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is dedicated to

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the thousands of men—some named, but far too many unacknowledged—

who through these past fifty years have given up

evenings, weekends and vacation trips

to help boys become Scouts and Scouts become men.

Surely in so doing each of these gained for himself

a rare and special bit of immortality.

For the spark of a man's spirit

that fires the heart and mind of a boy

lives on in the boy and in the man that boy becomes.

And so the ideals, the wisdom, the courage, the vision

of Scout leaders and executives

are passed down through generations

to boys who become finer men because of their Scouting heritage.

Goethe said that we love young men for "what they promise to be."

This, then, is a tribute to the men of the

General Greene Council who for fifty years have helped

the boys of this area reach the fulfillment

of their promise.

1910-1917

The Years Before the Council

1910 The love of camping, it would seem, is as old as man. It is, then, little wonder that before there was an organized Scout Council in Greensboro there were boys who banded together to hike and camp; and then, as now, there were generous hearted men to lead them.

What was probably Greensboro's first scout troop was organized in 1910 with L. H. Martin as Scoutmaster and Charles Blake, Assistant. A. Earl Weatherly, who was an active member of the troop's Red Bird Patrol, remembers that one of the boys' highest adventures was climbing Pilot Mountain in 1912.

First there was the excitement of the train trip to Pinnacle from where the boys hiked two miles to reach the mountain and begin the climb. After the mountain-top camp was set up and supper cooked and eaten, the boys gathered close 'round the camp fire and—as boys do today—told tall tales and filled the air with songs.

"Later," recalls Mr. Weatherly, "There were anxious moments when we heard weird sounds. We

wanted to believe that we were camping in a wild and undeveloped land and imaginations ran high. Not much sleep was had that night." Looking back, we suspect that "being scared" was half the fun of the adventure.

The next day the boys hiked down to the town of Pilot Mountain, getting lost and killing a Copperhead snake along the way. After a meal in a cafe there and a ball game with local boys, the Scouts moved on toward Mt. Airy, "hitching" rides on horse and mule-drawn vehicles ("You didn't see many automobiles then" reminds Mr. Weatherly) whenever possible to relieve their sore and aching feet. From Mt. Airy, they traveled to White Sulphur Spring where the chief attractions were the Ararat River for a swim that day and the Dance Pavillion that night. The following day, with stories enough to fill other boys with envy and memories enough to last a lifetime, the boys boarded a train for the trip home. In addition to Mr. Weatherly, those early-day travelers included: Walter Nicholson, Ryland Olive, Fisk White, William Boyst and Kemp Boren.

Another thrill for Greensboro's Troop One was their first Annual Banquet held in January, 1912, with Scoutmaster E. W. Yergin presiding over the festivities.

Boys attending were:

Bob White Patrol

Glenn Wyrick, Charles Ireland, LeGrand Charter, Charles Blake (Assistant Scoutmaster), Gordon Pruden, Sydney Pruden, Maurice Richmond, Tom Rosenblatt and Roland McClamroch.

Crow Patrol

Garland Alderman, John McAlister, Fred Pearce, Charles Moore, Charles Mosely (Secretary-Treasurer), Clyde King, Robert Porter, Winfree Alderman, Wilbur Joyner, George Brandt, Radford East and Malcolm Clement.

Dove Patrol

William Bush, Willis Latta, Joseph Walsh, Lewis Schenck, James Albright, Mark Bush, Benjamin

Cone, William Stone, Allen McKnight and Joseph Morton.

Red Bird Patrol

Earl Weatherly, Carl Daniel, Ryland Olive, Jack Daniel, William Boyst, Lacy McAlister, Hugh Armfield, Oscar Boyst, Alexander Malloy, Marcus Hull, Harry Jones and Gladney Clark.

Jay Patrol

Costin Page, John Dick, Jr., Lynwood White, John Callum, Travis Callum, Harold Hunter, Percy Hawkins, Herman Hedgepeth, Gilmer Sherrill, Frank Venable and Joseph Renn.

Hawk Patrol

Charles Causey, Henry Packard, Howard Malloy, Roger Osborne, George Clark, Wade King, Eugene Shaw, Edward Fordham, Marlyn Ford and Harold Hopkins.

Unassigned

Robert Gorrell, Leo LeFort, Harry Wharton, Russell Blackburn, Chester W. Burton, Benjamin Glenn, Clayton King, Alvis Lewis, Ivor Mossey, Forrest Robinson, Morgan Sumner, Gregory Thacker and Samuel Robinson.

Colonel Robert E. Lee, son of the famous Confederate General, was the featured speaker for Memorial Day Exercises in 1910; and he took time out later to pose with Colonel James T. Morehead and the very proud members of Greensboro's Troop One for this picture which was taken in front of the old First Presbyterian Church, now the Greensboro Historical Museum. The scouts earlier had escorted local Confederate veterans to the Confederate Monument where the program was held. It is little wonder that this is a treasured memento of local scout history.

1915 In 1915, H. E. Barlow who, in addition to his job as Physical Director of the Y.M.C.A., served as Scoutmaster for a five-patrol troop began to realize the need to widen the scope of scouting in this area. Consequently, he issued a call for all boys and men interested in the scouting movement to gather at the Y.M.C.A. on the evening of April 7, 1915. Objective of the meeting, as reported by the local paper, was the "reorganization of the Boy Scouts in Greensboro . . . to usher in a period of recruiting . . . sufficient to get nearly every eligible boy in the city enrolled." It seems that even in 1915, the scout leaders in Greensboro were men of vision. As a result of this meeting, a Board — the forerunner of the Greensboro Area Council — was formed with Professor W. C. A. Hammel, Superintendent of Public Schools, President; F. L. Page, F. Melton Clark, J. J. Stone and E. D. Kuykendall, Vice Presidents; and Ira D. Passage, Secretary.

An interesting note in the year's history is the fact that members of Mr. Barlow's troop, selling the **Saturday Evening Post** to raise money for their projects, were so successful that they won an American Flag as a prize from the Curtis Publishing Company.

A. Earl Weatherly, a member of Greensboro's Troop One, is shown here swimming in the Ararat River during the group's 1912 trip to Pilot Mountain and Mt. Airy.



1918-1919

The Beginning of the Council

1918 In 1918, three years after the first attempt to organize scouting here, the Greensboro Area Council was formed with C. W. Gold as President. After a few months, Mr. Gold was succeeded by Professor Hammel who had headed the earlier Board. Other officers of the first Council included: Vice Presidents F. L. Page, E. D. Kuykendall, J. J. Stone and Dr. J. W. Tankersley; Secretary Ira D. Passage; and Treasurer J. D. Wilkins. Scout Commissioner was Arthur H. White and Scout Executive was Robert E. Denny.

During that same year, sixteen boys were organized into Troop Five with Frank Casper, a Sunday School teacher at the First Baptist Church, as Scoutmaster. A familiar name in Greensboro scouting circles, Mr. Casper held the position of Scoutmaster until 1930, giving him the distinction of holding the longest record of early service to scouting in this area. Troop Five's Committee Chairman was J. D. Wilkins, Council Treasurer who was to become Council President several years later.

1919 The new Council, with H. Smith Richardson President, received much help and encouragement in 1919 when Stanley Harris, National

Scout Commissioner, visited Greensboro to help the group with its plans and organization. Council budget, incidentally, was \$1,747 that year.

Cleveland Thayer recalls that 1919 marked the beginning of scouting in Asheboro with the organization of a troop with C. George Somers as Scoutmaster. Frank McCrary, who was later to serve as Council President, was one of the fourteen charter members of the group, as were James and Sulton Kivett who are still employed in the Acme-McCrary Mills in Asheboro.

Because of incomplete records, definite dates cannot be established for the following groups which were organized during this time period: Troop 24—Hinton Pierce and G. Ed Miller, Scoutmasters; Troop 25—Cothran Smith, Scoutmaster; Troop 27—Howard Redding, Scoutmaster; and Troop 28—Carmen Parks, Scoutmaster. Nor can dates be established for the organization of the first troops in Cedar Falls, Coleridge, Farmer, Franklinville, Liberty, Ramseur, Randleman and Seagrove.

Reporting to the Council in 1919, Scout Executive Denny said, "The war is over, but our work is not." Thus Greensboro scouting moved on to the next decade.

In sharp contrast to modern-day Camp Wenasa, here is a "wilderness camp" in the early days of scouting in Greensboro.



1920-1929

Laying the Foundation

1920 During the twenties, many men of vision worked long hours to build the strong foundation that made the Council's growth in subsequent years possible.

A highlight of the decade's first year was Scout Sunday which was celebrated on February 8, in spite of the terrible flu epidemic which closed schools and cancelled many public gatherings. Scout Executive Denny sounded a note of optimism on that day, stressing that "now is the time to move forward in scouting" and closing with a reminder to the boys and their leaders that "400,000 other scouts are with you in your efforts."

1921 The spirit of competition, always lively among scouts, is apparent in minutes of a meeting held February 15, 1921, in which the Executive Board directed the launching of a Council Efficiency

Contest. Under the direction of Council President W. A. Hewitt, who had been elected the previous year and who was to serve through 1923, scouting continued to expand with the organization of at least two new troops during the year.

