



Slipcover to "Fun and Service", the history of the Miami Valley Council from 1910 (before the council was founded until 1968, the 50th Anniversary of the Council. The slipcover was drawn by Milton Caniff, who had been a Scout in the council, before becoming famous as a cartoonist. The three characters are a Scout in the uniform of 1918, the year the council was founded, another Scout in the uniform of 1968, when the book was completed, and Kit Cricket, the mascot of Cricket Holler, and later of the Woodland Trails Scout Reservation, the first successful comic character drawn by Milton Caniff.



Photograph of Curtis Shaw, the first Eagle Scout from the Miami Valley Council. He and Milton Caniff have prominent roles in the early history of the Miami Valley Council. This photo faces the title page in Fun and Service.

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A 60 year history of Boy Scouts of America in the Miami Valley Council

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Title page to : "Fun and Service".

The dedication, on the following page reads:

Dedicated to all the boys, men and women who have been touched by Scouting since it began in the Miami Valley many years ago, but especially

... to Chief or Whitey, a "typical" Scouter whose broad smile, twinkling eyes, effervescent humor and complete dedication to Scouting have inspired scores of others and whose amazing memory provided most of the information for the early years of the council (Perle Whitehead, Scout Executive 1923 to 1936)

... and to Milt, a "typical" Scout, the spark plug of his Troop and of the Council Camp as a boy, world-famous in his chosen profession, always ready and eager to contribute his valuable time and tremendous talent to any request Scouting has ever made of him (Milton Caniff)

Slipcover Text:

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Any Scout or Scout leader in the Miami Valley will enjoy and herish this book. It traces the fun and service of Scouting from its early days in Dayton before the boy Scouts of America was founded in 1910 as a result of a good turn performed by an English Boy Scout in London.

In that same tradition of service an unknown Dayton boy later helped a strange woman carry her heavy basket-full of groceries, turned down a proffered tip with "Scouts do not take money for a good turn", and brought to Scouting a man who served as president of the council in this area longer than any other.

Fascinating stories of the early days of Scouting, including the dramatic test of bridge-building contests by driving a Model T Ford across each as it was finished; the Council's first Canadian trip with the Scout Executive and 30 Scouts stranded in St. Ignace, Michigan without funds; a fire by friction demonstration on board a ferry that almost caused a panic; the excitement which brought a sheriff's deputies, armed to the teeth, scampering after moonshiners, only to "capture" hot dogs and biscuits; the lost pants of America's Chief Scout Executive and how they were rescued in the nick of time; Scouts as heroes receiving three gold medals for life saving in a single year; a sterling visit from Lord Baden-Powell, founder of the Boy Scouts; Orville Wright's service to boys as counselor for Cycling and Aviation merit badges; the founding of America's Soap Box Derby as a Scouting project in Dayton; the great treasure hunt of 1934; the million-dollar effort to purchase Woodland Trails, and a reflection, through the long spans of service, of the hold that Scouting as over boys and leader alike.

Illustrated by America's favorite, Milton Caniff, who makes his personal appearance in the history as "Blue Dog" Caniff, one of hte "Crew of the Cuspidor", life guards at Camp Cricket Holler, the name Milt himself submitted as a young Scout in the name-the-camp contest in 1921. The illustrations include priceless "early Caniffs" drawn in his Scouting days.

Much of the early content of the book has been dredged from the prodigious memory of Perle L. Whitehead who served the Council as Scoutmaster and a member of the professional staff of the Council from 1920 to 1936.

Numerous contributors have collaborated in material for the book, edited by the History Committee of the Council.