



BOY SCOUT NEWS

of the NORTH SHORE TROOPS

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Winnetka Troops Carry Away Many Coveted Honors

Troop 17, with Robert F. Doepel as Scoutmaster, and Troop 18, with Dr. Terry as Scoutmaster, both of the Winnetka Community House, won the standard troop rating award for March. Dr. Terry's troop also copped the honors for February. This award is based on indoor and outdoor meetings, program building, growth and advancement.

In Highland Park Troop 33 of Lincoln school under the leadership of H. S. Smith, are running away with troop awards. This troop has won the Standard Rating award for February and March. In addition they earned the advancement trophy for having over 25 per cent first class scouts and not over 40 per cent tenderfoot. They are nearly ready for their Civic Service Award. This makes eleven troops now having earned their advancement award.

All these Troop Awards will be made at the Before-Camp-Rally about the middle of May.

23 New Scouts Added to Troops of North Shore

In the last two weeks the North Shore Area council, with headquarters in Highland Park, has grown to the tune of twenty-three new scouts. This brings the grand total to 947. The one thousand mark is the goal. Several new troops are in line to register and this will raise the number considerably. Here is the list as of the week ending March 30:

Wilmette Troop 2—Vernon Brown; Troop 9—Dino Bartol, Lawrence Klopfer; Troop 11—Thomas McCann, Jack Puls.

Winnetka Troop 17—Oscar Augdahl, H. A. Babcock, R. J. Biggs, A. S. Littlefield, Lee O'Brien.

Deerfield Troop 52—Eldon G. Frost, James R. Mele.

New Scouts added during the week ending April 6 were:

Wilmette Troop 12—Richard Born, James Donahue, John Dornbos, Robert Kiel.

Highland Park Troop 33—A. Judson Wells, Jr.

Highwood Troop 36—Bernard Murphy, Elmer Murphy, Frank Cantagalo, Edward Young.

Lake Forest Troop 46—Gilbert Janzen.

Highwood Troop 37—Richard Hocking.

TROOP 4 GETS TREAT

Last Thursday night when the fellows in Troop 4 of St. Augustine's Church, Wilmette, were just about dead from the heat, George Bersch, the junior assistant Scoutmaster, said John Fowler would have to go through the paddle wheel because it was his birthday. After he went through, George marched us out and down the street. He stopped in front of the Village Chocolate shop. Hm! we thought, eats! We all went in and sat down. "The bill's on John," said a couple of fellows. After a while Oscar Anderson tried to lead a cheer, but with our mouths full of marshmallow, and ice cream we could not yell very loudly. Anyway, hurrah for John Fowler.—Scout Billy Lehle, Troop 4.

"It is criminal to leave a burning fire."

Kenilworth Patrol Wins Camp Contest



Here we have the Bob White patrol, comprised of six Junior Leaders from Robert Townley's Troop 13 of Kenilworth, who won the three-day contest at the Junior Leaders' Spring camp March 25, 26, and 27. They are (from left to right): Jack Stebbins, Harry Weese, Jack Sinding, Tom Sinding, Ben Mathews, Claude Hamilton.

The camp was made up of twenty Junior leaders from nine troops in Winnetka, Kenilworth, and Wilmette. The contest, which was held to bring before the patrol leaders new methods in Scoutcraft, consisted of some twenty-five events such as tent-pitching, wood-chopping, fire-building, fire-by-friction, whittling, games, stunts and inspection.

This winning patrol, under their patrol leader, Claude Hamilton, exhibited excellent team work and patrol spirit, combined with keen knowledge of Scouting. They came first in thirteen out of twenty-five events. "Thirteen" seems to be their lucky number.

Challenge Troops to Participate in First Aid Contest

Scout Troops of the North Shore Area council are preparing to enter teams of five men, each, in a First Aid contest in connection with Before-Camp-Rally about the middle of May. This will be a standard contest, each team having five first aid problems to perform.

The winners of this council contest will go to Chicago in May to compete in a city-wide Scout First Aid contest held under the auspices of the Chicago council. There will be five awards for the winning teams.

What about its patrols and troops? Let's get the bandages and first aid book out and strike out after a prize.

