



In Memoriam - Mr Choy Shing-Pang

蔡成彭老師

(March 3, 1917 – April 21, 1997)

Class of 1936, WYK, same class as Mr Lee Hoi-Chow

Taught at Wah Yan College, Kowloon, 1947-1977 (*)**

Scout Master at least from 1952 to 1959

Form-master from 1953-1969; 1972; 1976-1977

(* cf article “Mr Choy Shing Pang Left For Canada” – towards end of file)**

Form-master at Wah Yan College, Kowloon

1952-1953 F1C	1959-1960 F1B	1966-1967 F3B
1953-1954 F1B	1960-1961 F1B	1967-1968 F3B
1954-1955 F1B	1961-1962 F2C	1968-1969 F3B
1955-1956 F1B	1962-1963 F2B	1971-1972 F5A
1956-1957 F1B	1963-1964 F4B	1975-1976 F3C
1957-1958 F1B	1964-1965 F3B	1976-1977 F3C
1958-1959 B	1965-1966 F3B	

A. Class Photos as Form Master, 1952-1977 (a selection)



FORM I B

F1B, 1956-1957



FORM 4B

F4B, 1963-1964

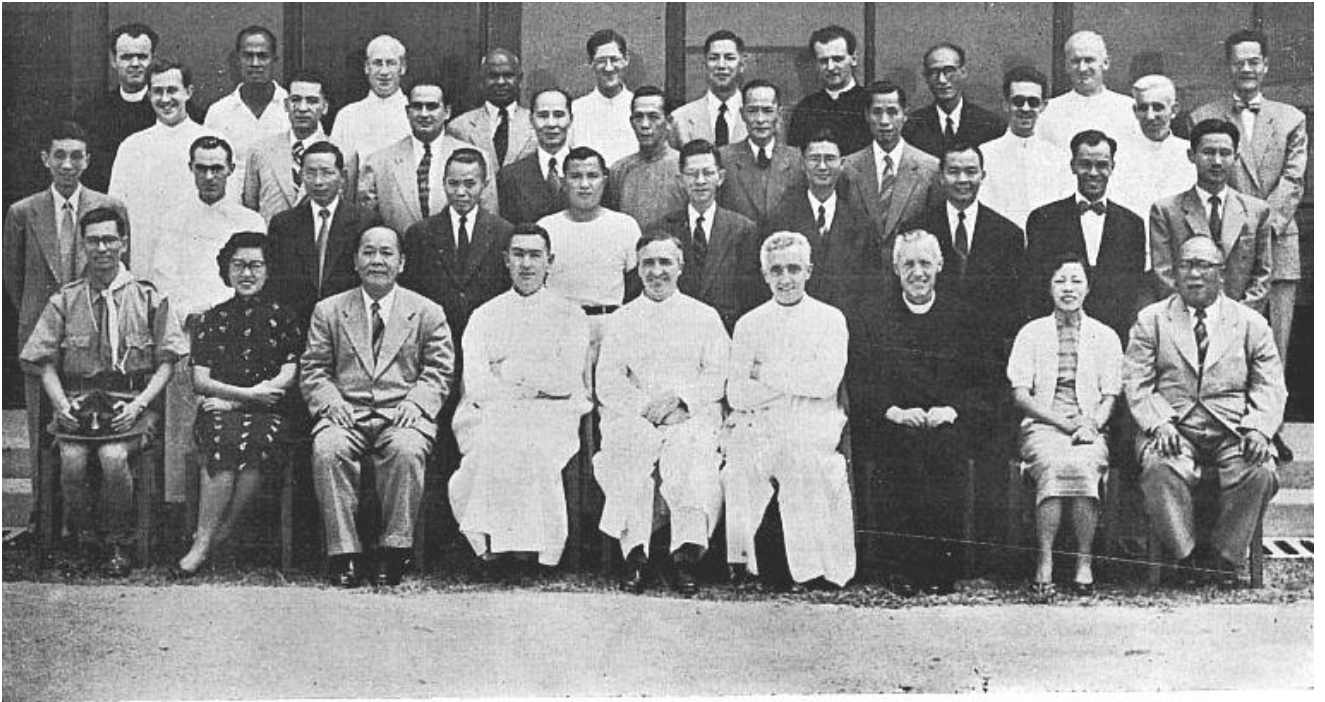


F5A, 1971-1972



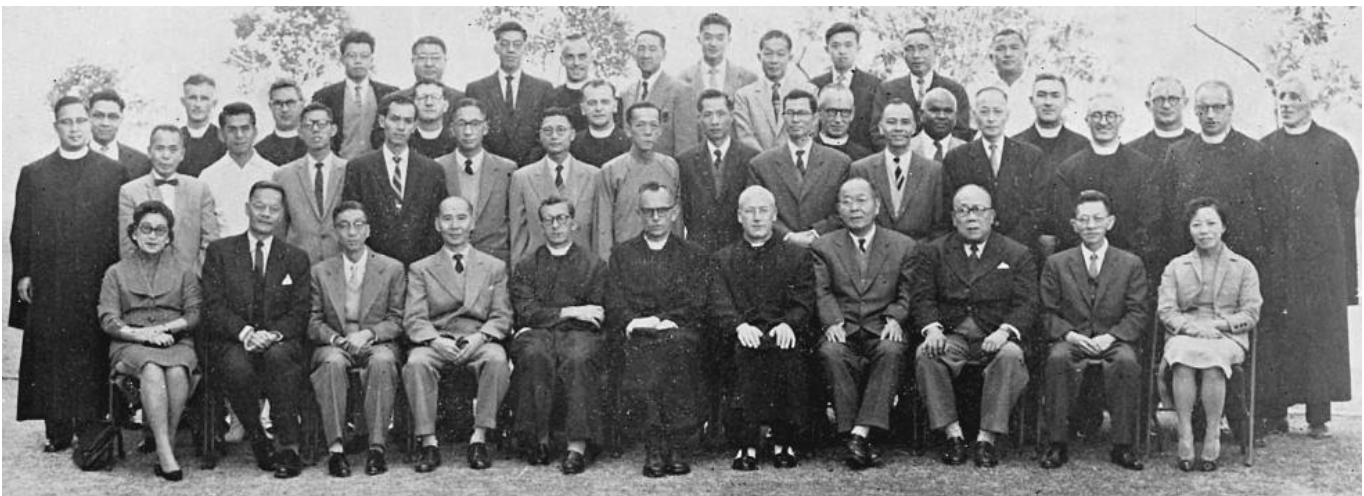
F3C, 1976-1977 (last year at WYK)

B. Staff Photos, 1952-1977 (a selection)

