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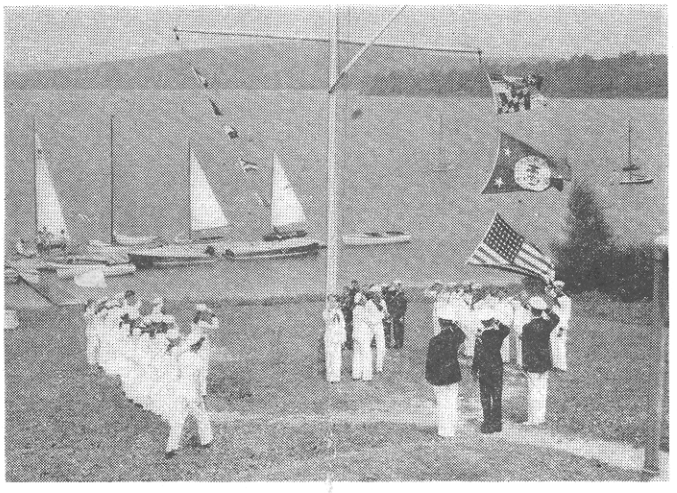
ACTIVITIES—Pulse of the Program

SEA SCOUTS AND LEADERS continue to demonstrate the value of the Sea Scout Program to America through untiring service at home and by providing men and officers to the Nation's armed services who, in the words of Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox, "have been trained in two of the most essential qualifications of a good sailor—character and seamanship." Great concern has been expressed for the program of Sea Scouting due to the high percentage of leaders and men who have joined the Services, yet the other side of the picture may be best presented by a brief glimpse of a few of the major activities during the past few months.

IN spite of hard rains and high winds a great deal of sailing and water work, as well as a twelve-mile trip "by convoy" in boats of all description, was a part of the Region 4 Sea Scout Rendezvous held at Port Clinton, Ohio, in July and August. Approximately three hundred Sea Scouts and Sea Scout leaders made the trip under the leadership of Frank Braden, Scout Executive of the Toledo Area Council, and his staff of Sea Scout Officers and volunteers.

SENIOR Scouts and leaders of the Washington-Greene Council, Washington, Pa., were the guests of Commodore John E. Steiding and his staff of the Potomac Council, Cumberland, Md., on a week's training cruise at the Deep Creek Yacht Club at Swanton, Md., August 8-16. The facilities of the Club were turned over to the Sea Scouts. The veranda became a quarter deck on which a 24-hour watch was maintained. The restaurant became the mess hall, and sleeping accommodations were tents located on a hill a few hundred yards away. Fourteen units were represented by the 35 Senior Scouts and six leaders of the Washington - Greene Counties Council. The activities included Sailing, Rowing, Signaling, Ceremonials, Rope Work, Rules of the Road, Log Keeping, and Emergency Service Training activities.



Standing to for Retreat at Sea Scout Cruise, Deep Creek Lake Yacht Club, Washington-Greene Counties Council, Md.

REGION Six Sea Scout Rendezvous were held in four sections, at High Rock Lake, N. C., May 15-17; Savannah, Ga., May 22-24; White Lake, N. C., May 29-31, and St. Petersburg, Fla., June 12-14. Water work included training in the handling of a large variety of boats, from kayaks to motor launches and fish-class boats. The summer activities were claimed to be among the most successful to date.

REGION Twelve Annual Sea Scout Rendezvous Program for the Thanksgiving season, Nov. 27-29, indicated splendid advanced preparation and a variety of scheduled activities including Breeches Buoy Drill, Cutter Pulling, Skiff Pulling, Canoe Racing, Sculling, Swimming Relay, Drowning Man Rescue, Boat Maneuver, Ring Buoy, Heaving Line, Boatswain's Chair Drill, Hoisting the Scuttle Butt, Rope Splicing and Knot Tying, Signaling, Rope Climb and First Aid.

These activities were participated in by all Ships on a scoring basis similar to that used by many Councils in their camporees. Emblems were presented to all Sea Scouts attending the Rendezvous, demonstrating Scout-like conduct and participating in at least one event. Participation Pennants were issued to every Ship which qualified in its class. Inspection awards were made to Ships earning first place in each Ship classification.

THE Starved Rock Area Council with headquarters at LaSalle, Ill., was among the many Councils that included all Senior Scouts in their summer Rendezvous. Their Fifth Annual Sea Scout Rendezvous at the Starved Rock State Park provided a program of activi-

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New Scouting Movie

"SENIOR SCOUTING," recently released, is 1100 film-feet of graphic and pictorial description of Explorer and Sea Scouting.

The Sea Scout story depicts long and short cruises, pulling day races, and Troop training Ships, intermingled with basic requirements and inspiring scenes of an actual Bridge of Honor.

