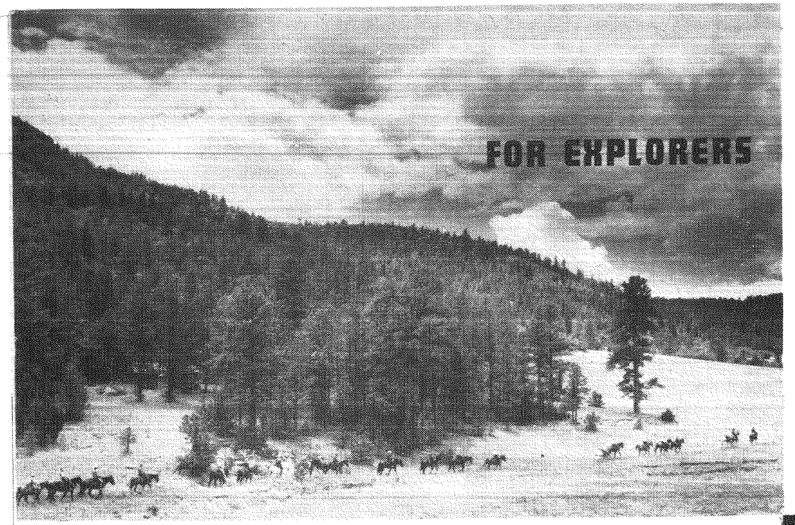

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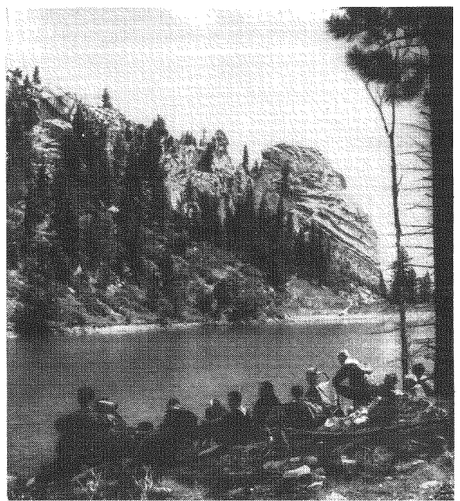

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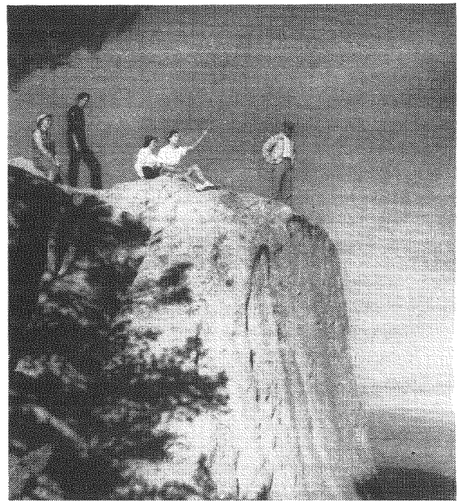

