



# BOY SCOUT NEWS

of the NORTH SHORE TROOPS

A regular feature page prepared each week by members of the Boy Scout Press club, North Shore Area Council



## Camp Staff Busy Preparing Way for Invasion by Scouts

At 4 o'clock Sunday morning, June 23, the Junior and Senior officers started out in two trucks and a sedan to prepare Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan, the new camp for the North Shore Area council, on Spring Lake, Wis., for the campers, scheduled to arrive Saturday morning, July 6. We arrived about 10 o'clock at Spring Lake and that night we slept in the hay in an old barn.

After eating the last of the food that we had taken along for breakfast Monday morning, we took the baggage across the lake amidst pouring rain to the main hall which will be our headquarters until the tents are put up.

It rained all that morning while we were clearing the water front of logs and weeds but it stopped in time for dinner. All our meals are being cooked by George Bersch until the camp cook arrives Sunday, June 30. Monday afternoon we transported tent floors from across the lake in two barges which we fastened together and propelled with an Evinrude outboard motor. While we were thus occupied on the other side of the lake the official camp dog, "Sancho" came swimming across the lake, which is about a third of a mile wide to meet us.

On Monday night we slept on the floor in the Mess hall, but the last two nights we have slept on cots. Soon we will be sleeping in the tents which we have been putting up. Tuesday morning some of us cleared the future beach of small trees and shrubs with which we made a large fire afterwards, while others were working on the water front.

That afternoon and several times on Wednesday we carried provisions from the barges up to the Mess hall. The trucks have brought quite a few loads from Elcho, unloading the freight car there. After work in the morning and afternoon we usually have a swim.

Wednesday we carried some of the tent floors up to the top of a hill where seven of them are to be placed.

A lot of work is ahead of us until the tents are set up, the water front built, and the rest of the camp put in order, but by the time the campers come, it will be ready to receive them.—Paul Gilbert, Camp Reporter.

## Urge Scouts and Friends to Attend Big Jamboree

Scouts and friends of Scouting are cordially invited and urged to visit the International Scout Jamboree on their trip abroad this summer.

The Jamboree will be held at Arrow Park, Birkenhead, England, July 31-August 13. Birkenhead is just across the river Mersey from Liverpool.

We suggest that Scouts secure letters from the local Scout headquarters which they can present at the national headquarters of the Boy Scouts of America as they pass through New York City. The national headquarters will then issue the proper credentials to them, which will be of much convenience and value on their visit abroad, especially if they choose to visit the Jamboree.

Contingents of Scouts from over thirty different countries will be encamped at the Jamboree.

## "Water Boiling—A La Boy Scout"



"Water Boiling" is one of the essential stunts for Boy Scouts everywhere. Here we have two Scouts busy with such a task at a recent Scout Rally Field day for Wilmette troops. Quite a study in concentration.

## First Camp Contingent Entrain This Week-End

Attached to the "Fisherman's Special" on the North Western railroad will be two extra coaches Friday, July 5. As the train stops at the Highland Park station at 8:35 P. M., more than eighty Scouts with their leaders will climb aboard with their baggage for the first lap of their two weeks' camping experience at Camp Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan in the north Wisconsin woods. This first contingent of Scouts will arrive at Camp Saturday morning in time for breakfast.

## CATHOLIC SCOUTS SERVE

When more than 40,000 people of the Catholic faith participated in the Corpus Christi ceremonies at St. Mary's Catholic cemetery on Memorial day, Catholic Scout troops of that city and other Scout Drum and Bugle Corps of Kansas City, participated in the exercises. The Scouts acted as a color guard of honor, counted the crowd, did messenger work on the grounds, and led the procession of clergy and people into and out of the cemetery. The buglers were used during the Pontifical High Mass celebrated by the Rt. Rev. Thomas F. Lillis, Bishop of Kansas City. The grand marshal of the 10,000 men present was a Scoutmaster of one of the Catholic troops and the outstanding Catholic Eagle Scout of Kansas City was Officer of the Day. Every Scout participating in the ceremonies wore a complete uniform.

## TRIBUTE TO SCOUTS

In recognition of their patriotism and the record of service to the community of the Boy Scouts of Yakima, Washington, the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Spanish American War Veterans Association of that city are erecting a large flag staff on Lookout Point

which overlooks the entire countryside. This flag staff will be dedicated with appropriate ceremony and erected as a tribute to the Boy Scouts of the Yakima Valley Area Council. A Troop of Scouts will be given the honor of raising the American flag on this flagpole on each of the national holidays.

## AID FIREMEN

When several houses were menaced by fire in the Aala district of Honolulu, Hawaii, recently, Boy Scouts of Troops 42 and 44, sponsored by the Punahou Catholic Church and registered with the Boy Scouts of America, went to the aid of the firemen. These Scouts acted as patrols in holding back the crowds and assisted the firemen in every manner possible. They were commended for their very splendid work.

## 1,059 SCOUTS IN AREA

There are now forty-four troops in the North Shore Area Scout council with an enrollment of 1,059 Scouts. For the first time in the history of the council there are no troops whose registration has lapsed and there is only one troop that may be said to be inactive.

## CAMP REGISTRATION

All one hundred places are taken or each of the first and second sessions of Camp Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan and only a few remain for the third session.

On another page of this issue there is an announcement by Karl D. King, president of the North Shore Area council to the effect that a fourth session will be held if at least sixty Scouts register by the last of July.

Better make a definite decision now and mail that registration into the council headquarters.

## James Mele, Model Scout, Mourned by North Shore Troops

Last week one of our North Shore Scouts heeded the summons of the Great Scoutmaster and joined the troop above. He left behind him an example of Scoutlike conduct that will be a tradition in his troop. He was James Mele, of Troop 52, Deerfield.

James, in company with some other boys were running home Thursday evening to escape the approaching storm. They had been working at some regular employment which they have in order to earn some money of their own.

There was a sharp bolt of lightning which struck James, killing him instantly. He no doubt was never aware of what happened.

The funeral was held Monday from the Catholic church in Deerfield. The troop attended in a body, six of his comrades acting as pallbearers.

While he will never answer "present" again to the troop roll call, the Scouts and their leaders say they cannot forget the example he set as a member of the troop and that his influence will ever remain with them.

## Depict Educational Value of Boy Camps

Scout camps are endorsed by many men but few give their views to the public. Charles W. Eliot, president emeritus of the Harvard university says: "The properly conducted organized camp is the most important step in education America has given the world."

John E. Wilson, Scout executive, Sekan Area council, Chanute, Kansas, goes into more detail in the following quotation: "Every boy has in his makeup the lure of the out-of-doors. Water, fire, woods, caves, animals, birds and insects all interest him. His fullest appreciation of these things and the character values that he may find in them depends upon his opportunity to know them intimately. Camping provides leadership in an environment conducive to the greatest development in mind, body and character. Camping properly supervised, is getting next to God and nature with an understanding mind and a responsive heart. It is the inability of the average man to appreciate the 'little flower in the cracked wall' that makes him incapable of understanding 'what God and man is.' Camping also provides a social contact to be found nowhere else. It is a miniature world where citizenship training comes naturally."

## HEROISM

Last summer a man was knocked down and turned black by a shock from a high tension wire. Friends and relatives gathered around lamenting his death when Billy Baird, 14, Boy Scout of Halliway, Oregon, leaped from a wagon which he was driving and by the use of the prone pressure method of artificial respiration brought the man back to consciousness.

The splendid act was not learned of until recently when it was reported by E. Russel Scott, Scout Executive. The lad deserved to call it his "Good Turn" and let it go at that.