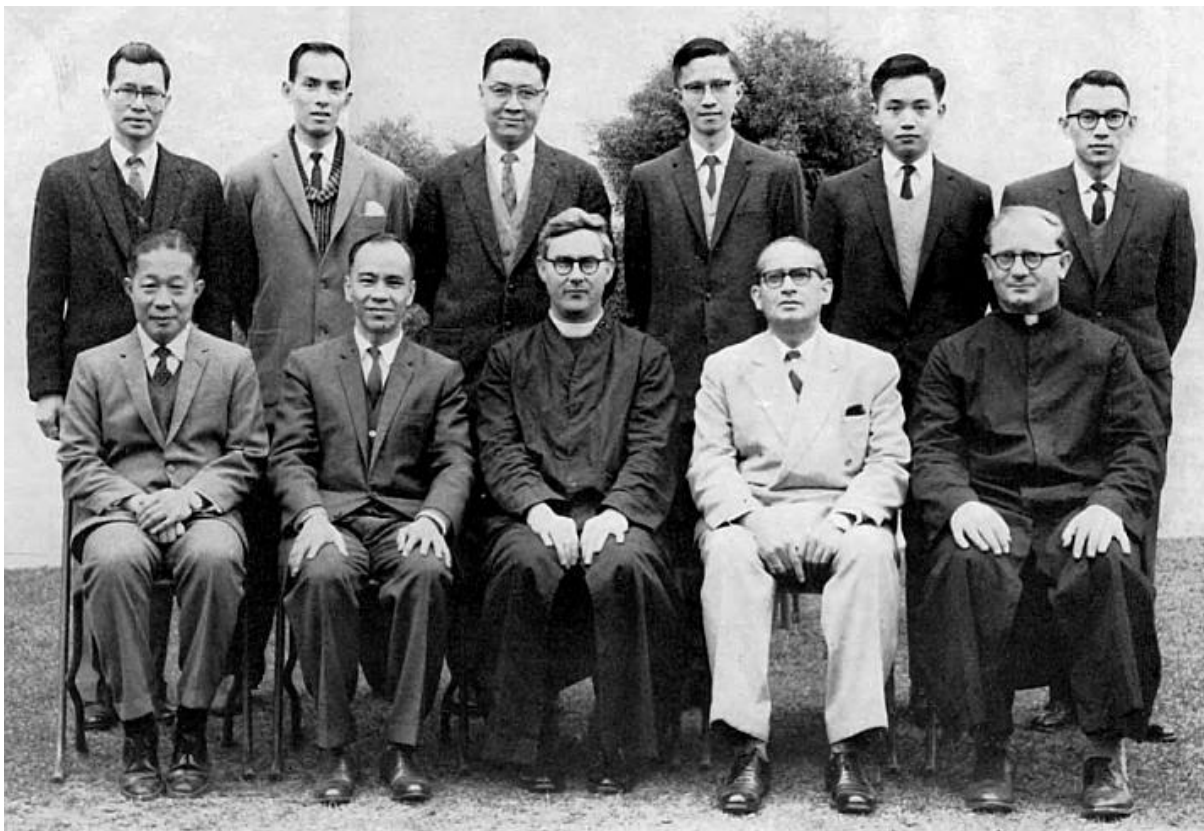


THE STAFF (1952-1953)

1952-1953, Staff – bottom row – 1st left (in scout uniform)



1958-1959, Staff – 2nd row from bottom – 10th left



TEACHERS OF MATHEMATICS AND SCIENCE

1961-1962, Staff – top row – 1st left



1975-1976, Staff – bottom row – 4th right

C. Staff Lists, 1952-1977 (a selection)

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1976-1977, Staff List (Mr Choy's last year at WYK)

D. As Scoutmaster - Articles, 1952-1959 (a selection)

Scouting

11th KOWLOON GROUP

Thanks to the guidance and encouragement of Rev. Fr. Rector and Rev. Fr. M. J. Morahan, S.J., Honorary Group Scoutmaster, our group proved a success in the past year. We are most grateful for our new and spacious scout-room and also for the extra equipment and furniture promised us. We look forward to a headquarters of which every member of the group will have reason to be proud.

