



A regular feature prepared each week by members of the Boy Scout Press Club.

**In a recent scribes conference:**

1. It was found that the large troop record book is the most satisfactory for troop record keeping.
2. A troop committeeman should go over the record books once a month.
3. We recommend that troop dues be worked on budget plan.
4. There should be an assistant scribe in case of absence of regular.
5. All troop records should be written in ink.
6. Records of tests passed must be complete.
7. Scribes must keep up to date the record of the troop's finances.
8. The individual record forms are tremendously important and must be completely filled out.

**Objectives for Scribes**

1. Troop traditions are based on carefully kept records. A troop having a tradition for doing things never dies.
2. Accurate records will help advancement.
3. Scribe should confer with scoutmaster at least quarterly, regarding conditions of troop records for there is no more important post in the troop than that of the scribe.

**Junior Assistant Scoutmaster**

The job of the junior assistant scoutmaster should include among other duties, the advancement, outdoor work, recreation, recruiting and handling of tenderfoot scouts.  
It is recommended that the junior assistant scoutmaster be a rank above the senior patrol leader and just below the rank of assistant scoutmaster but if there be no assistant scoutmaster, then the duties of this office shall be discharged by the junior assistant. Arguments for this: we believe this rank should be a promotion; because most juniors are older than senior patrol leaders; because when we do get a good leader this promotion would be an acknowledgment of his ability.

**Senior Patrol Leader**

- Q—What can be done to keep older boys interested in scouting?**  
A—Make them instructors with rank of junior assistant scoutmaster. Put them in seascout patrol or troop. Make an older boy patrol or merit badge club.
- Q—What can be done to keep younger scouts coming to meetings regularly?**  
A—Have an interesting program at scout meetings, such as feeds at stated meetings, story telling, talks by men on subjects interesting to boys.
- Q—Should a senior patrol leader send his boys home to keep discipline and order in troop meetings?**  
A—He should list those who need reprimanding as those who will not be allowed to attend programs and feeds. An added incentive for making boys mind is to have the senior patrol leader set a good example.
- Q—How can inter-patrol contests be made to pep up troop meetings?**  
A—If there is a suitable prize award most boys will be willing to work for it. Suitable does not necessarily mean valuable. The best prize is one that has tradition behind it.
- Objectives for Patrol Leaders**
1. Make the patrol the most important element in your troop program. Should this responsibility yourself.
  2. Help your tenderfoot scout to get started promptly toward second class.
  3. Boys who become scouts at the age of 12 and become first class remain scouts three times as long as the average scout.
  4. Make it possible for every scout in your patrol to get the maximum benefit from hiking and camping. In other words put the "out" in scouting. Final: It is your job as a patrol leader to make these things happen.

**Assistant Patrol Leader**

- A patrol leader is a boy leader—with:
1. Personality, initiative enthusiasm, pleasing manner, natural leader.
  2. Physique, respect, athlete, real fellow with courage.
  3. Age—the oldest boy in patrol. More respect and confidence.
  4. —Advancement: set example. Will not respect his word if he will not lead.
  5. Common Sense: Know when to play and when to work; be a good example for other boys; should not be "preachy."
  6. Lead not boss: take care of discipline; lead in games and contests; keep patrol working, teach the tests

himself; set standard of word and action.

**Discussion problems:** Inter-patrol contests; actual practice of tests; man to man discipline; each man to a job.  
**Great Time at Winter Camp**

The snow is deep and the hills are steep, and the forty scouts at Camp Wilderness, near Bridgeman, Mich., are having the time of their life. The Northshore delegation which is under the leadership of Scout Executive McPeck and McManus, sends word that they are having the best time ever. The two patrols of Northshore boys are also accompanied by Dorland Davis who is instructor in handicraft and nature study work at the camp and Lowell Commee, national junior archery champion who is heading up the archery work.

Among the many troops represented are included Troop 2, whose representative is Davis Lott; Craig Stoddard, Troop 4, Julian Hirsch, Troop 3; Robert Crawford, Troop 2, Philip Swabacker, Troop 18; Harry Brown, Troop 20; William Heyn, Troop 20; Harry Keator, Troop 22, and Walter Roberts, Troop 22.

**Troop News**

Troop 34 has elected a senior patrol and a patrol leader as follows. Parker Johnston, John Dingle and Fred Harmon. Mr. McManus arrived towards the end of our meeting and he showed us several bandages and we also have been having our meetings at the Elks hall but that is now changed to the Lincoln school. We will soon be a member of the Northshore Area council.—Nick Wink, Troop 34.

