



**History of the Boy
Scouts in
West Alabama
1910 – 2022**

This book is dedicated to the Scouts of the Black Warrior Council.

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Forward

I really wasn't planning on writing a history book of Scouting in Tuscaloosa. However Erik Nelson and I were spending one night at his house searching The Tuscaloosa News archives in Google News's newspapers for "Black Warrior Council" articles. We found many interesting articles including two formerly unknown camps from the 1940s. That make me curious as to what else might exist. The next day I started searching again using various permutations of phrases containing the text "Black Warrior", "Scouts + Tuscaloosa", "Sea Scouts + Tuscaloosa", etc. and found a February 22, 1933 article "20 Years Ago Today" from The Tuscaloosa News. The article stated:

SCOUTS IN MOUNDVILLE – The Boy Scouts of Tuscaloosa will spend the day today in Moundville in historical research, nature study, and hiking. The Indian relics and remains there will furnish materials to interest the boys in life, manners, and customs of the first inhabitants of the country. The party will be conducted by Assistant Scoutmaster Howell Hanson and assisted by Messers, Chandler, and Tillery.

Most adult Scouters in the Black Warrior Council know that the council was founded in 1922. Yet here is an article from the Tuscaloosa News talking about The Boy Scouts of Tuscaloosa in 1913 – 9 years prior to the founding of the council. That made me wonder what else existed before the council was founded. Thus began my search.

This book is being written for two primary reasons. The first reason is to document the early days of Scouting in the Tuscaloosa area and the creation of the Black Warrior Council. The second reason is that by documenting the council hopefully members of the Tuscaloosa community will come forth with other information concerning the early years of Boy Scouts in Tuscaloosa, thereby enriching the history of our council. From 1910 to 1934 the author details the formation of troops and the evolution of the Black Warrior Council. Starting with 1935 troop information will not be as detailed.

This book is the result of endless hours of looking at microfilm at the Tuscaloosa Public Library, the Jasper Public Library, and articles found by various people in the Black Warrior Council. Erik Nelson, Wayne Harris, Chad Englebert, John Newman, and Scott Stevens are just a few of the people who have helped or supported me tremendously in creating this document.

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Pre-1910 to 1910

While visiting London in 1909 Chicago publisher W. D. Boyce had an unknown Scout help him cross the road to his hotel. When Boyce offered the Scout a tip the Scout refused stating that he was merely doing his daily good turn. Boyce secured the rights to the Scouting program in the United States and, upon his return, incorporated the Boy Scouts of America on February 8, 1910 ^[1]. Edgar M. Robinson and Lee F. Hanmer became interested in the nascent BSA movement and convinced Boyce to turn the program over to the Y.M.C.A. for development. Robinson enlisted Seton, Beard and other prominent leaders in the early youth movements. After initial development, Robinson turned the movement over to James E. West who became the first Chief Scout Executive and the Scouting movement began to expand in the U.S. ^[2] While several other organizations were formed around this time (the American Boy Scouts, the Polish National Alliance Scouts of Chicago, the Rhode Island Scouts, United Boys' Brigade of America's Scout program and California Boy Scouts to name a few) most were ultimately absorbed into the Boy Scouts Of America.

Nine months after the formation of the Scouting movement in the United States the “Boy Scouts of Tuscaloosa” was first formed in November 1910 through the Young Men’s Christian Association (YMCA). W. S. Brower, assistant secretary of the YMCA, was the first scout master in Tuscaloosa. Charter members of the Boy Scouts include Bob Brown, Luther Clements, William Boone, Marcus Long, John Roby Greer

Scarborough, Henry Alston, Clarence Wilson, and Charles Brown ^[3]. Henry Alston was the first youth in Tuscaloosa to take the Scout Oath ^[4].

The first outing of the Boy Scouts of Tuscaloosa was around November 4th, 1910 and consisted of a bicycle ride was taken to chart a route for a hike to take place on November 11, 1910. The hike started at the YMCA, went out Hargrove road for a good distance and branched off the road across the country. A chestnut hunt was the feature of the hike ^[3]. At the next documented meeting seventeen days later the number of scouts in Tuscaloosa increased to thirty-six members, the scouts were hiking to North River, and a room was set-aside at the YMCA for meetings ^[5]. On December 10th the scouts hiked from the YMCA to the home of Henry Alston where a party was held.

1911

On January 27, 1911 the Boy Scout Council (forerunner of the Executive Committee) met and elected the following officers: President, Dr. H. C. Hassell; Vice President – Sterling Harris; Secretary-Treasurer – M. P. Hollingsworth. Two committees were created consisting of members picked by the Council President. The first committee – the Scout Leaders Committee (Chairman W. S. Brower, Hugo Friedman, Sam F. Clabaugh) - will provide leaders for the Saturday “hikes” of the boys. The second committee – the Uniform and Badge Committee (Chairman J. A. Duckworth, Tom Garner, and Jas Fitts, Jr.) - and the other will arrange for uniforms and for the presentation of badges to the Second Class Scouts. The number of scouts increased from thirty-six to sixty-six, now takes up two rooms at the YMCA, and are collecting material to create a library and museum^[7,8].

On February 11 the 66 Boy Scouts of Tuscaloosa met to take a picture in front of the Y.M.C.A building. The Y.M.C.A. building has allowed the scouts to use two rooms in the building. One room is used as a reading room and the other room is used for games and a museum. Walter S. Brower is scoutmaster and patrol leaders are Clarence Wilson, Blake Barnes, Luther Maxwell, and Alfred Plyer. The official uniform as been selected for the Tuscaloosa boys and arrangements were made with Saks Tailoring Company to make the uniforms. As a result of one of their meetings the scouts formed an Anti-Cigarette League and witnessed interesting experiments by Dr. Dresslar.^[827]

Tuscaloosa's First Scout Troop

First Boy Scout Troop in Tuscaloosa
February 15, 1911



Top Row, left to right: Clarence Wilson, Luther Maxwell, William Eddins, Greer Scarborough, Cecil Morgan, Frank Auxford, Blake Barnes, Allan Morgan, Charles Connell, Henry Dugger, J. Crutcher, Lollie Mosley, Robert Sanders, Luther Clements, and John Roby.
Second Row: Eugene Alston, P. G. Holley, Durward Berryhill, Murrey Dantzler, Lemuel Mallet, Ludy O'Quinn, Henry Alston Jr., Parker Mackey, William Upchurch, Herman Burchfield
Front Row: Will Ozment Jr., Edwin Hardin Jr., Louis Fant, Bernard Rosenfeld, William Foster, Harold Crutcher, Tom Eddins, Laurie Ozment, Reginald Rosenfeld, Henry Hanly, Chas Brown, Leonard Kyle, and Walter S. Brower, Scoutmaster.

(Picture courtesy Frank Brower, grandson of Walter Scout Brower, Tuscaloosa's first Scoutmaster. Names from a Tuscaloosa News article, February 15, 1911)

On March 11, 1911 the Boy Scouts visited the University of Alabama museum with Dr. Prouty. The scouts then wrote reports on their trip and submitted them to the Tuscaloosa News. The boy with the best report (Edward Hardin) was given a scout uniform, the boy with the second best report (James Yerby) was given a scout hat, and the

boy with the third best report (Henry Drugger) was given a scout belt ^{[9][10][11]}. As of March 25, 1911 the scouts have traveled 196 miles (16 via bicycle, 176 miles hiking) and traveled on every public road in Tuscaloosa (Sanders Ferry, Foster's Ferry, Greensboro, Jug Factory, Hargrove, Plank Road, Crabbe, Columbus, Byler road, and the B&G railroad tracks to Holt.) The streams they have crossed include the Warrior River, North River, Hurricane Creek, Big Sandy, Little Creek, Cribb's Mill creek, and Snow's Mill creek. During these hikes they have also visited four gristmills (Prude's Mill, Barranger's Mill, Hargrove's Mill, and Cribb's Mill), some saw mills, the fertilizer factory. They also visited the Tidewater coal mine and iron furnace in Holt. Three boys (Henry Alston, Will Ozment, Laurie Ozment) have made every hike, and one person (Luther Clements) has missed only 1 hike. ^[12]

In April Shiras Blair and Howell Hanson began teaching swimming and lifesaving skills at the YMCA swimming pool. The best swimmers were taken to the river to be tested in long-distance swimming under the direction of the Tuscaloosa Swimming club. ^[13] On May 12, 1911 after a month of swimming the pool was opened and contests held. Prizes consisted of a pocketknife and balls and bats all offered by Leland Hardware Co. ^[14] Eight days later tests in Life Saving began in the boys department of the YMCA. ^[15]

On August 18th 1911 the scouts returned from their first camp. The camp was located on Hardscrabble Hill and was eventually called Scarcity Camp due to the "scarcity of food in the surrounding countryside. Activities consisted of fishing, hunting, hiking, and a baseball game between the scouts and a colored baseball team from Drs.

Mayfield and Drs. Trim's plantations. Housing consisted of a comfortable cabin in which the boys slept. ^[16] In October the eighty-boy strong "Tuscaloosa Patrol" put up an exhibit at the Fair. The exhibit consisted of petrified wood, Indian arrowheads, pieces of geological formations found during the many hikes taken by the scouts. Also shown was pictures of the Boy Scouts Baseball Team, pictures of the three scouts who made the best record in walking, and the Boy Scouts of Tuscaloosa framed charter for the National Boy Scouts. The prizes awarded consisted of Best Mechanical Toy Steam Shovel (\$3.00 (\$75 in 2017 dollars) to Luther Maxwell), Best Wood Carving (\$3.00 (\$75) for a Walking Stick by Clarence Wilson), best YMCA museum piece consisting of a shell and arrowhead collection by Bert Brown (awarded a pocket knife) and the best hand made curiosity – Boat Run By Clockwork – was won by Phillip Blondhiem (awarded a razor). Judges were P. B. Hughes, W. A. Hilbish, and F. L. Grove. ^[17]

During November the scouts went on more hikes and attempted to do more hikes in December. However bad weather prevented much hiking during that time. ^{[18][19]} One item of note is that during December plans were made to hopefully have Sir Baden-Powell – Chief Scout of England – to stop by speak to the Tuscaloosa Scouts.

1912

Not much information is known from the first half of 1912. We do know that on June 24 the Boy Scouts of Tuscaloosa left from Riverview to another campsite a mile from Lock 14 for a weeklong campout (June 24th to June 29th). During this camp the boys climbed a 400ft mountain and played a baseball game with the Hardscrabble team. The camping party consisted of Mr. M.P. Hollingsworth, Howell Hanson, Withrow Webb, Greer Scarbrough, Marcus Long, Blake Barnes, Chas. Ward, Luther Clements, William Foster, William Ozment, Laurie Ozment, Jack Crutcher, Harold Crutcher, and Henry Alston. [21]

1913

During 1913 the Boy Scouts of Tuscaloosa continued to hike to various sites including hiking eight miles to Foster's orchard and back to town. Mr. Hanson (current Chairman) intends to broaden out the scout spirit by instituting more practical ideals of scouting and scout life including forest tramps with a guide, relic hunting, camp life, lessons in "What to do?" in case of danger and emergencies, a systematic study of what scouts are doing in other parts of the country, what the true scout idea is, and a course in Scout history. [22] In February the Boy Scouts of Tuscaloosa went from the A. G. S. depot by train to visit the Moundville Historic Indian Village. Assistant Scoutmaster Howell Hanson conducted the party with the assistance of Messers, Chandler, and Tillery. [23]

In March the Scouts took the L & N train to Shiras, Alabama. Mr. Gilmore, president of Gilmore Mines, met the Boy Scouts. He showed the boys the mine property and explained the preparatory work to sink a shaft. From there they hiked three miles to Tidewater, ate lunch, and then hiked 10 miles to Holt. Chief Scout Hanson conducted this trip with the assistance of Rev. W. K. E. James. [24] The Boy Scouts took their regular hike on March 15. The boys left at 8:30am in military formation at two abreast heading for "Humphtah Springs" located twelve miles from Tuscaloosa. After going three miles the scouts discovered that they were water-bound and had to retrace their steps. They retraced their trail and would up hiking to Foster's Ferry nine miles beyond Tuscaloosa. This was James Upchurch's first hike (James was nine years old) but he hiked it like a soldier. The total hike was 25 miles and was interrupted only for a one-hour lunch. The

other members of the party were: Eugene Alston (first patrol leader), Greer Scarborough (second patrol leader), Cecil Strickland, Terrell Mitchell, William Foster, Willie Manly Upchurch, Will Ozment, Henry Alston, Lucien dams, Clarence (name unreadable), Laurie Ozment, Charles Brown, Upchurch and C.F. Tillery. Next week's hike is tentatively planned to go to Sam Daly's industrial farm located sixteen miles from Tuscaloosa. [25]

In August the YMCA went to North River and held a camp "...in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Boy Scouts..." Each day a visitor would arrive and talk about some phase of boy life, and the boys were required to prepare their own meals. [26] During the camp Reginald Rosenfield found a wildcat (a moonshine still) in a cave and four revenue officers who were hunting wildcat stills. Fishing was tried with no luck although Luclen Adams killed a wild duck. Mr. E. B. Tierce – who lives about a mile from camp across the river – brought watermelons for the boys to eat. Plans are being made for another camp in 1914. [27]

As of October of 1913 the Boy Scouts movement in Tuscaloosa consisted of 100 members. The Diamond Theatre held a benefit day on August 8th. Mr. Howell (Diamond Theatre Manager) offered a solid gold scout badge to the boy who sold the largest number of tickets. The winner of this contest was Milton Rosenfeld who sold ninety-two tickets. The benefit netted a total of thirty-five dollars. Part of this money (combined with other money) will go to purchasing drums, flags, bugles, and other equipment for the local Scouts. Part of the money will be donated to the Anti-Tuberculosis League of Tuscaloosa to be used as the league sees fit. The remainder will be spent at the discretion

of the Scout Council. On October 9th a large number of boys took a fifteen-mile morning hike to Foster's Orchard. The main purpose of the hike was to locate a desirable camping ground for a weekend campout that was being planned. This campout would be held in a couple of weeks. Coming back from Foster's Orchard the scouts occupied their time searching for wild flowers. Approximately 20 different varieties of flowers were collected. One of the youngest Boy Scouts in Tuscaloosa was Dick Prowell at six years old. He walked the entire distance from Tuscaloosa to Foster's Orchard and back. [28]

1914

On January 16, 1914 a Boy Scout examination for second-class scouts was held at the local Y.M.C.A. Some of the requirements for Second Class consist of: 1) A scout must be a “tenderfoot” for at least one month, 2) A scout must know first aid to the injured and be able to take care of himself in case of an accident, 3) A scout must be able to observe – he will be asked to describe some show windows in town, 4) A scout must properly use a knife or hatchet, 5) He must be able to build a fire in the open using not more than two matches, 6) He must know how to cook and prepare his own food at the camps, 7) He must know the points of a compass, and 8) He must earn and deposit at least one dollar at a public bank. Scouts who passed this test are: Milton Rosenfeld, William Foster, Harold Crutcher, Henry Alston, Will Ozment, Lee Gates, Laurie Ozment, Reginald Rosenfeld, and Edwin Rosenfeld. [29]

On Friday night, January 23 a meeting was held at the Y.M.C.A. Five boys advanced to First Class scouts while others passed the Second and Third Class requirements. Boys making First Class were Milton Rosenfeld, Will Ozment, Leo Gates, Reginald Rosenfeld, Laurie Ozment, and Edwin Rosenfeld. Lucien Adams and Benard Rosenfeld pass the test for second-class while William Upchurch, Edwin Hardin, Beddie Grimes, and L.C. Gayle passed the tenderfoot requirement. Examinations are held every Friday night. [30]

On May 22 the Boy Scouts, under the leadership of Mr. C. F. Tillery, left at 3:00pm in the afternoon to a hike to a campsite at Dr. Fitt’s plantation. Each boy carried his own

blankets and rations. [31] However the Boy Scouts is not the only organization in town. Mrs. C. M. Ayres is in charge of the Tuscaloosa Camp Fire Girls. This organization provides similar work for girls. [32] Friday nights are also “big nights” where all boy scouts – whether members of the association or not (it is unclear if “association” means the Boy Scouts of Tuscaloosa or Y.M.C.A.) are allowed the use of the pool. [33]

On July 19th the Boy Scouts of Tuscaloosa started making plans to start hiking to Montgomery on August 1st. The hike will cover 200 miles and take 10 to 12 days to complete. The scouts will arrive at the Tuscaloosa Y.M.C.A on Friday, July 31st, spend the night, and begin walking early Saturday morning. When arriving at Montgomery the scouts will first visit the Montgomery Y.M.C.A where they will get ready for their observation tour of the state capital building, meeting the governor, visiting the White House of the Confederacy, public parks, and other places of interest in the city. Requirements to make the trip include: 1) Scouts must be tenderfoot in rank and, 2) If the scoutmaster (Mr. C. F. Tilley) believes the scout is physically fit to make the journey. A wagon and team will be used to carry luggage and provisions while the scouts hike in the early morning of late afternoon. [34]

On July 23rd the Boy Scouts hiked to their camping grounds in Alberta City. A contest was held during the hike by W. F. Howell (proprietor of the Belvedere Theatre) on the number of wild and domestic animals, types of trees, species of mosses, composition of rocks, and bird and animal tracks. The winner would receive 25 theatre tickets. Edward Boone won the tickets. At the campground athletic competitions were held.

William Ozment won first prize in both jumping events. William Foster was second and Robert Van de Graaff third in the standing broad jump. In the running broad jump Robert Van de Graaff won second place and Henry Alston third place. The camping trip was also used to make preparations for the hike and tenderfoot examinations were given to those boys who wished to attend the hike but did not have that rank. [35]

On July 31 the scouts met at the Y.M.C.A to prepare for the hike to Montgomery. During the past week the scouts hiked 6 to 10 miles every day with ease. [828]

Boy Scouts Hike to Montgomery



Front row Left to right - Robert Van Der Graff, Hal Clutches, Chas Brown, Sam Card
Second row Left to right - Edwin Hardin, Sam Ferrell, Lee McCann, Lucien Adams, Edward "Little Brother" Boone
3rd row Left to right - Howell Harrison, Henry Alston, Bill Foster, Lee Gates, Willy Manly Upchurch, William Osment, and Scoutmaster C. F. Tillery.

The scoutmaster plans on hiking at least 25 miles each day with the scouts wearing their khaki uniforms and regular scouting equipment. A wagon carried the luggage and provisions for the trip. Mr. Howell, manager of the Tuscaloosa picture shows, has offered prizes of \$5.00 (\$122 in 2017 dollars) and \$2.50 (\$61) to scouts who, while on their march, find the most interesting relic or specimen of natural history. The collections will be given to Dr. Eugene Smith at the University of Alabama. Boy Scouts making the trip are Henry Alston, Will Ozment, Robert Van de Graaff, Harold Crutcher, Lee Gates, Edwin Hardin, Edward Boone, Willy Manly Upchurch, Sam Card, Sam Ferrell, Lee McCann, Charles Brown, Lucien Adams, and Tom Crumton. Scoutmaster C.F. Tillery was in charge of the group. [36]

On August 7th, the Boy Scout of Tuscaloosa completed their hike from Tuscaloosa to Montgomery. The boys and scoutmaster C. F. Tillery met with Governor O'Neal for a short talk. Dr. Thomas M. Owen – director of the Department of Archives and history – piloted them around the capital. The boys ate watermelon provided by the State Convict Department and will take in the Country club and cemeteries tomorrow before heading back. [37]

On October 23, 1914 the scoutmaster called a special meeting of all boys between the ages of 10 and 18 at the Y.M.C.A. building at 7:30pm. Items discussed at this meeting cover the organization of a debating club, a class in tenderfoot work, the proposition of a publishing concern that would add \$200 (\$4,895 in 2017 dollars) to the scout's treasury, and the question of "What do we do during the summer months?" [38]

On November 20, 1914 over 100 Boy Scouts held the “Battle of Ostend” in Guild’s woods. The “battle” was a game organized by the local Boy Scouts. The French forces were in charge of General Joffre (Greer Scarborough) and the German forces by Vol Moltke (Leonard Kyles - this game is similar to Capture The Flag.) The referee will secretly appoint 3 spies on each side, whose sole mission is to tell their army where the opposing army’s flag is. [39]

1915

On January 23, 1915 24 boys in four patrols left from the Y.M.C.A to Sanders' Ferry road for the Darden plantation four miles away. Different degrees of scout marching were practiced (slow, regular, double march, and scout pace). Various scout games were played (Boxing the Compass – a game in which a 50ft radius compass was created on the ground with the 16 principal points on the compass was determined by means of a watch, and Scout Meets Scout – a game similar to Capture the Flag. ^[40] On February 7th Farley Moody spoke to forty of the Boy Scouts on Friday at the Y.M.C.A. The topic of the talk was “Efficiency” selected by the scoutmasters according to the requirements of the national organization.

“Efficiency is the very keynote of scout work. Everyone expects you to do your very best because you are scouts. You should try to excel in everything you attempt to do. In your daily good turns let the very best that is in you come out. Do what you do for the deed's sake; and do it the best that you can because it is your duty, not because of any false ambition that might prompt some other person to do it. Do not be content with doing anything halfway.” -- Farley Moody

On Saturday a large number of scouts left for their weekly outing to put into practice the advice they had heard from Mr. Moody. Upon returning to the city the scouts entered into a “daily good turn contest”. The Red Eagle patrol won the banner by doing 84 good turns. William Ozment (Gray Wolf Patrol) won the individual banner by doing 32 good turns. ^[41]

In March the Tuscaloosa Boy Scouts adopted the slogan “On to Chattanooga” for their record march to the historic Tennessee town. The trip would be a 200-mile hike with a rail trip back to Tuscaloosa. The trip would be held once the scouts are out of school for the summer. Other scout activities that the scouts are currently engaging in include Wednesday afternoons “good turn” for the city. Previous good turns have been cleaning mud off of sidewalks and two days cleaning and clearing the gully adjoining the YMCA building. [42]

In April the Tuscaloosa Boy Scouts were reduced from approximately 75 to 24 due to National rules and regulations being enforced. Under the new organization there is only one troop – Troop 1 – consisting of twenty-four scouts and one scoutmaster. The troop consisted of three patrols of eight scouts per troop, and no troop is permitted to have over twenty-four boys total. Because it was necessary to enforce the national requirements the former local scoutmaster resigned at the beginning of April, resulting in twenty-four boys re-organizing themselves into the new troop. The first activity of this new troop was a twenty-mile hike to Hurricane Creek where they studied nature and enjoyed the outdoors. Of these twenty-four scouts, twenty of them are preparing for the hike 210 miles to Chattanooga. [43]

On May 14 the scouts hiked 20 miles to Hurricane Creek, carrying with them blankets, haversacks, and other hiking and camping paraphernalia. They returned on Saturday, May 15th at 2:30 p.m. with blisters and sunburns. The hike to Hurricane Creek was training hike for the 210-mile hike to Chattanooga, Tennessee on May 31st. The

scouts are expected to walk 20 miles per day thus taking 10 days to arrive in the city.

After spending 2 days in the city the scouts will return to Tuscaloosa by way of a train.

[44]

On the afternoon of May 31, 1915 the Boy Scouts of Tuscaloosa embarked on their trip to Chattanooga Tennessee. They carry with them a letter from the local Y.M.C.A to the Secretary of the Chattanooga, Tennessee Y.M.C.A. Mr. C. A. Tevebaugh. The scouts making the hike are William Foster, H. Crutcher, Henry Alston, F. Easterling, Lee McCann, William Ozment, Edward Boone, Will Upchurch, Logan Kennedy, Morris Friedman, and the leader C. F. Tillery. [45] They left Tuscaloosa at 4:00pm and rived at Fitts place (on Hurricane Creek) at 7:30pm, at supper, and camped for the night. At 6:00am. On Tuesday, June 1st the scouts walked to Brookwood at 10:30am. They ate dinner and then left at 2:30pm to arrive at Yolande at 5:00pm where they at supper at the Yolande hotel. They hiked one more mile and camped for the night. On Wednesday at 6:00am they left Yolande and arrive at Johns at 9:00am and rested four miles past. At 2:00am the left Johns and arrived three miles past at Bessemer at 5:00pm to camp for the night. From Bessemer they traveled to Birmingham, and then to Trussville. The day's routine consisted of rising at 5:00am, on the road at 6:00am and walk until 10:00am. The scouts rested until 2:00pm and ate dinner. After dinner they walked until 6:00pm at which time they stopped, rested, and were in bed at 8:00pm. [47] The scouts slept at Valley Head, Alabama and planned on spending the night at or beyond Trenton, Georgia. And were served sandwiches at Fort Payne by Mrs. C. G. Kershaw. Mrs. Kershaw is the sister of "Shorty" Mathis, a 1913 University of Alabama graduate. [48] After eight and one-half

days the Scouts were able to deliver their letter from the Tuscaloosa Y.M.C.A to Mr. C. A. Tevebaugh of the Chattanooga Y.M.C.A. After spending the day in Chattanooga the scouts will return to Tuscaloosa via rail. [49]

While the Boy Scouts of Tuscaloosa are hiking to Chattanooga, the Junior Boy Scouts of Tuscaloosa are planning a four-day camp at Snider's Mill, Northport to take place June 4th, 1915 to June 8th, 1915. Activities include swimming, baseball, running, story telling, and eating. Costs will be defrayed by holding a musical at the High School auditorium. The best talent will be playing and the public is cordially invited to attend. The concert will be held Friday, June 4th at 8:15pm. A parade from Greensboro to University Avenue will be held to denote the event. As a ticket is sold a boy at the head of the line will ring a big bell. The parade will begin promptly at 9:30am at the Y.M.C.A. [46]

On June 18th, 1915 the Boy Scouts of Tuscaloosa Troop 1 met at the Y.M.C.A at 7:00mp to discuss preparing for a two week "Walk-Rite" campaign in Tuscaloosa. The purpose of this project is to persuade the people "...to respect the customs and laws regarding 'taking the right' when traveling up and down the thoroughfares of the city." in order to greatly facilitate pedestrian traffic in the city. The scouts plan to paint arrows on Tuscaloosa sidewalks to help direct traffic. On June 23rd, 1915 the program began. Red, yellow, and black signs had been painted on the street and were seen by pedestrians as they traveled on the sidewalks. The "Walk-Rite" movement – a scout ideal – has been successfully carried out in other cities. [50][51]

The Boy Scouts together with the Junior Boy Scouts established a Museum at the Y.M.C.A on July 13th, 1915. The museum was established for two reasons: 1) to make the Y.M.C.A attractive for visitors, and 2) to create in the boy a desire to always work for the best interests of the Y.M.C.A and bring the best things here for its improvement. The museum will contain peculiar specimens, snake, and shells from all over the world, as well as Civil War relics donated by the citizens of Tuscaloosa. [52]

On July 27th the Junior Boy Scouts left the Y.M.C.A. for a day hike towards Holt. When the group reached Searcy's Lake (near the asylum farm) two campfires were made and a meal was eaten. Around 9:00pm the group packed up and made moonlight walk back to Tuscaloosa. On the way back the Scout Master told various stories that made the boys both weep and laugh. [53] During the night meeting on August 4th the Boy Scouts decided to take part in the "Good Roads Days" on Monday and Tuesday, August 16th and 17th. On those days 18 scouts will go out with their fathers and brothers and work on the county road system. On Thursday night (August 5th) a "Hike Night" was held. Each boy carried a blanket to go camping at Hargrove creek beyond Northport. Apparently there was a girl camp being held as the scouts spent the evening with them and then slept on the opposite side of the creek. Friday, August 6th a Scout Benefit Night was held at the Air Dome for the Boy Scouts. The film "The Gentlemen of Nerve" (Charlie Chaplin) and "When America Was Young" was shown. An unknown amount of money was raised.

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On August 8th the Junior Boy Scouts arranged a “Swat the Fly” parade. One scout was dressed in a black suit with wings and led the parade. The other scouts dressed in different ways – clowns, Indians, cowboys, and in full evening dress. Each scout in the line was given a fly swatter. The boy at the rear “swatted” the person in front of him, and this was passed on until the “fly” at the head of the parade was swatted. The parade left the Y.M.C.A. at 9:30am and was held in order to infuse new life into the Scout movement in Tuscaloosa. [55]

On August 28th Professor C. F. Tillery, Mr. W. E. Peters (General Secretary of the Kaulton Y.M.C.A.), Messers, C. M. Ayres, C.M. Boyd, and S. H. Sprott held a “Grand Parlor Field Meet” for the Tuscaloosa Y.M.C.A. Various contests were held (loudest cheer, loudest whistle, blindfolded pillow fight, speediest disposal of three bananas, and a shoe race as the grand finale) with the winners taking one the “loving cup.” This cup was a handsome, well-used quart cup made of tin. [56]

On September 14th Chief Red Fox, Chief of the Sioux Indians and graduate of Carlisle and Annapolis spoke with the Boy Scouts of Tuscaloosa at the Air Done. He lectured on “The Art of Scout Craft, As Practiced By The Indians.” to the Birmingham Scouts on September 9th, 1915. The subject for the Tuscaloosa Scouts was “Custer’s Last Fight, “The Battle of Wounded Knee, and “The History of the American Indians and Their Mode of Living. He is considered an authority on American History. [57] On September 24th the Boy Scouts met at the Y.M.C.A. where a new Scoutmaster for the troupe will be appointed. [58]

1916

May of 1916 was a special time for City of Tuscaloosa. One hundred years ago in 1816 the City of Tuscaloosa was founded and the City of Tuscaloosa was planning to hold its Centennial. As part of the Centennial proceedings boys who were over 12 years of age and interested in Scout Work were invited to attend a 7:30pm meeting at the Y.M.C.A on Wednesday, May 24th to discuss helping the city out. ^[59] Secretary Sam F. Clabaugh (member of the general centennial committee) also invited the Boy Scouts of Birmingham to hike to Tuscaloosa to assist the Scouts of Tuscaloosa. Meanwhile the Boy Scouts of Tuscaloosa have already tendered their services to the city and have already started working on cleaning up Tuscaloosa. The combined forces of the Birmingham and Tuscaloosa Boy Scouts (50 scouts in total) will be used as 1) messenger boys for the Centennial Committee, 2) as escorts helping those arriving from trains around the city during the Centennial, 3) act as ushers at the pageant, and 4) other small but valuable tasks and / or services during the celebration. ^[60]

JUNIOR BOY SCOUTS IN THE TUSCALOOSA CENTENNIAL PARADE, 1916



Boy Scouts are photographed in the parade celebrating the centennial of the city of Tuscaloosa in 1916.

Shown are Banks Kennedy, Battle Searcy, William Collier, Joe P. Collier, John C. Kirk, Chas Blondheim, William Blondheim, A.A. Kirk, Lester Perdue, W.C. Kyle.

Junior Boy Scouts in Tuscaloosa's Centennial Parade

At 7:30pm at the Y.M.C.A on Friday, June 2, 1916 the Boy Scouts of Tuscaloosa were presented two large flags in appreciation "...of their splendid do-operation during the Centennial Celebration..." by Mr. F. G. Blair, chairman of the Executive Committee of the Centennial Celebration. Mr. Blair praised the Scouts in aiding the police in preventing accidents, managing the large crowds that thronged the streets and pageant grounds, and being at the Centennial headquarters ready at the raise of a hand. Mr. J.

Kenneth Morris, acting Scoutmaster, accepted the flags with words of appreciation. He also stated that the Scouts are planning a big campaign for more Scouts and more boys in the Y.M.C.A. [61][62]

In October the boys at the Jemison School organized into a scout troop. Troop 1 from Holt (recently reorganized) was organized into two troops with Mr. Tyson at Scout Master while Troop 1 (Tuscaloosa) held its regular meeting at the Y.M.C.A. and decided to hold regular hikes on Saturday. [64] The scouts also made plans on building a log cabin on Hurricane Creek in the winter. They will go out next Saturday to look for a suitable site. In November Scouts were organized at the Pulliam-Brandon school. Robert Harwood was elected Patrol Leader, "Mack" Rodes Secretary, and Floyd Fitts Treasurer. [65]

Several activities here held in the month of December. The Scouts of Holt held a number of overnight hikes and are currently going through their rank tests. Troops patrols (of all scouts) are being organized into basketball teams. Once trained a playoff will be held to determine a championship. A call was also put out for Scout Masters as there are many boys in the city who wish to become Scouts but there were not enough leaders for the troops. As of December 10th, 1916 the Boy Scouts of Tuscaloosa was hampered by the lack of scoutmasters. At this time there are 60 boys who are not allowed to become scouts due to a lack of leadership as National has mandated that every troop of 32 boys (four patrols) must have a scoutmaster and two or more assistant scoutmasters.

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On Friday, December 15th the following boys fulfilled the scout tenderfoot requirements: Bennie Gordon, Robert Dugger, Fred Craft, Otis Davis, Ben Harrison, Dophe Cade, and Malcolm Horton. They will be presented with badges on December 28th by the court of honor while attending a three-day hike. This hike will leave on Wednesday, December 27th at 8:30am from the Y.M.C.A. and return around 3:00pm on Friday. The Scouts will hike to Hurricane Creek and stay in the two log cabins owned by Dr. Alston Fitts. The hike is open to all scouts who have paid their \$0.10 (\$2.25 in 2017 dollars) registration fee. The following items will be needed: 1 double blanket or quilt, a tin plate and tin cup, a knife, fork, and spoon, a tooth brush and tooth paste, handkerchiefs, a frying pan, comb, staff, 4 loaves of bread, bacon, eggs, 10 Irish potatoes, w or 3 sweet potatoes, pork and beans, canned corn, preserves, meal, lard, and salt and pepper. Most of Troop 1 will be going on the hike. ^{[67][68]}

In the week of December 17 Dr. J. H. Durrett of the city health department gave an instructional first aid demonstration at the Y.M.C.A. The demonstration was for those scouts preparing for the second-class test. Scouts were shown how to use triangular and roller bandages, how to bandage injuries of the foot, leg, and arm, how to take care of burns and scalds, the use of a tourniquet, and other first aid bandaging techniques. Twenty-four scouts attended the session. The local scout authorities also received news that the traveling American Red Cross car (railroad car taken care of by the Pennsylvania railroad) will be in Tuscaloosa on December 20th. By agreement with the Boy Scouts, wherever the car goes the scouts in that city are granted the privilege of visiting the car and receiving first class instruction. The car is sent all over the country via the railroads.

The scouts at Holt will hike to Tuscaloosa when the car arrives. Both Holt and Tuscaloosa scouts will receive further instructions when the car arrives. On December 20th the boys at Kaulton organized themselves into Scout Troop 4. They will have two patrols of 8 boys each.

Before Christmas on December 23rd, the Boy Scouts of Tuscaloosa and the Camp Fire Girls spent the day doing many good turns to the citizens of Tuscaloosa. The Camp Fire Girls filled large numbers of Christmas stockings. On Christmas day the scouts will meet at Rex's store at 9:00am to help deliver Christmas baskets. The scouts of Holt plan on making deliveries of baskets to the charities in Holt. [68]

1917

Beginning Monday, January 1st 1917 until Wednesday the scouts will be allowed to practice basketball at the Y.M.C.A. On Thursday a team will be picked to play at the Scout Rally. The schedule is: Monday is Whip O' Will and the Red Fox patrols at 9:30am and the Beaver and Grey Wolf patrols at 2:00pm, Tuesday at 9:30am the Stafford School Patrol #1 and the Beaver patrol, the Whip O' Will and Gray Wolf patrols at 2:00pm, and on Wednesday the Red Fox and Stafford School Patrol #1 at 9:30am. A team will be picked Wednesday afternoon and will practice Thursday at 1:00pm for the Rally game. ^[69] On Friday, January 5, 1917 a big scout rally was held at the Y.M.C.A. to plan the celebration of the seventh anniversary to be held February 8th. Scouts from Holt and Kaulton were invited to attend, and Captain Minegerode of the University of Alabama spoke. Basketball games between scouts were arranged, and those scouts who passed their Tenderfoot test will be sworn in and given badges. The committee in charge of the rally program include: Logan Kennedy, Robert Van De Graaff, Sam Bloudheim, Free Craft, William Anderson, Walter Lewis (Kaulton troop), and Morris White (Holt troop). ^{[70][71]} On January 14th the Scouts showed up for their first drill of the year on the University of Alabama campus. Depending on how the drill practice goes several patrols may give an exhibition drill on February 8th as part of their annual celebration. A parade will also be part of the celebration. ^[72] Drill will also be held on January 21st and January 28th – the one on January 28th being held after Troop 1's meeting. ^{[73][74]}

In February the Boy Scouts had a celebration of their 7th anniversary. Scouts of Tuscaloosa, Holt, and Kaulton are going to celebrate on Saturday, February 10th by having a big scout supper at the Y.M.C.A at 7:00pm. Judge W. W. Brandon (head of the scout organization in the city) made an inspiring talk emphasizing the importance of strict obedience. Reviews of last year's work were held and planning for the upcoming year happened. On February 11 (Scout Sunday) Rev. George W. Read of the First Methodist church will preach on the subject of "Be Prepared" at the 11:00 service. Monday, February 12th was the scout "Community Good Turn Day." This year's good turn will consist of bird preservation – scouts will build and put up a number of birdhouses under the direction of Mrs. Y. Graham. Patrols whose houses are used most during the year will be awarded a prize. Cottondale scouts cleaned up churchyards and cemeteries as their contribution to Community Good Turn Day. [75][76] On February 20th the Scoutmasters held a meeting where it was decided that scouts must attend the meetings of their patrols and troops regularly; that the patrols take up as a course of study the scout handbook beginning with Woodcraft that the patrol and troop meetings be conducted with greater dignity; that patrols and troops drill regularly (thus increasing their efficiency as a separate and collective organization. [77]

On March 5th the Scoutmasters and Assistant Scoutmasters met at the Tuscaloosa Y.M.C.A for their monthly meeting. The subject discusses was "Troop Activities." That night at 7:30pm Troop 1 of Tuscaloosa will meet for the purpose of reorganizing the troop. Currently Scoutmaster Mr. Sullivan is unable to continue to be Scoutmaster and will give his duties over to Mr. Sidney Smyr. Prior to Tuesday's meeting, the patrol

leaders will meet on Monday at 5:00pm to discuss the troops reorganization. ^[78] On March 17th the Boy Scouts of Tuscaloosa held a “Tag Day” in the city of Tuscaloosa. On Tag Day seventy-five Boy Scouts are dressed in fantastic costumes representing various merchants in the city parading the streets while pretty girls will tag all comers for the benefit of the Boys Department of the Y.M.C.A. Automobile owners are welcome to decorate their vehicles and join in the parade. The reason for Tag Day is that part of the Y.M.C.A building has been put aside for various troops in Tuscaloosa but is sadly in need of equipment (magazines, books, papers, games, and camping equipment). In order to participate in Tag Day scouts must be registered and current in their registration fees. The scouts held two parades both led by a scout band. The first parade was at 10:00am and the second at 4:00pm. At noon the Scouts enjoyed a dinner together at the Y.M.C.A. for the small cost of \$0.10 (\$1.91 in 2017 dollars). Mrs. Collier and her co-workers appointed the chaperones for the young women. Overall, Tag Day raised \$300.00 (\$5,737) for the Boys Department. ^{[79][80][81][82][83][84][85]} On March 24th the Boy Scouts of Kaulton completed an undefeated basket ball season by defeating the Boy Scouts of Centerville by a score of 19 to 16. ^[86]

On April 3rd the regular monthly meeting of Scoutmasters and Assistant Scoutmasters was held at the Y.M.C.A. The subject of the meeting was “Patrol Organization.” On April 6th the Boy Scouts of Tuscaloosa, Holt, and Kaulton will hike to Moundville under the direction of Mr. J. A. Anderson. He will be assisted by Scoutmaster Mr. Sidney Smyr (Troop 1), Kenneth Morris (Troop 2), Rev. W. K. E. James (Troop 3), Mr. T. W. Ward (Troop 4), and Rev. S. M. Mims (Troop 5). The Scouts will

hike as far as possible, make camp, and then hike the rest of the way to Moundville.

They will return via train to Tuscaloosa. Equipment required for the trip includes a pair of blankets, a toothbrush and paste, soap, towel, comb, small frying pan, knife and fork, drinking cup, matches, and enough food for three meals. ^{[86][87]} On April 10th Scouts the rallied at the Y.M.C.A. in a movement to cultivate all vacant lots of the city to raise food to help feed the nation in times of stress. The Scouts were told stories by Major B. K. McMorris (Commander of the cavalry squadron) of the civil war as well as by Judge W. W. Brandon. At the rally the scouts decided to do two things: 1) plant a garden, and 2) march to City Hall Thursday afternoon at 4:00pm to offer their services to the city. They will be led by the Tuscaloosa Band and all boys over the age of 12 and registered with the Boy Scouts from Tuscaloosa, Holt, and Kaulton will be allowed to participate, and local vendors have donate prizes for the endeavor. ^{[88][89][90]}

On April 12th the Boy Scouts marched down the business section of Tuscaloosa and arrived at City Hall. Hon. Howard L. Smith, City Attorney, accepted the services of the boys on behalf of the city. Prizes offered for the competition include an Elgin watch, boy's signet ring, three-pair gold cuff buttons, \$5 (\$95.62 in 2017 dollars) to the scout with the best sage crop, and \$5 (\$95.62) to be used as either a prize or to buy seed. ^{[91][92]}

On August 28 the Boy Scout garden prizes were awarded. Winners of the garden prizes were Milton Card (first place) who won the Elgin watch; Robinson Brown Jr. (second place) won the signet ring; and Joe Patton of Kaulton (third place) who won the pair of gold cuff buttons. The boys then left for the Y.M.C.A. gymnasium where Malcom

Horton won the wrestling contest, Wilkes Williams won the sack race, and Nealy Pride and James Webb won the swimming (Intermediate and Juniors swimming). [93]

1918

Not much is know about the Boy Scout of Tuscaloosa for the year 1918. On March 13th the Boy Scouts of Tuscaloosa volunteered to collect books from homes to send to France for reading by the boys at the front. ^[96] The scouts will meet on Friday, March 15th to outline the collection work for the boys to perform. On Friday, November 22nd a meeting will held at the Y.M.C.A, subject unknown. ^[97]

1919

The Boy Scouts of Tuscaloosa's charter organization was the Y.M.C.A. In 1919 the Y.M.C.A. apparently fell on hard times. On January 19, 1919 plans were made for a complete reorganization of the Y.M.C.A. with an object of putting this organization on a sound basis and giving it a proper status in the community. Mr. H.C. Buckalew (assistant state Y.M.C.A. director) came to Tuscaloosa to rehabilitate the Y as during the war the organization had been allowed to lose cast. The first step of this reorganization was the practical resignation of all members of the old board. The board didn't actually "resign" but the board felt that fifteen new citizens should take over the work as a "working board" under the supervision of the state organization. Once plans for the permanent organization were finalized a new board would be elected.

The first meeting of the new board was held on January 17th in the Board of Trades rooms. Mr. Messers, J. T. Horne, A. C. Cade, and T. B. Ward (of the old board) were present to see if the fifteen new members would undertake the work. Nine of the fifteen men were present – they were: Dr. J. J. Doster, Dr. J. S. Thomas, W. J. Dominick, J. A. Savage, E. L. Dodson, W. H. Raiford, D. J. Sercy, S. A. Frazer, A. T. Horton, and E. E. Kersh. Dr. J. S. Thomas was selected as chairman and E. E. Kersh was elected secretary. Informal discussions were held as to the best course of action to pursue – dispose of the present building and build a new one, or to liquidate the debt of the old building and renovate it. A committee was appointed to survey the conditions of the Y.M.C.A. building and to outline a plan of action. E. E. Kersh was appointed chairman and D. J.

Dearcy, E. L. Dodson, W. H. Raiford, and Dr. J. J. Doster was appointed as committee members. [96]

On June 13 the Rotary Club has thrown its support into helping the Boy Scouts of Tuscaloosa get in better shape in response to a small request of aid from the national Rotary organization. The national organization asked for 125 new associate members to join the job at the cost of \$1.00 (\$16 in 2017 dollars) per member. The first \$125 (\$1,767) will be sent to the national organization. Funds past the initial \$125 (\$1,767) will go to the development of the local area. The funds will be used to purchase tents, camping equipment, and other paraphernalia needed by the Scouts organization. This will help the city organize a minimum of two more troops (the city currently has 1 troop) for a minimum total of 3 troops. The Rotary Club's position is that while it is important to build factories and businesses, it's also important to build men.

The Rotary club appointed a committee on Tuesday, June 10th to work on the matter of making good on small contributions asked by the community for the national organization, and of getting enough new "associate members" to organize another troop. W. H. Raiford (chairman), Victor Friedman, V. Hugo Friedman, Garrard Harris, and Luther Davis were appointed members of this committee. [97]

On June 15th a citizen's committee was formed to help with the funding for the Boy Scouts. The purpose of the citizens committee (headed by Richard Foster) is co-operating with the Boy Scouts is to enlarge the local organization that is now a unit of the Boy Scouts of America. It is hoped to have four troops for Tuscaloosa and a troop each

for Holt, Kaulton, and Northport. At present Mr. C. M. Ayers is the current scoutmaster of the only Tuscaloosa troop. Patrols for new troops will be secured from various Sunday schools, organizations, and neighborhoods, but the great need is for men who will volunteer to service as scoutmasters. Returning Army officers or others who have experience camping would be especially well qualified. A sub-committee will make an investigation and survey of the needs of the boys. [98]

While the \$125 (\$1,768 in 2017 dollars) funding for the Rotary Club's national organization has fallen short, but citizens have been donating goods for the local scouts. Once citizen has offered to give one of the government tents (sufficient to house a patrol of eight boys) to the scouts, and others have indicated that they will donate tents and other equipment purchased at a discount from the government. [99]

1920

No articles or information has been found for the year 1920.

1921

Not much is known about scouting in Tuscaloosa in 1921. Newspapers do report that Boy Scouts saved the life of Samuel Robertson (12) who accidentally fell into a Bessemer pool. Unfortunately they do not name the scouts who saved the boys life. ^[100]

On November 6, 1921 the Boy Scouts delivered 100 telegrams to Rotarians and Kiwanians concerning the rooster sale held at the fair for the benefit of the Jemison school milk fund and fair expenses. The scouts also acted as guards at the fair, protecting the exhibits, guarding the entrance, assisting in loading and unloading of exhibits, keeping the exhibition hall clean, presiding over the soft drink and ice cream stand, sold chances on the game rooster, and other things as necessary. Scoutmaster P. W. Capp (Secretary of the Kaulton Y.M.C.A) and his assistant Ray Haigler were in charge of the scouts. On Wednesday, November 2 four scouts (Denson Green, Dave Lewis, Elbert Steele, and Troy Wall) went on a hike to Rum Creek and camped out there overnight. ^[101]

On November 13 Troop 1 marched in the Armistice Day parade, assisted the police in keeping streets open, and other useful tasks. Five scouts (Floyd and Jack Henderson, Houston Stone, Denson Green, and George Burlton) assisted the Merchants Bureau in wrapping circulars for the November Trade Day. Troop 1 also played football games between West End (who won 20 to 14) and the M&O (which was a 13-13 tie). ^[102]

On December 4th Troop 1 met with seven new members. They were Joe Howard Park, Harvey Stucky, Roy Joiner, George Daffin, John Henry Suther, Hugh Buckner, and Edward Malone. Total membership is now 21 scouts in three patrols – the Wildcats,

Owls, and Eagle patrols. Each patrol has its own basketball team. Denson Greene was elected bugler. ^[103] On December 24th Troop 1 spent all day helping decorate the Community Christmas Tree at Kaulton. They also helped distribute stockings handed down from the tree by Santa Claus for each boy and girl under 14 years of age. On December 25 the scouts assisted in the Municipal Christmas Tree Celebration at the high school. ^[104]

1922

In January of 1922 the Boy Scouts of Tuscaloosa organized a second troop (Troop 2). James Free and Bruke Johnson were nominated for the patrol leaders of the Wolf and Panther patrol, William Bullock was elected president, and James Mustin was elected as scribe. The Scoutmaster of Troop 2 is W. B. Paterson. The current scoutmaster of Troop 1 is Mr. Capps. On Tuesday, January 24 Troop 1 defeated the "Tuscaloosa Five" by a score of 16 to 13 and are prepared to take on any other team. Currently Troop 1 has three first class scouts, several second-class scouts, and a few tenderfeet among the 32 members of the troop. ^[105] On February 5th Troop 1 reported they had picked two teams and played a basketball game in the Kaulton Y.M.C.A gymnasium, and on Thursday night played a picked team from Tuscaloosa. After the game a meeting was held and each scout told of doing three good turns. Plans were made to build a log cabin at the upcoming summer camp. ^[106] On February 19 the scouts of Troop 2 were instructed in first aid work by Mr. Patterson and then went on a hike. ^[107]

On March 12 Troop 1 reported electing a captain (Denson Green) and manager (Harvey Stuckey) of their baseball team at the Kaulton Y.M.C.A. Frank Pickie was elected manager of the second team. The scouts defeated a picked team from Tuscaloosa by a score of 19 to 1 and the newly elected personnel are expected to do much towards of the scout tea during the upcoming summer. ^[108]

On March 3rd in Jasper Alabama a meeting was held in the basement of the Methodist church for the purpose of organizing troops of Boy Scouts. The meeting was

called to order by Commander C. C. Brent and led in prayer by Mr. Morton. During the meeting five scout troops were organized and the following scoutmasters chosen to lead them: A. B. Anderson, H. K. Harr, J. E. Morton, N.M. Apping, and John H. After the meeting the scouts all joined in on a hike to East Jasper. ^[109]

On March 18th the Boy Scout Committee of the Junior Chamber of Commerce (Fred Neilson – Chairman, W. C. Cobb, W. P. Capp, and D. W. Long) met to discuss the organization of all the school boys of Tuscaloosa between the ages of 14 and 18 into a Boy Scout troop. It was decided that a mass meeting would be held on Sunday, March 26th at 2:30pm at the Elk's auditorium for all boys interested in joining a scout organization as well as existing scouts.

A letter was mailed to the fathers of all the boys telling them of some of the things Scouting stands for, and what is proposed here in Tuscaloosa for the boys of Tuscaloosa. The goal is to organize eight troops if possible. Speakers to the event include Roland Shine (Scout Executive of the Birmingham Council of Boy Scouts) and Mr. C. F. Tillery, secretary to Dr. Henry M. Edmonds of Birmingham. Mr. Tillery is a graduate of the University of Alabama and during 1914 and 1915 was the head of the Boy Scouts of Tuscaloosa. ^{[110][111]} Prior to the March 26th meeting, the Junior Chamber of Commerce was informed by the New York National Headquarters of the Boy Scouts that it was necessary to have a body of representative citizens organized into an Executive Council to act as the consolidated head of all scout units in the city and to direct the activities of the scout troops through their scoutmasters.

Fred Neilson, Chairman, Boy Scout Committee, Jr. Chamber



FRED NEILSON

The "daddy" of Scouting in Tuscaloosa and a true friend of every boy.

The three men of the Junior Chamber of Commerce carefully chose the following personnel to be on the Executive Committee: Owen Meredith, Fred Neilson, and Torrey Jemison of the Junior Chamber of Commerce, Hargrove Van De Graff, Richard Foster, and Marcus Long of the American Legion, and Dr. James Duncan, George Johnston, Lee Black of the Kiwanis Club, and Dr. L. O. Dawson, Dr. P. P. Claxton, and Will Raiford of the Rotary Club. This council will meet within the next few days and elect a president of the council. This newly elected president will become the head of the Boy Scouts of Tuscaloosa. ^[111]

On March 23, 1922 the first meeting of the newly created Boy Scout Executive Council was held at the Chamber of Commerce. Members present were Dr. P. P. Claxton (UA Provost, Honorary Member of the Boy Scout National Council ^[114]), Dr. L. O. Dawson, Owen Meredith, Torrey Jemison, Will Raiford, Fred Neilson, and George Johnson. Dr. Dawson was elected President of the Council and immediately assumed those duties and responsibilities. Proposals for the new president to consider include activities of the Boy Scouts during the summer, the possibility of a summer camp, and a full-time Boy Scout Executive. It was decided that the matter of the Scout Executive would be referred to Prof. J. M. Burnett and the Board of Education (unknown whether or not this was the City or County board) in determining if it would be feasible to get an executive who will also be a teacher at the high school. It was proposed that the position of Scout Executive be split between the high school and Boy Scouts during the time school was in session, and when school was not in session the executive would spend his entire time to scout work. (Note: This article states that the original Boy Scout troop

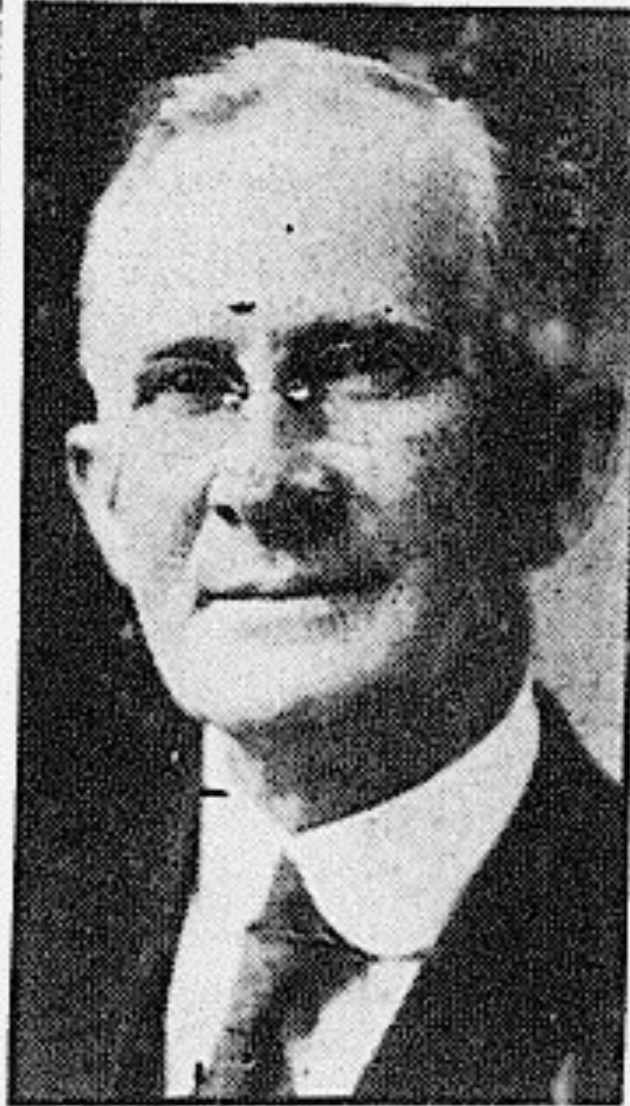
organized in Tuscaloosa was the first one to be organized in the state, and one of 25 organized in the United States. This could be true or it could be an example of “yellow journalism.”) Members of the original troop were requested to be present at a mass meeting Sunday afternoon at the Elk’s auditorium. Members of the original troop will tell of “The old days...” of Boy Scouts in Tuscaloosa, what is being done today, and what is planned for the future. ^{[112][115]} This re-awakening of the Boy Scout movement in Tuscaloosa also received the endorsement of the Kiwanians. A committee was appointed to serve on the council committee. This committee consisted of Jim Duncan, George Johnson, and Lee Black. ^[113] On March 26 (Sunday) a large number of Boy Scouts, parents, and other interested citizens attended the Boy Scout mass meeting at the Elk auditorium. During that time several speakers explained the Scouting movement. These speakers included Mr. C. F. Tillery (former scoutmaster of Tuscaloosa’s first troop), Roland Shine (Chief of the Boy Scout organization in Birmingham), and Dr. P. P. Claxion (Honorary Member of the Boy Scout National Committee). The meeting was presided over by Dr. L. O. Dawson, the newly elected President of the Tuscaloosa Boy Scout Executive Committee. The initial speaker was Mr. Tillery who talked about the vital part early training of the right sort plays in molding the man of tomorrow. Excerpts of his speech include:

“What we do for the boy in his formative period will be reflected in what he does in college and afterwards. The Boy Scouts is the greatest movement ever evolved for the younger generation. It is greater even than the Sunday Schools and Y.M.C.A in that it reaches the boy from all angles. Through the Boy Scouts you get at a boy and his whole ‘gang’ and in this way steer the whole group in the right direction. In this connection I would certainly like to see Tuscaloosa form an organization for boys

work, to include all phases of boy activities, with a director who would also be the scout executive here. The older boys should be organized into the various clubs that now exist, with their rituals, paraphernalia, and all that goes to make up such an organization, after they grow older and drop their active scout work. The High 'Y' and Order of Demoley are two good examples of such organizations."

Mr. Tillery closed his talk by paying a glowing tribute to the memory of Farley Moody whom, he stated, should be an ideal for the boys of Tuscaloosa, as he was all that a young man should be. Scoutmaster Roland Shine spoke second. "I bring to you the greetings and very best wishes of 1,400 Boy Scouts of Birmingham." He then explained what a Boy Scout is: "There are two objectives in Boy Scout work. First is the building of character. Second is the training for citizenship. The appeal to the boy, however, is the call of the woods, the return to nature, and the whisper of the winds through the pines and the flicker of sunshine through the leaves." He then told of the tremendous force the Boy Scouts are to the nation and the important part they play. He stated that there are 403,000 Boy Scouts and 3,600 Scout Masters in the United States, all training for useful citizenship. "I like to think of the Boy Scout ideal as the boy in the man meeting the man in the boy." Dr. Claxton closed the meeting with a short talk in which he described how the scouting ideal originated in England by Sir Robert Baden Powell and how it was first brought to America. Dr. Claxton was called upon to help et the Boy Scouts organized in this country a number of years ago, and was one of the drafters of the new famous Boy Scout Oath. He has been closely connected with the Scout movement ever since and is now serving on the Executive Council. [116]

Dr. L. O. Dawson, First President of the Black Warrior Council



DR. L. O. DAWSON
The First President of the Black
Warrior Council of
Scouting.

On April 9 the Troop Reporters of Troop 1 (Kaulton), Troop 2, and Troop 3 reported on their weekly meeting to the Tuscaloosa News. Troop 1 held their regular meeting on Thursday at the Kaulton Y.M.C.A. An assistant Scoutmaster of Birmingham was at this meeting. He showed the scouts the proper manner in which to salute the flag and gave a talk in Scout life. Ulman Hamilton, Frank Crab, and Earnest Conaway were welcomed into the troop as new scouts. A hike to Run Creek was planned to take place next Thursday night, and a flag was presented to the scouts by Mr. Will Raiford (member of the local Executive Council.) Troop 2 discussed their “Stunt Night” held on March 31, while Troop 3 received their charter. The charter was read out loud by the scoutmaster and the troop will have it framed. A small collection was taken up to purchase equipment for the troop baseball team for a game with Troop 1 on April 15th. [117]

During this timeframe the Boy Scouts of Jasper were also active. Troop 3 (Jasper Alabama) met at their troop headquarters at 7:00am to hike nine miles out to Trimble’s old mill with supplies on a two-wheel cart. The axles of the wagon were made with a 2 by 4 piece of lumber with twenty 10-penny nails driven into each end for the wheels to turn on. After approximately 2 miles the troop had to halt due to the nails getting hot and starting to bend. [118] On May 13th and 14th a meeting is planned in which the organization of a local council in Walker County will be discussed. Persons interested making suggestions should contact any Scoutmaster or C. L. Brent, 200 West 19th Street in Jasper.

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On May 17th the Junior Chamber of Commerce held a meeting where various reports were heard. Fred Neilson – chairman of the Boy Scout Organization – reported successful committee meetings of civic bodies to hear of Boy Scout work as discussed by E. C. Carmack. The subject of Boy Scouts in Tuscaloosa will be put before the public in the next several days. [120]

On May 21 tentative plans for the organization of Boy Scout troops in Tuscaloosa and adjoining counties (Tuscaloosa, Bib, Hale, Green, Sumter, Pickens, Fayette, Walker, and Lamar counties) will be laid before the members of various men's Bible Classes of the city by representatives appointed at a Boy Scout Meeting in the Chamber of Commerce on May 15th. On May 26th at 7:30pm representatives from each of these organizations – including St. Johns Catholic Church and the Jewish Temple – will meet with already appointed representatives of the Rotary and Kiwanis Clubs, American Legion, and Junior Chamber of Commerce. At this time, Harry Wester (Scout Executive of the Boy Scouts of Mobile) will direct the organization of the governing body of the Boy Scouts of this district and explain the proposed method of financing and the proposition including a full time scout executive for one year. By immediate action it will be possible to secure E. R. Sapp of Ashland Kentucky as Scout Executive for this district. By putting all the adjoining counties in one district the scout executive will have his headquarters in Tuscaloosa and travel throughout the district on a regular schedule.

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E. R. Sapp, Black Warrior Council's First Scout Executive



E. R. SAPP

Scout Executive of the Black Warrior district, who has his heart and soul in the welfare of men building in Tuscaloosa.

On Tuesday, May 23, 1922 a local council for the Boy Scouts of Jasper was organized. The following officers were elected: Rev. V. H. Hamner (may be Hammer), President; S. Hamilton (First Vice President), R. M. Ellis (Second Vice President), Leo H. Pon (Secretary and Treasurer), and C. L. Brent (Scout Commissioner). Other members of the council include John H. Bankhead, R. L. Blanton, J. R. Burton, J. H. Cranford, T. B. Dilworth, J. M. Hayes, E. W. Long, R. Y. Long, J. Alex Moore, L. B. Musgrove, Guy V. O'Rear, J. B. Powell, J. H. Reeves, and S. A. Shapiro. While some of the members were unable to attend this first meeting, a full meeting of members is expected at a banquet now being planned. Officers of the council desire to invite scout officials in other towns in Walker County to co-operate with them to place scouting within reach of every community in the county. These other cities are invited to nominate one or more men from their community to be on the Scout Council. Nominations should be sent to the Secretary and Treasurer with a remittance of one dollar (\$14.57 in 2017 dollars) for each nominee. ^[122]

In Tuscaloosa, at the close of the Junior Banquet May 26th, the Boy Scout council of Tuscaloosa (composed of joint committee representing the Junior Chamber of Commerce, Kiwanis, Rotary Club, and other interested citizens) held a short executive meeting. After considerable discussion the following resolution introduced by Mr. C. B. Verner was adopted. The resolution states:

- 1st. That it is the sense of this meeting that this committee endorse the Boy Scout Organization of Tuscaloosa.

