Scout Shorts

SCOUTING IN ACTION. These Scout Shorts pages are a cross section of our program in action. Announcements, information, healthy examples of good Scouting. We welcome good items and pictures.

YOUNG MAN WITH A WILL. An example of what can be done by teen-agers in the Ground Observer Corps program is Joseph J. Herczeg, supervisor of Observation Post 33 at La Grange, Indiana.

Joe, a sixteen-year-old freshman at La Grange High School, accepted his present duties as post supervisor when the post had become inactive.

Within six months he had thirty active observers, thanks to the help of the county Civil Defense director and his fellow high-school students. (Most of the observers in this post are students.) Think of Joe when you hear someone say, "Nothing can be done in our town."

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HERO'S SON AN EAGLE. Explorer Colin P. Kelly III looks at a photo of his father, famed flying hero of World War II. The son, 15, has just received his Eagle Scout Award at St. John's Episcopal Church in Concordville, Pennsylvania.

WATCH FOR IT. Sometime this year the *National Geographic Magazine* will run a story about Philmont Scout Ranch.

HISTORIC SITES. Tukabatchee Council, Montgomery, Alabama, issues to units a booklet listing thirty-nine sites for historic pilgrimages in the council. A district pilgrimage to Andrew Jackson's home on Constitution Day resulted in a series of Constitution Day programs throughout the county the next year.

EAGLES COME HOME TO ROOST. Among the nine troops in Lafayette, California, six have Scoutmasters who became Eagle Scouts when they were boys.

CONGRATULATIONS, VEEP. Our honorary vice president, Amory Houghton, has received the Bronze Wolf, highest award for services to international Scouting. Only twelve have been awarded. This is the first to an American.

GREETINGS TO BURMA. The prime minister, U Nu, promises to deliver to the Scouting organization in Rangoon an American Scout statuette inscribed, "Greetings from the Boy Scouts of San Francisco to their fellow Scouts in Burma." The statuette and also an American Scout badge for the prime minister were presented by Scout Charles Breyer.

FLOOD RELIEF. Remember those northern California floods at Christmas time? As a sort of Christmas gift to the victims, 430 Explorers and Scouts of surrounding councils contributed 6,500 hours of relief work. In cooperation with the Red Cross and other service agencies the boys carried messages, kept records, helped in mobile canteens and field kitchens, sorted and distributed clothing, distributed food supplies, set up beds, entertained children, sorted mail, operated boats, and salvaged household goods.

Three hundred miles south of the floods, San Fernando Valley Council Cubs, Scouts, and Explorers answered the call of the state junior chamber of commerce for food, clothing, and blankets. Within four days they collected one hundred tons, which were shipped by air.

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY. The fiftieth birthday of the Boy Scouts of America in 1960 is approaching faster than you think. If you have any unusual ideas for celebrating it, the editor would like to have them.

A PENNY FOR OUR THOUGHTS. At the Lehigh Council camp in Pennsylvania the Order of the Arrow asked each camper to give a penny or more to Scouting's World Friendship Fund. During the summer $52 was collected. With over 800 Scout camps, if each contributed . . . oh, we're just dreaming out loud.

GOOD TURN ON WHEELS. Scout Milton Van Winkle stands back of his friend Ronnie Lawrance, just as he did every school day for seven months. Ronnie had casts on both feet during his first year in school. Milton saw him being wheeled by Mrs. Lawrance on the third day. He volunteered to furnish the power for the wheel chair to and from school. That he did faithfully, twenty minutes daily, for seven months. He is a Scout in Troop 4, Drexel Hill Baptist Church, Drexel Hill, Pennsylvania. Under that Second Class badge is a First Class heart.

REPORT TO THE NATION. Explorers from twelve regions with Chief Scout Executive and staff members meet in the national capital with members of President Eisenhower's cabinet to present Scouting's annual report.