MEMO ON EXPLORING

SUBJECT: IT CAN HAPPEN IN YOUR COUNCIL TOO

TO: EVERYBODY INTERESTED IN EXPLORING

FROM: NATIONAL EXPLORING SERVICE

NOTE: INDUSTRIAL SPONSORSHIP BY NATIONALLY KNOWN COMPANY

NOTE: HIGH SCHOOLS' COOPERATION

NOTE: TOP MEN OF COMPANY AND HIGH SCHOOLS JOIN HANDS TO HELP YOUNG MEN

NOTE: THEY FOLLOW A PLAN

NOTE: THEY MAKE IT FUN

NOTE: THEY USE THE EXPLORING MOVIE

NOTE: THEY "JOINED THE COUNCIL" WITH A COMPLETE ADULT ORGANIZATION WITH JOINT COMPANY-HIGH SCHOOL PARTICIPATION--IT'S BUILT TO LAST

NOTE: LOOK AT THE LEADERSHIP

MORAL: IF THEY HAD WAITED "TO ESTABLISH A CLIMATE" OR "UNTIL ALL FACTORS ARE SET" OR "TO SEE IF THE PROGRAM CATCHES ON," MOST OF THESE 50 BOYS WOULD HAVE ACQUIRED OTHER INTERESTS, BEEN IN COLLEGE, OR OTHERWISE NEVER HAVE KNOWN THE INFLUENCE OF THE EXPLORING PROGRAM

"THESE BOYS PASS THIS WAY BUT ONCE"

PS: REMEMBER THE TRADITIONAL SPONSORS THIS IS JUST A "FOR INSTANCE"

From Daily Homes News
October 18, 1959
New Brunswick, N.J.

Science Explorer Post Formed For Somerset School Boys

BOUND BROOK — The Bound Brook plant of the American Cyanamid Company has announced the formation of a Science Explorer Post of Boy Scouts under its sponsorship.

About 50 boys from the Bound Brook, Middlesex, Somerville, Manville and Bridgewater-Raritan high schools registered at the first meeting at the plant's auditorium.

Dr. A. G. Hill, plant manager, welcomed the new explorers, their parents, members of the unit's committee and leaders. He stated, "It is gratifying to see the spontaneous response of students, educators, and a number of our own people who are to act as leaders, consultants, and advisers. I am confident that much of value will be returned to all of you; and in having young men better prepared for increasing demands, long-range benefits will accrue to the community and to area industry."

Dr. Edward Groth of Cyanamid described the organizational steps of this post. He explained that members of the company as well as high school educators have been working on the plan for the past six months.

Dr. F. Adams, a research associate at Cyanamid, presented a colorful demonstration called "Color in Chemistry." He gave the explorers this introductory sample to show what future programs might be like.

A motion picture in color, "This is Exploring," was shown and H. D. Acaster, former executive of Cyanamid now retired, introduced the adult organization naming John Kondrick institutional representative for the company; Harold Kline, chairman of the unit committee, and Dr. R. L. Horton, assistant chairman. Serving as members of the unit committee are Vince Kaselis, Al Townsend, Dr. Groth, Dr. Charles Lewis, James O'Brien, Dr. Ralph Coleman, Dr. John Vorhies, Stanley Davis and Harold Darling, representing Cyanamid, and Joseph Sobel, Somerville High School; John Anderson, Manville; Jack Irion, Bridgewater - Raritan; Kenneth Adams and Joseph Barille, Bound Brook; Albert Taylor, Middlesex; John Kish, South Bound Brook, Al Tarbox, representing Union Carbide Company, and Peter Hough, representing Johns-Manville. Appointed as advisers were Clyde Conger, John Rodgers and Louis Ci... Cyanamid

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HE FOUND HIMSELF

NOT LONG AGO I called on a mother who had phoned the council office about her son. The father was a traveling man, and the mother was left at home with the son for days on end. She had reached the end of her patience trying to understand and help her son.

The boy was a six-foot teen-ager who had been in enough problem situations to be on the brink of taking the wrong road to adulthood. His grades in school were becoming increasingly poor. The school authorities had told the mother there was nothing wrong with his mental ability. He belonged to no club, team, or other group.

By this time the boy had become resigned to the idea that he was a misfit, unable to keep up with the rest of the boys in school.

"His life seems to have no pattern," his mother explained to me. "He has no interest in anything. Can you help? I'm desperate."

I talked to her about the Exploring program. A boy in his teens likes to know that he is needed and recognized as a young adult. The Exploring program fitted the needs of her teen-age son. This group of boys was busy on constructive projects that were recognized by the community as adult-size jobs.

Today, this boy—who a short time ago had no particular aim in life—is a member of an Explorer unit. His grades have reflected his new interest, and his newly acquired friends in Exploring have accepted him as one of them.

Scouting answered this boy's need through Exploring. The mother has found that her son is a confident young adult, able to express himself instead of withdrawing from the world around him. He could easily have taken the wrong fork in the road if it had not been for the Scouting program.

NORMAN B. McCORD
District Scout Executive
Palo Alto, California

"Social activities are fine, Johnson, but we can't specialize in girls."