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Life of Youngster Is Saved by Toss of Scout's Lariat

A Boy Scout patrol leader, John Celba, 14, by putting into practice his scout training was able to save 10-year-old Billy Pfannenstill from drowning in the icy waters of Diamond lake last week.

Celba, who is a first class scout, and his patrol of Troop 70, Diamond lake, were skating and having a great time on the lake where the ice was 8 to 10 inches thick. He had been chasing Jay Allanson, Paul Allanson, Raymond Allanson, Harry Bartlet, and Leslie Hansen in a game of tag. Just before that the boys had been jumping rope and practicing lariat throwing with Celba's twenty-foot lariat. They skated out on the lake and circled away out around an air hole which wasn't frozen over and which they knew was there.

Billy Pfannenstill, who had been skating near the shore, decided to take after them and unaware of the air hole in the ice, cut across to catch up; not seeing the danger, he skated into the hole. The other scouts were unaware that he was following until John Celba heard him calling for help.

Uses Scouting Knowledge

Celba, who doesn't want to be made a hero, said, "I only did what I had learned in scouting. When I saw Bill struggling and yelling out in the middle of that big hole in the ice, I yelled for the other fellows who were farther away and then hurried back to help Bill. The first thing I thought of was to 'keep cool.' I learned that in Scouting first aid. I had my lariat coiled and lying around my shoulders, so I made good use of that."

Celba saw that there was no time to lose as Pfannenstill's skates and heavy clothing were pulling him down and he was fast becoming exhausted trying to keep his head above water. The hole was about 10 feet across and the water more than 20 feet deep. Celba threw the lariat first from about 15 feet; then seeing that he must get closer, warned the other boys to stay back, and crawled out on his stomach, first testing the ice in front of him by pounding it with his hockey stick. Getting as close to the edge as possible he threw his lariat, and the boy, about 8 feet away, still struggling in the middle of the hole, reached for it, but did not have enough strength to hang on. Then Pfannenstill began to sink, unable to keep up longer, and as a last effort Celba threw his lariat again, this time lassoing the youngster's arm since his head was under the water by this time.

Developed Skill Saves Life

All the practicing Celba had done in fun, now turned out to be the means of saving a life. Having a secure hold, he pulled and threw the other end of the rope back to the other boys so they could help. When

New Registrations Listed by Council

More new scouts and scouters (adult leaders) have registered with the North Shore Area council. The council welcomes them and wishes them success in their scouting adventures.

Wilmette—Troop 1: Frank Koenen; Troop 3: Walter McKibben; Troop 5: Arthur Brereton, Charles Kerner, and Lowell Snorfi; Pack 63: Billy Steen and Ray Treon.

Kenilworth—Troop 13 (transferring from Pack 60): Bredin Burns, James Olin, and George Ray, Jr.

Winnetka—Troop 14: Bud Varey and Paul Eiden, re-registering.

Glencoe—Troop 22: Roger Cushman, transferring from Pack 47, Robert Sonnenschein, Bob Misch; Pack 47: Roger Cushman and John Adamson, merit badge counselor.

Ravinia—Pack 65: Arthur Dubin.

Highland Park—Troop 30: Donald Blair.

Libertyville—Troop 71: Ernest Gratz; Troop 72: Stanley Williams, re-registering.

they pulled Pfannenstill up on the ice he was nearly unconscious. Afterwards he could not remember anything about being pulled from the water.

The scouts promptly wrapped their dry coats around him and hurried him to shore, carrying him part way, then pulling him on his skates when he began to realize what it was all about. It was about a quarter mile to shore. There they put him in the car of one of the boys, and quickly got Pfannenstill home where his parents took measures to prevent any possible illness resulting. By the next day he was none the worse for the experience.

The first thing he said when the boys were bringing him home was, "Where are my hockey stick and gloves?" He never did find them.

Says Training Was Great Help

Without a question it was the quick, trained action of Scout John Celba that saved the life of Billy Pfannenstill.

Celba said, "I don't know what I would have done, if it had not been for what I learned in scouting."

The rescuer is a good swimmer and has already started working on his life saving merit badge. He is a first class scout and has two merit badges now. He feels that a lot of credit should go to his scoutmaster, Robert Rouse, who taught him first aid and safety.

Mr. Rouse has been scoutmaster since the troop was organized in May, 1929, by the North Shore Area council. The troop is one of six other scout troops in Libertyville-Mundelein district of which William E. Webster is district chairman; A. E. Suter, vice-chairman, and A. E. Johnson, district commissioner.

