

SCOUTERGRAM

It's official that the Sixth National Jamboree will be held in 1964. Date: undecided, probably in July. Site: not chosen. Tentative attendance target: 50,000. A committee continues to develop jamboree plans.

Twelve outstanding Explorers, one from each region, are meeting the first week in September at Ann Arbor, Michigan, to plan the National Explorer Delegate Conference to be held at the University of Michigan August 26-30, 1962. The twelve Explorers are the steering committee, each elected at his own regional conference.

A pattern for training Explorer post elected officers has developed from a pilot project carried out with Advisors in Regions One, Two, and Three. It will be available in flip-chart form for nationwide use early this fall.

Erratum: (This word, freely translated, means "We goofed." No matter that we don't know how or who.) Don W. Douglas, Jr., is president of Douglas Aircraft, not Lockheed as July-August Scoutergram reported. He is president of Crescent Bay Council, Los Angeles. None of the three principals have complained, but we're glad to set the record straight.

The Boy Scouts of America participated for the first time in the American Library Association's national convention in Cleveland, Ohio, in June. We are mutually interested in the use of Scouting material by library customers.

The Boy Scouts of Cyprus is the newest member of the International Scout Conference. There has been some Scouting in Cyprus since 1914—now 7,000 members.

Virgil I. Grissom, our nation's second astronaut, was a Star Scout in Mitchell, Indiana. "Gus" gave Scouting a two-for-two record in Project Mercury. Alan B. Shepard, Jr., America's first "rocket-rider," had also been a Scout.

Five pamphlets are to be replaced early in 1962 by Troop Activities, a book containing the best from the pamphlets, new material, and fine program ideas that have appeared in the BOY SCOUT PROGRAM QUARTERLY. The replaced pamphlets are Troop Ceremonies, The Scoutmaster's Minute, Fun Around the Campfire, Troop and Patrol Stunts, and Troop Parent Events.

Camping and research services have cooperated on a study of Region Two's camp attendance. The finding: Councils with a large percentage of units in camp under their own leadership have a much larger percentage of Scouts in camp than other councils do.

Another great camping season is in the record books. As this is written in mid-July, there are no figures, but council camp attendance reached an all-time high; Philmont had one of its biggest years; Region Seven and Region Ten canoe bases were jammed to capacity. National and state park tours and other expeditions logged more miles, Scouts, and Explorers than ever before.

All the campers didn't stay in their own country, either. Four troops were at the Canadian national jamboree July 6-15; three troops went to the Israeli national jamboree July 31 to August 3, also visiting Athens, Rome, Paris, and London; others camped or visited in Finland, Austria, Germany, France, England, Japan, Latin America, Canada, and Mexico.



ON CAMERA

TWO LUCKY EXPLORERS help a girl make a laminated picture of nature specimens she gathered on a "hike" at the South Carolina Easter Seal Family Camp. With other Explorers and Scouts from five Scout councils in the state they volunteered as "buddies" or junior counselors. This was the fourth year of such service.



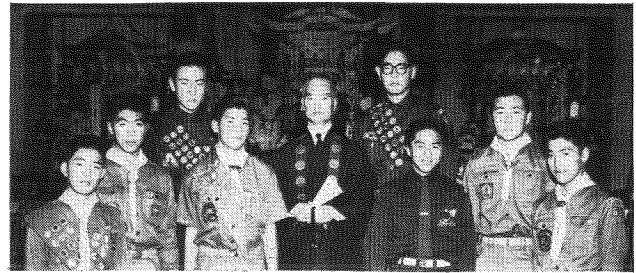
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STOMACHS AND CHINS in proper positions is the desperate aim of Scouts in Troop 16, Maple Street Congregational Church, Danvers, Massachusetts, as they are inspected by Assistant Scoutmaster and Eagle Scout Allen Wylie on his first visit home from the Air Force Academy.

