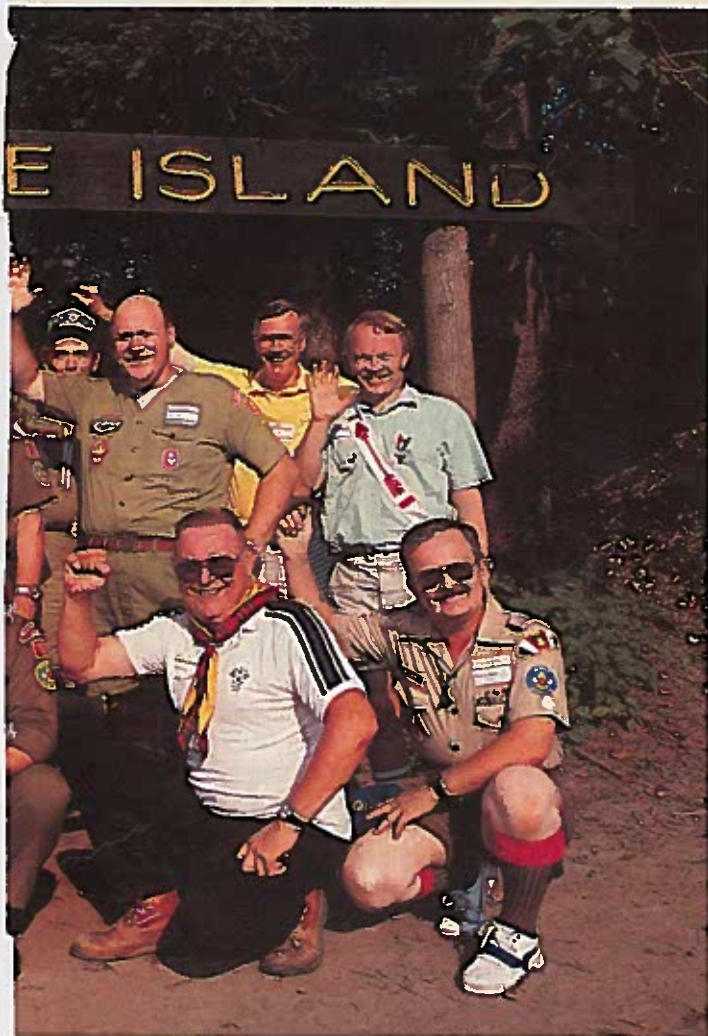
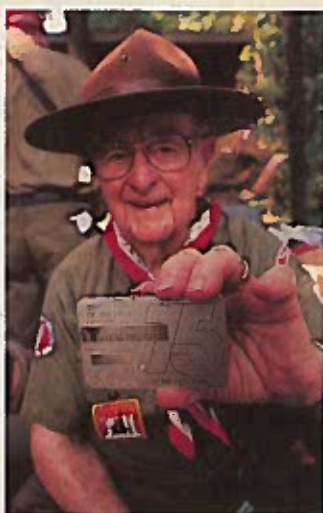


75 Years



Percival Sax, 86, tells campers that Treasure Island hasn't changed much since 1919.



(Top) Sid Moskoff, left, and Joseph J. McCoy, remember the 1930s. (Above) Former council executive "Mac" Privette also served 75 years in Scouting.



(Above) It's been more than 50 years since Albert Suite, of Resica Falls, Pa., was a young camper at Treasure Island. A display of old uniforms helped bring back fond memories for him and 574 other former campers from 14 states at the reunion.

The reunion-goers included octogenarians like Paul Knauf and Percival Sax Jr., who had been at Treasure Island in 1919, and youngsters not yet in their twenties who had been on staff last year. They came from 14 states, including such distant points as California, Texas, and Florida. Herb Seidelman, who first camped there in 1930 and was a staff member for six full summers,

made the longest pilgrimage, coming from California.

Even those who had not set foot on Treasure Island for more than a half-century felt right at home. Recalling the island the summer after World War I ended, 86-year-old Percival Sax Jr. said, "The camp was most remarkably like it is today." He was a newly-minted Eagle Scout just shy of his 18th birthday when, in his unofficial role as assistant Scoutmaster, he brought eight Scouts from Troop 162 of Philadelphia's Overbrook Presbyterian Church for two weeks of camping. Oh, there have been some changes, of course. "The dining hall then was not as large," he said. "It had wooden trusses inside, and an artist friend of ours made beautiful merit badge stencils and we covered the crossbeams with those stencils," he remembered.

Percival Sax's last visit to Treasure Island had been in 1928, but several of the reunion-goers had camped there nearly every year since the mid-1920s.