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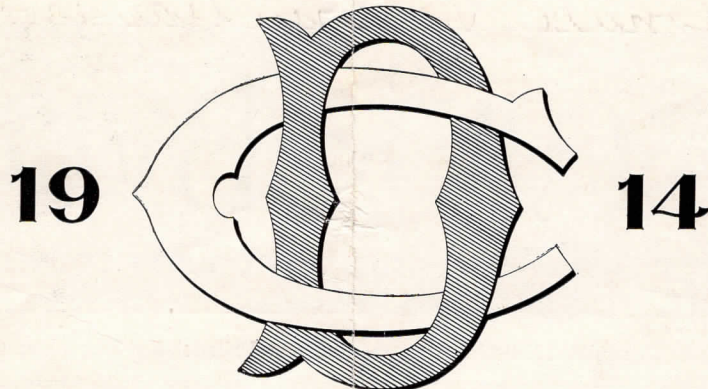
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FOR THE RED GODS MAKE
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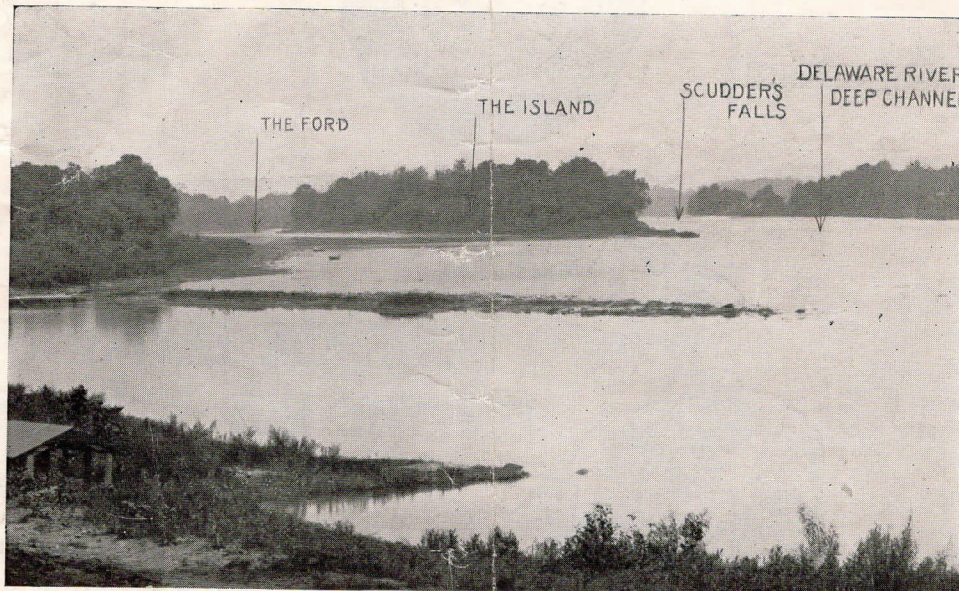


A BIGGER AND A BETTER CAMP

Open to REGISTERED SCOUTS of Delaware and Montgomery Counties.

REGISTER NOW at County Headquarters

CAMP OPENS MONDAY, JULY 6th, CLOSES AUGUST 29th



White's Island, Delaware River, 5 miles above Trenton, N. J.

Camp Staff

Stephen S. Aplin, Director.
Robert G. Goodman, Associate Director.
Dr. Philip S. Kitchen, Camp Surgeon.
William D. Lynch, Commissary.
Joseph B. Robinson, Cook.

AIDES

Camp Scribe (to be appointed).
Camp Bugler (to be appointed).

Camp Radio operator (to be appointed).

Cook's Helper (to be appointed)

Camp Committee

Robert Deardon, Jr., Chairman.
Louis S. Clark.
Dr. Philip G. Kitchen, M. D.
William L. Saunders, 2nd.
William L. Fox.
John B. Simpson.
George H. Weidner.

SPECIAL FEATURES FOR 1914

Radio station

Over night hikes.

Three day trips, hiking and canoe.

Two weeks with Dan Beard in Pike County.

Visits to Princeton and its college.

New Jersey State Capitol and State House.

Hikes to Bowman's Hill, of Capt. Kidd fame.

Canoe trips on Lehigh and Belvidere Canals.

Camp efficiency contest for challenge trophies.

Visits by the members of the Councils and committees of the Counties.

Instruction in Scoutcraft by Staff Forester, Woodsman, Surgeon, Ornithologist.

New fleet of boats.

Diving float.

New landing and Cable Ferry.

Water system for kitchen and wash benches.



Use of canoes restricted to boys who can swim 100 yards with clothes on, and prove ability to properly handle and care for a canoe

CAMP RULES

..The fewer the rules made, the less there will be broken. Only such as are absolutely necessary for the safety and welfare of the campers are established ones and are as follows:

- I. No firearms allowed in camp.
- II. No smoking allowed in camp.
- III. No swimming except at the regular periods when supervision will be provided. Any boy breaking this rule will be sent home at once.

Scouts are expected to observe the Scout Law and Oath and make it their standard of conduct.

WANTED FOUR AIDES FOR CAMP DELMONT

The appointment of Aides for the following positions will be considered on June 4th, by the Camp Committee:

Camp Scribe, Camp Bugler, Camp Radio Operator, Cook's Helper.

