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JOHN DE TRIVILLE This Newsletter is published once monthly by the
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SCHEDULE FOR MAY

B - I - G - E - V - E - N - T

- 1 - Troop Meeting (7:00)
Flint 'n' Steel Contest
- 5 - LOGGERS FIELD DAY (2:00)
and Court of Honor
- 8 - Troop Meeting (7:00)
Instruction on 1st Class
Signaling will be given
at every May meeting.
- 15 - Troop Meeting (7:00)
Tent Pitchin' Contest
- 18-19-20 - Troop Camping Trip
19 - Green Bar Meeting
- 22 - Troop Meeting (7:00)
- 29 - Troop Meeting (7:00)
Patrol Signaling Contest

EXPLORER TIPS

Pfc. Bill Wilson - Advisor

Our Explorer Crew has re-organized under Bill Wilson our new Explorer Advisor. Several new members have already been added. On Tuesday, 17 April, the Crew held a short meeting and elected Hurley Daughtrey as Crew Leader and John Williston as Secretary-Treasurer. On Wednesday, 18 April, the crew went for a swim in the Oliver General Pool. Everyone had a grand time. Explorer Advisor - Bill Wilson promises many more exciting events to come. Pvt Rick Hanlon is Assistant Explorer Advisor.

GENERAL HOLLAND VISITS TROOP

Troop 99 was fortunate in having a visit from Fort Gordon Commanding General, General Holland, on Tuesday, 17 April, at its regular meeting. General Holland saw a typical Scout Meeting and appeared pleased with the troop program. He spoke to the Scouts saying how pleased he was to see such a large group and he hoped they were there, not just to escape homework, but were really interested in the Scouting Program. In closing, he challenged them to be GOOD SCOUTS.

The LOGGERS FIELD DAY is going to be a Big Day for all; besides the inter-patrol contests, such as fire building and a horse-shoe throw, a big dinner is planned for the evening, a camp fire, and a Court of Honor. All parents are urged to come and have a lot of fun. You Pops can help by taking part in the "Father's Horse-shoe Throw" and your points will go to your son's patrol. Also it would be a good idea to bring that "scout-aged-boy-next-door" to get him interested in our troop. Major John D. Williston has been named Chairman of the Day. He needs the help of some of you Dads to act as Judges. If you wish to help, call 8-0245 after 5:00 hours.

At the campfire, which will be held in the evening, the Troop Charter will be formally presented. Also the plans for Summer Camp will be discussed.

"AUGUSTA DISTRICT CAMPOREE TO BE HELD APRIL 27th, 28th and 29th AT CAMP LINWOOD HAYNES"

The Augusta District will hold its annual Spring Camporee at Linwood Haynes on April 27th, 28th, 29th. Patrols from all troops in the Augusta District will compete for ribbons and awards on Camping Skills. Troop 99 will enter all of its patrols. The Camporee begins with registration from 4:00 to 6:00 pm on Friday to presentation of awards at 11:30 on Sunday. The Troop will provide transportation from Fort Gordon to Linwood Haynes leaving the Scout Hall at 4:30 pm Friday. On Sunday we will return to Fort Gordon at 1:00 pm. However, Parents are urged to attend the presentations at the camp at 11:30. All patrols must plan their own menus and purchase their own food for the Camporee. All food and equipment must be packed in on the back.

OVERNIGHT CAMPING TRIP

The troop is planning an overnight camping trip on the weekend of May 18th, 19th and 20th. The Cost of the Food will be \$2.00 per boy and must be in at the troop meeting of 15 May. Our May Green Bar meeting will be held during the camping trip. PL's remember to bring your "Program Notebooks" along.

TROOP TAKES TWO "BLUE RIBBONS" AT COUNCIL "SHOWCASE OF SCOUTING"

Troop 99 can be very proud of themselves for the honors they received at the Merit Badge Show held at the Bell Auditorium on 14 April. We received Blue Ribbons on both our Reptile Study and Fingerprinting Booths. The Augusta Chronicle credits our Reptile Study Booth as the Show's "Greatest Attraction", but we feel the Fingerprinting Booth was a top attraction, too. For the entire seven hour show, both booths were the center of attraction for a large crowd. We are very proud of the fellows who worked so hard to bring us these honors. CONGRATULATIONS!

