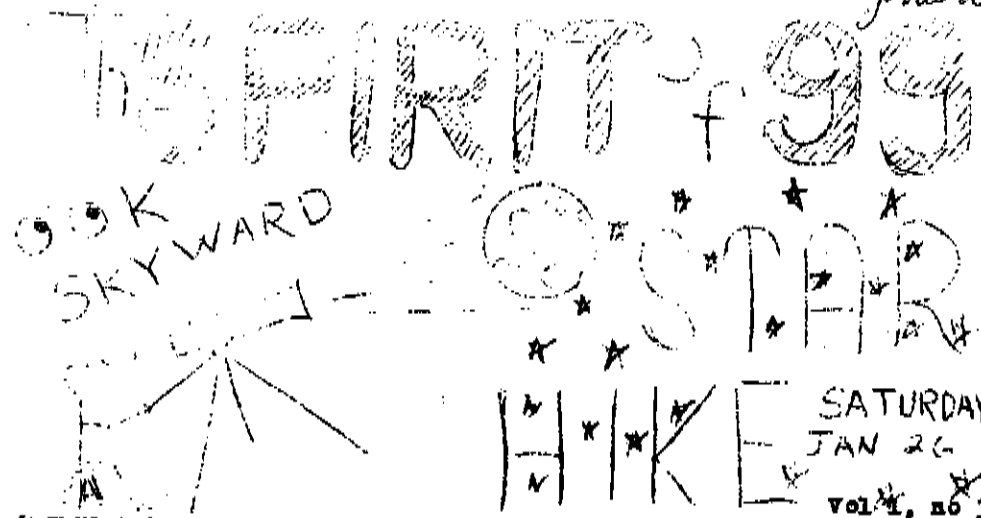


John de Grande



**WHOPPING BIG SANTA!
WHOPPING BIG TINS!**

Troops 99's annual Christmas Party was a real success. The troop, cub pack and explored post all met on Tuesday, Dec 18 1956. The first part of the evening was spent getting acquainted and in plain just plain fooling around. Then Rick, our homely guitar player, led us in a few choruses of "Under the Spreading Chestnut Tree" (with motions) and other lively songs. Following this came the big event of the night ...**!! Santa Claus! We all gathered around the Christmas Tree and received gifts. Next on the list, Capt Gottrall (who was pretty hungry himself) called us to refreshments. The rest of the evening was spent feeding our faces. All in all, we had a grand time, and we wish to express our gratitude to Mr Sam Silverstine who gave us the party. P.S I thing that even the members of the Little Men's Chowder & Marching Society who were present, will say they enjoyed themselves.

s/John Thomas

OUR UNIFORM

By wearing our Scout uniform we are showing that we belong to the biggest boy's organization in the world. It stands for scouting and only scouts may wear it. The Scout uniform stands for service. It means that you are prepared to help others. It stands for brotherhood, knowing that every other boy wearing the same uniform is your scout brother. We look forward to the time when we can wear it in public and it seems that when we are wearing it we feel to urge to really act like a scout. In Feb we will be celebrating the birthday of the BSA during BS week.

Yes, we have really caught the hiking bug. This month to climax our study of the heavens we will have a hike under the stars. Now here is an outline of the program. On Saturday eve. at 12:30 Jan 26 1957 we will assemble at the Scout Hall. From there we will hike to an area on post where we will cook our evening meal. Now this little afternoon trek won't be any ordinary hike. On our way we will get a little practice in tracking and stalking and that is a good time for the tenderfeet of the troop to get their tracking and stalking requirements passed for 2d class. Of course we hope you will make use of aluminum foil cookery as we did on our last hike. We will then have a camp fire with singing and marshmallows THEN -- # 17*** - The campfire is over -- We are on our way -- The trees form a dark wall around, but above is the clear sky, with millions of sparkling stars BE HERE 12:30 26 Jan

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) suitable clothing for a hike in the locality and weather
- 7) compass if you have one (not necessary as each patrol has a compass)
- 8) hand book and flashlight
- 9) Patrol first aid kits will be carried.

Uniform (cont)

It is custom for all registered scouts to wear the Scout uniform to school during that week. Naturally we want our uniform to be in top shape for that occasion. For that reason we will have a uniform inspection on 22 Jan. All scouts are urged to wear their complete uniform on that night. The purpose of the inspection is to check for the proper placement of badges of rank insignia and proper wearing. Any one who is proud of some thing takes pride in showing it at its very best to other people.

