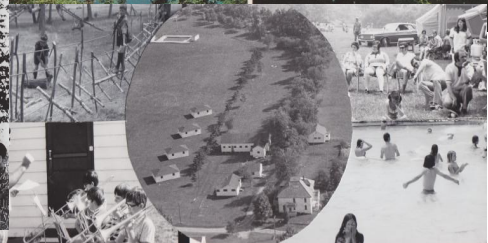
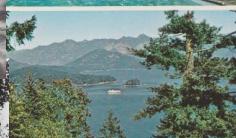
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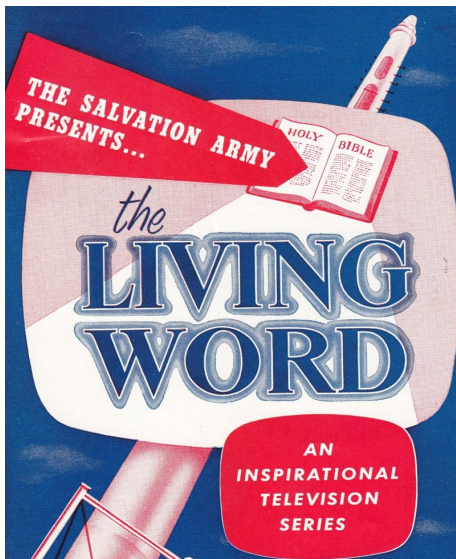
* As recorded in War Cry clippings, Toronto Star Weekly, & notes of Lt. Colonel H. Wood.

This photograph dated 1886 is the earliest record the archives has of Salvation Army camping in Canada and is of a large group of Salvationists camping at Big Bay Point, New Market. It would appear that it was a day camp when Salvationists from various corps gathered for a day of fellowship and fun.

A photograph of a small, rustic log cabin with a gabled roof and a chimney, illuminated from within at night, set against a dark, wooded background. The cabin is constructed of horizontal logs and has several windows with glowing yellow light. A small porch with a wooden ladder is visible on the left side. The surrounding area is dark and appears to be a forest or a field at night.

In the early days visitors to the Army's Fresh-Air Camp at Jackson's Point would have seen the Old Log Cabin which occupied a corner of the wide spreading tree-covered grounds for many years. It served a variety of uses .





160 fifteen minute television programs with a spiritual message were produced in the Canada and Bermuda Territory during the late fifties and early seventies and was viewed throughout Canada and the United States by hundreds of Television stations. The first episode was aired on January 1956 and continued to 1968.

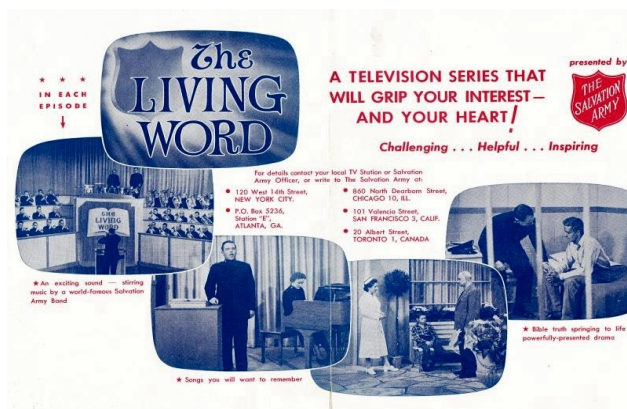
The late General Arnold Brown and Commissioner Leslie Pindred produced and hosted the first series. General Brown wrote many of the original scripts and later, Major Ken Evenden (when he was appointed to Territorial Headquarters) began to write some of the scripts and accompanied cameramen and producers to on-site locations. Major Evenden then became the principal producer of The Living Word to the very end of the series in 1968.