A GOOD SCOUT IS A SAFE SCOUT

ALWAYS REMEMBER

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AT CAMP
HOME
SCHOOL
ON HIKES
STREETS
BIKES

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OVERNIGHT CAMPING TRIP PLANNED

Boy Scout Troop 99 is planning to hold a camping trip this coming week end, October 26, 27 & 28 at the troop camp site at Leitner's Pond on Fort Gordon. The Scouts will assemble at the Scout Building at 4:45 PM 26 October. All Scouts are urged to prepare their equipment to "Carry on the back". Provisions have been made for religious worship. The cost of the camping trip will be \$ 2.00 per boy to cover the cost of food. Since we are leaving so late Friday Afternoon, scouts should bring sandwiches for supper Friday evening. All other meals will be provided. Scouts may be picked up at the scout building at 5:00 Sunday

WHAT TO BRING:

- 2 Blankets or a sleeping bag
- 1 Poncho or a raincoat
- 1 Change of underwear
- 1 Extra pair socks
- 1 Mess kit containing:
 - 1-plate
 - 1-cup
 - 1-knife, fork & spoon
- 1 Toilet kit containing:
 - 1-piece of soap
 - 1-toothbrush
 - 1-tooth paste
 - 1-towel

YOU MAY WANT TO BRING-

Pocket knife, hatchet (in sheath), scout handbook, flashlight, canteen and compass.

THESE ITEMS ARE NOT NECESSARY.

BIG RECRUITING DRIVE ON

The National Council has asked Troop everywhere to put on a special recruiting drive during the months of October & November. Although the Scouting movement has continued to grow, it is not growing as fast as the population of scout-age boys. Each Troop was asked to set a definite goal to be completed by 30 November. Our goal is 15 new scouts, 1 new patrol. To date we have 6 new scouts, just nine to go*****

HALLOWEEN PARTY PLANNED FOR TUESDAY
OCTOBER 30TH

A BIG TIME for all. Yes the entire family is invited to Troop 99's annual Halloween party to be held this year at Leitners pond next Tuesday nite SEE YOU THERE?

EXPLORER NEWS

A Big welcome to Sfc Burl Keen, our new explorer advisor. Sgt. Keen has taken over the Explorer program due to the early discharge of Bill Wilson. The Crew has held a reorganization meeting and elected Harley Daughtrey as Crew leader, Larry Thomas as Asst. Crew Leader and Joe Bass as Secretary.

The BIG EVENT says Harley Daughtrey crew leader, is a proposed overnight camping trip to the Smoky Mountains to be held sometime in November.

The Explorers also have a party planned for Saturday, November 3rd. It is tentatively scheduled to be held at Mirror Lake.

In the meantime the explorers are all busy working on their Emergency Service awards and fixing up the meeting room.

TROOP TID BITS

Troop 99 participated in the Augusta community chest parade by building a float to represent the Georgia-Carolina Council.

On October 13, the Augusta District held the annual "ROUND-UP" in Jennings Stadium. All the scouts did a BANG-UP job. Too bad more parents weren't there to appreciate it.

BRAND NEW MEMBERS.....

Presently working towards their Tenderfoot Badge are candidates: Risky Blothen, Robert Ward, Bill Dunn, John Henskett, Bruce Brady and Tinker Burns.

Due to receive his Tenderfoot badge at this Tuesday's Meeting is scout Howell Cobb. CONGRATULATIONS Howell.



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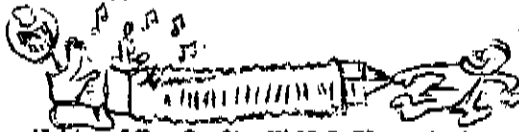
Big Event Coming Up

GOODBY-MEL

Mel's Party ** BIG SUCCESS! ** October 30th was a night to be remembered by all. The occasion was Mel's farewell party at Lietners Pond where 125 scouts and parents gathered to bid a final adieu to the Scoutmaster who can be to otherwise known as the father of Troop 99. A hot dog supper with loads of Halloween candy was served. The party kept moving with some fun games for all. Col Small will from that time on, never forget who Howdy Doody is after having been a participant in a "Who Am I?" game. Just before the closing Mr Daughtrey presented Mel with a complete Scouters uniform as a farewell gift. Probably Mel is wearing it this very night at his own Troop meeting in Baltimore, Md. We hope he will never forget us as we will forever remember him.



TROOP 99 HAS A NEW SCOUTMASTER



Whitey "The Crafty Kid" LaBlanc took over, officially on November 1st. Whitey who hails from Lawrence, Mass, has been with Troop 99 for almost two years. In this time he was an indispensable assistant to Mel Heim. He's a swell guy and a credit to Scouting. We're all behind you, Whitey! GOOD LUCK! P.S. Personally I think he's ~~the~~ The Phantom!!

