

Boy Scouts News

TROOP 52 TO HAVE THIRD ANNUAL BANQUET

The third annual Fathers' and Sons' banquet of Troop 52 of Deerfield will be held Oct. 28 at the Presbyterian church of Deerfield. Prof. R. C. Tomlinson of Lake Forest college will be the speaker of the evening.

A program is being planned by David Derby, which will include many interesting parts. Mr. C. G. Speed, new scout executive, will give a talk as will Charles Kopschull of Deerfield. Carl McManus will explain the new ten-year program. George Bersch will have charge of the songs on the program. There will also be several musical numbers on the program.

This will be the third annual banquet, and the troop and its officers are planning to make it an annual affair.—Milton Merner, Troop 52, Deerfield.

TROOP 33 HAS GOOD REPORT

Troop 33 started the year with the Camp-month of September. A two-day camp was placed at Waukegan Flats where there was room to change your mind without backing into some one. There was little on the minds of the scouts and less on their backs. A fish dinner cooked without any utensils was a big feature. Night games were the chief activity. The harvest moon rolled up out of the lake and made the night the same as day. The scoutmaster went to bed at the usual civilized time and left the scouts for the moon to save them from the puff-adders and poison ivy. This troop has been up there so often and most of the scouts are so tough that it would not be unexpected to have them poison the ivy. Six of them, including assistant scoutmaster Wichman became so wild that they could not be harnessed into clothes and brought back until Sunday. They were finally starved into submission. Another enjoyable camp was at Gages Lake. Many boats made it possible to have a water carnival. Tom Nelson went to the bottom of the lake with his boat. No one noticed the fact for some time. He did yell for help but all seemed to think he was "foolin'." We are sure that we are not stretching the truth to say that he got wet at least to the knees as he waded ashore. Saturday afternoon the troop toured other lakes to find other camping places. A favorable one was found at Round Lake will be used when camping month comes again.

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The hunter's moon hike took the troop to old Camp Kellar but it did not rise soon enough to guide one patrol for it was lost and camped by itself with plenty of fun as it reported. A chamber of horrors was discovered. The scouts declared it "raised their hair." The scoutmaster was hurriedly sent for, but alas, it would not work on him. Who can guess the reason? The hike home in social groups in the moonlight and the warm wind was the climax. "Who would ride in an auto?"

The signal hike, held last Friday, was another success. We met at Lincoln school and divided into two groups, semaphore and wig-wag. For the scouts using the semaphore, a new idea was worked out. A board four feet square was mounted on a pair of two-by-fours and holes cut corresponding to different positions on the flags. Then cellophane and red and white tissue paper was pasted on the inside and light bulbs were used to illuminate the different squares. A switchboard was made and the switches were arranged in a circle, for convenience in sending. For wig-wag, two flashlights were used. The message read, "Hike south on Green Bay road 7-10ths of a mile, turn west, and hike until you see a lone scout; he will tell you where to go next." When we arrived, the lone scout conducted us to a shallow depression in the ground where the assistant scoutmaster was building a fire. After having sung some songs, we were given peaches and boy! they were good. Then we gathered in a circle and repeated the scout benediction and then started on the homeward trail.—Kerwyn Smith, Troop 3, Highland Park.

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SEA SCOUTS ATTEND CRUISE

Twenty-two sea scouts of the North Shore Area Council attended the Region 7 land cruise at Great Lakes last Saturday and Sunday. A concentrated course of training in sea scouting leadership and technique was the schedule and all who went felt that the time spent was more than worth while. Thomas J. Keane, the national sea scout director, gave his able leadership and was assisted by the admiral of the station and members of the official staff.

FREE LECTURES AT FIELD MUSEUM

To supplement the schedule of free illustrated lectures at the Field Museum which was published on the scout page a few weeks ago is the pleasure of the North Shore Area

Council. These lectures are instructive and entertaining. The schedule to Dec. 3, inclusive, is as follows: Nov. 5—The Settlement of Jamestown; mining of soft coal. Nov. 12—The Romance of the Reaper. Nov. 19—From Limestone to Sidewalk; the birth of a Chick; and Three Scouts on the Moonbeam Trail. Nov. 26—Giants of the Grass Family; Down Cape Cod and the Pilgrims. On Dec. 3—Around the Year in the Big Woods; Thrills and Spills; Mysteries of Snow; Skiing in Cloudland; and a Boy's Christmas Gifts.

TEN YEARS OF SCOUT GROWTH

Many references have been made during the past few weeks about the ten-year program of the Boy Scouts of America. Some little bit has been written in definition and explanation of it, but for those who may not be acquainted with its objectives we reprint them in brief:

The objective of the ten-year program of the Boy Scouts of America is to recruit as a minimum 25 percent of all boys becoming twelve years of age and so enriching the program in the individual troop that these same boys will remain in scouting for at least four years. This would ultimately result in the actuality of having "one in every four new male citizens as four-year scout-trained men."

The program was adopted with enthusiasm by over 200 scouters at the "kick off" meeting of the North Shore Area Council last Monday evening.

BOYS LIFE HAS MANY FEATURES

The current issue of Boys Life, the official Boy Scout Magazine, carries with it many interesting features, some of which we recommend are:

"A Bear Chance for Thanksgiving," "An Eye for an Eye," "Who Will Be President," "How to Get a Job," "Flying Upward the Earth," "The Scout World," and "A Hiking with Green Bar Bill," a new monthly feature, and also Dan Beard's scouting section.

These and many other very interesting and worth-while features are written for all boys and especially for scouts.

SCOUT PRESS CLUB MEETS TUESDAY NIGHT

Tuesday night the Boy Scout Press Club of the North Shore Area Council met at dinner in Highland Park for the purpose of transacting current business, including the formal adoption of the constitution and by-laws of the North Shore Area Council Boy Scout Press Club. The business part of the meeting was held in the conference room at the council headquarters, 21 North Sheridan road, Highland Park.

ORDER OF ARROW HOLDS CONFERENCE

The bi-annual regional conference of the Order of the Arrow will be held Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 12 and 13, at the Great Lakes Naval Training Station. Representatives from all over Region Seven will attend and E. Urner Goodman, national director of the division of program, and founder of the order will be the guest of honor. The Order of the Arrow is a national brotherhood of boy scout honor campers in first class councils, the object being to band together those scouts who are most truly living up to the scout ideals and to crystallize their scout habits into a life purpose of leadership and unselfish service to others. The North Shore Area Council has had a chapter of the Order since the inception of Camp Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan in 1929 and expects that it may have a large deputation at the meeting.

HERO SCOUT GETS COMMENDATION LETTER

Scout John Celba of Troop 70, Diamond Lake, has been awarded a letter of commendation by the national court of honor for his heroism in saving the life of a young lad who had fallen through the thin ice on Diamond Lake where they were playing last spring.

Scout Celba, by using his lariat which was around his neck, was able, after endangering his own life, to assist the younger boy to safety. In recognition thereof, the North Shore Area Council made application from the local executive board.

The letter of commendation received from the national headquarters is a beautifully illuminated inscription of Daniel Carter Beard, the national boy scout commissioner.

DEPRESSION—Every week-day the people of the United States spend approximately \$1,000,000 in pennies for newspapers! (Continued on page 23)

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