THE EXPLORER PROGRAM IS:

1. ADVENTURING IN THE OUTDOORS.
2. GETTING ALONG SOCIALLY WITH OTHERS.
3. BEING OF SERVICE TO OTHERS.
4. EXPLORING LIFEWORK POSSIBILITIES.

DECEMBER	JANUARY	FEBRUARY
Social Event Service Project	Social Event Outdoor Expedition	Vocational Exploration Quarterly Planning Meeting

JANUARY IS THE SECOND MONTH of the Winter Quarter for which a three-month plan was drawn in November. Your schedule might appear somewhat like the above. Perhaps your line-up has a few more or a few less events. We recommend 6 to 8 for a quarter. A Troop Crew might have only one a month.

By now the Event Directors for January (appointed in November by the Explorer Leaders' Council) should have plans well in hand. Success of these events is assured if they are wanted by young men, planned by young men, and run by young men — under the wise coaching of adults.

If your plans include "Instruction on Highway Driving and State Laws" (see page 53 of *Explorer Leader's Program Notebook*), perhaps you want an expert's help. You'll find one among such men as safety engineers, state traffic patrolmen, school safety instructors, policemen, and garagemen.

It's important to develop attitudes of courtesy and safety as well as mechanical know-how in future drivers. Ford Motor Company has a helpful booklet *Deft Driving*. American Automobile Association has other useful publications. If you get into driving practice, be sure the fellows are legally old enough and have their parents' permission.

If you're planning a winter sports carnival, set up the events more for fun than for skill, more for the novices than for the experts. Try these: snowball throw for distance, toboggan race, dog sled race with human "dogs", cross-country snowshoe race, skating contests. Keep everybody busy trying every skill — and don't spare the hot cocoa at the end.

DECEMBER BOYS' LIFE

With good Explorer flavor the December BOYS' LIFE offers "We Tracked Down Food in the Arctic," "Desert Camping," " Personal Jamboree Gear," several how-tos such as stew kettle meals, basketball goal, and darkroom clock. Another program stimulant is the regular feature "Here's Exploring," written by Explorers for which their Unit received $75.

For more Explorer program ideas, we urge you to see these pages of this issue of SCOUTING Magazine: 2, 6, 8, 11, 22, 24, 29-35.

EXPLORER ROUNDTABLE — JANUARY 1953 — SUGGESTED AGENDA

An Explorer Leaders' Roundtable should be a large enthusiastic group. It can be when all members of the Explorer Leaders' Council are invited. This includes the elected young men leaders and adult committeemen, as well as the Advisor and Assistant from Troops, Posts, Ships, and Squadrons.

TOPIC — Planning a Social
To promote long-term planning of socials.
To illustrate a social is not always co-ed.

EXHIBITS — *Your Ticket To Popularity* — *Good Manners* (Cat. No. 3020). Programs and pictures of Unit socials, indoor and outdoor.

DEMONSTRATION — Filmstrip "Planning an Explorer Social" (available thru Local Council).

FEATURE — Talk by expert on manners or dramatization of manners. Instruction by good leader of party games. (See *Hints On Explorer Leadership* pages 87-88, *Explorer Manual* pages 302-303, *Sea Explorer Manual* pages 79-80 for source material.)

OPEN FORUM — Exchange of ideas on good social events.

HIGHLIGHTS AHEAD

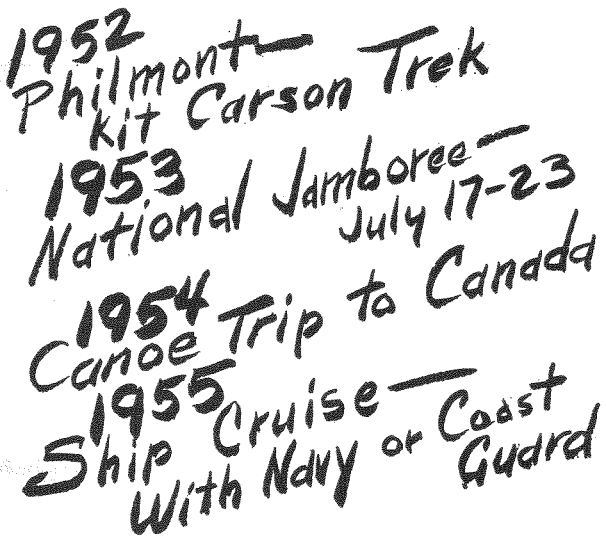
DISCUSSION AMONG EXPLORERS of where to go for the next big annual expedition has led some units to plan these highlights as much as four years ahead. This has resulted in better prepared highlight events, but more important, the young men remain longer in Exploring.

