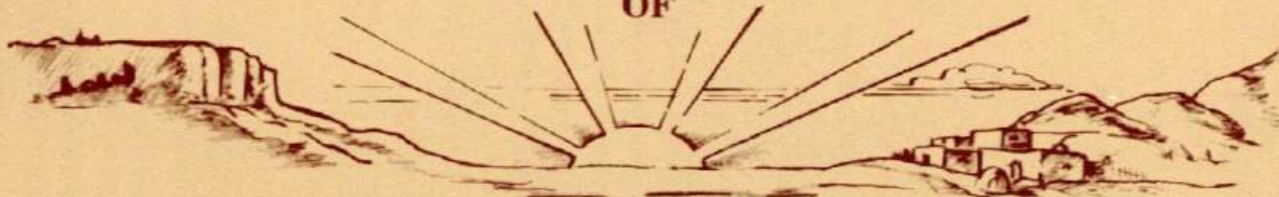


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Mary Ellen Thorson
and
Our Three Sons
Playford, Ted and Stephen

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P. V. Thorson

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INTRODUCTION

This book truly has been a labor of love on the part of P. V. Thorson who devoted the major part of his life to the Scouting program, first as a volunteer and then as a professional Scouter. He officially has been the Council Historian since 1969 and although he had in his own files much of the early history, the effort to locate from many sources the additional information needed to assemble this historic document has occupied most of his spare time since then.

He has done Scouting in this Council a great service by the writing of this history. It will serve to coalesce the various fragments of the record into a story that establishes the tradition of Scouting in the Council. It also will provide reference information that many Scouters will find useful from time to time.

It has been my pleasure to work with P. V. to translate his handwritten script and notes into printed form. I have tried not to modify his style except to supply some additional periods--P. V. being long on semicolons and in short supply on periods.

We both are certain that the first issue of the history will evoke memories from many of the readers and will produce additional information which may someday be incorporated into a revised edition. I invite the reader to forward any such information either to me or to P. V.

Glenn A. Fowler, Editor
Council President, 1968-70

FOREWORD

The Great Southwest Council covers significant portions of New Mexico and Arizona as well as a part of Colorado and Utah. This area is the scene of the longest span of human development in the Western Hemisphere. Traces of earliest man have been found in a mountain cave; on a high plateau the atomic bomb was made; and in the beautiful Rocky Mountains of Northern New Mexico the nationally famous Philmont Scout Ranch lies peacefully among the pines and streams in the Cimarron Valley. The rites of prehistoric Indians and of Europeans of the Middle Ages are still practiced here. The two frontiers - Spain and United States - met and fused in this area. Now that our country has been forced into world leadership, it is of even greater value that all of these cultures have successfully worked out a life together. The Boy Scouts of America offers a program here that provides America with future leadership.

This history truly reveals the archives for Scouting in this great Council. The cornerstone has been firmly placed by those who shared their Scouting and leadership skills, and the future will surely be directed by those who will add to this Council's growth.

J. Lyn Hendren
Council President, 1980-81

PREFACE

In 1910 Halley's Comet flashed across the horizon, Carrie Jacobs Bond's song, "I Love You Truly," was popular and William Howard Taft was President of the United States. The nation was peaceful and forging ahead in the industrial world. The country was changing from a rural to an urban society.

In this same year of 1910, the Boy Scout Movement came to our shores from England and spread rapidly across America and into New Mexico. The story of how the Movement came to America is well known and it would seem an exercise in redundancy to repeat it here. More to the point is how and when it came to New Mexico and who were some of the pioneers of Scouting in New Mexico--in Albuquerque, Santa Fe, Raton, etc. The Boy Scout Movement was almost universally accepted--so much so, that it was approved by the President of the United States and Congress as attested by being granted a Federal Charter on June 15, 1916. Voting for the Charter was New Mexico's representative in Congress, B. C. Hernandez, Sr.

In 1910 New Mexico was mostly rural and farming was the chief occupation. The population of Albuquerque was 11,020. The "Palace of the Governors," in Santa Fe, typified the adobe structure of many, if not most, of the homes and buildings in the territory. In this historic and charming old building, the powerful and absorbing story of "Ben Hur" was written by Governor Lew Wallace.

The prehistory of the Council, 1910-1925, endeavors to tell about the beginning and growth of Scouting by citing early troops and their personnel. Most of the information and data in this history is documented. Some is via personal

knowledge and participation--especially that in Chapter II, 1925-1930.

During the many years of this Council's existence many hundreds of adults and many thousands of Cubs, Scouts and Explorers have enjoyed and benefited through the Boy Scout Movement. We would like to recognize all by name. Obviously, this is impractical, if not impossible.

The Council has been guided throughout these many years by men of good will and dedication to the welfare of youth and the nation.

It is hoped those reading this history will find enlightening information and a measure of inspiration to carry Scouting to ever greater numbers and accomplishments.

P. V. Thorson
Albuquerque
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CHAPTER I

1910-1924

This was an era of pioneering. Numerous troops were established in New Mexico during these years. It is quite possible there was a troop in the territory before 1910, as there was in Salina, Kansas and Sedalia, Missouri.

Albuquerque had a population of 11,020 in 1910, and Roy Stamm was Scoutmaster of a troop in Albuquerque that same year. Some of the boys in his troop were: Tom Calkins, John Donald Wilson, Floyd Lee and Lyman Thackery. Bob Stamm, the son of Roy Stamm, is presently a member of the Executive Board of the Great Southwest Council.

Roy Stamm was an outdoor man in all seasons and was interested in the welfare of boys. These two qualifications led him to become one of the first Scoutmasters in this area as well as the United States. In addition to being a pioneer Scoutmaster, he was a pioneer balloonist and aviator and is credited with taking the first aerial photographs of Albuquerque and vicinity.

In 1911 there was a troop in Las Vegas, New Mexico. This was revealed by the late Martin C. Sundt of Albuquerque in contact with the author in 1970. In early 1980 this was confirmed by his son, William M. Sundt of Albuquerque, who furnished us with a letter from his father, written in 1966 (with inserts he added for clarity). We quote the letter in its entirety:

"Annie Maud tells me that you would like to know about the 1911 Boy Scout hike from Las Vegas to Puye Cliff Dwellings North West from Santa Fe. Mr. Fitzsimmons organized a

scout troop. He was our leader. June 1911 was the date we assembled at the YMCA bldg. Our party consisted of Pedro Cochiti a chief from Santa Clara Indian pueblo (who was) to walk all the way with us and our Leader, Ted Hayward, Lieutenant N.M.N.G. and a veteran of the Boer Wars, about a dozen boys (all of) whose names I do not remember but there was John Reed (now deceased), Vernon Schollot, Thoralf M. Sundt, Martin C. Sundt, Mr. Tafoia, driver of one wagon and another Teamster (driver) of the second wagon. The wagons hauled our bed rolls and groceries. The United States Flag was at the head of our party. I think that our first night we camped at Tecolote, the second night we slept in a vacant store at Roe. The 3rd night we camped near the Canoncito, and the fourth night on a vacant lot in rear of the Santa Fe Fire Department and across from the old De Vargas Hotel. The next morning we visited the museum and then set out for Santa Clara Indian Pueblo and owners of Puye Cliff Dwelling Ruins. This Indian pueblo was the home of the Indian Chief who had come to Vegas to walk with us from Vegas to Puye. I think we walked from Santa Fe to Santa Clara in one day. We camped in the area of the Santa Clara Indian Pueblo. The evenings that skys cleared of rain clouds we did not pitch our tent and as our bed rolls were not too warm we (Thoralf and I) put our beds on top of the tent making a double sized bed. (This night near Santa Clara) one of the boys was guard and Mr. Ted Hayward played a joke on the guard. At a distance of 100 yds (he) pretended to be an indian sneaking towards the guard boy. He, the guard, watched the approaching dark object and (when) satisfied he wanted no part of mister something, turned and raced back to camp and jumped over TM (TM was

Thoralf's initials and nickname) and I in his haste to report to our Scout leader. We had a laugh over it when we learned about it.

"The next day we hiked to Puye and returned. We camped two nights at Santa Clara. In the journeying we walked up hill and (in) places where it was hard pulling for the horses. On down grades we rode down hill. The sand got into our shoes and caused sore feet but we all made it without sickness. We sure needed more sock changes than we had.

"I do not remember the stops for days' ends returning to Vegas. It was uneventful and we had become seasoned travelers by that time. We had made the round trip in two weeks. I was 16 years of age, TM was 15 yrs."

Mr. William M. Sundt made this comment: "Both I and my boys have been or are Boy Scouts and even though none of us made Eagle, I am proud of our 3 generation history in Scouting."

Another early troop was organized in Albuquerque in 1911. The Scoutmaster was Col. J. A. Borradaile, assisted by M. J. McGuinness; this troop was brought to light in a conversation with Gilberto Espinosa, attorney and historian and the late Claude Mann, attorney. They recalled some others in the troop were J. B. Herndon, James and Harold Woodworth, Grant Mann, Floyd Lee, Lyman and Robert Putney. The troop met in the J. B. Putney warehouse at First and Central Avenue. The city gave a dance at the armory for the Troop's benefit. On one occasion, they assembled at First and Central to hear Col. Theodore Roosevelt speak; the former President had his arm in a sling. On another occasion they assembled at the Alvarado

Hotel to hear President Howard Taft speak.

Quoting from a 1937 news item in Albuquerque paper, in a conversation between Robert W. Perin, Field Executive and Major J. H. Toulouse, who said: "The first troops in Albuquerque were started in 1912. These troops of which I had charge were organized at a meeting in St. Mary's School that year. The troops were made up of pupils there; I believe they were the first troops here. Three other troops were organized about the same time under the direction of Rev. Carl Armerding; he and I were the first commissioned Scoutmasters here. Father Mandalari, whose memory is still revered by citizens of different creeds, for his public service in Albuquerque and the state, was responsible for establishing the troops at St. Mary's. The late Jacob Korber furnished drums, bugles and Scout Colors for our boys; they were nearly all uniformed and had a drum and bugle corps." Major Toulouse made many trips to Washington, D. C. to lobby for the building of a War Mothers Memorial Hospital in Albuquerque. According to his son, Attorney James R. Toulouse of Albuquerque. His father's efforts were credited with the establishing of the Veterans' Hospital in Albuquerque the land for which was donated by the War Mothers Hospital Association. Major Toulouse was President of the Association and C. T. French was Treasurer.

Another troop was located at Raton in 1914, according to the late Judge C. R. McIntosh. In correspondence with the author he recalled that he was a member of the troop and that it was the first one there. He said, "The troop went on a two week camping venture, leaving Raton on the St. Louis and Rocky Mountain train which had been placed in operation after construction completion between Raton and Ute Park. We left the train at Ute Park and camped there for some ten days, then hiked over the Divide to Urraca Creek drainage area and on

down to what was then the George Webster residence near Cimarron. The Webster's had a reception and lawn luncheon for all the boys and they camped on the premises that night. Later, it is my understanding, the same George Webster home became the site of Phillip's Philmont Ranch Headquarters; and, if all this is true, this first group of Boy Scouts is the first troop to ever have camped on the Philmont Ranch."

A troop was organized in Santa Fe by A. J. Connell in 1916. Quoted herewith is a news item appearing in the Santa Fe New Mexican, dated February 21, 1917: "A. J. Connell, Forest Ranger in charge of the important Panchuelo District on the Santa Fe Forest, and almost as well known by reason of his remarkable success as Scoutmaster of the Santa Fe Troop of Boy Scouts, has accepted the position of Director for Ashley Pond of Pond's Los Alamos Ranch School for boys at the Pond ranch west of Buckman in the Jemez country. Mr. Connell was chosen because of his ability, skill and tact in the handling of young boys."

Yet another early troop was Troop 22 of Los Alamos. According to a news article dated February 8, 1937, in the Santa Fe New Mexican, this troop was first registered in September 1918 with A. J. Connell as Scoutmaster. The troop was distinguished by its continuity and tenure as well as its program. The boys of the Los Alamos Ranch School operated as a Boy Scout troop and since each boy was assigned a horse and taught to ride, it was the first (and perhaps the only) mounted Boy Scout troop in America. Mr. Connell served as Scoutmaster of the troop for more than twenty-five years. In 1927 the troop had thirty-two Scouts and a staff of four assistants, namely, L. S. Hitchcock, F. S. Church, T. R. Waring, Jr. and H. B. Bosworth.

There was a troop in East Las Vegas in 1919

according to an item in the Albuquerque Journal's "50 Years Ago" dated July 4, 1969: "The Boy Scouts will occupy their new camp near the Ellis Ranch on the eastern slope of Sandia Mountain, it was announced by E. G. Spruce, Scoutmaster of Troop 4, who will have charge of the camp."

In 1919 a troop was organized in Santa Fe by P. V. Thorson. "Organizing" at that time meant the securing of at least three committee members, prominent citizens who would vouch for the Scoutmaster, and sponsor the troop. This procedure was followed since there was no Regional or Council organization in the state. The application for charter had to be sent directly to the National Office at 200 Fifth Ave., New York, NY. Thorson took matters in hand and secured the three men needed to serve as the Troop Committee: They were, Dr. James A. Rolls, Judge Reed Holloman and Levi Hughes, President of the First National Bank. The next year (1920), the First Methodist Church sponsored the troop and the troop committee was comprised of C. L. Bowlds, T. J. Holderman, Judge Roberts and Earl Hardy. Rev. Sam Marble was pastor of the church. Thorson served as Scoutmaster of Troop 23 for two years. Insofar as known, this is the oldest, continuously registered troop in the Council at this time. Some of the boys in the Troop were Addie Von Nivenheim, John Nusbaum, Wes Conner, Wendell Hall, Gene Baca, Walter Lindhart, Willard Smith, Levi Hughes, Jr. and Frank Harsh. In June 1920 the troop camped two weeks in Santa Fe Canyon north of Santa Fe. A news article in the Santa Fe New Mexican, dated April 4, 1920, invited any boy in the state to attend the camp, free, by "procuring only ten new subscriptions or twenty - six month subscriptions to the New Mexican." This was the only troop in Santa Fe at that time.

Albuquerque's population in 1920 was 15,157 when an effort was made to organize a first class council and Tom Nelson was selected as the Scout

Executive. The Council lasted a very short time and reverted to a second class council and remained so until 1925.

E. P. Ancona was Scoutmaster of a troop in Albuquerque in 1920. It was sponsored by the First Presbyterian Church. Mr. Ancona had been a Scoutmaster in Madison, Wisconsin, in 1918. After his service with the Presbyterian troop he became Scoutmaster of the Elks Club troop and still later he served in that capacity for a "Heights" troop. After this he served the Council as President in 1940 and 1941 and then as Council Commissioner for several years.

Early in 1922 there was only one troop in Albuquerque; it was sponsored by St. Paul's Lutheran Church. George H. Olson was Scoutmaster, assisted by Bill Collins and Norwyn Wilson.

In 1920 Glen O. Ream (author of "Out of New Mexico's Past", 1980) arrived in Albuquerque from Columbus, Ohio. In a conversation with him it was learned he was a Physical Education Instructor at the Y.M.C.A. The secretary of the "Y" was E. V. Berry. It probably was Mr. Ream's well-known interest in the welfare of boys and his ability to get along with them that he became a part-time, no-pay Scout Executive. It was he, in 1922, who came to an evening service of the First Baptist Church along with some fifteen or twenty boys; they sat on a front pew; the Pastor, Reverend T. F. Harvey, introduced Mr. Ream who then made an eloquent plea for a man to serve as Scoutmaster; after a few moments, P. V. Thorson stood up and volunteered, saying he would serve temporarily--which turned out to be two and one-half years. Among the boys in this troop, Number 8, were the following: Harold Dye, W. W. Atkinson, Russell Goff, Robert Bruce, Ralph Walker, Harold Goff, Paul Tackett, Seaman Dye, Martin Murdock, Carl Dailey, Glenn Dailey, Joe Gill, Donald Gill, Ronald Gray, Marvin Goff, Claude

Tarter, Bob Tarter, Alfred Holt, Kenneth Bullington, Marvin Dorlac, Vernon Vaughn and Dwight Hatch.

Troop 8 held a week's camp the summer of 1923 at the Rotary Cabin in the Sandia Mountains. Those in charge were assistants H. I. Morse, Howard Kimberly and Claude Tarter. There was a small deficit in the camp budget so it was decided to put on a minstrel show at the High School auditorium. The plot for the show was written by Harold Dye who later became a successful Baptist Minister and author. Most of the Scouts named above took part in the show which was put on two nights, showing to packed houses. More than enough money was made to pay all bills and everyone seemed to enjoy the show--especially the boys who put it on.

In 1924, Deputy Regional Executive E. E. Voss suggested the two active troops (Lutheran and Baptist) in Albuquerque send their Scouts to their respective churches to form the nucleus for more troops. The suggestion was accepted by both Scouts and officials, although with some reluctance because close ties had developed among the members; however, wanting the benefits of Scouting to become available to as many boys as possible, the plan was put into effect and resulted in a number of new troops. This move marked the beginning of the growth pattern, not only in Albuquerque, but in the later to be widely spread Council.

During Mr. Ream's service as Scout Executive, a successful effort was made to organize a Second Class Council with a half-time paid Scout Executive; the first employed was P. Lee Justice, followed by G. W. Crawford and Russell Coryell. Tenure of these three was very short and the Council was soon again seeking a Scout Executive.

It should be noted here that in the early years of Scouting, Rotary Clubs and Y.M.C.A. played

a very important part by promoting and sponsoring the formation of troops--and this was true in Albuquerque. An article from the Albuquerque Journal, dated August 29, 1924, says, "The Albuquerque Rotary Club voted yesterday to make the sponsoring of the Boy Scout Movement in Albuquerque the major activity for the coming year and for future years."

We find early Council Presidents were as follows: 1920: Max Nordhaus of Albuquerque, President of the Charles Ilfeld Company; 1921: Dr. David Ross Boyd, President of the University of New Mexico; 1922-23-24: Judge M. E. Hickey of Albuquerque.

It can be seen from all the foregoing that much effort and perseverance was required to organize and reorganize in laying the foundation for the Council during this pre-Council era of 1910-1924.

CHAPTER II

1925-1930

1925

In April 1925, Mr. Joseph Gill, a prominent attorney, representing the Albuquerque Second Class Council, Boy Scouts of America, invited P. V. Thorson to become the Scout Executive of the Council on a half-time basis. Thorson accepted and continued working half-time as a clerk for G. A. Kaseman's Hahn Coal Company, located on East Central Avenue across the street from the Springer Transfer Company. Springer was hauling coal for Hahn's with horses and wagons. The late Oscar Love was a fellow employee.

The next three months were devoted to getting established, planning and raising the required \$5,000 budget stipulated by the National Council, along with another stipulation, that a community must have a population of 20,000 or more before a First Class Charter could be granted. Albuquerque had the population and the \$5,000 was raised with the leadership of Dr. J. J. DePraslin. Dr. DePraslin was in charge of the Lutch Stark (of Orange, Texas) properties in New Mexico, including coal mines at Hagan, New Mexico. DePraslin, a native of France, was a colorful character, claiming to hold the fourth aviator's license in the U. S. A. and that he was a Professor of Psychology at the University of Pennsylvania and a brother-in-law of the president of Venezuela. Be that as it may, he was persuasive and the \$5,000 budget was raised and a First Class Charter was granted to the Albuquerque Council, Boy Scouts of America, in May 1925. The charter was received in June and has been retained to the present time.

The officers and Executive Board members this first year were: Judge M. E. Hickey, President;

Max Nordhaus, Treasurer; and A. E. Johnson, Commissioner. Members were Francis E. Wood, Joseph Gill, L. A. McRae, J. J. DePraslin, Mr. Bond, P. S. Donnell, Dr. W. K. Wooten, Mike Nash, C. A. Long, B. H. Calkins, M. J. McGuinness, Dr. R. F. Pettit, W. J. White, Allen Bruce, Clinton P. Anderson, and John Becker of Belen. Belen had been accepted into the Council earlier.

The Council office was one room in the old Stern Building on the southwest corner of Fourth and Central. Among other tenants in the building were George S. Klock, M. J. McGuinness and T. J. Mabry, who later became Governor of New Mexico.

The first office secretary was the late D. A. Macpherson, Jr. He was followed by Norwyn Wilson; then came Lawrence Hines and then Evelyn Denby who served nearly five years. The first Field Executive employed was Joy B. Bailey in 1926; after him came R. L. Caskey, B. T. B. Hyde, Clarence Day and Clyde Baker. Baker had previously served as Scout Executive of the Gila Bend Council with headquarters at Silver City; that Council merged with the Yucca Council in 1929-30, with its headquarters in El Paso.

At the Council start in 1925 the membership was ninety-seven Scouts in four troops; then, as now, it was evident that membership growth was highly desirable and important--as pointed out by President Herbert Hoover when he said to the Boy Scouts (paraphrased); "I give you a powerful statistic--you have a million members--and there are ten million waiting." Both National and local Councils were well aware of the need to reach as many boys as possible and have pursued this goal with constant vigor; it must be said, however, that quality program shared an equal emphasis--quantity AND quality was the goal.

The first Council Camp was conducted August 15

to 29, 1925, on Windsor Creek near Cowles, New Mexico. There were no buildings of any kind--no "modern" facilities. The camp was named Camp Hickey, in honor of the Council President. There were 115 Scouts in camp, and, coincidentally, that was the number of miles the camp was from Albuquerque. Communities represented, besides Albuquerque, were Santa Fe, Belen and Bernalillo. The camp staff was as follows: P. S. Donnell, Hikemaster; H. I. Morse, Quartermaster; Dr. Carl Mulky, Camp Physician; John Becker, Jr., Inspector; B. H. Calkins, Court of Honor; Reverend G. N. Wurgler, Games; Claude Tarter, Songmaster. Instructors were: E. P. Ancona, Glen O. Ream, A. H. Nicolai, Norwyn Wilson, J. Dague, Donald Crosno, A. E. Johnson, Harold Epstein and Henry Davis. The cook was J. Ward from Harwood Boys School.

The year 1925 was a year of "finding the way"--of pioneering. No one was experienced to say "this is the only way to do it." We learned by trying and doing. Still, progress was made and Scout membership had grown to 277 in 16 troops.

1926

Judge M. E. Hickey was reelected as Council President for 1926. Most of the previous year's Executive Board members continued to serve. The Council expanded to take in all of Bernalillo County and the name was changed from the Albuquerque Council to Rio Grande Council. It will be noted that some missionary work was done--Santa Fe and other places were interested and later were brought into the Council; the annual report shows that some of these "other" places given help in organizing troops were Raton, Las Vegas, Gallup, Roy, Maxwell, Bluewater, Aztec and Torreon. Later, some of these places were served by the Kit Carson Council, organized in 1927 with headquarters at Raton.

