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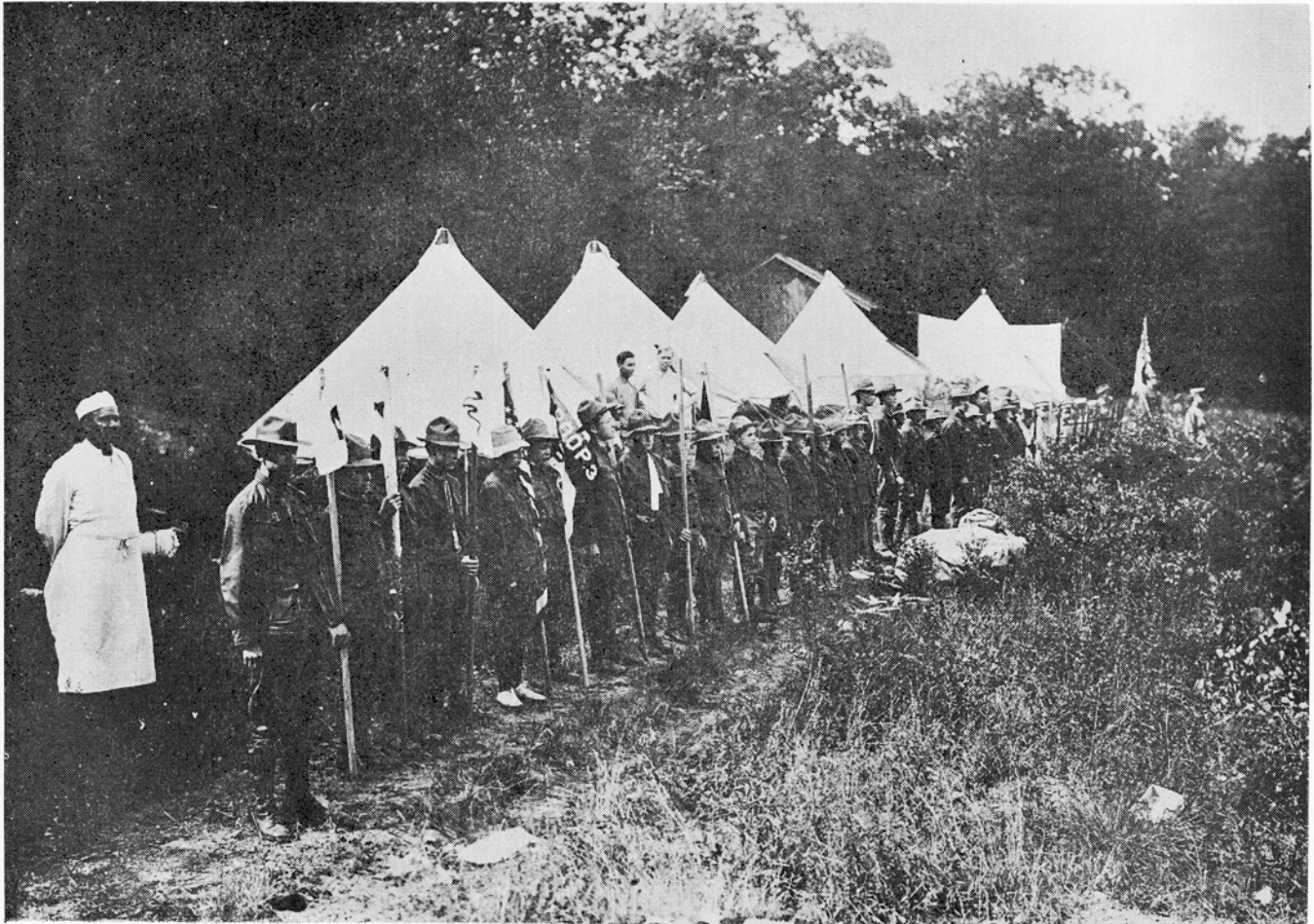
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EDWARD M. GRAF, Editor

The History of Fifty Years of Boy Scouting in Paterson, N. J.

By CAPTAIN ANDREW T. DERRON (Silver Beaver Scout)



CAPT. DERRON AND BOY SCOUTS TROOP No. 3 OF PATERSON, N. J. IN FIRST CAMP
AT COLD SPRING LAKE, BUTLER, N. J. JULY 14 TO 27, 1912

During the period 1908 and 1909 various YMCA boys' secretaries had visited England and observed what had been accomplished by Lieut. General Sir Robert Baden Powell in fostering activities for boys in a constructive way, with the organization of Baden-Powell Scouts.

One of those who had become interested was Frank O. Van Ness, in charge of Boys department of Paterson, New Jersey, YMCA. He attended a conference of English scout leaders conducted by Baden-Powell and brought back with him the English hand book "*Scouting for Boys*" with

plenty of data on English Scouting. He was fortunate in securing the help of two former English Scouts living in Paterson. Henry Reeves of Chichester, England who had been with Scouts in England and Bermuda, and Frank Heald of Blackhaven, England who held the high honor of Silver Wolf.



TROOP No. 13 AT MIDVALE, N. J. — 1913
GUSTAVE E. GRAF, Scoutmaster

Henry Reeves was chosen scoutmaster and organized a troop which was subject of a feature article in the *New York Times*, which described the troop as the first scout troop in the United States. Incidentally this news item with the original patrol flag of the Rattle Snake Patrol was used as evidence by the law firm of Ralston, Siddons and Richardson as data to substantiate the claim of Boy Scouts of America to the name and not the Hearst organization who had organized the United States Boy Scouts.