The scouts met in the St. James parish hall. First aid and games were the main events. A party will be held Friday, Dec. 21. Mr. Prato and two patrol leaders, scribe and 13 scouts were present last Friday, Dec. 14.—Tom Brennas, Pine Tree patrol, Troop 36, Highwood.

The first aid team of Troop 37 have not been practicing for nothing. The troop has practiced much and received the credit for it by walking away with the first aid tournament between Highwood, Highland Park and Lake Forest at the Episcopal church at Lake Forest. The troop after almost loosing the way managed to get to the church just in time to start. The first aid team consists of Frank Belingeri, captain, A. Aghurst, August Baraconi, Robert Wicklander, Vincent Ghini.—Artimus Aghurst, Troop 37, Highwood.

**Council Wide Hobby Show**

To be held at Glencoe Union church. A table is to be assigned to each troop of the Northshore Area council on which they will display material in connection with the various hobbies of the members of that troop. A leather shield is to be awarded to the troop with the most comprehensive display of boy hobby material. Parents and friends of scouting will be invited to come in during the afternoon and evening, to view the display. Scouts from the troops will be on duty throughout the time of the exhibit to help to explain the things that they are interested in. No admission charged.

A feature of the evening's performance will be the awarding of life, star and eagle badges by the Area Wide Court of Award.

**Dinner Planned**

The executive board is planning an appreciation dinner as an indication of its recognition of the faithful, untiring work of Northshore scout leaders, during the past year. This dinner which is becoming an annual event in Northshore scouting circles, will probably be held early in February. An especially attractive program is being arranged.

**Big Conference in Chicago**

A gathering of boy scout committeemen from Michigan, Indiana, Wisconsin and Illinois, for the purpose of sharing and exchanging ideas of scouting, will be held at the Edgewater Beach hotel, Chicago, Tuesday, January 15 beginning at 12:30 p.m. Dr. James E. West and Dr. George J. Fisher, chief scout executive, and deputy chief scout executive will be present. Mike Gorman of Flint, Mich., will again be toastmaster at the big banquet. Northshore scout leaders are striving to build an attendance of more than thirty men.

**Stray Points on Troop Programs**

In a bulletin addressed "to the men on the firing line," the scout leaders, last week, the scout executive passed out the following suggestions:

Roosevelt passed away on January 6, ten years ago — would it benefit your troop to recognize in some way this loss to our nation?  
How can you use the Cabin in the Woods to enrich your troop program?  
Would your local Parent Teachers association, American Legion Post or other group care to have your troop put on a scouting demonstration for them?  
It might be a good plan to arrange for your troop to plant a tree on the library grounds in the Spring.

Would a parents night of father and sons' banquet help build your troop morale?

Are one or two new boys joining your troop each month?  
How many boys in your troop have been scouts for more than a year? For more than two years? For more than three years?

These figures indicate something of the richness of your troop program. **Weekly Troop Reporters Honor Roll** During the last week the following troops have mailed their new report card, qualifying their troop to appear on the honor roll: 7, 9, 12, 13, 15, 30, 33, 52, 74 and 77.

**Advancement Opportunities**

Town, Board of Review and Court of Award:  
Wilmette, 2nd Wednesday, 3rd Saturday as announced; Kenilworth third urday as announced.  
Wilmette, 2nd Tuesday, 4 p.m., 2nd Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.  
Winnetka, 3rd Friday, 7:30 p.m., following Thursday.  
Glencoe, by individuals, 3rd Tuesday, Highland Park, 3rd Monday at 7 p.m., 3rd Monday, at 7:30 p.m.  
Lake Forest, 1st Friday, 7 p.m., 1st Friday, 7:30 p.m.  
Glencoe, with 1st troop meeting each month, 2nd Friday.  
Northbrook with 1st troop meeting each month, 2nd Friday.  
Deerfield, with 1st troop meeting each month, 2nd Friday.  
Libertyville, with 1st troop meeting each month, 2nd Friday.  
Mundelein, 3rd Friday, 7 p.m., 3rd Friday, 7:30 p.m.

**Growth of the Scout Leader**

A training course in scouting and troop management is being planned for early in 1929. This will supplement the training course in first aid essentials which is now being conducted for scout leaders, future sessions of which will be held on January 7, 14, 21, 28, February 11 and 10.

**Monthly Troop Awards**

Announcement for the troops winning honor ribbons during December, were made. These awards will be made on the basis of attendance, advancement, outdoor activity, growth and troop committee meetings.