With an Explorer Scout narrating, the film describes the Explorer Scout program, the organization of a Senior Scout Patrol within a Troop, and follows the older boy into the wilds and makes practical application of his earlier Scout training; hikes, bicycling and Emergency Service preparation. It also pictures Knights of Dunamis, The Order of the Arrow and Alpha Phi Omega.

Ship Rating Plan

SKIPPERS will all be delighted to know that the 1942 Ship Rating Plan is available and can be secured from Local Council headquarters. Get this plan and go over the record of your Ship carefully while there is still time to make up any deficiencies for the year.

Skippers should give attention to the changes that have been made from the 1941 rating. Some of these are justified on account of the war. Particular attention should be given to the section on Projects. Pages 234 and 235 of the *Handbook for Skippers* should be used as a reference in determining the projects to receive credit in this section.

Emergency Service Program

Greater emphasis should be placed on the Emergency Service Program in Sea Scout Ships and Patrols. The Emergency Service Program should be used by all units whether the members actually become Corps members or not.

A part of every meeting or all of some meetings should be set aside for practical demonstrations and special training in Emergency Service work. The help of local Corps leaders can be secured for this training and will be especially valuable in promoting cooperation and understanding between Sea Scout Leaders and other Scout Leaders of the Council.

Sea Scout units have the best opportunity to do an outstanding piece of work in the Emergency Service Corps of the Council for many reasons, not the least of which is the fact that they are generally the only Scout units that are equipped to render service in case of flood or on bodies of water.

Every Sea Scout is entitled to be a member of the Emergency Service Corps if he can qualify by passing the tests listed below:

Run 1 mile in 8½ minutes.

Climb an 18-foot rope, hand over hand in 15 seconds.

Properly demonstrate the following knots, using a rope larger than ½" in diameter:

Square	Sheet Bend
Two Half Hitches	Clove Hitch
Taut Half Hitch	Bowline
Bowline on a Bight	Cat's Paw
Blackwall Hitch	

He must also hold the following Merit Badge Certificates:

First Aid	Personal Health
Pioneering	Firemanship
Safety	Public Health
*Life Saving and Rowing	

If only one or two members of the Ship qualify, they become members of a Provisional Emergency Service Patrol in the Council's Emergency Service Corps, but when five or more have qualified they may become an Emergency Service Patrol of the Council Corps and in their own Ship.

Skippers should get in touch with Local Council Emergency Service Corps Leaders and arrange for special training so that the entire Ship's membership may take the training and qualify as rapidly as possible. All the Ship's equipment should be listed with the Emergency Service Corps officials, so that the greatest use may be made of it in times of need, and special training in handling this equipment for Emergency Service uses should be given to the members of the organization.

* In Councils where needed.

GEORGE E. CHRONIC
New National Director of Senior Scouting

DR. JAMES E. WEST formally announced to the National Staff Conference on November 19th that George E. Chronic, Acting Director of Senior Scouting since November 1941 had been made Director of the Senior Scout Program.

Sea Scouts of the Sea Scout Ship "Far West," of Minot, North Dakota, on their return from a canoe trip into the Canadian north woods.

ONE NEW RECRUIT PER UNIT PER MONTH

The Ship's Menagerie

REAR ADMIRAL REGINALD R. BELKNAP, U. S. Navy, Retired, wrote the following for "The Lookout." How many can you identify?

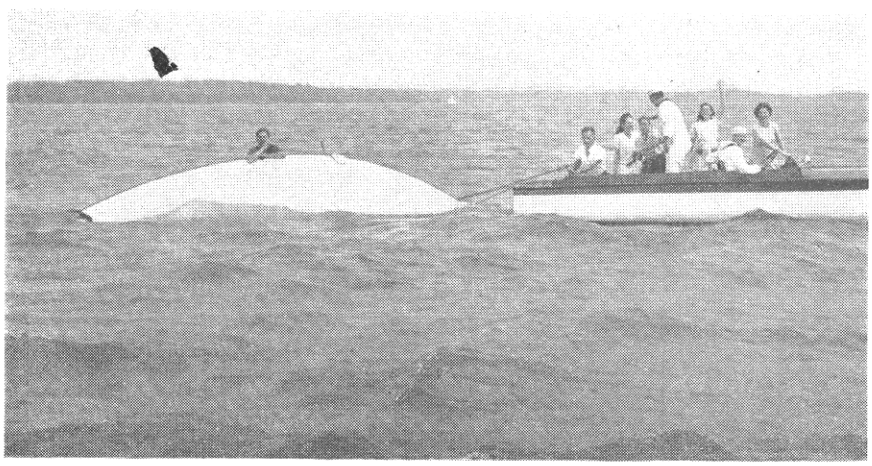
"When Noah put the Ark out of commission, he was not accountable to anybody for getting the animals ashore, and so, evidently some of them stayed behind long enough to leave their marks on board, some of which have come down to this day.