2nd. That a committee of ten be appointed by the Chair to consider the ways and means of financing the Boy Scout movement and that this committee when appointed organize and complete their work by June 15, 1922.

Dr. L. O. Dawson will appoint a committee within the next few days. A resolution by Mr. Richard Foster that the Chair appoint a committee of three to look into the matter of employing a man as Scout Director was unanimously adopted. Dr. Dawson appointed Richard Foster, W. H. Nicols, and Fred Nelison for this committee. ^[123]

From June 26th to July 9th the Boy Scouts of Jasper will be attending camp at Camp O'Rear. During the first week of camp from June 26th to July 2nd Troop 2 and Troop 6 will attend. During the second week of camp from July 3rd to July 9th Troop 1, Troop 3, and Troop 5 will attend. The cost to attend camp is \$5.00 (\$72.85 in 2017 dollars) per week. The camp will be run on a strict military plan. Commissioner Brent will be in charge of the first week while Mr. Morton and Mr. Pou will be in charge for the second week. The camp program consists of:

- 6:00am – Reveille, flag salute, wake up drill, morning drill.
- 6:15am – Devotional service
- 7:00am – Breakfast, care of tent, and air blankets
- 8:00am – Assembly, policing camp, sanitary and health inspections
- 9:00am – Instruction in test
- 11:00am – Swimming, life saving drill
- 12:00pm – Dinner
- 12:30pm – quiet hour, letter writing
- 1:30pm – Swimming and water sports
- 2:30pm – fishing, scout games, hiking
- 6:45pm – Super
- 7:15pm – Drills
- 8:00pm – Camp fire stories and stunts
- 9:30pm – Call to quarters
- 9:45pm – All lights out ^[124]

At the June 8th meeting of the Junior Chamber of Commerce Fred Neilson reported on the progress of the Boy Scout movement. The committee of ten (appointed by Dr. L. O. Dawson) met last night to discuss ways and means of financing the Boy Scout Organization. Their report will be published in a future version of the newspaper. ^[125]

On June 10th a joint meeting of the Executive Council of the Tuscaloosa Boy Scouts and the financial committee met and decided to put the Boy Scouts of Tuscaloosa on a first class working basis second to none in a city of this size in the state. The financial committee determined that \$3,000 (\$43,711 in 2017 dollars) would need to be used to defray the expenses of carrying out a scout program here for one year. National Boy Scouts of America representative C. E. Carmack was present at the meeting and explained the great amount of foundation work necessary in getting a scout district organized, what the work consisted of, and how it is undertaken by using the present work of the scout work going on in the state of Georgia. The statistics show that there was possibility of organizing thirty troops in Tuscaloosa County and eighteen in Walker County. Under the present plan the Walker county troops would become part of the Tuscaloosa county scout organization. As scout work progressed other counties that would be included are Hale, Pickens, Lamar, Fayette, Bibb, Greene, and Sumter. ^[126] On June 13 the regular Rotary luncheon was devoted to the furtherance of the Boy Scout movement. Speakers include C. E. Carmack and C. B. Verner (chairman, local finance committee) who announced that twelve teams had been selected for the purpose of actively canvassing the city to raise funds. Two scouts from Troop 1 – Dave Lewis and

Elbert Steel – spoke on what scouting means to the boys and how they look up to men and fathers of the community for leadership. ^[127] On June 14th Mr. C. B. Verner (Chairman of the Boy Scout Campaign) and twenty-five workers met in the Director’s room of the Chamber of Commerce for the purpose of raising money for the Boy Scout Organization. He city was divided into 12 districts and teams were created to canvass the area. The teams, team captains, and areas they are responsible for are: Team 1: Torrey Jemison – Court House, City Hall, and McLester Hotel blocks; Team 2: Owen Meredith – Standard Oil, Maxwell Bros, and the Bank Blocks; Team 3: M. C. Rumley – Pizitz’s block; Team 4: M. R. Bettis – Post Office and the Lewis Furniture Co. Blocks; Team 5: J. A. Duckworth – Alston Building; Team 6: E. T. Ozment – Alston Building and Baptist Church Blocks; Team 7: Hugo Friedman – Northport; Team 8: Wilbur Ward – M & O District; Team 9: George D. Johnson – Burchfield Brothers block and L & N District; Team 10: E. L. Clarkson – University and the State Hospital; Team 11: J. L. Brierton – Holt, and Team 12: Roy Faucett – Kaulton area. The slogan for the fundraiser is “Buy a Boy.” ^[128] Meanwhile in Jasper a group of citizens formed a temporary organization for the purpose of securing a first class council of the Boy Scouts of America. However, upon the presentation of the district council plan they saw the wisdom of uniting with a number of other counties including Tuscaloosa County. During that meeting arrangements were made to unite with the Tuscaloosa. Another meeting will be held Friday, June 16th at which plans will be perfected for raising Walker County’s share of money for the scouting organization. ^[129]

On Monday June 19th the Boy Scouts of Troop 2 left for a four-day camp on the river. They scouts stayed on property of the “North River Camping Club.” During their camping time five boys and Scout Master Patterson hike over to see Ms. Watson. [130]

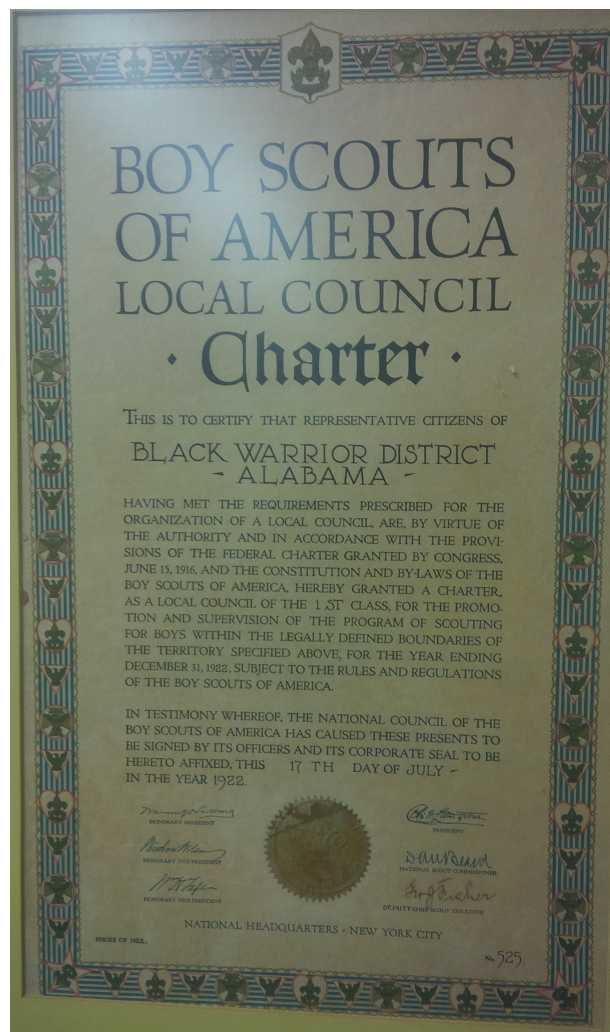
On June 26 the Black Warrior Boy Scout Council met for the purpose of considering the application of E. R. Sapp of Lexington, Kentucky as scout executive of the local district including Tuscaloosa and Walker counties. A field agent of the American Boy Scout organization recommended Mr. Sapp. Mr. Sapp has a wide experience and has been associated with Scout activities for the past eight years. While being interviewed Mr. Sapp emphasized the necessity for co-operation in bringing the work before the public and in interesting young men to train for scoutmasters. During the meeting the following resolution was introduced by J. C. Pearson:

“That E. R. Sapp be employed as scout executive for Tuscaloosa and Walker Counties at a salary of \$2,700.00 per year (\$39,340 in 2017 dollars), with expenses when out of Tuscaloosa on scout work, and that he be furnished a Ford card, and that this resolution is subject to the approval of the local council of Walker Count, and that the agreement of the Council of Walker County to pay its pro rata share of expenses and salary of Mr. Sapp, which as heretofore agreed was to be \$2,400.00 (\$34,969).”

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On July 11th the President of the Black Warrior Council Dr. L. O. Dawson called for a meeting at 6:15pm to discuss several matters. The most important matter was the work in Jasper that, due to current political turmoil, had not been completed. However the Jasper Council sent a letter stating that their share of the funds would be raised by a drive beginning September 4th. A second meeting on July 12th at 2:30pm had Mr. E. R.

Sapp speaking on getting scout masters for the various troops, which will soon be organized. A school for scout masters (perhaps a predecessor to the current Woodbadge course?) would be held for all those over 21 years of age who wished to become a scout master. It is planned to have one or two camps on weekends for the purpose of giving instruction in this work. [132] The Black Warrior Council received their charter on July 17 1922.



Charter of the Black Warrior Council (reproduction)

On July 20th a movement was on foot in the city to organize a company, or ship, of the Sea Scouts. The Sea Scouts are a national organization similar in purpose to the Boy Scouts of America. Wallace Struthers, a former Boatswains Mate in the Navy, and currently an employee of Duckworth-Morris Insurance Agency, started the movement. Mr. Sapp, the Boy Scout Executive, is assisting Mr. Struthers in this work of organization. A ship is composed of thirty boys and, unlike the Boy Scouts, all members of a "ship" advance at the same time. Boys who are 15 years of age or older will be taken in to the ship. They will have to measure up to certain physical standards similar to some scout requirements. The work is primarily on the water and deals with such matters as signaling, life saving, swimming, and elements of navigation and seamanship. However before any boats are used every member of a "ship" must be able to pass certain requirement tests in swimming and lifesaving. The governing body of the local ship has not been chosen yet, and it will be separate and distinct from the Boy Scout organization. However both organizations will work closely together. The Sea Scouts is in a way authorized by the Navy Department. Money from the work comes from the Navy Appropriations, and three large boats will be allotted to the Tuscaloosa Ship of the organization. Five hundred dollars has been allocated for the upkeep of each boat. ^[133] The first meeting will be held on July 31 at the Chamber of Commerce auditorium. The meeting will be used to complete the organizational work of the Sea Scouts, enroll boys who wish to join, and to enlist the fathers of boys who are interested. Several speakers will be heard, and Fred Maxwell, Jr. (formerly an ensign in the Navy) has been selected

as Port Officer of the organization. This position is similar to that of county commissioner in the Boy Scouts. [137]

On Sunday, July 23rd the Methodist Men's Bible Class met. In a business session it was unanimously voted to foster two Boy Scout troops in the Methodist Sunday School, and the president was instructed to appoint two Scout Commissioners to represent the Methodist church. Commission #1 is composed of B. C. Williams (Chairman), J. P. Crutcher, and R. A. Baird. Commission #2 is composed of A. T. Horton (Chairman), W. F. Dozler, and B. W. Marston. The duties of these commissioners are to assist the scout executive in interesting Methodist boys in scout activities while organizing two troops. [134]

On July 25th members of Troop 3 (Tuscaloosa Boy Scouts) along with members from other troops returned from a delightful week's camp held at Herrin's Lake above Hurricane Creek. Under the direction of Mr. Sapp, Hal McCall and Pete Roberts (Assistant Scoutmasters) directed camp. A number of tests were held and several scouts advanced from Tenderfoot to Second-Class. The executive gave three prizes to the scouts who made the greatest advancement while at camp, and who contributed most of unselfish assistance to the success of camp. Sam McCall and Prentise Dement tied for first place while Fatty Copeland won third prize. Cooking during camp was done over an open fire with all scouts taking turns as cook. Mrs. Perry B. Hughes, Miss Margaret Copeland, Mrs. R. P. Prowell, and Mr. Patterson donated ice cream, cakes, lemonade, and other items to eat. After Sunday's supper new members were initiated, and several

deserving boys were awarded their Indian names. (The idea of this ceremony was to impress upon the boys the spirit of the old Indian Scouts coupled with the modern scout ideals.) Pete Roberts acted as medicine man and conducted a snake dance. He later made a pilgrimage to Old Chief Tuskalusa for wisdom and knowledge in the craftsmanship of outdoor life in communing with Grandmother Earth. [135]

On July 27th Mr. Staigg, the Red Cross expert organized a Junior Lifesaving Corps for all members of the local Boy Scout organization who meet and pass the necessary physical requirements. The work will consist of practice and study of methods employed in rescuing people from water accidents, applying first aid, and in swimming. The first meeting will be held on July 28th at 2:30pm. Although primarily for Boy Scouts, any boy in the city can attend. [136]

On July 31, 1922 E. R. Sapp (Boy Scout Executive) spoke at the men's bible class at the First Baptist Church. At the end of the class the men formed committees to create three new troops. Committee members are: W. D. Dalee, A. C. Robertson, Dr. J. H. Ward, M. C. Giles, Frank Smith, Dr. M. C. Thomas, Sgt. Jose B. Gregory, A. P. Mize, and W. H. Ward. These members will meet at the Chamber of Commerce at 8:00pm tonight to formulate plans for the organization of the three troops, and to select a scoutmaster for them. [138]

Up to now all the scout troops formed have been in the city or county of Tuscaloosa. On August 6th this changed as a Boy Scout troop was formed in Romulus at the New Hope Baptist Church. This formation happened due to a recent meeting of the

Romulus Rotary club with Scout Executive Sapp explaining the value of scouting in the community. Sam McCall assisted Mr. Sapp, and J. P. Partrich, W. P. Barnett, and W. El Robertson were selected as the troop committee. Harry Portrich was selected as Scoutmaster and Albert Robertson assistant Scoutmaster. Charter members of the troop were J. C. Robertson, Russell Partrich, Allen Gregory, James Wright, Cornelius Franklin, Holmes Barnett, Lyman Graham, and Aubrey Robertson. The new troop is expected to attend the big Council Camp at Herrin's Lake from Friday, August 11th to Friday, August 18th. The cost for the camp is \$3.50 (approximately \$51 in 2016 accounting for inflation). [139]

On August 9th the Sea Scouts of Tuscaloosa met at 8:00pm at the Chamber of Commerce auditorium. At that time the organizational work will be done and members present will become the Charter Members of the Sea Scouts. Fred R. Maxwell and Wallace Struthers, a former boatswain's mate in the navy, will lead the Sea Scouts with the assistance of Mr. Sapp. Twenty-five husky boys attended the meeting and voted to limit membership to twenty-seven people. To qualify for membership a candidate must be 15 years old or older, weigh no less than 112 pounds, and have no physical defects. Physical examinations are to be held on August 11 for all interested candidates. [140][142] On August 14th twenty odd boys successfully passed their physical examinations. [143]

At 8:00am August 11th the Boy Scouts of Tuscaloosa met at the Chamber of Commerce to be driven out to Herrin's Lake to attend the scout camp. They were driven out to the camp in a truck furnished by the Lewis Furniture Company. A totem pole has

been constructed at the camp and will be erected shortly after the opening. A lecture of interest to both boys and adults will be held when Dr. Robert A. Baird – ex officer of the Boer War and an associate of Sir Robert Baden Powell (founder of the Boy Scouts) – as he tells of strange adventures in foreign lands. Vesper services will be held on Sunday afternoon and Sergeant Gregory (scout camp committee) will journey out to the camp one day where he will hold inspections. It was expected that Dr. L. O. Dawson and other members of the Executive Committee would visit the camp. The Scouts secured large pyramidal tents from Captain Richard Lollar, and a large assortment of pots, pans, plates, saucers, cups, and other tableware from an army salvage depot. [141]

During this week at the council's first camp a large number of visitors came out to camp to visit and observe. James S. Free brought out barbecue on Tuesday, August 15th and Mrs. J. M. Rogers brought in a large quantity of ice cream, and others brought out canned foods to help the camp commissary. Visitors who came to camp remarked on the cleanliness of camp. J. B. Brosing held an evening talk and Miss. Elizabeth Rogers stood before the visitors and scouts and recited "The Flag." Thursday is the official visitors day and many people from the town are expected to show up. [144] A total of sixty-one scouts attended the first camp, earning 20 merit badges for life saving and ten for swimming. The total number of test taken by the scouts was 276. A ballot was taken among the scouts at the close of camp. It was unanimously in favor of the recent campsite being a permanent spot for future camps. Plans are being made to look towards the purchase or long lease of this spot for long-term future encampments. [145]

On Monday, August 21st the first regular meeting of the Sea Scouts was held at 8:00pm in the Chamber of Commerce auditorium. This was the first official meeting since the organization meetings and physical examinations. First instructions in Sea Scouting (varieties of knot tying and other nautical affairs) were taken up at this meeting. Applications were also prepared for the United States Navy Department for three cutters and a whaleboat. This is the customary allotment to Sea Scout organizations. The boats will be placed on the Black Warrior River under the supervision of Port Commander Fred Maxwell Jr. [146]

During this time period Jasper was continuing to develop their scouting programs. On August 24, 1922 Jasper, Alabama made the first major contribution to the Black Warrior Council when Captain Rufus O'Rear informed Mr. Sapp that he would donate his camp on Blackwater Creek for a period of 10 years without cost to the council. Buildings currently onsite include a supply room and dance hall, a system of waterworks with sanitary, graveled roads, and a house of stone built into the side of a high bluff (this building will be used as a hospital and library.) Mr. O'Rear stated that if the Scout organization progresses as he thinks it might then by next spring he will give the camp to the Black Warrior Council permanently. The currently value of the camp is \$4,000.00 (\$58,282 in 2017 dollars). During Mr. Sapp's visit it was determined that the Jasper Council would hold a drive for securing \$2,400.00 (\$34,969) as the city's quota towards financing the Scout program which was inaugurated here.

Captain Rufus A. O'Rear



RUFUS A. O'REAR,

Three thousand dollars (\$43,711) had been previously submitted. The scout organization in Jasper currently consists of five troops. ^[147] According to the Mountain Eagle newspaper the camp will definitely be named “Camp O’Rear.” The Mountain Eagle paper reported that the lease extends for ½ mile up the creek with the present camp as the midpoint, and extends on either side of the creek to the top of high bluffs. The Black Warrior Council is granted the privilege of erecting buildings, roads, or other improvements as deemed necessary to help with the Boy Scout program. ^[149]

On August 28th a meeting was held by the Executive Council of the Black Warrior Council. Members attending included Dr. L. O. Dawson (president, presiding), Torrey Jemison, Fred Nelison, M. C. Rumly, W. H. Nicol, J. T. Horne, Father Lenahan, George Johnson, Owen Meredith, J. M. Burnett, and E. R. Sapp. Several items were discussed during this meeting:

1. The secretary was authorized to recommend to the National Headquarters that a young scout (Robert Argo) be recommended for the Honor Metal for Bravery. Robert was recommended for this when he saved his father from death by a lost electrical wire.
2. A committee of three people (Chairman E. R. Sapp, W. H. Nicol, and M. C. Rumly) was appointed to arrange for a permanent lease and for improving the campsite at Herrin’s Lake to convert it into a first class permanent camp for the Boy Scouts.
3. A committee for the incorporation of the Black Warrior Council was appointed. Members include R. C. Foster, George Johnston, and Owen Meredith.
4. After a discussion it was decided that the regulation apparel would consist of a regulation hat, khaki shirt and breeches, black tie, and stockings. In the winter a khaki jacket should be worn. The haversack was declared optional. Assistant Scout Masters will wear wrapped woolen leggings while Scout Masters will wear leather leggings.

5. A Publicity committee was appointed. The members of this committee are Torrey Jemison, Lee Black, and Will Railford.
6. The charter of the Black Warrior Council arrived and will be taken to Jasper to boost the current fund drive. The charter will be returned, framed, and placed in the Chamber of Commerce.
7. The Cleveland Scout Standards of Examination were adopted by the council. Arrangements were made for furnishing them to all examiners and Scout Masters.
8. A model camp will be set up near the city. It is the hope of the council that Riverview Park may be secured from the city for the camp, as well as for the headquarters of the rapidly progressing Sea Scout Organization. [148]

On August 30, 1922 the Jasper Merchants Association wrote to Mr. Argo, the Chairman of the Black Warrior Council Finance Committee, regarding the maintenance and extension campaign to be held on September 5th and 6th. [150] This is supported by the various religious institutions in Jasper as eloquently written about by Rev. Hamner of the First Methodist Church in Jasper. Mr. A. Argo will be getting in touch with churches in Jasper, Tuscaloosa, Cordova, Dora, Parish, Carbon Hill, Oakman, Sipsey, and Gorgas. [151, 152] On September 8th Scout Executive E. R. Sapp reported by the Jasper Mountain Eagle newspaper that Jasper county had secured its quota of \$2,400 (\$34,969) for their part of the joint organization of the Boy Scouts of Tuscaloosa and Walker County. The campaign was a success largely through the efforts of the campaign chairman, R. A. Argo. [154]

On September 11th a contract was complete to lease at least 100 or more acres of land at Herrin's Lake. The lease is for ten (10) years at a cost of \$125.00 (\$1,821) per year. This

includes the exclusive privileges of camping on the tract for Scouts only however the present lake will still be open to the public. A dam will be built at the northwest branch of the current lake to create a lake exclusively for the Boy Scouts to use. The work on the new dam for lake #2 will start in the fall. The council will erect a large mess hall, a kitchen, and install a system of waterworks. Each troop will erect its own log cabin bunkhouse. [155]

On September 11th the a meeting of Sea Scouts was held at the First Presbyterian Church at 8:00pm. A lecture room was acquired as the official headquarters for the organization. Assurances were given that a gasoline powered boat (a submarine chaser or officer's yacht) would be acquired for the Sea Scouts to use. Port Commander Fred Maxwell Jr. and Sea Scoutmaster Struthers held the meeting. Instructions in intricate knot tying and other nautical affairs were given at the meeting. Scouts will continue to meet in the lecture room every Monday night until the new boat(s) have been secured, brought to Tuscaloosa, and docked at Riverview wharf. Once docked future meetings will be held on the boat. Plans for an extended cruise were being formulated for the summer; the plans include leaving Tuscaloosa, cruising down the Black Warrior River to the Gulf of Mexico, head to either Tampa or New Orleans, and then return. Scout Executive E. R. Sapp will complete the arrangements for the purchase of the boat upon his return from a convention in North Carolina. [156][160] Also on this date Edward R. Sapp (Scout Executive) left for Blue Ridge North Caroline to attend a conference being held by nearly 600 executives from all parts of America, England and France. The men attending are the key-pins so to speak of the scouting movement, which has grown to be

550,000 strong. Mr. Sapp is one of the oldest in seniority of the executives attending, specializing in rural work. He will be making a presentation of the rural side of scouting, especially the boy of the crossroad community. Experts in camp craft and scout lore will be speaking at the conference, including Scout Commissioner Dan Beard and Ralph Hubbard, an authority on Indian dances. Also speaking will be Captain Francis Gidney, the head of Gilwell Scouting and Training Camp of England. In addition, Mr. Guerin-des-Jardins, the official representative of France will also appear. (Mr. Guerin-des-Jardins was the National Commissioner of Eclaireurs Unionistes De France (rough translation: Unionist Guides and Scouts of France) from 1922 to 1936. ^[158]) Mr. Sapp, as a representative of the local council, was sent to secure the latest ideals and methods developed in handling boys through the Boy Scout program. James W. West, chief executive of the Boy Scouts, was to address the gathering on “Fundamental Principals” Franklin g. Mathews (director of the library department and senior editor of Boy’s Life) is scheduled to speak on “The Meaning of Service.” The report on training of scouts that includes a statement on the Gilwell method of training was scheduled to be delivered by Captain Gidney. The conference will continue through September 19th. ^{[157][159]}

On September 29th the Boy Scout Court of Honor of the Black Warrior Council was organized. The organization is charged with passing all awards and badges issued to the council and with establishing and maintaining standards of award. All Second Class, First Class, Star, Life, Eagle, and Honor Medal Applicants must go before this court and be examined as to the merits of the case. This board has the power to ask any questions pertaining to scouting which the individual participant may have been instructed. ^[161]

On the 9th day of October J. T. Horne donated \$100.00 (\$1,457) to Troop 6, a newly organized troop by the B. W. Marston Sunday School class at the First United Methodist Church in Tuscaloosa. Troop 6, composed of boys around 17 years old, has decided to use the money to build a log cabin out at Herrin's Lake. A meeting of the Sea Scouts will also be held tonight in the lecture room of the First Presbyterian Church. ^[162]

On October 25th Walker County's first payment of \$500 (\$7,285) was made to the Black Warrior Council. Scout Executive Sapp was in Jasper for two weeks and reports that the scout program in the district is progressing rapidly. The remainder of the week will be spend organizing new troops in Tuscaloosa and Hold. Currently there are nine scout troops within the city limits, eight other troops in Tuscaloosa County, and ten troops in Walker County. In speaking with a reporter, Mr. Sapp stated "This is just the beginning. With all the available material the Black Warrior Council confidently expects to have over one thousand scouts enrolled at the end of the fiscal year, and a thousand a year more for the next three succeeding years. Currently the council is completing a moral survey of all boys in the city. Results of the survey will be presented by Dr. L. O. Dawson to the council. The questionnaire contains questions about the boys school, grade, name and address, name and address of parents, if the boy is a member of a church and/or Sunday school, if he is working, if he attended Sunday School last Sunday, if he belongs to a scout troop and which one...or why he didn't join one, other club memberships, whether or not the boy scan swim, and his preference for football, basketball, baseball, tennis, or other sports. Completed surveys have been returned from Jemison, Stafford, Verner, and Kaulton Schools, while the High School survey is

expected to be completed by the end of the week. Implementation of the survey was helped by the Boys Works Committee of the Rotary Club, and the classification of the surveys was done by T. L. Borum of the University of Alabama. The Survey will be given every October, and the results will become part of the permanent record of the council.^[163] On October 26th the details connect with establishing a model boy scout camp at Herrin's Lake was complete following a survey of the entire tract by City Engineer W. H. Nicol, Scout Executive E. R. Sapp, and a select body of boy scouts qualified to do map work and surveying. The work consisted of locating where the various log cabin huts would be erected by the individual scout troops, and the construction of other buildings. The sites for log cabins were selected after considering how the land drains and the general lay of the land so that the cabins would be grouped around the camp headquarters. The property boundaries were mapped in the survey so that when the property is actually acquired by the Black Warrior Council the deal could be consummated without delay (negotiations for acquisition are currently underway.) When the camp is permanently acquired improvements such as several large buildings for a mess hall, kitchen, assembly hall, and large storage rooms (for canoes, tents and other equipment) will be built. A portable camp light plant and waterworks will be created, as well as camp offices and / or headquarters. ^[164]

On November 1st the Scouts of the Black Warrior Council showed fair goers a complete exhibit of a model Boy Scout Camp. The scouts built their camp on the corner lot at 7th Street and 23rd Avenue near the big fair tent. Exhibits include a "lean-to" constructed of logs, various kinds of camp baking ovens made from green logs / stone /

and turf, and a camp fireless cooker known in scout circles as a “bean hold.” Afternoon exhibitions include first aid, various forms of life saving, and building a fire without matches. ^[165] A sung log cabin was completed in one day. Several interested groups watched while the cabin was completed. The logs were cut by local scouts, smoothed out, and dovetailed together. The cabin was decorated with skins of deer, wildcats, and various ornaments of scout craft. A tall brick camp cooking grate oven was created by the scouts in front of the cabin. These hand-made open-air stoves were used to create meals for a number of visitors who visited the scouts exhibit at the fair. Troop 3 under Scout Grady Hughes was quartered in the cabin. The troop was used for patrolling the fair exhibits during the night. ^{[166][168]}

On November 1st the Boy Scouts of Tuscaloosa received a huge gift from Mr. J. T. Horne. After several weeks of negotiation Mr. Horne purchased 97 acres around Herrin’s Lake for \$2,500 (\$36,426 in 2017 dollars) and donated the property to Black Warrior Council. The deed to the property was put in trust at a local bank for a period of five years with the following provisions:

1. That one commercial tree for each Boy Scout in Tuscaloosa County be planted in a grove on the camp property each year until all available space on the trace has been reforested or until the five year limit has been reached, and
2. That in case the scouts cease to use the site as a camp, the property will revert to the new hospital as a health camp or other purposes as they may see fit to use.

Plans are now underway for immediate extensive improvements to make it a modern, permanent scout camp. The plans including erecting a typical pioneer log cabin (of huge dimensions) to be used as a camp library and recreation hall. Other improvements

include 10 log shacks that will hold 15 scouts each, eight or ten small bungalow cottages (camp style) to be located on the north side of the lake to be used by parents and members of their families while visiting the scouts in camp. Utilizing the many springs on the property, a camp waterworks is to be installed, and a mess hall and camp headquarters will be built. Given the one lake and improved dam, a survey was made for the creation of another dam to create a larger lake. The larger lake will be used exclusively by the scouts while the smaller lake will be open to the public. Permits will be required for anyone (scouts or the public) for use of the property. ^[167]

On November 9th the Black Warrior Council was incorporated, naming its places of business as the counties of Tuscaloosa, Pickens, Walker, Fayette, Lamar, Hale, Sumter, Greene, and Bibb, and with its central offices located in Tuscaloosa. The incorporation papers were signed by the following who constitute the Board of Trustees: Dr. L. O. Dawson, M. C. Rumley, J. T. Horne, Otis Hayslett, and Fred Neilson. The council was incorporated in order to enjoy the advantages of corporations under the law, and to make more binding any contracts or agreements that may be entered into, especially in the matter of insurance. The purpose of the corporation is to “promote, through organization and co-operation with other agencies, the ability of boys to do things for themselves and others; to train them in Scout craft and to teach them patriotism, courage, self-reliance, and kindred virtues using the methods in common use by the Boy Scouts; and thereby, to promote the social, moral, educational, and physical well being of growing boys. The corporation has no capital stock, and is not organized for pecuniary profit. The officer as elected when the Black Warrior Council was first organized consisted of Dr. L. O.

Dawson (President), M. C. Rumley and C. L. Brent (Commissioners), E. R. Sapp (Scout Executive), Fred Neilson (Secretary), and Fred Maxwell (Post Commander of the Sea Scouts).^[169]

On November 15th the Boy Scouts in Jasper held a Jamboree. All the scouts in town gathered at the Methodist church for a general meeting that was opened with the signing of a number of patriotic and Scout songs. Numerous outdoor games were enjoyed on the lawn, and Scoutmaster W. L. Legg, on behalf of the National Court of Honor, made a formal presentation to First Class Scout Robert Argo of a Letter of Commendation from National Commissioner Dan Beard, as official recognition for his assistance to his father when his father received a severe electrical shock in August.^[170]

On November 22 the Galloway Coal Company at Carbon Hill donated the Mill Creek campsite (near Norris' Mill) to the Boy Scouts.^[171] Six days later on November 28th 50 acres of land on the Black Water Creek (including his campsite) was donated to the Black Warrior Council. Mr. Sapp concluded all the legal affairs necessary in Jasper to receive the new camp, and also raised several thousand dollars for this year's budget. The Tuscaloosa Ad Company donated many scouting posters which will be used to replace worn circus posters currently posted on various billboards around Jasper. A Thanksgiving camp was also organized for Herrin's Lake. The camp will begin on Tuesday, November 29th and end Saturday, December 2. Scouts will be quartered in shacks and tents with wooden flooring. It is envisioned that every troop will have their own cabin at Herrin's Lake - Troop 3 will begin erecting the first shack during this camp.^{[172][173]}

On December 1st the Blackwater Creek site in Jasper, Alabama which was donated to the Black Warrior Council by Captain Rufus O'Rear was officially named Camp O'Rear in his honor. Plans are being made to enhance the site such that the camp will be able to accommodate over 300 boys at one time. ^[174] At the December 5th meeting of the Rotary Club they club pledged to build a large mess hall at the Herrin's Lake camp and to underwrite \$1,000.00 (\$14,570) of the council's 1923 budget. J. T. Horne pledged to underwrite \$250.00 (\$3,642) of the Rotary Club's donation. The mess hall would be known as "Rotary Hall." E. R. Sapp then spoke on "Building Men" and had the club members perform several Boy Scout stunts as an illustration of what co-operation really means when building men. He also spoke of the advantage the Boy Scouts of Tuscaloosa would have in training and camping given the donation by J. T. Horne in November. In a brief talk Jim Horne (J. T. Horne) declared that "...he wanted it strictly understood that the new camp site is not to be known as 'Horne's Camp:', that though he gave it to the scouts as a whole, he is in no way connected with it; that it now belongs to the community, theirs to look after and develop." He then explained that the reason he gave the camp to the Black Warrior Council and took an active interest in Scouting is the fact that he had no such advantages as a boy himself, and that he had determined that some day to do something that would better the lot of boys. Mr. Horne then outlined plans for the new camp which include several large buildings, a dam and waterworks, and declared that he has faith enough in those of Tuscaloosa who have the money and the necessary lumber and other materials to see the project through." Fred Neilson, chairman of the Junior Chamber Commerce Boy Scout Committee - the

committee that first started the Boy Scout movement - made a short talk on the fact that numerous civic clubs in the last few years have taken "boy's work" as their chief objective, and complemented the Rotary Club for it's interested in the Boy Scouts. "Fatty" Copeland (Boy Scout) thanked Mr. Horne and others for what they have done to help the scouts, and two vocal solos were rendered by Mrs. James Rice (Miss Stella Harris, piano). One of the numbers was about the Scout law - "Do a good turn daily."

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On Monday, December 4th the Black Warrior council began a "Scout Week" drive to add 300 new members to the council. On Thursday, December 7th over 150 scouts had currently signed up. As of Friday, December 8th the goal of 300 scouts had been met. Three new troops comprising 65 new scouts were organized at Holt. The Scoutmasters for these troops were Ben Frost, Jack Herman, and Jesse Landers. Other troops in Kerrman and Searles were created. [178][181] Troop 3, which is comprised of older scouts and had already reached its quota, split into two troops. The second troop was designated Troop 13 and its new scoutmaster is Rev. Judson Martin. Troop 3 was the troop that stayed in the cabin built during the Tuscaloosa fair. Pictures of the exhibit and of scouting around the county were asked for by Columbia, New York's School of Scouting. Copies of these pictures were forwarded to the school. [176]

On Thursday December 7th a meeting of the Court of Honor was held at the Scout headquarters in the Chamber of Commerce at 7:15pm. Neely Townsend earned Second Class while Edward Lee Foster earned the handicraft and cooking merit badge.

Both are members of the newly form Troop 13. William Roby (Troop 2) received a merit badge for personal and public health, and a merit badge for horsemanship was awarded to Jack McGiure (Troop 2). Members of the Honor Court present were Dr. J. H. Summerville, R. C. Left, and E. R. Sapp. ^[177] Scout Week will end on Friday, December 8th. After its ended a party of scouts will leave for Herrin's Lake that night where they will complete a new bunk house that has been partially build from lumber donated by George W. Phalin. ^{[179][180]}

During a Christmas camp which ended on November 30th, a troop of sixty scouts returned from Herrin's Lake where they received instruction on scout craft. They were given automobile rides back by generous citizens of Tuscaloosa. According to Fred Neilson this troop was one of twenty-eight troops newly organized in the nine counties which are incorporated in the Black Warrior Council. The membership of the council is now 500 Scouts. ^[182]

On December 13th a mass meeting of high school students and their parents who are interested in Scouting was held at the high school. This resulted in three new troops being formed. here trips were made up from both newly recruited Scouts and those who signed up during the recent successful recruiting campaign. These meetings will continue Thursday and Friday with the next meeting to be held at the Northport church at 7:00pm. Information on Scouting will be given to those who attend and scouting will be explained. On Friday night at 5:00pm all assistant scoutmasters and Boy Scouts in Tuscaloosa are requested to bring a friend to the First Baptist Church. During this

meeting new scout masters and troop committees will be formed receive the new members. After the Friday night meeting a part of scouts will leave for Herrin's Lake to build a 100ft bridge across the neck of the lake. Construction has been completed on the first big bunk house. The main room measures 24ft x 16ft with a sleeping porch 50ft x 12ft and a grotto porch measuring 10ft by 42ft. Blueprints arrived for the new Rotary Hall mess hall. It will be built in an artistic rustic style of lumbers, and slabs and water stone. The building will measure 50ft x 40ft and will be arranged for both winter and summer dining. One-half of the main area will remain open except for heavy screening. A gallery will be included along one side, as well as a kitchen, pantry, a large room for cold storage, and a large store room. The lattice work and upright supports of the building will be logs and poles which will give the building a rustic appearance. ^[180]

On December 13th the Tourist Camp committee from the Junior Chamber of Commerce recommended making an automotive "Tourist Camp" on Clement's property between Stallworth's Lake and the river. The Boy Scouts agree to build shacks on the site similar to the shacks they built for the Tuscaloosa Fair back in August. The estimated cost of the shacks is \$10.00 (\$145) per shack. ^[181]

On December 22 Scout Commissioner Sapp returned from Jasper and other areas in Walker county. Mr. Sapp reported that the scouting movement in Walker county is active and progressive, and that three new troops had been formed. On December 23rd scouts left an 8:30am meeting at the scout headquarters to go to all parts the city to secure the names and correct addresses of all to whom gifts from the Community Christmas Tree

will be given. The Scouts issued tickets to these individuals which can be redeemed with a basket of goodies at the high school Christmas tree this afternoon. Approximately 100 boys reported for duty. After handing out gifts the scouts will leave Tuscaloosa at 2:30pm on Christmas day for a five day camp at Herrin's Lake. The cost per boy is \$0.50 (\$7.30) per day (\$2.50 (\$36) total). E. R. Sapp will supervise and manage the camp with the help of Tandy Burrett, Prof. Chas. Richardson, and Will Patterson. Carl Elebash (Elebash Electrical Company) will allow the use of his wireless radio equipment at the camp. The scouts will attempt to pick up the message of Chief Scout West which will be broadcast from New York on Tuesday night. After the first of the year Mr. Estes (Raiford's Radio Shop) will begin school of radio and wireless for the scouts. They will meet once a week. As the scouts become proficient in radio operations, construction, and installation Mr. Estes will help oversee the boy's construction of a system at the camp at Herrin's Lake. ^[182]

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On January 9 the first meeting of various scout masters was held in the Scout headquarters. The purpose of the meeting was to bring all scout masters together for a general discussion of scout problems and an exchange of ideas. The meeting was presided over by Deputy Scout Commissioner Fred Neilson. Plans were made to form a scout masters' association whose purpose is to standardize and develop uniform ideals for a more efficient handling of boy problems, and better and more efficient co-operative plan among all scoutmasters which will be mutually beneficial. Scout Commissioner E. R. Sapp addressed the Parent-Teachers Association at the High School auditorium with "Play and Education." During the address Mr. Sapp emphasized the point that play is as essential to the full development of a child as food, and that too much work and not enough play will likely destroy the real spirit of the child and kill its innate imaginative ability.^[183] As of January 11, 1923 the Black Warrior Council led the nation in its Scouting recruiting drive. The council leads all subdivisions of the Fifth District, and the Fifth District leads the nation. The "President's Flag" will be presented to each of the twelve national regional chairmen whose regions met their quota. A streamer will be present to each the six hundred local councils which reach its goal, and a smaller troop pendent will be presented to those troops who meet their quota. The local Scouts intend to see that every boy in the city attend a Father and Son banquet to be held the week of February 8th. That week is the thirteenth anniversary of the beginning of the Scouting organization.^[184]

On January 11th Troop 2 (sponsored by the First Presbyterian Church) was reorganized with twenty-two scouts present. Three patrols were formed with Luther Davis Jr., Phillip Davis, and Scout Turner leading the patrols. Marcus Long took charge of the newly reorganized troop. Jack McGuire, the first Star Scout in the Black Warrior Council, was made the first Senior Patrol Leader in the council. At this time this is the highest honor that can be bestowed by the council. ^[187]

On January 15th a new troop of twelve boys was organized at the Brookwood school. The troop's scoutmaster is Professor Ray, a teacher in the school. Plans are being made to enlarge the troop in the coming weeks. ^[187]

On January 16th the council held its semi-annual meeting in the Chamber of Commerce room to receive the semi-annual report. Deputy Scout Commissioner Fred Neilson reported 569 registered scouts, approximately 250 unregistered scouts, and thirty troops had been organized. The Chairman of the Camping Committee (J. T. Horne) reported the two new campsites donated to the council: Herrin's Lake in Tuscaloosa county and given to the council by J. T. Horne, and Camp O'Rear in Walker county, given to the council by Rufus O'Rear. The value of each camp is approximately \$2,500 (\$36,426 in 2017 dollars) and the value of the equipment at each camp is valued at \$6,500 (\$94,708). Five buildings for scouts to stay in and a dining hall are planned for each campsite. The Rotary Club of Tuscaloosa has promised the dining hall equipment and lumber for Herrin's Lake, pipelines for carrying water to each cabin, a new damn, and a building to hold ten canoes and boats for each camp is planned. The report also

told of the organization of Courts of Honor in Tuscaloosa and Walker counties. Walker County's court is composed of Prof. J. A. Moore, L. H. Pos, Dr. L. M. Walker, M. E. Nettles, and Judge J. M. Pennington. The Walker county court has held four meetings so far and awarded eighty-five merit badges, Robert Argo was made Star Scout. The Tuscaloosa county court was organized last October. The chairman is Judge Smith and members include Dr. Chas. M. Boyd, Dr. Summerville, R. H. Cochran, and R. C. Left. Three meetings have been held so far and seventy-one merit badges have been awarded. Jack McGuire was made Star Scout. Richard Foster (Chairman of the Civic Committee) reported the parking of cars and wagons for the county picnic. They also distributed 1,000 copies of Red Cross literature, had 380 hours of public service rendered at ball games, and 427 hours of other public service. ^[186]

On February 21st the organization committee for the Black Warrior Council reported that a new troop had been formed on the South Side of the city using the Jemison School as its meeting place. The scout master is Robert Cochrane Jr. With the organization of this troop the council now has 11 troops in the city and 17 troops in Tuscaloosa county that are active and registered with the National Boy Scout Headquarters. The district administered by the Black Warrior Council now contains 42 active troops and 760 individual members. The council policy will shift from increasing membership to training leaders and scoutmasters and on committee members. Regional Executive C. E. Cormack, who was in Tuscaloosa this week, gave much credit to Dr. L. O. Dawson (Council President), Fred Neilson (Secretary and Deputy Commissioner), and J. T. Horne (Camping Committee Chairman, friend of scouts, and who donated Herrin's

Lake) for the progress of the council given that in 1922 there was only 64 active members (Scouts) in the council and now there is 760. Records shown to Mr. Cormack showed the the district holds \$6,500 (\$94,708) in camps and camping equipment, three Star Scouts, and credits four lives saved by scouts due to their training. It was also announced that John J. Neilson has enabled Troop 4 to put a floor and roof in their new cabin at Herrin's Lake. A new railing was also placed around the porch. ^[188]

Also on this day the scouts Walker county made plans to hold a Field Day on March 3rd and hold their first annual basket ball tournament in Jasper played on the courts of Walker County High School. There will be two classes in the tournament. The Junior class will consist of boys 15 years old or younger while the Senior class will be open to anyone. All players must be registered Boy Scouts to play. On March 3rd the field day was held. It was announced at this event that almost half of the troops increased their enrollment by 25%, and word from the Tuscaloosa office indicated that the entire district will average well above the quota. Thus the council will win the coveted recruiting flag. Current troops in Jasper and Walker county include: Troop 1, Troop 2, Troop 3, Troop 4, and Troop 5 (Jasper), Troop 6 (Carbon Hill), Troop 7 (Manchester), Troop 8 (Kansas), Troop 9 (Summit), Troop 10 (Oakman), Troop 11 (America Junction), Troop 12 (McCollum), Troop 13 (Gamble Mines), Troop 14 (Cordova), Troop 15 (Empire), Troop 16 (Sipsey), Troop 17 (Nauvoo), Troop 18 (Corona), Troop 19 (Carbon Hill), Troop 20 (Parrish), Troop 21 (Gorgas), and Troop 23 (Parrish). ^[189] On March 4th Troop 13 held their regular meeting. During this time the troop was reorganized into two patrols. Patrol leaders are Neely Townsend and William Roby, and the Troop Scribe is

Sam McCall. They also thanked all those individuals who came to their booth at the carnival. ^[190]

The Cleveland lumbar Company donated 10,000ft of No. 1 pine, the Manchester Lumber company donated 15,000ft of No. 2 and No. 3 pine, the Cranford Mercantile Company \$50.00 (\$728) worth of hardware, and Sid Preston has given the camp a wireless outfit worth more than \$125.00 (\$1,821) for the Boy Scout camp located in Walker County. Carpenters and Boy Scouts will gather on the campgrounds on March 21st to begin work. Walker County Scouts also just completed a basketball tournament in which 16 teams and a total of 128 players participated. Prizes were love cups awarded by R. A. Argo of Jasper, the first Vice President of the Black Warrior Council. The senior cup was won by Gorgas and the junior cup by Empire. Similar tournaments were considered for Tuscaloosa county but only 5 troops expressed interested. Total troops in the Black Warrior Council is now 45 with a total of 800 members. Large timbers for Rotary Hall (a dining hall being built by Rotarians at Herrin's Lake) have been cut and will be delivered on March 8th. ^[191]

At a March 7th meeting of the Executive Council the fiscal year of the organization was changed from July 1st to January 1st. Rather than attempt to raise funds for this change the council decided that the better plan would be to have one campaign to raise funds for the remainder of 1923 and the year 1924. ^[192]

On March 8th the largest Court of Honor held by the Black Warrior Council met in the Chamber of Commerce auditorium. Over sixty scouts representing 9 troops were

present, as well as five scoutmasters. Troop 13 won the Commissioner's flag. This flag is awarded monthly to the troop having the highest number of applicants for honors awarded by the Court. The flag measures 4.5ft x 6.5ft. The troop holding the flag is becomes the honor guard for the council for that month. [193]

UA Director of Athletics Charles A. Bernier invited the Boy Scouts to attend a baseball game between the University of Alabama baseball team and the Philadelphia Athletics. The troops will assemble at the First Presbyterian church before 2:30pm and then go to the game. Scouts were urged to wear their uniforms and bring their troop flags and troop paraphernalia. Two new Scout troops were formed - one of the troops was out of the Cottondale area with Oscar Pearsons scoutmaster, and the other - Troop 9 - was organized at the Brandon Memorial church with Elmer Hilbish as scoutmasters. Also, forty scouts spent Friday night and Saturday working at the new scout camp at Herrin's Lake. [194]

In the week prior to March 28th work progressed on the buildings at Camp O'Rear in Walker county. The kitchen, dining room, and store rooms were re-covered and repaired in general and a wide porch was added to the dining hall. The foundation was laid for Troop 2's new cabin. Manchester Saw Mills (Mr. Lee) donated 12,000ft of assorted lumber for the repair work. Deputy U.S. Marshall Richard Bates contributed 3500 ft of pine logs, Cranfords Hardware Store gave doors, and Sid Preston donated a wireless set. During the school holidays Troops 2, 4, and 5 (Jasper) and Troop 7 (Manchester) will camp at O'Rear starting on Thursday to work on their cabins. The

Patrol Leaders' School to be held on March 30th to April 1st was postponed due to low registration. [195]

On March 29th the Junior Directors of Tuscaloosa entered Tuscaloosa into the state's "Cleanest City." As part of this contest Fred Neilson suggested that the Scouts be requested to aid the Junior Chamber of Commerce in its annual cleanup. Mr. Neilson suggested that the scouts be given sections of the city to report on. [196] Also on that date the new Druid City Hospital opened. More than 1,000 people attended and the police and Boy Scouts performed crowd control and managed the parking of cars, [197] and Troop 13 held their regular meeting. One of the items discussed was to purchase a new flag. Scouts are preparing for the next Honor Court and hope to keep the Honor Flag that they won last month. [198]

On April 10th the scoutmasters held a meeting at their headquarters in the Chamber of Commerce office to discuss the clean-up campaign for the city of Tuscaloosa. The scoutmasters also discussed the scouts raising and lowering the flag on the Legion flag pool at the intersection of Broad Street and Greensboro Avenue. On August 12th the Black Warrior Council Court of Honor met at 7:30pm. Seventeen army tents were donated to Herrin's Lake from Captain R. L. Lollar. The camp also had a large range donated by Will Railroad for Rotary Hall. Joseph H. McGuire (Massa Grocery Company salesman) donated \$25 (\$364) to the schools to help bring in pure spring water. E. C. Bratty gave the scouts 1,00ft of pine for the camp. The council is currently looking for someone to donate piping for the water system. A ram will be used to pump the water

to the highest area of camp so it can be gravity fed to the troop campsites. A Patrol Leaders School for Tuscaloosa Scouts was held on Friday, April 13th to Sunday, April 15th. The purpose of the school was to train the leaders for troops. The meeting began at 7:00pm with troops and patrols being formed by those scouts who showed up. During this time Scoutmasters were asked to attend and the patrol leaders learned new songs. [199] Forty-two scout leaders attended the weekend camp as well as thirty visitors. Speakers included Dr. J. H. Summerville (first aid), Dr. A. A. Kirk (preventable diseases), and John McQueen (citizenship). Dr. Kirk appealed to the scouts for assistance in helping keep Tuscaloosa clean, the prevention of mosquitos breeding in empty cans, and oiling stagnant waters. The scouts will inspect every back yard and vacant lot in Tuscaloosa and be reported on. Clean-up bottoms for coat lapels were handed out. The fire department sent two trucks to the Boy Scout headquarters and are loaded with literature. [200, 201]

On April 25th all building of Boy Scout cabins at Camp O'Rear was halted due to lack of finances per Mr. Sapp. The only exception was the cabin being build for theManchester scouts as that area has raised sufficient funding. Pledges totaling \$2,400 (\$32,969) was secured by the Walker county scouts but currently they are \$1,000 (\$14,570) short on funding. A fund raising campaign will run on April 30 and April 31st in Cordova headed by Mr. Pickard. Tuscaloosa county has ben fortunate in that the Rotary and Kiwanis clubs have agreed to jointly fund the the programs in Tuscaloosa county. This will release the Scout Executive from worrying about funding and allow

him more time for training. A similar arrangement will hopefully happen for Walker county and their 25 troops consisting of 500 scouts. [202]

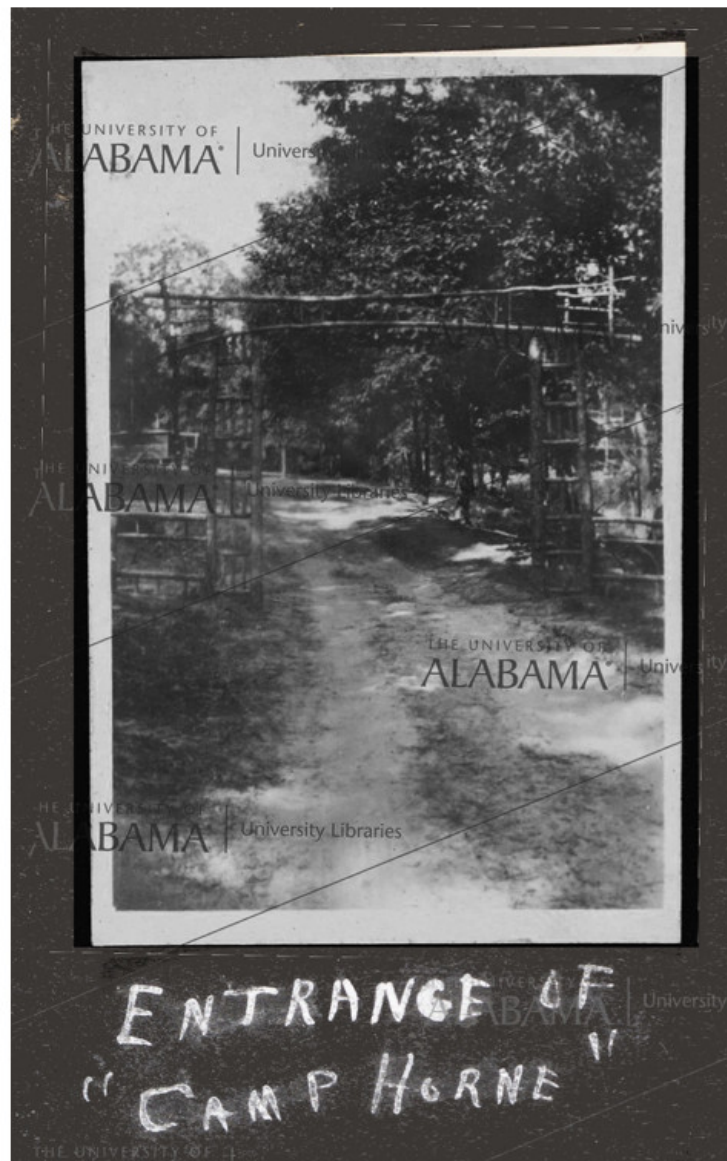
Like Tuscaloosa, Jasper has plans on using the scouts to help clean up the city during the week of May 5. Scouts will be putting up posters all over the city while picking up cans and debris. As a way of thanking the scouts Jasper's Board of Aldermen arranged for the Scouts to see a matinee at the Colonial theatre on Wednesday, May 9th. Each scout who delivers 20 or more cans will be admitted free, and the scout who delivers the largest number of cans will receive a 30-day pass. The city clerk will also give out certificates which scouts can use to be awarded "Bar Badges." A Green Bar will be awarded for 25 hours of service, a Red Bar for 50 hours of service, a Red, White, and Blue Bar for 100 hours of service, a Gold Bar for 250 hours of service, and a Solid Gold bar for 500 hours of service. [203]

On May 4th forty boys left for Tuscaloosa's first scout camp at Herrin's Lake except for Billie Cochrane. Billie had fallen out of a tree and broke his arm. Rotary Hall with its kitchen, canteen, screened dining room, and cobblestone fireplace is almost complete for the use of the Scouts. Scouts will sleep in army tents and cabins. The water system has been completed and will run water to all cabins and kitchens on the property. Hulen E. Whitehead is in charge of the summer camp program. He will be teaching life saving and swimming. E. R. Sapp will also be attending the summer camp. [204]. May 21st saw the arrival of Hulen E. Whitehead, former assistant to the National Director of the boy Scouts - Mr. McDonald - in Chicago's model Boy Scout camp. He is summer

camp program under the direction of the campaign committee of the Black Warrior Council, and directly under the supervision of E. R. Sapp. The first camp to be held under his direction was May 23rd to May 26th at Camp O'Rear in Walker County.

The second camp was held from May 28th to June 2nd at Mill Creek. The third camp (first for Tuscaloosa County) was held from June 4th to June 13th at Herrin's Lake.

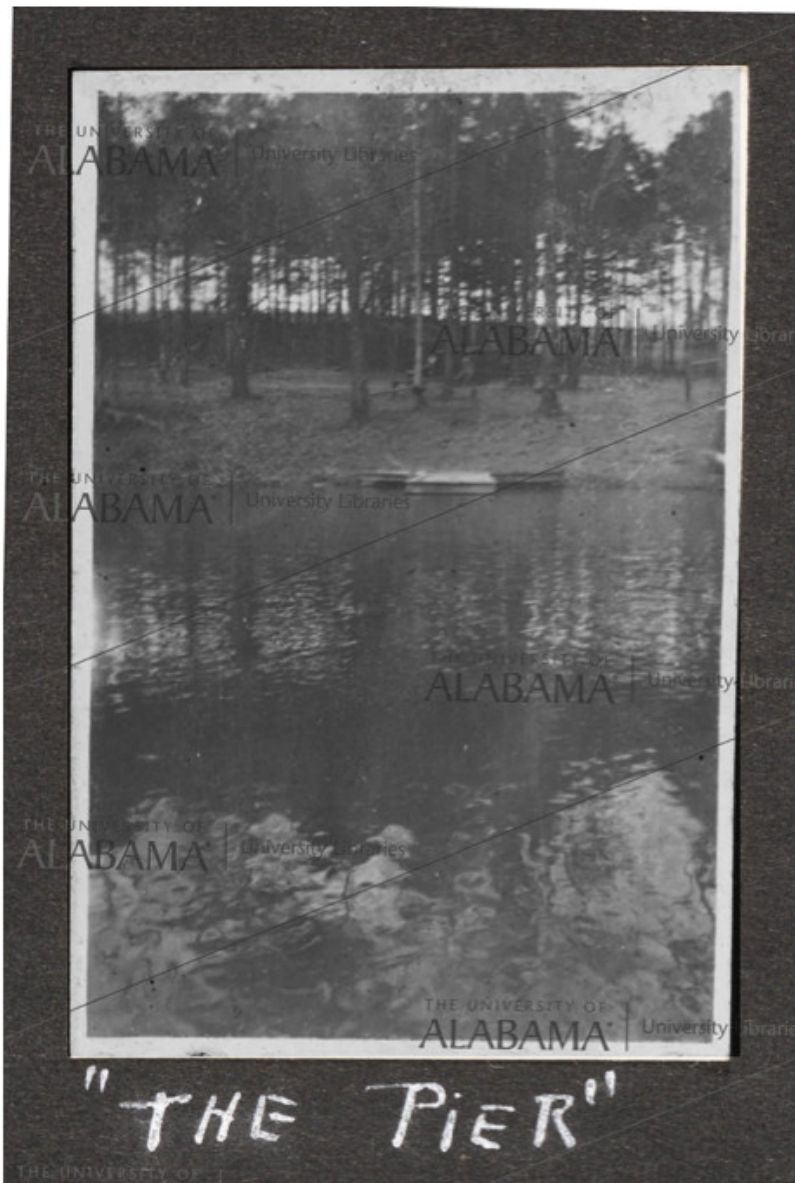
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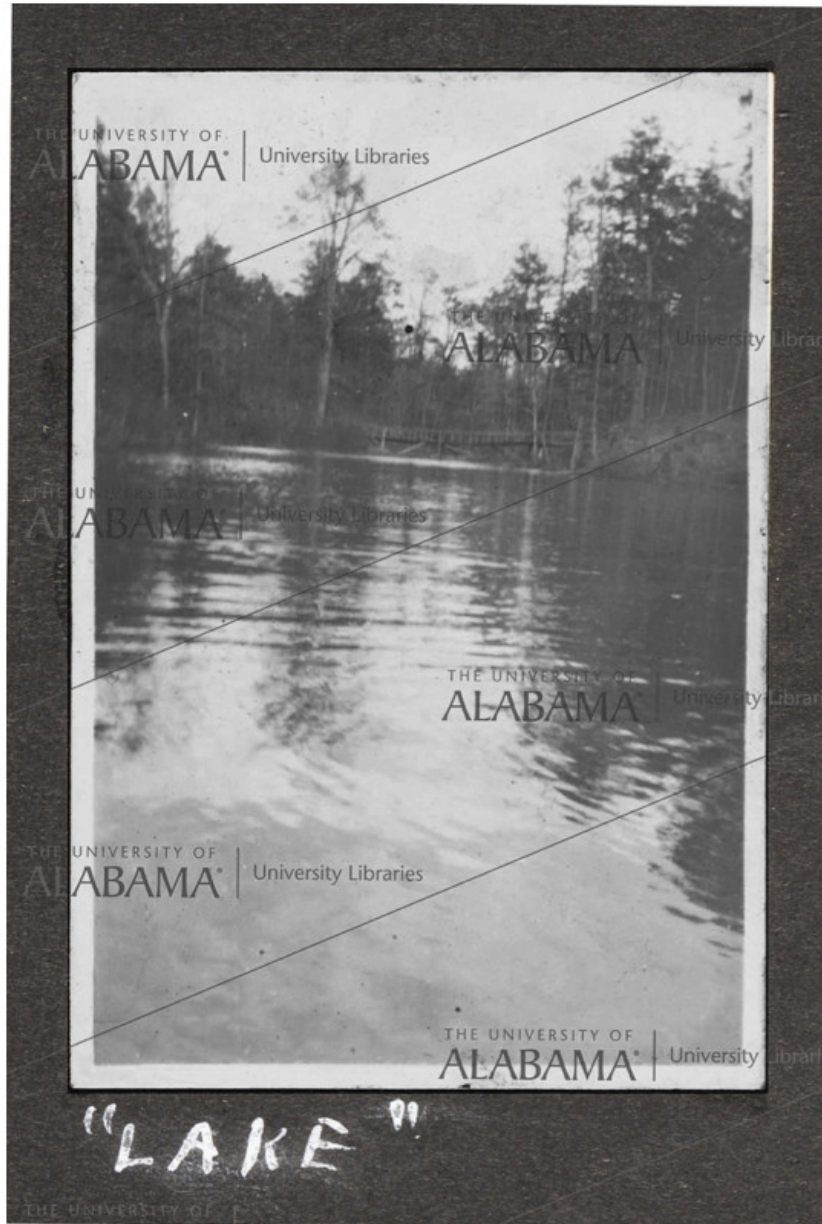
The Pier at Herrin's Lake, 1923 or 1924



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Herrin's Lake (the lower lake), 1923 or 1924



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While all activities will be under his supervision, special attention will be given to teaching the scouts to swim, and personal instruction for scouts who can not swim. [205]

The Walker camps were a success according to Mr. Sapp. Those two camps were used as “work camps” for the construction of various buildings. The scouts at Mill Creek border a well and started building a cabin, while at Camp O’Rear a dining hall, kitchen, and storeroom was built, two large cabins were finished, and a fourth cabin was started. Roads, bridges and boats were also built. Fourteen scouts from Holt registered for the camp to be held at Herrin’s Lake, and seven ohs registered from Brookwood. This is in addition to those registered in Tuscaloosa. Following the scout camp from June 4 to June 14t, the camp will be open to families for a nominal fee. [206]

On May 30th Congressman William B. Bankhead was appointed chairman of a fundraising drive in Walker County to raise \$5,000 (\$72,853) for work at Camp O’Rear and Mill Creek camp. The Kiwana’s Club and Rotary Club will also be taking part in the drive, and Congressman Bankhead will be speaking with the groups on Wednesday and Thursday. Walker County currently has 27 troops and 500 members. The current goal is to increase the units and members to 40 scout troops and 1,000 members. [205][206]

On June 10th the University of Alabama held a baseball game with the proceeds going to the Boy Scouts. Gross admission receipts came to \$115.15 (\$1,677) with \$59.87 (\$872) being given to the scouts. [208] E. R. Sapp left on June 16th for a scout camp to be conducted on Mill Creek. The camp started on Monday, June 21 and will continue through June 24. A camp for Livingston and York scouts is to be held on Lock 3 from

June 23 to June 30. Following that a camp will be held at Herrin's Lake from July 1st to July 7th for scouts under the age of 12. ^[209] The camp being held at Herrin's Lake is a six day camp for those boys under 12 years of age. Other camps being held include forty scouts at Carbon Hill (Walker county) and at Camp O'Rear. A camp for scouts in York and Livingston will start Tuesday morning, July 3rd. A large camp will be held at Herrin's Lake on July 23rd to August 1st. Over 125 boys are expected to attend this camp. Alabama Power has granted a lease for a camp site in Gorgas two miles from the river. ^[210]

On July 1st the Tucker Motor Company donated a one-ton truck to be used as needed by the council. This truck will be used in transportation provisions to the district camps and to transport other materials used in the rapidly building camps in the council. ^[211]

Mr. J. K. Morton was chosen to direct the Boy Scout council activities in Walker County for the months of July, August, and September. He announced that the Jasper District would be at Camp O'Rear July 10th thru July 20th. This group will consist of three troops from Jasper and one group each from Gamble, Manchester, and McCollom. total enrollment is more than 100 boys. The cost for camping is \$5.00 (\$72.85) for the entire week or \$0.50 (\$7.29) per day. Only registered Scouts in good standing will be permitted to attend this camp. Scoutmasters are expected to give Mr. Pou the names of all scouts attending camp as well as attending camp with their Scouts. Scouts must register for camp by July 7th and bring with him two blankets, an empty bed tick (cot

side), extra shirts, underwear and hose, bathing suite towel, soap, tooth brush, toothpaste, comb, Bible, a Scout handbook, writing paper, stands, pencils, and fishing tackle.

