OLD-TIMER'S ALMANAC

The Summer Quarter —
June
July
August

Acquisitions of
Old-Timer on
Aquatics
Encampments
Freedom

STARS IN THE SUMMER QUARTER

DATES	HOLIDAYS, SPECIAL EVENTS
June 14	Flag Day
June 15	Father's Day
June 21	Summer Begins
July 1	1952 is ½ gone
July 4	Independence Day
July 24	Pioneer Day
August 1	Lammas Day
August 19	Aviation Day
August 23	Dog Days End
August	Fall Program Planning Time

OLD-TIMER'S WORDS OF WISDOM

This year summer comes on Saturday — and nobody ever took a trip unless they went somewhere. The shortest trip I ever heard uv was from an upright position to a horizontal one. Unless you plan a trip now, your program will probably wind up flat on its nose.

Even if some of ye Explorers are workin' — short fishin' trips or overnights or supper sessions (a cookout and song fest) or canoe cruises with yer best gal in the moonlight can be worked out. Shux man, even you and uer wife could have fun on a deal like that with the gang.

People travel hundreds of miles to see yer country. Take a gander at the license plates iffen you don't believe me. Why don't you git out and start yer Explorin' in ye "back yard," so ter speak, if you're not goin' to Philmont or to a Regional Canoe Base.

Adventure is where you find it — don't fergit no matter where you go, you drags yorself right along.

Whole families are plannin' to go to the Explorer Leader Trainin' Conference at Philmont Ranch this summer. If you want to hear more about puttin' trainin' and family vacation together, ask yer Scout Executive. Or look back in SCOUTING Magazine, page 4 of the December issue and page 24 of the January issue.

There just can't be any feelin' comparin' with the tingle that goes up my spine when I crumble the garden dirt in my fingers, or feel the squishin' uv mud between my toes when I cool off my feet while fishin'. Shux, this is home — this is the place where your kids and mine are growin' up. This is America, the country everybody blasts fer this and that. But it's still the best place in the world!

There's nothin' wrong with our country that we can't straighten out. Nuthin'! Let's you and me form a team — sort uv a Liberty's team — and get on the job. You'll find some good jobs to git at, like "Git Out the Vote" and such, in the program plannin' section. Also ye want to git yer Unit Rating Plan and see how yer Unit is progressin' on this here "Forward on Liberty's Team." T'warn't nuthin' put down on that list 'ceptin what will strengthen yer Explorer Unit.

We want to git our young fellows thinkin' right and facing up to their future with faith — faith in themselves and the faith of their fathers.

CANDID OPINIONS AND CANDIED PHRASES

Some people spurt information 's tho it wuz facks when all they know's what the last three hairs on a dog's tail is called dog hairs.

Well, it's purty plain when a bunch of Explorers votes for a lot of campin' and outdoor events, that's what they like. An' it's purty plain when another bunch votes fer socials all the time, that they like their parties.

If you sit yerself down and ask what you like, it'll come out purty plain that you go some p'~ces 'cause you like them, and you stay away from others because you don't like what they do there.

So let your Explorers plan what they want to do. Then help 'em do it. Shucks, you can steer 'em into new fields wunce in awhile. You know if you hit the four activity fields in program planning at least once durin' the year, yer doin' purty good — as long as the fellows are doin' things they like.

Progress in larnin' or doin' always starts with the gang going from where they are, *to where they want to go* — to where they ought to be. Leave out the middle step and you might as well stay to home.

QUARTERLY PLANNING

FOR SUMMER MONTHS

High Adventure

May is one of the four big program planning months of the year when quarterly calendars are set up. Hold your May business meeting early, so officers and Planning Committee chairmen can be elected soon enough to start June-July-August plans on time.

In scheduling events allow for members being at camp or on trips with their families, or having summer jobs.

Summer is the season when most Explorers hold their High Adventure — expedition, cruise, Philmont trip, trail hike, auto tour, historical trip, canoe cruise or whatever the annual big event is. Usually this is planned months ahead, but final preparations need to be followed through now. There's still time to organize a High Adventure from scratch if your gang can work fast and furiously.

For help on this adventure organization, see: *Explorer Leaders Program Notebook* pages 20-21, 120-122; *Council and District Explorer Events* pages 6-13, 46-47; *Explorer Manual* chapters 1, 16; filmstrip *Planning an Explorer Expedition;* and *Application for Tour Permit* (Cat. No. 4419).