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Uniform (cont)

I surely hope that each scout in Troop 99 has that pride for his scout uniform. This inspection is merely a check and no discrepancies will be held against any individual. However we will make suggestions and recommendations on the proper placement of badges and I surely hope that you parents will help your scout to look his best for the inspection and, of course, for Boy Scout week.

Yours in Scouting,

Whitey
 Scoutmaster Troop 99

TROOP MEETINGS this month

At each troop meeting we will include a short demonstration and talk on star study. They will include important constellations - finding your way by the stars, and a visit by a local astronomer - (telescope and all).

NEW SCOUTS


This month seven boys have completed their tenderfoot requirements. They are Joe Morris, Robert Ward, George Pierce, Ronald Bortz, Ellis Burns, Andy Dickert, Kenny Rainwater. Tonight we will induct three candidates into the troop as tenderfoot scouts they are: Robert (Bernie) Ward, Andy Dickert, and Ronald Bortz. Good luck and happy Scouting to you'll. The remaining 4 candidates will be inducted as soon as their cards come in from National Headquarters.

WATER UNDER THE BRIDGE *(see below)

Last month's hike (Dec) on Orienteering was really a massive success. It would be a real treat if we could publish the logs that the scribe of each patrol wrote. If we did publish it they would require about 3 pages of space in the paper. However the logs are being preserved in the troop Archives and will be on display at the Boy Scout week Banquet coming up. The hike was attended by 35 Scouts and 3 leaders. Now Scout Troop 99 can rank themselves along with the great explorers like Daniel Boone, Rogers Rangers, David Crockett, and Pere Marquette. However I don't think that any of the explorers mentioned above had to waste their time sitting by a fire drying * off their pants and shoes * on a bright and Sunny day like we had. * Then, of course, they kept their feet out of the streams!

Answer to last month's crossword puzzle. Thanks to John Thomas for the puzzle and answer.

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ANNUAL SCOUT BANQUET

ANNIVERSARY BANQUET # 111 Vol I, no 4

DATE: February 7, 1957 TIME: 7:00 P.M. PLACE: Ft Gordon NCO CLUB

This year we celebrate the 47th Birthday of the largest Boys' Organization in the whole world. Troop 99 will celebrate this occasion by holding an Anniversary Banquet to which all parents and friends of Troop 99 are invited. This is the highlight of all Parent-Scout activities for the entire year. We surely hope that every Scout and his parents will be there to enjoy the Scout Fun and Fellowship in store for us at this affair.

A Court of Honor will be held at which several scouts will receive Second Class, First Class and Star Scout Badges. The Banquet will be held at the Post NCO Club on 11th Avenue at 15th Street, (near Theatre #6), at 7:00 P.M. Tuesday, February 7, 1957. Price for the meal will be \$1.00 per person payable at the door. **IMPORTANT - Please fill out and send in the attached post card for your Reservation No Later Than Friday, February 1, 1957.**

TROOP INSPECTION HELD

At the January 22nd meeting of Troop 99, a uniform inspection was held. Most of the boys looked very neat. The uniforms were pressed, the patches were correctly sewn on, and almost everyone had a cap. The one big fault was socks. In some cases a very neat appearance was spoiled by the sight of a grubby pair of argyle socks. All the new boys should take example from the fine appearance our older members presented. Let's make Troop 99 the best dressed Troop in the Council!!!

PATROL MEETINGS

The weekly patrol meeting is a very important feature of the Scouting scene. This gets together enables Scouts to prepare any projects assigned their patrol by the troop. It also affords the patrol leader the opportunity to work closely with his boys.

The meeting should be held at a different house each week unless some special project forbids it. The patrol has a permanent meeting room or distance makes it impractical.

The patrol meeting should be an incentive for patrol projects, hikes, even over-night hikes. These activities also provide the grub-master, hike master etc. with something to do.

Let's try to have patrol meetings, boys!

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RICK'S JOKE

Rick: Do you know Ferris, Whitey?
Whitey: No, I don't.
Rick: You should. He's a big wheel at Coney Island!

There are two kinds of people in this world: The Irish and the ones that wish they were Irish.

*** ** **
Once, there was an Irishman: now, thanks be to God there are millions of them!
** ** **

NOTICE!!!

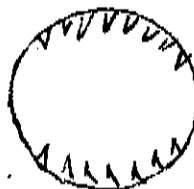
There are several Scouts being considered as possible candidates for The Little Men's Chowder and Marching Society. So, all you Scouts start living the Scout Oath and law. That's a sure-fire way to get picked.