Anticipation of the big yearly adventures sharpens the Explorers' appreciation of their entire association with Exploring. Plans for the future build up as the young men gain a real taste of adventure. The greater their experience with expeditions, the greater will be their interest and ideas about going on more expeditions.

Definite highlight plans are goals that will tie this interest and these ideas into a working program. For instance, one Crew Leader explained:

"We had fellows who wanted to go to the Jamboree and to Philmont and on a canoe trip to Canada. While we were talking these over, somebody else suggested a ship cruise that could be arranged through the Navy or Coast Guard.

"We couldn't do them all in one year or even in two years. Well, after kicking it around for awhile, we ended up with this agreement:



"We had a swell time at Philmont last summer. In fact one of the guys is going back there on the staff next summer. But the rest of us are getting ready for the Jamboree. We're going to stop off at Yellowstone Park on the way.

"As soon as we get back home, we'll start working on our canoe trip. Some of the fellows will be in college by then, but they'll come back for the canoe trip late in June."

You can see the thrill these Explorers get from talking about and definitely planning their future highlight events. That's progress. That's giving young men the idea that perspective is necessary.

Preparation for each year's highlight adventure takes careful monthly scheduling. It might be called planning in reverse. You spot on the calendar the various deadlines to be met in completing preparations. Then you count back to the dates when each thing must be started to finish it on time.

For example, let's suppose that for their 1953 highlight your Explorers will be among the 50,000 at the Jamboree, July 17-23. With a schedule similar to the one below, there will be no last minute rush — or at least not much of one. But more important, it gives the Explorers a chance to become part of the project and enjoy anticipation of the experience.

Monthly Jamboree plans:

OCTOBER - Jamboree pictures at parents meeting.

NOVEMBER- Registrations to Jamboree chairman.

DECEMBER- Fund raising projects start.

JANUARY - Begin collecting and making camp gear.

FEBRUARY- Start on exhibit material.

MARCH - Develop swap items.

APRIL - Assemble complete equipment.

MAY - Jamboree camp-out and practice on menus.

JUNE - Final check and activities practice.

JULY - Pre-Jamboree camp, trip and Jamboree.

Having set these yearly highlight plans well in advance the Explorers will want to keep the schedule before them whenever program planning is done. The yearly goals and plans must fit well into the working plans of each quarter. It is up to the Program Planning Committee Chairmen and Explorer Leaders' Council to get the most out of the incentives provided by the highlights ahead.

A good Advisor, Skipper, or Squadron Leader helps young men to look ahead, to have vision and big plans. That's Exploring!

EXPLORER BLUE RIBBON

VOCATIONAL

Lake Freighter Visit

By Dale E. Tingley, Explorer, Post 47
Veterans of Foreign Wars, Tecumseh, Michigan

Nineteen of us Explorers and five of our dads drove about thirty miles to Monroe to go through a lake freighter one day last March. Of the seven freighters docked there, the Post inspected the *Governor Miller*. They were shown through the 600 foot, 12,000 ton ship and learned all about the duties of the 37 men on the crew. It was a very interesting half day's program.

SOCIAL

Family Banquet

By B. C. Barclay, Advisor, Post 336
Marvin Methodist Church, Tyler, Texas

What started out as a father-son affair, spread to the mothers, and finally took in whole families. It was a spaghetti and meatball feed with all the trimmings, furnished by each family. We held it at the church during Boy Scout Week.

Included on the program were presentations of the 1952 Post charter, 1951 Round-Up awards, and the Post's Rifle Club charter. Principal speaker was our Institutional Representative who had been a Scoutmaster for ten years.