FILLING YOUR CALENDAR — Pages pictured at the right, from the *Explorer Leaders Program Notebook*, will help fill your calendar during the next three months. Further suggestions are given in the quarterly edition of Old-Timer's Almanac on page 29 of this issue, and Blue Ribbon Events on page 36. Pop Projects on pages 34-35 are good summer activities.

OUTDOOR SOCIALS — Picnics, splash parties, watermelon feeds, corn roasts, clam bakes, are "old stuff" to many Explorer groups. Maybe they're old because they're "good stuff" on anybody's summer schedule. Any of them can be stag or with the girls, or with whole families invited. On any of these programs, there are games, stunts, songs, campfires, in which everybody takes part.

TURN BACK IN THIS ISSUE — Pages 24 and 26 have ideas that may just meet your program needs. The Hoe-Down community demonstration can readily be adapted to Explorer activities. The new Back Pressure Arm Lift Method of artificial respiration is especially timely for the swimming and boating season.

BOYS' LIFE

Among the program ideas in BOYS' LIFE, the annual fish derby may suggest various fishing contests that you can run during the summer — dad and son, inter-Crew, Unit champion, District champion, etc. These can be run under the same rules given in BOYS' LIFE. Anyone younger than 19 may enter the derby. Grand prize of the 34 awards is an outboard motor.

Features of special interest to Explorers in the May issue are "That Nature Merit Badge," "Canada and Back by Bike," "Slide" by Phil Rizzuto, "Flight of the Penguin" (a ground trainer plane), "They Bring Back Sharks Alive" (Explorers collecting for a marine museum), "How to Remove a Fishhook," Make a deck bucket and an under water viewer, BOYS' LIFE Photo Contest, and "Here's Exploring."

Explorer features in the June BOYS' LIFE are "Indian Camping," "Robin Hood Was Good Too" (archery), "North of the Border" (Canadian Camporee), "Ready on the Firing Line" (riflery), "Backwoods Super Market" (survival hike), "Small Boat Sailing," "What's Cookin'" (outdoor recipes), "Take Your Camera to Camp," "Arm Bands and Anklets" (Indian gear), "Fileting Fish," "Fish Derby," "So You're Stuck With the Dishes" (camp dishwashing), "Hobby Hows," and how to make an "Outdoor Cooking Kit" and "Beach Clogs."

HOW TO BUILD SMALL BOATS Written by Edson I. Schock and published by A. S. Barnes & Co., New York, 137 pages, $4.95. A comprehensive book on the how-to-do for amateur builders. Explains tools, equipment, materials, and how to do each step of the job. Contains complete plans of twelve boats for rowing, sailing, outboard motoring, and ice boating.

SUMMER QUARTER

JUNE

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June 14—Flag Day
June 15—Father's Day

JULY

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July 4—Independence Day

AUGUST

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High Adventure

Expeditions, Cruises, Tours, Trips and Summer Activities. The summer time is an opportunity for Explorers to put into practice many of the skills they have learned all winter, whether it be camping, social, service or on a job. PHILMONT is one of the greatest Explorer adventures.

Here are several suggestions in the four fields of Committee Planning.

PROGRAM IDEAS

Outdoor

Philmont
Swim Meet
Regatta
Nature Trip
Boating & Sailing
Archery
Fishing Trip
Photography Trip
Long Cruises
Historical Trip
Docks
Ports
Forests & Parks
Fish Hatcheries

Social

Water Ski
Song Fests
Campfires
Splash Party
Picnics, Mothers
Joint Social
Stag Party
Roller Skating
Canoe or Boat Party
Archery (co-ed)
Bowling
Scavenger Hunt
Bike Trip (co-ed)
Attend Baseball Game

Service

Model Plane Meet
Emergency Units
County Fair First Aid Units
Camp Leadership
Ushering
Trail Building
Canoe and Boat Demonstration Team
Help with Cub Scout Pack outings
Teach children to swim

Indoor

Airports and Air Bases
Naval Stations
Weather Bureau
Observations
Radio Stations
Broadcasts
Power Plants
Factories
Manufacturing Plants
Gov't Offices
Community Offices
Boat Building
In August elect Officers and Program Planning Chairman, and plan Annual and Fall Quarter Programs.

May Roundtable

Should be held at a military base, university, fish hatchery, forestry headquarters, etc.

