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Scouting

"I will not describe in detail how the Pappas family and the other villagers of Domvrena live amid the ruins of their homes, homes consisting of only bare stone walls supporting a shelter of sticks, vines, and leaves; deep wells still polluted by the bodies of men and cattle thrown into them by vengeful conquerors; fuel utterly lacking even during the coldest months; virtually all normal community services still missing."

Cash Contributions. Without going outside the ranks of Scouting, the World Friendship Fund has raised nearly $150,000 in cash, a sum which has been carefully stretched to partially meet requests which greatly exceed the amount collected.

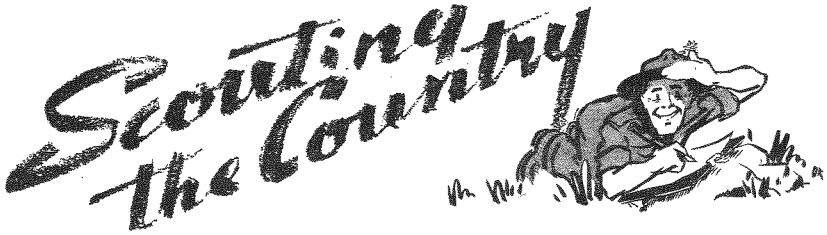
With the extension of Scouting to Japan and Germany, and the literature and equipment those two countries will need, plus the growing needs of displaced person Scouts, and Scouts of war-racked lands, the Fund will need in 1949 alone, three or more times the total amount collected to date.

A World Friendship contribution averaging only ten cents a member would provide this much-needed amount!

What a wonderful thing it would be if every Troop, Pack, and Senior Unit could highlight World Friendship for at least one meeting this Spring. A movement now growing among Troops whose leaders are World Friendship-conscious is that of planning a World Friendship program for on or about April 23, which is the birthday of St. George, and known as International Scout Day.

The Boy Scouts of Hawaii have recently adopted the Boy Scouts of Japan, and will make personal sacrifices to supply the sons of their former enemies with the necessary equipment for successful Scouting.

They know that you're less likely to fight tomorrow with those to whom you extend the hand of friendship today.



★ Moved To Larger Quarters

Advance information hints at a "sellout" for the Annual Meeting. Rather than hang out the "S.R.O." sign, the site has been changed to one more spacious. The meeting will take place at the Hotel Copley-Plaza in Boston, Mass., May 23-24.

Hooked By A Barbless Band

If you read "Hooked — One Scout" in February SCOUTING, don't waste any more time looking for the "band" of the hook. There "ain't no sich animule." The second and third sentences of the final paragraph should have read: "First, the hook was pulled all the way through the 'skin' so the *barb* was showing. With wire cutting pliers, he cut off the *barb*, then slid out the hook."

Wanted: Sea Scout Medallions

The *S. S. S. Griffon* of Niagara Falls is decorating the rafters of a newly acquired base (formerly a three-car garage) with shoulder medallions. The Sea Scouts would appreciate receiving colored drawings of medallions from different Ships. Mail these to Mr. Frank Dominguez, 631 Seventy-fifth St., Niagara Falls, New York.

Add, Fire Fighters

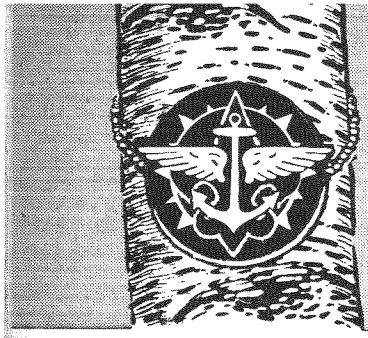
In January, this page reported how Scouts of Chapel Hill, North Carolina, beat out a brush fire which firemen, willing, but legally restrained, could do nothing about. Now, from Staten Island in New York comes the story of how visiting Scouts, not firemen, put out a brush fire under similar circumstances. The firemen had just finished extinguishing one brush fire, and were immensely relieved when Scouts of Troop 114 of Brooklyn, sponsored by Temple Beth El, tackled the other.

As near as they were, the firemen were restricted by an imaginary "off limits" line.

Fire-fighting officials tell us that strict observance of limits actually results in more protection for the public. Before zone limits were set, many a conflagration did serious damage to towns while fire apparatus was away at a less dangerous fire.

