



# BOY SCOUT NEWS

of the  
North Shore Troops



A regular feature page prepared each week by members of the Boy Scout Press club, North Shore Area Council

## Outlines Functions of Area Council in Aiding Scout Units

The work of the North Shore Area council is an inter-troop service association in which the men from the single troops and the various towns are uniting in a solid front team work to co-operate in the enriching and extending of the Scout program; in aiding institutions which are conducting Scout troops; in strengthening the hand of the volunteer Scout leader and enriching the experience of every Scout.

### EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT

1. Advancement and Court of Honor—Dr. G. B. Lake, chairman. Promote Boards of Review and Courts of Award; to encourage the developing of a rich and extended Scouting experience through an aggressive program of advancement progress.

2. Boys' reading program enrichment, through a better understanding of the recreational and purposeful reading of boys; the promotion of Boys Life and other boy magazines; the cooperation with schools and libraries.

3. Educational information will be given to the public to keep them informed of the Scouting purpose and plans and to help create a better understanding.

4. Leadership training—to promote opportunities for Scout Leaders' growth through bulletins, etc., and to create conditions in which able men will desire to be Scout leaders.

5. Health and Safety—To get across to Scouts and the public generally a fuller appreciation of the importance of the methods of health and safety.

### Finance and Budget Department

An Area Finance Plans committee gives leadership to working out a plan for the securing and disbursing of Council funds in a way that will result in the strongest troops and the most effective experience in a boy's life. This Finance plans committee will co-operate with the local town committee in building its finance committee to carry on its money raising function.

### Program and Activities Department

1. Troop service, to devise ways and means in which the Executive staff and the troop commissioners can render helpful service to the troops in the field.

2. Activities. To plan council activities in such a way as to strengthen the local troop and to enrich the individual Scout's experience.

3. Effective troop organization. To co-operate with Parent Institution sponsoring troops, a troop permanency and effectiveness through functioning Troop Committees; to extend the use of the scouting program to more institutions, and through them to more boys.

4. Civic relationships and service. To encourage the co-operation of troops with civic service and community organizations as units through their patrols or representative Scouts.

5. Sea Scouting, and Older boy activities. To extend and enrich the Sea Scouting program for older boys so as to provide opportunities for continued growth in character and leadership.

## Inter-Patrol Contests Enliven Scout Meeting

Wednesday night, December 5, Troop 30 had a very fine meeting. We had a special contest between two patrols to see which could give the best stunt. George Coates, one of our patrol leaders, who was out to the junior leaders at the Cabin-in-the-Woods, brought us some splendid ideas about games, patrol projects and things that we are working out. For this month, our troop has been working on wood carving as a project, in order that they may get their wood carving Merit Badges. — Irwin Gooswiller.

## Highwood Troop Winner in Three-Town Contest

Troop 37 of the Oak Terrace school, Highwood, walked away with the honors at the Highland Park-Highwood-Lake Forest First Aid rally held at the Episcopal church in Lake Forest Friday evening, December 14. Second place was corralled by Troop 33 of the Lincoln school in Highland Park, and third place by Troop 45 of Lake Forest Episcopal church. The contest was in charge of District Commissioner W. W. Reichardt. District rallies of this kind are held three or four times a year. The next get-together of this district will be in February in connection with a Merit Badge show.

## Kenilworth Trims Evanston in Four-Cornered Contest

In an inter-troop Scoutcraft contest participated in by Troops 3, 5 and 7 of Evanston, and Troop 13 of Kenilworth, North Shore Area council, the Green Neckerchief boys from Kenilworth again came out on top.

While the contest was by no means a walkaway, the Townleyites proved "knowledge of their stuff" particularly in wig-wag, fire by flint and steel, and in drill.

The final standing of points was: Troop 13—28 points; Troop 7—13 points; Troop 3—10 points; Troop 5—3 points.

## Carl MacManus Will Lead Scouts to Winter Camp

Winter camp will open at the Cabin-in-the-Woods, Wednesday morning, December 26, and continue until Saturday afternoon, December 29. The camp will be in charge of Assistant Scout Executive Carl MacManus. The dining room management will be under the direction of an increasingly popular Scout chef George Bersch. Applications are being filed rapidly, indicating the registrations will soon reach capacity. The cabin is limited to twenty-four Scouts.