Various leaders in boy activities had organized such as "Tribe of Woodcraft Indians" by Ernest Thompson Seton and "Society of Sons of Daniel Boone" by Daniel Carter Beard.

William D. Boyce, a Chicago publisher, was greatly impressed during a visit to London, when during a fog he became bewildered, a boy who was a member of Baden-Powell Scouts, approached him, asked "Sir, may I be of service to you?" Mr. Boyce told him where he wanted to go. The boy saluted Mr. Boyce and said, "Sir, come with me," and took him to the address requested. Upon arriving there Mr. Boyce offered a shilling tip. The boy said, "A scout does not accept tips for courtesies and good turns."

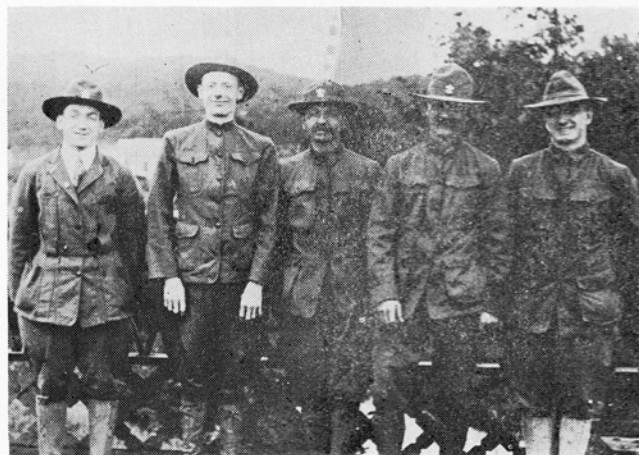
Mr. Boyce asked the scout to wait until he had completed his errand and take him to Sir Baden Powell's office, where he learned more

about scouting. Upon Mr. Boyce's return to the United States, he brought with him a trunk full of literature, insignia and uniforms.

He consulted with his friend Colin H. Livingston and with others, decided to incorporate the Scouts which by this time was spreading in the United States, mostly in YMCA's where troops had been formed, such as Paterson, N. J.; Utica, N. Y.; Springfield, Mass.; some cities in Michigan and Sedalia, Kansas.

Boy Scouts of America was incorporated in District of Columbia, February 8, 1910 with headquarters temporarily established at New York YMCA, 124 East 28th Street.

Largely thru the efforts of Edgar M. Robinson the different organizations were brought together by the middle of July 1910. At a conference representatives of thirty different existing organizations, a permanent organization was appointed, Ernest Thompson Seton was chosen chairman, Lee F. Hammer, secretary, George D. Pratt, treasurer. Other members of the committee were Dr. Luther H. Golick, Jacob A. Riis, Edgar M. Robinson, Colin H. Livingston, Daniel Carter Beard, Adjutant General William Verbeck and Col. Peter S. Bomus.



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As a result of the deliberations of this committee, a working plan of present organizations was developed. Headquarters was at 200 Fifth Ave., New York City, with James E. West, a Washington attorney, as Chief Scout Executive. National Headquarters are now located in their own building on the outskirts of New Brunswick, New Jersey. Boy Scouts of America was chartered by Congress July 15, 1916.

Paterson scouting was officially launched upon the commission issued to Joseph N. Brown of the Paterson Boys Department of the YMCA as

scout master of Troop 1, which was the out-growth of troop started by Harry Reeves. Assistant scoutmaster of the troop was Edgar H. Ellis. At same time two other troops were registered. Troop 2 of St. Paul's P. E. Church, Rev. David S. Hamilton being named scoutmaster. This Troop was discontinued for a time in 1912 as well as



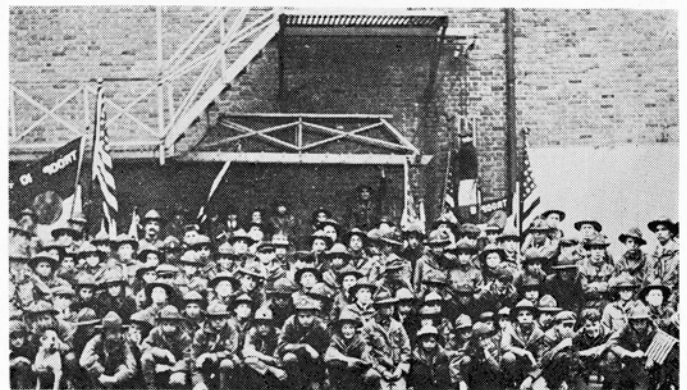
SCOUT CAMP AT MIDVALE, N. J.—1913

Troop 1 of the YMCA. Troop 3 of Eastside Presbyterian Church was registered as of 20 October 1910, making it the oldest troop in continuous existence in Paterson and the country. Being still active, the Troop at St. Paul's was revived after a lapse of a year as Troop 1 under George E. Bray as scoutmaster and Emil Fichtner as assistant scoutmaster.