Camp Seligman 1929



Roy Stamm



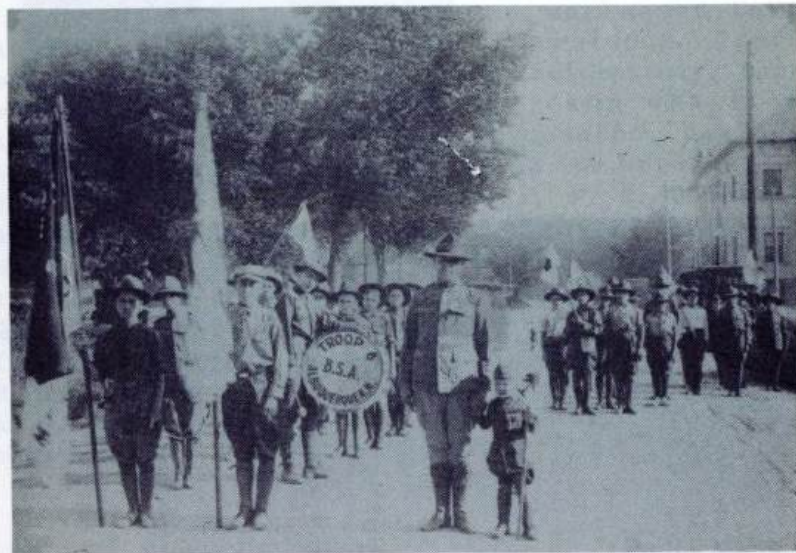
First Council Camp 1925



Camp Seligman Staff 1930



B.T.B. Hyde



Troop 6 Albuquerque



Albuquerque Parade 1927

The second Council camp was conducted near Battleship Rock in the Jemez Mountains with one hundred forty Scouts in attendance--it was named Camp Porter. This was the first time the Council used the new Troop Camping Plan that was to have each troop camped away from and out of sight of, if possible, any other troop. The purpose of this plan was to strengthen troop ties and morale. This idea came from the National Camping Department of the National Council. Some Scouters greeted this plan with skepticism and said it would not work. However, it was tried and it worked very successfully. Previous to this, camps were conducted in a military style, i.e., rows of tents--all near each other. The Forest Service furnished tents and tools and the city of Albuquerque furnished trucks to haul Scouts, food and tentage to the camp. Regarding this camp, a news article was written by E. P. Ancona, one of Albuquerque's early Scoutmasters. He emphasized the good health under the watchful eye of the Camp Physician, Dr. Carl Mulky. He also told about good weather and the good cooking.

The annual report states that "efforts have been made to secure a permanent campsite for the Council. The 1926 site, Battleship Rock, is under consideration. A choice of two sites, located in the Jemez country, one near Bland, and the other west of it; these two sites, each of forty acres have been offered by Siegfried and Julius Seligman of Bernalillo. A fourth site has been suggested by Mr. Frank Andrews, Supervisor of the Santa Fe National Forest; this site is located in Polica Canyon about ten miles northwest of Jemez Pueblo."

Another good gain was made in membership, the year closing with 414 Scouts and the Council ranking third in the region in competition with forty-nine other councils.

1927

Francis E. Wood, a prominent attorney of Albuquerque, served as Council President in 1927.

The third council camp was held at the Rotary cabin site in Cienega Canyon in the Sandia Mountains. The camp was named Camp Nordhaus, in honor of the Council Treasurer. An interesting thing about this camp was that each Scout attending was requested to bring "one piece of discarded clothing for either child or adult, to be used for charitable purposes."

Probably the event this year with the greatest impact on Scouting was the training course conducted by the University of New Mexico and the Rio Grande Council from April 5 to May 31, 1927. This was brought about through the efforts of P. S. Donnell, Dean of the College of Engineering, and the University President, Dr. J. F. Zimmerman. The University offered one-half hour credit to those successfully completing the course and otherwise qualified. An outstanding faculty was recruited as follows: J. F. Zimmerman, President of the University; L. B. Mitchell, Ph. D., Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences; R. S. Rockwood, Professor of Physics; John Milne, Superintendent of the Albuquerque Public Schools; Glen O. Ream, Principal of Albuquerque High School; Joseph Gill, Attorney; Dr. J. J. DePraslin; O. L. Phillips, Federal Judge; E. E. Royer, M. D.; Judge M. E. Hickey; P. V. Thorson, Scout Executive; W. H. Long, Ph. D., Pathologist, U. S. Department of Plant Industry; M. J. Helmick, District Judge; Carl C. Magee, Editor of the Albuquerque Tribune (and inventor of the Parking Meter); Reverend George Weber, Pastor, Congregational Church; A. J. Connell, Director, Los Alamos Ranch School; W. K. Wingfield, Secretary, Y.M.C.A.; and Minor Huffman, Scout Executive of the Eastern New Mexico Area Council, Roswell. The cost of the course was \$2.50

for each man. Most inside sessions were held in Rodey Hall. A feature of one session was Isleta Indian dances, headed by Pablo Abeita. James E. West, the Chief Scout Executive of the National Council, visited the course and expressed his satisfaction with it. While here, he addressed a high school assembly and visited the Scout Office--now boasting two rooms with donated furniture.

The Council was fortunate in getting Mr. Eduardo Otero of Los Lunas to give leadership in making Scouting available to more boys of Mexican and Spanish descent. To further this effort, Mr. Otero wrote a letter in Spanish, commending Scouting; it was directed mainly to parents and teachers. Several hundred copies were printed and used to best advantage--opening doors and assuring a cordial reception. One such experience was the visit made to the village of Seboyeta, high on the slopes of Mt. Taylor. Reverend Shirk and I were invited to speak at the school which was nearly 100 percent Hispanic boys and girls, bright eyed, eager and alert. I was told to talk at least thirty minutes because if you talked a shorter time, the listeners wouldn't think you said anything. I was given an interpreter and I talked a good thirty minutes, with rapt attention given by both boys and girls. While we were in the school, there was a heavy snowfall, and the dirt road, winding down the mountain, was completely obliterated. We were invited to spend the night with a family there and had a delightful time, talking, eating and listening to one of the boys playing the guitar. The hour grew late and we kept waiting for our host to signal retirement. There were several couches in the room, and we thought we were to sleep there; we were expecting the family to retire to their bedrooms. To our chagrin, we had been keeping them up--as we were directed to the bedroom and they were to sleep in the room we thought was intended for us. Our visit was marked by the friendly hospitality of this Hispanic family. We cherish

the memory.

It is well known that Scouting is for all boys, regardless of race, color or creed. We found ready response from boys of the four main cultures of New Mexico: Indian, Hispanic, Anglo and Black. Almost from the beginning, we had troops from all these groups--an Indian troop from Ft. Defiance, a troop of Black Scouts from the Mt. Olive Baptist Church in Albuquerque, and many Hispanic and Anglo troops; this policy continues to this day.

B. T. B. Hyde came to Santa Fe from New York to recuperate from a snake bite he suffered in the American Museum of Natural History (see Anecdotes). Mr. Hyde was a benefactor of the American Museum of Natural History, a member of the Explorers' Club of New York and a member of the Association for the Advancement of Science. He was a naturalist and a Special National Field Commissioner for the Boy Scouts of America. Soon after his recovery, he became a Field Executive for this Council, retaining his residence in Santa Fe. He assisted in organizing troops at Santa Fe, Espanola, West Las Vegas and an Indian troop at Ft. Wingate reservation.

In 1927 the jurisdiction of the Council was increased to include the counties of Santa Fe, Valencia, Torrance, Sandoval, Catron, Socorro, McKinley, San Juan and Rio Arriba.

Again, Scouting had progressed and closed the year 1927 with 507 Scouts in 30 troops.

1928

Phillip S. Donnell was elected and served as Council President for the years 1928-1929. The Executive Board was enlarged and had the following members: Dominic Rollie, Horace Moses, Dr. T. Chapin, from Gallup; Ferdinand Koch, Jose Sena, C.

R. McIntosh of Santa Fe; W. E. West, P. D. Miller of Socorro; H. H. Hanna, San Marcial; I. D. McTavish and P. H. Argall of Magdalena; J. G. Dawson and G. T. McWhirter of Mountainair; S. K. Coon, Judge B. Deason, R. E. A. Drollett of Aztec, L. O. Hickerson of Farmington, T. D. Burns of Tierra Amarilla, Nick Krennewitter of Encino, Earl Hanlon of Willard, H. P. Brunnell and Neil Jensen of Estancia, W. C. Davidson of Moriarity, Reverend Shirk of Grants, Ed Sargeant of Chama, Ed Otero of Los Lunas, John Becker Jr. and Paul Fiel of Belen, Siegfried Seligman of Bernalillo, from Albuquerque came P. S. Donnell, Max Nordhaus, Joseph Gill, M. E. Hickey, F. E. Wood, O. L. Phillips, J. J. DePraslin, Erritt Van Cleave, M. J. McGuinness, C.A. Long, A. E. Johnson and B. H. Calkins.

A training course was conducted at St. Michael's College in Santa Fe, and it gave Scouting a big boost, just as the one at the University of New Mexico had. It came about this way: In 1923, the Knights of Columbus adopted Scouting as their official program for boys twelve to fifteen years of age, and engaged as the Director of their Boys' Work, Brother Barnabas, who had been active in getting the approval of the Catholic hierarchy for the Boy Scouts of America. Brother Barnabas gave leadership to the Training Course, August 10-19, 1928. The course was offered by St. Michael's College in cooperation with the Santa Fe Council 1707, Knights of Columbus, the Boy Scouts of America, and the Supreme Council, Knights of Columbus of Columbus Boy Life Bureau. Officers and faculty of the course were: Most Reverend Albert T. Daeger, D.D. Archbishop of Santa Fe, Patron; Reverend Brother August, F.S.C., President, St. Michael's College, Jose D. Sena, State Deputy of New Mexico, Knights of Columbus, Chairman; Brother Barnabas, F.S.C., Executive Secretary, Knights of Columbus, Boys Life Bureau; J. D. Kilkenny, Grand Knight, Santa Fe Council 1707, Scoutmaster of Troop 28; Reverend Brother B. Edward, F.S.C., St. Mary's

College, Palo Alto, California; Joseph D. Becker, M.A., Knights of Columbus, Boys Life Bureau, Director; and P. V. Thorson, Scout Executive, Assistant Director.

Brother Barnabas of New Haven, Connecticut, came West again in 1929 and much to our distress, took ill and died in Albuquerque that year. The Council provided an Eagle Scout Guard of Honor at his funeral.

Another prominent Scouter, Daniel Carter Beard, National Commissioner and Chairman of the National Court of Honor, visited our Council in April 1928. He presented two Eagle awards and a Harmon Foundation Award at a Court of Honor on April 16--the Harmon Award went to Joe Mozley. B. H. Calkins, City Manager and Chairman of the Council Court of Honor, presided.

A large telescope was presented to the University of New Mexico by the Council's Scouts through the good offices of B. T. B. Hyde (this could be the University's first telescope) and the American Museum of Natural History; Scout Joe Mozley made the presentation and Dr. J. F. Zimmerman accepted on behalf of the University. Daniel Carter Beard was among those present, and motion pictures were taken of the event through the courtesy of the late Victor Bachechi.

Lone Scouts were much in evidence after being merged with the Boy Scouts of America in 1923. The Council actively promoted Lone Scouting, and it was especially encouraged for boys in rural areas and other isolated instances. During 1928, twenty-nine boys enrolled as Lone Scouts, representing the following places: Embudo, Glorieta, Willard, Estancia, Socorro, Espanola, Grants, Mountainair, Hagan and Albuquerque. Lone Scouting in the Council was given leadership by Earl Watkins of the U.S. Forest Service.

1929

The market crash of 1929 put the nation in turmoil and heralded the depression of the early 1930's. It portended trouble for most and tragedy for many. Scouting had its share of trouble; however, it continued to try--and survived.

The original Kit Carson Council, organized in 1927, with headquarters at Raton, had Ray Haner as President and Earl Irish as Scout Executive. It merged with the Rio Grande Council early in 1929 and brought with it the Counties of Colfax, San Miguel, Mora, Taos, Harding and Union; these additions brought this Council's area to sixteen counties--one of the largest in area in the United States.

The acquisition of Camp Elsa Seligman was of great significance to the Council, to Scouts and Scouters alike, because not only did they now have a camp of their own, it also brought a sense of stability--of owning together and pride in ownership. It came about as a result of Mr. Siegfried Seligman's interest being aroused in Scouting through the attendance of his son, Milton, at Camp Porter in 1926. It was located in Polica canyon, ten miles north of Jemez Pueblo. It was secured by trading to the U.S. Forest Service one of the forty-acre tracts near Bland, New Mexico, previously offered by Siegfried and Julius Seligman. On it's 13 acres it had 13,000 board feet of timber per acre. The site provided nearly every desirable requisite for good camping--plenty of water, furnished by mountain springs; adequate drainage; accessibility by good roads, yet sufficiently isolated; opportunity for nature study and historic ruins within a short distance. A cabin, thirty by sixty feet, built of pine slabs, was erected by volunteer labor, and was used as the dining hall and kitchen. This site, as before

mentioned, was the one suggested by Frank Andrews, Supervisor of the Santa Fe National Forest; it was a beautiful area and served the Council very well for some ten years. The late Fred Calkins, a teacher and Scoutmaster, while in camp composed the following song in tribute to the camp:

"On the Banks of the Rio Polica"
(Tune - The Prisoner's Song)

On the banks of the Rio Polica
In the forests so long, long ago
Chant the braves and the Chiefs in the
Council
That the fire god his blessing bestow.

From the hunt in the hills, in the valley
We come with our trophies tonight,
And we crave with the darkness around us
The blessing of fire and of light.

Oh, the wolf from the circle around us
Crowds closer on our heels in the night
And the spirits of evil surround us
So we pray for the fire and the lights.

(Chorus for Verses 1, 2, 3)

Oh, meet us tonight at the Council
Where the winds through the pines sadly
blows,
And the brook from the stones lifts its
murmur
So mourn and solemn and low.

From the raid of the fierce tribe protect us
From the raid of the wild Comanche,
But send us we pray thee, Great Spirit
The fire with its safety of day.

(Chorus for Verse 4)

Thou hast met us tonight in the Council
The winds through the pines sadly blows,
The brook sings its song from below us
The fire sheds its happy, soft glow.

For the first time, an Executive Committee of the Executive Board was formed to act for the Board between its quarterly meetings. Members of this committee were Joseph Gill, A. E. Johnson and Siegfried Seligman.

A monthly news bulletin was established and named the Wo-Co-Do standing for Worker, Cooperator and Doer. A multigraph was given to the Council by Julius and Siegfried Seligman. It was used to partially print the bulletin with other parts mimeographed by courtesy of the U.S. Forest Service.

1930

Joseph Gill served as President of the Council for 1930; serving on the Executive Board were: A. J. Connell, Paul Fiel, Julius Seligman, F. L. Kirby, Horace Moses, and Dr. H. W. Gibbs, all Vice Presidents. Max Nordhaus, Treasurer; A. E. Johnson, Commissioner; E. E. Steidley, Publicity; B. H. Calkins, Court of Honor; Fred Calkins, Troop Organization; Dr. James A. Rolls, Health and Safety; Siegfried Seligman, Finance; and C. A. Long, Camping. District Chairmen, who also were members of the Executive Board by virtue of their office, were: F. A. Koch, Santa Fe; Leslie Love, Albuquerque; Dr. H. W. Gibbs, Las Vegas; Ray Haner, Raton and Clyde Earl Ely, Gallup.

Albuquerque's population in 1930 was 26,570 and the population of other places was growing. Because of this growth, it was determined to concentrate on the functioning of District Committees. The plan contemplated the determining of boundary lines with each district having a

chairman (as noted above) and committees corresponding with the Council standing committees of the same name. The chairman of each of these district committees became a member of the Council committee of like name--thus providing lines of communication between the Council and the districts. Such district organization was completed during 1930. It continued to work successfully for the next forty years or more--reaching its apogee of operation in the mid-1970's.

Some quotes from the "Wo-Co-Do", the Council bulletin, Vol. 2, No. 1, dated February 7, 1930:

"We, the Knights of Columbus of Albuquerque Council 641, believing in Scouting as the proper program for boy work and that the future of our country and organization depends on the proper training of the youth during his leisure time, promise our sincere cooperation to the Rio Grande Council in the interests of the Catholic boy of Albuquerque...and offer our sincere thanks to the Rio Grande Council in appreciation of the fine work it has done for the youths of Albuquerque.

Signed: M. R. Otero,
Grand Knight

"The Council continued full use of Camp Seligman. The Campfire Girls of Albuquerque used the camp with nearly one hundred girls in attendance. Mrs. P. V. Thorson directed the camp."

On the front page of the "Wo-Co-Do" of March 14, 1930, was a picture of Commander Richard E. Byrd and Scout Paul Siple "who are enroute home from a year in the antarctic regions". The author was privileged to have helped select Paul Siple

from the final six candidates in 1928 to go on this trip. As many know, Mr. Siple went on all succeeding Antarctic trips with Commander Byrd and became a distinguished scientist, featured in several issues of the National Geographic magazine.

"Father Francis of Belen served as Scoutmaster and was very popular with the boys. He had both Catholic and protestant boys in his troop. Among the boys were Tibo Chavez, Hollis Wilson, Roland Budenholzer and Donald Kretsinger." (Tibo Chavez, now a District Judge and former Lieutenant Governor of the State of New Mexico, was the first Eagle Scout from Belen and of equal distinction, he has three Eagle Scout sons; Hollis Wilson was Mayor of Belen, Roland Budenholzer became a successful business man and Donald Kretsinger an engineer.)

"Summer camp was again at Camp Seligman with some two hundred Scouts. Nine dollars was the cost of each Scout for the ten day camp...."

"Uncle Bennie Hyde secured a thousand dollar contribution from Senator Bronson Cutting for the Council operating fund; Dr. J. J. DePraslin secured five hundred dollars from Frank Bond for the same purpose."

A contest in Archery, put on by the Boy Scouts in Albuquerque, was soon followed by the organization of an Archery Club, and two merchants started carrying bows, arrows, and other archery equipment. "Archery Gains in Popularity" was the headline in an Albuquerque newspaper, circa 1927. The news item stated: "Mrs. Clara Ferguson has granted the Albuquerque Archers Association permission to use a large field just west of Washington Park for a target range.: Following is

a list of the members: N. W. Wilson; B. H. Calkins; Carl C. Magee, D. A. Macpherson, Jr.; C. H. Carnes; E. F. Pope, President; Mrs. E. F. Pope; B. R. Sheets; M. J. McGuinness; P. V. Thorson, Vice President; Mrs. P. V. Thorson; H. H. Thorson; Mrs. Alice Hiler; Mrs. Alice Lease; B. J. Melton; John P. White; W. B. Lybarger; R. G. Sutherland, Secretary." This item is included in this history because this could have been the first organized Archery Club in Albuquerque.

A news item date lined February 8th (circa 1927) from Santa Fe: "Speaker R. L. Baca announced in the House, Monday afternoon that the Boy Scouts--'to whom we cannot say No'--are to have charge of the House for one hour from 1 P.M. Thursday. Following that, beginning at 2 P.M., will be the public hearing before the committee on the Rio Grande Conservancy bill introduced last week by Rep. O. A. Larrazola." This reference to Larrazola interested me because he (O. A.) was Governor of New Mexico when I came to New Mexico in 1919 and because it is not too often that a Governor becomes a legislator following his service as Governor. In a recent telephone conversation with Judge Paul Larrazola, the Governor's son, he confirmed that his father was indeed the one who had been elected to the state legislature after serving as Governor and who introduced the Rio Grande Conservancy bill.

Most of the information included in this era, 1925-1931, comes from Mary Thorson's scrapbook of newspaper items and from Council bulletins and some from personal interviews.

The year 1930 closed the second era; nearly one thousand Scouts were registered in forty-five troops.

CHAPTER III

1931 to 1939

1931

The market crash of 1929 and the depression marked the next several years. Lack of money continued to be a "fact of life". An inordinate amount of time was required to raise funds--just enough to keep the doors open. Credit must be given to volunteers and professionals alike for keeping the program going.

Judge M. E. Hickey was again chosen as Council President. Lindsey S. Harkey was selected to serve as Scout Executive replacing Thorson who resigned after six years of service and went to the Eastern New Mexico Area Council at Roswell in 1932 where he served ten years as Scout Executive.

The Silver Beaver award was established by the National Council in 1931. The award was to be given to registered Scouters for distinguished service to boyhood within the Council area. The first Scouters to receive the award in this Council were A. J. Connell of Los Alamos Ranch School and Joseph Gill of Albuquerque.

1932

The annual meeting was held November 20, 1932, at the Franciscan Hotel in Albuquerque. Dr. H. W. Hurt, Research Editor for the National Council, was the main speaker. Joseph Gill was elected President to serve in 1932.

The National Council launched the "Ten Year Program" which was designed to reach one out of every four Scout-age boys. This Council used the program by recruiting more boys--resulting in a net

gain of over 300.

1933

W. W. Nielson, Manager of the Santa Fe Public Service Company, was elected President for 1933. The Council office was moved to Santa Fe, and the Council name was changed from the Rio Grande to the Northern New Mexico Council.

The Order of the Arrow was organized in 1915 in Philadelphia camps by E. Urner Goodman and Carroll A. Edson, both Boy Scout officials. The Order is built around Indian symbolism in the Lenape tongue. Its membership is composed of honor campers selected by their peers. It is service-oriented, aimed directly toward better campers and better camping. One of its chief purposes is actively to promote camp attendance. According to E. Lincoln Thomson, the Order was organized in this Council in 1933 when a charter was granted to the "Yah-tah-hey-si-kess" Lodge No. 66. Lincoln Thomson is a veteran Scouter of this Council and an ardent member of the Order of the Arrow. His source of information about the local lodge is an O. A. Handbook.

The 50th anniversary of the establishment of Cubbing was observed in 1980. It was introduced in 1930 by a limited number of councils operating on a "trial basis" and, with their success, it was made available to all councils in 1933. B. T. B. Hyde of Santa Fe had organized and operated a Cub Pack in 1929-30; this was unofficial as were many other such experimental groups in the country, indicating the demand for the program. All through the program, emphasis was placed on the home and on drawing fathers and mothers into the operation of the backyard or corner lot den.

In 1933, Cubbing and Scouting in this Council suffered a grievous loss in the death of "Uncle

Bennie", as he was affectionately known. As a memorial, Hyde Park, near Santa Fe, was given to the state and named in his honor.

The bank closings, nationwide in 1933, accelerated the depression and caused difficulty for most people and tragedy for some. Most councils weathered this catastrophic event--a few closed their doors. Our Council remained active.

1934

Santa Fe furnished the Council President for 1934 in the person of F. A. Koch, owner and manager of a laundry. Carroll C. Thomas replaced Harkey as the Scout Executive.

The organization of the Albuquerque Community Chest was to become very helpful to this Council as well as to many other groups. From the history of the United Community Chest, we quote: "The United Community Fund developed from the original Albuquerque Community Chest. The Albuquerque Community Chest had its beginning in 1934 through the efforts of the 20-30 Club, a young men's service club. Receiving a favorable reaction to the proposed plan of organization, the 20-30 Club proceeded and elected D. A. MacPherson, Jr., the first president of the Chest. The first campaign goal of \$30,000 was over-subscribed and supported the following services:

- St. Anthony's Orphanage
- Boy Scouts
- Salvation Army
- American Red Cross
- Y.M.C.A.
- Traveler's Aid Society
- Hospitalization
- Juvenile Court"

1935

Daniel T. Kelly of Santa Fe, President of the Cross-Kelly Company, was elected President for 1935, 1936 and 1937. 1935 was the year in which the first National Jamboree was to have been held in Washington, D.C., by the Boy Scouts of America. Preparations had been made many months before its scheduled opening, and Scouts all over America were excited and preparing to take part in this greatest and largest assembly of Boy Scouts and Sea Scouts since the inception of the movement. The President of the United States, Franklin Delano Roosevelt, had invited the Boy Scouts to hold the Jamboree in the nation's capitol in order to promote a new sense of National Brotherhood and to stimulate friendship among Scouts and Scouters from all parts of the country and from the world. The giant camp of over ten thousand tents was to house 31,416 Scouts and 2,856 Troop Officers. The government had made available 300 acres along the Potomac River with 100 acres more of space for reviews and demonstrations. The reader readily can imagine the visions and anticipations of New Mexico Scouts as they contemplated their participation, meeting Scouts from every state and many countries around the world. Unfortunately, the Jamboree had to be cancelled for fear of a possible epidemic of infantile paralysis in and around the nation's capital. However, the proposed event fired the imagination of Scouts in this Council as throughout the land, and greater interest was aroused in camping and outdoor skills.

Explorer Scouting for older boys became official in 1935; it was one of the older boy programs and was preceded by Sea Scouting in 1912-13. As in Boy Scouting and Cubbing, there were numerous unofficial groups of Senior Scouts around the country, one of which was at Los Alamos Ranch School. This group was given guidelines by Regional Executive J. P. Fitch. This Council can

be counted among those councils pioneering the Cubbing and Exploring programs.

