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TODAY AMERICA NEEDS tens of thousands of men who are trained to give leadership to Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and Explorers.

Our membership is growing rapidly. Already it is nearing the three million mark. To meet this need and to help our country grow stronger, the Boy Scouts of America has adopted a Three Year Program of action with the slogan "Forward on Liberty's Team." *Every top Unit Leader a basically trained man* is one of the nine goals for this Program. For the Cub Pack this means that the Cubmaster is to complete Cub Scout Leader Basic Training, for the Scout Troop it means that the Scoutmaster is to be complete Scoutmaster Basic Training and the Explorer Advisor is to complete Explorer Leader Basic Training.

But before going on, let me define basic training for you. It is the prescribed training plan which provides the minimum essential training for Unit Leaders and members of the Commissioner's Staff. It is printed in booklet form by the National Council and can be used for courses, personal coaching or home study. Copies may be obtained from your Scout Office.

The new Three Year Program also calls for the training of other Unit Leaders such as Den Mothers, Junior Leaders in Troops, and elected leaders in Explorer Units. It is a proved fact that boys like Scouting best when their leaders understand how to make Scouting fun. Training gives both adult and boy leaders the "know how" to do this.

As is true with Unit Leaders, so is it true with members of the Commissioner Staff — the man who is trained gets satisfaction from his work in Scouting and gives greater service to others. The Three Year Program calls for every Commissioner to be a trained man for his specific job.

Wood Badge Training

It takes many instructors to conduct the training program of a District or Council and they need special training for this task. The Wood Badge Course provided by the National Council is just such training because it offers an opportunity to learn how to train others best.

In the past four years, over a thousand key instructors have been trained in Wood Badge Courses and in 1952 there will be additional opportunities in every section of the country for men to attend these courses. Such training requires eight days of living in camp and learning the skills of Scouting followed by written work and practical help with a Council's training program.

Selection of men to take a Wood Badge Course is by invitation from the Chief Scout Executive upon recommendation of local Scout Executives. Dates for the various courses are listed with each Council Office. Men who have had Wood Badge Training refer to it as a "Mountaintop" experience and a veteran claims that it was the finest experience in his many years of Scouting.

Junior Leader Training

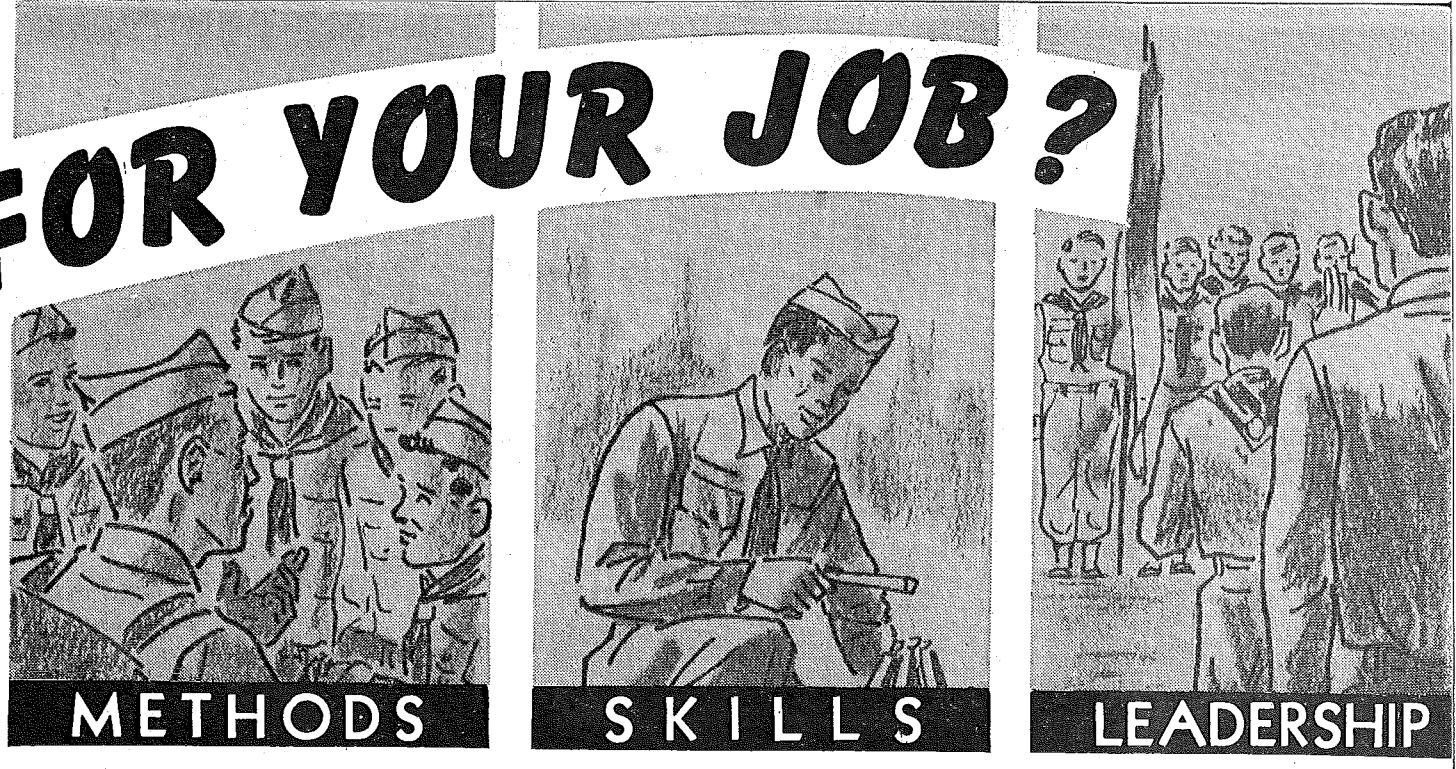
It is the Unit Leader's responsibility to train his own Junior Leaders, and the basic manuals for leaders in each of the three program phases of Scouting provide outlines and suggestions for such training. Councils and Districts supplement this training with Junior Leader Conferences and Junior Leader Skill Events taking a full day, although in many localities a two or even three day period is scheduled. The basic outline for such events is contained in a nationally distributed pamphlet entitled "Junior Leader Training Events" and is available through Scout Offices. Inquire now concerning the local dates for this plan of training and arrange for your Junior Leaders to participate.

