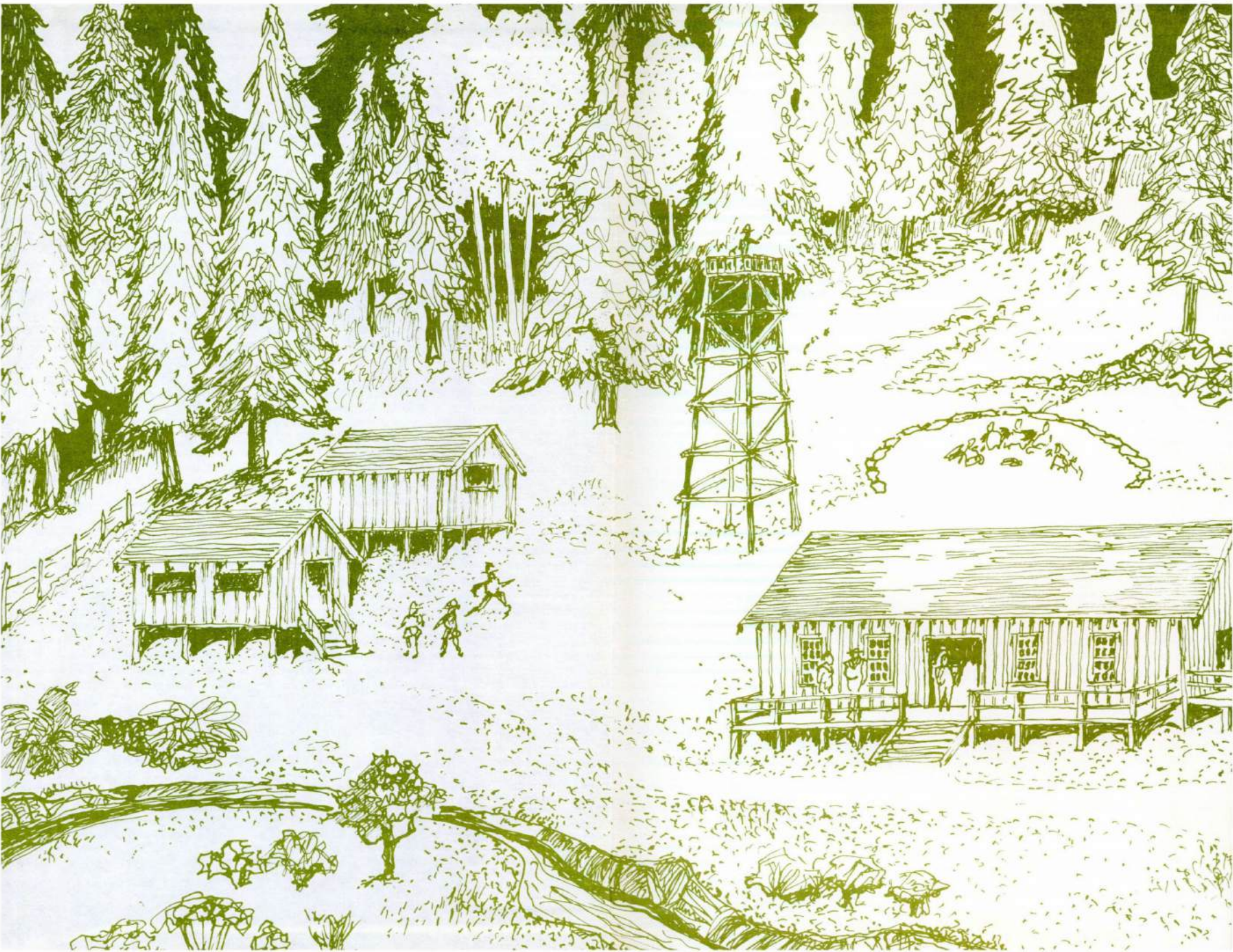


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Chapter I

Early Scouting

THE SAGA

The expanse of this book covers almost a lifetime and is a wonderful account of happy days. It is also an account of days in which many youngsters learned messages and precepts which lasted all their lives.

Someone has said that "men are little boys grown up". In reviewing some of the people mentioned, we find that little Tenderfeet grew up into Silver Beavers and that they learned a great deal from the author who so perfectly typified in his life a Scout Executive nonpareil. At least, that is the impression of one who has known him since the age of 12. In retrospect, it seems a very short time and I often wonder about his good wife and her reminiscences of some of the people mentioned in this book.

Some of the happiest days of a youngster's life in the '20's, '30's, and '40's were directly related to Scouting. The outside world was in no way as interesting as the program to be found at the Troop or the Jamborees. The nostalgia of a horseback ride in the mountains during the early days on a seemingly spirited, but really well-trained horse, is poignant still. The shock of swimming in a homemade mountain swimming pool is vividly etched in one's mind. One had to make it across fast enough so that he couldn't possibly become an ice floe.

How great were the days of yesteryear and how filled with the promise of those ahead for the youngsters that follow in Scouting and the various Council programs. Thanks to the author who started them all. General Douglas MacArthur's farewell address to the Congress of the United States was a most stirring reminder of one's "Duty, Honor, Country". The rankest Tenderfoot learned the Scout Oath, the Scout Laws, and the Second Class Scout, the First Class Scout, the Star Scout, the Life Scout, and the Eagle Scout and all the newer departments can thank those men like Minor Huffman who instilled such timeless principles to our eternal advantage—deep within the breasts of each of us.

The Saga of Potato Canyon is a great addition to the literature of Scouting and it is hoped that Scouters everywhere will keep records of their years that those who follow might be equally intrigued by the events of the past. For, as might be found in the foyer of a museum in Vicksburg, Mississippi, "Those who forget their past have no future". This look to the past enables us all to look more expectantly to the future.

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POTATO CANYON

The summer of 1925 found several of our troops camping at Pine Lodge. In the summer of 1926 one big camp was held at Ruidoso. Early in 1927 the announcement of a new Boy Scout Camp for the troops of the Eastern New Mexico council was received with enthusiasm.

Council leaders were convinced that better facilities in a more remote mountain area was necessary for good troop camping. The council appointed a committee to investigate several spots. Late in 1926 a delightful piece of property was located in the Sacramento Mountains, about twelve miles west of Weed, in Potato Canyon. The camp committee, with the approval of the Executive Board, made a quick decision, purchased some deeded land and hastily began the task of developing adequate facilities. By April 1927 it was evident that the camp would be ready for use the coming summer.

Naturally we wanted the camp program to match the expectations of both the leaders and the boys. It was now time to turn attention to the program for the first season. Already some of the camp staff had been selected, among them Bill Lumpkins and Ridgley Whiteman. These two young men had many scoutcraft skills and had also proven their leadership ability. They were invited to spend a weekend at the new site of We-Hin-Ah-Pay to assist in the development of the program.

Bill Lumpkins of Troop #6, Roswell and Ridgley Whiteman of Troop 2, Clovis, arrived at the Scout office in Roswell, with their packs, ready to get on their way at noon Friday. My 1925 Model T Coupe was loaded. The trunk space was soon full with supplies plus the running board rack was filled to capacity. Besides the bedrolls we carried containers of gas, oil and water. We left Roswell by the old YO crossing road and traveled South. We crossed the Felix and soon joined the Artesia-Cloudcroft Highway. This road runs along the Penasco. As we moved up the canyon I pointed out the Austin Reeves Ranch. Also the CA Bar Ranch, which the former Governor James F. Hinkle had managed before moving to Roswell. We passed Elk, then three miles above Elk we turned left and went up Mule Canyon, then across McDonald flat into Weed. Here we had a brief conversation with Mr. Wassom at his store before proceeding up the Agua Chiquita Canyon. The sun was getting low but we slowly made our way up the dirt road, past the Raymond Hitchcocks, the Draten Mills and the John Fullers. Near the Fullers we saw a homemade sign, "Spring Canyon". We felt that we were getting close to our destination for we knew that over the next rise in the road was Potato Canyon. As we turned into the canyon we were within four miles of our new camp We-

Hin-Ah-Pay. The car was boiling as we climbed to the camp site at approximately 8000 ft. elevation.

By this time it was dark and our car lights fell upon stacks of freshly sawed lumber. Here the new camp was under construction. The workmen having gone home for the night left the entire area for our inspection. We soon found a place to lay our bedrolls. To protect our food from the bears we locked it in the trunk of the car. The coming of the morning sun was the beginning of a busy day. Immediately after breakfast Bill and Ridgley began to look the area over. They noted the beautiful grove of aspen and the large Douglas firs. They hiked up the spring and marvelled at the cool, clear water gushing out of the rocks. They continued on up the canyon to the Calkins place. It was a good hike and they began dreaming of the possibilities of a camp program that would appeal to our scout troops. Here indeed was a setting that gave great opportunities for hiking, nature study, forestry and scout crafts needed along the advancement trail.

Pioneers had found this canyon many years before. The little cultivated patches were used to grow grain-generally oats. The cellars in the hillsides were necessary to store the potatoes and other vegetables. While the cellars kept them from freezing during the cold winter and cool during the summer, it was also a place to season the potatoes. Because of the quality and quantity of potatoes grown in this canyon, it became known by the early settlers as Potato Canyon.

To include a little history of the countryside was a goal of these young men. Pioneers interested them but they kept coming back to the Indians, their dances, costumes and traditions. The boys also discussed the early explorers. Cabeza de Vaca's 1535 expedition took him up the Pecos then over the mountains by the way of the Penasco into what is now El Paso.

The Spanish Explorers did not have the same appeal as our Indians who had roamed freely over the Plains and Mountains for many years before the Spaniards. Bill and Ridgley had attended the Mescalero-Apache fourth of July celebration and had enjoyed their dances and ceremonies. They were fascinated with the tom-tom music, the costumes and the friendliness of the Indians. With their background it was natural for Indian lore to take a prominent place in program planning. Soon Bill and Ridgley fell into discussing just where to put the council ring, the Indian costumes and crafts shelter.

As we made the return trip to Roswell Sunday afternoon, we reviewed our accomplishments and agreed that we had a good start on a summer camp program, that would appeal to all scouts. We thought it would be a

good idea to write up our plans and requested Bill to put it all down on paper. He accepted by asking another question, "What shall we call it?" He received no answer so he answered it himself. "I'll call it The Saga of Potato Canyon". And that's how it all started.

Minor Huffman

DEDICATED

Camp We-Hin-Ah-Pay has been the center of council interest and planning beginning with its location in Potato Canyon in 1927. Since that time over 25,000 Scouts and their leaders had an enjoyable experience there. Most attended one or more regular summer periods, although some have spent only weekends at camp with their troop or at the Order of Arrow Ordeals, or various training programs and projects.

Many of our early campers now have grandsons or great grandsons enjoying the same fine camping program at We-Hin-Ah-Pay. The experience for campers grows more meaningful as the years pass and finally nostalgia takes over.

The history, "The Saga of Potato Canyon", is dedicated to the hundreds of leaders who have led their troops to this mountain camp, and have helped not only in the activities but in the effort to inculcate the Scout Oath and Laws, the Daily Good Turn, and the Motto, Be Prepared, in the daily lives of the Scouts.

Our hope is that there will always be men willing to give their time and share in their skills so that Camp We-Hin-Ah-Pay will continue to play an important role for the Counquistador Council in the years ahead.

Minor Huffman

EARLY YEARS

Scouting did not just happen. It came about because of a need for a good boys' program. In the early part of this century the cities were growing. Families were moving from the farm to the newly industrialized areas.

Boys' organizations were beginning to spring up over the country. Those feeling their way, included Ernest Thompson Seton's Woodcraft League; Daniel Carter Beard's Sons of Daniel Boone. Others included Boy Knights, King Arthur Knights, Boys Brigade, Big Brothers, Y.M.C.A. Knights of the Holy Grail and many others not so well known.

Credit for the development of Boy Scouting program must go to Baden-Powell. Through his experiences in training young city boys for service in the wilds of Africa, he found that the important thing was to teach them

to take care of themselves in the rugged countryside. This resulted in training in tracking, signaling, reading compass, how to read maps, first aid, outdoor cooking, use of hand axe, how to camp with a small group, what to do if lost and how to judge distances.

When Baden-Powell returned to England in 1903 from the Boer War, he was the hero of all England. He had withstood the siege of Mafeking and people were clamoring for copies of his book called "Aids to Scouting." This had been written to supplement the army manuals and did not include combat information.

Baden-Powell was surprised to find his book was being used by some schools and other youth groups. He was soon approached by prominent people to incorporate this in a boys' program. He gave it much thought but realized fundamental character values such as dependability, initiative and resourcefulness must be included. Learn by doing was already a part of his planning. He talked to many top people in England, many were educators. They all encouraged him to continue his study.

In 1907 he held a camp at Brownsea Island. Boys were selected from all economic areas of England. They were enrolled in four patrols, with Baden-Powell as Scoutmaster. This was the first time to use the term Boy Scouts as it is now understood. This first Boy Scout camp was a huge success. They used the program material provided by "Aids to Scouting." Baden-Powell now set out in earnest to write the book "Scouting for Boys." This was completed in 1908 and with this new manual, the Boy Scout program was off to a good start.

Baden-Powell had eliminated his connection with the army because he felt Scouting should not be considered as training for the military. His direction now was to make boys good, useful citizens. Many distinctive features were introduced by Baden-Powell, including the Oath and the Laws; the motto "Be Prepared"; the "Daily Good Turn", the Uniform, the Badge and the small unit, the Patrol, with its leader who encourages self-action.

Word of this new movement spread like a prairie fire across the world. Little information was to be had but soon newspaper articles appeared with information about the program of Boy Scouts.

A GOOD TURN

Among the Americans impressed by this new movement was a Chicago publisher, William D. Boyce. He reported that he was in the heart of London during a real London fog, seeking a business address. He was bewildered when a boy timidly approached him, saluting and said, "Sir,

may I be of service to you?" Mr. Boyce told the lad where he wanted to go. The boy saluted and said, "Come with me and I will take you to this address." The boy immediately took him to the house number. Mr. Boyce, in accordance with usual custom, took out a shilling and offered it to the boy, who promptly saluted and said, "Sir, I am a Boy Scout. I thank you but we do not accept tips for courtesies or Good Turns." Mr. Boyce somewhat startled said, "What did you say?" The Scout replied, "Sir, I am a Scout. Haven't you heard of Baden-Powell's Scouts?" After a short conversation the Scout volunteered to take Mr. Boyce to Baden-Powell's office.

Mr. Boyce came back to America with a trunk full of literature as a result of this "Good Turn." Mr. Boyce took steps to incorporate the Boy Scouts of America. Mr. Boyce was not aware of other efforts being made here in America to get Baden-Powell's program going.

Mr. Boyce printed the *Chicago Blade*. This was a weekly paper being sold all over America by boys. When Mr. Boyce became aware of other efforts being made to organize the Boy Scouts he was willing to co-operate. He helped financially and gave other help and encouragement.

ERNEST THOMPSON SETON

Ernest Thompson Seton was asked to write a handbook. It came out in 1910 and was called a Handbook of Woodcraft, Scouting, and Life-craft. Only 10,000 copies were printed. While he used Baden-Powell's Scouting plan and organization much of Seton's material had previously been published in magazines, including Ladies' Home Journal, Century, Scribner's, St. Nicholas and Forest and Stream.

JAMES E. WEST

In 1911 the National group that was endeavoring to combine the several now organizing Boy Scout Groups recruited James E. West, a young and successful attorney in Washington, D.C., to effect the organization. Mr. West had a background of work with boy's organizations and community leadership. West agreed to take the job for six months. At the end of the six months he was so engrossed in the work that he remained on the job. He was retired in 1943. Much of the success of the Boy Scouts of America is due to his leadership.

Now that the program was under one banner, "The Boy Scouts of America", and now that there was an office where people could write for information; and with the official Handbook; troops began to be organized.

BOYS' HANDBOOK

The first handbook was distributed in the last part of 1910 and during 1911. This was a great help in getting the movement under way with some semblance of unity of progress as well as direction. Many units had been organized without understanding the ideals or the program. With many leaders, their enthusiasm for Scouting was greater than their knowledge.

The first handbook sold for 25¢. It was a combination of materials from Baden-Powell and from Ernest Thompson Seton. By 1912 the handbook had been revised and clearly defined the program as set up by the Boy Scouts of America.

The sales of this book have been phenomenal. More copies have been sold than any other book published, except the Bible. While it has guided Scouts and their leaders through the years, the contents are helpful to anyone. The printing at the close of 1982 show a total since 1910 of 30,860,000. This includes all nine editions.

EARLY TROOPS IN ROSWELL

Records are not available on all the early efforts, but by 1913 D. N. Pope, then principal of old Central School, organized a troop. Among its members were Pete Hodges, Tom and Dude Peck, Walden Bassett, Nelson Manley and Raymond Arnold. This group camped at Pine Lodge, and took along George Fisher, a negro cook to assist with the meals. This troop was active for two years.

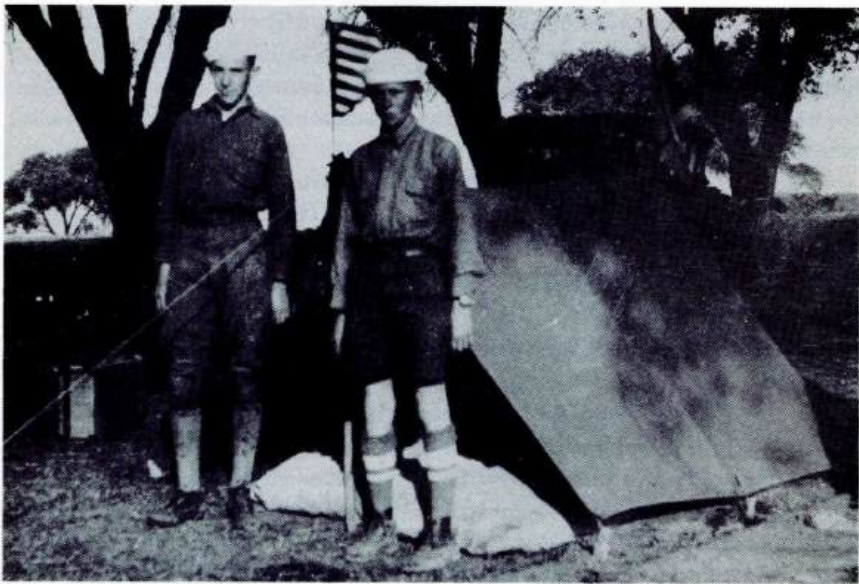
In 1913 Professor Young organized a troop in the Christian Church at 4th and Richardson. Minor Huffman, Louis Heisig, and Quinton Marshall were members of this group. This troop broke up when the Scoutmaster moved to California to study law.

Another group was organized about the same year. They travelled to the mountains in two wagons and made the trip to the Coe Ranch in two days.

Neil Sherman and Glen O. Everman are reported to have organized a troop, forming it around the Alameda street gang. Bert Ballard, who gave an account of this troop, reports that it was meeting at the Baptist Church. No further information has been found, but the interest of these two men did not wane. Neil Sherman moved to El Paso, became active there, as did Glen Everman. In 1920 he was selected as the First Scout Executive of El Paso, and in 1921 Neil Sherman became the Council's president.

In late 1915 Harold Hurd, a lawyer, organized a troop. No other troops were functioning at the time, and it was designated as Troop 1. Among its members were Pete Hurd, Bill Hurd, Dan Cooney, Eddie Mapes, Melvin Mapes, Chas. Hurt, Edgar Hurt, Jack Beeson, Sidney Redfield, Louis Prager, and Jack Ballard. In 1917 to 1919 Rev. Edw. S. Doan of St. Andrews Episcopal Church was the leader of this troop.

In the Spring of 1916 Troop 2 was organized, with a Sunday School Class in the Southern Methodist Church as a nucleus. Mrs. Tomlinson Fort was teacher of a boy's class, and when the need for another troop was brought up in class, the big question raised was, "Where can we find a leader?" Mrs. Fort spoke up and volunteered Mr. Fort for Scoutmaster. He accepted, but never forgot just how he got into Scouting. Among the Scouts in this troop were Tom Fort, Jr., Elmer Eggleston, Herbert Dimmitt, Ted Brough, Harry Brough, Wendell Doty, George Jewett, Jr., Fruit Denning, Adolph Wilson, Joe McKnight, Jim McKnight, Carl Bird, Louis Heisig, Don Huffman, Minor Huffman, Bob Fall, Hinton Wilmot, Paul Wilmot, and Robert Hamilton. This is one of the early troops with continuous existence. Tom Fort, Jr., who retired as Vice President, after 40 years of service with Westinghouse Co., sent the writer a clipping from the Pittsburgh Press of Oct. 22, 1972.



In 1917, Floyd Childress and Frank Smith of Carlsbad Troop 1, try out their new camping equipment.



On Memorial day in 1917, Troops 1 and 2 gathered in front of the old Roswell Hotel at 5th and Virginia before leaving for the Cemetery to assist in decorating graves.

Top: First 3 not identified, Eddie Mapes, Dan Cooney, Minor Huffman, Louis Heising, Carl Bird and Wendell Doty.

Bottom Row: N.I., Peter Hurd with Bugle, Ted Ballard, Louis Prager, N.I., Fruit Denning, N.I.



The two Roswell Boy Scout Troops joined together in 1918 for a good turn. The picture was taken at the side of St. Andrews Episcopal Church at Pennsylvania and Fifth Street.

Front Row: N.I., John Wyly, John Allen Phinizy, Ray Besing, Tomlinson Fort, Lawrence Fairbanks and Wendell Little.

Middle Row: Page Wilson, Edgar Tate, Austin Porter, Noel Besing, balance not identified.

Top Row: Freddie Sands, N.I., Mel Mapes, Sidney Redfield, Minor Huffman, Donald Huffman, Bush Atkinson, N.I., Bill Brown and Jr. Doan.



In 1925, Roswell Troops 1 and 2 camped with Carlsbad Scouts on Black River.

This story covers the record of Robert K. Hamilton, who was bowing out after 30 years as a State Representative. Another Troop 2 Scout had made good. Robert had been Troop 2 bugler in the early years of the troop. His father was J. C. Hamilton, who was with the old Battery A in the First World War. DeBremond was Captain and J. C. Hamilton was First Lieutenant. When they returned J. C. Hamilton was a Major. He was the brother of W. G. Hamilton, who was an early promoter and real estate salesman. W. G. built and lived in the home at 712 North Lea, now owned by Floyd Childress II.

GEORGE B. JEWETT

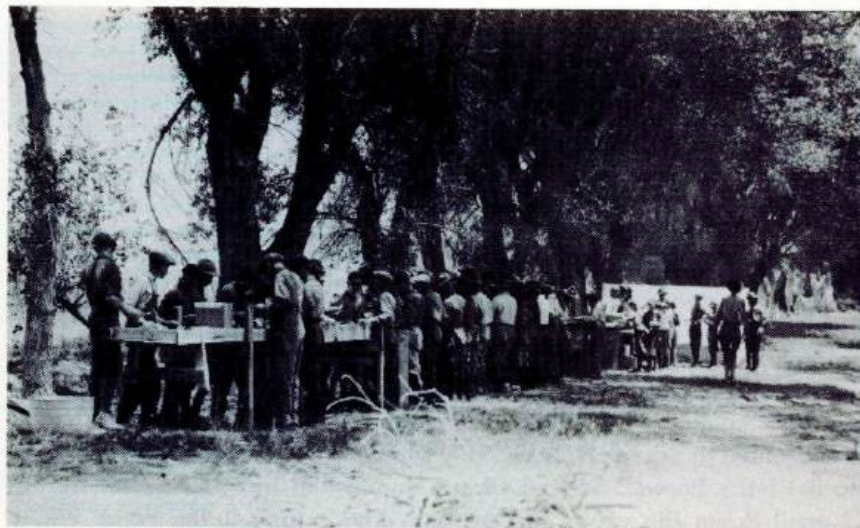
George B. Jewett could well be called the Father of Scouting in Roswell. He took a active interest in two existing troops that seemed to be always struggling for a meeting place. In 1920 a second class Council was organized, with George B. Jewett as President, and Carl M. Einhart as Secretary. Backed by a group of business men, they purchased the old church building at 311 No. Pennsylvania. The front part of the structure was built in 1890 by the First Methodist Church South. In 1898 they moved to their present location and the old building was taken over by Trinity Lutheran Church. This church moved to the Southern Presbyterian Church at 313 North Pennsylvania. (After a year or so they disbanded and later Professor R. E. Morris converted the old Southern Presbyterian Church into a home.)

After the Lutheran Church moved out of 311 North Pennsylvania, it was rented to a non-denominational group and was called a Mission. In 1921 the Boy Scout Council, under Mr. Jewett's leadership, purchased 311 North Pennsylvania, to be used as a Boy Scout Clubhouse. This building consisted of two large rooms with outside entrances.

The buildings in this block were torn down or removed and now the Roswell Public Library is located on this block.

George B. Jewett was President of the Chamber of Commerce and this body agreed to back the new Council organization. Claude Simpson, Secretary of Chamber of Commerce, was asked to arrange for some leadership. He employed Dan Burrows, who was to spend half-time on Scouting and half-time on Chamber work. Dan had little Boy Scout experience, but he was a willing worker. He was anxious to complete his college work, and resigned the last of the year to enter the University of New Mexico. In January 1922 Minor Huffman went to work for the Chamber of Commerce on the same basis, and remained until the Fall of 1923. During this period, the Boy Scout clubhouse was at 311 North Pennsylvania. The clubhouse was kept open afternoons, troops met in the evenings and every Saturday test hikes were provided for the scouts.

A monthly bulletin was mimeographed and Scouting was prospering. The number of active troops was now four. Troop I was sponsored by the Rotary Club and L.B. Plummer was Scoutmaster. Troop 2 was sponsored by the American Legion, with Asa Guffey as Scoutmaster. Troop 3 was sponsored by the Advertising Club, with Tode Brenneman as Scoutmaster. Troop 4, which was sponsored by the Kiwanis Club was led by H. O. DeShurley. Summer Camp in 1922, 23 and 24 was at Pine Lodge, with each troop going for a week.



Chow line at the Black River Camp.



In the summer of 1922, Troop 2 spent a week at Pine Lodge. The camp site was about a half mile below the Lodge. Minor Huffman was Scoutmaster and Carl Bird was Assistant. The W. T. Lumpkins family were operating the Lodge at that time. Mr. Lumpkins and daughter, Minnie, are at the left of the troop.

Top Row: Chas. Brown, Minor Huffman, Carl Bird.

Middle Row: Fruit Denning, Don Huffman, Bill Phillips, Austin Porter.

Bottom Row: Adolph Wilson, George Jewett, Avis Wiggins, Charles Williams, J. D. Smith.

In the Fall of 1923 the Citizen's National Bank, that had recently consolidated with the American National Bank, closed its doors. In December of the same year, the First State Bank & Trust Co. closed. Just before this happened, Claude Hobbs, Cashier of the First National Bank called in Minor Huffman and indicated that the bank needed him back-he also indicated that money for Boy Scouts would be hard to raise. As a result of this conversation, Minor Huffman went back to the bank, but continued as Scout Commissioner to manage the Boy Scout club house. The need for more leadership was apparent, and in 1924 when Geo. B. Jewett was elected President, J. W. Rhea, Treasurer and Carl Einhart, Secretary, it was decided to ask the National Boy Scout office for assistance. These officers of the Roswell Second Class Council had in mind extending the Council down the valley to Carlsbad, and calling it the Pecos Valley Council.

CARLSBAD CAVERNS

In 1922 Minor Huffman was curious about the stories going around concerning the bat caves out of Carlsbad. He got Will Purdy's help in contacting Jim White, who at that time was still in the employ of the Mining Company. They were no longer mining guano (bat manure) but Jim White was looking after their property and this gave him plenty of time to explore the caverns. He had carefully laid out a trail within the cave. He agreed to guide a party of Scouts into the cavern for \$25.00. Little trouble was experienced in lining up a party of Scouts. Several Dads volunteered the necessary transportation. They left Roswell early in the morning, but the condition of roads and a big rain slowed them down, and they arrived at the cavern at 4:00 p.m. Jim White was waiting. He let the scouts down the shaft about 180 feet in a big bucket. Two scouts could get into the bucket at one time. They carried torches and spent the night in the cave. White had a coffee pot at one good stop, and they ate a snack and then drank coffee to keep awake. Jim White told the scouts that this was the first group of Boy Scouts to make a tour of the caves. A. J. Hudson, a local photographer, was along, so there are pictures to help remember the trip. Among the parents of this trip were: P.D. Wilkins, Emory Hurt and Dr. George A. Lipp.

This was a real adventure, and those involved were so enthusiastic that another trip was arranged for those who were not able to make this first one.



Roswell Scouts in Carlsbad Cavern in 1922. Jim White, our guide, is in upper middle of picture with black hat. Emory Hurtt and Dr. Geo. A. Lipp are the other adults in the picture. The picture was taken by A. J. Hudson, a Roswell photographer, with Minor Huffman holding the flash gun.

The Boy Scouts in the picture are Paul Wilmot, Morris Lipp, Judson Osborn, Jason Kellahin, Edward Herbst, Larkin Parks, John Elliott is standing.

Jim White is given credit for discovering the Carlsbad Caverns. After the war mining operations of guano were cut off but Jim White remained an employee to look after the property. With time on his hand he began to explore the caverns further. He opened up countless trails. In order to be certain that he would return to the starting point he laid string. At dangerous places he drove old ford axles into the floor, which also furnished something to hold onto for rapid change of elevations.

Jim White was a picturesque character with his big black felt hat.

After the Park Service took over they kept Jim around to visit with tourists. Everyone seemed happy to shake hands with the man who did so much to open up the caverns. And Jim liked the attention.

REGIONAL ORGANIZATION

The Regional Office was in Dallas, Texas and James P. Fitch was the Regional Director. Ernest Voss was the Deputy. These two men were working hard to have all the counties in Texas, Oklahoma and New Mexico under Council service. In 1923 the Rotary Clubs of Texas, under the leadership of Frank C. Jones of Houston, Texas raised \$9,000 to see that adequate staff was acquired to assist the Regional in meeting its goal.

In 1923 the Executive Committee of the Region was comprised of the following community leaders:

Frank C. Jones, Houston, Chairman
 H. J. Lutch Stark, Orange, Texas
 Lee L. Levering, Tulsa Oklahoma
 George B. Jewett, Roswell, New Mexico
 George W. Curtis, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
 Walter D. Cline, Wichita Falls, Texas
 Harry H. Rogers, San Antonio, Texas
 Lahroy C. White, Amarillo, Texas
 H. T. Blake, Duncan, Oklahoma
 David G. Conally, Tyler, Texas
 Ed Steadman, Beaumont, Texas

At their meeting held in New Braunfels, Texas, they moved forward with the goal of completely covering the region with first class councils. This goal was finally attained in 1928.

At this time National Boy Scout Conferences were held biennially. In 1924 Roswell was a second class Council and had already decided it would be necessary to join with neighboring towns to finance a first class Council.

Most second class Councils were run by volunteers. Often the commissioner was the director. Frequently they were paid for part-time work.

In view of the fact that Minor Huffman was the Commissioner, he had been invited to attend the 1924 Boy Scout Executive Biennial Training Conference held at the Y.M.C.A. Conference Ground near Estes Park, Colorado. This meeting was informative and inspirational. Minor was able to get a conference with Mr. Fitch, the Regional executive of Region 9, and convinced him the time was right to start the organization of a First Class Council. He agreed to send his Deputy, Earnest E. Voss, to assist in this.

COUNCIL ORGANIZED

In the Fall of 1924 the Regional office sent E. E. Voss, a field worker, to Roswell for a conference. After a lengthy meeting it was decided to try to organize all of Eastern New Mexico into one council, with a budget of \$6,000.00. Roswell was to raise one-half and the rest of the Council the balance. Mr. Voss visited all the communities several times, and after two month's work got most of the communities to agree to the plan and help underwrite the budget for the first year of operation.

The following is from the Roswell Daily Record of Dec. 5, 1924:

"The Boy Scout Area Council of Southeastern New Mexico was organized last night at a meeting at the Chamber of Commerce of representatives from Clovis, Alamogordo, and Roswell. C. M. Einhart was elected area president; Will Purdy, vice-president; Ivan Bridges, Clovis, second vice-president; Dr. E. D. McKinley, Alamogordo, third vice-president; Eph Bullock, Artesia, fourth vice-president; F. E. Hubert, Carlsbad, fifth vice-president, and M. C. Mears, Portales, sixth vice-president. T. L. Gardner will represent the area on the national council.

"G. R. Fletcher was elected area commissioner and Geo. B. Jewett area treasurer; M. C. Mears, Portales, area court of honor committee. D. N. Pope, chairman area leader training committee; J. E. Robertson, Artesia, chairman area finance committee; J. D. Atwood, chairman area camping committee; R. R. Rodgers, Alamogordo, chairman area civic service committee; Claude Simpson, chairman area publicity committee.

"E. E. Voss, assistant regional director, who has organized the area presided last night and outlined the whole work. After the adoption of a financial budget and the disposing of other important matters, Minor Huffman was elected to the position of scout executive for the area. Mr. Huffman will take the position January first and begin the active work in the area. He was highly recommended by the regional executive and heartily approved by delegations from every place represented at the meeting last night. This organization is a long step forward in the work for boys, and means much to every community in the nine southeastern New Mexico counties."

Minor Huffman was to start his work as Scout Executive on January 1, 1925. His annual salary was to be \$2,700.

The birth of the Eastern New Mexico area Council took place at this meeting. The Council was off to a good start. If the author had known he would be asked to write the history of the Council fifty-eight years later he would have kept better records of these early events.



Boy Scout Clubhouse in Roswell. It was used from 1921 through 1925. It was located at 311 N. Pennsylvania.

Chapter II

Early Council Operation

GOING AHEAD

An office was opened on the second floor of the Chaves County Court House. This was a large room in the Northeast corner. Partitions were built so we could have a storeroom and a private office.

The Council was beginning with only five troops. Four in Roswell and one in Carlsbad.

Mr. Voss had sold the communities on the value of Scouting and many interested people were waiting for the new executive.

A supply of forms, handbooks and badges were soon accumulated. Louise Peery was employed as office secretary at a salary of \$50.00 per month.

A schedule was set up which enabled the Scout Executives to visit all the communities in the Council the first three weeks of the month. The fourth week was spent in the offices and in Roswell.

The first week the schedule included Clovis, Portales, Farwell, Elida, coming back to headquarters by way of Melrose and Fort Sumner. The second week included Dexter, Hagerman, Hope, Artesia and Carlsbad. The third week the executive visited Carrizozo, Mescalero, Alamogordo, Tularosa and any of the mountain villages needing attention.

While this routine was adjusted according to need we found it to be very important to visit community leaders and the troop leaders regularly. The Executive always tried to visit towns on days the Civic Clubs had their weekly meetings. This gave the Scout Executive a chance to see many community leaders. He was often called on to report on progress of Scouting locally and throughout the Council.

The new Executive Board met four times the first year. Twice in Roswell and once each in Clovis and Carlsbad.

CARL M. EINHART

Carl M. Einhart, our first President, was manager of the Roswell Gas and Electric Co. In 1921 this company was sold to Roswell Public Service Company, with Mr. Einhart as manager. He was active in many community programs, including the Chamber of Commerce and the Salvation Army. He was exalted ruler of the Roswell Elks Lodge in 1919, and was active in Masonic circles. In 1920 he helped organize the Roswell

Rotary Club, serving as its first secretary. He was interested in the development of a dry ice plant near Roy in the northern part of the state.

He had always been interested in Scouting, serving with George B. Jewett on the Board of Roswell's second class Council.

His election proved to be a good choice for the first year.

ERNEST E. VOSS

We pause here to pay tribute to Ernest E. Voss whose untiring efforts and bulldog tenacity brought the towns together for the first big joint effort of coordinating in an area wide project.

He was born in Racine, Wisconsin. In 1915 he became an Eagle Scout and in 1920 joined the staff. He had an illustrious career serving as Scout Executive in McAlester, Oklahoma, the Phillipine Islands and Los Angeles, California. He was called back into U. S. Service as a Major in 1942 and retired as a Colonel in 1955.



Geo. B. Jewett
Council Treasurer 1925-1940
Father of Scouting in Roswell



Delmar N. Pope
Council Commissioner for fifteen years
Roswell Earliest Scoutmaster



Carl M. Einhart
First Council President 1925



Louise Peery
First Office Secretary 1925-1928

PINE LODGE

Pine Lodge proved to be a nice place for troop camping. Each year several troops camped there beginning in 1921 through 1925. Located on the North side of the Capitan Mountains it was only 60 miles West of Roswell.

At that time several Roswell families had cabins there, including: George Forbes, H. O. DeShurley, Gil Amis, C. C. Cagle, Walter Harrison, Phil Helmig, Buck Dunn, Dr. James Johnson, Ed Williams, Herb Lowrey, Charles Allison, and Irvin Woolsey.

There was a nearby Lodge where meals were served. The camp was located down canyon about a quarter of a mile from the Lodge. Water from a little stream flowed down a wooden trough to the camp site. There was plenty of good hiking in the mountains surrounding the camp. There also was a good swimming hole. It was not big enough for instructions but a good place to cool off. Since several troops had camped there in years past, it was selected for troop camping in 1925, the first year of the new Council (Eastern New Mexico).

James Lovey, head cook at NMMI, was the camp cook. We set up three tents: one for Lovey, one for food supplies, and one for equipment. Several troops took advantage of this arrangement. Most stayed one week and the fee was \$7.00. This was the first year to use the name We-Hin-Ah-Pay. While this was a successful camp, it was evident that we needed a bigger site, more accessible to the troops in the area.

Minor Huffman was Camp Director and Bill Lumpkins was Program Director. Since each troop had its leader, no other staff was needed.

The story of the Pine Lodge Camp by Earl Dixon (following) gives a good description.

CAMP NAME SELECTED

In 1924 we started searching for a name for our camp. At this time we were camping at Pine Lodge. We had a little contest which encouraged scouts to make a suggestion. Several Scouts turned in their thoughts but none of them appealed to the leaders who were to make the final decision. I met Will Robinson, who wrote a column for the Roswell Dispatch, on the street and during the conversation I told him of our hunt for a name for our camp. He was very fond of the Boy Scouts and he remarked that he would see if he could come up with some ideas.

A few days later he came up with a suggestion and printed it in the paper. He had found a story where the Indians took their young men out to camp for the purpose of teaching them the ways of warriors. They

always made their camp in hills where the light of the rising sun would flood the camp at an early hour. This they called We-Hin-Ah-Pay. This appealed to almost everyone, so it was selected and was first used at the Pine Lodge Camp in 1925.