HIGHLIGHT: Explorer Encampment

OPENING: 15 minutes
Registration and introduction of new members
Introduction of hosts at base, college, etc.
Explorer Citizenship Pledge (*Explorer Manual*)

EXHIBITS & DEMONSTRATIONS: 60 minutes
Tour of facilities

HIGHLIGHT PRESENTATION: 20 minutes
Discussion of *Guide To Explorer Encampments*
(Copy from Local Council or Explorer Service)

PARTICIPATION: 60 minutes
Depends on facilities available; i.e.: at Air Force base, use Link trainer, or take orientation flight

OLD-TIMER'S IDEA: 10 minutes
"Respect For Other People's Property"
(Copy from current *Explorer Roundtable Ideas*)

CLOSING: 10 minutes
Announcements. Thanks to hosts. Benediction.

June Roundtable

Co-ed event at Local Council camp

HIGHLIGHT: Co-ed Water Meet

EXHIBITS: 60 minutes
Tour of Council camp

DEMONSTRATE & DO: 60 minutes
Boating, canoeing, swimming, fishing

OPENING: 60 minutes
Registration and picnic supper

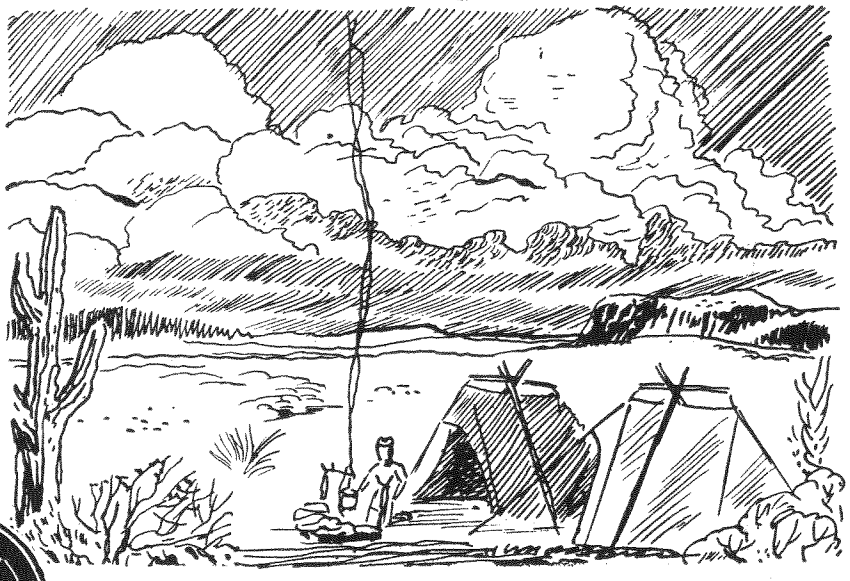
HIGHLIGHT PRESENTATION: 30 minutes
Planning a Co-ed Water Meet (see *Council and District Explorer Activities,* (Cat. No. 3145)

PARTICIPATION: 40 minutes
Campfire — Sweetheart songs, tall stories, discussion of Order of the Arrow

OLD-TIMER'S IDEA (at campfire): 10 minutes
Appreciation of Leadership

CLOSING: 5 minutes
Announcements of next Roundtable
Song — "Let Me Call You Sweetheart"

Explorers in



WHEN A NORMAL YOUNG FELLOW reaches Explorer age his feeling of independence has grown apace with his stature. That's one reason why many Local Councils and Districts depend on the help of the young men themselves, in planning Council and District Explorer Events.

Explorers sit down with their Advisors and representatives of the Council or District Camping and Activities Committee, and work out a schedule for the next three to six months. The "stockholders" of the "company" then have a vote in its policies.*

As examples of what is being done, we give you programs from the Tulsa Area Council, Tulsa, Oklahoma; Rocky Mountain Council, Pueblo, Colorado; Tukabatchee Council, Montgomery, Alabama. You see, it's being done all around the country, this planning for "Explorers by Explorers."

Tulsa Area Council

Besides Philmont Ranch and Minnesota canoe trips, the Council conducted an Explorer Trek. This was a series of various kinds of trips from a base camp, topped off with a big picnic party. Here's the schedule for each party.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON — Arrive at Council Camp Garland for medical recheck, swim, and boat instructions for float trip and other briefing.

