

# Bexley fundraiser honored Eagle Scouts

On May 18, U.S. flags fluttered in front of a dozen tents unexpectedly standing in Bexley's Jeffrey Park, behind a campfire platform lashed together that same afternoon.

Mayor David Madison grilled hamburgers, hot dogs and chicken as nearly a hundred scouts, parents and supporters gathered on a balmy spring evening. After an opening ceremony conducted by scouts in full uniform, everyone lined up for dinner, choosing their soda pop from a canoe filled with ice.

Bexley Boy Scout Troops 166 and 220 co-sponsored the \$30-a-plate barbecue dinner to celebrate the rich tradition of scouting in Bexley. "Bexley's Salute to Scouting" honored two of Bexley's distinguished Eagle Scouts, Colborn Addison and Robert Clark. A roster on display listed more 65 Eagle

Scouts identified as currently living in Bexley or on the East Side.

Following a Webelos skit on the Jungle Book, E. Gordon Gee, president of The Ohio State University and himself an Eagle Scout, addressed the gathering. Gee recalled memories of his scouting days, including his difficulty in obtaining the swimming and life-saving merit badges. Under a policy then in force, Gee's father agreed to earn his own Eagle rank if young Gordon would finish his. He told of the benefits he gained from scouting.

Both Addison and Clark, the evening's honorees, have been Bexley residents most of their lives and married fellow graduates of Bexley High School. Both were members of Troop 166, which still meets at Bexley United Methodist Church, and both attained the rank of Eagle in 1947. Addison, a

father of four, is now an attorney with Vorys, Sater, Seymour & Pease. Clark, a father of two, has worked as sales manager for Keener Sand and Clay Company for 25 years.

After a warm afternoon of setup and an evening of serving guests, the two troops braved the mosquitoes for a camp out in the park. Proceeds of the event will benefit the Simon Kenton Council's Scouting programs.