Lincoln Pilgrimages

The picture award for Scouts who made Lincoln pilgrimages last month is that of "The Meditative Lincoln" statue at Lincoln, Nebraska. Each year a certificate and picture of a Lincoln statue is awarded to pilgrimage Scouts by the Lincoln National Life Foundation, Fort Wayne, Indiana.



for SENIOR SCOUT LEADERS

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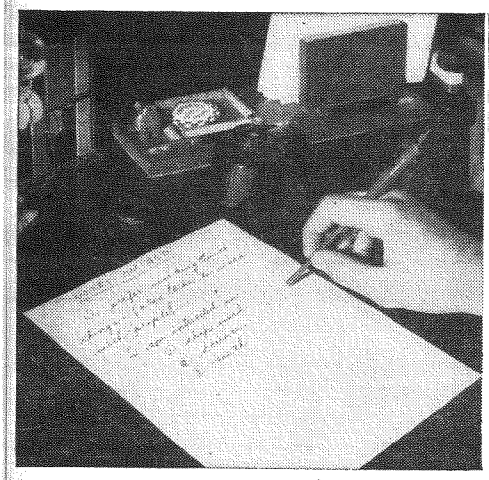

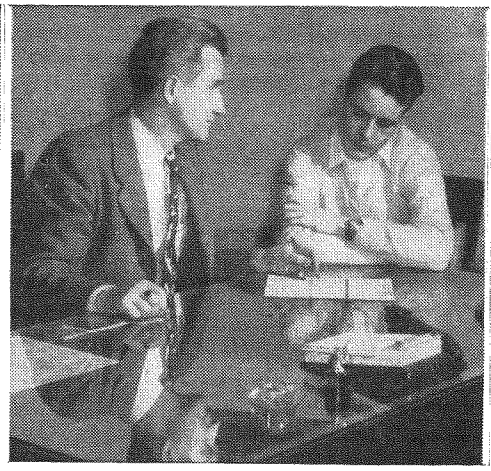

Light the Next Step

By Ralph H. Moza Assistant National Director, Senior Scouting Service

Next to a devoted faith in God and the right choice of a life partner, there is probably no single decision in a man's life which determines his success and happiness more than the wise choice of a life work. As a Senior Unit Advisor, you have a unique opportunity to shed some much needed light on this step which your Senior Scouts soon will make. Their confidence in you as friend and counselor makes this a responsibility as well as an opportunity.

Vocational Exploration in the Unit

Senior Scouting, with its four-phase program, provides a framework in which your Unit can generate the spark to light the way. This is pointed up in the Senior Unit Rating Plan that measures to what extent your Unit has a balanced young men's program. It calls for a minimum of *five* technical projects per year for National Rating. These are meetings where the Seniors learn a new skill, or explore, with expert guidance, a possible field of life work. In addition to this minimum, some of the outdoor, service, and even social programs may contain elements of vocational exploration.

One of the interesting and valuable ways of beginning the Unit's yearly plan for vocational exploration would be a program built around one of the accepted but simple job preference analyses, mentioned later. These are not related to intelligence tests or school examinations, and they can definitely show some general fields of occupational interests, if analyzed by qualified persons.

Analyze Job Opportunities

Within the general area of any aptitude or interest indicated by the analysis, there are usually many different jobs having varying requirements as to education, physical and mental abilities, as well as job opportunities. Yet, with more than 18,000 classified ways of earning a living, over 75% of all American workers are employed in a group of 150 major occupations. You would, therefore, be quite safe to place your major emphasis in these occupations, unless individuals have expressed a special interest in some of the less common fields. You can further simplify your scope by determining the job opportunity scope of your state, then of your community.

The Veterans' Administration, Washington, D.C. has developed a valuable series of pamphlets, (one for each state) and a manual *Occupational Outlook Information M 7-1.* The booklet for your state tells in graphs and figures the number of people employed in different types of work, the percentage of unemployed in each field, and some information about the larger cities in each state.

The Advisor's Part

The Advisor will have to take the lead and stimulate the thinking of the Program Committees. After the vocational preference analysis is completed, the Indoor Committee should follow with a report on local job opportunities from a qualified Employment Service official, a Veterans' Administration official or a school job counselor.

