SCOUTERS' DIGEST

JOTA CONTACTS. For 18 years JOTA (Jamboree-on-the-Air) has been a successful event for Scouting's radio "hams" all over the world to chat with each other. Our own station, K2BSA, situated on the grounds of the BSA National Office in North Brunswick, N.J., last October logged an unusually large number of contacts.

Scouters Don Wright, Troop 44, Pennington, N.J., and Peter Shavney, Post 681, Glenside, Pa., with a crew of helpers deserve a special note of thanks. They manned K2BSA and reported: 631 total JOTA K2BSA contacts; and 1,652 total contacts of USA radio amateurs during JOTA, the biggest response ever.

Details on this year's JOTA will be announced in our September issue.

YOUTH WILL BE HEARD. A Topeka, Kans., Eagle Scout and an Ogden, Utah, Cub Scout were selected to represent the millions of youth members of the BSA. David Honigs, 17, Troop 59, Faith Lutheran Church, and Jeff Hunsaker, 10, Pack 262, Ogden 75th Ward of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, serve as National Youth Representatives for 1976.

The third youth rep is Larry Carpenter of Raleigh, N.C., a member of WRAL-TV Communications Post 5. Larry serves by virtue of his having been elected by his fellow Explorers as National Explorer President. His successor will be elected in March.

These three young men and 13 others — 12 regional winners of the Reader's Digest-BSA Public Speaking Contest and a conservation spokesman — rendered to President Gerald Ford and Congress our BSA 1975 annual report in February.

The 13 other Report to the Nation delegates were: Joseph E. Tofalo, Whitesboro, N.Y.; Joan McElvenny, Braintree, Mass.; Kevin S. Kreger, Homer, Mich.; Kathleen M. Henry, Bloomington, Ill.; Keith Sevedge, Kansas City, Kans.; Pamela Toler, Springfield, Mo.; William H. Cozart III, Greensboro, N.C.; Joe Bishop, Albany, Ga.; Paul Richardson, Dallas; Bill Clay, Copperas Cove, Tex.; Joseph T. Cusack, Scottsdale, Ariz.; David K. Butler, Sacramento, Calif.; and as conservation spokesman, Robert Gutierrez, Phoenix, Ariz.

The public speakers won in local and regional competition. The three youth members were chosen by local Scout council, area and regional selection committees. Scout councils have information on future selection procedures.

ANOTHER RECORD? Scouter Danny R. Beltz, Stroud, Okla., may have the most twins in any one troop in the nation. His Troop 36 has Alan and Keith Mauldin, Donnie and Ronnie Jones and Steve and David Kitchen. Any contenders for the title?

POISON PREVENTION WEEK. Mark March 14-20 as Poison Prevention Week. All Explorer, Cub and Scout units can make the period meaningful by encouraging parents to clean out all unusable or out-of-date household and garden poisons, helping adults store safely those that are kept, educating all young people about the dangers of poisons. A review of first aid for poisoning is also appropriate.

SOSSI. Scouts on Stamps Society International is a nonprofit organization of philatelists who specialize in stamps about Scouting. Membership is open to all interested in the topic. Dues are $3 a year and entitle you to a subscription to the *SOSSI Journal.* Send a stamped, self-addressed, long envelope for a sample copy of the journal and a membership form. Make checks or money orders payable to: Scouts on Stamps Society International, Dept. SM, 1000 Golfview Road, Glenview, Ill. 60025.

CORRECTION, PLEASE. For about two years we've advertised the booklet *Above Ground Archaeology* being offered free to Scout leaders. Now the publication must be purchased. It is 80 cents and is available from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402. It is a handy publication with a raft of hints on how to collect and display historical artifacts like documents, maps, photos, etc. The booklet dispels all notions that to gather such finds you need a pick and shovel. Especially appropriate for Bicentennial theme activities.

RAILROAD AWARDS. Three Scouts showed they were on the right track when they claimed top prizes in the Annual Scout Scholarship Grant Competition of the Railway Progress Institute. Paul H. Williams, 13, Bernardsville, N.J., won a $1,500 scholarship grant; David J. Harmer, Roseville, Calif., a $1,000 scholarship grant; and David R. Freyer, 17, Batavia, Ill., a $750 prize grant. Topic of the contest: "Why Are Railroads Important to the Nation?" Future contests will be announced in *Scouting.*

DIAMOND ANNIVERSARY. Happy Anniversary to Troop 3, Austin, Tex., as it celebrates its sixtieth year of continuous registration in the BSA. An anniversary supper was held in November of last year at the chartered institution, the Northwest Hill United Methodist Church.