The name was so well received that when we moved to Ruidoso for our 1926 camp we took the name right along with us. So when we located the site in Potato Canyon we just moved the name along, with the camping equipment. We-Hin-Ah-Pay has stood the test of time even though most everything else in the council has changed including the council name. When the council was organized in 1925 it was officially named the Eastern New Mexico Area Council but in 1953 the name was changed to Conquistador Council.



Swimming hole at Pine Lodge Camp.



Dining Area at Pine Lodge Camp.



Lower end of the Pine Lodge camping area.

TOP OF THE MOUNTAIN

By Earl Dixon

On the way to Roswell in the Pecos Valley of Southeastern New Mexico the attention of tourists and local residents alike, as they drive along, is turned to the awe-inspiring view of the peaks of the Capitan Mountains, known as the home of "Smokey the Bear". It was here "Smokey" was found as a small cub with smouldering feet as he walked out of a forest fire.

To experience from the valley floor the sight of sunsets with their long red rays sprayed into the western sky high above these mountains is a picture that would be an impossible task for the most gifted artist to capture.

I do believe that the pioneer fathers of Roswell found this mountain setting to be compatible with the fine water and land on which they settled. A western Shangri-la! This God-given beauty seems to be taken for granted by those who live in Roswell today but the top of that mountain will always remain in the memories of that small band of former Boy Scouts, now scattered to the four corners of the world, who reached that peak in spite of almost unconquerable odds on a day in June of 1925, under the leadership of Minor Huffman, Tode Brenneman, Harry DeShurley and Pete Stone.

Over the years when these men have met the subject of the hazards of that day long past are discussed in retrospect.

That year we were in Camp We-Hin-Ah-Pay, a few hundred yards below Pine Lodge among the Capitans in the fine weather of June. We spent days taking short hikes, building bridges across small streams and cutting a trail to the top of a hill near our camp for Sunday morning sunrise services. Scouts were gathered from Artesia, Alamogordo and Roswell. Those short hikes to Chimney Rock, Devil's Playground, Seven Cabins and McCallus Falls, were a way to put our young bodies in condition for the high altitude and prepare us for the assault to the top of the mountain.

This was the daily camp. Could we make it to the top of the mountain? We knew we could. We were Western Boy Scouts and worthy of the test. . . in fact, we could hardly wait.

In the meantime, we were deeply involved in daily activities which included so many things close to the hearts of thirteen and fourteen year olds. Archery was dear to us and was captured by Warren Tinsley who became an expert. His brother, Gilbert, threw and stuck the hatchet 500 times without a miss, a record that I am sure still stands today.

Horseshoes, swimming and working on Boy Scout Merit Badges filled those glorious days in this virgin western setting.

In the evenings around the campfires we were told stories of Indians, western pioneers and the forest rangers. Our leaders were well versed in such lore of this wonderful land.

The bugle awakened us, as usual, early on this clear day, the crisp air urging us hurriedly to prepare for the start of our hike to the top of the Capitans. After a fine breakfast prepared by cooks from New Mexico Military Institute of Roswell, we gathered our gear and assembled for a final inspection. Arrangements were made for carrying of the heaviest and lightest knapsacks among the largest and smallest Scouts. Adjusting our packs, we were ready to leave on our conquest of the Capitan mountains. We gradually left the camp site behind as we marched along single file singing Boy Scout songs at the top of our lungs.

We stopped to take a short rest at Chimney Rock, about a mile and one-half on the way to the top. We made that distance in high spirits. However, at this point a few of the younger Scouts elected to return to camp feeling their short time in scouting had not yet prepared them for the exacting demands on the trail ahead. An older scout was sent back to camp with them.

A short time later a slight rain began. Little did we know it was a warning of what the weather had in store for us this historical day in our lives.

We hurriedly found shelter under the western yellow pines and juniper trees. After awhile the rain let up enough for us to continue along the trail, although we were a bit damp. However, not in low spirits.

We climbed for another two miles when the clouds seemed to descend and surround us. Once again the rain came but this time it was heavy, so we again sought shelter under the trees. Of course, by this time we were much higher up on the mountain. The air was cooler and the wind kept getting stronger through the quaking aspens and pines.

Looking up at the summit it did not seem too far beyond where we had already come and we were all in unison, determined to reach the top. After another mile the rains came, this time with all its mountain fury, soaking us to the skin. The temperature dropped rapidly, turning the rain to sleet and hail. We were thankful the uniforms in those days called for long sleeved shirts and for hats. Shelter was scarce and the storm left the ground covered with hail. When the storm abated the leaders called everyone together to decide just what to do. Go back or go on? After a discussion it was decided that some would continue in our effort to reach the top of the mountain.

When we reached the timber-line the climbing was steeper. With the hail and ice underfoot it was no easy task but the determination of the Boy Scouts and their leaders to reach their goal regardless of the hardships created a perseverance to succeed.

The top of the mountain was finally reached. The wind was now blowing a gale and the bitter cold was almost unbearable, which together with our exhausted state robbed us of an appreciation of the view from the summit. Notwithstanding all this, our pride of accomplishment was great.

One of our leaders suggested we erect a monument of our fete, so we gathered rocks and put up a large dead pole as a witness to our efforts. I do believe that structure is still standing after these many years.

Our goal accomplished we headed down into the timber out of the terrible wind, where we stopped and tried to start a fire. Tode Brenneman, one of our leaders and a Scoutmaster of Troop 3, began chopping on a dead log trying to get to its dry inside. We knew his hands were freezing, his grip unsure. Sure enough, as he was frantically chopping the Scout hatchet glanced off the log and hit him in the forehead, blade first. It cut his hat between the crown and the brim—the leather band was cut in half—and split the skin of his forehead until the blood flowed. First aid was no problem. A handful of hail on the open wound soon stopped the bleeding and it was not long before he went back to his chopping but more carefully this time.

Thank goodness Oscar Green had brought along a metal box with tinder, flint and steel so we soon had a fire going.

All the Scouts had ice on their shirts, including myself. The sleeves were nearly solid ice and our hands were nearly frozen which made it impossible to unbutton the brass buttons of our uniforms until we thawed out over the fire which was made bigger and bigger.

Our clothes were eventually dried out by the fire. The thunder, lightning, rain, sleet and hail were gone and the day was clearing so we had a meal from our knapsacks, which again put us back in shape.

Feeling fit the thought of warm blankets in our tents was uppermost in our minds as we buried our fire and prepared to make the return trip to our camp.

Of the eighty-five boys and men who started the trek to the top of the mountain only a few had reached our destination.

Some of the Boy Scouts attending that long-ago We-Hin-Ah-Pay camp were T. L. Gardner, Jr., W. R. Bond, Oscar Greene, Ross Malone, Gilbert and Warren Tinsley, Mayberry Bond, James Rogers, Maurice Lipp, Staton Wooldridge, S. T. Witt, Luther Tillotson, and myself.

Now as we drive through southeastern New Mexico into Roswell and view the beauty of the western sky and the proud-standing peaks of the Capitans we are reminded of that group of Boy Scouts who conquered all the elements of nature to reach the top of the mountain.

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FIRST YEAR ENDS

The Council ended its first year of operation with a satisfactory record. At the end of 1925 there were twenty-five troops with a membership of 432, compared with 140 at the beginning of the year. One hundred and sixty Scouts spent an average of 10 days in camp.

The budget of \$6,000 caused some concern but finally most of the communities came through with a share.

Early in 1926 we held our Council meeting and re-elected the same slate of officers with the exception of Council Commissioner. Our new Commissioner was Reverend John Thorns of Carlsbad. He had an English back-ground and was well versed in Scouting.

We planned early for a big summer camp. The story of our Ruidoso Camp is told in another episode.



Balancing Rock, a favorite hiking place. See Pine Lodge in lower left.

Chapter III

Early Camping

RUIDOSO CAMP

In the Spring of 1926 we located a forty acre site on Ruidoso Creek, up about one-half mile above the old grist mill. It was down on the Ruidoso Creek but below the forest lookout tower. There were no improvements in the area at the time. However, a short distance up stream many cabins and some businesses were being built. The camp operated two periods of 10 days each.

About 200 Scouts and leaders attended this camp. One day was set aside for the hike to the top of Old Baldy (12,013 ft.) This was near the end of the camp days. We felt by this time Scouts would be acclimated to high altitude and mountain climbing. We checked the feet of the Scouts to be sure that end was in order. Any Scout or leader who had health reasons or did not want to tackle the climb, could spend the day in camp fishing or working on advancements. Most of the Scouts were anxious for this adventure and practically all started out.

A good deal of preparation was made for this climb. We were to have an early breakfast. Each Scout was to carry a jacket, raincoat or poncho and a lunch. Each troop had a leader who drew for a place in line of climbing. We had two qualified men at trail end of line to look after any stragglers. We followed the trail along the Ruidoso which crossed the beautiful mountain stream many times. Our leader set a slow pace, stopping frequently for short rests. We came to a fence which designated the boundary of the Mescalero Indian Reservation. About a mile up from the line we came to a fork in Ruidoso. Here also was the Forest Rangers cabin. We selected the left, or south fork. The climb grew slower and steeper as the elevation increased.

A few boys and leaders began to drop out. The steeper it got the slower the climbers. About three o'clock in the afternoon the first climbers made the summit. Approximately half of those who started were successful in reaching the top-the last of them making it at 4 p.m.

The view was gorgeous with white sands and the Malpais streaking in the valleys. Capitan and Organ Mountains were in full view. Some towns were spotted and some smoke was spotted. It was decided the smoke came from the smelters near El Paso.

The ominous clouds to the South-east were growing closer. Also the wind was cold and everyone was glad to have a jacket or sweater.

Names were written on sheets of paper and put in a baking powder can. After the can was buried each Scout added a rock to the monument.

The storm grew closer and the valleys below began to disappear. Those on the peak began their descent.

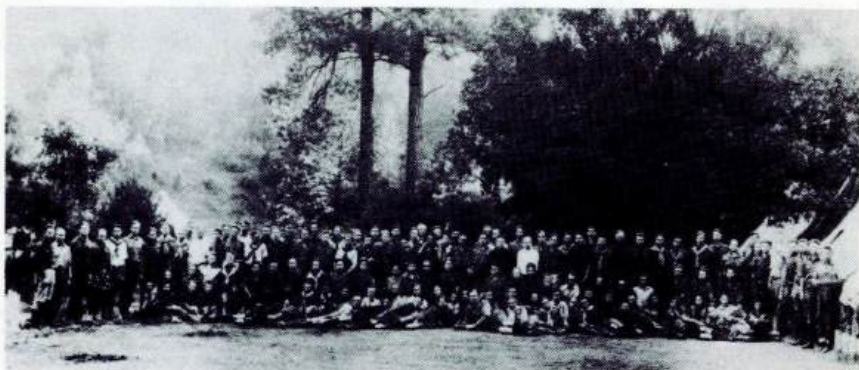
While the climb had taken from seven to eight hours, the hikers were back in camp in less than two hours... in time for chow.

For those who made the climb it was a great experience and for most it was their first real mountain climbing. Some of the group had seen a bear and all had been able to see a herd of wild horses.

As you can imagine, we had a short campfire that night. Everyone was happy to get into their sleeping bags well before the hour of taps.



Ed West and Carlsbad District Scouts at Ruidoso in 1926.



1926 Camp at Ruidoso.

THE ONLY ACCIDENT

Many things happened at camp in those days that would not be considered proper today. At We-Hin-Ah-Pay in Ruidoso in 1926 we have recorded in the Camp Bulletin two events that added to the thrill of campers.

Only one thing happened that in any way marred the ten days in camp. The accident tho absolutely unavoidable, put a sad feeling into the campers. Bill Lumpkins and Donald Wilkins were out hunting nests of the cliff swallows. Bill while looking over or walking along the high cliff just back of camp, had the misfortune to slip and fall headfirst over the forty foot cliff. Almost one hundred scouts saw him fall. Some covered their eyes, others groaned with a mournful tone, because they realized that a forty foot drop over a cliff with only rocks at the bottom meant almost certain death. Scoutmasters who were almost weary with responsibilities of the big camp rushed for the slide and started the dangerous ascent of the cliff. Finally they reached the bottom, out of breath, some with a few more gray hairs than they had when they started. They found Bill crumpled on a pile of rocks. A stretcher was quickly made and the trip down the rock slide started. The doctor arrived and met the party halfway down the slide, but due to the dangerous path the stretcher had to proceed to the foot of the mountain, then the doctor with the help of another physician who had just arrived made a thorough examination of Bill and decided that no bones had been broken. He was taken to the tent hospital and officers took turns watching and waiting for new developments. Cloths dampened in the cool waters of the Ruidoso were applied to his head and—well, to tell the truth the whole thing turned out to be a joke. Some scouts were mad because they had been fooled, while others were glad that Bill really wasn't hurt, they were glad that it was a dummy pushed out over the cliff. At any rate it was something that will be long remembered.

Early in the camp many of the leaders were concerned over the safety of the cliffs at the edge of our camp. Scouts with their zeal to explore had gotten into some dangerous positions; so this event was staged to impress our campers with the danger of climbing the cliffs.

Only three leaders knew about it in advance and they planned it well but had no idea that it would be so realistic.

At the evening campfire, Bill Lumpkins walked into the circle and the announcement was made it was all a joke. Several of the leaders felt a good point had been made but that it had been carried too far.

GHOST NIGHT

Shirt tails, pajamas, sheets, etc., wrapped around scouts formed a part of the ceremonies. A shadowed fire, weird tales, finished it up. Of course no scout would admit that he believed in Ghosts, yet when we started back to camp, you should have seen them crowd up together, hold hands and jump at the least sound.

AGUA CHITQUITA CANYON

The Agua Chitquita area of the Sacramento Mountains was a virgin territory for recreational programs. Many pioneer ranch families were scattered over the territory but about 1920 the recreational advantages became apparent.

Glenn Stone's family spent several summers in Weed before the Artesia Camp development got under way. He remembers that they became friends with many of the early families living in the vicinity. The pioneer families always appreciated their summer visitors and welcomed them as neighbors.

The early families recalled by the Stones were the Robertsons, Stevensons, Weems, Mills, Earharts, Prichards, Hitchcocks, Allens, Cridebrings, Buckners, Sowell, Gentrys, Calkins, Fullers, Millers and the Wassoms.

ARTESIA CAMP

The Artesia Sacramento development began about 1920. It is located on the south side of the Aqua Chitqita canyon about seven or eight miles west of Weed. It took shape slowly but by 1925 Dr. Glenn E. Stone remembers that several families had completed their summer homes, including W. E. Ragsdale, J. S. Sharp, L. P. Evans, C. W. Bartlett, E. A. Hannah, George Welton, Dr. Ed. Stone, and John Donahue.

SACRAMENTO METHODIST ASSEMBLY

The Methodist Conference purchased a tract of land near the Artesia Camp in 1924, for the purpose of building a summer assembly camp, primarily for young people. It was several years before sufficient buildings and equipment were at this site. The young peoples' summer assembly was held at Boy Scout Camp in Potato Canyon (We-Hin-Ah-Pay). After a few years the Methodist Conference completed the assembly buildings and grounds. This has been a very successful operation for this Methodist Conference.

A great deal of credit goes to the Reverend Lewis Means, who was Pastor of the Methodist Church in Weed, during the beginning of this development. Other Pastors who were helpful in the early years include Rev. Bryan Hall, Rev. John Klasson and Rev. Joe Scrimshire.

The folks who lived in the area surrounding Weed were enthusiastic about the Artesia Camp, the Boy Scout Camp and the Sacramento Methodist Assembly. All these projects furnished jobs. They also brought the kinds of people they liked. Good substantial folks who were interested in the good things of life.

Among those early citizens of Weed who shared in this growth were the Wassons, Hitchcocks, Robertsons, Mills, Allens, Fullers, Millers, Buckners and Calkins. Time has taken its toll of this fine pioneer group, but their spirits live on.

Among the early people whom the author has had the pleasure of keeping in touch with are the Hitchcocks, through Raymond.

Mr. Hitchcock helped in the building of the camp and we frequently visited with the family. Later, when they moved to Roswell, Raymond being active in our Scouting Program, attained the rank of Eagle Scout. Raymond wrote a series of articles about the Sacramento Methodist Assembly which appeared in the "New Mexico United Church Reporter-July 1983".

SPRING CANYON

Spring Canyon was acquired by George B. Jewett in 1924. He had previously owned a summer home on the Upper Ruidoso but felt the growth in population was a hindrance to a comfortable summer home. After visiting the area he purchased the deeded land in Spring and Potato Canyons. He built his cottage in Spring Canyon and enjoyed his vacation days there. Some good springs were near his home and he built little ponds at each spring.

The Saunders and Wilsons also built cabins near the Jewetts. The Canyon now has several additional residents as well as Camp Pine Springs, owned by a Church of Christ Congregation in El Paso, Texas.

CAMP MARY WHITE

The Girl Scout Camp in Bear Canyon was started about the same time as our Boy Scout Camp, We-Hin-Ah-Pay. Mary White was Postmistress in Roswell 1921 to 1933. She was also the Girl Scout Commissioner. Her father Elza White was a prominent rancher and owned property in the Sacramento Mountains. He offered the use of some land in Bear Canyon.

The Camp has 200 acres and fine facilities for Mountain Camping. The Post Office address is Mayhill. In 1977 the camp celebrated its 50th year. In the early years the Girl Scout Headquarters was in Roswell but in 1954 the Roswell Council became a district in the Southeastern New Mexico Council. In 1958 the Council name was changed to Zia Girl Scout Council. The headquarters is now in Artesia.

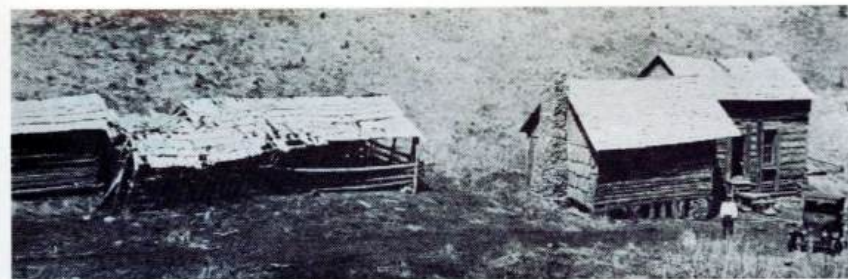
CAMP SACRAMENTO

The development of Camp We-Hin-Ah-Pay in Potato Canyon was a great source of satisfaction to Minor Huffman. It was the kind of Scout Camp he dreamed should be available to the boys of Eastern New Mexico. Mr. Jewett had made possible the purchase of 40 acres for use by Boy Scouts with a water right to the spring. Since the 40 acres was surrounded by State Land there were no restrictions on our use for hiking and camping. This assured us several miles of trails for our Scout activities. Naturally, buildings were erected on our newly purchased 40 acres.

Left in this tract were 120 acres, and these acres included the spring which at this time tested 32 gallons per minute. Minor decided to buy it to protect the Boy Scout Camp. These 120 acres were purchased from Mr. Jewett for \$1,500. Minor grew more enthusiastic about the area and decided to build a lodge and to offer a longer camp experience for a few boys. Bill Lumpkins, who had developed into an excellent Scout Camp Program Leader, was a partner in this venture.



A close up. These old buildings were just below spring.



Old buildings at time of purchase on Camp Sacramento Site.

THE LODGE AT SACRAMENTO

The Lodge was completed in 1929 and the first camp was opened in 1930. The first name of the Lodge was Kn-un-he, which was a coined word from; knowledge-fun-health. Later the name was changed to Camp Sacramento for Boys. The purpose was to give individual boys a good mountain camp experience. Each boy had the use of a horse. The fee was \$25.00 per week. No one was enrolled for less than two weeks and some stayed the full eight weeks.

The Lodge as pictured here was an all-purpose building, with kitchen, dining room, assembly room, library, and a toilet on the main floor. A big fireplace was in the Assembly Room and a smaller one in the library. Two



A painting of the Lodge at Camp Sacramento by Alene Gregg Lepp. This painting hangs in the Crosby Memorial Service Center.

bedrooms were on the second floor. These were in the ends of the building, leaving the upper part of the Assembly Room for the high aspen beamed ceiling. The area under the main floor was used for handicrafts.

Each session was limited to 20 boys.

It was not practical for Minor Huffman to operate both camps, even with his wife, Dena Mae, directing the dining room. When the cook left, Dena Mae cooked for the balance of the season. Charlie Miller looked after the horses and taught horsemanship which meant he went with the string on the trail rides.

The second year George Bullock, who had proven himself a great Camper, was employed to direct the camp. George was the Y.M.C.A. Secretary at the Oklahoma State College in Stillwater. He was known throughout the State of Oklahoma as a leader of boys.

This worked successfully for a time but Minor was transferred to El Paso, Texas as Scout Executive. Mr. Bullock purchases the property but soon found he couldn't carry out his duties at college and operate the Camp. It was a great idea but none of us had funds to adequately finance a private Boys Camp. The property was sold to the Leck family of Carlsbad in 1941. It was purchased by the Eastern New Mexico Council in 1948. This was a good move as it took in the spring and assured more room for expansion.

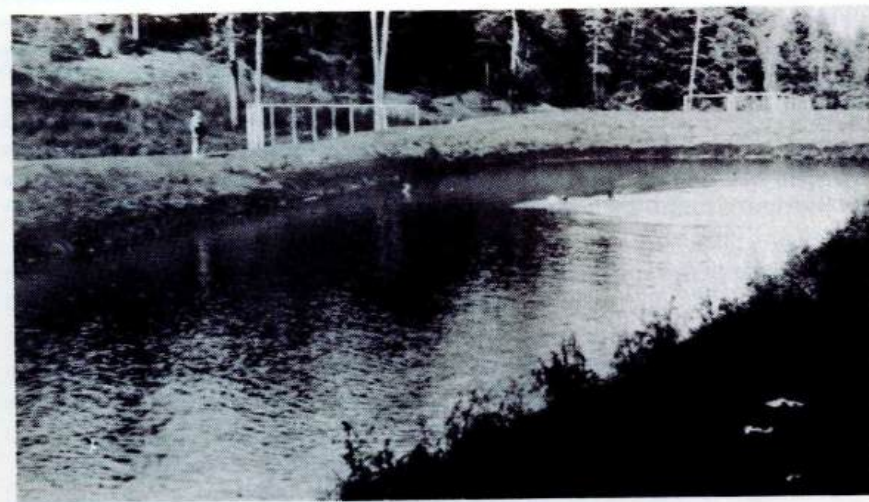
The Boy Scout Camp now had a total of 160 acres. The Lodge and other buildings were torn down and, at present, only the rock foundation remains to mark the Lodge.



Corral at Camp Sacramento



Ras Robertson hews mantel board for fireplace at Camp Sacramento.



In 1930 a small lake was built at Camp Sacramento. Note tennis court in rear.



Another early view of the Lodge at Camp Sacramento.

POTATO CANYON NEW SITE

At this time our council officers were fully convinced that we needed a permanent camp in a more isolated area. A committee composed of George B. Jewett, Chairman; W. F. Crain of Dexter, E. B. Bullock of Artesia, and Ira J. Stockwell of Carlsbad began a search for a suitable site. This committee finally agreed on a 40 acre site in Potato Canyon about ten miles west of Weed. This location in the Sacramento Mountains was isolated, with adequate water and beautiful virgin timber.

Here the little spring fed stream ran the length of the canyon and there joined the Agua Chitquita which wanders down through the canyon and then joins the Penasco near Elk.

As chairman of the committee, Mr. Jewett solicited the support of council officers and an effort was to be made to get the camp completed so it could be used by the troops for the coming summer. It was springtime and the camping season was rapidly moving our way. While our knowledge of building camps was limited, we had visited a few Boy Scout camps and had some layouts and pictures furnished us by the camping department of the National Boy Scout Headquarters.

The Scout Clubhouse in Roswell was sold for \$3,000. and this money was put in as Roswell's share. Alamogordo, Artesia, Carlsbad, Clovis and Portales raised another \$3,000. With this \$6,000 the camp was built. E. R. Everman, a Roswell builder, whose son was Scout Executive at El Paso, Texas, built the camp in six weeks. Mr. Everman brought two carpenters from Roswell. One was his son, Lynn. He also employed some men living nearby, including Raz Robertson, Frank Hitchcock, Draten Mills, and Raymond Buckner.

The camp consisted of a Mess Hall with kitchen, a Lodge used for assembly, an office, bunk house for cooks, and 12 Patrol Shelters (or cabins). We ran a one inch water line to the kitchen and washrooms. Chemical toilets were used and were on the hillside back of the Patrol Shelters. Later the cook's bunk house was converted into a health lounge. In a few years a log cabin was built by campers. The office was moved there and the office building was converted into staff quarters.

The author of this story was knee deep in the development of this camp but without the help of George Jewett chairman of the camp building committee and also Treasurer of the council (He remained Treasurer through 1940) we probably could not have accomplished it.

On July 15th 1927 Camp We-Hin-Ah-Pay opened for three 10-day periods. Under George Jewett's leadership the camp had been purchased and built in four months at a cost of \$6,000.00. The camp was rebuilt in 1961 and the central administrative area was moved up the canyon above the spring.

The old facilities might appear to have been inadequate compared with today's standards but thousands of Scouts in hundreds of troops had a memorable experience at the old camp.

For many years Lovey, the head cook at the N.M.M.I., cooked for We-Hin-Ah-Pay. At Pine Lodge and at Ruidoso we used the old Army field ranges. We dug a pit for the fire and set the cooking surface and oven over the pit. We used wood. A tarp was placed high over the stove in case of rain. It was surprising how many fine meals resulted from this simple arrangement. It always helped if we could employ a cook who had Army experience.

At new We-Hin-Ah-Pay, beginning in 1927, we had two wood ranges. There was no electricity and of course no refrigeration. The nearest place to secure ice was Cloudercroft so we forgot the ice. The punch and tea served for lunch was made from cold water which came directly from the spring.

Practically everything was cooked from scratch. Every Scout took his turn at K. P. duty. There were two main jobs: one was food preparation. Potatoes had to be peeled, carrots scraped, beans looked over carefully (to get out the rocks), onions to be sliced. The other part of K. P. duty included the gathering of the wood to keep the fire burning in the stoves, and answering any calls from the Cook. This wasn't all in vain. Occasionally the cook passed along an extra piece of sheet cake with icing.

During the first two years when we were cooking outside, we had to fight flies. We used fly paper, the fly swatter, and around the cooking area we used a big fan to shoo away the flies (hand operated).

Our new kitchen and dining room had screens, so with spray guns and other preventatives we were able to satisfactorily control flies.

The idea of using the fast food service in our camps had not been born at this time. There were no individually packaged goods. Everything was purchased in bulk. Dried fruit was available in 25# wooden boxes. We could purchase dried raisins, prunes, apricots, peaches and apples.

The usual breakfast consisted of cooked cereal, stewed fruit with bacon, eggs and toast.

Prunes were frequently on the breakfast menu. It was thought that the change in eating habits, the excitement of a new way of life, would leave some Scouts constipated. To be sure that regularity was preserved we had a prune club. Five prunes would get you in but to be a full fledged pruner you had to consume 10 at first breakfast. That worked well and probably would not have caused any undue discomfort but a few Scouts threw out a challenge to see how many they could eat. Needless to say, we never had to give any castor oil or Exlax.

Beans and potatoes were staple items and we never had any campers who didn't eat them. At the altitude of 8000 ft. everything took a little longer to cook, especially beans. We used the frijoles, soaked them overnight, put them on the stove just as soon as we could so that they would have several hours to simmer.

For meat we would have a half beef delivered at camp by a nearby rancher. It was wrapped in canvas and when the sun went down we pulled



Lovey, our cook, at the kitchen door.

it 12 or 15 ft. high into a tree. This kept the bears away and since the nights got down into 45 or 50 degrees this meat cooled nicely. Early in the morning we let it down and the cook cut off the meat he was to use for the day. It was then wrapped carefully and buried in a shady spot, about 15" deep. It kept cool during the day and at night we again swung it into the trees.

Paper goods were not used at that time so dishwashing was a chore that had to be well supervised in keeping with the Boy Scout Health and Safety standards. Water hot enough for dishwashing had to be heated in pots outside the kitchen.

THE BEAN

Beans were often on the menus. All campers enjoyed them. One of our early campers was Paul Crume from Farwell, Texas. He later became a writer for the Dallas Morning News. On several occasions he mentioned his camp We-Hin-Ah-Pay experiences, in his daily column, which appeared on the front page with heading BIG D. One time he wrote about the importance of beans in diets of New Mexico and West Texas. Some of his comments follow.

In the dust bowl days of New Mexico and West Texas, when families were trying to build their incomes up to poverty level they simply ate more beans.

It was considered all right for women to eat a few green beans in season but the frijoles were needed for men and growing children. The affluent household in those days was one which could afford to keep a pot of beans on the kitchen range ready at all hours.

The remarkable health giving powers of the bean prevented malnutrition. It is the greatest all-purpose food ever gathered by man. It is a soup entree, dessert and sometimes beverage. Furthermore, it is all food. It is not crammed full of a lot of useless hay-like vitamins.

The bean is also one of the most attractive of foods. There are few things to better gladden the eye than a pot of beans, freshly cooked, to just the right point of softness, especially if there isn't anything else to eat.

It may be that one of the reasons that beans were a favorite among scouts of the early camps, was because they had already developed a taste for this food. The depression was coming on and beans were as important as bread in the home diet.

CAMP PERIODS

During the first several years all camp periods were for ten days. The program was filled with opportunities for Scout advancement, nature

study and Indian lore. Items for Scout advancement generally included the outside subjects such as hiking, nature study, cooking, camping and pioneering. It was felt that many of the requirements could be met at home and at troop meetings. Frequently we found it necessary to offer other subjects in order to help our campers complete a rank. All of our campers were proud to complete a rank at summer camp or to complete two or three merit badges.

All troops made at least one overnight hike during a camp session. The Rimrock was a favorite place to go. Campers made their own packs. Food which they prepared at the site was checked out of the kitchen.

INDIAN LORE

Indian Lore was a favorite subject with many of our campers. We were able to teach the making of costumes, which included headdresses, bustles, moccasins, bead and feather work, dancing and Tom-Tom making. We were fortunate in having good enthusiastic instructors for this section of our program. As a related subject we offered silver smithing in the craft shop.

During the year of 1927 we brought over George Riley to lead our Indian lore program. He was especially skilled in dancing and costume making. He was from Lubbock and was a member of K. N. Clapp's troop. He had studied Indian dancing under Ralph Hubbard, who operated a boys camp out of Colorado Springs. . . Camp Ten Sleep.



Longhouse was a part of the Indian Village, Carr Austin on right.

The next year Jim Ramsey, whose Indian name was Chief Red Eagle, joined our staff to help with the Indian Lore. We first heard of Jim Ramsey through stories he wrote for Wm. Boyce's Lone Scout Magazine. He lived in Lincoln, New Mexico for many years. Several of our fine campers took a special interest in Indian lore, including Ridgley Whiteman and Carr Austin. Their boyhood hobby was reflected in their adult activities. Bill Lumpkins, who was directing the general program for the camp, was also a skilled Indian craftsman.

CAMPFIRES

The high point for each day in camp was the evening camp fire ceremony. It was an honor for a troop to be selected to build the camp fire, which was carefully laid in the afternoon. An extra supply of wood was stocked nearby. The Scouts gathered before dark and by troops, with hands folded, marched silently into the Council ring. The Council fire chief opened the session with an Indian ceremony. Then the fire was lit.



Carr Austin beats Tom Tom for the dancers.



A tepee near the council ring.



A class in Indian Costumes, Ridgley Whiteman on right.



Bill Lumpkins demonstrates the Skull Dance about 1930.



1928 picture of the Council Ring back of the Lodge at We-Hin-Ah-Pay.



A view of the Camp in 1927.



Throwing the axe was a scheduled activity at our early camps.



Our Mescalero Scouts in Camp, put a pack saddle on one of their members. Percy Bigmouth, their leader, is short man on the steps. A 1928 picture.



Mescalero Scouts at Camp. On the left is Chief Templeton, Percy Bigmouth is squatting on ground in front of Templeton. Chief Templeton was on our staff one summer. He came from Muskegee, Oklahoma.

OPENING CAMPFIRE CEREMONY

YO HAY! YO HAY! MITA COLA NAY UN HAY

We have come together to hold a council.

"Holding the pipe and turning in all directions toward the audience". Then pointing the pipe toward the sky."

To Wokanda, the Great Spirit, that he be present with us tonight.

Hay un ka una yas nay, Nune way. (every one answers nune way)

Looking East To We go hin yan peyata, that he come not with his rains tonight.

Hay un ka una yas nay, nune way. (all answer Nune way)

Facing South To Oh ka gaih, the south wind, that you come not upon us with your heat.

Hay un ka una yas nay, nune way. (All answer)

Facing West To Weyo peyata, the west wind, that you come not with your strength upon us.

Hay un kaya. Nune way! (all answer nuneway)

Facing North To Wazi yata, the North wind that he come not upon us with your cold and snow.

Hay un ka ya. Nune way. (All answer Nuneway)

Then pointing toward the Earth—

And to you Mother Earth, give us food in plenty.

Hay un kay une yas ne. Nune Way— (all answer nuneway)

(Then laying the pipe on an altar of earth or forked sticks.)

Now light we the fire by friction or flint and steel; even doth Wokanda light his fire by rubbing the trees of the forest together; or striking together the stones of the mountains.

After the fire is started the pipe was lit from the camp fire and puffs of smoke blown to all four directions. Now know we that Wokanda will be with us.

Hay un kay une yas nay. Nuneway! (All answer Nuneway)

The first order of events was a series of reports. These were very short but important for the observation of the Scouts. The reports were interesting. A few are listed below. The Scout addressed the Campfire Chief as follows:

"O Chief, I have a report."

The Chief replied, "Scout give your report."

Scout: At foot of Pepper Canyon we found tracks of a mother bear and a cub.

Scout: While hiking over the hill toward Spring Canyon we ran into a flock of wild turkey.

Scout: Up the Canyon near the Calkins house we saw two deer.

Scout: While we were hiking up the canyon just this side of the spring we found some gooseberries — they were good eating.

Scout: We found some rocks and took to our naturalist. He said they were pieces of flint.

Scout: On our nature hike we found some red columbine.

After the reports one or more troops put on a demonstration or stunt. These were assigned well in advance.

After some singing came the story hour. This was by the Camp Director or someone he selected. Sometimes this was an Indian story but often it was an inspirational story.

The camp fire over, the Scouts left the ring silently with arms folded. Most Scouts were ready to crawl into their bedrolls. The troop that had laid the camp fire remained behind to see that the fire was extinguished. A few minutes later taps was sounded and this was generally a welcome sound after a busy day.

In 1926 We-Hin-Ah-Pay had a swimming program at Ruidoso. One of our Eagle Scouts, Nick Crain of Dexter, taught a number of Scouts to swim. There was a real need at this time for instructions in swimming and life saving. There were very few swimming pools in this area. Many of the so-called water holes where the boys were trying to learn to swim were not acceptable because they did not meet the health and safety requirement.

A SWIMMING POOL

With the need that was evident, Bill Lumpkins, Nick Crain and other members of the staff decided to build a swimming pool. They did just that in 1928 for less than \$200.

Draten Mills brought his team up with a fresno and scooped out a hole. With a little spade work we had an excavation 16' X 40'. With the use of native lumber we boxed it out, then put roofing paper on the walls and bottom, after which we mopped it good with tar. The water from the spring was turned into it and the pool filled over night.

The Junior Staff could hardly wait to try it out. One dive into that cold water was enough for the group. They kept up their courage by telling all the new campers how wonderful it was to have a dip. Many tried it but generally one time was enough. This made them members of the Polar

Bear Club. Among the early campers who have mentioned being members of the Polar Bear Club are Dr. George Richardson, Bruce Poorbaugh, John Melhop, Carr Austin, Ridgley Whiteman and Bill Lumpkins.

The pool was deep enough at one end for life saving and a few brave souls did complete some of the requirements. This was a good addition to the camp in many ways but really was not practical. It did point up the need for more opportunities for the many scouts who needed to complete their swimming and lifesaving. As a result of this need, we began planning for a camp session near water suitable for swimming and boating.



The swimming pool as it looked in 1929.



Ready to take the trail for an all day ride.

WATER CAMPS

The water camp became a reality in 1928. The first week was held at Lake Van near Dexter. We borrowed some boats and other equipment and with a few instructors that had been trained by the Red Cross we launched a training program in water activities that has improved and grown with the need. The name was later changed from Water Camp to Aquatic Camp.



Early campers at We-Hin-Ah-Pay build a log cabin. Bill Lumpkins, lower right.



Bill Lumpkins, a staff man for the early years.



1927. Note old cars as the campers leave for home.

A BOY SCOUT'S PARADISE

By Eagle Scout John Mehlhop,

Dexter, N.M.

If there ever was a camp situated in a place favorable for the study and enjoyment of nature it was Camp We-Hin-Ah-Pay. At an altitude of slightly over 8000 feet, it lies in the midst of a bountiful supply of nature's most interesting products.

During the three periods spent at camp there were a large number of different species of flowers, birds and trees found and identified. There were something like 70 different kinds of wild flowers around the camp whose names were known, and dozens that could not be classified. Of course, some of these were quite inconspicuous, but a great number are among the most beautiful of wild flowers.

The flower hikes, which were short, taken to give the Scouts a chance to enjoy and learn the names of the different flowers, usually led thru glades of the rainbow irises mixed with a few dandelions, golden cordalises and wild geraniums. Around the springs grew the blue marsh violets and pretty yellow monkey-flowers. Up higher on the northern slope (south side of canyon) these flower hikes led thru white wood violets, lupines, asters, columbines, twining blue vetches, and different colored sweet peas. On across the canyon, scattered on the southern slope would be found the Indian paint brush, scarlet gillias, violet beard tongues and others. While down the stream were sheep sorrels, polemoniums and evening primroses that would often measure four inches across the corolla.

The different varieties of trees were also numerous. Around two dozen different species were found and identified. The reason for this large number of trees is accounted for by the fact that the camp lies between the trees of the lower sloped such as the monosperma, alligator junipers and those of the higher altitudes, as the Englemann and silver spruces. With these two types, there are also oaks, maples, aspens, firs and others of the central regions. Considerable help in identifying these was given by Forest Ranger Boone who was in camp several times and gave an interesting forest talk each visit.

Probably the most interesting field in nature lore was the study of the birds. Bird hikes were frequently taken early in the morning to stalk, watch and listen to the birds. It was pretty tough getting up at five o'clock in the morning with the weather almost cold enough to freeze, but there were always about a half dozen or more boys ready to go.

It was good sport to see who could see the most birds or discover the most new species on one of these hikes.

Nature study has always been of interest to most of the scouts. Whether riding, hiking or working, they were always on the alert for a strange bird call or unusual wild flowers, insect or tree. It was interesting to most of them to watch some sight as a squirrel scolding a jay; or an old bird feeding its young; to find a humming bird's nest; or watch a nuthatch creeping down a tree in its peculiar way, searching for food. All such as these were noticed and observed with interest by the scouts, and when something unusual of this kind was observed pertaining to the ways, habits and habitats of nature fold or plants, it was certain to be reported and discussed that night at camp fire.