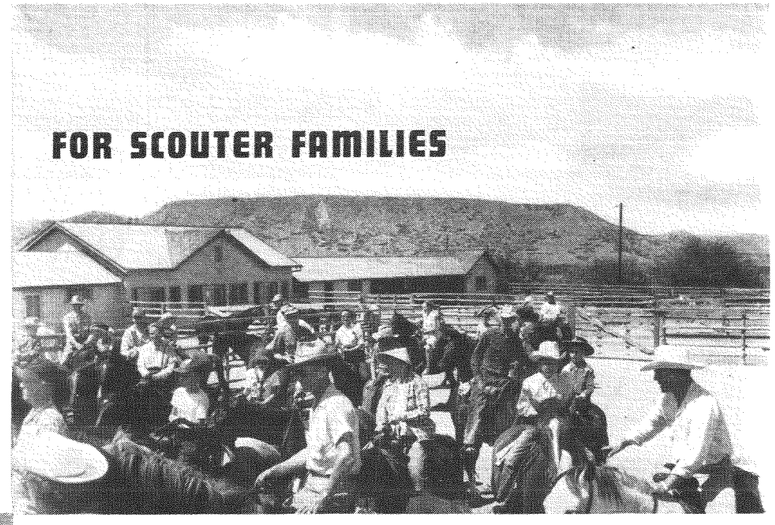

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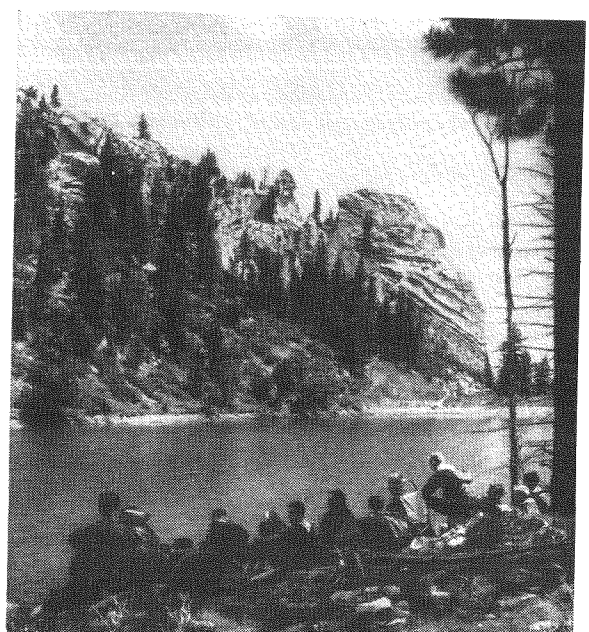

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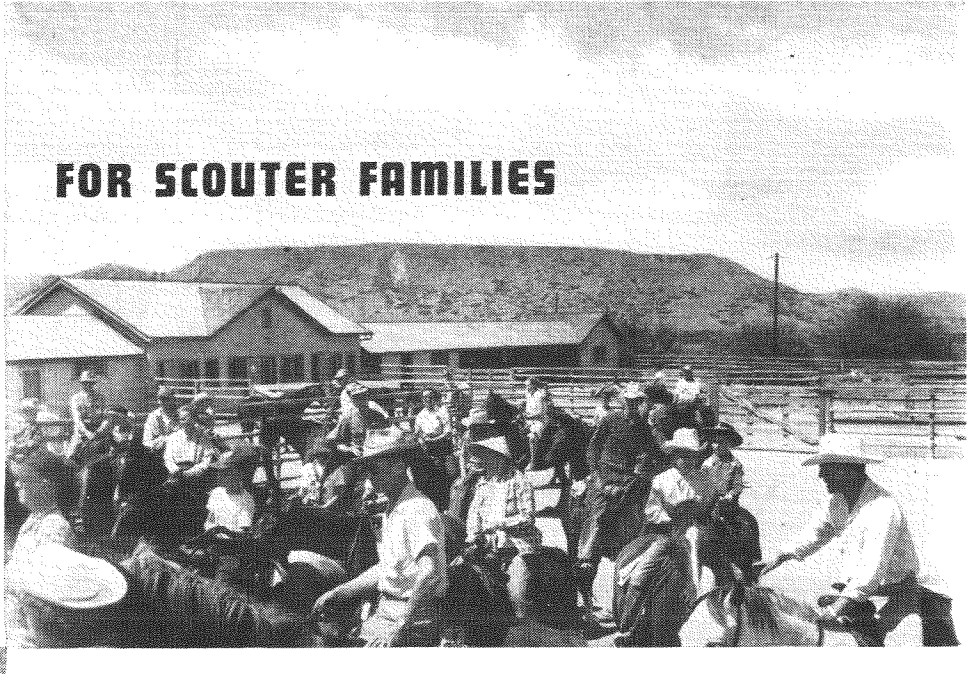

