



Avice Mary Dalke

(1915 - 1986)

Avice Mary Dalke, the first cub master and originator of the Scouting movement in Mission, was born, educated, and married in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan.

A widow with 4 children at the age of 28, Avice subsequently met and married Cornelius Dalke. In 1945, the family settled on acreage in Mission where she helped clear the land for their home and establish a farm where "she tried her hand at anything", including cultivating non-native plants.

An experienced cub leader with an in-depth appreciation and knowledge of the principles of Scouting, Avice decided to start a program in the community. In 1948, she established the first cub pack and over the next two decades educated and provided guidance to boys aged 8 to 10 on how to work, play and grow together.

A recipient of the Long Service Award from the Boy Scout Association, Avice also played an influential role in the development of local scouting by providing assistance and instruction to other leaders.

Following her retirement from scouting, she and her husband established *Avicorn Kennels* which became internationally known for its English Bull Terrier champions.

In 1986, 4 months after her death, the municipality named a new street "in honour of the Dalke family" located in a new subdivision just west of their property.

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