Experiences with the so-called game creatures were, of course, of especial interest to the boys. Most of whom were fortunate enough to see some deer. One interesting event reported was the find of a buck and doe with their newly born twin fawns, by a groups of scouts on horseback. Altho the boys rode up to and even touched the fawns, the buck and doe did not move off more than 50 yards. On another occasion the writer came upon a hen turkey with her brood of young and succeeded in catching in his hands two of the little ones. In this case the mother hen disappeared from view. It should be unnecessary to state that the young were released.

We were fortunate in having with us at camp for a few days, Mr. Clapp, a scoutmaster and nature man from Lubbock, Texas, who helped considerably in finding and identifying new birds. He also made some splendid talks, on birds and one on reptiles which created a great deal of interest.

This year we really just began our nature work. Next year we hope to have a separate building for the nature department and museum with more and better equipment.

With a permanent herbarium and permanent tree, reptile, insect and museum collections added to each year we will have an ideal nature department.

Chapter IV

The Council Moves Forward

Carlsbad Caverns Day

Saturday, October 30, 1926, was a special Boy Scout day at the Carlsbad Caverns. This was the first council-wide event held in the Caverns.

The scouts walked to the big room where the ceremony was held. It was an impressive ceremony. Here is a reprint of a story which appeared in the Carlsbad Current Argus after the event under the title "Scouts Enjoy Big Cavern Day."



Carlsbad Caverns Day. Saturday October 30th 1926. This picture was taken in the area known as the King Palace.

SCOUTS ENJOY BIG CAVERN DAY

Nearly 100 Boy Scouts of This Area
Enjoy Trip Through Carlsbad Cavern
Saturday, Nov. 2, 1926

Eighty-four Boy Scouts of the southeastern New Mexico area were in the unique pilgrimage who saw Carlsbad Cavern—most of them for the first time. Towns represented were Alamogordo, Melrose, Clovis, Roswell, Hagerman, Dexter, Artesia and Carlsbad.

Scout Day at the Cavern was an occasion looked forward to by scouts of this area for many weeks, an important event in their calendar. All through the day Friday

the boys arrived from their homes, and Friday night sixty-five of them enjoyed the group "sleep" at the Armory on Troop B cots. There were forty-five of them left to bunk again at the Armory Saturday night. Their lunches Saturday were paid for by the local Rotary Club and prepared by the local scouts.

The occasion was augmented in interest by the fact that they also celebrated the birthday anniversary of the ideal of all boys, Theodore Roosevelt.

When the boys had felt the thrills of the wonderful underground adventure, they were assembled and heard a splendid talk on this great and active statesman, delivered by Victor L. Minter, secretary of the Carlsbad Chamber of Commerce, which was followed by excellent talks by Rev. John Thorns, pastor of the local Presbyterian church and an ardent scout worker, and by Minor Huffman, of Roswell, area boy scout executive.

An impressive service, led by Rev. Thorns, was the presentation of Eagle Scout badges to Warren T. Tinsley, of Roswell, and Earl (Stormy) Rogers of Melrose. Three Carlsbad boys, Henry Foster, Joe Yates and Francis Tracy, were presented to the assembled group as boys who had also earned this great rank of Scouting. As these badges must come from New York, it was not possible to have them here in time for presentation at the Cavern visit. Singing of the "state's song" and of "America" was enjoyed by all scouts.

The boys keenly enjoyed their unusual adventure, and the fact that it did not wear down their boyish enthusiasm was demonstrated in the fact that they made the entire trip out in 25 minutes, then being held back by their leaders.

Ivan Bridges - New President

During the end of 1926 Carl Einhart, our Council President, moved to California. Ivan Bridges, first Vice-president, took over for the rest of the year. He was a druggist in Clovis and owner of Southwest Drug Store there. Mr. Bridges was an enthusiastic Scouter, anxious and willing to do anything he could to help Scouting succeed. He served through 1928 and soon after moved to Wichita, Kansas.

Mescalero - Percy Bigmouth

In 1925 a Troop was organized at the Mescalero Indian School. This was a boarding school and Professor Cooper was the principal. The first Scoutmaster was one of the teachers. The Troop of ten boys came to the 1926 camp held at Ruidoso. They were a popular group and their assistant at that time was Percy Bigmouth. He was a hunchback and a lovable person. He always had a group of boys around him. He was very good at craftwork and was frequently called on to tell Indian stories. He was proud of his people and proud of his Boy Scouts.

Percy was our Scout contact in Mescalero. During the summer he was Forest Ranger at a cabin located one mile up from Ruidoso near the Indian Reservation gate. The cabin was located at the junction where the North and South forks join together.

The boarding school was discontinued but today there is a Day School there for lower grades. The high school students are bussed to Ruidoso.



Ivan Bridges, Clovis
President 1926-1929



E. Birch Harrison, Carlsbad
President 1930-1931



P.V. Thorson
Scout Executive 1932-1941



Col L.B. Plummer
Commissioner 1930-1940



Percy Bigmouth was loved by all Boy Scouts. Here he is pictured with Minor Huffman Jr. In 1940 our family visited Percy at the ranger station in upper Ruidoso.



Percy Bigmouth as a forest ranger in the Indian Reservation.

Scouts of Yesterday and Today

In an old newspaper clipping dated March 1927 we found a story about two old Mescalero Indian Scouts and their two grandsons. The two grandsons were members of our Troop 27 at Mescalero. Their pictures were in the paper with their grandfathers. (We are sorry that the paper has deteriorated to such an extent that the picture cannot be reproduced. Since there is no heading on the copy we are not certain which newspaper ran the story.)

KENNETH KAYITAH AND PHILLIP MARTINE

By Leonard B. Radtke
(Scoutmaster Troop No. 27, Mescalero, N.M.)
Dec. 1927

INDIAN scouts of yesterday.

Boy scouts of today.

For illustrious prototypes in scouting, two Mescalero youths, Kenneth Kayitah and Phillip Martine, can lay just claims in their grandsires, Martin Kayitah and Charles Martine.

Both of these weather-beaten Indian scouts of the old days willingly braved death at the hands of the warring chief Geronimo for their country.

To do the United States government a good turn, to obviate the necessity of sacrificing the lives of many soldiers, to capture the wily and fierce renegade and to bring about unending peace to the southwest.

Chief Geronimo, feared throughout the southwest for his depredations, left the San Carlos reservation with a party of "braves" in May, 1885, and took the war-path.

After a series of raids, he crossed into Mexico closely followed by General Crook and his soldiers. Hard pressed, Geronimo agreed to surrender, and upon his promise to Crook that he would return peaceably to Fort Apache, he was given little surveillance.

While on his way to Fort Apache, the party stopped to camp at a small border town. At a certain tavern, soldiers, Indians and scouts started to celebrate.

Liquor flowed freely; the war was over. During the festivities, a strange company of soldiers made their appearance. Being newcomers they were, of course, anxious to see the famous chief.

"Where's Geronimo? Where's Geronimo?" they shouted.

The cautious chief heard them and became alarmed. He had been double crossed before. Fearing that they were preparing to harm him, he hastily gathered his braves and broke away, to defy the government by continuing the war.

Because of Geronimo's escape General Crook was relieved. General Miles was dispatched from Washington to assume command of the campaign against Geronimo.

When Miles arrived at Fort Bowie to make preparations to capture the chief, he realized that he had a bloody campaign ahead of him.

He sent for Indian scout Noche, whose blind son, Uncus, is at present interpreter at the Mescalero Indian agency.

General Miles asked Noche: "How would you capture Geronimo?"

"General," queried the Indian, "let me ask you a question. How do you intend to capture him?"

"I shall put soldiers at every waterhole, and when Geronimo's band comes for water they will be beaten off and forced to surrender."

"If you do that, general, you will suffer heavy losses. Your army will be divided while Geronimo's band will fight as a unit. The Indians are familiar with every water hole while the soldiers know but few of them."

"Well," said General Miles, "how would you capture him?"

"I should choose an Indian and let him pick a comrade to visit Geronimo's camp. They can explain to him that further resistance can end only in death. They also can use their influence in an effort to persuade him to surrender."

"Do you know of such an Indian?"

"I do—Martin Kayitah."

Kayitah was living peacefully on his little farm, hoeing his corn and beans. When he was summoned by General Miles, he agreed to go on the hazardous mission, which many frontiersmen looked upon as almost certain death.

He chose a faithful friend, Charles Martine, to accompany him.

After both men had been enlisted in the army as Indian scouts, they took up the trail of the wily chief.

Days followed in which the two scouts suffered all the hardships and dangers of the old southwest in their quest for Geronimo.

One morning after hard riding they sighted Geronimo's band. Realizing their greatest danger was ahead of them, they cautiously began to approach the camp.

The wary chief was not to be taken napping and kept eagle-eyed sentries on guard. The renegades discovered the two scouts and lay in ambush to mow them down as they approached.

With beady eyes trained over rifles the sentries waited the order to fire. The scouts came closer. Two braves rose up to open fire on them.

One of the sentries recognized the two men and shouted "Kayitah," who was his relative. Dropping his rifle, the braves leaped forward with a shout of welcome.

Perhaps he thought that Kayitah and his comrade had left their farms to carry on the war against the whites with Geronimo's band.

They were conducted into camp, where they quickly laid their mission before Geronimo.

The astute chief finally agreed to surrender. He asked about the nearest detachment of soldiers.

Kayitah informed him that Lt. Gatewood was not far distant. Geronimo then took a piece of mescale (a native Indian food) and cut it into the shape of a human heart.

"Take this to Lt. Gatewood," said he, "and tell him to eat it."

The heart of mescale was given as assurance of his good intentions. It is said that Gatewood's men slept without sentries that night, so great was their faith in an Indian's promise.

On the following day Geronimo went to Gatewood and surrendered, and thus was avoided what threatened to be a long and costly Indian war.

Back of the bloodless surrender are the two intrepid Indian scouts, who performed invaluable service not only to the United States government but also to their fellow Indians.

Their grandsons, who come by their scouting propensities naturally, are boy scouts of troops No. 27, Mescalero, N.M.

Camp-O-Ree, Formerly called Jamboree

In 1926 we started Council-wide Jamborees. The gatherings generally were in the spring. The first few were held in Roswell at the old Fairgrounds east of Main on the north side of Spring River. A large

building housed everyone in case of rain. The troops came on Friday afternoons. A big campfire was held that night. On Saturday morning they paraded down Main Street. At noon the Rotary Club of Roswell served a barbecue lunch. The bottled drinks were supplied by the Johns and their Coca-Cola plant. D.N. Pope, Superintendent of the Roswell Public Schools, managed this barbecue for years. Several of the barbecues and afternoon competition were held at the Country Club. The first few years we called it a Jamboree but when the word became associated with National and World-wide gatherings of Scouts we changed it to Camp-o-ree.

The afternoon program consisted of competition in scouting skills, including archery, hatchet throwing, wall scaling, fire by friction, first aid, knot tying, flint and steel, bugling and some games. Scalps were presented for points. The winners were:

Portales	Troop 18	took 8 scalps
Clovis	Troop 12	took 7 scalps
Roswell	Troop 3	took 6 scalps
Roswell	Troop 4	took 6 scalps
Carlsbad	Troop 9	took 4 scalps
Roswell	Troop 6	took 4 scalps
Roswell	Troop 17	took 4 scalps
Roswell	Troop 19	took 3 scalps
Mescalero	Troop 27	took 3 scalps

Other scalps were divided between 10 other troops.

After a few years the Camp-o-ree was moved to various points in the area. It remained an important event in the Council for several years. During the 40's the Council decided to hold these events by districts.

Cubbing

In 1929 Roswell was one of the 48 councils in America invited to experiment with a younger boy program. We were to have one pack and were to follow an outline furnished by the National Council. We selected Sgt. James Duthie, who had proven himself an able leader as Scoutmaster and Sea Scout Skipper. This experiment over America proved quite successful. Many rough places were ironed out, but from this emerged the Cub Scout program, which was adopted in 1930. Many local citizens were in this early cub pack, and are proud to have had a part in this pack. A few of them are Tom Hall, Harold DeShurley, Bobby Johnson, Pete Brown, Bob Lund, Bill Minton, Bud Smith and Lyman Sanders.



Our first Cub Pack carried an American flag in the Eastern New Mexico fair in 1929. The lead Cub is Bill Minton and following behind is Harold De Shurley.

A Model Troop Camp

The New Mexico and West Texas organization of the Chamber of Commerce Secretaries was meeting near Ruidoso, August of 1927. Claude Simpson, Secretary of the Roswell Chamber of Commerce and program director for the meeting, requested the Boy Scouts to furnish a service group for the occasion. We organized a model troop with four patrols of eight Scouts each. With some brand new tents we set up a beautiful camp site near the Chamber Headquarters on Eagle Creek near Ruidoso.

The Chamber had a large circus type camp set up for their meeting. Food was cooked and served on the grounds.

The Scouts were able to render some good help to the meeting. It was an enjoyable event for the Scouts. One of the big attractions was the day that the Mescalero Indians entertained. They moved in early, set up their teepee and cooked their meals. In the evening they held a big campfire and began putting on their dances. The friendship dance was the first one and they invited everyone to join them. All the Scouts took part in this dance.

Our Scouts preferred to watch during the rest of the Indian dances. Chief Red Eagle was able to dance along with the Mescaleros all evening. Our Scouts one by one slipped off to bed but the Tom-toms and the chants continued long past midnight.



Scouts from We-Hin-Ah-Pay visit Mescalero and take part in the fourth of July Ceremonies in 1930



A model troop camp was held at Cedar Creek, near Ruidoso in August 1927.

Top row — L.B. Plummer, NI. Jason Kellahin, Wyatt Stanley, Eber McKinley, NI, John Peed, Jim Ramsey (Chief Red Eagle), Warren Tinsely, J.D. Bond, Paul Stroup, Don Wilkins, Bill Lumpkins, Minor Huffman.

Middle row — NI, George Richardson, NI, Bill Purdy, Earl Dickson, NI, NI, NI, NI

Bottom row — NI, NI, John Rhea, Everett Stanley, Jack Clark, NI, Jim Rogers, NI, Nick Crain and John Melhop.

The Harmon Award

In 1928 Bill Lumpkins received the Harmon Foundation Award. At that time the awards were given annually to four Eagle Scouts in each of the twelve regions. The sum of \$100.00 each to be used toward securing a college education. This award was given for conspicuous service denoting character, perseverance, or self sacrifice.

Only Eagle Scouts were eligible and the awards were made by the National Court of Honor. This scholarship made it possible for Bill to enter the University of New Mexico the fall of 1929 where he began his studies in art and architecture.

International Jamboree

Eagle Scout Richard Wheatley of Artesia was the first Council Scout to attend a World Jamboree. This was in 1929 at Birkenhead, England. Two troops were sent from Region 9 and Richard was a member of the troop which assembled and left from Dallas.

Richard had a marvelous experience and after returning home made several talks to Scout groups throughout the Council.

Chapter V

The Thirties

E. Birch Harrison

In 1930 E. Birch Harrison was elected President of the Council. Harrison had been active in Scouting for many years. He was President of the Carlsbad National Bank in Carlsbad. He served as President of the Council for two years.

New Scout Executive

In the spring of 1932 P. V. Thorson succeeded Minor Huffman as Scout Executive. Thorson moved from the Albuquerque Council.

P. V. Thorson had joined the Boy Scouts in 1911 in Kansas City. He was a Scoutmaster in Santa Fe. Later he moved to Albuquerque to attend the University of New Mexico.

In 1925 he became Scout Executive of Albuquerque council and remained in that position until he transferred to the Eastern New Mexico Council.

A.W. Hockenhull

A.W. Hockenhull of Clovis was elected President in 1932 and 1933. In 1933 he ran for Lt. Governor of the state. He was elected and when Governor Arthur Seligman died in 1933, Hockenhull became Governor, filling out Seligman's term. Judge Hockenhull was President of the Clovis National Bank from 1926 to 1946. He was very active in all community affairs but the Boy Scouts and the Baptist Church got a great deal of his attention. His big church project was supporting 19 missionaries in apostolate work in Sonora Mexico. He remained active until near the end. He died in 1974 at the age of 97.

During Governor Hockenhull's term as Governor he appointed Judge Carl Hatch of Clovis to fill the U.S. Senate vacancy, which came about because of the death of U.S. Senator Bronson Cutting in an airplane accident in 1933.

Judge Carl A. Hatch was a Scouter with several years service, on the Executive Board, as Chairman of the local Court of Honor, a member of the finance committee and District Chairman of his district.



A.W. Hockenhull
President 1932-1933



E.B. Bullock
President 1934-1936



C.G. Mason
President 1937



Donald MacKay
President 1938-1940

1933 Annual Meeting

On Friday, February 17, 1933, the Annual Meeting was held covering the results of the 1932 program. Honorable A.W. Hockenhull presided. The meeting took place at the Woman's Club in Roswell. Business meeting and committee meetings were held in the afternoon.

World's Fair

In 1934 two chartered busloads of Roswell scouts attended the World's Fair in Chicago. This was at the time of Sally Rand's much publicized fan dance. The Chicago courts took a dim view on Sally's acts and there was considerable concern at home, but scouts arrived in Roswell, either ignorant as to what had happened, or as some suspected, mum about it.

No roster is available, but Tom Hall, Bill Armstrong, Paul Schultz, Bill Hall, Bud Smith, Wade Corn, Les Bates, Harold DeShurley, Bob McNally and Buster Bird were among those along on this trip.

Otero County

Otero County was a part of the Eastern New Mexico Council in the early years but was transferred to the El Paso Council in 1934.

In 1932 Alamogordo had three troops. One troop was sponsored by the Rotary Club, one by the Public Schools, and one troop by the New Mexico School for the Blind (now School for the Visually Handicapped). P.A. Smoll was superintendent and Harold Hebbeln was Scoutmaster with S.M. Koviak as assistant. The troop was uniformed and well trained. They entered competition and attended many Scout functions, putting on demonstrations of Scouting and tumbling.

A fine group of citizens were early backers of the program in Otero County. Among the group was R.D. Champion, Archie Campbell, Dr. E.B. McKinley, Dr. S.E. Cooper, Uel M. Lane, R.R. Rogers, Tom Charles, Shorty Miller and Joy Bailey.

Eagle Scout Association

At the Annual Meeting held at the Woman's Club in Roswell, February 17, 1933, Eagle Scouts met in the afternoon and organized the Eagle Scout Association with the following officers: Billy Bullock, Artesia President; James Sphuler, Tucumcari-Vice-President; William Prince, Clovis-Secretary.

During the year 1932, fourteen Scouts and three officials, representing 14 troops and 8 communities, earned the Eagle Badge. Among other Scouts listed were: John McShaffry and Sam Johnson, Troop 2; Donald

Lapell, Troop 19; J.P. Collier and Durwood Trollinger, Troop 6; and Burton Miller, Troop 3.

Order of Arrow

The Order of Arrow was founded in 1915 at Treasure Island, the Philadelphia Council Scout Camp. E. Urner Goodman was camp director and his assistant was Carroll A. Edson. These two men, working with their camp staff, came up with the ideas that gave recognition to the Scouts who were good campers and best exemplified the spirit of the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives.

This camper honor society was based on the legends and traditions of the Delaware Tribes. The lodge taught three lessons: Brotherhood, Service and Cheerfulness.

Neighboring Councils watched the camp ceremonies and felt it a great idea. They took the message back to their Councils and other Lodges were started. The World War was on at this time and the movement grew slowly. In 1921 it was established on a National basis. At their convention in 1933 it was proposed that the Order become an official part of the Boy Scouts of America.

In June of 1934, at the National Council meeting in Buffalo, N.Y. the Order of Arrow program was approved by the National Council but it was not consummated until 1948. A National Secretary, working with the National Camping Director, was employed to handle all administrative duties.

In the late twenties there was a great deal of talk about organizing the Order of Arrow at We-Hin-Ah-Pay. At that time no one in our Council had any real information. We knew the general purpose but had never seen a copy of the ritual, but that did not stop us. We set up our own lodge, worked out our own call-out and initiation and called it The Order of the Red Arrow. This was started in 1928 and continued until 1934.

A membership card for 1935 carries the names of Rev. A.F. Tucker and J. Melindez as officers. The name of the lodge was not on this card. No information is available as to the exact year Kwahadi was selected as the Lodge name.

Kwahadi or Kwahari was one of the twelve divisions of the Comanche tribe. They frequented the prairie country and the staked plains. They were fine horsemen and had a reputation for dash and courage. They were also known for having a high sense of honor.

Kwahadi in Comanche means Antelope and since the antelope is a plains animal and is known for its speed, this selection was appropriate.

The Comanche divisions sometimes referred to the Kwahadi group as antelope eaters and antelope skinners. The antelope is a native to the plains and the Kwahadi group were plains Indians and they depended on the antelope to supply part of their meat.

1935 Jamboree Cancelled

The first National Boy Scout Jamboree was scheduled to be held in Washington, D.C., August 21 to 30, 1935. One week before opening date it was cancelled, due to the prevalence of infantile paralysis.

This was a disappointment to the Council contingents of two troops. Uniforms had been purchased along with troop equipment. Many scout groups over the country were already enroute and had to be turned back.

While there was no evidence of the disease in Washington, D.C., the location of the epidemic was in Virginia and within one hundred miles of the District of Columbia. It was felt there would be apprehension on the part of parents and State Health Officers, who might fear the epidemic would be brought into their States by returning Scouts.

Each Scout and Leader who had planned to go had paid well in advance the sum of \$25.00 each as a Jamboree fee. The National Office had insurance against such a catastrophe and soon announced the return of this advance payment.

The National Jamboree was re-scheduled for 1937.

E.B. Bullock

E.B. Bullock was elected President and served during 1934, 1935 and 1936. He was a devoted Scouter and served the Council with enthusiasm. He was known to both scouts and adults as "Eph". He often attended camp with the scouts and was prime motivator in building a log cabin at We-Hin-Ah-Pay. This took the summers of 1930 and 1931 to complete. He was awarded the Silver Beaver in 1931 along with George Jewett. Both had been active in selecting the site for Camp We-Hin-Ah-Pay.

After the first year he became Chairman of the Silver Beaver Committee and served through 1962. He not only helped with the selection but made the presentations. In 1948 Eph was awarded the Silver Antelope by Region 9.

Mr. Bullock was engaged in business in Artesia. He owned and operated the Bullock Feed and Seed Co. His sons Charlie and Bill took over the business and at this writing grandsons are now moving into the business.

In 1983 a special ceremony was held at Camp We-Hin-Ah-Pay, honoring Eph. More about this can be found in another section.

First National Jamboree

The Roswell Daily Record for Friday, June 25, 1937, carried the following story on our Jamboree contingent.

Leaders of Troop A were: Scoutmaster A.F. Tucker, Clovis; Lawrence Bullard, Roswell Assistant Scoutmaster; and Harold DeShurley, Assistant Scoutmaster.

Leaders for Troop B: J.H. Slater, Clovis; H.M. Ingle, Carlsbad, Assistant Scoutmaster; and Jack Hubbard, Dexter, Assistant Scoutmaster.

The round trip was made by train.

On Tuesday, June 29 the first National Boy Scout Jamboree got under way in Washington, D.C. The 28,871 Boy Scouts, representing all states, arrived mostly by train but a few by boat and air.

Their first meal was supper on the 29th. Their camp set up amounted to a small city and within a few hours things were running smoothly. The camp was located along the Potomac and the Tidal Basin in the heart of the Nation's Capital.

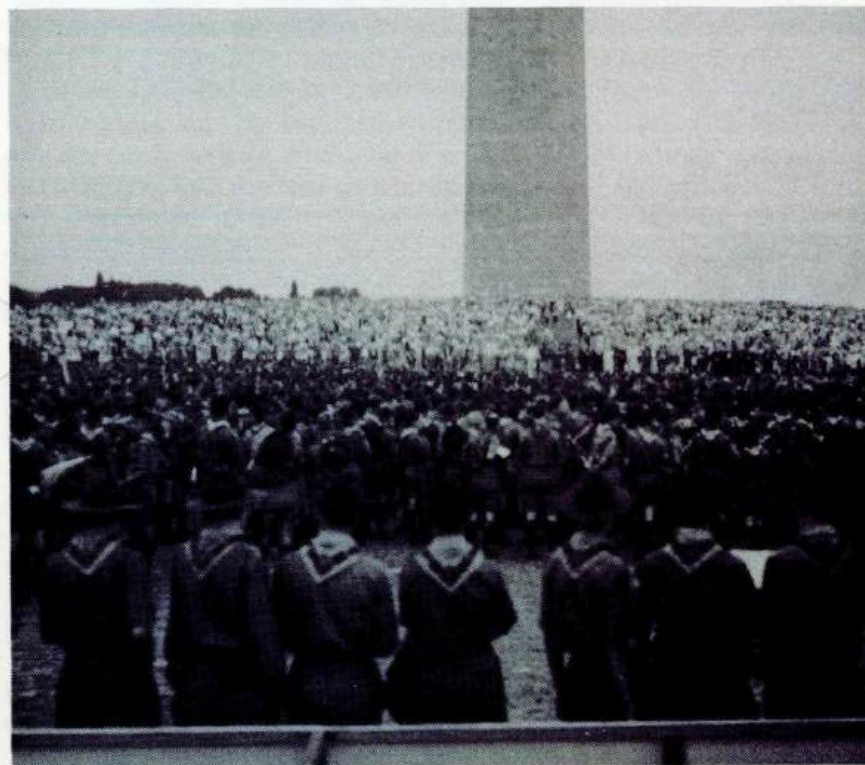
The President, Franklin D. Roosevelt, greeted the Boy Scouts on their arrival and later reviewed them as they marched down Pennsylvania Avenue.



Jamboree Scouts visit Washington's Plantation at Mount Vernon.

The ten day program was a good one. There were spectacular evening programs, many daytime tours to points of interest, a boat trip to Mt. Vernon. There was plenty of activity with many competitions. Numerous National figures were there to entertain. The list included Peter McClaren, the world's champion woodchopper, who gave log chopping demonstrations at the arena; Daniel Carter Beard, J. Edgar Hoover, Col. Charles A. Lindbergh and his Spirit of St. Louis; Lanny Ross and Lowell Thomas.

When the Jamboree was over, 120 trains left the station in Washington, D.C., in a period of two days. During the working hours a train left approximately every ten minutes. As soon as the last train had pulled out, the site of the Jamboree was cleared. Electrical lines were taken out, grass put back, and debris collected. In a short time no physical evidence of this great event was to be seen. However, the memories will linger on for the thousands of B.S.A. and the hundreds from other nations.



1937 Jamboree assembled at the foot of Washington Monument.



At Arlington Cemetery Sea Scout Howard McCoy on left and Sea Scout Billie Jo Harrison on right view the rows of markers. Part of our contingent, they were from Sea Scout Ship 9, Carlsbad.



Sea Scout inspection, at Jamboree. Several members of Carlsbad Sea Ship 9 are in the picture with, other Sea Scouts from New Mexico and Texas.

South Pole Expedition

In 1928 Commander Richard E. Byrd took an Eagle Scout with his contingent to the Antarctic. Many Eagles from over our nation made application and Paul E. Siple was selected. He did a fine job and went with Byrd on succeeding antarctic ventures. He became a distinguished scientist in 1937.

In 1930 Paul Siple visited our Council and gave talks in four districts on his experiences with Byrd at the South Pole.

In 1937 Paul was an Honor guest at the Jamboree. He wrote a daily column for the Jamboree Journal, which contained stories of his experiences and his personal observations.

Kit Carson

Kit Carson, who claimed to be a nephew of the original Indian fighter Kit Carson, appeared at the Boy Scout office in the spring of 1937. He had been around Roswell for several years and was a colorful figure.

He was somewhat larger than the average man, probably between 55 and 60 years old. He was dressed in a buckskin shirt with fringe all around, cowboy boots, and a large western hat of frontier vintage. He had long gray hair streaked with black and a beard and mustache. He introduced himself to Scout Executive P.V. Thorson as Kit Carson, a nephew of the old original. He also said he was a friend of Pawnee Bill (Lillie) of Oklahoma who owned and operated "Pawnee Bill's Wild West Show".

Mr. Thorson was planning the program for the annual Council Camp-o-ree, which would bring together some thirty troops from eastern New Mexico. Kit Carson was happy to be a part. So, together, they planned an Indian raid on a stage coach.

They borrowed an old stage coach and some teams of horses. They also alerted some older Scouts who would play Indian raiders.

Several hundred Scouts had pitched their tents in Cahoon Park, which then was at the edge of Roswell. On the final day of the three day Camp-o-ree, visitors had been invited to view the activities and to witness a raid by Indians (on horseback) on the stage coach.

The stage coach, drawn by two teams of horses, was spotted coming from a distance with "Kit" holding the reins and urging the horses on with whip and tongue. The Indians followed in close pursuit.

Mr. Thorson, in telling the story, said, "This event added greatly to the success of the Camp-o-ree."



Kit Carson, a colorful character who was related to the real Mountain Man and Indian fighter.

C.G. Mason, President

C.G. Mason of Hagerman was elected President to serve the year 1937. He came from a pioneer family having settled in Hagerman in 1904. He farmed and had a big apple orchard but in 1910 he went into the funeral business and continued in this work the balance of his lifetime.

He was active in the Eastern New Mexico Council and held several positions before being elected President.

He belonged to the Masonic Lodge and was an active member of the Episcopal Church. He was Mayor of Hagerman and a member of the Volunteer Fire Department. He served Scouting and his community in many other ways.

New High Adventure Camp

In 1938 Mr. & Mrs. Waite Phillips gave 35,857 acres of their ranch to the National Council, Boy Scouts of America. This gift was to be used to

develop a high adventure camp for Senior Boy Scouts. The tract was a part of his great Philmont Ranch and was located north of the town of Cimarron, New Mexico. He also gave \$50,000, to help in developing the Ponil Base Camp.

Several of our leaders attended early training courses there. Among them were Bob Fall, J.E. Wolf, Dick Bonham, P.V. Thorson, Doc Loomis, Mack Ingle and Bill McRee.

Senior troops were enrolled for a rugged Mountain back packing experience. The camp was named Philturn Rocky Mountain Scout Camp. Mr. Phillips liked the way the Boy Scouts used the camp and in December 1944 made the second gift of approximately 91,000 acres, including the Headquarters of the operating ranch and his summer home. In addition he gave a 23-story office building in Tulsa, Oklahoma, known as the Philtower Building, representing an investment of \$5,000,000, to be used by the Boy Scouts of America "For advancement and development of the Program of Scouting".

The Philmont Scout Ranch, as it was now to be known, together with the original gift, totaled 127,395 acres. The summer home of the Phillips' and the surrounding area has been converted into a Training Center for Adult Leaders. A series of Scout Training courses are scheduled each summer for adults. Those registered for training generally take their families who join in special activities provided for all age groups. The families are comfortably housed in a tent city.

Each summer session a few of our Explorer posts share in the unusual high adventure programs at Philmont. Also several of our Scouts and their families enjoy the unique experiences offered at Philmont Training Center.

In 1962 a gift by Norton Clapp, a Tacoma, Washington lumberman, enabled the ranch to purchase the Old Mt. Baldy area, a total of 10,098 acres, making a grand total of 137,313 acres. This was a good addition since it included Old Baldy, one of the highest Mountain Peaks in the State (elevation 12,491), which included the old mining claim area.

Philmont has an unusual appeal to Scouts who love the high mountains and the adventure that goes with back-packing.

Arrangements for sharing in any of the Philmont experiences are made through our own Council Office.

Donald MacKay Elected President

Donald MacKay was elected President in 1938 and served in that capacity through 1940. He was born in Turin, New York in 1899. He at-

tended Cornell University and later Colorado State University. He held various school positions including Director of Extension, New Mexico Normal University at Las Vegas, New Mexico. He was Superintendent of Schools in Raton, New Mexico. In 1934 he was elected President of Eastern New Mexico College - now New Mexico University at Portales - and he remained in this position through 1940.

During his lifetime he was active in Scouting, giving freely of his time and serving as a volunteer where needed. He was active in Rotary, his Church, and the New Mexico Educational Association. When he retired he became a leader in the Retired Teachers Association, New Mexico Masters Club, American Association of Retired Persons and the American Red Cross.

Annual Council Meetings

The Annual Council Meetings have always been our biggest meeting of the year, with all districts represented. It has been a function to install officers, award Silver Beavers and to recognize the unit leaders. Some of the early meetings are listed below:

The Annual Meeting for the year 1932 was held February 17th at the Woman's Club in Roswell. Inspirational talks were made by John Hall and Rev. H.C. Henderson. The banquet was excellent and the program was closed with an impressive pageant.

The Annual Meeting for the year 1938 was held at the Clovis Hotel, Friday, January 20th, 1939. The business meeting was held in the afternoon before the banquet. The invocation was given by Rev. C.A. Lortz. Rev. A.F. Tucker led Scout songs. Sea Scout Billy Stinchcomb gave a talk on "The Boy and The Leader". Mrs. Powhatan Carter, Den Mother, gave a talk on "What is Cubbing". Other talks included, "What is Scouting" by R.H. Robbins and "What Is Senior Scouting" by H.M. Ingle. The address of the evening was given by James P. Fitch, Regional Director of Region 9.

The 1939 Annual Meeting was held at the Woman's Club Building in Roswell, Friday, January 19, 1940. Those on the banquet program included Ross Malone, Roswell; A.E. Hunt, Portales; Mrs. E.F. Artman and K.C. Lea of Clovis; Minor Huffman, Deputy Regional Executive from Dallas, made a short talk and Rev. W.S. Dando of Carlsbad made the address of the evening, entitled "Tom, Dick and Harry".

Commissioners' Conference

The first Commissioners' Conference was held in Roswell, N.M., March 18, 1939. L.B. Plummer was area Commissioner and he gave

leadership to the training program, feeling that it would strengthen the service to troops throughout the Council. About thirty attended from over the territory. Those appearing on the program under Plummer's leadership were: R.H. Robbins, Lovington; Aubrey Gregg, Roswell; Rodman Cookson, Roswell; Roy A. Prentice, Tucumcari; Rev. A.F. Tucker, Clovis; Paul Brown, Hobbs; Frank Smith, Roswell; and W.I. Byron, Hobbs.



First Boy Scout Leaders Training course in the council was held at Roswell, October and November 1926. Sessions were held one night a week for eight weeks, at the Chamber of Commerce building at 4th and Main.

Top row: Sgt. W.L. Robinson, Harvey Walker, Albert Stubbs, Clyde Burnum, Bill Lumpkins, NI, Durward Trollinger, Carl Bird, Allison Herron, R.L. Eberhard, NI, Minor Huffman, NI, Ellis Whitney, Pete Stone, Donald Kester, Darrell Swayze and Clayton Ferrin. Seated: Oldham Moore, Sgt. James Duthie, Logan Hunter, Elwin Kain, A.E. Elmore, Ray Besing, Tode Brenneman, Stig Santheson, Adolph Wilson, Eli Ball, Major L.B. Plummer.



Council Camp-o-ral was held in Portales about 1937.



Staff at the Portales Camp-o-ral. The bottom row: left to right; Tode Brennenman, Roswell; L.D. Terry, Melrose; A.F. Tucker, Vaughn; John Henry Slayter, Clovis; P.V. Thorson, Council Executive.



Council Water Camp held at Lake Van near Dexter in 1936.

Chapter VI

More Early Scouting

Early Carlsbad

Scouting in Carlsbad started in 1914 with Rev. Houston W. Lowry Presbyterian Pastor, as Scoutmaster. Some of the earlier camps were held at Black River. On two occasions while Dr. Lowry was Scoutmaster, they were joined by Roswell Scouts for their summer camp.

On February 22, 1921, Troop 2 of Roswell spent part of the day with Dr. Lowry and his scouts, Troop 1 at Carlsbad. We met at the springs where the canal crosses the Pecos over the viaduct. It was a warm sunny day so everyone decided to have their first swim of the year. There wasn't a swimming suit in the crowd but everyone, including Dr. Lowry, hit the water. It wasn't too bad and besides we had the satisfaction of having our first swim of the year on Washington's birthday.

Among the Scouts on the membership roll of Carlsbad Troop 1 were Vernon, Bill, and J.D. Merchant, Ed Purdy, Dick and Bascome Culpepper, Francis and Luther Bell, Preston Oliver, Virgil McCollum, John Joyce, Francis Weaver, Ken Davis, Jim Craft, Joseph Jones, Joseph Powell, Francis Weaver, Deberal Pate, W.F. Smith, Floyd Childress, Claude Brown, Etienne Bujac (Bruce Cabot, the actor), Wallace "Sticker" Thorne, Clarence Horn, Jimmie Wallace, John Lewis, Jr. and Bill Purdy.

Later, many other names were found on the roster, including Clarke Peterson, Lytton and Clifford Lewis, Samuel Roberts, Donald and Ralph Swigert, John and Arthur Nutt, Calvin Ares, Frank Lucas, Warren Blanton, Edward Harris, Francis and Harold Galton, Roscoe Etter, Ledger Wood, Grady and Everett Grantham, Ray Bloxom, Jack Moore, William Reed, James Walker, James Welpton, Donald Dudley, Joseph Powell, William Redmond, Walter Thayer, Homer and Eugene Ward, Fred Rarey, Chester Burch, Claude Brown, Roscoe Fletcher, Lester Nelson, Ed West, and Frank Smith.

When Dr. Lowry left the Presbyterian Church, Rev. Robert S. McKee succeeded him and a few years later Rev. John Thorns became the pastor. Along about the last part of year 1927 Rev. Thorns was succeeded by Rev. A.G. Tozer. All these early pastors gave scouting their support and, as a result, the troop sponsored by the church prospered.

Horace Hubert helped with the early information. His father, Fred E. Hubert was one of the first Council officers and he reported on two early

Carlsbad Camps. The first one was in 1919 at the Blue Springs Ranch on Black River. Then in 1922 the troop camped at Sitting Bull Falls. E.A. (Gene) Roberts and Fred Hubert went along to help Dr. Lowry. Even though they were not old enough to be scouts, young Gene Roberts and Horace Hubert went along. They stayed a week and learned to swim. They also remember the road was terrible.

Ed West grew up in this troop and for several years was the Scoutmaster's strong right arm. The troop camped at the Washington Ranch in 1924. All the ponds were full and the troop swam and worked hard on advancement. They closed their camp with a gala parents' day.

After the council was organized Ed West became Scoutmaster and the troop number was changed to 9. The unit began camping at We-Hin-Ah-Pay. In 1926 the troop attended this camp at Ruidoso under the leadership of Scoutmaster Ed West. They were a well uniformed troop and won many honors at the camp.

