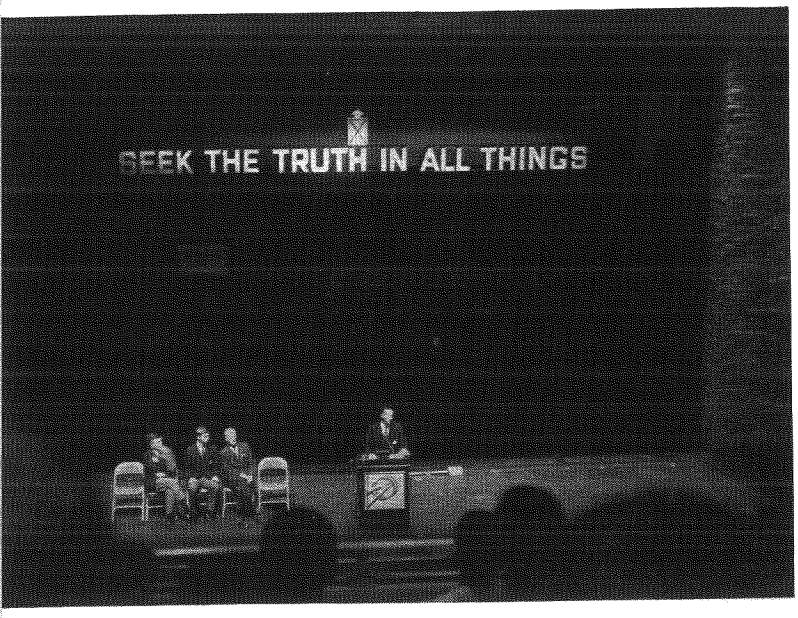

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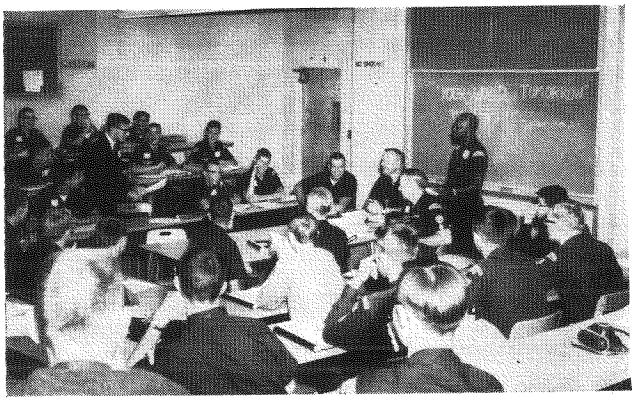
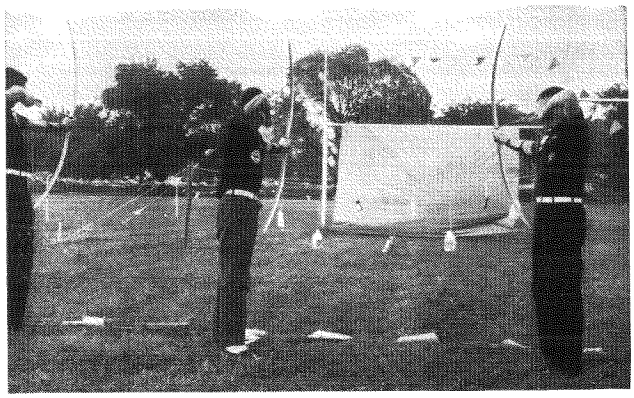


Heart of the conference was 50 discussion groups like this that democratically distilled delegates' ideas into the "Youth Measures Up" program of action.

Action archery, among a wide variety of competitive and instructive events, kept most delegates busy afternoons and provided trophies to 28 winners.



FROM THE MOMENT THE STEERING COMMITTEE APPEARED on the rising stage in the University of Kansas auditorium on August 16, the thousand delegates sensed this was no ordinary event.

When William H. Waller, Jr., the 17-year-old chairman of the Second National Explorer Delegates Conference, stirred them with an opening speech on the conference theme Seek the Truth in All Things, they felt they were part of a significant gathering.

Five days later, after 50 discussion groups had hammered out their "Youth Measures Up" program of action, they knew they had created a force that would reach into every Explorer post and even into other youth groups. This was Exploring's share in national youth leadership—an answer to the minority of hoodlums and delinquents.