1936

Already one of the largest in area, the Council expanded in 1936 to take in the San Juan and Navajo Indian Reservations in Apache County, Arizona, which had been a part of the Roosevelt Council in Arizona. It is pointed out that serving such great areas required much traveling and required much time--perhaps as much as one-third of the professional staff's time.

1937

This was the year of the first National Jamboree held in the summer at Washington, D.C. This Council was well represented with 34 Scouts in its contingent. Needless to say, this experience with tens of thousands of this nation's Scouts and hundreds from other nations, was one never to be forgotten--exciting, thrilling, fantastic. It was the author's privilege to attend this first Jamboree and he can attest to its success.

On October 25, 1937, the Santa Fe New Mexican newspaper carried the following announcement: "At the invitation of His Excellency, Archbishop Gerkin, a meeting of all persons interested in Scouting for Catholic boys will be held at La Fonda Sunday afternoon". With such interest and leadership shown by the Catholic hierarchy, Scouting continued to grow.

1938

During 1938, with Earl L. Moulton of Albuquerque, President of the Charles Ilfeld Company, serving as President, two very important events took place, one on a Regional basis and one on the National level, both profoundly affecting

this Council. In July, Frank Phillips of Bartlesville, Oklahoma, made available the sum of \$100,000 for the extension of Scouting in Region 9. These funds were allotted to councils, with the proviso that each council raise an amount equal to its allotment, for the employment of additional professional staff. This Council soon employed such additional staff resulting in a substantial membership increase.

The other event was the gift to the National Council of 35,857 acres of wonderful campsite in the mountains of northern New Mexico, near Cimarron, by Mr. and Mrs. Waite Phillips of Tulsa, Oklahoma. Called "Philtorn Rocky Mountain Scout Camp" this was the beginning of what later became the Philmont Scout Ranch and Explorer Base, located within the area served by this Council.

In August 1938, Carroll Thomas resigned as Scout Executive. He was succeeded by Howard W. Meyer in November. Meyer had served sixteen years as Scout Executive, fourteen at Tulsa, Oklahoma, and two at Houston, Texas.

On November 22, 1938, Clinton P. Anderson of Albuquerque was elected President for 1939. The Council office was moved from Santa Fe to Albuquerque in December of 1938. Anderson was elected to the United States Senate in 1948. Previously he had served as a representative in Congress and as the Secretary of Agriculture.

1939

With Anderson at the helm and with a new Scout Executive, 1939 opened with plans to make Scouting available to many more boys.

Camp Seligman, which served so well as the Council's first owned camp for more than ten years,

was "loaned" to the Girl Scouts. During the past summer, more than six hundred Scouts had attended camp.

Many activities and events occupied the time of Scouts; among these was a civic service--good turn by taking a traffic count in cooperation with the Chamber of Commerce and the State Tourist Bureau.

Executive Meyer covered the vast expanse of the Council area, from Clayton to Gallup, from Raton to Magdalena and nearly every point between.

War clouds were hovering over Europe; money was hard to get. In spite of (or because of) these obstacles, Scouters arose to the occasion, and this era closed with the largest membership (1703 boy members) since the Council was organized in 1925.

CHAPTER IV

1940 to 1949

1940

A pioneer Scouter, E. P. Ancona of Albuquerque, an official with the United States Forest Service, served as Council President in 1940-41. Previous to his election, he had served as a Scoutmaster in Albuquerque and as Chairman of the Council Camping Committee. One of the Vice Presidents serving with Ancona was Ray Haner, former president of the original Kit Carson Council at Raton, New Mexico. Barney Gardner was employed to serve as Field Executive with his headquarters in Santa Fe.

This decade could be called the "war era," as World War II involved the United States and the Korean War was approaching. As a consequence Scouting activities centered around such service as paper and aluminum collections, sale of war bonds, organization of Emergency Service Corps and cooperation with other agencies in war related projects.

The first attempt to establish a chapter of Alpha Phi Omega, a service fraternity for Scouts and former Scouts in college, took place at the University of New Mexico. Eight students took part in the organization effort--namely, Herb Hammond, Ed Leupold, Gene "Link" Thomson, Stanley Gallup, Arthur Feil, Joe Hartly and Joe Quensenberry.

1940 was the 30th anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America--thirty years of great growth, great service and great accomplishment. This

Council had a similar record and observed the occasion along with all others in the nation.

1941

A campaign for \$4,500.00, to match funds contributed by the Frank Phillips Foundation in 1938, was successfully completed in 1941. To celebrate this achievement, a banquet was held at the Hilton Hotel in Albuquerque. Speakers for the occasion were Arthur Schuck of New York, National Director of Operations, Boy Scouts of America, W. C. Smoot of Bartlesville, Oklahoma, Treasurer of the Phillips Foundation and J. P. Fitch, Regional Scout Executive. The money from the campaign, along with that given by the Phillips Foundation, was used to secure the services of three new field executives. These were: Paul R. Gamino to serve the Albuquerque area, Ralph E. Seitzinger to serve the Raton and Clayton areas and Ralph Childs to serve the Gallup area. These three brought the staff to five, the largest so far, and justified the expenditure by producing a membership of 2,772 boys in 158 units--an excess of 40% over 1940 and the greatest since the start of 97 Scouts in 4 units in 1925.

In December, Waite Phillips of Tulsa, Oklahoma, gave the National Council, B.S.A., 91,538 acres in northern New Mexico. This gift was in addition to the original gift of 35,857 acres in the same area, donated in 1938. This eventually brought into being the Philmont Scout Ranch of 127,395 acres, "rich in the history of the Southwestern Indian, hard-riding Conquistadores, early American trappers and frontiersmen."

War came to the United States with the attack by Japan on Pearl Harbor, December 7, 1941. The effect on Scouting in this Council was to intensify patriotic service and endeavors.

1942

War dominated the scene in 1942, in the Council, the nation and the world. Our Council continued with the basic Scouting program, while much effort was devoted to war related activities.

Judge D. K. Sadler of Santa Fe served as President and Frank C. Rand, Jr. of Santa Fe as Vice President. E. P. Ancona served as Commissioner. A budget of \$20,143.00 was approved by the Executive Board at the annual meeting in Santa Fe.

In July 1942, all of the Hopi Indian Reservation in Navajo and Coconino counties in Arizona and the remainder of the Navajo Indian Reservation of the same counties was transferred from Roosevelt Council, Arizona, to the Northern New Mexico Council.

Air Scouting was initiated by the National Council in 1941 in cooperation with the United States Army Air Force. Air Scouting, for older boys, made its formal appearance in this Council on October 16, 1942 with the organization of numerous Air Squadrons. On the same date, the Council's first Emergency Corps and the first Boy Scout Band made their appearance. K. L. Higgins was the band director.

Gasoline, tires and other things were rationed in the interest of conservation. In spite of this, the Scout Executive and District Executives covered the expanded Council area by auto, bus, train and hitching rides with friends.

The twenty-fifth anniversary of Troop 23 of Santa Fe, sponsored by St. John's Methodist Church, was observed with Ernest Thompson Seton in attendance. It was an honor to have this noted author and naturalist and one of the founders of

the Boy Scouts of America present on this occasion. Your author is proud to remember that he organized this troop in 1919 and served as its Scoutmaster for two years.

Manpower shortages were beginning to show in the Spring of 1942, many Scouters were being called into military service. This shortage caused frequent changes of unit and professional leaders. New leaders were found and Scouting "carried on", showing a 20% gain in boy membership.

1943

C. G. Gunderson, the mayor of Grants, N. M., served as Council President in 1943 and 1944.

On March 2, 1943, Scouting lost a good friend with the death of Archbishop Rudolph A. Gerkin.

1944

The annual meeting was attended by nearly five hundred persons--a record for this event. J. P. Fitch, Regional Executive from Dallas, Texas, made the principal speech and Archbishop Edwin Vincent Byrne was the honored guest. Judge D. K. Sadler presented the Silver Beaver award to former Council President E. L. Moulton and to Tom Rowe, one of the Council's outstanding Scoutmasters and Order of the Arrow enthusiast.

Many were saddened by the death of A. J. Connell on February 11, 1944. Mr. Connell was a notable pioneer Scoutmaster (1916) and was one of the first two Scouters to receive the Silver Beaver award in this Council.

Howard Meyer, the Scout Executive, resigned March 25th and was immediately invited to serve as Field Executive for the Northern area of the Council, with office in Santa Fe. This was a very

unusual procedure; however, Meyer accepted and continued to serve for a year. Lyndon F. Grant was employed as Scout Executive on April 25, 1944. Mr. Grant had served as Scout Executive of the Choctaw Council at McAlister, Oklahoma. It is noted that during Scout Executive Meyer's tenure of nearly six years, the membership of the Council had nearly doubled.

1945

The Northern New Mexico Council annual meeting was held in January 1945 at the Hilton Hotel in Albuquerque. Frank C. Rand, Jr., of Santa Fe was elected Council President. Mr. Rand joined a troop of Boy Scouts at Prescott, Arizona in 1919 and later became a member of the Los Alamos Ranch School Troop in 1922. He was publisher of the Santa Fe New Mexican newspaper and the owner of a radio station.

The World War was going better for the U.S.A. and Allies. Nazi Germany surrendered on V-E Day, May 8, 1945. V-J Day was proclaimed on September 2, 1945, when Japan surrendered. World War II was over, leaving the aftermath with many problems for readjustment. War's end brought new hope and renewed effort to the Council leadership.

Camp Zia, located near Cuba, New Mexico, consisted of 107.66 acres; 75.82 acres were first leased to the Council on June 25, 1945, from Elsie Frelove. On April 17, 1947, these 75.82 acres were deeded to the Council at a cost of \$2000, this amount being raised by D. A. Macpherson, Jr. of Albuquerque and C. G. Gunderson of Grants. (On January 7, 1972, an additional 31.84 acres were purchased from the U. S. Bureau of Land Management at a cost of \$79.60.)

Camp Zia was a beautiful camp. Thousands of Scouts and leaders used it to the fullest for 32

years.

1946

J. P. Brandenburg of Taos, Chairman of the Board of the First State Bank, served as Council President in 1946. World War II had ended and the nation breathed easier. This respite lasted only a brief time as the "Cold War" was eminent and the Korean War was in the offing.

Dr. James E. West, the Boy Scout Movement's first Chief Scout Executive used to say "Keep your eye on the boy." This was good advice during his 32 years as our chief administrator--and it is just as relevant today. Again, when radio came into common use, he would place himself before a radio microphone on February 8th of each year (the anniversary date of the founding of the B.S.A.) and his opening words were "Hello Scouts." He then would lead all Scouts listening in rededicating themselves to the Scout Oath. He never deviated from the salutation "Hello Scouts."

Scouters in this Council were zealous in their dedication to the cause of youth as attested by the following events by Packs, Troops and Explorers: A Clayton, N.M. news item announced the Cub Scouts were to meet at the American Legion hall to plan a circus; another Clayton item stated the Boy Scouts are "assisting General Carl Spaatz in locating all former members of the Army Air Force"; Belen, N.M. Cubs held their monthly pack meeting in the Women's Club building; Mrs. Hollis Wilson and Mrs. William Hassler were awarded National Certificates of Appreciation in recognition of their excellent leadership in Cubbing; Sixteen Senior Scouts from Fort Wingate, Fort Defiance, Crown Point and Ganado spent two weeks at Philmont Scout Ranch under the leadership of James Allen of Shiprock and Richard Aitson of Ganado; a new Explorer Unit was organized at Ganado in the Inter-Tribal District; Farmington

held their annual Round-Up; members of Troop 147, sponsored by the Lady of Sorrows Church in Las Vegas assisted at mass every Sunday--Scoutmaster of the troop was Baltaza Perdona; a Cub Pack was organized at the First Congregational Church of Gallup; the Taos Lions Club Troop 98 enjoyed an overnight camp in Hondo Canyon; Dr. C. C. Clark of Socorro helped Scouts plan an overnight trip; "Scouts in Action" and booth displays were put on by Scouts of Kirtland; Espanola Scoutmaster John Farr announced a Father and Son Banquet; and the Kiwanis Club of Springer sponsored a Scout troop.

Council Scouters and many others were shocked and grieved to learn that Ernest Thompson Seton had died October 23, 1946, near Santa Fe, probably at Seton Village. Mr. Seton was a noted author and one of the founders of the Boy Scouts of America.

The Council was honored by a visit of the President of the Boy Scouts of America, Amory Houghton, and Chief Scout Executive Elbert K. Fretwell.

1947

Don E. Woodward of Albuquerque, President of the First National Bank, was Council President for the year 1947. E. P. Ancona, former Council President, continued to serve as Council Commissioner. Installation of officers at the annual meeting was conducted by Minor Huffman, Manager of Philmont Scout Ranch.

Alpha Phi Omega, the National Service Fraternity for former Scouts in college, was organized at the University of New Mexico with a charter granted to the Delta Tau Chapter. Among the members and officers were: Edward Ball; Edwin Baird; P.V. Thorson, Jr., Historian; Ted Thorson, Treasurer; Bill James, President; Joe Hommel, Secretary; Andy Mitchell, Vice President; Frank

Atkinson, District Commissioner; and Gene "Link" Thomson, Faculty Advisor. This fraternity was responsible for securing the bell from the Battleship New Mexico and presenting it to the University of New Mexico. Today the bell is mounted on the mall north of the Student Union Building. The A.P.O. was started in December 1925 at Lafayette College and approved by the National Council in October 1931. H. Roe Bartle, Scout Executive of Kansas City, Missouri, (and later Mayor of that same city) served as National President and during his administration he built it to 50 chapters in 22 states.

The Order of the Arrow inducted 21 Scouts from Los Alamos, Santa Fe and Albuquerque into the Ordeal of the First Honor at a three-day camp at Camp Danny in the mountains east of Albuquerque.

Cub Scouting was growing by leaps and bounds and showed a growth of 500 over the previous year.

1948

Emory A. Nielsen of Albuquerque, an investment broker, was Council President in 1948-49. Elected Vice Presidents were W. A. Hagberg, M. C. Heffleman and W. P. Southard. H. E. Terry was Treasurer and E. P. Ancona was Commissioner.

Hugo O. Olsen was employed in March to serve as Scout Executive. He was the sixth man to serve the Council in that capacity. Olsen came from the Adobe Walls Council in Pampa, Texas, where he had served over five years as Scout Executive.

The Council budget for 1948 was \$48,403. Three camps were in operation during the summer: Camp El Rito, Camp Zia and Camp Ponil on Philmont Scout Ranch. Elmo Morgan, Chairman of the Camping Committee, along with the President and the Scout Executive inspected the camps. The Executive Board

requested the President and Camping Committee to come up with a long term camp development program for the Council. After a six-month study and survey of possible camp sites, Mr. Morgan presented a long-term plan for Council camps.

1949

The National Council launched the crusade to "Strengthen the Arm of Liberty" in February 1949. Patriotic ceremonies were held throughout the Council and furnished motivating programs for liberty and freedom.

The Order of the Arrow was revived and requested to play a big part in future camp attendance promotion. There is no doubt these honor campers can, did and do play a very important part in promoting attendance at summer camp as well as other activities. They serve well in projects such as furnishing help preparing facilities for camps.

Los Alamos County was created by the New Mexico Legislature in March 1949. Its territory derived from portions of Sandoval and Santa Fe Counties.

The Council showed a healthy gain of 1,091 registered boys over the previous year--the greatest increase in one year to date.

Chapter V

1950-1959

1950

The Korean War came in 1950 and the Council once again geared itself for war-related service and activities.

W. A. Hagberg, President of the First State Bank of Gallup, served as Council President for 1950 and 1951. Most of the 1949 Executive Board members served with him. The Council approved a budget of \$65,849 for the year.

The fortieth anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America and the thirtieth of the Council were observed in 1950. The Second National Jamboree was held at Valley Forge, Pennsylvania. Two troops from this Council attended. "A Jamboree is a climatic event in the life of any Scout fortunate enough to take part in it. Here, more than anywhere else, he senses the magnitude of the movement of which he is a member--he makes friends with Scouts from other lands and learns the universal appeal of the Scout ideals to boys of goodwill--regardless of country, color or creed." (The Golden Anniversary Book of Scouting, BSA, 1950)

Survival training was emphasized during the year and conservation education was a National program feature in which the Council rated tops in the nation. The National Crusade, "Strengthen the Arm of Liberty", was in its second year and the Council's participation resulted in another fine gain in members.

1951

Serving on the staff with Scout Executive Hugo Olsen were the late Thomas C. Cochran as Director of Field Service (a new position) and District Executives George J. Sims, Jr., J. B. Morris, Melvin Smith and W. O. Rucker, Jr. This was the largest professional staff to date. A budget of \$65,125 was adopted, expenditures were \$47,979.

A program of cooperation in Civil Defense was carried out.

The Council was saddened to learn of the death of Emory A. Nielsen, President of the Council in 1948 and 1949.

The National Crusade, "Strengthen the Arm of Liberty," was in its third year and as in the past two years, it was a powerful force in contributing to still another year of growth, showing a boy membership of 6,269 boys in 260 units. The Council received the Region 9 membership gain award.

1952

Frank A. Mapel of Albuquerque, President of the Charles Ilfeld Company, served as Council President in 1952 and 1953.

Following the success of the crusade to "Strengthen the Arm of Liberty," a new National program was launched and called "Forward on Liberty's Team." Council Scouts participated in the program by delivering over a thousand Liberty Bell door knob hangers in a Get-Out-The-Vote campaign. Hundreds of Scouts helped in collecting clothing for worthy causes and aided in conservation projects and Civil Defense. These good turns in Civil Defense call to mind the superb work done by Boy Scouts in World Wars I and II.

A new, large dining hall and kitchen was built at Camp Zia and fully equipped--thus adding to the allure of this beautiful camp.

1953

The Third National Jamboree was held at the Irvine Ranch near Santa Ana, California in July 1953. Ninety-one Scouts and leaders attended from this Council. The delegation was given a farewell banquet at the Liberty Cafe in Albuquerque by the Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Commenting on the Council status, President Mapel said "This past year, (1953) particularly, much greater adult interest in Scouting has been manifest--with splendid accomplishments in the financial and administrative fields".

1954

E. R. (Ned) Wood of Santa Fe, owner and manager of the Santa Fe Motor Company, was Council President in 1954 and 1955. Dayne Stout came to the Council as District Executive for the Rio Grande District. He came from Muskogee, Oklahoma, where he had served in the same position.

Council-wide events included the following: Observance of the 44th Anniversary of the B.S.A.; Report to the Governor held February 13th at the State Capitol; summer camp at Camp Zia; Explorer Field Sports Tournament and Camp at Philmont Scout Ranch; Conservation Good Turn for the State of New Mexico; Scout Troops and Explorer Posts acting as Service Corps for the New Mexico State Fair.

Hugo Olsen, who became Scout Executive in March 1948, left the Council in November 1954 to accept a position in the Crescent Bay Area Council in California. It is noteworthy that during Olsen's tenure of some six years, the Council boy

membership almost doubled--from 4,495 to 8,366. During the same period, the budget increased from \$53,000 to \$65,825.

George Bullock succeeded Olsen as Scout Executive on November 1, 1954. Bullock had served several years as Director of Camping at Philmont Scout Ranch and was previously a Region 9 Deputy Scout Executive.

1955

Vice-Presidents serving with President Wood in 1955 were Wilfred McCormick (the noted author of baseball stories), Clair Gurley and Frank Mapel; Mark J. Radosovich served as treasurer and W. H. Nicholl initially served as Council Commissioner but was replaced by Ralph Trigg, Sr. in February 1955. National Council Representatives were J. P. Brandenburg, Ernest Love, E. L. Moulton, Frank Rand, Jr., Don Woodward and A. M. Caldwell.

E. P. Ancona, a pioneer Scouter in the Council who had served a number of years as Council Commissioner and previously as Scoutmaster, District Chairman and Council President, submitted his resignation from the Executive Board. It was accepted with a note of appreciation for his devoted service to Scouting.

A new National program named "Onward for God and My Country" was the Council's theme for the year.

The Executive Board took several important steps in 1955 to further insure the stability of the Council. A "Declaration of Trust" was created on July 29, 1955. The Council was incorporated on November 19, 1955. The name of the Council was changed from Northern New Mexico to Kit Carson Council on November 19, 1955.

In August Joseph T. Provost (Injun Joe) was employed as District Executive for the Inter-Tribal District. Mr. Provost, a full-blooded Omaha Indian and a graduate of Haskell Institute at Lawrence, Kansas, served five years in the Marine Corps during World War II and was decorated for his service. He came from the Great Salt Plains Council at Enid, Oklahoma. He is in the 1971 issue of "Who's Who in American Indians Today."

A rare honor was awarded to a past President of our Council--when Frank C. Rand, Jr., of Santa Fe was one of the ten men in the nation to be presented the Silver Buffalo for distinguished service to boyhood on a National basis.

In November, Thomas C. Cochran, who had served as Assistant Scout Executive and Director of Field Service, resigned to accept the position of Scout Executive for the Conquistador Council of Roswell, New Mexico.

John F. Simms, Governor of New Mexico, served as State Chairman of the drive for funds for the three Councils in the state. Governor Simms told a state-wide meeting at Santa Fe in June that there was a need for expanded activities in Scouting in New Mexico. The campaign was very successful in this Council.

On September 20, that portion of the Navajo Indian Reservation in Utah was transferred to this Council, said portion being that part of Kane and San Juan counties in Utah that was south of the San Juan River.

Six Council camping sessions were conducted during the year at the following places: Camp Zia, Philmont Scout Ranch, Hidden Valley in the Sandia Mountains, Bosque del Apache Refuge south of Socorro, "Hill 40" near Taos and Hyde Park near Santa Fe.

Two Albuquerque Scouts, Bob Goodwin and Frank Mapel, Jr., attended the World Scouting Jamboree held in August at Niagara on the Lake in Ontario, Canada.

On November 19, 1955, the 35th Council Annual Meeting was held at the Alvarado Hotel in Albuquerque and was attended by some 200 Scouters.

1956

Ralph Trigg of Albuquerque, an investor in gas and oil, served as Council President for 1956.

Brantly Hudson was employed as a District Executive. He had served four years at Lubbock, Texas, as a professional Scouter.

A budget of \$100,000 was adopted--the largest to date. A noteworthy contribution of \$1,000 to the budget was made by the Navajo Tribal Council. A letter accompanying the check stated in part: "...a contribution by the Navajo Tribe in recognition of the praiseworthy work of the Kit Carson Council among Navajo boys." The check was presented by Manuel Begay of Window Rock, Arizona.

Quay and Guadalupe counties were transferred from the Conquistador Council of Roswell into this Council.

Mr. Bill Mason, Chairman of the Council Camping Committee, reported he had made check-ups on possible campsites and that a good many locations were under consideration to extend our camping facilities--such as an Aquatics Camp.

A "Council Review" was conducted by Mr. Jack Vowell of El Paso, Vice Chairman of Region 9, and Max Hatfield, Deputy Regional Executive. The review showed the Council's status in "Ten Tests of

Successful Scouting" compared with the previous year's record. It was helpful in recognizing the accomplishments and in pointing out the weaknesses of the the Council's operation.

Considerable emphasis was placed on public relations and publicity and in connection therewith the desirability of having a regularly published bulletin.

The "Together We Organize" plan was used to promote the organization of new Packs, Troops and Explorer Units. The plan calls for getting together representatives of many potential sponsors of units--such as churches, schools, clubs, P.T.A.'s, etc. into a meeting--developed step by step and culminating in many positive responses and many new units. The effectiveness of the plan was evident in the organization of 50 new units.

Other events of interest during 1956 were: Ralph Schmidt, Explorer Post Advisor for Post 2, and Explorer Bobby Abdalla attended the "Asia Airlift"--a goodwill exchange. Mr. Schmidt served as a leader of the delegation from Region 9; one hundred Scouts and Explorers helped in fighting a forest fire near Philmont Scout Ranch; six hundred Scouts attended the Inter-Tribal District Camporee held at Kit Carson Cave near Gallup; seven hundred Cub Scouts took part in a Cub hobby show sponsored by the Alpha Phi Omega fraternity of the University of New Mexico. These activities helped to push the membership close to the 10,000 mark.