**Anniversary Plans Crystalizing**

Anniversary Day, Friday, Feb. 8, at 8:15. Every scout in the country will recomit himself to the scout oath and law.

**Mobilization Day, Saturday, Feb. 9,**

scouts will mobilize for community good turns, to take over the management of the towns, etc.  
Scout Sunday, Feb. 10, troops will attend church in uniform. Many pastors are already planning a special scout sermon other recognition of the boy. In some cases scouts in uniform will serve as ushers at the church service.  
Scouts day in the schools, Monday Feb. 11. In many cases, scouts will put on a demonstration before the entire body of the school, before a parent teachers association or assume other responsibilities on this day.  
Camp day and patriots day, Tuesday, Feb. 12. This is also scout memorial day. Afternoon patriotic pilgrimage in honor of Lincoln and Washington.

**Citizenship day, Wednesday, Feb. 13.**

Scout troops will give demonstrations before service clubs, chambers of commerce, etc. Prominent city officials will be invited to address scout gathering.  
Home day, Thursday, Feb. 14. Parents, all over the United States are asked to reserve this night as a home night, in which dad and mothers time are given exclusively to the children.  
General—All scouts plan to wear uniforms during the entire period of scout week. Merit badge expositions are being planned by various districts.

**Applicable to All Boys**

Did it ever occur to you that anything worthwhile ever accomplished in the world, was produced by sheer determination, hardship, worry and much hard work? Too often we expect maximum results for minimum effort.  
Men and boys are alike in this respect and still it is much easier to convince men of the fact.  
If a scout leader can get the idea across to his scouts that anything which does not require hard work is not worth while, even though it is not literally true, he has accomplished a great deal towards moulding that boy's future program.  
We hear scouts say they will drop Latin next year because it is too hard. When its being hard should be the very reason why they should continue.  
We hear scouts barter about the Merit Badges, as to whether they are hard or easy when in reality, the scout who secured a hard Merit Badge

has the great satisfaction of having done a real job and he-most certainly is a better scout.

Spouts, don't pick the easy job; let some weak-kneed, lazy, irresponsible fellow have them, and you go in for the man's size job. You will like it.—The Rotarian (Dememner).

**FIELD EXPEDITION SETS FOR HONDURAS**

**SEEK OLD MAYA RELICS**

**Archeologists Go to Central America to Find Further Traces of Ancient Civilization**

The Second Captain Marshall Field Archaeological Expedition to British Honduras set out this week to make collections of material for addition to the Maya archaeological and ethnological collections of Field Museum of Natural History, and conduct further researches into the mysteries surrounding the beginnings of ancient Maya civilization, it was announced today by Stephen C. Simms, director of the museum.

J. Eric Thompson, assistant curator of Central and South American archaeology at the museum, left Chicago this week to lead the expedition. He sailed from New Orleans aboard the steamship "Abangarex" for Puerto Barries, Guatemala. After preliminary reconnoitering in that country, he will proceed to Belize, British Honduras, and thence into the interior by river launch and pack mules to sites of three ancient Maya cities which he discovered last year as leader of the First Captain Marshall Field expedition to that country. Assisted by a score or more of native workmen, he will continue the operations begun on the previous expedition. Work will be carried on for from six to eight months.

**Follow Ancient Race**

The chief objective will be to find traces of the origin of Maya civilization, of which very little has been learned by any scientists to date. Last year Mr. Thompson made discoveries going far back into the history of these people, whose culture reached a very high stage of development in ancient times, but now he will seek to penetrate still farther back, if possible to the very beginnings.  
Supplementing this work, Mr. Thompson will live with a modern Maya family as one of their own number, eating their foods which consist largely of such things as monkey

meat stew and roast parrot, and observing all their customs in order to gather ethnological data. In addition to making collections for the museum exhibits, he will gather notes for use in proposed scientific publications to be issued by the museum. He is the author of several such works now in print, resulting from his past expeditions.

Wouldn't you hate to be a congressman and have nothing to look forward to but a special session of Congress?

Lindy came out for Hoover some time ago and the result of the election proves that he still knows where to pick a safe landing.

**ADJUDICATION NOTICE**  
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that the Subscriber, Administrator of the estate of Elizabeth Vetter deceased will attend the Probate Court of Lake County, at a term thereof to be holden at the Court House in Waukegan, in said County, on the first Monday of February next, 1929 when and where all persons having claims against said estate are notified and requested to present the same to said Court for adjudication.  
GEOERGE L. VETTER,  
Elizabeth Vetter, Deceased,  
Administrator of the Estate of Waukegan, Ill., December 19, 1928. 42-44


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