Delegates were high-caliber young men. Almost half of them were student body or class presidents and more than half on varsity sports teams. More than three fourths ranked high scholastically. They conducted the conference themselves with a minimum of support from the 125 adults on the sidelines.

The steering committee, elected at 1963 regional conferences, who planned and lead the program at Kansas included Chairman Waller, Nashville, Tenn.; Michael L. Teadt, Toledo, Ohio; Robert Ross, Jr., San Lorenzo, Calif.; Norton Jones, Bartlesville, Okla.; James Telsey, Newtown, Conn.; Allyn Lewis, Hicksville, N. Y.; Robert A. Roth, Arlington Heights, Ill.; Timothy W. Armour, Lewiston, Idaho; Douglas J. Deutsch, Wachita, Kans.; Jeffrey A. Slusher, Blacksburg, Va.; Jim Reed, Decatur, Ga.; Larry G. Tanning, White Bear Lake, Minn.

The keynote speakers at the morning and evening assemblies were high caliber, too: Leslie B. Worthington, president of United States Steel Corporation; William H. Spurgeon III, vice-president of Irvine Company; Henry G. Felson, author of safe-driving books; Albert H. Sontag, regional federal Civil Service director; Major General Robert H. Warren, superintendent of the Air Force Academy; J. H. Browne, national Exploring director.

Topics introduced by the speakers were pursued by the discussion groups, each with 20 Explorers, an Explorer chairman, and an adviser. From the groups' recommendations reported daily, the steering committee drew up the "Youth Measures Up" program of action that was approved by the conference.

This program is presented (*below*) to the 315,000 Explorers back home to apply its action points and principles in post activities during the months ahead. Next spring they will report to their cabinets and regional delegate conferences on how they have proved that "Youth Measures Up."

The delegates heard experts and exchanged ideas in 15 electives on post and cabinet activities, post financing, international visits, Philmont expeditions, and emergency preparedness.

Serious deliberation was not the total agenda at Kansas —not with a thousand Explorers in one place! They competed in 28 skill events such as parliamentary procedure, weight lifting, oratory, trap shooting, good government, golf, and most popular—safe driving. They put on a variety show with their own talent, directed by Jeanine Zavrel, Miss Teenage America. They formed teams, each with nine Explorers from different regions, for Scramble—competition in the six experience areas of Exploring. They politicked two evenings in the dorms and met in regional conventions to elect chairmen, vice-chairmen, and secretaries for the 1965 regional conferences.

With the whack of the final gavel, the delegates at this second national conference could say positively that they had sought together the truth in citizenship, in the world of tomorrow, and in Exploring. Their findings would be of practical experience to them and well worth sharing with others. Above all the conference would be a lasting inspiration to them.

"YOUTH MEASURES UP" program of action

We, the representatives of the Exploring program of the Boy Scouts of America, in order to help shape the character of tomorrow's men and to help build a better world, do challenge every Explorer with this program of action:

KNOW the democratic procedures of the United States and keep informed on current legislation. Perform your duty to our country by obeying its laws and supporting its Constitution.

DEVELOP a strong personal attitude of unselfish and unsolicited service to others.

UPHOLD the freedoms expressed in the Bill of Rights and demonstrate an appreciation for the contributions of life and effort made by our forefathers.

LIVE for what you believe by practicing patriotism, civic responsibility and respect to the flag. Recognize the privilege of the vote and prepare to assume its responsibilities.

PRACTICE your faith, for the best kind of citizen recognizes his obligation to God. Herein lies America's strength.

EXEMPLIFY in your conduct and utterances an appreciation and respect for the differences that make America great.

SHOW a consideration for your fellowmen and be thoughtful in your day-to-day relationships, including highway courtesy. Know and practice good social customs.

BE an ambassador of goodwill, welcome exchange students, study other languages and cultures, correspond with other peoples, and contribute to international understanding through such programs as Scouting's World Friendship Fund.

COOPERATE with conservation agencies and develop a personal sense of responsibility for our land. Include conservation subjects in post programs and participate in projects promoting the preservation of our natural resources.

STRIVE for a high level of education, seek fields of learning that will strengthen your potential as a leader and as a well-informed, useful citizen.

INVESTIGATE educational opportunities, visit surrounding colleges, study scholarship programs, seek mature counsel.

EXPLORE vocations in our economic system through post specialties, career days, special speakers and consultants, and field trips to business and industry.