1922 By 1922, the Council budget was more than three times the first recorded figures, with Robert Topping, Scout Executive, reporting a record Council income of \$6,565.25.

1923 Gibsonville and the Guilford College community joined the Council in 1923, and A. S. "Dad" Arnold was named Commissioner for the Council which was then headquartered in the Guilford County Courthouse.



Group indicates that the boys, then as now, were always glad to have their picture taken.

1924 During 1924 and 1925, with W. Y. Preyer as President and Claude Humphreys as Scout Executive, the Council took a major step toward the establishment of a camp for boys of the area. A tract of land in Sumner Township, approximately nine miles from Greensboro, was deeded in November, 1924, to R. D. Douglas, Sr., acting as Trustee for the Council.

1925 The following year an adjacent tract of land held by E. J. Hohn was deeded to the Council, completing the site for what was to become Camp Graystone. The name, inspired by the enormous outcropping of gray granite nearby, is reported to have been suggested by Mrs. R. D. Douglas, Sr., wife of the man who was so active in developing the camp.

Work to raise funds for the construction of a lake and mess hall on the camp grounds began immediately. An interesting incident in connection with this is recalled by Dick Douglas, Jr. It seems that William Meyers, owner of a local department store, needed help to move the merchandise from his old store into his new store located in the one-hundred block of South Elm Street (the site occupied today by the store that still bears the founder's name). Answering his call for help, approximately 400 Boy Scouts formed a line from the old store to the new and passed the merchandise from hand to hand much as members of pioneer fire brigades passed buckets of water. It took a whole day to transfer the shoes, dresses, suits and other merchandise the distance of one block, but—in the tradition of scouting—it was done efficiently; and Mr. Meyers, in thanks, donated \$2,500 to the Council to be used in the development of Camp Graystone.

1926 Scouting flourished in 1926 under the leadership of Council President J. D. Wilkins, Sr.; Commissioner C. D. Benbow; and Scout Executive Humphreys. Five new troops were organized and an

attendance record of better than 75% was registered for the 780 troop meetings held during the year.

A full program of instruction and camping activities was established at Camp Graystone during the summer of 1926 and an estimated 210 scouts each spent two weeks there with the cost for all activities and meals less than \$1.00 per day per boy.

The more serious aspects of scouting also were stressed during the year, with area scouts devoting approximately 1,000 hours to various service projects.

1927 By 1927, Camp Graystone was the center of many scouting activities. In May, one hundred archers from eight Councils in North Carolina participated in a tournament in which Steve Douglas of Greensboro won the long distance shooting trophy. In May, 375 scouts from twenty troops took part in a field day at the camp. During the summer session that year, the big attraction was Chief Standing Deer, an outstanding Cherokee archer, who served as a member of the staff.

In keeping with their oath to help others, scouts conducted a Toy Hospital in December, collecting and repairing toys to distribute to underprivileged children.

1928 In April, 1928, Council President Paul Lindley gave to the Council a lot in Sunset Hills, one of the finest residential areas in Greensboro, to be auctioned off and the proceeds used to provide a well at Camp Graystone.

National recognition came to the Council during 1928 when Dick Douglas, Jr. won a trip to Africa with the Martin Johnson expedition by submitting the winning essay in a national contest.

Approximately 250 persons and some 75 scout executives attended a regional meeting in February where Chief Scout Executive James E. West presented Eagle Gold Palms to Greensboro boys R. D. Douglas, Jr., and Clarence Cone.

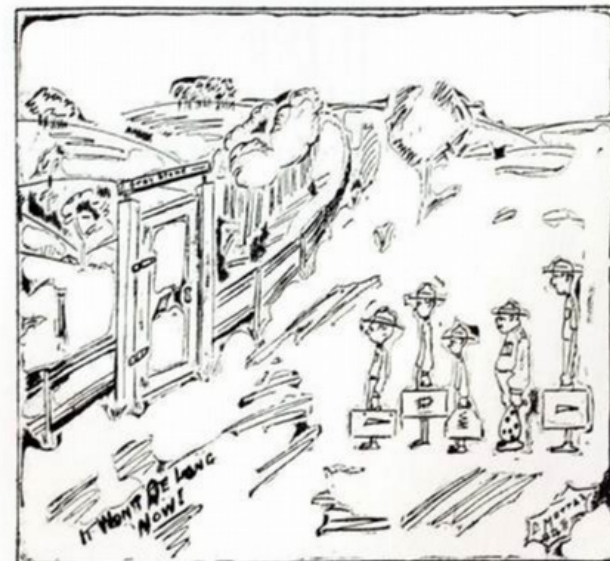


Started in the twenties, the Toy Hospital became an annual scout service project. Here, some early scouts are shown with the toys they had collected and repaired to distribute to needy children for Christmas.



Paul Lindley is shown here an undetermined number of years before he became President of the Greensboro Area Council.

A FIVE DOLLAR CARTOON—BY A TROOP SIX BOY



The opening of Camp Graystone was the big news of the twenties, and it was the subject of this cartoon which won for its creator, Dave Morrah, five dollars given as a prize by the Greensboro paper. It is interesting to wonder if Dave knew then that he would grow up to author a number of books, and have his humorous articles published frequently by the SATURDAY EVENING POST.

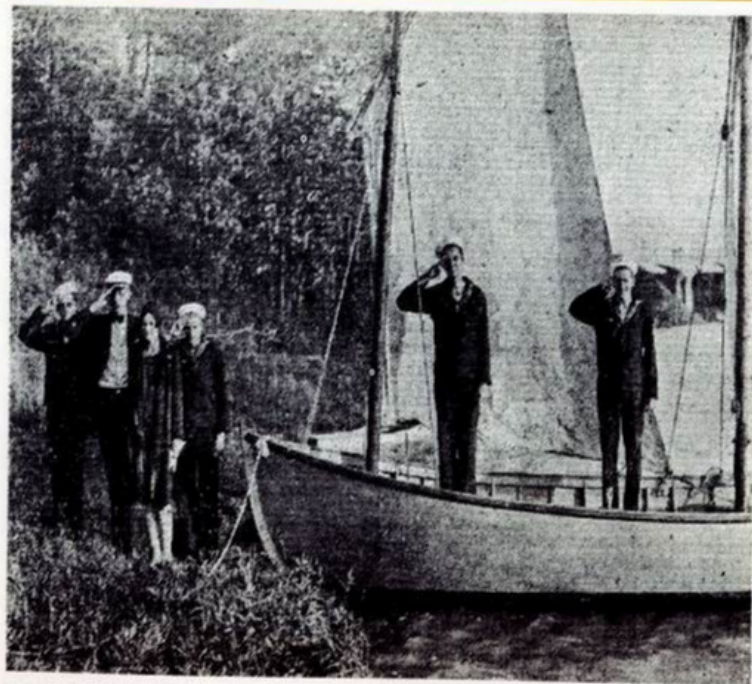
1929 While 1929 will always be remembered as the beginning of the great Depression, it will also be remembered here as the year in which the Greensboro Area Council celebrated two very important "firsts." The Council, under the direction of President Lindley and newly appointed Scout Executive James Geeslin, entered a new phase of activity with the organization of its first Sea Scout Ship. Admiral W. D. Meyer secured from the government a 24-foot whaleboat, helped the boys re-condition it and named it the Etta F. Meyer in honor of his wife. That same year, Tom White, Mate, directed the first nine Sea Scouts in seamanship at High Rock Lake.

Another important "beginning" was the organization of the first Negro troop by the Rev. R. T. Weatherby at St. Mathews M. E. Church in Greensboro. R. D. Douglas, Sr. spoke to the 25 boys who were inducted by Commissioner Ed Benbow, Jr.

At the end of 1929, the Council recorded membership of 464 boys as contrasted with the 38 at the end of 1919.



Here is Dick Douglas as he was pictured in the local paper when his essay, entered in a national contest, won for him a trip to Africa with the Martin Johnson expedition.



Another clipping from a Greensboro paper—this one from a 1929 edition—shows local Sea Scouts launching the Etta F. Meyer flagship on High Rock Lake. Shown with the scouts was Miss Adelaide Fortune who christened the ship.

1930-1939

NEW HORIZONS

1930 The scope of scouting increased greatly during the thirties with the establishment of a Sea Scout camp as well as a local camp for Negro Boy Scouts, the chartering of the first Order of the Arrow Chapter, and the organization of the Council's first Cub Scout Pack.

Paul Lindley, who was re-elected Council President in 1930, was succeeded in 1931 by Paul W. Schenck, Sr. who served until 1937. He was followed by Edwin F. Lucas who served as Council President until the end of the decade.

A major scout activity in 1930 was sharing Guilford County history with scouts from other states. To do this, scouts, under the direction of

Henry W. Johnson and Wallace B. White who had succeeded James Geeslin as Scout Executive, gathered walnuts from the trees at Guilford Battleground Park and sent them to scouts in other parts of the nation to be planted as historic trees. In return, local scouts received seeds of historic trees from other state shrines to be planted in this area.

Another project with historical overtones was the search for graves in the Groometown area where, it was rumored, General Cornwallis had buried some of his soldiers wounded in the Battle of Guilford Courthouse. Fired by curiosity, area scouts organized a search and in July succeeded in locating approximately twelve headstones to verify the rumor.