Paterson troops organized in 1911-1912 besides those already mentioned were:

- Troop 4, Paterson Ave. M. E. Church, scoutmaster, John J. Lord.
- ' ' 5, First Presbyterian Church, Rev. Clarence E. MacCartney, scoutmaster.
- ' ' 6, Church of Redeemer (now Church of Messiah), Robert C. Hill, scoutmaster; Henry Sternberg and Rupert Brock, assistant scoutmasters.
- ' ' 7, Belle Vista M. E. Church, J. M. Veer-steg, scoutmaster.
- ' ' 8, Wesley M. E. Church, Rev. A. B. Richardson, scoutmaster; John I. Griebel, assistant scoutmaster.
- ' ' 9, United Presbyterian Church, James Deane, scoutmaster.
- ' ' 10, Lakeview Presbyterian Church, Frank D. Pierson, scoutmaster; J. B. Crowe, assistant scoutmaster.
- ' ' 11, West Paterson Methodist Church, John Blanck, scoutmaster.
- ' ' 12, Broadway Reformed Church (Church of Covenant), H. Irving Post, scoutmaster; H. Lane, assistant scoutmaster.

- ' ' 13, First German Presbyterian Church, Henry L. Ramm, scoutmaster; Edward Martin, assistant scoutmaster.
- ' ' 14, Hawthorne, John W. Patton, scoutmaster.
- ' ' 15, Totowa Presbyterian Church, Rev. O. M. Demcott, scoutmaster.
- ' ' 16, Market St. M. E. Church, James Royle, scoutmaster.
- ' ' 17, St. Agnes Episcopal Church, Little Falls, Robert B. McKay, scoutmaster.
- ' ' 18, Athenia Reformed Church, Jacob Poppen, scoutmaster; Harold H. Starbuck, assistant scoutmaster.
- ' ' 19, Totowa Borough School, George C. Magill, scoutmaster; Daniel H. Wood, assistant scoutmaster.
- ' ' 20, Holland Church, James Van Der Ploeg, scoutmaster.
- ' ' 21, Hugh C. Irish Camp No. 8, Sons of Union Veterans, John W. Robbins, scoutmaster; William N. Garner, assistant scoutmaster.
- ' ' 22, Madison Ave. Presbyterian Church, Tunis Kivett, scoutmaster; William R. Partington, assistant scoutmaster.



SCUTORAMA AT DALY'S THEATER
Main and Smith Streets, Paterson

- ' ' 23, Madison Park M. P. Church, John Woerker, scoutmaster.
- ' ' 24, Clifton Village, William H. English, scoutmaster.

Many of the clergy whose names are shown took active part in scouting programs especially outdoor events. Dr. Frank Webster Smith who was head of what is now Paterson State College partook in many a hike and camp.

Scout troops in Paterson area had functioned as individual troops under the guidance of the National Headquarters in New York City but in

line with National policy, a local council to handle scouting was desired.

On 30 October 1911, Rev. A. B. Richardson, Rev. M. Watts, Joseph N. Brown, Emil M. Fichtner, Harry Reeves, Robert G. Thompson and Andrew T. Derrom met at the Paterson YMCA with H. E. Shaffer of Boy Scout National Headquarters, who advised the group as to the method of organizing a local council. Joseph N. Brown was chosen temporary chairman.



CAPTAIN ANDREW T. DERROM

20 January 1912 several Paterson men interested in scouting attended a dress rehearsal at 71st Regiment Armory, New York City to prepare for a demonstration to Sir Baden-Powell which was to take place in February. At this time Lorillard Spencer, Jr., commissioner of Scouts in New York City, led in scout demonstration movement. Daniel Carter Beard gave a talk on what scouts could do out of doors, followed by Dr. Shields of American Red Cross on first aid.

Thru the efforts of Andrew T. Derrom, on 25 February 1912 about four hundred persons met

in YMCA hall to hear H. E. Shaffer, field secretary of Boy Scouts, talk upon scouting and witness a demonstration of several phases of scouting given by local boy scouts. At this gathering Paterson, N. J. Council was organized with the following gentlemen: President Judge Francis Scott; Vice-Presidents, Garret A. Hobart and William D. Blauvelt, president Second National Bank, and Secretary Andrew T. Derrom.

Among those present who agreed to serve on the Council were Dr. Andrew F. McBride, Mayor of Paterson; Samuel S. Evans, president Dolphin Jute Mills; Col. Robert A. Van Walraven, Fifth New Jersey Infantry; Rev. David S. Hamilton, rector of St. Paul's P. E. Church; Rev. Clarence E. McCartney, First Presbyterian Church; Thomas Wilson, silk manufacturer; Dr. Leo Mannheimer, rabbi Temple Emanuel; Melville C. Van Ness, paper box manufacturer; Rev. Herbert B. Howe, Second Presbyterian Church; Frank Webster Smith, Ph.D., principal Paterson Normal School; Dr. Frank P. Elsing, physician; Frank B. Warner, woven label manufacturer; Harry Reeves, YMCA.

First recorded activity of scouting in Paterson after organizing was trip of one hundred boy scouts on February 10, 1912, representing the troops which had been organized and uniformed. They travelled by Hudson River trolley to New York's Seventy-first Regiment Armory. They made favorable impression and comments as they went through the streets. At the Armory a demonstration was given to Sir General Baden-Powell, father of scouting movement. All Paterson scouts in uniform gave an exhibition before Sir Baden-Powell in wigwagging, first aid and tent pitching which was enthusiastically applauded.

Various troops conducted activities in scout work, besides acting as escort to President William Howard Taft when he visited Paterson in 1912.

Three hundred scouts in uniform paraded 30 May 1912 in honor of G.A.R. veterans, who were then some one hundred strong in uniform and ready for their reunion encampment at Gettysburg.