DROODLES, DROODLES —
OODLES OF DROODLES!!!

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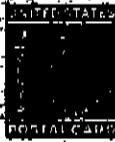
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Last Month's Droodles:
I forgot what they were!
The Phantom



(THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS)



WM. W. DAUGHTER
Safety Director
Fort Gordon, GA.

RESERVATION

(Please fill out and mail to the Troop)

Please reserve _____ Places for the
Troop 99 Boy Scout Anniversary Banquet, February 2,
1957 at the NCO CLUB, Ft. Gordon, Georgia.

PAYMENTS WILL BE MADE AT THE DOOR AT \$1.00 PER PERSON.

SIGNED _____

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CAMPING---Spring is around the corner and here is where we make hay while the sun shines so far as camping goes.

In preparation for the coming camp out season we are going to include camping skills in our troop meeting program. Then comes the BIG ONE. Near the end of the month we will hold a week-end camp out at Camp Linwood Hayne. The date will be announced later. We can't give any particulars on the affair because it is a bit early to make any definite plans. On the meeting of the 19th we will send out a special bulletin on the camping trip.

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THIS MONTH

BUILD IT: Those words can mean a lot to us not only for the month of March but for as long as we are growing. This month we are going to attempt to build two things.

First----- OURSELVES
How ???

By learning why personal fitness is so important to us and what it means.

Every fellow wants to be at his best. He wants to be strong and alert. Always ready for what may come.

A few weeks ago we talked about the hiking merit badge. There is a merit badge that can really help you to be physically fit. And its fun too.

Another badge that would be worth looking in to is the personal fitness merit badge. Have you looked through the pamphlet lately.

There is 60 pages of ideas to help you become physically fit.

Second----- Patrol Gear

(see articles on patrol project of the month)

NEW PATROL

On February 19th the new Cherokee Patrol was installed into the troop by Joe Bass S.P.L.

Members
Bud Parish -- Patrol Leader
Les Parish--Asst. Pat Leader
Roger Brown--Scribe
Russ Young

There are several candidates Scouts who will also go into this patrol after their Ind.

ADVANCEMENT BOOM

Something great is happening to troop 99. We, apparently, have caught the advancement fever. The following Scouts have advanced in rank during the past month. These awards were made at the anniversary banquet on the 7th of Feb.

Second Class

Tommy Daland
Howell Cobb
Robert Sattersfield

First Class

Bill Cottrell Jr.
Butch Loar
James Small
Hugh Kenzel

Star

Brian Hayne
Joe Bass
Buddy Parish

The following awards were made at the TV court of honor on the 25th of Feb.

Second Class

Joe Ely
Bub Youngs

First Class

David Thomas

EAGLE

HURLY DAUGHTREY

see Advancement p 2

Advancement continued
Merit Badges --

Frank Akers--Home Repairs
Dog Care
Safety
Reading

Butch Loar--Cooking
Machinery

Hurly Daughtrey
Camping
Pers. Fitness
Athletics
Nature
Chemistry
Cit. in home

John Thomas--Fingerprinting
James Younts

Scholarship
Howell Cobb--Stamp Collect.
Bob Goetz--Home Repairs
Music

PATROL PROJECT

Hammers, saws, drills, squares and rulers will be the tools of patrol progress this month.

Yep -we are going to build. Blueprints will be given to each patrol on the first meeting in March to show how to build a patrol equipment box (for camping gear). This box will carry all patrol equipment and food for a camping trip. It is designed to serve as a food cupboard and work table for the patrol cooks. **EACH PATROL WILL HAVE ONE FOR THE CAMPING TRIP COMING UP.** That gives us one month to do it. Patrols should paint the box if desired. At least paint your patrol emblem on the cover. Counseling will be welcomed and that's where the Dads fit into the picture.

NEW SCOUT

Feb. 12
Bill Stillwell has been inducted as a Tenderfoot Scout into Troop 99.
Happy Scouting Bill-

SCOUTS IN THE MAKING

The following are presently candidate Scouts working on Tenderfoot.
James Tulloch, Kieth Dunlap, Sammy Ertle, Foster Gibson, Luther Godman, Jeff Howard.

SUMMER CAMP

It's not too soon to start thinking about summer camp. Usually the problem with most everybody is getting up the money. If only money grew on trees we could spend the whole summer at beautiful Camp Linwood Hayne. Now money may not grow on trees but it can come out of flowers---(SEEDS THAT IS)
Now here's the DEAL.