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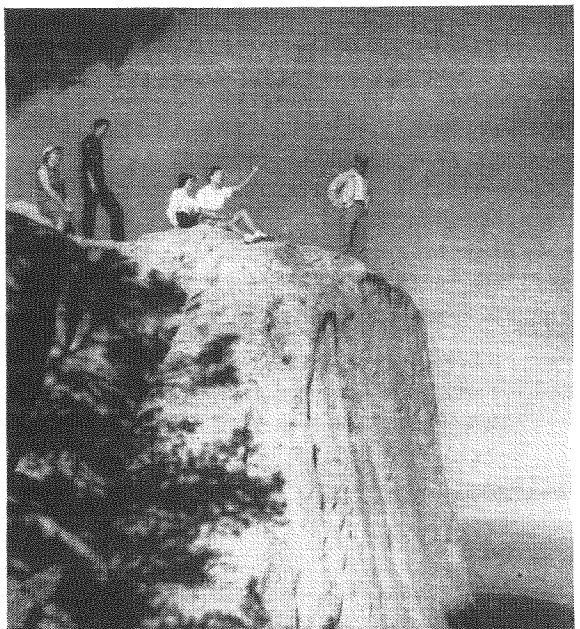

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1955 Insignia and Uniform Changes

By HERBERT W. LUNN
Recording and Corresponding Secretary Committee on Insignia and Uniform

HERE AGAIN IS THE YEAR-END RELEASE to Scouters dealing with insignia and uniform changes authorized by the Executive Board during 1955.

Miniature Webelos Pin

A miniature gold-finished metal Webelos pin was authorized for wearing by the mothers of those Cub Scouts reaching that rank. No. 115.

Star Scout Badge for Green Uniform

Embroidered badge on forest-green background to match Explorer uniform. No. 5638.

Life Scout Badge

Embroidered badge with khaki background material eliminated. Heart outline of design only for wearing on all uniforms. No. 299.

Aquatic Instructor Badge

Embroidered badge issued only on orders approved by the Volunteer Training Service. Available through New Brunswick Supply Service warehouse. No. 148.

Summer Headgear for Scouts, Explorers, and Leaders

(a) A lightweight summer cap with visor was authorized for the use of Boy Scouts, Explorers, and leaders as a summer fatigue headgear.

(b) A lightweight helmet was authorized for the use of Boy Scouts, Explorers, and leaders as a summer fatigue headgear.

The color of this headgear (cap and helmet) is to be announced.

This summer headgear is to be worn only when the intense heat of the sun is unbearable. However, it must not be worn at unit meetings, color ceremonies, courts of honor, other formal or ceremonial occasions, or for town or city meetings.

Contest Medals

The supply of contest and award medals carried by the Supply Service Division for many years was entirely eliminated and discontinued. In their place, twelve contest medals for awarding to Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, and Explorers were authorized. The Cub Scout medal includes the universal insignia of Cub Scouting and is to be suspended by a ribbon of blue and gold. The Boy Scout medal includes the universal insignia of Boy Scouting and is to be suspended by a ribbon of red and white. The Explorer medal includes the universal insignia of Exploring and is to be suspended by a ribbon of red and blue.

A general medal is to be made available without insignia, suspended by a blue ribbon.

Each of these medals is to be made up in bronze-, silver-, and gold-finished metal.

Alpha and Omega Award

On recommendation of the Division of Relationships, the Committee on Insignia and Uniform recommended and the Executive Board approved the wearing of the Alpha and Omega Award by Boy Scouts and Explorers of the Eastern Orthodox Catholic Church. This award was designed by Church authorities and has the endorsement of the four metropolitan archbishops of the Church in the North American Continent.

45-Year Veteran Pin

The design of the 45-year veteran pin was approved. No. 5032.

Ground Observer Corps Insignia

Explorers and Scouters serving as officially registered members of the Ground Observer Corps may wear the "wings" insignia on the left breast, centered ½ inch above the service stars. Available from Office of Civilian Defense—not through Supply Service.

FLAGS

Webelos Den Flag

A Webelos den flag for the use of Webelos dens was made official. No. 1127.

Veteran Flag Emblems

Emblems for 45-year unit flags. Small, No. 77. Large, No. 78.

Commissioners' Flags Discontinued

All special flags for Scout commissioners, district commissioners, and other local council officers (except Sea Exploring leaders) were discontinued by action of the Executive Board. *END*