Although they are not the charter members these boys were members of Troop 41, the first Negro Boy Scout Troop organized in the Greensboro Area Council. George H. Garrett, right rear, was Scoutmaster when the picture was taken.





Above: A typical scene at a meeting of Cub Scouts. The first Cub Scout Troop in the Council was formed in 1935.

A highlight of 1931 was a scout rally at which Paul Siple, who had accompanied Admiral Richard Byrd on his Antarctic Expedition, was featured guest. Here, Eagle Scout Siple (front row center) poses with a group of local scouts and scout leaders.



The original badge of the Tali Taktaki Lodge, national brotherhood of honor campers, which was organized in the Greensboro Area Council in 1933.

1931 Reflecting the state of the nation's economy in 1931, the Council budget was less than it had been for several years, dropping to \$5,880.51. For area scouts, however, it was a busy year. A major event was a tremendous scout rally at Camp Graystone where the special guest was Eagle Scout Paul Siple who had accompanied Admiral Richard Byrd on his Antarctic Expedition.

In the area of service, scouts helped the Virginia Daughters of the American Revolution to dedicate a monument, located at Guilford Battleground Park, to General Edward A. Stevens and his Virginia Militia.

Two outstanding scouters were honored in 1931 when the Council presented its first two Silver Beaver Awards. One went to Frank Casper who had served as Scoutmaster since 1918; the other was presented to R. D. Douglas, Sr. who had been active in almost every phase of the Council's growth. All in all, it must have been a satisfying year for Council President Schenck and Scout Executive Henry W. Johnson.

1932 The Council was enlarged in 1932 when the Asheboro group joined the Greensboro Area organization. According to Paul Schenck who had been re-elected Council President and Commissioner Ed P. Benbow, there were a total of 441 boys engaged in scouting activities during the year.

1933 By 1933, with the help of newly appointed Scout Executive Frank Braden, leadership training was receiving more emphasis than ever before. In May, a Sectional Camp School was held at Camp Graystone with executives, camp directors and scoutmasters from the two Carolinas attending. Lacy McAlister, Scoutmaster of Greensboro Troop Four, was among those attending the sessions conducted by William C. Wessel, Assistant Director of Camping for the national scout organization.

Times were still troubled and the economy poor in 1933, and scouts rallied 'round to render service wherever possible. They distributed cards and stickers to approximately 15,000 persons urging support for N.R.A. In addition, local scouts assisted the American Legion Post in collecting clothing for needy people and also mobilized for their annual Toy Hospital Christmas project.

Tali Taktaki Lodge, Order of the Arrow was chartered. The Delaware Indian name suggested by

Dan Beard meant Blue Heron on Gray Stone. This National Brotherhood of Honor Campers has become the second oldest active Lodge in the South. It helped organize Tampa, Augusta, Raleigh, Wilson, Winston-Salem, Asheville, Reidsville, Greenville, S. C., Concord, Wilmington, High Point and Piedmont Lodges through the years. Tali-Taktaki has hosted three Area Fellowships, won Honor Lodge awards at the last three Fellowships and four Indian Dance Team competitions. Its camp promotion, service projects and membership devotion to scouting ideals have been significant.

1934 In 1934 the Council budget reached \$6,200 under President Paul Schenck and Commissioner E. P. Benbow.

When President Roosevelt issued a National Scout Mobilization call in February to collect clothing and household items for the needy, some 250 local scouts responded; and later in the year, they joined with the Council of Social Agencies to collect more clothing for the needy.

1935 In 1935, 503 scouts in 26 units were registered, marking growth in the area. Walter W. Head, President of the Boy Scouts of America visited the local Council and then spoke to a large group at a civic luncheon while in the city. Also, in February, 320 scouts demonstrated their emergency preparedness by mobilizing in thirty minutes, a performance which was praised highly by Mayor Roger W. Harrison and Director of the Community Chest Charles W. Phillips.

It was, too, a year of great expectations and great disappointment for some 39 scouts and five leaders who made up the National Jamboree Troop headed by Lacy McAlister. The boys made many preparations for the trip to Washington — even making their own tents — only to learn that the trip was not to be. The event was postponed because of an outbreak of polio in the nation's capital. Though they were disappointed boys then, the men they've become today still remember the excitement of getting ready to go.

In April, a Scout Jubilee was held in Chapel Hill to celebrate the 35th Anniversary of scouting in the United States. A delegation of 128 local boys joined the more than 1,500 scouts who camped in the woods surrounding Kenan Stadium and engaged in demonstrations of scoutcraft, drills and competitions of various kinds.

Cub Scouting came to Greensboro in 1935 with the first Cub Scout Pack being organized in May at the First Presbyterian Church. Thirty-four excited boys between the ages of 9 and 12 enrolled with the help of Cubmaster William Bogart, Assistants P. T. Hines and Rosser Clark and Den Mothers Mrs. Elmo Sellers, Mrs. Leonard White, Mrs. Dennis Wolfe and Mrs. Curtis Carlson.

1936 Another outstanding year was 1936 when organizational progress was made within the Council through the development of a more effective committee system.

Perhaps one of the most successful events, and one that helped bring scouting to the attention of many local citizens, was the Council's first Scout-O-Rama. Headed by W. Y. Preyer, with Lacy McAlister as Program Chairman, the event was held May 26th at Memorial Stadium where nearly 5,000 persons watched approximately 800 scouts demonstrate first aid techniques, campcrafts, and many other phases of scouting life.

Council leaders, including Scout Executive Frank Dix, had been concerned for several years about the need for a camp for Negro Boy Scouts in the area. In 1936, this problem was solved through the generosity of Dr. C. L. Carlson who was then Inter-Racial Chairman of the Council. Largely through his efforts, a site was secured, a well drilled and funds raised for the construction of a lake.

The winter of '36 was unusually severe and scouts responded to an appeal from the National Audubon Society for aid in feeding birds and other wildlife. The boys provided feeding stations and suet at their homes and at selected spots throughout the territory. Another service project that year was aiding the Greensboro city government with the distribution of more than 10,000 letters announcing the annual traffic safety week.

1937 By 1937, scout membership in the Greensboro Area Council had increased to 904 boys. Headed by President Edwin F. Lucas, the Council again evaluated its own organization and moved toward establishing a stronger Executive Board to direct Council activities in the future.

Excitement ran high as Wilbur Carter, Jr., Duncan Holt, Edward Hipp, Charles McLendon, Bill Neal, Joe Leake, Harry Hoffman and Assistant Scoutmaster Robert W. Wolff made plans to attend the World Jamboree in Holland. Another group, in-

cluding 35 white scouts, six Negro scouts, three Scoutmasters, a member of the regional service troop, three Sea Scouts and a Sea Scout leader attended the National Jamboree in Washington which had been postponed two years earlier. Lacy McAlister served as Scoutmaster, assisted by R. J. Tysor and Winston Davis; and Charles T. Hagan, Skipper of the Davy Jones, was Mate for the Sea Scout Jamboree ship from the Southeast.

From the time they were first organized, the Sea Scouts of the Council went to High Rock Lake to carry on the sailing part of their program. Now the Council began to feel the urgent need for a camp there; and under the leadership of Charles Hagan, a five-year lease was obtained for a 15-acre tract of land bordering the lake. On the tract, the crew and officers of the Davy Jones constructed a building to serve as mess hall and kitchen during the camping season and as general headquarters for year-round activity.

Also the Council sponsored its first Camporee in 1937.

1938 Service to the community must have been stressed especially by the Council in 1938, for at the end of the year, the resume of such work done by local scouts was most impressive. During the year, more than a hundred boys helped in handling crowds and served as messengers during the dedication of Greensboro's new Airport Terminal. They also provided messenger service for the Red Cross and for the Community Chest. They distributed posters urging people to buy tuberculosis seals, helped with the showing of a film to aid the Empty Stocking Fund, and participated in a number of other worthwhile projects.

1939 Evidence that the Council was not slowing up in its work can be found in the goals the members set for themselves for 1939: that Boy Scout membership should reach 1,000 and Cub membership should reach 200 by the end of the year and that, with the help of the Community Chest, a more adequate budget should be secured for use during the year.

Davy Jones, the Council's Sea Scout Ship, received the National Flagship Award, the highest honor possible to earn in the Sea Scout program. Accepting the honor at a Regional Meeting in Greensboro in April were Chairman of the Ship Committee W. R. Deaton and Skipper Charles T. Hagan, Jr.



Excitement ran high among local Sea Scouts when a site for a camp was secured at High Rock Lake in 1936. Here, a group of Greensboro Area Council Sea Scouts enjoy the new facility.

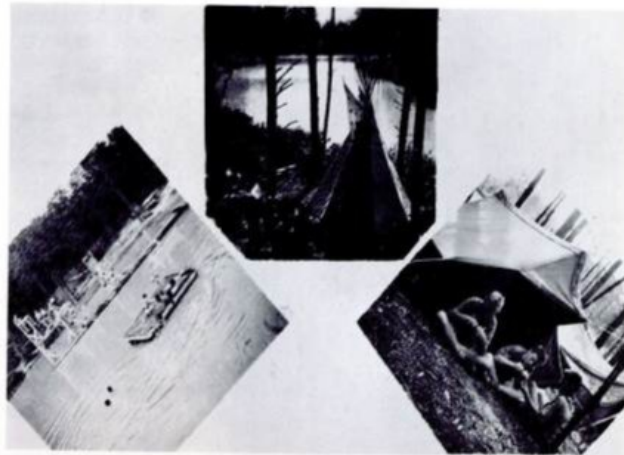


A huge rally was held in Chapel Hill, North Carolina, in 1935 to celebrate scouting's 35th anniversary. Here you see part of the 128-boy delegation that attended from this area.

