

How To Help Boys Into Their Inherited World

Things went not at all well for scouting in the Iredell District in 1963. There were disappointments on every hand, and reasons for them could be traced directly to one nagging problem—a chronic shortage of vigorous volunteer and professional leadership in the county's scouting program.

The crying need for more adult interest in scouting is a need that has been crying for a long, long time. The history of scouting teaches that success or failure rests not with the boys, but with the quantity and quality of men who direct training and administration within the youth organization. A diminishing corps of adult scouters finally took its toll in Iredell last year. More than half the county's 30-odd scout units were unable to renew their charters early in the year.

But 1963 now is behind us, so put aside the crying towel. The history of the Boy Scout movement also teaches that men have a basic compassion for youth, that when they are made aware of the needs of youth, they act. So it was last fall, when "Operation Rescue" was launched as a last-ditch effort to pump new life into the scout units that had fallen by the wayside. The intensive campaign did not work completely, but it was a fine fire-stroke rocket in the fight to get Iredell scouting back into its proper orbit.

At the end of the year, the district scouting program was back on course. A number of the units that became inactive last year now are back among the living. In addition, new troops and packs have been, and are being organized. The units that survived last year's blitz now are stronger than ever.

So, as we mark Boy Scout Week, February 7-13, we can observe the tribute to youth on a positive note in this district. Mitchell Mack of Mooresville has injected

fresh, capable leadership into the program in his position as district chairman. His top order of business, he says, is to strengthen the administrative branch from the district through the local units, and to try and attract more men to scouting on the troop level.

For more than a half-century, Boy Scouts of America has enjoyed success and public acclaim for its part in the training of American youth in character values, citizenship skills and attitudes and physical fitness. Over these 54 years scouting has grown and flourished because the men and boys drawn to it are involved in the processes of life, they have deep convictions of the worth of the scouting movement.

A wide variety of events and programs will take place during the observance that begins Friday. Not the least of these is Scout Sunday, when the boys will attend church in uniform, and when many of the area ministers will build their sermons around the principles of scouting. What a scout stands for is in full accord with what the church stands for. It is fitting that the connection be publicly noted. As joining scouting year moves along, we join in saluting these men and boys who are the movers.

All across the face of this land, the eyes of the nation will turn to this observance of the institution of scouting. Here in South Iredell, we will see boys in uniform in greater-than-usual numbers next week. These familiar uniforms will be filled with the future of this nation. The potential of these growing minds and bodies is unlimited. Today, they are boys in search of tomorrow. Tomorrow, they will be men in search of answers to the world's questions and problems.

During Boy Scout Week, an eager youngster may offer to help you across the street. This would be a polite and meaningful gesture. But what is more meaningful is for you to accept the long-term responsibility of helping these boys into your world. It will soon be theirs.

Civil Rights Deeper Than Skin Color

The somewhat startling realization that there are some other cherished and worthy "rights" besides those that have come to be known in the great struggle for black and white integration as "civil rights" is forcibly brought to mind in the current issue of the National Review Bulletin.

The publication sees in this "hot pursuit of social goals" the same spirit of desperate urgency that drives a nation at war—in which "we must, as in behalf of victory in wartime, be prepared to adjourn any commonly understood rights that stand in our way." And National Review's observer of this frenetic scene cites some examples:

"For instance: In New York last week the Commission on Human Rights has called for giving Negro workers preferential treatment, 'to make up for the discrimination of 100 years.' The right of white people to equal treatment, it is proposed, shall be set aside.

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"For instance: In the United Nations last week a resolution was passed, in the name of racial equality, demanding that South Africa change its domestic policies. The right of a state to govern its own affairs is to be set aside.

"How far is it all to go?" the magazine asks. "Last week the United Nations requested a provision of the Genocide Convention calling for criminal penalties against anyone who raised his voice in such a way

as to stimulate indolent feelings against any race or religion . . . It is proposed, then, to redefine the freedom of speech.