The past year may well be called a year of expansion. With the influx of hundreds of new students to our school, our group enrolment has gone up to 60 strong. A scout organization is not judged by its size; however, an increase in membership serves to show that our movement has been better understood and our activities have interested more boys.

It gives me pride to report that, for the first time in the history of scouting in Hong Kong, both our Junior and Senior Troops secured first place in the Annual Competition, thus winning not only the Carlton Trophy, but also the Prince of Wales Banner. These were formally awarded to us by H.E. The Governor, Sir Alexander Grantham, before a contingent of scouts and cubs and a full gathering of guests at the Annual St. George's Day Scout Rally at the Army Sports Grounds, Sookunpoo, on April 25. At 9 a.m. on the 27th of April, in a solemn ceremony, preceded by Holy Mass at the school chapel, the trophy and the banner were presented to the school before all the teachers and students. I take this opportunity to congratulate the various scoutmasters who took so much pains in the training of the scouts.

Every encouragement is given to our scouts to take part in whatever courses the Local Boy Scouts' Association organizes. During the year, 17 of our scouts passed the fireman and firefighter badges after attending a course at the Kowloon Fire

Station. Two of our scouts P.L. (s) Lau Chun Cheung and P.L. (s) Tsiu Wing Man passed their examination with distinction. Among the successful candidates of the Life Saving Course, sponsored jointly by the Boy Scouts' Association and the Royal Life Saving Society, Senior Scout Tong Wan Kung was awarded the Silver Medallion. In compliance with a circular from the Local Association more than 30 of our scouts have applied for the instruction of the meteorologist, astronomer, weatherman and starman badges. Courses for these will be held at the Royal Observatory.

Rev. Fr. E. Sullivan, S.J. has been kind enough to help our scouts by giving lessons to qualify them for the musician badge. At the same time a course for the ambulance badge was arranged by the St. John Ambulance Association for 20 of our senior scouts. But Dr. Su Tsan-en's lectures were so interesting that 10 more scouts who had already passed their ambulance badge, were attracted to take a refresher course with the others. Fifteen of our scouts have also been promised a course on the first-aid badge in the immediate future.

This year four of our senior scouts, T.L. (s) Law Che Kin, P.L. (s) Leung Hong Yuen, P.L. (s) Tsiu Wing Man, and P.L. (s) Lau Siu Kwan passed the Queen Scout Badge. Five senior scouts have won their bushman's thongs and 12 more scouts have passed their first class badges. Proficiency badges gained this year amount to 105, including artist, ambulance, astronomer, despatch rider, camp warden, fireman, handy man, interpreter, master cook, master swimmer, pioneer, rescuer, venturer, camper, cook, designer, firefighter and first-aid badges.

"Service" is the key word of our training. The school can always count on the help of the scouts at any school function. In the midst of their Christmas Examination

over fifty of our scouts hurried to Caroline Hill to keep order for the South China Athletic Association which was holding its annual sports. We also served the Wah Yan Dramatic Society for five evenings, acting as stewards during the play, "The Golden Lily", at Grantham Training College. Ten of our scouts were dispatched to do first-aid work for the Inter-school Sports held this year at the Sookunpoo Army Sports Grounds. We also served as stewards at the play "Snow White", directed by our Honorary G. S. M.

It is unnecessary to enumerate the many camps and hikes our scouts had during the year. However, our group camp at Cheung Kwan O just before Christmas is worth mentioning. Fifty-two scouts and four scouters took part in this camp. In spite of the continuous drizzle, visitors including Jesuit Fathers, teachers, parents, friends and schoolmates kept pouring in between 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. on our opening day. Both Mr. J. A. Ozorio, P.C. and Mr. C. H. Hon, DSM (J) came to visit us. I thank them for their comments on our camp, which helped so much to raise our standard of camping.

We never forget to fulfil our promise to our duty to God. The whole group attended two Masses at the school chapel and the parade on the Feast of Christ the King. During our Christmas Group Camp, Rev. Fr. Morahan went all the way to Cheung Kwan O to celebrate Mass at our camp. An organisation is being planned to provide

our Catholic scouts with more religious activities.

It is a great honour for our group that our Honorary Group Scoutmaster, Rev. Fr. M. J. Morahan, S.J. has been elected a lay member on the Executive Committee of the Kowloon Local District Association. Besides Mr. Chow Ching Lam, formerly our G.S.M., Messrs. Wong Chin Wah and John Chan have kindly consented to be our Honorary advisers. In addition to Mr. Chan Ping Shu, whose energy in running the Senior troop seems inexhaustible, three Senior Scouters, Messrs. Ng Chun Sang, Ng Man On and Li Kwok Wai have been appointed Honorary Instructors. We congratulate ourselves on having honourable members who work so hard and are so energetic. The Junior Troop is thriving under the leadership of Messrs. Tang Kam Yan and Wong Yan Sang who devote almost all their leisure to the troop.