A camp for one hundred scouts was maintained for two weeks at Cold Spring Lake, Butler, July 14 to 27, 1912. This was first camp under the Paterson Council, and was conducted by Joseph N. Brown and Andrew T. Derrom. It proved very successful from all angles, being remembered to this day by some of those who

attended. Visitors day was featured by a special exhibition of scout activities. People in those days went by Susquehanna Railroad and walked to camp.

Numerous hikes were made by various troops culminating in a Council wide hike to High Mountain on 12 October 1912.

Courts of Honor were formed and scouts took their various tests for merit badges and advancement. Churches of all denominations and synagogues extended whole-heartedly into the scout movement so there were activities of all types to support the movement besides courses of instruction for scouts. For example, Physicians gave a series of lectures such as circulation and respiration by Dr. C. R. Mitchell; muscles and shock by Dr. George E. Tuers. Joseph N. Brown, of YMCA, gave two lectures upon how to interest boys and playing of games; Clarence Baker, of YMCA, on hygiene, first aid to the injured, and what to do in water with actual demonstration in pool with resuscitation in case of drowning; and Charles R. Scott, State secretary of YMCA, on camping.

12 February 1913 the first rally of over five hundred Boy Scouts was held in the Paterson Armory which created great interest with parents and friends of the movement. Some of the events are worth describing to show what was done when scouting was young. After marching into the Armory, headed by School No. 9 drum corps, formation was made and a "Salute to Colors" given by one of the scouts on bugle. Then Ridgewood Scout Troop formed a human pyramid, one of the smaller scouts gave an exemplification of flag semaphore signalling, in leaping to the floor he fell and impersonated an injured person. His comrades stripped off coats and demonstrated first aid and in bandaging. Troop 1, YMCA, demonstrated the setting up of tents and camp equipment and the science of making fire without aid of matches. Troop 2, St. Paul's Church, set up two wireless stations, sent messages from there. Troop 3, Eastside Presbyterian Church, built a tower of saplings with ropes, no nails used. Troop 8, Wesley Methodist Church, participated and so on. All the 25 troops executed some special feature. At this time merit badges that were won by boys of various troops, were presented to them. An "antelope" race was run, also wall-scaling over a 10-foot wooden wall.

At closing, the Scout Oath was given in uni-

son after which the *Star Spangled Banner* was sung by all while standing at attention.

12 February 1913. National Scout Commissioner Daniel Carter Beard received scouts and addressed them with an interesting talk. Over three thousand persons attended.

5 April 1913 St. Paul's Troop visited the rally held in East Orange Armory, they carried the banner won as first prize at the Paterson Armory.