SORRY. In our "Philmont" story (Jan.-Feb. 1976) we forgot to credit photographer David L. Jolkovsky whose picture of Father Ralph Soldano appeared on page 33.

NEW MEMBER OF GOVERNOR'S STAFF. Once a month a new member is introduced to the Georgia governor's staff. An outstanding Eagle Scout from one of the 12 councils in Georgia is that newcomer. He begins an exciting day with Governor George Busbee at 9 a.m. Throughout the day the Eagle Scout bird-dogs the governor as he is interviewed by newsmen, confers with various heads of departments, decides policy and greets dignitaries.

A selection committee in each Scout council chooses the Eagle Scout to be honored. Governor Busbee was a Scout in his youth and has been an active Scouter. He suggested the recognition plan which will continue through September 1976. *(continued on page 6)*

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INSIGNIA— SYMBOLS OF ACHIEVEMENT

BY HUGH C. CLAYTON
Chairman, Insignia and Uniform Committee

On the opposite page, top left, is the World Conservation badge. Top right is the World Scout crest. Other badges shown are the (top) William T. Hornaday badge and award (medal); the Historic Trails Award, also available in leather or as a decal; the Eagle tie bar, a new item for fathers of Eagle Scouts. More information about how the badges just mentioned are earned and where they are worn is detailed in the story. The High Adventure patch is for older Scouts, Explorers and their leaders as recognition for any high-adventure trip they take. Similar patches, bearing a base emblem, are available at each of our national high-adventure bases. Both the High Adventure and 50-Miler Award are displayed on blankets, sleeping bags, tents or packs. Application No. 4408, available at your Scout service center, details how to earn the 50-Miler Award.

If you were to ask, "Who determines what badges will be worn where on the different Scouting uniforms?" a fair answer would be, "You do." The "you," of course, refers to all registered Scouters.

Just as it is in all Scouting activities, the people who coordinate the ever-changing rules regarding uniforms and badges are volunteers. Right now there are 24 volunteer members of the Insignia and Uniform committee.

Any time you, or any Scouter or group of Scouters, suggest a change in a badge or uniform, that suggestion will find its way through your local council to the Insignia and Uniform committee. Every one of you in our broad Scouting program is welcome to make recommendations, and many of you do.

Obviously, not every new idea can be adopted. Each change or addition is weighed and discussed. Some need to be tested. The committee must consider whether the change reflects a need that will remain in tune with the times, and whether it will harmonize with the principles of uniforms and insignia as expressed in the *Charter and Bylaws of the Boy Scouts of America.*

If the Insignia and Uniform committee does put its "aye" on a proposed change, that change must then be endorsed by two other groups of volunteers, namely the Program committee and the national Executive Board.

In between, more volunteers will have been consulted. For instance, if you propose a new recognition badge for a Cub Scout activity, the committee will ask for opinions of the Cub Scout committee. Sometimes two or more volunteer groups will be consulted.

If your recommendation is adopted, it may have been modified before earning the necessary approvals. But any modification will be to ensure that the change or addition meets the needs of that phase of Scouting throughout the nation.

Members of our committee realize that many practical ideas come from Scouters who are associated directly with packs, troops, posts, districts and councils. Thus, the committee is delighted and thankful to receive suggestions, and will consider carefully each

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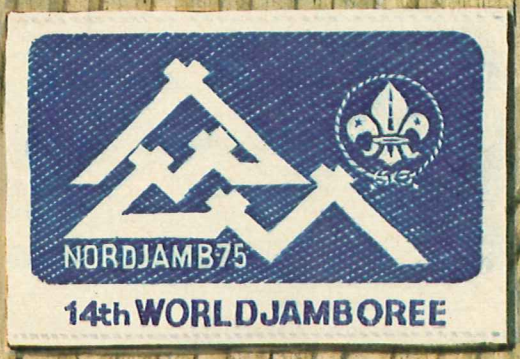

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INSIGNIA *(from page 33)*

and every suggestion it receives.

With a program as broad as Scouting, a program that does recognize achievement, there are many badges and awards authorized for the different uniforms. There must be some semblance of harmony and logic in how and where each insignia is worn. If not, the uniform would cease to be a uniform and many insignia would lose their true meaning.

Most of our insignia are described in the book *Official Uniforms and Insignia,* No. 3065. But since there are often changes brought about by our active program, the book is updated from time to time.

Members of the Insignia and Uniform committee find that the questions most often asked by adult volunteers are these that follow. Perhaps the answers are some you have been looking for.