Commissioner Training

A brand new plan for training Neighborhood Commissioners is available. It consists of an orientation and five on-the-job projects. Each new Commissioner is aided by an experienced coach who helps him to understand his job and how to do the projects. The coach will check these projects as they are completed. The training is based upon the Neighborhood Commissioner's Job Card with its five areas of responsibility. Commissioners who have tried this type of training are enthusiastic about it.

New Visual Aids for Training

The Visual Education Service of the Boy Scouts of America is constantly producing new filmstrips



and motion pictures. The latest production has resulted in three filmstrips for Patrol Leader training. One is entitled "So Now You Are A Patrol Leader," the second is "Hiking With Your Patrol" and the third, "Meeting With Your Patrol." Information concerning these instructive filmstrips can be obtained through your Scout Office.

The new Cub Scout Leaders' Basic Training Plan with its related visual aids has met with instant success wherever it has been used. Cubmasters, Den Mothers and Pack Committeemen claim that the educational filmstrips and the illustrated booklets do more to explain the Cub Leader's job than any other training plan previously produced.

In almost every Council one hears the expression "We must get fathers and mothers into Boy Scouting as we have in Cub Scouting." This is an excellent idea, and to help it along the Visual Education Service has produced a new film for the family in Scouting. It highlights the opportunities that fathers and mothers have to help their sons enjoy the whole Boy Scout Program from the very day the boy becomes a Tenderfoot Scout. Ask your local Scout Leaders when this film will be shown in your community.

The Arrowhead Honor

To recognize Scoutmasters, Assistant Scoutmasters and Commissioners who have taken basic training and then put the skills and methods they have learned to work in their respective jobs, there is the Arrowhead Honor. It consists of a special certificate and a cloth Arrowhead to be worn on the left sleeve of the uniform. For Scoutmasters and Assistant Scoutmasters it requires the doing of seven on-the-job projects which help produce good Scouting in the Troop.

For a Commissioner, the Arrowhead Honor simply requires the completing of Basic Neighborhood Commissioner Training and then for a six month period, demonstrating good Commissioner Service to the Units and chartered institutions assigned to him. In addition, there are a number of questions that a Commissioner must answer to demonstrate his knowledge of his job and his responsibilities.

The Scouter's Key and The Scouter's Award

For all Scouters who continue in their posts of Leadership for three or more years, there is the Scouter's Key or the Scouter's Award. These are based upon the completion of specific requirements in training; performance, helping to train others, and a minimum tenure of three years, and are collectively known as the Three Year Training Program.

Since 1925 the Key and the Award have been symbols of loyalty to the Scout Movement and efficiency in the jobs undertaken. Today thousands of outstanding leaders proudly display their Scouter's Keys or their Scouter's Awards.

Take Training Now

Scouting is fun! You bet it is, but to make it so you have to have basic "Know How." Your Council has a training program. Ask about it and attend the nearest course or arrange for personal coaching or do some Home Study.

Learn now about Scouting's Three Year Program for helping our country — learn how you can do your part. It's simple — and it can be fun.

S.W.P.*

BRINGS EXPLORING INTO

The forty-second Scout Week, February 6-12, will introduce to America the Three Year Program, summarized in the slogan "Forward on Liberty's Team." At that time public attention will be focused on the Whole Scouting Family by the press, screen, radio, and television. That will be a strategic time for your Explorers to bring into focus what Exploring is doing in the community.

A Scout Week project can be fun as well as instructive for Explorers and leaders. It takes imagination applied in the form of showmanship. Both the skills and the ideals of Exploring can be dramatized. These opinions are borne out by the examples pictured and described here. Get your Explorers to pick a project and have it ready for Scout Week — February 6-12.

For God and Country Awards

By D. E. McFadden, Advisor
Post 35, Wheaton, Ill.

Four members of the Post received the God and Country medals in special church services held on Scout Sunday. They had enrolled in this award program two years ago. The presentation was made by the Pastor of Gary Memorial Methodist Church which sponsors Post 35 and Troop 35.

The four Explorers also wear the Eagle badge, the Den Chief's cord, and a five-year service star. In high school they participated as leaders in class and student government, football, track, wrestling, band, dramatics, and they ranked in the top third of their class scholastically. Two other Eagles of the Post received the God and Country Award at the Presbyterian Church.

Scout Sunday Service

By Joe G. Spurlock, Advisor
Troop 58, Oklahoma City, Okla.