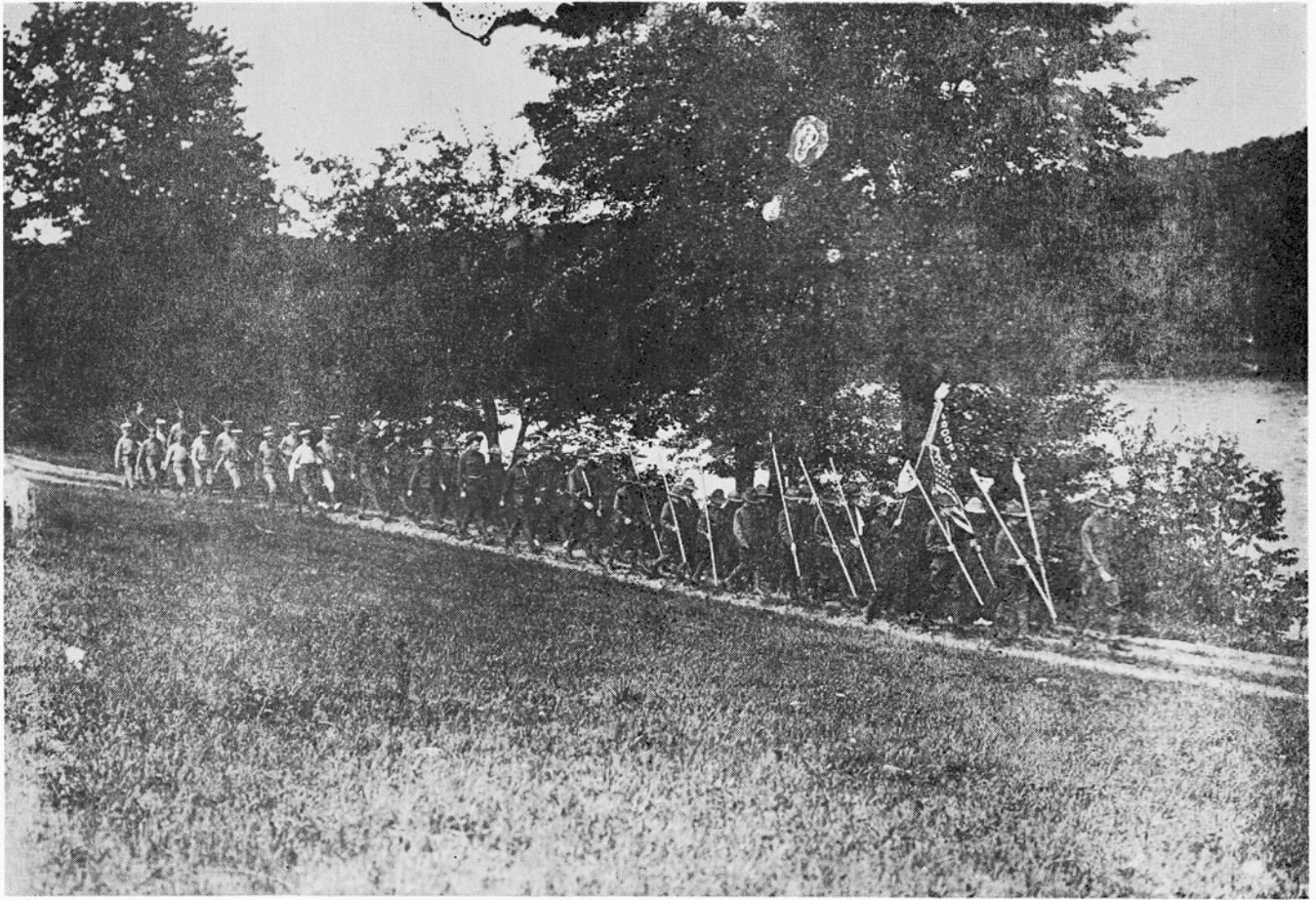


"CHIEF" LOTE—1st HIKE—MIDVALE, N. J.

19 April 1913, three hundred Boy Scouts hiked to Garret Mountain, prepared own suppers, returning by moonlight over Rifle Camp Road, the same road George Washington's troops had been on 133 years previously.

17 May 1913. First athletic meet of entire Council held in Olympic Park when over four hundred scouts attended.

Events consisted of standing broad jump, for 80-pound class, 50-yard dash, 220-yard relay; 95-pound class—running broad jump, 75-yard dash,



TROOP No. 3 PATERSON, SCOUTMASTER DERROM IN THE LEAD

440-yard relay; 110-pound class—100-yard dash, 440-yard relay; unlimited class over 110 pounds—220-yard run, 8-pound shot put, 2nd 440-yard relay.

Troop 10, Lakeview Presbyterian Church, won with total of 27 points, the prize wall tent.

30 May 1913, five hundred boys from 31 troops participated in Memorial Day parade behind G.A.R. survivors who numbered 100 at that time.

2 July 1913. Over one hundred twenty-five scouts of various troops hiked (not like present day) to Midvale where all were guests of E. I. Dupont de Nemours Powder Co. over the Fourth, they gave demonstrations, enjoyed activities besides attending church services. Meals were prepared and served by those hired by E. I. Du Pont.

Many an old clipping in the historical scrap book mentions individual scout troops with their own activities which were mighty interesting. Over the years scouts held rallies at Paterson Armory and scoutoramas as at Hinchliffe Stadium.

11 October 1913. Two hundred Boy Scouts with their leaders hiked to High Mountain to celebrate their third anniversary, had a camp fire and ate their supper before returning to their homes.

William D. Blauvelt, then president Second National Bank was elected the second President of Council 26 March 1914. At same time first Scout Executive Leon J. Argetsinger was engaged, he remained with Council until December 1916.

Herbert A. Lotee was engaged as Scout Executive 10 March 1917 and remained with Council until he retired in 1939. During his administration scouting made great strides, he being well liked by all parents as well as boys. He became known as "Chief." His friends have had an oil painting of him executed and it now hangs in THE PASSAIC COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY museum in Lambert Castle, Paterson, N. J.

Harvey Maden was engaged as Scout Executive upon retirement of Chief Lotte in 1939 and remained with Council until 1942, leaving to enter U. S. armed service. Leonard F. Gabryel



TROOP No. 3, PATERSON, SCOUTMASTER DERROM "ON THE DOUBLE QUICK"

was engaged as Scout Executive 1 Nov. 1942 and his services have proved of great value to the Council over the years and all regretted his resignation 6 September 1959 because of his wife's health requiring change of climate. He was granted a leave of absence until 1 November 1959 when Robert M. Fee of Rochester, New York was named Scout Executive of the Council. Gabryel earned the first Scouters Key ever given in the Nation.

After William D. Blauvelt's term of President, the following have served as President of Council:

Charles L. Auger, Jr., silk manufacturer; Edgar M. Tilt, attorney; David McGregor, insurance; Edmund J. Thimme, Public Service executive (who incidentally was first Eagle Scout in Paterson when member Troop 3); Sylvan Geismar, president Manhattan Shirt Co.; Ralph M. Fava, jeweler; Joseph J. Glatzel, Public Service executive.

Alhtaha Council

Alhtaha is an Indian word meaning "*Be Prepared*" which was the Scout motto of the

original Paterson Council. Alhtaha Council was named by Chief (as he was affectionately known) Lotee after the Boy Scout Camp the Paterson Council held at Awosting, Greenwood Lake. Several sites were used as camps on Greenwood Lake during the years 1916 to 1940 when they were moved to Lake Hopatcong, Hopatcong was given up as were previous ones because of road building marring the usefulness of sites. Council now owns a camp at Fairview Lake near Stillwater, New Jersey, consisting of 100 acres purchased in June 1950. This is one of the finest camp sites in the country. Fairview Lake is a natural glacial lake of exceptionally pure water, situated on the Appalachian Trail. Site was approved by National Engineers. Camp Alhtaha over the years has been improved by various buildings of all types. An administration building; dining hall seating over 400; Order of Arrow cabin; 10 lean-tos assembled into two villages, Miniski and Seneca; a cement block pump house with portable pipe system from two wells to kitchens, wash rooms and latrines; a Ranger house; barn to store supplies; a shelter pavilion

donated by Mr. & Mrs. Edward Ross, used as a shelter for parents when visiting; two docks on lake with four canoes and six row boats; and good parking facilities are provided. A nature Lodge, with four sides open, houses the nature groups, used for nature and camp projects. One of leanto's is in memory of late Stella Dowling Stackpole. Another was given by Troop 71 of North Haledon.