Applicants must make application for the position to Stephen S. Aplin, Camp Director, 925 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, before May 30th.



Three 1913 Camp Delmont Aides

Applicants must be Registered First Class Scouts in good standing, holding Merit Badges in the special duty assigned them, namely, Scribe—business; Bugler—bugling; Radio operator—signalling; Cook's helper—cooking. The aides appointed will join the Pioneer Squad assigned to make camp ready and must be prepared to serve about June 22nd, and remain through the entire camp season if desired. Aides will be provided board and accommodations during their term of service.



Field Telegraph at Camp

ARTICLES TO TAKE TO CAMP

Scout suit and extra suit; heavy pair of shoes; woolen sweater or heavy coat; two extra suits underwear; two extra pairs stockings; pajamas; handkerchiefs and bandana; pair heavy woolen blankets (blankets can be bought through headquarters at wholesale rates from \$1.75 a pair, loaned at 25 cents per week; rubber blanket—poncho or oil cape, rubber will do, but is not so good; two large Turkish towels and two small ones; sneakers, or moccasins; comb and brush; toilet soap



Bird Study at Camp Delmont under the direction of Delos E. Culver of the Academy of Natural Sciences. Mr. Culver will attend Camp Delmont this year.

and case; tooth brush and paste; four large safety pins for pinning blankets together at night; two soft shirts; jersey (sleeveless); bathing suit; cotton bag (about 3x5) to be stuffed with straw for mattress; pencil; Scout tannual; diary.

ARTICLES DESIRABLE BUT NOT NECESSARY.

Writing paper and post cards; note book or diary, camera, small mirror, dirty clothes bag, clothes brush, cheap watch, flash lamp, pannikin, knife, fork and spoon, matches in water proof box, musical instrument if you play one, fountain pen, extra pants preferably Scout shorts and long stockings, pocket compass, fishing tackle, Scout knife and axe, haversack, twine, needles and thread.

Each Scout should make a list of his articles.

Start early to get your equipment ready for Camp. County Headquarters will give you ideas in purchasing your equipment.

REGISTRATION FOR CAMP

A number of troops have made registration for camp and part of the time has its full limit of eighty Scouts. It is very desirous that application be made early as it may be necessary to readjust the time to accommodate the troop. Remember that "first come, first served" is the rule that will govern assignments. Let Headquarters know as early as possible what time you desire and the number of Scouts likely to attend. Registration blanks for the Scouts on application.

CAMP FEES

Registered Scouts, \$3.50 per week.

Less than a week, 60 cents per day.]

Single meals, 35 cents.

Meals and sleeping accommodation, \$1.50 per day.



Method Used by Jenkintown Troop 1 to Qualify for Camp Delmont 1914

Scouts of this Troop to be eligible for camp this summer under the plan discussed by the Scout Master at the meeting of April 17th, must fulfill the following conditions, which extend between April 17th and June 26th, inc.:

Attendance at no less than 10 of the 11 meetings. Sickness or absence from town will be the only excuses permitted.



"Music hath charms." Bring your musical instruments to Camp

Tenderfeet must pass all tests for Second Class; Second Class Scouts must pass First Class tests; First Class Scouts must earn at least three Merit Badges. All Scouts must pass the swimming test, know how to resuscitate a person from drowning, and pass First Class test for signalling.

Every Scout must take a hike, either with another Scout or with his patrol, of a total distance of not less than ten miles in one day. A report and sketch map of territory covered is to be made.

Every Scout must report at least one good turn a week.

Needless to say every Scout must live up to the Scout Oath and Scout Laws.

Each Scout must do his part in the preparation and carrying out of such entertainment as may be authorized for Camp Aid. Each patrol is requested to prepare such Scout feats as would be interesting at such entertainments.

And lastly, the Scout Master urges upon every Scout the desirability of going to camp with a full complement of three patrols with Senior Patrol Leader, Bugler and two flag-bearers. Get busy and swell the Troop to the full "War Strength."

Each Scout is to make his report each week to the patrol leader, who shall keep a full and orderly record of work done. Patrol leaders will report to the Executive Committee.

By order of the
TROOP EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Approved:

D. K. BULLENS, Scout Master.



1914 Camp Contests

A new series of events and activities will be lined up for Camp Delmont 1914, and announced as early as possible.

Opportunity will be given every camper to try for Camp letters C. D.; Distinguished Scout Badge; Honor Scout and Troop Trophies.

Suggestions of events suitable for the contest will be welcomed by the Camp Committee



Camp Delmont Ferry, 1913, to be replaced by a cable ferry and good docks for 1914

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Editor's Note

Scout Charles M. Luce was a member of Scout Executive Aplin's Troop in Utica four years ago. He was one of the first Merit Badge Scouts in the country, and still has a great interest in the Scout work. He is exceptionally gifted with the pen in rhyme and art. The design on the front page of this number is his work and is the most attractive and original we have presented our readers. We hope to have more of his work.

A GOOD SECOND CLASSER

The young tenderfoot, when he first goes to camp,
Complains like an infant and fights like a scamp,
And is awful afraid of his feet getting damp,
Ere he acts like a good second classer.