Forbidden items include foot (except for the first day's lunch), any kind of gun or firearm, and tobacco. Straw will be furnished and all cooking utensils / plates / cups will be furnished by the camp. All noted was that sufficient funding has been reported such that all buildings at the camp can be completed. ^[212]

On July 3rd the District Scout Council met. During this meeting the re-elected Edward R. Sapp as the Council Scout Executive, and a decision was reached in which the current officers for the council will continue in office until December 31st, at which time annual election of officers will be held for the next year. The Scout Executive gave details in the growth of the Boy Scouts in both numbers, troops, and efficiency, and the budget for the coming year was read, discussed, and approved. ^[213] During the next couple of weeks the agricultural club boys of Tuscaloosa county, together with some farmers, will camp at Herrin's Lake during three days of the week. The camp will hear a series of lectures by agricultural experts from Auburn. It is expected that James L. Sibley, district agent in the boy's club work, will be one of the visitors during the week.

^[214] On July 9th the Deputy Boy Scout Commissioner Z. L. Strickland of Holt held a rally for scouts in the Holt area. Eli Callahan was selected Scoutmaster of Troop 1(Holt) with Raymond Boucher as his assistant. Mr. Strickland will be the temporary Scoutmaster of Troop 2 (Holt) with Raiford Oliver as his assistant. The troop committee will be composed of J. H. Boteler, Jack Herman, Rev. C. W. Seale, J. S. Landers, Harry Tyson, and Rev. E. B. Farrar. Troop 1 (Holt) scouts members are Reuben Christian,

Herron Hasty, Jack Reed, William Bevils, Floyd Flors, Pippin Reed, Tom Winchester, Tyler Daffron, Paul Wilson, and Ed. Barksdale. All scouts of Troop 1 and Troop 2 will be going to the July 23rd camp at Herrin's Lake. [215]

On July 11th a record of accomplishments was given in the annual report presented to the district council by the Scout Executive. The report gives credit for five lives saved during the year: Two boys were saved from drowning, a woman was given first aid and revived by artificial respiration, a man was saved from electrocution, and a boy was save after being bit by a rattlesnake. Other accomplishments of the council include arranging to send a cripple boy to Memphis for treatment, arrangements for hundreds of dollars worth of dental work for a worthy boy, parking cards at the Farmer's Picnic, acting as traffic police for the Knights Templar parade, the American Legion parade, and for the dedication of the new Warrior bridge. They distributed twenty-four Thanksgiving baskets for poor children, and did 480 hours of public service for the Rotary, Kiwanis, and other clubs during Christmas. The scouts searched out and encouraged those failing in school, aided in the cleanup of four towns on the Black Warrior River, assisted the cleanup of three cemeteries, the Tuscaloosa Fair Association was given 427 hours of service, and 42 different Scouts served on average two hours each at the commencement exercise at the University of Alabama. A large amount of work was done for schools in the district as well as the chamber and other organizations but no records were kept for this work. [216]

The Black Warrior District has become interested in the manner that National is handling the matter of a special scout rank for handicapped boys. National has been unable to modify membership requirements on behalf of handicapped boys although it is often asked. The issue has several sides to it, and as a result of this interest John Gray of Troop 9 will leave for Memphis in company with his father and a specialist to be consulted concerning a condition with John's hip. [217]

From July 23rd to August 2nd the Boy Scouts from the Black Warrior district will be attending a big encampment at the Tuscaloosa county camp at Herrin's Lake. Efforts are being made to register all scouts in Tuscaloosa county. Walker County will be sending twenty-five scouts while Centerville, Moundville will also be sending scouts. Repairs are currently being made to the lake dam and workmen are now busy on the camp reservoir as the concrete center in the dam was cracked by heavy rains. Water seeping through the dam weakened it and it partially gave a week ago. The dam was saved when the water gate was raised, thus reducing pressure on the dam. Running water will be in place by July 23rd. [218] Leaders for the camp were named at a conference at the Boy Scout headquarters. Hulen E. Whitehead will be rendering special assistance for the Black Warrior District camp program. Mr. Whitehead is one of the oldest scout in America having been registered as a scout for twelve consecutive years. The business side of camp will be taken care of by E. R. Sapp. Tuscaloosians who will be in attendance are Lewis Dawson, Matt Clinton, Fred Neilson, and Dr. J. H.h Somerville. Mr. Summerville will give instructions on first aid. [220]

Meanwhile the Agricultural Club camp has been announced for August 14 to August 16. Farmers will be attending the camp with the boys, and special instructions will be given during the three days in orchard work, in cover crops, in insect control, and in livestock raising. A similar camp will be held at another time for the Girls Agriculture club from August 21st to August 23rd. Miss Elizabeth Mauldin (district home demonstration agent) will be one of the visitors, as well as Miss Dora F. Son^{endly} (unknown spelling), a state nutrition specialist. Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Sapp will also attend, as well as Hulen E. Whitehead. Mrs. Annie Townsend (county board of education member) will present the girls in attendance with certificates on August 23rd that were earned in the last winter's home demonstration. [219][221][223]

On July 19th C. E. Carmack, regional executive for the area covering Arkansas, Mississippi, Louisiana, Tennessee, and Alabama, gave commendation to the Black Warrior District. He stated:

“The Black Warrior district is to be congratulated upon the tremendous amount of work it has done. I can't recall a single district council, either in region five or six, which has made the progress the Black Warrior district has. One of the really big things the Boy Scout organization is doing is its camping program, and the Black Warrior district has made greater progress than any other council in the south when the time it has been organized is taken into consideration.

Birmingham is recognized as having an ideal camp. But the Birmingham organization is six or seven years old and the Black Warrior organization but one year old. I don't know of another council which has accomplished the organization of so great a number of troops in its first year of existence, or has secured as many registered Scouts in that length of time.

There are a number of things we are looking to the camps in the Black Warrior district to accomplish. We are expecting them to encourage mothers and fathers of Boy Scouts to camp two or three days a year with a definite program and with organized leadership. This will not only be a stimulus to scouting but will aid fathers and others to be a bigger and finer life.

In my travels thorough the region I never fail to tell people everywhere of what is being planned and what is being demonstrated in Tuscaloosa. Mr. J. T. Horne's long vision gave him that definite object in his gift of the local camp. He wanted the boys of the county trained to the ultimate object of the re-forestation of the hills of Tuscaloosa County, and of the south, and I am taking particular pains to spread the story to other camps and councils throughout the south."

Mr. Carmack also stated that through the generosity of Mortimer L. Schiff (head of the Boy Scout field department), two additional men will go to work in the fifth region. Stanley A. Harris (assistant to the National Field Director) is to give practically all of his time to the work in the region, and these three men will take up new organization work. Region 5 is the first region in the United States to meet Mr. Schiff's offer, and plans have already been laid in the district for extensions work. North Alabama will get the early attention as will the territory surrounding Meridian, Mississippi. An intensive organization campaign will also be conducted throughout the state of Louisiana simultaneously. [222][224]

On Monday, July 23rd the Black Warrior council camp began at Herrin's Lake. Approximately 125 scouts from Tuscaloosa, Carbon Hill, Moundville, Centerville, and York will be attending. The scouts left via a special A. G. S. train from the Armstead

Station at 8:40am for ten days at Herrin's Lake. A flag stop will be made approximately 3/4 of a mile from Herrin's lake however some scouts from Carbon Hill and other counties arrived a day early. E. R. Sapp the Scout Executive is in charge of running the camp. Hulen E. Whitehead is in charge of the program and is assisted by Ed Morton (Jasper), E. R. Sapp, Lewis Dawson, Matt Clinton, Fred Neilson Jr., and Dr. J. H. Soverville. Dr. Soverville will be teaching First Aid and making arrangements for a doctor to visit the camp each day. The first day also saw the creation of a municipal organization for camp. Neely Townsend was elected mayor, King Foster was chosen police judge, Marvin Copeland Jr. as chief of police, and Robert Bell as prosecuting attorney. Scouts who break the camp law will be brought to the court and various punishments meted out for those infractions. A campfire was held with Rev. Judson R. Martin (Monnish Memorial church) visiting camp and delivering an address of responsibility of keeping the Scout Oath and Law. There was singing and a yell contest was held. [225][226][227]

Dr. C. M. Boys addressed the scouts on Wednesday, July 25th and on July 26th attorney Clifton Pence address the boys on the subject of citizenship and other kindred topics. On Friday night July 27th the Scouts held a big ball at camp. Half of the scouts masqueraded as girls. Of the other scouts each was accompanied by his lady, the cooks were in the receiving line, wheelbarrow taxis were assigned parking places, and refreshments of ice water and peaches were served. The ball had featured dances, songs, and special music. Mrs. Joe Shepherd and Mrs. Jones of Oakman were the judges in the prize couple contest. Mallett Hooper (Troop 1, Oakman) was the prize girl. Harold

Gibons (Troop 4, Tuscaloosa) accompanied her and the couple were presented with a large rag doll.^[228]

On Saturday it was negro minstrel night at camp. Scouts appears with faces blacked in dialog, songs, and recitals. Watermelon was served as desert. On Sunday, July 29th Congressman W. B. Oliver pledged to introduce a bill in congress which may secure for them a battleship tour of the island possessions of the United States next year. Plans for the trop originated with Mr. Sapp, and Congressman Oliver predicted that there would be little opposition when the bill was introduced. It is hoped that various ships may be assigned scouts for trips at various times, and that the possibility they may be assigned to the organization by districts so that the Black Warrior district would be given it's own ship. In order to participate the scouts would have to be of a certain age and reach certain grades on all their work. Congressman Oliver described such a trip in detail, telling of the various possessions of the United States which would be visited and the many thins of educational value and interest to be seen. He stressed the Educational value of scouting and told the scouts that a man had to be a real, red-blooded, fighting American to be a good citizen and Christian. On July 31st the twenty-three out-of town scouts will be the guest of the Rotarians at a luncheon in the city. Following the luncheon the will be taken on an educational tour of the city and see Kaul Lumber Company, the Strickland Machine plant, the insane hospital, and the industrial plants in Holt. Dr. James Thomas and former Senator Charles West spoke at the program, with Dr. Thomas declaring that "...the boy of today is the father for man tomorrow, and there is nothing a man had rather be than a boy.

The boy who will think and work will succeed for the boy must grow who thinks...” [229]

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As a result of the work done during the last 10 days at the camp at Herrin’s lake, it is expected that an exceptionally large number of Scouts will appear before the Court of Honor on Thursday as the Court of Honor must approve all merit badges before they are issued. The court of honor will be at 7:45 at the Chamber of Commerce auditorium.

Efforts are being made to have all First Class Scouts to attend. [231] Various troop scribes (Troop 3, Troop 13, Troop 14) wrote about their time in camp for the Tuscaloosa News. Troop 3 scribe describes how if “...a man in our cabin does something that is not right or loses inspectino, he goes through the paddling machine. Those who have gone through the paddling machine or the Gallery of Rogus include Albert Hughes, Pat Lindsley, John Hardy Carr, L. E. McCraw, and Winnie Hughes, and Joe McDonald is the current ‘Shiek of Camp Horne’. Joe’s only rival is Ben Boling.” Other troop scribes describe the activity they have done and various patrol members.[232]

On July 29th the Jack Jolly Klan No. 4 (Alabama) donated \$640 (\$9,325 in 2017 dollars) to the Boy Scouts. This action came about after Mr. Sapp was asked by a Klansman to supply the local Klan with some information relative to the finances of the scouts. Mr. Sapp wrote:

“To further guarantee the health of the campers it is necessary to put in a sewer system for waste water from the kitchen, the estimated cost being \$100 (\$1,457). Ten boats are needed for the lake, the estimate of the total cost being \$75 (\$1,092). Troop No. 1, with 75 per cent of its boys at work and the remainder too small, wants to

build a cabin by as yet has been unable to buy the material. The cost of this material will be about \$200 (\$2,914). The thing that is pushing us is the water system and the sanitary sewer.”

In response the Klan wrote:

“Acting on the information furnished by you a the request of a Klansman, the Jack Jolly Klan, at the Klonklave held last Friday evening, July 27th, voted unanimously to provide you with all the funds you need as set forth in your letter of the same date. The check enclosed for \$640 (\$9,325) is, of course, to be used exclusively for the purpose set out and in the manner prescribed by you in your letter. We take this opportunity to commend you personally for the magnificent way in which you ar carrying on your work here. A large percentage of the Boy Scouts are our own sons and we know the results of your tireless work with them. You are teaching them true Americanism in its fullest sense and may well feel proud of your efforts. When we can be of further service to you in this great work please let us know.”

The letter was signed “Yours very sincerely, the Exalted Cyclops, Jack Jolly Klan No. 14, Alabama.” [228]

On August 2 the Tuscaloosa News wrote of the camp at Herrin’s Lake. The article describes a placid lake at the bottom of an incline which has a rustic style mess hall on top. It goes to the bridge across the lake, and goes into detail on what the camp will mean after the seeds of scouting takes place after the changes Mr. E. R. Sapp have put in place.[234]

Following the most successful camp in the history of the Black Warrior Council, three Tuscaloosa Scouts became Eagle Scouts on August 2, 1923. The scouts are Jack McGuire, Neely Townsend, and Robert Bell. Twenty-one merit badges were required of which eleven were mandatory. The eleven mandatory merit badges are first aid, life saving, personal health, cooking, camping, civics, bird study, pathfinding, and pioneering,

athletics or physical development. One hundred and fifty merit badges were awarded that same night. Mr. Sapp and other officials left for another camp to be held at Camp O'Rear from August 5th thru August 15th. [236]

On August 14th the Agricultural Club Boys will gather at the Chamber of Commerce to go to a three day camp at Herrin's Lake. Those who have a way to camp are expected to help those who don't. Dan T. Gray, Dean of Agriculture at Auburn and director of the state experiment station, will be invited to attend camp and speak to the boys. Professor M. J. Funchess, (head of the Department of Soils), R. G. Briggs (Horticulturalist), and Frank Boyd (specialist on fertilizers) will attend camp and lecture if possible. [230]

On August 7th the Tuscaloosa News reported on the plans for the Girl's Club camp to meet at Herrin's Lake from August 20th to August 22nd. The three day campout will end with the Girls' club providing ice cream and barbecued meat for the Pilot's Club in a typical picnic dinner. Girls will be permitted to invite all family members who will bring cakes, pies, sandwiches, pickles, bread, and other items to supplement the barbecue. Mary Lee Scales and Alma Kirby of the Coker Girl's club will demonstrate biscuit making. County Board of Education member Mrs. Annie Townsend will address the class and will present certificates to each girl. Certificates will be presented for poultry, gardening, and canning. [237] Approximately 50 of the club girls will attend. Clubs which will have one to six individual attend the camp include clubs at Yolande, Brookwood, Vance, Jena, Coker, Romulus, Buhl, Gorgas, Taylorville, Duncanville, and Alberta City.

Miss Isodora Williams, Mrs R. C. Left, Mr. and Ms. E. R. Sapp, and Hulen Whitehead will be in charge of the camp. Campers will learn about health, foods, sewing, and recreation. Tuscaloosa merchants have donated handkerchief linen and embroidery thread for sewing, physicians of the city will teach health, foods will be taught by Miss. Sonnenday, and Mr. Sapp will be in charge of recreation. Moving pictures will be shown, educational features and a comedy another night.^{[240][242][243][244]}

On August 14th the Agricultural Club for Boys will meet at the Chamber of Commerce building to begin their three-day camp at Herrin's Lake. Council Executive E. R. Sapp will be in charge of camp during this time. The program for the camp will include motion pictures each evening, games, and various other types of amusement. ^[238]

On August 19th a meeting was held in Duncanville at 4:00pm for those people interested in Boy Scout work. The meeting was attended by County Agent R. C. Left and Scout Executive E. R. Sapp. Efforts were also being made to hold a camp near Romulus for boys of Buhl and Romulus communities. If the camp is held it will start on August 22....right after the ending of the Boy's Club camp at Herrin's Lake. ^[239]

Troop 2 of the First Presbyterian Church will be provided with another cabin at the Boy Scout Camp at Herrin's Lake. Unlike previous cabins, the new cabin will feature a large auditorium in the center surrounded by sleeping porches and quarters. Architect C. M. Ayers has drawn up plans for the building, and the cabin is being build by the Sunday school class taught by R. J. Seeger. Scouts of Troop 2, Mr. Seeger, and Mr. Sapp will visit the camp site in the near future to stake off the location of the cabin. Lumber

and other building material will arrive on August 20th, and the Men's Bible Class and Troop 2 will meet on Monday, September 3, to put up the cabin. A fish fry will be held with the women of the First Presbyterian church being asked to cook the fish and bring other edibles. [241]

The Executive Council decided to expand the scope of the Black Warrior Council to six more counties. These counties are Hale, Sumpter, Bibb, Pickens, Fayette, and Greene counties. Cities in each of these counties will be visited and a committee to carry out the organization in the county will be appointed. During this meeting the committee disapproved the use of Herrin's Lake as a public playground, but expressed a desire to have the public make use of the property when not being used by the Scouts. The desire was also expressed to have the camp be maintained as a school center rather than a recreational center. [245] A trip to Greensboro was a great success as well as the inspection of the Boy Scout troop at Moundville. The Moundville troop was well organized under the leadership of Scoutmaster Sid Whittfield. The Civilian club at Greensboro was visited and was very enthusiastic in their support of the Boy Scouts. [246]

On September 6th to September 13th a camp will be held at Herrin's Lake for both Boy Scouts and non-Boy Scouts of all ages. Non-Boy Scouts will be permitted to attend as long as they willing to abide by the Scout laws and observe Scout regulations during the period of the camp. Registration ended at noon on September 5th. approximately fifty boys met at the Boy Scout headquarters (at the Chamber of Commerce) at 8:30am. A group of boys from Livingston planned on attending the camp.

The camp is being held at this time to give boys would have been at work during the summer a chance to enjoy a camp before schools starts. [247][248][249]

On September 8th, the Black Warrior Council lost a strong supporter of the Boy Scouts. Captain Rufus O'Rear, the person who donated Camp O'Rear (in Walker County) to the Black Warrior Council, died at St. Vincent's hospital in Birmingham, Alabama. at 6:50am, four days after he underwent an operation for a liver issue. Mr. O'Rear had been ill for a short time and his death followed an operation and his relatives and friends realized several days before his death that there was no hope for recovery from his liver issues. The remains laid in state at the Jasper Baptist church from 1:30pm to 3:00pm, and visitor were taken to the home of his sister Mrs. Mollis Gunter. During his life Mr. Rufus received the high honor of being elected delegate to the Constitutional Convention of 1901 which framed the present Constitution of Alabama. When the ware with Mexico threatened in 1916 Captain P'Rear raised a company of volunteers at Jasper (Company B, First Alabama Cavalry) and served on the Mexican borders for six months. He also served in the U.S. Army during World War I but did not go abroad. He also served one term as Mayor f Jasper, and under his administration street paving was inaugurated in Jasper. Rufus O'Rear accumulated a considerable amount of property, some of which he donated to the Black Warrior Council, Boy Scouts of America (the Camp O'Rear property.) Active pall bearers included his nephews: Caine O'Rear, Barks (spelling?) O'Rear, Clarence O'Rear, Gunter O'Rear, Bolivar O'Rear, Rufus O'Rear, Euclid O'Read, Barkley O'Rear, and Paul Gunter (spelling?). Honorary pall bearers include Judge T. L. Sowell, Judge Earnest lacy, Judge R. L. Blanton, L. Bl Muscgrove, R.

Y. Long, D. M. Robins, W. C. Davis, J. M. Phillips, John H. Bankhead, Congressman W. B. Bankhead, L. S. Richardson, and Rufus Sides. Captain Rufus is survived by six brothers: G. D., W. G., J. W., J. D., Martin and C.W. O'Rear, and two sisters: Mrs. Millie Gunter and Ronda O'Rear, as well as 28 nephews, 30 nieces, 28 grand nephews, and 20 grand nieces. ^{[250][251]}

On September 15th E. R. Sapp (Scout Executive) and Z. T. Strickland (deputy commissioner for Holt) attended the Fifth Regional Executives Conferences in Birmingham along with executives of Alabama, Tennessee, Arkansas, Mississippi, and Louisiana. The conference was held by C. E. Carmach of Chattanooga, the Regional Scout Executive. The Conference will be held at the Tutwiler hotel at 8:30am on Tuesday and continue until Saturday. ^[252]

On September 23rd Troop Two (First Presbyterian Church) challenged all other troops to a three month contest. The loser of the contest will treat the winner to a banquet at the McLester hotel shortly after the beginning of the year. The terms of the contest are: For each new tenderfoot registered, 300 point. For each new troop organized, 500 points. For each second-class test, 25 points. For each First Class test, 50 points. Each merit badge from the Court of Honor, 150 points. Each trip to Camp Horne with as much as 30% of the troop present, 250 points. Each scout at troop meeting in full uniform (hat badge, neckerchief, shirt, belt, breeches, leggings or stockings), 40 points. Each troop leader or committeeman at a Scoutmaster's meeting, 250 points. A troop community good turn where at least eight scouts participate (one per week), 300 points. Seventy-five

percent of troop at regular meetings, 300 points (add 100 points for 100% attendance). The rules of the contest provide that troops may not increase their membership over 33 scouts. Troops that currently have over 33 scouts must enlist new scouts in another troop.

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On October 1st the Black Warrior council started mailing out letters in a fundraising campaign to raise \$5,000.00 (\$72,853 in 2017 dollars) to fund the council for the next 18 months. J. T. Horne, chairman of the campaign committee, stated that this campaign would be the final one for that length of time. The building at the Boy Scout camp at Herrin's Lake has been carried out to the point where future growth of the organization will take care of the future growth of the camp given that the camp is definitely established and that there are sufficient buildings for the present time. The letters are being sent out today and tomorrow to a select group of Tuscaloosians who are able to contribute \$25.00 (\$364 in 2017 dollars) or more. In discussing the work and appeal for aid, Mr. Horne pointed out that "*...the men who are and have been supporters of the Boy Scouts and taking leading part in the maintenance of the organization are men who have no boys. They do this work for the boys of other citizens of Tuscaloosa, and these other men with boys should be willing to do their part in financial support of the work. There are no arguments against the Boy Scouts and plenty of arguments in their favor....*" A recently issued report from Mr. Sapp shows the Black Warrior district going from 64 active scouts in June 1922 to 865 scouts in June of 1923, with Tuscaloosa city having 11 troops and 186 scouts and Tuscaloosa county having 8 troops and 115 scouts. A statement of work done by the scouts during the past year within the Black Warrior

district include two boys saved from drowning, one man from electrocution, one boy save from a rattlesnake bite, arrangements for sending a crippled boy to a hospital for treatment, cars parked for 2,000 people at the farmer's picnic, aid in the Red Cross and Near East relief drives, aiding the police in parades, distributing four Thanksgiving baskets, performing 480 hours of public service at Christmas time, as well as other works. [254]

Announcements were made for the upcoming fall and winter camps. Professor W. E. Patton of the vocational department at the University will be director of education on the Boy Scout program this winter. R. J. Seeger will be in charge of outdoor activities for the scouts and will be there on the first and third Friday and Saturday of each month. The October program calls for producing and passing as many Tenderfoot Scouts as possible. The first of the fall and winter hikes to the camp at Herrin's Lake will take place Friday when the scouts - provided with two trucks - will leave the Presbyterian church at 8:00pm. [255]

On October 3rd replies to the fundraising letters began to come back in. Eleven letters contained donations of \$695 (\$10,126) with other letter replies expected throughout the day. People donating include J. T. Horne (\$200, \$2,914 in 2017 dollars), D. O. Parker (\$150 (\$2,185)), M. D. Rosenau (\$100 (\$1,457)), A. L. Massa (\$100 (\$1,457)), D. L. Stewart, S. F. Clabaugh, B. P. Head, W. W. Deal (Buhl), and J. Manley Foster all donating \$25 (\$364), and V. Hugo Friedman, C. E. Abbot, and A. T. Horton donating \$10 (\$145) each. At the end of the first day (Wednesday, October 3rd) a total of

\$700 was raised. ^{[256][257]} After four days the fundraising campaign has raised \$1045 (\$15,226) Most of the donations have were in the \$10 to \$25 range with the pilot club donating \$50.00 (\$728). ^[258] Several prominent people in Tuscaloosa are working on the fundraising campaign, including Frank S. Moody, president of the First National Bank ^[259] and Dr. Claud O'Rear, pastor of the First United Methodist Church. On response to the appeal for aid in the fundraising campaign the Lions Club decided to appoint ten men to aid committees from other clubs in canvassing the city. W. F. Englebert was named chairman of this committee, assisted by H. M. McLeod. ^[260] Prof. J. M. Burnett, Superintendent of the city schools, also gave a speech on the importance of the Boy Scout movement. ^[261] As of October 14th between \$1,200 (\$17,484) and \$1,300 (\$18,942) had been given voluntarily by the citizens of Tuscaloosa. Given that, ten representatives of civic clubs will form their own teams to canvas Tuscaloosa in order to garner more donations. The Rotary Club will be represented by John Laycock, Dick Foster, Ed May, Jim Robinson, Tom Christian, Herbert Patton, Ben Cabell, Hillard Niehols, Tom Foster, Whitfield Moore, and Velo Lary. The Kiwanis club will be represented by Dr. J. E. Shirley, A. G. Williams, A. D. Ellis, R. R. Montgomery, W. H. Wyman, W. M. Joynier, C. B. Grimes, V. J. Thompson, Gordon Palmer, and W. W. Deal. The Exchange club was represented by A. W. Struthers, Carl Jamieson, Hunter Burnett, Henry Hale, IkeW Wilson, Dr. R. C. Partlow, Dr. Claud O'Rear, Bill Dozier, Frank Livingston, and Monroe Ward. The newly formed Lions Club was represented by Will Englebert, Dr. D. W. Ward, Dr. Wallace Griffin, Prof. Holly W. Stevenson, Grover L. Burcfield, W. R. Driver, G. T. Palmer, J. H Miss, Prof. W. J. Brokelbank, and W. P.

Bloom. ^[262] As of October 16th the amount raised in the fundraising campaign was \$1,752.50 (\$25,611 in 2017 dollars). ^[263] On October 21st the reported amount raised was \$1,797.00 (\$26,269). ^[264]

During this fundraising campaign the Black Warrior council decided to hold a “field day” in December. Farley W. Moody of the American Legion will appoint reviewing officers for the field day. The officers selected will have charge of the reviewing of the local troops of Boy Scouts, and will award to the best troop a flag in token of that honor. ^[265]

On October 22 thirty-two representatives of Tuscaloosa luncheon clubs pledged raising \$3,200 (\$46,765) to complete the Boy Scout’s fundraising campaign of \$5,000 (\$73,071) in the next forty-eight hours. J. T. Horne presided over the meeting where this decision was made. Several speakers spoke at this meeting, including J. B. Brosius (“Making Tuscaloosa’ Organizations Mean Something”), Dr. Dawson (“Scouting as a Builder of Men”), and Dr. A. D. Ellis (“The Interest of Men in Their Own and Other Boys”). Fred Neilson produced a number of facts relative to “Scouting as a Business Asset to the Community” and REv. Henry Hurst spoke on the “Boy and his Energies”. E. R. Sapp was also there and discussed topics in general relative to Scouting. ^[266] As of October 24th the Rotary club led with a total of \$560 (\$8,183) in donations to the Boy Scout fundraising campaign. The amount raised by the luncheon clubs so far - \$1,118.25 (\$15,975 in 2017 dollars) - combined with the previously raised amount comes to

\$2932.25 (\$41,890 in 2017 dollars), well over half of the required funding for the next eighteen months for the Black Warrior district. [267]

During the winter transplanting season several local troops of Boy Scouts of the Junior High School will plant oak trees along Tuscaloosa streets. The scouts will dedicate each tree to a living Tuscaloosa who has accomplished most for Tuscaloosa in a particular line of endeavor. They obtained permission from the City Commission to place trees in vacant places where other trees have died. The trees will be water oak or willow oak and will be 10 to 15 feet high when planted. The citizen are chosen by a secret committee of five scouts and the first two people chosen for the Armistice Day planting were former soldiers Mayor J. C. Person and Hargrove Van de Graff. They were planted on Greensboro Avenue in front of the Rosenau home. J. C. Person, vice president of the First National Bank, was commissioned a captain of 47th Infantry in the regular army in November, 1917 after completing Officer's training Camp at Fort Oglethorpe. He went overseas in May, 1918 and took part in the second battle of the Marne, or Chateau Their, the Vessel river engagements, the Argonne fighting, and the fighting north of the Toul sector. He was granted the American Distinguished Service Cross for his actions and ended his service in the army holding the rank of Major. Hargrove Van de Graff served overseas as a lieutenant of artillery with the 2nd Division. As an artillery liaison officer, he maintained communication between artillery and the infantry over the shell-swept territory between the two forces. He won two divisional citations - the French Croix de Guerre with Two Palms for bravery upon two occasions, and the American Distinguished Service Cross for bravery in action. The Boy Scouts of the Junior High will plant a

number of trees each week as long as the planting does not interfere with school work or scouting. [268]

On November 19th the Tuscaloosa News reported that twenty-two troops went to Camp Horne, the Herrin's Lake camp of the Tuscaloosa scouts, during the past summer. Total number of scouts present were 247, and these scouts earned 186 merit badges. All Black Warrior district Life Scouts (five), Star Scouts (five), and Eagle Scouts (four) earned their rank during the summer camps with the exception of one Life Scout that earned his rank at Camp O'Rear. At Camp O'Rear a total of 93 scouts attended. Eight scouts earned Second Class and 29 merit badges were earned. At Mill Creek camp thirty-three scouts attended and earned eight merit badges. Six of those scouts earned Second Class and three earned First Class. At the Lock No. 3 camp 49 scouts attended. Six of those scouts earned their Second Class rank at that camp. In all, total attendance of scouts at summer camp was 422. That comes to 49.5 percent of the 865 scouts in the district. All in all, 49 scouts earned Second Class, 26 scouts earned First Class, 6 Life Scouts, 5 Star Scouts, and 4 Eagle scouts. The total number of merit badges earned was 223. [269]

On Monday, November 26th the principal of the Junior High School Mrs. W. A. Collier spoke on the boy psychology conference at 6:30pm at the Stafford Junior High cafeteria. Her talk on "Boy Scouts in School" was first followed by Rev. Dr. Claud O'Rear discussing "What is Education?" This is the third Monday night conference held in the cafeteria. [270] The fourth series of "Boy Psychology" conferences was held on

December 3rd at the Stafford Junior High cafeteria. Fifty-two people attended and the attendance prize was won again by the Men's Bible Class of First Presbyterian Church. The program was conducted by Jack McQuire, the senior patrol leader of Troop 2. Troop 2 conducted a ceremony where 14 Scouts in full uniform inducted William Butcher into the scout organization. Following the ceremony Dr. John Y. Graham of the University of Alabama who gave a all on "Back to Nature." Dr. Graham praised the scout work for developing the powers of observation among boys and later among men. ^[271] The last conference was held December 10th at the Junior High cafeteria. Rev. L. O. Dawson, principal speaker, discussed the influences of the school, the church, and the home in a boys life and then demonstrated through all of the influences the influence of the gang.

"Such organizations as that of the Boy Scouts influence and direct the gang impulses of the boy and make the inborn instinct to 'gang' accomplish good rather than harm for the boy."

Rev. Henry Hurst spoke briefly of his memory of this early boyhood, telling stories which served to illustrate and deal with the subject of boy psychology.

During this meeting Eagle Scout badges were awarded to Neely Townsend, Jack McGuire, and Andy Card. Robert Bell would have received his Eagle Scout badge but did not attend the meeting, and Robert Argo is from Jasper, Alabama. ^{[272][273]} The five scouts are the only members of the Black Warrior district's 1,033 Boy Scouts that have achieved the rank of Eagle. The examination papers for these scouts were not passed locally. They were sent to the National Headquarters in New York and were pass by Dan Beard, the National Scout Commissioner and former companion Buffalo Bill.

Black Warrior First Eagle Scouts (not pictured: Robert Argo)



Mr. Beard recommended the Black Warrior district scouts for the honor and a sterling silver Eagle Scout badge was given to each boy with the compliments of the National Headquarters of the Boy Scout organization. Of the four Tuscaloosa boys who achieved this honor, Jack McGuire and Andrew Card are from Troop 2, Robert Bell is from Troop 14, and Neely Townsend is a member of Troop 13. Robert Argo was from Walker County. As a result of the honor an "Eagle's Nest" building is being planned to be built at Herrin's Lake. This building will only be for Eagle scouts - others will not be allowed in. Joe McGuire has started the movement for the building and contributed \$50 (\$730 in 2017 dollars) of the amount needed to build it. [273]

On December 26th approximately 35 Boy Scouts left for a “Good Time” camp at Camp Horne on Herrin’s Lake. During this camp there will be no construction as the camp is a reward for the work put in by the Boy Scouts during the preparations for Christmas, when they assisted the Post Office, assisted with the community Christmas tree, and did other tasks assigned by Tuscaloosians. The camp will be headed by Hulen E. Whitehead, the Black Warrior district program director for the summer camp. The cost of the camp is \$2.00 (\$28.57 in 2017 dollars) per scout. During the camp the scouts will study casting work, making casts of tracks, and tree life. The rest of the time at camp will be devoted to a general good time. ^[274]^[275]

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On January 5th Troop 2, Troop 3, Troop 5, and Troop 13 participated in a Scout Field Day held on Denny field and in the University gymnasium. The events started at 9:00am. Troops reviewed were judged as to neatness, equipment, etc. Troop 2 came in first, followed by Troop 3 and Troop 13. In the water boiling contest Troop 3 was first, Troop 5 second, and Troop 13 third. In First Aid Troop 13 was first, Troop 5 second, and Troop 2 third. In signaling Troop 2 came in first, Troop 13 second, and Troop 3 third. In the Potato race Troop 2 came in first, Troop 3 second, and Troop 5 third. And finally in the greatest present attendance Troop 3 was first, Troop 13 was second, and Troop 5 was third. When the events were counted up Troop 2 won the Field Day. This field was a preliminary even to a big field day to be held in the spring. During that event all troops are expected to participate. [276]

C. E. Carmack, the Regional Scout Executive of the Fifth Region and recent visitor to Tuscaloosa, tendered his resignation on January 7th due to the fact that his home was in Louisville, Kentucky and the position kept him from his home on a continuous bases. His resignation was not accepted. Instead, he was moved to the Forth Region to be closer to home. The new Executive of the Fifth Region is Stanley Harris. He is a former Assistant National Scout Executive and is regarded as one of the scout organization's expert on finance. He is a close friend of E. R. Sapp and is expected to take a visit to Tuscaloosa in the near future. [277]

Dr. J. H. Somerville, named chairman of the Court of Honor of the Black Warrior district council, resided at his first meeting of the court on January 10th in the Chamber of Commerce directors' room. At this session Lamar Duncan was awarded First Aid to Animals, Personal Health, Firemanship, and Public Health. Surrey Ward was awarded Personal Health, Cycling, and First Aid to Animals. King Foster was awarded merit badges for Machinery and Automobiling. Ed Foster received the Athletics merit badge, as well as was awarded the rank of Star and Life. Public Service badges were awarded to King Foster and Ed Foster for 100 hours of service each, while Surrey Ward was given an award for 50 hours. The Commissioner's flag went to Troop 13 Scoutmasters McLain and Fisher were also present at the Court of Honor. The choice of Dr. Somerville as Chairman of the Court of Honor was made by the newly elected head of the Black Warrior Council, Fred Neilson. [278]

On February 2 the Annual Report for the Black Warrior district for 1923 was release. There report contains information from the various committees in the district covering Walker, Lamar, Fayette, Tuscaloosa, Bibb, Hale, Greene, Sumter, and Pickens Counties. The report from T. W. Smith - Chairman of the Organization Committee - shows that there were 1033 Boy Scouts in the district and 16 Wolf Cubs. As of January 1, 1924 there was 52 Boy Scout troops, 1 Wolf Cub pack, 56 councilmen, 156 troop committeemen, 86 commissioned officers, 118 expert examiners on 48 different subjects, 5 Eagle Scouts, 12 Life Scouts, 12 Star Scouts, 98 First-Class Scouts, 223 Second-Class Scouts, 712 Tenderfoot Scouts, and 465 boys who participated in summer camp. Of all

the counties Walker County had 520 scouts and Tuscaloosa County has 320 scouts. The other counties had a combined 193 scouts.

Dr. J. O. Masters - Chairman of the Leadership and Training Committee, reported that Scoutmaster schools are held in Walker and Tuscaloosa Counties and were fairly successful. Future Scoutmaster schools are planned for this year, as well as schools for patrol leaders and scribes. The Camp Committee - J. T. Horne Chairman - reported that 476 boys spend at least one week in camp during the summer and winter months of 1923. The estimated values of the camp property (as of December 21, 1923) is estimated at: Camp Horne, Tuscaloosa County - \$7,840 (\$112,000); Camp O'Rear, Walker County - \$5,600 (\$80,000); Mill Creek Camp, Walker County - \$500 (\$7,143) ; Lost Creek Camp, Walker County - \$500 (\$7143); Gorgas Camp, Walker County - \$400 (\$5714). Total value of camp properties is \$14,840.00 (\$212,000).

Dr. J. H. Summerville, Chairman of the Honor Court, reported that 12 sessions were held for the year 1923. The rank advancements were reported (as seen by the above Organizational Committee report), and that the following 580 merit badges were earned: Personal Health, 46; Public Health, 50; Cooking, 22; First Aid, 31; Handicraft, 31; Horsemanship, 12; Firemanship, 30; Safety First, 19; Life Saving, 57; Camping, 19; Scholarship, 11; Pathfinding, 21; Craftsmanship, 30; Civics, 20; Carpentry, 9, Swimming, 59; Business, 4; Conservation, 20; First Aid to Animals, 33; Athletics, 19; Bird Study, 10; Cycling, 8; Electricity, 16; Forestry, 5; Gardening, 1; and Pioneering, 2.

W.O. Manasco, Chairman of the Finance Committee, reported total cash receipts from July 1, 1922 to December 31, 1923 to be \$9,187.22 (\$131,248 in 2017 dollars). Of that amount, Tuscaloosa County contributed a total of \$5,356.18 (\$76,516) and Walker County \$2,600 (\$37,143). Cash disbursements, including fees, supplies, sales, and insurance on a stolen car totaled \$9,153.77 (\$130,770). Total cash in the bank was \$33.45 (\$477) with unbound bills as of January 1, 1924 totaling \$1,779.58 (\$25,423). This plus a note owed to a bank amounting to \$900 (\$12,857) brings the total indebtedness of the council to \$2,697.58 (\$38,537). The council does have pledges of \$640 (\$9143), leaving the total indebtedness of \$2,039.08 (\$29,130). These numbers were certified by H. B. Rives, a Certified Public Accountant. [279]

On February 3rd the Boy Scouts and the Boys' Farm Club began program of cooperation between each group. This plan was developed under the direction of Scout Executive E. R. Sapp and County Agent R. C. Left and B. R. Holstun, special agricultural agent for the First National Bank. This experiment will use scouting for character building and training in citizenship, while the club work will train the boys in business preparation for farm life. This experiment between the two groups is being watched by agricultural workers and scout officials everywhere. Currently County Agent Lott and Mr. Holstun have visited Duncanville where a combined troop has been raised. R. V. Hogan is Chairman of the Troop Committee and D. F. Dawkins is a member of the Board. A total of nine scouts and seven boys affiliated with the Club Work make up the troop. Of the enrolled boys, five enrolled as corn club members, six as pig club members, two as cotton club members, and one as a chicken club member. At Gorgas the organization

has not been completed, but J. P. King will be Scoutmaster and Harvey Kuykendall and Howard Clemens will be members of the council. Twenty-nine boys are listed for work in the various clubs, and ten boys are listed for work in Taylorville. Professor R. A. Butchner is already carrying out work for the Boy Scouts in Bhul and Romulus communities, and the organization of the Boy Scouts and Work Clubs has been completed in Romulus. [280]

On the fourteenth birthday of the Boy Scouts the presented presents to those organizations that had been instrumental in the growth of Scouting in Tuscaloosa. On February 13th the Tuscaloosa Boy Scouts presented the Kiwanis Club with a Mountain Laurel gavel made by the scouts. Presidents of the Exchange Club, the Lions Club, and the Pilots Club were also given the same gift. The Rotary Club, given the number of times it has expressed its special friendship with the council, was given 60 paper knives created out of Mountain Laurel. Both the knives and gavel have been carefully carved by the scouts in appreciation of the favors given to them by the Rotary club.

At Brilliant, Alabama anew troop of 15 members was organized. Ralph Hines was chosen Scoutmaster. On February 15th at 7:30pm all scouts and scouters are invited to the First Presbyterian church as the the members of Troop 2 will conduct a vestiture service. [281]

On March 6th E. R. Sapp returned from Walker County to report on the interest Walker County has in scouting. The campaign committee head reports that over one-third of the require funds have been raised by Walker county even before the fundraising

campaign has begun. The Masonic Lodge at Dora appointed a boys work committee and instructed the committee to organize a Boy Scout troop. This was done and 16 Charger Members are now being led by Dr. B. C. Crow, Scoutmaster. In Cordova, a troop was formed with only boys with police records eligible to participate. Records will be kept to show the accomplishments of the troop and to prove the value of Scouting. In Kansas, Waker County, Alabama, every boy in the community is a boy Scout. The troop has hiked a distance of three miles into the surrounding countryside to organize a special patrol at Galloway. [282]

On March 18th fifty or more Tuscaloosa Boy Scouts, as well as their parents, heard James E. West give a radio address on the Educational Side of Scouting. The address was broadcast from Philadelphia with the Elebash Electric Company managing the event for the Tuscaloosa Scouts. In the address Mr. West emphasized the part scouting plays the educational system, and pointed out that approximately 50 percent of people graduating from American colleges are those who have had Scouting experience. [283]

The Boy Scouts of Walker County held a field day on Saturday, March 29th at Walker County High School to hold their annual county-wide basketball game. The scoutmasters of Walker County's 550 scouts were each sent a personal letter about attending the field day. The President of the Black Warrior Council was in attendance to see the parade through the business section of Jasper. During the field day George O'Rear of Troop 4 (Jasper) had the highest individual score. He was awarded a free

week of camping at Herrin's Lake. Robert Argo - the first Eagle Scout in Walker County - was awarded his Eagle Badge during the field day. A basketball tournament was held and the Dora Scouts won first place in the Senior division, followed by the Troop 4 Jasper scouts. The Carbon Hill scouts won first place in the Junior division followed by Troop 2 of Jasper second. The event was attended by the Girl Scouts and other visitors, and a mammoth pot of chili con carne as well as other choice oats were freely dispensed by scout officials at noon. ^{[284][285][719]}

The Executive Committee of the Boy Scouts of Walker County (a part of the Black Warrior Council) will be holding a fundraising drive April 28th and 29th. The goal is to raise \$5000.00 (\$73,071 in 2017 dollars). Mr. W. D. Leake was selected as the Chairman of the Fundraising drive. Of the funds raised, \$1000 (\$14,614) is earmarked for improvements at Camp O'Rear and the balance will be used to fund the employment of a Scout Executive of Walker County, as well as the necessary assistants and expenses that may entail given that as of January 1, 1924 Walker County has 550 scouts in twenty-seven troops while Tuscaloosa County has 350 scouts. ^{[286][287][288][289]}

The Health and Sanitation Committee of the Chamber of Commerce met on March 8th at 5:00pm to plan a clean-up campaign for the city of Tuscaloosa. The Junior Chamber of Commerce decided to offer \$30 (\$428 in 2017 dollars) in prizes to the Boy Scouts and to place the matter of cleaning up the city largely in their hand. The cleaning campaign will begin the week of May 18th. An effort will be made to show slides of the

clean-up at the local picture-shows, and merchants will be asked to advertise the clean-up and paint-up materials, and speakers will be sent to the various luncheon clubs. [290][291]

On May 20th the Black Warrior Council announced the summer camps that will be held at Camp Horne, the Boy Scout's camp on Herrin's Lake. The summer camp program will begin June 9 and end September 3. Willie Halton, the first Eagle Scout in Arkansas, volunteered his services as Camp Director for the camp season. Other volunteers include King Foster of Troop 13 is to be the camp adjutant, Gene Baker of Troop 13 will be in charge of all camp records, as well as bird study and other merit badges. Gene Peterson of Troop 2 will be the camp bugler and in charge of the mess hall. Jack McGuire will be in charge of inspection and of policing the camp. [292]

The Executive Council for the Black Warrior Council met on June 2 to discuss the resignation tendered by E. R. Sapp a few days ago. The committee succeeded in inducing Mr. Sapp to remain in Tuscaloosa in spite of a flattering offer from Winchester Kentucky to take charge of the scout district in that area. Other discussions were held on the negotiations of the withdrawal of Walker County from the Black Warrior district to form their own district. The negotiations are not complete and final disposition of the matter was not made at this meeting. Also discussed was the issuance of permits for non-Scouts to make use of Camp Horne on Herrin's Lake when not being used by the scouts. Saul Smith was named Chairman of a committee which will issue all permits. [293]

Beginning June 7th at City National Bank, every Saturday will be Boy Scout Day. A uniformed scout will be placed in charge of a special Boy Scout window for a contest.

Every scout opening a savings account with City National Bank with a deposit of \$2 (\$29) or more will be loaded a leather covered Boy Scout bank book and will be given three months' subscription to Boys Life. Prizes will be given to both troops and individuals. First prize in the troop contest is a radio set; second prize is an Indian totem pole, and third prize is a parade flag. The troop having the highest percentage of saving accounts at the end of June 14th will be given a US parade flag standard. Prizes will be given to individuals each quarter. At the end of the first quarter first prize will be a seven-jewel watch; second prize is a French bugle, and third prize is a scout knife. [294]

An anti-mosquito campaign will be conducted by the various troops in Tuscaloosa starting June 13th in order to combat smallpox. Efforts to combat the mosquitos is dependent on the cooperation of the public at large. Total number of vaccinations since three new cases were reported were 7,449. [295]

Troop 3 spent Friday night, June 13th at Stallworth's Lake hunting along the trail and surrounding area for treasure. The "treasure" - a piece of paper that said "Drinks for All" - was found by For McCraw. After the hunt the troop went swimming until approximately 10:00pm. The trip was lead by Scoutmaster Lindsley, Assistant Scoutmaster Smith, and Mr. Stallworth. [296] During the Tuscaloosa "Clean Up Week" Troop 8 of the First United Methodist Church won all of the second and third place prizes offered by the contest. Norville Chatfield and Dexter Hulsart won the second place prizes while James Waddell won third. During their last meeting the troop decided to hold one wienie roast and one hike each month, and most of the troop members will be

attending the Boy Scout camps at Camp Horne during the summer. B. P. A. Hine is the scoutmaster of Troop 8, Mr. Fisher is the assistant Scoutmaster, Henry L. Lyon the senior patrol leader, and James Waddell and Norville Chatfield are patrol leaders. Charter members of Troop 8 are Donald Ellis, Harold Schweitzer, Hugh Levin Cox, Louis M. Comer, Dexter Hulsart, George Little, Winston Carpenter, Jack Fincher, Thomas Ozment, Joesph Holmes, and Billy Howell. Junior Scouts in Troop 8 include Ed Allen, Eugene Bowman, George Corr, Bernard Poison, Theodor Lowery, and Kit Jackson. ^[297]

Around June 15th the first real work in reforestation began at Camp Horne under the supervision of H. L. Vail (US Engineering Department, former Pennsylvania Department of Forestry.) The first step in the reforestation program has been established at Camp Horne. This is a small nursery for the prorogation of trees to be transplanted later. The nursery is currently a seed bed but it is expected to supply between 8,000 and 10,000 trees for later transplanting. Tress being planted are Norway Spruce, European Larch, White Pine, Red Pine, and Scotch Pine. All Scouts currently attending camp took part in the planting of the first nursery trees, and it is hoped that other Alabama Boy Scouts will follow this lead. ^[298]

On Friday June 13th Mr. Ed R. Sapp resigned at the meeting of the Walker County Council. At that same meeting it was unanimously decided by the member off the Council to completely divorce Walker County from all other counties in the Black Warrior Council and to form a separate Walker County council. At this meeting Mr. Fred Neilson, President of the Black Warrior Council, agreed that the beautiful campsite

donated by Captain Rufus A. O'Rear to the Black Warrior Council be passed to the new Walker County Council. Mr. W. B. Pickard of Cordova was elected Walker Council Scout Council President, and Mr. Jason Nieqi of Carbon Hill was elected one of the Vice-Presidents. Mr. H. K. Barr of Jasper was selected as the first Scout Executive for the Walker County District. The council is also making an attempt to Assistant Scout Executive Toppings of Jefferson County. The upcoming Scout Camp at Camp O'Rear (July 7 to July 17) will be held by Mr. Barr for the Boy Scouts of Walker county. During this camp the Rotary and Kiwanis Clubs of Jaspers will dine at the camp. A new Camp House has been erected and other buildings have been made ready for the camp. Boys will arrive at the Methodist Church at 10:00am with the following articles: Lunch for Monday, one pair of blankets, change of underwear, a comb and brush, a tooth brush, soap and towels, a Bible and another good book to read. The cost of the camp is \$5.00 (\$71.43 in 2017 dollars) per Scout. ^[299]^[300]^[301]

The Cub Wolf camp for the Black Warrior Council scouts will be held at the camp of the Boy Scouts at Herrin's Lake on June 25. Cub Wolves met with R. J. Seeger at the First Presbyterian Church at 3;00pm. This camp is beginning just after a general camp ended. Between July 3 and July 10 the camp will be used by Tuscaloosians who get permits to use the camp from Saul Smith. The Pilot camp will be gin July 10 and will be followed by a big general Scout Camp on July 13. The cook who presided over the camp kitchen last year has been secured and will replace the cook who started this yeas camps. A new troop was organized at Aliceville and is expected to attend camp. ^[302]^[303]

On June 23rd Major Page S. Bunker, a state forester, visited Camp Horne. He was impressed with the forestry conservation, fire protection sentiment, and work being done at camp. Given the work done, Camp Horne may secure one of five steel look-out towers which are being erected all over the state in the new program of forest protection. A forest ranger may be stationed at camp to cover this section to encourage conservation and guard against forest fires. ^[304]

On July 3 the American Legion began their annual convention in Tuscaloosa. Boy Scouts from the Black Warrior Council are aiding the committees of the Tuscaloosa post of the American Legion in receiving visitors and in assigning them to hotels and rooms. ^[305] After a speech by Judge Bernard Harwood, the Kiwanians club gave \$100 (\$1,429 in 2017 dollars) towards a proposed \$220 (\$3,143) for furniture for the museum at Camp Horne. The Kiwanis club also plans in giving \$1,100 (\$15,715) more for the building of a permanent museum at camp. ^[306]

The girls of the Home Demonstration Clubs of Tuscaloosa County were planning on having a camp at Camp Horne on July 21 to July 28. It is expected that several experts will attend camp as instructors including Miss Dora F. Sonacrian (state nutritional specialist) and Miss Josephine Eddy (state clothing specialist). The girls in attendance will be divided into teams and will work for points towards the winning of prizes. However due to other issues the date of the camp had to be moved from July 21st to August 21st to August 28th. A tentative program has been prepared for the Demonstration Club's six day camp. Activities include:

6:00am - Reveille
6:15am - exercise / swim.
7:00am - breakfast
7:45am - inspection that includes both the cabins, grounds, and girls.
9:00am - 11:15am - school will be conducted,
11:15am - swim period.
12:30pm - dinner and a short rest period.
2:00pm - 5:00pm - hikes, games, recreation or school
5:00pm - 6:30pm - Swim period.
6:30pm - Supper
7:00pm - 8:00pm - games
8:00pm - Campfire
9:30pm - Taps

Certificates will be awarded for this season's work to those who qualify on the last day at Camp Horne. [307][308][309]

Eighteen Boy Scouts began taking a school census on July 8th. The work will take a week and the completed census is expected to show Tuscaloosa with approximately 5,000 students. A similar census is taken every two years. Last year the work of the Boy Scout in taking a census resulted in the numbering of approximately 1,000 school children in the sections covered. [310] On July 10th the Court of Honor for the Tuscaloosa boy Scout Organization met. Harold Rogers obtained the rank of Star Scout, and many badges for public service were given out. Badges denoting 25 hours of public service were given out to Walter Dumas (Troop 5), Hugh Levencox (Troop 8), and Charles Beauchamp (Troop3). Badges denoting 50 hours of service were given out to Norville Chatfield (Troop 8), Walter Dumas (Troop 5), Henry Miss (Troop 5), Bernard Rosenbush (Troop 5), and Charles Beauchamp (Troop 3). Leon Simpson (Troop 2) was given a badge denoting 100 hours of public service. [311]

Sunday, July 13th the Boy scout will begin. The current average last year was 135 scouts per week. This yer the goal for the season is to have 400 scouts averaged per week. This goal is expected to be attained by the camping of the boys of the country (agricultural club, and Boy Scouts). ^[312] On June 10th Troop 3 spent an evening at Stallworth's Lake with Troop Committeemen A. E. Hughes, J. E. Bailey, Scout Executive E. R. Sapp, and James Billings, a representative of City National Bank. After a 30 minute swim Mr. Sapp spoke on Better Things in Living. James Billings talked for three minutes after Mr. Sapp's lecture. City National Bank, while not making a formal presentation, offered the flag to the troop for inspection. Later the flag will be presented formally to the troop and proper recognition will be given to the donors as well as the Scouts who have earned the right to trade the highest-priced flag in Tuscaloosa. ^[313]

County Agent R. C. Lett, Scout Executive E. r. Sapp, B. R. Holstun (special agriculture agent for First National Bank), and J. Steve Yerby (president of the Tuscaloosa County Farm Bureau) began a series of meeting on July 16th with the Boy Scouts and county for the purpose of talking over with the boys the different agriculture projects and Boy Scouts. In parts of the community there has been active mingling of the members of the agriculture club and the boy scouts. In other communities there is interest in these two groups working together. Special efforts are being made to have the fathers of the boys to attend. Films will be taken to various parts of the county showing the work of the Agriculture club. Motion pictures will be seen on the following schedule: Wednesday - Coaling and Vance; Cottondale; Friday - Samantha, Gorgas; Saturday - Coker and Romulus; Monday - Echols, Buhl; Tuesday - Ralph; and Wednesday -

Taylorville. ^[314] During this time letters telling of the upcoming Girls Home Demonstration campout at Camp Horn are also being sent out by Miss Isadora Williams, the county home demonstration agent. Approximately 125 of the girls will qualify to come to camp. ^[315]

Sixty-five Kiwanians and guest visited Camp Horne yesterday afternoon and enjoyed a fine fish fry, and shared a program with the Boy Scouts. The feature of the occasion was a host address by J. A. Anderson concerning the museum of Natural History the Kiwanis club is building in camp. Scout E. R. Sapp spoke briefly on the subject of conversation of natural resources. ^[316]

Country Agent R. C. Lett, B. R. Holstun (special agriculture agent of the First National Bank), J. S. Yerby (president of the Tuscaloosa County Farm Bureau), and E. R. Sapp (Boy Scout Executive for the Black Warrior District) visited Cottdale for a meeting of Boy Scout boys, boys' farm club members, and their fathers. The meeting took place at 7:30pm at the Cottdale school house. The meeting was to discuss the work of the various groups and of perhaps a program to combine the two groups. The camp will be conducted at Camp Horne for the scouts and the boys. A similar meeting is scheduled for Samantha at 4:00pm and at Gorgas at 7:30pm. At the meeting 15 of the club boys stated that they would attend the camp at Camp Horne. Three men - parents of the boys- have announced their intention of going to camp. Meeting were held on July 19th at Romulus, as well as meetings at Echola at 4:30pm and Bush at 7:30pm. On the 22nd a meeting will be held at Ralph at 7:30pm. ^{[317][318][320][322]}

The big general camp for the Boy Scouts ended at Camp Horne on July 21st. Ed Foster was elected by the campers as the best camper at the camp. A record is being kept of "Best Campers" at each camp. Their names will be recorded on the mantel over the fireplace in Rotary Hall, the camp dining hall. As the scout left camp, approximately 60 of the Sunday School Girls began camp until next Monday morning. Each church in Tuscaloosa was allowed its own cabin (Baptist, Presbyterian, Methodist, etc) and each had their own program for their girls. [319][321]

As of July 23 an annual of the Agriculture Boys and Boy Scouts was planned or for August 4th to August 9th. Efforts were made to get a least one father from every community to attend the camp and the boys have been asked to have their fathers attend. Campers will meet at the Chamber of Commerce building before 8:00am and will go from there to camp. Prior to camp starting over 46 Agriculture Club members and Boy Scouts, together with four of their fathers and brothers, had signed up for the camp. Bedding and baggage accompanied the scouts to camp loaded in various cars and trucks. Camp was loaded by the Boy Scouts to the Agricultural Club Boys and the county Boy Scouts. The campers gathered in Rotary Hall around noon for their first meal of the camp, and it was found that 80 boys and fathers were attending camp.