We want to thank the many people who shared in the gathering of material for the story of early Scouting in Carlsbad. Special mention goes to Dr. George Richardson, Horace Hubert, Mrs. Annabelle Witherspoon West (Mrs. Ed West), Rudy Sparks, Joe Rose and Dudley Cramer.



Troop 6 of Roswell in 1932

Top row starting on left. Frank Young Jr., Elsa Paul, Durward Trollinger, John Harrington, N.I.

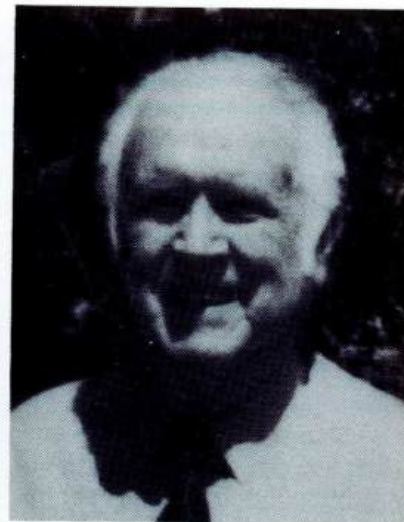
Bottom row. Leonard Conley, JP Collier, Richard Drysdale, Bobbie Young.



J.M. Murray Sr., Hobbs
President 1941-44



Tom Cramer, Carlsbad
President 1945-51



Jake E. Newman
Scout Executive 1941-43



M. Guy King
Scout Executive 1943-45

Edwin L. West

Edwin L. West, one of the former scouts in the troop, took over his old troop in 1925. He was an enthusiastic leader and was largely responsible for rebuilding the Boy Scout interest in Carlsbad. His troop was always well uniformed and trained. They were anxious and prepared to compete at the council Camp-o-rees and seldom left without taking some of the honors.

Ed West later moved to Arizona then to Phoenix but when he retired he moved back to this Council. Regardless where he lived he continued his leadership until his death in 1975. This council honored him with the Silver Beaver award in 1940.

When it became apparent that we needed more information on Carlsbad Scouting in the early days of Council operation I contacted Dr. George Richardson, who had been one of our most active Scouts. He was enthusiastic about helping and his story follows:

Dr. G.S. Richardson Reminisces on Early Carlsbad Scouting

In February of 1926 I had just turned twelve years of age. My father was, seemingly, too involved with the banking problems of Carlsbad, New Mexico and the recent or still continuing Depression to be actively involved in The Boy Scouts of America but this was a godsend for me. I became a Tenderfoot Scout and joined Troop 9 at the Presbyterian Church.

The advancement was really rapid, as I recall, and our Scoutmaster was Ed West, whose brother Fred ran the local mortuary. We were making plans for the Summer encampment and the Second and First Class ranks came right along under the careful tutelage of Ed and the thoughts of achieving something rather than playing mumble-de-peg, marbles, tops and such incidental activities as coal fights with the two sons of Dr. W.F. Glasier, who were named Bill and Bob. They lived on Canal and we lived on Canyon street and would be at one another's house continuously.

Ed West, our Scoutmaster, always insisted that the Scout motto of "BE PREPARED" meant just that and, as a means of testing at one of the earlier Scout meetings, persuaded Buster Weldon to "faint." I can still see Buster going down on the hardwood floor of the First Presbyterian Church meeting hall and barely restraining himself with the loud thump on the floor. Most of us scurried around and revived the young fellow without throwing a bucket of water in his face or anything like that.

I don't remember exactly when Jamborees (later Camporees) occurred but probably on a pleasant week-end when we ordinarily journeyed North to Roswell. One early Jamboree I attended was conducted at the old Roswell Country Club with real live swans on the lake and a large area for the many activities as camping, cooking, swimming, wall-scaling, archery, hatchet throwing and a number of other activities which were competitive with the other troops in the Council. We became fast friends with numerous youngsters from Clovis, Portales, Roswell, Carlsbad, Lovington, Hobbs, and Artesia. Lifelong friends of Emmett White ("Preacher") and Vincent "Red" Cox of Portales were made.

Wall-scaling was conducted by a team of eight from a troop. The lighter and smaller boys went over the wall first while the larger and more agile constituted the throwers. From a set mark we would run up to the boys on the bottom, place a foot in their cupped hands and were lifted and thrown to the top of the eight foot platform to aid in getting some of the others across and down in record time. Joe Yates always was one of the bigger and more active boys and was always the last one over to be hauled up and over by a comrade on the top. Horace Hubert and Joe Yates were experts and patient with the younger lads.

Hatchet throwing was an activity that would meet much resistance today but the mark was a telephone pole cut in lengths and placed in the ground for throwing and sticking a Scout axe in a designated mark. We would practice at home before these affairs with our hatchets and, probably, many were the scars borne by the normal telephone poles in the alleys. But, there were three diagonal or transverse lines across the pole and the fellow sticking the hatchet in the central area the most won. The plumb hatchet was the favorite with its little red handle and some of the fellows were really accurate and might split the handle of the opponent if the hatchet were not retrieved promptly. I don't remember anyone ever getting hurt at this or routine archery.

The indoor and evening contests were held at the old New Mexico National Guard Armory on 5th Street, as I recall, and the contests of fire-building and knot tying were some of the most attractive to me. The contestants for fire-building took their bows and the yucca wood and with spindle and string would, by friction, start a fire in cotton waste or in grass clippings. Of course, the flint and steel were always a separate means of building a fire and this contest was also entered. I remember being in a knot tying contest and standing up with a long string of boys and we would start at one time and the fastest contestant eliminated all the rest in tying the knots known to Scouts.

All of these activities were presided over by our Area Executive, a pleasant young man of around twenty-four or five who lived in Roswell named Minor Huffman. We all adored Minor and were inspired by his example and ever-evident good humor and calm. Youth at the time had none of the present distractions and Scouting was THE activity for anyone of the right age. Happy days! Minor wore a peaked Campaign Hat and was a younger model of Scouting's founder, Sir Baden-Powell. Tall and jovial we thought Minor "hung the moon."

The Summer Scout Encampment had been held in 1925 at Pine Lodge and in 1926 was in Ruidoso near the center of the present downtown on the Ruidoso river. We lived in pyramidal type tents with the flaps opening upward from the sides and it was cool in the pines then and there was lots of water running down the river. We would try and fish the stream without hooks utilizing pins and "helgomites" secured from boulders in the stream. I don't recall that anyone ever caught a fish by this means but it was fun. We would have mounted hikes or straight hikes. I just remember that one time we were given the opportunity of hiking up Old Baldy (an all-day event) or staying home at Camp. Joe Yates made the hike and went up the mountain to the top. Now the trip is made with ease in the gondola of the ski-lift.

In due course of time of securing five and then ten Merit Badges I successively became a Star and then a Life Scout (with the emblem of a heart). How proud my mother was of each achievement and how anxiously we awaited the monthly Court of Honors. Here we were examined for proficiency in the merit badges and were aiming for the coveted Eagle rank. My Eagle award was finally given me after winning twenty-one Merit Badges including Scholarship, Swimming, First Aid to Animals, Civics, Firemanship (the examiner was Ira Stockwell, the Fire Chief), Camping, Tracking, Citizenship, First Aid, Cooking, Bird Lore, Carpentry, Auto Mechanics, Life Saving, Chemistry, Cycling, Personal Fitness, Pioneering, Poultry Keeping, Safety, one depicting a feathered Indian and another a clenched Fist. (The latter was probably removed when it so resembled the Communist salute)

In the Summer of 1927 we made our first encampment at We-Hin-Ah-Pay in the Sacramento mountains. Dr. Glasier took Bill and me up to camp and said that both of us had the "pip" as we slept all the way up. I always wondered if I had caught it from some of the chickens at home as he never explained his medical acumen. But this was a new camp in rather virgin territory. Situated near Weed it was on Potato Canyon and Spring Canyon was the next canyon north and there were a number of pretty little ponds there created by Mr. Jewett of Roswell. He and the

members of the Council had created a lovely camp with a mess hall, assembly hall and a number of little individual cabins for gouns on the hill side with the latrines and the swimming pool and other facilities for bathing created by piping spring water through a coil of pipe over an open fire. The water was cold.

One of my Carlsbad Scouts at the time was a Scout by the name of Red Atkins who was Struck by a thrown bat in the face and was taken down to Artesia by Dr. Glasier soon after arrival. Dr. Glasier did not hurry back to his practice and was pretty interested in his young charges. He had diabetes and was a leading Surgeon in Carlsbad at the time. Bill, his elder son, had an Eagle Badge which he let me wear on a mounted ride. I returned to find the Eagle gone and while Minor ordered another at my expense Mrs. Glasier would never let me forget my dismay at finding it gone. The mounted trips were all day affairs and we would try and get the horses to jump logs or run and the guide was always a pretty tolerant man with knowledge that the boys would seldom get hurt on those gentle ponies.

Two of the prominent Scouts in the Camp at the time were John Mehlhop and Billy Lumpkins who were overseers of the young herd of boys and somewhat older than the rest of us. They were the lads who helped provide fresh meat for the camp and I still remember one old unfortunate cow being led to the slaughter area, shot between the eyes and dressed to provide some much needed steak for the appetites of the boys. Perhaps some good rancher had given a cow. In any case the fried meat and frijoles were never sufficient for our appetites. Minor and the mess officer tried hard to satisfy us with crafts in the afternoon (bow-making of yew, lemonwood or bodark, basket making, pottery making, etc.) and the always eager awaited Camp Fire at night when we would gather around a huge fire in the middle of a cleared area.

This was my first contact with Chief Red Eagle, whom I learned to be Jim Ramsey of Lincoln, years later. He would enter the Camping area in his war bonnet and come in with "O-hay, o-hay, me Takola Na-Hopa Chian-Chiopa, Warriors, gather around for tonight we hold Council". The only thing lacking was the peace pipe and other "braves. We didn't have the artificialities of television and the super-heterodyne radios of the day were just in their infancy.

What thrilling evenings!

What happy times!

There were the evenings by the camp fire when the darkness was complete. Owls (real or human) hooted and coyotes howled and Jim Ramsey



Dr. George Richardson



Carr Austin



Mack Ingle



Ridgley Whiteman

or Red Eagle told his fascinating stories. He could make real flint arrowheads and these were eagerly sought from him.

One last activity were the week-end affairs in the Sand Hills East of Carlsbad with the usual arrow head and pottery hunts but the game of Capture the Flag when two opposing troops would try and capture the flag of the other in long and stealthy advances against the encampments. I don't recall anyone ever getting bitten by a rattlesnake although the areas abounded in them.

When I was sixteen years of age I was graduated from High School and went to New Mexico Military Institute bringing to an end my interest in Scouting until some twenty-six years later when I became District Commissioner for the Roswell District. Unfortunately for me in 1956 there were too many distractions for youth and difficulty in securing participants in Scouting, establishing troops and the like were enough to discourage one whose time was limited due to medical practice and I said, "goodbye" to the happiest memories of my life and an earnest hope of securing the same for the youngsters of the area.

Dr. George S. Richardson

Clovis

A brief article in the Clovis News of Dec. 23, 1920 said, "Boy Scouts organized in Clovis by Rev. Polston at the Christian Church. Sixteen boys are meeting regular." This troop was evidently short lived as nothing else was found about it.

Clovis was active in helping organize the Council in 1924. For the first year of operation 1925) they had pledged \$1,000 toward the budget. One former troop was reactivated immediately and soon they had four troops. There was no opposition to raising money for the budget but the committee was waiting for Don Weatherford, who was then secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, to tell them the right time to put on a drive. The right time didn't come soon enough and money was needed to continue the council.

Dan Steele, who was manager of the J.C. Penney store in Clovis, was also a Kiwanian and he had invited Mr. Olinger of Denver, Colorado, to speak to the local club. Mr. Olinger was a funeral director in Denver and had become well known for his boys' work. He had organized and was supporting the Olinger Highlanders, which was a very active uniformed boys organization. He gave the Kiwanis Club an inspirational talk on the opportunity for service to the community through supporting boys' work. After the club meeting Mr. Steele pulled Mr. Olinger aside and told him of Clovis being behind with their Boy Scout commitment. Olinger suggested they immediately get some business leaders together. They met that afternoon in the offices of Judge Carl A. Hatch. As a result of this session with Mr. Olinger, ten of the men present gave \$100.00 each. This took care of Clovis' share for the first year.

Clovis has always been an important part of the Council and many of their successful events can be located in other sections of this history. Among the early Scouters we remember were Sam Stone, Ivan Bridges, Dan Steele, Dave Baumgarten, Carl A. Hatch, A.W. Hockenhull, James Bickley and Charles V. Steed.

Later C.C. Cagle moved into Clovis from Roswell and Rev. C.A. Lortz, from Portales.

One of the earlier cub packs was organized and was sponsored by the Central Baptist Church. A.L. "Happy" Burch was the cubmaster.

In 1939 Teola Artman became a den mother. Den 1 of Pack 4. This was the beginning of Mrs. Artman's twelve years as a den mother. She has continued her interest in Scouting and in 1971 was awarded the Silver Beaver.

Many Scouters in Clovis have assisted in gathering information including Reese and Bud Cagle, Don McAlavy, Carr Austin, Ridgley Whiteman, James Cowman, Oscar Cantwell and Mrs. Mack Engle.



Teola Artman, Clovis



Oscar Cantwell, Clovis

James Ridgley Whiteman

Ridgley Whiteman spent his early years at Portales and Clovis. He was one of the first Scouts at camp We-Hin-Ah-Pay and returned for several years, contributing to the development of the camp program. His special interests were in Indian Lore and Indian Crafts. These continued into adult life and are reflected both in his vocation and avocation. The following is a short biography:

My Early Scouting Memories

James Ridgley Whiteman was born at Portales, N.M. in the Territory of New Mexico on January 15, 1910 and relates the following: "My parents were pioneer settlers. My father's mother homesteaded near Portales in 1902 and my mother's folks homesteaded near Floyd in 1907.

"We moved to East Texas where I first began to love the outdoors and I learned the different birds, trees, and how to fish for perch with a bent pin and finally caught a catfish big enough to eat. We lived there for

about three years and I was 5 years old when we returned to Portales. I went through the 8th grade in Portales and spent most of my summers on my grandfather's ranch where Uncle Charlie Greathouse taught me to trap rabbits and birds. With this background I became interested in Boy Scouting.

"We moved to Clovis in 1925 and I joined the Boy Scouts that met at the First Methodist Church. We played games, studied the handbook and got started in scouting. I was 14 years old. The next year I was back in school at Portales, but my interest was outdoor scouting and Indian lore. My mother had collected arrowheads while living in Ohio near the Big Serpent Mound and she had a large collection. From this my interest turned to bows and arrows and Indian crafts. Mr. Earnest N. Wheeler was my Scout Master at Portales. He was a fine one and taught us to drill from a Civil War manual and World War I manual. He certainly influenced us to be better boys and to grow up to be better men. We started learning the rules and Scout oath, and practiced them in every day life.

"First the tender foot badge, 2nd Class, then 1st Class. I was the first Boy Scout in New Mexico to get a Basket Maker badge. The Life Saving badge was the hardest to get, not so much that it was so hard, but the lack of water to practice in. A lot of us learned to swim in a stock tank about 3 feet deep and 8 to 10 feet wide. I finally got the badge working in the Clovis public swimming pool.

"The archery merit badge was very difficult for me to get. The trouble was trying to get a bow with arrows good enough. We had so little money that we had to make everything we had.

"In 1927 our Troop 9 in Portales had several Eagle Scouts. Among those I remember are Emmett White, Vincent Cox, Charles Compton, Melvin Schumpert and myself. Mr. E.N. Wheeler, our Scoutmaster, was very proud of this group.

"C.W. West, who was in one of the earlier troops in Portales before the council was organized, was the first Eagle Scout. In 1940 he became Scout Executive at Muskogee, Oklahoma and remained in this position until his retirement in 1974.

"The Scout camp at Ruidoso in 1926 was a great event, but we moved to California that summer and I missed it, but got all the details from everyone that had gone. We moved back to Clovis that fall and I went to the next camp the following summer at Weed. Minor Huffman had a teepee that was set up. At this first camp I learned how it was run, learned about K.P. inspection, and more about crafts. We went on hikes and got to know scouts and Scout Masters from other towns.

"My second scout camp was at We-Hin-Ah-Pay. I was on the staff as leather craft, Indian lore, and campfire instructor, but generally our campfires were of a serious nature with Indian Ceremonies and inspirational stories.

"I remember Clyde Burnum and another Scout driving several burros up from Roswell, camping out every night. It took them a week, if I remember right. It seem I remember the funny things that happened.

"Bill Lumpkins was at the camp and he was one of those Scouts that could do just about anything, and do it well. He wanted to build an Indian long house as he also was into Indian lore up to his neck! For some reason I wasn't too interested in a long house but he finally got me to help. We gathered up hardwood branches which would bend good. We stuck them in the ground and bent them over and tied the ends together to make a long house. He covered it with some old worn out canvas tents which we tore up to fit. For a smoke hole Bill took a stick to hold the canvas apart where it was lapped over. It still smoked something terrible. Bill talked me and a couple of others into sleeping in it. I still wasn't convinced that it was a good idea, but I brought my bedroll - no such thing as a sleeping bag in those days. We let the smoking fire go out and went to sleep. In the wee hours of early morning I heard someone swearing. It turned out to be Bill and it was the only time I ever heard him say a swear word. The long house was full of smoke and Bill's bed was on fire. He beat it out and threw out a quilt that had a hole burnt in it. Bill was scorched a little, but not hurt. We took our bed back to the teepee or bunk house the next morning! Bill never mentioned the long house again!

"One year I went to Minor Huffman's private camp, Camp Sacramento, up by the spring where Bill Lumpkins did some beautiful stone work and fireplaces. Bill was a genius at every thing except long houses. Here we did a lot of silversmithing and worked a lot of nickel silver and some sterling. I helped lay a tongue and groove oak floor, then handscraped it and finished it. We were taught to speak better English and Bill did some art work.

"There was the Polar Bear Club at camp. I was never too good at it - up at sunup and take a swim in the pool. Even in July there was frost at night. I went in a few times and the last time I got so chilled I felt bad for two days. So I gave up.

"One year the Mescalero Apache Boy Scouts came over. It was really a wonderful experience. Percy Bigmouth was their Scout Master. He was a wonderful person and with his qualities would have been admired in any country.

"In 1939 I was Scout Master over a group of Clovis boys and we were into sea scouting. This group of boys was really good. Among the Sea Scouts were Billy Stinchcomb, J.R. and Charles Nelson, and Leroy Hutton. But we moved to California.

"I spent 20 years as an Indian at Knott's Berry Farm at Buena Park, California. Those early years of scouting helped prepare me in that job. My daughter, Kathy McAlavy, is now a Scout instructor in Clovis. Her son, Kevvy, age 11, is also into scouting."

Author's note:

When Ridgley retired from Knotts Berry Farm he and his wife, Marie moved back to Clovis. Ridgley has been teaching Indian Arts and Crafts and has made a success in the field of oil painting. His interest in Scouting is deep and he appreciates the help Scouting gave him in training for his life's work.

James Whiteman is active in the organization of Hi Plains Muzzle Loaders and Black Powder Men. This group is keeping alive the Mountain Men traditions: trading, costumes, trappers and shooting.

Carr Austin

Carr Austin was a member of Clovis Troop 12. He spent several years at We-Hin-Ah-Pay, first as a scout then as a Junior Leader. His special interests were in the field of Indian Lore. Carr remembers some of his early Scout leaders including David Baumgarten, R.W. Ludwick, W.D. Gatis and Harry Boston. Carr's father, R.B. Austin, was a member of the troop committee. He also remembers Sam Stone who was scout master of troop 16. He was in the Grain Elevator business in Clovis.

George Turner, a writer for the Amarillo Globe Times recently wrote the following story about Carr Austin.

"Carr Austin, of Amarillo says that his interest in archeology began when he was in the Boy Scouts. As a boy he found numerous artifacts while exploring the hills and dunes in the area around Clovis and Portales. Since then he has excavated thousands of artifacts dating back to the early Clovis Man culture of 12,000 years ago. Curiously, he doesn't have a single such relic displayed in his home - he believes they belong to the American people and not to the person who finds them. Therefore he donates his finds to museums where they can be enjoyed by the public.

The Carr Austin collection at the West Texas Museum in Lubbock consists of nearly 2,000 artifacts. Similarly spectacular collections by Austin are housed at Eastern New Mexico University, Portales, and the Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum, Canyon. The collection at Lubbock was excavated over a period of seven years from an early prehistoric occupation site in which there is a record covering several cultures into historic times.

Carr is especially interested in the stone-age hunters of the Llano Complex, the West Texas-Eastern New Mexico area. He has found evidence that convinces him there were men in this era long before any of the presently known cultures."

Carr Austin and Ridgley Whiteman drove through Roswell in August of 1983. I joined them and we drove to Camp We-Hin-Ah-Pay for an overnight visit. This was their first visit to the camp since their scouting days. Fifty years is a long time but they found many landmarks still remaining. They relived old times and expressed the desire to have Boy Scouts of today enjoy the camp and get as much out of it as they did.

Carr Austin brought back memories when he reminded us of the band Clovis scouts brought to the Camp-O-Ree. It was the first and only time we ever had a scout band at a council wide function. It added a lot to our program. This took place about 1929.

Mack Ingle

Mack Ingle was a true scout from the early days. He and his wife, Mildred, lived in Loving and Carlsbad, New Mexico. Mack was active in all phases of scouting. He attended the 1937 Jamboree as Assistant Scoutmaster of one troop. He moved to Clovis in 1944 as District Executive. The Clovis Air Base honored Mack with their Certificate of Award for Citizen of the Week. This was in connection with the excellent leadership he gave the scrap paper drive. The Boy Scouts massed a 55,320 lbs. of paper in their drive in June 1945.

Mildred has been active in many ways and was one of the first Den Mothers in Carlsbad.

Melrose Scouting Adventures

By Clarence L. Barto

Troop 24 of the Eastern New Mexico Area Council was organized at Melrose in the spring of 1926. Scout Executive Minor Huffman, from Roswell, was present for the exciting occasion. J.L. Woods, a local high school teacher, was Scoutmaster of the new troop. The Assistant Scoutmaster was W.O. Dunlap, Jr., elementary school principal and Navy veteran of the First World War. Some other men who assisted with the new organization were Dr. B.M. Porter, R.G. Peipelman, F.O. Polston, Oren Miller, R.P. Fryar, E.T. Dunlap, Rev. John Rice, and James Wayne.

Boys who were associated with the troop during its first two years included Don Carver, Roy Kemper, Emmett Breen, J.T. (Sonny) Bray, Jr., Bryan Queen, Scott Garrison, Clarence Barto, Linden Peipelman, Johnny Miller, Keightley Fryar, Robert Smith, Bernard Love, Jack Robberson, Jr., Woodrow Rogers, Tom Robberson, Reuben Rogers, Estan Williams, Roy Penix, and George Skaggs. Some favorite activities were hiking, in-

habiting the old swimming hole south of town, overnight camping, outdoor cooking, and hunting for arrowheads.

About mid-summer Scoutmaster Woods, Don Carver, Keightley Fryar, Sonny Bray, Scott Garrison, and Clarence Barto spent ten happy days at Camp We-Hin-Ah-Pay, which at that time occupied a temporary location on Ruidoso Creek about a mile downstream from Ruidoso village.

The most memorable adventure of that camping session was an all-day climb to the summit of nearby Sierra Blanca. Approximately a hundred Scouts, including all five of the Melrose boys, reached the top of the 12,000 ft. peak. The day was partially cloudy, but visibility was excellent and the view magnificent and far-reaching. To the north we could see more mountains and forests and Nogal Lake. Northeastward towered the rugged Capitan range, while to the east, beyond the foothills, extended the illimitable plains of eastern New Mexico. Stretching away to the southeast were the rumpled Sacramento and Guadalupe Mountains. Westward a vast depression lay almost at our feet. This was the Tularosa Basin, with the towns of Tularosa and Alamogordo, the White Sands, and the ancient lava flows all plainly visible. Beyond this valley on the far, blue horizon, loomed the Organ and San Andres ranges.

During the following year, adventures experienced by the troop's members included a tour of Carlsbad Caverns and a camping trip to Holy Ghost Creek, the upper reaches of the Pecos and Gallinas Rivers, Santa Fe, Las Vegas, and Montezuma College. Another most enjoyable occasion was a three-day outing to a large natural swimming pool in a spectacular, rocky setting about ten miles northwest of Fort Sumner.

In the 1930's, under the leadership of Scoutmaster L.D. Terry and his assistants, Willard Moon and Don Carver, a fine adobe Scout building was erected on Melrose land owned by Troop 24. Some of the members during the 1930's and 40's were: Joe Merrill, Stanley Morris, Carl DeGraftenried, John Davis, Ralph White, Mack Hendershot, Junior Harmon, Colon Sweet, Eddie Dugger, Al White, Richmond Brown, Doug Warren, Jerley Conley, Leo and Cleo Crabtree, Harold Myers, David MacArthur, Junior Gore, Luther Hines, Eldon Bruce, Leon Cooper, Sidney Pace, Everett Conley, and Ronald Cooper.

Over a period of half a century, Melrose Scouting has proven to be immensely worthwhile! For it has brought much happiness and satisfaction to the numerous men and boys involved; and the great majority of them have been loyal to the Scout Oath by striving to keep themselves "physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight."

Chapter VII

The Forties

Ripley's "Believe It Or Not"

In 1940 Ripley's "Believe It Or Not" daily display in the newspapers of America was very popular. Mr. Thorson received a call from Mr. Ripley that he would be in Carlsbad to see the caverns and would like to have the Boy Scouts join him. Thorson had very little time to promote this but the troops were notified and a large crowd turned out.

Tom Boles, Superintendent of the Caverns, and New Mexico's Governor John Miles, attended with several other dignitaries. The Scouts were thrilled to see so many prominent people and they enjoyed the various short talks as well as the hike through the Caverns. Superintendent Boles congratulated the Scouts on their fine discipline and behavior.



Ripley's Believe it or Not visit to Carlsbad Caverns, in 1940. Front row starting at left: Kenneth Eisler, P.V. Thorson, Carlsbad Caverns Superintendent Tom Bowles, "Believe it or not" Ripley and Governor John Miles.

Annual Meeting 1942

The Annual Meeting for the year 1941 was held in Portales on January 27, 1942.

J.M. Murray, Sr. was president and conducted the business meeting. Frank Campbell was toastmaster for the banquet. Dean F.D. Golden gave the address of welcome. D.N. Pope led the sing-song. The Portales

High School Acappella Choir entertained and Rabbi Isador Garsek of Lubbock gave the address.

Murray Elected Council President

J.M. Murray of Hobbs was elected President in 1941 and served until 1944. Mr. Murray was born in St. Marys, Ohio in 1889. He moved to the Oklahoma Indian Territory in 1905. He was engaged in the oil business and moved to Hobbs in 1929. At one time he was owner of the Hobbs Daily News-Sun.

He was active in the Democratic party of New Mexico and served as its State Chairman. He was elected Lt. Governor in 1939, serving through 1940 with Governor John Miles.

He was active in many community organizations and was a member of the Masonic Lodge. He gave excellent leadership to the Council Program. He was known throughout the state for his enthusiastic support of the Boy Scout program.

J.E. Newman

After P.V. Thorson transferred to the Houston Area Council in 1941, the selection committee called J.E. Newman to be the new Boy Scout Executive for the Council. Newman was a long-time Scouter, having started his work in Waco, Texas while Jack Lawrence was the Executive. When Lawrence moved to Indian Nations Council with headquarters in Tulsa, Oklahoma in 1936, Jake Newman decided to go along and join the staff there.

He transferred to the Eastern New Mexico Council in late 1941 and was well accepted in this Council. He had a good way of bringing men together and soon the disharmony in Council was improved. In 1943 Uncle Sam called Jake to service and this ended his Council work.

After Jake's return from the service, he entered business. Since his retirement, he and his wife, Katie Ruth, have been serving as volunteer leaders in various Baptist encampments.

Incorporated

The Council was incorporated November 20, 1942, as the Eastern New Mexico Area Council, Inc. This was done under the laws of New Mexico, as a non-profit corporation. This was filed with the State Corporation Commission in Santa Fe.

M.G. King

Early in 1944 M.G. King became the Scout Executive. He was already well known in the Council since he served as a District Executive in this Council for three years, 1937 to 1940.

After leaving here he served on the Houston staff for one year before becoming the Executive at Galveston, Texas. He moved to Roswell in 1944. After one and one-half years he transferred to the Yucca Council with headquarters in El Paso. He remained Executive of the Yucca Council until his retirement in 1975.

After retirement he and his wife Jean moved to The Hill Country of Texas and located near Marble Falls thus fulfilling a life's dream of living on a good fishing lake.

Thomas M. Cramer

Thomas M. Cramer of Carlsbad has the longest record as President of the Council, having served for seven years. He was born in Appleton, Wisconsin in 1890. While still young his family moved to Palo Alto, California. He graduated from Leland Stanford University in 1911.

Upon graduation he went to work for the Borax Co. at their Alameda, California plant. He served in several capacities over the United States. During World War I he served in the Chemical Warfare section of the Army.

After a stint in China he was back on the Pacific Coast and became Superintendent of their large refinery at Wilmington, California. Shortly thereafter the Borax bought into the U.S. Potash Co. and he moved to Carlsbad, becoming the General Manager of this operation. He served in this capacity until his retirement in 1956.

His interest in Scouting never waned. He held many positions in his district and served on the Council level as chairman of several committees, including finance committee. He received the Silver Beaver in 1941. He served as President from 1945-1951.

His other activities were numerous and included Carlsbad City Council, Carlsbad School Board, Chamber of Commerce and was a director in the Carlsbad National Bank and Memorial Hospital.

Another one of his interests was in development of the New Mexico Tech at Socorro. He served on the Board there for 25 years and was Chairman of the Board, also. Cramer Hall on the Tech Campus was named after him in 1970.

Frank Phillips Foundation

In 1948 the Frank Phillips Foundation gave the council \$3,000.00 with the understanding that the council would match this amount. With the

total of \$6,000 the council added one additional staff. This matching plan was a part of the program to increase size of staffs. Many councils in the Region accepted this challenge and were able to employ much needed additional staff.

Board Goes Camping

One Saturday afternoon in July 1946 the Executive Board descended on Camp We-Hin-Ah-Pay. Zane Smith, Chairman of the Camping Committee, acted as Scoutmaster. Howard Brawn, Scout Executive, served as Senior Patrol leader. The Board members organized into patrols, pitched their tents and then proceeded to work up an appetite.

They attended the Saturday night campfire. Early Sunday morning they held a shooting contest and then attended the camp's Church Services. They had a regular Board Meeting and then shortly after lunch left for home. The following Board members attended: Zane Smith, E.B. Bullock, Sam Stone, C.C. Cagle, Ben Ogden, Jim Jaquet, Jack Eichelberger, Reed Hatch, H.S. Williams, W.T. McRee, Everett Langford, G. Unangst, Bill Moody, Doc Loomis, W.C. Henderson, C.S. Scott and Howard Brawn.

Age Change

Early in 1949 the National Executive Board announced complete plans for lowering the age limits by one year for Cub packs, Boy Scout Troops and Senior Units. The new age ruling became effective on September 1.

Entrance age for Cubs was set at eight years; Boy Scouts at eleven years and for Explorers at fourteen years. This age change met nation-wide approval and the Eastern New Mexico Council accepted this new ruling with enthusiasm.

Cubbing and Scouting benefited from this change and membership increased in 1949 to a new high.

Wowser

At the 1947 Camp two young staff members from the University of New Mexico wanted to liven things up so they came up with the "Wowser" story. According to their description the Wowser was a cross between a mountain lion and a grizzly bear. His scream was so frightening and terrible that if you were within a quarter of a mile when he let out his roar you would be completely paralyzed.

According to Bill McRee, who was in camp at the time this story was being developed, the Wowser only came down in front of the dining room on Tuesday night. It was said he could cover 15 miles in 15 minutes.

The story surpassed the Paul Bunyan's with his blue ox legend. Even more ridiculous than Pecos Pete and his pet rattlesnake.

Bill said the story was so crazy that boys were having doubts about it but were afraid not to believe it. The staff responsible for initiating this ridiculous story had to come up with some cruel sound so they stretched a piece of rawhide over a barrel and then would draw a bow over it. This made a loud screeching sound.

The Wowser still roams the hills around Aqua Chiquita area and sometimes is heard by the Campers. Wowser is temperamental and doesn't always fit well in the camp schedule.

Wowser is now a part of camp tradition and is often used in promotional events. Since he has been in the mountains around We-Hin-Ah-Pay for many years the tall tales have grown with time but Wowser remains at large, seldom heard and never seen.

Dr. Loomis, who at that time lived at the camp all year and taught dutch oven cooking and axemanship, added to the yarn by his report as printed in the weekly camp sheet called "Warhoop".



1945 Camp We-Hin-Ah-Pay Staff.
Including Slick Murdock, Joe Ben Hunsaker, Bill McRee, George Nickell, Reverend Stroup, Ray Robbins, Cecil Hawkin, Earl McClure, Kennie Hall, Tommy Coleman. Ray Robbins was camp director and Bill McRee, assistant camp director.

SPECIAL DISPATCH OF THE W H A P WARHOOP

Early Saturday Morning

"Doc" Loomis reported he saw a wowser near Camp WHAP at the head of Potato Canyon. This is the first actual sight of a wowser in this country since 1890. This ferocious animal is half grizzly bear and half mountain lion, combining the worst characteristics of each. "Doc" said the wowser stood at least 9'6" high, and its tracks measured 10 7/16" across. The wowser is to be greatly feared and the Editors sincerely hope they will not return in numbers to these parts. "Doc's" only comment when questioned by our reporter was, "I guess he doesn't like white meat - or I would have been a goner. Rumor has it that "Deadeye" and Smitty have written to the Navy Dept. for surplus 5" anti-aircraft guns for defense. Cosmo's only comment was "I ain't scared....much!"

First Camp Ranger At We-Hin-Ah-Pay

The first few years we did not have anyone living at the camp during the months it was not in use. The first person to live there on a year around basis was Dr. Ray Loomis. He was a chiropractor living in Pennsylvania when he developed arthritis in his hands. No longer able to continue in his profession he decided to try the desert of Arizona for a year to see if this would improve his problem.

He was a friend of Fred Mills, then our National Director of Health & Safety. Mr. Mills was on the faculty of our Regional Camp school, which we were conducting at a camp on Lake Worth in 1932. Minor Huffman was the director of the camp school and got acquainted with Dr. Loomis at that time. He told Loomis about We-Hin-Ah-Pay and Camp Sacramento for boys, and invited him to stop over and visit the camps.

On his way to Arizona he did visit for a few days. He liked the camps and the Aqua Chiquita area.

He came back to Camp Sacramento and took up residence there. Later he worked out an agreement with Camp We-Hin-Ah-Pay which permitted him to live there five years at no cost and to keep one horse. This agreement was necessary since he spent considerable money winterizing one of the cabins.

He loved the area and became a valuable citizen in the Weed area. He found Edna Knight a school-teacher who enjoyed his way of life and married her. Besides looking after the property he served on the summer staff teaching dutch oven cooking and axmanship.

Because of his skills in these activities he moved to Philmont Scout Ranch in 1947 and continued his teaching in dutch oven cooking and proper use of the axe. He became known nation-wide for his camping skills. He died in 1962 and is buried near Philmont at Cimarron.

J. Howard Brawn

J. Howard Brawn was selected as Scout Executive to follow M.G. King. Howard came to this Council early in 1946 and remained for ten years. He had held several important positions on the National Staff and came to this Council direct from the position of Assistant National Director of Finances. Previously he had served four years as Scout Executive of Galveston, Texas.

Howard and his wife, Lucille, were the right people for this time in our Council's history. Their tenure gave stability to the program. Howard's experience in all phases of Scouting was of tremendous help in guiding the Council into the right avenues of emphasis.

The Brawns appreciated New Mexico, its culture, background and the western beauty. Before long they made friends with Peter and Henriette Hurd at San Patricio; also with the authors Paul Horgan and Maurice G. Fulton.

In keeping with the interesting historical setting, the name of the Council was changed to Conquistador in 1953.

Howard moved to Portland, Oregon where he was a Deputy Regional Executive for Region #11. He retired in 1971.

Lucille and Howard developed two small Christmas tree farms in Oregon which were to help them keep busy in their retirement years. Howard died in 1972.

A great deal of progress was made in the ten year period the Brawns shaped the destiny of the Council.

Here are two little stories related by Lucille that you will enjoy:

1. This program of the Annual Council Meeting for 1952 brought back some memories of the occasion. Anyway, Howard asked Peter Hurd to be the speaker for the occasion. His answer: "You know I'll be glad to do anything I can but I'm not much of a speaker. Maybe you could ask me some questions and I could answer them." And that's how it was. Howard interviewed him for what resulted in an outstanding presentation on Peter's part before he went on to do the recognitions as featured in the program. All aglow after such a great evening - the Museum had lent us his larger-than life painting "The Suppliant" which was the backdrop for the speakers' table - we stood on the sidewalk afterward making ready to return the painting to the Museum. I was stunned as the door opened and Howard Clinton (their son) came out casually and moving right along carried that painting to the truck. Peter sensed my apprehension and said "Don't worry, Lucille, if he drops it I'll paint another one."

2. Here is a true story Howard used to tell. He had taken the old YO Crossing shortcut home from We-Hin-Ah-Pay and drove his car onto the rack above the grease pit to see if he had damaged anything underneath. While he was in the pit looking up at the bottom of the car a lady bent over to speak to him saying: "Brother, are you saved" He said: I straightened up proudly and said to her, Madam, I am Chairman of the Finance Committee of the First Methodist Church." She said, "It's all right. Anything is possible with the Lord. You can still be saved."



Howard J. Brawn

Chapter VIII

The Fifties

Valley Forge

The Second National Jamboree was held the summer of 1950. It was on the grounds near Wahington's Headquarters where his men spent such a miserable winter. Valley Forge is a great National Park in Pennsylvania, about 20 miles from Philadelphia. Scouts (47,163) from every state and territory in the United States attended. It was a beautiful sight to see thousand of tents pitched over the hillsides of this historical area.

The educational value was great, and deep spiritual values were also realized. One Scout telling a Rotary Club about the event said "Every boy at the Jamboree looked alike. You couldn't tell whether a Scout was rich or poor, Catholic, Protestant or Jew."

Two troops attended from our Eastern New Mexico Council.

Electricity For Camp

At last the Council's request for electric service for the Camp was fulfilled. In July 1950 a line was put to Camp We-Hin-Ah-Pay by the Rural Electric Authority. This meant that the camp now would have refrigeration and eventually an all electric kitchen.