1940-1949

The War and Post-War Years

This postcard showing three typical scenes from Camp Graystone was one of many distributed in 1937.



A name well known in Greensboro scouting circles is Lacy McAlister. Here you see Scoutmaster McAlister in 1934.

Here's an early Camp Graystone staff with Ed Benbow shown third from the right. A prized photograph!



Below: The group of lucky scouts from the Greensboro Area Council attending the World's Fair in New York City in 1939.



1940 An unidentified scout leader said of these years: "The first five years of the 50's found every American trying to win the war. The second five years were times of adjustments and efforts to win the peace. And scouting did its part at all times and at all levels of responsibility." That statement is, all in all, an appropriate summary of the Council's activity during this decade.

That the goals set up for 1939 were met, in part at least, can be seen from the membership figures at the beginning of 1940. The Council, with Herman Cone as President and Frank Dix as Scout Executive, reported a membership of 1,463 of which 1,185 were Scouts, 115 Senior Scouts, and 163 Cub Scouts. Budget for the year was \$9,502.33, and high-

lights of the year included the celebration of Boy Scout Week in February, a Scouters' Institute at Chapel Hill and a Camporee at Graystone.

In April the Annual Leaders Appreciation Dinner was held at the National Guard Armory with 800 leaders and wives attending.

For fifteen local Sea Scouts it was a year made memorable by a seven-day cruise on Chesapeake Bay in a 90-foot schooner. Included in those making the trip were Charles Gast, Ralph Deaton, Jr. and Joe Leake.

1941 Throughout 1941 the Council issued persistent calls for more men who would be willing to serve as Scoutmasters. In March of that year, plans

Scouts from the Greensboro Area Council helped Jaycees stage this fourth annual "Bundle Day" in 1941. The joint effort collected five carloads of toys, 15,000 garments and a quantity of food, rugs and furniture—all of which was turned over to the Salvation Army for distribution.



were announced by the Sea Scouts for the building of a 21-foot boat designed for cruising at High Rock Lake. In May, 1941, the Greensboro paper carried a photograph of scout leaders "practicing what they preach." Cooking their own meal over a camp fire were Council President Herman Cone, Board Member Ray J. Tysor and Scout Executive Frank Dix.

In June of that year an outbreak of measles cut down on the number of boys expected to attend Camp Graystone. And in November, Boy Scouts turned out in great numbers to assist Greensboro Jaycees with their fourth annual "Bundle Day" in which clothing, household items and food were collected for needy families. At the end of the year, scouts had contributed a record number of 6,200 hours to civic service projects.

1942 The war years found all members of the Council busier than ever. Calls continued to be issued in 1942 for volunteer Scoutmasters to take the place of those men going into the armed forces.

Scouts enrolled in extensive courses designed to prepare them for emergency service. And they spent many hours collecting — collecting scrap metal (18 tons of it in one drive), collecting phonograph records to send to men in the armed forces, even collecting coat hangers for service men. There seemed to be no limit to their activities for the service men and yet they found time for other things.

The Boy Scout band was in demand for many events in the Council's territory and always performed well. And in May of that year when Greensboro's Mrs. W. N. Berry started to New York to receive the national award as 1942's Mother of the Year, Eagle Scouts were on hand at the airport to wish her well.

1943 Under the direction of R. W. McGeachey who was re-elected in 1943, the Council continued to grow. Randolph County, with the exception of Trinity Township, transferred from the Uwharrie Council to the Greensboro Area Council, adding 225 scouts in 12 troops and a Cub Pack with 24 members.

And the Randolph scouts were active. In June, they organized their first Negro troop at the Liberty

Methodist Church. Also in June, the Randolph scouts collected 2,500 pounds of surplus fats and grease for war conversion to medical products. In August, they organized their first Sea Scout Ship in Cedar Falls.

Greensboro scouts were beginning to prepare for the "air age" in 1943 with the organization of a Greensboro Air Scout Squadron under the leadership of Harold Buntin.

At the annual meeting that fall where it was reported that scouts had again devoted a record number of hours to civic and war-time efforts, a new Constitution was adopted and Dr. Elbert Fretwell, Chief Scout Executive, appeared as the principal speaker.

1944 In April, 1944, newly elected Council President Montgomery S. Hill announced the appointment of the Council's first full time Negro Scout Executive, C. W. Fairley who, before his appointment, had been instructor of vocational education at Washington Street School.

Activity was slowed down later that year when many scout meetings in Greensboro had to be cancelled because of a severe outbreak of polio.

Randolph County scouts made news again in 1944 when they "took over the city of Asheboro" for a day. Scout Harper Thayer was acting Mayor and Johnnie Morrison was acting City Manager.

Another "first" was celebrated in August when James Luchie became the first Negro Boy Scout in the Council to receive the Eagle rank. Presentation was made at the Weatherby Court of Honor by J. A. Tarpley, principal of Dudley High School.

1945 From 1945 until 1947, R. A. McPheeters served as President and George W. Thomason was Scout Executive. During this period membership was reported at 1,629 boys in 76 troops.

One special event in 1945 was the presentation by Colonel Paul F. Younts, Commanding Office of O.R.D., of the General Dwight D. Eisenhower trophy and award to Cub Pack No. 11 for their collection of 28,000 pounds of waste paper.

Much progress was made in the Council's camping programs during the forties. This scene, snapped in 1942, shows a typical Camporee Group.



H. Smith Richardson received the region's highest honor at a Regional Meeting in Atlanta—the Silver Antelope for service to boyhood. From left to right are: H. Smith Richardson, Greensboro; Dr. Herman Turner, Atlanta; Paul W. Schenck, Sr., Greensboro; Frank D. Wood, Atlanta; and Cherry Emerson, Atlanta.





Veteran scouter Julius Heyworth, shown left with an unidentified boy, symbolizes the thousands of men in this area who have devoted countless hours during the past fifty years to the cause of scouting.

Below, Scoutmaster Heyworth is shown as he appeared several years ago with his Troop 27, the largest in the General Greene Council.



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One of the major actions of the Council during this year was the adoption of a name change. Members voted to change the name from the Greensboro Area Council to the General Greene Council to reflect more accurately the total territory encompassed by the Council.

1948 Clarence N. Cone was elected Council President in 1948, and under his leadership, special effort was made to upgrade all troops in the Council in regard to membership, program, leadership and appearance.



Two outstanding men in Greensboro Scouting history! Clarence N. Cone, left, who was elected Council President in 1948, receives the gavel of leadership from the retiring president, J. Frank McCrary of Asheboro.

A number of men who contributed much to scouting in this area were caught by the photographer at the 26th annual meeting of the Council in November, 1943. They are: Front row, left to right: Herman Cone, Dr. E. K. Fretwell, Chief Scout Executive who was guest speaker; Paul W. Schenck, and W. A. Dobson, Back row, left to right: M. S. Hill, George W. Hamer, Ben L. Smith, and R. W. McGeachey.



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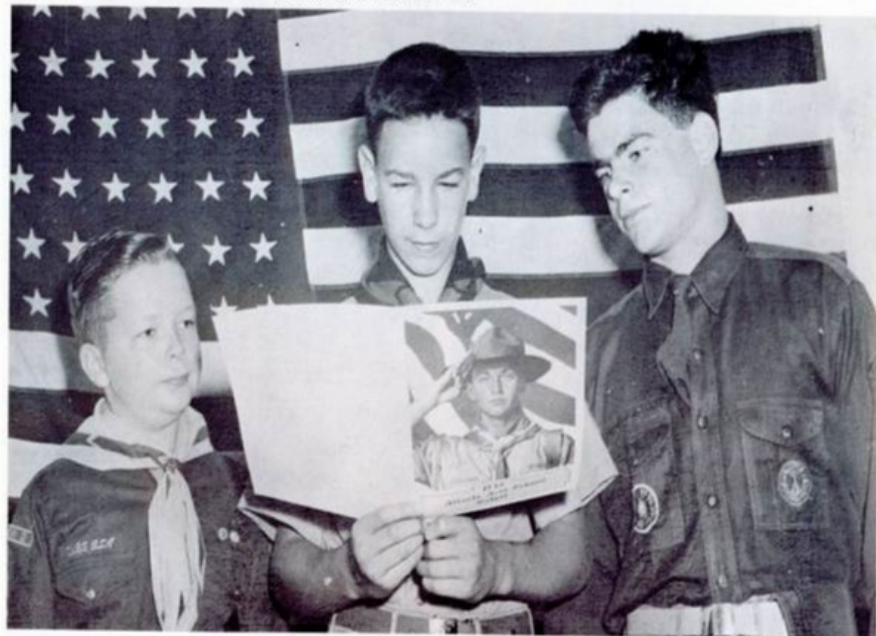
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Below: A view of the Herman Cone Memorial Lodge which was completed and dedicated during the fifties.



parking areas, improvement of the dam, three troop wash shelters and 14 camper lean-tos in progress.