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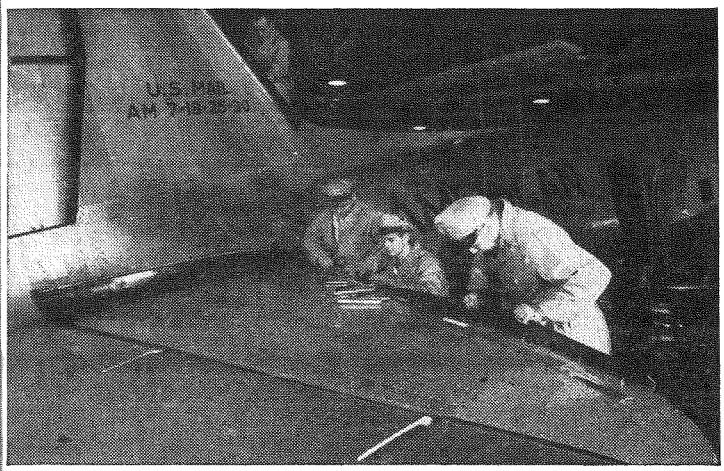

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This will be followed by an Indoor program built around interesting talks by professional men such as doctors and ministers, or men who own a business, labor leaders, or others. The Outdoor Committee will plan an expedition to a large industrial plant, or mine, farm, bank or small business. In each case, preparation should be made in advance to insure the Scouts the opportunity of seeing men at work on their jobs where possible, and a qualified personnel man or supervisor who can point out the following for each job:

1. Aptitudes of a successful worker.
2. Educational background required.
3. Apprenticeship period required.
4. Pay while learning.
5. Pay of a skilled worker.
6. Probability of full year-round employment.
7. Security, insurance, pensions.
8. Safety and health factors.
9. Opportunity for top advancement.
10. Opportunity for Community Service.
11. Usual living conditions.

Some Helpful Tools

Excellent vocational preference inventories can be secured from: *Psychological Corporation,* 522 *5th Avenue, New York, N. Y., and Science Research Associates,* 228 *S. Wabash Avenue, Chicago, Ill.*

From among many well-tried tests some of the simpler and yet effective types of vocational preference inventories are:

Thurstone Interest Schedule — 25 tests with manual — $1.50

Brainard Occupational Inventory booklets — 25c each (can be reused, suggest at least 5) Record forms—25 for $1.35 (one for each man)

Kuder Preference Record — (Get prices from Science Research Associates, Chicago)

The use of this type of material is restricted to qualified or trained examiners. When possible arrange to have a qualified school official or a personnel man from some industry secure the material and give the test. If that is not possible, order the material through your Local Council. A Commissioner or a Scout Executive may be able to give the test for several Units at one time.

Excellent reference material can be secured from your local library and Employment Service.

A booklet, *Your Future* with 150 major occupations listed and other helpful literature is available from the *National Association of Manufacturers,* 14 W. 49th Street, New York 20, N. Y.

Your Dividend

It has been said that over 50% of American workers change their life work after age 35. A former warden of one of the largest prisons found by a survey that only 5% of the inmates of the prison had any lawfully recognized occupational skill or classification. Your satisfaction in having guided your young men into an intelligent life plan, one that avoids great waste, will be a dividend for the rest of your life. It will fully justify your thought and energy, your patience and your disappointments.

SENIOR BRIEFINGS

Hospital Troop

When the Greater Cleveland Council received a request to start a Troop in the Rainbow Hospital for crippled children, the job was turned over to Explorer Post 62E. Not only did the Explorers organize Troop 229 over a year ago, but they have been running meetings for the eleven Boy Scouts who have been members.

Paul L. Johnson who doubles as Post Advisor and Scoutmaster of the hospital Troop, says:

"The young men in the Post have set a schedule so that two of them conduct each Troop meeting. Each member helps with two meetings every three months. They have it all planned so there is a continuity of program. They hold the interest of the boys at the hospital at a high pitch, and keep them occupied during the week by announcing meeting plans a week in advance.