What patches or badges may I wear on my red jac-shirt or poplin jacket?

The proper universal emblem for the branch of Scouting the wearer is engaged in should be worn on the left pocket. The Philmont bull emblem is especially designed for the red wool jac-shirt to be sewn on the left shoulder above the pocket. Scouts may wear their leadership corps patch centered on the right pocket of the red wool jac-shirt. On all jackets the Schiff, Philmont, or high-adventure-base emblems may be worn centered on the right pocket or in the same relative position if there is no pocket. Explorers may wear their post or special-interest emblem on the right sleeve, with the top two inches below the shoulder seam. Order of the Arrow members may wear the six-inch-wide national Order of the Arrow patch centered on the back; members of the National Eagle Scout Association may also wear their six-inch-wide emblem there. In all cases, the red poplin jacket is an alternate for the heavier jac-shirt, and the insignia may be worn on it in comparable positions.

What insignia awarded to him as a boy may an adult wear on his Scouter uniform?

He may wear his Eagle or Quartermaster embroidered square knot and a religious emblem. He should not wear other badges of the advancement programs for boys.

Where do I wear my district patch?

There is a council shoulder emblem but no equivalent district emblem authorized for the uniform. However, if your Scouters wish some district identification during its activities, flags and banners may be used.

Why can't I wear two temporary patches on my uniform?

Temporary insignia are earned for such events as summer camp, camporees, Scout shows, Order of the Arrow regional and national meetings, Bicentennial activities and the like. There is only one place such a patch can be worn — sewn on the center of the right shirt pocket or suspended from under the flap attached to the pocket button. Which one temporary patch you choose to wear is up to you.

Who wears the region patch and where is it worn?

The region patch is worn only by volunteers and professional Scouters who are regional officials or who have direct regional affiliations. The emblem is worn on the right sleeve, below and touching the United States flag emblem. If no flag emblem is worn, the patch goes two inches below the shoulder seam of the right sleeve. The patch is available only through regional offices. Our six regions, for those of you who might not know, are: Northeast, North Central, East Central, Southeast, South Central and Western.

What is the difference between the William T. Hornaday conservation badge and medal?

There are two differences — in their appearance, as you'll see on page 32, and in the requirements for earning them. The badge is awarded on the recommendation of a local council for *good* work in conservation. The medal is awarded on the recommendation of the Hornaday Award Committee at the national level for *distinguished* conservation work. Both are worn above the left breast pocket of the uniform. There is no square knot for either award. Application No. 21-107 with the requirements is available from your council office.

Who may wear the World Scout crest? Where is it worn?

The World Scout crest may be worn by registered Scouts and Scouters who have been issued an International Letter of Introduction by the International Division, Boy Scouts of America; it may be worn also by participants in an international event. The letter is issued at your request when you plan to travel abroad. The crest is worn above the left pocket, centered three inches below the top shoulder seam.

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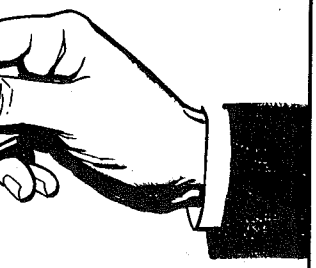

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You may wear no more than two. And then, not more than one national jamboree patch or more than one international jamboree patch. They are worn above, and touching, the right pocket strip, with the national patch on the wearer's right of center, the international one to the left and touching the national patch. If the wearer has an Interpreter's strip, these patches go above it.

Are there chairmen's patches for pack and troop committees?

Yes, there are now chairmen's patches for both. Neither is shown in the current printing of *Official Uniforms and Insignia.* Both are pictured on page 34. There are also patches for troop and pack committee members.

Do insignia touch each other when sewn on the uniform, or do you leave a little gap between them?

The insignia touch each other. As our literature is updated, it will reflect this change.

Where may I wear patches for which I have no room on my uniform?

There are patch vests (No. 539 for adults, No. 537 for boys) on which you may wear any number of patches. The vest is for informal use and should not be worn for ceremonials.

For a display can we purchase or procure badges of office that we did not earn?

You may not display actual badges or awards you did not earn. However, you may make arrangements to have insignia photographed for a display.

How was the wearing of the United States flag emblem approved for use with the Scout uniform?

It was approved in 1969 at the suggestion of the President of the United States. By law, the President has sole control over the use of the flag and/or emblem of our country. He said it would be proper for members of the Boy Scouts of America to wear the emblem. You may wear it only if you, as an individual, wish to do so.

