

# SCOUTERGRAM

Former Scouts continue to lead our nation's exploration of outer space. Pilot for the first Gemini flight, a three-orbit mission scheduled for December, is Virgil I. "Gus" Grissom, a Star Scout back in Mitchell, Ind. His co-pilot is John W. Young who was a Second Class Scout in Orlando, Fla. The backup crew is Walter M. Schirra, Jr. (First Class Scout in Hackensack, N.J.) and Thomas P. Stafford (Star Scout in Weatherford, Okla.). Next spring's four-day Gemini orbit will also have a 100 percent Scouting flavor, piloted by James A. McDivitt who was a Scout in Berlin, Wis., and Edward H. White II who wore the Scout khaki in Fairborn, Ohio. (White thrilled thousands of present-day Scouts when he visited the jamboree last summer at Valley Forge.) The backup crew for this important flight is Frank Borman, a former Scout in Tucson, Ariz., and James A. Lovell, Jr., an Eagle Scout back in Milwaukee, Wis. Twenty-six of the 29 NASA astronauts were Scouts and many have been Scout leaders. Five achieved the Eagle rank, and many have sons who are now in Scouting.

The latest film about Philmont Scout Ranch, "Youth Meets the Test--Beyond the Tooth of Time," has been selected by the Council on International Events (CINE) as the recipient of the 1964 Golden Eagle Award.

Internationally speaking: Afghanistan is once again a member of the Boy Scouts World Conference. This nation had been recognized as a member back in 1932, but the movement died out during World War II. Their Scouting membership is now 1,800.

The Boy Scouts of Fiji recently celebrated their 50th anniversary by holding a "jamborette" just outside Suva City.

An excellent program aid for adult leaders to help develop traffic safety for youth groups has been prepared by the Automotive Safety Association (200 Ring Building, Washington, D.C. 20036) in cooperation with The Youth Activities Conference of the National Safety Council (425 North Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Ill. 60611). Copies of a booklet explaining the program are available from either organization.

Gerry Lindgren, 18-year-old distance runner on the U.S. Olympic team, was an Explorer in Post 27, Spokane, Wash., for four years and is still registered with the post.

"Philmont Trail" is the title for one of the new "Wild Kingdom" shows you'll be able to see this fall on TV. Filmed last summer at Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico, this segment of the popular NBC-TV show is scheduled to be telecast November 8 at 5 p.m. EST. Be sure to check local program listings for exact time, date, and channel.

Scouting conversation will girdle the globe when the seventh Jamboree-on-the-Air hits radio frequencies October 17-18. Scout troops and Explorer-age groups in all countries are urged to contact a local radio "ham" and arrange to visit his "shack" to talk with other Scout-manned amateur stations around the world. This event will be from 0001 GMT, October 17, until 2359 GMT, October 18. You will have to interpret these times for local use. Special stations to listen for include VE3WSB, World Scout Bureau, Ottawa, Canada; GB3BPH, Baden-Powell House, London, England; K2BFW, Boy Scouts of America, New Brunswick, N.J.; and XE1ASM, Scouts of Mexico. All radio contacts made should be reported to The Boy Scouts World Bureau, 77 Metcalfe Street, Ottawa 4, Ontario, Canada.