

The Council Ring

September 15, 1944

CALENDAR

- September 18 Tuscaloosa District Meeting
- September 19 Executive Board Meeting - McIester Hotel,
Tuscaloosa
- September 23 & 24 Jasper and Winfield Districts Training -
Camp O'Rear
- September 22 & 23 Negro Camporee - Holly Springs
- October 4 Tuscaloosa District Finance Campaign
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NEW TROOPS

The Scout Council and all Scouts extend a hearty welcome
to the following new troops:

Troop 121	Sumiton	J. B. Scurlock
Troop 74	Gorgas	Grady Latham
Troop 156	Belk	Rev. L. R. Larwood
Troop 61	Vincent	J. C. Calhoun
Troop 78	Helena	T. O. Fore
Pack 65	Sulligent	G. H. Jones
Pack 77	Bankhead	J. A. Gant

Black Warrior Council
Boy Scouts of America

GROWTH

At this season of the year all Troops, Packs, and Ships begin to take a new lease on life and start seriously into the fall program. In Scouting we grow in two directions. We grow in size (increasing our membership) and we grow in quality by perfecting our organization and stimulating our advancement so that boys stay in longer and enjoy the program more.

Our membership on January 1st for the whole Council was 1229 Scouts. On August 31st we had 1624 Scouts and a total membership of Scouts and Cubs of 1761. This growth is a real memorial for the Scoutmasters, Councilors and Commissioners who made it possible by providing the opportunity for more boys to be Scouts. By December 31st we want to have 1750 Scouts and 300 Cubs. This means that every District Committee must get busy and see that more Troops are organized, and every Scoutmaster must be ready to provide a program that will hold these boys we now have and induce others to join the fun. As a slogan for the next three months let's have, ASK A BOY TO BE A SCOUT.

CAMPING

Summer Camp is now over. All the fun and fellowship and advancement which we made is now history. However, the real camp is that which is done by the Patrol or the Troop within a short distance of their headquarters. We want every troop to set as a goal at least one short term camp or overnight hike between now and December 1st. Put the responsibility on Patrol Leaders (your Green-Bar Patrol) for planning these activities, help them make it happen and see if your Troop spirit doesn't improve a great deal. The best Scout Troop is the one that uses its in-door meeting to plan the activities they will do out of doors. Outing is truly the best of Scouting.

Our Scout Camp was really successful.

367 boys attended, 32 leaders camped with us and for the first time in many years our Summer Camp did not go in debt. A great deal of credit is due to Ernest Mills who handled the arrangements for feeding and transporting the Scouts.

TUSCALOOSA DISTRICT COMMITTEE

Tuscaloosa District has a new District Committee formed by George Downing, District Chairman, who was elected to succeed James Mustin who was recently commissioned in the Naval Reserve. George is planning a lot of interesting things for troops in Tuscaloosa District and we believe that this District will have an unusual growth during the next three months.

COMMISSIONER'S STAFF

A Scout Commissioner is a member of the Professional Staff serving in a volunteer capacity. He visits troops, helps with organization and councils the Scout Executive on the program of the Council. Each District needs active Commissioners that help focus the effort of the Scoutmaster and Troop Committees so that we have a unified program. District Commissioners are elected at the annual election of the District and are responsible for recruiting their helpers. Guergon Paepcke, Tuscaloosa District announces his staff for the coming winter:

Leonard Kyle Ike Winston

L. Burton D. C. Overton

Other District Commissioners should be recruiting and training their staffs and they will be announced as we receive them.

JASPER DISTRICT TRAINING

Jasper District leads all other Districts in the number of men trained during the present year and is first again by announcing a training course for Scoutmasters, Commissioners and Committeemen to be held at Camp O'Rear the week-end of September 23 and 24. Ernest Mills is directly in charge of the training and the Scout Executive and other officers will serve on the staff. All

Scouters from Winfield and Jasper Districts are urged to attend this get together at Camp O'Rear, a big time is assured.

