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Introduction

“Your forefathers worked hard, fought hard, and died hard to make your country for you. Don’t let them look down from heaven and see you loafing around with your hands in your pockets doing nothing to keep it up.”

-Lord Baden Powell

Scouting for Boys -Campfire Yarn 26

This is dedicated to the Scout leaders who have given their time, resources and heart to mold the next generation.

You have made a difference in the lives of so many.

I am one.

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Scouting's 1st Ten Years

1910 – 1919

The Boys Scouts of America was incorporated on February 8th, 1910 under the laws of the District of Columbia by W.D. Boyce. The National Council office was established in New York City and the Scout Oath and Law and fundamental policies were adopted in 1911. Robert S. S. Baden-Powell, founder of Scouting visits America in 1912. ¹ By 1912, there were Scouts enrolled in every state, the first Scout earned the Eagle rank, Sea Scouting begins and Boys Life became the official BSA magazine and Scouts took part in national civic Good Turns. Local council charters were issued providing local supervision by dividing the US into eight districts – the forerunner of 12 regions, and a registration plan for Scouts was adopted in 1913. The troop committee plan and training programs for Scout leaders was developed in 1914 and in 1915, the first Handbook for Scoutmasters was issued. The merit badge program issued 57 merit badge pamphlets and the Order of the Arrow was founded. In 1916, the US Congress granted the Boys Scouts a Federal Charter on June 15 which gives special protection to the name and insignia and limiting membership to American Citizens. With the slogan “Help Win the War” in 1917, Scouts demonstrated their citizenship by assisting with the war effort – collecting nut shells and peach pits for gas mask manufacturing, distributing more than 30 million pieces of government literature, assisted in food and fuel conservation projects, and planted 12,000 Boy Scout war gardens . Scouts also sold Liberty bonds and war saving stamps worth more than \$355 million. Rutherford County population in 1910 – 33,199 ²

Scout beginnings in the US

Many Scouters have heard the story of the ‘Unknown Scout’. The story goes - in 1909 Chicago publisher, William D Boyce, was visiting in London. He got lost in the fog and a Scout came to his aid. When asked if he could tip this young Scout for his help, the Scout said he was a Boy Scout, just doing a good turn. Boyce went on to learn about the Scout movement in England and eventually the Boy Scouts of America was incorporated under the laws of the District of Columbia in February 1910.

There were several other organizations for boys already active in the US at this time. Dan Beard, who had originally published stories to entertain boys, started an organization in 1905 called Sons of Daniel Boone which focused on pioneering skills. Ernest Seton formed the Woodcraft Indians which emulated American Indian tribal activities in 1902 and is similar to the Order of the Arrow. But word quickly spread about the Boy Scout movement – they weren’t Indians, or woodsmen, or soldiers, but a group of boys learning new things and helping people.

Baden-Powell had started the Boy Scout movement in England in 1908. He had even studied Beard and Seton’s writings and incorporated some of their ideas into the Scouting movement in England.

Later in 1910, the same year Boyce incorporated the Boy Scouts of America, two YMCA workers in New York, Edgar Robinson and John Alexander were also learning about the Scouting movement. They went to Chicago to meet with Boyce in May, 1910, and came away from that meeting with seed money from Boyce to organize the Boy Scouts of America. Robinson and Alexander opened a one-room National Council office in New York City in June 1910. By September 1910, “troops of Scouts were springing up like mushrooms in every section of the country”. Applications were pouring into the office from boys and men who wanted to start troops.³

Eventually the Woodcraft Indians and the Sons of Daniel Boone organizations merged into the BSA in June 1910 with Beard becoming the National Scout Commissioner and Seton becoming Chief Scout. On Jan 1, 1911, James E. West, a Washington DC lawyer, replaced Edgar Robinson as Chief Scout Executive.

Scouting in Middle Tennessee

News of the Boy Scouts quickly spread to middle Tennessee. A couple of brothers, Lawrence and James Hirsig, picked up a copy of the *Literary Digest* with a story about the Boy Scouts by John Alexander at the National Council. They got their uncle, Curtis B. Haley, a book editor at the United Methodist Publishing House in Nashville, interested in learning more and before long, the first troop in Middle TN started in Brentwood, TN on July 3, 1910 - Troop 1 with Haley as SM.

In November 1911, Scoutmaster Haley learned President Taft would visit Nashville briefly and the Boy Scouts would be a part of the honorary escort. Taft himself was the 1st Honorary President of the Boy Scouts of America (and every year since, the President of the US is the Honorary President of the BSA). On November 9, about 100 Scouts showed up in khaki uniforms participating in the parade along with several other marching units. They followed the route from Union Station down Broadway to the Ryman Auditorium. At the end of President Taft's speech, he recognized Scoutmaster Haley and two Scouts by presenting them with the Lifesaving Award.

A few months later in Feb 1912, Lord Baden-Powell came to Nashville. He was in the US to confer with Theodore Roosevelt and to tour and lecture across the US. Baden-Powell was accompanied by James West, the first Chief Scout Executive. West contacted Haley and "instructed him to prepare a grand welcome for the distinguished guest".⁴ Haley got with other Scoutmasters in the area and they planned a 'jamboree' like event which was held at the Ryman Auditorium where Scouts demonstrated their skills and activities for Baden-Powell and the public. The Scout participation was a huge boost for Scouting in Middle Tennessee.

During the formative years there was quite a bit of misinformation about who the Boy Scouts were. Initially there were some critics who thought Scouting was militant with their uniforms or socialist inspired (based on the British version of the Scout law) or merely a transient fad.⁵ William Hurst, Chicago Tribune publisher had organized the "American Boy Scouts" which later became the "United Boy Scouts of America". They did practice military drills and had in their code to be loyal to their employers. In an effort to end the confusion, the BSA sought and won a court order directing competing groups from using "Boy Scouts" from their title. Senator John K. Shields of TN also introduced a bill in Congress to give the BSA a federal charter. On the second try on June 15, 1916, President Woodrow Wilson signed the charter granting the BSA certain privileges and assigning it several responsibilities and protected the Boy Scout name and insignia from unauthorized use. (Full charter in Appendix 1).

Section 3

*"The purposes of the corporation (Boy Scouts of America) are to promote, through organization, and cooperation with other agencies, the ability of boys to do things for themselves and others, to train them in Scoutcraft, and to teach them patriotism, courage, self-reliance, and kindred virtues, using the methods that were in common use by boy Scouts on June 15, 1916."*⁶

Initially, new Boy Scouts of America troops got their charter from the National Council in New York City and Scouting was booming in the NYC offices. In 1914, the National Council divided geographic areas into regions. Tennessee became part of Region 5 with an office in Memphis. The region included Tennessee as well as Alabama, Arkansas, Louisiana, and Mississippi. The first council in Middle Tennessee

began officially on March 1, 1920 known as the “Nashville Council”.⁷ William J Anderson, a Vanderbilt track coach became the 1st Scout Executive at the Nashville Council.

Around the time the BSA received its federal charter from the US congress on June 15, 1916, Scouting was forming in Rutherford County. Scouting began in Rutherford County around 1917 with the first troop in Murfreesboro. Mahlon Brown was the first Scoutmaster and Dr. B. N. White was his Assistant Scoutmaster. That troop may have lasted about 10 years. During the First World War, Scout numbers generally declined in the Middle Tennessee area. About 1916-1917, Dr. J. S. Lowry made an attempt to organize a troop in Smyrna by calling a meeting of boys interested at the Presbyterian Church but wasn't able to enroll enough members to form a troop. Lack of transportation ruled out boys beyond walking distance and the rural life of most of the boys in the county deterred the demand for craft and outings.

1920s – Scout Movement Gains Strength in Rutherford County

In 1920, BSA membership was 478,528; total membership to date, 1,643,988. The first World Jamboree was held in London, England in 1920 with 301 BSA members present. The international left handclasp was adopted and the Northern Tier high-adventure base began offering canoe adventures in 1923. Every Scout a Swimmer program began in 1923. In 1926 Baden-Powell attended the BSA's annual meeting and traveled throughout the country inspecting Scouting centers. President Coolidge shared in presenting the first Silver Buffalo Awards for distinguished service to boyhood, presenting Baden-Powell the first Silver Buffalo and the second to the Unknown Scout whose Good Turn brought Scouting to America. Eagle Palms were added in 1928 and twelve new merit badges were added, bringing the total to 89. Rutherford County census population in 1920 – 33,059.⁸

Scouting organizes in Rutherford County

Scoutmasters in the area outside of Nashville were very much on their own during the 1920s when it came to developing a local Scouting program. They reported to the regional office in Memphis during these early years. Without funding, except what the units came up with on their own, and without professional leadership and limited volunteer support, Scouting in Middle TN was largely unorganized and rated as second class by the National Council in the 1920s.⁹

Rutherford County was relatively an agricultural society in the 1920s. Scouting appealed to youth in urban areas – perhaps because of the adventure of the outdoors, something that rural boys were already familiar with. Life on the farm left little time for organized activities and rural families were spread out over a larger distance making travel to meetings and outings difficult when many still traveled by foot or horse. References to Scouting in Rutherford County refer to the “local Boy Scout troop” for many years and not so much by a troop number.