MONDAY — Go by truck 30 miles to Grand River. Take to rowboats for two-day float trip. Stop at designated campsites where food and supplies are left.

TUESDAY — Complete float trip to lower camp for transportation by truck back to Camp Garland.

WEDNESDAY — Leave early for rugged 15-mile back pack trip to Grand River opposite new Explorer camp. Take ferry across and set up camp.

THURSDAY — Competition in fishing, rowing, canoeing, rifle markmanship.

FRIDAY — Back to Camp Garland by truck for swimming, water sports, moskeeto (trap shooting with .22 rifle). Get ready for co-ed party. In the afternoon Senior Girl Scouts and Campfire Girls arrive by bus. Program includes field sports, swimming and games. Picnic chicken dinner is prepared by the camp. In the evening there is a party in the dining hall, with folk dancing, canasta, bridge, ping pong, a song fest, and refreshments. Girls leave by bus.

SATURDAY — Return home after breakfast.

Say, wouldn't you like to be in on that Trek? Here's what you'd have to do.

1. Explorers register by Units with own adult leadership. Units are combined into parties of 75 for each trip.

*For details of this planning procedure see *Hints on Explorer Leadership* pages 61-63; *Council and District Explorer Activities* pages 4-5.

Summer Camp

2. Fee is $8, which includes boats, trucking, and picnic party. Units furnish and prepare own food the rest of the time.

3. A committee of Explorers and girls plan the program for the picnic party.

Rocky Mountain Council

In this Council Explorers had a Big Lake Explorer Camp, attended the Philmont Sports Tournament, camped at the State Fair Diamond Jubilee, and held encampments at Peterson Field.

These highlights of the Big Lake Camp indicate it was real Exploring. The camp is nestled high in the Colorado Rockies at the headwaters of the Conejos River. You go 45 miles from the nearest town to Bill McEntyre's ranch, then 2½ miles to Big Lake. The lake is alive with trout, rainbows, brooks, and natives. This is the schedule.

SUNDAY — Check in at base camp for medical recheck and dinner.

MONDAY — Get mountain legs and breathing.

TUESDAY — Bill McEntyre brings a string of saddle and pack horses from his ranch. Half the Explorers pick their mounts and hit the trail with Bill. They are off to timberline where dudes seldom venture. They wind through canyons, tall spruce and pine forests, cross roaring streams, break out into grassy mountain meadows where deer and elk graze. Finally they arrive at a clear blue lake in the crater of an ancient volcano.

WEDNESDAY — First group returns to Big Lake Camp in the evening.

THURSDAY-FRIDAY — Second group takes the never to be forgotten horseback trip.

Tukabatchee Council

Jabberwock was the name of the Explorer week at the Council camp, following the regular periods. The name was different and so was the program. The Jabberwock terms make sense if you study them a bit. See if you can figure this schedule out:

MONDAY — Operation Snug — Register, Gang-bunkus, Aqua-rate, Physio-check, Mess-itis.

TUESDAY — Operation Sho-Do, Ramble-onus, Cook-andus, Doo-gadgets, Swim-kins, Hook-reelax.

WEDNESDAY — Operation Aquatic, Swim-remus, Row-backuss, Paddle-dookus, Instructo-putt-putt, Sail-ho, Pow-wow.

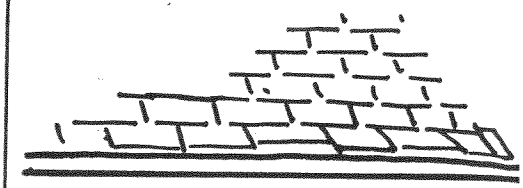
THURSDAY — Operation Make-Use-It — Skin-um, Carv-it, Fun-a-ma-jigs, Squaw-pretties, Free-Lance.