On Scout Sunday our Troop took part in the morning service of the Olivet Baptist Church which sponsors the Troop. Four Explorers and two Scouts in uniform ushered on the main floor before the service. The church reserved two pews for Explorers, Scouts, and leaders in the front and center of the auditorium.

At the start of the service the Educational Director explained to the congregation that it was Scout Sunday, and that the Church was proud of what we had accomplished in the past year.

Then came time for the collection of tithes and offerings. As the organ played softly, our Explorers and Scouts came marching down the two center aisles, two Explorers and a Scout on each side. They lined up in front of the pulpit, four Explorers in the center and a Scout at each end, very colorful with the mixture of green and khaki uniforms.

At that moment a large lump came into my throat, and a feeling of great pride came over me as they bowed their heads, and the Pastor gave the prayer.

At the closing of the service the Pastor asked that we adult leaders stand in front of the pulpit. The majority of the congregation filed by, shook our hands, and made a lot of very complimentary remarks. The boys were all smiling, and we leaders were beaming from ear to ear.

All this proved to me what our young men and boys can do with a little encouragement and sound advice when needed.

*Scout Week Participation

"Operation Refrigerator"

By Arthur B. Stilphen, Advisor
Troop 52, Bath, Maine

"Operation Refrigerator," conducted in the city park during Scout Week, we consider the Blue Ribbon Event of our year. Eight Explorers and their Advisor set up a complete winter camp in the center of the city on Saturday morning.

Citizens rubbed their eyes at the sight of four tents, fireplace, field kitchen, tripod table, and birch fence in a setting of snow with the sharp wind blowing out of the Northwest and the temperature standing at four above zero. All this was our Crew's answer to the District's invitation to put on a "live expo" to demonstrate the practicality of winter camping.

Nostalgic oldsters, envious youngsters, little old ladies with pity in their eyes came to see, chat, and on occasion have coffee. By 10:30 Saturday night peace and sleep settled over the campsite.

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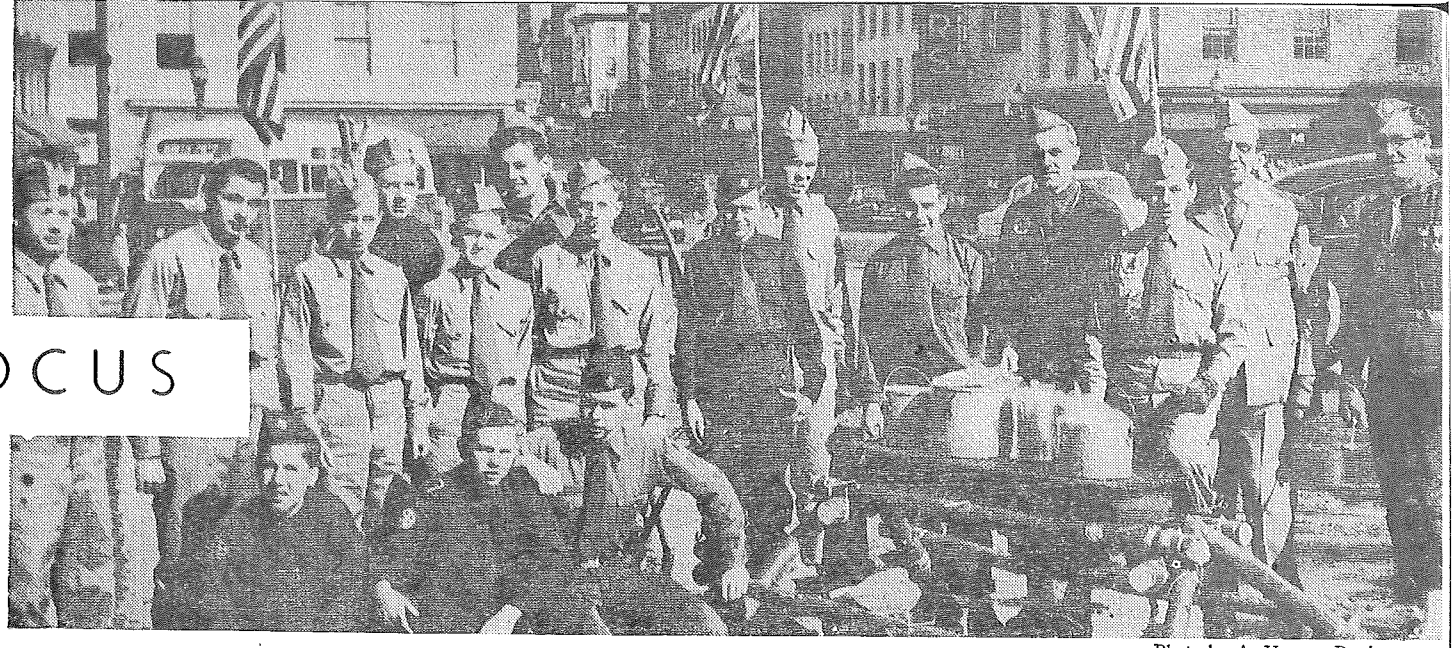

Photo by A. Vernon Davis

Hagerstown, Md., Post and Squadron give Scout Week cooking demonstration in public square.