The camp leadership was proud of the fact that Potato Canyon was an untouched area and that it was one of the few camps located in an area not overrun by tourists. The National Forest surrounding the camp has been a big factor in keeping We-Hin-Ah-Pay isolated. Very few Council Camps in America can boast of an area so generally fitted for a summer camp program. Even with all this, Health and Safety does come first.

So in 1966 We-Hin-Ah-Pay succumbed to another modern gadget, the telephone.

Jack Maddox Elected President

Jack Maddox of Hobbs was President from 1952 through 1955. He was born in Menard, Texas in 1901. He completed his education at Texas Tech where he graduated with honors in 1923.

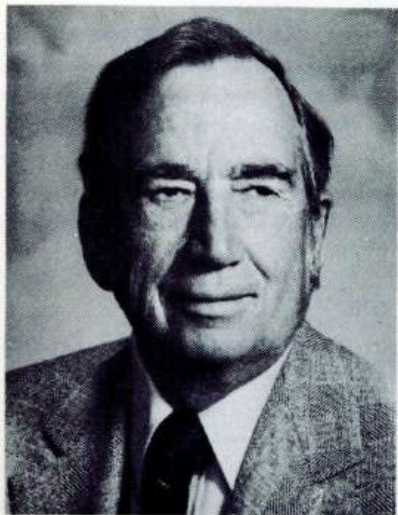
He moved to Hobbs in 1931 when he was transferred by The New Mexico Electric Service Co. He was President and Chairman of the Board of The New Mexico Electric Co. and Chairman of the Board of Llano Gas Co., at the time of his death in 1977. He was also President of the Broadmoore Properties Inc., a real estate firm.



Jack Maddox, Hobbs
President 1952-1955



Jack Danglade, Lovington
President 1956-1958



S. P. Yates, Artesia
President 1959-1962



Tom Cochran
Scout Executive 1956-1963



Jake Hinch, Roswell
Treasurer, 1949-1982



Floyd Golden, Portales
Council Commissioner, 1958-1961



Tode Brenneman, Roswell
Scout Master, Troop 3, 1922-1945



Stig Santheson, Roswell
Scouting, 1923-1943

Jack Maddox had a varied list of community organizations which he gave leadership to and Boy Scouting was at the top of the list. He was generous both with his time and his money. He helped organize the Council's Trust Fund and was Chairman of the Trust Fund at the time of his death. Jack Maddox's interest in Scouting was big and it extended beyond the Eastern New Mexico Council. He was an active member of the Region Nine Executive Committee and gave extensive leadership to the program. He was awarded the Silver Beaver in 1943 and in 1958 the Region honored him with the Silver Antelope.

Third National Jamboree

The Third National Jamboree was held at Irvine Ranch near Santa Ana, California in 1953. From this Council 132 Scouts and leaders attended. A total of 45,401 attended the Jamboree.

Special mention should be made of Troop and Post 14 from Clovis, that attended as a complete Unit.

The Jamboree Committee was under the leadership of F.J. Dangle of Lovington.

Council Name Changed 1953

During the early years of Council organization the names selected usually related to the location. El Paso area meant El Paso and the territory surrounding it. Other names designating location were Northern New Mexico, Rio Grande Valley, Northwest Texas, Austin, Ft. Worth and Houston.

Later councils began to look at more sophisticated names. Many related more to history than to geography. Names began to change and we then had Kit Carson Council (Albuquerque), Indian Nations Council (Tulsa), Yucca (El Paso), Capital (Austin, Tx.), Longhorn (Ft. Worth) and Llano Estacado (Amarillo).

A name change was first suggested at an Executive Board meeting in 1939. After years of discussion the name was officially changed at a Board Meeting held at Ruidoso on April 11, 1953. Some of the board members were reluctant to vote but it was said that after Peter Hurd submitted a working sketch of an emblem of a conquistador to be used in camp, the vote was unanimous.

The name change meant that the constitution would have to be changed and that could only be done at a meeting of the Council.

In due course this was legally done and the council name was changed from Eastern New Mexico Council to the Conquistador Council.



Conquistador Council Patch

Conquistador was the name given for the leaders of the Spanish conquest of the New World in the 16th century. Hernando Cortez who conquered Mexico was one of the greatest. Cabeza de Vaca is one related to our area having traveled a route in 1534 that took his party over an area that today would be Pecos to Carlsbad, up Penasco, down the Tularosa Creek and into El Paso. Francisco Vasquez Coronado, was another who explored the Southwest.

After 28 years as the Eastern New Mexico area Council the name was legally and officially changed in 1953 to the Conquistador Council.

After the name was approved Paul Horgan gave his talk at the Annual Meeting. It was a brilliant presentation and was one that will long be remembered.

Paul Horgan's book was subsequently published and he won the Pulitzer, the Bancroft Prize and the Texas Institute of Letters award for this writing.

Sidelights On Name Change

Howard Brawn was Scout Executive at the time of the name change. In 1955 Howard and Lucille moved to Portland, Oregon. Soon after our retirement Dena Mae and I toured the Northwest with our granddaughter

Karen (1967). It was our pleasure to visit with the Brawns' in Portland. Howard told me some interesting sidelines in connection with the change.

Marshall Ammerman, Assistant Chief Scout Executive from the Boy Scout home office, was visiting in Roswell with Howard and Lucille. (We should explain that Marshall Ammerman was born in Roswell. His father Roy Ammerman was cashier of the First State Bank and Trust Co. which at that time was located at 127 North Main. The Ammerman family had moved to California in 1918 and this was Marshall's first visit to Roswell since leaving as a young boy.)

Howard Brawn told the Ammermans about the search for a new council name that would be more in keeping with this section of New Mexico. Several names had already been suggested, such as Jingle Bob, Rio Pecos, Bill Kid, Caverns, John Chisum, etc. None seemed to have the right kind of appeal. Caroline Ammerman immediately suggested "Conquistador". This seemed to hit a chord.

Paul Horgan, who taught at the New Mexico Military Institute, had in preparation the two volume edition on the Great River - the Rio Grande in North American history, and had written a chapter which dealt with the Spanish Conquistadors in this part of New Mexico. He agreed to review this chapter in a talk in advance of the book's publication, if the name was selected. At the same time Peter Hurd agreed to design the official council patch.

Official Patch

In 1954 Peter Hurd completed the drawing of the patch. He displayed it at the Council meeting. His own son, Michael, modeled for him and over his profile is super-imposed the profile of a Conquistador.

The patch has been used by the Council since its inception. It is a beautiful piece of work and the Council is fortunate in having it designed by one of their Scouters - a great artist!

Territory Changes

When the Eastern New Mexico Council began operating January 1, 1925 it included the counties of Lea, Roosevelt, Curry, De Baca, Chaves, Lincoln, Eddy and Otero in New Mexico and Palmer County in Texas.

In 1927 Guadalupe and Quay counties in New Mexico and Bailey in Texas, were added.

In 1933 Bailey County transferred to South Plains Council. In 1934 Alamogordo and a part of Otero County transferred to Kit Carson Council. In 1956 DeBaca, Quay and Guadalupe Counties transferred to the

Yucca Council in El Paso. In 1957 the balance of Otero County was transferred to the Yucca Council.



Presentation of Painting, Peter Hurd, 1958

Peter Hurd presents painting of Boy Scout campfire to the Conquistador Council. Left to right: Charles Johnson, Artesia; Winford Carlile, Lovington; Bob Anderson, Roswell; Peter Hurd, San Patricio; Charles Loveless, Roswell.

Valley Forge Again

The Fourth National Boy Scout Jamboree was held at Valley Forge, Pennsylvania in 1957. This was the second time, as the 1950 Jamboree was held on the same grounds. This had proven to be an excellent location since the terrain and vegetation adapted well to camping. Adding to this the great historical values, it made a fine selection.

The Council had two troops. The Executive Board Minutes of October 1957 report an excellent slide program of Jamboree Troop 22, beginning with their tour to and from the Jamboree together with Jamboree activities.

Jamboree Scoutmaster T.P. Hanson and his assistant Charlie Gregory, were both from Carlsbad. Dave Button was also listed as a leader.

Additional Land Purchased

As early as 1953 Zane Smith, Chairman of the Council Camping Committee, called for the purchase of the old Calkins place up the canyon but joining the camp. President Maddox appointed a committee to look into the matter and to report back to the Board. Those appointed to serve were Zane Smith, Rudy Sparks and Fincher Neal.

Negotiations were started immediately but it was some time before an option to purchase was worked out with Mrs. Carrie Lee Calkins.

The Executive Board minutes of February 4, 1958 lists the appointment of S.P. Yates, Charles Johnson and Stanley Carper, all of Artesia, to exercise the option now held by the Council.

Charles Johnson said he then went to Bob Anderson to get an idea as to the best way to raise the \$16,000.00 needed. Bob immediately said he had an idea and turned around and pulled out his checkbook and wrote a check for \$16,000.00, which was the amount needed to fulfill the option.

This money was put in trust and was available to meet the conditions of the option. Mrs. Calkins wanted to be paid a sum each year.

Camp We-Hin-Ah-Pay now consisted of 320 acres, all the deeded land in Potato Canyon. When we purchased the first 40 acres, the surrounding area was State land but later the State traded with the U.S. Forest Service and now all land surrounding the camp is owned by the Forest Service.

Thomas C. Cochran New Scout Executive

Thomas C. Cochran became the Scout Executive of the Conquistador Council in 1956 and remained until 1963.

Tom was born in Ambridge, Pennsylvania in 1908. He became a Boy Scout in 1920 and attained rank of Eagle. Tom continued his scouting interests and was very active in Sea Scouting. He entered professional Scouting in 1941. His first position was Field Executive in his native Pennsylvania area. He was called to Military Service with the combat intelligence Corps during World War II.

After the War he moved to the Adobe Walls Council with headquarters in Pampa, Texas. Tom was assigned to the Borger district. After a few years he was moved to Albuquerque where he served as Director of Field Services for the Northern New Mexico Council.

He moved to Roswell in 1956. As an executive he proved to be an able administrator and successfully stimulated the Council to extend and improve We-Hin-Ah-Pay and construct a new office building.

While serving the Council he was assisted by his wife Martha.

Tom retired from Professional Scouting in 1963 and moved his residence to Albuquerque. He passed away there in 1978 and is buried in the Santa Fe National Cemetery.

Chief Scout D.N. Pope

At the Annual Council Meeting held May 3, 1956 at the New Mexico Military Institute, General Hobart Gay, Superintendent of the military school, succeeded D.N. Pope as Council Commissioner. He was known as Daddy Pope and had served the council in many ways. He had been Council Commissioner a total of fifteen years. He was given the title of Chief Scout for his long duration of service.



Eagle Court of Honor, 1955, Roswell
Jimmy Gaunce, Ed Bonner, Reg Hughes, Joe Key, Johnny Knight, M.B. Smith, E.R. Bonner, General Gay.

Canadian Canoe Trip

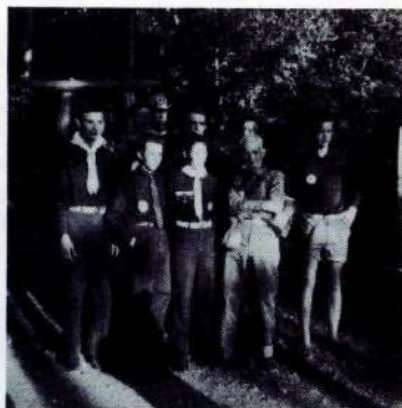
In 1956 twenty Explorers and two leaders made the Canadian Canoe trip. This generated a great deal of interest in this project. So in 1958 a total of 54 Explorers and six leaders signed up for this high adventure experience. H.B. McGrady was the leader in charge of this high adventure.

Upon their return Mr. McGrady reported on the trip to the Executive Board. He was complimentary in his remarks concerning the ar-

rangements for the group and the overall conduct and morale of the scouts who attended.



Canadian Canoe Trip—Portage



A crew on the Canadian Canoe Trip.
L to R. front row: Charles Lehman, John Ferguson, Don Wolf, Joe Wolf, Leader;
Top Row: Conn McCampbell, Mickey McGrady, Jon Gadberry, and Jerry Peshca.

Road Improvement

The road condition from Weed up the Canyon was in a deplorable condition. The traffic from Weed to Sacramento had increased due to the Methodist encampment.

The Council Executive Board was determined to improve the situation. It drew up a resolution and all members signed it. President Jack Danglade then sent it to the Honorable Edwin L. Mechem, Governor of New Mexico, on August 6, 1958. The Governor turned it over to the Highway Department and on August 15, President Danglade got a copy of the letter to the Governor from the Highway Department. We quote one paragraph:

"I am pleased to advise that the Highway Commission, in session July 25, 1958, designated this stretch of highway as a State Road and authorized us to proceed with its improvement, including black-topping.

Signed L.D. Wilson
Chief Highway Engineer"

The road was paved from Weed to Sacramento as a result of this joint effort.

Jack Danglade of Lovington

Jack Danglade of Lovington was elected President in 1956 and remained in this office until his death in 1958. He became active in Scouting in 1936, and had an excellent record of service to Scouting, to his community, and to his state.

He was an independent oil producer, Civic affairs claiming his leadership such as the following: Rotary Club which he served as President in 1939; Chairman of Lovington Community and Youth Board; New Mexico's Boy's Ranch Vice-President; Chairman of the Board of New Mexico University at Portales; an Executive Committee Member of the New Mexico Oil & Gas Association, a member of the Presbyterian Church and served as State Senator.

He served as Scoutmaster, District Chairman, Jamboree Chairman, Chairman of Finance Committee. He was Vice-Chairman of the first State co-ordinated Boy Scout Finance Campaign in 1954. He also served as Neighborhood Commissioner.

In grateful recognition of his service through Scouting to his community, his Council, and the State's, the Council presented him with the Silver Beaver in 1957.

The same year the Region presented him the Silver Antelope for his work on the Executive Committee of Region 9.

S.P. Yates

S.P. Yates of Artesia was elected President in 1959 and served through 1962. Long interested in Scouting he has served in many capacities, including District Chairman, Council Vice-Chairman, Chairman of Council Finance Committee for four years. He received the Silver Beaver Award in 1957.

In 1982 at the Kwahadi Lodge Order of the Arrow banquet he was honored for his outstanding service to Scouting over 32 years.

He has consistently supported the many worthwhile organizations in his community and in his profession. He is active in the Methodist Church and served on the Board of Regents for McMurry College, also served as Director of I.P.A.A. and the New Mexico Oil & Gas Association. He has been a member of the Trust Fund Committee since its beginning, and since 1978 has been chairman.

All Time High

At an Executive Board meeting held late in 1958, Bob Fall, a member of the summer camp staff at We-Hin-Ah-Pay, for several summers,

made a glowing report on the 1958 camping season. The increase in Scouts and Leaders attending all phases of camping reached an all-time high of 1104. This included the Aquatic Base, Philmont, Canadian Canoe Base and We-Hin-Ah-Pay.

Of this number 864 attended the regular summer season at We-Hin-Ah-Pay. Board members expressed their appreciation to the Camping Committee, the Summer Staff and to the many Scout leaders who not only helped promote the Camp but spent a week there giving leadership to their troop.



Summer Camp Staff, 1959

Standing (left to right): Bob Parrish, Hobbs; Bob Stebbins, Roswell; Rebel Bryant, Walker AFB; Bob Budzid, Walker AFB; Richard Boren, Penasco; Jessie Archeleta, Roswell; Clyde Chouning, Carlsbad; Leo Leitz, Walker AFB; Lewis R. "Tex" McCoy, Roswell; Jack Winthrop, Walker AFB; Bob Lowery, Hobbs.

Sitting (left to right): Robert Fall, Roswell; Leroy Williams, Hobbs; David Holdridge, Roswell; Buddy Meekins, Hobbs; Clyde Holdridge, Roswell; Pat Orell, Roswell; Robert Roudebush, Roswell; Leon Standard, Loco Hills.

Capital Campaign

The facilities at We-Hin-Ah-Pay were now thirty years old. This, together with the growing number of troops using the camp, made it logical for the Council to consider extensive improvements. Acquiring the 160 acre Calkins' place gave more flexibility to the planning.

The National Camping Service sent David Dunbar to assist in the development of plans.

Plans were getting under way early in 1958 but it soon became evident that the time involved in setting up would throw us into the summer. It was felt that this would be too close to the United Funds Campaign time. So the Capital Campaign was postponed until 1959.

Paul Wilmot was Chairman of the Camp Development Committee. Working closely with the National Camping and Engineering Service and with representatives from each Council District they came up with a development plan which was approved by the Executive Board.

The other members of the Camp Development Committee were Charles B. Read, Bob Fall, Bill Rives, Ray Thompson, Dr. Howard Melton, S.P. Yates, Joe McKnight, Zane Smith and Joe Key.

When the campaign was being planned they recruited Peter Hurd and Robert O. Anderson to serve as Co-Chairmen of the Camp Development Fund Campaign. The two continued in this capacity until they successfully completed the campaign in 1959.

The campaign goal was \$198,345.00. The venture included a letter from United States District Judge, Carl A. Hatch, and pictures of activities. The brochure prepared by the Council for use in connection with the campaign was well done. Peter Hurd painted the cover which showed a Scout in camp cooking over an open fire. The original now hangs in the Boy Scout Service Center.

It took many hours of work involving a lot of Scouters and their friends. Among those listed were: Peter Hurd, San Patricio; Robert O. Anderson, Roswell; Ross L. Malone, Roswell; Bill Deane, Roswell; Charles C. Loveless, Jr., Roswell; Winford Carlile, Lovington; R.L. Summers, Hobbs; T.M. Cramer, Carlsbad; Charles Johnson, Artesia, and T.J. Deason, Jr., Roswell.

The Planning Committee included Paul Wilmot, Roswell; Hobdy Gann, Lovington; Bob Fall, Roswell; C.C. Cagle, Jr., Clovis and Charles B. Read, Roswell.

The campaign was successfully completed in May of 1959. The Administrative area was moved up the canyon and the first building to be completed was the Jack Danglade Dining Hall. This was dedicated July 23, 1961. About 400 Scouters and their families attended the event. Mrs. June Randolph, daughter of the late State Senator and Council President, Jack Danglade, attended the ceremonies at Camp We-Hin-Ah-Pay. Ross Malone was Master of Ceremonies. He unveiled the cornerstone plaque and gave a brief history of the Camp.



A camp scene painted by Peter Hurd. The original hangs in the Boy Scout Service Center.



Mickey McGrady is greeted by Governor Edwin L. Mechem at the Eagle-Silver Beaver Awards Dinner in Santa Fe in 1958.

Annual Meetings In '50's

This period had its annual meetings. Usually they were well attended.

The 1951 Annual Meeting was held at the Knights of Pythias Hall in Roswell on Jan. 22, 1952. Peter Hurd conducted the banquet session. Officers were installed and Silver Beaver Awards were made.

The 1953 Annual Meeting was held at the Hobbs Country Club on January 19, 1954. E.B. Bullock of Artesia presented the Silver Beaver awards. Jack Maddox of Hobbs introduced Jack C. Vowell, President of the Yucca Council, who delivered the address.

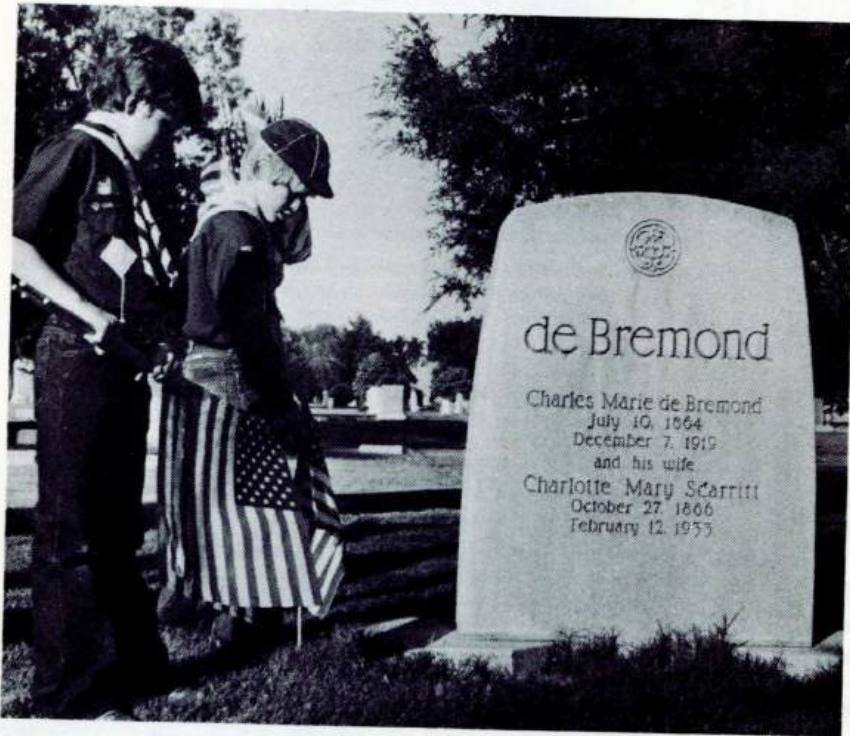
The 1956 Annual Meeting was held at the Roswell Country Club on Tuesday, May 14, 1957. The Regional Executive, Harold Lewman, was present and installed the officers. Address was given by Johnson Murray, Vice-President, Welex Corp., Ft. Worth, Texas.

The 1957 Annual Meeting was held Tuesday, May 6, 1958, in Roswell. Floyd Childress was program chairman and Wm. J. Murray, Jr., Texas Railroad Commissioner from Austin, Texas, made the address.

The 1958 Annual Meeting was held at the Roswell Country Club, May 5, 1959. Robert O. Anderson presided. W.F. McCurdy, Vice-President of Sears Roebuck Foundation, Dallas, Texas, made the address.

The 1959 Annual Meeting was held in Roswell, May 3, 1960. The address was given by Tomlinson Fort, Vice President of Westinghouse Electric Corporation, with offices in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Tom Fort was a charter member of Roswell Troop 2. His father organized the troop and it was duly chartered in 1916. Tom was an active Scout and vividly remembers his Scout experiences.

The title of Tom's talk was "We Get the Children We Deserve". It was well received and it fitted well into the annual meeting which was in celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America.



Cub Scouts place flags on the grave of de Bremonds—Col de Bremond was captain of Roswell's Battery A when they left for France. He returned from World War I a Colonel.

Chapter IX

The Sixties



The 1959 Annual Meeting was held early in 1960 at the Roswell Country Club. The head table included Jim Murrah Jr., Polly Murray, Frances Johnson, Charles Johnson, Minor Huffman, E.B. Bullock, Henriette Hurd, Peter Hurd.

Logging Request

In February of 1960 the U.S. Forest Service requested permission to construct a logging road through the camp and on to the rim for the purpose of opening up a large area for timbering.

This came as a shock to our camping committee as they understood the camp was part of a wilderness area which had been set aside so that our scouts would have available a high adventure in hiking and camping.

George Bullock, who was owner and director of Camp Sacramento for boys during 1936 to 1939, wrote a letter to the Conquistador Council in 1960, which told of his concern. A portion of Mr. Bullock's letter is as follows:

"When some logging was done up there by the Calkins' we began to get floods. Water backed up under the Lodge several times. I became desperate and wrote to U.S. Senator Josh Lee in Oklahoma for help. John Lee, as a result of this request back in 1937 or 1938, secured from the Forest Service an edict or resolution setting aside all the watershed area of

Potato Canyon, as a recreational area, an area not to be logged. Surely the Forest Service in Alamogordo has a record of this action."

Written messages, telephone calls and personal contact began to flow from the Board. Bob Glew of the Regional Boy Scout Office was able to advise the Council of contacts that should be made. As a result of this activity Mr. Fred Kennedy, Regional Forest Director in Albuquerque, set up a conference at the Boy Scout Office in Roswell, with the following committee: S.P. Yates, President; Harvey Yates, Charles Read, H.B. Bratton and Tom Cochran. The representatives from Lincoln National Forest included Mr. Ray, the director and Mr. McDermaid, assistant.

This meeting ended with an understanding that the Forest Service would not pursue this until a meeting was held between the two parties at the camp.

Members of the Executive Board were deeply concerned with the threat of timber cutting on the watershed and pursued the problem in an effort to get a permanent ruling.

Clinton P. Anderson, our United States Senator, was contacted. Since he had been Secretary of Agriculture he knew who to see in the Forest Service. It was through his efforts we were able to get the message to the right people in Washington.

On March 6 and 7, 1960 Council officials, including Jack Maddox, Council President, Charles Read, S.P. Yates and executive Tom Cochran, met with Forest Service and National Council officials in Dallas, and secured an oral agreement that the watershed area surrounding Potato Canyon would be subjected to a 99 year lease between the Conquistador Council and the Forest Service, which would provide a controlled logging (if any logging), in that area, to protect the investment of the Council.

The camp was set up to give Scouts a fine outdoor experience in a beautiful setting. The Council had invested money in the construction of necessary facilities. The conservation of natural resources is an important part of Boy Scout training. Future generations must be ever vigilant to see that the camp and the area surrounding it is kept in a way that will preserve the natural resources.

Timber cutting will effect not only the beauty but the water supply.

Colorado Springs Jamboree July 22-28, 1960

The fifth National Jamboree was held in Colorado Springs, Colorado. This was the first Jamboree held within 500 miles of our Council. Ed

Kidwell was Chairman of the Jamboree Committee. There was no problem in filling the quota, 3 Troops and 9 leaders.

The Jamboree was located in the foothills near the Air Force Academy. There was plenty of sightseeing and the Scouts were thrilled to have many National Personalities present, including the President of the United States, Dwight D. Eisenhower.

This was the largest of our National Jamborees. The total attendance was 56,377 registered participants.



President Dwight D. Eisenhower visits the National Jamboree in Colorado Springs, Colorado in 1960.



The Regional Wood Badge Training course was held at Camp We-Hin-Ah-Pay in 1967. This was the first such course to be held at our Mountain camp.



Our Scouts were part of Region 9 Contingent of 66 Scouts who attended the International Jamboree in Marathon Greece in 1963.

The Social Security Program

The minutes of the Executive Board Meeting of December 5, 1960, explain that the Social Security laws had been amended so that organizations such as the Boy Scouts might participate. The employees were anxious to share in the program and the Executive Board approved the plan to begin January 1, 1951.

New Service Center

When the Eastern New Mexico Council was organized in 1924, it opened its first office on the second floor of the Court House. In 1930 it was moved to a big room in the basement of the Court House.

In December 1940 the office was moved to Rooms 9-10-11, First National Bank Building, Roswell. There it remained until 1952.

The January 22, 1952 Executive Board Minutes tell of the new quarters as follows:

"Charles Malone stated that the Junior Chamber of Commerce Youth Center was being turned over to the Scout Council for an office and Training Center."

Robert Foulkes, President of the Jaycees, presented the building to President Paul Wilmot, together with a legally executed lease for a \$1.00 per year. This was a fine gesture and the Council continued to use this facility in Cahoon Park until a new Service Center was completed in 1963.

The space and location proved to be a good one. In 1954 the big flood put three to four feet of water throughout the building. Some things were dried and re-used but many pictures and records were lost.

In January 1962 the Jaycees approached the Council with their plans for use of the building. This brought the Council to a necessity to act. For some time members of the Board had been talking about a new Service Center. In January 1962 Council President S.P. Yates appointed a committee to explore the possibility of building a Service Center. The following men were appointed to this committee: Robert O. Anderson, Homer F. Glover, Stanley Carper, Charles Loveless, Jr., and Jack Maddox.

While a new location was being pursued it came to light that Mr. and Mrs. Olen Featherstone were anxious to work with the Council.

At the Executive Board Meeting held in October 1962, Mr. Loveless Chairman of the Committee, reported they had met with Mr. and Mrs. Olen Featherstone and that they had offered the Council a piece of land off West Country Club Road and \$25,000.00 toward the construction of a Service Center. This was to be a memorial to Mr. Stanley W. Crosby, area business pioneer and Scouter.

Walter P. Rogers, assistant Director of the Engineering Service, Boy Scouts of America, met with the committee and assisted in working out the plans. The DeShurley Construction Co. was awarded the contract.

The building was completed in 1963 and the dedication ceremony was held Sunday afternoon, April 21, 1963.

Program

2:00 p.m. DEDICATION CEREMONY

Presentation of Colors Stanley Crosby III

Opening Invocation Rev. Homer Akers
First Presbyterian Church, Portales

Presentation of Building To Council Charles C. Loveless, Jr.
Chairman of Building Committee

Acceptance of Building S.P. Yates
Council President

Dedication Remarks:

Minor Huffman	M.G. King
P.V. Thorson	Howard Brawn
J.E. Newman	

Unveiling of Dedication Plaque

2:30 - 4:00 p.m. Open House For the Public

4:00 p.m. Meeting of the Executive Board of the Council

All the past Council Executives were present except Howard Brawn, who at this time was on Region Eleven Staff and resided in Portland, Oregon.

Crosby Memorial Service Center had been the headquarters of the Council since its dedication in 1963. This building is well arranged and has been of great service to the leadership of the Council.

At the entrance near the front door there is a small plaque which reads, "A memorial built by friends of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley W. Crosby, initiated by Mr. and Mrs. Olen Featherstone and Elizabeth W. Chaney." Mr. Featherstone and Mr. Crosby were close friends and business associates for many years. Elizabeth Wood Chaney was the daughter-in-law of the Crosbys, married to Stanley W. Crosby, Jr., a West Point graduate in the class of 1947 who lost his life in Korea in the service of his country on August 10, 1950.

The flag pole was dedicated to his grandparents by Stanley W. Crosby, III, who later became a Conquistador Council member until he moved to Denver where he is in the oil business and lives with his daughter, Sarah Elizabeth, and his son, Stanley W. Crosby, IV.

Elizabeth W. Chaney later married Lieutenant General Richard T. Knowles (U.S. Army, Ret.). General Knowles is a member of the Boy Scout Executive Board and is serving in the New Mexico Legislature representing the counties of Chaves, De Baca and the 5th Precinct of Lincoln.



Rudolph Sparks, Carlsbad
President 1963-1965



Jack Stoltz
Scout Executive, 1963-1969



Paul Wilmont
President 1966-1967



J.C. Powell Jr., Roswell
President 1968-1970

Rudolph Sparks, New President

Rudolph Sparks was born in Kansas, Alabama. He attended the College of the Ozarks then moved to Carlsbad in 1940. After two and one-half years in military service he returned to Carlsbad and resumed his business in office supplies and furniture.

He had become a Boy Scout at the age of eleven, became an Eagle Scout and served as assistant Scout Master, then Scoutmaster for Troop 1, Kansas, Alabama.

He has a fine record of service to his Council, serving as District Chairman, Chairman of Organization and Extension Committee, Vice-President of Council, Council President in 1963-1965. He received the Silver Beaver award in 1955.

He has served his community in many other ways. He is past-President of the Carlsbad Chamber of Commerce, the Lions Club and as Board Chairman of the First United Methodist Church, Chairman of the Red Cross and the United Fund Drive.

Jack Stoltz

Jack Stoltz assumed the duties of Scout Executive of the Conquistador Council in October, 1963, and he served in that capacity in southeastern New Mexico until February, 1969.

Jack was born on the eastern slopes of Colorado on a government claim in 1916, and he spent his growing-up years in El Dorado, Kansas. It was there that he had a rich experience as a Boy Scout which led him to make Scouting his career.

He graduated from the University of Texas in 1939 and was employed by the Lone Star Council with headquarters in Paris, Texas. Except for a brief interlude in the U.S. Airforce Jack remained in Scouting. He was serving as Assistant Scout Executive in San Antonio when called to the position of Scout Executive in the Conquistador Council.

Jack worked faithfully to improve all phases of the program, with special attention to Camp We-Hin-Ah-Pay.

As a personal contribution to the enduring beauty of Potato Canyon Jack carved the welcome sign at the entrance of Camp We-Hin-Ah-Pay. Fred Maldonado, the camp ranger, did the masonry work and set the sign in place. Kwahadi Lodge, Order of the Arrow, underwrote the cost of the project.

The George DeShurley Memorial Chapel was planned, built and dedicated while Jack was the Council Executive. Jack's memories of this project are lasting and endearing.

Jack resigned as Scout Executive of the Conquistador Council in February 1969 to join the staff of the Circle Ten Council, Dallas. He retired in 1976 after 37 years of professional service. He recently received his 50 year veteran certificate.

Now retired, he and Mabel live in Terrell, Texas.



Mrs. Jack (Mabel) Stoltz and daughter Melinda in front of the welcome sign at Camp We-Hin-Ah-Pay. The letters were hand carved by Jack. The O.A. Lodge constructed the sign.



Special Awards Banquet in 1966. L to R: S.P. Yates, Artesia; Howard Whitson, Artesia; Charles Johnson, Artesia; John Simons, Jr., Artesia; and Scout Executive Jack Stoltz.



Conquistador Staff for 1967.
L to R back row: George Miller, Bill Law, George Budd.
Front row: Doyle Boyd, Jack Stoltz, Bill Tarter.

Eagle Get To-Gether

Zane Smith was guest speaker for a special Eagle Scout Program held in Carlsbad on February 9, 1965. This was a father and son banquet and was held at Blount's Restaurant.

Zane was headlined as the Scouter with the Councils' longest tenure as a scout leader. Thirty-one Eagles attended this banquet.

Bob Pritchett, from Hobbs, was recognized as the Eagle with the most continuous service. He received his Eagle in 1917 in El Paso, Texas with General John Pershing the presiding official at the Court of Honor.

W.L. Manier was honored as the Scout having earned the most merit badges with 64 to his credit.

Francis Tracy was recognized as Carlsbad's first Eagle. Dr. Bob Murray was Master of Ceremonies.

Paul Wilmot

Paul Wilmot was elected President of the Council early in 1966 and served in this capacity for two years. Paul became a member of Troop 2 in 1921 and continued his scouting, serving in many positions, including Cub Master, District Committee Member, Council Camp Committee Chairman and Council Treasurer.

In addition he has held many leadership positions in the community including the Episcopal Church. He was President of the Roswell Kiwanis Club and later elected Lt. Governor of his Kiwanis District. The Chamber of Commerce and many other community organizations were included in his list of volunteer services.

Twelfth World Jamboree Aug. 1967

Seven Scouts and two leaders from the Conquistador Council were part of the Twelfth World Jamboree held at Farragut State Park in Idaho August 1-9, 1967.

This was the first World Jamboree ever held in the United States with 10,000 Scouts from 90 countries around the world taking part. It was held on the shores of Lake Pend Oreille near Coeur D'Alene. Being near the Canadian border it demonstrated to all Scouts taking part that two nations can live without fear and armed guards.

J.C. Gormley, Jr., Advisor of Post 45 in Hobbs, was the leader of our Conquistador Contingent. William S. Stamper, District Chairman of the Rio Hondo District, Roswell, was a member of the G.H.Q. staff. Scouts who participated were: William Bennett, Artesia; Ross Feezer, Carlsbad; Jesse Guitierrez, Lovington; Larry Miller, Roswell; John Phillips, Loving; Jon Smith, Hobbs; and Billy Weems, Portales.

J.C. Powell Elected President

James C. Powell, Jr., President of the First National Bank of Roswell, was elected Council President and served in this position 1968, 1969 and 1970. Mr. Powell had extensive experience in Scouting in West Texas. He became a Boy Scout in Lubbock in 1935 and attained the rank of Eagle.

He served in the U.S. Navy in World War II and received his Masters Degree from Texas Tech. He moved to Roswell in 1962 and immediately became active in Rotary, Chamber of Commerce, Roswell Industrial Development Corporation, Roswell Retirement Service, the Boy Scouts and the United Fund.

Through the years J.C. Powell has been active in all levels of Scouting. The Council honored him in 1969 with its coveted Silver Beaver award.

Fire In Sacramento Mountains

During the 1969 camping season it was necessary to cancel the first two weeks of Camp at We-Hin-Ah-Pay because of the fire danger. One big fire burned thousands of acres of timber land in the Weed area, but none of the several camps were damaged.

After fire danger was over, four weeks at We-Hin-Ah-Pay was completed. The Aquatic Camp was extended to three weeks to accommodate many of the scouts who missed out because of the fire season in the Sacramento Mountains.

DeShurley Chapel

On Sunday, July 13, 1969, the George Robert DeShurley Memorial Chapel was dedicated at We-Hin-Ah-Pay. It was built in memory of George R. DeShurley, who lost his life in Vietnam in April 1968.

Family and friends shared in this memorial ceremony. Austin Dillon acted as Master of Ceremonies. This is a beautiful Chapel standing on a high point overlooking the Valley below, a mute reminder to the hundreds of Scouts each summer, of their duty to God and Country. It also gives the campers a quiet place to meditate and for the troops a place to reaffirm their belief in the 12th Scout Law.

Robert DeShurley was a Boy Scout and enjoyed camping at We-Hin-Ah-Pay. He was born in Norman, Oklahoma, November 29, 1943, the son of Harold and Wanda DeShurley. He completed Roswell High School in 1962. He married Margie Guynes of Roswell; attended New Mexico State and was majoring in Civil Engineering before entering the service. After serving a tour of duty in Vietnam, he returned to Vietnam to join his Seabees who were working 18 miles south of Hue. This detachment was working on a hillside at a quarry, crushing 200 tons of rock per hour, turning out road building rock for military routes. This project was hit by enemy mortar fire. George DeShurley, who was the senior crewman, was killed along with four of his fellow crewmen.

A month after this tragedy in Vietnam, the camp was named Camp DeShurley in honor of Robert.

The ceremony at Camp We-Hin-Ah-Pay was attended by friends of the DeShurley's family and by Scouts and Leaders throughout the Council. There was also a group from the U.S. Naval Mobile, construction Battalion, consisting of nine men who were friends of George in Vietnam.

Harold DeShurley presented the Chapel to the Council. It was accepted by J.C. Powell, Council President.



A solemn moment during the dedication of the George De Shurley Chapel at Camp We-Hin-Ah-Pay. Rev. Austin Dillon at the lectern.



George De Shurley Chapel at Camp We-Hin-Ah-Pay.

Quincy Lee

Quincy J. Lee, an Eagle Scout, was selected to become Scout Executive of the Council in April 1969. He moved here from Houston where he was Assistant Scout Executive of the Sam Houston Area Council.

He graduated from the New Mexico Military Institute and studied petroleum engineering at the University of Texas. He was in the oil business before entering the Scouting profession. He was a graduate of the National Training School for Scout Executives held in Mendham, New Jersey. He also completed woodbadge and several other training courses.

Quincy enjoyed his work here in the Council and was especially pleased with the Council Camping Program. He left the Council in 1971. Later he returned to the oil business and worked out of Wichita Falls, Texas. He and his wife Margaret are now retired.