How do Scouts who wear the leadership corps uniform with the leather belt put on skill awards?

With just a little effort. The skill award loop does not fit over the belt buckle. Pry the loop open enough to fit it on the belt itself, then squeeze the metal tab shut.

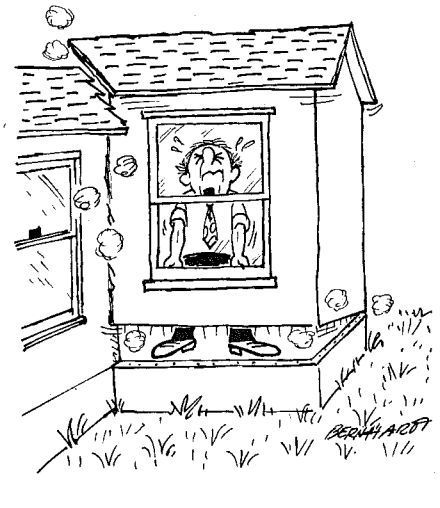
Is there a green merit badge sash to go with the green shirt of the leadership corps uniform?

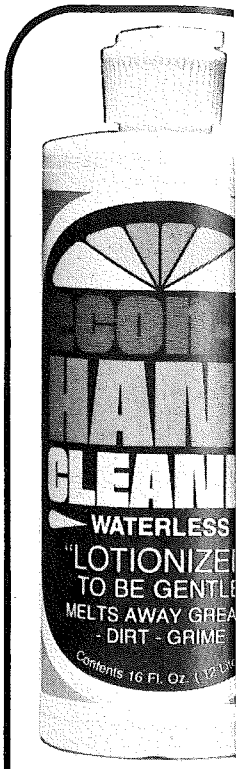
Yes, there is a green merit badge sash, No. 832. There is also the khaki merit badge sash for Scouts, No. 690, and No. 689 for smaller Scouts.

How do we find out about new badges or uniform changes?

In addition to the uniforms and insignia book we mentioned, changes and additions are announced in *Scouting, Boys' Life* and *Exploring* magazines and in various other national and local publications. Here are some of the most recently adopted changes and additions:

- Eagle tie bar for fathers of Eagle Scouts, No. 347.
- Leather Historic Trails emblem has been reinstated. It's placed on a sleeping bag, blanket, pack or tent. Decals and cloth badges are also available. Check with your Scout service center for application form No. 4408 that explains the requirements.
- World Conservation badge. It is a temporary patch worn centered on the right shirt pocket. For specific requirements about how to earn it, write to: Conservation Service, Boy Scouts of America, North Brunswick, N.J. 08902.
- Den chief cord is now worn on the left shoulder rather than the right shoulder.
- Badge of office for chaplain aid, worn with the top of the badge below and touching the troop numeral on the left sleeve. Troop badge of office for the den chief, worn the same as above.
- A new assistant Scoutmaster's badge indicating he is a trained leader.
- Insignia for optional council and district organization, include Scout roundtable commissioner, Scouting coordinator, assistant district Scout commissioner, district Scout commissioner, troop commissioner, Cub Scout roundtable commissioner, district Cub Scout commissioner, assistant district Cub Scout commissioner, pack commissioner. All of these badges are pictured in this article. ■





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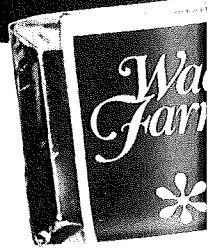

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SAFE BOATING WEEK. Scout and Cub Scout leaders can use the week of July 4-10 as a good time to teach their kids about the importance of safety whenever they venture out on the water, boating, canoeing, swimming.

JEFFERSON EXHIBIT. It you're planning a tour of the nation's capital, include a trip to the National Gallery of Art, Sixth St. and Constitution Ave. N.W. From June 5 to September 6, you can view an outstanding exhibit, *The Eye of Thomas Jefferson,* containing: paintings showing life in Colonial Virginia; models of buildings Jefferson had an interest in or helped build including his home, Monticello; art objects T.J. designed or commissioned; books and papers he wrote; gardens showing some of the third president's favorite plants; plus lots more. Exxon is supporting the free exhibit.

PINEWOOD DERBY CORRECTION. There was an error in one of the derby racer dimensions in our article, "It's Pinewood Derby Time" (Jan-Feb 1976), and on the spec sheets included in some derby kits. The overall racer width should not exceed 2¾ inches; the length should not exceed seven inches. Some derby plan sheets do not show the correct measurements. If a Cub Scout follows the instructions which may read "three inches" instead of 2¾, he should not be disqualified.

