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Boy Scouts

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for a game of indoor ball as we are going to play the Mundelein troop. Harold Shattuck, Troop 70, of Diamond Lake.

OTTAWAS HOLD FIRST BOAT MEET

The boating meet started this afternoon on schedule at 3:00 with a hand-paddling race. Most of the canoes went astray with only small scout hands to guide them. Robinson and Joyce of Shawnee, paddled their canoe into first place in 45 seconds. Brown and Sawyer of Camp Ottawa took first place in the canoe race with a time record of 66 4-5 second for the distance around the swimmers' pool. Camp Shawnee took pride in Fellows and Kelley who won the finals in the canoe filling contest. The Ottawas completed their victorious day by winning the famous "Hay Relay," the traditional race of the camp. The racers were Emory Sawyer, Harry Brown and Peter and Paul Gilbert. Their time was 13 minutes and four fifths of a second, exactly two minutes slower than last year.

JOHN FISCHER RECEIVES THE EAGLE RANK

In a very impressive Court of Honor ceremony John Fischer, an Ottawa camper, and a member of Troop 22, Glencoe, was awarded the Eagle scout rank by his father, Mr. Alfred Fischer, tonight at the first camp Court of Honor this year. One Life

scout rank and three Star scout ranks were also awarded in addition to 60 merit badges. An Eagle Palm was awarded to Mr. Betak. Three scouts became first class and 12 became second class. Mr. Fischer traveled twelve hundred miles to present the badge of Eagle rank to his son John. He was in the eastern section of the country a week ago when he learned that John was to receive an Eagle rank tonight, and he wrote a letter in poem form to send to John in case he could not be present. Finding that he could be present and would be able to make the presentation, he felt that to read the poem would be the best way to express his feeling tonight. Mr. Betak received a bronze palm to add to his silver palm, indicating that he has 20 merit badges more than those required for Eagle rank. Emory Sawyer of Troop 19 and Harry Keator of Troop 21 were awarded the rank of Life scout. Dave Roberts, Troop 22; Martin Weisner, Troop 24 and Mr. Hill, scoutmaster of Troop 31, Highland Park received the rank of Star scout. 60 merit badges were awarded to 40 different first period campers.

SCOUTS ASSEMBLE TO PASS BOAT TESTS

About 35 new campers assembled at the waterfront last night to receive instruction on the canoeing and boating tests from Mr. Crawford, Waterfront director. The boys have to learn how to launch a canoe, take off correctly, paddle out a 100 yards, turn around and beach it properly. The second test is to go out with

your canoe in a swimming suit, overturn it tow it back to shore and beach it.—Bob White, Troop 31, Highland Park.

SCOUT CAMPERS SEE AURORA BOREALIS

When the last campfire of the first period was fading, a peculiar glow was rising in the northern sky. By the time all good campers were in bed this glow had faded again and glowing white clouds had armed in a great circle from East to West across the sky. A second look evinced such privileged characters as were still roaming in the night, that these were no ordinary clouds by a marvelous demonstration of what is called the "Aurora Borealis," or more commonly known as the "Northern Lights." Not one of those gathered on the dock, out in boats, or high on the hill back of camp had ever witnessed such a demonstration. Bright with streaks and white patches sifted and played across the sky in all forms and shapes imaginable. There was a lull in this display as the shimmering clouds faded overhead and the northwest sky took on a greenish hue. Bright patches then opened far in the north and rose radiating from a black jagged curtain stretching from North to Northeast. These streaks changed rapidly with waves of pale green and orange light. A demonstration such as this must be seen to be appreciated. The display brightened to a grand climax and then gradually faded till nothing but the stars were left in the northern sky and a bright full moon rose over the hills to the northeast. — Ralph Morris, Senior Officer.

Delayed Report Says H. P. House Was Robbed

In addition to the \$10,000 in jewels stolen from the A. A. Sprague home in Lake Forest, recently, gem burglars obtained \$2,000 worth of valuable jewelry from the home of James Donahue, 224 Beech street, Highland Park, early in July, it is reported. Police along the north shore, as well as Chicago authorities are making a complete investigation of the two burglaries, fearing that the two jobs were done by the same gang.

The robbery of the Donahue home was discovered by members of the family returning from a vacation trip.

Among the jewelry taken by the burglars were a \$1,500 diamond ring, and a \$500 platinum and emerald ring. Silverware left in the home were untouched.

Sword Business Is Booming in China

The gloom of China's sorely depressed industries is penetrated of late by a cheerful statement of prosperity—that of the sword manufacturing shops.

Chinese press dispatches from Peiping, former capital, said although commercial circles are "sorely depressed as a result of civil war," sword manufacturers are happy.

Northern militarists are purchasing vast quantities of famous big swords for use by army squads noted for ability to swing them.

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