

N. S. SEA SCOUTS RANK EIGHTH IN THE U. S.

While Area Still Young Its
Marine Section Holds
High Place

Although the North Shore Area Council is still young it now ranks eighth in the United States for the total number of Sea Scouts. Where there are only 117 Sea Scouts registered now there will be nearly twice that many by the end of the year. In January 1931, an additional man, Mr. S. J. Demorest, was added to the Council Staff to work, organize and promote Sea Scout and Cub groups. Already several new Sea Scout Ships are nearly ready to register.

Of the seven Sea Scout Ships registered, two are in Wilmette, one in Kenilworth, one in Winnetka, one in Highland Park, and one in Lake Forest, and one in Glencoe. The S. S. Argo of Wilmette own their own surf boat which they use under oar and for sailing. S. S. E. Albatross of Winnetka donated an 18-foot catboat to the Council Camp, Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan. There it was repaired by the Sea Scouts and used extensively by them last summer.

List of Sea Scout Ships

Following is a list of Sea Scouts and leaders in each of seven ships:

S. S. S. Keewadin — Wilmette Congregational Church: Ship Committee, Edward H. Burge, chairman, M. H. West, and Louis N. Brenner; skipper, Kenneth H. Borgen; mates, Philip A. Born Jr., and James E. Baker; Sea Scouts, George Bersch, John Brenner, Theo. Buck, Hugh Carlington, Henry Foster, Martin Herberholz, Royal Martin, Older Grenfel, John Shank, John Warren and George Wood.

S. S. S. Argo — Wilmette Baptist Church: Ship committee, George B. Williams, chairman, Edward A. Kunz and George S. Fox; skipper, Percy H. Arden; Sea Scouts, Edward R. Arden, Foster Bennett, Leo Blaylock, Ross Blaylock, Roger Delander, Sheldon Fox, Donald Hall, Robert Hall, Walter Haas, Wilbert Kunz, and Fred Leason.

S. S. S. (number 29) — Kenilworth Sears School: Ship committee, Robert M. Burns, chairman, W. H. Williams, Wm. H. Smythe, Walter N. Gillett, and Leland H. Danforth; skipper, David T. Sanders; mate, Alan Hoaglund; Sea Scouts, Bobby Burns, Gordon Cutler, Joel Diskinson, George Gillett, Jack Howe, Bob Mathieson, Ed Sample, Carleton Schroeder, Dick Schuette, William Smythe, and Frank Williams.

S. S. S. Albatross — Christ Church Parish House, Winnetka: Ship committee, Alfred S. Brittain, chairman, P. C. McPherson and Ralph K. Rockwood; skipper, Ralph M. Jaeger; mate, John F. Roos; Sea Scouts, S. W. Barrett, Ray Davis, James Goetz, Foster Hannaford, Arthur Henning, Frank Hilbert, Simeon Foster, Ewing Johansen, Thomas Johansen, Bill Kidd, Charles Melcher, William Pavey, Barton Smith, Alan Swabacker, and Philip Swabecker.

S. S. S. Port Clinton — Highland Park Presbyterian Church: Ship committee, Willard E. Ericson, chairman with George Gaidzik and George C. Greene as members; skipper, Gordon M. Jones; Sea Scouts, Mark Canmann, William Eisendrath, Oscar Goepner, Randolph Herman, John



Mr. Keith Roberts, Council Camping committee; Mr. Charles A. Steele, chairman Camping committee, and Mr. George C. Robson on visit to Camp Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan during winter months.

Winter Visit to Camp

Horn, Leonard Keaster, John Kraft, George Kreuzkamp, Edward Loewenstein, David McCalla, Alfred Meyers, Morton Traub and Peter White.

S. S. S. Lightning — Lake Forest Young Men's Club: Ship committee, Roger Bronson, chairman, with A. M. Fellows, W. P. Wanebolt, and Harold Ambler as members; skipper, Benjamin Carpenter; Sea Scouts, John Fellows, Richard Fellows, Robt. Fellows, Lawrence Freeman, Arthur Gourley, Richard Griffin, Victor Linderholm, John Martin, Ian McPherson and William Stewart.

S. S. S. Blue Nose — Glencoe Union Church: Ship committee, H. McNamee, chairman, with James K. Martin and Sam G. Goss as members; skipper, Harold H. Elliott; mates, John Betak, A. Prescott Lathrop and David P. Hicks; Sea Scouts, Cameron Brown, Theron Childs, Jack DeBeers, James Enright, John Fisher, Edgar Haight, Donald Hughes, Harry Keater, Bob Long, William McCallen, James McNamee, Frank Pitt Jr., Lewis Reed, Walter Roberts, Joseph White, and Walker Wolford.