"How far indeed? And when will the proponents of all these measures stop to realize that we have not much further to go before we will in fact be inviting the Negro race to join us equally in an unfree society?"

We will have gone far out of our way, indeed, to prove the adage that the road to you-know-where is paved with good intentions.

Another Record

We live in an era in which records are being broken on every hand. This goes for just about every area of human activity—sports, business production, wage rates, and so on and so on.

And last fiscal year, an AP dispatch from Washington points out, another kind of record was broken—and it is one in which every American save a forgotten hermit in the hills must share. The federal government collected close to \$100 billion in taxes. The dispatch quotes an Internal Revenue Service spokesman as saying, "This is the greatest amount ever collected by any country in history. No country before ever had so many people with so much money."

Well, that is no doubt true. And it is also true that the American people realize that they must pay heavy taxes, particularly for the national defense. There are plenty of signs that these same American people are getting mighty weary of waste in government, and in nonessential spending to support a bureaucracy of almost limitless dimensions.

How much longer will we go on setting new tax records? That's quite a question, in view of a virtual taxpayer revolt that has been revealed in polls, and also local elections around the nation, where the people can vote on tax questions.

WORDS OF WISDOM

An open mind is all very well in its way, but it ought not to be so open that there is no keeping anything in or out of it—Samuel Butler.

A jury consists of 12 persons chosen to decide who has the better lawyer—Robert Frost.

Parson Jones' Pulpit

DEAR MR. PUBLISHER:

Are you smoking more now and enjoying it less? The government has really tied a knot in the smoker's tail by giving out that bad report on cigarettes. I understand that Mrs. Jones has gone to smoking cigars and pipes. I can just see Mrs. Jones coming to choir practice with a cigar in her face. Somewhere I read they were making cigarettes out of cured lettuce leaves.

They tell me it is so nasty that when you smoke one you swear you'll never have another. I don't see why growing up with grass wouldn't make a mighty good smoke. Course, back when I was a youngun we had all sorts of substitutes.

We use to smoke rabbit tobacco a hole lot. We'd roll em out newspaper and lick em shut with spit. It was a good smoke, but it didn't have no filler. Use to cut our tongue with just a few of them wouldn't get so sore. Another thing, if you puffed to hard the newspaper caught on fire and singed your eyebrows—and sometimes we even got a burnt snoot. It's a good thing that government committee didn't investigate rabbit tobacco.

Another thing we smoked back then was corn silk. Yes, sir, you take some dried corn silk and wrap em in newspaper, and you've got something that's quite this world. If you wanted a smoke a little on the strong order why grapevine was awful good. Six inches a grapevine would last a fella all day. A pipeful a coffee grounds was mighty tasty.

I'm telling you all these things, Mr. Publisher, just to show you some of the possibilities for the future. Meanwhile, back at the church things ain't going so good in our Tobacco Anonymous Club. Out of the 23 members 20 has, done broke over. Just yesterday they caught Big Slim hiding under the house smoking a cigarette.

I don't reckon anybody would know it, if he hadn't set the house on fire. I understand that a buncha sidwicks caught fire while he was lighting his smoke. Fortunately Slim wasn't hurt bad. Ellie Nicklesinger has almost gone into running fits—she's so nervous. Carrying that 20 penny nail in her pocket and chewing on that chicken bone just wasn't enough to keep from going back into "the path of sin."

So, Mr. Publisher, we done made one change in the rules of our club. Insteads carrying a 20 penny nail they all carry a thumb tack, and when they gets so nervous they can't stand it, they just sit on the tack, and they forget all about smoking. I believe it gonna be a foot proof idea.

Mr. Publisher, I shore hope the government comes up with the answer to this problem. With the election year coming up I look for the politicians to jump from smoking to mid-alighting. The churches can then get on more serious subjects like the Panama Canal. See you soon.

