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SEASIDE'S B. S. A.

Commander Thomas J. Keane, National director of Sea Scouting, Boy Scouts of America, will be one of the principle leaders of the Region Seven Cub and Sea Scout courses conducted at the Great Lakes Training station on Saturday and Sunday, November 7 and 8. This is an unusual opportunity for the Cub and Sea Scout leaders of the North Shore Area Council to get special help in their work. Men from the four states of the region, Indiana, Michigan, Wisconsin and Illinois will participate. Such other national leaders as Chas. F. Smith of Columbia university will take part. Commander Keane was largely responsible for initiation and growth of Sea Scouting in this country and did an outstanding bit of research and study on this and other older boy programs. He has had an unusual amount of sea training and experience. Mr. Keane came from this council having lived in Lake Forest before going to New York.

EAGLE SCOUT IS STUDYING IN PARIS

Herewith are a few items from Eagle Scout Paul Gilbert's last letter from Paris. He is one of the two Eagle Scout sons of Mr. and Mrs. Paul T. Gilbert of Kenilworth. He is spending the school year abroad, in travel and study, with his Eagle Scout cousin Walter H. Forster Jr. of Philadelphia. They are living for the month of October in a real French home in Paris, where they hear only French spoken, and two hours a day they have French conversational lessons with a professor from the Sorbonne, who speaks no English, and explains things to them in Latin when they cannot get the French. "I have had my breakfast in bed as usual. After I got up, I sewed on a button and mended three socks, an operation which required considerable time. We spent what was left of the morning on the Eiffel Tower. I decided to walk up the whole 966 feet. I ran up the first two landings, taking two and three steps at a time. . . . There was no staircase from the second landing to the top, so we had to pile into a crowded, stuffy elevator. The view from on top encompasses practically all of Paris. We could identify objects three and four miles away, although the air was misty. At 2:30 we took the subway to the Colonial Exposition. I was rather disappointed from the fact that we could see very few of the interesting details. We just went through everything, looking at it from the outside. The Temple of Aesculapian was no more impressive than its photographs. . . . We went to the Louvre and Palais Royale, where we walked through the Tuilleries Gardens for an hour or so. They have toy sailboats for hire which the little boys were sailing on the goldfish ponds. Being unable to find a metro station in the Place de Concorde, we walked home, one and one-half to two miles. This afternoon the professor's wife took us through part of the Louvre, explaining things to us in French. I recognized a number of paintings that I had studied in Art Appreciation, and practiced identifying a picture by its characteristics. In speaking of a visit to Versailles, he says about the lunch in a restaurant, "I never saw

such service in all my life. The place was crowded and they didn't have nearly enough waiters. Everybody rushed hither and thither doing nothing and telling everybody else to do something. I ordered melon, glace, an omelette, pork, beans, ice cream and fruit. So after a total of one hour and a quarter of waiting, we were served with hors d'oeuvres, a flounder, pork, peas, ice cream and cheese. I was just about starved, and must have eaten half a loaf of bread while waiting. I have discovered three uses for the French bread: (1) to eat; (2) to fill in gaps between courses or where there should be conversation but isn't; and (3) to use in place of one's fingers for shovelling difficult food onto the fork. We weren't the only table in distress. At another table a man was continually pounding on the table with his knife to get some attention. The head waiter, a "fat devil" when bawled out for the deplorable service, as our guide called him most appropriately, merely smiled impudently as much as to say, "Don't be in such a hurry, son; you'll get what's coming to you. Moreover, the water tasted as though it came from a swamp, and the only desirable quality in the ice cream was its coldness." Watch for further notes from his trip to the battlefields. Cordially use P. Gilbert.

TROOP 33 HAS GOOD CAMPING TRIP

Troop 33 of Lincoln school, finished its camping month by an overnight camp at Gege's lake, where we had the whole place to ourselves. Bating and boomerang throwing were the two main sports.

October has been Advancement Month. Every meeting means another test completed or a merit badge studied in preparation for a big court of honor and parent's night next month. Of course there have been games and other scouting fun, but every Scout has had to work to have the right to take part in the Fun. Note this next Friday. This is a dark secret. Orders will be given to patrol leaders only. The spirit of pirates will be in the air, and ghostly hands will point the way to hidden treasure.

The Saturday trips have been fine. It rained too much to make the geology trip at Rockford, but Dr. Leighton gave a very interesting talk in the high school, so the trip was worth while.