Highlight of the year for eighteen boys was a visit to the National Jamboree at Irvine Ranch in California. The group, headed by Section Leader Thomas Neese, saw much of the country, taking one route to California and another back home.

This was the year, too, that a local boy, David Levy, was presented a special heroism award for saving the life of a drowning boy at Wilmington, North Carolina, during the summer.

1954 Local scouts joined in the national scout organization's Conservation Program during 1954 as one of their special projects. Also, as a service project, they collected and repaired toys for distribution to the patients at the Central Carolina Convalescent Hospital.

Asheboro Troop 527 took top honors at one of the year's Camporees. And improvements continued to be made at the Brown Summit Camp according to an announcement from Council President General James L. Frink.

Scouting continued to be fun, too. Bob Morris recalls the thrill of the 5-day, 180-mile canoe trip he made that year with Fred Gurkins, Harry Moore and Don Everhart.

1955 1955 marked the opening of the Brown Summit camp, and by the end of the opening season, approximately 300 boys had participated in programs there. The new Herman Cone Memorial Lodge, which served as the camp Dining Hall, was dedicated during the camping season that year.

The camp received a great assist at the Council's annual recognition banquet that year when Aubrey L. Brooks, "a great friend of scouting for many years" announced a gift of \$25,000 to the Council to be used toward the purchase of the camp lake. Mr. Brooks was introduced at the meeting by Spencer Love, head of the Council's Capital funds, campaign who read a resolution that the 40 acre lake at the camp be named Lake Aubrey L. Brooks.

General Frink, Council President, reported that 3,500 boys in 115 units were active in scouting during the year. And veteran scouter Julius Heyworth was appointed Lay Advisor to the eight-council area, Order of the Arrow.

1956 During the administration of A. H. Parker who was elected Council President in 1956, a number of facilities were added to the Brown Summit camp. The Greensboro Rotary Club completed the site of the Adirondack shelters; the Paul W. Schenck arena was dedicated; and a Health and Headquarters building was completed.

In November, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers all participated in a "Get out the Vote" campaign throughout the Council territory. God and Country Awards were presented to eleven members of Explorer Post 11, and five local Sea Scouts made a trip to the Okefenokee Swamps in Georgia.

1957 During 1957, the year in which Tom P. Noe was elected Council President and Tom Warren appointed Scout Executive, there were 3,851 scouts enrolled in 163 units.

In addition to their usual service projects, scout members aided local Jaycees and policemen in controlling traffic during Greensboro's annual Christmas Parade.

A number of local scouts attended the National Jamboree at Valley Forge, Pennsylvania, which was reported for the national press by famed cartoonist Ted Key.

Also, during the year, two new buildings were completed at the Brown Summit camp — one to serve as a "shopping center" and storage facility and one to serve as a medical center and headquarters.

1958 During 1958, scouts in Guilford and Randolph Counties participated in a special safety campaign known as Safety Good Turn. They also took part in a "Keep America Beautiful" campaign.

In Liberty, the Rotary Club presented the local library with a complete set of Boy Scout Merit Badge pamphlets; and in Asheboro, the Elks Club gave a number of American flags to be used by local scout troops.

T. P. Noe was re-elected Council President during a year which broke all membership records with a registration of 2,517 Cubs, 2,990 Scouts, 298 Explorers and 2,003 adult volunteers.

1959 Membership again reached a new high during 1959, T. P. Noe's third term as Council President. During this year, newly appointed Scout Executive A. C. Warlick, Jr. announced that many improvements had been made at Camp Carlson, the camp for Negro Boy Scouts, located on a 40 acre tract of land approximately eleven miles north of Greensboro.

Greensboro Jaycees made plans early in the year to organize a Boy Scout Troop made up entirely of physically handicapped boys. And scouts "took over the city" one day when fourteen Eagle Scouts manned the posts of city government during the morning and attended a regular City Council meeting that afternoon.

From the Greensboro Record, February 13, 1959 . . .



OFFICIALS FOR A DAY: The 14 Eagle Scouts, above, took over city government posts today as a part of the observance by General Greene Council of Boy Scout Week. Seated left to right are: Frank Iler Jr., planning director; Bill Starmer, assistant police chief; Kerr F. Watson, assistant fire chief; Donald Bright, fire chief; and John McCulloch, police chief. Standing are: Walter Landsberger Jr. direc-

tor of recreation; Eugene Eagle Jr., assistant public works director; Brian DelMonte, traffic engineer; John White, city engineer; Guy B. Phillips III, judge of Municipal-County Court; George Troxler, city manager; Chris Troxler, mayor; Don Cunningham, city treasurer; and Jimmy Tedder, building inspector. The Scouts were to attend council committee sessions later. (Record staff photo.)



Left: A demonstration of over-night camping staged early in 1960 by local scouts was turned into this scene by an unexpected snow storm. Needless to say, the lawn chairs at the right got little use.

1960-1965

The Soaring Sixties

1960 During the first five years of the sixties, scouting in Greensboro made major strides in two areas. Under the direction of Scout Executive A. C. Warlick, Jr., who was especially interested in camping, major improvements were made in the physical accommodations at the Brown Summit camp and programs were improved and expanded. Also, during these years, the Council did much to further scouting among the disadvantaged boys of our area.

Dr. John Watson was elected Council President in 1960 which was to prove to be an eventful year.

In February, the boys of Troop 228 received national attention when they conducted a weekend demonstration camp-out in a Greensboro shopping center. After setting up the camp in which they spent Friday night, the boys awakened Saturday morning to find that a snowstorm had turned their "demonstration" into a real winter camp. A Greensboro photographer captured the early morning scene on film which was picked up by the national news services and used on front pages of newspapers as far away as California.

At the 1960 regional meeting in Atlanta, the General Greene Council was awarded the Campbell Trophy as the outstanding Council in Region Six during 1959. Here, Governor Luther Hodges, center, congratulates 1959 Council President Tom Noe on his achievement as Scout Executive A. C. Warlick, Jr., left, shares in the honors.



In March the camp at Brown Summit was officially named Wenasa, a Cherokee Indian combination of words meaning "my home," and a name suggested to the Council by staff member Lloyd Caster.

A particularly exciting time was had at the Regional meeting in Atlanta in April that year when the Council received the Campbell Trophy as the outstanding Council during 1959 — a high tribute indeed to Boy Scout achievements in this area.

This was the year of the Fifth World Jamboree at Colorado Springs and the Council's delegation was made up of 74 scouts from Guilford, and Randolph Counties and the Cherokee Council.

In Randolph County, 25-year veteran "Cleve" Thayer and 20-year service man Fred Kearns were among the leaders honored for their years of service to scouting.

1961 The General Greene Council was helped financially in 1961 when Blue Bell, Inc., Cone Mills and the Hanes Knitting Company sponsored a Rodeo with proceeds designated for the use of Piedmont area Boy Scouts. The action-filled event played to sell-out crowds for five days in the Greensboro Coliseum — much to the delight of General Greene Council members.

An Explorer Post was chartered in Asheboro in 1961; and in Randolph County, a meeting of all Negro Boy Scout Troops was attended by a number of Council officials including President John Watson. Conducting the program was the Rev. Sampson Buie, Weatherby District Scout Executive.

Cub Scouts made news during the year by special service. The young lads washed dishes, ran errands and did household chores to earn money to contribute to the March of Dimes drive.

1962 The national theme, "I'll do my best to Build . . . Serve . . . Achieve" was stressed by the General Greene Council under the direction of President B. B. Fort in 1962.

Among other regional and national activities, the Council sent representatives to the Explorer Delegate Council meeting in Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Scouting continued to grow and by the end of 1962, the Council consisted of 215 units in 135 sponsoring groups with 4,881 boys and 2,150 adults participating.

1963 Major project during 1963 was the Conservation Training Camp conducted at Camp Wenasa which was designed to introduce campers to the general field on conservation and natural history. Camp and Council officials, working with noted consultants in the area, provided a full program for the boys. Activities included a field trip with the County Forester, participation in an actual stream survey, a visit to the U. S. Weather Bureau at the Airport to see a Weather Balloon released and tracked, a trip to Greensboro's sewage treatment plant, an overnite trip to Hanging Rock State Park, a visit to a rock quarry and a local cedar products plant. There were also many hours of instruction in all phases of conservation and natural history as well as time for swimming and fishing. Considered an unqualified success, the C.T.C. program has attracted regional and national attention and has been copied by other Councils in the past few years.

1964 Albert Lineberry filled out the unexpired term of President B. B. Fort who moved from Greensboro in 1964.

Major emphasis continued to be placed on the camp and camping programs of the Council and a record number of 1,330 boys attended the Spring Camporee that year.

Again, membership continued to increase with 5,102 boys and 2,203 adults being actively engaged in scouting during the year.

1965 In 1965, a top level Wood Badge Training Course was conducted at Camp Wenasa. The eighty volunteer and professional scout leaders who attended from the entire region spent one week learning all the basic scouting skills and learning to live as the boys do in a scout troop.