I cannot conclude without thanking Rev. Fr. Rector again for all his kindness shown to the group and the scouts. Thanks are also due to Miss A. A. Unthank, Hon. Sec., St. John Ambulance Association for arranging an ambulance course for our senior scouts. I wish also to express my heartfelt thanks to all those who have so nobly given up so much of their valuable time to instruct our scouts, and to all the teachers of the school for their moral support to our movement.

Choy Shing Pang,
Group Scoutmaster.

From The Shield 01 (1953)



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九龍第十一旅童軍概况

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陳佐舜 譯

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童軍乙團團長：長陳佐舜先生

小狼隊團長：李端容女士

在許多人的心目中，以為童軍生活和社團遠足的活動，似乎大同小異。對童軍生活所起的這種誤解，有時就童軍的家長，也在所難免。可是，祇要參閱一下一旅童軍，在一年內所參加的各項不同性質的活動，便不難對童軍生活，有較正確的認識了。一個童軍主要的任務，是替社會人羣服務，平時如此，危急的場合中更應如此。然而要在危急的場合中，也能應付裕如，就不得不靠平日不斷的訓練，以期廣泛地獲得各種特殊的學識和技能，考取各種童軍「專章」。要取得一項「專章」必須下一番苦工。雖然對各種技能的訓練，需要藉旅行野外露營的活動，來增加身心的愉快和樂趣，以期收事半功倍之效，不過這些祇能說是附帶的條件，而絕非童軍生活的重心所在。

今年度本旅不論人數方面和替社會服務方面，都有長足的進展。本學期開學伊始，就看得出各級學生都對童軍活動，發生了濃厚的興趣。這應該歸功於去年童軍和先進童軍的優越的表現。由於今年新血輪的大量增

加，本旅誠有改組的必要。經改組後，本旅有一個羅浮團，一個先進童軍團，二個童軍團和一個小狼隊。

十月廿四日本人和陳佐舜先生，李端容女士和許多新童軍們一齊舉行宣誓典禮，成為世界童軍運動中的一股生力軍了。一星期後，是小狼隊的入隊宣誓典禮。再一個月後，又跟着有羅浮團的正式成立。這一來，我們全旅的人數，便增至一百二十人。這人數佔全校學生很高的比例。這固然反映學生對童軍運動的濃厚興趣，可是也顯示出旅長蔡成彭先生對推廣童軍運動的斐然成績。本校童軍有着完備的組織：在李端容女士領導下的小狼隊，是未來新童軍的泉源，而吳振聲先生則在羅浮團裏替全旅訓練着精幹的童軍教練。

本年度，我全校體童軍曾經兩次分別在港九街道上，列隊操演。第一次，在十二月廿一日，這是值得紀念的一天。本旅列隊操至督憲府，由督憲葛量洪爵士，以本港童軍最高領袖的資格，親自檢閱。檢閱後，督憲作簡短的訓示。署副威爾斯太子和加爾頓兩項錦標，由一個童軍族同時取得，這在香港童軍運動的歷史中尚屬創舉云。

第二次，四月廿三日在愉園香港足球總會舉行每年一度的聖佐治大會盛典。大會中，本旅七個先進童軍榮獲「女皇童軍專章」，由童軍總領袖督憲葛量洪爵士親臨頒發。

在今年的九龍區比賽中，我旅先進童軍團榮獲冠軍，而童軍團則獲得亞軍。在全港比賽中，先進童軍取得亞軍。參加比賽的童軍，對比賽前應有的準備，表現得非常積極。先進童軍副團長陳炳樞先生，童軍團長鄧錦仁先生，和各童軍教練，對參加比賽各小隊的訓練，均曾經下過一番工夫

的。今年新成立的童軍乙團，水準頗高，因此明年度本旅很有重奪加爾頓錦標的希望。

週末露營是各國童軍活動中的一項經常節目。有兩次，天氣晴朗，蒙校長陶德華神父的准許，遂得在營地舉行彌撒聖典。一次是由校長陶神父親臨主祭；另一次由武倫神父獻祭。本年度由陳炳樞先生負責製成了許多新營幕。現在我們差不多每一小隊都有自己的營幕了。我們已在陸續的添置各種露營用具；這些露營用具價值均相當昂貴。不過我們希望在不久的將來，祇要經費許可，就可以全部購置完備。

本年內，各種「專章」的訓練，幾乎應有盡有。劍術訓練班由方可為先生負責主持。因為辦理成績卓越，最近又加設了新的訓練班，以便初學者參加學習。我們有七個童軍參加皇家救生會學習游泳救生術，而且都已考取了「救生專章」。由於香港消防處處長 W. J. Corbett 先生的協助，本旅全體童軍現在都在學習滅火的基本技術。同時特地選出若干童軍施以特別訓練，準備考取各項「滅火專章」。此外，本旅最近又完成了「公共衛生專章」的訓練。