The State Extension Department informed the camp that three more pictures shows would be sent to camp. Those shows were "The Original Tooth Carpenter", "He Loves The Ladies" (both comedies), and "Back of the Button" - an industrial picture prepared in co-operation with Alabama Power. Other pictures are being donated by the

University of Alabama. Those in attendance will be taught Scout craft, swimming, poultry raising, orchard culture, dairying, and the raising of field crops. Letters were mailed prior to August 4th to encourage them to attend. One treat has been assured in that Collier Foster, president of the Perry Creamery Company, stated that he would come out and personally assure that one night during camp the boys at Camp Horne would have all they want to eat. On July 26th the Lions club voted to have their annual assembly at Camp Horne. The purpose of having the assembly at camp was to serve the campers one good meal. That meal happened on Thursday, August 9th when the Lions club, friends, and family journeyed to Camp Horne for a fish fry. Over 100 pounds of fresh fish was fried and served under the direction of the Scout Executive E. R. Sapp. Dessert consisted of ice cold watermelons. A game of old-fashioned Town Hall was played in which everyone (including the ladies) participated. Many enjoyed swimming and the stunts performed at camp. The Lions left camp at approximately 3:00pm. Boys Scouts from York and Aliceville were attending the camp. [323][324][325][326][327][328][329][331][332]

At the July 25th meeting of Troop 8 the troop planned their banquet on the second Friday in August. All boys 12 years of age or over who want to join th troop are urged to attend. The banquet will be held at First United Methodist Church at 7:30pm. Senior Patrol Leader Henry L. Lyon will talk on the “Value of Scouting.” [348]

A special meeting of the Junior Chamber of Commerce was discussed by the chamber, and it was suggested by R. C. Lett that the camp be visited on August 20th so the entire junior chamber enjoy a fish fry with the Boy Scouts. [330]

From August 22 to August 28 the camp of the Home Demonstration Girls of the county will be held at Camp Horne under the auspices of the Alabama Council of Christian Education. This organization is a successor of the Alabama Sunday School Association. The camp will be in charge of Miss Isadore Williams. Girls attending will be able to invite family members to attend and bring full baskets for a basket dinner. The program for the week will include one day of health work, and periods devoted to basketry, swimming, hiking, games, and movies. There will be one chaperone per every 7 girls attending camp. ^[333] During the camp the Tuscaloosa Civian Club will provide fish for a fish-fry at Camp Horne during the opening day (August 22). ^{[334][336]} Currently over 100 people have registered for the Fish Fry at Camp Horne. In addition to the fish fry there will be a big basket dinner and all who attend have been requested to bring picnic baskets. The baskets are to be packed as neatly as possible without dishes and will be taken to Rotary hall at Camp Horne. There will also be a "Ladies Night" combined with the fish fry. The program for the Ladies night consist of "Irvin S. Cobb" doing humorous speaking, the "Queen of Sheba" is to do a Hula dance (credit to the Shredded Wheat Company for the costume), and so forth. Ms. Helen McGiffert (senior high school mathematical department) and Katherine Fracker (UA) will be the recreational leaders. They will be assisted by Anne Horton, Maxwell Brothers wholesale grocery secretary. Two trained nurses will be at camp during their session. Certificates were granted to girls from Romulus, Buhl, Coker, Sylvan, Duncanville, Taylorville, Vance, and the Hargrove road communities. ^{[337][338][339][341][342][344]}

Troop 2 welcomed Mr. Bear - their new Scoutmaster - on August 15th. He is replacing R. J. Seeger who left last Monday to be a Scout Executive for the Huntsville Alabama district. Sixteen members were present at the Friday meeting and the night was devoted to instructions in quick methods of knot tying, different drill formations, and some snappy "sitting-up" exercise and games. [335]

As an appreciation on the part of the the Boy Scout for the gift from the Red Cross of grappling hooks and life saving buoys for Camp Horne has been expressed by E. R. Sapp in a letter to the Red Cross headquarters. The gift was made by the Junior Red Cross who also donated life saving buoys to Stallworth's Lake. Mr Sapp's letter also stated that "We had to use the equipment last week when a boat load of girls capsized and three of them could not swim. Possibly the Junior Red Cross was the means of saving a life in this one instance." [340] On August 24th Troop 8 was to hold a watermelon cutting. However that was postponed as Scoutmaster B. P. Hines and Assistant Scoutmaster Fisher was out of town. The meeting was presided over by Senior Patrol Leader Henry L. Lyon. At that time a decision was made to postpone the cutting until the Scoutmaster and his assistant were back in town. [343] Around this time the State Forester - Page S. Bunker - praised the work done by the Boy Scouts of Tuscaloosa on their reforestation efforts. "The Boy Scouts of America Have a very high rating as effective agents in furthering reforestation of the so-call waste lands of the state. A conspicuous instance of constructive work along this line is furnished by the activities of the Boy Scouts of Tuscaloosa county under the direction of the Black Warrior Council and E. R. Sapp, Scout Executive. In this county more than 700 Boy Scouts have taken up the work of

reforestation in a vigorous manner. Twelve county units have been organized for protection against forest fires and other basic forestry work. The Scouts have established a nursery of forest trees with the assistance of L. H. Vail who was formerly a professional forester. A planting project is also well under way. The commission of forestry is planning to extend state cooperation to the scouts on a substantial scale.”^[345] Scouts were also commended upon their activity at the Tuscaloosa Lumber Company fire. They observed negroes using rags to smother smoldering embers and, following their example, climbed on top of box cars which were standing near the fire, putting out sparks which may have caused more damage in the loss of rail cars.^[346]

At the August 24th meeting of the Rotary Club the main feature of the program was a talk by Page S. Bunker, state forester of Alabama. Talks were also made by G. B. Fisher, the Boy Scout Mosquito Inspector for the State Health Department. Mr. Fisher gave a short talk on mosquito control in the state and spoke highly of the work along this line that has been done (and is being done) in Tuscaloosa, and of the aid with Boy Scouts here are giving in the work.^[349]

In June a contest was launched by the City National Bank on the subject of “A Scout is Thrifty.” The contest is running for one year with going given to individual scouts for each doll earned and deposited in the bank. Points are also given to troops for each account of a member of the troop and for each new account secured by a member of the troop. On September 5th the the winners of the first period of the contest - from June 7 to September 1st - were Webster Manderson, Harold Schweitzer, and Harold Gibson.

Webster Manderson won first place and received a seven-jewel watch. Harold Schweitzer came in second and was awarded a French bugle, and Harold Gibson received the third prize of a scout knife. Prized will be awarded every three months until the contest is over. ^[350] On September 7th the monthly bulletin "The Club and Scout Reminder" was issued for the month of September to both farm club boys and Boy Scouts by R. C. Lett. The newsletter complemented the way in which the farm club boys shows up at Camp Horne, and included was a call for each community in the county to have a Boy Scout troop. ^[351] Also on that day Scoutmaster Butler P. A. Hine of Troop 8 is preparing for an exceptionally good winter's work in Scouting with the assistance of Mr. Songbird and Mr. Boutwell. The troop left on September 6 for Camp Horne where they will spend a week outdoors engaging in all sorts of scout activities. During the past week 25 boys were present at the scout meeting. ^[352]

On September 26th at the regular meeting of Troop 3 the troop issued a challenge to any temp of Boy Scouts in the Black Warrior or Birmingham Area Councils for a football game, as long as no "professionals" were entered as part of a temp. Members of the Troop 3 football team are: Wayne Ingram (captain, fullback), Henry Ryan (center), M. L. Ward, Jr (right guard), "Buck" Hughes (left guard), For McCraw (right tackle), Albert Hughes (left tackle), L. E. McCraw (right end), Mac Hamby (left end), Harold Downing (quarterback), Horace Hughes (left and right halfback). Andy McLeod was named manager and Charles Beauchamp assistant manager. Troop teams wishing to compete with Troop 3 are asked to call the manager or assistant manager, or telephone 926, 736, or 1475. ^[353]

On October 2nd Troop 8 had its regular meeting attended by a large number of members and two new scouts. The meeting began with the Scout Oath, then old and new business was discussed. Dues of \$0.45 (\$6.43 in 2017 dollars) were collected and Jimmy Bone turned in the best "Good Turn" for the week. Dr. O'Rear also gave an interesting talk to the scouts. ^[354] The Tuscaloosa County Fair will be held October 28th thru the 31st. The Boy Scouts, under the direction of Scout Executive E. R. Sapp, will be in charge of erecting of booths, exhibits, and stalls for the exhibit of live stock. A committee named by the general Fair committee will have charge of erecting tents. Plans are being made to have lumber of rite booths on the ground so the tBoy Scouts lose no time when the tents are ready for installation of booths. The County Fair will be held on the old capital grounds. ^[355]

On October 17 Troop 3 went to Birmingham for a football game against Troop 40. Their new Scoutmaster - A. L. Lindsley - allowed the boys to travel to Birmingham to play the game. A hard fought battle is expected. ^[356] On October 19th Troop 8 (First United Methodist Church) met and reorganized patrols and elected new patrol leaders. New patrol leaders selected are Withers Birdsong, Norval Chatfield, and Comer Harmon. It is hoped that there will be enough new members to form another patrol. The Junior Scouts also requested to meet in Mr. B. P. A. Hines' Sunday School room Sunday at 2:00pm. ^[357] Also that Sunday the Busy Men's Bible Class was turned over to the troop (which the class sponsors) and the program was carried out in such a manner that the troop received high praise of the Bible class. ^[358]

On November 8th the Boy Scouts assisted in parking cars. The cars were parked in the most orderly manner that the University has ever seen despite that the large crowd of Tuscaloosians, students, and visitors. "We're in the movies now." shouted one youngster as a squad of scouts climbed to the top row of the bleachers and cheered and waved while a movie man turned the crank. Various items were also found by the scouts. This included three silk umbrellas, a gold watch, a fountain pen, two lost children, and a quart of whiskey. The whiskey was apprehended by the police, but the rest of the items were returned to their rightful owners. ^[359] On November 9th the scouts of Troop 2 left for the Moody plantation after their regular meeting. They were met by a guide with dogs, and the party succeeded in treeing three coons....or the same coon three times. It was enabled to demonstrate its members abilities as woodsmen when they used a cross-cut saw in felling a large tree, but the coon got away. The scouts returned to their homes a midnight. ^[360] Troop 8 did not hold their scheduled meeting in respect to the Williams family following the loss of a son and brother. The troop plans a full attendance next Thursday night to dispose of the large amount of work that has accumulated. ^[361]

On Thursday, November 13th a new troop was organized at Carrollton. This was carrying out a new plan of organization which had been adopted by the training committee of the Black Warrior District of the Boy Scouts. The plan calls for intensive training and, after they have become trained, the membership in the troop will be enlarged by the election of other members. The trained Scouts will become Patrol Leaders and other executives. The Scoutmaster will be George Mayerhoff assisted by Dr. Foster, the Presbyterian minister. The troop has paid for its share for district supervision

and will enter actively into the work of the Black Warrior District with the supervision from the local district headquarters. Marvil, in Bibb County, has asked that a troop of Scouts be organized there and the Bibb County become an active part of the Black Warrior District. Representatives from the Black Warrior District headquarters have been asked in the organization of the work there. [362]

On November 18th a meeting was held in the office the Probate Judge of Pickens County discussing the benefits of starting a scout troop in Carrollton under the regulations of the Boy Scouts of America. Mr. A. H. Dabbs was elected chairman of the advisory committee. He immediately appointed the following members to the advisory committee: Mayor W. W. Beasley, County Agent F. A. Rew, town clerk T. W. Parker, barber R. M. Alexander, and bank cashier M. Johnson. Mr George Mayerhoff (county engineer) was unanimously elected Scoutmaster with Coach McCrory as Assistant Scoutmaster. A Junior Scout Boyd will also be organized for smaller boys but nothing has been done at this time for them. [507]

Troop 8 had its regular meeting on Thursday, November 20 with a large attendance. The next week's meeting was postponed as it fell on Thanksgiving Day. Three new troop members were accepted. the Rev. Mr. Percell, the new minister for the First United Methodist Church, spoke briefly to the troop. James Waddell turned in the best good turn. After the meeting the Scouts were drilled on the street by Senior Patrol Leader Henry L. Lyon. [363]

On November 21 a new troop of Boy Scouts was organized at Elrod. R. W. Camp is Scoutmaster and J. H. Beskow is assistant Scoutmaster. IT was organized along the lines of the new plan adopted in the district which calls for the training of leaders first to the rank of Second-Class Scouts, following which new members are accepted. Also, Professor E. M. Speed of Kellerman is interested in organizing a troop of Scouts at that place. Hopefully this will be done in the near future. [364]

At Troop 2's regularly November 30th meeting the matter of the Father and Son's banquet - sponsored by the Civilian Club and put on for the benefit of the Scout movement in the district - was discussed. Stanley Harris, Regional Executive of Region Five, also spoke with the boys. Professor Adams of the University gave a presentation of the workings of the universe, touching on astronomy and geology. The troop welcomed new members who passed their Tenderfoot awards. [366]

Starting at 2:00pm on December 2nd a training school for Scout leadership will be held in Tuscaloosa. The school will continue until 10:00pm December 3rd. The school will be held by Stanley Harris of Chattanooga, Tennessee - the Regional Executive for the Fifth Region of the Boy Scouts. Mr. Harris will bring a number of specialists to help with the school. Scoutmasters, Assistant Scoutmasters, teachers of Sunday School classes, troop committee men, and all interested in the young men of Tuscaloosa are invited to attend. The school will follow the lines of boy psychology, the technique of scouting, how the boy is held in the church through Scouting, and the establishment of an honor system in the boy. There will also be troop demonstrations. [365]

On December 2nd plans were made for 300 people to show up for the Fathers and Sons Banquet at the University of Alabama gymnasium at 8:00pm. The event was hosted by the Tuscaloosa Civitans and is believed that all civic organizations and luncheon clubs will participate in the banquet. Of the 300 seats planned, 230 fathers and sons attended the banquet. Plates were prepared and served by Boy Scouts under the supervision of Scout Executive E. R. Sapp. Stanley Harris, the Region Five Scout Executive, was the principal speaker at the banquet. Declaring each boy an individual puzzle harder to solve than a cross-word puzzle, the regional executive appealed to the boys present to have faith in their fathers. "The confidence of a son means much to a father, and the faith of a son is bound to vie a father higher ideals. Few boys realize how much their faith in their father means." Mr. Harris said. He also spoke to the fathers, saying "boys can be fed so much bacon that their souls grow rind. Shady deals reported and gloated over at home will not make the son a right kind of business man. Scouting is trying to make boys trustworthy in business as well as in the stories they tell their mothers. What respect do you expect your son to have for the law if you mix cocktails at home?" Relative to Honor law violations the speaker said "Those in a social way our best citizens are the greatest offenders, in my opinion." Mr. Harris further stated that "...affection is just as important to the growing boy as food and air, and even the boy of 14 or 15 years like and needs to be loved." The speaker then demanded to know how many of his audience had studied to place in the reach of the boy the type of literature he needs. "There are many things the boy should know very young, for at the age of 9, 10, and 11 life habits are

largely formed.” Mr. Harris concluded with a plea for companionship between fathers and sons.

Henry Lyons represented the Boy Scout organization in welcoming the guests at the banquet. “Scouting” he declared “is a man-making machine for the boy started right will mane a man.” He asked those present to take scouting to their sons and their neighbor’s sons. Mr. Dodson appealed that fathers present make the boys interest their interest to the elimination of some business interests until the matter of the boys interests have been attended to. “A heritage of character” he insisted “is by far a greater heritage than one of gold and silver. Judge Brown spoke next, followed by the Rev. Dr. Percell, paster of the First Methodist church. He declared that he had learned more in twelve months during which he acted as Scoutmaster than he had learned in any school he had ever attended. Professor Master concluded the program by expressing his appreciation for the work done by the Civitan and other civic clubs in helping the Scout organizations. At the end E. R. Sapp announced the Scoutmaster’s school starting tomorrow at 9:00am, and inviting all interested to attend. ^{[366][367][369]}

On December 3rd the Scoutmaster’s school began at 9:00pm at the Scout headquarters of the Black Warrior District (Chamber of Commerce building). This school is being attended by Scoutmasters, teachers of boy’s classes, and other person interested in Scout work. ^[368]

On December 5th Scout Troop No. 2 met at its regular and had the largest attendance in some time. Four new members were given their tenderfoot test by Mr.

Wallace, assistant Scoutmaster. After the roll call and business meeting, a demonstration in tracking was given to the troop by laying sand upon the floor. The problem of the good Samaritan was executed upon the sand in secret, and the boys did remarkably well in working out the details. Patrol Leader Maloney took charge of an imaginary trip through the mountains, laying signs upon the sand and leading the party through an interesting trip, thus giving the younger members of the troop an excellent demonstration of Scout signs and their meanings. Plans are being made and actors selected to put on a one-act play by the troop the Friday night before Christmas. Practice will start Monday, and a Scout demonstration will be worked out at the same time. [370]

The annual election of officers for the Black Warrior District was held on December 16th. Torrey Jemison, credit manager for the Allen Jemison Company, was elected President of the District to succeed Fred Neilson. The three Vice-Presidents named were Same Wiesel, Fred Neilson, and Bruce Shelton. J. A. Duckworth was named Commissioner. Oscar Dah, commissioner and Chairman of the Court of Honor was named Deputy Commissioner of Honor. Albert Lindsley was named Deputy Commissioner in charge of the troops of the Baptist church, and C. C. Simpson was chosen Deputy Commissioner in charge of Advertising. Frank Daniels was named Treasurer, and E. R. Sapp was re-elected Scout Executive for the Black Warrior District. [371]

On December 19th a new troop of Scouts was organized in Gordo according to Scout Executive Sapp, and the foundation was laid for new troops in Reform. Reform decided that they will come under the jurisdiction of the Black Warrior council and will

pay \$200 (\$2,923 in 2017 dollars) a year to the council as its share of headquarter expenses. ^[372] A Christmas camp open to all Boy Scouts will begin on December 26 to noon, December 30th at Camp Horne. The camp will utilize the Christmas holidays in offering Scouts a chance for an outing in the winter season. Special work will be taken up during camp will be knife work and archery. ^{[372][373]} After the camp a number of Scouts took a pilgrimage in two or three automobiles to the “80 Acres of Rock” four miles beyond Vance. Hinton Clabaugh of Chicago accompanied the local Scouts as a special guest. He is a member of a Chicago troop and has been spending the Christmas Holidays in Tuscaloosa. ^[373]

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January 5, 1925 saw the Black Warrior Council begin the organization or re-organization of Tuscaloosa county troops. Boy Scout work in the county will have a new basis and each troop will be visited by workers each month. It is thought that more interested will be taken in the troop with closer supervision. ^[374] On December 16, 1924 Torrey Jemison was elected as President of the Black Warrior Council to succeed Fred Neilson. However on January 8th he submitted his resignation letter as he currently held a position of Treasurer of the Community Chest, and that a beneficiary of the Chest is not entitled to be represented by any of its executives on the directorate. Mr. Jemison wrote to the Black Warrior Council expressing his profound regret's that he is unable to accept the election as president of the organization. As a result, a meeting of the executive committee will be called by President Fred Neilson in the next few days to select a new President. ^[375]

On January 13, 1925 the 1924 annual report was given. The Black Warrior Council climbed out of a \$2,679.58 (\$37,481.35 in 2017 dollars) in indebtedness to a point where the council had \$174 (\$2,447) in the bank, underwent some reorganization and considerable expansion, and provide trained leaders for 1,033 scouts. Full credit for the financial success of the council is accredited to Fred Neilson, the retiring president of the Black Warrior district council. During the year of 1924 the council faced with two problems. After relations with Walker County Scouts was severed on June 13th, a ruling was adopted in the Black Warrior district that scouting work would be extended to any

communities which were willing to bear the overhead expense of the Council Executive while he was working in that section. The approximately cost of troop supervision was arrived at, and work was extended to Greene, Hale, Bibb, and Pickens counties. OF the counties Pickens County responded most readily, and at the present time there are three communities in that county that pledged to start a scout troop, and a fourth community is being organized. Through th eEducational Committee the ideas of Scouting were brought to more than 25,000 people throughout the Black Warrior District. A total of 571 scouts out of 705 registered active scouts attended camp. In addition, 325 girls spent one week or more at the camp, and 2,173 visitors took meals at camp. Eighty-four boys representing 14 communities attended the farm camp, The Presbyterian church, through the Men's Bible Class, has erected a log cabin worth \$600 (\$8,392). A cabin was also built by the Men's Bible class of the Monnish Memorial Baptist Church. A concrete spillway was substituted for the wooden spillway, and the dam itself was raised two more feet and concreted. Four sanitary toilets have been erased, the spring basin has been cleaned and fenced in, and a drainage trough has been put in place. (The sanitary engineer of the health department of the state gave the camp its highest possible rating. The Kiwanis club (Jim Anderson, chairman of the Museum committee) constructed a 120ft x 44ft log cabin with six large skylights to be used as a museum. ^[376]

On January 20th the Executive Council of the Black Warrior District met at the Chamber of Commerce building at 10:30am for the purpose of electing a new scout President. Torrey Jemison has been elected but was prevented from accepting the election results due to the fact he works as an official with the Community Chest and the

Boy Scouts are recipients from that group. They will also select a representative to attend the meeting of the National Council in New York in May. Given that the Southern Exposition will be held at the same time it is hoped the local council will be represented for the first time at the National council meeting. [377]

On February 3rd at a meeting held at the Black Warrior headquarters, a Patrol Leaders' Association was organized. Harold Rogers (Troop 2 Senior Patrol Leader) was elected President, Winters Birdson (Troop 8 Senior Patrol Leader) was elected Vice-President, and Philip Davis (Troop 2) was named secretary. The meeting was attended by Scoutmasters Bear and Hind, and was also attended by Deputy Commissioner Lindsley who aided in the formation of the new organization. The organization is to aid and be a part of the new educational system which will be established in Scouting in the district this year. Real Scouts ideals are to be put in force in district this year and there will be a series of Scoutmaster and Patrol Leaders schools for the accomplishment of this training. There was also a community meeting held at the Hulls that was attended by approximately 100 people. The purpose of this meeting was the matter of establishing a troop of Scouts. The meeting voted against the establishment of the troop but some 12 boys were secured to take up Farm Club work. [378]

On Friday, February 6th the encampment of patrol leaders and assistant patrol leaders started. Leaders arrived from Carrolton, Aliceville, Reform, Gordo, Buhl, Gorgas, surrounding territories as well as from Tuscaloosa County. The scouts organized into troops and troop meetings took place, followed by a fellowship hour. Saturday's

schedule called for an early morning breakfast, a study of knots and their uses, first aid, a discussion of the “The Boy Who Makes A Good Football Player” by Wallace Wade (Director of Athletics at the University of Alabama), and a discussion on “Snakes” by Dr. Walter Jones. Chief Red Fox (of the Sioux Indians) discussed / demonstrated Indian woodcraft, and the Rev. Dr. Boyd spoke on “What is under your Hat.” and a investiture ceremony followed that night. Sunday morning Deputy Commissioner A. L. Lindsley will discuss “The Moral Side of Scouting” and the patrol leaders will be shown how to use a compass. J. A. Anderson will tell the Scouts about collections, and after lunch Gordon Palmer will discuss “Knowledge and Leadership.” [379]

On February 13th the Executive Board of the Black Warrior District met at 10:30am. The meeting was presided over by Fred Neilson. At the meeting the board heard and approved the January report of Scout Executive E. R. Sapp. Mr. Sapp’s report showed that three more troops had been organized with a total of 72 new scouts added. The total number of troops in the district is now 40, and the total number of scouts 1 797. Much of the new activity was reported in Pickens’ county. The report also touched on the recent patrol leaders’ school at Camp Horne, with 71 boys attending. Receipts from the camp show a net profit of \$2.00. The council was also shown to be operating within it’s budget, and the Scout Executive was authorized to mail a check to the National Scout headquarters for the renewal of the Black Warrior District’s charter. The Scout Executive was directed to not put on any form of entertainment given that the Community Chest drive would be happening at that time, and there should be nothing to take away from their efforts to raise funds. It was also reported that much work had been done by Scout

leaders in the Southeastern section of the county in furthering the state foresters program of the conservation of forests and the prevention of forest fires. Deputy Commissioner A. S. Lindsley made a strong appeal to the board in favor of the Council furnishing a truck in transporting boys from Tuscaloosa to camp and other points in the county. ^[380]

At the Friday, February 6th Patrol Leader's encampment it was agreed that the council would put out the first 2,100 trees, thus forming the first unit in the forest reservation at Camp Horne on February 21st. The trees, two years old and grown from cones, will be taken out of the Camp Horne nursery. Senior Patrol Leader Harold Gibson (Troop 5) has been delegated to secure the tools needed for planting. Former forester H. L. Vail will have charge of the planting. An archery club was also organized by the scouts with members making their own bows from wild lemon wood imported from Italy. Chief Red Fox will be here on March 3, 4, and 5 to supervise the making of the bows. ^[381]

Troop 1 (Kaul) was organized on February 20 with Jim Walden as Scoutmaster. On February 21st Tuscaloosa Troop 3 hosted Birmingham Troop 40 for a basketball game at the University gymnasium. After the game the troops may spend the night at Camp Horne. Also, Verner Robertson Jr presented the hide of the largest wildcat ever seen in this section. The cat was killed in the Duncanville community and will be mounted in the museum being established at Camp Horne. ^[382]

February 21st saw 14 Boy Scouts, working under the supervision of H. L. Vail (former forester) succeeded in setting out 2,100 trees at Camp Horne in spite of the rain.

This is the first work of its kind in Alabama, and the first Boy Scout Reforestation Projection in the entire Southern region. The trees were set six feet apart at the heads of gullies and ravines to prevent erosion. Troop 5 had the largest number of troop members present, and between the hours of 3:00pm and 4:00pm all scouts combined planted 1,100 trees. After this planting Camp Horne will have 3,600 trees that are two years old. Interest in the work has spread throughout Alabama and E. R. Sapp has received inquiries from scout organizations in Arkansas and Tennessee. Girrard Harris, editor of a leading Birmingham newspaper and author of a recently adopted text book on conservation, highly commended the local scouts on their work. The Birmingham Scout Executive has written for more information, as well as letters from around the state. The work will be carried out regularly at Camp Horne every other Saturday until 50,000 young trees have been planted. [383]

At the first March meeting Troop 3 Patrol Leaders and Assistant Patrol Leaders met in a special session on February 26th where Scoutmaster Albert L. Lindsley outlined the program of work for the coming year. The plans call for a reduction of patrols to six patrols, for full equipment for Scouting, for regular meetings, and for work in patrols. There are to be three Senior Patrol Leaders for the three divines of the troop, as well as patrol leaders to look after junior scouts. The headquarters for the troop will be ready within two or three weeks. At that time an "Opening Night" will be staged. Troop 3 won their games against Birmingham's Troop 40 from Avondale with a score of 14 to 9 for the first game and 21 to 4 for the second game. These games were played at the University

of Alabama gymnasium. Troop 3 voted to have a return game with Troop 40 in the future.

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On March 9th Council Executive E. R. Sapp announce that Chief Red Fox would return to Tuscaloosa and volunteer to be in charge of Camp Horne for its six weeks summer camp program. Mr. Sapp also announced that yesterday Chief Fox assisted him in organizing a new troop of Scouts in Moundville. The new Troop committee members are Dr. Griffin, Luther Owens, and Mr. Dominick. Mr. Draper, editor of the newspaper in Moundville, is Scoutmaster. Today Chief fox is in Eutaw and Livingston in an effort to bring troops in those cities under the supervision of the Black Warrior District. If successful those troops will pay their share to help with the council. Chief Red Fox is not being paid by the council. Indeed, he has rejected an offer of \$250 a week stating that he prefers to work with the Boy Scouts as part of doing a greater service to God and country. However Executive Sapp has arranged for a program to be held at the high school building in Tuscaloosa. For a small admission fee the audience will hear Chief Fox give the correct version of the Custer massacre and the battle of Wounded Knee. He will also dance the green corn dance, the ghost dance, the tribal dance of marriage, the buffalo dance, the war dance, and other Indian dances. He will also perform the Indian ceremony of naming a child and the ceremony of marriage. [385]

The Executive Board met on March 20th to discuss the summer camp program. The program agreed on goes from May 29th to September 13. The groups that will be using the camp as of now consists of:

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| 1. May 29 to June 5 | - Rangers (younger scouts) camp. |
| 2. June 5 to June 12 | - W.C.T.U Juniors |
| 3. June 12 to June 19 | - Girl Scouts |
| 4. June 19 to July 2 | - Boy Scouts |
| 5. July 2 to July 5 | - Pilot Club |
| 6. July 5 to July 20 | - Boy Scouts |
| 7. July 20 to July 26 | - Farm Girls or Home Demonstration Girls |
| 8. July 26 to August 1 | - Farm Club boys |
| 9. August 1 to August 9 | - Smith Family Reunion |
| 10. August 9 to August 16 | - Tuscaloosa Sunday School Girls |
| 11. August 16 to August 23 | - Tuscaloosa Sunday School Girls |
| 12. August 23 to September 4 | - Boy Scouts |
| 13. September 4 to September 13 | - Girl Scouts |

Scout Executive E. R. Sapp also gave his monthly report to the Executive Board.

The first week in each month is being given to work in the Black Warrior District other than in Tuscaloosa County. The second week is spent in Tuscaloosa County while the third week is spent in Moundville, Hull, Big Samdy, Duncanville, Mitchell, Cottondale, Vance, Coling, Kellerman, Brookwood, Searles, Hold, Woodstock, Rickey, Gorgas, Moores Bridge, Coker, Eldrod, Buhl, and Romulus. The board was also told of a meeting of the Court of Honor in Tuscaloosa in the middle of February, and the Patrol Leader's school of February 6, 7, and 8th. ^[386]

In the latter part of the week of March 18th plans were made for a regular publication of the Boy Scout news at the meeting of the Executive Board. C. C. Simpson, a Vice President of the Boy Scout organization, was named to gather news from the various Scout organizations and to serve as agent for the Scouts in that capacity. The Board also asked that each troop send weekly reports of their meetings and activities to Mr. Simpson. The Board also asked that the troops supply monthly information regarding attendance, meetings, activities, etc. and requested a detailed financial

statement each month. Those present at the Executive Board meeting were George Johnston, A. L. Lindsley, Richard Foster, Dr. A. D. Ellis, C. C. Cimpson, Hayes Tucker, Lloyd Sweat, Sam Wiesel, and E. R. Sapp. [387]

On April 3rd Scout Executive E. R. Sapp, together with 50 Patrol Leaders and other Scouts, left to attend the first Alabama Patrol Leaders' Conference in Birmingham on April 3, 4, and 5th.

First Alabama State Scout Conference Pin



Picture from the collection of Larry Faulkner.

The purpose of the Alabama conference is devising ways and means for developing the patrol to a greater degree of importance in Scouting, and inspiring and training of leaders for this work. The morning session was devoted to registration of delegates and the signing of delegates to homes. In the afternoon Scouts will tour the city of Birmingham and will visit Camp Andrews, the outdoor home of the Birmingham Scouts. Visiting delegates will be the guest of Birmingham Scouts and stay in their homes. The opening banquet will be held at the First Christian Church with the Regional Executive Stanley A. Harris as toastmaster. Deputy Chief Scout Executives Mr. Harris and Dr. George J. Fisher will be the principal speakers during the conference. ^[388] April 8 saw the Executive Board of the Black Warrior Council meeting at the Chamber of Commerce at 10:30am. At this regular meeting the board will receive reports of various Scout Executives and other officers and plans for the work for the upcoming week. The Court of Honor will also meet at the same time and place for promoting those scouts who have achieved a new rank. ^[389]

Meeting the morning of April 9th, the Executive Committee of the Boy Scouts spend much of its time discussing rules under which Camp Horne will operate this summer. Lloyd Sweat, Chairman of the Camping Committee, said it was decided that all persons or parties, including Boy Scout Troops, must secure a permit from him before they will be permitted to occupy the camp. Applications for permission will be made on a regular form giving the dates, approximate number of people in the party, and the names of those responsible. A cash deposit of \$5.00 will be required of all campers with the exception of Scouts under the supervision of a Scoutmaster or Assistant Scoutmaster.

The deepest will be returned after the Camping Committee certifies that all campers have complied with the rules of camp. The committee also named a sub-committee to determine who should attend the National Meeting of the Boy Scout Organization held in New York during May. Mr. Sapp submitted a detailed financial report in March for the months of December, January, February, and March. The report also told of the visit of Chief Red Fox and the work he has accomplished while he was here, and told of new troops being formed in Brockton, Moundville, Pipe, and old troops re-registering at Gamble Mines, Gorgas. ^[390] Meanwhile the Scouts of Gordo spent April 14th, 15th, and 16th cleaning up trash from people's houses and businesses. ^[508]

Troop 8, sponsored by the First United Methodist Church, set out on May 2 to organize a drum and bugle corps. The Methodist Men's class has agreed to equip the troop with the drums and bugles if the troop were to carry out certain provisions as to Sunday School attendance, and work and attendance at Troop meetings, and successful Scout work. The troop met those provisions and the equipment has arrived. Sergeant Wolf of the University of Alabama has taken charge of the Boy Rangers and those boys within the church who are too young to enter Scouts, and John Sparkman of the University Y.M.C.A. has organized a troop at the Methodist Episcopal Church in Northport. E. R. Sapp returned from a successful trip to Pickens County where he held Courts of Honor at Reform, Gordo, and Aliceville. He also spoke at the Masonic lodge and the school of Millport, and attended an executive meeting of the troop committee at Carrolton. ^[391]

Troop 2 held its annual Friday meeting on May 20th at 7:30pm. The meeting was opened with a bugler playing "To the Colors." After repeating the Scout Oath drill was held under the watchful eye of Phillip Davis. Plans were made to beautify the cabin with each patrol being assigned something to do. Troop 5 also held its regular Friday night meeting. The old minute were read and approved, and the time for the meeting was voted to be moved from 7:00pm to 7:30pm. The troop was organized with two patrols - the "Flying Eagle Patrol" and the "Red Fox Patrol." Troop 3 hosted mothers and friends Friday night at a banquet. The Tuscaloosa Band contributed several selections to the occasion, and Grover Herrin spoke on "The Playground of the East End." Rev Judson R. Martin spoke on "The Real Boy Scout" and bandmaster spoke on "The Scout Band." The meeting of Troop 8 opened by Mr. Merkle distributing drums and bugles to the Scouts and giving the scouts a lesson. Thirty boys were present with eight drums and 12 bugles being distributed. New officers were selected including a historian. [392]

The week of May 29th to June 5 saw the "Ranger Scouts" attend camp at Camp Horne. Forty-four Rangers and six leaders were registered at the camp, with two of the boys being from Eutaw. The rest of the boys were from Tuscaloosa. On Friday all of the Scouts were taken to "Eighty-acre Rock" near Vance and were able to explore the cave, ledges and gorges in the area. During camp Sergeant and Mrs. J. S. Gregory were in charge of the mess hall with Chief A. L. McDuff and Mrs. C. P. White each sending bananas to the Scouts. The Bonita Tea Room sent a cake and ice cream to the camp. The next camp to be held is the young people's branch of the Women's Christian Temperance

Union (W. C. T. U.). The model of the W. C. T. U.'s camp will be "A Good Time With A Purpose." [393]

For the first time in the history of the Black Warrior Council a local representative of the council attended the annual meeting of the National Council of the Boy Scouts in New York on May 29th. Victor Friedman was the representative and he was deeply impressed with the National Council and its work. At the meeting James J. Storrow of Boston was unanimously elected President of the Boy Scouts of America. The election of Mr. Storrow marks the first change in the presidency in the history of the Scout movement as Mr. Collin H. Livingston, former president, had held the position since the beginning of the Scouting movement in 1910. [394]

During the 1924 and 1925 camping season, Sergeant and Mrs. Jess Gregory has been charge of the mess hall at Camp Horne. During the 1925 camping season Sgt. and Mrs. Gregory are expected to serve 1,500 meals to over 2,000 visitors who are visiting the camp. A 26 year veteran of the U.S. Army, Sgt. Gregory has been stationed at the University of Alabama as a member of the R. O. T. C. Staff for the past 8 years. He specialized in army records and is said to be one of the best "paper work" men in the service. Sergeant Gregory is permitted to remain at Camp Horne during the summer months thanks to the work of the Junior Chamber of Commerce and Judge Woolsey Finnell. Judge Finnell assisted in securing the University Assignment for him last year when army men were being sent elsewhere to summer camp. [395]

Sergeant Jess Gregory



Plans are being made for the Tuscaloosa Lion's Club for a big time a Camp Horne on Thursday, June 11. The club will visit the camp, spend the afternoon there, and eat supper consisting of reindeer and rice at 6:00pm. One feature of the occasion will be an inspection by the Lions club and a dedication of the new chute (slide?) which was built in the lake by the club. An orchestra and the entire troupe of the "Paul English Players" will be guests of the Lions Club. [396]

June 14th saw the Alabama Young People's Branch of the state Women's Christian Temperance Union close its annual convention at Camp Horne. People

attended the convention from all parts of Alabama. Attendants and chaperones spent the week in conference, study, recreation, and sports under the direction of Mrs. Lamar Smith of Attalla, state secretary of the Y. P. N., and Mrs. John Turner of Tuscaloosa, state president of the organization. Approximately 70 people attended the camp. ^{[398][399]} For the week of Scout camping at Camp Horne starting June 19th, Coach Wallace Wade of the University of Alabama will be delivering a series of six lectures to the scouts. The lectures will be held each morning as part of the school work of the scouts. Camp authorities are delighted to have Coach Wade speak. Under the arrangements made, Coach Wade will be come a member of the faculty at the scout camp. ^[397] On June 22 the Tuscaloosa Pilot Club donated six new boats for Camp Horne. The boats were built by the Tuscaloosa Lumber company and two were special speed boats used for racing. Preparations are currently being made for 150 Girl Scouts to attend Camp Horne from June 12th to June 19th. The Girl Scouts will take possession of the camp on Wednesday morning. Also, new service stars were received at the Boy Scout headquarters. These stars will replace the old system of green bands on the sleeve representing each year's enrollment. The stars will be worn above the left pocket on the shirt. ^[399] At the end of the Girl Scout camp it is expected that more than 750 people would have visited Camp Horne during the month of June. ^[400] The dates of August 3 to August 8th have been chosen for the encampment of the Farm Club Boys of Tuscaloosa. The Farm Club Boys

Coach Wallace Wade



of Pickens has requested to be allowed to attend the camp with the Tuscaloosa members.

The program will have speakers who are specialists in live stock raising, dairying, poultry raising, fighting of bugs and insects on farms, and similar topics. Father of boys

attending camp are also invited to attend. ^[401]

The Girl Scouts wrote about their encampment at Camp Horne in the June 28 newspaper. The girls enjoyed a large campfire before retreating to their camp. For the camp the Woodland Troop created four patrols - "ThePine Tree", "The Maple Leaf", "The Birch Bark", and the "Acorn" patrols. Patrols created by other troops include the "Jack in the Pulpit," Wild Rose, Goldenrod, and the "Black Eyed Susans". They reported 114 Girl Scouts attending camp at Camp Horne. ^{[402][413]}

On June 29th the directors of the Black Warrior council met in in it's regularly monthly session in the director's room of the Chamber of Commerce. Those present include Otis Hayslett, A. L. Lindsley, Whitfield Moore, John Burnettt, Lloyd Sweat, Father Lenahan, Sam Wiesel, Lee Black, Hargrove Van de Graaff, W. W. Deal, Victor Friedman, R. C. Lett, Tom Christian, and President Fred Neilson. The financial statements of the organization was read, approved, and commented on and Victor Friedman, representative of the Black Warrior Council at the National Scout Meeting in New York, made his report. A three year program of extension in scouting was adopted and, if carried out, all completely cover the US with first-class council supervision within that period. A five-eyer program was adopted for Regional Five looking to the complete organization of the region within five years. In a comparison of all twelve regions, the Fifth region was first in its quota. It stands second of all 12 regions in the proportion of assignment (new scouts pledged) in the nation. Also at the meeting a telephone at campus discussed. The request was referred to the Finance and Camp Committees with the instructions that no more than \$125 should be spent on the system. A road committee was appointed to have the old road to camp repaired. The same committee was asked to

see about the proposed new paved highway should a surveyed road become the Birmingham highway. The new camp road would pass between the Presbyterian cabin and the Troop 3 cabin, cutting the Troop 4 cabin in two. The committee was requested to investigate the possibility of diverting the road to a position back of the cabins, with a high wire fence between it and the Boy Scout camp for the elimination of danger. Arrangements for moving the cabins across the lake and the building of a second lake, together with the fencing of the new road, was suggested. [403]

On July 1st the Boy Scouts will be back at Camp Horne for a two-week encampment. Approximately 90 Scouts have made reservations for the camp. The boys will gather at the Boy Scout Headquarters at the Chamber of Commerce building at 10:00am to be taken to camp. The camp will be run by E. R. Sapp. One item that is in progress is getting phone out at camp. This work is being done under the direction of the Camp and Finance committees. [404][406] During this camp the Junior Chamber of Commerce members have been invited to bring their wives and families to a Fish Fry and Water melon cutting at Camp Horne on Thursday, July 9th. During the festivities all Junior Chamber members will also enjoy swimming at Herrin's Lake before supper. A program will be rendered in Rotary hall at supper time. There is no limit to the number of guests but the only restriction is that the Junior Chamber be notified as to the number attending. Chamber members are asked to meet at Tatum drug store and pick up those who don't have transportation to camp. Approximately 100 reservations were sent to the Junior Chamber headquarters [405][408][413] Senator Charles West spoke at the fish fry, discussing the share of development that Tuscaloosa and Tuscaloosa County have had, as

well as speaking on the mixture of citizens in Birmingham. Calling the mixture a “damnable mixture” Senator West indicated that there was always a row going on over spending by the government. Torrey Jamieson spoke out on the need for a telephone at Camp Horne. It was his feeling that if the need was properly presented to the Southern Bell Company that they would build a line from Tuscaloosa to Camp Horne. During the meal speakers paid special tribute to Mr. Sapp and Sergeant Gregory for the excellent meal. [412]

On July 2nd Troop 5 met at the First Baptist church at 7:30pm. The meeting was called to order by Scoutmaster Lyons where roll was called and dues were taken. The troop voted to change the meeting times to Friday nights, and to meet at 3225 5th Street, at the home of James Mize, at 7:15pm. [407]

Club Girls will be at Camp Horne from July 20 to July 25th according to an announcement being sent to the club in the county. The camp will begin at 10:00am on July 20th and every club girl in the county is eligible to attend. Fifteen Club Girls of Pickens county have asked for permission to attend and permission was granted. Miss Ola Overby, county home demonstration agent of Pickens county, will attend camp with the Pickens girls. Three home demonstration agents will be in attendance at the camp and the clubs of the county are naming chaperons from the clubs. Previously the camp was limited to those girls who had received certificates for work they had done. This year that requirement was waived. The camp schedule of activities consists of

1. 6:00am - Reveille
2. 6:15am - sitting-up exercises
3. 7:00am to 7:30am - dress for breakfast
4. 7:30am to 8:30am - breakfast
5. 8:30am to 9:30am - cleanup, reading, letter writing
6. 9:30am - registration first day, basketry second day, clothing third day, health program fourth day, Girl Scouts the fifth day, and a the club rally the last day.
7. 11:30am to 12:30pm - Swimming
8. 12:30pm to 1:30pm - lunch
9. 2:00pm to 3:00pm - rest period
10. 3:00pm to 4:30pm - reading, writing, and a social hour
11. 4:30pm to 5:30pm - Swimming
12. 6:00pm - supper
13. 7:00pm to 8:00pm - story hour first day, games the second day, music the third day, games the fourth day, and stunts the fifth day.
14. 8:00pm - movies, but stunts will be performed the fifth day.
15. 9:00pm - Taps

Four lifeguards will be at the lake when swimming is permitted. On Friday Mrs. Elgin Johnson, in charge of the Girl Scout organization in Tuscaloosa, will spend Friday at camp. The opening speaker at camp is Congressman W. B. Oliver. On Saturday the annual Club Rally will be held starting at 11:00am. The principal address on "Character Building" will be given by First Baptist Church pastor Dr. Joseph P. Boone. The Tuscaloosa Kiwanis Club will furnish the fish for the fish fry. Over 200 people attended the rally. The entire camp was declared the most successful camp, and requests were made to have the camp extended to two weeks next year. [409][410][414][415][416][417][418][419]

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The third annual camp of the Farm Club Boys was held at Camp Horne from August 1st to August 7th. As with the Club Girls, Club Boys from Pickens county have been invited to attend and twenty-five people took up the offer. The Tuscaloosa Kiwanis

Club has offered to help with the camp and will probably assist in procuring local speakers for the group. The group will leave from County Agent R. C. Lett's headquarters at 10:00am Monday. Three motion pictures have been procured for showing at camp. "Layers and Liars", a paltry picture, "Sir Lian of T-Bone Ranch" a western, and "The Green Barrier" which is a forestry picture. The Austin Motor Company has promised the camp the use of the film "A Texas Round-up." [421][422][423][424][425] After that the Sunday School Girls will be at Camp Horne from August 10th to August 17th. Cabins haven reserved by the various churches and programs for the camp will be rotated between the denominations each day. Between 60 and 75 members attended at a cost of \$4.50, a \$0.50 increase over last year. [420][426]

Courtesy of B. W. Cabell, lock manager of Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph, a telephone was installed at Camp Horne on August 6. The installation required 21 red cedar and chestnut poles, as well as cleats, insulators, the phone itself, and the work of Mr Cabell and four of his employees. [427]

Scout Executive Sapp, at a meeting of the Black Warrior District Council, was authorized to attend the Fifth Regional Conference to be held in Memphis, Tennessee with a proposal that the region send a committee before the High School Credit Association of the South in an effort to secure high school credit for work done with the Scouts. The credits would be limited to 1/2 credit per year for a maximum of 2 credits. The Council, upon the motion of J. T. Horne, authorized President Fred Neilson to borrow \$850 in the name of the district to pay all bills the council owes and an additional

\$50 per month for council spending money. A committee consisting of Sam Wiesel, C. C. Simpson, and Dr. A. D. Ellis was named to take up with officials of Merchant's Bank the question of using office space in the new bank building. [428]

On August 18th the Tuscaloosa Rotarians heard the report of Sherman Conrad, eminent Community Chest authority and present head of the New Orleans Community Chest with reference to the local Boy Scout organizations and work. It was prepared after Mr. Conrad spend several days investigating the operation of ht local Community Chest and it's beneficiaries. Mr Conrad said:

"The best piece of general social work which I saw was the Boy Scout camp. It had not only an unusually fine location but it was well equipped. The buildings were inexpensively constructed and unusually well adapted to their use. The planning of the camp, the water system, the reforestation plans, all show a knowledge of modern camp management. The cost at which the camp is operated is unusually low and betokens excellent planning. I have personally run two camps and visited a great many. I frankly do not know of a camp to compare with it in any community of your size, and a few in larger communities. The plan whereby the camp is used by various community groups cannot be too highly recommended.

I did not examine the individual and troop records. Your director frankly stated that he could not keep them up to date. I judge that the boys are gaining much in Scouting, but that all hands are handicapped by the lack of proper and important paper work. One man could not do otherwise. Under the present system no man can do his best work. You have an unusually community worker, but his salary is a disproportionate part of his budget. I do not mean that it is too high. It is lower than the average Scout salary for similar work. But if Tuscaloosa can afford that good a man, it can afford to give him proper tools with which to work.

I suggest the present employment of a clerk to bring the records up to date, and the proper provision for their housing. I suggest that you toward providing an assistant and to developing a broad plan of community recreation. You have a very god foundation. I think that you have the chance of developing a piece of work of National significance of which you can be

very proud. Incidentally, as you broaden your community activities, you will be strengthened by becoming more and more a "Community" Chest and less a "Charity" Chest."

Also at the meeting J. T. Horne suggested needed repairs of Rotary Hall at the Boy Scout camp. Dr. George H. Denny, President of the University of Alabama, was also present. ^[429]

From August 29 to September 5 the annually Working Boy's Camp will begin at Camp Horne. Spencer Johnson of Northport will be in charge of the camp activities as he has just completed a four-week course of intensive training in Scouting and Campcraft at the Peabody Institute in Nashville. The camp is designed to give Tuscaloosa working boys a last chance to attend before city schools open on September 7th. Approximately 75 boys are expected to attend, and Sergeant Gregory will be in charge of the mess hall. ^[430] Also during this time period Scout J. Norville Chatfield of Tuscaloosa Alabama won \$1.00 from Boys' Life. Norville has been reader of Boys' Life for thirteen months. ^[431]

On August 27th sixty-one representatives of the Black Warrior District attended a boy psychology conference at Camp Horne. It was the second largest rural conference held in the Fifth Region of the Boy Scouts this year. The Director of Camping and Training of the Fifth Region - H. L. Gaskin - was please with the local conference, as was Saul Smith, the chairman of the local training committee. The conference began at 8:0am with a song, followed by yells at 8:15. At 8:20 the study of the point system in Scouting was discussed, followed at 8:45am by a discussion of the patrol as a unit, the patrol meeting, patrol hikes, patrol records, and patrol projects. At 9:45am troop publicity

through the newspaper was discussed, followed by nature hikes at 10:30am. Life saving was discussed at 11:00am and lunch was served at 12:00pm. Totem poles were discussed at 1:00pm, followed by knot boards and splicing at 1:15 and spire lashing at 1:35. How to work the Troop Committee was discussed at 1:45pm, followed by problems in sand stalking and compass hiking at 2:15. At 4:00pm Dr. C. M. Boyd discussed how the troop program can make the twelve Scout laws effective. This will be followed by E. R. Sapp discussing "the boy" followed by Dr. Joseph P. Boon talking about "The Religion of a Scout." Swimming will be held at 5:30pm followed by dinner, then a discussion on community good turns and selling Scouting to parents in the congregation of parent institutions as well as a campfire at 7:30pm. The conference was closed at 8:30pm with an investiture ceremony by Troop 3 of Tuscaloosa and taps was at 9:00pm. [432][434][435]

Lloyd Sweatt, chairman of the Black Warrior Council camping committee, gave Fred Neilson (President, Black Warrior Council) a report on the summer camp activities of the district. Mr. Sweatt's reports says in part:

"...One camp was held at Camp O'Rear. It was held under the auspices of the rural Scouts and had an attendance of 107. One troop camp was held at Livingston, Ala. and had an attendance of 28. The greatest activity was at Camp Horne where 863 boys attended in one week, with 54 leaders over 18 but under 21, and 37 men over 21 years, all volunteering their services without cost to the council.

During the camping season 217 boys passed Tenderfoot examinations; 56 passed Second Class examinations, 28 pass First Class examinations, 4 boys were made Life scouts, 14 boys made Star Scout, and 2 boys made Eagle Scout. Two-hundred and sixty-seven merit badges were awarded. The camps co-operated with the National council in a movement to make "Every Scout a Swimmer," with the result that only 2 boys left camp unable to swim.

The local Kiwanis club has completed the museum which is work between \$1,800 and \$2,000. It has been equipped by the Kiwanians with four exhibit cases and a number more are planned. A mineral collection worth at least \$1,500 was secured by Dr. Walter Jones, assistant state geologist, and donated to the museum. Mrs. Smith, of the state museum, donated a valuable collection of fresh-water shells, all peculiar to Alabama Rivers. Mr. Davis, Scoutmaster of Troop 9 in Birmingham, donated 300 mineral specimens secured by his father while in Europe. Willie Halton, of Jonesboro Ark. donated more than 30 snakes. Owen Meredith Jr. donated some war exhibits....”

(Note: The article went into more detail but it is unable to be read due to damage sustained to it.) [433]

In an article titled “Scout’s World” in the October 1st edition of Boys’ Life the recent assembly of the Farm Bureau Assembly in Tuscaloosa mentioned both Troop 3 and Troop 8. Troop 3’s responsibility was car parking arrangements. Under the direction of Scoutmaster A. L. Lindsey, 2000 automobiles were parked. Cars come in one way, went out another way, and were lined up such that anyone could leave without difficulty. Troop 8’s responsibility was that of city cooks. They prepared over 500 gallons of Brunswick stew. [436]

On October 15th Dr. J. H. Summerville (presiding), J. C. Austin, A. L. Lindley, and William Robey attended the Black Warrior District Court of Honor. At that session Philip Davis of Troop 2 (Tuscaloosa) became an Eagle Scout after completing the last two merit badge tests (Camping and Bird Study). Virginia Rhodes was examined and given the rank of First Class Scout. Other Scouts attended and are awarded various merit badges. [437]

The Alabama Department of United Confederate Veterans will be holding it's 25th Annual Reunion in Tuscaloosa on October 20 and October 21st. Some Scouts of the Black Warrior Council were released from public school to assist in this reunion. Two Scouts will be on every street corner from the court house to the post office to assist Veterans crossing the street, giving them information, and extending them all courtesies. During the convention an emergency squad of 25 Scouts will be held as a reserve at Scout headquarters. Two special Scouts will be in charge of telephoning for cars for use of the Veterans, and 10 special Scouts will be assisting as chauffeurs for cars furnished by garages but that do not have drivers. Tuscaloosa City Schools Superintendent J. M. Burnett worked with principals to find available Scouts. A number of Scouts will also be brought in from Tuscaloosa County to assist during the reunion. During the final business meeting of the reunion the Boy Scouts were unintentionally committed from the resolution thanking Tuscaloosa for their assistance. The convention asked tat a special paragraph be inserted in the resolutions adopted naming the Scout organization and praising it for the work done. Local Scouts will also handle parking for the University of Alabama football game. [438][439]

During the Tuscaloosa County Fair on November 1 the State Department of Forestry took special in the exhibit prepared by the Boy Scouts of Tuscaloosa. It was pointed out that the Tuscaloosa Boy Scouts were the first organization in Alabama to take up forestry without selfish motives. The list of things the Black Warrior Council has done includes:

1. The bringing of forestry to 10,000 school children through addresses at school.
2. The operation of an exhibit at Camp Horne.
3. The transplanting of 4,000 trees.
4. The establishment of a 40 are demonstration plot showing the value of forest protection.
5. The organization of 12 units of boys who are taught to fight fires.
6. The carrying of a demonstration plot of 50,000 trees from cone planting.
7. The direct seeding of 3 acres.
8. The securing of 240 acres for the State Department of Forestry.
9. The employment of 25 Scouts for two full days in fighting fires in 1924.
10. The holding of a 1/2 mile of fire lien by rural scouts, saving thousands of acres from destruction. ^[440]

For December plans are being made for a Christmas Camp at Camp Horne in Tuscaloosa County, and Speed's Mill Camp in Pickens County. The camp will begin on December 26 and end on Saturday, January 2. The camp is open to all Scouts and has received reservations from Scouts in Greensboro, Reform, and Aliceville and Claud Sapp, E. R. Sapp's brother, will be the camp director. Special Scout work includes leather platting, square, 3-ply and 4-ply, and whittling. Speed's Mill camp will be under the supervision of Rev. Mr. Hill of Aliceville. Plans were also made for forty of the Tuscaloosa county boys to leave for Mr. J. W. Bailey's farm between Ethelville and Columbus where they opened up an Indian mound. Mr. Bailey supplied a five room cabin to live in during their stay in Pickens County. During their time there the mound was opened through the center from East to West, on the West side from North to South, and on the South side from East to West. The mound was five feet deep and composed of five strata of soil. Ash and coals on the lower strata was as much as a foot thick. Large quantities of broken pottery were found as well as fifty or more shells off the backs of

land terrapins. A clay furnace approximately 18 inches square and a large peculiar shaped rock with various angles was found. Also found was the skeletons of four human bodies, but the bones were in too bad a condition to move. Approximately 200 arrowheads, five tomahawks, two perfect hand mills, and numerous Indian relics were found. These articles will be offered to one of the schools in the Tuscaloosa to be put on display. Following the exhibition the relics will be taken to Camp Horne where they will be placed in the camp museum. On New Year's eve Mr. Bailey took the Scouts in two cars on a trip to Columbus where they visited the house of Owen Green. In the evening the scouts were entertained with a radio concert consisting of music from an old time fiddler's concert. [441][442][443][510]

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It was announced on January 7 Lloyd Sweatt was elected President of the Black Warrior District council, succeeding Fred Neilson. Vice Presidents include J. T. Horne, Sam Weisel, Collier Foster, Fred Neilson, Robert Kirksey, and Dr. Henry Summerville were named vice President. A. L. Lindsley was named commissioner and F. A. Rue district commissioner. Deputy commissioners elected were Richard foster and Dr. C. M. Boyd. Special Deputy Commissioner was Merle Smith, and Otis Haysleet was elected Treasurer. Also announced was the plan for the organization of Scouts in every school district in Tuscaloosa County. A complete survey was done on December 28th and showed that there are 28 schools districts which have ten or more boys the age of 12 or more; a total of 928 white boys. Scout Executive Sapp's monthly report also spoke of work the council had been doing for less fortunate boys. Also announced was the coming of the annual State Conference of Patrols Leaders to be held in Tuscaloosa on March 25 thru March 27th. It is expected that over 300 patrol leaders will be in attendance. ^[444] Plans were also made for a reforestation day at Camp Horne. The purpose of the work would be to show farmers of the county what can be accomplished in the reforestation of a woodlot plot. Trees for the work will be secured from the cone plantings done by the Boy Scouts at Camp Horne. ^[445] On January 30th Mr. Sapp was named the chairman for Tuscaloosa County in preparation for the International Council of Religious Education to be held April 12 thru April 19th. Mr. Sapp has been asked to notify authorities by February 15 of the amount of people who will be attending the meeting. Calvin Coolidge

is to be the main speaker at the event. [446] On February 22 work began on a two-acre athletic field at Camp Horne. This field was made possible through the work of Charles M. Fitts, president of the Exchange Club and their donation of \$300.00 for the work. The field will be build just below the concrete water tank that supplies water to camp. The field will be large enough for football and baseball. [447]

On February 23rd the Black Warrior council began preparing for a Patrol Leaders conference to be held from March 25 to March 28th. The conference is expected to bring between 350 to 400 patrol leaders from around the state. President Lloyd Sweat was asked at the Executive Committee to appoint a general chairman to lead the conference activities. Mr. Sweat and Mr. Sapp will meet with this chairman for the forming of committees to take care of the tasks. At that same meeting Colonel H. L. Butler accepted the appointment of Chairman of the Organization Committee for the council. A report placed before the Executive Committee showed the organization of new troops in Ralph (8 new scouts registered), Northport, Cedar Cove, and Vance (2 new scouts registered) since the last Executive meeting. The survey showed that troops should be in Brookwood, Cottdale, Peterson, Greely, Yolande, Big Sandy, Searles, Buhl, Hope, Mitchell, Mt. Olive, Oregonia, Elrod, Taylorville, Fosters, Romulus and Coaling. The report showed the council had 177 Lone Scouts (Scouts not attached to troops). During February the report showed 34 merit badges pass, two boys making First Class, three boys making Second Class, four Start Scouts, and 2 Eagle Scouts. Three Scout handbooks have been placed in each library and advanced work has been done for the training committee which is conducting a school for Scoutmasters in April. Also, the

Bible Class of the First Presbyterian Church is building a tennis court for the Scouts out at Camp Horne, and a total of 7,500 trees have been transplanted at the camp.

Meanwhile Troop 2 of Reform, under the direction of Scoutmaster R. E. Tucker, has erected a cottage on a site three miles east of town at a large spring on the lands of J. L. Cummins. The camp has been named "Camp Cummins" in honor of the donor. Soon a drive will be put together to secure between \$200 and \$300 to build a lake on the property. Reform currently consists of two troops - Troop 1 (Scoutmaster L. J. Howell, Assistant Scoutmaster H. A. Jackson) made up of senior high school boys, and Troop 2. The local court of honor is composed of Professor F. S. Ward (Chairman), Dr. V. L. Ashcraft, S. K. Dorroh, and Mayor B. F. Lyles, and meets one each month to pass on merit badges, honors, and promotions. Executive E. R. Sapp attended the last court of honor held on February 18th. Current scouts on their way of obtaining Eagle Scout are Roy Shirley of Troop 1, and Charlie Chastain of Troop 2. [448][511]

Troop 2 held its regular meeting on February 25. Laz Todd, in charge of programming, called the meeting to order by reciting the Scout Law. Andy Card was elected Scribe and Treasurer. Dr. Boyd gave a talk on "Trustworthiness" that was enjoyed by all. The meeting was closed with the reciting of the Scout Oath. [449]

The March 1st edition of Boys Life featured an article noting that 26 members of Alabama's football team are, or have been, members of Troop 12. This was the team that defeated Washington in Pasadena during the Annual Rose Tournament celebration. The *Age Herald* of Birmingham as well as other papers are carrying a 1/2 column each

Sunday appealing to high school boys of the south and Alabama to stick to Scouting, as Coach Wallace Wade stated the Program of Scouting was part of the success of the efforts of the team. [450] Through the courtesy of the First National Bank of Tuscaloosa, 35 of the larger schools in the county will receive copies of the "Handbook for Boys," the recommended reading of the Scout organization. The distribution began March 2nd via the local Scout office. The handbook teaches first aid, games, poisonous reptiles of this section as well as treatment following their bites, and other subjects which boys and Boy Scouts are interested. [451]

The maintenance cost for Tuscaloosa's Boy Scouts (as well as the Girl Scouts) is remarkable according to an official nation-wide survey. In the Black Warrior District there are 859 official Scouts. This does not include Junior Scouts, Ranger Scouts, and members of the County Farm Clubs who have been doing Scout work. The cost per capita of maintaining the Black Warrior district is \$4.67 not including work accomplished by the Junior Scouts, Ranger, Scouts, and Farm Club Boys. The report shows that Etowah count spent \$12.65 per scout, Montgomery County spent \$12.90, Mobile \$14.65, Muscle Shoals \$51.86, and Birmingham \$8.97. These were the Scout districts where statics were available. The state of Arkansas spent between \$7.00 and \$11.00 per scout, Louisiana \$5.92 to \$11.75, Mississippi \$8.02 to \$35.03, and Tennessee \$7.90 to \$13.41.

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On March 11th the Pioneer Lumber Company at Speed's Mill (Pickens count) donated 40 acres of land as a permanent camp for Scouts in the Black Warrior District.