Through the efforts of Chairman Frank Iler and Ralph Stout of the Council Camping Committee and with the cooperation of the United Fund, an additional 75 acres of land were acquired for Camp Wenasa.

In the fall of that year, Council members were saddened by the death of Scout Executive A. C. Warlick, Jr. His desire to establish a nature lodge at Camp Wenasa was realized when friends and associates contributed the necessary funds to build a nature center as a memorial to him.



C.T.C. The Conservation Training Camp conducted in 1963 attracted regional and national attention. Left is the camp tee shirt design and the Camp Wenasa patch. Below, various phases of camp activity . . . Sailing . . . Fish for breakfast . . . Trail water bar construction . . . Trail improvement.



"TRIBUTE TO OUR PIONEERS"

This page is dedicated to a group of men who guided our Council through its infancy; men who through the years have enriched the lives of many, put courage and faith in many souls, who have put their arms around many boys of our area and given them the courage to fight on for America. Some have served as Council Presidents, others as Council Scout Executives and many have given more than 25 continuous years to Scouting.

Webster described the philosophy of these men, when he wrote: "If you work upon marble it will perish, if you work upon brass, men will efface it, and if you build temples, some day the temples will crumble into dust. But if you work upon the immortal souls of men, if you imbue them with spirit, give them a just picture of God, and cause them to love their fellow man, you engrave upon those tablets something that will last through all eternity."

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Colon Allred	E. K. Gragg	Paul A. Smith
A. S. Arnold	Julius Hayworth	S. C. Smith
B. S. Austin	C. R. Johnson	J. W. Snipes
Edward P. Benbow, Jr.	E. R. Jones	James T. Speight, Sr.
W. I. Burrows	W. H. Lanier	Ralph D. Stout, Sr.
Harris Coffin	Lacy L. McAllister	A. J. Taylor
C. E. Curry	Charles McLees	Cleveland Thayer
Robert Dick Douglas, Jr.	Roy B. Moffitt	R. J. Tysor
Don Durham	W. C. O'Brien	Lester Weaters
W. A. Goldsborough	Luther H. Raleigh	Hilton G. West

We have represented and with us tonight former presidents and Scout Executives.

Mr. Wordsworth bespeaks our thoughts and describes well the caliber of men who led the General Greene Council during its fifty fabulous years.

"Enough if something from our hands have power to live, and act, and serve the future hour."

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C. W. Gold	Herman Cone	James L. Frink
H. Smith Richardson	R. W. McGeachy	A. H. Parker
W. A. Hewitt	Montgomery S. Hill	T. P. Noe, Jr.
W. Y. Preyer	R. A. McPheeters	John D. Watson
J. D. Wilkins	J. Frank McCrary	B. B. Fort
Paul C. Lindley	Clarence N. Cone	Albert S. Lineberry
Paul W. Schenck, Sr.	Charles W. Phillips	Bland W. Worley
Edwin F. Lucas		

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Robert E. Denny	Wallace B. White	Frank Dix
Robert C. Topping	Henry W. Johnson	George Hamer
Claude Humphreys	Frank M. Braden	George Thomason
James W. Geeslin		T. R. Warren, Jr.
		A. C. Warlick, Jr.

SILVER BEAVER AWARD



The Silver Beaver is given for noteworthy service of exceptional character to boyhood by registered Scouters within the territory under the jurisdiction of a Local Council.

1931 Frank Casper# R. D. Douglas, Sr.*	1953 Knox Highfill*
1932 L. L. McAlister Ben L. Smith, Sr.*	1954 G. Finch Ridge* H. Smith Richardson#
1933 Edward P. Benbow, Sr.	1955 S. C. Smith
1934 Paul W. Schenck*	1956 Gen. J. L. Frink Charles McLees Edward Loewenstein
1936 David L. Gallagher	1957 T. Henry Redding W. Y. Preyer, Sr.
1937 Ray Jordon Tysor	1958 A. H. Parker James Gill# B. B. Fort#
1938 Edwin F. Lucas* S. B. Stedman	1959 E. K. Gragg J. E. Whitley Philip J. Weaver T. P. Noe, Jr.
1939 Charles T. Hagan, Jr.	1960 J. C. Cowan, Jr. William K. Lewallen Joseph Richmond* John Laubenheimer*
1940 Rev. R. T. Weatherby* Dr. Gilbert Reynolds Combs#	1961 Thomas A. Henson V. J. Caveness*
1941 Herman Cone, Sr.* Abram W. Harris, Jr.*	1962 R. Kennedy Harris B. S. Austin
1942 Lawrence H. Bennett	1963 Bland W. Worley Frank R. Iler E. J. Jones Dr. W. E. Wisseman
1943 Julius Hayworth Troy Smith	1964 Ralph D. Stout, Sr. Dr. John D. Watson Chester Arnold
1944 Clarence N. Cone Montgomery S. Hill	1965 O. H. Alexander, Jr. Paul Smith Albert S. Lineberry
1945 E. W. Freeze, Jr. V. L. Trexler	1966 Clyde E. Curry E. P. Benbow, Jr. Leslie W. Seaver
1946 J. F. Caudle C. R. Johnson J. Frank McCrary	1967 R. D. Douglas, Jr. Dr. A. J. Taylor David Schenck Roy Moffitt
1947 R. A. McPheeters# John Woltz	
1948 Joe S. Phipps* Cleveland Thayer Ben T. Ward*	
1949 Dr. Charles N. Ott# Hilton G. West	
1951 Max Levy* David Stedman	
1952 Harris Coffin William A. Goldsboro Charles W. Phillips	

*Deceased
#Moved

1966-1968

Years of Destiny

1966 With the appointment of Homer M. "Smoky" Eggers as Scout Executive in February, 1966, and under the direction of Council President Bland W. Worley, the General Greene Council entered the exciting period of revitalization it is still experiencing.

Recognizing that the growth of this area demands an ever improving and expanding Scouting service, the Council instituted a Long Rang Planning Committee with Charles W. Phillips as Chairman. This committee went to work immediately to present to the Council a realistic projection of its potential growth through 1970, and to determine the staff, finances and physical facilities that would be needed to realize that growth. The committee is still functioning and has given invaluable aid to the Council in many areas.

One extremely important project in that year of growth and re-organization was the Council's Operation Breakthrough — Exploring designed to meet the needs of the older boy. Norman Block and his 20-man Exploring Committee were given tremendous help from the Greensboro Jaycees throughout the entire project.

Under the direction of Mackie Stout, Jaycee Projects Chairman, members of that organization worked with guidance counselors in city and county schools throughout this entire area, securing interest blanks from thousands of 10th, 11th and 12th grade boys.

After the results were tabulated showing the number of boys interested in various vocational fields, the Jaycees and members of the Council Exploring Committee contacted business, industrial and professional groups in the area to promote attendance of their key men at the giant Operation Breakthrough-Exploring meeting held at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro in September, 1966.

As a result of this work during 1966, the number of Explorer Posts increased during 1967 to fifty-eight with 725 young men participating—a record number.

So outstanding was the Council's program that it won the National Council's 1966 Breakthrough Award which was presented during the National Council Annual Meeting in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, in 1967. The General Greene Council was the only Council in the Southeast and one of only twelve Councils in the nation to receive this award.

During the year, the Council launched its most successful scout leaders training course with an average attendance of 133 men at the seven sessions.

Also, in 1966, under the direction of Council President Worley and Camping Chairman Frank Iler, a Jamboree type camp was established adjacent to Camp Wenasa to meet the need for more training in overnight camping.



Operation Breakthrough—Exploring was one of the most vital and significant projects of 1967. Here, a scene typical of many other, shows members of Pilot Medical Specialty Post 201 in action at Moses H. Cone Memorial Hospital.



Left: Tali Taktaki Lodge's Order of the Arrow display at Camp Cherokee in 1966 which won top area honors for the group.

1967 There can be little doubt that the year 1967 will be long remembered in scouting circles for surely it was one of the most vital and significant years in the splendid history of the General Greene Council.

Council President Bland Worley, Council Commissioner Thomas A. Henson and Scout Executive Homer M. Eggers, with the cooperation of hundreds of dedicated committee chairmen, committee members and scout leaders, made tremendous strides in every phase of scouting activity.

This account could not be complete without an acknowledgement of the debt of gratitude which the General Greene Council owes to the United Fund. Certainly, the United Fund idea is an outstanding example of participating citizenship; and the community enrichment program, established for the first time in 1968, demonstrates the sincere con-

cern the United Fund feels for the youth of the community served by its member agencies. The General Greene Council is grateful to the United Fund for the faith that group has expressed through its financial support to the Boy Scout program in this area. The Council is confident that such faith and trust will continue to be in future years — as it has been in the past — richly deserved.

So extensive were the accomplishments of the Council during the year preceeding the celebration of the Golden Anniversary that it is impossible to condense or summarize them satisfactorily, and so consequently, we have chosen to report 1967 events more fully than we have done events of other years. On the following pages you will see the distinguished District Chairmen and Commissioners who were your 1967 leaders, and you will find in reports from various committee chairmen the story of one of scouting's finest and most memorable years.