有一件昭然若揭的事實，就是：凡當過數年童軍的青年，經過各項「專章」的訓練後，對各種技術皆精嫻純熟，他日入世之時，憑所習之專技，小則對己對家，大則對國家社會以至全人類，都裨益無窮，遠非一個非童軍的普通青年學生所能比擬的。有一位經理，當別人請教他希望有怎樣青年在他公司裏任職時，他回答說：「我情願聘請一個曾受童軍訓練的普通智慧的青年，而不願意僱用一個未經受童軍的人格和服務訓練，而徒有各種文憑和證書的「才子」。」

前面已經闡明過，一個童軍的主要任務是替社會服務。就此點而言，我們的童軍，在過去一年來，無論在校內和校外，都有良好的服務紀錄。在學校運動會、泳運會等各種場合中，童軍都經常熱誠地担任各項工作。在校外所參加的服務工作，其範圍尤為廣泛。例如全港校際運動會、和何文田木屋區天主教瑪利諾修女向難民分發牛奶等救濟品，都有我旅童軍參

加協助工作。聖誕晚上，石硤尾等區，不幸遭受火災浩劫，我旅若干童軍和其他旅團的童軍，通宵協助滅火。以後一星期內，我旅每天有大隊的童軍赴界限街足球場地，辦理災黎登記和賑濟工作。香港飛機模型會和汎美航空公司沙田機場舉辦飛機模型比賽，本旅曾派童軍十二人，前往維持觀眾秩序。該飛機模型比賽會的主持人，對我旅童軍的膳食和車輛的接送，照顧得異常週到，這是我們應該深切感謝的。

話又得說回來，童軍生活並不是祇有勞動而無遊戲的。在過去一年來，團體聯歡的節目，可算不少。例如旅行啦，足球友誼賽啦，營火啦。今年三月本旅先進童軍教練伍靖國同學赴日留學，本旅全體童軍歡聚一堂，替伍君餞行，席間對伍君訓練童軍的功勳，深致謝忱，並預祝他的學業前途，鹏程萬里。

童軍的各種活動，範圍至為廣泛。其所以能够順利進行，固賴各界之協助和指導。而本旅的贊助人校長陶德華神父，對本旅關懷備至，愛護有加，吾人尤應致最深的敬意和最熱的謝忱的。其次本旅名譽旅長，也是童軍總會九龍區分會執行委員的莫樂天神父，對本旅不斷的教導和扶掖；本旅名譽顧問周清林與黃展華二位先生，武倫神父和許多其他老師，對本旅熱烈的鼓勵和關懷，本旅同人，一樣地感佩無量，也應一併在此深致謝忱。我們也應該感謝美國海軍武官 Commander C. P. Turnbull 讓本旅童軍得到參觀美國海軍軍艦的機會。本旅旅長蔡成彭先生在百忙中，還能抽開領導全旅，並替全旅策劃一切，他對本旅這種慈父般的關懷，全旅童軍均銘感五中，本旅童軍的各種基本技術訓練，能有相當高的水準，也是因為蒙劉紹鈞、唐允恭、林文泉、梁康元、梁官照、陳寧等各位教練領導有方，努力不懈的緣故，我們謹代表全體童軍向他們致最熱誠的童軍敬禮。最後九龍區總監 J. A. O'Shea 先生，賜予本旅多次的指導和便利，同時會耐性的替本旅解決改組問題，我們也在此致忠誠的感謝。

過去一年來，本旅不斷地在進步，對各界的服務也有增無已。但願天主和天主聖母將其福澤賜予本旅，使本旅在明年繼續往前邁進，並且獲得更多的服役於他人的機會！

Retired from being Scoutmaster, 1959

*Mr. Choy
Shing
Pang,*



*Group
Scout-
master.*

It was on April the 25th this year that we had the happiness and pride of seeing the Medal of Merit pinned on Mr. Choy Shing Pang's breast by His Excellency the Governor during the St. George's Day Ceremony at Scout Headquarters. Happiness was ours as the bestowal of the Medal demonstrated the recognition by the Scout Authorities of Mr. Choy's devoted and successful service to Scouting over the last 14 years; and we felt proud, too, as he has been Scout Master of our Group, the 11th Kowloon, over the last 9 years.

The Ceremony, however, was tinged with sorrow on our part as we had learned that Mr. Choy was resigning from his position of Scout-master because of health reasons. We, his 11th Group, would now like to offer him our tribute of deepest gratitude for all that he has done for us. It is with the most thankful appreciation that we realize that it is due to his tireless energy, his enthusiasm, and his practical and de-

tailed training that we have succeeded in capturing the Prince of Wales Banner and the Carlton Trophy more than once; it was his encouragement and unflagging interest that wrote "Happy Success" across the record of our camps, our Camp Fires and our Physical Displays.

However, the long memory we will treasure of Mr. Choy is not so much his interest in the "Group", as his personal interest in each of us. A new badge for any of us was a joy for him, and our problems, our plans and suggestions received a welcome as something to be solved or encouraged for our benefit. In him we had proof of devotedness not only to his task, but to *us*. That is why we learned with intense regret of his retiring; we have desired in these few words to express our genuine gratitude to him for all that he has done for us; and we assure him that we shall have the happiest memories of him as he guided our '11th' over the last decade.