In the mid-1920s, Boy Scouts troops were forming around the county – official and unofficial. A troop existed in Smyrna with about 12 Scouts. Edwin Hoover was their unofficial, new Scoutmaster who led the boys on hikes and taught them about nature and seeds, caves and rocks, birds and animals. “These boys learned to track and observe, to make a hickory bark whistle, a jerry stick, to ride down a sapling, play ‘old sow’ or find a fishing cane near the swimming hole”.¹⁰ In 1925, John Tucker, a teacher at Smyrna High School, served as the first official SM of the Smyrna troop. Interest in the troop would rise and fall through the next few years.

Scout Troop 105, sponsored by the Murfreesboro Rotary received their first charter in 1923. Charles Parker was Scoutmaster of the “local troop”. The Scouts attended summer camp at Camp Overton at Rock Island - a camp operated by the State Young Men’s Christian Association (YMCA) and consisted of four periods of camp each two weeks long.

In 1926, the national Scout office required that all Scouters complete certain basic educational requirements.¹¹ Middle Tennessee State Teachers College soon began offering Scouting courses in the 1930s. Men who wished to become professional Scouters and some volunteers and Scoutmasters enrolled in these courses.

To help organize the Scouts in the Rutherford county area, Charles Parker, Fletcher Dudley, Malhon Brown and Dr. Harry Mustard met with other Scouters from McMinnville, Shelbyville, Winchester, Cowan, Tracy City, Lewisburg, Manchester and Tullahoma at a conference in Tullahoma in May 1927. They came back seeking interest from clubs and civic organizations to help “enlist and co-operate in perfecting and maintaining the organization”.¹² Their purpose “is to put the Scout movement in action in the towns represented at this conference just as it is in the larger cities, where a great work among boys is being perpetually carried on in useful training and character building”.¹³ With the start of this new movement, they would employ a trained leader to come to the towns to train and direct Scoutmasters and Scouts for service. They planned a Sunday afternoon meeting in June 1927 at the Methodist church for boys to learn about the program and to add their support the new organization. Their goal was to become recognized as a first class council at the National offices. At this time, there were about 40 active Scouts in Murfreesboro. Current Scoutmaster, Charles Parker planned to attend college in Memphis and a new Scoutmaster was needed as well.

These men came back from the meeting at Tullahoma and spoke to various civic clubs. Mahlon Brown, chairman of the Boys Work program, and Harry Mustard were associated with the Rotary Club, Dudley Fletcher was with the Kiwanis Club, and Charles Parker was the current Scoutmaster of the local troop. At this organizational meeting in Murfreesboro, Scouting was presented as a great opportunity to assist boys into becoming well-trained, intelligent, and participating citizens. The following News-Banner article expresses some of the benefits of the Scout movement and the proposed council as an organization.

“Scouting is a program of character building, citizenship training, [and] vocationally purposeful activities for boys.

“A community’s greatest asset is its boys. Boys are considered a problem. The best way to meet a problem is to meet it with a constructive plan. The Boy Scout program is the best plan yet developed for meeting the boy problem. Scouting is a real program, under real leadership, for real boys, and it works.

“Scouting is used as a program by practically every institution in America that has any contact with boys. It is used largely by every church, Protestant, Catholic and Jewish; by public school, industrial plants, boys’ clubs, and many other groups.

“Scouting is a world- wide program. There are Boy Scouts in fifty-seven different countries in the world, representing 98 per cent of the total world population.

“There are 800,000 registered Boy Scouts in the United States being led by 154,000 volunteer leaders. There are in this country over three million boys that have been reached by Scouting.

“Scouting is a program of activity leading a boy through various interest-gripping, purposeful activities, through a process of gradual but steady advancement from the tenderfoot stage on up to the merit badge program, to the point where he can turn back into the community a well trained, intelligent, and participating citizen.

“A first class council is composed of a group of the best men in a community, representing all interests, such as religious, educational, business, labor, civic, etc.

“The reason for having a first class council are: first, to create and maintain conditions in Scouting so that boys will continue to want to be Scouts and so that high class men will continue to want to serve as leaders.

“Second, to supervise the work of all troops in the council territory to see that these standards are maintained.

“Third, to extend the Scout program to every boy in the community, through the organization of troops under competent leadership.

“Fourth, to raise an adequate budget for maintenance of this program.

“Fifth, to employ a well trained and efficient Scout Executive to give his entire time to the promotion and supervision of Scouting in the territory. This Scout Executive is responsible for the organization of troops, the securing and training of Scout masters and other leaders: the operation of a summer camp for Scouts; the development of programs of activities throughout the council; and the general management of the entire program of Scout activity.

“The Scout organization does not desire to have first class councils and to raise the necessary budget in communities where there would not be a possibility of sufficient troops to keep a Scout executive busy.

“Hence in order to completely cover the entire field and to make Scouting available to all boys everywhere, the Scout organization is forming first class councils in smaller communities by grouping together a number of such communities until a population and territory sufficient to warrant a council is formed or secured.

“By doing this, the financial expense of the council is prorated among the various communities making up the council, not making it burdensome to any. And a spirit of cooperation is secured by having several communities working together on such a worthwhile enterprise. Such a council is known as an area council.

“The executive gives his time to each community in the council, and an efficient organization is maintained to see that all boys have a chance to be Scouts under the best conditions and that the troops which are formed are made permanent.

“It is the expectation of the Scout organization to have the entire Fifth Field Region composed of Alabama, Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Tennessee, completely organized into three area councils within the next twelve months. A wonderful possibility is ahead of us to give this great Scout movement in its best possible form to the boyhood of Dixie. Middle Tennessee has always been among the first in any great movement for the promotion of the countries’ best interest. Our boys are our greatest asset. America of tomorrow is built on the boys of today.”¹⁴

By this time, Scouting was taking shape with ‘five or more counties’ in middle Tennessee together carrying out the policies of the National Scout Council. Boys aged 12 to 18 and their parents were encouraged to attend the council organizational meeting. Also attending was Mr. Thomas A. Moore, who attended the meeting in Tullahoma. The organizers expected over 300 boys to attend the meeting.

The local civic clubs, churches and other organizations came together in supporting the Scout movement. The organizational meeting hoped to establish new troops and enlist new leaders – perhaps the first Scout Roundup in the county.

Every citizen of Murfreesboro knows the full worth of Scouting to a boy. Nothing develops a boy in all the principles of ideal living so well as being a well equipped Scout. Our boys are interested and want to go forward with this work in a big way. Murfreesboro, we feel is equally interested.

From time to time, Murfreesboro has had splendid Boy Scout troops and the boys have been handled by Scoutmasters that have done their work well. At present, we have forty Scouts and the Scouts and the Scoutmaster feels that he has not the time to go forward with this work any longer on account of pressing duties. He has asked for someone to take his place.

Instead of forty boys in a troop, each troop is supposed to have only sixteen boys. Murfreesboro today has material available for three troops and many more boys wanting to join. If we had the trained Scout masters, it would be an easy matter to interest two or three troops in each Sunday school in the city. A careful survey shows from two hundred and fifty to three hundred prospective Scouts right in our midst.

The crying problem is giving the boys something to do. Here is our chance. The boy is ready and willing and actually crying for the opportunity to do Scout work. Murfreesboro has never failed to measure up to an obligation and she will not fall at this time.

Without Scout masters who understand the boy and who are thoroughly familiar with Scout work, we cannot hope to push this work as it should. Murfreesboro has been invited to join in with McMinnville, Tullahoma, Winchester, Shelbyville, Cowan, Decherd, and Sewanee to form a Scout district and procure the services of a well-trained Scout executive whose duty will be to train Scout masters and keep right in behind this work.

