

# Unami Welcomes National Arrow

## Local Lodge Celebrates

**T**REASURE Island Camp, the birthplace of the *Order of the Arrow*, will be the meeting ground where delegates and visitors to the convention from the 59 lodges throughout the country will gather on September 5, 6, 7 to elect officers and members of the National Executive Committee, conduct rituals and make resolutions along with the many other activities to take place.

Unami, the local lodge, will send eleven delegates to the convention, Horace P. Kern, Richard F. Gregory, Bernard J. Klein, Charles G. Pilkington, John Morris, Ralph Lutz, Allen B. Smith, George I. Oeste, Edward L. Love, George Gordon and Bengt O. Hallbergson. Also along with these there will be a group of visitors, members of the Unami, many of whom will be on committees and whose duty it will be to make sure that the lodge is a perfect host.

Delegates and visitors will be taken from the city to the island in cars furnished by the transportation committee. At the island the delegates will be met by members of the reception committee who will assign them to campsites and complete the necessary registration. Then a group of local members will show the visitors the beauty spots of the island and,

by short trips and hikes, the surrounding countryside.

Once the delegate is completely settled after his arrival it will be about time for the first session which will include an introduction of the delegates and a statement of plans for the convention. Swim, colors and dinner will be followed by the pre-ordeal ceremony in the evening, conducted by Unami Lodge.

On Sunday morning there will be Catholic and Protestant services and then the delegates may elect to go to one of nine groups on different lodge services. These

will continue during the morning and again after dinner, followed by a recreational period and interview of the ordeal honor candidates. Then swim, colors and supper, with the conferring of the ordeal honor in the evening and closing the day with a big lawn party.

The vigil honor will be conferred early Monday morning before the second session of the meeting at which officers and members of the National Executive Committee will be nominated and elected. The sessions will close after lunch on Monday afternoon.

### Charter Unami Members

1. E. Urner Goodman
2. Carrol A. Edson
3. Robert Craicy
4. Gilpin Allen
5. Edward Pilkington
6. Robert Gordon
7. W. C. McCullough
8. Auguston Wainwright
9. N. J. McConnell
10. Edward Krein
11. Walter Marshbank
12. Joseph Simon

back over the Skyline Trail, an overnight hike taken from the island, in order to record the life on the trail. Those who have taken the Skyline Trail know that it is no joke when it is taken with just a pack and that the work represented in carrying a camera is immense. This incident merely carries out the ideal of cheerful service which the lodge tries to carry out: The member who undertook this job was only thinking of the value of the work that he was doing and not of the work itself.

It was in April 1933 that it was announced that all arrangements for the printing of the *Handbook for Boys* in Braille for blind scouts had been completed. To many this announcement was merely the statement of a fact. To the service committee of the lodge it was the culmination of months of planning, of many arrangements, and a great deal of work. At one time it was thought necessary to send to France in order to get a press to print the Braille. This is only one instance of the lengths to which the committee was willing to go to if it was necessary. The work however was finally done by the American Printing House for the Blind. Even after everything was ready as far as the printing was concerned it was still necessary to edit the handbook so that a blind scout could understand it without the use of diagrams such as those for the requirement in knots. The project was finally finished and today the lives of a great number of blind boys are being widened in scope because of it.

As soon as word was received of the surety of the Braille handbook the service committee was no longer content to sit back and wait for another idea. It

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## A Bit Of History

**I**T WAS in 1915 that the brotherhood of cheerful service was first thought of as an organization conceived and dedicated to the ideal of unselfish service. The first few years of the organization are rather hazy as we look back because the young infant was just learning to take its first steps and was then in no condition to enter into any projects for others.

In June 1924, a bulletin was issued telling the scouts of Philadelphia of a new cup to be awarded at the spring court of honor. This bulletin carried with it the requirements which had to be met before it could be won. Conspicuous among these was a heading, SERVICE. Under this was the following: "(a) Doing good turns; Welfare Federation work; aiding calls of scout headquarters, etc. (b) Collecting and distributing Thanksgiving and

Christmas baskets; collecting clothing, etc.; and community good turns." With this announcement Unami Lodge, Wilmach-tendienk W. W. first publicly dedicated itself to service. It was only the first of many times to follow.

The lodge continued its efforts toward continued and unostentatious service until June 1931 when it was decided that a motion picture of Treasure Island and its surroundings should be made. This film was made at the first opportunity and many troops throughout the city have found occasion to be thankful that it was available. It has been used a great many times to show parents just what Treasure Island looks like and the things which go on while a scout is on it. It might be mentioned that one of the members carried an extremely heavy camera on his

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# Convention At Treasure Island

## Twenty-First Birthday

**M**OVE that we give to the National Lodge executive committee an invitation to hold the national meeting of the *Order of the Arrow* at Treasure Island."