1957

Ralph Trigg was reelected President for 1957 and continued to serve in that office through 1961. His was the longest tenure of any Council President since Judge M. E. Hickey in the early and mid-twenties. Carl Henderson served as Council Commissioner and George Jenks as Treasurer.

This year took on a decidedly international flavor with the World World Jubilee Jamboree in England, the National Jamboree, the International Airlift program to Europe and the Far East and the World Friendship Fund. The World Friendship Fund was launched nationally in 1944 to help Scouting in developing countries. It continues to the present day. These events served to widen the Scouts' perception of world affairs and more particularly the concept that "a Scout is a brother to every other Scout."

The Council sent a delegation of one hundred eleven Scouts and nine leaders to the Fourth National Jamboree at Valley Forge, Pennsylvania, in July.

In August Dick Wootten of Springer served as Scoutmaster of Region 9's Troop (including six Explorers of this Council) to the World Jubilee Jamboree held at Sutton Park, England. Upon his return, Mr. Wootten was highly complimented by Regional Executive H. W. Lewman for his excellent leadership of the Region 9 Troop.

Camp Seligman near Jemez Pueblo and the Council's first-owned camp was deeded to the Girl Scout Council--according to their files.

Negotiations were completed with the U.S. Corps of Engineers for the leasing of seventy-five acres on Conchas Lake, northwest of Tucumcari in San Miguel County. This land was to be used as an aquatic camp for the Council. Four hundred and fifty Scouts were in attendance there the first year.

President Trigg reported on the annual Regional Meeting held in Tulsa, Oklahoma. At the meeting Mr. Ned Wood, former Council President, was elected a member of the Regional Executive

Committee.

Mr. Maurice McCabe, Executive Secretary of the Navajo Tribal Council, presented the Council a check in the amount of \$5,369 toward the Council budget and expressed satisfaction on the part of the Navajo people with the Scouting program.

In its second year, the National Crusade "Onward for God and My Country" stimulated the Council leaders to train more unit leaders, do more camping and continue the membership growth. The Council boy membership exceeded the 10,000 mark for the first time by registering 10,884 boys.

1958

The Council's first Scout Circus was held in 1958 in Albuquerque and was a great success. The surplus over costs was \$6,000. \$3,000 was distributed to the units as a commission on ticket sales and the balance was earmarked for the development of the Aquatic Camp at Conchas Lake. The primary purpose of the Circus was to inform the public about Scouting and its activities.

President Trigg was assisted in 1958 by Vice Presidents King Derr, William Mason and William Reardon. George Jenks continued as Treasurer and Carl Henderson as Council Commissioner. Among the new members of the Executive Board was Wilber Jones of Tucumcari. Kenneth Mount and his budget committee presented a budget of \$143,150 which was adopted. Once again, the Council gave attention to improving the Scouting image with the public. Ten members of the Executive Board met with Mr. Rebel Robertson, National Director of Public Relations, and worked out a program designed to improve public relations and to secure more publicity. Board member Duke Kerstein stated that good public relations had to start with the Executive Board.

1959

Brantly Hudson, Field Director, resigned to take the job as Scout Executive of the Adobe Walls Council at Pampa, Texas.

Efforts continued in the search for adequate and permanent campsites. A note of urgency was introduced in the search when the water supply gave out at Camp Zia. The Executive Board decided to conduct a capital fund campaign to develop campsites (Zia and Conchas) and for a new Council office building. Later, the office building was deleted from the plans and the amount of the goal was reduced from \$450,000 to \$350,000.

Mr. Leigh Hubbard, District Commissioner of the Navajoland District, reported on progress at the Navajo Youth Camp which was budgeted at \$465,000. Mr. Sam Day, Chairman of the Navajo District Finance Committee, presented the Council with a check for \$13,500 as a contribution to the Scouting program. It is noted that this contribution had increased from \$1,000 donated in 1956 and was indicative of the high regard the Navajo people had for Scouting.

General L. T. Heath presented a policy paper regarding the Women's Reserve which was adopted by the Executive Board. It provided for the registration of women in addition to that of Den Mother and it was effective on January 1, 1959. It had been approved by the Executive Board of the National Council in October 1958. Women registering would serve as members of mother's clubs and auxiliaries, assist in finance and public relations campaigns and assist in organization and training in connection with Cub Packs. Women also could serve as merit badge counselors when men could not be found.

It seems appropriate to recognize the

continued work and devoted support given to Scouting by women from the very first appearance of the Movement in this country. Scouters' wives and Scout mothers have prepared meals for Troops and Packs, sewed on countless patches, encouraged sons and husbands, etc. Women make up the principal staff of our Council offices. It is fitting and proper that the National Council in 1974 made available to women in Scouting the Silver Beaver award. For a few years (1970-73) the counterpart to the Silver Beaver for women was the Silver Fawn award for distinguished service to youth in Scouting.

The first Council-sponsored Wood Badge course was held in 1959 according to evidence furnished by Fred Leckman, a veteran Scouter and former Scoutmaster. The particulars were:

Course No: 412-1 May 23-31, 1959 at Camp Zia
Course Director: Jack Schnakenberg
Senior Patrol Leader: Norman Schaefer
Quartermaster: Bob Dilley

Staff: George Bullock, Paul Claussen and C. C. (Slick) Tolbert

Bushy Tail Fox Patrol

Charles Renk
Bob Reithel
John Dear
Roy Nelson
Fred Leckman

Flapping Beaver

John B. Torres
Ray Hall
Bud Cauger
Bob Ancell
--- Hunter

Three Explorer Scouts represented the Council at the 10th International Jamboree near Manila in the Philippines. They were Jimmie Torres of Albuquerque, Allen Tom of Crownpoint and Carl Brewington of Springer.

Scouting continued to grow and this Council ended the year with a membership of 12,229 registered boys.

Outdoors



"I Pledge My Allegiance . . ."

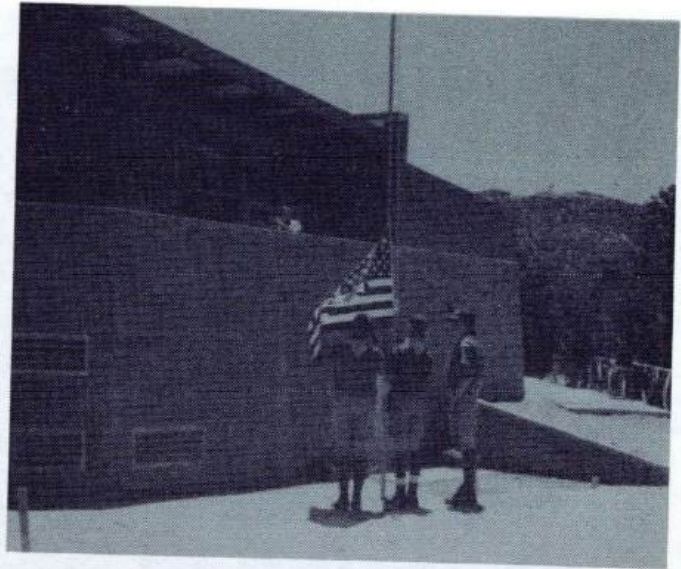


Troop 212 on the Trail

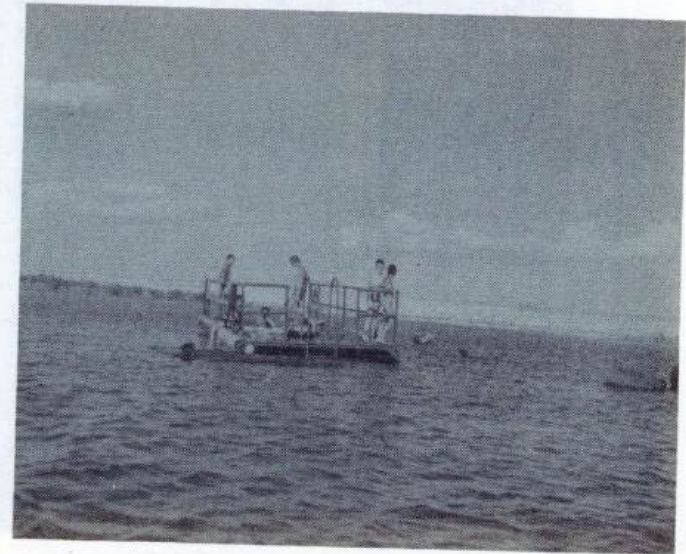
Navajo Land



Council Camps



Camp Frank Rand



Conchas Aquatics Base

"Full Speed Ahead"



P.V. Gets the
Silver Beaver
from
Gerald Ford



T.T. Rowe

Exploring

Law
Enforcement



Air



Sea

Special Events



CHAPTER VI

1960-1970

1960

For the year 1960, Ralph E. Trigg was reelected Council President. Elected Vice Presidents were William Mason, King Derr, Fred Huning, Jr., and Alva A. Simpson; approved as Council Commissioner was Fred A. Dunn; elected to the Advisory Council was General Patrick J. Hurley of Santa Fe, Right Reverend C. J. Kinsolving of Santa Fe and Ed T. Springer of Cimarron. The fiscal year was changed from October 1 to January 1 and a budget of \$114,000 was adopted. This was a severe austerity budget caused by the determination of the Executive Board to stop deficit spending and eliminate borrowing. The Council adopted the Sustaining Membership Plan, which intended securing enough interested subscribers to make up any insufficiency of funds from other sources of income.

1960 was the Golden Anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America. Fifty years of great growth, great service and great accomplishment. This Council had a similiar record and observed the occasion along with all others in the Nation.

Bob Glew, Deputy Regional Executive, was assigned to the job of Acting Director of the Capital Funds Campaign which in March had produced \$120,000 and by June had increased to \$270,777.

In July the Council was represented by 280 Scouts and leaders at the Fifth National Jamboree held near Colorado Springs, Colorado. This event attracted more than 56,000 boys and leaders from

the U.S.A. and other countries and was the largest ever in attendance. This, as other Jamborees, attracted National attention and stimulated the Scouting Program as well as Membership.

1961

For the sixth consecutive year, Ralph Trigg continued to serve as Council President--and with a limited budget. However, in June he emphasized the need for an adequate professional staff. He said, "Now is the time for us to figure out some way to start a man on the staff related to Public Relations and Finance. We need to build a fifteen-man staff. The momentum we have enjoyed as a result of a thirteen-man staff (before austerity) is now on the wane; the membership is dipping month by month; our camps are not filled for the season; still dropping Units--these because of a shortage of manpower."

On December 11, 1961, the United States "entered" the Vietnam War. Two military companies from the U.S.A. arrived in South Vietnam on that date, including 32 helicopters and 4,000 men. This action continued to accelerate until it became a "fullblown war"--and a frustrating experience (fiasco) for the United States.

James Goldstein, Assistant Scout Executive, was appointed Comptroller and Carl Franks replaced Dunn as Council Commissioner (because of Dunn's move to Denver).

Trustees reported a total of \$16,193 in the Trust Fund and a surplus of \$2,900 from the show, "Fifty Fabulous Years," held in March at the Albuquerque Civic Auditorium.

The Executive Committee of the Executive Board was reactivated and consisted of the President, Vice-President related to District operation,

Commissioner, Treasurer and the Chairman of the Finance Committee--a quorum consisted of three members. Later this committee was enlarged by adding three additional Executive Board members.

1962

Fred Huning, Jr., a resident of Los Lunas and President of the Los Lunas Mercantile Company, was elected Council President for 1962 and continued to serve as President through 1964. Other officers were Vice-Presidents R. K. Wootten of Springer; King Derr of Los Alamos; J. Maurice McCabe of Window Rock, Arizona; and Major General Harold C. Donnelly of Sandia Base, Albuquerque. Elected Treasurer was Al Valdez of Albuquerque and approved as Commissioner was Carl Franks of Albuquerque.

One of the year's highlights was the visit of Lady Baden-Powell, Chief Guide of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts and the widow of the founder of the the Boy Scouts. She addressed more than 5,000 persons at the Albuquerque Civic Center and later she spoke at a rally of the Council at which Ralph Trigg was honored for more than 6 years of service as Council President.

The Albuquerque United Fund secured a new Executive Director in May. Darrell Lee Miller, from Pensacola, Florida, took the position. The Council requested the amount of \$72,720 from the United Fund for the year 1962. Stephen Thorson (the author's son) served as Associate Director of the United Fund for the campaigns of 1968 and 1969.

George F. Morton came as District Executive from Hartford, Connecticut, where he served Scouting as District Executive for 9 years; also, he had served as Field Executive in West Texas. He was assigned to the Las Vegas, Raton, Clayton, Tucumcari area. Another new staff member, Joe

Odell, was employed to serve the San Juan District.

District operation by 1930 was completed in the Council, maturing and improving as the years went by. It became apparent that good Districts make a good Council. Evidence of the esprit de corps and pride of Districts was reflected in their reports at Executive Board and other meetings.

Camp Zia, now fully developed, was being extensively used and some 1,000 Scouts camped there during the summer of 1962 and the camp earned the National Inspection "A" rating for the first time. There was a total of 1,686 boys in long term (6 days or more) camps during the year. This was a 30 percent increase over the previous year.

Ten Explorers from this Council attended the first National Explorer Delegate Conference held at Ann Arbor, Michigan. More than 3,000 high school age boys were in attendance.

The Sixth Annual meeting of "Scouting Among American Indian Boys" was held at Philmont Scout Ranch under the joint auspices of the American Indian Advisory Committee, the Boy Scouts of America and the Arrow Foundation. The conference was attended by Philco Nach, Commissioner of Indian Affairs. Among others in attendance were Scout Executive George Bullock; District Executives Joe Provost and Roger Davis, Jr.; Thomas Tommany, Navajo Agency Director of Schools; Elmer Baaken, National Director of Rural Relations, B.S.A.; Clifford Beck and Hoska Cronmeyer, Councilmen of the Navajo Tribe; Scouter Manuel Begay and Wayne Pratt of the B.I.A. office in Washington, D.C.

Another important conference was hosted by the Air Force Special Weapons Center and Explorer Science Post No. 91 in Albuquerque. Three hundred outstanding New Mexico high school science and math students attended the conference.

At the December meeting of the Council Executive Board, Bob Glew, Deputy Regional Scout Executive, praised the Council for its progress and especially cited T. B. Ingwersen, Al Valdez and President Huning for their successful leadership in the management of the Council's affairs. Also cited was Clark Read, Chairman of the Council Long Range Planning Committee.

The "Go" Round-up (membership), with a space atmosphere and vocabulary, was assisted by Lt. Col. John H. Glenn on a National level. In this Council, the program stimulated a membership increase to a total of 13,003 registered boys--the largest to date.

1963

The same Council officers continued to serve in 1963 with the exception of King Derr who was replaced by Howard Williams as a Vice-President.

Council Trustees, a continuing group, were as follows: W. O. Culbertson, Jr., John P. Dwyer, Eugene G. Howard, P. F. McCanna, Benjamin Raskob, William F. Reardon, Paul Rutledge, Herbert Wilson and R. K. Wootten.

District Chairmen, who, ipso facto, became Executive Board members, were approved as follows:

John D. Ratje, Gallup and G. D. Ramsey,
Grants-Intertribal District
Glenn A. Fowler, Manzano District
Robert D. Brooks, Sandia District
Richard D. Boren, San Juan District
J. L. Davis, Mesa District
Dr. Clarence Stuckwisch, Fort Union
District
H. W. Pontham, Rio Grande-Zia District
M. H. McCreary, Santa Fe District

Albro Rile, Los Alamos District
Dr. Craumn Wistken, Taos District
J. Maurice McCabe, Navajoland District
Albert Salazar, Espanola Valley District

In March, President Huning announced that the Personnel Committee recommended to the Executive Board the nomination of Dayne Stout as Director of Field Service and he was approved for this position. Mr. Stout came to the Council from Muscogee, Oklahoma in 1953. He served as District Executive for the Rio Grande and the Sandia Districts. John Clewlow was added to the staff to serve the Sandia District. Charles Clark came to assist Bud Cauger in the Rio Grande-Zia District. Howard Cowper was employed to serve the Gallup-Grants area and to serve as Camp Director. Other members of the staff were James Goldstein, Assistant to the Scout Executive, and District Executives Joe Provost, Maurice Teague, George F. Morton, Frank Sowers, Arthur D. Crane, Walter C. Berry and Richard Lucero. Paul Claussen left the Council to become Scout Executive at El Centro, California.

General John White succeeded General H. C. Donnelly as a Council Vice-President. General Donnelly and Admiral Joseph D. Black, both Board members, resigned because of transfers to other posts.

The sudden death of Scout Executive George A. Bullock on August 1, 1963, came as a shock to the Council. Mr. Bullock had served the Council since November 1, 1954. During these nearly 9 years, many improvements had been made in Council operation. Membership had increased by some 6,000 boys and finance was operating without deficit. Much credit should be given Mr. Bullock for the almost phenomenal growth in Indian Scouting. A memorial trust fund was established in his memory.

Loren S. Loomis was selected to serve as Scout Executive. Mr. Loomis assumed his duties on November 1, 1963. He came from Pensacola, Florida, where he had served as Scout Executive for a number of years.

Among the many Council activities was cooperation in the Polio Vaccine Campaign.

Four hundred fifty Navajo Scouts were in camp and 78% of the Espanola Valley District's Scouts were in camp during this year.

Tim Sheehan attended the World Jamboree at the Plains of Marathon, Greece.

The Council ranked third in Region 9 in Unit gain and closed the year with a total of 14,288 registered boys in 491 units.

1964

The Annual Meeting was held January 25th at the University of New Mexico with some 100 Council members present. Fred D. Huning, Jr., was elected President for the third time. Vice-Presidents elected were the same as for the previous year. Glenn A. Fowler was approved as Council Commissioner and Alfred A. Valdez was elected Treasurer. A budget of \$173,245 was adopted.

The Encantado (Spanish for "enchanted") District, recently formed by the merging of the Mesa, Fort Union and Conchas Districts, held its first meeting in Las Vegas and elected Cap Parkinson as District Chairman.

One hundred twenty-three Scouts attended the Sixth National Jamboree held at Valley Forge, Pennsylvania. This event attracted 52,000 from the United States and other nations.

An episode with Marlin Perkins of the Mutual of Omaha's "Wild Kingdom" was filmed at Philmont Scout Ranch with Explorers from the Los Alamos Lion's Club Squadron No. 99 in acting parts. The film was shown on national television in November. Featured was a "chance" stampede of the Philmont buffalo herd. Animal life on the Ranch, including bear, mountain lion, deer and smaller animals was filmed. Boys Life magazine also featured the story.

Many boys, especially of Cub age, have never taken a train ride; hence, one was established several years ago for Cubs and their families. George Counts of Albuquerque had conducted these rides for the past several years and was again in charge this year when some 6,000 Cub Scouts and families took a trip on the Santa Fe Railroad from Albuquerque to Lamy and back.

At the National Council meeting in Cleveland, Ohio, the Council was cited as one of the 25 "Rural Blue Ribbon Councils" for extending Scouting to rural boys. In attendance and receiving the award for the Council were Executive Board members Oscar Love and Frank Rand along with Scout Executive Loren Loomis.

While the Council had secured two campsites (Camp Zia and the Conchas Aquatics Camp--as well as the use of the Navajo Youth Camp Asaayi) a search was undertaken for a campsite adequate for the growing membership. This search resulted in the acquisition of 2,400 acres of land from the Bureau of Land Management. The cost was \$7,500 and the money was earned by Scouts as the result of expositions and other events. The campsite was located on State Highway 75 south of Taos and near Penasco and Chimayo. Plans were made to conduct a capital funds campaign to provide the necessary buildings and camp development. The camp was named the Chimayo Scout Reservation.

Two thousand four hundred and fifty-three Boy Scouts (40% of the Scouts in the Council) attended long-term camp and 3,353 attended District Camporees.

At the September Executive Board meeting, Treasurer Al Valdez reported that the Council was operating "in the black." This was good news since the Council had struggled for many years to avoid borrowing.

Council Commissioner Glenn A. Fowler returned from Geneva where he had presented a paper at the United Nation's Conference on the Peaceful Uses of Atomic Energy. While overseas, he visited the International Training Center for Scouting at Gilwell Park near London. Sometime later Mr. Fowler was appointed Chairman of the Council Committee on Indian Relations. This committee was charged with the review of Council service to the Indian tribes within the Council area.

Clark Read, Chairman of the Long Range Planning Committee, reported at the December meeting of the Executive Board that the Membership Subcommittee had proposed an objective of 32,870 boy members by 1975.

Volume I, Number 1, of the "Kit Carson Council Scouter," the Council bulletin, was published in March 1964. This was to be the official "newspaper" for the Council and fulfilled the long-felt need for a means of communication with the Scouters in the field. It contained District programs and meeting schedules as well as the notice of Council meetings and events. Dayne Stout, Director of Field Service, was the first editor. The first issue of the "Scouter" carried a story about the Life Saving Award presented to Scout Joseph Bogle of Troop 280 for his lifesaving treatment for electric shock to James Muhl. The

"Scouter" has had continuous publication and is mailed to several thousand Scouters without charge. It is published monthly except for a combined June/July issue.

Membership made a gain of 1,327 over the previous year--with a total registered boy count of 15,615. Cub Scouts had exceeded the number of Boy Scouts with 7,459 Cubs compared to 6,969 Scouts. Explorers totaled 1,187. Total Units were 491.

1965

Frank D. Gorham, Jr., President of Pubco Petroleum Corporation, was the Council President during 1965, 1966 and 1967. Mr. Gorham, a resident of Albuquerque, was first elected on January 30, 1965, at the Council Annual Meeting held at the University of New Mexico with 136 Scouters present. Al Valdez was elected Treasurer and Glenn A. Fowler was approved as Council Commissioner. A budget of \$184,865 was approved.

Among the many events in 1965 was the Council's participation in the National Program "Breakthrough for Youth." This was a program designed to provide expanded commissioner service to Units and to stimulate an increase in membership.

Mrs. Ernest Thompson Seton, widow of the late Chief Scout and a founder of the Boy Scout movement in the United States, presented her husband's collection of 69,000 books, 3,200 paintings, 2,000 animal and bird skins and his Indian Museum to the Boy Scouts of America in August 1965. She also granted use of Seton Castle near Santa Fe for public display of this memorabilia.

Among the planning committees was the Indian Relationships Committee with Glenn A. Fowler as Chairman and Maurice McCabe, Kenneth C. Brasher,

Fred D. Huning, Jr., Donald E. Briethaupt and Edwin C. Lineberry as members. This committee's report is remarkable for its thoroughness and analytical approach to the subject. It is well worth reading--especially to those interested in learning more about our Native Americans.

It is noted that the Kit Carson Council reaffirmed its "civil rights" policy on March 30, 1965 as follows: "There is no segregation of those served on the basis of race and that the Council governing bodies are open to representation from all segments of the public." It is further stated that these policies had always been held by the Boy Scouts of America.

1966

The Annual Meeting was held on January 29th at St. Pius X High School in Albuquerque. Frank D. Gorham was reelected President as was Al Valdez Treasurer. Glenn A. Fowler was approved as Council Commissioner. Vice-Presidents elected were Ned Hatathli, Fred Huning, M. H. Romney, Howard Williams and R. K. Wootten. Judge D. A. Macpherson was Chairman of the Nominating Committee. District Chairmen approved were: Paul Becht, Robert Boshen, Msgr. Sigmund Charewicz, William Gardner, Harold Johnson, Dr. William Kottke, Peter McDonald, William Mason, G. D. Ramsey, Dr. Michael Redman, George Rodgers, James Sattizahn and Sonny Turpen.

At the meeting it was announced that Joey Vigil of Espanola was the 17,000th boy to be registered in this Council. A budget of \$188,446 was adopted. Guadalupe and Quay Counties were separated from the Encantado District to form a new District with Jerry L. Dean as District Executive. The remainder of the Encantado District was served by Richard L. Wyatt.