From The Shield 7 (1959)

11th Kowloon Group

Acting Group Scout Master	- - - - -	Mr. Anthony Ho
Acting Scout Master (S)	- - - - -	Mr. Lawrence Tam
Acting Assistant Scout Master (S)	- - - - -	Mr. Tong Wan Yeung
Scout Master (A Troop)	- - - - -	Mr. Lam Wing Sun
Assistant Scout Master (A Troop)	- - - - -	Mr. Chan Ping Tim
Assistant Scout Master (A Troop)	- - - - -	Mr. Lo Kan Cheung
Scout Master (B Troop)	- - - - -	Mr. Chui Wing Man
Assistant Scout Master (B Troop)	- - - - -	Mr. So Kwok Wing
Assistant Scout Master (B Troop)	- - - - -	Mr. William Wong

This year our group suffered the greatest loss with which it has ever been faced. Mr. S. P. Choy, after having been G.S.M. for no less than one decade, resigned from his post owing to ill health. His fatherly concern for every individual scout will long be remembered by all; his untiring visits to every patrol camp are still the talk of old scouters and scouts. It has been by his many and varied examples that we have learned how the principles of scouting should be put into practice. So, we were greatly relieved when he promised to be our Hon. Adviser. In fact, without his interest and valuable experience, the various group activities could not have been carried

out so successfully. On behalf of the whole group, I offer him my deepest gratitude.

The group is greatly honoured to have back as our Hon. Adviser Rev. Fr. P. J. Cunningham who was formerly our scout-master (Senior). We are extremely grateful for his untiring assistance. Special thanks are also due to Rev. Fr. R. McCarthy for his valuable service and advice. We were also pleased to have the following scouts, Nip Bun, Leung Hon Wing, Wan Yiu Sing, Christopher Lo, and Felix Ko, come back to the group as instructors. They greatly lessened the work of the scouters.

Our Open Day was held on 15th November, 1959. Parents, boys, scouters

From The Shield 08 (1960) – partial article

D. As Scoutmaster, 11th Kowloon Group - Photos, 1952-1959



1952-1953 – seated – 4th left

THE SCOUTS



1953-1954 – seated – 7th left



1955-1956 – seated – 4th left

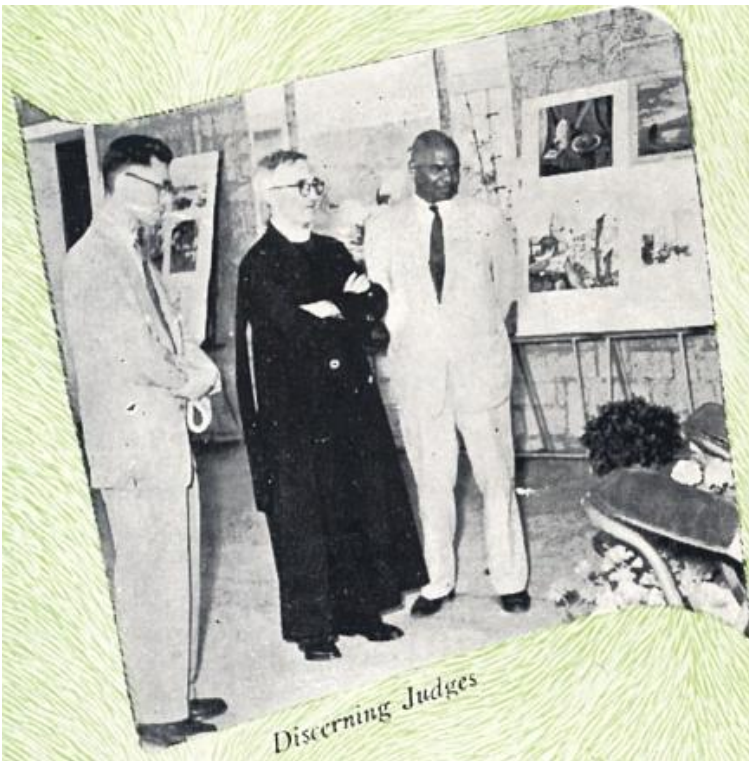


1958-1959 – seated – 5th left

E. Photos with Colleagues



1953-1954, with Fr Toner & Fr Cunningham



1956-1957 –as Art Exhibition Judge



*Mr. Ma, Mr. Aras and Mr. Choi
must have forecast the winners !*

1957-1958 – Sports Day



After a staff dinner . . . hence the happy smiles!

1960-1961, staff dinner – top row – 8th left

F. Other Photos and Articles



1956-1957, Class Picnic with his Form 1B students – top row – 1st left



Mr. Choy Shing Pang.

1968-1969, at the Caritas Bazaar



1970-1971, with Fr Reid and Fr Arrupe



1974-1975, Parents' Day, with Mr Ho

MR. CHOY SHING PANG

LEFT FOR

CANADA



An amiable, patient teacher he has always been! Having been a teacher in Wah Yan for over forty years. Mr. Choy Shing Pang left for Canada early in this academic year.