"We use the standard Boy Scout Advancement requirements as much as possible. The Troop members make up in enthusiasm what they can't do physically. We have found the only difference between them and a regular Troop is that these boys try just a little harder, and seem to want to do more for themselves. There are few things they can't do; it takes them a little longer to do some things, but they do get them done. There is a cabin on a wooded section of the hospital grounds where we hold outdoor activities, including overnight camps.

"When a boy is ready for release from the hospital, I contact our Council headquarters for the name of the Scoutmaster of the Troop nearest his home and arrange for him to meet the Scout. This keeps a continuity of membership for our Scouts.

"Post 62E also helps with some of the work at the hospital, such as a spring cleanup of the grounds. We have carried out six other service projects during the past year.

"But the rest of the Senior program has not been slighted this year. We have had twenty-five outdoor events, including a seven-day motor tour, a seven-day camp, eight overnight camps, and fourteen day hikes, totaling forty-eight days of outdoor activities. Then with eight socials and five technical projects, we feel we have a well-rounded Post program.

"Organizing and conducting a hospital Troop is our most unusual project which we are sure will interest other Senior Units in communities where the same service opportunity is available."

Shipwreck Party

A Senior Unit party that makes the fellows and their gals ask for another party doesn't "just happen." It is *planned,* and some hosts spend hours preparing for it. One device that eases the work of party planning and stimulates ideas for decorations, dress, and program is a theme.

A good time for the Girl Mariners and the members of Sea Scout Ship 28 of Erie, Pa., resulted when the two groups met for the first time at a Shipwreck party. This theme gave some ideas for clever decorations and informal costumes. The program included square dancing, which is growing in popularity among high school age people.

Power of the Press

An exchange of Sea Scout Ship newspapers led to Don and Dick Laurie of Ship 10, Buffalo, N. Y., taking part in the annual summer cruise of the *Viking,* Ship 100, of San Francisco, Cal. Besides cruising, the guest Sea Scouts toured Golden Gate Bay via Ship 10's 26-foot ketch and by airplane, and they appeared on the San Francisco Area Council radio program.

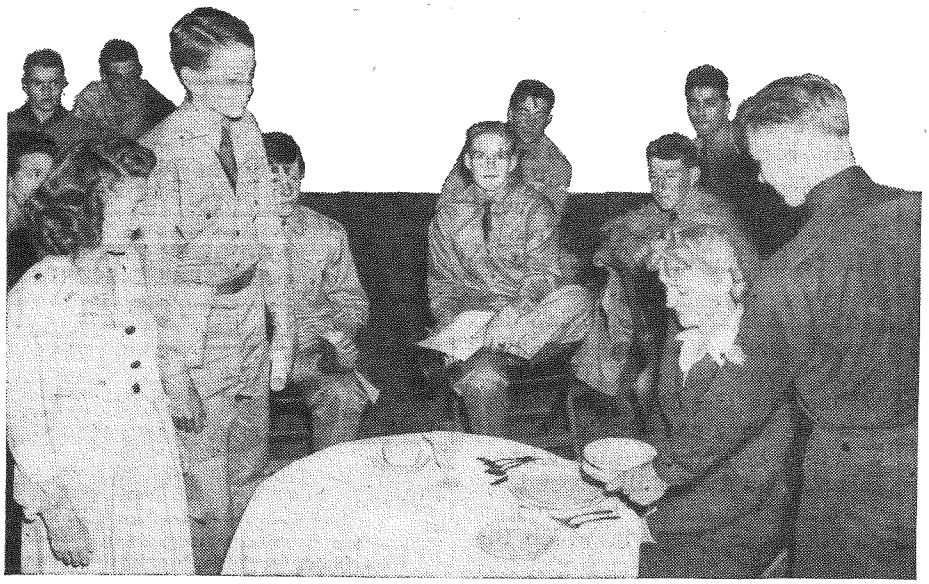
Scouting is a wide brotherhood. If your Seniors are going traveling, they should visit other Senior Units. Get in touch with them through Local Council offices, preferably by correspondence in advance.

Rhythmic Rhymesters

If there are fellows in your Unit who can make something with rhythm and rhymes, you have a wonderful potential supply of morale. Get them to write a song that will preserve some Unit traditions or will start a few new ones. Ask them to write funny parodies for the next party or informal meeting. Sometimes this is a good pastime while out on the trail or in camp.