The Ladies of Alhtaha, a service auxiliary was organized in 1955 and through their efforts Camp Alhtaha has benefited in a generous way. An electric dish washing machine was purchased by them; expense of drilling a deep artesian well for the camp, and purchase of lumber for Camp Administration Building were among their accomplishments. The Administration Building was erected by Naval Reserve Sea-Bees as one of their volunteer projects.

Mrs. David McGregor had a 65-foot memorial flag pole erected at Camp Alhtaha in memory of her husband, David MacGregor, who had been a President of the Council.

Council also owns an overnite camp of 50 acres at Pancake Hollow in Wayne Township which is used extensively by troops of Council for week-end training and other activities.

Order of Arrow is a service organization in Council of older boys who year around promote facilities and improving of camp property.

December 1924, Troop 13 made a five-day trip to Washington, D. C. and under the guidance of Congressman Gordon Canfield, who was then secretary to Congressman Seger, visited with President Calvin Coolidge, Hon. Herbert Hoover and Chief Justice Taft, besides visiting all places of interest. This same troop was an escort to Sir Robert Baden-Powell upon his departure for Europe May 1926, and three years later an annual Troop dinner, April 1929, had Dan Beard, National Chief Scout as guest speaker.

First National Jamboree for scouts was held in Washington, D. C. which was attended by a number of Alhtaha scouts.

World's Fair, New York (where a Scout Service Camp was conducted in July, 1939) was attended by Paterson Scouts.

May 1949, 40 scouts of Troop 13 with leaders went by bus to Philadelphia visiting Independence Hall and Betsy Ross House where the first United States flag was made.

8 February 1940. 400 Boy Scouts attended the 30th anniversary rally at School No. 5—Troop 12 was awarded a plaque in recognition of

the outstanding achievements during the past year. New Jersey Dept. of the American Legion awarded "Good Citizen" citation to Conrad L. Bush, of Explorer Post 89, in recognition of attaining rank of Eagle Scout.

July 1940, Scout James Quackenbush was awarded a medal for the rescue of a boy from drowning in Passaic River.

October 1950, St. Paul's P. E. Church Troop 1 observed its fortieth anniversary as well as Eastside Presbyterian Troop 3.

December 9, 1956, at Eastside Presbyterian Church Troop 3 participated at a vesper service at which time Scout William G. Chavanne, who had become an Eagle Scout, was awarded the American Legion "Good Citizen" citation, incidentally Chavanne is now a second year midshipman at Annapolis Naval Academy. At the same time James F. Vanderbeek and J. Stuart Voorhis received "God and Country" awards.

November 1956, members of Troop 107 with their leader, Scoutmaster Louis Taylor, spent a day erecting a marker at Pines Lake woods in front of a 400-year-old double trunked white oak which according to legend the Lenni-Lenape used as a boundary for the Indian tribe under Chief Onageponik who ruled in 1615.

July 1957, 94 scouts and leaders attended an overnite camp at Goffle Brook Park as a preliminary "chuck up" to prepare for their trip to the Fourth National Jamboree at Valley Forge, Pennsylvania, July 12-18, 1957 at which time 25,000 Boy Scouts from all parts of the United States and other countries were encamped on the famous camping ground and participated in an inspiring pageant as well as scouting activities.

November 9, 1958, 175 Boy Scouts of Wayne Township Troops participated in a Wayne-O-Ree athletic events and a camp fire Saturday nite. Religious services at Catholic and Protestant churches were held. Camp was conducted in an excellent manner and wound up with a retreat ceremony. Parents and friends were visibly impressed.

October 16, 1958, about 300 scouts spent a three-day week-end on the grounds of famous Dey Mansion in Wayne where General George Washington stayed for several months 180 years ago, first in July, then September, October and November while the Continental Army was encamped nearby. Competitive events consisted of barrel tilting, flint and steel fire making, tug of war, Indian fashion wrestling; as always the camp was set up in military manner, boys pre-

pared their own meals, while in the evening had camp fire, sang and listened to historical talk on events that happened in this vicinity while the country was fighting for its liberty.

Besides summer camps, scouts camp out in what is called FREEZEREE when they have demonstrations of ice safety and emergency methods.

December 31, 1958, Mayor Edward O'Byrne of Paterson City Hall presented Official Council neckercnief to Paul Sarames as the 5,000th boy to join the current membership of Alhtaha Council. Since 1910, 40,000 different boys have been registered in the Council.

A goodly number of Scouts always participated in patriotic parades.

Nineteen scouts and leader, Scout Commissioner Ted Romaine, Sr. camped out in tents at Fort Nonsense, Morristown 21 February 1950 then at 5:30 A. M. following day passed Washington's Headquarters Ford Mansion, hiked along the same route Washington took to the Dey Mansion, Wayne, covering 23½ miles. This was to bring attention to historical places and award of merit badge credits.

Eighty Boy Scout leaders attended advanced winter training course the week of 14-15 March 1959 at Stillwater.

Alhtaha Council territory includes greater part of Passaic County outside of Passaic and Clifton in addition East Paterson. It is divided like ancient Gaul into three districts: *Falls District* lower portion of county; *North District*, center part of county; and *Three Rivers District* northern section of county.