Camping Award

In 1969 Harold and Wanda DeShurley made available a trophy to be presented annually to the District for having the most Troops and Scouts in long-term summer camp. Joe Rose, a member of the Council Camping Committee, made the award and announced it was a traveling trophy to

be presented annually and to be placed on display in the Council Service Center. The following Districts have won the award:

69 Llano Grande	76 Llano Grande
71 Llano Grande	77 Llano Grande
72 Oil Patch	78 Llano Grande
73 Oil Patch	79 Oil Patch
74 Llano Grande	80 Oil Patch
75 Llano Grande	81 Rio Hondo
	82 Rio Hondo



1966 Philmont Expedition L to R seated: Robert Appledorn; Wm E. Bennett, Jr.; Lawrence V. Willard, Jr.; Advisor John Bunch; Ranger, David Yandiver. Standing: Glenn E. Stone, Jr.; David Griffin, Douglas Ricketts; Hickman Brown III; Randy Hart; Ross Feezer and Bruce Bush.



Philmont Expeditions climb to the top of Old Baldy. Eagle Nest lake is in the background.



Harold Lewman, Dallas
Regional Scout Executive 1946-1966



Howard Melton, Portales
Commissioner 1962-1965



Dick Cooper, Roswell
Commissioner 1967-1969



Quincy Lee
Scout Executive 1969-1970

Chapter X

The Seventies

Girls Admitted to Exploring

Until January 1970 exploring had been an all male program. However, after two years research and field experience, the Exploring Program began admitting teenage girls to full membership.

This action was taken in an effort to more fully meet the needs and interests of youth. Participation was restricted to special interest posts organized around a career or vocational interest.

Most of our posts now have girl members and this change appears to have been a good one.

Robert Lydick

Robert Lee Lydick of Clovis was a dedicated President and served in that capacity for 1971 and 1972. He had a fine scout background, having been active in the leadership of the Scouting units in his own church. He has been interested in the Council Program since 1961, having served as District Chairman, Chairman of Council Camping Committee and as a member of the Executive Board since 1963.

Mr. Lydick is a registered professional engineer. He graduated from the New Mexico A. & M. in 1948. He served four years in the U.S. Navy.

Since moving to Clovis he has been active in the Chamber of Commerce, the Urban Renewal Committee, the Kiwanis Club and the Kingswood Methodist Church.

His outstanding service to youth through the Boy Scout program has spanned many years and for this faithful leadership he was awarded the Silver Beaver at the Annual Council Meeting, January 30, 1968.

Silver Fawn Award

When cubbing got under way in 1930 the leadership of the dens was under women, with the title "Den Mother". After a few years the Boy Scouts of America found how important the women were to the success of the program. Later other avenues of service were opened to women.

In 1971 the award equal in requirements and prestige to the Silver Beaver was arranged for women and was to be called the Silver Fawn. Mrs. Emery Artman of Clovis was the first woman to receive this award. It was presented to her at the annual council meeting held in Roswell, January 19, 1971.

Later the name Silver Fawn was dropped. Now all awards are Silver Beaver. At the present time there are only a few positions where women cannot serve. Those include: Scoutmaster, Assistant Scoutmaster, Webelos Den Leaders, Assistant Webelos Den Leader and Lone Scout Advisor.

Marriage At We-Hin-Ah-Pay

The first wedding at the DeShurley Memorial Chapel was performed by Rev. William Stamper in August of 1972. Rev. Stamper, a Silver Beaver and a Scouter for many years, had first met Galen Daniel Hecht when he was a scout in Rev. Stamper's Boy Scout Troop. Both Rev. Stamper and Dan Hecht loved We-Hin-Ah-Pay and frequently participated in the camp program through the summer session and on camping trips throughout the year. At the time of the ceremony Rev. Stamper was pastor of the First United Methodist Church of Hagerman.

This was a double ring ceremony with the usual trimmings. The bride was Martha Geraldine Moore of Roswell. At the time of the wedding the bridegroom was in the U.S. Navy and was stationed in Long Beach, California.

Joseph A. Rose

Joseph A. Rose became president of the Council in 1973 and served through 1974. Joe has a long service record having started his leadership role in 1960 when he became Scoutmaster of Troop 25, sponsored by the Carlsbad Rotary Club. He then served as District Chairman of the camping committee. Through the years he has been most helpful in the many projects at Camp We-Hin-Ah-Pay, and has consistently given leadership to the development of the aquatic base at Carlsbad.

He is general manager of the Rose Gravel Co. and is active in all phases of community work. He is an active member of the Church of Christ, the Carlsbad Rotary Club, a past president of the Chamber of Commerce and active in trade organizations.

The Council honored him with the Silver Beaver in 1972.

Sea Scouting

The first Sea Scout Ship organized in the Council was in 1928 with Sgt. James Duthie as Skipper. This ship remained active for several years. After Sgt. Duthie retired and moved to California, Major L.B. Plummer took over.

The report for 1937 lists two Ships in the Council. L.B. Plummer was Skipper with W.H. Boyd and T.A. Boyd as mates. These ships were sponsored by the Roswell Kiwanis Club.

Another ship was operating in Carlsbad. This was sponsored by the American Legion with Wayne Everage as Skipper and Frank Suglitz as Mate.

In 1938 a Sea Scout Regatta was held at Lea Lake (one of Bottomless Lakes east of Roswell). Several ships attended and there was so much interest in the program that consideration was given to building a Sea Scout Base, according to the Executive Board minutes of January 19, 1940.

In 1939 Ridgley Whiteman was Skipper of a Sea Scout Ship in Clovis.

Major Plummer was called to active duty in 1942 and little mention is made of Sea Scouts after that date.

In the summer of 1943 the Council sent a contingent of Sea Scouts to Philmont Scout Ranch. This group took the regular hiking expedition. Dr. Faute was the Leader and Joe Wolf was assistant.

In the Executive Board Minutes of May 21, 1974 "Special guests from the newly organized Sea Exploring Post in Carlsbad were present to tell of their plans. Emily Sparks, President of the Post, told of their program and organization. The Post has 7 girls and 23 boys. Leroy Meastas is advisor and R.L. Rose, assistant advisor."

The Sea Scout program was a good one and many members found it exciting. As time goes on we hope the Council will have more Sea Exploring Posts.

Annual Silver Beaver - Eagle Dinner

In the early fifties Hugo O. Olsen, Scout Executive of the Kit Carson Council, with headquarters in Albuquerque, and Frank C. Rand, Jr., of Santa Fe, made arrangements for the first annual report to the Governor. Frank Rand was one of New Mexico's leading business men and was active in Scouting for many years. He served as president of his council in 1946.

This is the annual Silver-Beaver-Eagle Banquet and is held on or near Scout Anniversary Day, which is February 8. All Scouts who have received their Eagle Badge within the year are invited, along with all the Silver Beavers. This is a luncheon and our Governor makes the address.

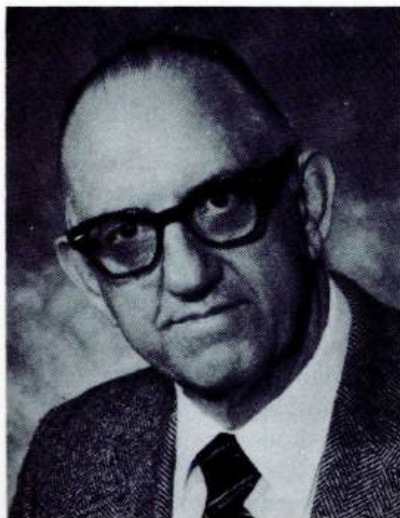
Our council has been well represented at these annual meetings and it has been one of the high-points of the year for our Eagle Scouts. They get to meet the governor and Eagles from other cities in New Mexico.



Bob Lydick, Clovis
President 1971-1972



Joe Rose, Carlsbad
President 1973-1974



Harold DeShurley, Roswell
President 1975-1976



Maynard Shearer, Artesia
President 1977-1978

William (Bill) Lumpkins

William (Bill) Lumpkins was born on the Rabbit Ears Ranch about 20 miles west of Clayton, N.M. in 1909. The family moved to Springerville, Arizona but in the early twenties they were back in New Mexico. They lived at Lincoln for awhile, then moved to Roswell. It was here that Bill found the Boy Scouts. He joined Allison Herron's troop which was Troop 6, sponsored by the First Baptist Church.

Bill never went into anything half-way and Scouting was no exception. He mastered the rank requirements and gave leadership to camping and other Scout crafts. He was one of the first Eagle Scouts in Roswell. He was in on the ground floor of Planning for We-Hin-Ah-Pay and served on the camp staff for several summers.

After he finished High School in Roswell he attended the University at Albuquerque. His studies were in the subjects he liked best, such as The Navajos - Pueblo Pottery - Sculpture - Watercolor and architecture. From UNM to more architecture at USC and then some engineering at Ft. Collins, Colo.

Depression was in full swing and Bill went to work for W.P.A. He then teamed up with Frank Standhardt and they designed the Carry Tingley Hospital at what was then Hot Springs. Bill says that he did the design and gave it the looks while Frank did the complicated part of the work. Bill and Frank were Boy Scouts and attended High School at the same time.

Bill then worked for a time as an architect for the Twelve States Indian Construction Office in Albuquerque. After a few years Bill moved back to Santa Fe. In 1939-40 he was active in the formation of the N.M. Civil Air Patrol and rose to rank of Major. During the second world war he was in the Navy flight training program and was stationed at Memphis. He served as Chief of Flight Operations. he was discharged in 1946 and finally to inactive status in 1958.

Bill returned to Santa Fe in 1946 and soon printed his first book, "Modern Spanish - Pueblo Homes". This was among the first books in the Solar trend. In 1949 Bill moved to San Diego, CA and did some research work for the Navy. He also set up an office and was heavily engaged in general architectural designing and building everything from Churches and homes to shopping centers.

His first love was New Mexico so in the early '60s he returned to Santa Fe where he planned to retire. A man with Bill Lumpkin's talents and energy can never retire. Soon he was busier than ever. He did many homes, the De Vargas Shopping Center, First Northern Bank and acted as

consultant to the Inn at Loretta, National Share Data Training Center, and Rancho Encantado.

Now Bill Lumpkins has finally retired, writing, painting and doing some consulting. In 1981 he completed Casa Del Sol (A book on passable Solar house design). His painting is receiving more and more of his time. He has been recognized for his outstanding work as an author, architect, artist, lecturer and philosopher.

Bill Lumpkins has not forgotten his Boy Scout days and loves to reminisce about his summers in Potato Canyon - at both We-Hin-Ah-Pay and Camp Sacramento. On many occasions Bill Lumpkins has been in contact. He designed the Boy Scout Training Center for the San Diego Council and the new kitchen and dining rooms at Philmont Scout Ranch. In 1976 he made the address at the annual meeting of the Conquistador Council.

He feels that the Merit Badge program of the Boy Scouts is great, and is proud of his Eagle rank.



Giants Of The Forest

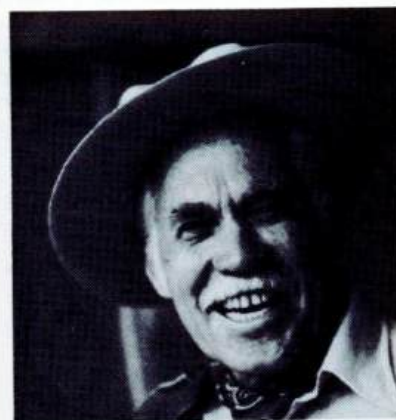
Nature study has always been a part of the camp training. To identify the trees on the hillsides was a challenge. In the early years of camping in Potato Canyon we tried to locate the largest trees. Several were found and trails marked. Most of these trees are still standing. The Douglas Fir, measuring over 20' (ft.) in circumference is known as the Monarch of the

Forest. Today it is located about two hundred yards up the hillside above the lake. It is estimated that these large trees are nearly two hundred years old.

* Note the picture of the big tree...The Monarch of the Forest. The Scouts on horseback help visualize the size.



Monarch of the Forest



Bill Lumpkins, Santa Fe
Eagle Scout and Camp Leader
Was a Member of Troop 6, Roswell



E. Allison Herron, Glorieta
Scoutmaster Troop 6 when Lumpkins was
a Scout. The first Manager of Glorieta
Baptist Assembly—there 14 years.

Ranger Fred Maldonado

Fred Maldonado moved to Camp We-Hin-Ah-Pay in 1960 as Ranger, after working at Philmont Scout Ranch for twenty years. Fred and his wife, Priscilla, made a real place for themselves at their new home. They came at the time of development of the new camp. We needed a resident at the camp who had maintenance experience and who could greet with a Scout smile and a handshake. Fred had this ability.

After greeting a Scout or Scouter, Fred soon was sharing his love for the camp, its beautiful mountains and its wild life. When Fred retired September 1976 Gene Vaughn said this about him: "It is the little things that the boys remember about Fred. When he shared his love for the mountains with that homesick boy and showed him that he is never away from home in Mother Nature's wonderlands; when he showed that very small fisherman the trick of catching that elusive trout and then was there to share the thrill and joy of that first catch; when he would tell those wonderful stories about the wildlife in and around camp; when he would be your very special friend at camp and would greet you each summer as though he had waited all winter for your return."

There is no way to measure the impact Fred had on all the boys who had come in contact with him over the years of his faithful service to Scouting. After his retirement Fred moved back to the country known in earlier years as the place of the Mountain Men. He and Priscilla retired in Springer, N.M. This was the area they lived in earlier years. Just a few miles to the West of Springer in Philmont Scout Ranch. There the Tooth of Time is a landmark casting its shadow over the plains to the East and to Fred's home in Springer. Memories will never cease for Fred.



Fred Maldonado



Kwahadi Lodge—Order of the Arrow—Call out ceremony—Camp We-Hin-Ah-Pay

Shearer Elected President

Maynard G. Shearer was elected president of the Conquistador Council in 1977 and served for two years.

Maynard, as a boy, lived in Yakima, Washington. He had a good experience as a Boy Scout. Later he served as a Scoutmaster and a Cubmaster. He also served as a District Commissioner in three councils: Yakima, Spokane and Dallas. While serving as a volunteer in Dallas he was awarded the Silver Beaver in 1954.

In 1968 he moved to Artesia and was President of the American Home Security Co. He immediately became active in Scouting and served as chairman of the Council Finance Committee, National Council representative and member of the Trust Committee. He had an excellent knowledge of Scouting from the grass roots through the council administration, and rendered the council Yoeman Service.

1977 National Jamboree

The 1977 National Jamboree was held at Moraine State Park in Pennsylvania. Thirty-six Scouts and four leaders attended, representing this council. The leaders were Ron Singleton, Carlsbad; Bob Bleakley, Portales; Raymond Pritchett, Clovis; and Ken Pittman from Artesia.

Peyton Yates

Peyton Yates of Artesia served as Council President in 1979 and 1980. Peyton grew up in Scouting. He was a Cub Scout, Boy Scout and Explorer. He is an Eagle Scout and served on the staff at Camp We-Hin-Ah-Pay. He was Scoutmaster of the Lions Club Troop in Artesia for several years.

He is past President of the Independent Petroleum Association, the United Fund of Artesia, on the Board of the First United Methodist Church. He has been chairman of several organizations for the betterment of his community, church and Scouting. The Council presented him with the Silver Beaver award at the Annual Council meeting in February 1981.

Peyton is a member of the first father and son team to serve as our Council President. His father, S.P. Yates was President 1959-1962. The Yates family has made a great contribution to Scouting and to this Council.

Annual Meetings

On January 20, 1970 the annual meeting was held at the Roswell Inn. J.C. Powell, Jr. presided. Charles Loveless introduced the speaker. Joe Davis, director of program at Philmont Scout Ranch, gave the address.

On January 19, 1971 Alec Chessor, Vice President of the Houston Natural Gas Corp. of Houston, gave the address. Dr. Gail Shannon gave the tribute to the United Funds of our council and Scout Executive Quincy Lee gave the State of Affairs message. Minor Huffman was master of ceremonies.

The 1972 meeting reviewing the work of 1971 was held at the Roswell Inn on January 29. Dr. Dan Procter, former president of the Oklahoma Woman's College, and president of the Star Engraving Co. of Houston, Texas, made the address.

The 1973 meeting was held at the Roswell Inn. Commander Thomas J. Keane gave the message. Sean O'Neill entertained. Bob Lydick presided.

The 1974 meeting was held in Roswell Saturday, January 26, at the Country Club. Brig. Gen. Robert V. Spencer, Commander of the Cannon Air Force Base, Clovis, made the address. Joe Rose of Carlsbad was installed as council president. John Clardy, Director of Area IV, installed the officers for the coming year.

The 1975 meeting was held at the Roswell Country Club with Billy Holder, publisher of the Alamogordo Daily News, as speaker. Jimmy Henley, champion banjo picker from Hobbs, entertained. Joe Rose was

master of ceremonies. Zane Smith installed the officers. Maynard Shearer and Gail Shannon presented the Silver Beaver awards.

The 1976 meeting was held Saturday, January 31, at the Roswell Country Club. Jack Maddox installed officers to serve for the year. Eagle Scout Brent Rose was council speech contest winner. Dick Davidson recognized the Class of Eagles. Dr. Gail Shannon and Joe Key had charge of the Silver Beaver Ceremony. Eagle Scout, Jim Andrus, supplied dinner music and Scoutmaster Larry Andrus had charge of the opening ceremony. Bill Lumpkins, one of the council's first Eagle Scouts, now a Santa Fe architect, made the address.

The 1977 meeting was held at the Roswell Country Club on January 29. Robert O. Anderson delivered the address. Jack Maddox installed the officers. Tom Battin gave the invocation and Bill Tucker made the awards. President Harold DeShurley turned the gavel over to Maynard Shearer, newly elected president.

The 1978 annual meeting was held at the Sally Port Inn in Roswell on Saturday, January 28. Merle Kurlish, Region Scout Executive, made the address. Maynard Shearer was installed for a second term as president; vice presidents - Bob Brown of Carlsbad, Lloyd Calhoun of Hobbs, Jimmy Johns of Roswell, and Wm. Tucker of Roswell. Jake Hinch was re-elected treasurer, Frank Young as assistant treasurer, and Richard Newcomb as commissioner.

The 1979 meeting was held at the Roswell Inn on February 10. United States Senator Harrison "Jack" Schmitt was the speaker. Maynard Shearer and Tom Denton recognized those whose generosity made possible the successful completion of the development campaign. George Crowl conducted the Silver Beaver Ceremony.

The Annual Meetings, held early in the year, review the accomplishments of the previous year and introduce the coming year's program. The business meeting is held in the afternoon and the appreciation banquet in the evening. The 1970 meetings were outstanding and were well attended.



Peyton Yates, Artesia
President 1979-1980



Dick Newcomb, Roswell
Commissioner 1977-1978



Dr. Gail Shannon, Portales
Executive Board 1960-1980



Lloyd Calhoun, Hobbs
Executive Board 1961-1982

Some Staff Members



George Miller, 1956-68



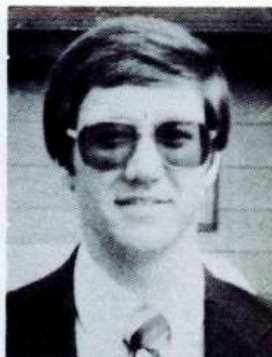
Tex McCoy, 1958-61



Bill McRee, 1942-54



Bill Tarter, 1967-68



John Barringer, 1981-



Jay Lewis, 1983-

Some Council Scouters



Zane Smith, Carlsbad



J.C. Gormley, Hobbs



Jo Ann Shea, Roswell



Jimmy Johns, Roswell



Charles Joplin, Hobbs



Bill Stamper, Hagerman



Paul LaRue, Roswell



Dr. Glenn Stone, Artesia



Charles C. Loveless, Roswell

Chapter XI

The Eighties

Fifty Years Of Cubbing

Paul La Rue and his wife have been active in cubbing for many years. In early 1979 he was appointed chairman of a Council Wide Committee to recognize the 50 years of cubbing in the Conquistador Council celebrations which were held throughout the Council in 1980. One very important event was the 50-year re-union of the first cub pack organized in the Council.

Cub Re-union 1980

The first Cub Pack was organized in Roswell in 1929. The National Council was experimenting with a younger boy program and allowed four councils in each of the twelve Regions to organize these packs. The National office furnished an outline to follow. Since they were trying out different methods, all councils did not have the same instructions.

Sgt. James Duthie, an Army man stationed at NMCI was selected to work with this pack. He did an excellent job, and after a few reports to the National Office we were allowed to register the pack. The Roster for Pack 1 was mailed to the National office, September 1930. M.B. Kuntz was Chairman of the Committee and the pack was sponsored by the Roswell Kiwanis Club. All the boys ages are given as 9-10-11.

The application for a Charter contained this list of Cubs:

Reginald Bailey, Clark Bailey, D. Barnett, Junior Brown, Harold DeShurley, Bobby Fisher, Ed Gessert, Tom Hall, Burton Headley, Bobby Johnson, Robert Lund, Bill Minton, George A. Moberly, John McClure, John Russell, Lyman Sanders, Buddy Smith, Joe Snipes, Al Snipes, Myron Stolaroff, Herman Crile.

Mrs. Duthie, with help from the other mothers, made their uniforms. In checking with former members there was some difference of memory as to the color but it was generally agreed that the color of the shorts was brown and the shirt was blue.

In 1980 the pack had a get together to celebrate the 50th anniversary. All local cub packs joined in and there was a week of festivities including a Council wide Cub Pow Wow with a big Blue and Gold Banquet. Robert L. Untch, National director of the Cub Scout Division of the Boy Scouts of America, was present and contributed to the celebration.



The 50th Anniversary of Cub Pack No. 1. Senior Cubs and their wives—members of the original Pack are listed L to R: George Moberly and Betty; Brian Oglesby and Ilona; Al Snipes and Phillis; Minor Huffman and Dena Mae; Bill Minton and Kay; Tom Hall and Ann; Robert Lund and June; Harold DeShurley and Wanda.



Barbara La Rue displays the cake for the 50th celebration of Cub Pack 1, Roswell, March 28th 1980.

Several of the members of the first chartered Cub Pack in our Council, and also first in the State, attended the re-union. Harold DeShurley was Chairman and was assisted by Al Snipes and Tom Hall in entertaining the out-of-town group. Among those who came from out-of-town: Robert Lund from Beaver, Pa.; George Moberly of Midland, Texas; Ed Gessert of Grass Valley, California and Dr. Bill Minton of Lovington, N.M.

Minor Huffman, who helped organize the first pack, shared in the festivities and represented the leaders.

While Cubbing started in 1929 on a trial basis, success was attained here and in other experimental groups. It was then made available to all Councils in 1933.

Cubbing has been an important part of our Council since its beginning in 1930. The Blue and Gold Banquets, the Pow Wows, and the Cub Day camps have continuously been important annual events.

The Cub activities have been frequent and varied. A few listed through the years were: Pinewood Derbys, Pushmobile races, Kite flying, Cub Scout Olympics and Cub Day Camps.

The Annual Cub Pow Wow is one of the Council's big training events.

In 1983 Ami Skeens of Clovis chaired the Pow-wow. Madelaine Nyfeler of Roswell has been selected chairman for 1984. A few of the leaders who have served as chairmen in past Pow-wows are Reta Cochran of Hobbs, Connie Yockey of Carlsbad, Wm. Tucker and Paul La Rue of Roswell. These annual training sessions for cubbing leaders are all-day affairs and are well attended.



Ruidoso Day Camp. In 1983 the Ruidoso Day Camp was held at the Cedar Creek camp ground. Jim Dickenson was the director and is in the lower right facing the Cubs.



Cub Activities
Pushmobile- Roswell



Model Aircraft
Clovis



Treasure Hunting
Clovis



Model Aircraft CAFB- Clovis
Webelos Pack 225- Clovis



Pinewood Derby Winners
Portales Pack 11



Webelos Pack 225
Clovis

Top Conservationist

Roy Chrisman has been the ranger at Camp We-Hin-Ah-Pay since Feb. 1981. In 1983 he received a plaque naming him Woodman of the World Conservationist of the year.

The award was made in Alamogordo for work done at the Mountain Camp. This included a camp wildlife and habitat plan, a hydrology workup of the camp, and a planting and re-seeding project.

B.B. Armstrong, President

B.B. Armstrong, "Bill" to his many friends, was elected President and served for the years 1981 and 1982. Bill became a Boy Scout in 1933. He was a member of Troop 3, which was sponsored by the Roswell Advertising Club. He was a member of the Scout delegation that attended the Chicago World's Fair in 1934.

He has been a member of the Council's Trust Committee since 1972 and has participated in promoting the growth of the Trust Fund and the judicious expenditure of funds earned by the trust.

Bill's activities, other than in Scouting, include Chairman of the Board of the Security National Bank of Roswell; President of Armstrong Construction Company and General Manager of B.B. Armstrong & Son farm and ranch operations.

A few of his past activities include: State President of New Mexico Association of General Contractors, National President of the Association of General Contractors, President of the Board of Regents NMMI, President Roswell Chamber of Commerce and a member of the Board of Directors of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. He is a member of the Methodist Church of Roswell.

At the Council's annual meeting held in Roswell, February 1983, the Council recognized his leadership by presenting him the Silver Beaver Award.

The Lake

Around 1930 a small lake was put in at Camp Sacramento, and a clay tennis court. The lake was not for swimming but some fish were added and it was felt it was a good addition to the camp.

In 1949 Camp Sacramento became a part of We-Hin-Ah-Pay. In 1961 a soil conservationist was called in to help work out a plan of conservation. Quoting from the minutes of August 3, 1961 of the Executive Board meeting:

"The cooperation of the U.S. Forest Service by setting aside an additional 1200 acres, surrounding the camp, for our use, was secured through the efforts of Board Members Charles B. Read and H.B. Bratton. A five year conservation plan for the camp has been created by James Goforth of the Alamogordo Soil Conservation. You will note the excavation down canyon for a three acre lake which will enable us to add boating, canoeing and water safety to next year's programs".

This small lake has been a good addition to the camp. It is stocked with trout through the camping seasons. Small repairs were made in 1962 and the lake remained fairly constant until 1970 when extensive repairs were completed in time for camp. The water had drained out through leaks. Expert geologic consultations were obtained but it was difficult to determine just what had happened, except water would not stay in the lake. Bob Lydick, Gene Vaughan and Joe Rose and a whole group of volunteer effort and equipment spread two tanker loads of dry cement over the entire lake bottom and chopped it in and mixed it with the mountain soil and prepared a hard crust some 4" thick all over the lake bottom that held water and solved the problem.

In August 1981, during a summer rumbling thunder storm, a huge hole developed in the bottom of the lake, draining the entire lake in a matter of hours. Some 10' of water over about 3 acres and around 900 lbs of trout disappeared into a cavity underneath the lake. That cavity was inspected and plugged and repaired.

Joe Rose and some teenage Scouts gathered rock boulders and pitched them into the hole, wedging them. Halliburton Cement Services out of Artesia, with Leo Prather, pumped cement slurry among the boulders; building a permanent plug in the bottom of the lake. They were assisted by John Day with Gas Company of New Mexico, back-hoe from Artesia, and Armstrong Construction with a small dozer for building an access road; plus Rose Gravel Company's dump trucks that assisted in the work on the lake. The work had to be scheduled following the last expected snow storm and prior to the rainy season so that we would have control over our conditions, and yet with everything in motion a light drizzly rain set in and didn't let up the entire 3 days of work until Sunday, when the final touches were being put on the lake.

Joe Rose, Gene Vaughan, Bob Lydick and dozens of other scouts, who had shared in this repair job, were elated to be successful again in repairing the lake and in having it ready for the opening of camp in 1982.



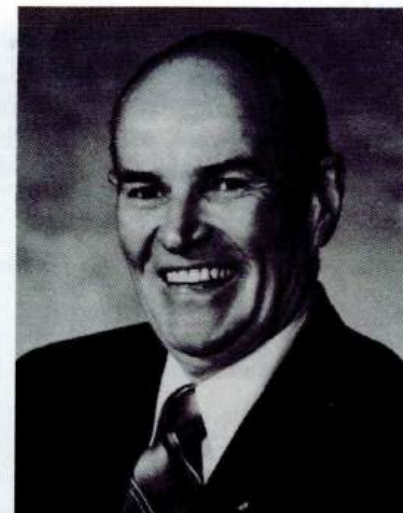
Bill Armstrong, Roswell
President 1981-82



Joe Reed, Hobbs
President 1983



Bob Brown, Carlsbad
Council President 1984-



Frank Young, Roswell
Treasurer 1983-

The Tucker Family

Wm. M. (Bill) Tucker and his wife Adelaide and their two Eagle Scout sons represent an outstanding scout family. When their sons became old enough for cubbing they became involved in the leadership of Pack 52, which was sponsored by the El Capitan School in Roswell.

Bill Tucker was president of the P.T.A. and Cubmaster. Later he became Scoutmaster of Troop 2, sponsored by the First Methodist Church. He has held many positions in the Rio Hondo District, including District Chairman. He was a member of the Council Executive Board for ten years. He holds numerous training awards given by the Council and Region.

His work extended beyond the Conquistador Council. He served on the South Central Regional Committee and was Chairman of the Regional Cub Committee in 1978 and 1979. He served as president of Area VI for four years (1977-1981). At that time Area VI was composed of Councils with headquarters in the following cities: Albuquerque, Amarillo, El Paso, Lubbock, Midland, Pampa and Roswell.

Adelaide Tucker became active in Cub Pack 52 in 1969. She served as Den Mother and later became a Den Mother Coach. She has served in many positions including District Cub Commissioner and Council Pow Wow Chairman. She holds many training awards. Bill and Adelaide Tucker both attended the first National Cub Woodbadge which was held at Mentone, Alabama in 1976.

In 1977 Bill and Adelaide were on the Philmont staff. In 1978 Bill directed the National Cub Woodbadge at Philmont.

Adelaide was the first woman member of the Conquistador Executive Board serving from 1975-1981. She was awarded the Silver Beaver in 1978. Bill received the Silver Beaver in 1977. Their sons James and John are Eagle Scouts.

Eagle Scout

Mark Gormley, an eighth grade student at Portales Junior High School, was presented the highest award in Scouting—that of Eagle Scout—at a special Court of Honor held at the First Methodist Church on January 8, 1982.

Keynote speaker was David Stone, President of The Portales National Bank. Stone is a past member of Portales Scout Troop #18 and is also an Eagle Scout.

Presenting the Eagle Scout Charge was Mark's uncle and Scoutmaster of Troop #45 in Hobbs, J.C. Gormley Jr.



The Tuckers—James and John in back. Adelaide and Bill in front.

Woodbadge Training

Woodbadge is a highly specialized training program for outstanding leaders. Originating at Gilwell Park, England in 1919 by Lord Robert Baden-Powell. The first Woodbadge course held in the United States was in 1936 when Colonel I.S. Wilson of England, later the director of the Boy Scout International Bureau, was the director. This was an experimental course for American top Scouters.

In 1948 the first Woodbadge course set up by and for American Scout Leaders was held at Schiff Scout Reservation near Mendham, New Jersey, in July. The second course was held at Philmont Scout Ranch in October 1948.

Bob Fall of Roswell received the first Woodbadge beads award in this Council. He attended one of the first courses at Philmont. On April 15th, 1952 Harry Boggs of Hagerman received the 2nd award. Bill Stamper was also an early member of this group.

On July 29th, 1967, forty adult Scout leaders opened the West Range Woodbadge training program at Camp We-Hin-Ah-Pay. Scoutmaster of this Woodbadge program was Glenn Fowler of Albuquerque: a Vice-President of the Sandia Corporation and long time Scouter who had participated in Woodbadge at Gilwell Park. Paul Jordan of Lovington was Quartermaster.

Participants from the Conquistador Council were Jack Wilson, Scoutmaster, Troop 35, Hobbs; Leon Turner, Scoutmaster, Troop 150, Carlsbad; Robert McQuay, Advisor, Post 74, Artesia; Robert Goss, Scoutmaster, Troop 11, Clovis; Earl Allman, Scoutmaster, Troop 165, and Ken Scott, Scoutmaster, Troop 21, both of Roswell.

Also participating were Scouters from Albuquerque, Santa Fe, Las Cruces, El Paso, Midland, Odessa, Lubbock, Amarillo and Pampa.

Woodbadge has been extended and now courses are frequently offered over a series of weekends. The first weekend Woodbadge was held in April and May 1982.



George Crowl and Paul La Rue present beads at Wood Badgers reunion 1983. L to R: George Crowl, Dean Nyffeler, Rudy Flack, Linda Flack and Paul La Rue.



Front row - Coordinators of Wood Badge: Leon Clark, George Crowl, Mark Bayliss. Middle row: Connie Yockey, Linda Flack, Larry Cochran, Jay Lewis, Norman Harbinson, Jim Bowlin, Don Jugliuzza, Ruth Bowlin, Bill Goode, Rudy Flack, Dr. Toni Turk. Back row: Dean Nyffeler, Bill Copeland, Barbara La Rue, Dick Newcomb, John Dee Johnson, NI.

Mulligan Stew

In 1960 the first Mulligan Stew event was held by the Llano Grande District. Warren Cottle was the Camping and Activities Chairman and Terry Edwards the District Executive. Cottle came up with the Mulligan Stew idea. It worked so well it has been held every year since. Naturally it has grown every year and in 1983 over 500 Scouts and guests participated in this event held at Oasis State Park, located between Clovis and Portales.

Robert Lydick, Richard Pyle and Jim Boothe have cooked at all Mulligan Stew events. These annual events are enjoyed by all who take part. Entertainment over the years has been varied, including sky divers, black powder shooters, pushmobile races, Scout skill events and gun-fighter battles.

Each person attending provides a share of the ingredients. The stew then simmers for the required number of hours in huge cast-iron kettles. It started out as a one pot event but last year seven large pots were used.

In 1983 the Boy's Life magazine sent a photographer who took dozens of colored slides. It is expected that a good picture story of this event will appear in Boy's Life.



Mulligan Stew Master Chefs—Bob Lydick, Richard Pyle, and Jim Booth. Annual Event in the El Llano Grande District (1983)

National President Visits

On Friday, April 9, 1983, the Conquistador Council was honored by a visit from the National President of the Boy Scouts of America, Edward C. Joullian III of Oklahoma City. Mr. Joullian, a graduate of the New Mexico Military Institute, was recognized as a distinguished alumnus at a banquet given by the Alumni Association. He was introduced by General Gerald Childress, President of the N.M.M.I.

At this meeting he presented the Charter to Troop 30 which was sponsored by the school, and also presented an Eagle Award to James Rabb, a cadet from Arizona.

Later he met with the Executive Board of the Council at a breakfast at the Roswell Inn. Thirty board members were in attendance. Local plans were discussed with the National President and the council members present expressed their pleasure at having the opportunity to visit informally with Mr. Joullian.



Cadet Eagle Scout James Raab, Steve Massey, Mrs. Raab and Edward C. Joullian III.



L to R: Rex Brown, S.P. Yates, Edward C. Joullian and Joe Reed.

Boy Scout Trust Fund

The Conquistador Council Boy Scout Trust Fund has been established as a legal instrument to receive and administer gifts and bequests that will provide perpetual support for the Council.

The Executive Board of the Council talked about it and made tentative plans in 1954 but these were not completed until 1959. Will Lawrence, New York Life Insurance Agent, died in 1959 and left in his will \$1,000.00 for Boy Scout Council. This stimulated the committee and they soon completed the required legal instruments.

Ross Malone of Roswell was Chairman of the Trust Fund when it was officially organized November 11, 1959. Other members were E.E. Tusha, Carlsbad; J.F. Maddox and James M. Murray, Jr. of Hobbs; and Harvey Yates of Artesia.

In 1967 Ross Malone was appointed General Counsel of General Motors Corporation and resigned as Chairman of the Trust Fund. He moved to New York City. Jack F. Maddox was selected as Chairman to succeed Ross Malone and served until his death in 1978. At that time S.P. Yates was elected Chairman.

The present members of the Trust Fund are: S.P. Yates, Joe Reed, Bill Armstrong, Jim Maddox, Charles Johnson and T.J. Sibley. Also the Council president is a member.

Anyone desiring additional information should contact the Boy Scout Office or any member of the committee. Gifts may be made in cash, Securities, property by will or by Life Insurance. In making a gift it is wise to get information so that the correct legal title will be used.

This has been a very successful part of the Council program. Many gifts have been received and the Trust Fund is growing. Only the interest from this fund is usable.

Annual Charter Review

The first reference to Charter Review was in 1939 when Earl McClure, a representative from the Regional office, conducted the Council Charter in connection with an Executive Board Meeting. Since that time the Charter Review has become an important annual event and is now highly organized with a volunteer from the Range conducting the review and a Deputy Regional Executive in attendance.

Among the Deputy Regional Executives who have worked in this Council are: Earl McClure, Max Hatfield, Kenneth Bentz, Geo. Holland, Robert Glew, W.C. Youngblood, John Clardy and Pete Cook.

1981 National Jamboree

The 1981 National Jamboree was held at Fort A.P. Hill, Virginia. Bob Bleakley, Roswell, Scoutmaster Rudy Flack, Ruidoso, Bob Durrett, Portales, and Jim Andrus, Roswell, were assistants. Thirty-six Scouts and four leaders were in our council delegation.

Eugene Vaughan

Eugene Vaughan retired June 1, 1983, after 38 years of professional scouting; twelve years as Scout Executive of the Conquistador Council.

Gene became a field Scout Executive in Houston, Texas in 1945. He later resigned and taught school for a year. He re-entered scouting and served on staffs of the Councils with headquarters in Wichita Falls, Tyler and Midland, Texas. While in Tyler he was Field Director for the East Texas Council and also Field Director for the Buffalo Trail Council with headquarters in Midland.

He served as executive of the Council from 1971 to June 1, 1983, longer than any previous executive.

During this long tenure many improvements were made in council operations. Budget increased along with membership. Promotion on behalf of the Trust Fund was continued with excellent results. The physical facilities at Camp We-Hin-Ah-Pay were improved. The attendance increased and in 1983, 622 attended the summer session. The new Lodge and all-purpose building was initiated and construction started under Gene's leadership.

Upon retirement Gene Vaughan and Louise moved to Midland, Texas.



Richard O. Bentley, Regional Executive of the South Central Region congratulates E.O. Gene Vaughan on his attainments, at a retirement party for Gene held in connection with the annual meeting in February 1983.

Aquatic Camp

It became evident soon after the council organization that we needed some specific site for training in water activities. This included swimming, rowing, canoeing, sailing, water safety and life saving. "Our Mountain" camping did not lend itself to swimming. The water was entirely too cold for long periods of instruction.

For many years beginning in 1927 we camped at Lake Van near Dexter. This was a good location but facilities were limited. In spite of that many scouts learned to swim and passed numerous swimming and life

saving merit badges. We always managed to scrape up a few canoes and rowboats for this camp.