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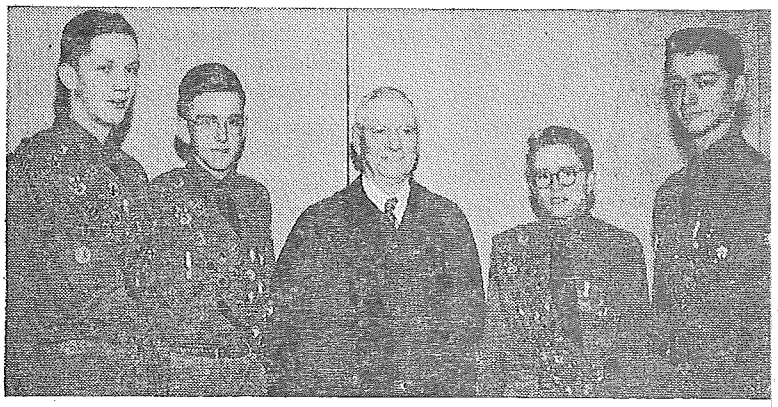
Bath, Me., Explorers camp in city park



Wheaton, Ill., Explorers receive God and Country Awards

After Sunday dinner done in aluminum foil, camp was quickly broken. The triumphant Crew with their equipment loaded on a truck, as pictured, returned home to be ready for their part in Scout Sunday program at church in the evening.

Excellent publicity was given by our daily paper. The town was impressed with the fact that Scouting and Exploring can be a year-round affair, that modern youth, well trained, can take it.

Cooking Demonstration

By Albert E. Werking, Asst. Advisor
Post 2, Hagerstown, Md.

To promote teamwork between Units, Post 2 and Squadron 50 planned a cooking demonstration in the city's public square during Scout Week.

Early Saturday morning we set up a model camp site enclosed by American and Unit flags on one corner of the square. We built a rack to hold the charcoal burners, and we set up a 9x9 tent. In addition to the cooking there were Scoutcraft exhibits such as moccasin making, leathercraft, hiking, and camping.

As the center of attraction the meal was started with the preparation of two large pots of hunter's stew, several packets of chicken in aluminum foil, and baked potatoes.

The mayor and other city officials were invited to join us for the noon meal. The remainder of the stew was served in paper cups to the throng of spectators. Then a big chunk of beef was barbecued and served to the public in warm beef sandwiches.

House Warming

By Noland Brown, Advisor
Post 36, Walled Lake, Mich.

The most enjoyed event of the year was the annual house warming held during Scout Week. A pot-luck supper was shared by the Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Explorers, their parents, and friends.

The Explorers for their part of the program put on a skit and held a fire by friction contest. We hold these contests at every opportunity. The trophy is a flint and steel pouch donated by the Advisor. He won it in a series of fire by friction contests back in the 1920's. The trophy can be retired by winning it three times in succession. The Post members enjoy the contests, and all take part in them in a spirit of keen but friendly rivalry.

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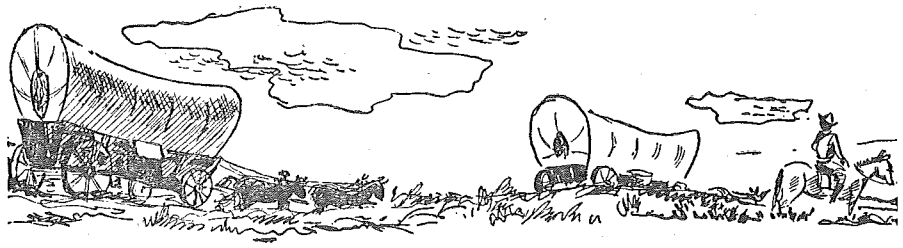

BY O. W. BENNETT,
National Director, Explorer Service

WHERE THE WEST . . . . .

There was a time when the West was a few moccasined steps
into the woods this side of Boston, New York, Philadelphia and Charleston.
A little later, a page or two farther on in history books
and the West was the smoky wall of the Alleghenies and the Blue Ridge.

There was a time when the West was a hunter's campfire or a lonely cabin
in Ohio, in Kentucky, in Indiana. Some sunsets, some sunrises
a few pages more, and the West was a steamboat on the Mississippi
and raw pine shanties in the mud of St. Louis and Chicago.

Wife and children, a skillet and some seeds, some chickens
and a plow inside, a man would move ahead of his creaking wagon . . .
with a long rifle on one shoulder and a big chip of hope on the other.
But the West had a way of moving on, always ahead of a man.

The West moved to the Missouri, along the Plains, over the Rockies,
and on across the deserts, always ahead of the trappers, the miners,
the traders, the cattlemen, the sodbusters, the pony expressmen,
the overland stage, and the railroad.

Then, some say, the West came to an end, dissolved somehow,
in the vast blue welcome of the Pacific. There are those who believe this.
Others know better.

They know the West never died. They know there was no ending
to its spacious story of sharp axes and willing hands, the comradeship of horses
and sky, daring in the night, and steady eyes on morning horizons.

They know the West lives on . . . in men and women . . . as hard to pin down
as the shadows on its mountainsides or the starlight over its valleys,
but no more perishable than the wind
over its prairies and the sunshine on its shores.