The finest trip was to the Pines State park near Oregon, Ill. Two car loads of Scouts started early Saturday. We were told that the previous week the river had been the highest it had been for more than 40 years and a great deal of the gravel was washed off the roads. Trucks were going and coming all day repairing the roads, so we got many rides. We built a foot bridge across a roaring rapid about three inches deep, and the custodian told us we could leave it up. Each Scout had a drink from the wishing Spring, and a nibble or two of the watercress that grew abundantly in and around the spring. We visited the large pine trees that the park is famous for. We located two especially high ones and had great fun climbing to the tops. The scenery all around the park is very beautiful. After supper we sat around the campfire and had lots of fun teasing Judson Wells about the big, gaping hole he had torn in his pants while he was tree climbing. We slept on the softest bed we had ever experienced in the open, for under the big pines we piled up pine needles till we had mattresses six inches thick.

At 10:30 the next morning we started for Polo, Ill. where we went to the Orient hotel for a good dinner. Then we drove south to Dixon, where we took Route 2 north along the Rock river. The scenery is very beautiful with bluffs rising on one side of the river. We passed through the Narrows, a passage cut in a formation of rock. We also had an excellent view of Castle Rock and climbed it. Continuing on Route 2 we turned east at Rockford, and arrived home about 5 o'clock. Kerwyn Smith, Troop 33, Lincoln school.

LIST NEW SCOUTS AND SCOUTERS

New Scouts and Scout leaders continue to register in the North Shore Area Council. Following are the last week's returns: Wilmette: Troop 1, Mr. William Fox resigning as assistant scoutmaster to become scoutmaster; Mr. Karl D. King Jr. resigning as scoutmaster to become chairman troop committee. Troop 2, Lionel Toepen transferring from Pack 63. Troop 3, Van McQuide, Cub Pack 63, Robert Bartlett. Kenilworth, Troop 13, Geo. Dickerson; Burton Smith, Donald Stillman, Chas. Thorsen transferring from Cub Pack 60; Richard Lee transferring from Troop 2, Colorado Springs, Colo. Glencoe: Troop 22, Raymond Oltan; Highland Park: Troop 34, Glenn Oman; David Inman registering as scoutmaster to be H. C. Betts resigning as scoutmaster to become chairman troop committee; Ship 33, Walter Willard transferring from Troop 31. Highwood: Troop 36, Joe Pasquesi; Mr.

Harold Glantz registering as member troop committee. Lake Forest: Troop 46, James Degan, Irving Roane; Mr. J. O. Corrin registering as assistant scoutmaster.

SCOUTS PASS BOARD OF REVIEW

The following are boys who passed tests at their last monthly board of review held by their respective troop committees.

Highwood: Troop 36, Tenderfoot Joe Pasquesi; Second class James Garrity; Merit badges Ambrose Cantagallo woodcarving, safety; Frank Cantagallo, pathfinding; James Garrity pathfinding; John Jacoby pottery, athletics; Ernest Santi swimming, pathfinding. Highland Park: Troop 38, Merit badges Henry Scheski Jr woodcarving, carpentry, handcraft; Leslie H. Scheski carpentry, handcraft. Half Day: Troop 54, second class Kenneth Johnson; first class Edward Perkins. Mundelein: Troop 77, First class Earl B. Small. Ravinia: Troop 35, Second class John McIntosh; First class Calvin Defenbau; Star, Jack Venning; Merit badges Arthur Baldauf, civics, first aid; John McIntosh, leathercraft.

Scouts Serve Headquarters

The council headquarters want to thank the six Scouts of Troop 35, Ravinia, for their fine service to the headquarters on last Saturday. They spent the day doing different jobs helping a great deal. The boys were Adolph Norvik, Happy Wampler, Henry Wilder, James Hirsch, Adolph Gzerivenka, Lester Gordon.

TROOP 36 ENJOYS FEED

Troop 36 of Highwood held its last regular meeting on Friday, October 23 at St. James parish hall. The meeting was opened by the senior patrol leader with assistance by the Beaver patrol under Patrol Leader Ed. Brown. Following this a tenderfoot investiture ceremony was held. The tenderfoots were Joe Notaricomo, Joe Pasquesi, Dominic Cantagallo. After the ceremony cats were served. We also had games, stunts, and drills. A discussion for a hike was held and the meeting adjourned with the scoutmaster's benediction. Ambrose Cantagallo.