A resolution was adopted commending Dr. George Jarvis read "outstanding contributions toward further relationships between the Boy Scouts of the United States and the Boy Scouts of Mexico, through international brotherhood encampments and through his personal leadership has expanded the Mexican Scout Movement."

In September 1966 Vernon Deas was approved as Assistant Scout Executive for the Sandia District.

The Council had 65 "Scout Trainers" at the T-Man Conference held at the University of New Mexico. Eighty two Scouters attended a "University of Scouting" training conference at Philmont Scout Ranch.

1967

For the third time, Frank A. Gorham was elected President of the Council. Vice-Presidents elected were: Sherburne P. Anderson, James A. Davis, Glenn A. Fowler, Ned Hatathli, Fred D. Huning and M. H. Romney. Alfred A. Valdez was re-elected Treasurer and Dr. George M. Boyden was appointed Council Commissioner.

The Council's Consitution and By-Laws as well as the Articles of Incorporation were revised. Among changes made were the elimination of the Advisory Committee, reducing the quorum of the Executive Board from one-third to one-fourth of its members and changing the time of the Annual Meeting from November to January.

A budget of \$202,632 was adopted for 1967 operating expenses--this was the first time the budget had reached the \$200,000 amount.

At the May 5 meeting of the Executive Board, a memorial was given by Francis X. Eggert for District Executive Richard A. Wyatt and for former

Board members Harling Means and G. W. Evans.

The Council was named a "Blue Ribbon Council" for the fourth year. The award was made by the National Council for outstanding extension to boys in rural areas.

Total boys camped this year was 3,655 compared to 1,896 in 1962.

District Executive Leon Hale transferred to the Buffalo Trail Council at Midland, Texas. James Goldstein accepted the position of Scout Executive for the Rio Grande Council in South Texas. John Clewlow replaced Goldstein. John Simmons of Lubbock was employed to be District Executive of the Manzano District and Charles Hornung was selected as Assistant District Executive of Sandia District.

1968

Glenn A. Fowler, a resident of Albuquerque and an official of the Sandia Corporation, was elected Council President for 1968. Mr. Fowler had served as Council Commissioner, Manzano District Chairman, Chairman of the Indian Relations Committee and was an active Assistant Scoutmaster for Troop 119. Vice-Presidents elected were: Sherburne Anderson, James A. Davis II, Howard Gorman, John D. Guest, Neil Manahan, Benjamin Rascob and Clinton Taylor. Dr. George Boyden continued as Commissioner and Al Valdez as Treasurer. The officers were installed by D. A. Macpherson, Jr.

The Council's Long Range Goals were revised in several fields, including membership, budget, camps and camping. These goals were established on projected population growth to the year 1980.

In June, the National Council reduced the period for lapsed units to reregister from four

months to two months. This reduction in time was taken to speed up the current membership data by weeding out lapsed units.

A budget of \$235,874 was adopted for the year 1968. It was the largest to date and in some contrast with the 1925 budget of \$5,000.

Plans were further developed for a Capital Funds Campaign to finance construction at the camps and a Council Service Center. Following considerable review of plans, the Service Center was deleted from the contemplated Capital Fund Campaign. It is noted (author's opinion) that the Service Center still was inadequate and, in fact, has never had completely satisfactory facilities. The first office was one room in the Stern Building in Albuquerque, then the Sena Plaza in Santa Fe, then the Metropolitan Building in Albuquerque and finally the present location at 110 Richmond S.E. in Albuquerque.

Robert J. Tooley from Houston, Texas, was employed to serve as Assistant Scout Executive and Director of Program. It may be noted here that as the Scouting movement grew it seemed desirable to have professionals in positions of specialization e.g. finance, program, etc.

The first Key Three Conference was held in September. The three involved from each District were the District Chairman, Commissioner and Executive. The conference was designed to aid Districts in the planning of their program.

At the close of 1968 there were 19,087 boys registered in 583 units.

1969

"Boy Power '76" was a National Program started in 1969. It became an integral part of the Council

program. The objective of the program was to enroll one-third of all eligible boys and to establish matching funds, national and local, to be used for the employment of additional professional staff who would serve disadvantaged urban and rural areas. The program was reminiscent of the Ten-Year Program launched in 1932 to reach one in every four eligible boys.

Registration fees for boys were increased from 50 cents to \$1.00. In view of the economics of the time this seemed proper and was readily accepted; however, it had a negative effect on membership for awhile.

Professional changes included the promotion of Joe Provost to Assistant Scout Executive, the advancement of Jack Palmer to Assistant Executive and Director of Program, the approval of Vernon Deas as Assistant Executive and Director of Finance. Chuck Hornung was promoted to District Executive of the Sandia District and John Masoncup became District Executive of the Indian Capital District.

Glenn Fowler, serving his second year as Council President, appointed a Steering Committee for the upcoming capital funds campaign.

It is noted that Exploring--the program for older boys--was expanding and the Executive Board confirmed a regular standing committee to promote the program. Fred A. Cook was appointed Committee Chairman.

Catron County, bordering Arizona, was transferred to the Copper Council with headquarters at Safford, Arizona. This was the first territory deleted from the Kit Carson Council since its inception in 1925. This transfer decreased the area served by this Council but still left it second only to Alaska as the largest in

geographical area in the continental United States.

Council President Glenn A. Fowler was awarded the Silver Antelope at the Regional Annual Meeting held on October 23 at Corpus Christi, Texas. This was the first such Regional award to a Scouter of this Council. The award represents recognition of distinguished service to youth on a regional basis.

Progress was attained in trained leaders, increasing from 36 percent to 43 percent of all Unit Leaders. Likewise, long-term camping increased from 44 percent to 49 percent.

President Fowler was authorized by the Executive Board to appoint a committee to examine the question of changing the Council name.

1970

During 1970, the Council observed its 50th anniversary. As stated in the early part of this history, the Council was given a First Class Charter in 1920; however, it lasted a very short time--a few months at most--then lapsed into a Second Class Council and remained so until May 1925 when a First Class Charter was issued to the Albuquerque Council.

Glenn Fowler served his third consecutive term as Council President in 1970. Other officers were: Vice-Presidents Charles DiLisio, Harold C. Donnelly, Ned Hatathli, Benjamin Rascob, Alfred Valdez and Marlo Webb. Sherburne Anderson was Treasurer and Ronald Payne served as Assistant Treasurer. Dr. George Jarvis was Council Commissioner. It was the author's privilege to install the above-named officers.

The Annual Meeting of the Council was held at the University of New Mexico Student Union Building. Kirk Henry, Regional Executive from

Dallas, was the principal speaker. At this meeting the Council adopted a revision of its Articles of Incorporation and By-laws; the changes provided for a limit of 75 Executive Board members and limited the age of members to 70 years. Pat Sheehan was Chairman of the Revision Committee.

The big event of 1970 was the Capital Fund Campaign to raise the sum of \$837,100 for the development of Camp Chimayo, Camp Zia and Conchas Aquatic Camp. Wilfred A. Clarke served as General Chairman of the campaign which was "kicked off" at the Annual Meeting and met with enthusiastic response in all parts of the vast Council area.

Among other important events of 1970, were: National Indian Environmental Camp co-hosted by the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Kit Carson Council held at Camp Asaayi with 290 boys and 100 instructors; the Annual Round-up for new boy members Chaired by Dr. George Fishbeck--a popular TV personality; a Road Rally for Explorers; the launching of Project SOAR (Save Our American Resources); a High Adventure Camp for low-income boys.

Scout Executive Loren S. Loomis resigned, effective December 15, to accept the position of Deputy Regional Executive for Finance. Mr. Loomis had served the Council since 1963 and during this time period (from November 1, 1963 to December 15, 1970) the budget had increased 65 percent and the membership had grown from 14,288 to some 18,910.

CHAPTER VII

1971-1980

1971

George B. Kelley of Albuquerque, Manager of Traffic for the Santa Fe Railroad, was Council President for 1971 and 1972. Vice Presidents were Hugh F. Cocklin, Charles DiLisio, Harold C. Donnelly, Ned Hatathli and Alfred Valdez. Dr. George Jarvis was Commissioner and Richard K. Payne was Treasurer with Richard K. Remington as Assistant Treasurer.

James Harold Sullivan became the ninth Scout Executive of this Council in January 1971. He came from the Great Rivers Council with headquarters at Columbia, Missouri, where he served several years as Scout Executive; previously he served in a professional capacity in the Rocky Mountain Council, Colorado, being stationed at Pueblo and Alamosa, Colorado.

Eligible girls were welcomed into Explorer Posts beginning April 1, 1971. Heretofore, Exploring had been restricted to male members.

Tommie D. Daniel came to the Kit Carson Council to serve as Director of Support Services and Editor of the Council Bulletin. He came from the Choctaw Council of McAlester, Oklahoma, where he was the Scout Executive and previously had served in the Circle Ten Council, Dallas, Texas.

Richard K. Wootten was awarded the Silver Antelope at the Annual Regional Meeting. This was the second such Regional Award to a Scouter of this Council and is given in recognition of

distinguished service to youth on a regional basis.

On December 11, 1971, the Kit Carson Council annexed the counties of Archuleta, La Plata, San Juan, Dolores and Montezuma from the Western Colorado Council. The transfer was approved without any special financial commitment.

At year's end there were 19,648 youths registered in the Kit Carson Council.

1972

The National Council created a new structure for operation reducing the twelve Regions to six. The Kit Carson Council became a part of the South Central Region which was divided into four Areas. This Council was in Area Four, composed of ten (later reduced to nine) Councils in the Western part of the Region. Changing times, population movement and economics influenced the change. Glenn A. Fowler became the first President of Area Four.

The new Silver Fawn Award for women in Scouting was authorized by the National Council. This award was comparable to the Silver Beaver for men. Three women of the Kit Carson Council were honored with this award in 1972; they were Otelia Avritt, Barbara Archer and Lenora Harlin.

Official dedication of Chimayo Scout Reservation took place in October 1972 with ground breaking ceremonies. Council President George Kelley, with many Executive Board members and visitors were present. Governor Bruce King was the main speaker.

"Operation Reach", the Council's drug prevention program, held a conference with some 100 youths and adults representing 12 of the Council's 13 Districts. Dick Wootten and Dr. Frank Hesse

gave leadership to the conference.

Among Resolutions adopted by the Council in 1972 were the following:

Resolution adopted that the Kit Carson Council Executive Board, in session on April 28, 1972, authorized the Scout Executive to create one Council Explorer District for Albuquerque, and such other districts as the Scout Executive and the Council Exploring Committee may decide practical and feasible, and further that the position of Explorer Executive be created through the realignment of the present executive staff.

On a motion of Al Valdez and a second by Senator Fred Gross (Executive Board Action) Resolved: That the Kit Carson Council reaffirm its nondiscrimination policy; that this policy shall mean in its application that it is the policy of the Kit Carson Council, Boy Scouts of America, to offer equal employment opportunity, training, development, advancement and continuation of employment on the basis of relative qualifications and ability without regard to race, color, national origin, sex, age or religion. An employee of the Boy Scouts of America whose job requires direct involvement in its program must be willing to subscribe to the Declaration of Principle.

The Council achieved all of its "Boy Power" objectives for 1971; membership increased 4.4% and Boys Life Magazine increased its subscriptions by 20%. The Council was well on its way to achieving its "Boy Power '76" goals.

1973

R. K. Wootten of Springer, New Mexico, a widely known rancher, served as Council President in 1973. Vice Presidents were Hugh Cocklin, James A. Davis, General Harold Donnelly and Alfred A. Valdez. Richard A. Remington served as Treasurer and James E. Killoran as Commissioner.

George Miller, District Executive for the Anasazi District, came to this Council January 15, 1973 from the Northwest Texas Council at Wichita Falls, Texas where he served as District Executive. He started his professional career in the Circle Ten Council at Dallas, Texas and from there to the Conquistador Council at Roswell where he served as District Executive and Program Director from 1956 to 1967.

Kirk Henry, Regional Scout Executive, at the March meeting of the Executive Board, presented to the Council the Lorilord Spencer Plaque for 1972--the award for reaching goals of "Boy Power '76." Mr. Henry noted that the Council had a 13% gain in membership (two years), and 18% increase in units, a 44% increase in Indian membership and was following up on the Capital Fund Campaign and Camp Development.

Page, Arizona, was returned to the Grand Canyon Council, Flagstaff, Arizona in 1973. Page had transferred into the Kit Carson Council several years ago. It was agreed by all concerned that Scouting would be better served by the return of Page to its original council.

This year the National Jamboree was held at two sites--one at Farragut State Park, Idaho, and the other at Moraine State Park in Pennsylvania. Combined there was a record attendance of 64,000. This Council was well represented by 118 Scouts at the Idaho site.

Explorer Craig Porter of this Council was

elected Vice President of the National Explorer Presidents Congress held in Washington, D. C. This honor was a reflection of the excellent Explorer program in the Kit Carson Council. This Council had the largest contingent in attendance from the South Central Region.

The Annual Scout Exposition was held in March at Tingley Coliseum. The purpose of the Exposition is to give Packs, Troops and Posts an opportunity to display their skills--the theme this year was "Growing to Know." Income from the Exposition was \$13,119--\$5,000 of which went to units as commission on ticket sales.

The year 1973 ended with a youth enrollment of 22,029 and a youth-adult membership of 27,217. This was the Council's greatest registered membership and encouraged Council members as they worked to achieve the "Boy Power '76" goals.

1974

Alfred A. Valdez, Senior Vice President of the Albuquerque Federal Savings and Loan Association, served as Council President in 1974 and 1975. Serving with him in 1974 were Vice Presidents H. W. Cocklin, Ike Kalangis, General Harold C. Donnelly and Ralph C. Burch. Lyn Hendren was Commissioner and Richard A. Remington was Treasurer.

The United Fund (United Way) granted the Council permission to conduct a supplemental capital campaign directed toward major contributors and financial institutions--the purpose being to secure funds for the completion of Camps Chimayo and Conchas.

In January, at the Annual Business Meeting, President Valdez welcomed to the Executive Board new members Charles S. Lanier, Joe Montano, Al Broad, H. L. Galles, Jr., Wallace Hanley, Dr. Sam

White and Paul Gamertsfelder.

"Boy Power '76," the National Council Program, designed to reach and enroll one-third of the nation's boys into Scouting by 1976 and to upgrade the program, was "on target" in this Council in all measurable items.

By Executive Board resolution, the Council entered into agreement with the Navajo Area Educational Division of the Bureau of Indian Affairs for the purpose of securing "loaned executives" to work for the Council. Everyone agreed there was a great need for such a program. The Council would train the loaned executives and the B.I.A. would pay them for a one-year period.

In the summer of 1974, Camp Chimayo was opened for camping; 871 Scouts were accommodated this first year, some of them not yet born when the effort to secure the 2,400-acre Chimayo Reservation first started. This was a gala event and was celebrated by dedication ceremonies on July 17, 1974. More than 300 people were in attendance in addition to the Scouts in camp. Much time, work and planning and a successful finance campaign had gone into this project. Governor Bruce King was the speaker for the occasion, just as he was in 1972 when ground breaking took place on the Reservation. In connection with the dedication ceremonies, the Espanola Kiwanis Club held a luncheon at the camp. The National Council inspectors gave the camp an "A" rating. Ceremonies ended with a buffalo barbeque.

"SC Outreach," the Council's innercity program, was labeled a success by having 1,202 boys in 24 units. The program was given leadership by Joe Freelong.

The Council was saddened to learn of the death of Board Member Charles DiLisio, who served as Vice

President in 1971.

Roger Davis presented a check for \$18,000 to President Valdez from the Navajo Tribal Council. This was further evidence of the Navajo's support of and confidence in the Council and the Boy Scouts of America.

On November 20, 1974, the Council Executive Board adopted the New Council Reorganization Plan as submitted by the National Council. The plan was designed to be "sensitive and responsive to needs, react quickly and motivate people." It could be accepted by councils en toto, in part or not at all. This Council accepted all of it except the Exploring Program was to operate within the District structure. The new plan stated that the council structure was functional while the district manpower would be organized on a program basis.

Public disclosure of the padding of membership figures by 13 councils in the country was greeted with surprise and dismay. Let it be said here and now that this Council was not one of those 13 councils involved. In 1973 there was a small drop in membership nationally, but the loss in 1974 of 545,457 youth (figure from 1974 Congressional Report) was so large and unprecedented that it sent shock waves through the Scouting world. We point out that the 13 councils involved represented approximately 3% of the 439 councils in the United States.

Why? That was the question. Why this great exodus? Many persons advanced many reasons--or opinions. All that can be said now is that there seems to be no one specific reason. We submit for your consideration some of the opinions: administration; imposed goals; severe pressure to reach them; economics; inflation; cost to youth and volunteers; television; sports; attempt to urbanize; population changes; handbook--1972

version and publicity. For further information the reader is referred to the following publications:

The National Observer, March 8, 1975
U.S. News and World Report, May 7, 1979
The New Republic, May 19, 1979
The Sunday Denver Post, October 28, 1979

Also, the reader may find of interest, "Is Scouting in Tune With the Times," a research report conducted for the Boy Scouts of America by Daniel Yankelovich, Inc., July 1968. To close this subject for the present, we quote a sentence/admonition from some literary epic: "Stand like a steadfast tower that never wags its head, for all the winds blow." I believe the Boy Scouts of America has stood and will continue to stand.

1975

Serving his second year as Council President, Al Valdez was assisted by Vice Presidents Frank Nye for Cubbing; H. L. Galles, Jr., for Scouting; Leroy Swanson for Exploring; Lyn Hendren for Operations; Ralph Burch for Finance; H. C. Donnelly for Relationships; Charles Lanier for Administration; and Jerry Geist for Manpower. Bill Greenhalgh served as Treasurer. There was no Commissioner. It will be noted that each Vice President was given supervision over a specific function of the Council Operation; this was in compliance with the Council structure adopted by the Council in November of 1974.

New Executive Board Members were Fr. Tom Wilkins, Ralph Trigg, Jr., Jim Van Hecke, Bill Sanderwick and Dr. Chester Travelstead.

As a part of celebrating the 200th anniversary (1976) of the United States of America, Albuquerque was designated the Bicentennial City in New Mexico and would be the only city in New Mexico

where the "Freedom Train" would stop; the train carried exhibits and documents showing highlights of the country's 200 years of existence. The Council took on the task of selling 75,000 tickets to the "Freedom Train" with adjacent Councils cooperating.

Youth membership was given considerable attention because of continuing decline, starting in this Council in 1974, one year after the National decline started. As a stimulant to overcome the decline, Gov. Bruce King held a meeting in Moriarty to kickoff the annual Round-Up (drive) for new members. While deploring the loss in members, quality items improved, including 69% of top leaders trained and 168 Woodbadge trained Scouters with 147 active in Scouting; also, Cub and Scout advancements had improved.

Tommie Daniel resigned as Field Director. He was replaced by George Lang.

Council Scouters joined in honoring Abe Tucker who retired as Acting Director for the Educational Bureau of the Bureau of Indian Affairs. He was a dedicated Scouter and had contributed much toward the success of Scouting for Indian youth. A plaque was presented to Mr. Tucker along with a resolution of appreciation.

At the Executive Board meeting on November 14, 1975, tribute was paid to Senator Clinton P. Anderson, who recently passed away. Senator Anderson was a member of the first Executive Board of this Council and served as Council President in 1939.

1976

1976 Officers and Executive Board members were elected on December 5, 1975, at the Council Annual Business meeting held at the Central United

Methodist Church in Albuquerque. Chosen President for 1976 was Charles S. Lanier, President of the New Mexico Title Company of Albuquerque. Vice Presidents were Lyn Hendren for Cubbing, Al Broad for Scouting, Ralph Trigg, Jr., for Exploring, Dr. George Boyden for Operations, Jerry Geist for Administration, Ralph Burch for Finance and Sherburne Anderson for Manpower. William T. Greenhalgh served as Treasurer.

The Advisory Council to the Executive Board consisted of Robert L. Bennett, Jack P. Brandenburg, Holm Bursum II, Tibo Chavez, Frank D. Gorham, Pat Gurley, Timothy B. Ingwersen, D. A. Macpherson, Jr., H. Vern Payne, Frank C. Rand, Jr., William E. Reardon, D. W. Reeves, Marlo Webb and Dr. Clayton S. White.

Scout Executive Harold Sullivan reported that "while we raise more money each year than the previous year, the economics of our time forced the Executive Board to reduce the professional staff (in 1975) by three members, the price paid in membership was more than 4,000 boys." He stated that "the key to recovery was a substantial increase in funding." The author, agreeing with the above statements noted that "increased fund = increased staff = increased membership;" this was demonstrated time and again in Council after Council throughout the country and it was my personal experience while serving as a Scout Executive.

New Executive Board members for 1976 were welcomed in a ceremony conducted by Eagle Scout Richard Scheiber. They were: Max Jolley, Leonard Castillo, Rebecca Dotson, Cliff Johnson, J. Harold Browne, Victor Worley, Tommie Anderson and Bill Mason.

The Council name was changed from Kit Carson to the Great Southwest Area Council on March 26,

1976, at a meeting of the Executive Board. This action was taken in compliance with the Council members' vote of 116 for and 104 against. This action resolved the matter after several years of consideration.

On March 26, 1976, a resolution was adopted by the Executive Board as follows:

1. Resolved: That a Corporate Trustee be substituted for the present individual Trustees.
2. That the Albuquerque National Bank be appointed as the Corporate Trustee.
3. That the Council President, the Council Scout Executive, and the Council Treasurer will be responsible for communication between the Council Executive Board and the Corporate Trustee and for the promotion of contributions to the Trust Fund.

The above resolution was approved by the individual Trustees, the Council membership and the National Council. It was further resolved that a Resolution of warm appreciation be expressed to the individual Trustees for "serving faithfully and with dedication for 21 years, "starting with the establishment of the Trust Fund on July 29, 1955. The Executive Board expressed further appreciation to R. K. Wootten as Chairman, William E. Reardon as Treasurer, and John P. Dwyer as Attorney, for their special services. Individual Trustees named in the Resolution above were: William E. Reardon, John P. Dwyer, Benjamin C. Rascob, P. F. McCanna, W. O. Culbertson, Eugene G. Hayward, Paul Rutledge, Richard K. Wootten and Frank C. Rand, Jr.

Alden G. Barber became Chief Scout Executive (National) on October 1, 1967, and resigned May 1, 1976. Harvey L. Price, formerly Scout Executive of

the Los Angeles Area Council, succeeded Barber, February 17, 1977. Before going to Los Angeles, Price was a Scout Executive in Region Nine and Scouters in that Region were especially pleased by his being selected for this high office.

Election of Council Officers, Executive Board members and others for 1977 took place on December 11, 1976, at the Sheraton Old Town Inn, in Albuquerque. Charles S. Lanier was unanimously re-elected Council President for 1977. Vice Presidents elected were: Barrie P. Fritz for Cubbing, Al Broad for Scouting, Ralph Trigg, Jr. for Exploring, Dr. George Boyden for Operations, Jerry Geist for Administration, Ralph J. Burch for Finance and Sherburne P. Anderson for Manpower. William T. Greenhalgh was re-elected Treasurer. Elected National Council members were Al Broad, Darrel Fowler, Pete Sahd and Ralph Burch.

District Chairmen elected to the Executive Board were as follows:

Donald C. Tanner, Indian Capital District
Col. Raymond Gilbert, Manzano District
John T. McDermott, Sandia District
Bertram Collyer, Anasazi District
Leonard Castillo, Montoso District
Louis Higgins, Rio Grande District
A. B. Martinez, Santa Fe District
Michael J. George, Los Alamos District
Toney Scarborough, Espanola Valley District
Wallace Hanley, Navajoland District
Manuel Ferran, El Valle District

1977

President Lanier, on January 28, 1977, led the Executive Board in a silent, standing tribute to Oscar Love who recently passed away. Mr. Love had been a member of the Executive Board since 1951.