Though by looks you new campers are awfully green,
Just open your eyes and see what's to be seen,
And shut up your mouths and you'll know what I mean,
By being a good second classer.

To begin with, quit throwing your togs on the ground:

And get over leaving your mess-kit around,
Because, when you want it 'tis hard to be found,

By even a good second classer.



Be ready to answer when 'sembly blows;
And when you hear reveille, pull on your clothes;
And if a cold night doesn't end all your woes,
You'll soon be a good second classer.

Be sure to get in at each cold morning swim;
And wash up your face; at the line-up be trim;
And enter the games with a rush and a vim,
And act like a good second classer.

Obey your superiors; don't try to shirk,
Though they keep you a-jumping from dawn until mirk.

I know you'll get tired, but you'll learn how to work—

To work like a good second classer.

Now when you are taking that fire-lighting test,

A green stick won't burn, though you blow it your best.

If you do your part, trust the match for the rest,

And sweat like a good second classer.

And when you are showing them how much you know

Concerning the semaphore business, go slow;

And hold up your angles distinctly, just so,

And you'll soon be a good second classer.



And when you are passing the test in First Aid
And showing the men how a stretcher is made,
Just act like a doctor and do as your's bade,
And work like a good second classer.

When you go through the tracking, and run the Scout's pace,
Remember the motto, "More speed and less haste,"

For the more wind you lose, the more time you waste,

Which is not like a good second classer.

SCOUT CHARLES M. LUCE,
Utica, N. Y.

LANSDALE CABIN DEDICATION AND RALLY

Lehigh Valley Transit Co. cars connect at Chestnut Hill with City lines. Fare 50c round trip.

They also connect at 69th Street with Subway-Elevated. Fare 86c round trip; 75c round trip if tickets are bought in strips of ten.

Frequent trains leave Reading Terminal for Lansdale. The train leaving Terminal at 8.30 Saturday morning will arrive in time to meet for parade; 80 cents round trip using 26 trip ticket.

Troops arriving Friday by trolley, either route, alight at Mt. Vernon Street and follow directions to camp site.

Troops arriving Saturday alight at railway station and report to officer there.

Good camping sites will be provided for troops desiring to come Friday, if notification will be given one week in advance.

Upon reaching the grounds, Scout Masters or those in charge will report and register at Headquarters.

Judges and other officials will wear appropriate badges.

Recall: Clear field for event to follow.

First Call: Entrants report at starting flag.

All signals for starting events will be by pistol.

THE LANSDALE SCOUT CABIN

The grove in which the Cabin is located is given by Charles Jenkins for the boys care and use. It covers about ten acres and contains trees which are over 200 years old. The cabin is located in a clearing on the southern edge of this woods. Laurel and rhododendron and associated trees as the yellow and white pines, hemlock, and spruce have been brought by the boys from the mountains and planted about the cabin. One end of the cabin is set off by curtains as a library. This room is 13 feet x 21 feet, and contains a nine-foot Dutch bench and table made by the boys and finished in stain and wax. The lamp also is home-made. The southern end contains a room of the same size. Equipped with cooking stove and extension table, it is used for the culinary



The following bugle calls sounded by Headquarters bugle will be used:

Assembly: Prepare for activities.

Adjutant's: Scout Masters to Headquarters.

Recall: Each troop returns to its site.

Mess: Prepare for meals.

The sounding of bugles or drums except in parade and specialties event is prohibited.

REGULATIONS FOR MEET

All entries shall be sent to W. S. Slifer, Scout Master, Lansdale, Pa. as soon as possible and not later than May 9th, 1914.

In making entries for events 1, 2, 3 and 5, different boys must be used in order to bring out efficiency of troops rather than the individual.

need of the troop. The central portion is open clear to the roof. It contains the gymnastic apparatus and piano, and will be the general living and meeting place. The second floor over the south end contains a carpenter's bench, and is being fitted with lockers which will hold individual effects as well as troop duffle. The opposite end second floor contains twenty-four bunks. All are being furnished with mattresses, and will be the individual property of those boys who by their continued good effort brought the building to its successful culmination. With the coming of spring various vines will be planted about the building, and the grounds will be fitted up as this type of building would suggest.

"BE PREPARED RALLY"

National Scout Commissioner Daniel C. Beard
Guest of Honor

Every Scout and Officer who attended the Rally at Swarthmore on Saturday, March 28, will treasure in their memories the events of that afternoon when the National Commissioner spent three hours instructing, inspecting and entertaining the seventy Scouts and Officers who assembled.