Extra car spec sheets are available by writing to: Supply Division, BSA, North Brunswick, N.J. 08902; or directly from your local Scout equipment distributor.

WOOD BADGE REUNION. "Back to Gilwell, happy land . . ." is sung loudly whenever Wood Badge Scouters gather. They and all others with $544 can sing to their hearts content at Gilwell Park, England, home of Wood Badge. The occasion is the 50th anniversary Wood Badge Reunion.

A special BSA pilgrimage to England lasts from August 29 to September 6. September 4 and 5 are the reunion dates. Rest of the time will be spent touring places in England of special interest to Scouters.

For more details, write to: International Division, BSA, North Brunswick, N.J. 08902.

NATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING. From May 19 to 21, New York City will welcome council Scouters from all over the country as they assemble for the big biennial national council meeting. BSA President Arch Monson bangs the gavel to start on May 20. From then Scouters gather for interest group sessions and seminars to carry back to their homegrounds techniques to improve all phases of their local council operation.

LONE SCOUT REUNION. Under the sponsorship of a group known as the Lone Scouts of America, Lone Scouting began in 1915 and lasted until 1924. Then the BSA took over the program to continue to serve rural boys and others who wanted Scouting but who could not belong to a troop because there was none nearby. Members in the early days could keep in touch through local or mail "tribes" or special news columns in farmer's magazines or in *Boys' Life.*

Any former Lone Scout is invited to a reunion at Camp Barnhardt, New London, N.C., Oct. 14-16. For more details, send a stamped, self-addressed, long envelope to: Theodore E. Tindell, Box 134, Alcoa, Tenn. 37701.

NEW ADULT UNIFORMS. At the May National Council meeting in New York City BSA President Arch Monson will officially announce these changes in the adult Scouter's uniforms: The official dress uniform for ladies will be a navy blue blazer with a detachable emblem to denote either Cub Scouting, Scouting, Exploring, or universal (all programs.) In addition, Cub Scout ladies may wear: a light gray, A-line skirt (slacks optional), gold long or short sleeve blouse and blue tie. Scout ladies: light gray, A-line skirt (slacks optional), with white blouse and red tie. Explorer ladies: red, A-line skirt, white blouse and tie with color optional. Ladies without any particular program affiliation: light gray, A-line skirt (slacks optional), white blouse with a red, white and blue striped tie.

The navy blue blazer with appropriate emblem and gray flared trousers and a white long or short sleeve shirt will be the official men's dress uniform. A distinctive tie completes the outfit. Cub Scout men: blue and gold striped tie; Scout men: red and white striped tie; Exploring men: red and blue striped tie; universal men: red, white and blue striped tie. Shoe is brown or black and blue or black socks are recommended.

The blue blazer uniform will be the only official adult dress uniform effective January 1, 1977. The men's green blazer uniform will be optional until then. A schedule of the availability of uniform parts will be announced soon.

KODAK PHOTO SCHOLARSHIPS. Six Scouts zoomed in with the winning techniques in the 1975 Scout Photo Scholarship Awards sponsored by Eastman Kodak. Randal Boretos, Rockville, Md., won the $1,000 first place scholarship in the black and white category; Jacob Getz, Miami, won first in color. Myron Kwan, Los Angeles, and John S. Atchison, Alexandria, Va., copped second place scholarships of $500. Third place scholarships of $250 went to Scott Dow, Marshfield, Mass., and Stephen Siu, Jefferson City, Mo.

Besides the scholarships, 79 certificates of merit were awarded for other photos. The 1976 contest is open to 11- through 15-year-old Scouts who have earned the Photography merit badge. Entries will be accepted through October 1. For entry blank and rules, send a long self-addressed, stamped envelope to: Scout Photo Scholarship Awards, Scouting Division, BSA, North Brunswick, N.J. 08902.

SLOGANS USA. Here are the winners of the BSA phase of the SLOGANS USA Contest: Explorers: Cathy Jean Ehmann, Baltimore — "America — We've only just begun;" Reed Markham, Provo, Utah — "Each man makes of himself what he makes of his country." Scouts: Roger Sather, Jr., Perley, Minn. — "The liberty bell rings on;" Kevin Dixler, Highland Park, Ill. — "The spirit lives on;" Matt Roth, Peoria, Ill. — "I can, you can, *American!*" Brian Fike, Tampa — "America *together* means *forever.*" Cub Scouts: David Reed, Maple Glenn, Pa. — "Keep the spirit of America!" Curt *(continued on page 8)*