

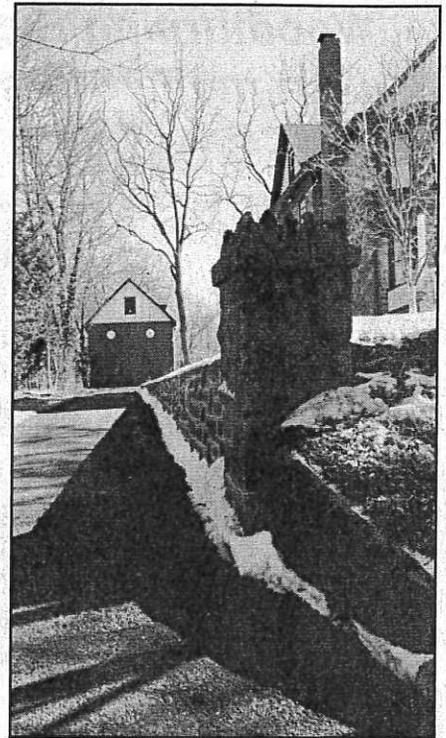
Scout Troop 3 Riddle Solved

Several months ago, the Scouts of Troop 3 Ambler, aged 11 - 18, were presented with a riddle related to its 100 year history - "The Riddle of Evan's Garage". Troop records state that, at its founding 100 years ago, the troop met in a nearby garage. Then, five years later, in 1920, that the troop began meeting in the "Gymnasium" (basement) of Trinity Memorial Episcopal Church. The troop has continued to meet at Trinity Episcopal, except for the few years following Trinity's disastrous fire in July 1986, when the troop met temporarily at the First Presbyterian Church of Ambler.

The riddle, as presented to Troop 3 Scouts: "Read through the troop's history - it states: "The Charter Troop was sponsored by 'A Group of Citizens' and met on the 2nd floor of a nearby garage owned by William C. Evans, which was known as Evan's Garage." An additional hint: in a write up about the troop's 60th Anniversary, it was written: "The first Scout troop met over a garage owned by William C. Evans - and is the present day home of Miss Rachel Hansel." Does this

garage still exist? Answer whether or not the garage still exists, what the current address is (or was) - and how you arrived at the answer. Hint: you can't Google this one! You'll need to do things like look at past census data, seek out local history buffs and/or local historical societies for assistance - and explain to them why you are asking for their help."

The troop is pleased to report that Scout William Clapham performed the research, solved the riddle, and won a \$50 bill! "Evan's Garage" does exist today - and almost magically - has been untouched in these 100 years! While the probability of the building being razed, modernized, and/or converted to living space is high, the current 35 boys of Troop 3 got to experience a meeting on the garage's second floor that looks practically the same as it did a hundred years ago. The garage is located at 1425 Bethlehem Pike, opposite the Longford Apartments. Present day owner, Gary Porter, was very kind and gracious to let the Troop meet, once again, in the place of its founding.



You can see more history about Troop 3 and read more about their upcoming 2016 Alaska Adventure at Troop 3's website: www.troop3ambler.com.