New Executive Board members were installed by Eagle Scout Robert C. Bidal. New members were Bill Pope, Willis Garrett, Eddie Plummer, James Nakai, Mike George, Loren Kemp, Rozier Sanchez, James Doolittle, Clifton Moreland, Bill Littrell and John McDermott.

Dr. George Boyden, Vice President for Operations, reported record attendance in summer camp of 2,163 boys; 5,758 boys attended District Camporees; 1,340 Scouts used Council camps in off-season periods. He reported 313 handicapped boys were served in 19 Units and 292 Units conducted Bicentennial activities (in 1976) and 2,893 boys and 130 Units participated in the Bicentennial Expo-Rado; 15 Explorers attended the National Explorer Presidents Congress in Washington, D.C.

At the Executive Board meeting held on March 25, 1977, additional new Board members were installed by Webelo Scout Bobby Cuvelier and President Lanier presented each with a Scouter's lapel pin. New Board members were Bertram Collyer, Burleson T. Collyer, Richard Elkins, Irvin Jones, William Nygren and Timothy M. Sheehan.

A Scout Rededication Service was held on February 13th at St. John's United Methodist Church, Albuquerque, chaired by Dr. Harry Vanderpool, Chairman of the Council Protestant Church Relations Committee. Ralph Neely of the Dallas Cowboys football team was the speaker for the occasion.

Lucille Blair, Council Office Manager, retired June 15th after 23 years of Council Service. Mrs. Blair was given a standing ovation by the Executive Board.

Camp Frank Rand, formerly known at Camp Chimayo, was dedicated on June 15th, in the memory of the late Frank C. Rand, Jr. of Santa Fe. Mrs.

Frank C. Rand was present for the ceremony and expressed praise for the entire program. J. Harold Browne was responsible for organization of the dedication program.

The Ninth National Jamboree was held at Moraine State Park, Pa. This Council was represented by 108 boys and twelve leaders. The total Jamboree attendance was 28,601. Darrel Fowler served as Jamboree Chairman for the Council.

A campaign for organization of new Units for Albuquerque Districts was kicked off in April with a dinner meeting held at the Albuquerque Country Club. Some 30 institutions, churches, synagogues, P.T.A., etc. were represented. This effort used the "Together We Organize" plan, previously described in this history. The principal speaker for the occasion was Thomas Keane (U.S.N.R.), National Director of Sea Scouting for many years, who after retirement continues his service to Scouting by giving speeches throughout the land. Some eighteen new Units resulted from this "Together" effort.

Camp Zia was sold for \$108,000 on July 28, 1977; Camp Asaayi was closed (owned by the Navajo Tribe); 62 Scouts from the Eastern Navajo Agency attended the Urban Camp; The United Way of Albuquerque increased the Council allotment by 7.6%.

Dick Vaughn was installed as a member of the Executive Board.

Mike Maslyn, District Executive, transferred to the Conquistador Council, Roswell.

Wallace Hanley, District Chairman, of the Navajoland District presented the Council a check for \$25,000.

1977 was a very busy year for Council Scouters. In addition to all the above, it was decided to create a new Planning Committee and to give more attention to "Quality Program."

1978

Ralph Burch, a business executive of Albuquerque, was elected Council President for 1978, at the Council Annual Business meeting in Albuquerque. Vice Presidents elected were Barrie Fritz for Cubbing, Richard Elkins for Scouting, Keith Kinghorn for Exploring, Al Broad for Operations, Lyn Hendren for Administration, Darrel Fowler for Finance and Sherburne Anderson for Manpower. Elected Treasurer was Willis Garrett and Ralph Trigg, Jr., Assistant Treasurer.

National Council Representatives elected were Al Broad, Darrel Fowler, S. P. Sahd and Charles Lanier.

New Executive Board members elected were Vaughn Justus, Douglas B. Barfield, William T. Barnhouse, Ed McCabe and Ted Peay. The above-named Scouters were installed by Explorer Ken Dickenson, Scout Jerry Hurtado, and Cub Scout Geoffrey Blackwell.

Bob Stamm, representing the Council Properties Committee, revealed that Mrs. Frank Rand had given the Council, in December 1977, the sum of \$75,000 for a swimming pool at Camp Frank Rand and pledged another \$75,000 when it was completed.

Another gift, of 35 acres, 17 miles south of Gallup, N.M. was given to the Council by Gilbert Ortega of Gallup.

The United Way Budget Committee of Albuquerque, recommended to the Council Executive Committee in January 1978, that the Council become

more aggressive in getting money on its own and not being so dependent on United Way for funding. Scout Executive Harold Sullivan and the Executive Committee felt that by employing a Finance Consultant to work for the Council, this goal could be reached. J. Harold Browne was later employed as Financial Consultant for the Council.

George Worley, Assistant Director of Information for the U.S. Forest Service, representing the Secretary of Agriculture, presented the Council the U. S. Dept. of Agriculture Green Seal Award, as winner in the Southwest Region competition in conservation.

Additional new Executive Board members were elected at a meeting of the Executive Board on March 31st, as follows: Dr. Paul Milligan of Gallup, Dr. J. B. Washburn of Page, Arizona, and Errol Le Cesne of Albuquerque. Percy Sickles of Socorro, N.M., was elected to the Advisory Council of the Executive Board.

In March of this year, the Council was saddened to learn of the death of James F. Van Hecke, a devoted Scouter of Los Alamos.

Monty Castillo was selected as the District Executive for the Los Alamos and Santa Fe Districts and Jack White for the Montoso District. Ken Bergquist was appointed District Executive for the Rio Grande District and Richard Searle as Assistant District Executive for the Sandia District. Searle later was promoted to District Executive of the Manzano District.

Scouters were saddened to learn that Tom Cochran had passed away June 3, 1978. He had served this Council as Director of Field Service and Assistant Scout Executive. The Council furnished a Scout guard of honor at the funeral.

A Resolution of Transfer of Interest in Real Property was approved by the Council for a reconveyance to the United States (Bureau of Land Management) of 31.84 acres of land, received in 1972, said land being an adjunct to Camp Zia property. This action was taken in compliance with terms of the original agreement in 1972.

Al Broad, Vice President for Operations, stated that Commissioner Service needs to be improved in each District and that District Chairmen would be asked to give emphasis to Commissioner Service. This recommendation resulted from a Conference of Commissioners for Area Four held recently in El Paso, Texas, with 58 Scouters present from the Great Southwest Area Council.

Among the many interesting events in 1978, were the following:

The Order of the Arrow Conference at Camp Frank Rand was well attended and there was a positive spirit on the part of both boys and men.

Two thousand persons attended the Cub Pushmobile contest held in Santa Fe.

A Cub Pow Wow was held at Valley High School with 148 in attendance.

Advancements of 6,693 were made in 1978 by Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and Explorers. The goal was 4,900.

The Council Annual Business meeting was held on December 9, 1978 in Albuquerque. General H. C. Donnelly, Chairman of the nominating committee placed in nomination: Ralph Burch for President; for Vice Presidents: Barie Fritz, William Pope, Darrel Fowler, Al Broad, Richard Elkins and Sherburne Anderson; for Treasurer, Willis Garrett and Ralph Trigg, Jr., for Assistant Treasurer. All

of the above nominees were elected.

New Executive Board members were Major Hoyle Dunn, A. Max Hatfield, Lee Hubbard, John Ungvarsky, Larry Cook, J. Harold Browne, James Davis, Bob Sherman, James Van Hecke, Jr., and John Walsh. These new members were installed by Explorer Anne-Liese Ripley of Post 392 and Eagle Scout Mar Kimball.

Tom Rowe, a veteran Scouter with some 65 years in Scouting, was elected as a Life Member of the Advisory Council of the Executive Board.

1979

A new Chief Scout Executive for the Boy Scouts of America, J. L. Tarr, took office on April 1, 1979. He succeeded Harvey Price who retired April 1, 1979. Like Price, Tarr was a Region 9 Scouter, serving as the Scout Executive of the Circle Ten Council at Dallas, Texas. The selection of Jim Tarr for the highest professional position in the Boy Scouts of America was most pleasing to Region Nine Scouters.

The National Council Office of the Boy Scouts of America was moved to the Dallas/Fort Worth area in 1979 to provide a more central location for service to the 416 councils in the nation. For the past 25 years the office was in North Brunswick, New Jersey, and previously was located at 200 Fifth Avenue, New York, N.Y.

A new National Theme/Program - "Scouting - The Better Life" was launched in August for the years 1980 through 1982. This Theme/Program and other national programs, events and personnel affect this and all other Councils in the country - thus the Theme: "Scouting - The Better Life" becomes a prominent part of the program for the Great Southwest Area Council.

The positions of Council Commissioner and District Commissioner were "re-instated" following a meeting of Commissioners of Area Four, held recently at El Paso, Texas. This was a good move because Commissioner Service had been of great value to Units for many years.

D. A. Macpherson, Jr., died May 26, 1979. He probably served longer in this Council than any other Scouter. He was the first Council office secretary in 1925, being associated with the author. He was chiefly responsible for organizing the Albuquerque Community Chest, now called the United Way, and served as its first President. He was responsible for raising the money to purchase Camp Zia and served many years on the Council Executive Board. The Council was saddened by his death.

On June 12th the Council Long Range Planning Committee submitted its report to the Executive Committee, as follows:

"Summarized the membership (now in the sixth year of decline); Quality Program Study; Organization and Manpower Study; Office Study; Land and Facility Study; Finance Study and urged immediate action in filling the Director of Finance position, develop a Leadership Training Committee, implementing an Office Committee, establish a Camping and Facilities Committee". Bill Barnhouse emphasized that the Committee was trying to shake the Council out of its complacency.

At the Executive Board meeting on July 27th President Ralph Burch stated that the Executive Committee accepted the Long Range Plan as submitted and appointed a committee to implement the plan. The Committee had Ralph Trigg, Jr., as chairman and members Bill Pope and Al Broad.

For the first time, in the history of this Council, a female was employed in a professional capacity; Joy Somerville was assigned as District Executive of the Indian Capital District.

Joe Provost accepted a position on the National Staff to serve the Indian Relations Committee. He served this Council for the past 25 years as District Executive and Assistant Scout Executive.

The Council's new \$165,000 Olympic Swimming pool opened at Camp Frank Rand in time for the summer camping season. A study made some years ago, listed swimming as the first choice activity for boys.

Ralph Trigg, Sr., of Albuquerque who served as Council President for six consecutive years, died on August 11, 1979. The Council was saddened by his death.

The Order of the Arrow, made up of honor campers, held a Conclave at Camp Frank Rand. Jerry Hurtado reported 250 members plus 111 new candidates present.

Jim Barrington came to this Council in September 1979 to serve as Assistant Scout Executive. He came from the Gulf Coast Council, Corpus Christi Council, where he served several years as Director of Field Service.

Lyn Hendren, President of the Southwest Insul-Bead Company of Albuquerque, was elected President of the Council for 1980, at the Council Annual Business Meeting held in Albuquerque on December 8, 1979. Mr. Hendren had served as Vice President and in other capacities. He had been a Cub Scout and a Boy Scout in units sponsored by the Monte Vista

Christian Church in Albuquerque.

Vice Presidents elected were Elbert Bennett for Cubbing, William Pope for Scouting, Darrel Fowler for Exploring, Sherburne Anderson for Manpower and Richard Elkins for Finance. Al Broad was approved as Commissioner. Willis Garrett was elected Treasurer and Tony Knudsen, Assistant Treasurer. District Chairmen elected to the Executive Board were:

Colonel Gilbert Martinez, Manzano District
Wayne E. Bingham, Sandia District
Loren Kemp, Encantado District
Robert Sherman, Los Alamos District
Larry Kehoe, Santa Fe District
Scott Graham, Rio Grande District

The above-named District Chairmen were installed by Cub Scout Mike James, Eagle Scout Mike McHugh and Explorer Roger Bedell.

New Executive Board members were Don Barnes, Brent Christensen, Harry Hilt, Vern Jolley, Tom Isbell, Tony Knudsen, Jim McClure, Dr. Lenton Malry, Colonel Jack Shepperd, Max Sklower, Patricia Smith, Walter Scott, Wayne Bingham, Dr. Donald Kerr, Carl Brown, Kenneth Wilson and Glen Bonafield.

1980

The Annual Report to Governor Bruce King and the Silver Beaver-Eagle Scout Banquet highlighted the 1980 Scout Week activities. During February, on the snowy hills of the Continental Divide, the Klondike Derby was held with Patrols of Scouts pulling their sleds across the snow. The Klondike Derby was brought to this Council by Arthur Wilford, a Scouter from his native country of Norway. It did much to popularize winter camping.

Many Cub Packs held "Blue and Gold" Banquets, showing their handmade crafts with pride.

More than 4000 people attended the Scout Show held at Tingley Coliseum in Albuquerque. The show demonstrated knot tying, first aid, crafts, and featured the Pinewood Derby.

1,162 Scouts attended Council camps and hundreds more held Patrol and Troop camps. Skills such as cooking, fire building, rope making, hiking, games, camping and working together

450 Cub Scouts enjoyed a fantastic day camp. Troops at Camp Frank Rand enjoyed a week of adventure in the outdoors, hiking along numerous trails, swimming in the new Olympic size swimming pool, field sports and hearty meals in the central dining hall.

Troops attending Conchas Aquatic Base enjoyed swimming, sailing, canoeing and water skiing. At both camps, Scouts learn many new skills in the merit badge field.

The Cub Pushmobile highlighted the Cub Scout program. Cubs were very proud of their home-made cars.

District Camporees in the spring and fall drew over 3,200 Scouts to compete in Scouting adventure and contests of skill.

Explorers were busy with the National Explorer Presidents' Congress, State Fair, Order of the Arrow Service projects and high adventure trips across the nation.

6,280 boys advanced in rank and 4,987 earned merit badges. Eagle rank earned was almost double last year.

William Tucker, President of Area Four of the South Central Region, conducted the Council review for 1979. He pointed to several areas of operation that need strengthening including membership and training. He commended the Council on matters of personnel, finance, long-range program and Cub Day Camps.

Jerry Acton came to this Council from Enid, Oklahoma, in 1974 as a staff member. Acton resigned last year but later was re-employed to serve as Director of Finance and Program. He replaced Ev Grain who transferred to another Council.

GOOD NEWS! 1980 closed with a GAIN IN MEMBERSHIP. This was good news indeed since membership had declined for six consecutive years. It is also good to report that National membership gained for the first time in the past seven years. This Council accomplishment in overcoming member deficit was epitomized in the anonymous author's words:

"I will" has a spirit that nothing daunts
Once he gets his eye on the thing he wants
He rolls up his sleeves and pitches in
With a splendid zeal that is bound to win"

Continued effort and determination on the part of hundreds of volunteers, assisted by staff professionals, were constant factors in making the gain in membership--thus ending the exodus of 10,035 youth members in this Council and a loss of 1,708,611 youth members nationally!

We would like to forget this sad page (exodus) in our history, but as someone said, "to forget (or ignore) history is to imperil the future." We would like to know the reason for this experience in bathos (to a degree); however, as far as this

author knows, only opinions have been offered. I venture to express mine (after more than 65 years in Scouting as a Boy Scout, Volunteer and Professional). I have talked with many Scouters, read many reports, sought opinion from coast to coast and many sources leading (mostly) to national management as the primary factor. Supporting this opinion, we cite imposed goals and severe pressure to attain them, causing many, many volunteers and many professionals to retire or resign. These were contributing factors, such as unfavorable publicity, etc. which accelerated the dropping out of youth and adults, thus many youth members were cut short in their Scouting experience and perhaps an equal number did not join during the decline period--too much, too soon and too quickly was attempted. "Boy Power-'76" was a worthy and commendable program and well intentioned--and goals were well on their way to being attained up to 1973-74. Let us remember that sweeping changes, such as reducing Regions from twelve to six, new structure in Council operation, etc. take time to be accepted and fully implemented. It is ironic and fortuitous that the "old plan" of operation produced the nation's largest membership in 1972 and in this Council in 1974, to be followed so soon afterward by the greatest loss in membership.

The Boy Scouts of America has survived wars, disasters, depression and inflation, riots and "changing times" and now it "stands like a steadfast tower that never wags its head, for all the winds blow."

Should we not ask this question:

"Are the Times in Tune with Scouting?"

SCOUTING MARCHES ON TO
THE BETTER LIFE !

CHAPTER VIII

1981

1981

Lyn Hendren continued to serve as Council President in 1981. Vice Presidents serving with him were: Barie Fritz for Administration, Elbert Bennett for Relationships, Vaughn Justus for Program, Dick Elkins for Finance, Pete Ford for Area I, Larry Kehoe for Area II, Bill Pope for Area III and Frank E. Paul for Area IV.

It is noted that four Vice Presidents were assigned to the four geographical Areas of the Council, as recently approved by the Council. The purpose of this territory alignment was to: "...expedite Council policy, recommending to the Executive Board policy changes, assisting Districts in programs, while avoiding encroachment upon duties of the District Committee personnel."

Darrel Fowler was approved as Council Commissioner; Tony Knudsen was elected Treasurer and Bill Craig, Assistant Treasurer. Eagle Scout Wilson Walter installed the above-named officers.

National Council members elected were: S. P. Sahd, Patricia Smith and Frank E. Paul.

District Chairmen elected to the Executive Board were as follows:

Paul B. Brandt, Manzano District
Ray Berry, Sandia District
Bertram Collyer, Anasazi District
Louis Seig, Santa Fe District
Richard M. Tisinger, Los Alamos

Roger C. Davis, Navajoland District
Joe C. Diaz, El Valle District
J. R. (Jim) Hale, Rio Grande District
Loren Kemp, Encantado District

Four new Executive Board members elected were: John Binford, Joseph G. Maloof, Tom Tinnin and Will Knox. They were installed by Sean Schoenfeld.

1981 promises to become an epochal year in the history of this Council--for these reasons: Changes in the structure of Council operation, viz - make up of the Executive Board, four areas of operation and program, with a Vice President to help each of the four (geographical) areas; restoration of Commissioner service; revision of the Council Constitution and By Laws; a new Scout Executive and a full professional staff along with several thousand dedicated volunteers with the enthusiasm and "know-how" to do the job.

A proposed Council budget was approved in the amount of \$468,340. This showed an increase of \$34,892 over the operating spending of \$433,448 for 1980. This increase seems modest, considering continued inflation.

The Council Endowment Fund, at the close of 1980, amounted to \$117,912.

Denise Lund, President of Post 666, installed Bob Reinhardt as a new member of the Executive Board and Pete Ford and Max Hatfield as Council Vice Presidents (Hatfield replaced William Pope, who resigned).

Melvin B. "Pete" Cook, presently Area Director for Area Four, serves in an advisory capacity to this Council by counseling with the Scout Executive and other Council Officers. Others who have served in this capacity (formerly called Deputy Regional

Scout Executives) include Minor Huffman, Bob Glew and Max Hatfield.

Vaughn Justus, Vice President for Program, announced the following appointments: Sam Lockwood as Chairman of the Camping Committee; Dr. George Boyden as Chairman of Leadership Development; Tom Isbell as Chairman of Activities and Jim McClure as Chairman of the Advancement Committee.

Harold Sullivan, Scout Executive of this Council, resigned at the Executive Board meeting on April 24, 1981. He had accepted a position with the National Council in the South Central Region. Mr. Sullivan came to this Council in January 1971 and served for ten and one-half years--the longest tenure for any Executive for this Council. Under his leadership the Council reached its zenith in membership with 22,029 registered youths. Also, he gave leadership to the Capital Fund Campaign which resulted in the development of Camp Frank Rand on the Chimayo Reservation.

Mr. Sullivan was succeeded on June 15, 1981, by William J. Schmitt of Dallas, Texas, where he served as Associate Area Director for Area Two of the South Central Region. His previous professional career included service in the Golden Empire Council of Sacramento, California, where he was Director of Exploring; as a Deputy Regional Executive in Region 2, serving New York, New Jersey and the Caribbean. In 1968 Mr. Schmitt joined the National Staff as Assistant National Director of Exploring and was instrumental in the organization and direction of Contemporary Exploring, National Explorer Presidents' Congress and the National Explorer Olympics. "Bill" Schmitt came into professional Scouting from a position as Director of the U. S. Humane Services in charge of the Western Region. A native of St. Louis, Missouri, he attended St. Louis University with an athletic scholarship for basketball. He was a Boy Scout, a

Sea Scout and an Assistant Scoutmaster.

Gerald R. Ford, 38th President of the United States, came to the Great Southwest Area Council as guest speaker at the Annual Recognition Dinner held at the Albuquerque Civic Center on May 27, 1981. He began his Scouting career as a member of Troop 15 of the Trinity M. E. Church in Grand Rapids, Michigan, and attained the rank of Eagle Scout. In 1975 he was awarded the Silver Buffalo for distinguished service to the youth of America. Mr. Ford praised the Boy Scouts of America for its program in developing youths into men and women of character, for physical fitness and for duty to God and Country. Following his address, he presented the Silver Beaver Award to nine Council Scouters. They were: Robert L. Murphy, Suzanna Gurley, H. Vern Payne, Donald Scranton, Wayne E. Bingham, Ralph Bennett, Raleigh Seeyouma, Sheldon Bennett and P. V. Thorson.

The tenth National Jamboree was held at Fort A. P. Hill, Virginia, starting on July 29, 1981 and closing on August 4th. This Council was well represented by 108 Scouts and 12 leaders. We can be sure all of them enjoyed this experience with 30,000 other Scouts and leaders from every state in our country and hundreds of Scouts from foreign countries. Very few Scouts attend more than one Jamboree but that one will never be forgotten. The American Heritage Dictionary defines Jamboree as "a noisy celebration". This is an apt definition--and much more to those in attendance.

From the Baden-Powell Story we quote, "At Olympia (in) London in 1920, was staged the first of the great Rallies which he (Baden-Powell) was first to call Jamborees."

Darrel Fowler served as Chairman of the Council Jamboree Committee.

On July 31, 1981, at a meeting of the Executive Board, the Council name was changed by deleting the word "area"--thus the Council name becomes the GREAT SOUTHWEST COUNCIL.

We are reminded again that this Council made a gain in membership last year, with 12,471 youth members registered, as reported by Vice President Vaughn Justus early this year; also a gain of 4.5% was made in January 1981 over January 1980 as well as an increase of 11.3% in volunteers.

The National Council announced some interesting and challenging programs for the rest of 1981, among them "A new program based on developing youth leadership capabilities for Senior Patrol Leaders and Explorer Post Presidents"; "SOAR (Save Our American Resources), a program designed to incorporate an awareness and understanding of conservation as the wise use and management of natural resources"; "The National Explorer Cabinet announced a program to help the growth of Exploring by recognizing those posts having a 10% membership increase. The National Explorer Cabinet is composed of the National Explorer President and the six Regional Explorer Chairmen--all youth members." Still another program will stimulate Inner-City membership.

M. B. "Pete" Ford of Albuquerque, Chairman of the Board of the Jaynes Corporation, was elected President of the Council for 1982. The Council Annual Meeting was held on December 5, 1981 in Albuquerque with some one hundred Council members present.

Other officers elected were Darrel Fowler, Council Commissioner, and Vice Presidents Barie Fritz for Administration; John Walsh for Finance, Elbert Bennett for Relationships and Tony Knudsen as Treasurer. J. Lyn Hendren is Past President.

Elected as National Council Representatives were M. B. "Pete" Ford, Darrel Fowler, Pete Sahd, Frank E. Paul, and Patricia Smith.

The Council voted to abandon the "new reorganization plan" it had adopted in November 1974 and to return to the "old plan" of operation which had been so successful for a half century or more and which had brought the Council to its zenith in operation and membership.

The reader may recall, several paragraphs ago, that "1981 promises to become an epochal year..." The action taken at this annual meeting seems to confirm the promise. My dictionary says: "New epochs emerge with comparative suddenness." The author believes the Council has taken a "great step forward."