In securing a well trained Scout executive who has been thru the Executive School at New York, and who has had several years of experience, Murfreesboro and all the towns in the district will enjoy the same advantages in Scout work as does Nashville, Memphis, Chicago or any other large city.

To express fully what it means to Murfreesboro and the other towns of the district to have a well trained executive to give us his entire time as compared with the way Boy Scout work has been handled, would be like comparing the old time single teacher public school as compared with our present day up-to-date community school.

Murfreesboro cannot afford to miss this opportunity. We will be called up to contribute our part of the fund to defray necessary expenses of the services of a well trained Scout executive. Every father who has a boy of Scout age will not only be interested but glad to do his part in this work.

The Civic Clubs of Murfreesboro and all the churches are squarely behind the boys at this time and will aid in every way in their power. ¹⁵

As a result of these organizational meetings in Murfreesboro and the other cities, the Davy Crockett Council was formed. Mr. Thomas A. Moore, a representative of the National Scout Council was asked to become the new Scout Executive of the new council effective July 1, 1927. He was a former regional

executive in Tallulah, Louisiana and planned to move with his family to Tullahoma. He was a former member of the University of Alabama football team.

Other officers elected as part of the Davy Crockett Council were Victor Williams of Winchester, President; J. M. Butler of Murfreesboro (was President of the Rotary Club at the time), Commissioner; M. R. Campbell of Tullahoma, Treasurer; Vice-Presidents, R. L. Robertson of Tullahoma, J. O. Fly of Shelbyville, Scott Williams of Murfreesboro, Sim Reed of McMinnville, B.A. Grizzard of Winchester, J. Ross Green of Cowan, Neal Bass of Decherd, and Dr. E. W. Mellichampe of Sewanee. Each vice-president became the chairman of their local area. H. W. Lewman, the Regional Executive from Jackson Mississippi talked with the new officers about the importance of the work ahead.¹⁶

Two troops formed in Murfreesboro – Mahlon Brown, Jr. was Scoutmaster of Troop 4 with the Rotary Club had their meetings at the American Legion rooms. David Goldstein, was Scoutmaster of Troop 8 meeting at the Wesley House.

In February, 1928, they celebrated the Scout Anniversary week by gathering at the home of Scoutmaster, Mahlon Brown, Jr., and listened to the NBC radio broadcast. At 8 pm, the Boy Scout National President, Walter Head, speaking in New York, called all Scouts listening to the broadcast to come to attention and repeat with him the Scout Oath and Scout Law. He gave a brief talk followed by an orchestra playing Sousa's Boy Scout March. Also as part of Scout Week, several Scouts made short talks at the various civic clubs, schools and churches. The Baptist Church had a special Sunday night service for the Boy Scouts in Murfreesboro.

A year later, Scout Commissioner, C. R. Cawthon held a meeting at the Princess Theater to 'arouse the interest and co-operation of parents in boy Scout work'.¹⁷ He especially encouraged mothers to attend to hear the Scout talks and learn about its importance.

In October 1929, the Scouts were seeking to increase their membership to 32 members (an ideal troop of 4 patrols with 8 Scouts in each). A hike was planned "in order that those who desire may pass certain tests". Col H.L. Fox was the speaker at the meeting the following week. They appointed a committee to look at the Bilbro building as a permanent Scout Hall. Speer Abernathy, Gene Mullins and Ernest McKnight were selected to the committee.

If the troop increased their membership to 32 members, a banquet was promised for the Scouts. Two new members joined on Nov. 19 bringing the number up to 27. They made plans for an opossum hunt to be held in the following weeks.

Troop meetings were held at the American Legion Hall. The December 3 meeting consisted of a discussion of the Scout Law "Trustworthy". And plans were to meet in Shelbyville for the Davy Crockett Court of Honor. The recent opossum hunt was a success. They went about 2 miles past Walter Hill with 33 present, including 8 men from town. They hiked through the woods several miles and cooked supper, then searched for water in a cave nearby.

On Christmas Eve, "members of the local Boy Scout troop did a fine work Monday in helping the police to direct traffic at the various corners around the square. Their splendid work prevented accidents from occurring on account of the slippery conditions of snow and ice covered streets."¹⁸ They did their "Good Turn" helping with the traffic the following day as well. Soon after Christmas the Scouts were able to move into their new home in a room behind the Post Office in the Bilbro Building.

1930s – The Murfreesboro Council is Formed

In 1930, BSA membership was 847,051; total members to date, 5,249,350. The Cub Scout program was formally launched in 1930 with 5102 Cub Scouts registered by the end of the year. Scout circuses, merit badge exhibits, expositions, rallies and other gatherings increased. In 1931, the 21st annual meeting was held in Memphis, TN. The first Silver Beaver awards for distinguished service to boyhood within a council were awarded in 1931. In 1932, the 'Ten Year Program' of growth began with the goal to enroll at least one boy in every four and keep them in Scouting for at least four years. Mrs. Jacob h. Schiff presented the BSA the Mortimer L. Schiff Scout Reservation in Mendham, N.J. as its national training center in honor of her son, a national leader in Scouting for over 20 years and President of the BSA at the time of his death in 1931. The Scouts assisted by collecting over 1.8 million items of clothing, household items, food and supplies during the 1934 nationwide Good Turn. In 1935, Scouting celebrated its Silver Jubilee and membership passed 1 million. The 10 millionth copy of the "Handbook for Boys" was presented to President Roosevelt at the White House in 1935. The proposed 1st National Jamboree scheduled for 1935 was canceled due to infantile paralysis epidemic. President Roosevelt invited the Scouts to Washington, DC in 1937 for the first National Jamboree. 27,232 Scouts attended representing 536 councils. Dan Beard, National Scout Commissioner, lit the opening campfire using flint and steel with wood provided by Scouts from all 48 states. Philturn Rocky Mountain Scout camp was established in 1938 as a gift of 35,857 acres of land near Cimarron, NM from Waite Phillips. Rutherford County census population in 1930 – 32,286.

1930

By the 1930s when Scouting picked up in Rutherford County, the BSA membership had already surpassed 1 million members (1925 was when 1 million joined) ¹⁹

To become a Scout in 1930, the entry age was 12 (it wasn't until 1949 that the BSA lowered the entry age to 11 and in 1972, it was lowered to 10 ½ if the boy had finished 5th grade regardless of age, or upon earning the Webelos Arrow of Light Award. Then in 2004, this requirement was again changed to clarify and set the minimum age at 10).

In January, 1930, D. O. Wanning attended as a guest at their troop meeting. Mr. Wanning was a Scoutmaster from Canada and an officer in Her Majesty's army. He told of adventures his troop had at the Jamboree in Toronto. The troop of 13 had won an event at the Jamboree with the prize presented to them from Sir Baden-Powell. Mr. Mullins discussed with the troop, the formation of the Davy Crockett Council with Mr. T. A. Moore as the Scout Executive.

Also, in January, 1930, the Scouts were guests of the Murfreesboro Rotary Club. Forty three Scouts gathered at the Scout Hall in the Murfreesboro Bank and Trust meeting room and marched in an orderly fashion to the James K. Polk Hotel with Scouts playing drums and bugles, led by their own band director, Scout Gene Mullins. Once at the hotel, the Rotary members paired up with a Scout as their guest. After dinner, the Scouts presented a program which consisted of the history and program of the troop, history of the US Flag, signaling by Semaphore Code and Wig-Wag code, and first aid using the Scout neckerchief. When the meeting adjourned, the Scouts formed in rank and marched back to the Scout Hall.

This blank should be filed with the Local Council—If Troop is Under Council; it should be retained by the Scoutmaster when the Troop is Not Under Council.

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA
INCORPORATED FEBRUARY 8, 1910—CHARTERED BY CONGRESS, JUNE, 1916

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

City Murfreesboro County Rutherford State Tennessee

I hereby apply for membership in Troop No. 105 Boy Scouts of America, and agree to be guided by the rules of the Troop and duly constituted Scout authorities.

If at any time I cease to be a Scout through fault of my own, I agree to return upon request of the Scout authorities my certificate, badge and other Scout insignia, which may have been purchased by me or loaned to me.

According to the requirements of the National Council, I promise

On my honor I will do my best:

1. To do my duty to God and my country and to obey the Scout Law; [See other side]
2. To help other people at all times;
3. To keep myself physically strong, mentally awake and morally straight.

I enclose herewith _____ cents for my registration and membership dues.