INCLUDE in post programs explanations of how competitive free enterprise is related to our freedom of opportunity and our prosperity.

WORK each day for a sound mind in a sound body; select active hobbies.

MAKE physical fitness fun, participate in individual and group sports—learn to swim, develop proficiency in carry-over sports.

HELP to make your ideals and the Exploring program into a vital force through the following:

PLAN and conduct public relations activities, using news media and personal appearances to inform sponsors, civic clubs, school assemblies, and public officials about your post, its objectives, and The Explorer Code.

ADOPT "Each man add one" as a post objective. Conduct a roundup and open house; encourage graduation into Exploring from Boy Scouting.

ESTABLISH friendly relations with packs and troops. Provide instructors and program features as may be helpful.

ELECT officers on the basis of leadership, personal integrity, moral fiber, and dedication to the ideals of Exploring.

PLAN all post activities carefully, well in advance, using the *Exploring* manual and quarterly for ideas; follow with a critique. Adopt the "Ready" program and be prepared to cooperate with emergency organizations.

REDEDICATE yourself to learning, discussing, defending, and applying the ideals and standards contained in the Scout Oath and Law, The Explorer Code and motto.

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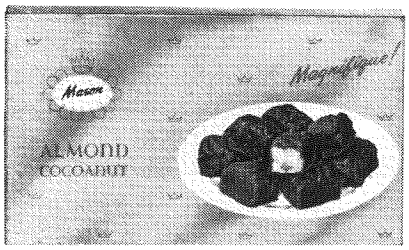

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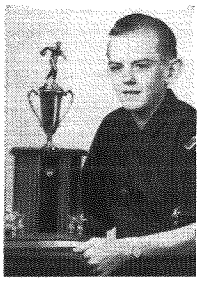

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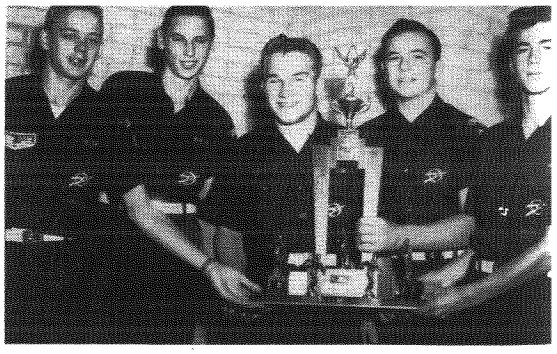

WHEN 532 FIVE-MAN TEAMS of 2,660 Explorers mailed in their scores for the fourth annual Explorer bowling tournament, Post 222, Round Lake, Ill., and Raymond Campbell, Provo, Utah, proved to be national champions. The tournament is sponsored by the American Junior Bowling Congress and the Boy Scouts of America.

Campbell *(left)* on Post 2053's team in Provo rolled a scratch series of 245-246-243 for a total of 734 pins. He has a high game of 289.

Post 222's team with a handicap of 711 scored 3,511. Team members above are *(left to right)* John Lewis, Bob Shutz, Mike Nolan, Randy Marchiori, and Scott Stalker as they received their trophies at the national Explorer delegate conference.

Information about the 1965 tournament will be given in the spring issue of the *Explorer Program Quarterly*. Entry blanks will be mailed to all Explorer Advisors by the AJBC.

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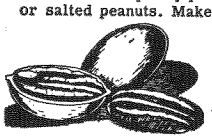

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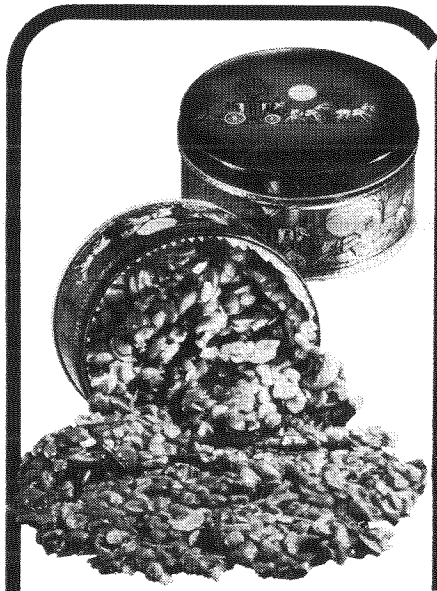

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