A SOARING

We can really pat ourselves on the back for the bang up job well done on the recruiting program that started on the first of Sept. Our goal was set at 15 new recruits by the end of Nov. We have soared past that mark already with a total of 25 by the time this paper went to press. Our recruiters so far are: Butch Loar, Bob Goetz, Marvin Jones, Jim Cavanaugh, Brian Hayse, Eddie Satzman, David Thomas, Skip Gamal, JOHN THOMAS, JOE BLEY, ANDY OCKERK.

DEC. 1st

Our Big Troop Event for this month is "Exploring with Map & Compass." We are going to leave the Scout Hall at 0800 hours 1 Dec 1956 in trucks. The trucks will let each Patrol at a different point from the initial point they will move to a central point where we will all cook lunch and rest. Each scout will carry his own food and aluminum foil for cooking. With the aid of a map and compass we can explore areas which we could not enter without them. While using them to find our way we do not want to forget to take careful notice of the area we are exploring. Each patrol is to keep an accurate sketch of the route they follow and a log noting all points and observations of interest. This is a place where you can go hiking and feel that you are in company with me like Rogers' Rangers, Lewis and Clark, Daniel Boone, Davy Crockett and Pere Marquette. THIS ADVENTURE AWAITS YOU ON Dec 1 1956. BE HERE! Assemble at 0730.

- Items to carry on the hike.
- 1) canteen full of water
 - 2) 2 matches
 - 3) Raw meat, fish or poultry
 - 4) at least one raw vegetable
 - 5) aluminum foil
 - 6) suitably clothed for a hike in the locality and weather
 - 7) compass if you have one (not necessary as each patrol has a compass)
 - 8) water will be available for the meal
 - 9) Patrol first aid kits will be carried.



GET OUT THE VOTE CAMPAIGN

On November 4 56 Troop 99 gave out six hundred "Get out the Vote Signs" Each sign was shaped like the Liberty Bell and could be fitted on a door knob. The signs were given out at Fort Gordon Trailer camps and Dependent Housing.

NEW SCOUTS

Since our last issue of the "Spirit of 99" we have received two new candidates in the Troop as Tenderfoot Scouts. Here happy scouting to Rickey Eblethen and Bill Dunn. Expected to receive his Tenderfoot badge tonight is Bruce Bra. Good luck Bruce!

Do A Good Turn DAILY

Troop 99, Boy Scouts of America,
Fort Gordon, Georgia.
John Thomas Editor
John DeTreville Asst Editor

TO THE PARENTS

"Something Is Different"

There is something different about our troop when you can compare it with the many others around. For one thing, we are supported by an Army Post, and a big one at that. Most any other troop would be sponsored by some club, church, P.T.A. or some other community group. But we have what can be compared to a whole town or small city supporting us. That puts us in a pretty favorable position. We knock on wood and really call ourselves lucky for that. For one thing we receive financial aid from the post community fund and we have never been without transportation for any activities which required it. Parents should be thankful for that. At home in Old Troop 13 Lawrence Mass. we had to call on the family cars to get the scouts and equipment out to a camping trip. I guess we have been envied by many of the local units as we roll into camp on a couple of Army trucks loaded down with equipment and scouts.

But while we are counting out blessings lets take a minute to really analyze this great thing we call Scouting. The real Scout can not be evaluated in terms of how much the troop has in its treasury how many tents it owns or how elaborate its meeting place is. The true evaluation is accomplished only when we look at the program and ask ourselves just what it is contributing to that big mold which is to form our boys into citizens. So really that title 'Something is Different' is not all too accurate. We are not different. Our task as a troop is the same and if it means humbling ourselves to get the real basic qualities out of our Scouting - WE will. Notice I used the word WE including the parents because Scouting doesn't stop at nine o'clock Tuesday night when we turn the boys back to you parents waiting in the cars outside the troop hall. It can and should be part of his family life in the home. Living daily by his Scout Oath and Law in all that he does. It would be doing well to remind your Scout of this frequently.

I have been doing some big talking here in my message to you the parent, but I hope you find some meaning in it and in turn have a better understanding of our objectives. In the remaining time I have left to serve as Scoutmaster I hope to practice what I preach as far as program goes. We can do it as a team, the Scout leaders and you. Want to join our team?

Yours in Scouting
"Whitie"

NextMonth (cont')

of the Christmas Party and distributed to the needy children Christmas week. Lets all pitch in O K Boys.

TROOP MEETINGS

The two troop meeting programs will take on the theme of Tenderfoot review (directed at the "Old Timers") and a program of first aid for the second meeting.

LARGE TURNOUT ON CAMPING TRIP

We left the Scout Hall around 5:00 P. M. on Friday 26 Oct and headed toward Leitners Pond. We had two trucks to take us out there. One truck carried mattresses and a few Scouts. The other carried the gear and the main bunch of Scouts.