P. S. Wonder why they don't put filter-tips on automobiles.

Yours truly,

Parson Jones

OUR COMMUNITY

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IN OTHER YEARS

FARMERS — When in the city call at my CAFE and get a good dinner for only 35 cents. We have one of the best cooks in the State and our service is first-class. Try us. Theo. Patterson, On the Corner.

FOR RENT — Four-room cottage in Eastern Heights. Good water at back porch, electric lights. See J. H. Deaton.

It has come to the notice of this office that many people fail to report suspicious and disloyal acts or manifestations of sympathy for the enemy, because of uncertainty as to the proper official to approach. It is very important that the Government should have the assistance of all citizens in detecting enemy propaganda or suspicious activities of individuals, and you will go to a service in notifying your friends that any communication addressed to "Intelligence Officer, Headquarters Southeastern Department, Charleston, S. C." will receive attention and be transmitted to the proper official of the Government for investigation. The names of informants will not be divulged and there need be no fear, on the part of anybody, of getting into trouble in case suspicions fail to be unfounded. Informants should indicate the nature and source of their information, as well as the time and place.

Mr. George C. Goodman spent Monday in Greensboro, where all the fuel administrators of the various sections of the State assembled to get a line on the situation from a government representative. It was the business of the government agent to impress upon the local men the importance of informing and urging the people in every section to buy and lay in their coal during the summer for next winter. It is going to be almost impossible to use the railroads next winter for the transportation of coal, as the cars will be needed to transfer troops and other commodities essential to the war effort. Don't delay in this matter, but get your fuel in during the spring and summer. It must be done to avoid suffering next winter.

Another flag of great interest to the community is a North Carolina State Flag, which was presented to the Mooresville graded school Wednesday morning. This flag is 3 1/2x5 feet, and will hang in the main auditorium in order that every child and visitor to the school building can become familiar with the flag of the Old North State. This emblem of State pride is the gift of the following men: D. M. Creswell, Rev. S. H. Hay, C. P. McNeely, Chief Linder, Dr. Taylor, Theo. Patterson, T. O. Bravley, H. C. Johnston, W. O. Sanders, Mr. Devane, M. W. White, Aircraft Theatre, Mort McKnight, R. O. Miller, E. W. Bravley, J. L. Moore, Jr., A. L. Starr, H. B. Mayhew, J. L. Fortner, J. P. Mills, P. S. Boyd, Z. V. Turlington and H. P. Deaton.

Master Archie Cathey, who has been brought home from the hospital at Statesville, is doing quite well.

Mr. Con Johnston, who is now located at Camp Greene, spent Sunday here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Johnston.

Capt. Fred C. Rankin, of Fort Oglethorpe, came in last Saturday morning and remained until Monday night, visiting his mother, Mrs. W. W. Rankin.