Date Oct 21st Name Van Boddie Boy (Boy's Signature)
 Residence 203 Penn Blvd South Phone 400
 School or Employer Training Highest Grade Reached 6th
 Employer's Address _____ Phone _____

Church Preference Christian Scientist Nationality American
 Member of the following Boys' Organizations _____

If the candidate is not a member of the institution with which the Troop is connected, it is suggested that the Scoutmaster secure the approval of the pastor, priest, rabbi, or other responsible head of same.

Application approved _____ (Head of Institution) (Date)

PARENT OR GUARDIAN'S APPROVAL

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT Van Boddie Boy
 was born Aug 20 1920 have read the Scout Oath and Law and am willing and desirous
 that he become a member of the Boy Scouts of America, and will try to assist him in observing the rules of the organization. In consideration of the benefits derived from this membership if accepted, I hereby voluntarily waive any claim against the Boy Scouts of America for any and all causes which may arise in connection with the activities of the above Organization.

Is his date of birth registered with the local health officer? _____
 Signature of Parent or Guardian [Signature]
 Business Salaman Phone 400

The Boy Scout Movement is primarily for older boys. The rules of the National Council positively forbid the enrollment of any boy under 12 years of age as a Scout. No exception to this rule can be made.

OVER

Exhibit (new Scout application from 1930).

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA
INCORPORATED FEBRUARY 8, 1909—CHARTERED BY CONGRESS, JUNE, 1916
THE SCOUT LAW

1. A Scout is Trustworthy.

A Scout's honor is to be trusted. If he were to violate his honor by telling a lie, or by cheating, or by not doing exactly a given task, when trusted on his honor, he may be directed to hand over his Scout Badge.

2. A Scout is Loyal.

He is loyal to all to whom loyalty is due, his Scout Leader, his home and parents and country.

3. A Scout is Helpful.

He must be prepared at any time to save life, help injured persons, and share the home duties. He must do at least one good turn to somebody every day.

4. A Scout is Friendly.

He is a friend to all and a brother to every other Scout.

5. A Scout is Courteous.

He is polite to all, especially to women, children, old people and the weak and helpless. He must not take pay for being helpful or courteous.

6. A Scout is Kind.

He is a friend to animals. He will not kill nor hurt any living creature needlessly, but will strive to save and protect all harmless life.

7. A Scout is Obedient.

He obeys his parents, Scoutmaster, Patrol Leader, and all other duly constituted authorities.

8. A Scout is Cheerful.

He smiles whenever he can. His obedience to orders is prompt and cheery. He never shirks nor grumbles at hardships.

9. A Scout is Thrifty.

He does not wantonly destroy property. He works faithfully, wastes nothing, and makes the best use of his opportunities. He saves his money so that he may pay his own way, be generous to those in need, and helpful to worthy objects. He may work for pay but must not receive tips for courtesies or good turns.

10. A Scout is Brave.

He has the courage to face danger in spite of fear, and to stand up for the right against the coaxings of friends or the jeers or threats of enemies, and defeat does not down him.

11. A Scout is Clean.

He keeps clean in body and thought, stands for clean speech, clean sport, clean habits; and travels with a clean crowd.

12. A Scout is Reverent.

He is reverent toward God. He is faithful in his religious duties, and respects the convictions of others in matters of custom and religion.

WHAT SCOUTS DO

A Scout! He enjoys a hike through the woods more than he does a walk over the city's streets. Over his camp fire, what a breakfast, dinner or supper he can prepare out there in the open! Does he enjoy the meal? Just watch him and compare his appetite with that of a boy who lounges at a lunch counter in a crowded city.

A Scout does not run away or call for help when an accident occurs. He devotes all his strength and energy to assisting those who are in need.

A Scout can talk to a brother Scout without making a sound by signaling with flags; or by tapping on a log he can imitate the click of a telegraph key, and by either manner he can spell out words and sentences.

A Scout can tie a knot that will hold, he can climb a tree the ascent of which seems impossible to others; he can swim a river, he can patch a tent,

he can mend a tear in his trousers, he can tell you what weeds are poisonous and what are not, he can sight nut-bearing trees from a distance; if living near ocean or lake he can reef a sail or take his trick at the wheel, and if near any body of water at all he can pull an oar or use paddles and sculls; in the woods he knows the names of birds and animals; in the water he tells you the different varieties of fish.

A Scout is kind to everything that lives. He knows that horses, dogs and cats have their rights and he respects them. A Scout prides himself upon doing kind deeds and no day in his life is complete unless he has been of aid to some person. A Scout is quick of eye, quick of hearing, and his muscles are well developed. In other words, a Scout is natural, and the better a Scout the further away he is from the artificial.

HOW TO BECOME A SCOUT

To become a Scout a boy must be at least twelve years of age and must

1. Demonstrate his knowledge of the Scout Oath and Law, Motto, Sign, Salute and the Significance of the Badge and Uniform.

2. Demonstrate his knowledge of the composition and history of The Flag of the United States of America and the customary forms of respect due to it.

3. Tie the Square Knot and any eight of the following knots: Sheet Bend, Bowline, Fisherman's Sheepshank, Slip, Clove Hitch, Timber Hitch, Two Half Hitches, Carrick Bend, Miller's Knot, Rope Halters, Pipe Hitch, Stevedore's, Barrel Hitch, Girth

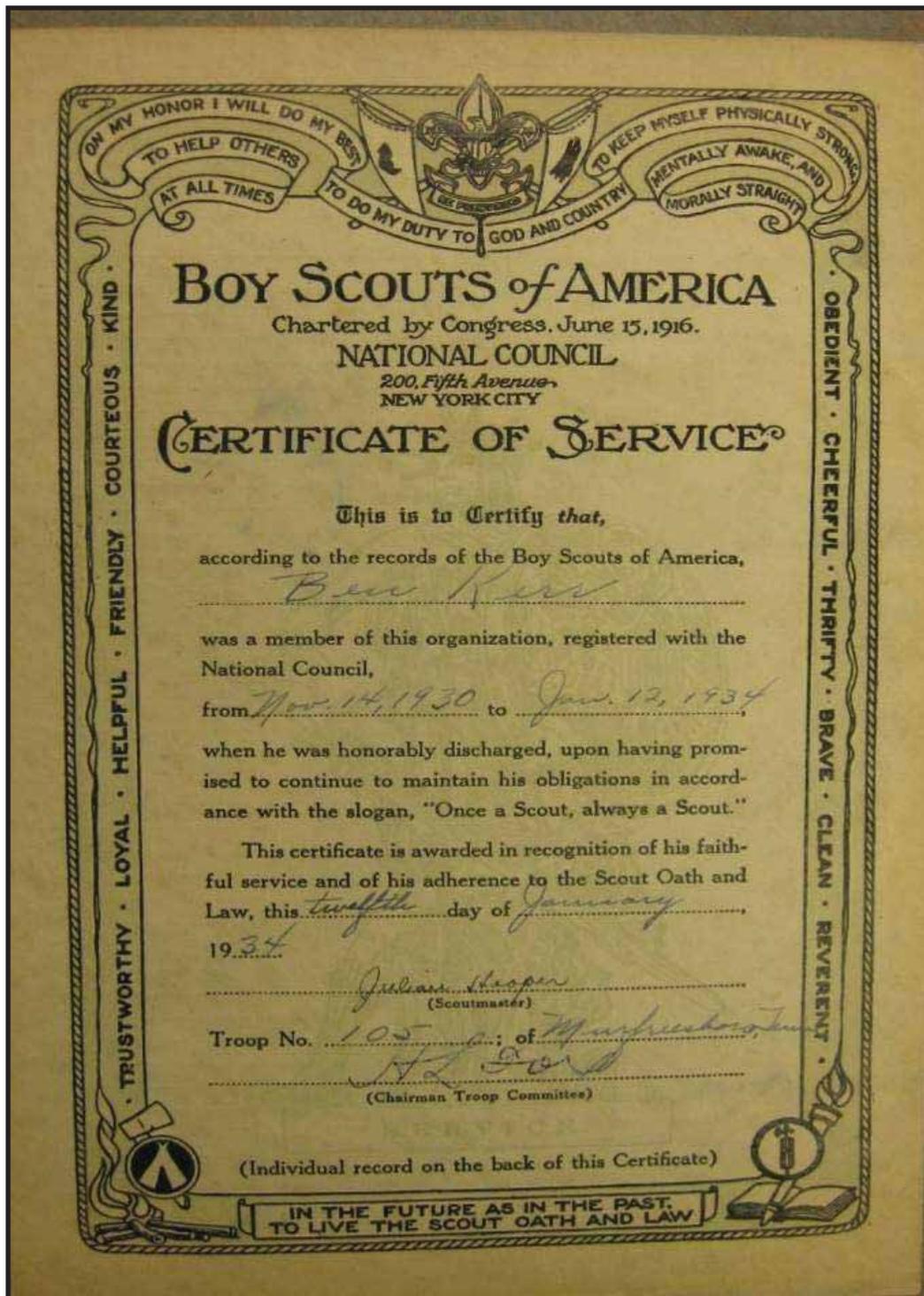
Hitch, Binder Twine Bend, Lariat Loop, Hitching Tie.