The troop is going to order seed packets from the American Seed Co.

Each Scout will be asked to sell packages of seeds at 15¢ per pack. We will issue 20 packs of seed to each Scout and there will be more available if the selling is good.

Don't stop at 20 packs- Keep selling. Every penny made on this project will be put toward summer camp fees.

We suggest that you explain the purpose of this project to the customer. That will make the sale easier. The troop will keep 1/3 of all the money taken in. The other half is to be sent to the company to pay for the seeds.

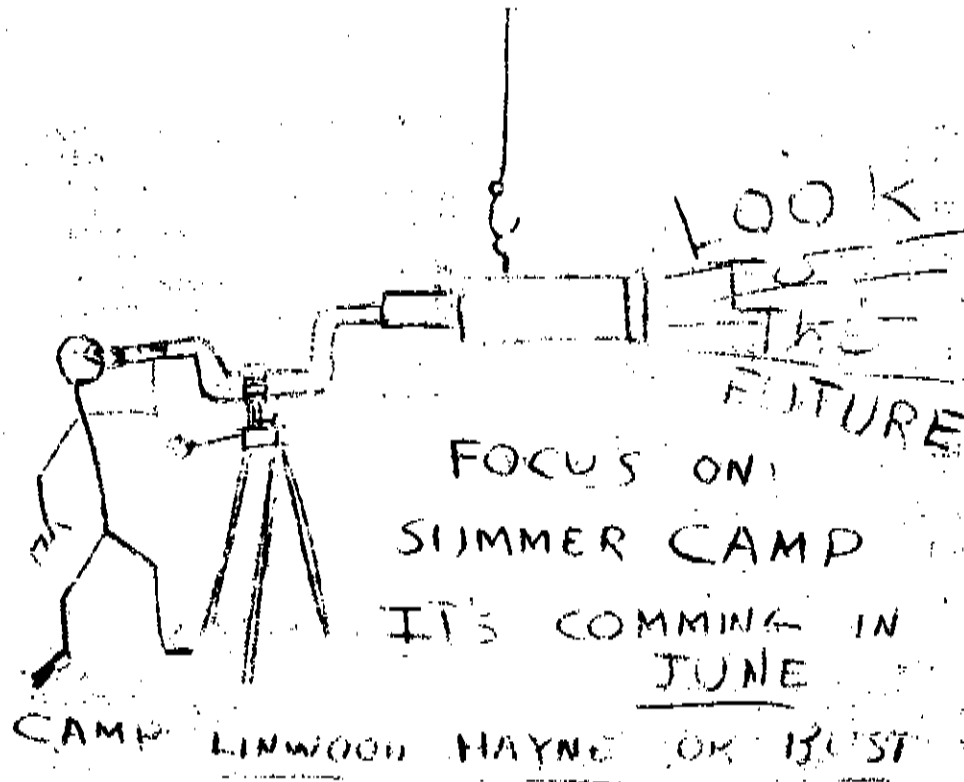
The order has already been sent in and the project will be on the road by the first or second meeting of March.

A FEW RULES

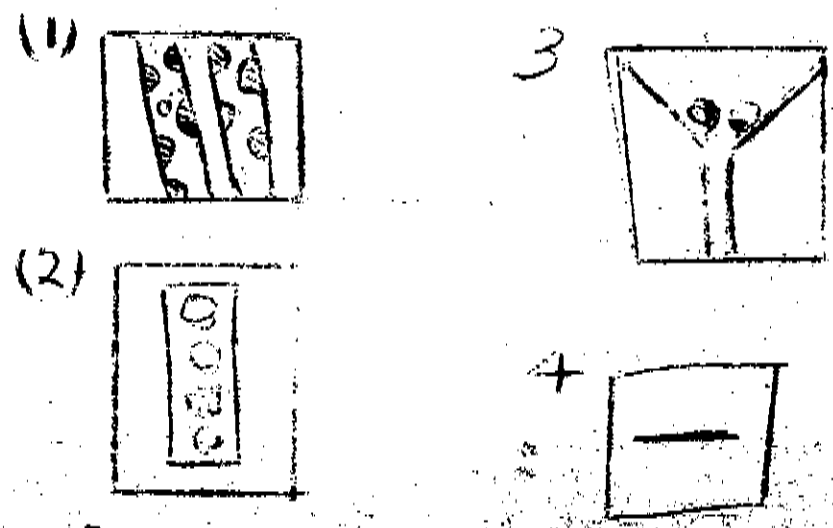
- (1) Regulations forbid the use of the Scout uniform when making sales for a money-raising project. However you may tell them that you are a Scout and present your cards.
- (2) Be courteous to all when if you do not make a sale.