Scouting has grown to 5,000 Boy Scouts and 1,800 adults to assist and supervise scouting in the territory of the Council.

Boy Scouts perform community service in their various localities, such as distribution of posters for Red Cross and various Health Associations; usher at East Sun Rise services, collect toys for Toys for Tots drive of the Marine Corps Reserve, participate in Paterson Anti-Jay Walking Campaign and New Jersey traffic survey.

Alhtaha Council has been awarded twice the Lorillard Spencer Trophy plaque representing first place in achievement rating in Metropolitan section of New Jersey.

Eagle Scout award is the highest that can be attained by a scout and is eagerly worked for by scouts. Few attain the honor, which when awarded, is given in a special ceremony.

Scouting as conducted by the troops brings

out the self-reliance in a boy and if he lives up to his oath, he will be a dandy boy and a better man. As one who was an Eagle Scout and became a successful business man stated: "A man is a better man for having been a scout. If you want to get a kick out of life, stay young, and do a lot of good in the world, volunteer for scout leadership."

A recent scouting event was Court of Honor award to Scout Richard Kern, 13-year-old, of Mountain View for giving emergency first aid to another boy, Thomas Grieg who had cut his forehead and was bleeding heavily. He was treated by Scout Kern, November 14, 1958.

Scouts William Stachle and Brian Bristol of Packanack Lake rescued Stanley Chubek, Jr. and his father from a motor ice boat which went through the ice in Greenwood Lake January 11, 1959.

The late M. Metz Cohen, a past commander of Alexander Hamilton Post V. F. W., donated an award for outstanding scout of the year which has been awarded every year since 1953.

Scouts make the trip each year to Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico, which is highly prized event, spending several weeks in town in rugged Western country, only a few are chosen to make this trip.

Boy Scout week, in February, all troops participate in scouting activities, besides having window display contests in community stores.

Explorer scouts (Senior scouts) with senior girl scouts have an annual swim meet at Paterson YMCA.

Boy Scout Troop 38, Pompton Lakes, in May 1959 undertook the clearing away of underbrush and restoring old Pompton Furnace used in the Revolutionary War to make cannon balls for the army.

Although scouting has paid personnel who supervise and set up general policies, maintain records and perform general administration functions, the largest number of adults are volunteers. An area consists of a council chosen from men who are interested in boys, with the I. R. (international representative), one from each sponsoring unit, to plan general activities of scouting with a commissioner and his assistant to supervise in carrying out of such plans.

Each troop is in charge of a scoutmaster who is responsible for all activities within the troop, he generally has one or more assistants.

A Board of Review consists of a number of
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"CHIEF" LOTE

When an alumni group of local Boy Scouts under guidance of Chairman Herman Yucht and Benjamin H. Fischer, presented an oil painting of their beloved "Chief" Scout Lotee, they certainly exemplified the injunction to do a "good turn daily." Of course this Boy Scout group had long before passed boyhood and were successful leaders in business and professions spread over the country but still united in their affection for their wonderful Boy Scout leader of long before, "Chief" Herbert A. Lotee.

Chief Lotee was born in 1875 in western New York and was educated for the Christian ministry, being ordained at Middletown, N. Y. He was pastor of the Congregational Church at West Bloomfield, N. Y. for 13 years. On March 10, 1917, Chief Lotee was engaged as Scout Executive by the Paterson Council of Boy Scouts of America and served in that capacity until his retirement on September 1, 1939, having served over 22 years.

In 1941 he moved with his wife from Paterson to his old home at Honeoye Falls, N. Y. where he resided until his death in March of 1954.

The local scout alumni group remembered their "Chief" and brightened his declining days with a television set and a handsome purse of money.

**"CHIEF LOTE"**

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adults qualified in subjects to examine such scouts as appear before them for examination in subjects to qualify for merit badge award.

Court of Honor is to pass upon the fitness of scout to receive the highest award, an Eagle Scout.

The following "45-year veterans" status (issued only on a 5-year basis) of Alhtaha Council are held by the following:

Andrew T. Derrom who is to receive his 50-year veteran status in 1960 (Jubilee year)

A. H. Durieux

Benjamin White
S. Hobart Lockett
Leonard F. Gabryel

Andrew T. Derrom, who organized Troop 3, 20 October 1910 is still an active Scouter, having served in various capacities in Council, being the first Commissioner (C431) 17 October 1912 and among those who organized the original Council. He was awarded the Silver Beaver, 1946, and is now Institutional Representative of Troop 3. He is one of the few in the United States who has been active in Scouting since it was started in 1910.

THE PASSAIC COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY NOTES



LAMBERT CASTLE ENTRANCE. "Home" of the Passaic County Park Commission and of the Museum of the Passaic County Historical Society. Here the oil painting of "Chief" Lotee and a File of Boy Scout Scrapbooks from the origins are displayed.

The Society lost a good friend and worker. Mrs. Mollie Chadwick Winchester, died February 12, 1960. She was a charter member and a trustee for many years. We mourn our loss.