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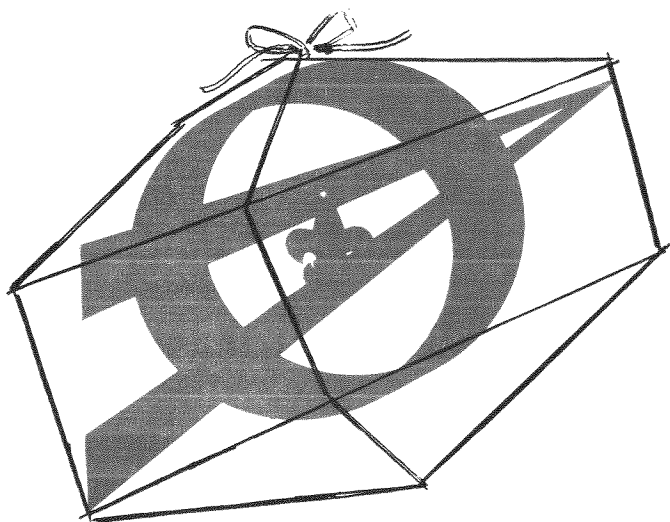


BUDDHIST CHURCH AWARDS are presented to eight Explorers and Boy Scouts at Senshin Church, Los Angeles, California, by Rev. Enryo Unno before audience of 250. Boys receiving Sangha Award spent four years studying Buddhism and serving their church and community.

UNDER DEN 1'S FLAG AGAIN are these five former members of Pack 67, St. Paul, Minnesota. Now cub businessmen or executives they served with three other ex Den 1'ers as a team in the community chest's national corporations division headed by their Den Mother, Mrs. Harold J. Slawik. In fourteen years as Den Mother she has graduated eighty boys from Den 1.



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BIG PROGRAM IN SMALL PACKAGES

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SOME EXPLORER POSTS are big, as many as a hundred members; and some are small, the minimum of five. To an Explorer, the size of his post is not primarily important. What counts with him is going places, doing things, having fun and adventure.

This flexibility in post structure accommodates high-school age boys everywhere, from metropolitan centers to crossroads communities. Both structure and program, of course, must meet the needs and desires of the boys wherever they live or they won't join.

The number of officers and committees, the schedule of meetings and activities, the general pattern of post operation, as recommended in the *Exploring* manual, are intended for a group of fifteen to twenty-five members. This pattern was based on a nationwide study of Exploring and other youth programs and has worked well for posts of fifteen or more boys.

Posts of less than a dozen Explorers run into problems of organization—or disorganization—such as being “all chiefs and no Indians,” or being “all just one committee” which makes everybody's business nobody's business. These posts can take the pattern that fits a large post and tailor it to a small post's needs and abilities by making a few alterations under the guidance of a prac-

tical Explorer Advisor. Here are some adaptations that have been worked out and tested.

LESS CHIEFS, MORE INDIANS. The functions of all seven elected officers outlined in Chapter 4 of the manual are essential to a well-rounded program and a maturing experience for Explorers who perform these functions in any post. In a small post, however, some functions can be combined and administered more effectively in the hands of just four officers.

1. President—give him no additional load since he is responsible to supplement any officer or committee chairman who goofs on an assignment.

2. Vice president—give him the additional function of one district Explorer cabinet representative.

3. Secretary—give him the treasurer's job, too.

4. Cabinet representative—give him the quartermaster's duties, too.

As membership increases, the number of officers can be increased, but never so there are more chiefs than Indians. Some large posts add extra vice presidents and assistants to the regular officers as suggested in the manual (page 108).

In a small post where an officer performs more than one function, he should use only the title and in-

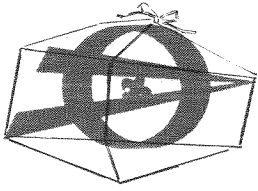
signia of his major job. In case of doubt, let the Advisor decide.

COMMITTEES IN THE PLURAL. The path of least resistance in a small group is to carry on all activities by a committee of the whole. The usual results are that one or two fellows do most of the leading, planning, and work, while the rest miss out on the experience of both good leadership and followership gained through the activity committees set up in Chapter 7 of the manual.

Most any activity in a small post can be arranged by a committee of one to three members. Then, as the post grows, experienced fellows are available to head the larger committees that will be necessary.