The whole affair was planned and executed by the Explorers themselves with one thing in mind. This was to show that parent cooperation can be used in the Explorer program as well as in other phases of Scouting. Best of all, the Advisor did not have to do a single thing with the program.

SERVICE

Search and Rescue

By Don Dresser, District Commissioner
Highline District, Seattle, Washington

The feature of our District Explorer Bivouac was a search and rescue exercise. Four Troops, one Post, and one Ship participated. These Units set up well planned snow camps on Chinook Pass where they lived for two days and nights.

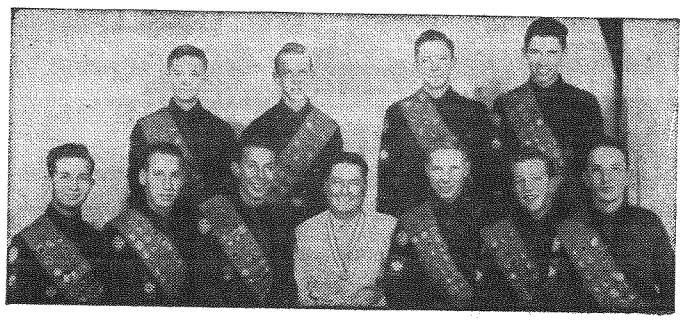
After breakfast the second day a Civil Air Patrol plane skimmed across the trees and dropped a message about a plane "crash." The information was that the wreck was three miles southwest with three injured survivors.

As serious as though it were the real thing, the Explorers divided into four groups. CAP Cadets with walkie-talkies joined each group. On snowshoes and skis they started the search. It ended when one group came upon three Explorer leaders acting as the survivors.

On the survivors' chests were pinned notes describing their injuries— broken arms and legs, head injuries, etc. The Explorers administered first aid, improvised litters and gave the three men free rides to camp.

Left — Baltimore Explorers, visiting U. S. Naval Academy, hear story of Iwo Jima flag raising from Marine colonel. *(U. S. Navy photo)*

Below — Ten Explorers of Post 24, sponsored by El Paso (Tex.) Lions Club, receive Eagle awards at club meeting. Advisor Irving Gourley is a Silver Beaver and 25-year veteran. *(Baker-Ray Studio photo)*



EVENTS

Take any event that has worked well for your Explorers. Write us a letter telling HOW it was planned and run. Send pictures if you have them. On behalf of thousands of other Explorers who will use your success story, we'll send you a Thank You certificate.

SERVICE

Chest X-Rays

By Henry J. Kohlmann, Advisor, Troop 617
Group of Citizens, Chicago, Illinois

As a community service project our Explorers, ten strong, sponsored the visit of the mobile x-ray unit to take chest x-rays for tuberculosis diagnosis. All plans, publicity, and arrangements were handled by the Explorers. Assisted by their mothers, leaders, and PTA members, they worked nine to eleven hours on both days of the visit. The 1,045 x-rays taken were the largest number in any two-day period by this mobile unit.

Here is the information mimeographed on yellow paper, 4¼ x 5½, and distributed in the community:

Come and get Your
FREE Chest X-RAY
At the Mobile Bus
Mt. Greenwood
111th and KEDZIE
Thur. May 15 10:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.
Fri. May 16 1:30 P.M. to 8:30 P.M.
Sponsored by Explorer Scouts
Troop No. 617

In cooperation with the Tuberculosis Institute of Chicago & Cook County and Municipal Tuberculosis Sanitarium.

Christmas Seals Help Make This Possible
For further information call CAnal 6-5181

OUTDOOR

Annual Tours

By Glen E. Wisom, Advisor, Post 29
Elks Lodge, Oroville, California

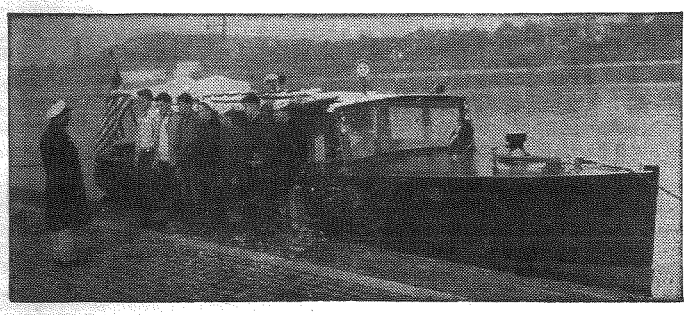
Our gang is a camping outfit. Living at the western gateway to the fabulous Feather River Wonderland, we have within thirty miles trout streams, big timber, and rugged mountains. We camp and hike so much in these surroundings that we take these blessings for granted.