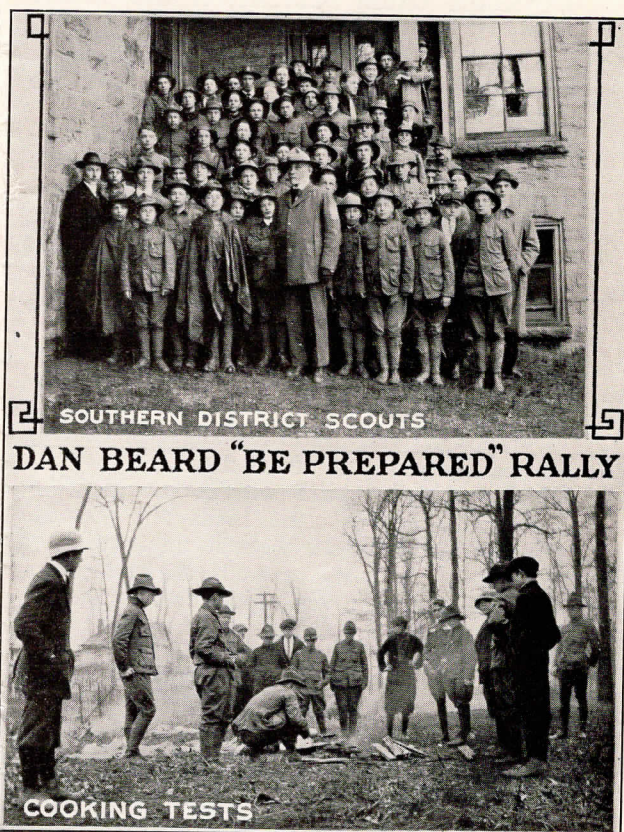
Commissioner Dan Beard was heard to remark something about "fair weather" Scouts and such poor Scouts missed the treat of their lives by not showing up when the weather was not the most pleasant.

Most of the Scouts assembled at the Swarthmore Troop Headquarters at 11 A. M. The local troop provided hot cocoa and a number of Scouts built fires and cooked their meals outside in the rain.

At two o'clock National Commissioner Beard arrived with County Field Commissioner Goodman and Deputy Commissioner Dearden. County Scout Executive Aplin was in charge of the Scouts, and after saluting the Scouts gave a rousing cheer for the Commissioners, sang a verse of America and recited the Scout Oath and Law.

Commissioner Dan Beard then gave an inspiring talk to the Scouts and they applauded so that he responded with additional remarks and anecdotes. He made the Scouts feel what he had proved by his own life and work: that you can do anything you make up your mind to do.

After the address the inspection began and this was done in a novel way. Commissioner Dan Beard had submitted tests and the Scouts drew the questions according to their rank. They were then called upon to do the required task and some were stiff tests. The Scouts learned the meaning of the "chump mark" and "honor mark." Quite a number of yellow ribbons were adorning the Scouts when the tests were over, and some boasted of the coveted Red, White and Blue ribbon.



- The following were the tests used:
- TENDERFOOT TESTS**—Lay and light a fire with one match.
 Improvise drinking cup.
 Give rules for eating and drinking.
 Recite preamble to Declaration of Independence.
 Recognize and describe five trees.
 Know semaphore alphabet; send and receive message of twenty words.
- SECOND CLASS TESTS**—Proper use of a pen-knife and hatchet.
 Elementary rules of camp hygiene.
 Tell how a President is nominated and elected.
 How to find directions without a compass.
 Tell what to do in case of bush fire.
 Send semaphore message thirty letters a minute.
- FIRST CLASS TESTS**—Make a sketch of three birds showing difference between a wader, a percher and a swimming bird.
 Make fire without a match.
 Inspection for good drinking water.
 Prevention of flies and mosquitoes; diseases conveyed by same.

Demonstrate rescue of drowning.

Send semaphore message 45 letters per minute.

Every Scout but one volunteered to pass into the next rank before three months time and three of the Merit Badge Scouts pledged to be Eagle Scouts by September 1st, 1914.

Many interesting and useful stunts were shown the Scouts by the best Scout in the country, and the Scouts much appreciated the help and inspiration given them by the National Scout Commissioner, Daniel Carter Beard.

THE CHESTER OPEN MEETING

Following the Rally of the Boy Scouts held at Swarthmore Saturday afternoon, March 28th, Mr. G. L. Cutler, President of the Chester Council, met Mr. Daniel Carter Beard, National Scout Commissioner; County Executive S. S. Aplin and County Field Commissioner R. G. Goodman and conducted them to Chester by auto. A dinner was given at the Chester Club by the officers of the Chester Council for their guests, who included besides Mr. Beard, Mr. Walter Cowing of the Philadelphia Council, Mr. C. C. Ferguson of the Ashbourne Local Committee, and the County Officers.



The Ashbourne Boy Scout Band, under the leadership of Mr. Ferguson, paraded the town before the meeting and inspired a great deal of enthusiasm by their clever playing.

The public meeting held under the auspices of the Chester Council, met in the Y. M. C. A. Auditorium and listened to powerful messages on Scout work from Mr. Beard and Mr. Cowing. Hon. William Ward, Mayor of Chester, gave a message of welcome and an optimistic outlook toward the future as to the possibility of Scout work in Chester, and explained his enthusiasm and interest in the movement and asserted his willingness to further the cause in any way.

Mr. Beard in his characteristic way held the interest of the audience and told of the fallacies and misunderstandings of the Scout Movement and the benefits to be derived from it. Stories of his own personal experiences added largely to the interest of the address.

Mr. Cowing spoke with a direct enthusiasm that carried strong conviction with it, and while he took only a few minutes when the audience would gladly have had more, yet he inspired all with the value of Scout training, as evidenced by his own experience.

Mr. Cutler, President of Chester Council, presided and did so in an efficient manner.