— William P. Schenk

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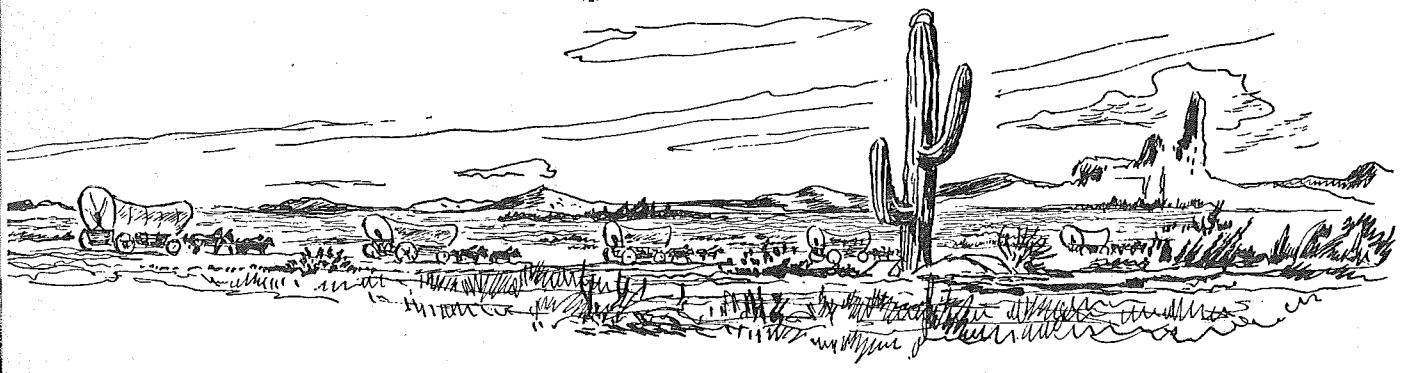
PHILMONT — the gathering place of famous Explorers — again invites you and your family to take part in the now popular family conferences.

These conferences are where you and other Explorer leaders get leadership training with time out for vacation — and where the wives and children just vacation.

Tell us now that you'll be there at one of the Explorer Conferences at Philmont Scout Ranch as listed: June 22-28, June 29-July 5, August 17-23.

YOU'LL BE THERE



YES, TELL US YOU'LL BE THERE . . . One of the high spots in your family's experience will be your trip to Philmont.

- Walking along the trail with your partner, facing the future together as did your pioneer ancestors.
- Living in the land of enchantment where you can almost reach out and touch the stars.
- Meeting new leaders and their ladies from all parts of America.
- Seeing Philmont in action — watching boys become men in God's great out-of-doors.

It is important that you make your family reservation at once through your Local Council office. Be sure you receive confirmation of the reservation from the Volunteer Training Service, 2 Park Avenue, New York 16, N. Y., since space is limited.

Your Scout Executive has copies of the Philmont brochure describing the Explorer Leaders' Conferences, the facilities for you and your family, and directions for getting there. For a preview of the program see the conference schedule below.

Plenty of time to spend with the little lady every afternoon and plenty of time for her to be on her own with the other gals — swappin' recipes and having a corkin' good time.

A program for all children through thirteen years of age will be provided. Boys fourteen years of age and over will be expected to register with one of the Philmont Schedules going on at the same time. Register through your Local Council Office.

The Conference in which you will play a most important part will be a real National Conference with an exchange of ideas and working methods dealing with how to help that teen-ager.

You better be comin' along now, ya hear?

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

SUNDAY

2:00-6:00 P.M. Registration and assignment to Quarters
6:00 P.M. Opening Meal
8:30 P.M. Fellowship at Big House with Philmont men.

MONDAY

8:00 A.M. Breakfast
9:00 A.M.-12:00 noon Training Sessions
1. Organization of Crews and Crew Leaders.
2. Orientation on Exploring.
12:30 P.M. Luncheon
2:00-5:00 P.M. Tour of Philmont
6:00 P.M. Dinner
7:30-10:00 P.M. Exploring in the Troop and Unit.

TUESDAY

8:00 A.M. Breakfast
9:00-12:00 noon Training Session
Program Planning and District Events.
12:30 P.M. Luncheon
2:00-5:00 P.M. Trip to see field sports in action.
6:00 P.M. Dinner
7:30-10:00 P.M. Training
1. Recognitions and Awards.
2. Assign Projects on Advisor, Expositions, Socials, Roundtables, Advisor's First Six Meetings, Organization & Extension.

WEDNESDAY

8:00 A.M. Breakfast
9:00-12:00 noon Training
1. Advisor
2. Roundtables
12:15 P.M. Luncheon
2:00-4:00 P.M. Marksmanship demonstration
4:00-6:00 P.M. Trip to Cimarroncito by private cars.
6:15 P.M. Dinner
7:30-10:00 P.M. Training
1. Social — filmstrip & discussion.
2. Expositions — filmstrip & discussion.

THURSDAY

All day free to go on trips to Taos, Santa Fe, etc.
8:00-11:00 P.M. Square dance for all.