Reading Program Is Stressed in Scouting

In the North Shore Area council there is a committee lead by Dr. Walter B. Metcalf of Deerfield to promote good reading among scouts of the councils. Everybody knows the scout movement combats the wrong kind of literature by emphasizing the best kind. Their most effective means of doing this is through the official Boy Scout magazine, the Boy's Life. This monthly magazine is printed by the Boy Scouts of America and contains only such fine adventurous stories and articles as are in accordance with the principles of the Scout Oath and Law.

This year the leading committee has laid special stress on boys taking the Boy's Life. As a result twenty-one troops have subscribed 100 per cent to this educational literature. These troops are: Wilmette: Troops 1-4-40; Glencoe: Troop 22; Winnetka:

Troop 24; Highland Park: 30-31-33-34; Highwood: 36-37; Deerfield: 51-52; Glenview: 55; Mundelein: 70; and Northbrook: 61-28.

This means that with the other troops that subscribed less than 100 per cent of over 500 of the Scouts of council are taking the Boy's Life. This special rate of one-half price or one dollar is given to scouts whose troop subscribed at least 50 per cent at registration time.

TAKES A HEAP O' SCOUTIN'

By Harold G. Boltz

(With apologies to Edgar Guest)

Takes a heap o' Scoutin' t' make
A feller th' Scout he oughta be;
A heap o' livin' the Scout Oath
An' doin' things Honestly.
He's gotta do a good turn
To some one every day;
Gotta do it smilin' like
In a cheerful sort of way.

He's gotta get out an' hike
An' 'splore the woods and streams;
An' know an' feel that God is nigh.
He's gotta make things; an' it
seems
Th' only way he can really know
He's done his job the best,
Is t' check himself again
T' see if he has stood th' test.

Really fellers, 'taint always
Passin' tests, or campin' out;
It's th' service done for others
That makes ya a real Scout.
Others, Scouts, yes — others!
Service just as if ya cared.
So do yer good turn daily
An' always "Be Prepared."

Nature challenges the best and strongest when she comes in contact with a boy, demanding that he know how to take care of himself under all sorts of conditions.

SCOUT SLOGANS

Every boy is a scout at heart!
Scout training sent a boy to the
Antarctic with Byrd!
Scouting helps any boy to "find
himself."
A Scout Troop is a distinct asset
to the institution that sponsors
it!
In Scouting men relive their
youth.
The only gain sought by the Scout
movement is the gain of the nation.
Scouting develops great Scouts,
not great names!
Scouting is mother-heart insurance.
Which court for your boy? —The
Juvenile Court or the Scout
Court of Honor?
Visitors are always welcome at the
Scout meetings and in camp.
Take care of boys and we won't
have to take care of men.
Scouting is health insurance.
Scouts are not super-boys: just
boys who are doing their best.
Men! Give back to life some of the
good you have gained from it,
by service to boys through Scout-
ing.

Wilmette Troop 1 Scouts Took Honors in 1911 for Earning Merit Badges

Below is a clipping from a Chicago paper in 1911 explaining how several Wilmette Troop 1 scouts took national honors in earning merit badges. These have been loaned through the courtesy of Mr. A. J. Boburn who was then a leader in the troop.

Boy Scouts Awarded Badges.

Thirty-eight out of eighty-three are given to Wilmette (Ill.) lads. Eighty-three merit badges have been presented to the Boy Scouts of the nation and six boys in the Wilmette (Ill.) troop have captured thirty-eight of the number. The tests were reported to the national court of honor and the reports personally examined by Ernest Thompson Seton and Daniel Carter Beard before the honor badges were sent to the boys.

Bruce K. Brown, who won twelve merit badges, a larger number than any other scout in the contest is one of the most aggressive members of the Wilmette troop. Arthur L. Rice, scoutmaster of the troop, and members of the local court of honor certified to Brown's work and his strict compliance with all requirements. The badges which Brown won are as follows: public health, civics, camping, cycling, personal health, first aid, firemanship, swimming, music, astronomy, cooking and poultry farming.

Next to Brown comes Kingsley L. Rice, who has won seven merit badges; Rice also ranks second in the national distribution of badges. The awards were made to him for proficiency in first aid, firemanship, swimming, personal health, public health, and interpreting.

Alfred Schmidt is the winner of six badges, Everett Patten has captured five awards, while Ralph S. Patten and William Kleinpell have won four badges each.

Youth needs an environment that makes appeal to their sense of right and good heroic.