Troop 14 Enjoys Game After Patrol Meetings

The meeting of Troop 14 opened with all of us falling in by patrols. When we were in line the roll was called and dues collected. Louis Ford called the meeting to order. When we were through collecting dues we had patrol meetings.

Bill Barnum was passing boys on second class work. Paul Eiden, Kenneth Cobb, and David Hoffman were passing boys. Some passed tenderfoot tests and others passed second class tests. There are about seven fellows working on second class tests.

After we had patrol meetings we went out in the gym and played a game. It is something like "black and white," but you divide the troop into two teams, and one team gets on one side of the gym and the other team on the other side. They are lined up and the scoutmaster calls a number. If it is number one, the ones have to chase the two's to the wall; if the two's are caught they have to go and sit on number one's side, and if the one's are caught they go and sit on number two's side. The team, which has the more men at the end of the game, is the winner.—Paul Eiden, Troop 14, Winnetka.

Resident of Milwaukee Gives Boys Camp Site

A sixty-acre tract on Lake Michigan, midway between South Milwaukee and Carrollville, Wis., has been presented to the Boy Scouts of Milwaukee, Wis., by Mrs. Gustave A. Seefield of that city. The tract is in a heavily wooded section and is suitable for pioneering and scoutcraft. On the property is a ten-room house, the former summer home of Mrs. Seefield. The short-term camp committees of the Milwaukee Boy Scouts plan to make the property available for day hikes or overnight camp trips.

Members of Troop 19 Plan Swimming Tests

The meeting of Troop 19 was called to order and we worked on scout tests. Then we arranged to go swimming on March 25 at New Trier tank to pass tests. They then passed Alan Gottlieb in his tenderfoot test. Everyone had a chance to ask one question on the tenderfoot test. Then Mr. Davis came and told us that we would receive a check for \$38.56 for our ticket selling. We put the boys through the mill and the meeting was adjourned.—John M. Iverson, Jr., Troop 19, Winnetka Community House.

Boy Scouts Take Oath in English and Polish

When nine boys of New Castle, Pa., were inducted as members of a new troop sponsored by the Polish National Catholic church of that city, they took the scout oath, first in English and then they recited the oath again, this time in Polish, so that their Polish parents and guests at the ceremony could understand the ideals of the Boy Scouts. Father A. Jakubowski, pastor of the church and member of the troop committee also spoke, first in English and then in Polish.

National Leader to Give Lecture Before Scouters

The University of Scouting conducted by the North Shore Area council at the Elm Place school Monday, April 4, will be honored by the presence of Gunner H. Berg, national director of Volunteer Training, Boy Scouts of America. Mr. Berg had planned to be with the council in January, but was unable to attend. This time he had definitely scheduled his trip in the midwest to include this university.

Mr. Berg is the author of the training courses that are being conducted in the university. He is one of the nation's best authorities on Boy Scout work especially as it relates to training the volunteer leaders. Several men from this council know him personally and claim that he is one of the most interesting and helpful speakers they have ever heard. Mr. Berg is a graduate from the University of Washington, served three years as high school principal at Spokane and also completed his master's degree at the university. He has been a professor in the Washington State Normal school in the science department and also head of the department of Scoutcraft in that school.

Mr. Berg first became interested in Scouting on entering his job as high school principal and served a short while as Assistant Scoutmaster of a troop in the community and then as Scoutmaster for almost three years. On moving to Bellingham he was put in charge of training for the local council, serving in many other capacities and was elected to the offices of commissioner for one year and president of the council for the last year.

James E. West, chief Scout executive, heard him read a paper on training at the Region conference and soon afterward he was invited to join the national staff.

This University of Scouting is a public affair; every Boy Scout leader over 18 years of age and every father is urged to attend. Mr. Berg's address will be on "Boy Nature."

Two Kenilworth Scouts Achieve Eagle Rating

Boy Scouts Jack Stebbins and Harry Weese of Troop 13, Kenilworth, were awarded the Eagle rank, highest rank in Scouting, before a capacity crowd in the Kenilworth Memorial gym.

Scout Stebbins joined Scouting March, 1928, progressed to second class in May of that year and to first class in October, the same year. In March, 1929, he received his Star rank. He will be 16 years old during this month and has 21 merit badges.

Scout Weese joined Scouting when he was 12 years old, in September, 1927, got his second class in November, 1927, progressed to first class in January of the next year, and Star in March, 1928. He received his Life Rank in August, 1930. He attended Camp Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan in 1930 and 1931, where he was an honor camper and was elected to the Order of the Arrow. He will be 17 years old in June and has 23 merit badges.

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