He then takes the Scout Oath, is enrolled as a Tenderfoot and is entitled to wear the Tenderfoot Badge.

A Boy Does Not Stand Still in Scouting

The opportunity and incentive for progress is always at hand. First a Tenderfoot, then he becomes a Second Class Scout, and then a First Class Scout. After this the whole sphere of the Scout Program is made available by the boy's own application in qualifying himself to meet the requirements for the several Merit Badges.

Back of Scout Application.



Front of Ben Kerr's Certificate of Service Discharge.

SCOUT Ben Kerr

First Enrolled in Troop 105 Professorsville on Nov 14 1930

Transferred to Troop 105 Professorsville on Jan 2 1931

Transferred to Troop _____ on _____

Qualified as Tenderfoot Nov 21 1930

Qualified as Second Class March 28 1931

Qualified as First Class _____

Star Scout Badge awarded July 1931

Life Scout Badge awarded March 1932

Eagle Scout Badge awarded April 16 1932

Qualified as Veteran Scout No. _____

Qualified as Ten Year Veteran No. _____

Qualified as Fifteen Year Veteran No. _____

Letters of commendation given _____

Certificate of Merit awarded _____

Honor Medal awarded _____

WAR WORK HONORS WON

First Liberty Loan Medal _____

Second Liberty Loan Medal _____

Third Liberty Loan Medal _____

Fourth Liberty Loan Medal _____

Victory Liberty Loan Medal _____

W. S. S. Achievement Button _____

W. S. S. Ace Medal _____

No. bronze palms Nov 18th 1932

No. silver palms _____

No. gold palms _____

MERIT BADGES EARNED

Animal Industry

Athletics

Boating

Book Study

Carpentry

Camping

Civics

Conservation

Cooking

Farm Layout

Farm Days

Firemanship

First Aid to Animals

Woodwork

Leathercraft

Life Saving

Photography

Personal Health

Swimming

Wood Carving

Woodwork

Automobile

First Aid

Geometry

Machine

Painting

Plumbing

Cycling

Architecture

Book Binding

Electricity

Masonry

Metal Work

Maping

Soft

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Front and back of Ben Kerr's Certificate of Services.

The Appendix has a copy of the Troop 105 by-laws from the early 1930s. Included in their by-laws is the process they used to determine when a Scout could be an official part of the troop, and a process to remove Scouts from the troop.

During the Scout week in Feb. 1930 in celebration of the BSA's 20th anniversary, the troop had several guest speakers at their meeting. They also began meeting in the Scout room at the Court House (the southeast room on the 3rd floor with about 30 members). Mr. Stephens, a Scoutmaster from Atlanta, GA spoke about his troop's activities. A Drum and Bugle corps was forming at the district level, and Mr. W. L. Waite, a game warden, gave a talk about "Protection of Wild Life". He presented the Scouts with a challenge - a contest to build a bird house and write a paper on "Wild Life Protection". The winner would receive a prize. The Scouts planned a "Sandwich Hike" for a Friday night to study astronomy. And after the meeting, the patrol leader's council met with the visiting Scoutmaster, Mr. Stephens.

More than 40 boys joined a troop in the Davy Crockett Council during Scout Week. The council presented a Scout handbook to the mayor in each town and the Scouts took over the Murfreesboro city government for one or more hours during the week.

For Scouting's 20th Anniversary, President Hoover was guest speaker at a banquet in Washington, D.C. for Scout leaders on March 10th, 1930. Over 400 leaders from around the country were in attendance. Thomas A. Moore, Scout Executive for the Davy Crockett Council and Davy Crockett Council President, R. O. Murray were invited to Washington for the event. Scouts were able to listen to the President's speech on the National Broadcasting Company radio station (In 1930, about 50% of the homes had a radio, still a relatively new invention; about 90% of city dwellers had electricity and only about 10% of rural areas were electrified.²⁰

The President broke his period of mourning in respect for William Howard Taft to attend the banquet. Hoover said the Boy Scout typifies the life of the late former President and its work was one of his chief interests. Mr. Taft was the Boy Scout's first Honorary President. Hoover said in his speech "Through its organization our boys learn of discipline. They learn the unity of effort, cooperation and democracy of play and work. They learn of the duties and satisfactions of service. All of these are foundations of life, the basis of liberty and happiness".²¹ Scouts came together in homes to listen to the message on the radio.

In the 1930's, Oscar Altman, manager of the Princess Theater would have movie nights for Scouts to attend for free during the Scout Anniversary week.

During the early years of Scouting, the Court of Honor examined each Scout in detail. Several troops would come together for the Court of Honor (in Nashville, the Governor attended the Courts of Honor). The early Courts of Honor for Scouts in Rutherford County were held in Tullahoma, Shelbyville or McMinnville as part of the Davy Crockett Council.

The Courts of Honor were held less frequently. A Scout earned Tenderfoot badge by testing in his troop and received the badge after the test. For other ranks and merit badges, Scouts would attend the district's Court of Honor. They would meet with the advancement committee, a group of adults, to pass tests or give satisfactory evidence of having passed them in order to qualify for the Scout awards. In May 1930, the Court of Honor was held in Shelbyville with the Davy Crockett Council. By November 1930, the Court of Honor was held for the Murfreesboro Boy Scouts and held at the America Legion Hall. The Court of Honor was composed of H. L. Fox, Chairman, David Goldstein, C. R. Cawthon, W. E. Mullins and T. M. Funk. Ranks given at the Nov Court of Honor were Star, First Class and Second Class.

1930 Field Executive was Frank Dubose (aka Robert W DeBose) – of the Middle Tennessee district. Dr. B. N. White was Chairman of the Murfreesboro Boy Scouts.

The Troop Scribe sent in articles weekly to the daily paper regarding recent troop meetings and activities. Most articles were published on the front pages for many years. Through the 1950s the Boy Scouts often made the front pages of many Daily News Journal newspapers.

During February, the Scouting Anniversary was recognized as a week-long celebration. In addition to serving in area churches, other Scout Week activities included having the Scouts take over the city of Murfreesboro for an hour. The Scouts would be mayor, sheriff, or other various city officers for one hour – from 1924 – 1960. Eagle Scouts often served as Governor in the Nashville Council.

At a typical troop meeting, the Scouts would gather by patrol for the opening. This often consisted of the Pledge of Allegiance to the US flag, reciting the Scout Oath and Scout Law or a call to order by the bugler. They would have a roll call, collect dues, and a uniform inspection to see which patrol had the best presentation. This was patrol competition and the patrols got points for the inspection. They would also go around the group and each Scout would tell what good turn they had done that day (or since their last meeting). Patrols would meet in separate rooms to discuss their next activity. After about 20 minutes, the patrols got back together and there would be patrol stunts (skits) in front of the troop. The Scouts would go on ‘overnight hikes’ instead of calling it a ‘campout’. They didn’t have tents and wouldn’t bring camping gear – just what they needed to hike several miles, a blanket and food, and sleep under the stars or tarps they had pitched. Scouts were expected to be at the troop meetings or have a written excuse from their parent if they didn’t attend the meeting. If there were several (3) unexcused absences, the Scout would no longer be a member of the troop without a legitimate explanation.

Troop meetings were often dismissed by reciting the Scout Oath and/or laws or a benediction prayer or taps played by the troop bugler. Some of the troop positions in 1930 included Patrol Leader, Assistant Patrol Leader, Treasurer, Scribe, Quartermaster, Grubmaster, Cheermaster, and Hikemaster.