And so it was that Unami Lodge embarked upon the most difficult task of its history, that of playing host to 300 delegates of the 59 lodges scattered throughout the country.

And it was merely coincidence that Unami Lodge should encompass this undertaking on the anniversary year which celebrates its coming of age. Once again the originators of the order will foregather on the identical ground upon which it was created. And, when the gathering will come to watch again the familiar ritual as some new scout takes upon himself the obligations which membership entails, perhaps they will think of that night twenty-one years ago when on the same ground twelve men, under the light of the friendly stars, took the same obligations.

Little did these men think that some day the little fraternity begun by them would stretch over the entire country and that membership in the Order of the Arrow, Wimachtendienk W. W. would be regarded as one of the highest honors which a scout can attain.

When E. Urner Goodman and Carrol Edson decided to create the new organization to perpetuate the traditions and ideals of the camp from season to season, they were at a loss to name it. They brought their problem to Shorty Rolston to whom they entrusted the task. Shorty wended his way to the Pennsylvania Historical Society at Thirteenth and Locust streets and secured several names which he believed appropriate. It is an old story of how he was suspected of being a German spy, due to the troubled war times, when he attempted to wireless the names to Treasure Island. It was only after explaining his purpose that the names of the fraternity were allowed to go through. On the island the selection was completed and the Wimachtendienk W. W., later to be called the Order of the Arrow, came into existence.

In the beginnings of the order the first official robes were made by the wife of a nearby farmer and the members wore black bands with white stripes instead of the now familiar white band with a red arrow.

It was remarkable that in the midst of the organization of such an exclusive society that the founders did not lose sight of the ideals of democracy. Thus it

was that the *Order of the Arrow* has the reputation of being the only organization of its kind known in which the members are elected by the non-members. In this manner more than one hundred boys have entered the Unami Lodge for every year of its existence. At the present time there are approximately eight hundred active members in the lodge.

It was in 1920 that the lodge felt that it should have a house of its own on the grounds where it originated. They financed and built the Unami Lodge on Treasure Island and have made extensive improvements during the years until now

all visitors make it an object for their remarks. During the past year the members have financed the reconditioning of an old farmhouse at the Charles D. Hart scout reservation to have a similar lodge there. These two lodges are available to troops with members of the lodge for winter week-end camping.

And so it is that Unami Lodge is interwoven with the *Order of the Arrow* as a whole so tightly as to be indistinguishable. It is fitting that the infant grown up to become a man should invite the whole country to help it celebrate its coming of age.

### Unami Facts

#### PAST CHIEFS

E. Urner Goodman  
George W. Chapman  
Harry Yoder  
Earl W. Stevenson  
W. Coulter Gallagher  
Al Nichols  
Albert L. Borkow, jr.  
Francis C. Schluth  
H. Lloyd Nelson  
Joseph N. Pattison, III  
William S. Pattison  
Leonard Tieman  
Donald Ewing  
George J. Baker  
Charles G. Pilkington  
George H. Keller  
William W. Braunwarth  
George I. Oeste

#### OFFICERS OF UNAMI LODGE

Horace P. Kern, Supreme Chief of the Fire  
Thomas G. Cairns, Chief of the Fire  
Richard Gregory, Chief  
Jeffrey S. Riddle, Executive Scribe  
Mark J. Skeffington, Treasurer

#### COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

Charles Krause, Activities  
James Duncan, House  
Roy Imsick, Service

#### TRUSTEES

George J. Baker  
William W. Braunwarth  
George I. Oeste

#### TROOP CHAPTERS

Troop	Chief	Troop	Chief
27	Bernard J. Klein	66	Samuel Weiss
33	Malcolm D. Farland	70	Edwin W. Runyan
113	Edward Given	350	Ralph Lake
115	John Morris	49	Jack M. Irons
159	Joseph Sataloff	67	Charles Gordon
172	Bernard M. Weinberg	226	Harold Oetzey
223	William Wilson, jr.	227	William Innes
257	Paul B. Miller	307	William J. Fendt
260	Samuel Cadwallader	306	J. Franklin Selgruth
48	Albert Anderman, jr.	195	Irvin G. Rosen
188	Franklin Lanning		



# Helps and Hints About Books

by Charles Strecker, 376

I RECEIVED a letter a few days ago from a fellow scout who requested a list of books he could read during the remaining summer months. I quote this letter, not because it is written by a fellow asking for a book list, but because of the excellent suggestion he makes for spending one or two hours every mid-day when it is too hot to indulge in a very exerting occupation. Naturally he wishes to read books which are both exciting and interesting, and below is the list which I sent him. All these books are obtainable in the public libraries.