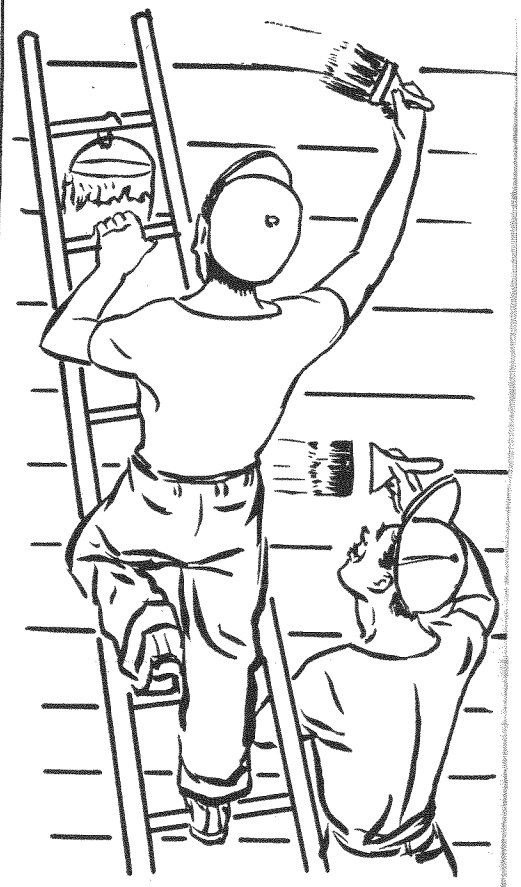
FRIDAY — Operation Win-Um-Ribbon — Archery, Rifle, Skeet, Track and Field, Softball, Golf, Basketball, Casting, Cycling, Stunt-ology.

SATURDAY — Operation Sugar — Him-n-her games, Picnic-eatus, Swim-boat-fish-date, Him-her totum, Buffet-banquo, Big-barn-shuffle.

SUNDAY — Operation God-Nature — Church services, nature study, H_2O program, Scram.

POP





Mr. Jerry Timkins

Toothache Avenue

East Burlap, Ohio

Dear Dad:

The Explorers of Post 44 are developing a list of things that need to be done around our houses with the thought in mind that we might help you get some of these odd jobs done.

We could make a list of suggested things, but we're willing to do any job (within our abilities) you ask us to do. So we're suggesting that you fill out the enclosed card listing the project you'd like us to do. We'll work out the time and details to suit your convenience.

There are six fellows in our Crew and all will work at your house for three or four hours either after school or on Saturday according to your schedule and our available time.

Sincerely yours,

Bill Jones,
Crew One
Explorer Post 44

P.S. You furnish the material.
We furnish the labor for free.

Mr. Jerry Timkins

Toothache Avenue

East Burlap, Ohio

Dear Dad:

We are in receipt of your Pop Project Card and are pleased to report that your son's Crew consisting of six Explorers will report at 8:00 A.M. on Saturday, May 24 ready to go to work.

Your son will tell you what to have ready for us in the way of equipment.

Yours truly,

Jim Eclaire
Senior Crew Leader
Post 44

POP PROJECTS POST 44

Thank you for your offer.
I would like you to -

Repair and paint the trellis
or upgrade my garden plot say 20'x20'
or paint the garage
or paint the inside of house

I will furnish materials.
Saturday May 24 (Date) will be the most convenient time for me.

Signed Jerry Timkins
Address Toothache Ave

POP PROJECTS

"IT'S A WONDER you can't do something around the house once in a while — always traipsin' off . . . " Where have we heard that before?

One of the Explorers came into our planning session the other night grumbling to himself about the unfairness of the older generation. With little or no persuasion he unburdened his soul. Once started, several others admitted their Dads, too, had made some such suggestion.

Dick suggested maybe the Dads were right. "After all," said he, "I'm always ducking out to play basketball or baseball or leaving for an overnight hike. And with my part-time job I guess maybe I don't help around the house any more than I have to."

To make a long story short, the fellows decided it would be a pleasant surprise to devote a series of Saturdays to "Pop Projects." Surprise did I say? It caught some of the Dads so flat-footed they couldn't think right off what they wanted done.

Here is the plan we developed for our second series of projects.

Pop Projects Plan

1. *Letter and Card mailed to Dad or presented to Dad by his son.*
2. *All cards are returned by deadline date.*
3. *Work is placed on calendar and time set for the job. (Perhaps more than one can be completed in one day.)*
4. *Dads are notified of date and hour.*
5. *Whole Crew reports, completes job, cleans up afterwards. (If fed on the job, they do the dishes. Will mother be surprised?)*
6. *Move on to next project. (Each Crew reports to every home represented in their Crew.)*

The jobs we had to do ranged from fixing an oval flowerbed to painting a spare room in an attic.

These Pop Projects turned out to be a stimulant for our Unit in many ways.