In July 1930, the troops from Murfreesboro sent several Scouts to Camp Fisher, the Boy Scout camp about 1 mile outside of Manchester. For two weeks the Murfreesboro Scouts were the second largest number represented at the camp (Tullahoma Scouts had more than Murfreesboro during the last week – Murfreesboro had the most in camp over the two week period). Boys were instructed daily in Scout craft, lifesaving, basketry, and other merit badge awards. Scouts from Troop 104 in Westvue; Troop 105 Uptown, and Troop 106 Training School all attended the camp. Dell Fuston (Troop 105) was elected as camp goat. Each evening there was a campfire service which began at 7:45 pm and visitors were invited to the campfires each evening. The camp was under the direction of T.A. Moore, Scout Executive from Tullahoma, B.E. Z Hobgood, and St. George Jones, 2 Murfreesboro leaders as staff.

In November 1930, Scouters in middle Tennessee began pulling their resources together to create a unified and better organized Scouting Program. The Nashville Council grew to include surrounding counties and cities. Murfreesboro became a part of the Nashville Council as the Murfreesboro District. The areas in the former Davy Crockett Council based in Tullahoma and the Middle Tennessee Council from Columbia, along with several counties which were not in an organized program, created nine new centers. They included Cookeville, Lebanon, Lewisburg and Maury Counties as well as Murfreesboro, Tullahoma, Pulaski, Sparta and Winchester. Sparta eventually dropped its association and Shelbyville was added. Robert W. Dubose became the Field Executive for this new Area.

The Area was directed by an Area Executive Committee which met quarterly to consider budgets, camping and general policies. It included one representative from each of the nine centers. There were other areas being served by mail from the Nashville Council. Each of the nine centers contributed a

portion of their budgets to the Nashville Council for the services provided. The council was one of the largest councils in the South.

1931

By 1931, Troop 105 (previously Troop 4) already had several Eagle Scouts. Bob Parsons was presented his Eagle rank during chapel period at Central High School on Oct. 16, 1931. Robert Murphy, Charles Weller, Chas Wheeler and Eugene Mullins were already Eagle Scouts from Troop 105.

In the early years of Scouting, there were only three ranks: Tenderfoot, Second Class and First Class which all covered basic Scouting skills. A Scout had to be First Class before he was allowed to start earning merit badges (this changed in 1959 and any Scout could work on merit badges). Life, Star and Eagle were not considered ranks, but were specific awards for earning merit badges – similar to today’s Eagle Palms. ²² The Life Scout badge went to First Class Scouts when they earned the 5 required merit badges and the Star Scout Badge required another 5 elective merit badges. The Eagle Scout badge was the highest Scouting award given for completion of 21 merit badges. “The award was given to any First Class Scout who earned 21 other merit badges, including First Aid, Athletics, Lifesaving, Personal Health and Public Health. (En route to Eagle, the First Class Scout received the Life Scout badge after earning the five merit badges required for Eagle and the Star Scout badge for five more. In 1924, the Life-Star order was reversed, presumably because the five-pointed Star could be associated with the five merit badges required to earn it)”. ²³ Over time, the required merit badges have changed many times. Of the original 5 required ones, only First Aid and Lifesaving are among the ones still required. The most significant change to “plan, develop, and carry out a service project helpful to any religious institution, any school, or your community” was added in 1965, and in 1972 the additional stipulation “give leadership to others” was included.

In 1915, Cooking, Camping, Civics, Bird Study, Pathfinding, Physical Development and Pioneering were added to the required list.

APPLICATION FOR MERIT BADGE
NASHVILLE COUNCIL, BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Date: Oct 16 1931

Scout's signature: Bob Parsons
Scoutmaster's signature: Fred Wheeler

He is a member of Troop 105 of Nashville, Tenn.

that he is qualified to meet the requirements for the Merit Badge. Approved: [Signature]

COUNCIL'S APPROVAL

(signed) [Signature] Councilor

Date: [Blank]

(signed) [Signature] Eagle Scout



As the program grew, there was need for leadership training. In 1931, the Boy Scout committee, headed by Dr. B. N. White, Chairman, and Prof. J. C. Mitchell, director of leadership training and troop activity, planned a training program open to all men. It lasted for 5 Friday evenings, 7pm – 9pm. Robert W. DeBose, Field Scout Executive led the training with other trained leaders from the area. The purpose of the training was “to give the principles and methods of Scouting to a group of men who will later want to serve as troop committeemen or leaders. However, there is no obligation to the course to take up Scout leadership and the committee will be glad to have anyone interested to attend.”²⁴

The course was fifty percent lecture and discussion on the Scout theory and principles, and fifty percent on actual practices of the program.

The students were organized as a Scout troop, thus employing the “Learning by Doing” that makes Scouting famous. J. C. Mitchell served as Scoutmaster. Patrol leaders included Dr. B. N. White, R. H. Stickney, Col. H. L. Fox, John Jewell, and Prof. Hobgood. Each Patrol Leader was assigned a group in which to enlist members for his patrol – hoping to have at least 5 per patrol.

As a result of this training, several new troops were formed. Dr. J. C. Waller organized a group of parents and formed a troop at the Training School of Teacher’s College (Campus School). Prof. B. E. Hobgood, was selected as Scoutmaster of a new troop at McFadden (Hobgood later became Principal at McFadden). Aultman Sanders, who attended the training and was a businessman in town and Captain in the National Guard, was selected as Scoutmaster of Troop 105.

During Scout week in 1931, Scouts from Troop 105 ushered at several Murfreesboro churches, wearing their full uniforms.

- At the Methodist church: Robert Parsons, Ben Kerr, Weber Earthman, Chip Ranson, and James Haynes
- At the Presbyterian Church: Matt Murphee, Buddy McCoy, Douglas McCoy, Dell Fuston, Charles Weller, and Robert L Robertson
- At the Baptist Church: Earl Jones, Rufus Buchanan, E O Shinn, Tom Cannon and Sam Garner
- At Central Christian Church: C B Arnett, Billy Crichlow, Robert Murphy, Warner Woodmore, Bill Shacklett, and John Fulmer

	REGION No.	COUNCIL No.	TROOP No.
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Application for Award of Eagle Rank

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA
 INCORPORATED FEBRUARY 8, 1910, CHARTERED BY CONGRESS, JUNE, 1916
IMPORTANT NOTE

The "award" of Eagle Rank is "made" when all requirements having been met by the Scout, the subsequent action of the Local Court of Honor is approved and recorded by the National Council.
 The "presentation" of the Certificate of Award of Eagle Rank and Eagle Badge may not precede National Council action. Badges and Certificate will not be shipped by the National Council in advance of making the "award."

SCOUT'S APPLICATION

National Council: _____ Date: _____
 I am a registered as Life Scout
Indicate Member of Troop or Life Scout or Scouter
 of Tr. No. _____ of _____
City and State
 Charter for which expires _____
 I became a Life Scout on _____
 I have now qualified for the Merit Badges indicated below, and the character, leadership and service requirements. I respectfully present this application for the award of Eagle Scout Rank.
OSCAR JONES NOEL
Print Name
 Address 415 E. Lytle St.
 City MURFREESBORO State TENN.
 Approved _____
(Signature of Scoutmaster)

COURT OF HONOR ACTION

Action by Court of Honor is invalid if taken in advance of expiration of full period after date Scout became Life Scout, viz. six months, or, if Troop Charter has expired, or if Scout is not registered.

City _____ State _____ Date _____
 To the National Council:
 This is to certify that the applicant hereon mentioned for the Rank of **EAGLE SCOUT** has qualified for the same according to the requirements authorized by the Executive Board, and further, that the Court of Honor has received satisfactory, definite and concrete evidence—
 (1) That he has continued to put into practice the ideals and principles of the Scout Oath and Law, the Motto "Be Prepared" and the "Daily Good Turn";
 (2) He has maintained an active service relationship to Scouting for more than _____ months since he became a Life Scout, and;
 (3) He has made an effort to develop and demonstrate leadership ability.

(Scout Executive)

ENTER OTHER TESTS PASSED

BADGE	CHECK	Troop No.	Where and When Awarded
			CITY DATE
		1	
		2	
		3	
		4	
		5	
		6	
		7	
		8	
Swimming		9	
First Aid		10	
Life Saving		11	
Personal Health		12	
Public Health		13	
Cooking		14	
Camping		15	
Civics		16	
Bird Study		17	
Pathfinding		18	
Pioneering		19	
Safety		20	
Athletics or Physical Dev.		21	

DO NOT FAIL TO FILL IN ALL INFORMATION CALLED FOR GIVE MONTH AND YEAR OF EACH AWARD

(Chairman of Court of Honor)
 NOTE: The essential actions of the Local Court of Honor as provided in the National By-Laws Art. XV, Sec. 5 and Art. VI, Sec. 7, Clauses 1 to 4, require the receipt of satisfactory, definite, and concrete evidence of the Scout's conduct, service and leadership efforts, and an appearance (not necessarily public) of the Scout before not less than three members of the Court of Honor where he demonstrates that the Merit Badge requirements have been satisfactorily complied with.

