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The young people were involved in many activities at Metropolitan. The High-Cs, a group of young people in their late high school years, met every Sunday night with Bill Heine. After that, all sorts of university students became involved in the 8:30 Club. A Young Peoples group was very active also. Metropolitan had a Young People's baseball team that never won, but had a wonderful time playing the game. After the games, there were parties and all the teams we played against came to the parties.

The offshoot of all these activities involving our Young People, was that I—a Presbytery representative could go to any place in Ontario and know somebody! Conference representatives were there from London, Hamilton, Toronto, etc. We knew everybody province-wide. It was an amazing time for youth at that time. We lost an awful lot when Kairos replaced Young Peoples groups.

When Ted Blake was head of Scouting at Metropolitan, both Lois Allison and I were approached to help with the Scouts. Ted just about fainted when he learned that he was going to have two female leaders in Scouting. Lois and I joined and progressed. Kent McNeill became Akela after Ted left. Following Kent, I took over the Pack. My husband Lorne was head of the Scouts. My two sons were also involved with Scouting and helped their Dad. Scouting was so much a part of our family. Lorne would take the Scouts to Camp Sylvan and a lot of private parks. My sons and daughter learned so much about life through Scouting. One young Scout had been in a car accident and had a disability. His father helped Lorne in Scouting. When the Scouts were outdoors hiking or camping, the physically challenged boy would help us with the Cubs. Our kids learned so much from him because they realized that a person with a disability can really play a part in helping others. Those were some of the most memorable activities during our Scouting years.