Upon arriving we unloaded the mattresses, gear, Scouts etc. Afterwards the boys who brought food ate.

By this time it was dark, so we set around the fire and sang, played games and ate doughnuts and hot chocolate. Then we hit the sack. The next day we devoted the morning to advancement and free time. In the afternoon we played "capture the flag" Rick took a group of boys back into the woods and Mel took a bunch of boys and followed. In the end Mel's group gave up and Rick and his boys were declared the winners.

That night we had initiation ceremonies. The new Scouts were placed on the floor, blindfolded. They were then given shampoos, fed worms (hotdogs) and treated all in all very royally. This done, we had initiation to the Little Men's Chowder and Marching Society. Then we went to bed. We cleaned up camp the following day and returned home. All in all we had a grand time. We hope the next troop activity will be attended just as this one was.

LETS KEEP IT GOING

O K you guys, it's up to you to keep that ole' "Patrol Spirit" moving. We had excellent competitive spirit last month between the patrols. The Feather Patrol came out with the winning ticket, but the Cobra's were right on their heels. Let's see if Bat, Flaming Arrow and Flying Hawk Patrols can't be right up there slugging it out.

NEXT MONTH'S PROGRAM

BIG EVENT

Christmas Party Dec 18 at Scout Hall. The party will be sponsored by Mr Silverstein (Ft Gordon Tailors & Cleaners) It will be a combined affair of Scouts and Cubs. Refreshments, Christmas caroling and games will make up the program.

GOOD TURN FOR DECEMBER

The Patrols are going to collect and repair toys for a local orphan's home. So lets search the attics, cellars, closets and ever crag and corner for useable toys for deserving orphans. Toys will be brought in on the night

TROLLS LOSE REFERENDUM

At the latest meeting of the L.M.C.M.S. The Leprechauns, and a few right wing Gnomes banded together to out-vote the Troll faction's referendum to install a pin-ball machine in the ancestral Hall. Paddy Murphy moved to restore the Lodge "Totem". Gavin Shane seconded the motion, and the Lodge carried it unanimously. The Chief Shamus appointed a committee to design and obtain said Totem. As a closing, the Lodge toasted Mr. O'Malley, and retired to Dirty Moore's for some corned beef and cabbage.

Tim Shannon,
Sec. pro tempore.

NICK'S JOKE

There's only two kinds of people in this world; The Irish and the ones that wish they were!

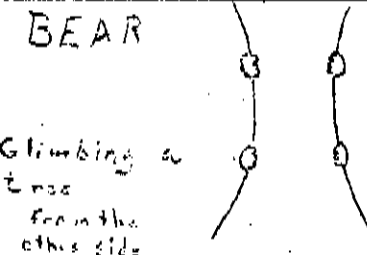
CROSS WORD PUZZLE

- Across
1. long walk
 4. used for finding directions
 7. International Abbreviation System(ab
 8. a carpenter needs these
 10. either or neither
 11. Be Prepared
 12. There are 48 of these in the U. S.
 14. Greeting
 15. it never stops
 16. A good Scout does one of these every
 19. 90°
 23. Girl's name
 25. past tense of write
 26. kind of tree
 28. energy
 29. 270°

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VILLAGE
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- Down
2. distance measure-ment
 3. direction
 5. ~~name~~ ~~name~~ ~~name~~
 6. direction
 8. 360°
 9. I am (contraction)
 10. negative reply
 13. needed to build a fire
 17. to plunge momen-tarily into
 18. good to eat
 20. Army Ordinance Corps
 21. examination
 22. here you get off backwards
 24. large monkey
 25. humor
 27. railroad (abbr)

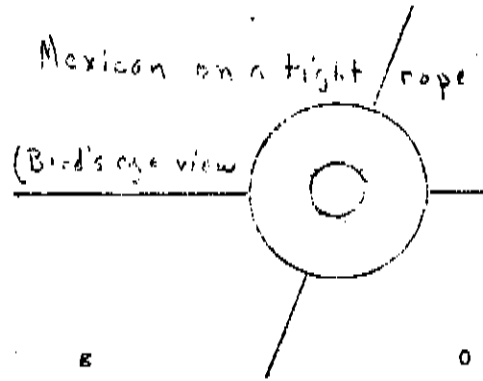
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JOYES *****
Jim Cavanaugh
Mother: Why are you jumping up and down, Paul?
Paul: I took my medicine and forgot to shake the bottle.

Got any old worn out jokes? See Jim, he has plenty to spare, that we refused to publish.
Come for another one?
Joe: What is the best material for a kite?
Moe: Fly paper.

Still with us?
Not for long!



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