FRIDAY

8:00 A.M. Breakfast
9:00-12:00 noon Training
1. Air Force — Cooperation.
2. Emergency Service & Civil Defense.
3. Camping Experiences.
4. Training Courses and Outlines.
5. This is your program — no end to the activities and opportunities if you get young men to help decide what to do.
12:00 noon Lunch
2:00-5:00 P.M. Field Sports events & Rodeo
6:00 P.M. Dinner
7:30-9:30 P.M. Family Fellowship— Big House
1. Stunts by each Crew and by Leaders
2. Big Talk
3. Closing
10:00-12:00 midnite A campfire of songs and stories at Tent City (NOT PLANNED)

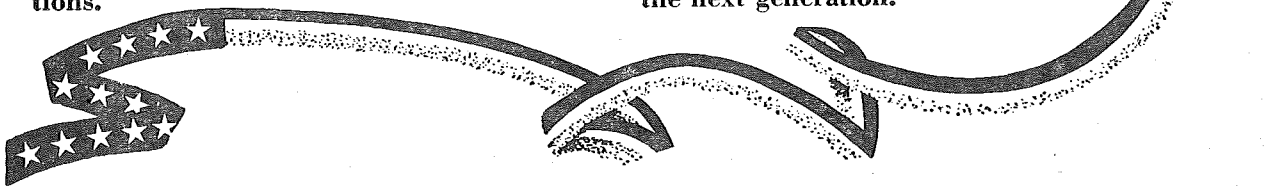
SATURDAY

8:00 A.M. Breakfast
This is a free day and many people leave after breakfast because of long drives.
12:00 noon Lunch

EXPLORER CITIZENSHIP DEDICATION

As an Explorer Citizen:

1. **I will live the Scout Oath and Law.**
2. **I will be familiar with the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution, and the Bill of Rights of the United States of America.**
3. **I will respect and obey the law in order to have security and freedom.**
4. **I will share the responsibility of my home, school, church, neighborhood, and community, and when legally of age, I will register and vote in all elections.**
5. **I will deal fairly and kindly with my fellow-citizens of whatever race or creed, in the spirit of the Scout Law and America's tradition of equality of opportunity.**
6. **I will work to preserve our American heritage of liberty and responsibility. I acknowledge that the privileges we enjoy were won by the hard work, and sacrifices, faith and clear thinking of our forefathers. I will do all in my power to pass on a better America to the next generation.**



CITIZENSHIP
THEME FOR FEBRUARY
PLANNING

AS YOUR CREW IN THE TROOP or your Post, Ship, or Squadron polish off their February plans, we offer them these suggestions. About 99$\frac{44}{100}$% of these ideas have been tried out, so we hope they'll work for your gang, too.

New Dedication

Opportunely for the February Theme, the National Explorer Committee announces approval of a briefer, more forceful version of the Explorer Citizenship Dedication than the one previously used. The Committeemen urge that this new version above be used more frequently and always impressively to bring home to Explorers their present citizenship obligations.

Scout Week

Explorer Crew or Unit participation in Scout Week, February 6-12, can be more than a service to the Local Council and the Scouting Movement. The secret is for your Explorers to select some activity typical of their program, either something they do well or something they are greatly interested in trying. Then with a bit of showmanship present this activity to the public. The story and pictures on pages 22-23 of this issue offer excellent examples — everyone of them tested.

Pep from BOYS' LIFE

If you're looking for things to pep up your February program, the February BOY'S LIFE has these suggestions for Explorers:

Canoeing in the Arctic Ocean, a true adventure of present-day amateur explorers. Pedro's Cantankerous Cousins, a Philmont Ranch burro trip. Wilderness Survival, what to do — or not to do — to beat the wilderness. Assignment — Find Lost Lake, Florida Explorers help the state park department. The Mile Run, How To Run It by Gil Dodds. Here's Exploring, success stories from around the country.

The how to make items include a dog harness, compass fob, two-burner stove, good luck house numbers, new clocks for old, table decorations, coffee can signaling device.

Blue Ribbon

To find variety for your February schedule or to fill a vacant spot in it, glance over the Blue Ribbon Events on page 28. If you like them, send in one of your own. Your own Crew or Unit will be pleased over the publicity they get, and Explorers and leaders all over the country will appreciate your help.

Roundtable

Is your Local Council or District holding Explorer Leaders' Roundtables regularly? Are Senior Crew Leaders, Crew Leaders, and other elected leaders invited to attend with the Advisor, his Assistant, and Unit Committeemen? If not, ask your Scout Executive whether Roundtables can't be started and held for all Explorer Leaders, adult and young men.

All Scout Executives have received copies of *Explorer Roundtable Ideas,* February-June 1952, which contain details of an Agenda for a monthly Roundtable.

ONLY 4 MORE YEARS AT HOME

BY N. HAROLD WEST
Assistant Director, Explorer Service

JOHNNY IS NOW 14. When he is 18, he will be in college or in the armed services or out on a job of his own. Dads, our Explorer sons, now 14, have only four more years at home, so we don't have much more time with them. Here are some questions you might ask yourself now—and keep on asking and answering them during those four years.

Going Places

Look at your feet. How many places have they taken you that you would *not* want your son to go? How many places have they gone that you would like to see him go? What influenced you to go to either the good or undesirable places?

How can you influence your son to follow the trails that will do him the most good? Well for one thing, he is anxious for adventurous activities with youth his own age, yes, and sometimes with you, his dad. The Explorer Program gives these adventures to Explorers with their dads' help and participation.

Choosing Life Work

How did you get your first job? When did you know what you wanted to do for a living? Why did you stop going to school? Your son right now is anxious to earn some extra money. Can you help him? He wants to know what work he is going to do in later life. He wonders whether he should go to college. What help are you giving him in this direction?

Exploring offers vocational exploration opportunities by college visitations, the Merit Badges in vocational fields, tours of industrial plants, farms, and business houses, and other occupations. You can assist in providing these opportunities for your son and his Explorer friends.