ACTIVITIES UNLIMITED. High-school age boys join an organization for its activities, and they stay in as long as its activities interest them. Explorer Advisors of all posts, small as well as large, must see that their boys run a program combining the adventure, fun, vocational exploration, and other activities desired by the majority.

Explorer activities that are district, council, regional, or national in scope have special attractions and benefits for members of small posts. These away-from-home events help boys make a variety of friends, widen the horizon of their ambitions, work with others on a broad



scale, lose their provincialism, and, thus, prepare themselves for citizenship.

The small post should make sure that it is represented on its district cabinet and at its regional delegate conference; that all members take part in district and council cabinet activities and, where possible, in national delegate conferences.

SPECIALITIES AND CONSULTANTS. A small post needs to exercise extreme care if it chooses a special field of interest (Chapter 2 in the manual). Generally, before a long-range specialty is adopted, all members should favor it. Never split a small group's interests too long, for its ongoing strength lies in group spirit and fellowship based on mutual interests.

Satisfying a variety of the boys' interests through a series of short-term specialties can be done in any size post by calling in consultants with expert skills, special equipment, and contacts for outside facilities. A flexible approach to the variety of interests often brings about an increase in membership.

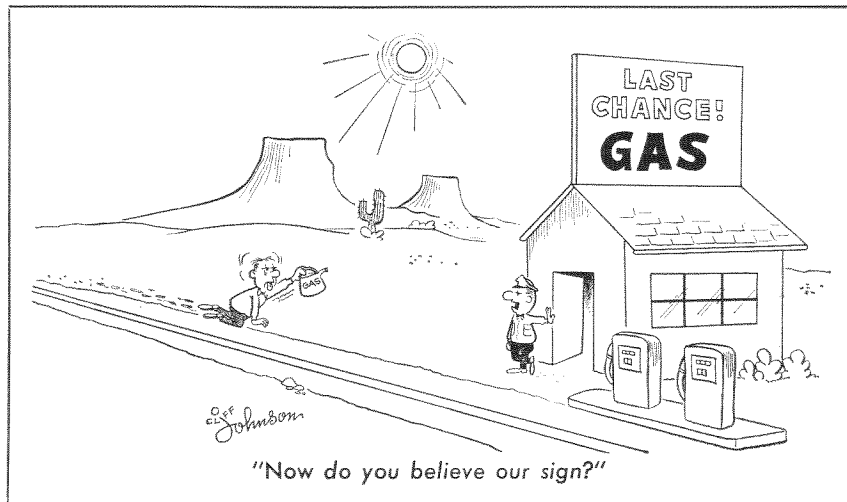
SNUG MEETING PLACE. If a small group meets in a large hall, it rattles around and feels smaller than it is. The fellows will feel more comfortable in a home, office, shop, or place that is even a bit crowded when the whole gang is there. Most important is a place that is easy to reach and regularly available for meetings.

WITH CEREMONY. Ceremonies counterbalance the informality in a small post and impart poise to members as well as meetings. The size of the group makes it most important to conduct this part of the program with dignity, precision, and showmanship.

The admission ceremony, for example, should exactly follow the description outlined in Chapter 11 of the manual with all the properties and formalities, except where the full complement of officers is not elected. If there is no associate Advisor, a post committeeman takes his part. Inviting parents, chartered institution members, and civic leaders to this affair makes it more impressive to the boys, enlightens the adults as to the purpose of Exploring, and often attracts new members.

SMALL BUT NOT SMUG. Despite a high-quality program, a small post cannot afford to be smug unless there just aren't any more Explorer-age fellows in the neighborhood or community. The clique that runs a closed post deprive themselves of new man power, new ideas, new enthusiasm. The ultimate result is sudden death of the post when the clique finally graduate from high school.

Sophomores find it easier than seniors to recruit freshmen. For present and future progress, a continuous growth is a must, and post growth in all phases depends on growth in members. If you must be small, be great by adjusting post structure to the group's abilities and needs. But leave the door open for growth.



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