PROGRAM OF SCOUT ACTIVITIES FOR FOURTH OF JULY

Demonstration at Merion Cricket Club,
Haverford, Pa.

Scouts and Troops wishing to participate in these events or to attend the demonstration must make application to Stephen S. Aplin, Scout Executive, 925 Walnut Street, Philadelphia. Efforts are being made to have the expenses of contestants paid. Any registered Scout in Delaware and Montgomery Counties may attend.

EVENT 1

Archery Contest. Eight Scouts. Distance required 100 yards.

EVENT 2

Firelighting Contest. Indian Fire Drill. 8 Scouts

EVENT 3

Hospital Corps work. 8 Scouts.

EVENT 4

Volunteer Fire Corps. Bucket Brigade, Hose Company, Ladder and Life Saving. 16 Scouts.

EVENT 5

Bugle Corps. 4 Scouts.

Troop News From the Counties

DARBY BOY SCOUTS RENDER FIRST AID

Show Results of Practical Training When One of Their Number Falls on Glass

A party of Boy Scouts living in the Second Precinct of the Third Ward, showed the benefit of their training Sunday when one of their number was wounded by falling on a broken bottle, while on a hike across the fields west of North Front Street. The injured Scout was Joseph Murray of North Front Street, who was taking a short hike with a number of fellow Scouts. He tripped while walking over uneven ground, and as he fell instinctively threw his hand forward to save himself. His hand happened to land square in a large broken bottle which was lying hidden in a depression. The sharp glass cut the back of his hand open to the bone for its entire length.

The wound bled freely and fearing their companion might bleed to death the other boy Scouts brought their knowledge of first aid into use and hastily made a tourniquet with their handkerchiefs and a stick. They then hurried Joseph to the office of Dr. Swisher at Fifth and Main Streets. The physician dressed the wound and complimented the boys upon their knowledge and skill.

DARBY PROGRESS.

Swarthmore Troop 1

On March 28th Dan Beard came to Swarthmore and took charge of the "Be Prepared" rally which came off in our headquarters. About fifty-five Scouts from the neighboring troops were present and they were all well repaid for turning out in the rain. Dan Beard gave the Scouts some good advice on woodcraft, and told them some fine stories. Several prizes were awarded in the shape of pieces of ribbon and some of those who were not prepared received chump marks.

On April 4th the Troop hiked to Martin's woods where we cooked dinner. After dinner two trails were made through the woods and we had a little practice in tracking and then hiked home.

During the four days of Easter vacation the First Class Scouts were busy passing examinations for Merit Badges, while some of the other Scouts tried their luck at camping out for one night.

HENRY H. BITLER,
Troop Scribe.

Glenside Troop 1

Twenty-five Scouts of the Glenside Troop went to the John Wanamaker store in Philadelphia on March 21, and joined in the Vocational Guidance Trip. The Troop as a whole derived great benefit from the trip, and the Scouts, aside from learning many new and interesting facts, enjoyed themselves immensely, many taking advantage of the swim at the Y. M.C.A. The Troop looks forward to the time when an opportunity may again be offered to join in one of the Vocational Guidance Trips.

On March 25, a meeting of Patrol Leaders was held at the home of Ass't Scoutmaster Potts, for the purpose of assigning certain districts to the individual Scouts for the distribution of the "Alarm Boxes." These boxes are to be placed in the homes of the residents for one year, and monthly collections will be made by the Scouts who distributed them. Each Scout will have charge of the distribution of and collection from ten boxes. The collections will be deposited in the Glenside National Bank by the Ass't Scoutmaster, and are for the benefit of the local Fire Companies. In outlining the districts a map, drawn from memory, by Patrol Leader Oberholtzer was used. Some time ago the Troop received ten dollars (\$10) from the Glenside University Extension for distributing circulars to all the houses within a one-mile radius of Headquarters.

The Troop now has five full patrols: Eagle, Wolf, Fox, Black Bear and Flying Eagles. A new patrol will be formed as soon as a few more Tenderfeet are recruited.

In the recent Troop Contest, the first prize, a fine Stetson hat, was won by Patrol Leader Oberholtzer of the Eagle Patrol; the second prize, a book by Chief Scout Seton was won by Patrol Leader Bush of the Wolf Patrol.

The Troop is being drilled by Ass't Scoutmaster Potts in accordance with the new Infantry Drill Manual. The Ass't Scoutmaster has worked up the Setting-up Drill to a high standard of precision and efficiency.

There being no regular meeting on April 10, Ass't Scoutmaster Potts assembled a large number of Tenderfeet at his home and assisted them in learning their Second Class requirements.

ISAAC M. BUSH, *Scribe.*

UPPER DARBY TROOP 1**Scouts Do Good Work at Fire**

The advanced section of Upper Darby Troop No. 1 received instruction in the use of fire apparatus at the regular meeting on Friday night, April 3. Mr. W. S. Shaw, Chief of the Highland Park Fire Co., kindly gave the instruction. By a singular coincidence, on the following Friday night, as the members of the Troop were assembling in the Fire House for the regular meeting, an alarm of fire was sent in from Llanarch, and the boys of Upper Darby, itching for excitement and a chance to show their ability as firemen, manned the hose and ladder cart and pulled it on the run to the scene of the fire, a distance of more than a mile. They were the first of the Highland Park volunteers at the fire, and Chief Shaw said they conducted themselves nobly.

