

Main Street, Thursday evening, June 28, between 7 and 9 p. m.

The Elks, in sponsoring this "Hot Rod" Derby, hope to provide wholesome recreation and fun for the youngsters, as well as the grown-ups. Parents of eligible youths are urged to encourage them to enter the Derby.

Strict contest rules have been adopted to assure a safe race.

Library Has Scout Merit Badge Helps

The Little Falls Public Library has recently acquired many new merit badge pamphlets for the purpose of serving Boy Scouts who are working on various merit badge requirements.

In his progress along the "advancement trail", a Boy Scout earns merit badges signifying that he is proficient in different fields.

The purpose of the merit plan is to encourage Scouts to explore many worthwhile fields of interest—scoutcrafts, hobbies, vocational fields, opportunities for personal growth, citizenship participation, and preparation for later life experiences. Also, to help boys find out what kinds of activities they like best and those for which they are best suited physically and mentally. In addition, it gives them training in scouting fundamentals which develop a high code of honor, physical fitness, knowledge, self-reliance, teamwork, and ability to help other people at all times. To list a few of the subjects which a Boy Scout may explore, there are merit badges available for agriculture, architecture, athletics, aviation, botany, first aid, chemistry, citizenship, electricity, fingerprinting, geology, music, journalism, life saving, printing, railroading and surveying. The Little Falls Library has pamphlets available on all of these subjects and many more. In all, there are approximately 100 merit badges available to Boy Scouts.

To become a Star Scout, a boy, in addition to other requirements, must earn 5 merit badges; one from the citizenship group, one from the

campcraft, aquatics outdoor sports or conservation group, and any three additional merit badges. For Life Scout, the next higher rank, a boy must earn a total of 10 merit badges, five required and 5 elective. To become an Eagle Scout, the highest rank, a scout earns a total of 21 merit badges, 16 required, five elective.

Scouts choose subjects they will explore and in most instances, go at them on their own. Many of the requirements make it necessary for boys to do some research on the subject, and while National Scout headquarters publishes booklets containing helpful information, and these are available to Boy Scouts at cost, to purchase all of these booklets would be rather expensive for the individual boy. In order that these booklets may be available to all interested Boy Scouts and their leaders, the Little Falls Public Library has secured a fairly complete file of merit badge pamphlets, any of which may be borrowed in the same manner as any other library book. The only requirements are that the person borrowing a booklet have a regular library card. If anyone wishing to borrow a booklet does not have a library card, it is simply a matter of registering at the library and making out an application for a card. If under 14 years of age, the application must be signed by parent or guardian.

Utica Youth Picked Up In Palatine For Stealing An Auto

William W. Burnop, 16, of Utica, was arrested at 5:30 Tuesday morning on Route 5 in Palatine Bridge on a charge of grand larceny, second degree, and was turned over to the Utica police.

The youth, state police said, admitted stealing an automobile in Utica at 10 o'clock Monday night.

Troopers William Wolfe and Martin of the Fonda sub-station saw Burnop hitchhiking and stopped to question him. He received a report on the spot and learning the youth was from Utica the troopers questioned him about the car.

The youth, police said, admitted stealing the car and was afterward picked up through the aid of a girl, all over 16 years of age, who stated that after the