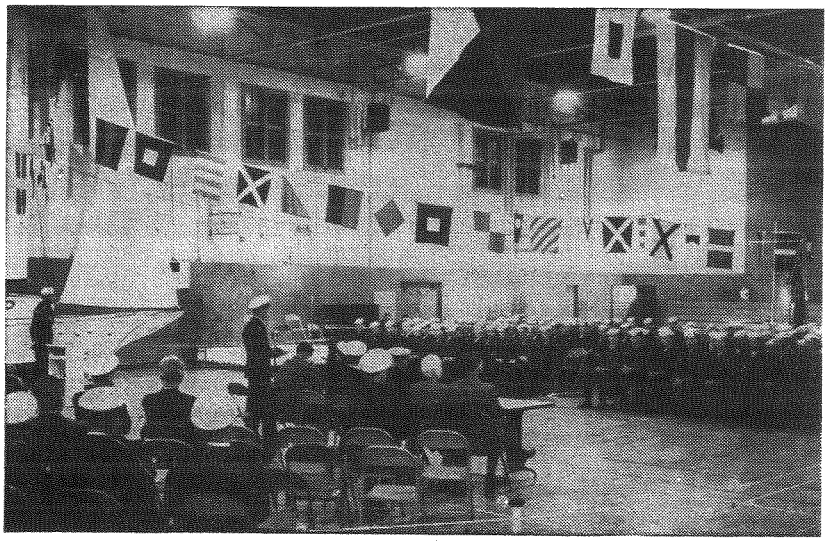
We have our own winter camp and cabin, but we all look forward most to our annual tours. During the seven years of the Post's existence we have devised a system of taking short and long tours alternately.

Our short ones are always back-pack trips through the rugged back country of Yosemite National Park. They are usually 35 miles long and last about 10 days. Our long tours have been limited to scenic spots of the western United States. The outstanding one was to the Pacific Northwest and British Columbia. It covered 2,800 miles and cost the Post about $450.

The purpose behind our short tours is for the fellows to learn most of the things required of them for this long tour. Around a campfire on a short trip the destination and preliminary plans for the long trip are determined. And regardless of the tour, out there atop the world, miles from any habitation, amidst the rugged beauty of nature, a young man surely learns of his smallness before God and his dependence on his fellow men.

Below — Sea Explorers of Ship 72, sponsored by Dads' Club among U. S. military personnel, Heidelberg (Ger.), are briefed by Mate Ernest O. Hazlett for a cruise on the Neckar River. *(U. S. Army photo)*
Right — Sea Explorers of Mt. Diablo Council, Berkeley (California) hold semi-annual Bridge of Honor and Ball. Ships take turns as hosts.





Philmont Stories by Philmont Men

By PAUL W. MOORE
Assistant National Director, Explorer Service

"TO KNOW PHILMONT is to love it, and to know it one must hike the trails on foot. Clear Creek Mountain or Trail Peak could not be fully appreciated if you rode to them by horseback. You must earn the right to see these places with your breath coming hard and your heart pounding.

"You have to lay in your hard bed at Abreu or Rayado base camps and be lulled to sleep by the music of the rushing waters of the Rayado River after a hard day. You must earn the right to sit at that Buffalo Banquet at the end of your great experience. Then you feel Philmont, because you're a Philmont Man!" That's what Leo J. Mealey says about Philmont.

Now read what he and two other Scouters (Philmont Men) have to say of their adventures at the Explorers' Ranch of the Boy Scouts of America near Cimarron, New Mexico. Below are excerpts from their personal reports.