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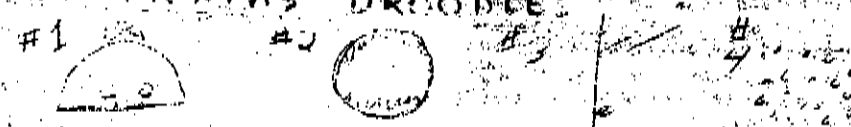
Hurley Daughtrey, a former Senior Patrol Leader and presently a Junior Assistant Scoutmaster of our troop has obtained the highest rank in Scouting (EAGLE). He has the distinction of being the first Scout in Troop 99 to make Eagle. Hurley is a real old timer at 99. The troop has had him on the roster for the past 7 years. In that time Hurley has seen 7 Scoutmasters come and go. We are proud of Hurley for his achievement. The Eagle badge not only signifies the highest rank in Scouting but it is the sign of complete Scout maturity which should be a goal sought after by all Scouts. Hurley has blazed the trail for us all to follow -dark the Eagles Call. On brothers -On until we're Eagles all.



DROODLES



LAST MONTH'S DROODLES



- #1. Rear view of the scrub lady
- #2. A vicious circle.
- #3. A soldier and his pet pig going around a corner
- #4. A bunch of germs avoiding a friend who caught pencilin...

OUTLINE OF TROOP MEETING
ACTIVITIES FOR MARCH

- Physical Development
- Use of Axe
- Use and care of Scout Knife
- Tents--How to pitch and care for.
- Camp knots
- Tumbling
- Personal Camp equipment
- Demonstration on how to build a patrol gear box.

Note: Troop meeting program is designed to prepare the troop for the camping experience at the end of the month. Also follows the theme of physical development.

PATROL NEWS

PANTHERS TAKE HIKE

On Dec/ 29 the Panther patrol assembled for a bicycle hike. We started at about 10:30 and headed for the "sand pits" which were to be our base camp. After reaching there we proceeded down hill until we came to an old bridge/ where John Thomas (P.L.) stopped. Unfortunately the Scouts behind him didn't. After we disposed of the bodies we went on a little further and turned back toward the sand pits on Richmond Hill Rd. where we ate lunches that we had packed for this glorious occasion. After messing around for a while we started back for civilization/. When we reached home we found that our safari had been 12 (very tiring) miles.

By JOHN DETREVILLE

Billy Cottrell, Scribe of T 99 has announced his resignation from that position after serving faithfully for about one year. Billy has done a splendid job and is deserving of much praise for his efforts. He has requested the position of troop quartermaster and will fill the present vacancy in that job. John Detreville will be the new Scribe. Good Luck John..

Panther Holds Party

Everybody is celebrating an anniversary this month even the panthers- here is a report of a party submitted by the panther patrol. On Feb. 14 1957, the panther Pat. held a party commemorating the 1st anniversary of our patrol. The parents of the Scouts in our Pat. made or bought food to help make our party a success. After our regular patrol business, John Thomas took an anniversary picture. Then we ate/ Charter members now in patrol are John Thomas, John De treville

By

JIM CAVANAUGH'S JOKEKEEPER MARCH

Customer: What colors have you in window blinds?
Clerk: Window blinds come in all shades madame.

Reporters' First Effort

A man killed a dog belonging to another man. The son of the man whose dog was killed proceeded to whip the man who killed the dog of the man he was the son of. The man who was the son of the man whose dog was killed was arrested on complaint of the man who was assaulted by the son of the man whose dog the man who was assaulted had killed.

HELFPULL

SEE: Are you doing anything for that cold of yours. ?
HE: I sneeze whenever it wants me to



Fat lady going off a diving board



Bird's view of bald headed man.