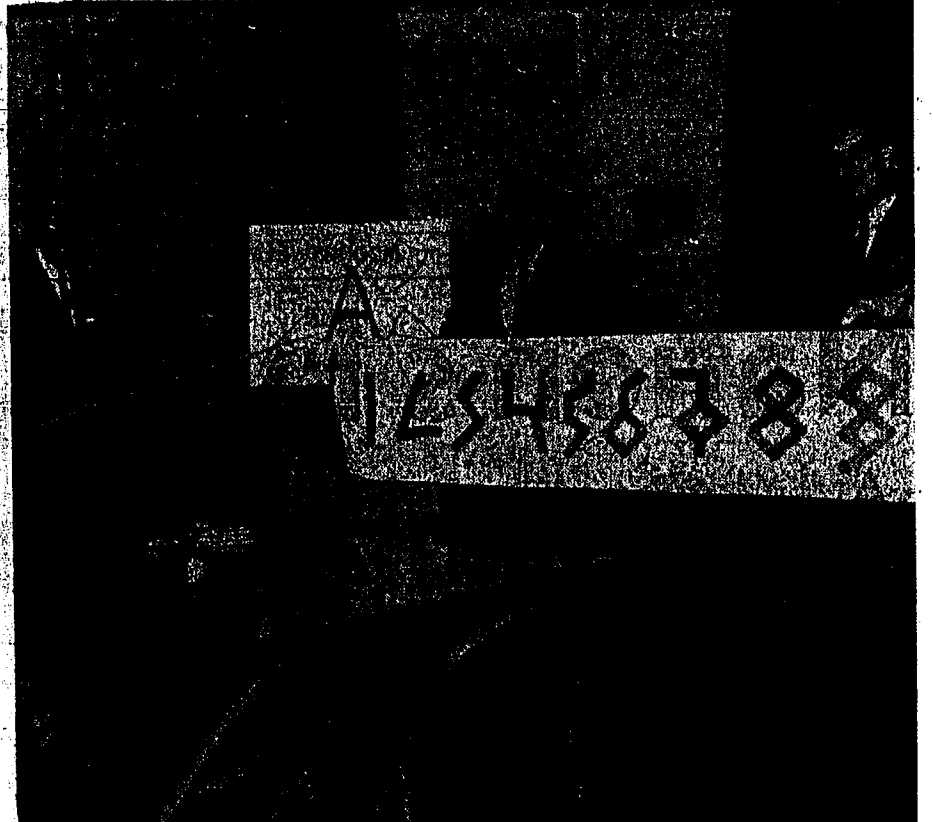
Practically all parts of the new bridge spanning the Catawba river at the old Brown-Trouman site west of Mooresville, are now on the ground and workmen are busy connecting up the links. It will be only a short while now until at least one of Iredell's free bridges will be open to the public.

Mr. C. L. Kelly, of this city, and Mr. Sam Kelly, of Kannapolis, returned Monday night from Camp Sevier, where they spent several days with their brother, Sgt. Clyde Kelly, who is a member of the Piedmont Battery.

Mr. G. G. Adams, who was a student at Rutherford College during the term just closed, has returned to the city and has resumed work at the M. & F. Bank.

The nine colored men to leave here next Monday for Statesville, from where they will go to Camp Sevier, are: Glenn Sherrill and Brooks Slatts, Jr., of Statesville; John Torrance, Bee Simonson, Will Fortner, O. K. Campbell, Henry Smith, and Ernest Coble.

Messrs. J. W. Sherrill and Brooks Slatts arrived Monday from Camp Sevier, where they spent the week and with their sons, Glenn Sherrill and Brooks Slatts, Jr., of Statesville; John Torrance, Bee Simonson, Will Fortner, O. K. Campbell, Henry Smith, and Ernest Coble.



ADULTS LEARN, TOO — The primary function of scouting, of course, is to give purpose and direction to boys. But scouting, to borrow a phrase, is a pleasure meant for adults, too. Men who work closely with boys find themselves learning along with the eager youngsters. These scouters, in turn, pass along their new-found knowledge to others in and out of scouting. During a recent meeting of the Mooresville Rotary Club, these men had fun explaining the origin of our present day alphabet and numbers. At left is Paul Kennedy, advancement chairman for the Iredell District. Holding the display of numbers are Mitchell Mack, left, district chairman; and Howard Smith, district scout executive.

Mooresville's Frank Burke: Actively Engaged In Scouting Since Age Of 12

Frank Burke enrolled in the local Scout organization even before he came here some five years ago. During his few years in Mooresville, the energetic New Yorker has established himself as a driving force within the area youth organization.

Perhaps more than any other volunteer leader in the district, Burke considers youth work a natural part of his life.

When Drymore Manufacturing Co. assigned Burke to its plant here as production manager, he already had registered with Troop 1. He began duties as assistant scoutmaster of the troop as soon as he got into town.

During 1962, Burke served as District Organization and Extension chairman.

Burke, now 35, has been involved in Boy Scouts in one capacity or another since he was 12 years old. He grew up in New York and considers Queens Council the most important part of training and recreation in his early years.