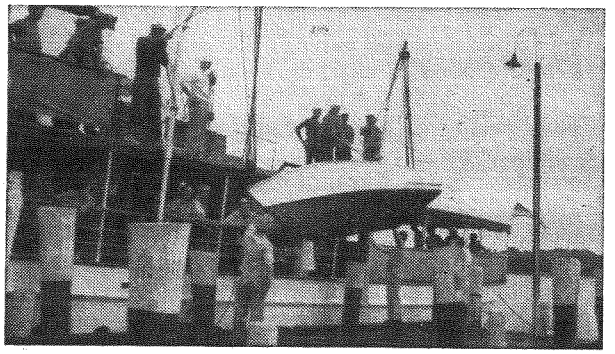
What the projects did for "parent relationships" far outweighed the time we spent setting them up. Besides getting acquainted with all of the Explorers in a Crew, the parents had a chance to ask questions about some of the Explorer plans.

One Dad said to me, "You know, I'd forgotten how important 'big talk' is to a teen-ager until that Crew reminded me of my old gang."

You can bet that the Pop Projects will continue in our Unit because the Explorers wouldn't do without them now. We suggest you copy the letters and cards shown here, or set up your own. We think you'll get results too.

BLUE RIBBON EVENTS

Says one Advisor from New Hampshire, "The Blue Ribbon Events department is a terrific idea, particularly when Units are new in the game. It's like a big Round-table where everyone is passing around ideas and helping the other fellow." That's how we want it to be. It will be, too, if you send in your best event. You'll get a "thank you" certificate.



Educational Excursion

By Pierre A. Fontaine, Advisor, Post 41
Greenland Hills Methodist Church, Dallas, Texas

Our Outdoor Committee made arrangements with an airline for an educational excursion. A party of twenty of us took off from the airport at 9:00 Saturday morning. During the flight we were shown how the plane flies on instruments. We landed at Ardmore, Oklahoma, 120 miles from home about two hours later.

The airline had a school bus waiting which took us to a Herford ranch. Next we explored the nearby Arbuckle Mountains and the Plat National Park where rangers showed us the buffalo herd, ancient Indian village excavations, and the museum.

That night we camped at Lake Murray State Park. We were guests at the lodge during the evening where the fellows played table games. Early Sunday morning several of us stalked some deer and took some colored slides.

Later we went to the First Methodist Church of Ardmore. Two pews had been reserved for us, and the pastor recognized the Explorers with a short explanation of the idea back of Exploring.

Sunday afternoon was devoted to horseback riding. At 4:30 we boarded the DC-3 for the return flight to Dallas. The trip was very economical, everything included for $11 per person.

Yacht Cruise

By David H. Glatfelter, Skipper, Ship 17
YMCA Anchor Club, York, Pennsylvania

One of those activities we only dream about came true. A local manufacturer purchased a 95-foot diesel yacht. We asked him about a cruise for the Sea Explorers. He agreed to furnish the yacht, crew, oil, and dock rentals. Four Ships from York-Adams Area assembled their members for a five-day cruise, starting from Annapolis, Maryland.

Under way during the day the Explorers had their duties as crew, and also sessions in navigation, seamanship, and rope work. Day and night watches were a new experience to the fellows. Evening shore leaves in the bay towns made a hit with them.

Returning to Annapolis, we contacted the Naval Academy for a tour. This was arranged, including a dinner with the Middies and a swim in their pool.

Time Capsule

By Bob Knutson, Secretary, Post 71
Lions Club, Little Falls, Minnesota

Last summer we camped in the northern part of the state on Star Island in Cass Lake. On the island is another lake, making a lake within a lake. While we were there, we planted a time capsule.

The capsule was nothing more than a two-inch pipe about 18 inches long with a cap on each end. In it a scroll was inserted containing the names of those on the trip, also messages to fellows who would make subsequent trips.

Now the trick is for the fellows going up this year to find the capsule with the aid of a compass and directions left at the camp. The new fellows will have the fun of the hunt as well as compass practice. Anyone finding it has the right to add his name and a message on the scroll. Our rookies are anxious to see if they can find the capsule.

Gila Wilderness Trek

By David O. Scott, Advisor, Post 114
Kiwanis Club, Silver City, New Mexico

Eleven Explorers and their Advisor took the Post's annual trek into the rugged Gila Wilderness Area. They back-packed their food, beds, and fly rods. While exploring the Gila National Forest they enjoyed some of the best fishing in New Mexico. The trip culminated in several of the older fellows earning the Outdoor Rating.