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To Teach Sign Language

The North Shore Area council of the Boy Scouts of America will have as their guest on December 7 and 8, Wm. Tompkins adopted son of the Sioux Indians who taught the Indian sign language to 50,000 Boy Scouts representing 42 nations at the World Jamboree in England this summer. Mr. Tompkins will appear before the junior officers of the troops at their area wide conference in Lake Forest on Saturday 7. He will also appear before the Scoutmasters and assistant scoutmasters at meetings to be ar-

with a wonderful beauty and imagery of expression. Mr. Tompkins teaches the language at the rate of 100 signs an hour, 200 signs make a fairly good sign talker, and at the end of two to three hours a person may become quite proficient in its use. This is because while all other languages are arbitrary and conventional, this one is largely instinctive and natural. Tompkins lived until manhood among the Sioux in the Dakota Indian country as a cowboy, trapper, scout, etc. It was there that he learned in childhood the language and the lore of

make an appointment for instruction or test.

Troop No. 33

Of the 12 meetings for Troop 33 so far this fall half of them have been out of doors events of various kinds. The seventh will be an "over night" at the Cabin this Friday. For a while it seemed as if it would have to be postponed again for lack of an adult leader owing to the scoutmaster being out of town. Finally, Mr. Davidson and Mr. Klaber, the chairman, came to the rescue and will spend the night with the troop. Not many committeemen will do this so we are proud of ours. Pack up your feet in a good pair of shoes, scouts, and we will finish up the rest of our outdoor tests.

Last Friday 17 scouts of Troop 33 worked on indoor tests. The chief one being map making, conducted by the troop committee chairman. Mr. Klaber is a very noteworthy architect so the scouts are fortunate to have so capable person make plain the mysteries of maps. Four completed the whole test and many others are well toward the finish of the work. Mr. Klaber recently discovered what seems to be the foundation of the old lighthouse of Port Clinton. While excavating for a new house in this

region the workmen uncovered a foundation which can be other than what now remains an ancient landmark.

Hike to Cabin

Last Friday evening Troop Northbrook went on an overnight hike to the Cabin in the Woods. McLaughlin, our assistant scoutmaster, lead us through the woods. Around the evening campfire we had roasted marshmallows and games. In the morning we had our own breakfast. We stayed overnight and hiked home.—Harry Sen.

Arrow Hawk Patrol Have Meeting

The first meeting of the Arrow Hawk patrol, Troop 61, Northbrook took place on Thursday, November 6, after school at Richard Thormeyer's home. The meeting opened with the scout oath and then followed the election of officers. The name was decided on, Arrow Hawk being a unanimous vote. The following officers were elected: Nielsen, scribe; Woodrow Wilson, cashier or treasurer and Lewis Cooksey, assistant patrol leader. Money is needed to get patrol equipment, a nominal fee per week will be paid by each of the scouts. The patrol flag was also decided. A large red hawk with two blue wings one above and one below will be set off on a white background. The meeting ended with the scout benediction.—Patrol leader, Richard Thormeyer, Troop 61, Northbrook.

Organizes New Patrols

At the last meeting of Troop Northbrook, held November 6, were organized new patrols. Richard Thormeyer being at the head of one patrol and Clyde Cameron being patrol leader of the other. In Richard Thormeyer's patrol are Lewis Cooksey, Tarry Nielsen, Woodrow Wilson,



All Good Scouts

G. Barrett Rich, American camp chief; William Tompkins, a "first American"; Hon. Charles G. Dawes, another "first American," at Boy Scout Jamboree in England this summer.

arranged for the afternoon of Sunday, December 8. These meeting places and time schedules will be announced next week.

The Indian sign language has been adopted by national scout headquarters as an alternative for signaling, for the second class and first class tests, and as such is meeting with great favor by all the boys. It is the language which made inter-tribal communication possible between all the Indians of North America throughout the past. It does not consist of a meagre collection of gestures to be considered lightly, but it is a complete language of 800 signs and was used for thousands of years by millions of Indians who spoke over 76 widely different languages, having been used by more people than have used all of the manufactured universal languages of modern times, such as volapuk, esperanto, etc. The language can be learned 50 times faster than any other language, and it is filled

the Indian, but it is his further studies and research covering 30 years that have made him proficient and an outstanding figure in the realm of early America. His lectures in universities on the topic "Meaning does not adhere to the phonetic presentation of thought, which sign or gesture language does," have brought him wide and merited recognition among scholars and teachers. He is coming here under the guidance of the National Boy Scout headquarters, which guarantees his fitness for the work.

Aviation and Signaling Councilor

Mr. Arthur Jerrems, Jr. has recently registered as merit badge councilor in Aviation and signaling merit badges in Highland Park, Ravinia, and Highwood. Mr. Jerrems is a licensed aviator and had signaling training in the army and wireless stations, thus being well qualified for this work. All scouts wish to get these two merit badges should call H. P. 2588 or see Mr. Jerrems to

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