Sutters Gold, by Cendrars

King of the Range, by Frank Austin

All Quiet on the Western Front, by Erich Remarque

The Apache Trail, by George Rodney Biggers

Boss of the Lazy V, by Charles A. Seltzer

## Unami History (concluded)

Unami work immediately on a new idea, camping and hiking manual to be given free of charge to all the troops in Philadelphia. This manual has been of great help to many troops in forming their outdoor programs. A second edition issued by the Philadelphia council came out last spring to further the work already done by the Unami Lodge. The next time you go on a hike find out if your way has been made easier by the use of this guide.

Almost on the heels of the announcement concerning the hiking and camping manual came the decision to do extensive reforestation on Treasure Island, the home of the lodge. This project was carried out and is a living monument to the spirit of service with which it was done. Much comment has been received upon the value of this work to the appearance of the camp.

At the end of 1934, in order to more effectively carry out the idea of service, it was made possible for smaller groups to be formed, called chapters, which could carry on in individual troops. The entire service work of Unami Lodge is now carried on in this way. Unami Lodge is always seeking new ideas, new projects of work, and new accomplishments. The members are willing to try anything if in some way it will help others or make a task easier for someone.

Barries Ranch, by Hoffman Birney  
Death on the Diamond, by Cortland Fitzsimmons

Montana Rides Again, by Evan Evans  
Trail of Danger, by William MacLeod Raine

Lonesome Ranch, by Charles A. Seltzer

Lonesome Trail, by B. M. Bower  
Mystery Range, by Charles A. Seltzer  
North of 36, by Emerson Hough  
Roaring River, by William MacLeod Raine

Sea Wolf, by Jack London

Trader Horn, by Aloysius Horn  
Sorrell and Son, by Warwick Deeping  
There are also some fellows who will want to spend most of their vacation brushing up on the different phases of scoutcraft. The old timers in scouting had to rely on their creative ability and imagination to make such things as tents and shelters and they had a hard time obtaining the books which they needed to get information for bird study and flower study. Today we have countless numbers of books and pamphlets on all phases of scoutcraft.

Those interested in building shelters or in outdoor life will find these three books the best obtainable.

Shelters, Shacks and Shanties, by Daniel Carter Beard, \$1.75

Book of Camping and Woodcraft, by Horace Kephart, \$2.50

American Boys' Handbook of Camp Lore and Woodcraft, by Daniel Carter Beard, \$1.00

These books are listed in the supply catalog as numbers 3553, 3547A and 3634.

Those having trouble with their scoutcraft will find the tenderfoot, second, and first class helps of great value. Their catalog numbers are 3371, 3022, 3021.

For information about books write Charles Strecker at 249 S. 16th Street.

## Have You Ever Visited Billy Penn?

WHAT would happen if lightning ever struck Billy Penn, perched so high atop City Hall Tower? Absolutely nothing! . . . for he has already been struck three times, and the only thing he can show for it is a smile of defiance!

"On three occasions," emphasized genial Jim Skeany, our tower guide, "has Penn been hit by lightning bolts . . . and yet no damage has ever resulted."

"How far can these footlights at the base of the tower be seen on a clear night?" queried a young man.

"On exceptionally clear nights, I should say at least twenty to twenty-five miles. On occasion they have been reported to have been seen as far away as thirty miles!"

It requires two elevators to reach the tower. City Hall proper is only seven stories high.

"We're now passing the famous City Hall clock," announces our guide, "and it is twenty-six feet in diameter; it is more than four stories high." Soon the elevator comes to a halt. "Hold on to your hats," we are cautioned as we step out to the "catwalk." A real "bird's eye view it is, as if looking down from an airplane. A stiff breeze is blowing, adding color to the scene.

One of the first surprises the visitor learns is this: The "figures" on the face

of the clock are not numerals. They are huge black blocks six feet high. The clock can be seen for a distance of five miles.

Five hundred persons daily visit the tower. Or about one hundred thousand annually.

"Are most visitors out-of-towners?" I asked the guide. "Not by a long shot, they're mostly Philadelphians!" Here another illusion was shattered, for almost everyone thinks that it is chiefly strangers to the city who visit Father Penn.

"Has anyone ever attempted suicide from this vantage point?"

"To date we have been singularly fortunate in that respect," attested our escort, "for compared to other famous heights this is an unusual fact and we are in a class by ourselves."

The query most frequently heard is this: "Why don't you install nickel-in-the-slot telescopes here, as they do on all other skyscrapers?"

Billy Penn is five hundred and ninety-six feet from the ground. The statue itself is thirty-seven feet high. Cast of copper alloy, it weighs fifty-three thousand, five hundred and twenty-three pounds, and is greenish gray in color, rust and erosion proof.

The tower is open to visitors the year round, between the hours of 9:00 a. m. and 4:00 p. m., Monday to Friday.