

A MAGAZINE FOR ADULTS

DECEMBER 1962

SCOUTING

OGDEN NASH gives A DOG'S-EYE VIEW OF A BOY

BUDDIES SAVE LIVES



SCOUTERGRAM

William D. Campbell, Vice President of the Boy Scouts of America and a member of the Boy Scouts World Bureau, received the Silver Wolf (highest award of the British Scout Association) in October. At the National Executive Board meeting in New York City October 18, Emmanuel Plaetz, vice president of the Republic of the Philippines, presented the Silver Tamaraw (the highest award of the Boy Scouts of the Philippines) to former Chief Scout Executive, Dr. Arthur A. Schuck and John M. Schiff, chairman of the International Relationships Committee and former President of the Boy Scouts of America.

Home office employees contributed \$13,677 to the New Brunswick area 1963 united fund campaign. This was an 8 per cent increase over last year and an average of \$20.68 per employee.

The World Friendship Fund is aiding Iranian Scouts who are doing an outstanding job in rehabilitating the people in the Iran earthquake September 1. In the disaster some 200 towns were wiped out and thousands left homeless. The boys and men in Scouting were mobilized, and they have continued to help in every way they can. They have used all their tents, camping equipment, cooking and sleeping gear and will get little of it back. The World Friendship Fund gift is from our Scouts to their Scouts to replace their equipment so they can continue Scouting.

The NRA-BSA Explorer Postal Rifle Matches attract more entries than any similar event in the world. Individuals and Explorer units may fire registered targets any time after October 1. Fired targets must be returned to NRA by January 15, 1963. Ask your council office for information or write to the National Rifle Association, 1600 Rhode Island Ave. NW., Washington 6, D.C.

The national Community Christmas tree lighting by the President of the United States will be televised from 4:30 to 5:30 P.M. EST on December 23. Scout Joseph Arnet of Troop 56, Washington, D.C., is to present greetings to President Kennedy on behalf of the boys of the nation.

Philmont Scout Ranch camped 10,395 boys and leaders last summer. Region Three led the way with 2,426. The Volunteer Training Center at the ranch had 1,563 men receiving training with almost 6,000 Scouters and families using the facilities. In all, 327 of the 529 councils used Philmont for camping and training.

Philmont is accepting reservations for the 1963 camping season. Cost of the 12-day expedition is \$42.00 and a Junior Leader Training Camp and a Conservation Training Camp will also operate. Make all applications through your council office.

Boy Scouts and Explorers qualifying for the Mile Swim BSA emblem last summer collectively swam four times around the earth--100,000 qualified. Swimmers may continue to qualify in a pool by swimming laps or around the perimeter of the pool. Scouts and adults may also participate in the American Red Cross "Swim and Stay Fit" program. It is based on swimming distances of not less than a quarter of a mile as often as possible. Recognition certificates are awarded for ten, twenty, thirty, forty, and a gold one for fifty miles. Get score cards from your local Red Cross chapter office.

The Boy Scouts of Libya have a General Good Turn Day as a part of their annual program. Each troop engages in a full day of social service. One project this year was to dry out a big swamp and fill it with dirt.



Explorers make gas analysis with company chromatograph, not available in school laboratory.

William D. Toler, photographer for the Geophysics Research Division, helps Explorer Leslie Simons view a photo elasticity experiment, showing how industrial photography is used in solving scientific problems.



Photos by Humble Oil & Refining Company

Oil Industry Helps

EXPLORE SCIENCE CAREERS

“WE’RE READY TO HELP,” said executives of the Humble Research Center at Houston, Texas, when they heard of Explorer specialty posts three years ago. They expected a dozen or so teen-agers would be interested in a post specializing in science training—training that would go beyond the classroom.

Science teachers and school administrators cooperated by spreading the story of the opportunity presented by scientists of Humble Oil & Refining Company. The teachers recommended students in the top third of their classes with at least two years of mathematics.

Company officials were flabbergasted to receive 151 applications. They expanded their plans and enlisted additional associates.

The result: Post 997 now has 19 groups of six to 15 Explorers each. These groups include radio, television, electronics, mathematics and computer logic, chemistry, physics, geology, photography, and cyrogenics (low temperature physics). Some subjects are so popular that several sections are required.

They meet in the research-center laboratories on Tuesday and Thursday nights. Explorers have been known to pass up a football game to attend a group meeting. After the session, boys often stay around to talk shop with the instructor.

Once a month the elected officers of Post 997 conduct a business meeting, usually followed by a speaker from the outside, often talking on a nonscientific subject. In addition to Humble leaders, the speakers have included a lawyer, a minister, a banker, a life insurance executive, and an engineer.

Advisor George W. Binkley, a research engineer, insists that contact with the Explorers does as much good for his associates as the fellowship with these scientists does for the boys themselves. “Boys don’t always know what they are really interested in,” he observed, “but when they begin to grasp the terminology and the concepts of the field, they are under way. When these concepts become real to boys, they soon know whether or not they want to aim for a scientific career.”

One geology group went 120 miles northwest of Houston to a Brazos River bluff to examine shale and limestone beds. Another group took a trip to an offshore drilling rig and learned some of the interesting features of an oilman’s world.

High school teachers are enthusiastic about the broadening and practical experience that the science post is giving outstanding students. Humble researchers feel that the training they are giving these young men will return dividends to the industry.