TROOP 67, FT. SHERIDAN

In our last meeting it was announced that we would have a new meeting place. The meeting opened at 7:15. Lt. Scott was absent so Mr. Beaubin was in charge. We have been meeting in the club room of the Post chapel. Now General Bowles has given us permission to build a log cabin on the reservation for our private meeting place. The building material will be furnished from the wooded sections of Fort Sheridan. The cabin will probably be finished before Christmas. The remainder of the meeting was spent in practicing signaling. The meeting was closed at 8:15.—Al Hulse, Scribe.

Plan Hallowe'en Party

At 7:00 o'clock Oct. 23, Troop 48 began their weekly meeting. Scoutmaster Neale thought that the weather being bad there would not be many there, but 20 boys showed up. The first thing we did was to present the colors, then collect dues. About 8:30 we closed because of the weather. In all we had a fine meeting. At the next meeting we want all scouts there to get instructions for the Hallowe'en party which is to be held at 7:00 next Saturday night. All boys be disguised.—Jack Neale Troop 48.

TROOP 35 HAS NEW PATROLS

At their last meeting Troop 35 of Ravinia school organized four new patrols. The patrol leaders are Grant Benson, Happy Wampler, Bob Walker and Walter Metcalf. Before the meeting was over our scoutmaster introduced Mr. Tremaine who is our new troop committee man. The meeting was closed with the Scout benediction. There were 25 scouts present. Next week we will have a troop board of review.—Troop 35 Ravinia School, Henry Wilder, Scribe.

TROOP COMMITTEE CONDUCTS MEETING

The meeting of Troop 38 West Ridge school opened at 7:30 p.m. As Mr. Teberg

our scoutmaster was absent, Mr. Jackson of the committee took charge. We started with the Scout oath and law. We played smuggling the egg for a while, and then practiced on tests for tenderfoot, second class, and first class. Leslie Scheskie was awarded two merit badges in carpentry and handcraft. Bud Scheskie received three merit badges in carpentry and handcraft. We also have two new Scouts, Jack Mitchell and John Christensen. We would have studied the stars again, as we did last meeting, but the sky was cloudy. We closed with the Scout benediction.—Scribe Barrett Willson Troop 38, Crow Patrol, Highland Park.

TROOP 52, DEERFIELD

Tryouts for fire-by-friction teams were held at the Friday meeting of Troop 52, and the best teams were chosen for future competition. After the room had been filled with smoke the scouts in the drum and bugle corp went in the adjoining room for practice and the rest of the boys reviewed first aid. Assembly was blown and the meeting was closed with the pledge to the Christian and American flags and the singing of the Scout prayer.—Don Clark, Scribe Troop 52, Deerfield.

Press Club Has Contest

The Northbrook Press club is having an individual contest. The winner will be awarded a prize. Each individual has his name on a chart. If he is present at the meeting he gets five points, a good article gets 10 points, and excellent headline gets five points. Every member is raring to go. They all want that prize.—George Anderson, Troop 61, Northbrook Presbyterian Church.

TROOP PREPARES FOR COMING YEARS

St. Peter's Troop 28 under Mr. Harms practiced marching in preparatory for coming events such as for holidays and contests. Drum and bugle corp practiced on our last meeting on Wednesday, October 14. Drum and Bugle Corp amounting to five bugles and two drums. Which was followed by We plan to get three new Boy Scout drums, marching practice and a talk by Mr. Harms.—Walter Wandrock St. Peters Church, Troop 28.

TROOP 61 IS STUDYING HARD

Troop 61 meeting opened with the Scout oath and the flag salute. This was followed by roll call and the singing of songs. A study period followed while the boys studied for their next highest test. A few games were then played and the meeting closed with the scout benediction. The meetings will start at 7:30 after this.—Troop Reporter Marlin Landwehr, Troop 61, Northbrook Presbyterian Church.

NORTHBROOK TROOP HOLDS MEETING

On Wednesday, October 28, Troop 28 of Northbrook will hold its weekly meeting. The meeting will begin with the drum and bugle corp assembly followed by the Scout oath and pledge. There will be outdoor drills and formations. After the drilling the troop will retire into the assembly hall where there will be general study of signaling followed by a story, games and songs. The closing ceremony will consist of drum and bugle corp playing taps followed by the Scout benediction.—Donald Werhane, Troop 28, Northbrook, St. Peters Church.

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