In New York, he moved rapidly up the leadership ladder and in 1948 he took his place among the adult leaders in the Council. He was assistant cubmaster one year, scoutmaster three years, institutional representative two years and assistant advisor of an Explorer Ship four years.

As recognition for their regard for him, some 200 members of the Scout organization in New York gave Burke a going-away testimonial dinner when he was transferred here.

Since coming to Mooresville, Burke has served as Troop 1 assistant scoutmaster part of a year and he was vice-chairman of the Iredell District three years ago. He is a member of St. Theresa's Catholic Church, and although the church does not sponsor a Scout group, Burke has many boys in the church enrolled in other town troops.

The American Scout Banner and the World Friendship Flag are two of Burke's most outstanding contributions to Boy Scouts. Both of the works originated in Sea Explorer Ship 232 in Broad Channel, N. Y., when Burke was serving as assistant advisor for the ship.

The friendship flag is a collection of embroidered names of Scouts all over the world. The idea began when members of the Explorer Ship started writing to Scouts in other countries. Soon, the boys began exchanging Scout patches and emblems. The names collected by the boys have been placed on a larger banner grouped around the American flag. The flag's popularity has grown steadily, and it still is being shown to Scouts in the New York area.

The American Scout Banner, another of Burke's projects, is a collection of banners and Scout insignia from throughout the United States. It is considered a companion to the World Friendship Flag, which has been shown on television programs and put on display at many Scout conferences in New York. Burke was given the American Scout Banner when he left New York, and is one of his most valuable possessions.

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Points The Way To
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● Scouting is neither military nor anti-military. It carefully avoids political or commercial entanglements.

● Scouting knows no race or creed or class. It is available to both farm and city residents. It serves the rich and poor alike. Its aim is to help each of these boys to become THE BEST CITIZEN that he can make of himself.

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Smith Serves As Scout Head In District

Howard T. Smith of Statesville, Scout executive of the Iredell District, Piedmont Council, Boy Scouts of America, is a veteran of eight years of professional scouting.

Thirty-six years of age, Smith is a native New Yorker but has been a Southerner since 1942.

He accepted the post as Iredell District Scout executive in November, 1961. Before coming to Iredell county, he served as Scout executive for the Burke, McDowell, Polk and Rutherford districts.

Smith was born in Rochester, N. Y., and attended school there until his family moved to Monroe in 1942. He graduated from Georgia Military Academy in 1944, and a year later he entered the Army.

Smith served in the Philippines until his release in 1946, when he joined his parents at their new home in Clearwater, Fla.

The district executive studied at the University of Rochester from 1948 through 1950. He entered business in Florida in 1950, and remained in Clearwater until he entered full-time scout work in 1955.

Prior to joining the Piedmont Council January 1, 1959, Smith served as district scout executive in the Central Florida Council, with headquarters in Orlando.

Smith attended the 193rd national training school on the Schiff Scout Reservation in New Jersey in 1955. He is well known in this council for his work as a member of the staff of the Piedmont Boys Scout Camp in 1959, and as camp director the following year.

The new scout executive for Iredell is an Episcopalian and a member of the Statesville Kiwanis Club.



TEACHING EACH OTHER — Franklin Rader (wearing glasses) was among some 30 Piedmont Council scouts who participated in a camping program last summer at the Philmont range in New Mexico. A senior patrol leader in Troop 164, young Rader has the responsibility of assisting less experienced boys in his unit. Members of his patrol gather around him as he discusses troop activities during a recent weekly session.

Explorer Program Leads Into Dedicated Service

The Explorer program, a comparative late-comer to the Scout movement, allows members to plan and participate in meaningful activities that will carry them on into strong and dedicated citizenship.

Behind each post stands a post committee of three or more men appointed by the district or council organization. This committee secures the services of several adults to guide the work. The key man among these officers is the Advisor, who is assisted by associate advisors.

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course. In the winter, the looked-to event may be a co-ed dinner-dance, attendance at a town council meeting, or safety service at some public event.