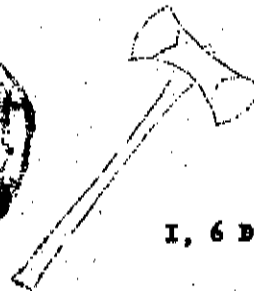
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BIG EVENT TUESDAY APRIL 30 7:00 PM

PAUL BUNYON NATURAMA

PARENTS AND FRIENDS of Troop 99 are invited to attend this BIG EVENT. It will be held at the scout building (regular meeting place). The program will consist of Loggeré competitions by patrols, a "Naturama" made up of collections and displays in wildlife and soil conservation. The patrols will be preparing for this program at their patrol hikes and meeting all this month. Each parent should be enthusiastic about attending this meeting. There's FUN for young and old at the PAUL BUNYON NATURAMA APRIL 30 1957 SEE Y'ALL

OUR PROGRAM THEME FOR THIS MONTH IS ----

SPRING IS SPRUNG

Rick's Poem--
 Spring is sprung
 The flowers is xis
 I wonder where
 The birdies is ????



Spring is Spring and we can get in on this springing at the camping trip coming up on APRIL 5, 6, 7, (details on special bulletin given out at last meeting). If you have not made a reservation you still have a chance by phoning the Scout building. Wednesday or Thursday (no later) evening. Phone --Ft. Gordon 8-5160 ..

TROOP ACTIVITIES FOR APRIL

APRIL 2nd-Prepare for camping trip

5, 6, 7, Camping at Linwood Hayne.

9th- Presentation of wildlife life cycle.

16th Outdoor Firearms Safety .

23rd Film -From Trees to paper and- "The Raindrop and Soil erosion.

30th -Parents Night-- Paul Bunyan Naturama..

PATROL PROJECTS FOR APRIL

This month each patrol will have a wildlife conservation project to complete by April 30th. These projects are easy to complete, fun to do, and useful to the community. The projects will be displayed at the PAUL BUNYUN NATURAMA

The following projects will be assigned to a patrol(one to each)

CONSERVATION CHART-- a handsome display for wall. The troop will supply materials.

ANIMAL SIGNS DISPLAY.- Gather evidence of wildlife.

BIRD HOUSES AND FEEDERS.- Supplying all the modern conveniences for our feathered friends.

CONSERVATION SIGNS--a regular advertising campaign for mother nature.

SOIL EROSION DISPLAY- A real eye catcher. Easy to make.

WOOD- TYPE DISPLAY-- Collect wood samples , mount them.

Lets really get on the ball and make attractive displays for the rest of the troop and parents.

REMEMBER --- The projects must be ready for the 30th

L.M.C.M.S

On the Greenbar campingtrip on the 23rd and 24th of Feb. all the Patrol leaders and assistants who were not already members were initiated and inducted into the Little Mens Chowder and Marching Society .

Performing the ceremonies were- Rick, Pres; Whitey, Frank and John, vice Pres.; Gene Shurtz; Bob Cottrell and Tom Dolan , members at large. We were honored by a visit by our founder Mr. O'Malley . He couldnt stay for refreshments because he had only 20 minutes to get to Boston Mass. where the Tappa Kega Iarga Lodge was also having an initiation.

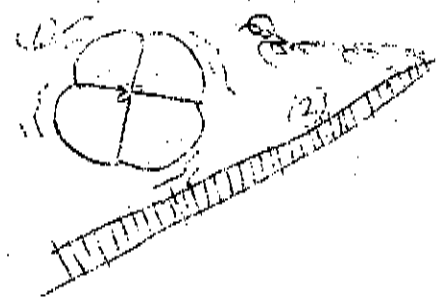
On the april 5,6,7, camping trip more Scouts will be inducted into the Society. The candidates will be picked according to character Scout Spirit, Sportsmanship; But mostly by how long they've been around.

If you are new in the troop -don't worry we'll get around to you sooner or later/ Dr. Howard K. Hubbard another expert on Trolls will honor us with a talk on " the value of sitting around" The talk will be presented on April 31 at 11:00 PM at Range 16.

Refreshments will be served afterwards at DINTY MOORES. There will be no eating the Free lunch unless you have the money to pay for it/

Signed *Barin Sharin*
Sec'y , Little Brown Jug Lodge

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FUTURE SCOUTS
Candidates presently working toward their Tenderfoot rank are--
ROBERT PATRAFKA
ROBERT DIETER
DANNY BANCROFT
LEONARD LIPSEY

THE TROOP HIKERS HONOR ROLL HAS BEEN PUT UP IN THE TROOP HALL. AWARD NIGHT FOR ALL THE BOYS WORKING ON HIKING MERIT BADGE WILL BE HELD TO THE NIGHT OF THE 30th

NEXT BOARD OF REVIEW WILL BE
APRIL 23rd