Visitation at the Castle Museum continues heavy:—since last published report in 1950:— (Signed Registrations)

1950 — 22,244	1953 — 23,855	1957 — 25,928
1951 — 24,772	1954 — 30,194	1958 — 23,969
1952 — 22,483	1955 — 25,437	1959 — 31,416
	1956 — 26,779	

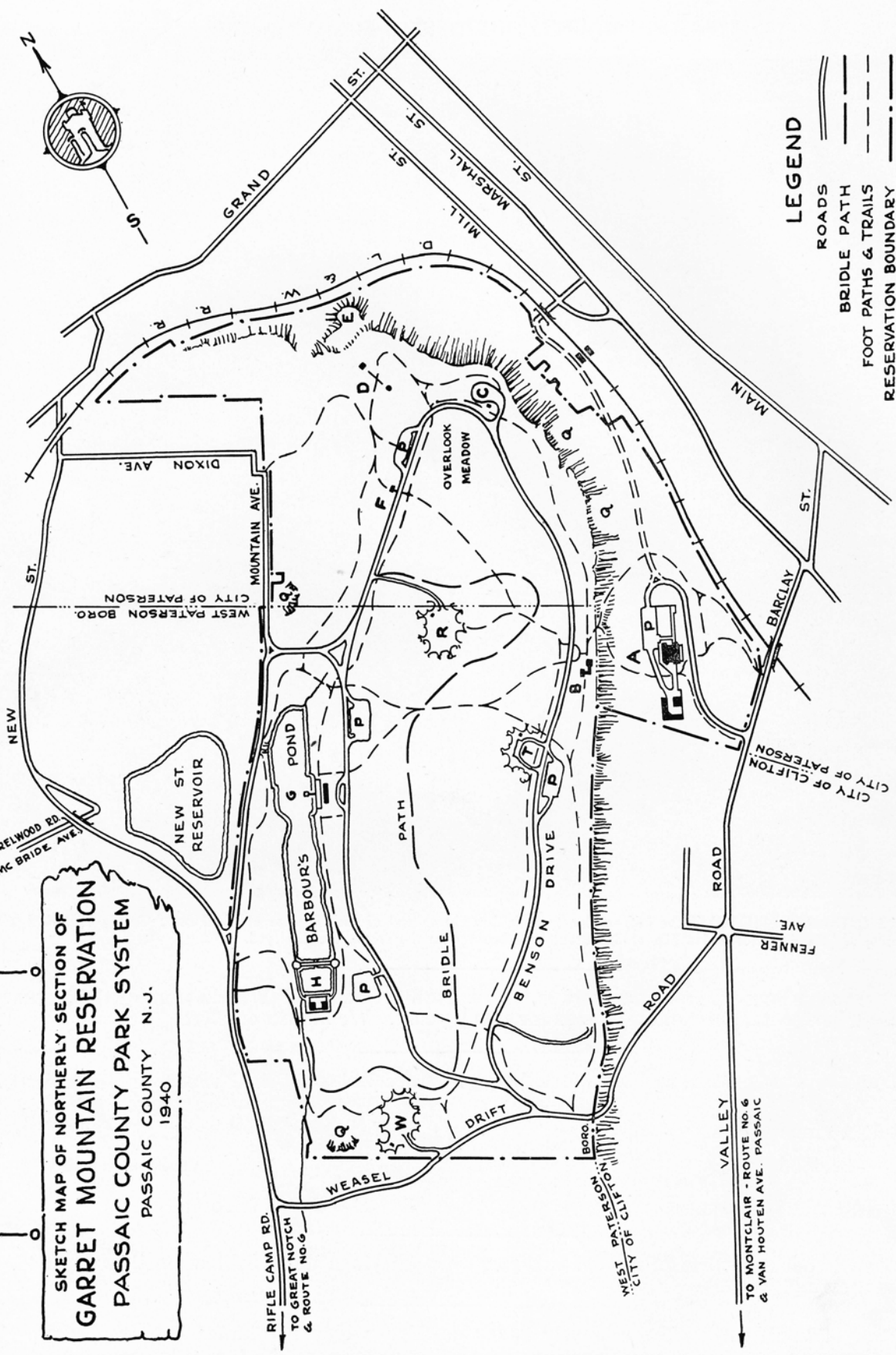
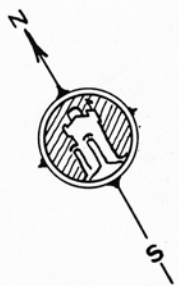
or an average of nearly 26,000 a year.

DECADE — 257,077 Total

Trustee Mrs. Esther Schwartz presented two large oil paintings done by local artists in 1946. Our art collection is growing.

A new fireproof vault to house our nearly 2,000 bound newspaper volumes is in the offing. Plans have been laid this year.

SKETCH MAP OF NORTHERLY SECTION OF
GARRET MOUNTAIN RESERVATION
 PASSAIC COUNTY PARK SYSTEM
 PASSAIC COUNTY N.J.
 1940



LEGEND

- ROADS
- BRIDLE PATH
- FOOT PATHS & TRAILS
- RESERVATION BOUNDARY

- A - LAMBERT CASTLE
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 SERVICE BLDGS. - PASSAIC CO.
 HISTORICAL SOCIETY MUSEUM.
- B - OBSERVATORY TOWER
 REFRESHMENTS - PUBLIC ROOMS -
- C - AUTO OVERLOOK
 BENSON MEMORIAL
- D - CROW'S NEST
 SHELTER AND LOOKOUT
- E - GARRET ROCK
 F - PUBLIC ROOMS
- G - BARBOUR'S POND
- H - SHELTER - PUBLIC ROOMS
- P - PARKING AREAS
- Q - OLD QUARRY
- R - ROCKY HOLLOW PICNIC GROVE
- T - TOWER PICNIC GROVE
- W - WEASEL DRIFT PICNIC GROVE