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- 1913 A 5 year lease was signed for Ridge's Island, which at the time was owned by Oscar G. Worman, Scoutmaster of Troop 46, and "Treasure Island" was named. Board rate: \$3.50 per week.
- 1914 A new "Mess Hall" was built. The artesian well was drilled for a water supply.
- 1915 E. Umer Goodman, Field Commissioner of Philadelphia Council was appointed Camp Director. Carroll A. Edson was in charge of the commissary. The Order of the Arrow, originally know as the Wiemachtendienk Society, was founded by Goodman and Edson. Its first induction ceremony took place on July 16th.
- 1916 Friday night ceremonial (Recognition Campfire) became a tradition. Cable ferry to the New Jersey shore was inaugurated. The camp season was shortened to one (1) week due to an outbreak of infantile paralysis on the East coast.
- 1917 City Hall was built to replace administrative tents. Paths and roads were made and trees were planted. A camp paper was printed in Frenchtown, NJ. A Scout Instruction Course was established to teach Scouts regularly, each morning. This season camp lasted ten weeks and was attended by 70 "officers," 50 Troops and 508 Scouts.
- 1918 (World War I) Edward Bok, publisher of The Ladies Home Journal, volunteered a gift sufficient to purchase the camp for the Philadelphia Council. Boy Scouts of America. During a visit Mr. Bok remarked, "Think of how many boys may continue to enjoy this camp year after year long into the future." A boy Mayor was elected each week and a superintendent of police and directors of various bureaus were appointed each week to keep the camp clean and in good shape. A log cabin was erected as the first Nature Museum.
- 1919 On April 17th, the Treasure Island purchase was completed with a \$4000 donation by Mr. Edward Bok. After returning from the war, Umer Goodman becomes Scout Executive and was appointed Camp Director. Horace P. Kern established the Annual Scouters weekend at TI pre-camp opening. Goodman composed the TI song "By the River that Surrounds Thee." Summer Camp cost \$5.00 per Scout camping with their unit, \$5.50 for unattached Scouts. Camp capacity of 300 was set.
- 1920 A nine (9) week camp season was established and attended by 1332 Scouts and leaders. Unami Lodge House was financed and built by members of the Wiemachtendienk Society. The Mess Hall was renovated. Mr. Goodman and Mr. Kern compile and publish the first TI Song Book.

- 1922 A new cable ferry was built, the Nature Museum was remodeled and the Wiemachtendienk Society's ceremonial grounds, in the South woods, were improved; electricity was installed; an addition to City Hall was built; Kiwanis Craft Lodge and the Catholic Chapel were built; the wooden flag pole was replaced by a steel flag pole; the Goodman stockade fence and a pump house were erected; thousands of trees were planted; the Mess Hall was replaced with steel and concrete and the concrete stairway to TI was built.
- 1923 Staff "Quads" snacks built.
- 1925 The Indian Lore program began as an activity feature by Wallace L. Root, Troop 46, who was Philadelphia's representative to the 2nd World Jamboree in Copenhagen, Denmark (1924). At this time there was no Indian Lore merit badge.
- 1926 "The Treasure Island Scout", a weekly publication which sold for five cents, contained Indian and Nature articles by Rufus T. Davis, Horace "Shorty" Rolston and Norman MacDonald.
- 1927 Tree seedling nursery established in the field North of City Hall by Rufus T. Davis. The Pine trees along Pine Road were transplanted from this nursery. The Wiemachtendienk Society was renamed The Order of the Arrow.
- 1928 Eagle Scout Paul Siple of Erie, PA was selected to represent BSA on Admiral Byrd's first expedition to Antarctica, where he invents the "wind chill factor" now used in weather forecasting. He later (1930's) kept his Vigil at the Devil's Tea Table.
- 1929 "Boy Weeks" increased to 3,215.
- 1930 "The Council Log", a daily publication was produced. The "Skyline Trail", part of the Appalachian Trail in NJ, was established as a regular weekly activity by the Outdoor Department. A special service in memory of Edward Bok was held at TI.
- 1931 A new Nature Lodge near the Staff Quads was erected and the Quartermaster's Lodge was also built.
- 1932 The "Mess Hall" was reconstructed and renamed "Dining Hall."
- 1934 National recognition was accorded the Order of the Arrow. Ted Goodman, son of E. Umer Goodman, was inducted into Unami Lodge, Order of the Arrow.