This land is located on the banks of Bear Creek. The Aliceville Rotary club (of which Scoutmaster R. J. Kirksey is president) donated \$500 towards the construction of a community house which will serve as headquarters for Aliceville Troop 1. The house will also be available for other public use. Troop 1 currently has three Eagle scouts, fifteen First-Class Scouts, twelve Second-Class Scouts, and five Tenderfoot Scouts. ^[512] Scouts in Reform held their regular monthly session of the Court of Honor for members of Troop 1 and Troop 2 of Reform. Seven Scouts advanced to First Class. They are Floyd Johnson, Webster Butts, Clewis Davis, Clinton Clark, Simon Stricklen, Harold Davis, and Robert Jones. Three Scouts (Robert Jones, John Ellis Clements, and Christon Jones) pass the Second Class examination. Other Scouts passed merit badges Bird Study, Conservation, Firemanship Bugling, First Aid to Animals, Public Health, Personal Health, Swimming, Public Health, Electricity, and First Aid. ^[513] On Thursday, March 18th the Carrollton Boy Scouts held a Court of Honor in the offices of Judge B. Guillard Robinson. The Carrollton council (actually a scout troop as the article clearly states that Carrollton was part of the Black Warrior district) reorganized at the first of the year with J. H. Curry as Scoutmaster and Coach Terry as Assistant Scoutmaster. Patrol Leaders Guillard Robinson and Guillard Hogue were appointed delegates to represent the Carrollton troop at the Patrol Leaders Conference being held on March 25th. ^[514]

On Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday - March 25th to March 28th - Tuscaloosa hosted the largest gathering of boys from all parts of the state. This is the second Patrol Leader's Conference of the Boy Scouts of America for the state of Alabama. According to reports practically every council in the state will had their full

quota of 33 youths and 3 adults. Tuscaloosa residents were asked to house the visitors as well as feed them breakfast and supper each day while they are in Tuscaloosa. Mrs. Saul Smith was Chairman of the Housing Committee and scouts were asked to contact her via phone at #484 for housing. Committees for the conference are: General Chairman.- W. W. Seay, Registration Committee - Frank Livingston (Chairman), Mrs. Lloyd Sweat, Mrs. Perry Cocke, Mrs Edwin Grimes, and Mrs. Frank Livingston. Housing Committee - Mrs.Saul Smith (Chairman), Mrs. Houston Parks, Mrs. C. P. White, Mrs. J. B. Brosuis, Mrs. E. R. Sapp, and Mrs. W. W. Seay. Badge Committee - Mrs. Sam Wiesel (Chairman), Mrs. Elgin Johnson, Mrs. George Alston, and Mrs. F. F. Gatlin. Banquest Committee - Mrs. Matt Maxwell (Chairman), Mrs. John McQueen, Mrs. George Davis, Mrs. Joe Duckworth, and Mrs. J. T. Bush. Automotive Committee - Joe Duckworth (Chairman), Jim Austin, A. L. Lindsley, Fried Neilson, J. T. Horn, and Sam Wiesel. Finance Committee - Dr. W. D. Partlow (Chairman), Victor Friedman, and W. H. Nichols. Publicity Committee - T. M. Diggs (Chairman), E. R. Sapp, and P. P. A. Hine. Transportation Committee - T. L. Beauchamp (Chairman), Gary McGee, Hayes Tucker, and Joe Shepherd. The Reception Committee consisted of K. D. McQueen (Chairman), Dr. C. M. Boyd, C. P. Persons, and W. M. Nichols. ^[453]

The first session of the conference was held at 7:30pm when the Tuscaloosa Scouts and visitors attended a campfire held on a vacant lot at the intersection of Queen City avenue and University avenue. After the investiture ceremony an address on the subject of "Preparations for Citizenship. The program for the conference was at:

Thursday

- 7:30pm to 8:30pm - Assembly at Campfire. The program was "Dr. Weiland's Investiture Ceremony" by G. I. McDonald.
- 8:30pm to 8:45pm - a fifteen minute talk on "Preparation For Citizenship" by a speaker from the America Legion.
- 8:45pm to 9:15pm - Songs and yells followed by the introduction of troops.
- 9:30pm - Taps

Friday

- 9:00am to 9:15am - Assembly and announcements.
- 9:15am to 9:30pm - First aid races, stretches to be improvised. The judge will be Dr. George Pack.
- 9:30am to 10:00am - Relay of carriers, fireman's life, saddle carry and chair carry.
- 10:00am to 10:15am - Electrical rescue and resuscitation.
- 10:15 to 10:30 - an address by Dr. Joseph Boone.
- 10:30am to 11:30am - A two mile relay by teams of eight boys from every council. The winner will be judged on correctness of time. This race is to be run at scout pace. The race will take place at Denny field.
- 1:00pm to 2:00pm - Lunch at Stafford school.
- 2:00pm to 2:15pm - Assembly and announcements.
- 2:15pm to 3:15pm - Work on demonstrations. Demonstrations include Cooking by O'Quinn of Jasper, First Aid by Seeger of Huntsville, Shelter by McDonald of Birmingham, Camp craft by Gaskin of Mobile, Campfires by McDonald of Birmingham, Signal Tower by Sapp of Tuscaloosa, Bridges by Norris of Florence, Tents by the Pine Tree Patrol of Birmingham, and Flag Pole by troops at large.
- 4:00pm to 5:00pm - Review of the above demonstrations.
- 5:00pm to 5:30pm - Demonstration of the Pine Tree Patrol lead by S. D. Davis. This will take place at the intersection of Queen City Avenue and Broad Street
- 5:30pm to 7:00pm - Dinner with hostess.
- 7:30pm - Assembly
- 7:30pm to 8:00pm - Indian Ceremony by Gaskin and Simcox
- 8:00pm to 8:30pm - Scotch and Italian songs by Dr. Ralph McBurney
- 8:30pm to 9:00pm - motion pictures by the Department of Forestry.
- 9:00pm to 9:15pm - Address by a speaker to be supplied.
- 9:30pm - Tapes

Saturday - Duty to Self, meeting place Denny field.

- 8:00am - Troop Inspection, Col. H. L. Butler
- 9:00am - Museum Hike by Dr. Walter Jones.
- 10:15am - inspection of Bryce Hospital
- 10:45am - speech by Dr. W. D. Partlow.
- 12:15pm - Lunch at Stafford School.
- 1:00pm - auto trip to Camp Horne
- 3:00pm - ball game at Denny field.
- 7:00pm - banquet at the senior high school.

Sunday - Duty to God

9:00am - all scouts to to Sunday school
11:00am.- Assembly at the Senior High School
11:10am. Election of Officers.
11:30am - address by Carson Adams.

During the conference Dr. Walter Jones, geologist at the University of Alabama, will take the Scouts through the University of Alabama Museum and deliver a lecture on the specimens shown in the cases. The "Museum Hike" will be make by the entire delegation on the morning of March 27th. Color neckerchiefs have been assigned to each council for the Scouts to wear. Colors consisted of maroon for Anniston, red for Birmingham, dark green for Dothan, khaki for Huntsville, moss green for Gadsden, grey for Florence, blue for Muscle Shoals, gold for Walker county, purple for Tuscaloosa, and violet for Mobile. The different council groups will demonstrate the different parts of the Scout program with particular reference on camping. The Pinetree Patrol of Troop 12, Birmingham visited Tuscaloosa during the conference. Camping in a truly primitive style they pitched their camp on a vacant lot owned by Blake Barnes. At 5:00pm they put on a special demonstration on cooking over fires. The Pinetree patrol idea was originated by James A. Wilder of Hawaii an dis the highest form of an organization in Scouting.

Scouts were also invited by Coach Wallace Wade to attend the two baseball games between the Birmingham Barons and the University. Stanley A. Harris, Regional Executive of Region 5, gave the address to the state scouts. On Friday night Herbert L. Gaskin, the Scout Executive of Mobile who spent last summer with the Sioux and Crow Indians studying their dances and customs, performed a special "war dance" at the conference at a vacant lot at Queen City Avenue and Broad Street. The historical oaks

formed a natural setting for the ol disdain dance. A special war bonnet was made of fifty-odd white eagle feathers secured from the extreme north and just recently brought to the states via a dog sled. The only other similar bonnet knowns is owned by Ralph Hubbard of Denver Colorado. Tuscaloosa Senior High was the scene of the banquet for the Patrol Leaders Conference. Mr. Matt Maxwell was chairman of the committee with Ms. John McQueen, Mrs. George David, Mrs. Joe Duckworth, and Mrs J. T. Bush as committee members. W. E. Mitchell, commissioner of the Birmingham Area Council, is the toastmaster for the event. The banquet was the culmination of the state meeting. At the end of the Alabama Council Of Patrol Leaders Yeatman King of Tuscaloosa was elected President. Walter Baird of Birmingham was elected First Vice President, W. D. Monasco of Jasper as Second Vice President, George Hardesty of Mobile was Third vice President, and Melvin Oliver of Decatur as Secretary. [454][455][456][457][458][459][460][461][462][463]

During the week of April 5th to April 9th a special set of instruction in Scouting, including all branches of both elementary and advanced scouting was given by six Eagle Scouts. The Eagle Scouts will cooperate with Scout Executive E. R. Sapp and will donate their services to the cause of better Scouting. The six Eagle Scouts giving the advanced instruction are Roy E. Bennett, Rance H. Osborne, Homer Tankersley, William Singleterry, Wymon Crenshay, and William Roby. Roy Bennett is the organizer of the classes and will conduct classes in Morse signaling and first aid. Rance Osborne will instruct in cooking and camping. Homer Tankersley will teach life saving methods, William Singleterry will teach woodcraft, Wymon Crenshaay will be in charge of athletics and physical developments, and William Roby will instruct in the trades. The

six instructors also act as a special Scout examining board and hold examinations at monthly encampments at Camp Horne. The Scout school is a new feature of Scouting in the Black Warrior Council and is called "Tuscaloosa Advancement School of Scouting." One outgrowth of the activities of the Eagle Scouts may be an expense paid trip (excluding lodging) to Florida for all Eagle Scouts and those who may rise to Eagle before the summer of 1927 trip. ^[464]

On April 15th the Council of the Black Warrior District held its regular monthly meeting in the director's room of the Chamber of Commerce. During this meeting the Scout Executive was allowed an appropriation of \$125 to repair the damn at Camp Horne and to complete the work under construction under the supervision of Willard Nicol, the city Engineer. Collin Fosters made a motion to allow Sapp expense money of \$25 to attend the training school for Camp Directors being held at West Point, Georgia. Also during the meeting Scout Executive Sapp read a letter from Stanley Harris, Regional Executive from Chattanooga in which he complimented Camp Horne and requested blueprints and pictures be sent to the National Office for next October's biannual conference in Hot Springs, Arkansas. The council also elected Charlie Horton of Aliceville to represent the Black Warrior district at the National Council to be held from April 30th to May 2nd. During that time Mr. Horton will take part in the election of a National President of the Boy Scouts of America to take the place of President J. W. Sparrow who died two weeks ago. He will also take part in a movement to extend the privileges more to farm boys and boys in rural communities. Col. H. L. Butler, Chairman of the Organizations Committee reported on activities of various clubs in furthering Scout

work in rural communities. While results were disappointing, three clubs (the Lions, Kiwanians, and Civitans) turned in creditable reports. The council also authorized the President to select a Committee on Resolutions to draw up and publish a set of resolutions pertaining to the State Council of Patrol Leaders recently held in Tuscaloosa. Among the resolutions were general thanks to various community organizations for their help. The organizations include the people of Tuscaloosa for housing the scouts, Mr. Grimes for movie passes, thanks to W. W. Seay, thanks to Coach Wallace Wade for ballgame tickets, and so forth. ^[465] Around April 18th Scout Executive E. R. Sapp loaded his collection of Indian relics to the University of Alabama museum. Mr. Sapp acquired the collection from the Dakota Indians while in their reservation in 1925. During that time Mr. Sapp became intimate with the old chief to the extent that he was able to secure three bonnets and various implements. ^[466] In Carrollton the Scouts spent several days around April 22nd whitewashing trees and poles around town after Scoutmaster Curry agreed to do so during a general clean-up meeting. ^[515]

In order to recognize and to encourage the development of character in the Youth of America, the Harmon Foundation has established distinguished services awards of \$100 each to be awarded annually to outstanding Eagle Scouts in each of the thirteen Scout Regions around the country. Conspicuous service, denoting character, perseverance, or self sacrifice on the part of a Scout of Eagle rank is essential to merit the award, and this service must be evidenced by habitual performance rather than a single act. The money is to aid in higher training, and the fund plus any interest accumulated will be turned over to the Scout on his entrance to college or some special training

beyond college. If said Scout is unable to attend college he will receive the entire sum upon his 21st birthday. Announcement of the winners for the awards will be made in January of each year during the Scout Anniversary week. ^[467] Troop 2 of Reform held an enthusiastic meeting April 30th. The troop has two full patrols of 8 scouts each, and 15 boys were in attendance. Each boy told of the good turn they did for someone or the community, and several scout songs were sung (Bow Wow, Sing Another Song, America and Marching to Healthville). At the next meeting (May 6th) a contest will be held between the two patrols based on passing First Class (5 points) or Second Class (3 points). Each merit badge passed is worth 25 points, and attendance will earn the patrol 3 points per scout (1 point if the scout is late). The patrol with the highest number of points over a six week period will be entertained by the losing patrol. The troop unanimously voted for Mr. John Hayes to be the new Assistant Scoutmaster, and approved purchasing a volleyball outfit in order to compete with other troops. ^[516]

During the National Committee Meeting in Washington in May, Congress W. B. Oliver wrote Scout Executive Sapp telling of his attendance to the conference, included many newspaper clippings about the conference, and praised the address of General Robert Baden-Powell, the English Scout authority who was present. ^[468]

During the week of May 22 to May 29th a Patrol Leader's school was held at Camp Horne. Approximately 50 Patrol Leaders were in attendance and H. L. Gaskin of Chattanooga (recently here for the State Patrol Leader's Conference) will be one of the instructors of the school. Special instruction was given in handicraft and archery,

including the making of bows and arrows. A target range was established where target practice was held with the bows and arrows created. Special instruction will also be given in rope making for tents, life-buoy lines, and other purposes. Leather workings will be emphasized and special instruction will be given in making moccasins and other items. In conjunction with the Patrol Leader's school, a Scoutmaster's School will be held at Camp Horne from May 28th to May 30th. The school will be one of the approved type, and those who complete the course with an average grade of 80 will be given a diploma signed by President Coolidge and other men of high rank, and issued through the National Boy Scout Organization Office. In concluding the Patrol Leaders camp John B. Cockett, the Educational Director of the First Baptist Church, gave a speech on "What is a Leader." He began the talks by defining the qualities that go into making a leader, the preparation of a leader, and working towards a goal to reach. Also during these two camps, the new tennis courts are being finished at Camp Horne and will be used for the first time during the upcoming camp. ^[469]^[470] On June 7th Miss Ola D. Overbey will be taking the Girl Scouts of Carrollton to Camp Horne. They will leave Thursday, remain at camp for several days, and return on June 15th. ^[517]

The Home Demonstration Club Girls are planning to hold their camp at Camp Horne from July 19 to July 24. The camp will be open to any club girl or club woman of the county. Plans are being made to give them a separate cabin at camp if enough women attend. The program has not been definitely worked out but a good program has been promised, including swimming, basketry, repainting of furniture, and stenciling of both silk and cotton materials. ^[471] The Boys Club discussed holding their camp from July

26th to July 28th at Camp Horne, with visits of specialists from Auburn and elsewhere to speak. Speakers include J. C. Lowery, head of the agriculture club work; L. C. LeBron, agriculture engineer of Auburn; and E. E. Binford, district farm agent. Scout Executive Sapp will be in charge of games, sports, and swimming. Movie pictures including “The Crop Worth Saving” (four reels), “She’s Wild” a comedy, “Home Electricity” (two reels), and “Forestry” (two reels) have been secured for showing at camp. The Southern train will not be stopping near camp as it has in the past resulting in the necessity of providing transportation from Tuscaloosa to the camp. Members attending camp are invited to bring their fathers along to camp. [472][473][475][478][479][482][484][488]

On June 24th, the Pickens County Herald wrote an editorial article discussing the need for Pickens County Scouts to have their own out-door home in Pickens county, built by Pickens county products, and constructed by Pickens County people. In creating this camp the Scouts of Pickens County would have the same advantages of the Tuscaloosa County Scouts have with Camp Horne. The location would be the main factor in determining where and what kind of camp should be built. [474][518]

The Boy Scouts of the Warrior district began their two-week camp on June 28. The camp is under the direction of E. R. Sapp with the assistants of Burden Cudd, a relative of Mrs. E. R. Sapp from Monmouth Ill. who arrived on July 2nd. Other staff members include William Roby, Yeatman King, and Billie Card. John B. Crockett, the Educational Director of the First Baptist Church, will be delivering a series of short addresses during the week entitled “Daniel’s Example of Service,” “Bones,” “Samson’s

Example in Strength,” and “The Fun In Being A Christian.” During the first week of camp the boys completed 45 strong bows (to be used in archery work) from lemon wood that was imported from Africa. During the second week the boys made a variety of articles such as moccasins, quivers, belts, camera cases, bill folders, pocket books, as well as other items. Scouts also completed a Scout totem pole which, according to the Tuscaloosa News, is the only one of its kind south of the Ohio river and one of four in the United States. The pole was made from a fifteen-foot section of cedar and the numerous symbols were carved with pocket knives. The pole will eventually be erected before the dining hall at camp. Scouts in charge of designing the totem pole include Yeatman King, Wood Rowe Purcell, Jack Fincher, Earnest Collins, Sam Friedman, Frank Moody, James Strudwich, and Roston Crutcher. The symbols carved were made according to the specifications supplied by the Scout Executive. Symbols carved on the pole include an eagle’s head on top which designates “...the qualities of endurance, courage, valor, strength, and other such qualities as go into making the type of man the true Scout is to develop into...” Next is a five-pointed star as “...a symbol of the outdoor life and ‘under the sky’ program of the Scout...”. Next is a trout to represent outdoor and clean sportsmanship and for the conservation of natural resources. An owl’s head was carved showing that the Scout must be wise if he is to succeed, and a bear to show that a man becomes a beast if he does not control himself. An Indian’s head was carved to show a reverence for the early history of our country, and as a tribute to the sturdy race of men from whom have come much of the ideals for good Scoutmanship. Below the Indian’s head a limb on the tree was carved into the likeness of a yellow hammer coming

out of a hole in the tree. This is a tribute to the Alabama regiment which fought in the Civil War with a yellow hammer's feather in their hats. A figure of a man with his hands raised, tinted black to denote happiness, was carved to represent the great spirit. The whole design was to represent the duty to God. The next symbol was an enlarged reproduction of a maple seed as a reminder of the seed of life, and the final symbol is a circle with the horns of a bull attached representing the fact that a life based on the laws of God will result in the development of a strong character with tendencies towards love and charity. James Waddell of Tuscaloosa was selected by a special committee as the best general camper. Hobson Payne of Greensboro was selected as the second best camper. The only difference between the two boys was in camping experience. Earnest Collins of Tuscaloosa was elected as the best junior leader of camp based on the strength of his trustworthiness, character, clean living, and contribution to the camping program. [476][478] [480][481][483] Twenty of the boys returning from camp will take part in the school census in the city to determine the number of persons in the city between the ages of 6 and 21. A record of all the deaf, dumb, blind, feeble-minded, and otherwise abnormal children will be made. The census will furnish the information upon which the state appropriations for the schools of Tuscaloosa will be made for the next two years. The number of youth fell short of 7,000. [484][486]

On July 17th the Boy Scout Court of Honor was held on the street before the Chamber of Commerce building after meeting up in the auditorium. Over a dozen scouts passed various tests and fulfilled requirements for promotions and merit badges. Sam Friedman fulfilled the requirements for becoming an Eagle Scout after passing a test in

Bird Study. William Roby and Yeatman King, who had already fulfilled the requirements for Eagle Scout, were given their Eagle pins. Ben Fuller has the largest number of badges awarded. In addition to being promoted to First Class, he won badges in swimming, first aid, automobiling, dairying, and agriculture. A large percentages of the promotions and badges awarded were the result of work done during the two week summer camp. ^[485]. The Scout Board will convene Tuesday, July 20th in their new office. The new office is located in the northwest corner of the basement of the courthouse. The scouts started moving their equipment to the new location last week, and workmen are busy remodeling the room for permanent occupancy. ^[487]

As reported in the July 19th edition of the Tuscaloosa News, on the morning of August 16th, Eagle and Life Scouts from the Black Warrior Council will leave Tuscaloosa for a tour of Florida. The trip is being given as a reward for faithful service in scouting. The trip will last two weeks and Mrs. Verner Robertson, county health nurse, will accompany the party to attend the needs of any boy who may get sick. Harry Burns, an experienced sea fisherman and life guard, will go along to act as a lifeguard. The party will go to Montgomery, then to Jacksonville Florida. They will then travel down the east coast visiting interesting cities and resorts. The return trip will be made up the west coast by way of Mobile, Selma, and then back to Tuscaloosa. The group has been invited to camp in a number of Scout camps along the route. Mosquito bars are provided for the trip, and shelter tents are being taken along for camping when Scout camps are not available. During the trip the Scouts will be taken on a boat trip on the Atlantic Ocean or Gulf of Mexico. They will leave from the jetties off Jacksonville, Florida and travel

approximately 30 miles out to sea. A maximum of 40 boys will be taken as to keep from having to take three trucks (buses). The Aliceville troop is expecting to have enough Scouts to qualify for one truckload (16), and that truck will come from the city. The troop in Reform will be represented by Charles Chastine. Twenty-four Scouts will be from Tuscaloosa. The group is expected to leave from the court house at 7:00am Monday, stopping the first day at Montgomery. The second stop is Lake City, Florida and the third stop is Jacksonville. [489][491][492][493][494]

The July meeting of the Executive Committee of the Boy Scouts of the Black Warrior district met in the director's room of the Chamber of Commerce on the 20th. Scout Executive E. R. Sapp reported that the loss of property in the Chamber auditorium (due to fire) amounted to \$250. Mr. Sapp also stated that over 800 people had been in camp so far. Of these 800 people, 372 were boys and the others were men, members of the W.C.T.U, Girl Scouts, and other groups. The number did not include the Girl's Club members currently at camp. The report also stated that the water of the lake had been made pure by adding lime and then draining several times, removing mud from the lake, and cutting out roots. Two tennis courts have been built at a cost of \$100, and the athletic field has been completed at a cost of \$400 (\$300 donated by the Exchange Club). A concrete pool for beginners in swimming and bathing has been built in connection with the lake and the dam repaired at a cost of \$125. All cabins have been repaired, the roof on the mess hall painted, and a cabin has been built out of logs from an old log house several miles from the camp. Overall the camp currently has a profit of \$32.50. At the

conclusion of the report a motion was made by Dr. Summerville authorizing the Scout Executive to use some of the profit to fund the Life and Eagle Scout tour of Florida. ^[490]

The date for the Aliceville lifesaving instruction tests being held at Cunningham Ford have been altered. Originally slated for August 10th, the date has been moved to August 5th. The test will be under the supervision of E. R. Sapp, Council Executive of the Black Warrior Council. ^[519]

On August 16th a big truck load of Life and Eagle Scouts, along with two automobiles driven by Mr. Sapp and Mrs. Verner Robertson, left the court house a few minutes after 8:00am for a two-week tour of Florida. The scouts are riding in a large truck body arranged on a Ford truck and a trailer. The goal is to arrive a Montgomery by nightfall and join the sixteen Life and Eagle Scouts from Aliceville. Other than light showers the Tuscaloosa company of scouts reached Montgomery at 9:00pm. They will be camping on the capital grounds that night. At noon on Wednesday the scouts were at Bainbridge, Georgia and expect to spend the night in Jacksonville, Florida on Thursday night, followed by Friday night in St. Augustine. Saturday night was open in Tarpon Springs, and the scouts crossed Gandy Bridge between Tampa and St. Petersburg. The Gandy bridge is said to be the longest wooden automobile bridge in the world. The scouts will return Tuscaloosa Wednesday or Thursday evening. ^{[495][496][497]} The Aliceville Scouts are under the leadership of Scoutmaster Rev. J. E. Jenkins. Aliceville Scouts making the trip include Joe Sanders, Elmo Hines, Claude E. Martin, Bill Allen, David Stringfellow, Sam Murphy, Paul Summerville, Virgil Buntin, James Jenkins, Hugh

Fitzpatrick, J. C. Maxwell, George Gautney, and William Summerville. The Jacksonville Sunday Times-Union reported on August 26th

“...while the camp was in the midst of preparations for the ceremonial fire, two trucks and two cars loaded with Scouts from the Black Warrior Council, Alabama, rolled into camp for the night. They were under the active leadership of E. R. Sapp, Scout Executive, and assisted by the Rev. J. E. Jenkins, Scoutmaster of Aliceville, Alabama. Mr. Sapp was accompanied by Mrs. Sapp, little son Jim, and Mrs. Verna Robertson, county welfare nurse from Aliceville. The Scouts pitched their pup tents out of tent row, while some of the leaders occupied Troop 12's hut. They were tendered the use of the camp mess hall, while the camp population ate in shifts. They are granted the privileges of the camp which they seemed to enjoy. Those Alabama fellows are a manly bunch.”

A telegram was received from Scoutmaster Jenkins stating that the Aliceville lads would spend the night in Montgomery on Wednesday and return home on September 2nd (Thursday) or September 3rd. ^[520]

Starting November 18th the Boy Scouts of Tuscaloosa Junior High will give one day a week (Tuesday) to help the unfortunate. The Scouts will spend their time repairing and painting old toys for the Community Christmas. Only Scouts making an average of an “a” or “b” in their studies are being allowed to work and only during study period. Mrs. W. A. Collier, principal, is very enthusiastic about the project. Currently over \$100 worth of toys have been turned over to the Community store. Also during this time, Harold Rogers, a past member of Troop 2, has taken charge of the Boy Scout office located in the basement of the Court House. He, along with his staff, will hold all Scout tests which any Scout desires tot take, and will be at his office from 3:00pm to 5:00pm

each day. He is also endeavoring to secure scribes for each troop who will co-operate in maintaining the column of news in the Tuscaloosa News. Troop 5 has moved into new quarters at the First Baptist Church. The new area has four rooms and a stove has been secured to keep the troop warm during winter nights. The troop is under the leadership of Sergeant Welie (Scoutmaster) along with William Roby and Yeatman King (assistants). Members of Troop 8 are urged to attend the regular troop meeting on Friday, 6:30pm, at the First Methodist church. New patrols will be chosen and new officers selected. Lastli, a new trop of Scouts has been organized in Rosedale with C. Jackson as the Scoutmaster. [498]

Beginning November 22, the Black Warrior Council will start its annual campaign for more members and reorganization. All boys will re-register while new Senior Patrol Leaders have been selected. Two new troops in Southside have been organized and older troops have been asked to rejuvenate their respective meeting places and to get a greater spirit going with their troops. The Executive Board of the Black Warrior District Council was also authorized to make plans for next year's Tuscaloosa Boy Scout work. This was decided at a banquet being held at the First Christian church. Some of the plans include employing a full-time Scout Executive to take the place of Sgt. C. H. Wolfe (current acting Executive) and making out a budget for another year. More than 50 members were at the banquet, as well as several others from out of Tuscaloosa. The current Executive Board consists of Mr. Dobson (Chairman), J. V. Lary (First Vice President and Chairman of the Finance Committee), M. C. Rumley (Vice-President and Chairman of the Camping Committee), Sam Wiesel (Vice President and Chairman of the Training Committee), Dr.

George H. Search (Vice President and Chairman of the Troop Organization Committee), A. M. McGill (Secretary / Treasurer), George Droplet (Deputy Commissioner and Chairman of the Forestry Committee), Owen Meredith (Deputy Commissioner and Chairman of the Publicity Committee), Dr. J. H. Sommerville (Deputy Commissioner and Chairman of the Court of Honor), J. M. Burnett (Deputy Commissioner and Chairman of the Religious Education), John Pearson (Deputy Commissioner and Chairman of the Civic Service), J. T. Munn (Deputy Commissioner and Chairman of Outside Relations), and Fred Neilson (Commissioner for Lone Scout work). Committees appointed by Mr. Dodson for the year are: Finance Committee (J. V. Lary, A. M. McGill, C. N. Maxwell, and Frank Daniels), Troop Organization Committee (Dr. George Searcy, J. T. Munn, John Pearson, and George Droplet), Camping Committee (M. C. Rumley, Fred Neilson, Ben Cabel, W. P. Bloom, and J. C. Austin), Publicity Committee (Owen Meredith, B. E. Nichols, J. Collier Foster, and Dr. Leroy St. John), the Outside Relations Committee (J. T. Munn, R. C. Foster, and Bob Bruner), the Court of Honor Committee (Dr. J. H. Sommerville, C. M. Sapp, L. T. Casson, K. M. Calhoun, Bill Card, and R. C. Lett), Range Officer (Sgt. C. H. Wolfe), Civic Service Committee (John Pearson, A. L. McDuff, T. B. Ward, and John Verner) and the Religious Education Committee (J. M. Burns, Dr. J. P. Rhone, Dr. A. M. Freeman (and others - newspaper article illegible.) [499][500]

Scout Executive E. R. Sapp and his assistants (Scoutmasters) met at Mr. Sapp's home in a meeting presided over by Lloyd Sweat, Council President. After a roundtable discussion on the condition of Scouting in Tuscaloosa it was decided to hold an eight-week training school (once weekly). After speaking with the superintendent and assistant

superintendent of public instruction, it was agreed to organize twenty Scout clubs for the purpose of promoting clean speech, clean athletics, better study. On Friday, November 26th Mr. Sapp visited Hale county and met with the camping committee of that county. The committee took Mr. Sapp to the site of the new camp located near Greensboro. The day was spent the site with Scoutmasters and Scouts giving tests and demonstrations of outdoor cooking. [501][503]

On July 4th a fire destroyed \$500 dollars worth of scouting equipment. Thus during December the Scouts decided to sell Christmas trees in the city to help recoup some of the lost money. Scout Executive Sapp was authorized to to secure trees and holly for sale. The scouts spent Saturday under the leadership of Charles Reid (Troop 2), Jack Fisher (Troop 3), and C. Maxwell (Troop 5) gathering holly to sell. Some trees will be presented to the Ladies Auxiliary of Druid City Hospital to be used in the wards. Patients will also be given candy and fruit if they are able to eat it. The trees are being sold from the temporary home in the Merchants' Bank building. A good bit of money was raised with the sale Christmas trees and holly. [502][503][504][505][506]

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During the last year the workers with the Community Chest Drive have found the Black Warrior District Boy Scouts to be one of the most interesting agencies in the chest in that they performed the following activities:

1. The Boy Scouts paid for twenty-eight boys, three farm girls and five Girl Scouts to attend one week of camp as well as procuring uniforms for 8 underprivileged youth.
2. The Scouts spent over six hundred hours assisting Chief of Police A. L. McDuff with transportation work on downtown streets.
3. Supper was cooked and served for the state conference of the Junior Chamber of Commerce.
4. The Scouts aided directly or indirectly twenty-three cripples during the year and a number of them are holding good positions at this time.
5. Work was done by Boy Scout officials in the rehabilitation of three cripples at this time.
6. During the year four underprivileged boys were taken on a three-thousand mile trip to Florida.
7. Six dozen new toys were made for the Christmas Community store, and old toys were also repaired.
8. A run-away boy was taken care of during last year and the Scouts worked in checking three forest fires. A Christmas tree and holly was procured for the Salvation Army.
9. Band entertainment was procured for the junior and senior high schools.
10. Car were parked and traffic was handled for the University football games and on Homecoming.
11. The camp was supplied and directed for the young people's branch of the Women's Christian Temperance Union.
12. Aid was rendered by the Boy Scout organization in the Armistice Day Celebrations.
13. Camp improvements totaling \$1,600 were made.
14. Forty-six boys were trained infirm prevention. Four training groups in life saving and first aid under the American Red Cross were conducted.
15. More than 5,000 pieces of literature and posters were put out.
16. Over 1,800 pounds of meet and 200 gallons of Brunswick stew was prepared for the Farmer's picnic at Duncanville.

17. Orderlies were furnished for the Civilian conference, the Kiwanis convention, the Alabama Methodist conference, State Junior Chamber of Commerce meeting, and orderlies with bicycles were furnished for the Community Chest Drive. ^[539]

On Tuesday, January 4th the Black Warrior District met to elect officers for the 1927 year. The nominating committee, composed of Richard Foster (Chairman), Sam Wiesel, and Whitfield Moore, presented the following men for officers and those men were duly elected. The men were Lload A. Sweatt (President), J. T. Horne (First Vice-President), M. C. Rumley, Sam Wiesel, Collier Foster, Robert Kirksey, Henry Somerville, A. T. Horton, W. D. Partlowe, and Ben Cabell (all Vice Presidents). Commissioners elected include Ralph McBurney (Commissioner), F. A. Here, Whitefield Moore, M. T. Jemison, and C. C. Simpson (District Commissioners), George Droplet (Special Deputy Commissioner), Lieutenant Colonel H. L. Butler, H. E. Tarpley, and M. R. Bettis (Deputy Commissioners), E. R. Sapp (Scout Executive), C. E. Verner (Treasurer), and J. P. Boone, A. D. Ellis, Clare Purceli, and C. M. Boyd (Special Religious Education Commissioners). A meeting will be held on January 6th to outline plans for the year. ^[521]

Troop 1 Boy Scouts (Kellerman) have been meeting regularly every week. Patrol 1 consisting of Leo Martin and Freeman Gleason have a perfect attendance record. The other Scouts (Jimmie Smith, Glenn Lankford, William Lankford, Issac Harwell, and Howard Hayer) have also been excellent scouts. The troop at Greely, Alabama has also been doing excellent work under the direction of Scoutmaster Holdsambeck. The troop played Santa Clause to several unfortunates in the community, and have made a basketball team which has been playing neighboring communities. ^[522] At the Regional Meeting of the Fifth and Sixth Regions Mr. Sapp taught the making of bonnets, tom-

toms, bustles, and other articles made with genuine golden eagle feathers from the Rocky Mountain district. Many of these articles created were loaned to the Birmingham Scouts who had lost their possessions in a fire that destroyed the cabin they were housed in. Mr. Sapp copied the style of the Sioux in making the bonnets using eagle feathers. Mr. Sapp then used fifty-four falcon feathers in the making of a white bonnet. This bonnet is currently on exhibition at Smith Hall's museum at the University of Alabama. IT is a duplicate of the one worn by medicine man Sitting Bull in the Ghost Dance in the Dance of Death. Others made by Chief Black Eagle of the Sioux and one made by Red Fox were given to Mr. Sapp to be displayed at the museum. [523]

On Tuesday, January 25th the Fifth Region of the Boy Scouts of America held it's annual meeting in Birmingham, Alabama at the Bankhead hotel. It began at 8:00am with Carl Faust, Regional Chairman, Presiding. Attending the meeting was Dr. George J. Fisher, Deputy Scout Executive of America along with Dr. Ray O. Wyland of the Department of Church Relations. Lloyd A. Sweatt (President of the Black Warrior Council) and E. R. Sapp (Scout Executive) represented the Boy Scouts of Tuscaloosa as well as Charles Horton for Aliceville. Lloyd A. Sweatt gave an address to the assembly on camping, discussing the means by which Camp Horne was built, why it is different from other camps, and why boys go to camp.

“A good camp site owned and properly developed with a year-round program is the best insurance policy that can be secured against council failure. It is the means of maintaining interest among the boys of the countil, and to educate the fathers and mothers to Scouting. Taking our own council as an example, I am sure you will proton the person reference, we have developed a camp site worth \$20,000 (\$281,533 in 2017 dollars) all of which is paid for,

and last year we handled 1,600 campers and over 2,000 visitors, and at no time has the council budget been over \$6,000 (\$84,460). Not more than \$300 (\$4,223) of this budget has been spent on camping in one year.

We realize early in our council organization that if Scouting must live, we must first familiarize the men of the community with Scouting. We felt the best way would be to sell them Scouting through camping. We secured a beautiful camp site through the generosity of one of our local citizens, J. T. Horne, whose name the camp bears. The first camp building built upon the land was erected by George Phanlin; the next project was the mess hall by the Rotary Club; The Kiwanis club built a museum of natural history the Pilot club donated eleven boats; the Lions Club gave a diving tower and slides for the lake; while the Exchange Club donated an athletic field. The Ku Klux Klan gave a check for \$640 for waterworks. The Men's Bible class of Presbyterian church gave a cabin and an electric light plant. The Young People's branch of the Women's Christian Temperance Union gave a piano. M. R. Bettis donated a victrola. Several other cabins have been erected on the camp by different citizens, who have given their time and money to see that Scouting was made a success in Tuscaloosa county, and in this way we have endeavored to tie up the community to our camping program and camp development. Each year we try to have different service clubs visit the camp and have a picnic dinner or barbecue.

The camp must not be located in a public place. Our Camp Horne is about ten miles from Tuscaloosa and is ideal located. We find that boys like freedom that is, they do not like to be predominated over by other boys but are happy when they are privileged to express their own feelings in words and action; therefore, leaders and campers are governed by the same rule, and the rules that govern the camp are the twelve Scout laws. By freedom we do not mean running wild, but relaxation of mind and body that will permit both to grow in a normal and natural way. Our program, therefore, is an indirect one which brings out the very best in every boy.

We have a graduate nurse or physician to inspect the campers daily for contagious and infectious diseases. We place all undernourished boys on an extra milk diet, and on one case we found that such a boy gained eight pounds in ten days. When boys are properly fed they are happy and have a great deal of enthusiasm and endurance. We believe that the camp kitchen is the most important building at the camp.

We are not meeting ourselves up a camp authorities. Neither is our camp the model for every else to follow. We do hope to convey the ideal to rural councils that they can develop a camp program and own their own camps

although their budget is small and hard to secure, if proper plans are made for the development.”

Other speakers include Dr. George J. Fisher, Ray O. Wyland, Carl Faust, and regional chairman, council president, council commissioners, and regional executives.

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Troop 5 at Camp Horne, 1927



Bert Bank is in the first row, 5th scout from the left. Picture courtesy of Jimmy Bank.

The Scout Leader’s monthly meeting and luncheon was held at night on Friday, January 28th at the First Presbyterian church with Lloyd A. Sweatt presiding. The first speaker was J. T. Horne, who stated that he was proud of his connection with the Scouts. Mr. Horne told this present that E. R. Sapp (Scout Executive) had come to Tuscaloosa to find absolutely no Scout organization and that he had set to work and built one of the greatest organizations in this section of he county. Mr. Horne further stated:

“Camp Horne compares favorably with any in the nation because E. R. Sapp was big enough to hurdle all obstacles and overcome handicaps. I believe in Mr. Sapp, in the Boy Scouts, the men who are present here tonight, and the community, and I promise my assistance in the building of the Scout organization. I am backing Mr. Sapp to make one of the greatest Scout organizations in the country.”

Scout Executive Sapp presented the Scout leaders with the Scout situation in Tuscaloosa and the Black Warrior district, and point out the functions which the different committees should perform. Mr. Sapp stated:

“I have been waiting for one thing to happen, and that is to see a council which really works. If the program which we are contemplating is to work there must be corporation through. So in order to make the council work properly we are going to train its members to their jobs. Heretofore it has not been that the men on the councils were incapable or unworthy, but because they did not know what they were suppose to do. I am passing around suggestions which have been made and I want all of you to read them. I do not expect that everyone one of them will be ca tried out, but I will be greatly gratified if one-half or even one-third of them are put in to operation.”

Mr. Sapp then informed those present of the training school for Boy Scout leaders which would be held next week in the city. The school will be in boy psychology and will teach men who handle boys how to handle them better. Herbert L. Gasking of Memphis, Tennessee will be the dean of the school. February 8th will also be the 17th anniversary of the Boy Scouts. Mr. Sapp stated that he had been informed that various pastors in the city would devote a sermon to a topic concerning this birthday. ^[525] On January 21st the Boy Scout of York held a meeting of the board to play how to meet the situation of the rapid growth of the Scouts in York. The Scouts of York are one of the

oldest troops in the Black Warrior Council having had continuous registration of the past ten years with the same Scoutmaster - Rev. J. M. Partridge of the First Presbyterian Church of York. The troop has been adopted by the newly organized Exchange club of York, and the members have placed the troop under the supervision of the Tuscaloosa council. Since then the troop has grown from a member of eight boys to a troop of forty. Troop meetings have been held in a log cabin built on city property many years ago, but the growth of the troop has necessitated enlarging the cabin to forty feet long, twenty-eight feet wide, and twelve feet tall with a value estimated at \$750. [526] Tuscaloosa will also be visited by Harold W. Lewman, the new Regional Scout Executive, sometime during March. Mr. Lewman first became a Scout in McComb, Mississippi, joining Troop 1 in 1913, but registered with the national council in 1915. A Star Scout, he served as an assistant patrol leader, patrol leader, senior patrol leader, and assistant Scoutmaster of Troop 1 over a 6 year period. In early 1925 he accepted a position on the regional staff as a Special Deputy Regional Executive and spent his time organizing new councils. In 1926 he served as a Regional Deputy Executive of Region 5, and in 1927 became Regional Executive after the retirement of Stanley A. Harris. [528]

On Friday, February 4th the Boy Scout Leader's training began with the first of three days of classes beginning at 6:00pm at the Chamber of Commerce auditorium. Thirty-two men were present for the first class which consisted of a review of Scout literature, knot boards, and handicraft. At the Dutch supper a series of Scout yells was to be led by Jesse Thomas, but due to an illness he was not able to attend. Lloyd A. Sweatt, President of the Black Warrior Council, extended greetings to those present. The

Council Executive E. R. Sapp then addressed the group. After that, Herbert L. Gaskin, Regional Director of Education, delivered an address on boyology and mistakes on the part of Scoutmasters.

“I am very much impressed with the Scout leaders who are attending the Boy Scout leader’s training school. They are all following the work closely and seem to be very much interested in their work. That will mean that the object of Scouting which is to train manhood to serve boyhood will be carried out. Sunday, anniversary week will begin for Scouting, and the whole attention of the Scout world will be given to register and train men to serve more than a million Scouts. It is hoped that every Scoutmaster can be given instruction in boyology and Scout craft before being placed at the head of a troop.”

At 8:00am on Saturday leaders gathered in the vacant lot at the rear of the C. W. Lewis furniture store for a morning of instruction on outdoor cooking. A hole was dug in the ground and a fireplace built with bricks was made under the direction of Mr. Gaskin. Six chickens, a peck of Irish and sweet potatoes, and well seasoned cabbage was left covered on the fire for three hours. Two trout, peas, Hominy, biscuits, cakes, peach pie, and corn bread was also cooked without the use of utensils except for paper bags and tin cans. Two hundred observers were present from around the county. Games such as “Dizzy Izzy” and a match box relay was then taught to the leaders. That afternoon Herbert L. Gaskin instructed the students on outdoor games, and pointed out the better ways of putting Scouting across. The day ended with a moving picture party as guests of C. B. Grimes of the local play house. On Sunday Scout leaders attended a Sunday school and church, and work began back at 2:00pm at the Chamber of Commerce. At this two

hour meeting a troop year meeting program was presented, and complete organization and functionings of the troop was explained. This class was followed by songs led by Jesse Thomas, and then a discussion of whether there will be a training school in April. At 7:30pm a Tenderfoot investiture ceremony was performed at the First Presbyterian church in which Hotan-Tonka (Jack Roar) addressed the leaders and others who were invited to attend. ^{[529][530][531]}

Troop 5's Scout banquet was held on Friday, February 11 at the First Baptist Church with members of the troop and their parents as honored guest. Assistant Scoutmaster William Roby served as toastmaster. Scout Brad Wood gold of the good that Scouting had done for him, while Mrs. Jesse Maxwell gave a mother's viewpoint on Scouting. John B. Crockett spoke about the club rooms of the troop, and E. L. Dodson told of the Lowes of Scouting. Dr. J. P. Boone gave the attitude of the Baptist Church towards the Boy Scouts. ^[532] Hotan-Tonka, Objibway Indian (better known as Jack Roar) has come back to Tuscaloosa to offer his services free of charge for the local Scout pageant. A similar pageant was held in Dothan, Alabama where Governor Bibb Graves participated.

Hotan Tonka (Jack Roar)



Approximately 200 Scouts and friends will participate in this event. Troop 5 will make a presentation on First Aid, while Troop 8 will offer a special program. Fred Neilson, Chairman of the Arrangements and Finance Committees, secured the auditorium for the event after consulting with Hotan Tonka about dates he would be free. Hotan Tonka solicited 40 Scouts which to teach to dance, and brought over three thousand dollars worth of costumes. The costumes consist of Indian regalia and head dresses, many which are genuine war bonnets.^{[533][535]}

During the pageant Hotan Tonka will dance the fire dance. During the fire dance Hotan Tonka will carry live glowing coals in his hands and mouth. It is an original dance of the Main tribe of Indians, which lived in different localities in Indiana and Ohio. The fire dance is the official dance when someone is being taken into the tribe - whether

Indian or white man. In the dance the dancer takes live coals in his hands and mouth while making the steps. As he carries the boring coals he must stop at various stations about the council fire. The idea of carrying the coals is to prove to the chief and tribe that the dancer is brave and courageous, and willing to suffer pain, torture, hardship, or death if necessary for the tribe. Hotan Tonka learned the dance from an old Miami named John Bunny, a descendent of one of the last chiefs of the Miami Michingomesia. ^{[536][537]}

Tuscaloosa citizens packed the senior high school building on February 22 to witness the Boy Scout Indian Circus stated by Hotan Tonka and E. R. Sapp, Scout Executive of the Tuscaloosa Boy Scouts. The program opened with impersonations by Dr. Ralph McBurney on the mouth-harp, followed by a song by the group of Indians. A first aid demonstration was then shown by Troop 5, followed by Greek bugle calls by Troop 8. Lloyd Sweatt, President of the Black Warrior Council, introduced Rev. Dr. A. D> Ellis, rector of Christ church. He spoke briefly upon the subject of the coming Community Chest drive. He also explained that the Indian pageant being currently held was not costing the Boy Scouts or Community Chest any money due to the friendship between Hotan Tonka and Mr. Sapp. Once done a group of dances, led by Hotan Tonka, were performed. Dances include the "Youth's Dance", "Pipe Dance," followed by a pipe contest won by Bert Johnson. An "Athletic Dance" was then followed by a "Warriors' Dance" and a "Chiefton's Dance." ^[538]

Also around this time the Boy Scouts completed programming for the current year. The theme for the month of February is "Citizenship", and debates are being held on the

topic “Was Washington or Roosevelt the Best Scout” while the theme for March is “Church Relationship”. Also in march a campaign is being started to have every boy to learn to swim. Special talks on the subject of swimming. An athletic night is being schedule with boxing and wrestling being featured under special conditions. Scouts are also urged to join a church. [534]

W. L. Haltom, better known as “Bill Arkansas”, arrived in Tuscaloosa for a six month stay. During that time he will at Camp Horne preparing for the Scout camps held during the summer, the first camp being June 10th. Following that camp there will be several other camps. In preparing for camp the spring water at Camp Horne has been carefully inspected by the state health department. Two new cabins have been erected for the additional scouts, and it has been announced that Laurel will be returning to Camp Horne to cook again for the camp. The camp museum is being reworked with special attention being paid to nature study. The Alabama Museum of Natural History have agreed to appear at the camp from time to time during the summer to conduct lectures in nature study. Plans are being made to take the stream of water at camp as a route for a nature lover’s tour at camp. Another tennis court has been completed giving the camp two tennis courts as well as a new baseball diamond. [540]

On the morning of April 7th the Tuscaloosa Boy Scouts announced the cancellation of their plans for a weekend camp at Carrollton, Alabama in order that they might do there part in the Clean-Up and Paint-Up campaign. Given that the Girl Scouts are currently at their camp the Boy Scouts will be busy distributing the Clean-Up and

Report-Up report blanks, and will collect them as part of a prize contest. ^{[541][542]} The Black Warrior council is also putting on a writing contest. A ten-dollar prize will be awarded to a scout under 20 years of age for a story written on any topic they choose. The winner will have his story entered into a national contest sponsored by Boy's Life magazine. The magazine will award \$100 for first place, \$50 for second place, and six prizes of \$25 for third place. If the local scout wins he will be able to keep any prize money but the local scout office reserves the copyright on the story. The story must not be more than 4,000 words in length, typed, double spaced, and must be original. The local contest will end August 1st while the national contest will end September 1st. ^[543]

On Friday, April 15th Troop 3 held its regular meeting at the First United Methodist Church at 6:45pm. Before the meeting the scouts played games, and then the meeting came to order. Odis Parker made a short talk on the life of Theadore Roosevelt, and parts were assigned for a program for next Friday night. Roll call was made with each scout answering with a good turn. After the Scout Oath was repeated all scouts went outside for more games. ^{[544][545]} Troop 5 held its regular meeting, opening it with the Scout Oath. The Patrol System was discussed and the Scouts signified their willingness to cooperate with the Patrol leader. During the coming week there is a prospect that, with 35 boys present, a great many tests will be passed. The troop closed their meeting with the singing of Taps. ^[545]

In an effort to give every Scout in the county an equal chance, and to especially to aide Lone Scouts, the local Boy Scout office under the direction of E. R. Sapp, has

devised a sort of extension school plan of instruction by which boys will be given Scout tests by prominent people in the community or their parents. Their certification that the test has been passed will be sent in via mail to the Scout office who will then credit the boy for the tests he's passed. Each month a letter of examination will be mailed to each boy to take advantage of Mr. Sapp's plan. It is also planned to hold handicraft schools at certain times when the country boys will be invited to come into town and partake into instruction. The first lesson in handicraft will consist of making a bow and arrow. A complete chart is being sent out as to what wood should be used. This week two letters are being mailed out - one being a letter from MR. Sapp explaining his plan, and another one from Lloyd Sweat telling what it means to be a Scout and an examination - questions all relating to Scouting. The Scout oath is also being sent out so that it may be memorized. [546]

On May 26 at 5:00pm Camp Horne will open for its first outing of the year. The first camp will continue for three days and is for working boys who don't have time to attend during the month of June, July, or August. The official opening of camp for members of the Black Warrior Council will be May 30th. During this camping season the Girl Scouts will not make use of camp. Other than a few church camps, the camping program will be devoted entirely to boys. Dr. W. D. Partlow, Camping Committee Chairman has planned an interesting enterprise for the camps but this enterprise is not yet public. The committee thoroughly gone over Camp Horne and made reports as to the improvements allocated. The sanitary conditions have been improved, weeds along the banks for the lake have been cut, a new bridge of hard pine has been constructed across

Lake Herrin, while a crew of carpenters have gone to camp to make all necessary repairs. Several more cabins have been built, and the museum of natural history has been considerably enlarged. The tennis courts have been improved and a new one has been added. [547]

Camps being held at Camp Horne are:

1. May 26 to May 29 - three day camp for working boys
2. May 30 to June 5th - Presbyterian Church Camp
3. June 6 to June 12 - Young People's branch of the W.C.T.U.
4. June 13 to June 26 - Boy Scout Camp (one camp, two weeks)
5. June 27 to July 3 - Methodist Church camp.
6. July 4 to to July 10th - Baptist Church camp
7. July 11 to July 17th - Presbyterian Church camp
8. July 18 to July 24 - Farm Club girls camp
9. July 25 to July 28 - Farm Club boys camp
10. July 28 to September 8 - Hotan Tonka's Indian Village
11. July 28 to September 8 - Older scout camp.
12. July 28 to September 8 - Younger scout camp.
13. September 5 to September 12 - Tuscaloosa High School football camp.

The camps running July 28th to September 8 will be run concurrently with each camp limiting registration to 60 boys max per camp. [548]

Troop Two held their regular troop meeting on May 27. The meeting was called to order by Bill Card (assistant Scoutmaster) and was opened with the new flag ceremony. The trop decided to by merit badge pamphlets with the \$5.00 won in the recently held "Clean-Up Campaign." IT was decided that at 8:30am Sunday the troop would hike to the rock quarry located near (old) lock twelve. The patrols met for 10 minutes, and next on the program was a Second Class first air contest between the Red Fox and Flying Eagle patrols. Frank Terry was given the job of book binding in the Red

Fox patrol meeting, and the patrol is shouldering the responsibility of making the troop work bench. The Flying Eagle patrol began making their patrol pow wows, building the next frame first. They also created a bench, a patrol box, a table, and a knot board.

Scouts pitched in money to purchase cloth and paint for the pow wow. The Beaver patrol had two scouts pass Tenderfoot requirements and the also built a knot board, a sand table, a chest, and fixed the troop shelves. [549]

On June 10 both Troop Two and Troop Eight held their regular scout meetings. Troop Two's meeting was called to order at 7:15pm by Scoutmaster Jimmy Munn. Dues were collected, old and new business disposed of, followed by a fifteen minute Patrol meeting. Senior Patrol Leader Bob Fuller gave a talk on turtles. The Flying Eagle Patrol was appointed to clean up the Scout house on June 17, and the patrol discussed building a nature road for the patrol...as well as getting a collection of bird nests and eggs. The Red Fox patrol purchased 12 packages of tooth paste and have sold some. Once all are sold an official plumb scout ax will be purchased. Troop Eight began their meeting at 7:00pm. A review of the Scout Laws and their meaning was held, followed by room call where each Scout answered with a good turn. A report was given on the use of the knife and axe, and National conservation was discussed by Norville Chatfield. Eugene Armstead was introduced as the new Scoutmaster. Members Harold Schweitzer, Charles Ingram, and Merle Baily were sworn in. [550]

The first session of Camp Horne started June 13 and will run for two weeks. Genuine needs from an Indian reservation from South Dakota will be used in bead work,

and leather has been received from Chicago for leatherwork. An archery club was formed at camp and lemon wood bow sticks have been received from Central Africa for making bows. Troop One (Livingston) under the supervision of Dr. Sisk arrived for camp. Burke Johnson, assistant to the executive, went to Gainesville to meet the troop and bring them to camp. ^[551]

Troop Two held its regular meeting on Friday, June 24th. The troop met at 7:30pm, dues were paid, and after a ten minute patrol meeting Scouts were called on to give talks on different kinds of trees, moths, and butterflies. The Red Fox patrol (Russell Keller, patrol leader) will be going on a nature hike soon. The Lever patrol painted their nature board and enrolled three new members. At Calvary Baptist Church the Junior Scouts held their meeting under the direction of Howard H. Meigs. They elected William Clayton. President, Bernard Gilliland Vice President, James Miller Secretary / Treasurer, and Earl Sumner and George Ryan as patrol leaders. The director will be having the juniors take part in a special study of "The Two Little Savages" together with other books on camping and woodcraft. Troop 5 also met Friday at the First Baptist Church. During this time all members of the troop were given permission to use the new tools in the Scout workshop. Meetings will be suspended for two weeks due to a majority of scouts being a Camp Horne. For Troop 313's meeting Dick Lyons read the Constitution and had it explained by the Scoutmaster. Patrol meetings were then held and each patrol voted on its patrol name: Flying Eagle and Black Crow. ^{[553][554]}

On June 27th a meeting of business men in Holt Alabama was held with E. R. Sapp to organize a number of Scout troops in the area. M. J. Maloney, Vice President of the Central Iron and Coal company, acted as Chairman until a permanent could be voted on. J. L. Oldham was elected chairman general Chairman of the Board of Directors and S. A. Beasley was elected Chairman of the committee on the selection of Scoutmasters for Holt troops. It was decided to elect one Scoutmaster and one Assistant Scoutmaster from each of the plants at Holt to head the troops. There will be two troops of Scouts made of of boys from the ages of 12 to 16, while there will be one troop of boys for ages 9 to 12. The plants in Holt have agreed to allow the Scoutmasters and Assistant Scoutmasters elected from the plant one week off with full pay for the Scout camp to be held in August, and one week off to attend the Scout Leader's Training school to be held alongside the Scribe school at Camp Horne from July 4 to July 9. [555] June 31st saw the monthly meeting of the Tuscaloosa Scoutmaster's Association held in the Scout offices. The meeting was presided over by James T. Munn, President of the Scoutmaster's Association. Prior to the meeting E. R. Sapp served a supper to the scoutmasters. After supper all Scoutmasters drew asked to rise and give their name and nickname so that everyone would be acquainted with each other. Scout Executive Sapp told the Scoutmasters that the best good turn for the entire district was the cleaning up of the Girl Scout camp by 20 Boy Scouts on Thursday afternoon, and that two news buildings had been erected by the Scouts. C. H. Wolfe informed the scoutmasters of the organization of Scout troops in Hold, and that M. J. Malloney, Vice President of Central Coal and Rim, offered to let the Hold Scouts choose any carpenter employed by the company to build a

Scout hut. Mr. Sapp announced the six-day training school for patrol leaders and scribes that will begin on July 4th. The majority of the meeting was a lecture given by Dr. J. P. Boone, pastor of the First Baptist Church who spoke about how Boy Scout work was appealing from any standpoint. [557]

Earl T. Moore, field representative for life saving for the American Red Cross, will be in Tuscaloosa July 18th and July 19th to give life-saving instructions and examinations to those who wish to become Red Cross examiners. The work will be done at Camp Horne both days at 10:00am, 4:00pm, and 7:00pm. During those two days camp will be thrown open to all swimmers. The Girls Home Demonstration club will be in session during that time. This will help get life-saving instructions to girls all over the county. [560][561]

On July 14 the Tuscaloosa News ran a full-page article on the 5th year Anniversary of Camp Horne and has enjoyed much growth. When Mr. Horne personted the property to the Tuscaloosa Scouts there was nothing but a lake and a growth of trees. The next donation to the Scouts was a gift of a cabin for Troop 13 in 1923 from George Phalen. During 1923 the Rotarians presented Rotary Hall and mess hall. Inside Rotary hall is housed a dining room (including a piano donated by the Young People's Brance of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union), a modernly equipped kitchen, pantry, and refrigeration rooms for the scouts. Over 1,600 people were handled in the dining room in 1926 and 2,000 meals prepared. The new cabin headquarters was presented by the Civilian club in 1926, and an athletic field (2.5 acres) is being developed for use by the

Exchange Club. The Ku Klux Klan of Tuscaloosa gave the Scouts a 3,000 gallon water reservoir with a mile of water pipe and a riff ram. This ram throws water into the reservoir from a stream of water flowing by the camp. James Austin gave the Scouts a large truck, the Lions club donated a chute (slide) in the lake, and the Pilots Club presented a number of boats. James Free gave another cabin while the Men's Bible Class of the Presbyterian church installed lights with the aid of Alabama Power. In comparison with other scout camps in the south Camp Horne stand up very favorably.

Camp Horne is a boy made camp - from the cabins to the decorations on the totem pole is evidence of Scout's work, and less than \$300 has been spent on labor over 5 years. Rotary Hall, the camp dining hall, was donated by the Rotary Club of Tuscaloosa and is situated by the side of Lake Herrin. The hall and lake are the center of a Hugh amphitheater made by God's own hand. Cabins have electric lights and housed under the same roof as the work shop is a museum built by the Tuscaloosa Kiwanis Club. The museum contained deer horns, large cattle horns from France on loan from Mr. Sapp, a collection of snakes gathered through the courtesy of Dr. W. b. Jones and William L. Haltom of the University of Alabama. A collection of Indian stones, skins from most known animals in Alabama as well as corals and shells from large mounds in Cleburne, Alabama. Scouts also create their own bows and arrows for archery. ^[562]

Camp Horne Happy Hunting Ground for Boy Scouts

TUSCALOOSA BOYS SET FINE RECORD

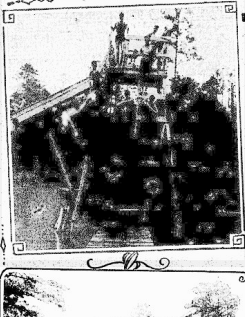
Leaders Of Business Community Life Aid In Man- hood Building

Camp Horne at night is the most beautiful view to be had in the South. The whistling of the wind through the trees and the soft fragrance of their needles through the atmosphere, together with the dim light of the stars and the moon, are a grand sight to behold.

As the twilight changes into darkness, the lights of the camp are turned on, and the boys are brought to view a host of waterfalls which are seen from the surface of the water, by the light of the electric lamps in the camp.

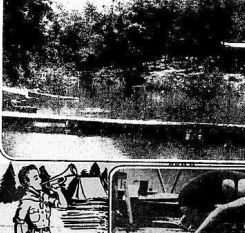
The boys are in the camp before retiring for the night. This is the first time that the boys of the Tuscaloosa have been at Camp Horne.

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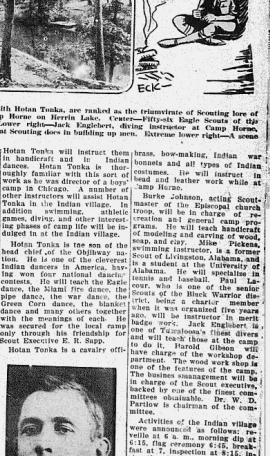


LYON A. SWEATT

Who has done much for Scouting in Tuscaloosa and who is present president of the Black Warrior Council.

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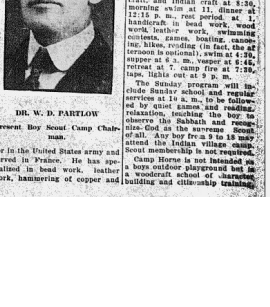
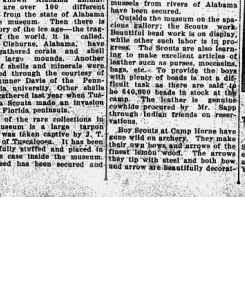


J. J. HORN

Who gave Scouting in Tuscaloosa a big boost when he gave to the Scouts a beautiful tract of land in this county which has been developed into one of the best camps in the South.

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M. R. SAPP

Scout Executive of the Black Warrior Council, who has his headquarters in his building in Tuscaloosa.

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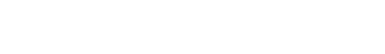


FRED NELSON

The "blades" of Scouting in Tuscaloosa and a true friend of every boy.

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DR. L. O. DAWSON

The First President of the Black Warrior Council of Scouting.

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DR. W. D. PARTLOW

Present Boy Scout Camp Chairman.