FINANCE CAMPAIGN

Finance Campaigns are to be conducted in each District and the Council Budget is to be completely raised before November 30th. Mr. Carl B. Fritsche, Chairman of the Council Finance Committee is asking that each District Finance Committee go to work immediately with the idea of running a campaign in each county in an effort to meet the Council Budget and in addition to raising enough money to meet the \$4,600.00 grant of the Phillips Foundation which we will get as soon as our share is available. To do this job it will be necessary to raise \$23,915.00. During 1944 the Council raised \$17,946.00. The fact that we have raised the membership more than 500 is proof enough that we are growing and need have no hesitancy in asking for public support to reach more of the 15,000 boys of Scout age in our Council. If the budget is raised two additional Field men will be employed and a Negro Executive employed for negro work.

SCOUT SUPPLIES ARE SCARCE

Manufacturers have informed the Boy Scout supply services that community strips and numerals will not be available for the next four or five months. We advise our troops to be patient and when peace comes all of us can dress up again and wear all insignia.

Patrol Leader's Handbooks are not available, but standard uniform equipment, shirts, trousers, caps, etc., are coming through in larger quantities. Brown's Dollar Store in Tuscaloosa and Weinstein's in Jasper have just received a new stock of uniforms.

CHANGES IN REQUIREMENTS

The following regulations have been changed. In 2nd Class - Scouts are no

longer required to learn the points on a compass, but must be able to follow a course with three changes, using a compass (Magnetic Asimuth) and explain the principle on which the compass works.

Indian sign language has been eliminated.

Black Warrior Scouts should learn semaphore signaling.

MERIT BADGE REGULATION CHANGES

Merit Badges that have been revised include: Gardening, Hog and Pork Production, Beef Production, Sheep Farming, Public Speaking and Insect Life

SENIOR SCOUTING

A brand new program for Explorer's has just been announced and complete details will be contained in Scout Magazine and Boy's Life within the next 60 days.

Some Scoutmasters are not yet using the programs as announced in the Scout Magazine each month. If this material is used it will save you a great deal of time and make your programs a lot more effective.

CAMP O'REAR

Camp O'Rear recently reconditioned and used for two weeks as a Council Camp is still giving real service for troops in that vicinity. Troops camping there recently have been: Carbonhill, with James Newman, Scoutmaster and Sulphur Springs with Mr. Gresham Ellis, Scoutmaster. In all more than 50 boys have used Camp O'Rear within the last 30 days.

Our Camp Committee should give consideration to rebuilding Camp Horne as a week-end and winter camp.

MONTEVALLO DISTRICT

J. H. Dunlap of Siluria, Organization and Extension Chairman for Monte-

vallo District has launched a real campaign by organizing three new troops. Health and Safety Chairman, W. A. Levie and our friend Les Harris of the U. S. Forestry Service inspected the camp at Oak Mountain where troops from Siluria, Columbiana, Brent, Montevallo and Calera were in camp. Montevallo is out to lead the Council for this year. W. A. Levie is the first Scoutmaster to construct one of the new paper teepees as pictured in the "Boy's Life" for June. Bill says it works well.

TROOPS DUE TO REREGISTER

Troop 1	York
Troop 13	Greensboro
Troop 25	Uniontown
Troop 31	Marion
Troop 70	Winfield
Pack 19	Northport

LAPSED TROOPS

Troop 6	Tuscaloosa
Troop 14	Tuscaloosa
Troop 32	Alberta City
Troop 76	Manchester
Troop 114	Cordova
Troop 118	Jasper
Troop 203	Parrish
Troop 221	Jasper
Troop 246	Demopolis
Pack 117	Jasper

DROPPED TROOPS

Troop 104	America
Troop 109	Brookwood
Troop 210	Dora
Troop 224	Flat Creek
Troop 237	Moundville
Troop 245	Bellamy

SCOUT SUPPLIES ARE SHORT

Scoutmaster have informed the Boy Scout supply services that community stores and merchants will not be available for the next year or two months. We advise our troops to be patient and we will report all of our progress up and down all districts.

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