Parodies are best fitted to short, well-known tunes such as "My Bonnie," "Jingle Bells," "Smiles," and "Take Me Out To The Ball Game." Any number of verses may be written to the one tune.

Run an inter-Crew contest for the best Unit or Crew song. Give a prize of a big sack of peanuts or candy bars for the best lyrics. Crews may compose songs about their own Crews, or poke good-



U.S.A.F. Photo

"Larnin' the fellers some manners" was a feature of a Senior Scout Air Encampment at USAF's Mather Field in California. Here American Red Cross workers are conducting a demonstration of how to set a table and how to serve.

Knowledge of social observances are vital to a young man's self-confidence and poise. The demonstration method is by far the most effective way of teaching etiquette. Try it at your next Rendezvous, Regatta, or inter-Unit gathering. Spend a whole evening at it for a Unit program. Ask a mother or a teacher to supervise.

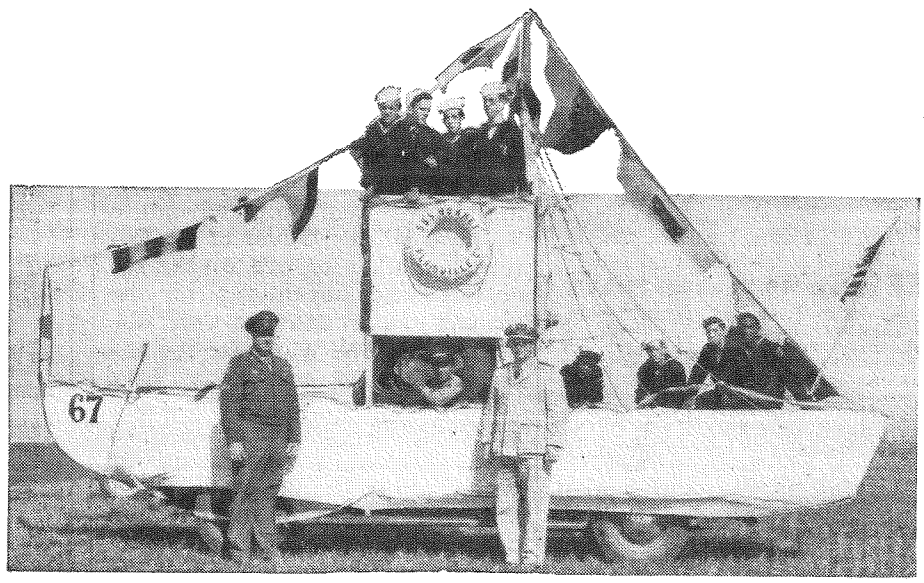
natured fun at other Crews. Once the fellows catch on to how it's done, they'll need no urging to make up parodies.

Weather Course

Senior Scouts, Boy Scouts, and Scouters of Schenectady, N. Y., attended a weather course sponsored by Explorer Post 24. Nine weekly sessions of one to two hours each were held under the direction of two former Army Air Force officers who were specialists in the field. Instruction was given in lectures, quizzes, and motion pictures. Those who completed the course were ready to get the Weather Merit Badge or to qualify for any weather requirements in Senior Scouting.

Your Senior Unit may run a similar course for your District or Council. If there is a nearby office of the U. S. Weather Bureau, ask the director for help. There are thousands of former Army, Navy, and Air Force weather specialists scattered over the country. Find them and start a course.

Easter Sunrise Services

Is your community one of the many that will hold inter-faith Easter Sunrise services? If so, will your Senior Unit officially take part? If such participation does not violate the religious obligations of any of the members, suggest that they offer to park cars, usher, distribute programs, or to do whatever is needed.

How often has your Senior Unit been asked to enter a float in a parade? And how many times have you said "No," because a good float seemed to require too much work or too much cash? The S.S.S. *Hornet*, sponsored by the Plainville, Connecticut, Lions Club, built this cruising landship for a Veterans' parade. It is based on a light truck. The rest is done with lumber and cloth, plus equipment on hand — flags, life buoys, anchor, ship's bell. A clever idea like this is the main ingredient for advertising Senior Scouting in a parade.