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Over one hundred and twenty-five Boy Scouts registers for the four-week camp that started on August 3 being led by Chief Hotan Tonka. “Bill” Wessel, First Assistant Camp Director of the Boy Scouts of America, visited Camp Horne as part of his travels throughout the United States. Mr. Wessel characterized Camp Horne as a “model camp” and his ideal of what a camp should be. The museum at Camp Horne was the finest he had ever seen at a Boy Scout camp. [563]

Chief Hotan Tonka (Jack Rohr)



At a recent meeting the Gordo Boy Scout Troop was re-organized. Gordo has had a successful troop in the past, and the revival of the troop was an important event from the standpoint of the boys in town. Professor James K. Owens of the high school faculty was chosen leader. Two patrols were created - the Jaguars (Truman Mayfield, patrol leader) and the Owls (Gilbert Eugene Davis, patrol leader). The troop plans to purchase a piece of property outside of town sufficiently far away to give the boys a long hike to it. The troop plans to meet every Friday night. ^[564]

On August 21, for the first time in the memory of Scout Executive Sapp, three brothers were made Eagle Scouts. The brothers are W. W. Payne, Hobson Payne, and Preston Payne. They are from Greensboro, Alabama and their rank was conferred in a ceremony at Camp Horne. ^[565]

On October 2rd the Tuscaloosa Scoutmasters Association met in the courthouse Scout office to reorganize and install newly elected officers. By a unanimous vote the association was renamed to the "Tuscaloosa Scoutmaster's Club." S. E. Armistead was elected President, Scoutmaster Shannon (Holt) was elected Vice President, and Robert Fuller Secretary / Treasurer. A new constitution and bylaws were adopted, and it was decided that the new club should meet on the second Monday of each month. In discussions that followed several projected were taken up, means for infusing a better spirit among Scoutmasters was brought up, and a plan where various city troops would visit each other was brought up. The Scoutmasters will also put a stop to Scouts joining

one troop only to leave for another troop for one reason or another after a few weeks. A drum corps will also be organized in at least two troops. [566]

In cooperation with J. B. Sellers, Scout Executive E. R. Sapp is making an effort to organize rural boys into the Lone Scouts, a Scout organization for boys who have neither the time nor opportunity to join a Scout troop. Letters are being mailed to principals of rural schools in order that the idea might be introduced to the boys in rural sections of the county. The Scout executive is advising that all teachers who wish to get a lone Scout in their district or school may select their choices of those whom they think should be the first Lone Scouts. The teachers can write to either the local Scout office or the Department of Rural Scouting of the Boy Scouts of America in New York. Several weeks after the letters were mailed to principals, response has been slow. Only a few boys in the county have sent in application blanks for Lone Scout membership. [567][570]

On December 13th the Scoutmasters of Tuscaloosa and several boys of the Black Warrior Council held a dutch-supper banquet at Banks's Delicatessen. At the completion of the meal MR. Sapp made several announcements about the Yuletide celebration. After the delicatessen Bob Fuller, Sims Moody, Russel Keller, Hugh Levin Cox, and Bertram Wooley went to the Scout office and a Boy's Service Club was organized. Bub Fuller was appointed President, Julius Levine was appointed Secretary, Russell Keller was appointed Chairman of the membership committee, and Sims Moody was appointed Chairman of the Finance Committee. Mr. Sapp also announced a Christmas Camp beginning the day after Christmas and running until the following Saturday. [568] On December 21st it was

announced that Mr. J. Collier Foster replaced Mr. Lloyd A. Sweatt as President of the Black Warrior Council. Other announcements include one for the Annual Christmas Camp to be held from December 28th to December 31st. New Boy Scout handbooks are also available at the Scout office any day after Monday. ^[569]

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Following the election of J. Collier Foster as President of the Black Warrior Council on December 21, 1927 George Droplet was selected Vice President and Fred Neilson as Secretary / Treasurer, and 53 other members were selected to form the Black Warrior Council for 1928. The council named the committees which will serve during the upcoming year. The committees are: Finance Committee - Fred Neilson (Chairman), Sam Wisel, and Torrey Jemison; Organizational Committee - George Drolet (Chairman), B. H. Holstein, and Whitfield Moore; Camping Committee - Velo Lary (Chairman), Shamrock Moore, and J. A. Duckworth; Training and Education Committee - J. M. Burnett (Chairman), H. A. Wheeler, and J. L. Oldham; Publicity Committee - Bruce Shelton (Chairman), J. W. Schweitzer, and Julius Levino; Civic Service Committee - A. L. McDuff (Chairman), Parker Mize, and Verner Robertson; Reading Committee - Frank Daniel (chairman), Frank Livingston, and Ralph McBurney; Court of Honors - C. H. Wolfe (Chairman) and all Scoutmasters in the city; Lone Scout Committee - Owen Meredith (Chairman), R. C. Gulmeter, and Charles Flinn; Outside Relations Committee - R. C. Foster; Religious Education Committee - LeRoy St. John (Chairman), J. P. Boone, and C. M. Boyd; Scout Commissioner - Lawrence Vail; Delegate to the National Council - Champ Pickens. Work on the program for the year is being planned and will be announced in the near future. ^{[571][573]}

C. H. Wolfe, assisted by Claude Sapp and James T. Munn, presided over several Boy Scouts appearing before the Court of Honor in order to pass test on January 8th.

Frank Terry (Troop 2) passed First Class as well as Tommy Simpson (Troop 8) E. L. Dodson (Troop 5) passed tests for First Aid to Animals, Marksmanship, and Swimming. Harold Baker (Troop 5) passed tests in Athletics, and Tommy Simpson (Troop 8) passed test for Swimming and Woodcraft. It is believed that the Scoutmasters of the Black Warrior Council do not realize that they are all members of the Court Of Honor and are being urged to attend. The Court of Honor meets at 7:30pm on the first Thursday of each month. ^[572] In February the Court of Honor announced that, in an effort to keep pace with the constructive work being done in the council, and with the hope of promoting the spirit of more and better Scouts in Tuscaloosa, new rules and regulations will be adopted. Among the new rules is one which requires that each Scout applying for a merit badge must have his certificate of Examination signed by the recognized Court of Honor examiner, all Merit Badges to be passed must be on file at the Scout office by noon on the day the Court meets, all Scouts will be required to be in the proper Scout uniform, and that when their name is called the Scout should salute before and after he gives his report. The examinations given will be more difficult in an effort to raise the standards of Scouting in the district, and no Scout will be issued a certificate of proficiency until he has demonstrated to the court of Honor that he really knows the subject in which he is being examined. The following council members of the Black Warrior Council will be part of the Honor Court: C. H. Wolfe (President), C. M. Sapp (Secretary), Dr. J. H. Somerville, J. T. munn, Yeatman King, and William D. Roby. ^[574]

On February 28 Scout Executive E. R. Sapp and Dr. Boone presented a lunch program at the Carrollton Civic Club concerning interest in the Boy Scout movement in

Carrollton. Mr. Boone received much applause as he spoke of the many modern attractions (the press, radio, automobile, picture show, etc) that tend to give the modern boy knowledge of self and society much earlier than in former years. Mr. Sapp then made a very strong appeal and the club appropriated half the necessary funds to establish a scout troop at Carrollton. [575]

On Friday, March 2 one of the largest number of Boy Scouts passed tests before the Court of Honor of the Black Warrior Council, Boy Scouts of America. Seventeen merit badges were awarded and Frank Sims Moody received his Eagle badge. The court was presided over by C. H. Wolfe, C. M. Sapp, and E. R. Sapp. [576]

Friday, March 16th Troop five held its regular meeting. William came into the troop as an Assistant Scoutmaster and two prospective new members were introduced. All members are being asked to be at the next meeting with their fathers as important subjects will be discussed including a cabin, camps, and treasure hunts. [577]

On April 8th recent surveys show that out of the 300 Scouts in Tuscaloosa 60% could be classified as underprivileged. The aim of Scouting is gang control, and in this time eight to ten gangs have been broken up with their members being brought under the influence of Scouting. Helping Scouting is the Community Chest which gives local support to Scouting. In a review of Scouting activities at Camp Horne several interesting facts were developed: 1) Sixty-four boys (underprivileged, undernourished) spent from one week to fourteen weeks at Camp Horne without contributing one cent towards the cost of their upkeep. Their grades are 10% above last year and their parents take frankly

that they boy has a greater respect for the omen and home life. 2) There were seven churches and different organizations which used camp last year with an attendance of over 500. There were 684 different boys attending Camp Horne for one week last year. They spent of \$5,000 in Tuscaloosa for for and camp supplies. 3). The outstanding good turn of the year was done by Hugh Levin Cox's patrol of Troop 8, First United Methodist Church. The patrol walked twenty-odd miles into the country to a home where three people were ill. The boys cut six cords of wood, paid a nearby farmer to haul some to the house, camp to Tuscaloosa to gather bed clothes, clothing secured through the Associated Charities food, and returned the next Saturday to aid in other ways. The patrol leader took a basket of food supplied by the Community Chest and Associated Charities (supplementing it with many items throughout the courtesy of Leonard Pool of Perry Creamery, and delivered it to the house on Christmas Eve. Mrs Verner Robertson Sr., county health nurse, made several trips to the house. 4) The Red Cross and Boy Scouts have worked hand in hand in lifesaving and safety-first programs for the year. More than 250 boys and girls were taught safety of the water, life saving, artificial respiration, and first aid through the combined efforts of these two organizations. 5). More than 600 boys are actively engaged in the Scout program in the Black Warrior district. [578]

Troop 2 held it's regular meeting Friday night (April 6) and business was discussed. It was decided to go to Camp Horne on April 15, and to get a tennis team to play Troop 5. Inspection was held with the Beaver Patrol winning a metal. Troop 5 also held their regular meeting and reorganized into two patrols.. The new Patrol Leaders are Sims Moody and Harry Smith. Members who have not been active in attending have

been dropped from the rolls and a treasure hunt will be held April 15. The Boy Scouts of Kaulton met for their regular session also, and plans were discussed for a negro minstrel show which is coming to Kaul on April 15. One-half of the proceeds of the show will go to the Boy Scouts. Floyd and Bryant Culberson were initiated into the troop, and a week earlier the troop hiked out to Rum Creek and stay overnight. [579]

The Court of Honor for the Black Warrior Council was held Thursday night, May 3rd at the Troop 5 office in the First Baptist Church. The Court of Honor was composed of C. E. Wolf, C. M. Sapp, and Yeatman King. Scouts passed the following merit badges: Bird Study, Pathfinding, Handicraft, Swimming, Firemanship, First Aid, Public Health, Photography, Scholarship, and Marksmanship. Harry Schmitz pass the Star tests, Frank M. Moody passed the Second Class tests, and Betram Banks and Gregory Skinner passed Tenderfoot tests. [580]

On May 11 the Kaulton Boy Scout Troop 7 tied the East End Bull Dogs by a score of 7 to 7. The Bull Dogs led early in the game but the Kaulton Boy Scouts rallied in the last inning to score for the tie. The game was played on Scout grounds and they will play the Bull Dogs a return game on Rotary field Monday. [581] Meanwhile Troop 5 met for its regular meeting on May 11 with 23 members present. They chose tennis teams consisting of six persons. They will play Troop 2. Also during the meeting plans were discussed to get some wild flowers for the museum at the University. [582]

On Monday, May 28th the Boy Scouts of Tuscaloosa will open the camping season for Camp Horne. A "Clean Up" camp was held from May 21st to May 27 in order

to clear away winter debris and to fix up camp. A general camp will start May 28 until June 3. From June 4 to June 11 a Presbyterian training school will take place at camp. A second general scout camp will follow June 11 to June 23. A Sunday school girls handcraft school will be held from June 25 to July 2, and a third Boy Scout Camp will be held from July 2 to July 14. The camp for Home Demonstration Club Girls will be held July 16 to July 23, and Farm Club Boys will be at camp from July 23 to July 28. From July 30 to August 6 a girls handicraft camp will be held. The Star Scout trip to Mobile will be held from August 8th to August 23, and the final camp will be the Working Boys camp from September 3 to September 12. Scout Executive E. R. Sapp will be the Camp Director assisted by Sgt. C. H. Wolf, Harry Schmidt, Marcus Degriff (Livingston), and Jack Englebert. ^[583]

Over 40 boys gather at Camp Horne on June 11 to start their two week camp. Sapp expressed some disappointment that only 40 scouts were attending this session. The Scout Executive also stated that a two-week trop to Mobile would take place later in the summer. No scouts except those who are tested campers will be allowed to make the trip. These “tested campers” are to be selected from the boys who attend the present two-week camp and a fortnight camp which begins July 3rd. ^[584] In order to care for the increasing crowds coming to Camp Horne each summer, new beds, new tennis courts, ten new boats, new bath houses, and repaired cabins have been installed. ^[585] Visits are being made daily to the camp by Mrs. J. V. Robertson Sr., county health nurse. There is a daily health inspection and on Friday Mrs. Robinson gave some of the campers an anti-typhoid serum in response to a request for protection against typhoid. ^[586] And during the 4-H

Club Camp (July 16 to July 21) a course in brass work will be taught. Girls will be taught to make trays, bows, and like vessels of brass. Decorative wood work and candle making will also be crafts taught at camp. ^[588] At the Farm Club Boys camp on July 23 Congressman W. B. Oliver addressed camp. ^[589]

On June 29th Harold J. Lewman, Director of the Fifth Region of the Boy Scouts, arrived in Tuscaloosa to make a through inspection of Camp Horne Saturday. Mr Lewman is making his first visit to Tuscaloosa and will be meeting with the finance committee, the camp committee, and other members of the Black Warrior Council. Mr. Sapp stated during that time that the Sunday school Girls Camp is a failure due to the inclement weather and the great popularity of the new Girl Scout camp with opened June 13. The Scout Executive indicated that the camping committee feels that given the Girl Scouts have their own camp, they should furnish the camp program to girls of this district, and that a recommendation of such would be made at the next board meeting. However organizations which furnish their own leadership and programs would still be able to use the camp (church training schools, county farm girls' clubs, etc). Mr. Sapp also stated that this was the best in the history of Camp Horne. ^[590] The last Boy Scout camp of the year will open July 2 and continue for two weeks. Following the Scout camp the Farm girls and boys will use camp for 1 week. It was declared that never before in the history of Camp Horne has such good work been done by those attending. Morning hours are devoted to instruction in handicraft while those who are not studying for merit badges devote the entire afternoon to recreation. Boys are receiving instruction in rifle marksmanship by C. H. Wolfe. Most of the Scouts in camp are young boys, with the

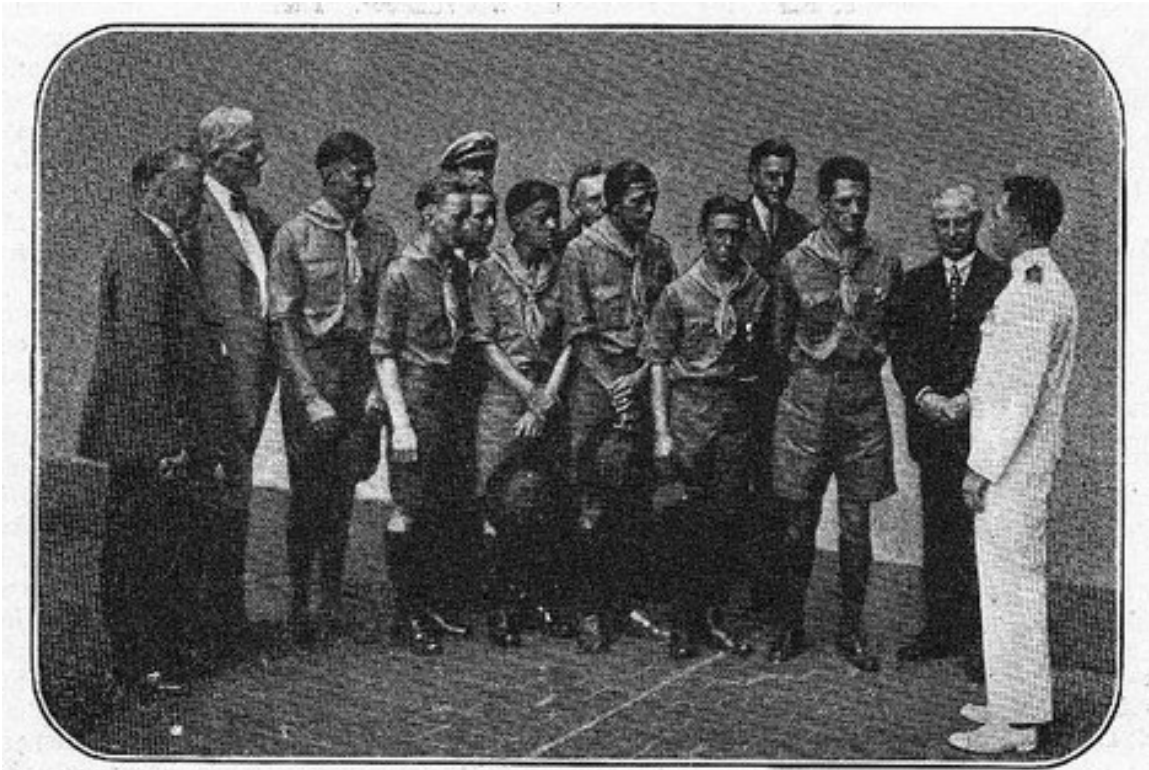
baseness of great numbers of older boys explained by the fact that most are working this summer. There will also be a week of trailing for boys who are to make the trip to Mobile August 13 where they will camp on Battle Wharf Hotel grounds and fish and swim in the Gulf of Mexico for 10 days. Only tested campers will go, and two American life guards will be in charge. Angling will also be done on Figgs river. ^{[592][593]} The trip was made in four automobiles and a truck, and left Tuscaloosa at 9:00am. The first night will be spent in Demopolis where several other scouts will be picked up. The first week will be spent south of Mobile along the Battle wharf, then at Point Clear, and Foley. Mrs. Ralston of Mobile, mother of Mrs. R. P. Crutcher of Tuscaloosa), has extended to the Scouts the use of Coeden at Mobile. ^[597]

On Tuesday, July 10th work on taking the school census for Tuscaloosa began. Twenty Boy Scouts were enlisted to aid Scout Executive E. R. Sapp in taking the censuses. Scouts helping will receive a free week at Camp Horne, and one individual will receive a prize of a free trip to Mobile. The censuses should be completed by Friday, July 13. ^[594] On July 26th the annual training course for Scoutmasters will open at Camp Horne. The camp will continue through Saturday with every Scoutmaster expected to attend. ^[595] Meanwhile another camp will be held from August 3 to August 12 for boys who were unable to make prior camps due to being in summer school. ^[596]

Commander Byrd has expressed his willingness to take a Boy Scout on his trip of exploration to the South Pole. The Scout will be selected by the National Boy Scout Council based on the record, camping experience, and length of service. Summer B.

Davis, an 18 year old Eagle Scout from Troop 12 of Birmingham, applied to take the trip and was requested - long with six other scouts - to come to New York for personal interviews and further examinations. Davis is Eagle Scout from Troop 12 where he has held every leadership position, an Apprentice Sea Scout, currently an Assistant Scoutmaster of Troop 16 in Tuscaloosa while taking courses as a medical student at the University of Alabama. After interviewing the six candidates Eagle Scout Paul A. Siple of Erie, PA was selected. A 19 year old freshman at Allegheny College in Meadville, PA, Siple is an Assistant Scoutmaster, Assistant Camp Director, a Coxswain and Able Sea Scout, and holds 59 merit badges. [598][599]

Commander Byrd with Expedition Scout Candidates



Commander Byrd meets Scouts from all over the country. Photo shows Mr. James E. West, extreme left; Scout Siple, third from left; Mr. Barron Collier of the Executive Board, second from right, and Commander Byrd, extreme right

On September 28 the Boy Scouts of Tuscaloosa held a scout Round-Up in the auditorium of the Chamber of Commerce. Every Scout Troop in Tuscaloosa was present with Troop 2 and Troop 5 being the largest. R. J. Gulmyer (Chamber Secretary) spoke on his experience as both a Scout and Scoutmaster. President of the Black Warrior Council J. Collier Foster gave a talk pointing out the things that Scouts are doing and what is expected of a scout. Scoutmasters from each troop outlined the plans of their projects for the near future and in an open discussion the Scouts decided to organize a Headquarters Troop composed of four members from each troop in Tuscaloosa. Three Eagle Scouts present were called on to tell how they acquired their Eagle rank. These Eagle Scouts were Sims Moody, Carlos Maxwell, and Hugh Cox. Plans were made for the Annual Scout Round-up to be held in mid-November. All Scouts and anyone interested was urged to attend. ^[600] During Thanksgiving Boy Scouts from Tuscaloosa and several out-of-town troops held a camp at Camp Horne. Of the troops attending the Peterson troop under the leadership of Scoutmaster A. E. Fredrick was the newest. A Christmas camp was scheduled for Christmas week, and all troops are urged to use Camp Horne at any time at no charge after receiving a camp permit from Scout Executive Sapp, Mr. Collier Forster, or Mr. Fred Neilson at least 5 days in advance. Some new troops had been formed while some troops have had their registration lapse. As of November 1928 records show 21 active troops with 173 Tenderfoot Scouts, 62 Second Class Scouts, and 47 First Class Scouts. ^[601]

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At a February meeting in the Boy Scout office, J. M. Burnett - President of the Black Warrior District Council - appointed the officers and committees to compete the organization of the council. The matter of a Scout Executive was not permanently settled due to the number of fundraising drives that are currently being held which would interfere with a Scout drive. However Sgt. C. H. Wolf was appointed to serve in that capacity until a permanent executive could be chosen. The following officers and committees were appointed:

J.M. Burnett - Council President
Gordon D. Palmer - Vice President and Chairman of the Finance Committee
M. T. Jemison - Vice President and Chairman of the Camping Committee.
Robert Bruner - Vice President and Chairman of the Training Committee
E. L. Dodson - Vice President and Chairman of Troop Organization
J. V. Lary - Secretary and Treasurer
C. H. Wolfe - Scout Commissioner and interim Scout Executive
Owen Meredith - District Commissioner
Rev. LeRoy St. John - District Commissioner
Fred Neilson - Deputy Commissioner
B. F. Atkins - Deputy Commissioner
Bruce Shelton - Deputy Commissioner
J. H. Summerville - Assistant Deputy Commissioner
J. V. Robertson - Assistant Deputy Commissioner
Shamrock Moore - Assistant Deputy Commissioner
J. C. Foster - Assistant Deputy Commissioner for Lone Scouts
Finance Committee - Gordon D. Palmer (Chairman), J. T. Horne, and J. V. Lary
Troop Organization Committee - E. L. Dodson (Chairman), B. F. Atkins, Shamrock Moore, and Robert Bruner

Camping Committee - M. T. Jemison (Chairman), Sam Wiesel, J. V. Lary
Publicity Committee - Bruce Shelton (Chairman), Frank Daniels, J. A. Duckworth
Court of Honor - Rev. B. F. Atkins (Chairman), Dr. J. S. Summerville, C. M. Sapp, and J. T. Munn
Range Officer - C. H. Wolfe
Civic Service - A. L. McDuff (Chairman) and Parker Mize
Religious Education - J. P. Boone (Chairman), Leroy St. John, C. M. Boyd, and Rev. Draper
Outside Relations - R. C. Foster
Lone Scouts - J. C. Foster

The meeting place of the Court of Honor was changed from the Scout office to the Headquarters of Troop 8 on the second floor of the First Baptist Church. The Court will meet each first Thursday night at 7:00pm. ^[621]

On February 16 the Boy Scouts of Tuscaloosa held their annual Father and Son banquet in the basement of the First Presbyterian Church. The mothers of the Scouts served delicious "provisions" which included plenty of pie. The banquet started with Julius Levine - bugler - sounding first call. Russell Ke;;er presided and called on the Scouts to introduce themselves and explain their occupations. A quartet composed of Russell Lancaster, Frank Terry, Julius Levine, and Harry Wright sang "Girl of my Dreams." Their rendition was regarded as "terrible, horrible, deplorable, miserable, and awful." A sack race was then held and James Storey took first place, besting Hal McCullough and Bill Newman. Scoutmaster Jimmie Munn then spoke briefly, explaining some phases of Scouting and recounting some humorous incidents.

Dr. W. M. Boyd, paster of the First Presbyterian Church, addressed the assembly, specializing in laughter-giving jokes. The banquet was then closed with the playing of

“Taps” and “Good Night.” [622] On March 29th two people became new members of Troop 16 of the First Christian Church. The new members were Emory Connell and William Beatty. This troop was recently reorganized by G. R. Brow and is planning to have a hike or camping trip next week. [623]

“Scouting must continue in Tuscaloosa” was the unanimous opinion at the meeting called on April 3 to determine the future of Boy Scout work in this city. To insure the continuance of this work the Executive Board met and elected J. C. Acruff of Rockwood, Tennessee as Scout Executive for Tuscaloosa, and appointed M. C. Rumley, Owen Meredith, and Frank Daniels as a committee to work with Mr. Acruff in putting on a campaign for funds. Mr. Acruff, recommended for the position by Harold W. Lewman (Regional Scout Executive) owns a hardware business in Rockwood, Tennessee and has several years of experience in Scout work, and has a record of making a great success out of some of the hardest councils in the south. In the general meeting attended by both a large number of scouts and businessmen (which proceeded the election of Mr. Acruff), Lee Dodson called for those present to express their opinions on the council. The scouts were anxious to continue their work, and expressed anxiety over the potential loss of Camp Horne if the work should be discontinued. [602]

Mr. Acruff plans to begin the fundraising drive on April 15th with a goal of \$4,500. All the resources of the Junior Chamber of Commerce will be thrown behind the Tuscaloosa Boy Scout organization to support their drive. Hargrove Van De Graff will be chairman of the campaign for the Boy Scouts. The Farley W. Moody post of the

American Legion voted to give \$25 to begin the drive. Following the discussion a motion was made and unanimously passed that a Scout Committee be made a permanent part of the Legion, and the commander be given the authority to appoint other officers. The purpose of this committee will be to foster Scouting in the city and county and aid in any way the promotion of Scouting in Tuscaloosa. The Kiwanis Club adopted resolutions pledging their support to the upcoming campaign for funds to continue Scouting in Tuscaloosa. William Card (Eagle Scout) and Robert Lancaster (Life Scout) spoke briefly in the interest of Scouting. Bob Bruner presented the matter to the club in very concrete form, beginning with a brief description of just what Scouting is and quoting the Scout Oath and Law. ^[603] A parade formed at Bower's corner, Bread Street, and 21st Avenue at 9:00am. Members of the Scout organization were dismissed from class during the parade. ^[604] Sixteen committees of two people each were formed by the Junior Chamber of Commerce and the local American Legion Post. A meeting held at 8:00am in the Chamber auditorium where T. G. Gracey, adjunct ant of the local Legion post, spoke of the responsibility that rested on the committees. During the parade an Alabama Airways Inc. plane flown by Walter Brotwell flew over the city distributing 10,000 handbills telling of the drive and asking people to make contributions. ^{[605][606]} On April 16th the Rotary Club listened to the work done by the Boy Scouts at their luncheon. William Card spoke on what Scouting meant to him and praised the Scouting work done by the Council in Tuscaloosa. Robert Landcaster explained the organization of the Scout movement. Robert Brunner spoke briefly on his experience in Scouting during his 14 years as both a Scout and a Scout Leader, outlaying the principles of Scouting and giving the Scout oath.

He urged the Rotary Club to get behind the movement in Tuscaloosa. Bruce Shelton, the Rotary Club's principal speaker, briefly reconciled the possibility of the Scouts losing Camp Horne if the present fund raising drive were to fail, declaring that "*If the boys lose that camp, the men of this city will lose the respect and confidence of those boys.*" Tom Christian, Frank Moody, Capt. J. H. Hagen, and M. J. Maloney all spoke briefly in the interest of the Scout movement, and all men spoke highly of the work the Boy Scouts have accomplished, and would hate to have to say that Tuscaloosa could not raise \$4,500 for the boys of the community. [607][608][609] The American Legion, by a unanimous vote, decided to give the entire net profit realized by their show to the Scout fund. [610] As of April 21 the fund had raised \$4,100 for the scouts, leaving a balance of \$400 to complete the drive. Over 179 Boy Scouts would be affected by the success of the drive. [611]

On May 3rd members of Troop 16 passed one test, and the troop decided to go to camp on May 15th to work on and pass other tests. They are also planning to win one of the prizes in the Paint-up and Clean-Up Week which starts Friday morning. The week was named in a proclamation by Norfleet Harris, President of the City Commission, and is being sponsored by the Junior Chamber of Commerce. Tin cans brought in during the clean up will be used as admission to the Diamond Theater. [612][613]

In May the 1929 Boy Scout camp schedule was published. Camp dates are:

- June 3 to June 8 - Working boys camp (Free)
- June 8 to June 22 - General Scout Camp (\$5 per week)
- June 24 to July 6 - General Boys Camp (\$5)
- July 8 to July 20 - Special Camps (Orienteering one week)
- July 22 to July 28 - Presbyterian Vacation Sunday School
- July 29 to August 10 - General Scout Camp (\$5 per week)
- August 12 to August 17 - General Boys camp (\$6 for non-scout, \$5 for Scouts)

The daily program for the general Scout camps and general boys camp is:

- 6:00am - First call
- 6:15am - Flag Ceremony
- 6:20am - Exercises
- 7:00am - Breakfast
- 8:00am - Inspection
- 8:15am - Assembly for Scoutcraft instruction. (Note: Court of Honor will be held each Saturday at 8:30am)
- 10:30am - Swimming
- 12:15 - Dinner
- 1:00pm to 4:00pm - Monday, Billy Wampus; Tuesday, ball games between cabins; Wednesday, Swimming sports; Thursday - Games and hikes; Friday - Captore and Flag; Saturday - Boys choice of fun
- 4:10pm to 5:30pm - swimming
- 6:00pm - Supper
- 7:30pm to 9:00pm - Campfire program. Monday - Campfire and Indian songs; Tuesday - Indian dances; Wednesday - Challenge night; Thursday - Camp Talent; Friday - Ghost night.

Afternoon programs and Campfire programs will be changed each week. ^[614]

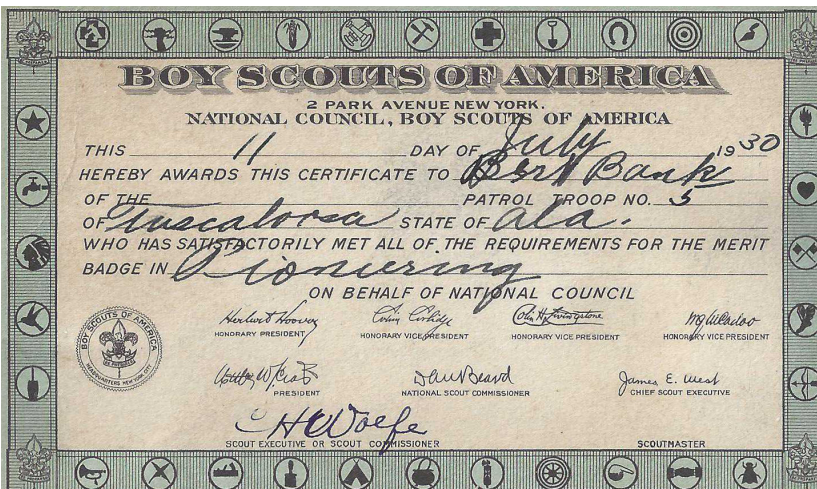
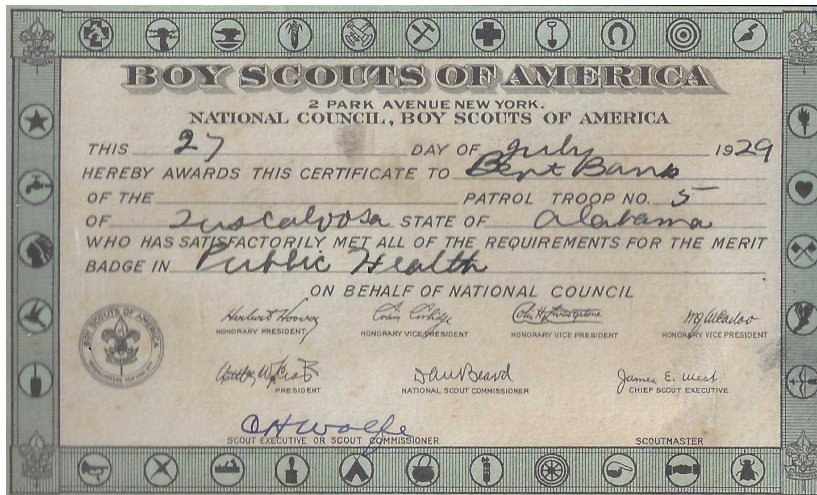
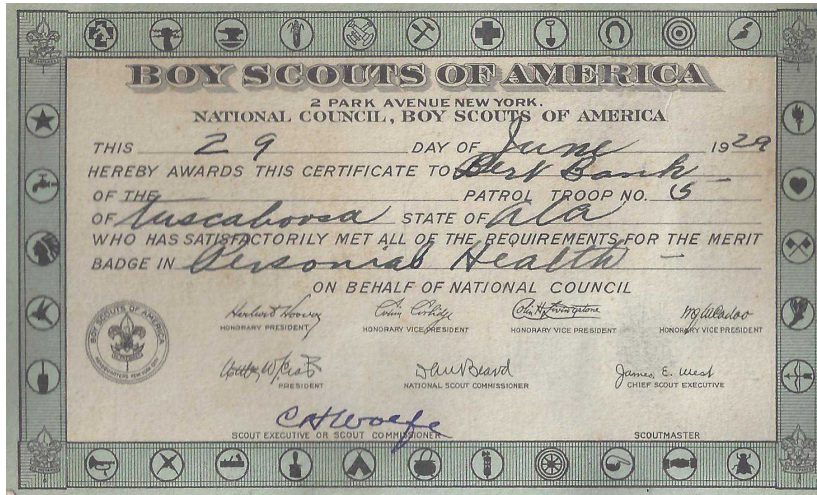
Given that the fundraising for the council only collected \$3,000 of the \$4,500 requested the council was unable to afford a full-time Scout Executive. Sgt. C. H. Wolfe, with permission from the National Council, agreed to be the temporary Scout Executive for the 1929 camping season at Camp Horne. Wolf urged every boys in Tuscaloosa who could possibly attend camp to do so for at least one week this season. It will be necessary for this to happen on order to keep the camp open. To help with this arrangements were made to give boys under Scout age (those from 8 to 12 years old) the five dollar a week rate. A special junior leader will be in charge of the younger boys and a special program will be prepare for them. Scouts are urged to bring athletic equipment to camp (tennis outfits, volley balls, basketballs, baseballs, etc). The camp furnishes cots and mattresses but the Scouts will have to furnish bed clothes and individual toilet articles. ^{[615][616][617]}

On June 23rd the first two-week general Scout camp at Camp Horne came to a close. The principle accomplishment of this camp was the beginning of a 45 foot tower on “Dead Pine Hill” located a mile from camp. Tuscaloosa can be seen from this hill, and when the tower is completed all of Tuscaloosa City should be visible. A second tower will be constructed in the future approximately one mile from the new tower. These towers will be used by Scouts to practice their long distance signaling skills. The following boys were made Junior Leaders at camp for the summer and they make up the Junior Council for Camp Horne:

Bill Card - Assistant Camp Director
Rufus Elliott - in charge of Athletics
E. L. Dodson, Jr. - Camp Clerk
Harold Baker - Truck Driver
Russell Lancaster - Evening and campfire program
Marcus McGriff - program for smaller boys.

These boys act as Scout craft instructors during the morning and lifeguards during afternoon swimming. “We have had lots of fun, plenty of good wholesome food, and a big time in general” Russell Lancaster declared. “The Junior Council believes that any boy desiring to spend a few days or the entire summer at any approved camp in our district could not spend the small amount of money involved in a better way than at our camp.”^[619] However the management of the local Boy Scout organization is encountering some unfortunate difficulties in efforts to give the best of service to the boys of Tuscaloosa and surrounding terrorizes at Camp Horne. The lack of funds to carry out the fullest program is one of the recognized difficulties. But this has been overcome largely by the strictest economy in the handling of camp. “However we have

encountered a second difficulty that if overcome would largely eliminate the other problems of finances - I refer to the lack of interest and pride in the organization on the part of the public. This was recognized in the beginning, but it was hoped and believed that this difficulty would be overcome by a worthwhile program at Camp Horne during the summer, based upon the strictest economy and best business management. This failure of the public to respond is now our chief worry." says Mr. Dodson. Sgt. C. H. Wolfe added "Camp Horne is recognized as one of the best in the country and yet many of the Tuscaloosa. Boys are going to other camps at a cost many times greater than it would cost to go to Camp Horne. With much less money than it costs many of our citizens to send their boys to other camps, together with the proper interest and pride on the part of our own citizens for Camp Horne, we could easily have one of the best approved camps in the South. We could then support and take care of many underprivileged edged boys who need the camp lift most. At the present time there are many boys who are unable to attend the camp - they need your moral and financial support." Mr. Dodson pointed out that the management of the camp is now doing its best and is not discouraged at the number of boys coming to camp from week to week. "The boys all seem well pleased" Mr. Dodson says "and are receiving individual attention and educational advantages. What we do need now is a more loyal support and civic pride on the part of the public." Reports show that there are more boys at Camp Horne from other points than there are from Tuscaloosa and is believed that the continuation of camp depends upon the support of the citizens of the city. [620]



1929 / 1930 merit badge cards courtesy Jimmy Bank

During the July 14th camp, Cabin 3 - lead by Bert Bank - won a 2.5 gallon freezer of ice cream under the new points system being used at Camp Horne. Cabins are awarded points for cleanliness of the cabin, the promptness with which the boys respond to various calls, and other work that shows a spirit of co-operation. The 35 Scouts at camp were divided into five cabins with Cliff Atkinson, Marcus McGriff, Oakley Park, Ben Hill Freeman, and Bert Bank as leaders. ^[624] Due to the popularity of Camp Horne from out of town boys it has become necessary to withdraw the Family Week of camping from July 22nd to July 30th. Mr. Dodson says the council is highly gratified with the increased interest in camp. Mr. Dodson stated: "We are still anxious for visitors to go to the camp when they can. A visit to this camp any afternoon or evening will be of the finest outings available to Tuscaloosians. They can get good meals at a very reasonable price, they can swim, and enjoy one of the coolest spots in Tuscaloosa." ^[625] The last three weeks of Boy Scout camp will begin August 3rd. In order for this camp to be held 25 boys must attend and those interested are urged to make reservations with Sgt. C. H. Wolfe. "The camp must be self sustaining," Mr. Dodson said, "and experience has shown that it all not do this with less than 25 boys. The council is therefore urging all parents who can send their boys to this camp to do so or the camp might have to close soon after August 3." Unfortunately the Council decided that it would be impossible for the boys to be given the annual trip through the country following camp this year. ^[626]

On Thursday, August 1st the Boy Scouts, under the supervision of Sgt. C. H. Wolfe, gave a demonstration of lifesaving techniques for the Lions Club at Camp Horne. The program began at 4:30pm and lasted until 6:00pm. In the midst of the demonstration

two girls who could not swim overturned their boat. Due to the quick work of the Scouts the two girls were rescued. After the end of the program J. A. Anderson (University postmaster) gave the principal speech on the work being done to make the Indian Mounds at Moundville a state park. To illustrate the lecture Mr. Anderson had a number of Indian relics taken from these mounds which show a development of the Indian life around the mounds. [627] On August 6th George Droplet, chairman of the Boys Work Committee of the Rotary Club, invited E. L. Dodson to speak on the success of Camp Horne.

Recounting the hard struggles that was faced to keep the camp open, Mr. Dodson stated:

“Without the cooperation and sacrifice of Sgt. Wolfe in foregoing his summer vacation to take charge of this camp at half the regular salary, it would have been impossible for Camp Horne to remain open this summer. Despite the limited finances this has been one of the most successful camps ever held by the Council.” Camp Horne will remain open until August 23, and the council expects to have \$1,000 in the treasury of the council at the close of camp. These funds will be used to carry on the Scout work until January, when other arrangements will be made. Mr. Dodson also expressed the appreciation of the council for the cooperation of the Rotary and other civic clubs in keeping the camp in operation. [628]

Sgt. C. H. Wolfe, Interim Council Executive and also Scoutmaster of Troop 5, says that the regularly scheduled troop meeting for Friday, September 27th has been postponed until Saturday, September 28th due to the high school football game happening that night. Wolfe urges all members of Troop 5 to attend the Saturday meeting as plans will be made for an overnight camp to Camp Horne before it gets too cold to

take a swim in the lake. The troop is also expecting to make an overnight trip to Moundville around October 15th for observation of the Indian mounds near that place. J. A. Anderson (UA Postmaster) and Mr. Halton (Curator) will attend the troop on this trip.

[629] On October 11th all Scoutmasters, prospective Scoutmasters, Scouts, prospective Scouts, assistant Scout Masters, troop committees, and all others interested in the Boy Scout work were invited to attend the Scout Rally. The rally will be held at 7:00pm in the Educational Building of the First Baptist Church. Dr. Joseph P. Boone, Rev. B. F. Atkins, E. L. Dodson, and a number of other citizens who are interested in Scout work will be present at this meeting to encourage this work. Sgt. C. H. Wolfe - Acting Scout Executive - will be in charge of the meeting. Wolfe calls attention to the fact that this council does not have a regular executive but is dependent upon voluntary leadership. It is hoped that definite plans for the future of this council can be worked out at the upcoming meeting. A report of Scout training at Camp Horne during the past summer was also sent to headquarters where it was approved and returned. The report compared favorably with those from councils in other parts of the country who had much more money to carry on Scout work. [630][631]

On October 13th the Black Warrior Council issued an annual report showing that 91 percent of the 379 Scouts of the council received training at Camp Horne. Seventy-six boys attended camp for 1 week, thirty-two attended camp for 2 weeks, thirty-six attended camp for 3 weeks, thirty-three scouts for 4 weeks, thirty-nine for 5 weeks, seventy-one for 6 weeks, one hundred and seventeen for 7 weeks, twenty-two for 8 weeks, eighteen for 9 weeks, and eighteen scouts attended 10 weeks. Four leaders were paid employees

and three others were volunteers. Seven one-day hikes were recorded as weak as five overnight hikes were taken by 93 boys. Eleven Court Of Honor meeting were held in which 6 Scouts received their Eagle badge. A total of 498 visitors came to camp. Total expenses running camp was \$1,838.90. Of that \$450 was paid to the officers as salaries. An itemized account of the \$1,388.90 consists of:

- Salaries, including cooks. helpers, instructional staff - \$451.35
- Transportation - \$38
- Auto and Truck expense - \$163
- Food (Meats, fish, poultry) - \$73
- Groceries (butter, eggs) - \$67.90
- Canned goods - \$39.40
- Fresh Fruit and vegetables - \$21.45
- Other foods - \$77.95
- Fuel and lighting - \$68.00
- Ice - \$30.00
- Postage - \$6.00
- Supplies and small equipment - \$114
- Medical and hospital supplies - \$41.20

Income given in the report includes: Regular fees - \$1534.00. Visitor meals \$204.90, Visitor meals \$204.90, Camp Store sales \$138.35, and council appropriations of \$2606.00. ^[632] On October 17th it was announced that Mr. Janin will visit the Black Warrior Council in the near future according to Sgt. Wolfe. Janin is from the Boy Scouts National headquarters and is currently working with other Alabama councils on expansion. He will be conducting a field campaign to do the same for the Black Warrior Council. ^[633] Also, during the week of October 14th Troop 27 from Yolande was formed. H. C. May was chosen as Scoutmaster with George Turner as assistant scoutmaster and H. B. Huff, J. L. Howton, and Edmund Ewing as committeemen. Sgt. Wolfe, with Eagle

Scouts from Tuscaloosa, expects to go to Yolande within a few weeks to put on an investiture ceremony for the benefit of the new Scouts. New members include Lacy Salter, Carpenter Chastain, Clyde Lawson, Woodrow Lawson, Pete Gentle, Bustor Tucker, Eldridge Clements, Noel Richardson, Johnny Ray Richardson, Edmund Ewing Jr, Howard Carroll, Peek Bean, Virgil Beasley, and Milton Huellett. Miss Susie B. Anders, the local Girl Scout Executive, expects to go to Yolande soon to organize a troop of Girl Scouts. ^[634] With the addition of the Yolanda troop the Black Warrior Council has 286 members in 18 troops and a Lone Scout Department. The enrollment consists of 187 Tenderfoot Scouts, 52 Second Class Scouts, 18 First Class Scouts, 4 Life Scouts, 3 Star Scouts, 4 Eagle Scouts, and 1 Palm Eagle Scout. Sgt. Wolfe, acting Scout Executive, urged each troop leader to check the list and make any corrections necessary. Current Troops are Troop 1 (York), Troop 2 (Tuscaloosa), Troop 3 (Holt), Troop 5 (Tuscaloosa), Troop 6 (Tuscaloosa), Troop 9 (Livingston), Troop 11 (Northport), Troop 12 (Aliceville), Troop 14 (Tuscaloosa), Troop 16 (Tuscaloosa), Troop 20 (Akron), Troop 21 (Cedar Cove), Troop 22 (Peterson), Troop 23 (Eutaw), Troop 24 (Rosedale), Troop 27 (Yolande), Troop 31 (Tuscaloosa), Troop 40 (Coleaner), and a Lone Scout Department with Scouts scattered over 6 counties. ^[635]

On November 12th the annual election of officers for the Black Warrior Council was held in the Educational Building of the First Baptist Church. E. L. Dodson, a local attorney was unanimously re-elected President of the Black Warrior Council with Velo Lary re-elected as Secretary / Treasurer and Sam Wiesel named Chairman of the Banquet committee. During this meeting a large group of Aliceville businessmen attended

seeking re-admission to the council. They asked the Council to name the amount needed for re-admittance. The Aliceville members extended an invitation to all members of the Council to attend a general pep meeting and banquet to be held later in November or December. The purpose of this meeting was to create a new interest in Scout work and the council accepted the invitation. A general Council banquet and business meeting was set for 6:30pm Monday, November 25th at the First Christian Church. The Council will furnish the banquet and it is hoped that all members will attend as definite plans will be made for the next year. No funds will be solicited during the banquet and it is hoped that the it will revive interest in Scout work in Tuscaloosa. D. B. Dimick, a prominent Birmingham businessman, will deliver the principal address of the evening. Invitations were mailed by the Banquet committee to several prominent businessmen in Tuscaloosa.

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As of November 25 the Black Warrior District Council, Boy Scouts of America, is out of debt, doesn't owe a single bill, and has \$1,292.00 (\$18,626 in 2018 dollars) in the bank as reported by J. V. Vary, the council treasurer stated at the Council meeting. *"This has been made possible through the unselfish services of Sgt. C. H. Wolfe,"* stated E. L. Dodson, the Council President. *"The work of Sgt. Wolfe in this council this year has been second to none, and he has made a great sacrifice that this council might carry on."* Mr. Dodson pointed ou that the temporary arrangements made by the Council for Sgt. Wolfe's service was accepted by the National Council. It was also explained by Dodson that since Sgt. Wolfe was only loaned by the Army for this service the National Council

would not accept this temporary arrangement for another year. Sgt. Wolf also made a brief report of the Council activities since April 1, 1929. The report stated:

Executive Board Meetings: 5
Financial Committee Meetings: 6
Organization Committee Meetings: 3
Training committee Meetings: 7
Camping Committee Meetings: 7
Public Meetings: 2
Civics Committee Meeting: 2
Courts of Honor: 16
District Committee meetings: 8

Of the 10 weeks of camp, the first free week had 84 boys in attendance; 307 different boys and 131 different girls attended during the 10 weeks, 29 Council Members visited the camp, 21 boys from other councils visited the camp, and 127 parents and friends and 350 other visitors came to camp. ^[640] The employment of a full-time Scout Executive to take the place of Sgt. Wolfe is a priority as part of requirements of the National Council, as well as making a budget for the next year. A total of 50 members showed up for the banquet as well as several visitors from out of Tuscaloosa. The Executive Board is composed of the following men: Mr. E. L. Dodson - Chairman, J. V. Lary - First Vice President and Chairman of the Financial Committee (A. M. McGill, C. N. Maxwell, and Frank Daniels), M. C. Rumley, Vice President and Chairman of the Camping Committee (Fred Neilson, Ben Cabel, W. P. Bloom, and J. C. Austin), Sam Wiesel, Vice President and Chairman of the Training Committee, Dr. George H. Searcy, Vice President and Chairman of the Troop Organization Committee (J. T. Munn, John Pearson, and George Droplet), A. M. McGill, Secretary / Treasurer, George Droplet, Deputy Commissioner and Chairman of the Forestry Committee, Owen Meredith,

Deputy Commissioner and Chairman of the Publicity Committee (B. E. Nichols, J. Collier Foster, and Dr. LeRoy St. John), Dr. J. H. Sumerville, Deputy Commissioner and Chairman of the Court Of Honor (C. M. Capp, L. T. Casson, K. M. Calhoun, Bill Card, and R. C. Lett), J. M. Burnett, Deputy commissioner and Chairman of the Religious Education Committee, John Pearson, Deputy Commissioner and Chairman of Civic Service (A. L. McDuff, T. B. Ward, and John Verner), J. T. Munn, Deputy Commissioner and Chairman of Outside Relations (R. C. Foster and Bob Bruner), Fred Neilson, Commissioner for Lone Scout Work, and Sgt. C. H. Wolfe, Range Officer. ^[641]

On December 12th the Boy Scout work in Aliceville was born anew when more than 50 leading citizens of the community gathered at the Aliceville hotel in a Scout Rlly banquet to make plans for re-entering the Black Warrior Council, Boy Scouts of America. J. V. Park was selected Chairman of the Troop Committee which is required by the council. Co-workers on this committee are W. C. Martin, Dr. T. R. McClellan, Carter Whitt, and Rev. Albert Branscomb. Present at the meeting was E. L. Dodson, Tuscaloosa attorney and President of the Black Warrior District Council, Sgt. C. H. Wolfe, Active Scout Executive, J. T. Munn, Tuscaloosa Realestate man and Chairman of the Outside Relationship Committee, and a representative of the Tuscaloosa News. Mr. Dodson outlined the aims of he council for another year and stressed the importance of working under the direction of a trained executive. He also expressed the greatest confidence in the ability of the Aliceville community to *“put over any program that these citizens may see fit to undertake. All the Council wants is to be assured that it will have the solid backing of the entire citizenry of this community. If we get this, Scouting will be a real*

success in Aliceville. I can safely pledge the hearty support of the council headquarters in any move that you may undertake here for the good of the boys of this community in a Scouting way.” Mr Nunn, an enthusiastic Scoutmaster in Tuscaloosa, spoke briefly of the work of the Scoutmasters and their assistants. Sgt. Wolfe spoke briefly of the requirements the Aliceville community would have to meet. Questions were then answered by Sgt. Wolfe about various phases of the re-organization. The REv. S. T. Hill, who has been active in Scout work in Aliceville for several years, told of what has already been done in getting read for the reorganization of Scout work. [642]

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On Friday, January 2nd Troop 14 held it's first meeting to plan the new year. During the meeting the Scouts planned for the new year while Scoutmaster Jesse Richardson urged all boys to secure uniforms and pass the test of the troop. [643] Troop 2 met on January 10th to choose officers while Troop 3 met to elect officers and plan the new year. Scoutmaster J. T. Munn is the current scoutmaster, and troop meetings are held at the rear of the First Presbyterian church. [644]

Around January 12th the Black Warrior District Council began preparing their application for a new charter. The Charter gives the local council jurisdiction over Tuscaloosa, Pickens, Greene, Hale, Bibb, and Sumter counties. Cities that have agreed to share the council finances are Aliceville, Carrollton, York, Eutaw, and Livingston. The completed budget calls for \$5,100. Currently the council has \$1,144.49 in the bank with no outstanding obligations. Real estate is valued at \$13,000, camp equipment at \$6,000, office equipment at \$300, and automobiles valued at \$235. Objectives for the year include: From January 1 to March 1 - organization and expansion program covering the entire council, and to survey the school for 12 year old scouts. March 2 to March 31 - plan publicity and campaign for funds. April - Conduct Court of Honor throughout the Council and perform a complete check of all troops. May - plan camp program, publicity campaign for camp. Also begin a recruiting campaign to build up troops. June 1 to August 20 - Scout camp to be conducted by Camp Directors, leaving the Scout Executive for general council work. September 8 to the 13th - enroll twelve year olds and hold a

Scoutmaster and Patrol Leader training school. ^{[645][681]} Troop 32 was also formed in Alberta City. The Scoutmaster is Rev. M. J. Schultz, Assistant Scoutmaster is C. C. McGee, and the Troop Committee is composed of Dr. J. S. Christian, W. L. Rogers, and J. M. Kicker. Sixteen Tenderfeet will be initiated next Friday at the Treasure hunt in connection with the initiation ceremony. Charter Scouts of Troop 32 are Macon Tannehill, Sidney Thompson, Claud Gallman, Olden Ponds, Newton Pearson, Carl McLeod, Hoyt Fowler, and Charles Reagan. ^[646]

In February a Black Warrior District Council band was formed. The band is under the direction of H. H. Turner, the director of the University Bands. Meetings are held Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 3:00pm to 5:00pm in the Troop 2 scout house at the First Presbyterian Church. The Council has been attempting to form a band for the past 8 years but has been unable to due to the money needed. However Mr. Turner has agreed to furnish up to 50 instruments and to instruct the group. The cost is \$4.00 per month for each member, and the boys must be registered Scouts and wear a Scout Uniform. ^[647]

A budget of \$5,000 has been set for the Monday, March 10th start of the Boy Scout drive for the Black Warrior District Council for operating funds for the year 1930. The date was decided on by Dr. George A. Lang, chairman of the drive, as well as the council members in a meeting on Feb. 22. The budget has been accepted by the National Council and will permit an expansive program in the council. The drive will start at 1:00pm at Coffee Pot No. 4. ^[648] The Boy Scouts of Centerville was recently revived

when a group of 35 boys gathered at Bibb County High School. Coach Red Harkins, high school director of athletics, was chosen Scoutmaster. The troop will be under the supervision of the Black Warrior District Council, and it is hoped that a number of the boys will attend Camp Horne some time this summer. The boys who assisted in the reorganization say they are determined that it shall not die this time as it has in the past.

[649] On March 9th following a luncheon the Boy Scout drive will begin. Headquarters is at the Davis-Leach drug store at the corner of Greensboro Avenue and 6th Street.

Committees have been appointed and assigned their areas.^[650] Sgt. C. H. Wolfe, Acting Scout Executive, has called on all Scouts to support the citizen's drive committees in the campaign. Wolfe said:

“The loyalty of all Boy Scouts of the Black Warrior Council has been challenged by a large group of hard working, hard fighting, public spirited, civic and social leaders throughout the Council. We of the Boy Scouts, who have stood on both feet and raised our right hands with the first three fingers pointed upward, representing the three points of the Scout Oath, and pledged ourselves on our Honor to obey the Scout Oath and Twelve Scout Laws, know that a Scout does not boast.

But we can show our loyalty and appreciation to our public by wearing our Scout uniforms, badges, insignias and equipment by performing all manner of countersues and good turns daily in addition to the fine work that is being done by a large group of boys in a quiet way.

The good people of our community are interested in you and your work. They want to see and know someone the things that are being done by our boys. That is as it should be, for we owe much to our community, sponsoring institutions, and the fine group of business men in the community who have and are giving much of their time and money without any returns in a financial way.

In fact, it costs each of these men \$1 for a registration certificate, while it cost the boy only \$0.50. IT is felt by every member of the local council that if our boys, both Scouts and non-Scouts, will only stop to give

this matter due consideration, each and every one will realize and respond in the real Scout way.

If we are to have a real successful program in Scouting in this Council we must have the full cooperation of every boy in the council. Professor J. M. Burnett has announced that all Scouts and members of the Scout Band will be excused from school Monday at 12:30pm so that they may assemble in front of the post office for a parade downtown. The parade will start when the campaign committee workers adjourn their luncheon at Coffee Pot No. 4 on Broad Street. The parade will disband at the courthouse corner.” [651]

Troop 2 held their regular meeting, and Sgt. C. H. World give instructions concerning the parade which will be held. C. M. Sapp, Troop 2 acting Scoutmaster (to become Scoutmaster after the troop's registration) discussed Scout tests and announced that Troop 2 should have several members pass these examinations before the next Court of Honor is held. Troop projects and inter-patrol contests were explained, and several applications for new membership were received. [652]

Over 60 workers were a part of the fundraising drive. This money, when raised, will go to overhead, repair, installation, upkeep, taxes, insurance, charter, quota fees, and other such necessary expenses of the Council. The salad of \$4,800 formerly paid an executive has been eliminated and now all executives are Scout Leaders working with troops. [653] Within the first hour over \$600 in cash was turned in to the Boy Scout Drive Headquarters after the first afternoon of the campaign. Several committees were unable to begin work until today, but all who are working report that they are having surprising results. Offices for headquarters have been given in front of the David-Leach Drug store through the courtesy of Luther Davis. Someone remains on duty from 8:00am to 6:00pm.