The building afire was the home of Mr. Thomas Bonsall, a three story frame dwelling on Coopertown Road in a closely built section of Llanarch. When the boys started from the Firehouse, the blaze of the fire might be seen for miles around, but the flames were quickly controlled and by 9.30 the fire was out. Assistant Scout Master Savill, chief of the bicycle squad, was in the "thick of the fight," to judge by the condition of his clothes, and Dr. P. G. Kitchen, Scout Master and Chief of the Hospital Troops of Delaware County, was there with his stentorian commands and "first aid."

The boys have not only acquired proficiency in handling and coupling fire hose, but have shown their endurance and ability in action, in this, their "baptism of fire."

Bryn Mawr Troop 1 Activities

1. April 11th. Hike and campfire with Mr. Scoville. Lectures on birds, trees, nature, etc.
2. May 8th. 7.30 P. M. Talk by Mr. Dunn of Haverford College on Snakes. Illustrated by 15 varieties. The real living thing and pictures.
3. May 15th. 7.30 P. M. Talk by Capt. Donaghy, Chief of Lower Merion Police. Probably on police methods, aiding civic authorities, etc.
5. June 12th. 7.30 P. M. Illustrated talk by Staff Forester Thos. E. Francis on campcraft, birds, forestry, forest fires, etc.

Other troops of Scouts are cordially invited to the talks of May 1st, May 29th and June 12th.

Lansdale Troop 1

Mr. Spring, Superintendent of the Lehigh Valley Transit Co., addressed the boys at the meeting Wednesday night, and gave a most instructive and interesting talk on business qualifications of the coming citizen. The troop is to be the guest of Mr. Spring in the near future when a trip in a special car to visit the power-plant of the Traction Co. at Allentown will be taken.

The troop is busy making preparations for the Rally and Dedication on May 15th and 16th. A large number of Scouts and Councilmen are expected to be present.

Linfield Troop 1

This new troop is composed of two patrols from Linfield and one from Parkerford. On Wednesday, April 15th, the entire troop met regardless of wet weather, for initiation, and nineteen tenderfeet were invested. The troop has made an excellent start under the leadership of Scout Master Angelo J. Myers and Assistant Scout Master William C. Kastle. A contest of Scout activities has been started and plans made to have Eagle Scout Knowlton spend a day with them on a hike and give instruction in Second Class tests.

Jenkintown Troop 1

The troop is about to spend some \$25.00 for furniture for the rooms in Neighborhood House, Jenkintown. This money is part of a considerable sum which the troop made from a minstrel show given in February.

A re-organization of the troop has recently been effected, with the following leaders: Senior Patrol Leader, James Prescott; Patrol Leaders, Furman Foy and Edwin Silverman; Secretary, Henry Mathers; Bugler, Earl Wynne, and Flag-Bearer, Alfred Boutcher. The troop has lost three from dismissal, and one from resignation, but immediately took in three new boys and have others waiting.

The patrols are now starting a competition for the "champion" banner or pennant, using the point system.

Summer camp looms us strongly. The troop expects to take every member to camp this summer, paying for the outing from troop funds.

(See article under Camp Delmont Items.)

Merit Badge applications are pouring in, but the main difficulty seems to be in finding suitable examiners.

NEW MERIT BADGES SECURED

Swarthmore Troop 1

Howard M. Jenkins—Seamanship, swimming.
Edmund Crenshaw—Swimming, music.
Edmund S. Wood—Camping, carpentry, photography, cooking, business.
Frank H. Holman, Jr.—Carpentry, personal health, photography, business.

Bryn Mawr Troop 1

Henry Earl Knowlton—Business.
A. D. Knowlton—Camping, handicraft.
B. H. Wilbur—Handicraft, automobiling.
H. Denny Roberts—Handicraft.
Dr. B. K. Wilbur—Handicraft, First Aid, Automobiling.
Henry E. Knowlton—Gardening, Automobiling, Photography, Electricity, Architecture.
H. Denny Roberts—Automobiling, Scholarship, Public Health and Personal Health.
Ed. L. Forstall—Handicraft.
B. H. Wilbur—Scholarship, First Aid, Public Health, Personal Health.
A. D. Knowlton—Public Health and Personal Health.

Bala Troop 1

Alex. H. Holcombe, Jr.—Camping, forestry, cycling, first aid, craftsmanship.
Isaac Kershaw, Jr.—Swimming, life saving, cycling, craftsmanship.
Joseph H. Keefe—Scholarship, Jathfinding, Handicraft, Carpentry.
Alex. Holcombe, Jr.—Scholarship.

Upper Darby Troop 1

Dr. P. G. Kitchen—Chemistry, firemanship.

Ashbourne Troop 1

Fred. Schoenberger, Jr.—Automobiling.
Burch Johnson—Automobiling.
Wm. McIntyre—Automobiling, electricity.
J. Lyle Steele, Jr.—Automobiling.
Hammond Armstrong—Firemanship.
Forman Hollingshead—Firemanship.
Paul Kallenbach—Firemanship.
Frank S. Cash—Firemanship.
C. Kenneth Scull—Firemanship, astronomy.
Jack Deardon—Art, craftsmanship, architecture.