At the national meeting in April, 1967, in Pittsburgh, the General Greene Council was presented a trophy in recognition of "all-round" across the board performance in growth and quality. It was the only Council in the Region to receive the award and one of only twelve in the nation. Tom Noe, second from right, with Scout Executive Homer "Smoky" Eggers beside him, is shown here receiving the trophy from Marshall Monroe, Assistant National Scout Executive. At far left is Spurgeon Gaskin, Regional Executive.

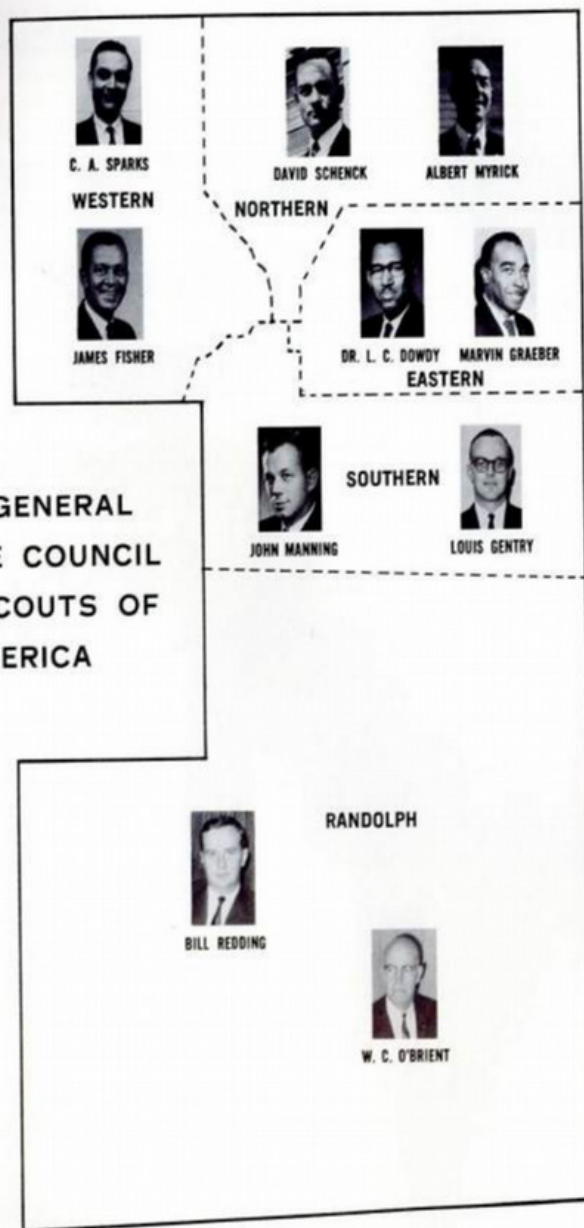


The majestic beauty of this scene taken at Philmont Scout Ranch seems to symbolize the beauty of the many Boy Scout camps throughout the country . . . camps where in the midst of all their fun and work, scouts learn to appreciate the many God-given wonders in our world.



SCOUTING HAPPENS IN DISTRICTS..

THE GENERAL GREENE COUNCIL BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA



These Distinguished District Chairmen and Commissioners
Were Your 1967 Leaders.

ORGANIZATION AND EXTENSION



JERRY HYMAN
Chairman

The chart to the right shows that in the last two years, we have added a thousand members.

In 1965 we had 209 places where a boy could join Scouting — A Cub Pack, A Scout Troop or An Explorer Unit. We now have 267 units which is a 30% increase.

Despite our growth there are still 17,000 boys of eligible age to be Scouts who are not because we have not invited them to join our existing units or we have not yet organized a sponsor to serve them.

YEAR	Council membership as of Dec. 31
1955	4803
1960	6738
1965	7247
1966	8226
1967	9216
1970	LONG RANGE PROJECTION 11,540

FINANCE

Our 1968 budget income is by far the best it has ever been this early. Our total approved budget of \$126,252.00 is almost subscribed as follows:

Greensboro United Fund	\$ 82,320.00
Asheboro United Fund	14,630.00
Foundations: Guilford	8,530.00
Randolph	2,818.00
Foundation money earmarked for 1968	3,482.00
Sustaining membership	13,672.00
Activities	800.00
Total budget	\$126,252.00
Total Committed	125,061.00
to raise (from foundations)	\$ 1,191.00



We should like to thank the following District Finance Chairmen for their fine efforts on behalf of boyhood:

Western	Dr. T. Edgar Sikes	Eastern	E. J. Jones
Northern	William Black	Randolph	Arle Culp



TED SUMNER, Chairman
Finance Committee



RALPH D. STOUT, SR.
Council Treasurer



CAMPING COMMITTEE REPORT

The summer camping program was strengthened with the opening of the New Jamboree Camp. The facility presented opportunities for cooking, camping, and using the patrol method extensively. It ran for four weeks with eleven troops participating.

An advanced camp was held for Scouts interested in Aquatics, Nature and Conservation, Field Sports, and Junior Leaders Training. Each group operated as a troop.

During the first two weeks of August, a Day Camp Program was held for Scouts each morning so that they could work on merit badges they were unable to complete during their week at camp.

The attendance at our camps this year exceeded that of 1966 by 27%.



R. J. Tysor
Chairman



COMMISSIONER SERVICE

In 1967 our Council gave top priority to the development of adequate Commissioner Service for every unit. Our success in helping boys to grow into men of character has depended largely on the staff of 100 plus Commissioners visiting our units and staging helpful roundtables.



Dr. T. A. Henson

Plans and promotion of Operation Forward 67 which saw the Council make a breakthrough and win the Sectional Trophy again in 1967 is a credit to our dedicated Commissioner team. Through the Commissioners visits to units, Den Mothers and Unit Leaders have gained valuable program helps and are providing a rich, dynamic program for the boys of our area.



Dr. E. P. Benbow
Chairman

HEALTH AND SAFETY

Medical examinations for Scouts attending long-term camps were made possible by District Health and Safety Committees. Qualified doctors rechecked all boys at all sessions of Summer Camps. Many of the Unit meeting places have been inspected. A complete safety check of the entire camp was made prior to opening. A physician was on duty for the Spring Camporeer. The Summer Camp First Aid staff member was under direct guidance from the Health and Safety Committee.



S. C. Smith
Chairman

ADVANCEMENT

During 1967 a total of 2,725 rank advancements were earned in the General Greene Council, an increase of twenty percent over the number earned in 1966.

The Council and District Advancement Committees have been busy conducting meetings with unit committees to help guide them in unit Boards of Review and promoting impressive district Courts of Honor.

Special Eagle Boards of Review were held bimonthly to review Eagle candidates and maintain high standards among those earning the coveted rank of Eagle. A total of 50 eagles were presented in 1967. This was by far the best advancement year in the history of the Council.



ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE REPORT

With the assistance of dedicated Scouters and parents the Activities Committee was able to meet its responsibility to boyhood in 1967 as follows.

1. sent three busloads of boys and leaders to Philmont Scout Ranch—the largest single delegation at Philmont in 1967.
2. sent 10 boys and three leaders to the twelfth World Jamboree at Farragut State Park, Idaho.
3. provided leadership for the most spectacular Camporee ever held in General Greene Council.
4. laid ground work and assisted with plans to promote a successful Scout-O-Rama and 50th Anniversary during 1968.
5. promoted successful Pot Luck Dinners as a means of leadership recognition resulting in over 3,000 persons participating in District Annual Meetings.



Samuel W. Earle
Chairman



LEADERSHIP TRAINING

A key to the success of Scouting in our Council is informed voluntary leadership. Second only to the selection of the right man for each job has been his education in the purposes of Scouting, the methods by which these ends are achieved, and techniques for his individual job.



Roy Armfield
Chairman

Through the efforts of our leadership training Committee 134 top unit leaders have found the answers. This represents an increase of 45 top leaders trained over the same period a year ago. In addition to top leaders, some 630 other Council and District Scouters have a basic understanding of: "What is this job?" "How is the job done?" "How does it contribute to the basic purposes of Scouting?"



COUNCIL PLANNING COMMITTEES

The following Council Planning Committees have been most active during 1967 preparing for our 50th anniversary and the years ahead.



T. P. NOE, JR., Chairman
50th Anniversary Committee

We sincerely thank Mr. Noe and his fine committee for the many hours of work preparing us for this occasion and for special activities throughout 1968. They will provide a beautiful souvenir program to be released at the Golden Anniversary Scout-O-Rama.



CHARLES W. PHILLIPS, Chairman
Long Range Planning Committee

Mr. Phillips headed a "Blue Ribbon" committee of fifty distinguished citizens in the development of our Council guidelines through 1970. This committee reports that in every instance we are on schedule or ahead of schedule in relation to projections.



NORMAN BLOCK, Chairman
Explorer Planning Committee

This is an area where there has been a major Breakthrough during 1966-67. This is due, in large measure, to the fine support of the Greensboro Junior Chamber of Commerce and the cooperation of the school guidance counselors and principals in Operation Breakthrough-Exploring. The number of Explorer Posts has grown from twenty-nine to fifty-eight and the number of young men participating has grown from three hundred sixty-nine to seven hundred twenty-five.



L. RICHARDSON PREYER, Chairman
Trust Fund Committee

Mr. Preyer, with the help of an outstanding committee, guided the Council in the development of many useful promotional materials. They have been instrumental in bringing the Trust Fund to the attention of the Scouting family and key community leaders and have actually received commitments from a number of people.