HONORED BY VISITORS

On Tuesday, April 2, Troop 13 of the Kenilworth public school had the honor and privilege of entertaining ten visitors. There were as follows: Scoutmaster Robert Anspach of Troop 31, Highland Park, accompanied by his senior patrol leader and three of his scouts; Scoutmaster Arnold Bridges of Troop 3, Evanston; Scoutmaster Maury Jasper; Troops 5 and 7, also of Evanston; Harry P. Harrison, chairman of our troop committee, Mr. Hildebrand and George Bersch. We had a liaison relay race and a First Aid contest. The liaison race was a verbal relay race between patrols where each Scout carries a message from one station to another to see which patrol can return with the most correct message.—De-frees Holmes, reporter, Troop 13.

"I want to pass cycling merit badge on my motorcycle, is that O. K.?"
"Yes, if you disconnect the motor."
—Cedar Chips.

816,958 in Scouting Game During Past Year

There were 816,958 persons playing the great game of scouting at the end of the year 1928, which was the eighteenth year since the founding of the Boy Scouts of America. This number included Scout troops in every state, in Alaska, the Philippines and Hawaiian Islands, and in many foreign countries where there are American settlements. It is the largest enrollment in the history of the Boy Scout movement. There are 600,316 Scouts, and more than 200,000 volunteer leaders active in the movement. There are now 36,690 troops and 301 Sea Scout Ships registered with the Boy Scouts of America.

"Not discipline against wrong, but encouragement to do right is our aim."
—Sir Robert Baden Powell.

What should one do if the clothing catches fire?—Keep cool.—Be Prepared!

QUESTION BOX

A Scoutmaster asks: How do I produce a troop of Scouts who are a credit to their institution, the pride of their parents, and a tribute to Scouting?

Answer: Through a well planned program with plenty of outdoor activities and AT LEAST TWO WEEKS AT SUMMER CAMP.

A Scout asks: How can I develop the knowledge and spirit of Scouting so that I will be prepared as a man to live successfully, happily, and usefully?

Answer: Show ambition and pep in your Scouting. Be a camper and a hiker and get at LEAST TWO WEEKS AT SUMMER CAMP.

Adopt Standard for Passing of Scouting Tests

The Court of Honor committee of the North Shore Area council has adopted, with the new Court of Honor procedure, a standard for all Tenderfoot, Second class, and First class tests effective now. This standard is in the form of a helpful booklet entitled "Minimum Essentials for Scoutcraft." This booklet is made up of a series of questions on each of the three tests.

Hereafter a Scout passing any of the three tests must comply with the questions in this booklet. Scout leaders should use the booklet for examinations and scouts should use it for study for their advancement test. It is a fine supplement to your Scout Handbook.

The booklet may be purchased at moderate cost at Scout headquarters or from Mr. McManus when he makes his weekly visit to your town. The helpful hints, suggestions and illustrations will alone make the booklet well worth while.

Sounds Praises of Scout Leaders in Lines of Verse

The poem below was contributed by Frank Whitney of Winnetka to the Scoutmasters of the North Shore council. Mr. Whitney is keenly interested in Scouting. Just recently he presented a beautiful painting done by himself to the Scouts of Winnetka Community House. The poem reads:

Ain't no better humans grown
Than good Scoutmasters; Yes, our own.
Just men? But what a heart and soul!
Their work shows love, their honor's goal.

They teach our boy that sunny smile,
To pack his load mile after mile.
Just whistling gayly, full of joy,
Light-hearted, healthy, carefree boy.

The boy who always says "I'll try."
And then you know he'll "do or die."
How come? This type that runs so true?
Just proper training, nothing new.

These patient, earnest men sure work,
Are willing, constant and don't shirk.
When God made them He saw success,
Then smiled from just sheer happiness.

With heartfelt thanks we all rejoice
That good Scoutmasters were our choice.

—Frank Whitney, Winnetka.

Splendid Weather Makes Cabin-in-Woods Popular

More than fifty Scouts took advantage of the fine spring camping weather and spent the day or part of it, last Saturday at the Cabin-in-the-Woods west of Glencoe. Robert Townley, Scoutmaster of Troop 13, Kenilworth, had a group of about thirty boys, most of whom stayed two nights, who had one grand and glorious time. Beside his group George Bersch of Troop 4, Wilmette, hiked out with a smaller group to take tests and camp for the day. Northbrook was also represented with a group of ten or fifteen Scouts on a day hike.