Incidentally, if you want more information about Philmont ranch, get in touch with your Local Council office. Reservations for the "schedules" (trips at Philmont) are being made now. It's first come, first served, so don't wait too long.

Welcome

By ALBERT A. GREENE,
Scoutmaster, Danville, Illinois

"After approximately three years of dreaming and planning, our Council contingent of thirty-one Explorers and three men were ready for an adventure at Philmont. We were prepared by having taken innumerable camping trips, one in the Great Smoky Mountains of Tennessee.

"Our anticipation of what Philmont would have for us was one of awe and a secret feeling of actually meeting some of our country's explorers face to face. Kit Carson, Buffalo Bill and Daniel Boone had suddenly become personal friends of ours, men with whom we were to share adventure.

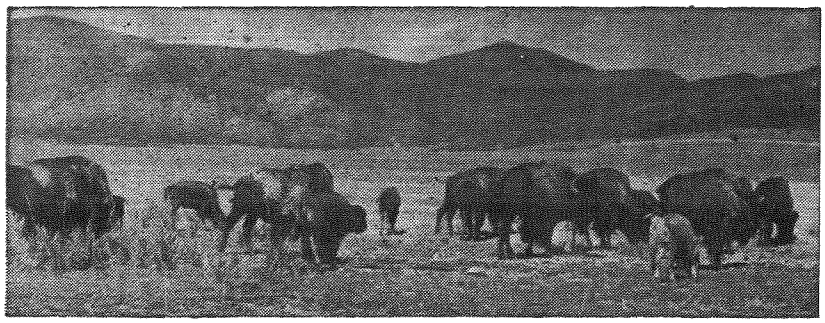
"Our arrival at Philmont Camping Headquarters, was not heralded by a brass band or any great shouting. Instead we were accepted like men who had come prepared to explore and investigate to our hearts content. This made us feel at home.

"George Bullock, Philmont Director, and his staff gave us their assistance in getting the many details handled quickly and efficiently and left no doubts in our minds as to what, where and when. We felt we had just met a group of people who really had our interests at heart.

"Our first hike on our own was to the Tooth of Time. Of course, we did not have to go, but we were anxious to get a look at the great towering rock that points toward the sky and can be seen for many miles. We were not disappointed in our anticipations. A magnificent view of Ranch Headquarters and the valley in which it nestles was forever imprinted in our minds.

"I believe all of our feelings were well expressed by an Explorer when he turned around after his first look and said, 'It makes you feel like praying to God.' The rest of our stay at Headquarters was filled with good food and scuttlebutt."

Wild Life



By ALFRED C. NICHOLS,
Assistant Scout Executive,
Greater New York Councils, New York

"With the traditional diamond hitch thrown over the packhorse load, we were off. Our string of horses crossed the pastures where the elk and the antelope roam in the shadow of the 'Tooth of Time,' a rugged mountain promentory. Shortly, we left the prairies and wound our way upwards through the forest of ponderosa pines.

"These mighty giants, many of which reach skywards for a hundred feet or more, in the course of their hundreds of years of growth have witnessed the unfolding of the dramatic pageant of the Southwest's discovery, exploration and development by the white man.

"Fish camp was fittingly named, for during our explorations of the canyons and the sparkling streams which flow through them, we saw hundreds of trout, every little pool having at least a pair. We enjoyed a delicious meal of these fresh fish.

"We saw a great many new birds, the most interesting was the western water ouzel (American Dipper) which proved to be quite a fisherman in his own right. He was able to navigate not only in the air, but on and beneath the surface.

"Were we thrilled, when we stalked close to the herd of buffalo grazing a mile or so from the Kit Carson place! It gave one a nervous feeling in the pit of the stomach when one old bull began to paw the ground with his forefeet, belligerently lowering his great shaggy head in our direction as we stood a hundred yards from the herd. There were about forty of the huge beasts, including many calves. We appreciated the protection of the multiple strands of barbed wire that separated us from his rampant majesty."

Adventure

By LEO J. MEALEY,
Explorer Advisor,
Bellmawr, New Jersey

"We had heard so much about Clear Creek Mountain and now we were ready to try it. This was an overnight backpacking trip with sleeping bag, extra clothing and food for five meals. It was a good twelve miles to the base of the mountain.