Council operating committee chairman for 1982 are: Mahlon Love for Membership, Glenn Fowler for Training, Bill Sholer for Camping, Will Knox for Activities, Jim McClure for Advancement, and Dr. George Boyden for Health and Safety.

Seventy-two members were elected to the Executive Board.

Seventy-two years of Scouting in New Mexico and this Council during which time many tens of thousands of youths were served with a program of activities, camping, outdoor experiences and given leadership by men and women of goodwill and dedication to our greatest resource--our boys and girls.

For the second consecutive year the Council gained in youth membership, closing with a total of 12,479.

In his last message to Boy Scouts, Baden-Powell said: "Try and leave this world a little

better than you found it."

From James I:22 we quote in part: "Be ye doers of the word and not hearers only...."

THE END

EPILOGUE

1982

In May 1982, on the advice of his doctor, William J. Schmitt submitted his resignation as Scout Executive of the Great Southwest Council. Mr. Schmitt (Bill) came to this Council on June 15, 1981. During his brief time here, he guided the Council in restructuring the Council organization and led it to a membership gain.

On June 1, 1982, H. Dean Lollar became the eleventh Scout Executive of the Council. He came from the Llano Estacado Council at Amarillo, Texas where he had served successfully as Scout Executive for four years. Previously he had served as a District Executive in Tennessee and as Field Director for the Circle Ten Council of Dallas, Texas. In Amarillo he was active in the First Christian Church, in community affairs and was a Rotarian. He and his wife Nancy have three children--Jeffrey, Travis and Katie. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree from the Tennessee Technological University.

The National Council recently announced a new program: "Foundations for Growth." It consists of four parts as follows:

1. Tiger Cubs, B.S.A.: An all new one year Scouting program for second grade (7 year old) boys and an adult family member.
2. Bear Enrichment: An improved and expanded version of the current second year Cub Scout activities.
3. Today's Family: A new approach to America's changing family life style.

4. Explorer Marketing: Tools and Techniques to help B.S.A. staff to tell the Exploring story to key audiences.

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Appendix A

DO YOU KNOW THAT

The right hand was used for the Scout handclasp prior to 1923.

Star rank was higher than Life rank and just preceding Eagle rank in the early years of the Scout movement.

The neckerchief was not originally a part of the uniform of the Boy Scouts of America.

A coat was a part of the first Scout uniform.

James E. West, the first Chief Scout Executive, is credited with interesting President Theodore Roosevelt in calling the first "White House Conference on the Care of Dependent Children."

National Book Week, known previously as "Safety First Juvenile Book Week", "Good Book Week" and "Children's Book Week," was first developed under the leadership of Franklin K. Mathiews who was Director of the Reading Program of the Boy Scouts of America.

The Scout Oath and Law were developed by a commission chaired by Dr. Jeremiah W. Jenks, then of New York University, and they were patterned after the English version.

The first observance of Boy Scout Week was June 8-15, 1913, by proclamation of President Woodrow Wilson.

In 1910 there were many Scout organizations, among them the American Boy Scouts (later this was changed to United States Boy Scouts), also the Boy Scouts of the United States, the National Scouts of America, the Peace Scouts of California and the YMCA Boy Scouts.

The first issue of Boys Life Magazine was dated September 1913.

Norman Rockwell, the famed artist, started his career as an artist for Boys Life Magazine.

Sea Scouting started in 1912.

Cub Scouting units were established in 1929 in certain councils on a trial basis.

President Theodore Roosevelt was the first and only Chief Scout Citizen.

The Boy Scouts of America was granted a Federal Charter by Congress on June 15, 1916.

Lord Baden-Powell is the acknowledged originator of the Boy Scouts, but at a dinner given in his honor at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel, September 23, 1910, he said, after Seton had introduced him as the "Father" of the Boy Scouts, "You have made a mistake, Mr. Seton, in your remarks to the effect that I am the father of this idea of Scouting for boys. I may say that you are the father of it, or that Dan Beard is the father. There are many fathers. I am only one of the uncles, I might say."

Daniel Carter Beard, National Commissioner and Chairman of the National Court of Honor, illustrated Mark Twain's book, "A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court."

Note: All of the above items can be found in

"The History of the Boy Scouts of America" by William D. Murray which was published in 1937 by the Boy Scouts of America, New York, N.Y.

Daniel Carter Beard received the only Gold Eagle Badge ever awarded.

Ernest Thompson Seton's pen name originally was Ernest Seton Thompson.

Mr. Leonard S. Clark of Greenwich, Connecticut, who was one of Ernest Thompson Seton's original Indians at Cos Cob, Connecticut, in 1902 and who lived adjacent to Mr. Seton's property at Cos Cob, has this to say about Seton's name as quoted in a letter dated August 26, 1969, and addressed to Mrs. Marion Young Ingles of Lakewood, California: "I am sure you know the start of his life in England for he was born in England and wanted to become a writer and his father objected. He ran away from home, settled in Canada, and at first wrote under the name of Ernest Seton Thompson instead of his own name of Ernest Thompson Seton. This explains why his first books were written under the adopted name rather than the true name."

A. W. Hockenhull of Clovis, New Mexico, was serving as President of the Eastern New Mexico Council (now Conquistador) when he became Governor of New Mexico.

The first telescope presented to the University of New Mexico was given by the Boy Scouts through B. T. B. Hyde and his connection with the American Museum of Natural History.

The Albuquerque Zoo was given its first alligator by the Boy Scouts.

An archery club, perhaps the first in New Mexico, was organized in Albuquerque as a result of a Boy Scout archery contest in 1927.

A cousin of Ramsey MacDonald, Prime Minister of Great Britain (1924-35), claimed, in a conversation with the author, that he originated the idea of Boy Scouting.

The Great Southwest Council is the largest in land area (excepting Alaska) in the U.S.A.

New Mexico in the 1920's had four Councils. They were Gila Grande with headquarters at Silver City; Kit Carson at Raton; Eastern New Mexico at Roswell; and Rio Grande at Albuquerque.

Appendix B

ANECDOTES BY P. V. THORSON

Between 1925 and 1931

1. "OH YEAH--THIS IS JULIUS CAESAR!"

That is the answer I nearly gave in response to a telephone call from Santa Fe in 1927, when a voice said, "This is James E. West, Chief Scout Executive." Not knowing Mr. West was in or even near New Mexico, I thought some Scouter from Santa Fe was "putting me on." How glad I was not to have so answered--because it really was Mr. West. He continued, "I hear you are having a training course there tonight--I'll be there." He did come and visited the course session. Fortunately, the Council was having a very good and well-attended course at the University of New Mexico. The faculty was a group of distinguished citizens and University faculty members, including the President of the University. Mr. West seemed pleased with what he saw and heard and expressed his satisfaction with the course.

2. "I'D RATHER BE A BOY SCOUT THAN THE KING OF ENGLAND"

--so wrote Daniel Carter Beard, National Commissioner, Chairman of the National Court of Honor and one of the founders of the Boy Scouts of America. I first met Uncle Dan, as he was known affectionately by thousands, in 1926 at a conference of Scout Executives at Hot Springs, Arkansas. Meeting him was a great thrill and I asked him for a message to take home to the Scouts of this Council. He graciously consented and wrote

on a piece of brown paper--"I'd rather be a Boy Scout than the King of England." I had this framed and hung on the wall of the Council office.

3. UNCLE DAN'S FIRST VISIT TO NEW MEXICO

He visited this Council in 1928 and said it was the first time he had ever been in the state. He went on to say he had been asked to go to the state to do some surveying (at the age of 19 he graduated as a civil engineer) but he declined and was glad he did because the man who went in his place was found "staked to the plains."

Uncle Dan spent about a week in the Council. We took him by auto to an Indian Pueblo and then on to Taos where he visited the grave of Kit Carson. Uncle Dan was visibly distressed by the ill-kept grave at that time.

At the Indian pueblo, he had what must have been a unique experience--for him. Two rather tall Indians were whitewashing the front of the church. They used long poles with cloth wrapped around one end. By dipping the cloth end in the whitewash, they could reach to a goodly height. We watched for a few minutes and then Uncle Dan asked the Indians if he could go inside. They gave him a solemn look and shook their heads "No." Uncle Dan protested and said "Me heap big chief." One Indian, looking down on him, said, "Hmmm-heap little chief." I relate this incident because there probably were very few places Uncle Dan wanted in that he didn't get in.

4. THE ATLATL

While on his visit to this Council, Uncle Dan saw an atlatl, or throwing stick, a weapon used by Indians before the bow and arrow came along. He expressed a desire to have one and I told him I'd send one to him. He said, "Oh, I'll never get it--

people all over the country promise me things, but I never get them." I nearly became such a person; however, some 13 years later, a Scouter came into my office with a beautifully made atlatl. I immediately recalled my promise to Uncle Dan and bought the item on the spot and mailed it to him that same day. I wrote him a letter reminding him of my promise to him. He received the atlatl and my letter and wrote me a letter of thanks, saying he was sending me an old pistol--a shortened two barrel percussion lock affair with seven notches on the handle. His letter was dated April 16, 1941. A few weeks later he was dead. Even though late, I was glad to have kept my promise.

5. A ROUGH RIDER MEETS COLONEL THEODORE ROOSEVELT, JR.

Royal A. Prentice, an attorney and Scoutmaster of Tucumcari, had been a member of Colonel Theodore Roosevelt's Rough Riders. When I told him that Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., was to attend the National Council Meeting in Oklahoma City in 1940, he was eager to attend--hoping he would have the opportunity of meeting the son of his famous leader. We attended the meeting together. One day I wandered into the auditorium well before time for the meeting. Luck was with me--for there, upon the platform all alone, was Colonel Theodore Roosevelt, Jr. I made my way quickly to him, introduced myself and told him a member of his father's Rough Riders had come to the conference especially with the hope of meeting him. He was most cordial and said he would be delighted to meet him. I hurried out to find Mr. Prentice and was again lucky, finding him almost immediately. We hurried back to the auditorium where I introduced them. Colonel Roosevelt took Mr. Prentice by the hand and pumped it up and down vigorously, smiling, showing his teeth so characteristic of his father, and said, "I am delighted." He then turned to me and said, "You are a liar" and repeated it. I was speechless,

then he quickly said, "You told me this man was a member of my father's Rough Riders--why, he's not old enough to be the father of my children." Obviously, he was being complimentary to Mr. Prentice and just as obvious was their pleasure at meeting each other. Seldom have I been at a loss for words but on this occasion I was.

6. SAILING PRAIRIE SCHOONERS ON HEAT WAVES

Tom Keane, National Director of Sea Scouting, came through Albuquerque and had time during the train stop to telephone me. He said, "I see you have some Sea Scouts here--this is about the last place I would expect to find them." I replied, "Yes, we have several ships" to which he questioned, "Where's the water for sailing?." I replied, "We sail prairie schooners on heat waves." This seemed to satisfy him.

7. FOREST FIRE IN DOWNTOWN ALBUQUERQUE?

After Christmas 1927 or 1928, it was suggested that the Boy Scouts gather as many as possible of discarded Christmas trees and "plant" them on a vacant lot near Tijeras or Copper at First Street or thereabouts. The idea was to demonstrate the devastating effects of a forest fire. Forest Service officials were most cooperative, as always, and with City permission the trees were "planted." The Forest Service built small replicas of lookout towers, several cabins and strung telephone wires to simulate a communications system.

The vacant lot covered most of a city square block and there must have been nearly a thousand trees. Hundreds of Scouts, leaders, Forest Service, Fire Department and Police officials along with many interested and curious citizens wandered hither and fro among the trees. At a prearranged signal, a flaming match was tossed into some brush--and there was indeed a very real forest fire

in downtown Albuquerque. The fire was kept under control and extinguished without trouble. The "demonstration" was considered a very good lesson for all who witnessed it.

8. SCOUTS DISCOVER OLD INDIAN VILLAGE

In 1929, Scouts at Camp Seligman in the Jemez country took a short hike. In about fifteen minutes from camp they came upon the ruins of an old Indian village atop a mesa. This "find" was reported to Dr. Edgar L. Hewitt, New Mexico's noted archeologist. He visited the village site shortly thereafter and declared that it had not been officially known to exist. He was very pleased and surmised that the village population had been about two thousand.

9. MEETING ERNEST THOMPSON SETON

While attending Indian dances and games at one of New Mexico's Indian pueblos about 1926 or 1927, I learned that Ernest Thompson Seton also was there. I was rightfully thrilled at the prospect of meeting the famous author who started the Woodcraft Indians in 1902 and was one of the founders of the Boy Scouts of America. Someone pointed him out to me and I then introduced myself. Although the time and place were not too conducive to conversation, he was quite cordial and after some small talk and pleasantries, we parted.

10. UNCLE BENNIE HYDE

Benjamin Talbot Babbit Hyde was affectionately called "Uncle Bennie." He was a member of a prominent New York family. Hyde Park near Santa Fe was given to the state as a memorial to him.

On a venture to New Mexico, he and his brother were members of the expedition that excavated Pueblo Bonita, a most important archeological find.

The expedition was known as the "Hyde Expedition of the American Museum, 1895-1900" (Pliny, Earle Goddard, Indians of the Southwest, American Museum of Natural History, 1931, New York, N.Y., pp 46 and 57). Following are several stories about Uncle Bennie, pointing up the unique qualities of his character.

11. EXPERIMENTING WITH A SNAKE

In the American Museum of Natural History in New York, circa 1927, Uncle Bennie was experimenting with a live rattlesnake to see what would provoke it to strike. It was not a large snake, but large enough to inject its poison. He kicked it around on the floor, but it didn't offer to strike so he picked it up and put it on a table. He then put his hand, palm down on the table, in front of the snake, thinking it would signal before striking by withdrawing its head slightly--as any well-behaved snake would, but it didn't--neither did it rattle; it simply stretched forward and bit the hand, puncturing a vein, thus injecting its poison directly into the bloodstream. A young medical student nearby gave first aid, but in a short time Uncle Bennie was stretched out on the table and had turned purple all over. Several doctors had arrived by this time, including his family physician, who finally said, "Let's inject antivenom directly into the bloodstream." The others said to do so would kill him, to which the family physician replied, "Well, he's already dead," so they did inject the antivenom directly into the bloodstream--reportedly for the first time in medical history--and Uncle Bennie lived.

This was the story told me by Uncle Bennie. As a result of this snake bite, he came to Santa Fe to recuperate and soon regained his health.

Before long, Uncle Bennie called on me in Albuquerque. I had met him briefly in Hot Springs,

Arkansas, in 1926 at a conference for Scout Executives. He had been interested in Scouting for several years and served as a special National Field Commissioner as well as authoring several pages on nature lore in the Boy Scout Handbook.

12. UNCLE BENNIE BECOMES A FIELD EXECUTIVE

On one occasion we were talking about employing a Field Executive for the Council. Uncle Bennie said "Why not me?" I was greatly surprised, knowing something of his background and being about half his age, I felt rather odd--like our positions should be reversed. However, he was employed and we worked harmoniously together for several years. It was a rich experience for me.

13. WHAT'S IN THE SACK?

One warm summer day, Uncle Bennie came into the Scout office carrying a burlap sack, putting it down in a corner. I asked "What's in the sack?" "Oh", he said, "just something I picked up." That was not a too satisfying answer, but I let it pass--to my later dismay. We proceeded with the business at hand and after considerable time had elapsed, Uncle Bennie left--without the sack. I was curious, especially since there were suspicious dark spots on the sack and something was oozing onto the floor. I looked in the sack and therein was--to my consternation--a dead dog!

It was after 5:00 p.m. and nearly everyone had left the building. Not knowing just what to do, I finally put it out a window on the roof--intending to properly dispose of it the next morning. That's right, I forgot it. The janitor found it the next day and was, understandably, quite unhappy, tramping up and down the hall and muttering to himself.

The next time I met Uncle Bennie he told me he

had planned some sort of an experiment with the dog which he had found alongside the road.

14. WHO PAYS FOR LUNCH?

Field trips in the nineteen twenties were somewhat adventuresome, since there were hardly any paved roads and the Model A Ford we traveled in was not what one might term luxurious. Uncle Bennie and I left Albuquerque on a ten-day field trip. We took turns paying for meals and it was here I learned something. My companion would always take the check, if he could. When I would ask for it, he simply handed it to me without a word. I soon learned not to ask for the check unless I really wanted it.

Many of my friends and associates had a very surprised look when I practiced this bit of strategy on them.

On this same trip while on the way home we stopped at Grants for lunch. After a hearty meal, I said, "Uncle Bennie, I guess this one is on you--I'm out of money." He said, "So am I." Neither of us knew the proprietor. After some dark musing about washing dishes, Uncle Bennie approached the proprietor and engaged in earnest conversation for a few minutes. He came back to our table with a smile and said, "It's all right, I borrowed \$25 from him." I never learned how he did that.

15. ALLIGATOR IN THE OFFICE

While visiting with a former Scout Executive from Orange, Texas, the conversation turned to alligators. I said somewhat facetiously, "I'd like to have one." Sure enough, in the course of several weeks, a box was delivered to our one-room Council office in the Stern Building in Albuquerque. The delivery was made late in the afternoon, after the office secretary had left for

the day. In the box was a two-foot alligator.

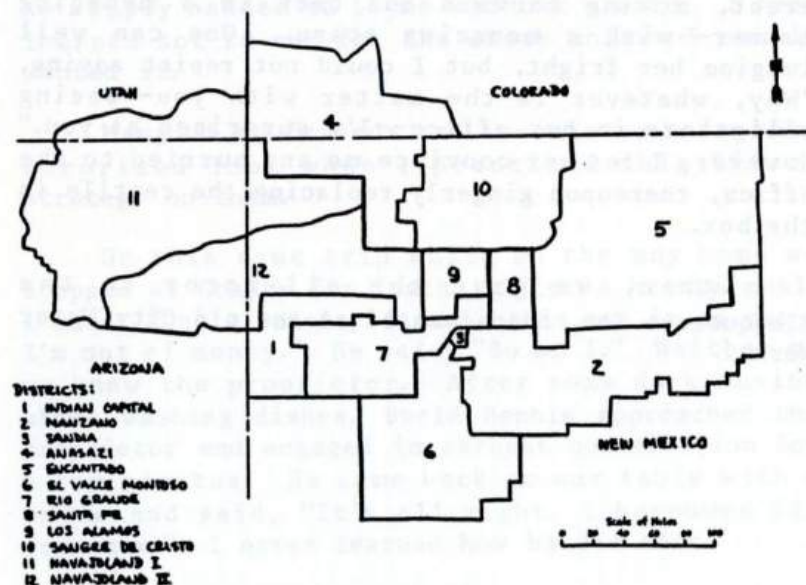
The top of the box had several slats over it. I loosened them to get a better look at the creature and then fastened them back--or so I thought.

The next morning shortly after eight o'clock, my home telephone rang. I recognized my secretary's voice as she said, rather frantically, "Mr. Thorson, there's a live alligator loose in the office". At once, I knew the alligator had gotten out--and there he was, standing with all four legs erect, moving forward and back in a menacing manner--with a menacing stare. One can well imagine her fright, but I could not resist saying, "Why, whatever is the matter with you--seeing alligators in our office--I'm surprised at you." However, I let her convince me and hurried to the office, thereupon gingerly replacing the reptile in the box.

Later, we gave the alligator to the Albuquerque Zoo, then located at the old City Water Works.

Appendix C

COUNCIL MAP



GREAT SOUTHWEST COUNCIL
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA
1981

Appendix D

Council Territory

- 1925 City of Albuquerque
- 1926 Added Bernalillo County and Belen
- 1927 Jurisdiction increased to include the counties of Santa Fe, Valencia, Torrance, Sandoval, Catron, Socorro, McKinley, San Juan and Rio Arriba. All counties in New Mexico.
- 1929 The original Kit Carson Council (Raton - 1927) merged with the Rio Grande Council (now Great Southwest) the counties of Colfax, San Miguel, Mora, Taos, Harding and Union. All counties in New Mexico.
- 1936 San Juan and Navajo Indian Reservations in Apache County, Arizona, were transferred into this Council from the Roosevelt Council, Phoenix, Arizona.
- 1942 All of the Hopi Indian Reservation in Navajo and Coconino Counties, Arizona, and the remainder of the Navajo Indian Reservation, being that part of the reservation in Navajo and Coconino Counties, Arizona, were transferred to this Council from Roosevelt Council.
- 1955 That portion of the Navajo Indian Reservation in Utah was transferred to this Council. The territory transferred is described as that part of Kane and San Juan Counties, Utah, south of the San Juan River.
- 1956 Guadalupe and Quay Counties transferred

into this Council from the Conquistador Council, Roswell, New Mexico.

- 1969 Catron County, N. M., bordering Arizona, was transferred to the Copper Council, Safford, Arizona.
- 1971 Five counties of Southwest Colorado were taken into this Council. They were La Plata, San Juan, Archuleta, Montezuma and Dolores. Page, Arizona, was returned to the Grand Canyon Council, Flagstaff, Arizona.

Appendix E

Council Names

- 1925 Albuquerque Council
- 1926 Rio Grande Council
- 1933 Northern New Mexico Council
- 1955 Kit Carson Council
- 1976 Great Southwest Area Council
- 1981 Great Southwest Council

Other Councils in New Mexico in the 1920's Chartered as First Class:

Roswell Council was chartered in 1922. The name was changed to the Pecos Valley Council in 1924. Later the name was changed to the Eastern New Mexico Area Council and in 1953 it became the Conquistador Council.

The Kit Carson Council at Raton was chartered in 1927. In 1929 it was merged with the Rio Grande Council at Albuquerque.

The Gila Bend Council at Silver City was chartered in 1927. It merged with the Yucca Council in El Paso in 1929 or 30.