"There are dogs all over the ship, ducks in the sail room, a cathead on each bow, many a gooseneck about, and a swallow in every block. The pelican hook keeps out of the crow's nest but is usually the better for a little mousing around. The little colt, or short rope's end which every captain of a top carried in his cap handy for assisting the lagging topmen up the rigging grew up into a Flemish horse, which took his meals in the manger, so called, because it is near the hawse, alongside the jackasses, in the cool breeze coming through the bridle port, and supported the weather earing man after he had used the footropes in the stirrups to get to the cockscomb. Sword belts and some uniform coats have frogs, the backstays are snaked down for action, and the shrouds have ratlines. Wireless has introduced a rattail and a squirrel cage. A bull ring and bull rope are ready and waiting but we only have the bull's eyes and his tobacco. Possibly he was kept away by the wildcat and lioness which used to hang out around the capstan where she left her whelps. Neither the centipede nor the shark's mouth bites; foxes are seldom seen on a whaleback; but at a navy yard a camel may come alongside. Everyone knows that the watches between 4 and 8 p. m. are called dog watches because they are curtailed.

"The ship herself has a head, eyes, waist, body and bowels, a forefoot, a regular devil's claw and sometimes a heel. She prefers to wear colors by day and always celebrates in full dress. But when not particular about wearing, she sometimes gets in stays. Those fine, hardwood bars around the capstan have given place to powerful winches, but the ship still gets regularly lit up. Now and then she gets on a slue."

Photo, Monterey Bay Area Council, BSA

Scouts of SSS 26, Monterey, Cal., fished 2,600 lbs. of rubber from Monterey Bay. Sea Scout Alvin Garcia prepares to dive.



Sea Scouts of the S.S.S. Richard Dale, Kalamazoo, Michigan, made a speedy rescue of five persons from Gull Lakes. A small cabin sailboat was capsized by a heavy wind. The occupants were picked up in 15 minutes by a patrol of Sea Scouts who were credited with the possible saving of lives.

RALPH H. MOZO

New Assistant Director of Senior Scouting

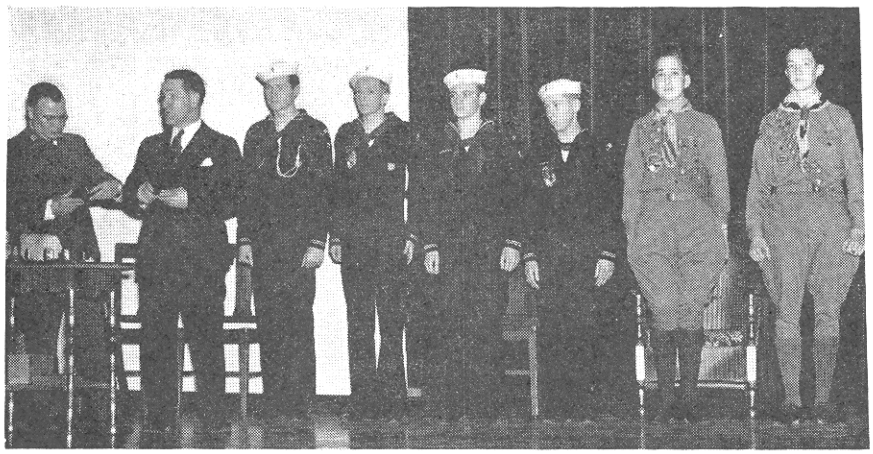
RALPH H. MOZO, formerly Scout Executive of Tampa, Florida, joined the National Staff November 12 as Assistant Director of Senior Scouting to especially emphasize the Air Scout Program.

Mr. Mozo, a native of Florida, graduate of the 43rd National Training School, has served in Executive positions in North Carolina, South Carolina and Florida. Mr. Mozo holds a private pilot's license, and has over 400 hours of solo flying time.

Unserviceable Boats

SKIPPERS should be thoroughly familiar with the regulations regarding the survey and disposal of unserviceable boats received from the Coast Guard or the Navy. When such equipment becomes totally unusable, our agreement with the Government requires that the local Sea Scout Committee should be notified and that after inspection by this Committee, if the equipment is deemed unserviceable and unfit for repair, the Committee has it destroyed and the Council reports the action to the Regional and National Offices so that the original donor may be advised.

This equipment is Council property and never becomes Ship's property although the Council may assign it to Ships for use and maintenance. The title and ownership remain the responsibility of the Council and the equipment cannot be sold nor given away to any private individual, company or corporation.



Four Salisbury, Md., Sea Scouts receive Eagle Badges at Del-Mar-Va Council Court of Honor.