"We arrived there in the afternoon and had chow. We hit the sack at dark because the hike up to the summit had to be made in the middle of the night in order to see the sunrise, in the morning.

"This was a strange feeling, climbing single file with no view of anything but the fellow ahead of you and the flashlights shining ahead and below. The conversation was very light because we all needed our energies for the trail.

"The summit was reached about 10 minutes before sunrise. Breathlessly, we awaited the big moment, everyone facing the East. Like floodlights turning on a huge stage, gradually a faint glow appeared, the brightness increasing by the second. As the edge of the sun appeared, we could distinguish shapes, the giant peaks of the Rockies.

"Visibility was increasing rapidly now, and the sun was splashing the rocks with colors and blends that no artist could duplicate. The greens of the trees were now playing their part in this drama of nature as they bathed in the suns rays.

"It was very cold that July morning and our teeth were chattering, but no one complained. I think we were awed to numbness. The sun was moving upward very fast now and the stage was really illuminated. For hundreds of miles we could see the peaks rearing their mighty heads and the plains and valleys separating them.

"From where we stood we could see the snow capped Spanish Peaks in Colorado. Old Baldy in New Mexico was crested with snow also. The states of Oklahoma and Texas were pointed out by our guide.

"A few weeks later, I stood atop Pikes Peak, but the thrill I was having now, far surpassed that renowned place. Where we were now, it was just us, in communion with God and nature."

By N. HAROLD WEST
National Director, Explorer Service

Explorer Unit Committeemen will enjoy this new opportunity of working with young men. Hard working Advisors will welcome their help in supervising the program.

a JOB FOR UNIT COMMITTEEMEN

UNIT COMMTTEEMEN HAVE A DEFINITE JOB TO DO in coaching the Explorers who are Program Planning Chairmen and Event Directors. The committeemen can supplement the Advisor in helping these young men to become successful leaders.

Here's how a committeeman—let's call him Mr. Green—does this job:

1. Assignment in an Activity Field

The Advisor meets with the Unit Committee, and a committeeman is assigned as "consultant" in each of the four activity fields (outdoor, social, service, vocational) for the coming three months. The assignments may be changed at the end of the quarter, and should be listed on page 30, 50, 74, or 98 of the *Explorer Leaders Program Notebook.*

The Advisor passes on some of his coaching techniques to the consultants. He also tells them a little of the background of the Explorers they are to work with.

2. Work With Program Planning Chairman

Let's suppose that Mr. Green has agreed to work with the social program. His first responsibility is to meet with John Smith, the Explorer chairman of the Social Planning Committee. Together they develop an agenda for the committee meeting.

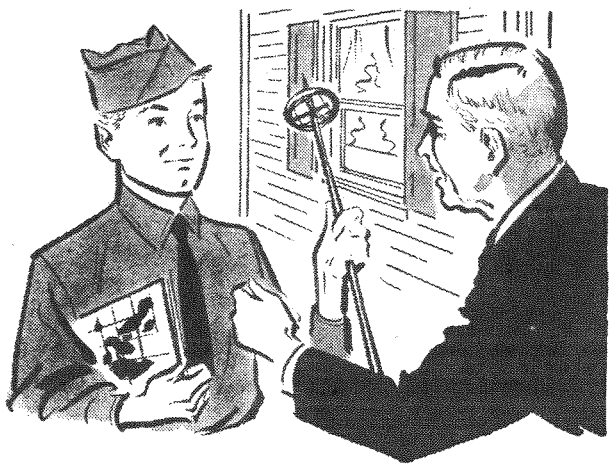
Mr. Green coaches John so that when the Explorer is out front as chairman, he knows the right thing to do at the right time. At the Social Committee meeting Mr. Green is on the sidelines, not dominating the action, but available for advice if needed.

At the Unit's quarterly planning meeting the Social Committee recommends social activities, and the Unit votes on those it wants. Then Mr. Green's work with the planning committee is done. His next responsibility is to work with the Event Directors of all the social events planned during the coming quarter.