Getting Along With People

How did you get your first date? Can your son bring his girl and boy friends into your home and raid the ice box? Does he have recreational facilities in your home, or does he have to go down to the corner store or a dance hall or a roller skating rink at the edge of town?

Have you helped your son with the social *graces*? How to invite a girl out? How to eat correctly at the table? How to participate in grace at mealtimes? The ability of your son to live socially with other people makes a great difference in his future.

The Explorer Program gives opportunities for social contact with fellows of his own age under wholesome surroundings and fellowship that includes parents as well as girl friends.

Serving Others

Do you belong to a service club, a lodge, or participate in any community enterprise giving service to others, either in your business or as a volunteer? Up to this age your son has been told what to do most of the time. So often in school he is told what room to go to, what lesson to study, when to have recess. As a Cub Scout and Boy Scout, many leaders helped him all along the way.

Now it is your opportunity to help him understand that it is his opportunity to give service and leadership to others, whether in school as a class officer or a member of the football team, as one who assists in his church, or who takes the initiative with some chores or obligations at home.

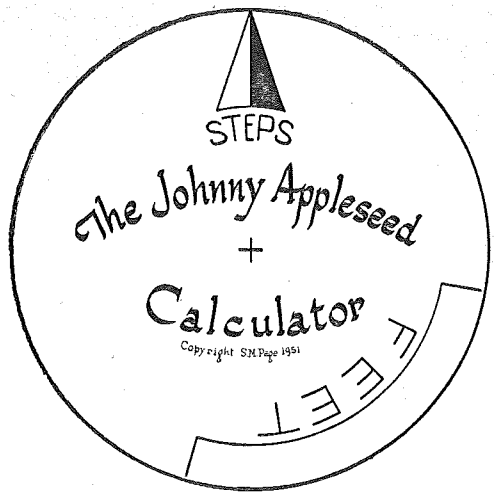
He is interested in being a leader, and your help as a dad will greatly determine his ability. You can encourage this ability through Exploring where he and his fellow Explorers run their own program.

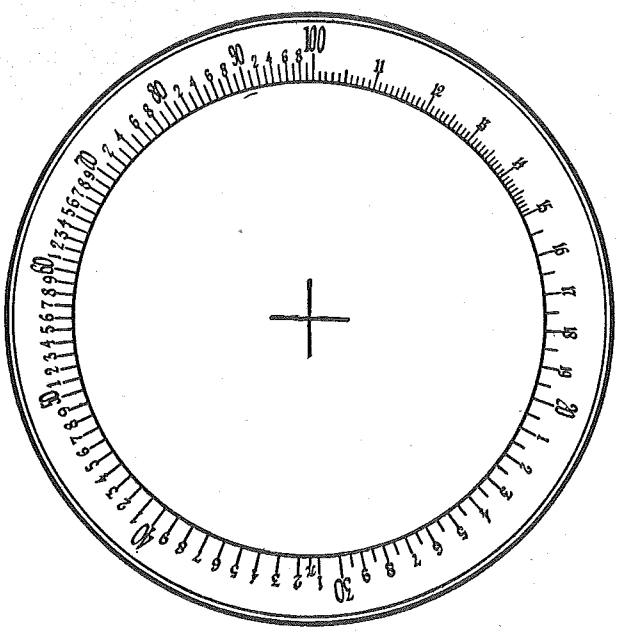
Double Opportunity

Yes, Exploring is the young man's opportunity, because its program is built around four phases of his interest at this age: 1. Giving service and being a leader. 2. Social functions and social practices. 3. Adventurous activities (whether it be close to home or at distant points, such as Philmont and canoe bases). 4. Vocational exploration.

Dad, how can you better assist your son to follow the footsteps you would like to have him tread, than for you yourself to assist in a leadership capacity with any Explorer Unit or Crew in a Troop. Yes, you will say a prayer of thanksgiving for the opportunity of working together, you and your son, in the program.

It's going to draw you and him closer together in the last four years he is at home. If you haven't spent much time with him, to date, this is your last opportunity.





You CAN BE A MENTAL GIANT

BY JOHNNY APPLESEED

HERE IS A LITTLE GADGET that will do your figuring for you — just like magic! It is an adaption of the slide rule that surveyors and engineers use to do their work, but of course it is much easier to use. Don't get the idea that it is a toy, for if you learn how to use this calculator you will be able to measure distances without a tape and your error will be no larger than 5%. You can do this by just walking along naturally counting each step as you go. After you have done that you simply set the arrow to the number of steps you walked, and then you read the number of feet that you covered opposite the little mark in the box labeled FEET that I'm going to tell you about a little later on. (*See figure* 2.)

HOW TO MAKE YOUR CALCULATOR

Cut out the two circles on this page. Get the tops from a soup can and a tomato can. Put these on a level surface and tap them with a hammer until they are flat. File the rough edges smooth. Paste the small circle on the soup can top. It was designed to fit just right. Paste the larger circle on the tomato can top. Drive a nail hole through the crosses of each circle. Fasten the two circles together with a split rivet or a small nut and bolt. The hole should be just large enough for the rivet or bolt to fit snugly.