Every day that passes brings the Explorer closer to the problem of selecting his life work. He looks out on a world in turmoil, spinning at jet speed, and knows that he, therefore, must take his place in it to make his contribution while providing for his own survival. He realizes more and more that what ever he will amount to in the future depends on the decisions he makes today, that his educational plans of the movement must be consistent with his job aspirations as an adult. Question upon question clamor for an answer.

The green Explorer uniform is the perfect outfit for many activities; it has the rugged stamina that makes it ideal for wilderness adventures. For other activities, the optional Explorer outfit sets the pace for the program. Campus-styled blue blazer with emblem, gray slacks, white shirt, and maroon tie make an attractive combination that suits the taste of a teen-ager for all dressup occasions: formal, community events, conferences.

Explorers get together for post meetings at least twice a month. There is usually a short business session, but most of the time is used for the special activity of the month.

In the summertime, such an activity may be a splash party, a local swimming pool, a visit to a children's hospital to entertain the young patients, a Saturday night at a rifle range or golf driving

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Scouting Teaches Self-Reliance

Excellent Aid In Today's Busy World

Scouting helps boys meet the demands and opportunities in this increasingly complex world.

Three programs, for boys of three age levels, are designed to develop physical fitness, self-reliance, an obligation to God, a sense of personal responsibility, an attitude of service to others, a willingness to share with others, and living the free way of life.

As a supplementary program to the nation's basic institutions — the home, the church, and the school — the Boy Scouts of America has the cooperation of religious, civic, business, labor, and educational interests.

These groups are chartered by the National Council of the Boy Scouts to carry on the programs for its boys and those of the community, all under selected, competent, trained adult volunteer leaders—1,200,000 of them.

Today there are 3,000,000 boy members in the 111,000 units which are found in American communities almost everywhere.

Scouting contributes to the family unit with parents taking active part in many Scouting activities.

Cub Scouting, for boys eight, nine, and 10, teaches a boy to do interesting things — handicrafts, collections, games, stunts, nature, and hobbies — in his own neighborhood with his parents.

Boy Scouting with its out-of-doors program teaches the boy of 11 through 18 to be self-reliant. He learns first aid so that he may be helpful to others and able to take care of himself in times of emergency.

Through Exploring, the boy 14 and older gets a well-rounded program of outdoor, social, service, and vocational activities.



CHARTER PRESENTATION SLATED — The new Cub pack at First Baptist Church will receive its charter Scout Sunday, February 9, during ceremonies at the 11 o'clock worship service. These men are among the church leaders who worked to organize the new unit, and who will have key roles in the future of the pack. Willis Shumake, institutional representative, holds the pack charter that will be presented Sunday. Scoutmaster Bill Lane is seated. Standing, from left, are Cy Brooks, committee chairman; the Rev. Bob Shepherd, pastor of the church and pack chaplain; and Bill Harwell, assistant scoutmaster.

Boy Scouts Today

Ex-President Truman 'Sold' On Scouting

"The Boy Scouts of America, since it was founded in 1910, has contributed greatly to the character training of our youth. What a greater nation this would be if the principles of Scouting could be woven more closely into our daily lives. If we can impress upon our youth principles of friendliness and mutual respect, we shall go a long way toward establishing a better understanding among the nations of the world.

"The Boy Scouts of America is making a vital contribution to the character building of our boys and young men. Let us work together to make the program of the Boy Scouts available to every American boy."

—HARRY S. TRUMAN

SCOUTS OF THE UNIVERSE TOMORROW

WE SALUTE THE BOY SCOUTS OF TODAY . . . ALERT, ACTIVE, SHARING IMPORTANTLY IN THE LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY AND NATION. AND WE LOOK TO THEM TO CARRY ON THE AMERICAN TRADITIONS AND TO CREATE NEW IDEAS FOR THE FUTURE OF OUR COUNTRY.

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