## Will Display Hundred Hobbies at Show Soon

If you can imagine thirty-eight display tables loaded down with stamps, coins, model airplanes, and dozens of other exhibits of Scout hobbies, you can get a pretty good idea of what the Area-Wide Hobby show, to be held Saturday afternoon and evening, January 26, will look like. A feature of the evening program will be the awards for high rank merit badges for Life, Star and Eagle Scouts.

## Eagle Scout



Robert Charles Reschke, 16 years of age, and a member of Troop 16, Winnetka, recently joined the exalted ranks of Eagle Scouts. Robert is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Reschke, of Winnetka, and a junior at New Trier High school.

## Highland Park, Winnetka Troops Win Honor Ribbons

Troop 33 of Highland Park and Troop 16 and 18 of Winnetka are awarded the Troop Honor Ribbons for the month of November. Six other troops rated high in their standing but not quite high enough to obtain the ribbons. In order to obtain this award, a troop must come up to a high standard in attendance, advancement, outdoor activity, growth and troop committee co-operation. Although the standard is a high one, it is not so high that it will prevent any industrious troop from earning the Ribbon. We are surely proud of the troops receiving the award and look forward to a much larger number of honor troops for December.

## Announce Court of Award Results in Wilmette Units

Results of a Court of Award held in Wilmette, December 15, are announced as follows: First Class, Lowell Comee—Troop 4; Second Class, William Lehle—Troop 4; Second Class, Billy Bowen—Troop 5.

Merit Badges—Troop 2—Arthur W. Jones, music, first aid; Troop 3—Royal Martin, swimming; Troop 4—Oscar Anderson, swimming; Lowell Comee, swimming; Troop 5—Fred Robinson, civics, athletics; Ralph Morris, swimming; Troop 8—Scoutmaster C. E. Palmer, public health, scholarship; Troop 10—Dick Steen, first aid.

The Executive board of the North Shore Scout council, voted at its last meeting to give a testimonial dinner to Scoutmasters and their wives in appreciation of the fine work of the last year. This testimonial dinner will probably be held early in February.

## O. K. Contract for First Buildings at New Campsite

At a meeting of the Executive board of the North Shore Area council, held Tuesday evening, December 11, the Camp committee was authorized to proceed to let the contract for the erection of a mess hall and kitchen building, which will also serve as a general activities center, at the new camp of the North Shore Scout troops, located near Antigo, Wis., known as Camp Ma-ka-ja-wan. Additional buildings, cabins, etc., will be erected before the opening of the camp early next June, but the contract on this main building is being let early in order that materials may be brought on to the ground during the months when the ground is frozen.

## Push Budget Campaign With Augmented Vigor

The twelve towns of the north shore, comprising the North Shore Area council, are engaging in a finance campaign to raise the budget for the Scout year, dating from December 1, 1928 to December 1, 1929. While real progress has been made, a good deal still remains to be done. Many of the campaigns are being conducted by mail, thus slowing up the process. The committee is determined, however, to continue the drive until the funds needed to adequately carry on the work have been secured.

## Scout Leaders Arrange Trip to Michigan Camp

Assistant Scoutmaster Dorland Davis, National Junior Archery champion, Lowell Commee, and Scout Executive Walter McPeck will be the leaders in charge of the North Shore council delegation to Camp Wilderness, near Bridgeman, Mich. Other Scouts already signed up are Davis Lott of Troop 2, Craig Stoddard of Troop 4, Harry Keator and Walter Roberts of Glencoe. A few places are still open.

## Suggest Resolutions for Troops at Entry of 1929

"A still better troop in 1929" is the slogan that has been adopted by many north shore troops. Among the New Year's resolutions suggested by the Council office are:

1. A better advancement program in Scout rank.
2. Scouts themselves learning better leadership and management through stronger patrol work.
3. A more adequate outdoor program of camps and hikes.
4. A more general contact of men of character with boys of promise.

Beginning January 1, the office of the North Shore Area Boy Scout council will be located in the third floor, south of the new addition to the Masonic temple, Highland Park. The entrance to the building is 21 N. Sheridan road.

Father and Son banquets, Parents' nights, etc., are often high spots of the Scouting year of the Scout troop. Many local troops are planning such activities for the latter part of January and during the month of February.