Appendix F

Youth Membership 1924-1980

1924	97	1953	7,359
1925	277	1954	8,089
1926	414	1955	8,282
1927	507	1956	9,524
1928	635	1957	10,884
1929	692	1958	11,449
1930	995	1959	12,229
1931	1,030	1960	12,633
1932	1,299	1961	12,326
1933	1,556	1962	13,003
1934	1,166	1963	14,288
1935	1,284	1964	15,615
1936	1,443	1965	17,164
1937	1,506	1966	18,075
1938	1,556	1967	18,957
1939	1,703	1968	19,087
1940	1,602	1969	18,129
1941	2,772	1970	18,910
1942	3,324	1971	19,643
1943	2,606	1972	21,267
1944	3,090	1973	22,029
1945	3,613	1974	20,458
1946	3,735	1975	16,464
1947	4,495	1976	15,253
1948	3,799	1977	15,100
1949	4,890	1978	13,257
1950	5,615	1979	11,994
1951	6,269	1980	12,471
1952	6,492	1981	12,479

Appendix G

COUNCIL PRESIDENTS

1920.....	Max Nordhaus, Albuquerque
1921.....	Dr. David Ross Boyd, Albuquerque
1922-26.....	Judge M. E. Hickey, Albuquerque
1927.....	Francis E. Wood, Albuquerque
1928-29.....	Phillip Donnell, Albuquerque
1930.....	Joseph Gill, Albuquerque
1931.....	Judge M. E. Hickey, Albuquerque
1932.....	Joseph Gill, Albuquerque
1933.....	W. W. Nielson, Santa Fe
1934.....	F. A. Koch, Santa Fe
1935-37.....	Daniel T. Kelly, Santa Fe
1938.....	Earl L. Moulton, Albuquerque
1939.....	Clinton P. Anderson, Albuquerque
1940-41.....	E. P. Ancona, Albuquerque
1942.....	Judge D. K. Sadler, Santa Fe
1943-44.....	C. G. Gunderson, Grants
1945.....	Frank C. Rand, Jr., Santa Fe
1946.....	J. P. Brandenburg, Taos
1947.....	Don E. Woodward, Albuquerque
1948-49.....	Emory A. Nielsen, Albuquerque
1950-51.....	W. A. Hagberg, Gallup
1952-53.....	Frank A. Mapel, Albuquerque
1954-55.....	E. R. Wood, Santa Fe
1956-61.....	Ralph S. Trigg, Sr., Albuquerque
1962-64.....	Fred D. Huning, Los Lunas
1965-67.....	Frank D. Gorham, Albuquerque
1968-70.....	Glenn A. Fowler, Albuquerque
1971-72.....	George B. Kelley, Albuquerque
1973.....	Richard K. Wootten, Springer
1974-75.....	Alfred Valdez, Albuquerque
1976-77.....	Charles Lanier, Albuquerque
1978-79.....	Ralph Burch, Albuquerque
1980-81.....	J. Lyn Hendren, Albuquerque
1982-.....	M. B. "Pete" Ford, Albuquerque

COUNCIL EXECUTIVES

1925-31.....P. V. Thorson
 1931-34.....Lindsey S. Harkey
 1934-38.....Carroll C. Thomas
 1938-44.....Howard W. Meyer
 1944-48.....Lyndon F. Grant
 1948-54.....Hugo O. Olsen
 1954-63.....George A. Bullock
 1963-71.....Loren S. Loomis
 1971-81.....J. Harold Sullivan
 1981-82.....William J. Schmitt
 1982-H. Dean Lollar

Council Presidents



Max Nordhaus 1920



Judge M.E. Hickey 1922-26



Phillip Donnell 1928-29



Joseph Gill 1930, 1932



Daniel T. Kelly 1935-37



Earl Moulton 1938

Council Presidents



Clinton P. Anderson 1939



E.P. Ancona 1940-41



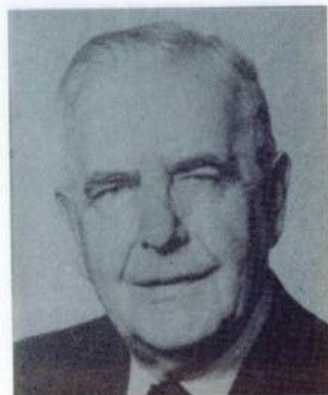
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Frank C. Rand, Jr. 1945



J.P. Brandenburg 1946



Don E. Woodward 1947

Council Presidents



Emory A. Nielsen 1948-49



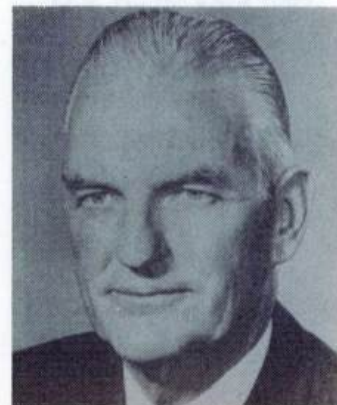
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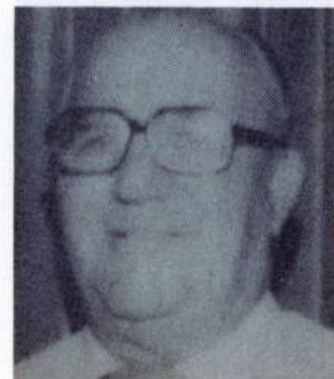
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E.R. Wood 1954-55



Ralph S. Trigg, Sr. 1956-61

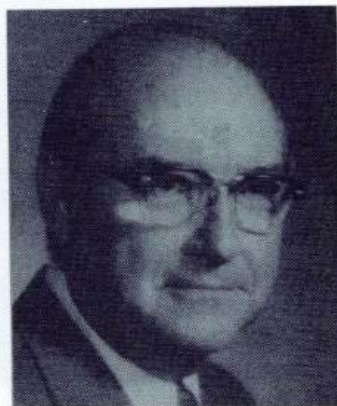


Fred D. Huning 1962-64

Council Executives and Staff



Loren S. Loomis 1963-71



J. Harold Sullivan 1971-81



William J. Schmitt 1981-82



H. Dean Lollar 1982-



Appendix H

1981 COUNCIL OFFICERS

President: J. Lyn Hendren

Commissioner: A. Darrel Fowler

Vice Presidents:

Administration: Barie Fritz, Albuquerque

Finance: Richard Elkins, Albuquerque

Program: Vaughn Justus, Albuquerque

Relationships: Elbert Bennett, Los Alamos
Operations:

Area I Pete Ford, Albuquerque

Area II Larry Kehoe, Santa Fe

Area III A. Max Hatfield, Pagosa Springs

Area IV Frank E. Paul, Window Rock

Treasurer: Tony Knudsen, Albuquerque

Asst. Treasurer: J. W. Craig, Albuquerque

National Council Representatives:

Pete Sahd, Penasco

Frank E. Paul, Window Rock

Patricia Smith, Albuquerque

1981 DISTRICT CHAIRMEN

Indian Capital: Ed Bishop
Manzano: Lt. Col. Ed Lynam
Sandia: Ray Berry
Anasazi: Bertram Collyer
Encantado: Loren Kemp
El Valle y Montoso: Joe C. Diaz
Rio Grande: James R. Hale
Santa Fe: Louis Seig
Sangre de Cristo: Dr. Larry Cook
Los Alamos: Richard Tisinger
Navajoland: Roger Davis

1981 DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS

Indian Capital: Ed Bishop
Manzano: Jim Hammitt
Sandia: Ernest Bolton
Anasazi: Dennis Ivie
Encantado: Joe Britton
El Valle y Montoso: Harvey Yates
Rio Grande: George Marsh
Santa Fe: Sheldon Bennett
Los Alamos: Don Cameron
Sangre de Cristo: (None)
Navajoland I: Wallace Hanley
Navajoland II: Wallace Hanley

Appendix I

1981 EXECUTIVE BOARD

Sherburne P. Anderson, Albuquerque
Douglas B. Barfield, Albuquerque
Don Barnes, Farmington
Elbert Bennett, Los Alamos
John Binford, Albuquerque
Dr. George Boyden, Albuquerque
Al Broad, Tajique
Carl Brown, Farmington
Ralph J. Burch, Albuquerque
Brent Christensen, Farmington
Dr. Larry Cook, Taos
J. W. Craig, Albuquerque
Richard Elkins, Albuquerque
Pete Ford, Albuquerque
A. Darrel Fowler, Albuquerque
Barie P. Fritz, Albuquerque
A. Max Hatfield, Pagosa Springs
J. Lyn Hendren, Albuquerque
G. Harrison Hilt, Albuquerque
Thomas E. Isbell, Albuquerque
Vaughn Justus, Albuquerque
Larry Kehoe, Santa Fe
Loren Kemp, Las Vegas
Keith Kinghorn, Albuquerque
Will Knox, Albuquerque
Tony Knudsen, Albuquerque
Charles S. Lanier, Albuquerque
Errol LeCesne, Albuquerque
Joseph G. Maloof, Albuquerque
Lenton Malry, Albuquerque
James D. McClure, Albuquerque
William Morgan, Window Rock
Frank E. Paul, Window Rock
H. Vern Payne, Santa Fe
Robert Reinhart, Albuquerque
Albro Rile, Los Alamos
S. P. "Pete" Sahd, Penasco
Walter E. Scott, Albuquerque

Pat Sheehan, Albuquerque
Timothy M. Sheehan, Albuquerque
Col. Jack W. Sheppard, Albuquerque
Bob Sherman, Los Alamos
Bill Sholer, Albuquerque
Patricia Smith, Albuquerque
Robert Stamm, Albuquerque
Thomas P. Tinnin, Albuquerque
Albert Valdez, Albuquerque
James Van Hecke, Jr., Los Alamos
Richard Vaughn, Albuquerque
John Walsh, Albuquerque

1981 ADVISORY COUNCIL TO THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

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Jack P. Brandenburg, Taos
James L. Davis III, Cimarron
Donald Dodge, Window Rock
Gen. H. C. Donnelly, Albuquerque
Glenn A. Fowler, Albuquerque
Rex Franklin, Albuquerque
Willis Garrett, Albuquerque
Frank D. Gorham, Albuquerque
Pat Gurley, Gallup
Wallace Hanley, Window Rock
Lee Hubbard, Navajo
Fred D. Huning, Jr., Los Lunas
Clifton O. Johnson, Tuba City
Dr. Dan E. Johnson, Albuquerque
Dr. Donald Kerr, Los Alamos
Hon. Bruce King, Santa Fe
Frank A. Mapel, Albuquerque
Rebecca Martgan, Window Rock
Bill Mason, Santa Fe
Ed McCabe, Shiprock
Peter McDonald, Window Rock
Dr. Paul Milligan, Gallup
James Nakai, Tohatchi
Phil Naumburg, Santa Fe
Rozier Sanchez, Albuquerque

Bill Standerwick, Farmington
Hal Tanner, Cortez
Marlo Webb, Farmington
Kenneth R. Wilson, Cortez
E. R. "Ned" Wood, Santa Fe
R. K. Wootten, Springer
Kurt Ziebarth, Taos

Appendix J

1981 COUNCIL STAFF

William J. Schmitt, Scout Executive
 Jim Barrington, Assistant Scout Executive
 Jerry Acton, Director of Finance and Program

District Executives:

Jim Atkisson, Encantado
 Andy Braman, Rio Grande
 Ben Hanley, Navajoland II
 Stan Kenslow, Santa Fe & Los Alamos
 Ray Lujan, Sangre de Cristo
 George Miller, Anasazi
 Tony Moraga, El Valle Montoso
 Peter Rockbridge, Navajoland I
 Richard Searle, Manzano
 Joy Somerville, Indian Capital
 Mike Whelan, Sandia
 Richard Zuniga, ADE, Sandia

CAMP RANGERS

Jack Stellar, Camp Frank Rand
 Hank Kubic, Conchas Aquatic Base

OFFICE STAFF

Darlene Winkler, Office Manager
 Sylvia Anderson, Exec Secy/Bookkeeper
 Chistina Jones, Registrar
 Linda Saylor, Assistant Registrar
 Shirley Kurth, Advancement Clerk
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Frank C. Rand, Jr. 1955

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Glenn A. Fowler 1969
 Richard K. Wootten 1971
 *Marvin D. Johnson 1974

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Adams, Warren H.	1970
Allen, John Eliot, Dr.	1954
Allman, Stephen	1976
Ancona, Edward P.	1937
Anderson, Clinton P.	1955
Anderson, Ernest I.	1975
Anderson, Sherburne P.	1974
Apodaco, Ireneo	1949
Archer, Barbara (F)	1971
Archer, William H.	1977
Arning, Charles H.	1974
*Aronson, Samuel	1960
Arthur, Paul	1956
Asprey, Larned B.	1967
Avritt, Otelia C. (F)	1971
Avritt, William A.	1971
Bacchus, W. W.	1955
Bailey, Margaret R. (F)	1973
Banks, Wayne H.	1955
Barba, Charles E.	1966
Barcello, Louis P., Rev.	1965
Barr, David V., Jr.	1978
Barrett, Betty L. (F)	1973
Beach, Harvey	1958

Beatty, C. Ulmer	1966
Begay, Grace E. (F)	1972
Benham, William J.	1968
Bennett, Elbert W.	1971
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Bennett, Ralph	1980
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Bennett, Robert L.	1973
Bennett, Sheldon	1980
Benson, Victor R.	1962
Berry, Ray	1976
Bingham, Wayne E.	1980
Bjorkland, Carl W., Dr.	1962
Blanck, George S.	1975
Bolton, Ernest L.	1946
Bolton, Howard T.	1972
*Bouma, Robert	1959
Boyden, George W., Dr.	1968
Brandenburg, J. P.	1948
Breckenridge, Edison C.	1974
Brian, Richard	1963
Broad, Alfred T.	1975
Brooks, Robert D.	1965
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Bryan, George S.	1950
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*Bullock, George A.	1933
Burch, Ralph J.	1967
Burns, Sylvia	1978
Burttram, Julian H.	1966
Butterworth, John E.	1975
Byrne, Edwin V., Rev.	1951
Caldwell, A. M.	1946
Campbell, Jack M., Gov.	1964
Carroll, Hugh D.	1950
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Charewicz, Sigmund, Rev.	1954
Chavez, Celso	1947
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Chepin, Carl	1969
Clark, William C.	1960

Clarke, C. C., Dr.	1946
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Clawson, Al	1956
Clingenpeel, Robert	1956
Cocklin, Hubert W.	1973
Connell, A. J.	1931
Connell, M. A., Dr.	1950
Cordova, N. Arthur	1974
Cutchen, Thomas J.	1976
D'Avignon, Ralph J.	1968
Davis, James L. II	1960
Davis, Roger C., Jr.	1966
Derr, King	1959
Dillon, Thomas J.	1970
Di Marzio, Richard	1962
Donnelly, Harold C.	1972
Dorneman, Eugene T.	1973
Dross, Allen E.	1972
Dunn, Fred	1960
Eddy, Jean B. (F)	1972
Ellis, Bill G.	1974
Ellis, Emmet A., Jr.	1956
Emigh, Charles R.	1975
Engstrom, Ed	1952
Exter, A. J.	1938
Faxon, Ralph H.	1944
Fisher, Alfred	1976
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Gold, Ned C.	1942
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Gomez, Jose Ernest	1968
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Gunderson, Carroll G.	1944
Gurley, Patrick J.	1978
Gurley, Susanna	1980
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Hagberg, W. A.	1953
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*Hamm, Alfred M.	1957
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Hanley, Wallace H.	1977
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Hebel, L. Charles	1972
Heffelman, M. C.	1948
Henderson, Carl	1954
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Hester, Marshall S.	1959
Hickey, M. E., Judge	1932
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Higgins, Louis T., Jr.	1974
Hill, Melvin	1969
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Jackson, C. E.	1951
Jaffa, Arthur G.	1936
Jarvis, George A.	1960
Johnson, Clifton O.	1976
Johnson, Daniel E., Dr.	1979
Johnson, Harold L.	1967
Jolley, F. Max	1971
Jones, Paul	1958
Justus, Vaughn	1978
Karlin, Glenn C.	1970
Kelley, George B.	1972
Kelly, Daniel T.	1937
Kerr, James W.	1956
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King, Bruce, Gov.	1973
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Lanier, Charles	1977
Large, Hobart W.	1973
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Lenander, Harlan E.	1968
Lindstrom, Gerald A.	1979
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Lovato, Ernest M.	1974
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Lowe, Robert	1957
Macpherson, Daniel (Judge)	1963
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Maguire, Clarence B.	1953
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Martinez, A. B.	1977
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*McDermott, John	1969

McDonald, Peter	1972
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*Melton, John	1959
Miller, Barney C.	1968
Milligan, P. R., Dr.	1976
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Monroe, D. D.	1969
Montanto, Louis R.	1970
Morey, Cecil C.	1963
Morgan, Elmo R.	1947
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Mount, Kenneth W.	1961
Mueller, Theodore	1973
Murphy, Robert L.	1980
Murray, Robert J.	1953
Nakai, Peairs	1970
Newman, Lyle W.	1976
Nichols, Wesley S.	1957
Nielson, Emory	1952
Noedling, Otto T.	1959
Noggle, Leonard S.	1971
Nordhaus, Max	1933
Olix, Robert J.	1979
Osborn, Robert L.	1973
Overton, William C.	1976
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*Paquet, Andrew	1947
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Paul, Richard B.	1978
Payne, H. Vern	1980
Peabody, Henry C.	1966
Peay, Teddy S.	1979
Phillips, James G.	1965
Pioche, Robert, Jr.	1973
Poldevaart, Aarie	1940
Pringle, A. W.	1958

*Raker, Lyle	1951
Ramsey, G. D.	1966
Rand, Frank C., Jr.	1966
Raskob, Benjamin A.	1968
Raught, Melvin	1967
Read, Clark D.	1953
Reardon, William E.	1960
Reider, Helene	1977
Reider, William A.	1977
Reithel, Robert J.	1966
Renk, Charles J.	1960
Rhein, Robert	1971
Richards, Fred	1945
Rile, Albro	1951
Robertson, Roy R., Dr.	1963
Rolls, James A., Dr.	1938
Romero, Alfredo	1957
Romney, Miles H.	1967
Rowe, Thomas T.	1943
Ruiz, Espeedie G.	1965
Sadler, Daniel K.	1939
Sahd, S. P.	1964
*Sayer, William B.	1969
Saylor, Robert M., Dr.	1953
Schmidt, Ralph A.	1955
Schofield, Aldred E.	1974
Scott, Walter E.	1970
Scranton, Donald	1980
Seeyouma, Raleigh	1980
Self, Roy H.	1945
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Sheehan, Pat	1975
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*Smart, Billy	1966
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Sonntag, Charles W.	1975
Stallcup, T. Allen	1979
Stevens, Casimir F.	1974
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Stracke, George A., Rev.	1949
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Tanner, Esta Mae	1974
Taylor, Warren E.	1978
Terry, H. E.	1952
Thomson, E. Lincoln	1971
Thorson, P. V.	1980
Till, Loella B.	1974
Tolbert, Cecil C.	1956
Trigg, Ralph S.	1958
Trujillo, Joseph	1970
Tucker, Abraham I.	1972
Ungvarsky, John J.	1977
Vaillancourt, Arnold	1962
Valdez, Alfred A.	1966
Vanderpool, Harry, Dr.	1965
Van DeValde, Leonard	1975
Van Hecke, Harry L.	1942
Van Hecke, James F.	1975
Victor, Deb J.	1964
Walters, W. Dean	1979
Warrick, Harry A.	1967
*Waters, Heil F.	1950
*Watson, Fred	1944
Webb, Marlo L.	1967
Weining, Arthur J.	1961
Wells, Elmer G.	1961
West, Charles	1977
*West, Ed	1940
*White, Clark	1950
White, Jay S.	1978
Whitwam, Richard H. Rev.	1970

Whyte, D. Neil	1968
Wilford, Arthur H.	1978
Williams, Benjamin T. Rev	1964
Williams, Howard D.	1962
Willis, Walter B.	1957
Wilson, Louis P.	1971
Wood, E. R.	1955
Woodward, Don E.	1951
Wootten, Richard K.	1957
Worman, Fred C. V.	1962
Zerwekh, Al	1960
Zurschmit, Kenneth F.	1968

* = Award made in another
Council
(F)= Silver Fawn

Appendix L

WOOD BADGE

From the National Council, we learned the following regarding Wood Badge in the United States: "The first Wood Badge course held on the soil of the United States took place in 1936 at Schiff Scout Reservation, Mendham, New Jersey. The Course Director was Colonel J. S. Wilson of England, later the Director of the Boy Scouts International Bureau. It was a British experimental course for top American Scouters. Bill Hillcourt was one of them and later became one of the leading figures in Wood Badge training. After this course was held there was a period of assessment and soul searching until 1948 when the first American Wood Badge course was held in July at the Schiff Scout Reservation. The second course was held the same year, in October at Philmont."

The earliest reference to Wood Badge Training in New Mexico which was attended by Scouters from this Council is as follows: "The first Explorer Wood Badge course was held at Philmont Scout Ranch in 1951. Attending from this Council were Dr. Lloyd Burley, Stanley Clarke and Jim Culbertson".

WB 412-1, May 23-31, 1959, at Camp Zia was the first course in the Council. It was directed by Jack Schnakenberg with Norman Schaefer, Bob Dilley, George Bullock, Paul Claussen and C. C. Tolbert serving on the staff.

R9-6, June 19-27, 1965, at Camp Zia with G. Newell Hughes of Midland, Texas, as Course Director. This course originally was scheduled at Philmont Scout Ranch's Camp Zastro, however, the great flood at Philmont forced a last minute move to Camp Zia.

Glenn Fowler, Bud Cauger, Dr. George Boyden, Bob Brooks, Dick Brian and Harry Warrick of this Council served on the staff. Also serving on staff was Oley F. Hedrick of Midland, Texas.

R9-21, May 4-12, 1968, at Camp Asaayi was directed by Glenn A. Fowler with Dick Brian, Harry Warrick, Dr. George Boyden and Arthur Cordova serving on the staff. Jack Baker of Lubbock, Texas, also served on staff. Joe Provost served as Host Council Representative.

SC-41, Oct. 5-6, 19-20, Nov. 1-3, 1974, at Camp Chimayo was directed by Walter E. Scott. This was one of the first weekend Wood Badge courses held in the South Central Region. Serving on the staff were William B. Sayer, Robert G. Thom, Normand G. Belt, Ralph W. Clement, James D. Williams, Brian S. Ward, A. B. Martinez, Jr., Donald A. Scranton and Chuck Chapman.

SC-52, May 31-June 7, 1975, at Camp Chimayo was directed by William B. Sayer. Serving on the staff were Stephen D. Chester, Joseph P. Brannen, Raymond C. Berry, Carl A. Scheiber, Billy R. Hancock, Robert H. Sherman, Donald A. Scranton, Jack F. Stellar and Jerry R. Acton from this Council. Also serving on staff were Derral L. Brown and Albert J. LaDriere from the Yucca Council in El Paso, Texas.

SC-81, July 31-August 7, 1976, at Camp Asaayi was directed by Walter E. Scott. Serving on the staff were William B. Sayer, Jerry R. Acton, Norman G. Belt, Raymond C. Berry, Robert W. Bouma, Donald A. Scranton, John E. Butterworth, John A. Hughes, Robert D. Hughes, Thomas A. Monroe, E. Lincoln Thompson and James K. Valentine. Joe Provost served as Host Council Representative.

SC-113, Oct. 8-9, 21-23, Nov. 4-6, 1977, was held at Camp Frank Rand (formerly Camp Chimayo) with Elbert W. Bennett serving as Course Director.

Serving on the staff were Ralph Clement, John Butterworth, Ray Berry, Patricia Smith, Arlin M. Gurley, John A. Hughes, Steven Lambert, Donald Scranton, Clifford Smith and Bob Thom.

SC-174, Sept. 6-7, Oct. 3-5 and 17-19, 1980, at Camp Frank Rand was directed by Robert W. Bouma. This was an unusually large weekend course with 64 participants. Serving on staff were John Butterworth, John A. Hughes, Robert G. Thom, Clifford A. Smith, Lenora M. Harlin, W. Dean Walters, Barbara M. Archer, Normand G. Belt, Ray Berry, Wayne E. Bingham, Eugene T. Dorneman, Arlin M. Gurley, Steven J. Lambert, Charles L. Mader, Robert J. Olix, William A. Reider, Walter E. Scott and Camp Ranger, Jack F. Stellar.

SC-209, Aug-Sept, 1981, at Camp Frank Rand was directed by Raymond C. Berry. Serving on the staff of this weekend course were Walter E. Scott, Steven J. Lambert, Wayne E. Bingham, Patricia P. Smith, Sandra J. Fieszel, Kent G. Fry, Barbara M. Archer, Jay I. Chamberlin, Donald L. Hofman, Jimmy L. Ramsey, William A. Reider, Samuel E. Saunders III and Camp Ranger Jack F. Stellar. Jerry R. Acton served as Host Council Representative.

SC-224, Sept-Oct, 1982, at Camp Frank Rand was directed by Walter E. Scott. Serving on the staff of this weekend course were Robert W. Bouma, Robert G. Thom, John A. Hughes, Kent G. Fry, Wayne E. Bingham, Donald L. Hofmann, Clifford A. Smith, Donald A. Scranton, Jay Chamberlin, Lloyd McNeil, Max Luft and Richard F. Meyerhein.

Appendix M

National Jamborees

		Total	Council
1. 1937	Washington, D. C.	27,232	37
2. 1950	Valley Forge, Pennsylvania	47,163	2
3. 1953	Irvine Ranch, California	45,401	91 Troops
4. 1957	Valley Forge, Pennsylvania	50,000	120
5. 1960*	Colorado Springs, Colorado	56,378	280
6. 1964	Valley Forge, Pennsylvania	52,000	123
7. 1969	Farragut State Park, Idaho	35,000	123
8. 1973**	Farragut State Park, Idaho and Moraine State Park, PA	64,000	118
9. 1977	Moraine State Park, PA	28,601	120
10. 1981	Fort A. P. Hill, Virginia	30,000	120

* Golden Jubilee Jamboree commemorating 50th Anniversary of Boy Scouts of America

** Held at two sites. Great Southwest Council at Idaho site.

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