Wayne Troop 1

Brentford Mackey—Electricity.

Royersford to Have New Troops

The Scout Executive met forty boys of Royersford on April 21st to explain the Scout Movement to them and consider the organization of two Troops. From the interest shown and the number of boys present there is promise of two troops being organized as soon as Scout Masters can be secured to take

Who

Will

Be

The

Next

Eagle

Scout

?

It's up to you



charge of them. Two men are in view, and the boys are going to land them as their leader.

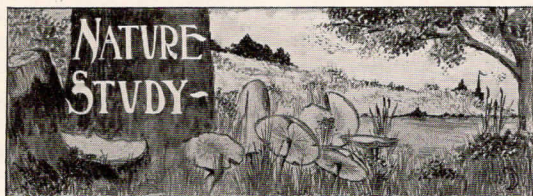
Bridgeport Boys Want Troop

On Wednesday evening, April 22nd, a group of boys and their parents met at the Presbyterian Church to enjoy an illustrated lecture on the Scout Movement and Camp Delmont by the County Executive. A demonstration of Scout work was given by the members of Norristown Troop 7, and ten boys decided to assist in getting a Scout Master and organize a troop. The boys will receive the help of the Norristown Troop and plans were made for visits to them.

Wayne Troop 1 Plants Tree

On Saturday, April 18th, the members of Wayne Troop 1 planted a Norway spruce tree on the school campus with fitting ceremonies. The tree was donated by the Andora Nurseries and is a beautiful one. Mr. Clark, father of one of the Scouts, had charge of planting the tree and "would-be Scout" J. Ross Aplin had the honor of assisting in the planting. An audience of four hundred witnessed the planting. Addresses were given and the Bryn Mawr Band was in attendance.

The tree is to be decorated and used as the Community Christmas Tree of Wayne, and its growth will be watched and guarded with much interest.



"I have never heard of a boy, taught to love nature, who went wrong."

OUR FRIENDS THE TREES

By Staff Forester, Thomas E. Francis

Almost every boy reared in the country has become well acquainted with, and in many cases attached to some one tree or group of trees. He has noticed their buds bursting into leaf in the spring; has watched for the robin or blackbird that yearly built her nest in their branches; has rested beneath their friendly shade when the summer sun became intolerable; has watched their leaves turn from green to gold in the autumn. In fact whether he realizes it or not, he has established a bond of friendship which will remain a pleasant memory throughout his entire life.



Fan Shaped Fungus of Chestnut Blight

In after years when the boy has grown to manhood, he may note with a feeling of intense regret on his return to his boyhood home, that the tree which he loved so well had died and fallen a victim of the woodman's axe. He will probably make inquiry as to the cause of the tree's death, and may learn that a wound in the trunk of the noble oak or chestnut caused by his own axe or jack-knife, or by the huge stone which he had used to jar the chestnuts from their prickly burs, had permitted insect or fungus enemies to gain entrance to the inner bark and sap wood of the tree, resulting in its death from their attacks.

How many of our boys stop to think before cutting into a tree what serious injury may result from this act? How many realize the number of years it has taken the tree to grow to its present size and beauty? One stroke of the axe or a few cuts of the jack-knife may destroy in a year or two the tree which would in years to come be a monarch of the forest.

Every true scout stands up for his friends. Let us all make friends of the trees.

Our trees have many enemies which they are unable to overcome without human assistance, and in many cases even this assistance is unavailing. The chestnut blight fungus which is destroying our chestnut trees, is an example showing the utter helplessness of human agencies to save this beautiful and valuable tree. Under these conditions it is our duty to protect our trees in every possible way. Become familiar with the different species of trees in your community. Find out what enemies, if any, are attacking them, and join in the mighty battle against these enemies of our friends—The Trees.

A Great Explorer Writes on Pathfinding

One of the most fascinating stories ever published by the Boy Scout movement to carry instruction to boys in their work for Merit Badges is one on "Pathfinding," written by Belmore Browne, the explorer and mountain climber who "conquered" Mount McKinley after Dr. Cook failed. It appears in the May issue of "Boys' Life," The Boy Scout magazine, and contains information which will be as helpful to boys in the immediate neighborhood of their homes as well as in "the wild."

The requirements for Markmanship Merit Badges will be published in next month's issue of Boy Scouts Bulletin.

OUR JOKER



Perhaps a Bugler

A school teacher, having taken great trouble to explain the difference in the meanings of the words "dream" and "reverie," asked her class: "Now, could any of you give me a sentence with the word 'reverie' in it?"

A youth put up his hand.

"Please, ma'am," said the urchin, "the 'reverie' blew his whistle and stopped the game.—Exchange.

Safer

As the train neared the city the colored porter approached the jovial-faced gentleman, saying, with a smile, "Shall ah brush yo' off, sah?"

"No, thank you," said the man. "I prefer to get off in the ordinary way."

Probably the Reason

Little Freddy was preparing to go out calling with his mother. Suddenly he called to her in a rather startled voice:

"Mamma, is this bay rum in the brown bottle?"

"Gracious, no, dear! That's mucilage."