HOW TO USE YOUR CALCULATOR

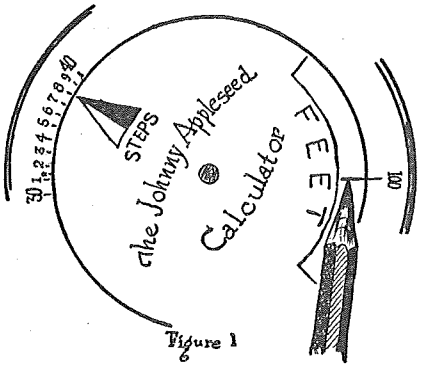
1. Measure 100 feet with a tape. Walk this distance naturally several times to determine your average number of steps in 100 feet.

2. Rotate the inner circle of the calculator until the arrow is opposite the number of steps you took to cover the 100 feet. Make a pencil mark on the inner circle exactly opposite 100 on the scale. This mark should be in the box labeled FEET. (*See figure* 1.)

3. Opposite your mark you will read the scale in feet. Opposite the arrow you will read the scale in steps — your steps. Ink the mark after you have become accustomed to using the calculator and have proved that this mark is correct for you.

4. When the step arrow is on the lefthand side of 100 and your mark is on the righthand side of 100, you will add a zero to your reading in feet opposite your mark. (*See figure* 3.) At all other times the scale will read the same for both arrow and mark.

5. To use greater numbers than 100 simply multiply the entire scale by 10; 13 becomes 130 and the first little mark beyond is 131. Between 15 and 30 there are single marks which are read as follows: after 15 — 155, after 16 — 165, after 20 — 205.



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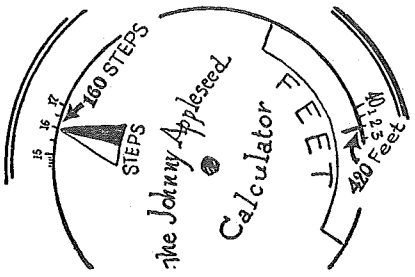

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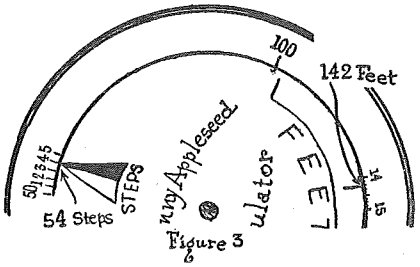

Figure 3

Blue Ribbon Events

As one Advisor told us, "The reason I read the Blue Ribbon Events is that I know they have been tried by fellows pretty much like myself." Won't you write us a letter about the things your Explorers do best or enjoy most? Include pictures if possible. Your Crew or Unit will get a certificate of appreciation and the unvoiced thanks of thousands of leaders and Explorers.

Training Course

By Albert J. Grosel, Advisor
Post 177, Detroit, Mich.

Our 1950 Blue Ribbon Event was a training course of 16 sessions including a day hike and an overnight camp for new Units in our District.

The course was planned and carried out by our members. Each one was responsible for certain things such as obtaining project material, operation of equipment, and setting up displays. Much use was made of conservation department movies, Explorer training filmstrips, and BOYS' LIFE reprints.

The final session was a stag social. Forty Explorers and their Advisors, representing five Posts, were awarded training certificates.

Sea Explorer Rescue

By Oscar Eklund, Skipper
Ship 5, Hoquiam, Wash.

Quotation from newspaper:

"Westport, Aug. 20 — The Hoquiam Sea Explorer boat, the *Albatros*, was responsible for towing a small skiff from the end of the south jetty early Saturday morning and, according to Edgar Klock, commanding officer of the Westport lifeboat station, can be credited with saving the lives of three sports fishermen who were in the small boat.

"A wave had covered the boat and killed the outboard engine. Fortunately the *Albatros* was close by and saw the distress immediately. The men were taken aboard the Sea Explorer boat, and a tow line was put on the skiff, which was brought to the Westport moorage. Klock expressed sincere gratitude for the assistance given the Coast Guard."

Taking Over the City

By Ed Strang, Assistant Advisor
Post 33, Derby, Conn.

One of our annual Blue Ribbon Events is when the Post takes over the city for a day. This is a culmination of a citizenship class that runs for three months.

These classes, started five years ago, run from November to February. One of our committeemen, an ex-senator, conducts them. Each Explorer in meeting the Citizenship requirements, attends meetings of the boards of education, aldermen, and apportionment.

Our mayor backs us up to the limit. Two years ago our Explorer mayor ordered several new trucks for the street department.

The Explorer who was elected police commissioner decided to inspect all cells in the police department. While he was in one, another fellow jokingly closed the door. It was an extra cell, never used.

When the door clanged shut, the "commissioner" was in trouble, for there was no key to that cell. The police tried a crow bar and other methods but had no luck. Finally two hours later, someone discovered some old keys around the station. They were tried, and lo and behold, one of them opened the cell door. It was a much relieved police commissioner (for a day) who stepped out of the cell.

Every Explorer participating received the warmest cooperation from the official whose place he was taking. The fellows learned more about city government in one day than they would pick up in school in several months.

TV For Explorer

By Leonard G. Tarczynski, Advisor
Post D-14, Dearborn, Mich.

In July, 1950, one of our Explorers, Jack Beadle, was critically injured while swimming. It was quite a shock to our Post when we heard that a healthy, normal American boy, who so thoroughly enjoyed athletics, dancing, and piano, had a broken spine.

Our Post began a "Jack Beadle Fund" to help defray hospital expense. With proceeds from a paper drive we purchased a television set for his room. Since he has returned home we visit him twice a week and hold our regular meetings with him. (See picture below.)