National Council Record—Do Not Write Here
INDEX
 Troop located in _____
 Date Troop expires _____
 Initial and date _____
SPECIAL INDEX
 Is boy registered? _____
 In what capacity? _____
 Initial and date _____

DEFECTIVE:	APPROVAL:
	<i>[Signature]</i>

Order to Supply Service _____
 Certificate & E. Ack. Letter Written _____
 Certificate & E. Ack. Letter Sent _____
 "No Order" Slip Sent _____
 Carded by _____
 Statistical _____
 O. K. for File _____

Are you a Veteran Scout? If not and you are a First Class Scout, or Scouter with five, ten, fifteen or twenty years' service, apply at once for membership (use Application Form No. 598) in the Veteran Scout Association. Registration as a 5, 10, 15 or 20-year Veteran costs 50c. Veteran Pins cost 50c. to \$3.25. See catalog. (over)

Eagle Rank Application, 1930s

IMPORTANT INFORMATION—MERIT BADGES

Special care should be exercised to guard against too rapid advancement by Scouts, so as to insure thoroughness in their work. This must be especially borne in mind with reference to tests for Merit Badges.

The members of the local Courts of Honor and expert M. B. Counselors who may be duly appointed to conduct examinations should keep in mind that the lists of questions as set forth for the various tests are merely an outline of the scope of examination to be given and do not restrict the examination to these questions. In no case, however, is the Court of Honor or Counselor authorized to omit any of the points covered by the stated requirements or accept as an equivalent any examination which does not include each of the questions as authorized by the Executive Board. It is required that the applicant personally appear before the Court of Honor with at least three members present and satisfy them that he is entitled to receive the badge. Such procedure is of great value to the Scout who through such a meeting learns of the interest of the community in his welfare.

It should be further remembered that the purpose of these examinations is not to secure mere technical compliance with the requirements, but rather to ascertain the Scout's general knowledge of the subject covered as a result of his own application and study. Practical knowledge rather than book knowledge is desired.

Examinations for Merit Badges should be given by the Court of Honor of the Local Council or a Board of Counselors under the supervision of the Court of Honor.

In a community which is not governed by a Local Council, it is necessary for the Scoutmaster working in connection with the Troop Committee to form an Examining Committee to represent the National Council in the giving of all examinations on Merit Badge Subjects. Further particulars to be found on Forms 507A and 830.

1. Second Class Scouts and Assistant Scoutmasters under twenty-one years, of Second Class rank, may qualify for not more than five Merit Badges in the following list of forty subjects: Agriculture, Animal Industry, Art, Basketry, Beef Production, Bee Keeping, Blacksmithing, Bookbinding, Bugling, Carpentry, Cement Work, Corn Farming, Cycling, Dairying, Farm Home and Its Planning, Farm Layout and Building Arrangement, Pie-manship, First Aid to Animals, Fruit Culture, Gardening, Handicraft, Hog and Pork Production, Horsemanship, Leathercraft, Leather Work, Masonry, Metal Work, Music, Painting, Pathfinding, Personal Health, Photography, Pottery, Poultry Keeping, Printing, Safety, Sheep Farming, Soil Management, Weather, Wood Carving.

2. First Class Scouts and Scouters, other than Assistant Scoutmasters under 21 years of age, (except such of the latter as qualify as First Class Scouts) who meet the requirements herein stated for Star, Life or Eagle Scout Rank, or for the award of Eagle Palms, may receive such award only when the Local Court of Honor or Examining Committee secures—in such manner as it may determine wise, from those who may be in a position to know from personal knowledge, not from the Scout himself, but from the parents, School Teacher, Employer, Pastor, Sunday School Teacher, Scoutmaster, Member of his Troop Committee or others—definite, concrete, satisfactory evidence that the Scout has:

FIRST, actually put into practice in his daily life the ideals and principles of the Scout Oath and Law, the motto "Be Prepared," and the "Daily Good Turn."

SECOND, maintained an active service relationship to Scouting.

THIRD, made an effort to develop and demonstrate leadership ability.

For the Star Scout Award:

1. His record of satisfactory service, as a First Class Scout shall have been for a period of at least three months; and
2. He shall have qualified for any five Merit Badges.

For the Life Scout Award:

1. His record of satisfactory service as a Star Scout, shall have been for a period of at least three months; and
2. He shall have qualified for ten Merit Badges, which shall include (1) First Aid, (2) Physical Development or Athletics (3) Personal Health, (4) Public Health, (5) Life Saving or Pioneering or Safety.

For the Eagle Scout Award:

1. His record of satisfactory service, as a Life Scout, shall have been for a period of at least six months.
2. He shall have qualified for twenty-one Merit Badges, which shall include (1) First Aid, (2) Life Saving (including Swimming), (3) Personal Health, (4) Public Health, (5) Cooking, (6) Camping, (7) Civics, (8) Bird Study, (9) Pathfinding (10) Safety, (11) Pioneering, (12) Athletics or Physical Development.

Eagle Scout Palms.

The Eagle Scout who meets the requirements for five Merit Badges, in addition to the twenty-one required for Eagle Scout Rank, may be awarded a Bronze Palm; for ten, a Gold Palm for fifteen, a Silver Palm; for twenty or more such combinations of Bronze, Gold or Silver Palms as he may elect, to indicate the number for which awards have been made; provided, however, that no award of Palms may be made for more than five Merit Badges at any one time, and provided further that no award shall be made until after at least six months' satisfactory service as an Eagle Scout, as provided for in Clause I herein, and that subsequent awards may be made for intervals of not less than six months' service following the previous award.

A Scout may elect to use any combination of the Bronze, Silver or Gold Palms to indicate the number for which awards have been made.

For example—2 Bronze for 10 Merit Badges, or a Gold and a Bronze for 15, or 2 Gold or 4 Bronze for 20, etc.—provided that no award shall be made except at intervals of not less than six months nor for more than five additional badges at any one time.

PAMPHLETS, BADGES AND CERTIFICATES

	Each		Each
Merit Badge Pamphlets—20c ea.; 25—49, 18c ea.; 50—99, 17c ea.; 100 or more, 16c.		Metal Star or Life Badge.....	.50
Merit Badges10	Blank Certificates to 1st Class Councils Only, 2c each, 25—25c, 100—75c	
Embroidered Badges, Including Star and Life.....	.15	Miniature Eagle Badges (only to holders of "Standard" Eagles)50
Embroidered Eagle Badges25	**Eagle Palms—Bronze (see note below).....	.30
*Metal "Standard" Eagle Badge (see note below).....		Silver or Gold Palms.....	.35

When a Scout attains Eagle rank he is awarded an Eagle Certificate by the National Council for which no charge is made.

*If Local Council desires Eagle Badge for applicant for Eagle rank, definite order for same should accompany application.

**Palms—Eagle Palms are to be applied for on Form 698P to the National Council when Scouts are NOT UNDER COUNCIL otherwise application is made to Local Council.

BOYS' LIFE—Every Scout should be a regular reader of BOYS' LIFE, the Boy Scouts' Official Magazine. Regular sections devoted to Scout work make better and more interested Scouts. Price 85c a year if 5 to 9 Scouts subscribe at time Troop is registered or reregistered, 75c a year if 10 or more subscribe, otherwise \$1.00 per year.

During Scout Week in February 1931, the Scout patrols set up exhibits in the windows of shops around the square. They displayed items they made in Leathercraft, WoodWork, Woodcarving, Carpentry, Aviation and Basketry. Some even set up a first aid exhibit in the window at Kerr's drugstore. The community was invited to inspect the exhibits to see the splendid work being done by the Murfreesboro Boy Scouts. Several Murfreesboro Scouts went to Nashville to take part in the Scout Parade as part of the anniversary celebration.



In March 1931, the local paper records the formation of a new Scout patrol organizing from Troop 105. They are the Byrd Patrol named after Admiral Richard E Byrd (the majority of these members were previously in the Kit Karson Patrol). In this new patrol, the PL elected was Earl Jones, Fred Travis as APL, John DeGeorge, Jr, Scribe and Treasurer, Rufus Buchanan, Quartermaster, and Sam Mullinax as Grubmaster. They planned to meet on Sunday afternoon at PL Earl Jones' home.