Captain Ernest Miller, an American officer, followed Lieut. Colonel Leslie Pindred as the television host from 1956 to 1968. During that period the program appeared on more than 300 TV stations in the USA, Canada and world-wide. It was seen in re-runs as late as 1981. The program was filmed in an improvised studio in the sub-basement of The Salvation Army Territorial Headquarters which was then located at 20 Albert Street. Part of the Eaton's Centre now occupies the location. Work was done at night, from 10:00 p.m. to 4:00 a.m., when elevators and other noises could be shut down and the street cars had stopped running.



Lieut. Col. Ernest A. Miller

(By the way, Lieut. Colonel Miller now in his 93rd. year lives in Ashville NC and in Post Retirement Service goes to his office five days a week where he works with media, and other community/ public relations matters.)



Captain Miller on TV set.

The Living Word can be viewed at:

[Youtube.com/salvationistmagazine](https://www.youtube.com/salvationistmagazine)

70 ADDITIONAL VIDEOS of 'the LIVING WORD' will be added to YouTube mid summer

New Staff Member



Major Randy Hicks

We are pleased to welcome to the staff of the Archives Major Randy Hicks as the ASSISTANT DIRECTOR. Major Hicks is a lifelong Salvationist with nearly forty years experience as an Officer, twenty of which he has been a Corps officer. He also served in a variety of administrative positions and is well known for his teaching, preaching and communications skills. The Major has expressed a genuine interest in and preserving Salvation Army history. He values the importance of preserving it as the Army addresses the challenges of today and moves forward to meet the challenges of an ever changing world. To quote Major Hicks: " My overall exposure during these many years has taught me the need for a greater understanding and implementation of the conservation of significant historical items in all SA units"

THESE WE HAVE KNOWN....

Their influence lives on.



The late Lieut. Colonel Joe Craig was born into a Salvation Army family and entered the Salvation Army Training College in Toronto from Peterborough Temple Corps and was commissioned in 1943. In 1946 he married Captain Beulah Payton and thus began a long and loving relationship, in which they faced many personal and ministry challenges, demonstrating through them all the marvellous grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Army leaders recognized his special talents relative to young people's work. A term overseas in the Central America and West Indies Territory, culminating in an appointment as Territorial Youth Secretary for the West Indies, preceded a return to Canada where the Colonel was given a number of youth-related appointments.

As the Territorial Scout Director his expertise in scouting was recognized at all levels of scouting. In 1963 he received the Medal of Merit for Boy Scouts Canada and in 1967 was presented with the coveted Silver Acorn for outstanding national service to scouting. In 1973 he received a further honour in scouting in Canada, "The Silver Wolf"

Lieut. Colonel Craig served in senior administrative leadership positions, as assistant chief secretary, personnel secretary, and concluded his active officership in 1986 as assistant to the Territorial commander. The Craigs lived in retirement in Peterborough On.

130 YEARS AGO

Young People's Work.

A 'Little Soldier's Demonstration,' held during some Toronto Temple anniversary gatherings early in 1887 was reported in The War Cry of May 14, 1887. It included a big march, testimonies, prayers, solos and talks. This even led to issuing of instructions and suggestions as to carrying on of 'Little Soldier's Meetings', officially beginning in September of that year.

Young People's Band.

A 'bun' feed in September, 1887 drew almost 2000 children, with many kneeling at the Penitent Form. The War Cry of October 8, 1887 considered the event front page news, and illustrated the layout with a reproduction of the Toronto Temple Little Soldier's 'Fife and Drum Band.' There were eleven. Fifes, a bass drum, a side drum and a tambourine. This is the first reference to a 'Junior Band.'

Women's Social Work

While there is some evidence that 'rescue work' was being done in 1886 (e.g. a quarters on Farley Street being used as a home for girls) the first indication of the Army's organized interest in women's work occurs in April 1887 when Mrs. Langtry (T.H.Q. staff) was appointed to 'Home Rest', and Staff-Captain A. Kelly to 'Rescue Homes'

By November 1888, Mrs Commissioner Coombs was appointed as Head of Rescue Homes

Missing Persons

Army commences Missing Persons Bureau. January 1887

Public Enrollment Soldiers

First public enrollment of soldiers -Toronto temple December 1887