"Oh," said Freddy, after a pause. "Maybe that's why I can't get my hat off."

The Simple Life

"What insect lives on nothing?"

"What a silly question to ask! No insect can."

"Oh, yes; a moth does."

"How do you make that out?"

"It eats holes, doesn't it?"

TRY THE NORTHWEST PASSAGE

One of our friendly contributors recently said: "Don't modern boys ever play the game called 'Northwestern Passage?' We used to spend hours of time playing it when I was a boy and it never occurred to me it would go out of style." When pressed for details of how the game was played the following outline resulted:

Northwestern Passage is a game which any boy can play by himself and against himself. Starting out from home to school he says to himself 'I will arrive at school without going over one of the streets I would naturally travel in going there the most direct way.' To do this he tries new thoroughfares, goes through unexplored alleyways in search of a short cut and manages to arrive at his destination along an entirely unfamiliar route.

This game can be played equally well coming home from school, but half the fun is taken out of it then because there is no particular necessity for his arriving home at any stated time. While if he arrives at school late he is most decidedly a loser! This game can be played with equal interest in city or country, and it is surprising what novel things the open-eyed Scout will discover about even the streets and bypaths with which he thought himself familiar.—*Boys' Life, the Scout Magazine.*

A SCOUT MASTER'S TESTIMONY

Below is printed a copy of a letter received from a retiring Scout Master, which speaks for itself:

"In surrendering my commission, I am glad to testify to the great good the Scout Movement has done me. True, I have done what I could for the boys, but I too have derived a benefit as every man must who goes into this work. It seems to me this is a thought we might capitalize more than we do in seeking Scout Masters, this self-interest side.

I have given some four years to the work, but let it be recorded that the Scout Movement owes me nothing. I am abundantly compensated by the warm friendship of some fifty boys, and their appreciation of the little I have been able to do for them, will, I have no doubt, increase with the years.

Be assured of my continued interest."

Joe Wilson was heard to remark that Harry Bender of Norristown Troop 7 after visiting Baldwin's Locomotive Works and the United States Mint and spending 20 cents at the Automat, had quite a case of Cramp's. Get it?

GOOD NEWS TO THE READERS OF BOYS' LIFE

It is with pleasure and pride that the Editorial Board of the National Council of the Boy Scouts of America announces that Mr. Daniel Carter Beard and Mr. Ernest Thompson Seton have become the Associate Editors of Boys' Life, the Boy Scouts' Magazine.

Each is well-rounded in his interests and sympathies, yet each has had his specialty. Mr. Beard's is Handicraft; Mr. Seton's is Nature.

Both have understood the necessity of interesting boys in subjects that are worth while.

As Associate Editors of Boys' Life the sphere of their good influence is to be further enlarged. This magazine is published by the Scout Movement in the interests of every boy in the land. It is intended to carry accurate information to boys, to heighten their ideals, to quicken their sympathies, to make them better fitted for successful, happy manhood. The means it employs are those deemed best and most practicable by men who, having keen insight into the demands of boyhood, have in addition high ideals and motives, and weigh all published matter conscientiously.

It is felt that Boys' Life, on the merits it has already revealed, should be, as Judge Lindsey, the Governor of North Dakota, and others have written, *in the hands of every boy in the United States*.

There is more reason for feeling so now that the two greatest *boys' men* in the country have become the Associate Editors.

FRANK PRESBREY,
For the Editorial Board of the
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA.

County Scouts at Ball Game

Through the courtesy of the Philadelphia Scout Council, about 200 Scouts from the Counties attended the game of ball played between the Phillies and Athletics on April 6th.

The boys enjoyed the game from the first ball pitched until the last batter was out. To make the attraction interesting—except to Phillie rooters—Baker clubbed out one of his famous home runs. Deputy Commissioner Patton lead the cheering, which sounded as though a pennant was at stake.

Scout Edward DeLong, Jr., of Bala Troop 2, suggested that the large room back of the offices at County Headquarters would make a good reading room. This is a good suggestion, and the Scouts are welcome to use it as such if they so desire.

Stag Patrol Lansdowne Troop 2

Our patrol, the Stag, has been out in good numbers both at meetings and hikes. We take hikes every other Saturday and have meetings on Fridays between the hikes. We have the Friends' School as a meeting place and it is convenient to all.

Our patrol is organizing a bicycle squad which is to take trips on the Saturdays not occupied by hiking trips. I have been giving Second Class instruction to the Tenderfoot Scouts and they are progressing rapidly. Dr. Busler is instructing the Troop in First Aid to the Injured. He is to take us to his office this Saturday and demonstrate some of his apparatus.

The officers of our Troop, Lansdowne Troop 2, are Scout Master John J. H. Phillips (acting until another Scout Master can be found to replace Mr. Nicholson); Troop Scribe, Carl Altmair; Quartermaster, Reid Davis; Patrol Leader, W. Peck of the Rattlesnake Patrol; Patrol Leader, L. King of the Eagle Patrol, and William H. Edwards, leader of the Stag Patrol.

Quite a few Scouts are making a collection of leaves, flowers and insects. It may be possible that these will be put in a troop museum, which would be quite large.

WILLIAM H. EDWARDS,
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