

ANNUAL REPORT OF SCOUT EXECUTIVE

FOR NORTH SHORE AREA

Shows Marked Increase In Interest In Movement; Growth of Troops; Work of Committees Praised

Marked increase in interest in Boy Scout work in North Shore communities during the last year or two is evidenced in the growth in number of scout troops and the extension of the interest in the work among adult leaders and their enthusiasm in the work of helping this movement for the benefit of the boys of their communities is notable.

For this reason the annual report of Walter McPeck, scout executive of the North Shore Area council, Boy Scouts of America, with headquarters at 360 Central avenue, Highland Park, will be read with interest by all supporters of scouting. Excerpts from this report follow:

Annual Report

The North Shore Area council, an intercommunity association of men interested in better scouting in the area from Wilmette to Lake Bluff to Libertyville to Glenview carries on its business through an executive board which has met monthly during the past year. That group of men has had much to do with the rapid growth and the greatly enriched scouting program.

From the monthly board meetings the men have carried plans back to the various towns, to Wilmette and Deerfield, to Glenview and Highland Park, to all the centers of the area, the wisdom of the best scouting thought and practices.

The executive board through its departments has had much to do with strengthening the various troop committees, organizing new troops, developing the leadership personnel, providing facilities for outdoor activities and equipment, such as the "Cabin in the Woods," courts of review and boards of award, creating a better understanding, rendering service to the various communities.

Members of the executive board and the officers of the council have ever been eager and willing to do whatever was before them. They have unflinchingly faced the future and performed their work inspiringly.

Strengthening Committees

A properly organized and functioning troop is a credit to scouting and a service to boyhood. It produces results. It is permanent.

The committee on effective troop organization, under the able chairmanship of Karl D. King has done

much in biasing the way toward stronger functioning troop committees. About half of our troops are now governed by standard troop committees of five men, each with a specific service to render to the troop on a specified meeting to attend each month.

The work of the committee on leadership personnel development has been outstanding. The standard training courses for the development and training of scout leaders have been provided. The committee is composed of Chairman W. R. Bimson; F. E. Clerk, Rev. Frank Fitt.

Monthly conferences for the growth of boy leaders have been held and these have been good.

Troop service deputies, or deputy commissioners, each with the responsibility of giving service to three troops, are being arranged for. We hope soon to complete a volunteer cabinet of service men who will be able to visit all troops monthly. While the cabinet is not yet organized to cover all troops, the effectiveness of their service is already felt. Although they are volunteers, they render a service in the same spirit and degree as the scout executive or field executive.

Scoutmaster Round-Table Discussion

The scoutmaster's is the most important job in scouting. Any note of praise that I might sound in behalf of the fine work of devoted scoutmasters and assistants of the North Shore would fall far short of the genuine commendation they so richly deserve. Our scout leaders are a consecrated, mature group of men, doing a remarkably fine job of "Troop engineering."

Stressing Out-Door Activities

Scouting is a program founded on the belief that out-door life has a great contribution to make in the unfolding of personality and the growth of character abilities. The importance of out-door activities is so great that the area board has spent much time and thought in the provision, through the forest preserve board of Cook county, of the "Cabin in the Woods." Arrangements were also made for more than 100 North Shore scouts to attend camps of other scout councils, the largest group attending Camp Checagua of the Chicago council.

The committee of camping and out-door activities, under the leadership of Charles A. Steele is now at work on plans for a permanent summer camp for our council.

Town Scout Committees

While the area executive board may sketch out in a rough generalized way, the plans for progress in our area, the larger work remains to be carried through in the local town committee. These town committees are organized to act as sub-committees of the executive board to carry on scouting within their province. The town scout committee maintains

Court of Honor activities, rallies, etc., laying particular stress on good turns rendered by the troops for their own communities.

Town chairmen for 1927 include the following: Wilmette, H. Warren Shaw; Glencoe, H. W. Stannard; Highland Park, A. P. Snite; Lake Forest, F. Roeder; Lake Bluff, M. Mandeville; Highwood, E. A. Ortmyer; Deerfield, F. Piepenbrok; Northbrook, O. Mueller; Glenview, P. J. Beda; Kenilworth, Harry Harrison.

Those for 1928 are H. W. Stannard, Glencoe; M. J. Traub, Highland Park; Wm. Casselberry, Lake Forest; M. H. Wright, Lake Bluff; E. A. Ortmyer, Highwood; O. Mueller, Northbrook; P. J. Beda, Kenilworth.

Service Station

Supplies for the aid of scouts, leaders or parents are maintained at the Area Service station, located at 360 Central avenue, Highland Park. Miss Van Landt, the office secretary is ever ready to be of help. Both your executive and field executive, W. Ted Grant, who recently came on our staff, try to spend the greater portion of their time outside of the office in personal contact work with leaders and committeemen.

10TH DISTRICT CLUBS PLAN CHRISTMAS CHEER

The Federation of Clubs of the Tenth Congressional district has completed plans for bringing Christmas cheer to the war veterans at Great Lakes and North Chicago hospitals and their families.

At a recent meeting of the Tenth district club chairman of co-operation with war veterans held in the Red Cross recreation hall of the U. S. Naval hospital at North Chicago, Dr. Wilhite told of the scope of work done in the hospitals and encouraged the women to do everything possible to make the surroundings home-like for the men.

Dr. Forkin and Dr. Kendall of the U. S. Veterans bureau held an open discussion and explained satisfactorily many of the problems which these women have met in their work. This bureau has given the names and other information of the needy families of the veterans to the Tenth district clubs who are going to act as "Good Fellows" in bringing Christmas cheer to them.

On Monday, December 18, at nine o'clock, the club women will assemble at Great Lakes where they will pack over 1000 boxes to be given to the veterans for Christmas. The various clubs are furnishing the gifts to fill the boxes. All Tenth district club women are invited to participate in this activity as well as to be Good Fellows, and are asked to give their names to their club chairman.



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FRIDAY AND SATURDAY SPECIALS

Fresh Hens and Roasting Chickens, lb	33c	Pork Loin Roast, lb	24c
Peacock Hickory Smoked Rollette Hams, lb1	25c	Lamb Shoulders, 4-lb and 5-lb, the lb	24c
Pork Shoulders, lb	18c	Native Rump Corned Beef, boneless, lb	25c
Best Beef Pot Roast, lb	21c	Gold Medal Flour, 24½lb sack	\$1.09
Sugar Cured Smoked Hams, half or whole, lb	25c	Fresh Clean Spinach, per peck	29c
Brookfield Butter, lb	53c	Fancy Idaho Potatoes, per peck	39c
Sirloin Steak, choice cuts, lb	40c	Fancy (Satin Finish) Mived Candy, lb	19c

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