Mr. Choy graduated from the matriculation course of Wah Yan College, Hong Kong, in 1936. In June next year, he went to Canton, but in September of the same year when Japanese troops attacked Canton, Mr. Choy came back to Hong Kong and began his teaching career in Wah Yan College, Kowloon.

In 1939, Mr. Choy entered Northcote College of Education. After his graduated in 1941, he taught in Wah Yan College, Kowloon again. Unfortunately, the Japanese army captured Hong Kong. The teaching activities of Wah Yan were suspended. Therefore, Mr. Choy had to leave Wah Yan and go the Mainland.

In order to earn his livelihood, Mr. Choy worked in newspaper publishing companies and communication service corporations. In 1947, he came back to Wah Yan once again. From then onwards he taught in Wah Yan without a break until he left for Canada. Wah Yan is deeply indebted to him.

Mr. Choy said that his years in Wah Yan were memorable. He found his genuine happiness in watching and helping his students growing into intelligent, responsible, mature gentleman. Ten years' devoted work in the Scouts was one of the most important memories in his life because he got to know his best friends in the Scouts.

Now that Mr. Choy has emigrated to Canada. Let us wish him a happy life in Canada. May God bless him!

From The Shield 26 (1978)

別矣，吾師！

這數年來，有很多新老師加入華仁的教匯行列，但亦有不少舊老師離開我們。關於新老師，每年的學報、校刊，均有詳盡的介紹，但舊老師的過去又如何呢？

前任校長黎烈德神父已轉往香港華仁任教，而谷紀賢神父則在意大利瑪竇堂任職舍監。另外兩位神父，白禮達神父及科理神父則已退休。

而前任副校長何鎮源先生則已移民加拿大，除何先生外，在加國的老師還有薛偉祥先生和蔡成彭先生。其他在外國的老師還有定居美國的梁樹熾先生及在美國進修的李明章先生。

其他已離校的老師，簡俊鈞先生任職考試局，梁沛國先生在中大任職滿地，李昭中先生、邵兆江先生、方介福先生及張佩珊女士已轉往其他學校任教；Miss Julie Knight 則已結婚。而張師前先生則在教習學院進修，並將會於下學年重返華仁任教。

至於已於華仁執教甚久的老臣子，如李潤洲先生、朱志成先生、馬黃瑞君女士及高半端容女士，均已相繼退休，能親見他們於香港。

雖然這些老師們已離開了我們，但是，對於他們昔日的愛護、關懷及教導，我們是永誌不忘的。



From The Shield 28 (1980)

G. Memories of Mr Choy, by Wong Hin-Shing (Class of '61)

Mr Choy Shing-Pang taught me Maths (I believe it was Geometry) for one year when I was in F5B from 1960 to 1961. Mr Choy, Mr James Fung, who taught me Algebra and Trigonometry in F4C and F5B, and Mr Laurence Tam, who taught me Algebra in either FD or F2D, instilled in me a love of Maths for my whole life.

Mr Choy was one of my very favorite teachers at WYK, though he taught me for only one year in all my six years at WYK. He was a very gentle, patient teacher who explained things very clearly to us. I still remember his beautiful and accurate drawings of circles and rectangles.

After Form 5, I left WYK and studied at DBS. However, I remained in contact with Mr Choy and other former WYK teachers from 1961 till I left Hong Kong for Canada. Some of us, including myself, Lam Kwong-Yu and Chen York-Lung, paid New Year visits (拜年) to Mr Choy and other teachers for a number of years before I left Hong Kong in 1969. (Glad to say, we also received lucky money!)

Mr Choy taught at WYK until 1977. He then went to live in Toronto, Canada. I was overjoyed when I received his letter before he left Hong Kong saying that he was going to stay in Toronto.

I finally met Mr Choy when he landed in Toronto in 1977. In the next year or so, we met many times. We went out for lunches and dinners, and I helped out when they moved to an apartment quite near where I lived. I drove Mr Choy and Choy Si-Moe to various places where we dined. On several occasions, my mom invited them for lunches and dinners as well.

I remember on one such occasion, after lunch, we invited Mr Choy and Si-Moe to our apartment. There, I squeezed some orange juices for them, using my own special recipe. (I added some salt to the juice to make the drink more delicious.) Mr Choy's first comment was that I shouldn't be adding salt because that would not be good if you have high blood pressure. Very wise advice. Alas, being still young at the time, I didn't pay much attention to what he said. (Eventually, I developed high blood pressure several decades later and then I realized that Mr Choy had been right all along.)

Since Mr Choy didn't drive, I always drove him to our WYK events in Toronto. It was very nice talking to him while driving. I learned that we shared some common interests like stock investment and music appreciation. Mr Choy liked to listen to traditional Chinese music like "Hung Dao Chee" and a lot of light classical music like "Moonlight Sonata" and many popular singers like Nat King Cole. Subsequently, I taped different kinds of music for him in cassette form. (That was before the time when the CD became popular.) Mr Choy enjoyed the music very much.

Mr Choy had other interests, though not shared by me.