Activities

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ties on a competitive basis, with points given on the number of entries in each event as well as the place won. Among the fifteen competitive events were a Life Jacket Relay, Canvas Work, Rope Ladder Climb, One Man Kayak Race, 2-man Kayak Races, and Relative Bearings. The afternoons were given over to the use of motor-boating and sailing. A special Bridge of Honor was held where awards for Explorers and Sea Scouts were presented.

THE Narragansett Council, Providence, R. I., had a 25% increase in attendance of Sea Scouts at their summer activities over attendance in 1941. More than 200 Sea Scouts spent 454 boy-days in Sea Scout activities in spite of the large percentage of Scouts working, the increased restrictions on the operations of boats and the restriction of transportation facilities. Thirteen boats of various types were kept at the newly acquired anchorage all summer. During the summer, especially on weekends, they were in constant use by Sea Scouts. Among the outstanding events of the season was a 100-mile canoe expedition from the Edgewater Yacht Club to Camp Yawgoog. The Scouts averaged 30 miles per day through salt water, swamp water and tangled river-ways.

THE Chesapeake Bay Cruising Program was one of the highlights of Region Three's summer Senior Program. This was the fourth year of this successful activity begun in 1939. The Regional office provides the opportunity for and coordinates the scheduling of cruises for the various Local Councils. Each Local Council cooperates in the development of a schedule and then charters a ship through contracts made directly with shipmasters. The 90 ft. gaff-rigged schooner "Ida May" was chartered for use by Local Councils for the entire season of 54 cruising days. A total of 260 persons sailed on the "Ida May."

The National Capital Area Council, Washington, D. C., operated 3-day cruises on board the 70 ft. gaff-rigged schooner "Wm. H. Michael."

Wings for Sea Scouts

The Air Scout Program is more than a new phase of Senior Scouting. It is Scouting's response to an insistant demand from the young men of America, our educational institutions and our Government for a definite pre-flight training program in aviation for high school and college age men.

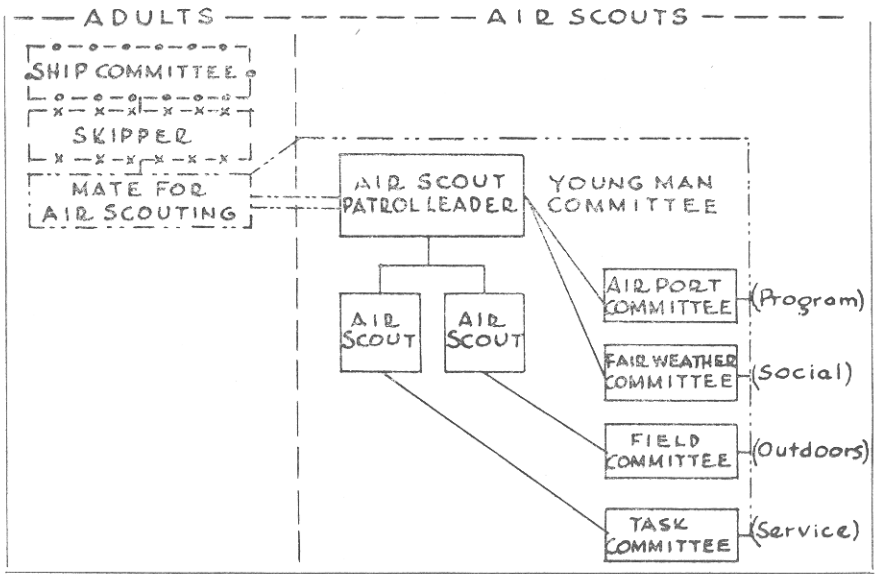
Any young man 15 years of age or over who fulfills the requirements for the Apprentice rank can become an Air Scout. Sea Scouts, Explorer Scouts and members of other Senior Units can qualify for all Air Scout ranks without changing their affiliation with their present Units.

Sea Scouts and Explorers who are interested in Air Scouting are welcome to invite their chums who have not been Boy Scouts to join Air Scout Patrols or Squadrons with them.

As few as two Senior Scouts may organize as an Air Scout Patrol by adding a new Assistant Leader for Air Scouting to the Officers' staff of any unit. This new Officer must be 21 years of age or over. It is recommended that an air-minded man be added to the Ship's or the Explorer Troop's Committee in the interest of promoting the Air Scout Program in the Unit.

As soon as there are five or more members in the Air Scout Patrol, the normal procedure will be to have this group form a new Squadron by having the Sponsoring Institution adopt the Air Scout Program and appoint a Squadron Committee.

AIR SCOUT PATROL IN SEA SCOUT SHIP



BUY WAR BONDS AND SAVINGS STAMPS