



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

### Plan Two Days in Camp

Members of Troop 33 will experience two days and nights of real camping life when they pitch their tents west of Highland Park on Friday, Sept. 6th. The camp is being planned and will be directed by boy leaders of the troop.

Outdoor test-passing will undoubtedly receive a great deal of attention and it is expected that many members who were not at Camp Makajawan will receive instructions from those who attended camp in the many activities which engage one's time while following the pioneer's life of camp.

Food will be handled on the individual plan for some meals and on the patrol plan for others. It is expected that one of the members of the staff from Camp Makajawan will be able to be at the camp and instruct in cooking.

Troop 33, which has been meeting every Wednesday evening during the summer, is not holding weekly meetings at present, having completed summer program. The two day hike proposed for next week end will open the late summer and fall program of the troop.

### Camp Is Over

The summer session of Camp Makajawan is over. The third period closed last Saturday, August 17th, the last group of campers left for home, the camp was dismantled and all equipment stored in the warehouse. Already many inquiries are being made as to the holding of a session of winter camp for a week during the holiday vacation. It is quite probable such a camp will be held. Last year (1928) the north shore scouts had no camp of their own but had to use the Chicago Scout camp. They attended this camp to the amount of 150 to two week sessions. This year with their own camp they attended to the extent of 325 to two week sessions, an increase of over 100 per cent.

Many of the leaders and scouts attending camp this year had been in other camps in former years. It was indeed gratifying to hear them say that in their estimation camp Makajawan excelled in location, equipment, program and leadership. Many parents visited the camp while it was in session and they repeatedly expressed their wonder that the camp could be so far developed in so short a time. One set of parents had this to say. "We sent our boy to a camp last year costing over five times what it costs for him to attend here for an equal period of time. We now feel that even though the costs were the same for both camps, we would want him to attend Camp Makajawan." Other parents and visitors commented upon the splendid morale and spirit of democracy pervading the whole camp.

As to the scouts themselves they

had this to say. "The eats were swell." Some were so kind as to say they were the best they had ever experienced in a camp. That takes in lots of territory but Harry Ritchie, the chief, certainly knew how to put up appetizing meals and "plenty of it." Harry is chef of the North Shore Country Day school in Winnetka for the school year. He says he liked it so well in camp that he is coming back next year and build a cabin to live in. We don't think Harry will mind our telling this story on him so here goes: One day right after the noon mess he went out on the "Whipporwill Trail" which leads through the timber to Highway 55 two miles east. The raspberries were ripe and he hoped to gather some. Like many others who tried this trail he became confused at the place where the old logging trail intersects with the "Whipporwill Trail." After winding up three different times at a small cabin in a clearing, Harry made inquiries and was directed to Highway 55. Making his way back to County Trunk A and then to camp, he arrived there about 7:30 in the evening. Meanwhile in camp, things had been happening. Supper time came and no supper. George Bursch the ever present mess sergeant opened the emergency rations that always stands ready on the shelves. Immediately following supper search parties composed of camp leaders set forth to locate the missing chef. The campers made their way to the high hill just east of camp and piled up an immense brush pile to be lighted as soon as dark came. Just as they finished the pile the bugles sounded "recall" the signal agreed upon in case the missing one was located. Harry says it was quite an experience but he would not want to go through it again. The signal fire remains unlighted, but ready to use in the future should any camper ever fail to return.

There was not a single water accident in camp or anything that approached an accident of that nature. Many comments were heard about the safety precautions everywhere evident. The "Check" system, the "Buddy" system, restricted areas for the four grades of swimmers and abundant use of Red Cross Life Guards and Scout Life Guards all contributed to the safety of the waterfront. Many scouts qualified for Junior Red Cross, Scout Life Guard, and the Merit Badges of swimming, life saving, and canoeing. Many were interested in fishing and qualified for the angling merit badge. The lake is well stocked with walleyed pike. There are also pickeral, perch and occasionally other varieties. Some one has said there are only three seasons for a scout, before camp, camp, and after camp. Well here's looking forward to when the camp season rolls around again and the

north shore scouts assemble once more at Makajawan.

### Breaking Down of Camp

Perhaps the campers that left Camp Makajawan the end of their period could notice before they left that things had already begun to happen in the breaking down of camp. All equipment had to be taken across the lake and stored away in the storehouse on the west side of the lake. Among other things too numerous to mention were 64 double deck cots, 36 tents, all office equipment and all kitchen equipment. The waterfront had to be dismantled, the tents had to be taken down before going across the lake, the tent floors had to come up and be stored on the mess hall porch, the mess hall tables had to be taken apart and stacked, the tools, of which there were four pages of inventory had to be greased and packed, then removed to the storehouse, the kitchen equipment, of which there was six pages of inventory, had to go through the same procedure as the tools, the plumbing had to be drained and the motors had to be stored away. This is a pretty good summing up of what was done by the few officers that stayed until Tuesday evening after the campers left Saturday morning. Those who were among those present were: John Fowler, Cameron Brown, Oscar Goepner, Herbert Stevens, Bruce Kenyon, Harold Spinney, John Betak, Harry Ritchie, the chef, Dr. G. Kempf, the camp physician, Carl McManus, and Myron C. Rybolt.

### Patrol Leaders, Attention

Here is just the thing you have been looking for patrol leaders: A handbook printed especially for patrol leaders. It is the newest publication just out by the national headquarters and its a wow. There are 399 pages of the best material in the world on the organization and operation of a patrol. Every conceivable life or patrol activity is presented in complete detail in this wonderful new volume that is obtainable to the Highland Park headquarters for a nominal charge per copy.

### Order of the Arrow

For those who have not learned what the "Order of the Arrow" is this account has been written. The Order of the Arrow is a brotherhood of scouts who have been in camp and have devoted their time in camp in the service of others. The North Shore Area council has not had up to this time a chapter of the Arrow inasmuch as it had no camp of its own. With the formation of Camp Makajawan the council acquired a charter for a local lodge of the Winiaktendienk W. W. (Order of the Arrow). Heretofore scouts had been taken into the order at the Owai-sippi camps. Therefore at the receiving of the charter we had about 25 or 30 charter members. At Camp

Makajawan 29 active members and four honorary members were taken into the order in the three sessions of camp. On the last Wednesday of each camp period the candidates were "called out" in a beautiful Indian ceremony. Each prospective member then had to go upon a strenuous ordeal sleeping away from camp and returning in the morning. Initiation ceremonies were held Thursday night followed by a feed which tasted mighty good to the new members after having lived on scant rations and having worked hard all day.

The Winiaktendienk W. W. was formed 14 years ago by E. Urner Goodman, scout executive of Chicago, who installed our lodge, to recognize those scouts who have done their best in living up to the ideals of scout-hood and who have put the service of others in a place of primary importance. Three meetings are to be held during the year, the first of which will come within a week or two.

### Vacations

Mr. and Mrs. Carl McManus are taking their vacation this week in Wisconsin. They have headquarters at the campsite. Mrs. Wells, the Secretary of the council headquarters, is also on her vacation in Wisconsin. Mr. and Mrs. Myron C. Rybolt are on a three day trip in Michigan visiting the Chicago and other scout camps.

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