ALBERT S. LINEBERRY, Chairman
Operation Forward 38 in 68

Although the results of Operation Forward 38 in 68 will be forthcoming during 1968 the committee was organized and went to work in 1967. Mr. Lineberry with the help of many dedicated District and community leaders will guide the Council to more Breakthroughs toward the expansion of Scouting throughout our area.

1968—The Golden Year

It is, perhaps, no exaggeration to say that the activity of every scout, every leader, every volunteer and executive in the General Greene Council has been focused during 1968 on one single thing — the celebration of the Council's Golden Anniversary.

And the activities have been exciting ones. On February 8, 1968, a Golden Anniversary Banquet was held at West Market Street Methodist Church where

the featured guest for the evening was Mrs. Ernest Thompson Seton, the brilliant and charming widow of one of scouting's most outstanding pioneers.

1968 Council President R. Kennedy Harris presided over the festivities which included the presentation of awards, the recognition of the Council's veteran scouters and the expression of appreciation to the Council's many helpers in the community.

The Council's 50th Anniversary Banquet held early this year was a gala event. Featured guest was Mrs. Ernest Thompson Seton (in the foreground), widow of one of scouting's most distinguished pioneers. 1968 officers being inducted are, from left to right: Council Commissioner Samuel W. Earle, Vice President L. Richardson Preyer, President R. Kennedy Harris, Vice President Frank Iler, Vice President Paul Smith, and Scout Executive Homer M. Eggers. Presiding is Regional Executive S. P. Gaskin.



Golden Anniversary Scout-O-Rama

In April of this year, the Council and Greensboro Rotary Club held the largest Scout-O-Rama in its 50 year history. Approximately 170 scout units participated in this exhibition of "The Wonderful World of Scouting"; and some 20,000 persons turned out to see the exhibits and demonstrations which the scouts staged inside and on the grounds of the Greensboro Coliseum.

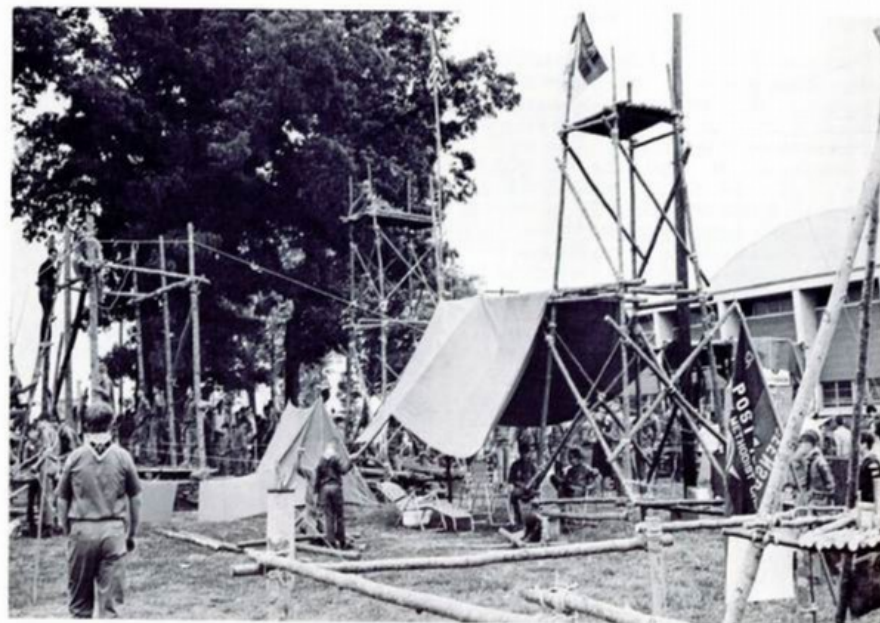
Greensboro Rotary Committee Chairmen responsible for this spectacularly successful event were: General Chairman, Claude Pierce; General Vice Chairman, Alan Cone; Special Guests, Walker Rucker; Publicity, Bill Gietz; Advertisement, John Harden; Participation, Charles Phillips, Jr.; Judging and Awards, Howard Holderness; Judging and Awards, Dr. Grimsley Hobbs; Arrangements, Robert Kent; Finance, Tony Schiffman; Safety, Paul Cal-

houn; Ticket Sales, E. D. Lucas; Anniversary Chairman, T. P. Noe, Jr.; and Service, Robert Rapp.

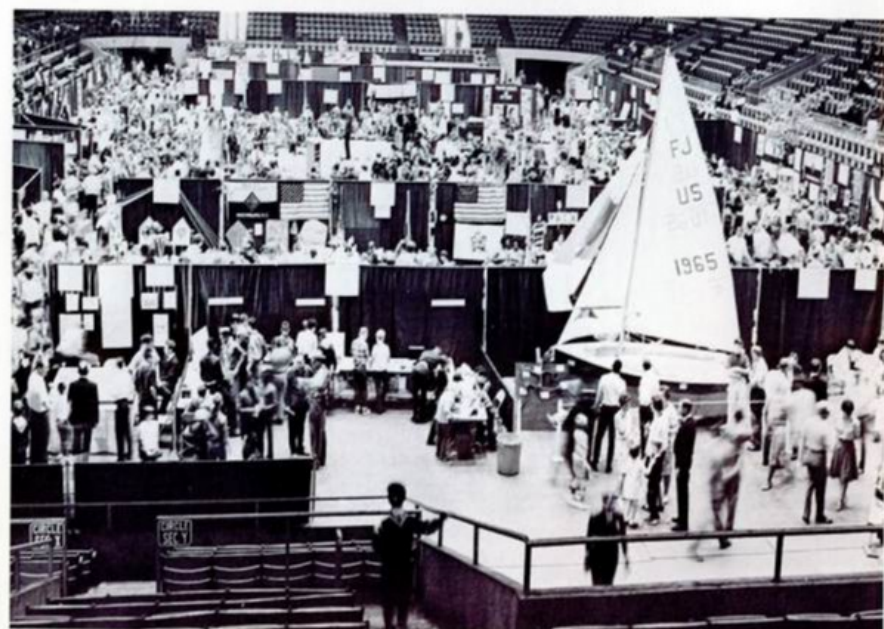
Council staff members working with the various committees were: Scout Executive H. M. Eggers, Sampson Buie, H. Penn Bernhardt, Lloyd H. Caster, Robert McBryde, Bill Watkins, Don L. Payne, Gene Mendonsa, and John D. Cornet.

Throughout the history of the Council, key men have often been distinguished members of the Rotary Club; and during the entire 50-year history of the Council, scouters have received the help and encouragement of Rotarians. Never, however, has that help and encouragement been given in more generous measure than it was during preparations for the 50th Anniversary Scout-O-Rama when members of the Rotary Club worked hand-in-hand with every Council Committee.

Ghosts of scouting past? A photographer's shaky hand almost convinces us that we're seeing a real ghost of the past in this picture taken at an exhibit of scouting costumes of different periods taken during the 1968 Golden Anniversary Scout-O-Rama.



Scenes taken inside and out at the Scout-O-Rama show the scope of activity of the 8000 scouts who participated as well as the numbers of persons who visited the Greensboro Coliseum during the event.



Looking Forward...

Members of the General Greene Council, more than 9,000 strong, stand now at the mid-point of the Council's fiftieth and golden year, looking back with pleasure and pride, and — what is more important — looking forward with confidence.

Looking forward — that is the vital thing in today's world. Consequently, on January 1, 1969, the Council will launch "BOYPOWER '76", an exciting long range plan of growth developed in the firm belief that America's manpower begins with BOYPOWER. Under this plan, designed to be carried on through 1976, the Council is pledged to increase greatly its membership and services to all boys regardless of race, color, creed or economic status.

For more than fifty years, scouting has cultivated in this area's youth a respect for God and country and a desire for active minds and bodies that has enabled boys to become outstanding, responsible citizens. But scouting has not reached enough boys at every level of society. And that is what scouting must do to meet today's challenge.

Throughout our country we are faced with a rising crime rate among young people, the im-

practical world of the "hippie," a growing refusal to serve one's country and to accept the responsibilities as well as the privileges of a free society, a mushrooming drug market, a "something for nothing" attitude, and a general moral decline in many areas.

Can there be a better way to combat all these trends than to instill the principles of scouting in greater and greater numbers of our young people? We think not. Consequently, an expansion of the scouting movement seems to be more than desirable; it is imperative, even vital to the future of our country.

True, scouting is not the only answer. But it does have proven methods of developing boys into men of character, willing and able to lead other citizens toward the dream which was—and still is—America.

Our community, our country, has a desperate need for responsible citizens. Such manpower begins with BOYPOWER, and BOYPOWER begins with the people of this area through support of the Council.

A. Earl Weatherly, oldest living member in Greensboro of the first scout unit organized in the Council, extends an official welcome to Cub Scout Don Norris of Pack 326 and Boy Scout Marty Florence of Troop 445. They represent the newest members to enroll in the Council and represent a tie for the honor of being the 9,000th member on the Council rolls. Each was presented a new uniform in celebration of the event.



1968 EXECUTIVE BOARD

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