The camps were known as "water camps" and no one ever questioned the name since they were held on water and were programmed to water activities. The council moved from Lake Van to Alamogordo Lake (now Sumner Reservoir) located north of Ft. Sumner. The water level at the lake dropped to new lows and they moved the camp to Conchas Lake, which is thirty miles northwest of Tucumcari. This was some distance from center of population and after completing a study it was decided to locate this needed facility at Carlsbad so in 1953 the plans began to unfold.

Carlsbad Scouters and the community responded to Leadership. Those who assisted are too numerous to mention but records record a few which include Zane Smith, Rudy Sparks, F.C. Williamson, Ira Stockwell, K.M. Davis and Charles F. Wilson.

We depended on the Red Cross for help in training our staff. Every year or two they sent a field representative in to qualify our instructors. By 1950 the National Council, Boy Scouts of America, had developed their own program and were qualifying our instructors.

At this point in our history we dropped the water camp terminology and started talking about Aquatic Camps. While through the years we had some excellent Camps with good instructions, the decision to locate in Carlsbad and develop some permanent quarters, proved to be a good one.

The location was in the City of Carlsbad on the east side of the Pecos River, adjoining the S.W. Public Service Co. facilities.

Mr. and Mrs. Jarvis Meade gave eight acres of land to the Council Trust Fund, with the understanding that this block of land would be traded to the Public Service Co. for approximately two acres of river front land.

Mr. & Mrs. Jarvis Meade of Carlsbad gave the land in memory of their deceased son, Roderick Jarvis Meade, who was a Scout and was stricken with polio.

In 1954 the move was completed and a good session was held. Yorel Harris, a member of the Council staff for several years, was given credit for many of the ideas used in planning the Boy Scout Aquatic School.

The first season Oscar Cantwell, the District Executive from Clovis, was director of the school. The staff for the first year was well trained by National Boy Scout Aquatic School and the American Red Cross. Among those who served on staff were: Clinton Brawn, Wayne Sartin, Jim Knoedler, Arthur Trujillo and Ted Daily.

In August 1966 an eight-inch rain flooded Carlsbad and damaged the camp heavily. Houston Clark spearheaded a drive in the Carlsbad mining community to rebuild and refurbish the camp at no cost to the Council. The six potash companies that repaired the camp at a cost of \$3,500.00 were: Duval Corp., Potash Co. of America, Southwest Potash Corp., U.S. Borax, National Potash Co. and International Minerals & Chemical Corp. Many others helped, including Southern Union Gas Co., Southwest Engineering & Machine Corp. Rose Gravel Co. supplied the concrete and the concrete floor was finished by Joe Florez. The Aquatic Camp was back in operation for 1967 with improved facilities.

Joining the Aquatic Camp on the north was the Amusement Park on the East bank of the river, called Presidents Park. They continued to develop and expand until they needed all of the existing Boy Scout Camp property. The property was sold to the Park group and then a new location was found on South James Street, south of U.S. Highway 180, and on the same side of the river, the East bank of Bataan Lake. Joe Rose contacted the land owners, Oscar and Frances Dowling, and they made the donation of the land to the Scouts in memory of their son James, who had been a Boy Scout.

Some time later a house in the neighborhood residential area came up for sale. It was immediately opposite the gate of the Aquatic Camp property. Rudy Sparks, Bob Brown, and Joe Rose put a down payment on it and held it for the Council Camping Committees, convinced that it would make a fine ranger or custodian - or in the words of waterfront and Aquatic Management, a Harbor Master house. The address is 318 South James and has been a very adequate facility for checking in and out Scout Units and housing the custodian of the camp or of the Aquatic property across the street.

The Aquatic property was constructed by a local contractor, Wes Kelly, and with considerable amount of donations of fill material and concrete and local supplies and sub-contracting services. Ordinary metal building was finished out in a red primer paint coat and Wes Kelly and Joe Rose put up the money to buy a bluish aquamarine color and painted over all the red steel and the exposed parts of the building so that it does have a beautiful blue characteristic waterfront color to it. The property continues to develop.

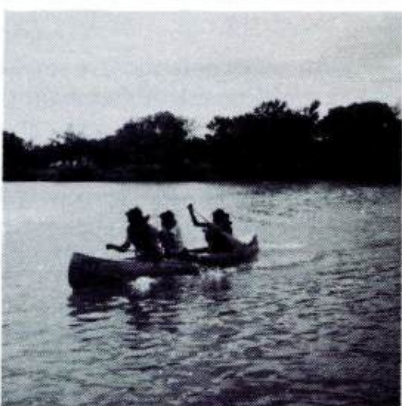
The Aquatic property was once the site of several Mescalero Indian camps prevalent in the area from about 900 A.D. until settlement by the white man in 1880.

The Executive Board meets here during the summer when the camp is in session, for the purpose of inspection of facilities and review of the program.

As we look back over the records we find several staff men who gave outstanding leadership to the program. One not previously mentioned is Bill Tarter. He had a great skill in teaching aquatics as well as in administration. At this writing he is Lt. Col. William Tarter at the NMML. He is the Athletic Director and professor of Physical Education.

The 1982 and 1983 Aquatic Camp program was directed by John Barringer with Jim Cowman serving as Program Director.

The Aquatic Camp located at Carlsbad is a good place to train in all phases of water activities.



Staff in the fall of 1983. L to R: Back John Barringer, Jim Cowman, Fred Yockey; Front: Mike Turk and John D. Johnson

John Dee Johnson

John Dee Johnson was selected as Scout Executive following the retirement of Gene Vaughan in June of 1983.

John came to the Council from Muskogee where he had been executive of the Eastern Oklahoma Council for the past five years.

Immediately upon graduating from the University of Texas, John joined the staff of the Capital area Council in Austin, Texas as a District Scout Executive. In 1972 he transferred to the Alamo Council in San Antonio, Texas. Later he was promoted to Director of Support Services. He remained in this position until he became the Scout Executive in Muskogee in 1978.

He has been active in his community. He is an active member of the Disciples of Christ Church and the Rotary Club. John and his wife Jo Ann have two daughters.



E.O. Gene Vaughan
Scout Executive 1971-83



John Dee Johnson
Scout Executive 1983-

The Flag Plaza

The flag plaza at Camp We-Hin-Ah-Pay was set up by the Executive Board of the Conquistador Council to recognize outstanding Scouters in the history of the Council. These Scouters have served on unit, District or Council levels. They have served the youth in the Council in a most remarkable manner, thereby providing the inspiration for other leaders. Their contribution to Scouting has been of landmark importance. These leaders will be recognized with a memory plaque on the flag plaza at our mountain camp We-Hin-Ah-Pay.

The first honoree was Daddy E.B. Bullock. The ceremony held on June 13, 1983 dedicated the plaza and received the first honoree. Many Scouters from over the Council were present, as were four of Daddy's children.

Dr. Glenn Stone was Master of Ceremonies, assisted by the staff of Camp We-Hin-Ah-Pay, under the direction of Mike Turk. Council President Joe Reed presented the plaque. Charles Bullock responded.

As a further tribute to Eph Bullock a resolution adopted by the Executive Board at their meeting in Roswell June 21, 1966 was printed and distributed. A portion of this resolution follows:

"Daddy E.B." Bullock had been a friend and Counselor to boy and leader alike for more than a third of a century. His love of boys was unbounded as he labored for the building of a strong scouting program. He truly became a citizen of all Southeastern New Mexico as he worked for the building of camp We-Hin-Ah-Pay and traveled to inspire his fellow man to live and teach the Scout Oath and Law.

"Words can never express the respect, love and affection of numerous Scouts and Scouters of the Conquistador Council for the dedicated service of our own "Daddy" Bullock. Few men in their lifetime have been so successful in building their own memorial in the ideals implanted in the hearts and minds of his fellow men.

Jack Stoltz
Scout Executive

Paul D. Wilmot
Council President

Jack Maddox Activity Center

The Jack Maddox Activity Center was dedicated Sunday afternoon, October 16, 1983. This new building provided by the Maddox Foundation, S.P. Yates and other benefactors of Scouting, will be in complete operation by the 1984 camp season. It houses the camp office, Health Lodge and accommodates the visitors center. It provides storage space for



Flag Ceremony directed by the camp staff.



Minor Huffman, Joe Key, Cleo and Gilbert Dickinson watch the ceremony.



Four of Eph Bullocks children were present. L to R: Bill Bullock, Mrs. Bill Bullock, Mrs. L.B. Feather, Charles Bullock, Laura Shafer and Mrs. Charles Bullock.



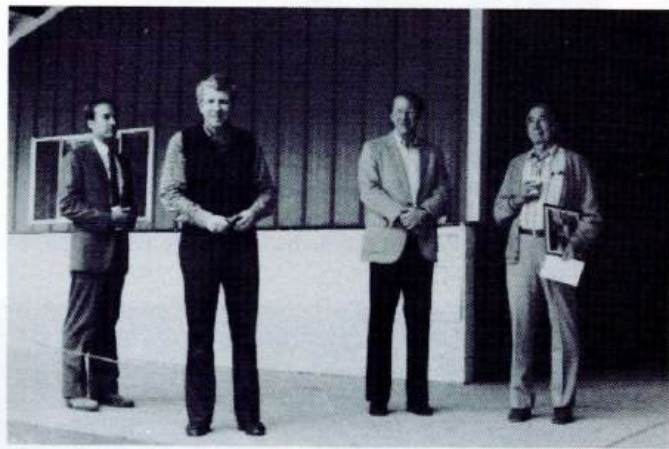
Bronze plaque placed in the circle.

Order of Arrow costumes and other ceremonial equipment. This building also has space for rainy day activities.

The building is made available to troops on weekends during the winter months. Members of the Maddox family joined the trustees of the Maddox Foundation in attending the dedication. Peyton Yates presided and introduced those present. Jim Kimbrough gave some interesting sidelights on the life of Jack Maddox. Minor Huffman gave a short history of Camp We-Hin-Ah-Pay. Joe Reed, Council president, took charge of the ribbon cutting and handed out plaques to those who had a part in the project.



In all purpose building for year round use was dedicated in 1983



Participating in the ceremony. L to R: Peyton Yates, Don Maddox, Jim Maddox and S.P. Yates.

David C. Neil

At the National Explorer Presidents Congress held in Arlington, Texas in April 1983, David C. Neil was elected National Vice President. David was a cadet and a high school senior at the New Mexico Military Institute. He was a member of Explorer Post 2, sponsored by the First Methodist Church of Roswell.

Neil was chairman of the Council's Explorer Presidents Association and active in several school organizations.



David C. Neil, Roswell
National Explorer Vice-President

1980 Annual Meetings

The 1980 Annual Meeting was held at the Masonic Temple in Roswell on February 16. Congressman Harold Runnells spoke at the appreciation dinner. Adelaide Tucker gave the invocation. Peyton Yates took care of special recognitions and Pete Cook installed the officers. The Class of Eagles was presented by Jim Kimbrough.

The 1981 meeting was held at the Masonic Temple on February 28. President Peyton Yates presided. Lloyd Calhoun conducted the Silver Beaver Ceremony and Pete Cook, Area IV Director, conducted a special Eagle Scout Ceremony.

The 1982 meeting was held at the Masonic Temple on February 27. President B.B. Armstrong was master of ceremonies. Rex Brown awarded the DeShurley Camping Trophy. Joe Kent and Kent Hutton introduced the Class of Eagle Scouts. Congressman Joe Skeen was the speaker. Eagle Scout Richard Ory of Clovis Troop 215 was introduced as top Eagle Scout

and presented a gold watch by Joe Grant and Kent Hutton, owners of Huff's Jewelry Store in Roswell.

The 1983 Annual Meeting and appreciation dinner was held on February 26 at the Masonic Temple in Roswell. Joe Reed, president, conducted the sessions. Merrill Longwill gave special recognition to Eagle Scout Leandro Gutierrez. Bill Tucker recognized the 1982 Class of Eagles. Ken Hutton and Joe Grant of Huff's Jewelry Store presented Jon Gallini, top Eagle Scout, a gold watch. Gene Vaughan, retiring Executive, and his wife, Louise, were presented gifts in appreciation of their service to the council by Harold DeShurley. Rex Brown presented the camping award and Bill Tucker conducted the Silver Beaver Ceremonies. Richard Bentley, Regional Director of the South Central Region, was the keynote speaker at the appreciation banquet.

Kwahadi Lodge

The Conquistador Council is proud of the service rendered by the Kwahadi Lodge.

Among those who have served as advisor to the Lodge are: 1976-77, David Davidson, Roswell; 1978, Richard Pyle, Portales; 1979-83, Paul La Rue, Roswell; 1984, Bob Dugas, Carlsbad.

Those serving as Lodge Chiefs the last few years were: 1978-79, Chris Hyatt, Roswell; 1979-80, Mike Sabin, Roswell; 1980-82, Chris Hyatt; 1982-83, Don Barron, Roswell; 1983-84, Lebron Barton, Carlsbad.

The Lodge has been honoring an outstanding Scouter each year at their annual banquet with the presentation of the Special Service Award and honorary Lodge membership. The recipients have been supporters of the camping program of the council.

In 1982 S.P. Yates was the first recipient. In 1983 the award went to Robert O. Anderson. At the Awards Banquet January 14, 1984 Charles K. Johnson was recognized and honored with this award.

Charles K. Johnson is Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer of the First National Bank of Artesia. Charles has a long tenure as a Scout and Scouter in this council. A strong supporter of Scouting, he has held numerous leadership positions.

PURPOSE OF THE ORDER

To recognize those campers—Scouts, Explorers, and Scouters—who best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives and by such recognition cause other campers to conduct themselves in such manner as to warrant recognition

To develop and maintain camping traditions and spirit

To promote Scout camping, which reaches its greatest effectiveness as a part of the unit's camping program, and to help strengthen the district and council camping program both year around and in the summer camp, as directed by the camping and activities committee of the council

To crystallize the Scout habit of helpfulness into a life purpose of leadership in cheerful service to others

Robert B. Brown Elected President

At the annual business meeting of the Council held in Roswell, Thursday, November 18, 1983, Robert B. Brown of Carlsbad was elected President to serve for the year 1984. He has been active in Scouting for the past 18 years, having served in many capacities in the Chisum Trail District, including Sustaining Member Chairman and District Chairman. He has been a member of the Executive Board since 1973 and has been serving as vice-president of the Council for the past six years.

Mr. Brown is vice-president and general manager of AMAX Chemical Corporation, being responsible for the company's mining and milling operations in Carlsbad. He is past president of the Carlsbad United Fund, active in the Elks Lodge, the Methodist Church and in his professional group, The American Institute of Mining and Metallurgical Engineers.

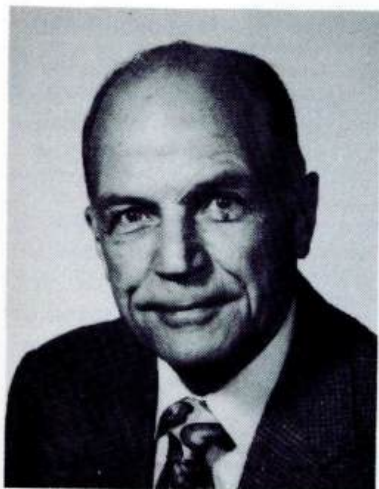
In 1977 the Chisum Trail District presented Mr. Brown the District award of Merit, and in 1979 the Conquistador Council awarded him the Silver Beaver.



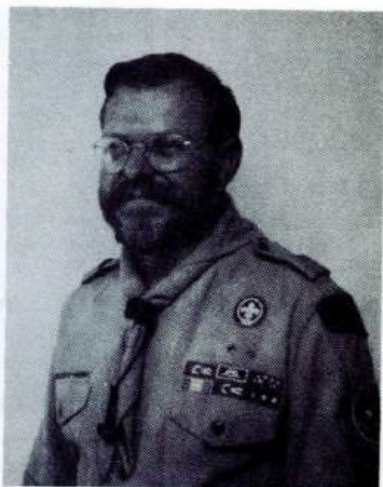
Former Governor Jack Campbell was the speaker at the meeting held early in 1984 by Kwahadi Lodge. Charles K. Johnson was honored for his strong support of Scouting over a long period of time.



Charles K. Johnson on right is pictured with Minor Huffman at the old lodge at Camp Sacramento in 1928.



Richard K. Knowles, Roswell
Commissioner 1981-82



George Crowl, Clovis
Commissioner 1984-



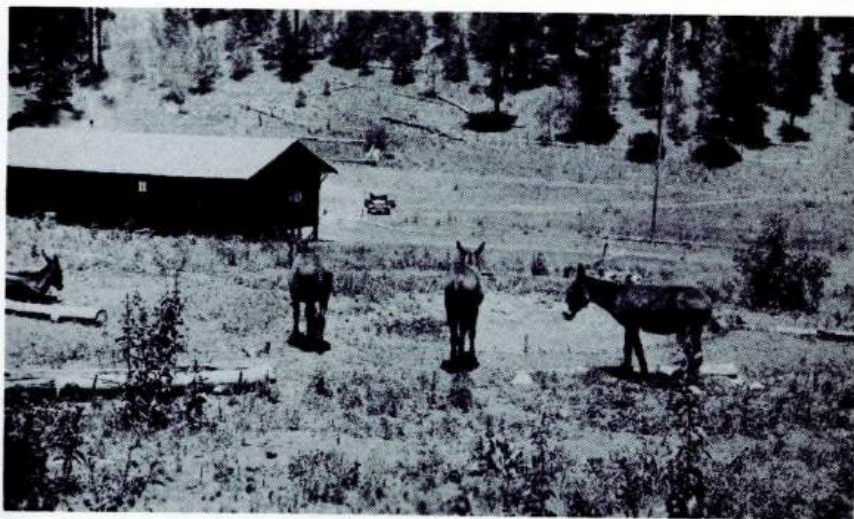
Al Smith, District chairman of the Rio Hondo District and Steve Massey District Executive go over the years program with Mayor Peter York of Roswell. L to R: Al Smith, Mayor York, Steve Massey



Front Row (L-R): Don Gugliuzza, George Cline, Jim Ballard, Louis Garcia, Connie Yockey, Richard Pyle.
Backrow (L-R): Al Milner, Russ Sperry, Dean Nyffeler, Larry Cochran, Cory Sperry, Bill Goode, Karen Jones, Mark Bayliss, Mike Turk.



Council Officers for 1984. L to R: Lloyd Davis, John Dee Johnson, Frank Young, Jr., Bob Brown, George Crowl, Pat Kennedy, Nancy Reid.



We-Hin-Ah-Pay our mountain camp, nestled in Potato Canyon has settled into a quietness not known during the camping season. Often called mountain canaries, these burros seem lonesome and occasionally break the silence with their braying.

Chapter XII

Rosters

COUNCIL PRESIDENTS

1925	Carl M. Einhart	Roswell
1926-29	Ivan Bridges	Clovis
1930-31	E. Birch Harrison	Carlsbad
1932-33	A. W. Hockenhull	Clovis
1934-36	E. B. Bullock	Artesia
1937	C. G. Mason	Hagerman
1938-40	Donald McKay	Portales
1941-44	J. M. Murray, Sr.	Hobbs
1945-51	Tom M. Cramer	Carlsbad
1952-55	Jack Maddox	Hobbs
1956-58	Jack Danglade	Lovington
1959-62	S. P. Yates	Artesia
1963-65	Rudolph Sparks	Carlsbad
1966-67	Paul D. Wilmot	Roswell
1968-70	J. C. Powell, Jr.	Roswell
1971-72	Bob Lydick	Clovis
1973-74	Joe Rose	Carlsbad
1975-76	Harold DeShurley	Roswell
1977-78	Maynard Shearer	Artesia
1979-80	Peyton Yates	Artesia
1981-82	Bill Armstrong	Roswell
1983	Joe Reed	Hobbs
1984	Bob Brown	Carlsbad

SCOUT COMMISSIONERS

1925	George R. Fletcher	Roswell
1926-29	Rev. John Thorns	Carlsbad
1930-40	Col. L. B. Plummer	Roswell
1941-56	D. N. Pope	Roswell
1957	Gen. Hobart Gay	Roswell
1958-61	Floyd Golden	Portales
1962-65	Howard Melton	Portales
1966	Richard Aldrich	Roswell
1967-69	Dick Cooper	Roswell
1970-76	Charles E. Smith	Roswell
1977-80	Dick Newcomb	Roswell
1981-82	Richard K. Knowles	Roswell
1983	George Crowl	Clovis

TREASURERS

1925-40	George B. Jewett	Roswell
1941	R. A. Carter	Roswell
1942-47	Paul Wilmot	Roswell
1948	T. L. Gardner, Jr.	Roswell
1949-82	Jake Hinch	Roswell
1983-	Frank Young, Jr.	Roswell

SCOUT EXECUTIVES
EASTERN NEW MEXICO AREA COUNCIL

1925-1932	Minor S. Huffman
1932-1941	P. V. Thorson
1941-1943	Jake E. Newman
1943-1945	M. G. King
1946-1955	J. Howard Brawn
1956-1963	Thomas C. Cochran
1963-1969	Jack Stoltz
1969-1970	Quincy Lee
1971-1983	Eugene Vaughan
1983-	John Dee Johnson

SCOUTS AND LEADERS ATTENDING 1926 COUNCIL CAMP AT RUIDOSO

TROOP 1 - Roswell
Charles Cagle
Lawrence Bullard

TROOP 2 - Roswell
Bobbie Woodhead
Joe Huff
Claude Headen
John Rhea
James Nichols
Ray Philips

TROOP 3 - Roswell
Robert Wood
David Thorne
Donald Wilkins

TROOP 4 - Roswell
Rex Laughlin
Dick Gomez

Harry Mulroy
Earnest Harp
Charles Fuller
Robert Glock
Adolph Siegrist
Floyd Walker

TROOP 5 - Ft. Sumner
Lewis Julian
Walter Julian
Russell Bays

TROOP 6 - ROSWELL
James Lancaster
Louis Kidd
Dean Channey
Earl Hall
Harry Haynes
James Rogers
Woodrow Rodden

Ralph Vanderwert
Paul Wilson
Paul Leonard
Charles Waller
James O'Neil
Vinson Boreing
Earl Dixon
Gaines Lancaster
Donald McDonald
Louie Lumpkins
C. J. Brashier
Bill Lumpkins

TROOP 8 - Artesia
Wilmer Ragdale
Ross Connor
Arthur Peyton
John DeArcy
Bernard Bullock
Herman Jones
Dorris Ransbarger
Burch Crockett
Earl DeArcy
Frank Olds
Charles Bullock

TROOP 9 - Carlsbad
Edward Brock
Delwin Smith
Oscar Slease
Clyde Slease
Fred Schuates
Joe Yates
Ralph Zimmerman
Francis Tracy
Buster Waldon
Ray Shepherd
Noble Littlejohn
Art Lewis
George Richardson
Lynn Dillard
Elmer Frisby
John Kimbell
Henry Foster

TROOP 11 - Clovis
Stuart Long
Jasper McCarty
Herman Reese

TROOP 12 - Clovis
Donald Nichols
Lowrel McDowell
Parker Wagner
Dale Campbell
Wm. Kern Smith
Walton Bazandine
Alfred Monroe
Harold Gore
Kimble McClain
Carr Austin
Jimmie Monroe

TROOP 13 - Clovis
Dudley Rountree
Paul Beckley
Victor Rountree
Harold Danklefs
Wayne Murphy
John Nix

TROOP 14 - Alamogordo
Benjamin Billups
Fred Evans
Harold Bradford
Earl Rogers
Floyd Myers

TROOP 16 - Clovis
Lecil Blair
Merl Tinker

TROOP 17 - Roswell
Kenneth Morris
Verl Wilson
Carl Gibbany
Ted Corn
Herbert Lyda
John Emmett
Jack Clark
Warron Tinsley
Fred Lee
Melvin Walker
E. G. Minton
Erwin Dunn, Jr.

TROOP 18 - Portales
Doyal Beasley
Joe Beasley

Melvin Schumpert
Gordon Greaves
Iven Ford
Nathanial Handcock
Roy Crow
J. T. Morgan
Woody Johnston
Jake McGhee
James Compton
Emmett White
Worth Jones
Rhea Crow

TROOP 19 - Roswell
Horton Dolson
Darrell Moore
Lee Lanier
Mancil Hall
David Davidson

TROOP 20 - Hagerman
Olen Campbell
Raymond Cumpston
Carl Hanson
Fay Hoyt
Donald West
Merlin Woodmas
Jack Pritchard
Tom Utterback
Wayne Graham
Edward White
Donald Lee
Edwin Lane

TROOP 21 - Texico/Farwell
Wesley Osburn
Joe Crume
Raymond Hall
Dean Curtis
Benton Graham
Max Royal
Fred DeOliveria
Harry Williams
Duncan Williams
J. H. Hiner
Jimmie Overstreet
Leslie Doose

TROOP 22 - Dexter
Wyatt Stanley
Jack Hubbard
John Melhop
Richard Deck
Robert Reid
Clarence Lathrop
Harris Jarnagin
Boyd Wright
Wayne Miles
Theo. Vanvenbont
Everett Stanley
Theo Garrison
Nicholas Crain

TROOP 23 - Tualrosa
Ralph Hanau
Jack Baird
James Baird
Sidney Dawson
Billy Mitchell
Earl Parker
Earnest Bookout

TROOP 24 - Melrose
Keightly Buyer
Scotty Garrison
Don Carver
Clarence Barto
J. T. Bray

TROOP 25 - Corono
Archie Perkins

TROOP 26 - Elida
Delbert Jones
Clifford Stephenson
Herbert Savage
Leonard Preston
A. O. Evans
Albert McClellan
E. Stephenson
Leland Campbell

TROOP 29 - Artesia
Delbert Jones
Gordon Kishbaugh
Edley Findley
Donald Cowan

Richard Wheatley
Wallace Gates
Robert Bandy
Charles Bandy

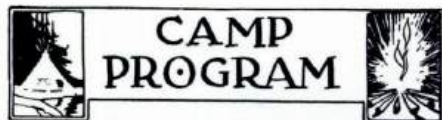
TROOP 1 - Hamlin, Texas
Guy McNeal
Dave Bond
R. N. Fairy
G. T. McNeal
Clyde Huff
Herlad Ewing

PIONEER - Hope
Elmer Anderson
LeRoy Crawford

MESCALERO - Ten Scouts attended
from this troop, but we are
unable to locate their records.

CAMP LEADERS	
Minor Huffman	S.E.
H. C. Morehead	Artesia
Jim Ramsey (Chief)	Roswell
David Baumgartner	Clovis
Ivan Bridges	Clovis
E.N. Wheeler	Portales
E. B. Siddal	Portales
B. H. Hopkins	Texico/Farwell
J. O. Wood	Melrose
Rev. Hedges	Ft. Sumner
Darrell Swayze	Roswell
Sgt. James Duthie	Roswell
E. L. Harp	Roswell
L. A. Carson	Dexter
E. B. Bullock	Artesia
Ed L. West	Carlsbad
J. H. Roberts	Elida
Percy Bigmouth	Miscalero
Charles Stone	Roswell
Guy McNeal	Hamlin

Wyatt Stanley of Dexter won top camp honor. He won a total of thirty camp emblems, and as a reward was given one-half dozen eagle feathers.



FACTS

about the Greatest Boys' Camp in the Southwest

- 6:00—First Call
- 6:10—Reveille, setting-up exercises
- 6:30—Clean up, tooth paste brigade, etc.
- 7:00—Breakfast
- 7:10—Inspection of quarters
- 7:50—Health Call
- 8:00—Instruction period (Woodcraft, Scouting, Nature Study, etc.)
- 11:00—Swimming
- 12:00—Dinner
- 12:30—Siesta (reading, letter writing, etc.)
- 1:30—After dinner talk
- 1:45—Pioneering, handicraft, hiking, etc.
- 4:00—Games, sports
- 4:50—Evening parade and retreat
- 5:00—Supper
- 5:30—Recreation (organized games)
- 7:30—Campfire (songs, stunts, plays, Indian dances and stories)
- 9:00—Call to quarters
- 9:15—Taps



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1927 We—hin—ah—pay Summer Training Camp for the Boy Scouts of Eastern New Mexico



DIRECTING STAFF

These leaders have been selected because of their refinement, character, training and leadership.

Minor Huffman	Camp Director
H. C. Morehead	Asst. Camp Director
Joy B. Bailey	Naturalist
W. C. Bicknell	Craftwork
George Riley	Indian Lore
Eli Goodreau	Records & Supplies
Bill Lumpkins	Special Activities
Nicholas Crain	Swimming

SOME OF THE SPECIAL INSTRUCTORS

Chief J. L. Templeton	Woodcraft
Sgt. James Duthie	Pioneering
Percy Bignmouth	Archery
Reuben Boone	Forestry
Dr. Rowell, Dr. Pickett, Dr. Robinson	Health

LEADERSHIP

Director The director of the camp is Minor Huffman, Scout Executive for Eastern New Mexico Area Boy Scout Council. He has been actively connected with the Boy Scout movement for eleven years and this is his fifth summer as director of "We-hin-ah-pay." His energy and enthusiasm has had much to do with the increase of the camp from twenty scouts the first summer to the present enrollment of three hundred.

Assistant Director Mr. H. C. Morehead, Scoutmaster of Troop 29, Artesia, will again serve as Assistant Director. In the same position last year he was admired by boys and leaders alike. In the winter he is director of athletics in the Junior High School at Artesia. Just recently he was ordained a minister of the Baptist Church.

Indian Lore George Riley hails from Colorado Springs, Colorado. He has spent the past three summers as instructor at "Camp-Ten-Shey." He is a known artist in leather handicraft and Indian Lore. Indian Lore consists of dancing, songs, sign language, bead work and feather work. He has visited many of the largest scout camps in the country, demonstrating leather handicraft.

Nature Joy B. Bailey, Field Scout Executive for the Eastern New Mexico Council will have charge of the museum and the nature trail. He will act as supervisor for the entire nature program.

Craftwork W. C. Bicknell will have complete charge of the workshop. The most important craft is Craftwork in Wood and we are indeed fortunate in having a real genius as instructor in this work. In the winter he is manual training instructor at the Roswell Junior High School.

A Real Scouter Chief John L. Templeton, Special National Field Commissioner, will be by far the most interesting member of the staff. Next to Dan Beard, he is, no doubt, the most interesting man in Scouting. "Chief" has spent his life working with boys and each summer visits a number of scout camps. We are fortunate in being able to have him with us. His home is in Muskogee, Oklahoma. He will instruct in wood carving and assist at the Council Ring.

Specialists The above members of the staff will be assisted by a splendid group of specialists. Reuben Boone, Forest Ranger, will assist in Hiking, Forestry, Conservation and Fire Prevention. Percy Bignmouth, a Mesquero Apache Indian, Assistant Scoutmaster of the Mesquero Troop, will teach Archery and help with Indian Lore. Sgt. James Duthie, Scoutmaster of Troop 4 of Roswell, an expert in Camping, Pioneering and Packing, will supervise that work. Bill Lumpkins, Eagle Scout and Assistant Scoutmaster will be on dock with the usual line of special activities. Nicholas Crain will have charge of Swimming and Life Saving. Remember "Nick"—sure, everybody does. We forgot to mention he is an Eagle Scout from Dexter. In addition to these already mentioned, each troop will have its own Scout Leader who will supervise the troop's activities while in camp.

A REAL BOY'S CAMP — directed by — REAL BOY'S MEN

FOR THE PARENT

Location The Camp is located in Scout Canyon, in the Sacramento Mountains, eleven miles west of Weed, New Mexico. Weed is reached from the west by way of Cloudcroft, coming down Cox Canyon, which is a good highway. From the East it is best located by going directly west of Artesia to Hope. From Hope proceed to Y-O crossing, at this sign take the right hand road, this will take you up the Penasco. Three miles above Elk turn left, going up Mule Canyon, across McDonald's flat into Weed. The road will be well marked.

Site The camp is built on a forty acre tract of land deeded to the Boy Scouts. Here Nature is at its best; Pine, Spruce, Fir, Aspen and all other trees found in the New Mexico Mountains are at their best. Flowers and birds abound everywhere. Wild Turkey and deer are plentiful and no doubt will be seen by the Scouts on their hikes.



Cost The cost is Ten Dollars for the Ten Days. No refund will be made for scouts leaving camp. The local troop committee for each troop will arrange for transportation. Each Scout is urged to earn enough money to pay his own way. Not more than ten cents a day can be spent for candy and sweets. One dollar should be sufficient for spending money.

Who May Attend Any Registered Scout in good health who has the consent of his parents and Scoutmaster may attend one or all of the ten day periods. He must come on opening date and stay full period. Try to attend camp with your own troop as our plan is to maintain troop identity.

Mail Mail will be received three times a week. Address all mail care of Boy Scout Camp, Weed, New Mexico, (via Alamogordo). Telegrams should be sent care of J. F. Wasson, Weed, New Mexico, (via Cloudercraft). He will immediately deliver them to camp.

Health Regular habits, fresh air, exercise, wholesome activity, sufficient and well cooked food combine to make camp a great benefit from a health standpoint. A First Aid Station will be maintained right in camp and a Medical Officer will be at our command at all times. Each Scout must be examined by a Physician just before starting to camp.

Sanitation Every precaution will be made to maintain a strictly sanitary camp. Inspection of camp will be made daily by the Camp Director and Doctor. All food will be prepared and served in a well screened kitchen and dining room. Table ware will be washed, dried and properly stored after each meal.

Water Water has been piped into the Mess Hall from a fine spring just back of the camp. This cold mountain water tests the very best. Wash benches with running water have been provided for washing.

Swimming A special crib and instructor for beginners. Scouts will be taught how to avoid water accidents. Water Safety will be stressed and instructions in Red Cross Life Saving will be given. Periods will also be set aside for sports and general swims. A good instructor will supervise at all times.

Visiting Days The camp committee has fixed the last day in each period as the visiting day and all visitors are urged to confine themselves to their days. Meals can be served to visitors at forty cents each.

NEW BUILDINGS

New Council Since last summer the Eastern New Mexico Boy Scout Council has acquired thru gifts, a permanent camp. The equipment is sufficient to care for one hundred Scouts at a time. Below you can get an idea of the equipment.

Mess Hall A dining room and kitchen, well equipped. A large restaurant range, hot water and other necessities makes it modern and sanitary in every respect. Each table will seat eight Scouts.

Lodge The lodge is a large well-lighted building with fireplace. During the instruction period it will be used for patrol projects. Between instruction periods as a reading room and during the cool evenings, the night's entertainment will be given close to the fireplace.

Shop Another well-lighted building will be used for a work shop. All the necessary tools and materials for the various handicrafts will be in this building.

Office The Administration Building will house the Office, Trading Post and Postoffice. Open at stated hours.

Health The health cabin consists of two rooms, one room to be used as the office for the resident Doctor. The other room to house any patients. It is equipped with suitable furniture and medical supplies.

Cabins For living quarters there are fourteen Bunk Houses. Each house will hold a Patrol of eight Scouts. Cots, mattresses and plenty of windows will promote health and comfort for the Scouts.

Swim A "plunge" twenty by forty-eight feet is on the ground. This pool is ten feet deep at one end and at the other, a crib will be built in, for beginners. A diving board and tower is under construction.

HANDICRAFT



You bet I want to go

Handicraft An elaborate program of handicraft has been outlined. Scouts wishing to do advanced work should be sure to bring enough supplies along or money to purchase them. Ash, Lemonwood, and Hickory Bow-staves will be for sale at the Trading Post. Plenty of good leather for Leather Handicraft; Arrow materials, feathers, beads, etc., will also be for sale at cost. It is not necessary for Scouts to have this, but the calls have been so general that we have arranged to furnish. All Scouts who want to make an Indian Head-dress should be sure to bring a crown out of an old felt hat.

Craftwork The shop and tools have been provided so that Scouts can make bows; arrows; targets; quivers; fire-by-friction sets; rustic furniture; totem poles; bird houses and other articles too numerous to mention.

Leather Scouts will be given instruction in braiding and plaiting. They will have an opportunity to make slides; moccasins; axe sheaths; knife scabbards; camera cases; belts; hat bands, etc. The instructor is one of the best in the country. Scouts may retain the articles made by paying for the supplies at cost.

Feather Work If you want to, you can make an Indian head-dress, even to the making of the head band. Other parts of Indian costumes can also be completed.

Archery Every Scout in camp will be given a chance to make his own archery tackle and finish it in a workmanlike manner. Targets will be provided and target practice will be conducted under strict supervision.

MISCELLANEOUS

Tests Tests will be given in all the Second and First Class work. Try and pass your thrift requirement before starting.

Merit Badges Only such Merit Badges as refer to the out-of-doors will be given. The following will be given by specialists: Archery, Astronomy, Athletics, Bird Study, Botany, Pioneering, Stalking, Swimming, Bugling, Camping, Carpentry, Conservation, Cooking, Craftwork in Wood, Craftwork in Leather, Craftwork in Basketry, First Aid, Forestry, Horsemanship, Insect Life, Life Saving, Reptiles, Surveying.

Activities All the usual activities: fire-building, wall scaling, hatchet throwing, rope spinning, archery, etc.

Food James Love (colored), head cook for the New Mexico Military Institute, will again have charge of our Mess Hall. With a sure enough stove, and a well equipped kitchen, James promises us a great variety of well cooked food. Well, we just can't tell you all about it. Food will be served home style and the camp will furnish all necessary tableware. Mess Kits will only be used while on hikes away from camp.

Rules The Scout Oath and Law will be the rule of the Camp. No firearms will be allowed in camp.

Honors A system of honors just a little different from last year. You will need your belts. The only thing that will keep a Scout from winning the highest will be his own lack of sand.

Hikes There are dozens of interesting places to hike to and Scouts who like to hike will have plenty of opportunities. Some of the places are Rim-rock; Potato Peak; Spring Canyon and Lookout Station.

Bank Scouts bringing extra money to camp should deposit it at the Camp Bank. Special checks will be issued and Scouts can check on it the usual way.

Horsemanship A few horses will be in camp. Only old and experienced campers will have an opportunity to ride.

Fun You'll have it from early till late. You will enjoy the handicraft, the hikes, the Irish baseball, the eats, swimming and last but not least the camp-fires. Hustle and get that application to your scout-master. Pronto!

Camp-fires Say boy—you never forget a real campfire. The opening ceremony, scout reports, challenges, stunts, plays, stories, songs, Indian dances are enjoyed and participated in by all. There is lots of special features, for instance: "Whooper night," "Burial of Old Man Grouch," "Ghost Night," "Town Night," "Leader's Special," etc. Don't forget to bring along that French harp or harmonica.



WHAT TO BRING

Begin now to get your things together. You don't have to buy a lot of new things, just make up and fix up your own outfit.