Once I introduced him to an old accounting client of mine, Mr Al Chen. Mr Chen was a retired stock broker. Both Mr Choy and Mr Chen were very much interested in Chinese paintings and Chinese calligraphy, and also Chinese art work. Very often, they met and exchanged views on their beloved subjects and occasionally bought art work from one another.

I visited Mr Choy one afternoon. He was just admiring his collection of Chinese coins. He spent the next two hours showing me his huge collection and explained to me in detail about the significance and history of the coins from, I think, the Shang Dynasty onward. Unfortunately, to me, every coin looked more or less the same – some were square in shape, others round, some with holes, and so on. He was very enthusiastic in his explanation. I still remember his eyes glinting when he pointed at a certain coin from a certain century/dynasty and holding it up for me to scrutinize.

On another occasion when I visited him, Mr Choy was reviewing his collection of stamps. There were many stories he told me about stamps. He had a whole collection of the Mao stamps in his collection and he told me it was worth a fortune. There were also many first-day covers. Of most interest was one type he showed me where the stamp was defective. I mentioned that it would be useless and valueless. He corrected me by saying that such stamps, because they were very rare and were immediately withdrawn from being sold at the post office, would fetch a lot of money in future.

Mr Choy also showed me his collection of Chinese art curios (goo dung). Among his pieces were some made during the Chinese Cultural Revolution which just came to an end a few years ago. I commented that no one would be interested in collecting anymore, since no one would give a hoot about Mao and his Cultural Revolution. He corrected me again, saying that time would tell. I'm not sure, at this moment, how his collection will be valued, but I guess it must be more than twice the amount he initially paid.

Our common interest was music. I taped many songs and other pieces of classical/non-classical music for me. At times, I gave him the tapes when we had lunch/dinner together. At other times, I gave them to him when I visited him. He would smile warmly and played the tapes and we would listen to the music for the next one or two hours. Once he asked me whether I could tape a Chinese piece - 二泉映月 – for him. He said he had been looking for it for decades. At the time, I had never heard of this classical piece before. It took me quite a while but finally I got hold of it somewhere. When I gave him the tape, he was overjoyed and we listened to the piece. He listened to it with rapture. Well, for me, it was quite “something”, like Beethoven's Hammerklavier Sonata. It took me more than 20 times to really begin to enjoy either piece.

(Here's one version from YouTube:
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cZT1l5jf7vs>)

Another time when I was visiting Mr Choy, he was doing some Chinese calligraphy himself. I was very impressed by the beautiful Chinese characters he had written. Mr Choy also mentioned that he took up volunteer work at the Toronto downtown branch of 孟嘗會. He was going to conduct some classes in Chinese calligraphy there.

One occasion I never forget was when he invited me to his condo for a breakfast. Mr Choy seldom cooked, but this time, he prepared French toasts for us. I watched him expertly mixing the batter and dipping the bread into it. The resulting toast was delicious.

Every teacher, well, almost every single teacher at WYK, had a nickname. Mr Choy once told me he never had a nickname from his students. Everyone called him "Mr Choy" or "Choy Sir" – that's it. As most of the nicknames for teachers were not exactly complimentary, that showed how well Mr Choy was respected by WYK students. I've talked to many of our schoolmates over the years. So far, I have yet to discover a nickname for Choy Sir.

One day, I received a phone call from Mr Choy. He told me he had to go to the hospital in downtown for a checkup. There was blood in his urine. After that, there was some procedure to be done. A few of our schoolmates, including myself, Jacob Chow, Dr Michael Chan (dentist), and others visited him in the hospital. He told us he was in pain after the procedure. There was some minor problem with his prostate.

Eventually, he was out of the hospital and seemed to be recovering fully. For several years, we had lunches and dinners as before.

One day, when we finished lunch, he told me he had some problem with his stomach – pain or something, maybe indigestion. At the time, I also had indigestion problem myself and had been drinking aloe vera juice which helped me a great deal. So I told him about the wonderful healing aspect of aloe vera juice. I promised to send him some photocopies of an article about aloe vera products.

A few days later, before I sent him the photocopies, either he or Si-Moe phoned me. Choy Sir was in hospital again. In fact, he had been seeing several doctors for several weeks before. The doctors weren't able to diagnose what was wrong.

It turned out that Mr Choy had prostate cancer. From then on, he was first in North York Hospital and eventually he was moved to Sunnybrook Hospital. I visited him several times. The last time I visited him was at the Hospice Wing of Sunnybrook. He was asleep then. I talked to the nurse in charge. She

mentioned that Mr Choy was at his last stage of prostate cancer, and all that the Hospital could do was to ease him in his remaining days. It was very sad for me when I heard that. Shortly after, Mr Choy awoke. I pretended that everything was OK and said that he would recover soon.

He said: "You don't have to do that. I've heard what the nurse just told you. I'm at peace now."

It was a very poignant moment for me when he said that. To this day, I can still remember his calm but resigned words.

Several weeks later, Si-Moe phoned me and told me that Mr Choy had just passed away...

I attended Mr Choy's funeral service. Many of his past students were there. So was Mr Ho. (I don't remember if Mr Tam was there or whether he was in Hong Kong at the time.)

I miss Choy Sir a lot – a most gentle, kindly teacher and friend.

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