Since the residential sections are not being solicited, Dr. Lang urges that all persons who are not reached and who desire to make a contribution come by the headquarters or mail their checks to the Boy Scouts in care of the Davis-Leach drug store. ^[654] On the third day of the drive over \$1,000 have been reported. *“I feel sure that when Saturday rolls around and the drive closes, we shall rejoice in the work we have done for the boys of Tuscaloosa, and done in the face of real difficulties.”* Dr. George A. Lange declared. *“When I took this job I was told that I was the last hope,”* Dr. Lang says, *“and I really felt like a lost hope, for I felt unable to do the work. But now, at the beginning of the third day, I feel like I could stage a million-dollar drive if the cause were as good as the boys, and if I had the same chairman of committees who have all worked faithfully.”* Dr. Lang says he has received encouragement from every side and many letters have come from persons outside Tuscaloosa. J. C. Persons, President of the American-Traders National Bank of Birmingham, wrote a letter enclosing a check for \$10 and wishing he drive “all the luck in the world”. ^[655] Overall, the work of the Boy Scouts was assured for the year 1930 with the raising of \$3,000.00 from the community. Although the drive is now closed, official urge that all who may not have been reached in the campaign make their contributions to the Scout office. That office is now being moved to 306 Rosenfield building. Plans have been made to completely renovate Camp Horne for summer camps, and to purchase a larger truck which is greatly needed. ^{[656][657]}

On the weekend of April 10 to April 12, Troop 2 plans to hold a camp at Camp Horne as the teachers of the city will be at an Alabama Educational Association convention in Montgomery. Preston Bishop, the physical education director at the City

high school, will become Scoutmaster of Troop 2 until he leaves for vacation. ^[658] An Airplane Model Building Contest was set for May 3rd. Finals for the contest will be held at Maynor field at 2:30pm on May 33rd. Judges for the contest will be Professor Walker Edward Lustig and Walter Brownell. Prizes will be awarded for two phases of work - duration of flight and craftsmanship for three sections - 1) boys under 12 years old, 2) boys between 12 and 18 years old, and 3) a section for troops. Prizes will consist of air plane rides, books, flashlights, tool kits, and other items. The contest will be under the directions of Sgt. Wolfe. ^[659]

On April 12th six Boy Scouts will assist the Tuscaloosa Police Department in the handling of traffic in the downtown area. These Scouts will be under the supervision of officers on the force and will aid in preventing jay-walking, improper parking, and other traffic violations. The boys who will be on duty are Eagle Scout Sims Moody, First Class scout McCorkle Moody, First Class Scout Bert Banks, Star Scout Tom Cheronies, Eagle Scout E. L. Dodson Jr, and First Class Scout Gray Bickley. ^[660] On April 19th the twenty-four members of the Tuscaloosa Boy Scout Band returned from a concert tour to Eutaw, Livingston, and York. Refreshments were served at Eutaw's Boy Scout headquarters and Troop 1 of York (the Black Warrior Council's oldest troop) served lunch. Assistant Scoutmaster Robert Nichols was uncharge of the band. On the return trip Sgt. Wolfe was in charge of the band. This is the second tour the band has made, and plans are in the works for a third tour to Starkville, Mississippi and other towns in West Alabama and Mississippi. ^[661]

On May 3rd the first annual Black Warrior Council Model Airplane Contest was held at Maynor Field. The contest was sponsored by the Black Warrior Council in conjunction with Professor Leslie A. Walker, head of the Aeronautical Department of the University of Alabama, and Lugtigs Book Store. Virgil McKinley (Troop 14) was awarded a model building set for the construction of Lindy's Spirit of St. Louis as first prize for workmanship on the scale model. Tom Cheriones (Troop 5) was awarded the Boy Scouts Own Book as first prize for workmanship in the flight models, and was also awarded a Scout handle for first prize in duration of flight. His plane flew 115 feet in the official trials but in a later demonstration it flew 320 feet. Frank Fitts won a flashlight as second prize for flight duration. His plane flew 101 feet. Troop 5 was given a \$12 chest of tools for the duration flight won by Tom Cheriones while Virgil McKinley's troop (Troop 14) was given a \$8 chest of tools. Judges for the contest were Professor Walker, Edward Lustig, and Walter Brownell. ^[662] On May 15th plans for the opening of Camp Horne were discussed by the Executive Board. Ben Cabell, Chairman of the Camping Committee, stated that work was now in progress making the necessary repairs to camp before it's opening. Sgt. Wolfe said in his report that a refrigerator and stove were needed at camp, as well as a new light system. The board decided to require a permit and a \$5 deposit for the use of camp. Permits can be obtained from Sgt. Wolfe, President Goerge Drolet, or Mr. Cabell. The \$5 deposit will be returned if everything is found in good working order. Otherwise the money will be spent for making repairs to damages caused by the party. This policy is the same as one used last year. ^[663] Camp Bulletin No. 1 was issued by the Black Warrior District Council to give boys information

regarding Camp Horne and the program for the summer. Camp will be held from June 5 thru August 23. Camp personnel include Sgt. Wolfe as the Scout Executive, Kenneth M. Calhoun as camp director, Virgil McKinley as the Handicraft instructor, Russell Lancaster as the truck driver, and Laura and Evelyn as the cooks. Camp activities will begin at 6:00am and go to 9:15pm. The Court of Honor will be held for Scouts passing Scout promotions and Merit Badges each Saturday. ^[664]

Plans started to be worked on for a Scoutmaster's Association. The principal object of the group is the education of Scoutmasters. The first meeting was held on May 22 to judge interest in the group. A second meeting will be called where it is hoped that a definite program and organization can be perfected. ^[665] Meanwhile, a work week was happening at Camp Horne where many local boys prepared for the opening of camp. A new light plant was delivered and is ready for installation, new stoves have already been installed, and new supplies for all kinds of games (waterballs, baseball, etc) have been obtained and ready for kids to use. *"There will be something radically wrong with the boy that does not have a good time at Camp Horne this summer."* C. H. Wolfe said. There will be a limited number of boys for the June 5 to June 8th camp, and the main summer camp starts on June 8th. Boys are urged to enroll for camp as soon as possible. ^[666] Accommodations have been completed for 120 boys and the entire camp has been repaired and renovated with new equipment. The Working Boys camp will be free for the sixty-five boys who attended the camp. Sgt. Wolfe announced that he would arrange to meet out-of-town boys at the MoLester Hotel to provide them with transportation to camp. Parents are asked to call the Scout office at 1823 when the youths are to arrive in

town. [667] The sixty-five boys of the "Working Boys" camp played games, swam, put on a campfire program, and studied various handicrafts works. The boys are carried on one night hike to study the night sounds and to view Tuscaloosa from the top of Dead Pine Hill. [668] Of the work done to get Camp Horne ready, a new tennis court has been completed as well as a volleyball court. Boys will also be given boxing instructions twice daily and a boxing tournament will be held three times a week. Efforts are also being made to obtain support for several underprivileged boys whom the Council is unable to carry anymore. [669]

On Monday, May 28th the general scout week opened at Camp Horne. During that time special test work will be given to all scouts who wish to pass work on any badge rank. During the previous two-week period over 170 4-H club boys and girls attended camp. The first week was for the girls and the second week was for the boys. Twenty scouts were in training during this tie and they were used to aid in conducting the camp. Lucien Algee, Associate Scoutmaster of Troop 3 in Birmingham Boy Scouts has taken on the role of assistant camp director. He will have charge of all games and campfire programs. [670]

On August 20th eighteen Boy Scouts will take an automobile tour for fifteen days for Life and Eagle Scouts in the council. Any scout wishing to take the trip who is not a Life scout will have then next two weeks to pass off their requirements. Tentative plans call for the tour to go to the following cities: Waynesboro, Mississippi; Loxley, Alabama; Defuniak Springs, Florida; Greenville, Florida; Jacksonville, Florida; Daytona Beach,

Florida; Ocala Florida; the state capital at Tallahassee, Florida; then to Troy, Alabama and finally to Birmingham and back to Tuscaloosa. Boys will prepared the meals for breakfast and lunch, while dinner will be taken at various places in the cities. Each scout will be wearing overalls but will also carry a complete Scout uniform for use in the cities and special occasions. [671]

On August 14th the Organization of the Eagle Scout Club for the Black Warrior Council District was complete with fourteen charter members. Currently Sgt. C. H. Wolfe is acting as Chairman but officers will be elected at a meeting to be called soon. Charter members of the club are: Russell Lancaster, Cliff Atkinson, Elbert Lee Dodson, Harry Wright, Ben Hill Freeman, Frank Sims Moody, Harold Baker, Oakley Park, and Cornelius Foster, all of Tuscaloosa. Members also include Marcus McGriff of Livingston; and Robert Adams of Kaulton; and Donald Palmer, Edmund Powers of Greensboro; and William Tucker of Eutaw. [672]

John Cabell returned last Saturday afternoon, August 23rd where he left the group of Boy Scouts who are touring Southern Alabama and parts of Mississippi and Florida. There are 18 boys on the trip under the direction of Sgt. Wolfe. [673] After a 10-day tour the Scouts returned to Tuscaloosa. Cornelius Foster told the Tuscaloosa News that the boys slept inside only one time, and pointed out that vacant houses and the open beaches were more often utilized. The boys fished in the canal adjacent to the long Taminami Trail. Scouts making the trail include Donald Palmer, Cornelius Foster, Harry Wright, Russell Lancaster, Nathan Cabell, John Cabell, John Ben Bomar, Robert Adams, Cliff

Atkinson, Tom Ward Jr., Bill Atkinson, Okley Park, Harold Baker, Harry Schmitz, Lucian Alger, Albert Jackson, C. E. Hornsby, and Bert Banks. Scout Lucian Alger wrote a lengthy article for the September 5 edit of the Tuscaloosa News. [674][676]

At the end of August 16th over 487 Boy Scouts spent six weeks at Camp Horne, as well as 106 girl 4-H club members for one week. This report, submitted to the National Camping Department of the Boy Scouts in New York, reveals that the camp building are valued at \$9,000 and the equipment is valued at \$900. *“In making a comparison of your various records of Camp Horne, it is gratifying to observe a general increase all along the line, with actual lower cost per boy each week.”* stated W. C. Wessel, assistant National Camp Director of the Boy Scouts of America. The council plans for next year’s camp include the construction of a new assembly hall by the Scouts. [675]

The reorganization of Troop 31 has been set for Friday, September 12th. The troop is sponsored by the Calvary Baptist Church. Tom Mason has been elected Scoutmaster while J. L. Carver will serve as Chairman of the Troop Committee. Frank Lyon has been appointed Senior Patrol Leader and Cecil Carver as Troop Scribe. Before it’s disorganization, Troop 31 was one of the most active troops in the council. [677] At a meeting on September 9th Harold W. Lewman, Regional Executive of Memphis, Tennessee said that the six counties in the Black Warrior District Council and the two additional counties scheduled to be admitted must contribute \$2,000 to the council by the end of October if they are to remain members of the council. A national organizer would

be sent into the Black Warrior District territory at the expense of the national office to determine by survey whether the counties of Pickens, Greene, Bib, Hale, and Sumpter (as well as proposed new members Marengo and Perry) will contribute the necessarily amount to remain in the local council. ^[678] However, at a Friday, September 12th meeting of the Scout Council executives canceled salaries for there remainder of the current 6 month period. This will not affect the proposed survey to be made by a National Scout Executive. Also during this time Sgt. C. H. Wolfe tendered his resignation to the council. Robert Bruner was tentatively appointed Scout Executive to take Sgt. Wolfe's place. He will be formerly installed next week. W. P. Bloom and B. W. Cabell were also appointed as a committee on Finance, to serve until January 1, 1931. ^[679]

Plans for the organization of an Eagle Club, composed of Boy Scouts of Eagle rank, were made last week at the initial meeting of the prospective members. Appointment of a Court of Honor was made which included Eagle Scouts Moody, Foster, and Lancaster. They will server for two months after which time four successors will be named. Members of the Eagle's Club will visit various troop meetings to help in their organization. Troops to be visited include Troop 7, Troop 33, Troop 31, Troop 14, and Troop 19. ^[680]

On October 21, at a meeting of the Executive Council in the First Baptist Educational Building, the Black Warrior Council of the Boy Scouts of America was officially extended to include the areas of Marengo and Perry counties. E. L. Dodson was elected President of the Black Warrior Council and Carter Haley, National

Representative of the Boy Scout organization spoke to the delegates from the eight counties, outlining the plan on which the Black Warrior Council will work in the future. The council heartily endorsed the plan which has been developed by the National Council of the Boy Scouts. Also chosen at the meeting was J. D. McPhail (Demopolis), J. V. Park (Aliceville), Wade H. Coleman (Livingston), and Edward White (Uniontown) as Vice-Presidents of the council. Anthony McGill was re-elected Treasurer but all other people are newly chosen. ^[682] Reorganization of the council with seven additional towns was completed this week by J. V. Dabbs, Deputy Regional Executive in charge of Alabama, Tennessee, Mississippi, Louisiana, and Arkansas. Mr. Dabbs accompanied local officials to Aliceville, Greensboro, Uniontown, Eutaw, Livingston, York, and Demopolis where committees of leading citizens were organized to sponsor the movement. Each town will contribute their share to secure the services of Mr. Wescott, who will begin work January 1st, 1931. Mr. Wescott will conduct training courses, hold Courts of Honor, and organize Scout Troops throughout the district. Each town in the district has organized its committee and the Chairman of each committee is a member of the Black Warrior Council Board. Those members include J. V. Park (Aliceville), Edward White (Uniontown), M. C. Banks (Eutaw), Wade H. Coleman (Livingston), J. J. Caldwell (Demopolis), Rev. J. M. Partridge (York), and County Agent R. W. New (Aliceville). ^[683]

Star Scout Leslie Bridges opened a joint meeting of Troop 7 and Troop 33 at the Kaulton Y.M.C.A. on Friday, December 13th. The meeting began with the Scout oath followed by roll call and the introduction of a new member, Billy Capps. A “talking game” was held between the two troops but it was hard to distinguish a winner from all

the interesting conversations. Brief speeches were made by Mr. D. C. Overton and Mr. Tapscott, Committee members of Troop 7 and Troop 33. ^[684] On December 12th Scoutmasters of various troops gathered at the First Presbyterian Church for the second session of the Scoutmaster Training School. Scoutmaster Tapscott of Troop 4 was in charge of the instruction. Method of conducting a Boy Scout organization were explained, and a special Court of Honor was held with Yeatman King and three boys from the Eagle Scout club assisting. Scouts from Troop 5, 7, 32, and 33 passed various merit badges during this Court. ^[685]

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On January 4th Troop 2's regular meeting was postponed due to the absence of the Scoutmaster who was attending council business in Reform. The troop dismissed with the regular Scout oath, Scout law, and taps. After the troop dismissed the Pine Tree patrol held its patrol meeting and discussed building a patrol corner. The troop is also planning on having a parents night soon to show the parents what happens at a Scout meeting. ^[686] On March 27th Raymond Westcott, Acting Field director of the Black Warrior Council, held a program at the school auditorium in Pickens County. This program was sponsored by Carrollton Troop 20. A small fee will be charged and the fee will go to help the Carrollton Boy Scout troop. ^[692] On March 28 Mr. Westcott repeated the program in Tuscaloosa. Mr. Westcott appeared in a magnificent Indian costumes and presented a series of Indian dances, legends, chants, and other weird customs of redskins who once roamed the community. The program is being offered for boys of all ages and will be held in the third floor auditorium of the Rosenfeld building. MR. Westcott, a student at the University, depicted many Indian customs including the Invocation of the Great Spirit, fire lighting by Indian method, the song Shepadah, Sioux circle dance, sign language, exhibitions of dance steps of the plains Indians, legends, sun dance chant, Ojibway scalp dance, and the song Wakonda (Omaha). ^[687] Scouts from three Black Warrior Council troops passed 23 tests at the regular Court of Honor in the first week of March. Tests passed included three Second Class, three First Class, and 17 for merit badges. ^[688]

On March 10, 1931 the Tuscaloosa News published an article entitled "Scout Council Organized 1922 Grows Rapidly." The article explains that the first Boy Scouts in Tuscaloosa were an independent troop organized in 1910 by Floyd Tillery, a University of Alabama student. Mr. Tillery then went to work for Boy's work in Birmingham before becoming an assistant to Dr. Henry Edmonds, pastor of the Independent Presbyterian Church. From that date until 1922 there was no attempt made for a complete Boy Scout organization in Tuscaloosa until 1922. At that time the recently organized Junior Chamber of Commerce was appointed and instructed to take up the matter offering a local Boy Scout organization. The committee invited interested citizens and several scout executives from over the state to discuss the Scouting organization. It was voted to get in touch with the regional Scout Director (C. E. Carmack) and ascertain the necessary steps to organize. C. Fred Neilson was instrumental in the organization. E. R. Sapp of Kentucky was hired as the first Council Executive, the Herrin's property was purchased and donated by J. T. Horne to the council. George Phalin donated lumber for the first cabin at Camp Horne, a mess hall was donated by the Rotary Club, the Kiwanis donated a building for the Museum of Natural History, eleven boats were donated by the Pilot's Club, another cabin was built by the Jewish Bachelors of Tuscaloosa, as well as other donations from organizations and people. Property on Blackwater Creek in Jasper was donated to the council by Captain Rufus O'Rear. [689]

On March 14th Scoutmaster W. P. Thielens and four Scouts of Troop 5 were singing Saturday after a gasoline explosion on Thielens' cab cruiser. The accident took place at the paper mill docks on the Warrior River. Mr. Thielens lost most of his hair and

part of his eyebrows, while Anderson Greenwood, Burton Curry, Virgil McKinley Jr., and Warren Allison were either singed or burned but not seriously. The explosion occurred when gas from a small leak escaped and formed a pocket. The pocket was later ignited by a burner that was heating up a soldering iron. The cruise was postponed and the cabin cruiser was not hurt. ^[690]

Alberta City Baptist Church met with Mr. E. L. Dodson Wednesday, March 18th in support of the Boy Scouts. A committee was appointed to solicit funds, and Chairman Dr. J. B. Christian reports that a fair size donation has already been made. The church elected H. B. Patterson, P. H. For and J. M. Kicker as members of the Troop Committee. A. B. Crosby was named Scoutmaster of the troop. ^[691] March also saw the Flying Eagle patrol leading by a slight margin in the inter-patrol contest being held by Troop 5. The winning patrol will get a yacht cruise to Lock 17. The troop also camped out on March 27th on North River. Fifteen of the scouts, one member of the Troop Committee, and the Scoutmaster made the trip in the scout truck. On Friday the troop went on a 7 mile long ramble down the river valley and over the mountains. ^{[693][694]}

The monthly Court of Honor was held on Friday, May 1st. Thirteen Boy Scout passed merit badges and class tests and all active troops in the city were represented. Scouts in Troop 2, Troop 5, and Troop 33 passed merit badges in Pioneering, Firemanship, Life Saving, First Aid to Animals, and Personal Health. Various scouts also passed the rank of Second Class, First Class, and Star Scout. ^[695] On May 28th the Scouts of the Black Warrior Council met on Denny Field on May 23rd to compete in

troop contests and other amusements. Unfortunately due to the date a large number of troops were unable to participate. The troop from Carrollton was the youngest and was well represented. They did not win honors but made a very credible showing in all contests, receiving 5th place overall. Tuscaloosa troops received first and second place honors. Scoutmaster Hale was pleased with the showing of the Carrollton troop. After in the Druid city the scouts returned to Carrollton. [697]

On June 5th 21 Tuscaloosa Boy Scouts, who had been on special duty in Montgomery in connection with the Confederate Veterans reunion camp home. The group is in the charge of Yeatman King, Scoutmaster of Troop 2. [698] On June 8th more than 70 Tuscaloosa Boy Scouts attended the first week of camp at Camp Horne. Scout Executive C. H. Wolfe will be the camp director for the camping season which starts June 8th and ends on August 15th. Charlie Brennan (Troop 2 Scoutmaster) will be the assistant director during the camping season. Yeatman King (Troop 14 Scoutmaster) will assist with camp until July, where at which time he will leave for Carolina to be an assistant director at a private camp. Oakley Park is in charge of the Junior boy program (boys under 13 years of age). Jake Noland, a Troop 14 scout, has been designated at the camp clerk. The Sout council furnishes transportation from town for all campers who wish to go on the camp truck, and all 92 merit badge subjects will be touched upon during the instruction. [699][700] On July 1 Chief White Elk, a Choctaw Indian and college graduate, conducted an Indian Pow Wow at Camp at 7:30pm. President E. L. Dodson, head of the Black Warrior Council, presided over the Pow Wow and spoke briefly. Chief White Elk is seeking to the boys daily on Indian lore and instructing the classes in Indian

beadwork and other crafts. The ceremony was staged in an open area was one of a series of ceremonies and exhibitions of Indian work being directed at Camp Horne. [701]

At the Monday, July 13th meeting of the Civitan Club, Three Scouts - Jake Nolan (Tuscaloosa), E. L. Powers (Greensboro), and A. J. Hooks (Eutaw) - made brief talks explaining the value of work being done at Camp Horne. Chief White Elk urged Tuscaloosa citizens to support the scout program, and that unless funds were subscribed by September the charter of the council might be revoked. [702] This warning was related on July 15th when E. L. Dodson, council president, warned that the charter may be revoked. Dodson stated that the council has been in constant financial difficulty since its inception because apparent waning interest. A National Scout Executive met with President Dodson and informed him that the Black Warrior Council could continue no longer without a "...paid, full-time executive." National Council officials proposed that the Black Warrior Council employ a full-time man for three months beginning on September 1st, with the option of releasing him at the end of that time should it be seen that the project could not be fulfilled. The council itself was reorganized on January 1st, splitting into districts which include Tuscaloosa and eight surrounding counties. The eight counties have pledged \$1,462.50 with Tuscaloosa being required to supplement this fund sufficiently to support the work. [703]

Unfortunately during this time of flux within the council, J. T. Horne, who donated 100 acres of Herrins's Lake for a Boy Scout camp, became ill. Dan Stewart, superintendent of Horne Veneering Company, was informed by Lelia Horne on July 17th

that J. T. Horne was seriously ill in Tampa, Florida, suffering a violent pain in his abdomen. Surgery was performed by doctors who called his condition “grave.”^[704] Sadly, James T. Horne passed away on July 18th at 9:00am at 71 years of age. Mr. Horne came to Tuscaloosa in 1908. He had worked his way from day laborer to industrial leader in Indiana after being orphaned at age 11 by the death of his mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Barnes Horne.^[705] Services were held at 3:00pm at the First Methodist Church and will be buried in Tuscaloosa Memorial Park. Dr. A. M. Freeman of the First Methodist Church and Dr. B. B. Glasgow, presiding elder of this district, officiated in church services. Dr. Freeman held graveside services. Mr. Horne’s body was accompanied to Tuscaloosa by Mrs. Horne, her daughter Miss Lelia Horne (former director of the Girl Scouts), and Dan Stewart, superintendent of Horne Veneer Company. Six Boy Scouts attended in uniform in tribute to the father of Camp Horne.^{[706][709]}

Regarding the lack of funding for the council, an Advisory Committee was formed by representative citizens of Tuscaloosa and chaired by University President George H. Denny. Members of this council include Col. W. E. Persons, Frank M. Moody, Bruce Shelton, Gordon D. Palmer, Frank Fitts, H. D. Warner, W. P. Bloom, Dr. D. S. Lancaster, R. C. Foster, F. B. Daniel, Owen Meredith, C. N. Maxwell Jr, T. W. Christian, J. Velo Larry, M. T. Jemison, Jeff Coleman, E. L. Dodson, Captain J. F. Farnsworth, D. B. Rogers, Captain L. P. Hodnette, Professor J. M. Burnett, and Ben A. Green. President Denny informed the group of the current situation of the council. The members of the Advisory Council unanimously agreed that Scouting should continue in Tuscaloosa, that a full-time Scout executive should be obtained, and that all requirements to maintain a

fully accredited national charter for the Warrior Council should be met. If the council were to fail, the deed to Camp Horne would be automatically revoked and go to Druid City Hospital. Hospital officials fervently hope that the Scouts can continue to retain the camp as they have no desire or need for the camp. [707] Dean Lancaster, Chairman of the Boy Scout Committee for the Civitans and a member of the Advisory Committee, urged fellow Civitans to give to the Boy Scouts when called upon to help prevent the loss of the local council. [708]

With the closing of Camp Horne at the end of the summer camping season, Chief White Elk left town. It was soon discovered that the self-styled Indian chieftain was in fact wanted by police in Selma, Montgomery, and Mississippi on outstanding warrants. He left behind a trunk containing clippings which exposed him as a fraud and former convict in Italy. His real name is Edgar LaPlante, the son of a Pawtucket, Massachusetts carpenter. [710] Regardless of this deception, over 256 Scouts attended Camp Horne during the summer. Over 62 percent of the council membership attended at least one week at camp. During the camp period there were 19 Honor Court meetings where 22 Scouts completed Second Class tests, 17 finished First Class examinations, and 309 merit badges were awarded. Fifteen Scouts received Star, nine earned Life, and five earned their Eagle badge. [711]

A plea not to allow the charter of the Warrior Council to lapse was made to Rotarians at their regular weekly luncheon on September 1st by W. P. Thielens. MR. Thielens discussed the duty of Rotarians and other business leaders to provide proper

training and leadership youth, and that Tuscaloosa should not be without the trained leadership needed by the Black Warrior Council. [712] To help with funding an Indian contest is being staged on September 18 at Denny Field. Thirty Indian braves and squaws will be coming from the reservation at Philadelphia, Mississippi to play Indian ball. Indian ball is a variation of across but rougher and uses smaller balls (slightly bigger than a golf ball) and nets. Planks are set up on each end of the field and to score one must hit the plank with the ball. The Indians will be the guests of Coach Thomas at the regular workout of the Crimson Tide. [713]

Scoutmasters, Assistant Scoutmasters, and Patrol Leaders representing Northport, and Alberta city met on October 24th at the Boy Scout headquarters to discuss plans for their part in the Armistice Day parade and Boy Scout Field Day to be held on November 28th. L. Russell Simpson, a representative of the National Scout Council, spoke briefly concerning the fund raising campaign. He highly praised the work being carried on under the direction of Sgt. C. h. Wolfe, acting Scout Executive, and Ray Westcott. He outlined the five factors fo a successful troop: Leadership, Living the Oath and Law, Advancement, Patrol Activity, and Outdoor Scouting. Following his speech instruction started on the third session of the 5-part series. Leaders attending were Emory CONnell, Jake Nolen, J. W. Jordon, Charlie Brennan, J. C. Sutton, Joe Shamblin, C. C. McGee, Jake McCain, Ray Westcott, Russell Landcaster, Tom Chijones, R. Blondheim, C. Blondhelm, T. I. Gallman, G. L. McKee, Frank Mullins, George McBurney, John Rushing, L. R. Simpson, and Sgt. C. H. Wolfe. [715]

On October 27th a Sea Scout Ship will be formed for Boy Scouts over 14 years old per acting Scout Executive C. H. Wolfe. Tentative plans were developed last week at a special meeting of Scoutmasters, Assistant Scoutmasters, and Patrol Leaders. Scouts in Tuscaloosa, Northport, Alberta City, and Kaulton are eligible to enlist if they meet the age requirements. A six-week Scout Leaders Training Course has been organized and will begin immediately. A third scout project - a Scout Circus - is underway. The circus will be staged by 200 local scouts at Van de Graaff Field. [714]

At a meeting in the Alabama Union chaired by President George H. Denny, the organization of citizens forces for the Boy Scout Campaign appointed President Denny as permanent Chairman for the vapers committees. The committee unanimously voted that the Boy Scout work in Tuscaloosa must continue. The critical funding situation facing the Black Warrior Council was full explained to the groups which included more than 30 leading men and women of the community. Black Warrior Council President E. L. Dodson explained how the national charter will be taken from the organization unless adequate funds are raised to maintain a full-time executive. The local council cover eight counties in Alabama. Mr. Dodson introduced L. Russell Simpson, a National Boy Scout representative sent here to aid in the campaign to be held November 23 to November 26th. Brief enthusiastic talks were given by Rev. A. M. Freeman, John D. McQueen Sr., Mrs. Washington Moody, the Rev H. P. Armstrong, and others. President Denny announced the following campaign committees: Major E. H. Underwood (Vice-Chairman) and Captain L. P. Hodnett (Assistant Vice-President). Workers Committee: Hayse Tucker (Chairman), H. D. Warner, Frank Fitts, and Monroe Rosenau. Prospect

List: C. Parker Persons (Chairman), and W. w. (Jack) Scay. Pre-Campaign Solicitations: R. C. Foster (Chairman), John D. McQueen, Mrs. Washington Moody, and Frank Moody. Auditing Committee: R. H. Cochrane (Chairman). Publicity Committee: E. L. Dodson, L. R. Simpson, Mrs. W. A. Collier, and Ben A. Green. ^[716]

On November 3rd the Rotary club heard Dr. G. H. Denny and L. Russell Simpson speak concerning funding for the Black Warrior Council. Mr. Simpson spoke on the program and expressed appreciation for the past support the Rotary Club has given to the camp. Dr. Denny brought out the fact that Scouting in Tuscaloosa faced a crisis and the work of raising \$5,000 to save camp property and equipment worth \$15,000, and to retain the charter could no longer be delayed. He stated that he believed that people would respond and save Camp Horne and scouting for future generations. ^[717] On the 9th members of the Tuscaloosa Civitan Club pledged their aid - both as a club and individually - to do everything in their power to help save Camp Horne and the Boy Scout charter in Tuscaloosa. ^[718] All of the civic clubs in Tuscaloosa pledged to support the Boy Scout campaign to preserve the Tuscaloosa Black Warrior Council charter. While still a week before the general drive, interested has been shown by leading citizens expected to join George H. Denny in this effort. ^[720] A ten-fold program of improvement and an extension in personnel and activities is necessary to retain the national charter. This 10-step program includes: 1) employment of a full-time trained executive, 2) establishment of an easily accessible headquarters, 3) adequate secretarial help for council records, 4) carry on a business-like office with additional equipment, 5) secure supplies for field work (training material and literature), 6) transportation to serve the

field, 7) necessary improvements at Camp Horne, 8) leadership training among volunteer men requiring many courses and meetings, 9) proper publicity of Scout activities, and 10) a varied, well-systematized plan of scout activities carried out in troops, council rallies, and district meetings. [721] Chairmen will meet Sunday, November 22nd at 4:00pm in the Alabama Union with Dr. Denny and the campaign will kick off on November 23rd. Ten teams were chosen by Dr. Denny. [722] As part of the fundraising, five Scouts and L. R. Simpson will address Tuscaloosa church goers today. The scout speakers are Frank Mullins who will speak at First Presbyterian, Emory Connell who will speak at First Methodist, Jake Nolen who will speak at First Baptist and First Christian, Russell Landcaster at Calvary Baptist and Christ Church Episcopal, and J. W. Jordan who will speak at Brandon Memorial. Several other ministers have also indicated that they will speak on the work of the Boy Scouts. [723][724]

On Monday, November 23rd President George H. Denny spoke briefly with the twelve campaign chairmen at the McLester Hotel before the beginning of the fundraising campaign. He called upon them to to "...exert their utmost efforts to secure the full amount needed to save the Boy Scouts for Tuscaloosa..." noting that last year 133 underprivileged boys were able to attend camp. Campaign chairmen are to make final reports by Tuesday night at the 307 First National Bank building. [725] Teams worked all day Monday and partial reports were made on Tuesday. The success of the drive will not be known until some time on Wednesday. However partial reports indicate a generous response on the part of citizens. [726] Team leaders will meet with Dr. Denny Tuesday,

December 1st at 5:00pm in the Chamber of Commerce conference room, where final reports from several committees are expected. [728]

While reports continue to come, reorganization of the Black Warrior Council will begin immediately. H. W. Lewman, the Regional Boy Scout Executive of Memphis, Tennessee will arrive next week to meet with committees and leaders relative to the future work of the council. Council President E. L. Dodson appointed a committee on nominations to suggest officers for the council. The committee is composed of Richard C. Foster, Dr. George G. Denny, Antony McGill, and Sam Wiesel. Offices to be filled are President, three Vice Presidents, one Commissioner, and a Treasurer. New officers will be installed on the December 13th annual council meeting and a committee on the budget will also report at that time. Representatives from the 12 other major centers of the council will attend. These centers include York, Aliceville, Greensboro, Livingston, Demopolis, Uniontown, Carrollton, Reform, Centerville, Marion, Blocton, and Linden. Reorganization of the council will be complete at that meeting and plans for the rehabilitation of troops throughout the council will be discussed at that time. Troop reorganization will be launched in early January. Efforts will be made to resurrect all lapsed and dissolved troops, enlist new members throughout the council, and to conduct training courses in which to teach capable Scout leaders who will be in direct charge of the troops. [727] On December 13th the Tuscaloosa District Boy Scout Committee met at 10:00am in the Chamber of Commerce conference room. Officers and committees were chosen for the next year. Gordon D. Palmer was elected President of the Black Warrior Council. Dr. George H. Denny, Chairman of the recent Boy Scout fund campaign, was

elected Honorary President of the Council, with Herbert D. Warner as acting Vice-President. Anthony McGill was re-elected Treasurer. Eight other community centers in the council will be represented by Vice Presidents when these centers signify their intention to take part in council activity during the coming year. Committee chairmen elected include Sam Wiesel (Finance Committee), Captain W. Tandy Barrett (Leadership Training Committee), Dr. J. H. Summerville (Health and Safety committee), Rev. Theodore H. Evans (Reading Committee), Hunter Burnett (Civics Committee), Velo Lary (Camping Committee), W. P. Thielens (Activities Committee), Ben A. Green (Publicity Committee), and J. Collier Foster (Court of Honor Committee). During this meeting it was reported that only \$3,250 was raised of the \$5,00 goal. A modified budget was adopted for the year and will be rigidly enforced. Sgt. Wolfe reported that the council had 389 Boy Scouts and 43 Lone Scouts enrolled in 24 troops. Of this, 293 scouts attended summer camp and 43 underprivileged scouts were able to attend. Nineteen Courts of Honor were held resulting in 27 Second Class, 19 First Class, 16 Star, 11 Life, 7 Eagle Scouts, and a total of 419 merit badges earned. Outside of camp, 37 Courts of Honor were held resulting in 39 Second Class, 21 First Class, 19 Star, 11 Life, 7 more Eagle Scouts, and 402 merit badges passed. [729][730][731][732][733]

Patrols of Troop 14 began a contest in scholarship and Scout rank advancement. A prize will be awarded to the winning patrol. Final plans were adopted at the meeting, and Scoutmaster Jimmy Mayfield gave an interesting discussion on Prince Edward of Wales, Honorary Head of the Boy Scout in England. Patrol projected adopted for the first half to 1932 will be done by time for summer camp. A number of Scouts are also

expected to attend a special winter outing at Camp Horne during the Christmas holidays. Also attending was Acting Executive C. H. Wolfe and a former Scout from Birmingham, Alabama. [734]

On December 22 the headquarters for the Black Warrior council were moved to Room 209 of the Masonic building, and considerable progress has been made in the reorganization of the Tuscaloosa District Committee. The next step will be inspection and reorganization of troops throughout the district. Major E. H. Underwood (Council Commissioner) has already started a survey of the current situation. Gordon D. Palmer, President of the Council, has communicated with the eight council districts. Early reports are expected to show participation in the council plan. Council committees will be chosen at a later date and expand the work which has been initialized already. [735]

The first conference of Scoutmasters and Scout Leaders of the Tuscaloosa District Boy Scouts will be held at 7:30pm January 4th, 1932 on the second floor of the Masonic Building. All leaders are urged to attend as the foundation for the years activity will be laid. Council Commissioner E. H. Underwood and District Commissioner Fred Neilson will outline plans for work in their respective divisions. [736]

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On January 4th Scoutmasters, Commissioners, and Leaders of the Boy Scout movement in Tuscaloosa County met to inaugurate their monthly round table. Major E. H. Underwood, Council Commissioner, explained the purposes of the monthly roundtable and how it could aid all leaders of Scouting in the community. County District Commissioner Fred Neilson reported work by his committee and informed of plans to organize new troops and expand old troops. All Scoutmasters gave encouraging reports and L. R. Simpson, Council Scout Executive, briefly outlined plans for the registration of troops, Anniversary Week, and other details. ^[737] In a meeting of the council Chairmen of all the committees reported much interest and active support of the council. Pledges of approximately \$1,000 have yet to be collected, and L. R. Simpson as well as Fred Neilson reported considerable progress in the reorganization of the council. Velo Lary reported that much work must be done at Camp Horne for it to be ready for summer camp. The council also unanimously authorized the Council Executive to serve all communities in proportion to the manner in which they support the council. ^[740] Plans for the celebration of the Twenty-Second Anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America were drawn up at a meeting of the Activities Committee who met at Foster's Creamery on January 21st. The Activity Committee proposed that: 1) Each church will be asked to speak on various aspects of Scouting on February 14th. 2) A public Court of Honor will be held on Sunday afternoon in which citizens of Tuscaloosa and the surrounding communities will be asked to attend. At this time Dr. George H. Denny will present an

award to E. L. Dodson for distinguished and unselfish service in Scouting during his administration as president. 3) Each troop will have a parent and son meeting, at which time the Scouts will put on a program for the parents, and 4) Scouts will participate in a special activity in behalf of the community sometime during the week (activity to be defined at a later date.) [741] In a new development the Tuscaloosa News will have a newspaper column out each Monday. Scout troops are asked to send in information on what their troop is doing so that it can be published. The Training Committee has arranged for the first meeting of Scoutmasters to be held in the Warrior Guard's armory on the third floor of City Hall. And recently Velo Lary, Oscar Cole, and Executive Simpson went to Camp Horne to inspect the camp's water system. Mr. Cole reported that the biggest need with the water system is a new ram to pump the water on the hill. The Council Executive will also be visiting Centerville and Aliceville. [742]

In the first weeks of February Collier Foster selected 100 men to act as merit badge counselors for the Tuscaloosa district. Two new scoutmasters were welcomed - Myron Hawkins (First Methodist Church) and J. C. Palmer (Northport). Troop 32 of Alberta City was reorganized as well as both the troops at Brandon Memorial church and the troop in Holt. The Court of Honor was held Sunday at 3:00pm at the First Baptist church. After the awards Dr. George H. Denny presented E. L. Dodson with the Silver Beaver. Troop 14 held a campout at Mayfield's Camp on the Warrior River. [738] During the third week of February W. E. Penfield held a conference with W. S. Leatherwood at Holt to form a new troop. Eighteen scouts were present. The Scoutmaster will be W. D. Frost and Assistant Scoutmaster will be Andrew Johnson. A second session of the scout

leader's training school was held. Fourteen scoutmasters were present. A large group is expected for the next session which will feature an Investiture Ceremony put on by the group. A new hut was dedicated at Alberta City Baptist church. It was well attended by Scoutmasters, scouts, parents, and their friends. Troop 2 had some repair work done on their troop cabin and a special meeting was held at the Rosedale Methodist Episcopal church by Rev. A. M. Johnson (pastor) to go over the prospects, appoint a committee, select a scoutmaster, and so forth. Several Scout leaders and Scouts requested that a spring rally be held in April or May. The council is willing to promote this through the Activities Committee. Troop 5 will be opening a handicraft department in their troop meeting headquarters and they have also added three new members in the past two meetings. [739]

At the beginning of February Mr. J.C. Sutton met in the First M. E. Church assist organizing a new troop to help with the overcrowding of Troop 19 of Northport. Mr. Gelders, an old Scoutmaster in Birmingham, began surveying a section near the University to see if a troop of Scouts could be organized in that particular area. During this time the Kiwanis Club appointed a committee to make inspections of the museum at Camp Horne. The Kiwanis built it some time ago and it needs repairs. The Rotary Club recently put a corrugated roof on the dining hall, and other organizations and citizens of the community rallied to the much needed repair work at Camp Horne. Mr. L. R. Simpson, the council executive, met with Dr. Maxwell Moody concerning the scouting program and also went to Centreville in Bibb County to speak with high school students about scouting, and then met with the Troop Committee and Scoutmaster at a luncheon

given by Dr. And Mrs. M. B. Williams. ^[743] Scout leaders will meet at 7:30pm on February 1st on the third floor of the City Hall to conduct their first meeting in a series of round tables discussing which will be held weekly in order to help leaders with their program of Scouting. The course will be given to men as if they were Scouts being organized into patrols of a troop. Chairman Tandy Barrett will preside over the sessions, and he outlined a 5 year program of activity. J. Collier Foster, the Court of Honor committee chairman, discussed business matters of the county while L. R. Simpson will direct the training course. ^[744] On February 12th 52 men from Tuscaloosa were chosen as counselors for the Black Warrior Council. These men are from various professions, crafts, and related subjects. The men include University professors, farm experts, business men, coaches, doctors, and experts in various other crafts. These men, as well as the general public and all Scouts, were urged to attend the Court of Honor to be held in the First Baptist Educational building on Sunday, February 14th. ^[745] February 28th heralded the formation of six new Boy Scout troops in Tuscaloosa to add to the six currently existing troops. Troops being organized are Troop 8 (First Methodist, J. L. Jasper scoutmaster), Troop 4 (Holt School, W. D. Frost scoutmaster), Troop 6 (Brandon Memorial Church, T. L. Cason scoutmaster), Troop 11 (Rosedale, Charles Bullock scoutmaster), Troop 15 (Episcopal Church, scoutmaster to be determined), and a troop at the Northport Baptist church (troop number and scoutmaster to be determined). Council troops that currently exist include Troop 2 (First Presbyterian, Bill Card scoutmaster), Troop 5 (First Baptist Church, W. P. Thielens scoutmaster), Troop 19 (Northport Methodist Church, J. C. Sutton scoutmaster), Troop 32 (Alberta City Baptist, O. C.

McGee scoutmaster, and Troop 33 (Southside Baptist Church, L. H. Tapscott scoutmaster). [746] Tom McCrory, a naval officer stationed in Tuscaloosa, has agreed to assist the local organization in the Sea Scout program. The plan is to promote Sea Scouting through the existing troops, giving the scoutmaster an opportunity to organize a patrol with his older scouts in the troop. Commissioners met on February 29th at the office of Tuscaloosa Laundry. Commission members are R. R. Schmitz, Feel Neilson, W. E. Penfield, Bob Bruner, and Tom Christian. Plans are also shaping up nicely for summer camp at Camp Horne on June 6th. The program is currently being planned, and **a camp emblem will be awarded to each Scout in camp who reaches a certain standard.**

Each troop coming to camp will have the opportunity to receive an award for meeting requirements. The current plan is for each troop to come to camp as a unit and camp under its own leadership. A tentative plan for a Scout Rally to be held in April was also discussed at the Scoutmasters conference, and with other leaders and district officials.

[747] The rally will include troops from Tuscaloosa, Northport, Hold, and Alberta City with other towns invited to participate. Scouting contests will be held and metals will be awarded to all winners courtesy of William P. Bloom, manager of Brown's Dollar Store. A second immediate objective is a troop rating contest in which the organizations will be graded on troop assemblies, meeting attendance, advancement in both Scout classes and outdoor activity. A third objective to extend interest in the activity will be a camp evening meeting on Monday, March 7th for Scouting leaders. Lessons in cooking will be given at Camp Horne with each man cooking his own meal. This will complete the training course for leaders, and certificates will be awarded. [748][749]

On March 7th the Executive Board officially passed on the Cubbing Program for boys between 9 and 12 years old. A chairman will be appointed by President Palmer and the organization will be started at once on one or two groups of boys. Summer camp at Camp Horne is tentatively set to start on June 6. ^[749] March 10th saw 11 men finish the Leadership Training course given to scoutmasters by the Tuscaloosa District Boy Scouts. The course had an average attendance of 18 with six meetings, all headed by Tandy Barrett. This is the first step in the 5-year training program for the Boy Scouts. All men completed the course with satisfactory grades and is expected to result in great improvement of troops throughout the district. Participants of the course include C. C. McGee (Alberta City Scoutmaster), T. L. Gallman (Alberta City Assistant Scoutmaster), R. R. Schmitz (field commissioner), William Card (Troop 2 Scoutmaster), J. L. Kassner (Troop 8 Scoutmaster), J. C. Sutton (Troop 19 Scoutmaster), Tandy Barrett (Chairman, Training Committee), L. T. Classon (Troop 11 Scoutmater), Joesph Gelders (Field Commissioner), W. D. Frost (Scoutmater, Troop 3), and Joseph Shambil (Assistant Scoutmaster, Troop 19). ^[750] Around March 28th the Scout Executive and J. V. Dabbs visited sections of the Black Warrior Council, starting with Greensboro and Uniontown. Both towns are scheduled to reorganize their troops at an April 12th meeting. Demopolis will also have a special meeting to reorganize their troop, as well as Aliceville. Mr. Partridge of York was recognized as completing his fifteenth year as Scoutmaster of Troop 1 (York). ^[752]

During the week of April 4th the Scout Executive (L. R. Simpson) visited every scout troop in the city last week. During this week eight Scouts were doing a good turn

in delivering notices to contributors to Scouting. Also, an unknown scout from Tuscaloosa took charge of a Northport street after a storm had passed until further help came. The J. C. Penny Company also started selling Sea Scout and Cub Scout uniforms, as well as a full line of equipment for camps and rally. ^[753] On April 5th the Executive Board met. Reports from committees indicated that excellent progress was being made in all lines of work according to L. Russell Simpson, Scout Executive. A report by G. E. Herrin, caretaker at the Scout Camp, stated that repairs were being made at the local camp. The board voted to take up a deficit in this item of the budget as some repairs were necessary that were not included in the original estimate. Mr. Herrin was also invested with the authority to keep undesirable persons off the property as the property is private and posted to prevent trespassing. Sam Wiesel reported the finances of the council were in good condition although collections were coming in slow. A. M. McGill (treasurer) read the financial report for the council. Collin Foster, Chairman of the Court of Honor committee, reported that the Scouts of the council were advancing rapidly in their work, and that many had passed merit badge tests. Scout Executive Sompson reported that there are 30 troops with 368 Scouts registered in the council. Of those, 283 are tenderfoot, 40 second class, and 45 first class. ^[754]

During the week of April 12th, Troop 7 (Kaulton), Troop 8 (First Methodist, a new troop), Troop 1 (York), Troop 3 (Holt), and Troop 5 (First Baptist Church) registered with the council. A letter was also received from Professor L. W. Cox, school principal at Cuba, Alabama, stating that they were organizing a troop of scouts and wanted to make an application for a charter.

Scoutmasters held an interesting meeting with City Hall discussing the upcoming rally, and the Rotary Club and the Executive Board phased a resolution adopting the Cubbing program. Cubbing leadership training will be given in Birmingham Sunday and Monday. Dr. H. W. Hurt - founder of the organization - will be at the meeting. The Chairman of the cubbing committee is G. R. Brown. Also during this time a very attractive camp folder is being mailed to each scout in the council. It is hoped that this will be an incentive for scouts to register for camp this summer. [755]

On April 14th the Tuscaloosa Exchange Club appointed a committee to cooperate with the local Boy Scout movement for the promotion of sea scouting. The Sea Scout Chairman Tom McCroy met several times with Scout Executive Simpson and H. R. Write, Morris Friedman, and Aubrey Dominick. At the meeting on the 14th rules for Sea Scouting were created. The rules are that boys must be 15 years old, a First Class Scout, be a member of an organized troop for 3 months, and have attended two-thirds of the troop meetings. The Scoutmaster would have complete charge for the boys who became members. New Scoutmasters were welcomed into the council (Steward Sterling (Aliceville), T. R. Long (Uniontown), Coach E. B. James (Demopolis), and George Fluker and W. B. Story (Livingston). Uniontown reorganized its scout troop while demopolis met at the Chamber of Commerce and organized a district committee. They selected Mr. James, coach at Demopolis High, as the scoutmaster of the first troop in Demopolis. Livingston's committee selected George Fluker as Scoutmaster, and Eutaw keep W. C. Banks as their Scoutmaster. [756][757] The Greensboro district of the Black Warrior Council will also be reorganizing their troop at an upcoming date. And in a sad

note, the council lost a real friend in the death of J. H. Summerville. Mr. Summerville was the chairman of the Health and Safety Committee and spoke with Mr. Simpson just a few days ago. ^[758] The following men have been elected as Chairmen of the different districts in the council: W. P. Bloom (Tuscaloosa district), W. C. Pickens (Greensboro district), Rev. O. D. Langston (Uniontown district), J. H. Kinder (Demopolis District), E. M. Connell (Livingston District), J. V. Park (Aliceville district), C. M. A. Rogers (Eutaw district) and Dr. M. B. Williams (Centerville district). A meeting of the Sea Scouts is planned for May 7th after the council rally. A group of Sea Scouts from Birmingham will be present for this meeting. ^[759]

The Scouts held a field rally on Saturday, May 7th on the Senior High School athletic field. Troops have been practicing for several weeks for the competitions which include Inspection, Water Boiling, Fire Building, Signaling, First Aid, Scout Pace, and Fireman's Lift. First, Second, and Third places were awarded in points to the winning troops. The troops were judged by Major E. H. Underwood (Scout Commissioner), R. R. Schmitz, Auston L. Bennett, Wagner P. Thielens, Joseph Gelders, and Dr. J. L. Kassner. Troop 5 (Wagner P. Thielens, scoutmaster) won the Field Day program with a score of 230 points - double that of the nearest team. Troop 33 came in second with a score of 145, while troop 2 came in third with a score of 95 points. Prizes won by the first place troop consisted of first aid kits donated by W. P. Bloom. Second place awards were signaling kits, and the third place troops won axes. ^{[760][761]}

During the week of May 9th Troop 4 of Northport (J. C. Palmer, Scoutmaster) registered with the council. The troop at Uniontown registered 10 scouts in the past week after having lapsed January of 1932. Reverend Theo Pharm (First Baptist Church in Gordo) reported that their new troop was going strong and was now willing to register. The Livingston troop, inactive since 1931 has now become active again under the leadership of George Fluker, the new Scoutmaster. Joe Forstman was named Scoutmaster of Troop 30 (Reform) with the Assistant Scoutmaster being pastor J. L. Williamson. G. E. Herrin, Camp Horne caretaker, erected a flag pole at camp which will be used daily for flag ceremonies. [762]

On Monday, May 17th Scoutmaster, Assistant Scoutmasters, Troop Committeemen, and Commissioners were held at the Northport Methodist Church. This was the monthly regular round-table meeting of Scoutmasters of the Tuscaloosa District. The ladies of the Northport Methodist Church served meals of which a small fee was charged. The meeting contained an outline of points that make a good Scout troop. These points include a good scoutmaster, proper organization, a good program, boys passing through the steps of scouting, and living the Scout oath and law. More than 40 Scout leaders attended the meeting. [763][765] The Greensboro troop selected L. E. O'Brien as Scoutmaster. Harold Breathing (a former scout of Demopolis) became scoutmaster of Troop 20 in Demopolis. [764]

A Court of Honor was held on Thursday, May 26th. Members of the court are Collier Foster (Chairman), Bernard Rosenbush, J. D. Kelly, C. B. Turner, and F. S.

Connell. Troops have also registered for the upcoming summer camp session. For the first period the troops include Aliceville, Troop 15 (Tuscaloosa), a troop from Eutaw, and one from Uniontown. The second period includes Troop 2 from the Presbyterian Church in Tuscaloosa, Troop 5 from the Baptist church, the troop from Kaulton, and troops from the First M. E. Church and Southside baptist church. During the camp W. P. Bloom is working on getting all civic clubs out on June 14th for a barbecue. [766] Six Scouts spend the day at camp on Saturday and make seats for the camp fire, the handicraft shop was fixed, and tables made for it. [767] Dates for Cub Camp were changed to June 20th, and County Agent R. C. Lett has announced plans to begin the 4-H Club camp for boys on July 4th. [768]

The Camp Horne staff arrived on June 5th to spend June 5th and 6th preparing for camp which starts on June 6th. Troops coming to camp for the first week include Troop 5 (Tuscaloosa), Troop 12 (Aliceville), Troop 15 (Tuscaloosa), Troop 23 (Eutaw), Troop 22 (Uniontown), and Troop 32 (Alberta City). It was also decided that the camp for Cub Scouts is to be held June 20th to June 25. The Birmingham Council and Lawrence Simcox fixed parts of the Delco lighting equipment at camp that had burned out. [769] A total of 65 people attended camp for the first week. The first camp period came to an end with a thunderous but enjoyable climax when a thunderstorm brook over Camp Horne on Sunday afternoon. No campers were injured and a crew of campers cleaned debris out of the swimming pool and lake. All Scout attending camp won camp emblems and several troops received camp pennants. [770] During the second week of camp members of the Civitans, Rotary, Kiwanis, Business Women, and Pilot Clubs were

guests for a barbecue held at Camp Horne. Over 100 people attended. Following dinner everyone gather at the campfire circle and, after singing songs, Scout Thomas Nicol welcomed the guest on behalf of the Scouts. Gordon Palmer, President of the Black Warrior Council, gave a response. Scouts also gave a vote of thanks to the many people who have helped improve Camp Horne for the boys. These people include Beasey Hendrix (Alabama Power) for repairing lighting equipment, Hollman Lumber Company, Bridges-Tidwell Lumber Company, and R. R. Schmitz who gave special training in handicraft instruction. ^[771] On June 20th 30 boys from 9 to 11 years old arrived at camp to begin a week of camping, with an additional 15 Boy Scout are in camp under a separate program being run by Yateman King. The cubs started into their program at 2:00pm after meeting at the camp fire circle for instructions. ^[772] June 27 to July 2nd will be the last week of Scout camp. After that the camp will be closed until July 5 wen the 4-H Club boys come to camp for 2 days. The following Monday, July 11th the 4-H Club girls will be coming to camp for 6 days. Overall, the camping season for the year 1932 was a great success with over 200 Cub and Boy Scouts attending. Camping at Camp Horne for the rest of the year will consist of troop camping and perhaps a Scout Leader's annual picnic in October. ^[773]

On July 12th Scoutmasters, Assistant Scoutmasters, and district commissioners will be at 6:30pm on the houseboat of W. P. Thielens at the Gulf States Paper Corporation wharf for a river trip, supper, and conference. At the conference plans will be made for the remainder of the summer, and activities for the fall will also be discussed. ^[774] New troops were formed and registered with the Black Warrior Council. These new troops are

located at Greensboro, Samantha, and Christ Church. The Greensboro troop is the largest of these with 21 boys. ^[775] The Council Executive Committee met on August 20th at the Chamber of Commerce conference room. At this meeting Scout Executive L. Russell Simpson told of camp activities, problems, and results. A total of 178 Scouts attended camp, and the camping season ended with a deficit of \$43.34. This deficit is covered by pledges from those defraying costs of underprivileged children. The Camp Committee was requested to consider plans for next year especially towards repairs of the property, and restrictions on property use. President Gordon D. Palmer and other board members were gratified to learn the the council as a whole was operating within its budget requirements. Various other reports were given by the Camp Committee, Training Committee, Organization Committee, Court of Honor Committee, Activities Committee, Finance Committee, Health and Safety Committee, and the Publicity Committee. Lastly, a proposed trip of Eagle Scouts to a camp near Birmingham (Camp Andrews, Birmingham Area Council) was authorized with the understanding that the trip would be financially self-sustaining. ^[776]

The Executive Board will be at Camp Horne on August 17th at 5:00pm to swim, eat supper, and inspect camp. This meeting will be to make recommendations for use and update of the camp. Plans are also being made for a big meeting of Scoutmasters at Camp Horne on October 7th thru the 9th as well as for the Eagle trip on August 28th to Camp Andrews as Lawrence Sincox, Scout Executive for the Birmingham Area Council, has approved use of the camp. However if not enough boys sign up to go the trip will be made to Camp Horne instead. ^{[777][778]} The Scouts will leave on the morning of August

29th and come back on Thursday afternoon later that week. Accompanying the group will be Scout Executive Simpson, Richard Schmitz (lifesaving expert), YEatman King, and Norville Crane. [779]

On August 17th twenty members of the Executive Board met at Camp Horne to inspect the camp. Headed by President Gordon Palmer, the tour began at the lake and encompassed the entire camp. Scout Executive Simpson explained the needs and problems of each area as they were visited. H. D. Warner, Vice President, moved that a thorough investigation be made of camp before any plans are made for improvement of the property. [780][781] R. R. Schmitz created a tin can cooking outfit. Bill Wessel, Assistant National Camp Director, said the outfit was one of the neatest jobs he ever saw. The kit will be shown in Scouting and Boys Life magazines in the near future. [782]

A Ten Year Plan is being launched by the Boy Scouts of America now. The plan is that each council will undertake to get one out of four 12 year old boys into a troop for the next 10 years and hold him in scouting activity for four years. Also each troop will receive President Hoover's streamer or flag in January if they show a gain in membership by December 31st. The increase in membership is the beginning of the 10 year plan. Duncanville will probably organize a home patrol as there are not a sufficient number of boys to create a scout troop. And on August 30th the eagle scouts have left Tuscaloosa for Camp Andrews in Birmingham. They will be back on September 1st. California Mills in Uniontown organized a new troop - Troop 28. [783]

During the week of September 8th the Black Warrior Council Scouts presented interesting programs at the luncheon meetings of the Tuscaloosa Rotary and Kiwanis clubs. The group open their demonstration of how the scouts live by the motto “Be Prepared” by rescuing a drowning youth from the water by using a neckerchief lifeline. Once the youth was rescued artificial respiration methods were then applied. W. H Nicol briefly talked of community services and local service done by the scouts. Need Woods and Anderson Greenwood, with the assistance of other scouts, gave an exhaustive demonstration of first aid and signing, after which Emory Connell and J. W. Jordon sent and interpreted messages with Indian sign language. At the end Bobby McBurney was initiated into Scouting during the Scout investiture or initiation process. ^[784] On September 16th the Court of Honor for the Tuscaloosa District will be held in City Hall at 7:30pm. Scouts from Tuscaloosa, Northport, Holt, and Alberta city are requested to be on hand, and a decision was made to hold a “Scouter’s Outing” at Camp Horne on the weekend of October 7th, 8th, and 9th. ^[785]

On September 21st a lot of troops outside the Tuscaloosa area was printed. Cities listed with troops include York, Livingston, Elrod, Aliceville, Greensboro, Gordo, Sweetwater, Eutaw, Cuba, Uniontown, Yolande, Thomaston, Linden, Centerville, Reform, Blockton, and Marion. ^[786] During the week of September 20th the Scout Executive (L. R. Simpson) spent time with J. V. Dabbs (Deputy Regional Executive) going to troop meeting in the Black Warrior Council. The trips begin with Uniontown, Marion, Greensboro, and Demopolis. On the way back a stop was made in Boligee where Mr. Henry Bouchelle discusses reorganizing the troop in the city. ^{[787][788]}

On October 7th the annual Scouters training course began at Camp Horne. The outing started with a 5:00pm supper, and the first meeting had Dr. Harold F. Branc presenting "The Objectives of Scouting" and L. H. Tapscott presented "Troop Openings and Closings." On Saturday the men going into the second stop of the five year training program actually start doing the things they want to do back home with their troops. Scouters staying a camp will have their meals and sleeping taken care of as the regular camp cook has been employed for the three days of camp. The camp ended on Sunday night giving those who were not able to attend Saturday the chance to complete the work during Sunday. A total of 18 men participated fully in the camp and other 6 men attended part time. Those attending the course were R. R. Schmitz, Vincent Bozeman, A. H. Clarkson, C. C. McGee, Dr J. L. Kassner, W. G. Schneider, J. H. Gelders, Robert Adams, Bill Canty, Russell Lancaster, Douglas McEvoy, Virgil McKinley, Dr. Richard Fitzgerald, J. C. Sutton, T. W. Koster, Major E. H. Underwood, Captain Tandy Barrett, J. B. Stickney Jr. of Greensboro as well as his three assistants. Also on October 7th the first cub pack was organized at the First Presbyterian Church with a total of 9 cubs present. [789][790]

On October 20th certificates were ordered for the 18 men who completed the training course at Camp Horne. Meanwhile Vincent Bozeman, UA student and former mate in Birmingham of the Regional Flagship in Sea Scouting, is working with the Sea Scout program and is open to help any scoutmaster develop a patrol in his troop with older boys. Plans were also developed for a fall field meet. An inter-troop contest will be held where the losing troop has to furnish the fun for the others in the district, and all Troops and Scouts are asked to get ready for the annual Armistice Day Parade on

November 11th. The Legion has asked that Scouts police the streets and assisting in any manner possible. ^[791] The council offered thanks to Scout troops for helping distribute folders covering the entire district asking for support in the upcoming finance campaign. The folder contained a report of the work put in for the year so far, and of items that the council helped to accomplish before the end of the year. ^[792] On October 24th all Scouters in the Tuscaloosa District (Tuscaloosa, Holt Northport, and Alberta City) met at the First United Methodist Church for supper. The meeting honored the 12 Scoutmasters in these towns. Approximately 50 men attended the supper and a good meeting was held afterwards. At the supper those 18 men who attempted the October training session at Camp Horne received their certificates. The Sea Scouts met Tuesday night for their first real meeting. J. W. Jordan was elected co-swain and Emory Connell was elected Yeoman. ^{[793][794]}

On November 11th twelve Boy Scout troops of Tuscaloosa, Northport, Hold, and Alberta made an excellent showing at the Armistice Day celebration. A large majority of the 185 scouts either participated in the parade or assisted the police in the regulation of traffic. Sgt. C. H. Wolfe selected the traffic scouts on a competitive basis based on appearance. Troops present included 15 members of Troop 2 (First Presbyterian Church), Troop 3 (Holt) with 10 members, Troop 4 (Northport) with 3 members, Troop 5 (First Baptist Church) with 24 members, Troop 7 (Kaulton) with 10 members, Troop 8 (First Methodist Church) with 11 members, Troop 14 (Calvary Baptist Church) with 15 members, Troop 15 (Christ Episcopal) with 14 members, Troop 19 (Northport Methodist) with 14 members, Troop 23 (Southside Baptist) with 13 members, and the Cub Pack

(First Presbyterian Church) with 13 members. ^[795] Around November 14th plans are starting to be formed concerning the Annual Meeting of the council to be held on December 11th. A Court of Honor is scheduled to be held Tuesday or Wednesday, November 14th or 15th. ^[796] It was also voted on to reserve Camp Horne for use during the Thanksgiving weekend, as well as help the Community Christmas Store again, and another Court of Honor is scheduled for December 1st instead of Thanksgiving night. The leaders at their meeting voted to have a real Anniversary Celebration in the district from February 8th through February 14th. An added feature of this upcoming anniversary will be an exhibit by each troop in the district. Each troop is to select a merit badge subject, collect all material possible, and secure a window in town to show their display. The number of scouts in the council at this time is 196. ^[797]

The annual meeting of the Black Warrior Council, Boy Scouts of America will be held in the Union Building at the University of Alabama on Sunday, December 11 at 2:30pm. Honorary Council President George H. Denny has invited the entire area to participate. Council President Gordon D. Palmer will reside over the meeting. Subcommittee reports will be heard and voting will take place to nominate officials for the following year. During this meeting Rucker Agee, President of the Birmingham Area Council, will speak at the meeting as well as Sam F. Clabaugh, formerly prominent in Tuscaloosa business and civic affairs but currently president of the Protective Life Insurance Company. ^{[798][800]} The Community Store will open around December 19th, and the motion picture toy matinee will be held around December 17th. Area scouts are

expected to help out in each of the ventures. The final plans of the twenty-third birthday of the Boy Scouts have been finalized. These plans include:

1. Each troop will have a parents meeting and put on a scout program for them.
2. Each troop will select a merit badge and start a collection for a window display.
3. All troops will unite in a joint hike on Saturday of that week.
4. Each troop will have charge of a church service if they are sponsored by a church. Scouts will also put on a Scout ceremony and be in charge of the program. ^[799]

During the annual meeting of the Black Warrior Council Wagner P. Thielens was unanimously elected President of the Council, and Dr. George H. Denny - Honorary President - was formerly presented with the Silver Beaver Award for "Distinguished Service to Boyhood." Sam F. Clabaugh, Vice-President of the Jefferson County Boy Scout Council, made the presentation to Dr. Denny and gave an intimate sketch of Dr. Denny's varied and outstanding services to the community, state, and nation. Among other things, he recalled how Dr. Denny had inspired the campaign last winter to revive Scouting in Tuscaloosa, and declared that the beloved Dr. Denny would place the Silver Beaver award higher than many of the numerous other degrees and honors received by him. In replying, Dr. Denny expressed his appreciation and called attention to the critical financial condition of the Black Warrior Council due to failure of the campaign to achieve required funds. Scout Executive L. Russell Simpson reported on the general work of the council, and that the council now had approximately 500 Boy Scouts and that the council was only slightly in debt due to the fact that two months of the new fiscal year had passed before the Unified campaign was held. ^{[801][802]}

The new Executive Board for the Black Warrior Council met on December 15th. During that meeting chairmen for the following committees were selected: Court of Honor, Camping, Organization, Finance, Publicity, Leadership and Training, Cubbing, Sea Scouting, Rural Scouting, Health and Safety, Civic Service, Reading, and Activity. Scout Executive L. R. Simpson discussed briefly work of these various departments. Dr. Harold Francis Branch (First Presbyterian Church pastor) was called upon to speak briefly, pointing out the necessity of maintaining the character building work of the Scouts at this time. A budget smaller than last year's was also adopted, and the Board unanimously voted to carry on Scouting without interruption with sufficient financial support to carry on until next spring. ^[803]^[804]

1933

On January 24th Vincent Bozeman, a student at the University of Alabama and former assistant mate on the National Sea Scout Ship Lief Erickson, is met with a small group of Scouts on Wednesday at the Baptist church to talk about Sea Scouting.