Absolutely Required A good disposition; three heavy woolen blankets or equivalent; poncho or rain-coat; sweater; or coat; complete change of clothing this means shoes and everything; pajamas or nightshirts; two towels; tooth-brush; paste; comb; soap in metal box; Scout handbook; tea towel; mess kit (includes plate, cup, knife, fork, spoon); one flour sack or bag to keep mess kit in; notebook and pencil; Bible or Prayer book; knife and shoe polish.

Very Desirable Shirts; a complete Scout suit; canteen; Scout axe; a pair of old trousers for fatigue work; knapsack (for hikes); bow and arrows; flint and steel.

Suggested (If you have them without buying.) Flashlight; camera; small mirror; musical instruments (a safe place for keeping will be furnished); small pillow; comic make-up for stunt-night; Indian costumes; handicraft materials; field-glasses; needles, pins, thread, scissors, pliers and First Aid Kit.



EASTERN NEW MEXICO COUNCIL BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Ivan Bridges, president	Clovis
Birch Harrison, V. Pres.	Carlsbad
Will Purdy, V. Pres.	Roswell
E. B. Bullock, V. Pres.	Artesia
Dr. E. D. McKinley, V. Pres.	Alamogordo
W. B. Oldham, V. Pres.	Portales
B. N. Graham, Secretary	Farwell
George Jewett, Treas.	Roswell
Rev. John Thorns, Commissioner	Carlsbad

CAMP COMMITTEE

F. W. Crain	Dexter
T. E. Kelley	Carrizozo
H. B. Smyrl	Roswell
L. J. Stockwell	Carlsbad
Henry Royal	Farwell

CAMP DATES

First Period—July 15 to July 24
Second Period—July 25 to August 3
Third Period—August 5 to August 14

NATIONAL JAMBOREES

1937	Washington, D.C.
1950	Valley Forge, Pennsylvania
1953	Irvine Ranch, California
1957	Valley Forge, Pennsylvania
1960	Colorado Springs, Colorado
1964	Valley Forge, Pennsylvania
1969	Farragut State Park, Idaho
1973*	Farragut State Park, Idaho and Moraine State Park, Pennsylvania
1977	Moraine State Park, Pennsylvania
1981	Fort A. P. Hill, Virginia

* Held at two sites. Conquistador Council attended
at Idaho site.

RIO HONDOAWARD OF MERIT RECIPIENTS1972

Harvey J. Gill
James F. Kirkpatrick

1973

Bill Tucker
Adelaide Tucker

1974

Richard K. Davidson
Beth Turner
Jeannine Lawing
Marilyn Pridemore

1975

Lawrence R. Andrus
Bill Cole
Jeannette Zulfer

1976

Mack Wilemon
Bill Bohon
Dr. Dale Wynn

1977

Paul LaRue
Barbara LaRue
Jackie Young

1978

JoLynn Clements
Charles Green

1979

Doyle Young
JoAnn Shea

1980

Bill Goode
Rudy Flack

1981

Newton M. Tarleton
James D. Dickinson

1982

Carolyn Ballard
Barbara Dickinson

1983

Dr. Fred Bedford
Rex Brown

COUNCIL STAFF

The first 13 years of the Eastern New Mexico Area Council did not have need or money for additional staff. As the membership grew so did the demand for more staff help. Kenneth Eisler was employed in early 1938 and later in the year Guy King joined the Council. The staff needs grew and soon each district in the Council wanted a full time staff man.

In 1942 the Scout Executive was able to announce the staff of District Executives was being increased to four men.

Following is a list of men who have served on the field staff of the Council. The roster of Scout Executives is on another page.

<u>YEARS</u>		<u>YEARS</u>	
Robert Ameen	1955 - 1957	William Law	1967 - 1969
Dana S. Anstey	1977	John Lewis	1983 -
James H. Armstrong	1962 - 1956	Louis Machuca	1975
F. E. Atkinson	1941 - 1942	Michael Maslyn	1976
	Again 1948	Steve Massey	1981 - 1983
Jim Atkinson	1974 - 1976	Henry McGenty	1948 - 1953
John Baringer	1981 -	Tex McCoy	1958 - 1961
W. R. Belknap	1969 - 1970	William T. McRee	1942 - 1954
John Bloomfield	1955 - 1957	George Miller	1956 - 1968
Fred Bodkin	1956	Charles Moore	1953 - 1955
Doyle Boyd	1967 - 1968	Jim Neblett	1980
George Budd	1967 - 1968	John Nicholson	1968 - 1970
John Clardy	1953 - 1954	Victor Rampone	1977 - 1980
Oscar Cantwell	1949 - 1956	Jay Rhodes	1975 - 1976
Joe Carpenter	1962	Sam Rhoads	1970 - 1972
Randy Cook	1978 - 1979	Rafiel Romero	1970
Jim Cowman	1973 -	Karl Schriener	1954 - 1956
A. O. Cox	1979 - 1980	Dale Schwartz	1970 - 1971
Terry Edwards	1962 - 1965	Johnnie Simmons	1975 - 1978
C. Ken Eisler	1938 - 1942	Dan Smith	1979 - 1980
Ed Elliott	1971 - 1973	John Sparks	1953
John Turett Gill	1957	J. V. Starkey	1943
James H. Guest	1981	George Stockton	1942
Yorel Harris	1953 - 1956	Dewey Strickland	1956 - 1957
Jim Henderson	1980 - 1981	Thomas Sullivan	1973 - 1976
Sam Henry	1941 - 1943	William Tarter	1967 - 1968
Barney Hopkins	1941 - 1943	Tommy Thompson	1966 - 1968
Thomas A. Hulsman	1973	R. J. Tooley	1969 - 1971
Joe Ben Hunsaker	1944 - 1948	Mike Turk	1980 -
Robert Hurst	1965 - 1966	James Dale White	1976 - 1977
Mack Ingle	1944 - 1946	Fred Yockey	1981 -
M. G. King	1938 - 1939		

OFFICE STAFF

The Council started operation January 1, 1925 with Minor Huffman as Executive and Louise Peery as office secretary. After a few years Louise quit and Alice Davis Heering took her place. She was followed by Katherine Wyatt. No complete list is available, but Ann Carpenter Entrop, Virginia Watt, and Eleanor Ramsey were early secretaries.

In 1956 Cleo Dickinson joined the staff and remained until her retirement in 1982. Cleo Harrison was bookkeeper from 1957 to 1969. Another long time employee is Betty Andrus who succeeded Cleo Dickinson as office manager. Linda Cole, registrar, started in 1976; Jorja Smith in 1983.

Over the years, several women have been employed for shorter periods of time. The list included the following; Jo Wilson, Evelyn Spinnler, Cheryl Smitherman, Willie Murray, Laura Shafer, Marian Johnson, Miriam Robertson and Caroline Heine.

EAGLE SCOUTS

1956			1958		
Billy Ray Andrus	T-20	Hagerman	Kenneth Larkin	T-99	Roswell
Bill Gregory	T-20	Hagerman	Dan Raby	T-99	Roswell
Kemper West	T-20	Hagerman	Bill Barnett	X-86	Carlsbad
Spencer Goldstein	T-50	Walker AFB	Draper Brantley II	X-86	Carlsbad
John T. Hinkle	T-10	Roswell	Charles George Clark	T-25	Carlsbad
Sam Johnson	T-2	Roswell	Richard Dotis	T-88	Carlsbad
David Knadle	T-10	Roswell	Larry Glenn Manire	T-51	Carlsbad
Richard Knadle	T-10	Roswell	Courtney E. Gwynne	X-158	Artesia
Mickey McGrady	T-10	Roswell	Don Ivers	T-56	Artesia
Seth Orell	T-2	Roswell	Neal Johnson	X-20	Artesia
Timothy Ricker	T-111	Roswell	Daniel B. Knorr	X-20	Artesia
Clovis Torres	T-2	Roswell	Bob Clarke	X-5	Hobbs
Kenneth Vernon	T-148	Roswell	Don Dorris	X-5	Hobbs
Donald Wolf	T-111	Roswell	James Foley	X-5	Hobbs
Kenneth Chapman	T-88	Carlsbad	Don E. Keller	X-5	Hobbs
Allen Tice	T-88	Carlsbad	Byron Looker	T-105	Hobbs
Anthony Rogers	T-67	Sacramento	Bob Parish	X-5	Hobbs
Province Smith			Don E. Phillips	X-5	Hobbs
Billy Stevenson	T-67	Sacramento	Gary Shepherd	T-30	Hobbs
Jack Knox	T-41	Hobbs	David M. Spindle	X-105	Hobbs
Larry N. Jones	T-89	Lovington	Wesley M. Williams	X-5	Hobbs
Dick Thompson	X-5	Hobbs	LeRoy Williams	X-5	Hobbs
James Witt	X-25	Carlsbad	James W. Barnhardt	X-474	CAFB

1957			1959		
Richard Knight	T-2	Roswell	John Madden	X-38	Roswell
Erwin Latimer	T-3	Roswell			
Billy Rogers	T-3	Roswell			
William Roudebush	T-3	Roswell			
David Wyman	T-20	Hagerman			
Paul Easterbrook	T-50	Walker AFB			
William Mayfield	T-50	Walker AFB			
John Fowler	X-132	Roswell			
Bob Raby	T-99	Roswell			
Richard Clark	T-49	Carlsbad			
Tommy Cosgrove	X-32	Carlsbad			
Richard Doss	T-86	Carlsbad			
Mike Griffin	T-86	Carlsbad			
Jackie Hansen	T-88	Carlsbad			
Jerry Hayman	T-88	Carlsbad			
Richard Jaccoud	T-86	Carlsbad			
Tom Jaccoud	T-86	Carlsbad			
Edward McCausland	T-86	Carlsbad			
William H. Melton	T-88	Carlsbad			
Ronald Payne	X-88	Carlsbad			
John Franklin Roe	T-86	Carlsbad			
David Bell	T-97	Hobbs			
W.A. Mike Roberts	T-97	Hobbs			
Johnny Moore	X-45	Hobbs			
Robert Lowry	T-45	Hobbs			
Warren Cottle	X-14	Clovis			
Bobby Doose	X-14	Clovis			
Billy J. McKinney	T-11	Clovis			
Charles Malewski	T-29	Portales			
Stephen Schumpert	T-57	Portales			

1960

Champ Bowden	T-3	Roswell
Ronald Fairman	T-50	Walker AFB
Robert Harmon Fall	T-3	Roswell
Donald James Mason	T-3	Roswell
Clyde W. Chowning	X-88	Carlsbad
Francis A. Gaffney	T-75	Carlsbad
Louis Sarabia	X-88	Carlsbad
George Bunch	X-28	Artesia
Robert White	X-28	Artesia
Bruce Carmichael	T-98	Hobbs
Johnny Johnson	T-30	Hobbs
Bill Wood	T-30	Hobbs
Kirk Johnson	T-57	Portales

1961

Billy R. Campbell	T-38	Roswell
Jimmy Don Dickinson	T-99	Roswell
Carlos Martinez	T-12	Roswell
Robert Roudebush	X-6	Roswell
Stephen J. Scarano	T-50	Roswell
David Joe Starkey	X-21	Roswell
James Beasley	T-188	Carlsbad
James Schiller	T-188	Carlsbad
James H. Gill	T-295	Artesia
Bobby Beauvais	T-98	Hobbs
Buddy Beauvais	T-98	Hobbs

1961

Dennis Carmichael	T-30	Hobbs
Larry Fields	T-30	Hobbs
John Retzlaff	X-63	Hobbs
Gene Sturgill	T-30	Hobbs
Jay Sturgill	T-30	Hobbs
Gary Wall	T-30	Hobbs
Dennis E. Burton	T-62	Clovis
Hans Neumann	T-832	Clovis
William J. Riffer	T-832	Clovis

1962

Robert D. Abbott	T-50	Walker AFB
Kenneth F. Brown	T-12	Roswell
Ronnie Johnson	T-99	Roswell
Richard G. Miller		
Bill C. Starkey		
Dale R. Thompson		
Michael B. Gaffney		Carlsbad
Steve Hanson		
James H. Ground		
Mike D. Lamb		
Mike W. Capron		
Nelson A. Muncy		
J. Randal Powell		
Bill Armstrong		
Travis G. Lovelady		
Jimmie Williamson		
Allan L. Haynes		
Charles W. Hodges		
Terry Stovall		
Markie Yarbrough		

1963

Henry Berry Garrett	T-50	Roswell
Vance Howard Smith	T-38	Roswell
Richard Barnes	T-137	Roswell
Steve P. Stout	T-64	Roswell
W. Corbett Slade	T-38	Roswell
Douglas W. Hurlbut	T-7	Roswell
Robert E. Hill	T-39	Roswell
Bobby L. Kendrick	T-39	Roswell
Delmer M. Woods, Jr	T-99	Roswell
Randy Webb	T-27	Artesia
Jerry Webb	T-27	Artesia
Darrell Harden	T-27	Artesia
Larry R. Schear	X-45	Hobbs
Byron Turnbow	X-45	Hobbs
Charles Baker	T-30	Hobbs
John E. Melton	T-18	Portales
John H. Hilliard	T-18	Portales
Robert Lydick	T-226	Clovis
Charles R. Coleman	T-226	Clovis
Thomas H. Black	T-226	Clovis

1964

Rodney Wood	T-188	Carlsbad
Randy Wood	X-295	Artesia
David Allen	X-98	Hobbs

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Dick Engbrecht	T-98	Hobbs
Jake Gaultney	T-105	Hobbs
Warren Neff	T-105	Hobbs
Jerry Vance	T-105	Hobbs
Mike Hurst	T-89	Lovington
James W. Jordan	T-44	Lovington
Stephen Markley	T-89	Lovington
Homer Robinett	X-98	Lovington
William Hoskins	T-61	Clovis
Pat McBride	X-226	Clovis
Ricky Miller	T-61	Clovis
Thomas Miller	T-226	Clovis
Tommy Verell	X-226	Clovis
Donald Allison	T-99	Roswell
Bruce Beck	T-50	Roswell
Joseph Gilbert	T-99	Roswell
William Schwaderer	T-50	Walker AFB
Norman Stevens	T-39	Roswell
William Tooke, Jr.	T-579	Roswell
Phillip Briggs	T-39	Roswell
John Cooper	T-162	Tinnie
William Bennett	T-56	Artesia
Steve Brittain	T-152	Artesia
Paul Francis	X-295	Artesia
David Ivers	T-56	Artesia
Donald Johnson	X-156	Artesia
Hugh Parry	X-295	Artesia
Phillip Pounds	X-295	Artesia
Riley E. Ray	T-27	Artesia
William Wright	T-295	Artesia
Richard Yates	X-295	Artesia
Ronald Carpenter	T-188	Carlsbad
Michael Donoho	X-88	Carlsbad
Staven Elmore	T-188	Carlsbad
Kayden Kimbley	T-181	Carlsbad
Bill Riley	T-146	Carlsbad
Richard Seeley	T-188	Carlsbad
John Shive	T-91	Carlsbad

1965

Ronnie N. Knoy	X-20	Hagerman
Joe A. Cooper	T-162	Tinnie
Jud A. Cooper	T-162	Tinnie
Michael L. Coggins	T-12	Roswell
Anthony W. Fabry	T-12	Roswell
John Welty	T-12	Roswell
Raymond Welty	T-12	Roswell
Don S. Lemons	T-38	Roswell
Stanley F. Hess	X-138	Roswell
Stephen C. Grosvenor	T-99	Roswell
Daniel A. Bailey	T-99	Roswell
Reed T. Kimbley	T-181	Loving
John A. Phillips	X-181	Loving
Andrew Stanco	T-91	Carlsbad
Connie M. Norris	T-91	Carlsbad
Billy D. Bizzell	T-27	Artesia

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<u>1965</u>					
Galen R. Gisler	T-61	Clovis	Ernest Enriquez	X-144	Carlsbad
Kenneth W. Wilkins	T-226	Clovis	Thomas C. Cable	T-8	Carlsbad
<u>1966</u>					
John C. Bernard	T-969	Roswell	Michael Gomez	X-45	Hobbs
Brent Morris	T-55	Roswell	Brian J. Stockard	T-45	Hobbs
James Booky	T-162	Roswell	Tommy S. Carrens	T-98	Hobbs
John Gilbert	T-99	Roswell	Bennett C. Griffin	T-827	Cannon AFB
Larry Miller	T-72	Roswell	Stephen Griffin	T-827	Cannon AFB
Jerry Manier	X-144	Carlsbad	Gary Barrentine	T-827	Cannon AFB
Steward Davis	T-142	Carlsbad	James F. Tompkins	T-226	Clovis
Charles Wyman	T-142	Carlsbad	John Lamutt	T-226	Clovis
Jack Turner	T-150	Carlsbad	Robert Scott Amend	T-226	Clovis
Robert Felton	T-75	Carlsbad	Britt R. Mathwich	T-226	Clovis
Mark McCausland	T-75	Carlsbad	<u>1969</u>		
Wayne Brown	T-75	Carlsbad	William C. Tarter	T-7	Roswell
Randall Caffey	T-106	Hobbs	Stephen C.M. Long	T-59	Ruidoso
William Kennedy	T-98	Hobbs	Stephen W. Cable	X-88	Carlsbad
Alan Robinson	X-44	Hobbs	Robert J. Lee	X-88	Carlsbad
Danny Talbot	T-106	Hobbs	Bruce R. Snow	T-188	Carlsbad
Richard Thornton	X-120	Hobbs	William F. Snow	T-188	Carlsbad
Gerry Cannon	X-104	Lovington	James A. Williams III	T-90	Carlsbad
Billy Weems	T-18	Portales	William J. Wood, Jr.	T-86	Carlsbad
Leo Whitten	X-125	Portales	Robie R. Haines	T-226	Clovis
Mike Sparks	X-125	Portales	Brian C. Tourville	T-827	Cannon AFB
Randy Hestand	X-125	Portales	Mark S. Tourville	T-827	Cannon AFB
Mike Burns, Jr	X-125	Portales	Richard David Pyle	X-125	Portales
Gary Gisler	T-61	Clovis	<u>1970</u>		
<u>1967</u>					
Kevin L. Stiefel	X-6	Walker AFB	Kirk T. Smith	T-45	Hobbs
Larry G. Liston	T-54	Roswell	Mel J. Pye	T-106	Hobbs
Steve M. Glover	T-969	Roswell	Mark O. Pye	T-106	Hobbs
James H. Pinson	T-969	Roswell	John T. Richardson	T-44	Lovington
Franklin P. Dennison	T-7	Roswell	Robert Freniere	T-226	Clovis
Leopoldo A. Pacheco	T-162	Tinnie	Charles Freniere	T-226	Clovis
Charles Ross Freezer	T-142	Carlsbad	Gregory H. Gaskamp	T-333	Clovis
Thomas A. Granger	T-51	Carlsbad	David B. Muller, Jr.	T-832	Cannon AFB
Melvin B. Jones	T-150	Carlsbad	<u>1971</u>		
Robert Appledorn	T-56	Artesia	Mike Tarleton	T-72	Roswell
John M. Rachel	T-98	Hobbs	Robert A. Coleman	T-2	Roswell
David F. Rachel	T-98	Hobbs	Rand E. Rogers	T-116	Lovington
Greg W. Allen	T-98	Hobbs	Jon H. Franklin	T-119	Jalisco
Dale G. Bagley	T-98	Hobbs	Glen Grissom	T-226	Clovis
Terry M. Engbrecht	T-98	Hobbs	Heber Jack Head	X-128	Clovis
Steven F. Brown	T-98	Hobbs	James Cogdill	X-827	Cannon AFB
Mike J. Waldon	X-89	Lovington	<u>1972</u>		
Larry W. Sparger	X-89	Lovington	Garry Graham	T-21	Roswell
Jimmy D. Hayes	T-44	Lovington	David Young	X-65	Roswell
John Dudley Cotz	X-44	Lovington	Floyd R. McDaniel	T-7	Roswell
John Michael Slinker	X-125	Portales	John H. Meinke	T-8	Artesia
Mike K. Kerr	T-24	Melrose	Philip E. Clark	T-8	Artesia
<u>1968</u>					
Harvey J. Poorbaugh	T-969	Roswell	Robert B. Dugas	T-90	Carlsbad
William Poorbaugh	T-969	Roswell	David Sikes	T-45	Hobbs
			Alan Kim Boling	T-832	Cannon AFB
			Adam J. Flores	T-832	Cannon AFB

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<u>1972</u>					
Clark Stevens	T-226	Clovis	James B. Andrus	T-72	Roswell
Robert A. Urban	T-333	Clovis	Bill Bailey	T-72	Roswell
M. Dwayne Chambliss	T-217	Clovis	John J. Halvorson	T-2	Roswell
Alvin G. Whipple	T-128	Clovis	Clifford Harris	T-21	Roswell
William D. Walter	T-827	Clovis	Kevin Marbach	T-7	Roswell
Paul E. Hays	T-217	Clovis	John S. Tucker	T-2	Roswell
<u>1973</u>					
Ed Singletary	T-21	Roswell	Guy M. Wilemon	T-72	Roswell
Scott M. Dinehart	T-72	Roswell	James H. Williams	T-7	Roswell
Stephen D. Massey	T-72	Roswell	Roy Williams	T-7	Roswell
Steve Tarter	T-7	Roswell	Steve W. Lewis	T-77	Artesia
Mark B. Murphy	T-6	Roswell	Gerry W. Vest	T-77	Artesia
Steven R. Starkey	T-8	Artesia	Robert Thompson	T-45	Hobbs
Greg M. Hansen	T-8	Artesia	Philip W. Mullins	T-827	Clovis
Steve W. Messmer	T-8	Artesia	James A. Norris	T-128	Clovis
Clay T. Donnelly	T-8	Artesia	John W. Weston	T-832	Clovis
William R. Trainor	T-8	Artesia	James G. Wiseman III	T-827	Clovis
Owen L. Smith	T-90	Carlsbad	<u>1976</u>		
James W. Dow	T-90	Carlsbad	David Bohon	T-2	Roswell
Thomas J. Parrish	T-45	Hobbs	Bill Cain	T-2	Roswell
James E. Rowe	T-115	Eunice	Mike Cain	T-2	Roswell
Douglas M. DeWitt	T-226	Clovis	James P. Cheney	T-7	Roswell
Jeff M. Lowry	T-333	Clovis	David J. Ellis	T-59	Ruidoso
Dale R. Kummer	T-333	Clovis	Hal Evans	T-72	Roswell
Warren L. Henderson	T-827	Clovis	Paul Henderson	T-2	Roswell
Brent W. Rose	T-217	Clovis	Bill Kastler	T-72	Roswell
Richard J. McCarty	T-226	Clovis	Mitchell Lee	T-2	Roswell
Neil E. Capps	T-217	Clovis	Roy Rice	T-2	Roswell
Ray J. Duke	T-217	Clovis	James M. Tucker	T-2	Roswell
James D. Bowen	T-57	Portales	Bill E. Zulfer	T-2	Roswell
Gary L. Goin	T-57	Portales	Craig Cannon	T-188	Carlsbad
<u>1974</u>					
Richard C. Qualls	X-54	Roswell	Mark McCullough	T-86	Carlsbad
Gregory A. Scott	T-21	Roswell	Kenneth Pittman	T-8	Artesia
John H. Singletary	T-21	Roswell	Steven Bradley	T-198	Hobbs
Edward P. Snead III	T-2	Roswell	Jerry C. Bullock	T-198	Hobbs
Mark D. Watts	T-90	Carlsbad	Kevin Cannon	T-45	Hobbs
Larry K. Jensen	T-87	Carlsbad	Henry DeVilliers	T-15	Hobbs
Roger B. England	T-188	Carlsbad	Tommy Hays	T-106	Hobbs
Lance R. Smith	T-90	Carlsbad	James Shoemaker	T-98	Hobbs
Allen H. Rose	T-86	Carlsbad	Robert W. Welch, Jr	T-15	Hobbs
James F. Gail	T-8	Artesia	Mark Fink	T-832	Clovis
David W. Ratliff	T-198	Hobbs	Ricardo Garza	T-333	Clovis
Raegan K. Rayburn	T-198	Hobbs	Wayne Grove	T-18	Portales
Neil E. Capps	T-217	Clovis	Richard Miller	T-333	Clovis
Charles T. Jones	T-217	Clovis	William Dry	T-226	Clovis
Steven D. Woodring	T-827	Cannon AFB	John Philpott	T-226	Clovis
Richard J. Mathews	T-827	Cannon AFB	John Jack Rose	T-200	Farwell
Robert James Neal	T-333	Clovis	<u>1977</u>		
Mark A. Hellesheim	T-57	Portales	Steven M. Dinehart	T-72	Roswell
Christopher R. Zachry	T-777	Portales	Garland Kelley, Jr.	T-72	Roswell
			Raymond G. Nance	T-188	Carlsbad
			Scott R. Shaw	T-188	Carlsbad
			James W. Hart, Jr.	T-15	Hobbs
			Robin C. Lee	T-106	Hobbs

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1977

Lawrence A. Crowl	T-207	Clovis
Dwayne Obenshain	T-200	Farwell
Marc R. Perry	T-832	Clovis
James T. Philpott	T-226	Clovis

1978

Chris Hyatt	T-2	Roswell
Wm. M. Kummerle	T-2	Roswell
Bob Cargile	T-72	Roswell
Kurt Pennington	T-72	Roswell
James E. Gaba	T-8	Artesia
Kenneth R. Patterson	T-45	Hobbs
David G. Fluke	T-97	Hobbs
Clarence L. Smith III	T-198	Hobbs
Doug Stevens	T-128	Clovis
Raymond Woodworth	T-128	Clovis
Joseph C. Cruz	T-225	Clovis
Kevin Skillern	T-225	Clovis
Brent Wilson	T-225	Clovis
Dennis L. McClain	T-226	Clovis
John F. Lavin, Jr.	T-827	Clovis

1979

Eddie N. David	T-2	Roswell
James (Saki) Cain	T-2	Roswell
Harold Kammeraad	T-2	Roswell
Thomas E. (Ted) Nelson	T-2	Roswell
Robert (Mike) Sabin	T-2	Roswell
Robert C. Jones	T-10	Roswell
David M. Turner	T-10	Roswell
Marvin Ciskowski	T-8	Artesia
Philip Cook	T-150	Carlsbad
Jeffrey J. Humphrey	T-242	Carlsbad
Daniel McLemore	T-97	Hobbs
John Marchman	T-18	Portales
Joseph T. Nemrow	T-128	Clovis
John W. Phillips	T-128	Clovis
Mark Goudy	T-215	Clovis
Stuart Henderson	T-215	Clovis
Lawrence P. Glass	T-333	Clovis
Kevin R. Ford	T-827	Clovis
Charles D. Bouley	T-832	Clovis
Joseph E. York IV	T-832	Clovis

1980

James Rutley	T-2	Roswell
Robert Sitze, Jr.	T-2	Roswell
Scott Dean Sitze	T-2	Roswell
Victor A. Hirst	T-2	Roswell
Gerald W. Dempsey	T-2	Roswell
Bobby Goode	T-2	Roswell
Matthew Murphy	T-2	Roswell
Richard Todd Bible	T-19	Dexter
Clarence Joe Freeland	T-19	Dexter
Paul Carlson	T-30	Roswell
David I Forbes	T-30	Roswell

Tom W. Lawson	T-30	Roswell
Tom D. Miller	T-30	Roswell
Toby Weber	T-30	Roswell
Dean A. Calvani	T-150	Carlsbad
Patrick Hardesty	T-228	Artesia
Clay O. Reber	T-121	Hobbs
Darrell Durrett	T-18	Portales
Michael Mitchell	T-128	Clovis
Brian Reithel	T-225	Clovis
James Sercey	T-333	Clovis
Ernest Skillern	T-333	Clovis
Chris Steigely	T-333	Clovis
Carl McGarhlin	T-827	Clovis
Dale A. Hall	T-827	Clovis
James King	T-832	Clovis
Mike Connally	T-832	Clovis
David Blackman	T-832	Clovis
Andrew E. Rose	T-832	Clovis

1981

Kevin B. Kirkpatrick	T-30	Roswell
Brent Davis	T-59	Ruidoso
Kyle W. Flack	T-59	Ruidoso
Sean Skellett	T-59	Ruidoso
D. Wade Whitlock	T-59	Ruidoso
Vaughan S. Young	T-65	Roswell
James Kevin Ballard	T-72	Roswell
Ronnie R. Chambers	T-72	Roswell
Raul Estrada	T-145	Roswell
Mark T. Smith	T-250	Carlsbad
Craig M. Maldonado	T-45	Hobbs
Jeffrey Hunt	T-121	Hobbs
Richard K. Ory	T-215	Clovis
David R. Crowl	T-226	Clovis
Michael A. Lake	T-333	Clovis
Eric R. Bolstad	T-827	Cannon AFB
Patrick H. O'Ree	T-827	Cannon AFB
Kelsey Denton	T-2	Roswell
William Jeffrey LaRue	T-2	Roswell

1982

Lieandro Gutierrez	T-72	Roswell
Mitchell Wiley Rhodes	T-107	Ruidoso
Randall W. Mariatt	T-72	Roswell
Jeffrey D. Gray	T-65	Roswell
Matthew D. Wade	T-2	Roswell
Joseph E. Wicker	T-30	Roswell
Robert W. Kasuboski	T-130	Roswell
R. Kurt Schluter	T-59	Ruidoso
Mark D. Flack	T-59	Ruidoso
John S. Kern	T-250	Carlsbad
Jeff Foy	T-228	Artesia
Stevan L. Miller	T-121	Hobbs
Robert S. Anderson	T-121	Hobbs
Jon C. Gallini	T-300	Lovington
F. Lee Miller	T-106	Hobbs

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1982

Wesley P. Cochran	T-198	Hobbs
Ronald L. Hager, Jr.	T-128	Clovis
Greg J. Goodrich	T-18	Portales
Daniel N. Bolin	T-226	Portales
Stacey W. Newby	T-128	Clovis
Jon Erik Minnis	T-827	Clovis
Mark Gormley	T-18	Portales

1983

Gregory J. Gugliuzza	T-2	Roswell
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Mark S. Hoskins	T-2	Roswell
Paul E. Kelly	T-2	Roswell
James William Raab	T-30	Roswell
Mark McCarty	T-99	Roswell
Larry Don Fisher	T-86	Carlsbad
Larry T. Hines	T-86	Carlsbad
Steven L. DeMerritt	T-228	Artesia
Lebron P. Barton	T-251	Carlsbad
Christopher Williamson	T-287	Carlsbad
Jacques Moore, Jr.	T-319	Jal
Thomas J. Schonberger	T-333	Clovis

SILVER BEAVERS

1931	E. B. Bullock	Artesia	1951	Collin Gerrells	Carlsbad
	George Jewett	Roswell		A. C. Stinson	Clovis
1932	Ira Otis Brenneman	Roswell		Travis Stovall	Artesia
	Ivan C. Bridges	Clovis	1953	James Willis	Melrose
1934	C. G. Mason	Hagerman		Thurman Harris	Tucumcari
1935	E. Birch Harrison	Carlsbad		Jack Gomez	Hobbs
1937	L. B. Plummer	Roswell	1954	Norman Fee	Hobbs
	E. N. Wheeler	Portales		Robert W. Fall	Roswell
1938	D. N. Pope	Roswell		K. M. Davis	Carlsbad
	F. L. Austin	Roswell	1955	C. C. Cagle, Jr.	Clovis
1939	J. B. Morris	Carlsbad		Rudolph Sparks	Carlsbad
	S. W. Gilbert	Artesia		Harry Boggs	Hagerman
1940	Ed L. West	Artesia	1956	Earl Pennington	Hobbs
	Royal Prentice	Tucumcari		Ray Lofton	Melrose
1941	C. C. Cagle	Clovis		Vernon Mills	Clovis
	T. M. Cramer	Carlsbad	1957	S. P. Yates	Artesia
1942	Oscar Greene	Dexter		Jack Danglade	Lovington
	J. M. Murray, Sr.	Hobbs		A. J. Green	Carlsbad
1943	Jack Maddox	Hobbs	1958	C. C. Yearwood	Lovington
	Art Sisley	Roswell		Paul Wilmot	Roswell
1944	George Balderee	Roswell		E. A. Schoeld	Carlsbad
	Sam Stone	Clovis	1959	Chas. K. Johnson	Artesia
1945	Ray Robins	Lovington		Peter Hurd	Roswell
	J. D. Smith	Artesia		James Murray Jr	Hobbs
1946	Rev. C. A. Lorts	Clovis	1960	Ross L. Malone	Roswell
	Zane E. Smith	Carlsbad		P.C. Williamson	Carlsbad
1947	Ed Hall	Tucumcari		Homer Akers	Portales
	Malcolm G. Hunt	Portales	1961	D. A. Hinch	Roswell
1948	Floyd Golden	Portales		Howard Melton	Portales
	Ira Stockwell, Jr	Clovis		E. E. Tusha	Carlsbad
1949	Henry Samson	Roswell	1962	Ray Thompson	Artesia
	Melvin Schumpert	Portales		Harvey E. Yates	Artesia
1950	W. K. Aldridge	Hobbs		Joe F. Key	Roswell
	R. T. Spence	Carlsbad			
	Clark T. White	Tucumcari			

1963	Robert O. Anderson	Roswell	1974	Robert V. Spencer	Clovis
	Richard Cooper	Carlsbad		Jack Brannan	Artesia
	Ernest Thompson	Artesia		E. J. Bible	Dexter
1964	Michael D. Burns	Portales		Donald McCarty	Clovis
	Joseph D. Reed	Hobbs	1975	Glenda Meyers	Eunice
	Charles Wilson	Carlsbad		Walter Bortman	Carlsbad
1965	Edward DeJarnett	Hobbs		Clyde Holdridge	Roswell
	Thornton Hanson	Carlsbad		Ed. Zespy	Hobbs
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	William Stamper	Roswell		Richard K. Davidson	Roswell
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	Charlie Gregory	Carlsbad		James C. Wagner	Clovis
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1967	Harold DeShurley	Roswell		Robert Murray	Carlsbad
	J. C. Gormley	Hobbs		John W. Runyan	Hobbs
	Gail Shannon	Portales		William M. Tucker	Roswell
1968	Lloyd Calhoun	Hobbs	1978	Julia M. Runyan	Hobbs
	Malcolm Johnson	Roswell		Ron Singleton	Carlsbad
	Robert Lydick	Clovis		Lyle Norris	Clovis
1969	James Hayes	Carlsbad		Adelaide Tucker	Roswell
	Oliver Maxwell	Hobbs	1979	Robert D. Brown	Carlsbad
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1970	Ray Castleberry	Artesia		Paul LaRue	Roswell
	Paul Jordon	Hobbs		Sarah Goudy	Clovis
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1971	Jim Boothe	Portales		Tom Denton	Roswell
	Earl Allman	Roswell		Paul Glass	Clovis
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	Claude Gregory	Hobbs		Lyn Henderson	Clovis
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David Blackman	1981	Wilbur L. Holmes	1955
Robert E. Bleakley	1980	Chris Hyatt	1981
John Blomshield	1958	Bill Kuemmerle	1981
Walter J. Bortman	1972	Paul LaRue	1979
Steve Bradley	1978	Robert L. Lydick	1969
Howard C. Brawn	1955	Fred Maldonado	1969
David E. Burk	1963	Larry G. Manire	1963
Edward Burk	1965	Steve Massey	1975
Oscar Cantwell	1955	Richard McCarty	1973
Gene Cassels	1960	Jack Miller	1974
Larry Cochran	1980	Kenneth R. Patterson	1974
Robert A. Coleman, Jr.	1971	Robert Phillips	1981
Kelly Corbitt	1969	Kenneth Pittman	1978
Mike Daugherty	1962	Richard Pyle	1978
Richard K. Davidson	1969	Ralph Ragsdale	1965
Jimmy Dow	1974	Raymond E. Robertson	1969
Wallace Dow	1975	Allen Rose	1975
Robert B. Dugas	1972	Raymond Russell	1960
Shelby Dugas	1971	Jon Smith	1969
Robert Duane Durrett	1981	William C. Stamper	1969
Paul Elwell	1969	Steve Tarter	1972
Roger England	1975	William C. Tarter	1969
Garry Graham	1974	John S. Tucker	1979
Charlie Gregory	1960	Tom Williams	1962
Phill Gregory	1958	Wayne Wolfe	1963
Kent Gwynne	1958	Dennis Wooten	1962
Yorel Harris	1955	Peyton Yates	1980
Jim Hayes	1958		
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Epilogue

"The Saga of Potato Canyon" is a record of some of the events and traditions of the Conquistador Council, during a period of over fifty years. My sincere thanks go to all who helped in any way to make this book possible. Many furnished pictures, stories, newspaper clippings and other bits of information that have been included in the text.

It's impossible to name and thank everyone in this final message, but here are a few: Dudley Cramer, Ken Davis, Horace Hubert, Roy Kemper, Mrs. Ray Loomis, Dr. George Richardson, Joe Rose, Rudy Sparks, Clayton Stallings and Mrs. Ed West, from Carlsbad; Charles Bullock, Laura Shafer and Dr. Glenn Stone from Artesia. Among the Scouters who assisted from the El Llano Grande District were: Charles & Reese Cagle, Oscar Cantwell, Jim Cowman, Mildred Ingle, Don McAlvay, Ridgley Whiteman and Dr. Howard Melton.

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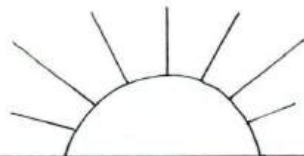
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Tom Hall of the Hall-Poorbaugh Press, Inc. has given valuable guidance throughout the planning and printing.

This book marks another milestone in the history of the Council. There will be other high points and Scouting will continue to be a vital force in the area.

This program will succeed as long as lives are moulded by the concept of the Scout Law, the Scout Oath and the Good Turn.



Minor Huffman

We-Hin-Ah-Pay — The Light of the Rising Sun



Minor Huffman is well known throughout the Scouting movement, having served a wide range of positions, both as a volunteer and career man. He became a Boy Scout in 1915. Growing in the movement he became in succession; Assistant Scoutmaster, Scoutmaster and Commissioner. In 1922 he became Scout Executive of Roswell, NM and in January 1925 became Scout Executive of the newly organized Eastern New Mexico Area Council. His next executive assignment was the El Paso Area Council and in 1936 he joined the regional staff as a regular deputy. During the eight years in this position he was privileged to work in every council in Region Nine.

In 1943 he went to Philmont Scout Ranch, as the first manager of the newly combined properties. In 1947 he became Scout Executive of the Sam Houston Area Council and remained in this position until his retirement in 1965.

Since his retirement he has been very active in the retiree division of the Roswell Chamber of Commerce. He has coordinated and led trips around the country. He has also been active in writing several historical books of the area. His newest book, "Saga of Potato Canyon" is a history of Scouting in The Conquistador Council.

Minor has served in Scouting for nearly 70 years and is perhaps better qualified than any other living man, to record the growth and development of the scouting program in this region.

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