3. Work With Event Directors

Bill Wilson has been appointed Event Director for a barn dance. He is thrilled that he was selected, but he has so little leadership experience that he doesn't know what to do first. Mr. Green gets together with him and helps him decide what Explorers and adults are needed on his Committee to make this party a success.

Mr. Green suggests they add to the committee a Mr. Jones who calls square dances and has a record



player and speaker system to do so. Mr. Green makes an appointment for Bill and himself to see Mr. Jones. In making the date he explains to Jones what the Explorers want. However, he makes it clear that this is merely an introduction and that Bill as chairman will present the request.

At the appointed time the three get together. Bill explains the party plans and asks Mr. Jones to be on the committee. The latter accepts, agrees to do the calling and use his equipment. Of course Bill is pleased.

Mr. Green and Bill set a date for the party committee meeting, and they develop an agenda that includes every step necessary for a successful meeting. In other words Mr. Green is still the coach, teaching Bill to be a good quarterback when he gets on the field.

Meanwhile the Advisor checks with Mr. Green to see how plans are progressing. The Senior Crew Leader checks with Bill to see that he gets adequate cooperation from the rest of the Explorers.

Mr. Green and Bill and their committee have developed the party so successfully that when it happens, all of them enjoy it. Mr. Green's experience is similar to that of the Unit Committeemen working in the three other activity fields. It points out that our responsibility in Exploring is to have the adults so train young men that every event they have will be successful.

Every man desires to help an individual Explorer be a better leader. Certainly this is one way in which each committeeman can make a great contribution in the life of a young man.

AND EXPLORING

EXPLORERS ARE ANSWERING THE GREAT DEMAND of Civil Defense authorities for ground observers in the air defense system. Manning observation posts and filter centers is a "natural" in appeal to Explorers because the work is man-size and a public service. Explorers are "naturals" for the work because of their alertness, sense of responsibility, and willingness to accept expert training and supervision.

It started months ago when the call was issued for volunteers to handle this important part of our defense. Soon news stories began appearing like this one in the New Ulm (Minnesota) Journal:

"Twenty-eight New Ulm Explorers registered as members of the city Ground Observer Corps at an organization meeting last night. Norbert J. Matthees, coordinator of Area 5 of the State of Minnesota Civil Defense, was present to outline the need for the program and the vital part it plays in being prepared for any emergency.

"Special pins and identification cards will be issued to all Explorers participating."

Later, reports began to arrive like this one from Keith Berkner, District Scout Executive, Golden Empire Council, Sacramento, California:

"Explorer Post 2060 of Galt, California, under the leadership of their Advisor William Mendonca, selected the Sacramento Air Filter Center as one of their service projects. The young men of this Explorer Unit made a sixty mile round trip each Monday night for a period of several months in order to achieve the fifty hours of filtering and plotting training.

"Air Corps Wings were presented to members of Post 2060 on the evening they completed their 50 hours of training. As the Air Filter Center is now a twenty-four hour operation, members of the Post will continue to give this valuable volunteer service."

The good reports continue to come in. G. T. Young, Skipper of Sea Explorer Ship 105 Flying Cloud at Oakland, California reports:

"The members of our Ship get an object lesson in civic service every Friday night. We are engaged in a great volunteer civil defense effort as members of the Oakland, California, Air Defense Filter Center of the Civilian Ground Observer Corps.

"For three hours each Friday, from 7 to 10 p.m., we train with other teen-age groups and with adults. Since we began this work a year ago last February we have progressed to the point where we can operate the filter center as an all-Explorer team.

"The Ship Flying Cloud entered this work to fulfill its duty as a service unit of the Oakland Council, B.S.A. Since we began more than a year ago, we have maintained an average attendance of 95 per cent. Every Friday evening is devoted to work at the Filter Center, plus an occasional additional shift when participating in a special test of the Corps' efficiency.

"Our Unit has been in existence for 16 years. In that time we have conducted many civic service projects and good turns through which we have been able to train boys to realize their responsibilities as citizens."

Are your Explorers on the Civil Defense ground observer's team? It's service they probably can do and would like. As an organized group with their own leadership they probably will be welcomed by the air defense corps. Talk it over with your local Civil Defense authorities.

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