Bozeman has also arranged to meet in three other places at 3:30pm - First Paptist Church, Calvary Church, and Northport M. E. Church - to enable more scouters to have the ability to attend. Harry Wright of the University Supply Store and Morris Friedman are members of the Committee on Sea Scouting. They are from the Exchange Club of Tuscaloosa which is sponsoring the program. The Scout Executive and J. W. Jordon went to the UA museum to talk with Dr. Walter Jones about getting ready for some of the work on the Nature merit badge at summer camp. A letter was also received that the tin-can craft set made by Professor R. R. Schmitz, Scoutmaster of Troop 14 and professor at the University of Alabama, will be out in the official magazine of scouting called "Scouting" soon. ^[805] On January 31st Stanley A. Harris, director of the Inter-Racial Department of the Boy Scouts of America headquartered in New York arrived in Tuscaloosa today for a conference with a group of Tuscaloosa men interested in the Boy Scout movement. This meeting was held at 4:30pm at the scout office and anyone interested was invited to attend. Mr. Harris was formerly the Southern Field Director for Development of Boy Scouting and a troop scoutmaster before the Boy Scouts was formed 23 years ago. A few years ago he was placed in charge of inter-racial relations. His work now deals mainly with boys of foreign nativity, negros, Indians, and Mexicans. ^[806]

On February 22 the Tuscaloosa News ran an article entitled “20 Years Ago Today” which include a blurb on the Boy Scouts of Tuscaloosa spending the day in Moundville. This article was instrumental in the decision to write this document. [807]

Around February 28th the Activity committee and one scoutmaster have made up the valley events for the annual Scout Rally on April 8th. The plan is to start the rally by having all scouts in the area meet at 10:00am. The morning will be given to activities other than competitive events given that these events would be too long to perform - the competitive events will be held later. The council also won the Presidential Streamer which is currently being displayed in Ward Drug Company's window. The streamer was won by having a majority of troops in the council qualify with an increase of scouts in their troop. Plans are also going forward towards fixing up Camp Horne. A meeting was held on Monday February 27th with the Camp Committee assisted by Collier Foster and W. P. Thielens. [808]

Towards the end of March C. B. Grimes, manager of the theaters, has promised to show the picture “Byrd at South Pole” during the rally if it can be acquired. The rally will consist of all scouts meeting at the court house at 10:00am, attend the picture ships, then take an out of town scout to lunch with them. At 1:00pm there will be a short parade headed by a band, then march to Denny Stadium for the rally where the rally event will be held. The Scout Executive L. R. Simpson has spent a large amount of time at camp during the past few days, and W. P. Lewis has moved out to camp to supervise work being done. Repairs to the camp are being helped by the various civic clubs in

Tuscaloosa. ^[809] A total of 16 events will be held during the rally, and over 60 scouts from outside the Tuscaloosa vicinity are expected to attend, for a total of ~150 scout. Events being held at Denny Stadium include: Troop Review, Calisthenics, check on attendance, three-legged race, obstacle race, knot tying ,fire building, first aid, broad jump, Paul Revere race, rescue race, bugling, display relay, bandaging contest, fire by friction, tog-o-war, and awards. ^[810]

During the week of April 2nd the Tuscaloosa Sea Scout Ship held their first official meeting at the headquarters of Troop 2. During this meeting it was decided that a name for the local organization will be voted on next week, and that suggestions from the public would be welcomed. Scouts Emory Connell, J. W. Jordan, John Buck, J. B. Johns, Jake Nolen, Robert A. Wilson, and Jack Gallalee were present and anxious to begin work, and any scout within one month of his fifteenth birthday is invited to join the ship. J. W. Jordan and Milton Ellis were appointed crew leaders and work assignments were made for next week. Also attending the meeting was Nat Bozeman and Harry Wright of the University of Alabama. ^[811]

Boy Scouts from all troops in the Tuscaloosa, Holt, and Alberta City area are included in the cast for the play "Mightier Than the Sword" - an impressive pageant performed at 8:00pm on May 12th in the Senior High School auditorium. Other features include a saxophone quartet composed of Sgt. W. D. Green, Dorman Conoway, C. B. Rumsey, and D. C. Overton; a quartet from the University Glee club; a ceremony by Troop 14; and solos by Herbert Caldwell, Jr. The pageant will last 45 minutes and the

scouts are having a contest to see which troop will sell the most tickets. The troop selling the most tickets will win free camping privileges at Camp Horne for a week during the summer. The pageant has been offered in a number of cities throughout the United States and has attracted universal commendation. The play was written by Dr. L. H. Staley, scoutmaster at St. Louis, Mo. Dr. Staley received his inspiration at the International Jamboree of Boy Scouts at Birkenhead, England in 1929. For its opening scene the pageant shows the closing of the World Jamboree in 1929, when Sir Robert Baden Powell said good-bye to the great gathering and gave golden arrows to four scouts from the United States, France, Germany, and England as emblems of peace and friendship among the boys of the world. [812][813][814]

With the annual summer camp approaching over 100 scouts have registered to attend. A partial list of troops attending include Troop 2, Troop 3, Troop 4, Troop 5, Troop 6, Troop 7, Troop 8, Troop 14, Troop 15, Troop 21, Troop 28, and Troop 33. The summer camp begins on June 5th and will have three one-week sessions for boy scouts followed by a week for junior boys and cubs. After the scouts are done with camp the 4-H Club boys and 4-H Club girls, and the County Baptist Youth Peoples Association will also spend time at camp. Under the leadership of Camping Committee Chairman H. D. Warner, the summer camp this year is expected to be one of the best ones held in recent memory. [815][816] Troop 5 has been putting fancy touches on their cabin at Camp Horne over several Saturdays. The Scout Field Commissioner will be making visits to each district troop to stress camp attendance. [818]

On June 30th a two-day training conference was held at the University of Alabama for Boy Scout leaders by the Black Warrior Council. That morning the welcome address was given by Dr. John R. McLure, director of the University of Alabama summer school. Dr. Gladstone Yeuell, professor of secondary education, explained the significance of the meeting and the ten year program. The principal address was given by H. W. Lowman, Regional Executive, followed by an interpretation of the National Plan of Council and Regional Organization by J. V. Dabbs, Deputy Regional Executive. Scout Executive Russell related the activities of the Black Warrior Council in Tuscaloosa. That afternoon a Court of Honor was conducted by J. Collins Foster, and H. D. Warner outlined the camping program. Captain Tandy Barrett explained the leadership and training program while R. C. Lett analyzed rural scouting. Brief reports from district chairmen and a round table discussion was also included. At the Saturday morning session Major E. H. Underwood, Scout Commissioner, explained troop organization. ^[817]

During the first week of camp members of the Kiwanis Club visited Camp Horne and participated in a meal and program with the scouts. Uniformed scouts met club members and parked cars as they began arriving at 5:00pm. J. A. Anderson, President of the Kiwanis Club, presided while Dr. Paul Terry of the University of Alabama was the principal speaker. He spoke on ideals that have influence on one's life and declared that Scouting and the Scouting program promotes these ideals on the highest plane. Scout Executive Russell Simpson led songs while Eagle Scout Bill Dozier gave a talk outlining to the visitors the daily and weekly program at Camp Horne. Tony Farnsworth was

awarded a metal oven by the R. O. T. C. Unit at the University of Alabama as the best junior marksman in the merit badge Markmanship. [819]

During the week of July 24th the Tuscaloosa Boy Scouts were invited to serve during the state Legion convention. Each scoutmaster will send every available out in uniform to the McLester Hotel each morning at 8:00am while the session is in progress. The Scouts will assist in locating the delegates and also run errands and help in other various details. The Veterans Hospital has asked that 25 Scouts be on duty daily to be guides and ushers for the Legionnaires. Troops will meet at a local hotel and be assigned their duties from there. [820]

After the convention is over the Black Warrior Council will map out a Scouting program for the fall of 1933 and the winter of 1934. Some of the things to be planned by the council include the reorganization and spurring of troops that become inactive during the summer, an event on October 6th to October 8th at Camp Horne (the annual scouters outing). During this time camp will be opened, meals served, and an institute established. A beginning course for new leaders will be conducted by Mr. Simpson. The advanced course will be conducted by Dr. Pull Terry and will be open to Scoutmasters, Assistant Scoutmasters, Committeemen, Council Members, and any other individual interested in working among boys. The Leadership Training Committee (Tandy Barrett, Chairman) will start working up attendance from Tuscaloosa and the eight counties in the Black Warrior Council in September. The Activity Committee (Major N. P. Groff, Chairman) are planning actives including a bird-house building contest between troops and scouts,

and also hope to arrange a “run-the-city” day for the scouts. The annual fundraising campaign will take place in October, and Collier Foster will be promoting the monthly Courts of Honor and trying anew plan of conducting them by using Troop Committeemen as Courts to handle the ranks of Tenderfoot, Second Class, and First class. [821][822]

1934

The Executive Board met with all committeemen of the council on January 9 at the McLester Hotel club room is that the nominating committee (W. H. Nichol, Collier Foster, and Velo Lary) could present to the board the 1934 officers and to have he board pass on them. The annual program was prepared and presented by Scout Executive L. R. Simpson. ^[823] On January 10th the financial plans for the Black Warrior Council were discussed at a supper meeting of Friends of Scouting. The supper took place in the basement of the First Presbyterian Church. Brief talks were given b Dr. J. S. Robertson, Mrs. .Owen Meredith, and council president W. P. Thielens. Mrs. Meredith and Mrs. E. T. Ozment were in charge of the supper arrangements. Advanced solicitations were organized by Mr. Thielens (chairman) to compete the finance campaign. ^[824] On January 19th the Exchange Club listened to Skipper Harry Wright and two assistants (Milton Elas and Alex Kartzinel) talk about the Sea Scouts. The public was in invited to attend the meeting held in the rear of the First Baptist Church auditorium. The luncheon session was closed with an enthusiastic series of group songs led by W. Hamilton (Fats) Thomas. ^[830]

On January 23 officers of the Black Warrior Council were chosen. Dr. George H. Denny, President of the University of Alabama, was re-elected as Honorary President of the Council as a tribute to his great interest in the work. Wagner P. Thielens was elected Active President with Collier Foster (Tuscaloosa) and Walter Watt (Demopolis) elected as Vice-Presidents. Major E. H. Underwood was elected Commissioner with Anthony M.

McGill treasurer and L. Russell Simpson Scout Executive. Committees appointed for the year by President Thielens include: Finance - Aubrey Dominic (Chairman), Owen Meredith, Dr. Harold Francis Branch, A. M. McGill, Hoyt C. Winslett, and Herbert D. Warner. Organization - Major E. H. Underwood (Chairman), Dr. R. W. Fitzgerald, Sergeant C. H. Wolfe, Yeatman King, Captain L. P. Hodnette, Lieutenant B. C. Show, Professor Houston Cole, and R. C. Lett. Civic Service - John C. Pearson (Chairman), Hunter T. Burnett, and Ralph Redel. Training - Dr. Paul Terry (Chairman), Captain W. Tandy Barrett, and Standley Park. Rural Scouting - R. E. Lett (Chairman), Beverly Holstun, and Professor John James. Court of Honor - Captain J. P. Farnsworth (Chairman), Bernard Rosenbush, Dr. Ralph McBurney, Albert Tatum, and Ulian D. Kelly. Cubbing (Rotary Boys work Committee) - J. T. Beauchamp (Chairman), Ben Cabell, and William P. Bloom. Activity - Major N. P. Groff (Chairman), Judge John R. Bealie, and Irvin C. Kinney. Camping - W. H. Nicol (Chairman), Sam Wiesel, Dr. Stuart Graves, and Franks Fitts. Publicity - Ben A. Green (Chairman), Julian D. Kelly, and Fred Neilson. Health and Safety - J. Collier Foster (Chairman), Dr. Maxwell Moody, and Dr. L. E. Beckham. Sea Scouting (Exchange Club Committee) - Harry Wright (Chairman), Ben Wildman, W. H. Thomas, and Harry Mitchell. Ten-Year Program - Dr. Gladstone Yeuell, Prof. John M. Burnett, and Prof. H. G. Dowling. Chairmen for the nine counties (or districts) in the federation of the Black Warrior Council are J. D. Kelly (Tuscaloosa), Walter Watt (Demopolis), J. V. Park (Pickens County), Rev. O. D. Langston (Uniontown), W. R. Withers (Greensboro), Dr. R. E. Fulton (Greensboro), N. B. Mason (Marion), O. M. Cathey (Livingston), and R. M. B. Williams (Centerville). Speakers for the Troop

Committee Meeting at the Northport M. E. Church are Captail L. P. Hodnette, Professor Houston, and Captain J. F. Farnsworth (the new Court of Honor Chairman.) [829][831]

The Court of Honor Committee has decided that all troops will attend a Court of Honor on the last Friday night of each month. The court is arranging a large meeting place to hold every troop. Each month one of the 12 troops will have charge for a 15-minute program and also help with the other parts of the meeting. The court will give recognition to the troop in the council that shows the best advancement for the year. [833]

[834] Troop 14 Scouts, under the direction of Scoutmaster R. R. Schmitz, swept the birdhouse contest held January 27th. Gerald Collins won first place with 251 votes for his log-house bird box. The box was a brown doghouse with concrete in the chinks and a red tarpaper roof. Mario Pearson placed second with 56 votes for his replica of Fort Dearborn. Robert A. Wilson took third with 31 votes for his box. Collins will receive a regulation Scout wrist watch given by the Scabbard and Blade Chapter at the University of Alabama in a public presentation at the Ritz Theatre on Sunday, February 10th. Cadet Major Harl G. Bailey, President of the Scabbard and Blade, will make the presentation. The scouts will also hear a special message to be delivered over the radio by President Roosevelt. C. B. Grimes and Major N. P. Groff, and Moore-Handley Hardware Company has agreed to install radio equipment so that the troops and assembled people can hear the broadcast in all parts of the theatre. [832] [833] However due to interference in the radio transmission the event was moved to the Tuscaloosa Junior High School Auditorium. [835]

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The Black Warrior Council led all councils in the south during 1933 with achievements on the National 10-Year Program, according to a notice received from the national headquarters. The council received Red, White, and Blue streamer initialed in gold as an award from President Franklin D. Roosevelt. The streamer was placed beside the steamer awarded to the council by President Herbert Hoover in 1932.^[834]

On February 14th the Tuscaloosa Boy Scouts began their “Good Turn” as the behest of President Roosevelt. Scouts in Tuscaloosa will make a canvass throughout the residential areas collecting old furniture, bed clothing, kitchen utensils, wearing apparel, and other articles until February 28th. These items will be donated to the Tuscaloosa County Emergency Relief Committee to help provide aid to improvised families in the county. The 12 Tuscaloosa Troops have been assigned districts by Major N. P. Groff, chairman of the campaign. Mis Rosa Durhan, Director of Emergency Relief, has declared that her committee can use all the articles that the Scouts can secure. ^[839] On February 22 a new Boy Scout troop was organized with Scoutmaster William Ramsey at the Samatha school. Professor Thomas A. Reason (Samatha school principal and troop organizer) will assist as Assistant Scoutmaster. The three patrols for the troop are the Black Hawks (Aaron Griffin (patrol leader), Harvey Harless (Asst. Patrol Leader), Leroy Chapel (scribe), B. G. Hagler, Elzie Collins, Drew Falis, Lawrence Gregg, and Oliver Brooks), the Buzzard Roost (Arnold Swindel (Patrol Leader), Sidney Norms (Asst. Patrol Leader), Belvie Broughon (Scribe) Oliver Spencer, William Freeman, Leon Sparks, Woodrow Spencer, Seburn Brown, Herman Swindle, and Milford West), and the Lone Wolf Patrol (Frank Bell (Patrol Leader), Roy Whatley (Asst. Patrol Leader), John Norris

(Scribe), Monroe Adams, Lemuel Adams, Edwin Skelton, Virgil Taylor, and Woodrow Falls. The three patrols are enthusiastically working on a log cabin at this time. [841]

On March 2nd a general meeting and lunch was held at the McLester Hotel. All community and district representatives in the 8 counties were invited to attend the meeting by a letter from Honorary President George H. Denny and President W. P. Thielens. The purpose of the meeting is to plan an organization of council service, activity, and finance for the entire area. The program includes an address by Dr. Denny, a discussion of the area council organization by Dr. Gladstone Yeuell, chairman of the 10-year program, a discussion of council finances by Mr. Thielens, and a round-table talk on district work and organization methods. Stanley A. Harris, former regional scout executive, will be a visitor for the meeting. [842]

On February 14th the Scouts began a "National Good Turn" where they went to collect items from residential areas to give to the Tuscaloosa County Emergency Relief Committee. The program ended on February 28th. The Scouts collected over 1,500 items, including quantities of clothing, furniture, bedding, magazines, and foodstuffs. Officials in charge of the canvass expressed their appreciation to I. C. Kinney, Manager of Moore-Handly Hardware Company for the use of a truck used to pick up heavier items and carry them to distribution points. [843] Contributions solicited by the Scouts practically. Equipped one family that had been recently burned out of their house. [844] March 20th saw the district committee in Demopolis was reorganized with Professor Walter Watt (principal of Demopolis High School) as chairman. [847] As of April 3rd

several troops in the district were nearly at the point of winning the 7 start necessary to be a 100% troop. The seven items needed for a troop to be successful are:

1. Patrol organization with an active patrol leader who leads.
2. A troop council composed of all the boy and man officers that meet weekly or monthly and plans all troop work and activity with the scoutmaster.
3. Written programs. This is done that all know their part and there will be no meeting without plans.
4. Weekly news
5. Monthly hikes. No troop is much good that does not get out of doors.
6. Register on time, and
7. Budget plan. This 7th point is proper financing of the troop by running on a budget and insuring good business management.

On April 20 the Tuscaloosa District Committee met with the Scout Executive Board at the Chamber of Commerce room at 7:30pm. Council President W. P. Thielens presided with the guest speaker being Stanley A. Harris of the National Council. Mr. Harris was present at a previous meeting on March 2nd and promised to return. Help will help districts in council activities and finances. ^[849] J. D. Kelly, former chairman of the district, has left the council to go to Savannah Georgia on April 12th. During this time there also seems to be a revival among boys in rural communities as there has been in increase in requests to the council on "...how to organize a rural troop or patrol.." ^[850] Before he left, Stanley Harris, National Representative of the Boy Scouts, called attention to the high ideals and man-making activities in scouting during a meeting of the Civitan Club. Mr. Harris showed how the Scouting is intimately connected with the very objectives of Civitan itself, making for citizenship and responsibility. ^[851] The East Mississippi Council in Columbus has invited the Black Warrior Council to its annual Jamboree at Starkville on May 11th and May 12th. ^[852] April 28th is the date for the

Scout Rally. Programs have already been printed and scoutmasters are encouraged to hang a copy on their troop bulletin board. Approximately 265 Scouts attended the rally as well as 25 visiting Scouts from Selma, Alabama. Scout assembled at the First Baptist Church from which they went to the Bama Theaters as guests of the management. Tuscaloosa Scouts then took visiting scouts home for lunch. Twenty-five leaders gather for lunch in the McLester hotel. Afterwards the Scouts gathered back at the Baptist Church for a march to Denny Stadium. Troop 5 of Tuscaloosa and Troop 31 of Marion staged a neck-and-neck race for honors at the Rally. Troop 5 won by a point gained by finding the greatest number of objects in the Easter Egg hunt. Troop 33 won 3rd place. Athletic events held at Denny Stadium consisted of First Aid, knot tying, demonstration of games, scout's pace, judging fire building and the Easter Egg hunt.^{[848][853][854]}

A special meeting to map out plans for the summer program for the Black Warrior Council was held on Tuesday, May 7th at 7:30pm by the council president Wagner P. Thielens. The meeting covered the summer camp activities with special emphasis being placed on camping and the camp program to be carried out at Camp Horne. The President stated that the council was in better shape to carry out a complete and well-planned program for Scouts than it had been for several years. Progress has been made in the council with two new troops, twenty-two scouts, and nine new adult leaders becoming members of the Black Warrior Council in the past two weeks. Mr. Thielens also paid tribute to the work done by Scout Executive L. R. Simpson who recently accepted a temporary appointment as Executive at Monroe, La. Mr. Simpson's duties will be assumed by Burl Quinn, a former seven-year executive at Anniston. Mr. Quinn

will also direct the summer camp at Camp Horne, and Mrs. Quinn will be in charge of the menu and serving meals during the camping period. The board authorized a resolution thanking Mr. Simpson for his energetic and faithful service which made possible such an outstanding report in the face of many handicaps.

During the meeting Mr. Thielens pointed out that the Black Warrior Council was one of 57 councils in the entire nation that did not drop a troop in 1933. This council also led the entire sixth region of six states in the percentage of increase in scout enrollment. The council treasurer showed that all septs of the council had been paid and that \$700 was still due to the council in unpaid pledges over the council area of seven counties and in Tuscaloosa proper. [855] [856]

Camp started on June 5. Director Burl Quinn expected a fine summer, and among the early arrivals was Yeatman King - a former scouter and 1926 camp staff member. [858] Brownell Moore, Camp Scribe, sent the following bulletin to the Tuscaloosa News on June 10, 1934. This document stated:

Camp Horne started the year off perfect! Everyone had and still has the finest camping spirit. For the first three days of cabin inspection Troop 6 won. Table inspection has gone to Troop 5 several times.

The camp has been divided into two tribes, the Seminoles and the Creeks. We have sticks to tell who is ahead. For every event won, one notch is cut in the tribe's respective sticks. Wednesday the Creeks won both the horseshoe matches. Thursday the Seminoles won a baseball game that was very close in the last inning, getting five notches. Friday, the Seminoles won a treasure hunt. It was won by Bob McBurney. The tribe leaders are Truett James (Troop 5) and Sonny Jones (Troop 14).

A swimming meet was held Friday morning. The dashes were won by: Junior 25 years - Homer Gentry (1st), Bob McBurney (2nd), and Dick Groff

(2nd). The senior 50 year dash was won by Truett James (1st), Homer Gentry (2nd), and Brownell Moore (3rd). The diving included the following dives: plain front or swan dive, jack knife, back dive and one optional dive. The dives were won by Powhatan and Truet James (1st), Jack Gallilee (2nd), and Bob McBurney (3rd).

Each camper who lives up to certain requirements and lives up to the standards of the Scout Oath and Law at the end of the week gets a camp emblem. The boys are been preparing for the Court of Honor by passing some tests every day. We have a handicraft shop in which many of the boys made very useful things. Challenges are had almost every other night. They are mostly won by the Creeks.

There have been no accidents or sickness the whole week. We expect about twice as many boys at next week's camp. The other events and their winners are too numerous to name. We wish to encourage visitors to come out on Sunday and Thursday to visit the camp. (Brownell Moore, Camp Scribe) ^[859]

For the third week of summer camp sixty-seven Boys Scouts as well as four Scoutmasters and nine camp staff members will be at camp. With good weather coming up Scouts will be taking to the woods for hiking and pioneering work. During the third week Dr. Walter Jones (University of Alabama) gave an interesting talk on reptiles on Tuesday. He told the Scout of the poisonous and non-poisonous snakes of Alabama, their habits, their services, and their dangers. ^[860] With the closing of the four weeks of Boy Scout camp at Camp Horne under the direction of the Black Warrior Council's camp committee, the committee is now planning on sponsoring weekend and short term camps conducted by troop Scoutmasters and leaders. The end of camp has been termed one of the most profitable camps from every angle. The success of camp was due to the group young men who served on the camp staff and to the service rendered by Dr. Maxwell Moody in inspecting the health and sanitation of camp. The camp was credited with 149

scouts with the exception of 02 younger scouts who were included during the camp held on week 4. One remarkable feature was that of the 149 scouts, only 4 were classified as non-swimmers. Of those four, three were classed as swimmers upon leaving camp. ^[862]

During the week of June 18th the Tuscaloosa Exchange Club purchased and donated a 27-foot motor boat for the Sea Scouting program in Tuscaloosa. The boat was christened "Rafael Semmes" for the famous Confederate naval commander who caused such consternation at the helm of the famous "Alabama" during the Civil War. Twenty boys are members of the Sea Scout Troop under the leadership of Skipper Harry Wright. While the troop was formed during the summer of 1933 the official charter was not received until December 31, 1933. ^[861] On July 27th a Court of Honor for the Tuscaloosa District of the Black Warrior Council was held at the county courthouse. The rank of Eagle Scout was conferred upon M. T. Ormon of Troop 5. Other ranks conferred included Second Class, Star Scout, and Life Scout. It was also announced during the court that all Scouts passing the rank of Eagle during the remainder of the year would be presented with the standard Eagle Badge and Eagle Scout ring as a gift of Captain Farnsworth, Chairman of the Court of Honor. ^[863]

In September John E. Coates arrived in Tuscaloosa to take over the office of Scout Executive from Burl Quinn, Active Executive. New headquarters have been established for the council in the basement of the First National Bank building. Mr. Coates is expected to meet with Harley E. Erb, Deputy Regional Executive from Memphis, to confer on plans for betting the fall and winter programs of scouting. Mr.

Coates just completed a special course for Scout Executives at the Mortimer L. Schiff reservation in New Jersey. He has been associated with scouting since he was 13 years old and became a life scout after 18 months in his troop.^[864] At the Council's Advisory Board meeting the board was informed that the council is currently completely out of debt, and Mr. Coates was introduced as the new Scout Executive. During this time President Mr. Thielens announced that I. C. Kinney had accepted appointment as finance chairman for the new fiscal year. Also, several suggested budgets were offered for consideration by the council with actions to be taken at a later date. Information was presented that Selma was seeking admission into the Black Warrior Council.^[865] On September 8th John D. Coates (new Council Executive) left for New Orleans to attend a 50day regional Scout Executives conference. All executives Region 5 are expected to attend. National leaders of the Scout movement will speak at the conference and plans will be made for a general revival of Scouting through Region 5. Region 5 consists of Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Tennessee, Kentucky, Florida, and a portion of Arkansas.^[866] At this meeting it was announced that the Black Warrior Council gained 7.7 percent this year. Reports show that the council has 479 scouts registered. It also showed that the area is third in the region in holding Scouts through 4 years of continuous membership. While the council had a gain of 13.4 percent in troops during the year, the council is lagging far behind in the enlistment of 12 year old boys. The council was 19th in the region with only 1.2 percent of the 2,809 12 year olds in the area signing up.^[867]

Mr. Harold Lewman, Regional Scout Executive from Memphis, John D. Coats, new Scout Executive, and W. P. Thielens, President of the Black Warrior Council spoke

to the Kiwanis Club at their weekly meeting on September 26th. Mr. Newman highly praised the work done in recent years by the Black Warrior Council, and predicted that even greater progress would be made in the future. Scout Executive Coats pledge his utmost efforts to carry on a well-balanced and successful program, and called attention to the resulting decline in delinquency amount the youth. He also mentioned that eight of the eleven All-American football players on the consensus selection of 1933 were former Boy Scouts. Mr. Thielens said that the council record for the past year was one of the best in the region which includes 30 councils in five states. He also said that there were 481 registered with 55 percent of the scouts residing in Tuscaloosa.^[869] On the 28th Dick Groff, son of Major and Mrs. N. P. Groff, submitted his application for Eagle Scout at the Court of Honor. Dick will become the 12th Scout of the Black Warrior Council, the 9th in Tuscaloosa County, to earn the rank of Eagle. ^{[868][870]}

After a delay of several months, the Boy Scout column resumed in the Tuscaloosa News. The column will be published weekly, and scribes are requested to have reports of their troops in by Saturday to the office of the publicity chairman at 214 First National Bank Building. The Sea Scout Ship Raphael Semmes met in the Company A Armory to hear Regional Scout Executive Harold Lewman speak on the progress of the ship. The ship currently has 18 enrolled.^[871]

On October 3rd a funeral service for J. W. Jordan of Troop 33 was held at 3:00pm at the First Presbyterian church. Jordan was killed instantly Thursday afternoon in a highway accident near Hazard, Kentucky. Jordan was an Eagle Scout, a Sea Scout, cub

master for scout cubs of the city, had served as an assistant to Scout Executive L. R. Simpson, was on staff at Camp Horne for two or more summers, and an active member of the Presbyterian church. Representatives of the city's scouting organizations were to meet with the train bringing the body, and will sit together during the funeral services. Arrangements were made by the scouts of Troop 33 to have at least two comrades watching by his remains from the time of arrival until interment.^[872]

On Thursday, October 25th applications for the award of Eagle Rank were made by Scout John Yeuell and Tom Farnsworth at the Court of Honor being held at the Tuscaloosa County Courthouse. These two gentlemen will join 12 other Eagle Scouts in the Black Warrior Council. Once the application is approved by the council it will be sent to the National Headquarters of the Boy Scouts. If the application is reviewed and approved the Scouts will receive a certificate signed by James B. West, Chief Scout Executive.^[873] On Friday six scout troops will canvass Tuscaloosa County looking for book donations for the County Library. It is hoped that a great many of the library's own books - which have become lost - will be returned.^[874]

On November 15th the Black Warrior council opened its annual campaign drive to raise a minimum of \$4,000 (\$75,881) for the council. The fundraiser is being led by the University of Alabama one-time All American Hoyt (Wu) Winslett. This amount is the minimum need to carry on the activities of the Black Warrior Council through the fiscal year ending October 1, 1935. Members of the executive committee making arrangements are Mr. Winslett, W. P. Thielens (Council President), Irvin O. Kinney

(finance committee chairman), Hayes Tucker (Chairman for Special Gifts), and Ben A. Green (Publicity Chairman.). The drive is expected to be completed in two days with a kickoff breakfast being held Thursday morning at the McLester Hotel. A special appeal will be made by ministers of the various institutions as many of the churches respectively sponsoring troops.^{[875][877][878][879]} The drive will help the four hundred and six upcoming Boy Scouts and Cubs. This is based on surveys recently sent to the local school system. The survey shows that 158 boys of scout age (12 years to 21 years) and 237 boys of cubs age (9 years to 12 years) wish to join the council. The survey also included the question as to whether the boys parents objected to their sons joining the scouting program. Some of them recorded parental objections due to lack of funds...necessity to work, or other reasons.^[876]

On November 26th a resolution was passed authorizing the invitation to the city of Selma to join the Black Warrior Council after board members were informed that leaders in Boy Scout work in Dallas County would welcome the affiliation. Representatives from Selma will be invited to attend the December 9th Annual Meeting of the Black Warrior Council. Plans for the meeting will be arranged by a committee consisting of J. Collier Foster and A. L. Jackson. The recent fundraiser did not achieve the \$4,000 goal but a wind-up campaign is being launched to bring the subscriptions to as high as point as possible. Meanwhile the council budget has been revised downward and the finance committee has been authorized to conduct the council on a strictly cash basis, keeping all expenditures within the Pledge revenue. Members of the board also adopted a Resolution of Appreciation to Harley E. Erb, Deputy Regional Scout Executive, who

has been assigned in carrying on the reorganization and campaign work in the council for the past several weeks.^[880] At the Annual Meeting of the council on December 9th seven Tuscaloosa boys receive achievement awards at the Ritz Theatre. Captain J. H. Farnsworth, Chairman of the Court of Honor, presented the awards which were offered by him for scouts showing the greatest progress during 1934. The top three scouts received scout hunting knives inscribed with their names, dates, and reason for the award. Honorable mention prizes consisted of scout match cases with compasses and magnifying glasses. Robert McBurney was presented with his Eagle Scout badge by his mother, Mrs. George McBurney. His father, Dr. McBurney, was the 8th Eagle Scout in Tuscaloosa, congratulated him on his accomplishment as did other Eagle Scouts. A special feature of the meeting was a group of artists from the University of Alabama Symphony Orchestra who played several selections to the group.^[881]

1935

As of the end of 1934 the Black Warrior Council saw an increase of scouting of 46.6 percent. One hundred and fifty-eight boys signed up during 1934 to give the council a total of 519 registers scouts as of December 31st, 1934 compared to January 1, 1934 where only 381 Scouts were registered. This increase in scouts resulted in the formation of six additional troops, bringing the total number of troops in the council to 31. Of the 31 active troops there are a total of 27 white troops, one farm patrol, one sea scout ship, and four negro troops. The total enrollment includes 472 white scouts, seven lone scouts, 15 sea scouts, 47 negro scouts, and 162 adult scouters. The council hopes to increase its total registration to at least 695 active scouts during 1935. There are 337 tenderfoot scouts, 91 Second Class scouts, 91 First Class scouts, 20 Star Scouts, 6 Life Scouts and 15 Eagle Scouts. Of the Eagle Scouts four have a bronze palm and one has a gold palm. Of cub scouts there are 23 cubs and four cubs per leader. The council enters the new year with a clean financial state and the current council leaders adopted a strictly cash policy of operations precluding any possibility of a deficit occurring during the year.^[882]

More than 150 scouters from Scout troops in Tuscaloosa, Northport, and Holt joined one million other scouts in celebrating 25 years of Scouting on February 8th in the Tuscaloosa Junior High School Auditorium. A special Court of Honor was held as well as the assembly hearing the anniversary radio address of President Franklin D. Roosevelt. Frank Fitts, newly elected President of the Black Warrior Council made several important announcements concerning the plans for the upcoming scout year and two All-American

football players (Captain Bill Lee (unable to attend), Dixie Howell, and Don Hutson) delivered one-minute speeches at the opening of the anniversary meeting. These three former scouts were named by Boy's Life Magazine to be on the Boy Scout All-American eleven for 1934. Hutson, an Eagle Scout at Pine Bluff, Ark. who earned 31 merit badges, told the scouts that hard work was necessary to get the best out of scouting. Scout Sunday will be observed February 10th while on February 11th there will be several scout chapel programs given in several schools.^{[883][884][885]}.

On March 3rd winners of the annual birdhouse contest were announced. In first place was John Key McKinley who was awarded a handsome wrist watch by the Scabbard and Blade, (a University of Alabama honorary military fraternity). Second place was awarded to Mike Meaney of Troop 2, and third place was won by Eural C. Crocker of Troop 8.^[886]

On Friday, March 8th 50 scouters, scoutmasters, and troop committeemen of the Black Warrior Council attended two days worth of sessions of the Fifth Regional Conference held in Birmingham, Alabama. Frank Fitts, President of the Council, lead a delegation which included members from Tuscaloosa, Hold, Northport, Piper, Uniontown, Marion, Selma, Coleanor, Aliceville, Carrollton, Demopolis, Livingston, York, and Moundville. James R. West delivered an address to the group.^[887]

On March 26th a series of talks and discussions on the principles of Scoutmastership was presented at the Scoutmaster Training course held at the Chamber of Commerce conference room. The course was directed by Dr. Paul W. Terry, Chairman

of the Scoutmaster Training Committee with James W. Mustin Jr. as assistant. Dr. Frank Dubois spoke on the "Nature of the Boy" while Charlie Ingram led the discussion of this topic. Dr. J. L. Kassner talked on "The Scout Program To meet The Boy's Needs" with Milton Ellis leading this discussion. A moral period was conducted by Yeatman King. The next session of training will be held April 2nd at 7:30pm.^[888]

"Steak supper on shipboard" awaited all who attended the Scoutermastership principles course on Monday, April 8th. The supper (costing \$0.50 per person) was served aboard the "Wag" Thielens Navy. The Navy departed from the Paper mill wharf at 5:00pm and cruised on the Warrior River. Dr. Frank Dubois lead the meeting with talks by Professors Cowart and Cole. Clayton Blondeim and Edgar Thorton led discussions after these talks.^{[889][890]}

On April 27th 500 Boy Scouts from the eight counties of the Black Warrior Council held the annual Council rally at Denny Stadium. The rally was headed up by Dr. J. L. Kassner along with L. H. Tapscott, R. R. Schmitz, and Burl Quinn. At 9:30am the representatives assembled at the First Baptist Church and then attended a movie at the Bama Theatre as guests of the management. After the movie the scouts disbursed for lunch and formed back up at 1:30pm at the intersection of 25th Avenue and Broad Street and paraded to the University. In closing the rally program the participants attended a Community Fair under the sponsorship of the Boy Scouts and the Wesleyan Foundation at the intersection of 22nd Ave and Sixth Street.

Troop 8, sponsored by the Men's Bible Class of the First Methodist Church (Dr. A. L. Kassner as scoutmaster), won first place in the Rally Day exercises. Troop 8 scored 150 points including first aid and signaling. Troop 5, sponsored by the First Baptist Church (Edgar Thornton scoutmaster) took second place with 135 points. The troop also won the pup-tent awarded by the Civitan Club for highest rating in attendance of interested adults. Troop 14, sponsored by the First Presbyterian Church (Burl Quinn scoutmaster) was third place winner with 100 points. Troop 2 (Tuscaloosa) and Troop 33 (also Tuscaloosa) both tied for fourth with 60 points each.^{[891][892][893]}

On May 20th the Black Warrior Council announced a 10-week camping season beginning June 10th. Camps will open on Monday and conclude on Saturday. The fee is \$5.00 per scout per week or \$6.00 per non-scout per week. Scouts also have the option of paying \$35.00 for the camping periods between June 10th and August 13th. Camp activities include all phases of Scouting, American Red Cross training, and special attention will be given to Scout handicraft, leather work, archery, basketry, and athletic competition.^[896] From August 16 to August 18th a special camp will be held for those Black Warrior Council scouts who will be going to the 1935 National Jamboree.^[894] Currently there are nine scouts out of a quota of 31 scouts registered for the National Jamboree of Scouts at Washington. Currently registered Tuscaloosa county scouts are Jeff Pigot (Troop 2), Bill Dozier (Troop 5), Lee Bidgood Jr. and Venable Lawson (Troop 8), and Gene Terry (Troop 33). Edward Moore and W. T. Pope Jr (Troop 31, Marion), Henry Gewin (Troop 22) and R. T. Brock (Troop 21) - both Troop 22 and Troop 21 are

from Demopolis. Only qualified scouts can attend. Qualifications include being First Class by July 1 and being involved in Scouting for at least 1 year by July 1.^[895]

On Thursday, June 11 Scouters, Scoutmasters, and other adults interested in Scouting will be at Camp Horne for the annual camp conference. Representatives of all troops in the council are expected to attend. A luncheon will be served at noon and the business session of the conference will begin immediately after the meal with Harold Lewis (Regional Scout Executive from Memphis) addressing the gathering.^[897]

Meanwhile on July 14, 1935 the Tuscaloosa News reported that Camp Horne had over 575 different individual scouting campers were at Camp Horne for the 1935 season. Of this number thirty-five underprivileged boys were given weeks at camp with their expense being paid either by the camp itself or by contributions from various organizations and individuals. This is a 60% increase over the number of campers from 1934. This amounts to 241 boy weeks as compared to last years 151 boy weeks. Individuals attended camp from Tuscaloosa county, Livingston, York, Aliceville, Centreville, Brent, Eclectie, Greensboro, and Eutaw.^{[900][906]}

On July 24th it was reported that the Black Warrior Council passed its 1935 Boy Scout Jamboree quota with 34 Scouts and leaders signing up. The number signed up placed the council second in the region of 12 states, and one of only five councils that exceeded their quota. Currently National is allowing a few more scouts to be added to the contingent as long as they are added soon. The Scouts will leave Tuscaloosa at 5:30am August on a special train and reach Washington at 6:45am on August 19th, three

hours earlier than any other group arriving at the site. Other Scouts on the train include those from Shreveport LA, Meridian, Columbus, Anniston, Gadsden, Attalla, Chattanooga, Knoxville, Bristol Virginia, and other adjacent communities. L. H. Tapscott has been chosen to serve as Scoutmaster for the council contingent with Burl Quinn and Rev. O. F. Mofett as assistants. The council Scout Executive Coates will be a member of the regional staff.^{[901][902]}

Unfortunately for the Scouts, President Roosevelt, in his capacity of Honorary President of the Boy Scouts of America, canceled the Jamboree for the 58 members of the Black Warrior Council contingent (as well as 32,000 other scouts) due to the infantile paralysis epidemic (polio) prevalent in Maryland, North Carolina, and Virginia. Due to the cancellation parents and scouts requested that a special camp be held at Camp Horne for the group that was supposed to attend the Jamboree.^[903] In response a Boy Scout Educational Tour through three state capitals and a number of other cities in Alabama, Florida, Louisiana, and Mississippi has been authorized by the executive board of the Black Warrior Council. Any Scout who has the rank of First Class are eligible but preference will be given to those boys who registered for the Jamboree trip. The tour will start August 22 and end on August 30 and will be limited to 37 boys and 4 leaders. The cost of the entire trip will be \$25 of which \$10 must be paid at the time the application is filed.^{[904][905]}

The McLester Hotel held an 8:00am breakfast on October 8th to kick-start the Boy Scout fundraising campaign for the Black Warrior Council. Fundraising

preparations began around September 28th under the director of Frank Fitts, Council President. At the breakfast, presided by the General Chairman James W. Mustin Jr., the workers were given brief instructions before leaving to start the fundraising. The Central Campaign Committee in charge of the canvas included Mr. Mustin, Mr. Madison, Marc R. Clements, W. D. Partlow Jr., Clemson Duckworth, and Archie B. Leach.^{[906][907][908][909]}
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The annual "Toy Matinee" sponsored by both the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts to secure toys for the Christmas Community Store will be held Saturday, November 27th at 9:30am in the Bama and Ritz Theatre. The management secured the feature picture "The Little Colonel" starring Shirley Temple and Lionel Barrymore, as well as the comedy "Betty Boop and Her Pals." The price for admission to these shows is one unbroken toy, preferably a new one. Broken toys donated contributed will be repaired by the Tuscaloosa Fire Department, WPA workers, the Boy Scouts, and Girl Scouts. Other churches, social agencies, and civic organizations are urged to participate with contributions of toys, candy, fruit, and similar Christmas items.^[912]

The Annual Meeting of the Black Warrior Council was held on Thursday, December 10th at the First Baptist Church Educational Building. An afternoon program ran from 4:00pm to 6:00pm and the banquet began at 6:30pm. Speakers at the banquet included Captain Thomas J. Keane, National Director for the Sea Scouting program, C. F. Smith, National Director of the Cubbing program and authority on games, and Harold W. Lewman, Regional Scout Executive for the Southeastern section of the nation. More than

160 people attended the banquet, but inclement weather and hazardous roads prevented many more from attending. Dr. A. M. Walker was unanimously elected as the new President of the Council. Other council officers elected were R. H. Sutherland (Livingston), J. V. Park (Aliceville), and J. W. Watt (Demopolis) as Vice-Presidents, Rev. C. F. Moffitt (Aliceville) as Commissioner, L. H. Woodley (Tuscaloosa) Treasurer, and Benjamin H. Sherrod (Poper-Coleanor) National Delegate. Reports at the business meeting preceding the banquet indicated that the council enjoyed a year of unprecedented activity. Confidence was expressed by Mr. Fitts that the council would continue its upward trajectory under the leadership of new officers. At the conclusion of the banquet three Silver Beaver were awarded to Sergeant C. H. Wolfe, Wagner P. Thielens, and Rev. J. M. Partridge of York. Sgt. Wolfe was a scoutmaster for several years, and for several years acted as a voluntary Scout Executive. He is currently a Council Field Commissioner and Camp Chairman. Wagner P. Thielens was a scoutmaster for years, and for the past three years has been the President of the Council and a Council Commissioner. Rev. Partridge was a scoutmaster for 18 years and is currently the pastor of York Presbyterian Church. Mr. Frank Fitts, retiring Council President, stated that those three men had saved Scouting for the Black Warrior Council during years in which the movement faced almost unsurmountable difficulties.^{[913][914]}

1936

On January 5, 1936 the Black Warrior Council adopted a budget for the new year. They also authorized plans for its next meeting to be held at Aliceville during March at dates to be determined. Rev. O. F. Moffitt of Aliceville invited the board to attend barbecue at Tanglewood Camp near Aliceville for the march meeting. Dr. A. M. Walker, council president, briefly sketched plans for the year and called upon the committee chairmen to give details concerning the various activities in view for 1936.^[915] On Saturday, February 8th the Tuscaloosa District of the Black Warrior Council held a special celebration commemorating the 26th anniversary of the Boy Scouts. The opening song was "America" and a flag ceremony was used in the formal opening. Tuscaloosa troops were recognized by Russel Demarts, district commissioner. During this ceremony a nationwide broadcast on Boy Scout activities from the national headquarters in New York beginning at 7:15 and lasting for 15 minutes. Following the broadcast Yeatman King introduced all Eagle Scouts were recognized and awards given to several scouts who have attained Eagle, Life, or Star ranks. A new rank of "Senior Scout" was awarded to all regular members of troops who were 15 years old. Troop 8 gave a demonstration of a troop hike. During the next week special scout exercises will be held in various churches and schools in Tuscaloosa.^[916, 917, 918]

A four-session course in the Elements of Scout Leadership began Wednesday, Feb 26 under the direction of the Tuscaloosa District Training Committee according to Professor Houston Cole, committee chairman. The classes begin at 7:0pm with the

fourth meeting to be a five hour afternoon and supper hike at a date to be determined later. Wednesday's session included a model meeting of a troop, with a more advanced section held Thursday night on "Trop and Patrol Programs." Friday's meeting included a talk on Scout First Aid by Battle S. Searcy, Jr., an address on "Putting the Out in Scouting" by Sgt. C. H. Wolfe, and Scout Advancement by T. T. Pike.^[919]

On April 25th and 26th the First Annual Scout Circus of the Black Warrior Council was held. Over 300 scouts participated. Troop 5 and Troop 15 enacted an Indian camp fire dance while Troop 8 entered with an 1800s covered wagon drawn by two white mules and driven by a 90-year old negro man. The Friday night show was highlighted by the presence of the Montgomery and Bessemer Drum and Bugle Corps competing.^[920, 921]



Montgomery Drum and Bugle Corps

Camp Horne opened for general boys camp on June 8th and will be opened the entire summer. Sgt. C. H. Wolfe is the camp director as well as the acting Scout Executive until John D. Coates returns in 3 months. The first week will be general boys camp including both scouts and non-scouts. After June 20th Camp Horne will be reserved for only scouts until the middle of August. Multiple features were added to camp including a new rifle range for use by Scouts passing tests for Marksmanship. The Tuscaloosa County Medical Society will give physicals to all Scouts entering camp.^[921]

The Black Warrior Council finance campaign was from October 5th to October 10th. A three-man general committee (Chester Walker, Gordon Madison, and Aubrey Dominick) outlined details for the canvass in Tuscaloosa conducted under the auspices of the Tuscaloosa Junior Chamber of Commerce. The committee over all nine counties consist of Herbert D. Warner, H. G. Dowling, Frank Fitts, and Dr. A. M. Walker, council president. The canvassing began with an 8:00am breakfast at the McLester Hotel with a goal of \$5,000 set for Tuscaloosa. The breakfast was attended by H. E. Bonds, deputy regional Scout Executive from Memphis, and Pryor Pitts, Scout Executive at Columbus Mississippi.^[922, 923, 924, 925, 926] On November 9th the Black Warrior Council began a membership campaign to increase enrollment. The effort to add membership will be one of three objectives - the other two objectives being a special program to enrich activities of various troops, and a special effort to select and train scoutmasters and troop committeeman. A meeting was held on November 16th in West Blockton at the

American Legion Post at which time West Blockton stated they would organize two new troops. These troops will fall under the Bibb County District of the Black Warrior Council.^[927, 928]

Several hundred Boy Scouts and adult leaders in the Tuscaloosa District met at the woods between Bryce Hospital and the Birmingham Highway woods for a colorful round-up and campfire program. Chaired by L. H. Tapscott, the even opened with a bugle call and recitation of the Scout Oath at 7:30pm and included several inter-troop contests, mass games, and other activities. The group of scouts, divided into 5 troops for special games, each made their own campfire in their areas while a large campfire burned in the center of the encampment.^[930, 932] The annual meeting of the Black Warrior Council was held on December 10th. New officers were elected and reports were given relative to the status of the council. Dr. Richard C. Foster, President-elect of the University of Alabama, was taskmaster at the banquet with Arthur A. Shuck of New York (National Director of the Division of Operations for the Boy Scouts of America) as the principal speaker.^[931, 933, 934, 935]

1937

John H. Rawlings, Eagle Scout and former Scoutmaster and District Commissioner, was hired as a full-time Council Field Executive by the Black Warrior Council. He is a graduate of the National Training School for Scout Executives located in Mindham, New Jersey. Rawlings arrived Thursday night from Memphis to serve chiefly in directing rural scouts and organizing troops in smaller towns. On January 16 a Tuscaloosa District Boy Scout rally and Round-Up was held in the Bryce Hospital woods. The Round-Up was arranged by Dr. J. L. Kassner (Chairman of the Activities Committee) and over 100 attendees (75 scouts, 25 adult leaders.). Several contests were held with Troop 5 winning first place in First Aid. Event judges were James M. Brown, Calvin Rogers, and John H. Rawlings.^[936, 937, 939]

Adult Boy Scout leaders from eight counties met Monday, January 18 for the annual dinner meeting of the Black Warrior Council Executive Board. Plans for activities in 1937 were presented by Dr. A. M. Walker (Council President) and John D. Coats (Scout Executive.). The session was held in the Aliceville Hotel and plans were tentatively arranged for 1937. Plans included the Scout Circus in April, operation of Camp Horne for June, July and August, and attendance of the National Jamboree at Washington from June 28 to July 10. Current registration shows 75 scouts from the council will attend. Marked activity by the council was also noted by John D. Coats (Scout Executive) and John H. Rawlings (Field Executive). Pickens County District held a Court of Honor for Carrollton, and new troop was organized at Kennedy as part of the

Pickens-Lamar District, Troop 45 at Bellamy (Sumter County) made plans for all Scouts to get full uniforms, while Troop 1 in York made plans to celebrate it's 20th Anniversary in February. The Rev. J. M. Partridge has been Scoutmaster of Troop 1 since 1917.

Troop 23 (Eutaw) is developing a 40-acre camp site 20 miles from Eutaw with the help of Ben Sargent (Scoutmaster) and William Tool (Assistant Scoutmaster). Shelby County, recently added to the Black Warrior Council, will be consolidated with the Bibb County District for the present time. Plans are underway to organize six more troops in the Bibb District.^[938, 940]

On Monday night, January 25th plans were discussed for a Patrol Leaders Training course for the Tuscaloosa District. Senior Troops were requested to meet with Battle S. Searcy (Training Chairman). The training commission is under the general supervision of Professor Houston Cole, superintended of the Tuscaloosa County Schools. Members of the Council Executive Board also met in the Eutaw Hotel for their first meeting of the year.^[941]

Look up Tuscaloosa News, "February 8, 1911 - Boy Scouts of Tuscaloosa,"
"August, 1914 - Tuscaloosa Boy Scouts,"

Camps and Camp Dates

1910 - First year Tuscaloosa had Boy Scouts. No known camps.

1911 - Scarcity Camp - date unknown. Named for the "scarcity" of food in the surrounding countryside (apparently scouts hunted for their food back then.) Located on Hardscrabble Hill near Lock 14. Unknown begin date, ended on August 19th.

1912 - Name unknown - June 24 to June 29, 13 youths attended this camp run by M. P. Hollingsworth (YMCA Secretary)

1913 - A YMCA camp run using the "Boy Scout rules and regulations" by Hasson Howell (Tuscaloosa troupe (spelled correctly — author) scoutmaster). Held on association campgrounds on North River. More than likely a YMCA camp but the campers listed are all Boy Scouts..

1914 - Unknown - no articles found at this time.

1915 - Snider's Mill - June 7 to June 10. Junior Boy Scouts camped at Snider's Mill in Northport, Alabama.

1916 to 1921 - Unknown - no articles found at this time.

1922

- * O'Rear Camp on Blackwater Creek - June 26 to July 9. 35 Scouts attended.
- * O'Rear Camp on BlackWater Creek - July 3 to July 13.
- * Herrin's Lake (leased at this time, now known as Camp Horne), July 18 to July 24. 31 Scouts attended.
- * Herrin's Lake, August 11 to August 18. 61 Scouts Attended
- * Herrin's Lake, November 19 to December 2.
- * Herrin's Lake, December 25 to December 30. 60 Scouts Attended.

Note: On August 24th, Captain Rufus O'Rear allows free access to the Blackwater Creek area (now known as Camp O'Rear) to the Black Warrior Council for up to 10 years. On November 1, 1922 Herrin's Lake, purchased earlier by J. T. Horne and was donated to the Black Warrior Council. On November 28, 1922 the Blackwater Creek site was donated to the Black Warrior Council by Captain Rufus O'Rear. The Boy Scouts of Walker County (part of the Black Warrior Council at this time) were also donated a camp at Carbon Hill in Mill Creek near Norris Mill by the Galloway Coal Co.

1923

- * Camp O'Rear, May 23 to May 25
- * Camp O'Rear, May 28 to June 2
- * Mill Creek, Walker County, May 28 to June 2.
- * Camp Horne at Herrin's Lake - June 4 to June 13
- * Camp Horne at Herrin's Lake - June 14 to June 24
- * Lock 3, June 23 to June 30 (Livingston and York Scouts)
- * Camp Carbon Hill, June 25 to June 28. 40 Scouts attended
- * Herrin's Lake - July 1 to July 7 (Scouts 12 or under)
- * Gorgas Camp, date unknown
- * Camp O'Rear, July 10 to July 20. 100 Scouts attended.
- * Herrin's Lake, July 23 to August 2. 125 Scouts attended.
- * Camp O'Rear, August 5 to August 15. 93 Scout attended
- * Herrin's Lake, August 14 to August 16 (Farm club boys)
- * Herrin's Lake, August 20 to August 22 (Girls Club)
- * Romulus, August 22 to ?? (Romulus and Buhl boys)
- * Carbon Hill, date unknown
- * Herrin's Lake, September 6 to September 13. Scouts and non-scouts.
- * Lock 3, date unknown. 49 Scouts attended.

1924

- * Herrin's Lake, June 9 to June 16 (Scouts)
- * Herrin's Lake, June 16 to June 23 (Troop camp)
- * Herrin's Lake, June 8 to July 5 (Wolf Cub Camp)
- * Herrin's Lake, July 5 to July 12 (Sunday School Girls)
- * Camp O'Rear, July 7 to July 17 (Scouts)
- * Herrin's Lake, July 12 to July 16 (public)
- * Herrin's Lake, July 16 to July 23 (general scout encampment)
- * Herrin's Lake, July 23 to July 27 (pilot's club)
- * Herrin's Lake, July 28 to August 6 (pilot's club)
- * Herrin's Lake, August 6 to August 13 (Women Christian Temperance Movement)
- * Herrin's Lake, August 6 to August 13 (Scouts)
- * Herrin's Lake, August 13 to August 20 (Scouts)
- * Herrin's Lake, August 20 to August 27 (Home Demonstration Club)
- * Herrin's Lake, August 27 to September 3 (Tuscaloosa boys who worked during the summer.)

1925

- * Camp Horne and Camp O'Rear
- * May 29 to June 5 - Boy Scout Rangers (younger scouts) (44 boys, 6 adults)
- * June 5 to June 12 - State Young People's Branch of W.C.T.U. (70 attended)
- * June 12 to June 19 - Girl Scouts (114 attended)
- * June 19 to July 2 - Boy Scouts, Wallace Wade speaks to boys
- * July 2 to July 5 - Pilot Club
- * July 5 to July 20 - Boy Scouts
- * July 20 to July 26 - Farm Girls and / or Home Demonstration Club (53 girls)

- * July 26 to August 1 - Farm Club Boys (85 attended)
- * August 1 to August 16 - Smith Family Reunion
- * August 9 to August 16 - Tuscaloosa Sunday School Girls
- * August 16 to August 23 - Tuscaloosa Sunday School Girls (between 60 and 75 attended total)
- * August 29 to September 5 - "Working Boys" (75 attended)
- * September 4 to September 13 - Girl Scouts
- * Unknown date in September - Camp O'Rear - Boy Scouts (107 attended)
- * Unknown date in September - Livingston Camp - Boy Scouts (28 attended)
- * December 26 to January 2 - Boy Scouts (See note 1)
- * December 26 to January 2 - Speed's Mill Camp - Boy Scouts (See note 1)

Camp Horne (863 attendees total)

Camp O'Rear (107 attendees total)

Unnamed camp in Livingston (28 attendees total)

Note 1: Both camps went to Bailey's Farm in Pickens County to open an Indian mound.

1926 - Camp Horne.

- * June 7 to June 12 - Girl Scouts
- * June 28 to July 10 - Boy Scouts (90 scouts attended)
- * July 19 to July 24 - Home Demonstration Club Girls (100 girls attended)
- * July 26 to July 28 - Farm Club Boys (87 boys attended)

Other notes:

On November 28th the Greensboro Watchman reported on construction on Black Warrior Council property near Greensboro for a Hale County Camp. No information on this camp has been found in subsequent Greensboro Watchman newspapers.

Camp Cummins February 25, 1926 - J. L. Cummins donates 3 acres of land to Troop 1 of Reform, Alabama. It is undetermined if this troop was part of the Black Warrior "District" at this time or not.

Speed Mill, March 11, 1926 - The Pioneer Lumber Company donates 40 acres of land near Bear Creek for a permanent scout camp.

1927

- * May 26 to May 29 - Boy Scouts (unknown number of boys)
- * May 30 to June 6 - Presbyterian Church (48 attended, believed to be the first conference of it's kind held in the south.
- * June 6 to June 12 - Young People's Branch State Conference
- * June 13 to June 26 - Boy Scouts (60 scouts)
- * June 27 to May 1 - Methodist Church Camp
- * July 4 to July 10 - Baptist Church Camp
- * July 4 to July 9 - Boy Scout Scribe School (Scribes / patrol leaders pay small fee)
- * July 6 to July 9 - Boy Scout Scoutmaster School (free to scoutmaster)

- * July 11 to July 17 - Presbyterian Sunday School and Family Camp
- * July 18 to July 23 - Home Demonstration Club Girls
- * July 25 to Jul 27 - Farm Club Boys (45 attended)
- * July 28 to September 8 - Hotan Tonks Indian Village (Native American Crafts)
- * July 28 to September 8 - Boy Scouts (older boys, total 125 with Indian Village participants)
- * July 28 to September 8 - Boy Scouts under 12 years old (60 max)
- * August 8 to September 3 - Boy Scouts
- * September 5 to September 12 - Tuscaloosa High School Football Camp

1928

- * May 21 to May 27 - "Clean-up" camp, getting camp ready for summer. (25 scouts)
- * May 28 to June 3 - Boy Scouts, boys 9 or older (unknown number of scouts)
- * June 4 to June 11 - Vacation Bible Camp (75 expected)
- * June 11 to June 23 - Boy Scouts (40 scouts)
- * June 25 to July 2 - Sunday School Girls (100 girls)
- * July 2 to July 14 - Boy Scouts general camp (85 scouts)
- * July 16 to July 21 - Home Demonstration Club Girls (69 girls)
- * July 23 to July 25 - Farm Club Boys (25 boys)
- * July 26 to July 28 - Boy Scout Scoutmaster Training Course
- * July 30 to August 6 - Girl's Handicraft School (115 girls)
- * August 8 to August 23 - (annual "Star Scout" trip to Mobile. Camp closed, 33 scouts attended)
- * September 3 to September 12 - Boy Scouts (unknown number)

1929

- * June 3 to June 8 - Working boys camp (Free)
- * June 8 to June 22 - General Scout Camp (\$5 per week)
- * June 24 to July 6 - General Boys Camp (\$5)
- * July 8 to July 20 - Special Camps (Orienteering one week)
- * July 22 to July 28 - Presbyterian Vacation Sunday School
- * July 29 to August 10 - General Scout Camp (\$5 per week)
- * August 12 to August 17 - General Boys camp (\$6 for non-scout, \$5 for Scouts)

Also includes use by the club girls of Pickens and Tuscaloosa County.

1930

- * June 5 to June 8 - Working boys camp (Free)
- * June 8 to June 21 - General Scout Camp
- * June 23 to July 12 - General Boys Camp
- * July 14 to August 2 - Special Camps (Orienteering one week)
- * August 4 to August 16 - General Scout Camp
- * August 17 to August 23 - Family Week

1931 - Camp Horne, Camp O'Rear

- * June 8 to June 20 - Boy Scouts, Camp Horne
- * June 8 to June 20 - Boy Scouts, Camp O'Rear
- * June 23 to July 3 - Boy Scouts, Camp Horne
- * June 23 to July 3 - General Boys Camp, Camp Horne
- * June 23 to July 3 - Non-scouts over 12 years of age, Camp O'Rear
- * July 6 to July 25 - Boy Scouts, Camp Horne

- * July 6 to July 25 - Special Camp, Camp O'Rear
- * July 20 to July 25 - 4-H girls, Camp O'Rear
- * July 27 to August 3 - Boy Scouts, Camp O'Rear
- * August 10 to August 15 - Royal Ambassadors Camp, Camp Horne
- * August 10 to August 15 - General Boys Camp, Camp O'Rear

1932 - Camp Horne

- * June 6 to June 13 - Boy Scouts
- * June 13 to June 20 - Boy Scouts
- * June 20 to June 25 - Cub Camp
- * June 27 to July 2 - Boy Scouts
- * July 5 to July 6 - 4-H Club (Boy)
- * July 11 to July 16 - 4-H Club (Girls)
- * July 18 to July 22 - County Baptist Association (co-ed)

1933 - Camp Horne

- * June 5 to June 12 - Boy Scouts
- * June 12 to June 19 - Boy Scouts
- * June 19 to June 26 - Boy Scouts
- * June 26 to June 30 - Junior Scouts / Cub Scouts
- * July 5 to July 6 - 4-H Club (Boy)
- * July 11 to July 16 - 4-H Club (Girls)
- * July 18 to July 22 - County Baptist Association (co-ed)

1934 - Camp Horne

- * June 5 to June 12 - Boy Scouts
- * June 12 to June 19 - Boy Scouts
- * June 19 to June 26 - Boy Scouts
- * June 26 to June 30 - Junior Scouts / Cub Scouts
- * July 5 to July 6 - 4-H Club (Boy)
- * July 11 to July 16 - 4-H Club (Girls)
- * July 18 to July 22 - County Baptist Association (co-ed)

1935 - Camp Horne

- * June 10 to June 15 - Boy Scouts
- * June 17 to June 23 - Boy Scouts
- * June 24 to June 30 - General boys camp (ages 9 to 18)
- * July 1 to July 7 - Boy Scouts
- * July 8 to July 14 - Boy Scouts
- * July 15 to July 21 - General boys camp (ages 9 to 18)
- * July 22 to July 28 - Four-H Club Girls
- * July 29 to August 4 - Four-H Club Boys
- * August 5 to August 13 - Baptist W. M. U. And Young Peoples camp.
- * August 16 to August 18 - Special Camp for National Jamboree Scouts

1936 - Camp Horne

- * June 8 to June 16 - General Boys Camp,
- * June 20 to mid-August - Boy Scouts

1937 - (1935 DATA BELOW) Camp Horne

- * June 10 to June 15 - Boy Scouts
- * June 17 to June 23 - Boy Scouts
- * June 24 to June 30 - General boys camp (ages 9 to 18)
- * July 1 to July 7 - Boy Scouts
- * July 8 to July 14 - Boy Scouts
- * July 15 to July 21 - General boys camp (ages 9 to 18)
- * July 22 to July 28 - Four-H Club Girls
- * July 29 to August 4 - Four-H Club Boys
- * August 5 to August 13 - Baptist W. M. U. And Young Peoples camp.
- * August 16 to August 18 - Special Camp for National Jamboree Scouts
- * (creation of a camp 20 miles from Eutaw begun by Ben Sargent (Scoutmaster) and William Tool (Assistant Scoutmaster) from Troop 23 (Eutaw)

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