In 1931, Middle Tennessee State Normal School (MTSU) began offering courses for Scout leaders. From 1931 – 1938, Scouting and Scout Mastership was offered in the physical education department. The text was the Scout Manual and it consisted of Scout tests, games, hikes, proficiency tests, organization and leadership.

In 1939 the course changed and was offered as two courses required from the National Council. The first course, Elements of Scout Leadership for two credits "conforms to the requirements of the first unit of the National Council of Boy Scouts of America's new five-year training program. The course is divided into three parts. (1) Introduction to Scouting; (2) troop operation; and (3) short term camps." Its text book was from National Council booklets.

The second course, Principles of Scout Leadership was also 2 credits. It "is planned to conform to the requirements of the fourth unit outlined by the National Council. It is divided into the following: part one consists of a study of "Troop Management," and part two, made up of a study of topics selected from the "Principles of Scout-Mastership Manual", with the approval of the National Council. Its text was from National Council and included the Troop Management and Principles of Scout-Mastership manuals

- *A third course was also offered - Camping and Camp Leadership for 2 credits which included information on conducting summer camp programs. These courses continued at Middle Tennessee State Normal School until the early 1950s.²⁵*

In April, the Nashville Council held three area Scout Rallies. About 20 Scouts from Murfreesboro took part in the rally at Tullahoma and came in third place overall in events. The Tullahoma troops won first; Decherd, TN troop second. Murfreesboro was second place in the obstacle course and third place in several other events. Murfreesboro Scout, Robert Murphy won the "Fire by Friction" contest.

Since the merging of Middle Tennessee counties into the Nashville Council, training began taking on a new important role in the Scout program. St. George Jones, Jr, Assistant Scoutmaster for Troop 105 attended the weeklong Camp Directors Training School held in Charleston, Mississippi, April 1931.

Dr. B. N. White represented Murfreesboro at the Nashville Council's Area Executive meeting held in Nashville in May, 1931 along with representatives from Sparta, Columbia, Winchester, Tullahoma, Decherd, Lewisburg, Cookeville, Pulaski, and Lebanon. At this meeting, the camping committee voted on providing two camping areas for Scouts in the Council. The first was Camp Fisher, on the Duck River near

Manchester, and the other at Camp Boxwell along the Historic Harpeth Narrows near Nashville. Cost of the camps for registered Scouts was \$6.50 per week. They agreed to allow each district to send a representative to the National Council meeting in Memphis the next week.

The Nashville Council Camp Committee, chaired by Dr. B. N. White of Murfreesboro selected W. J. Anderson to supervise the Boxwell summer camp program, and Thomas A. Moore, previously the Murfreesboro Council executive, to supervise the Camp Fisher program. The Camp Fisher program ran from June 15 through June 29th. The Activities Director was St. George Jones, Jr. Assistant Scoutmaster Troop 105, putting to use his skills learned at the National Camp Directors Training School. Scoutcraft director was B. E. Hobgood the Scoutmaster of Troop 104 – a new troop at McFadden where Mr. Hobgood was Principal.

As the new scout troops formed, the existing troops assisted in performing the new troop's investiture services. In May 1931, a newly established troop at the Training School, Troop 106, (what is now Campus School) had their investiture ceremony with 8 boys in the troop. Existing Troop 105 attended and a Scoutmaster from Nashville representing the council presented the new troop the certificates and the Scout badges. He gave an "interesting talk on the meaning of Scouting".²⁶ The new troop, Troop 106, had Dr. J. C. Wheeler as Scoutmaster and Roy Simpson as Assistant Scoutmaster. The committee was K. T. Hutchinson, B.B. Gracy, and Tillman Haynes.

In June 1931, Veterans and Boy Scouts attended the 41st United Confederate Veterans Reunion in Montgomery, Alabama. The United Confederate Veterans (UCV) formed in 1889 with a goal of keeping alive the memory of the men who fought for the South during the Civil War and to bring national attention to the needs of the aging veterans. The annual reunion was one of the group's major projects, and towns across the country vied to host the event. Eight Murfreesboro Scouts representing Middle Tennessee made the trip to Montgomery with the Nashville group. Buddy McCoy from Murfreesboro was selected as the personal escort for the Governor of Alabama at the reunion. There were over 1300 Scouts from all parts of the south participating.

With the merger of the counties into the Nashville Council, summer camp for Scouts in Murfreesboro was expanded to include either Camp Boxwell near the narrows of the Harpeth River or Camp Fisher, the two council camps. Summer campers were charged \$6.50 a week to attend camp with each troop eligible to send an outstanding Scout for one free week and all adult leaders were invited as guests of the camp. "The purpose of the camp is to intensify the Scout program with troops and individuals so that a renewed impetus is given which carries throughout the year."²⁷

After returning from the UCV reunion in Alabama, Murfreesboro Scouts were well represented at the Scout summer camp at Camp Fisher near Manchester. During the two weeks of camp, Murfreesboro had the largest attendance during the entire two weeks of camp (Lebanon had the most during week 1 and Tullahoma had the most Scouts represented during week 2). Camp consisted of daily instruction in Scout craft, lifesaving, basketry, and other merit badges. Three troops from Murfreesboro attended, Troop 104 from Westvue, Troop 105 Uptown, and Troop 106 from the Training School. "Del Fuston was chosen as camp goat, an honor sought by the entire camp."²⁸ Camp closed each evening with a camp fire service where visitors were invited to attend. Mr. T. A. Moore was Camp Director, with B. E. Hobgood and St. George Jones of Murfreesboro as staff. Camp Fisher had its largest attendance in camp history in 1931. Scouts from Columbia, Tracy City, Murfreesboro, Cookeville, Sparta, Viola, Tullahoma, Manchester, Decherd, Shelbyville, Carthage, Lebanon and Algood attended. They began plans to extend camp to three weeks next year.

During 1931, the Sea Scout patrol sold light bulbs to raise money for troop equipment. The sale was conducted through the Tennessee Electric Power Company.

In August, 1931 a group of Scouts from the Nashville Council including a few from Murfreesboro went on a High Adventure trip hiking in the Smoky Mountains. The Great Smokey Mountain National Park, GSMNP, was officially dedicated several years later in 1940 by Pres. Franklin D. Roosevelt. A bill to authorize and protect the establishment of the GSMN Park was signed in 1926 by President Calvin Coolidge, but it took many years to appropriate the funds and acquire the land for the park. John D. Rockefeller made a \$5 million dollar donation with the stipulation that it would be matching funds.

A group of about 25 Scouts and Scouters from the area met in Murfreesboro for the 1st night of their trek. Packs were inspected, special rations issued and trail instruction was given. From Murfreesboro, they left by bus arriving at Indian Gap Hotel in the Great Smoky Mountain National Park Saturday afternoon where they spent the night in camp near the Hotel. Early Sunday morning, after a Scout service, they set off to Indian Gap on the Tennessee-North Carolina border where their base camp would be located. "There, away from all civilization, in the virgin timber of the 'big woods' the Scouts and their leaders will spend eight days, living again the life of the pioneer, dependent only on their own resources, getting an experience that will bring to them the satisfaction of the real woodsman - and one they can carry back to their troops at home".²⁹

Scouts in Rutherford County remained active, attending the rally in Tullahoma in 1931, and the rally in Lebanon in 1932; Robert Murphy, Troop 105 came in 1st place in Fire by Friction event both years. During the summers, several attended camp at Camp Fisher in 31 and 32, Camp Boxwell in 31, and Camp Overton in 1933. The Scouts also assisted the community by helping at the Rutherford County Fair. Scouts also helped usher at Vanderbilt football games and volunteered as camp counselors.

*Note: The Rutherford County Fair began around 1868 and was held off and on for many years, eventually hosting the last fair in 1948. It was held on a 30 acre tract located about 2 miles south of the city on the Shelbyville turnpike (near the Juvenile detention site today), originally used for harness races, horse shows and exhibits, later bringing in carnival activities and live entertainment to draw in crowds. In the 1930s, the county and city schools declared the fair days an annual holiday so everyone could attend the fair. Despite the popularity, the fair was not a financial success and in 1948 the county had its last fair.*³⁰

1932

On January 20th, B. N White led a group from Murfreesboro to attend the second meeting of the Nashville Council since the county was added to the charter. More than 3000 boys in middle Tennessee had been reached through Scouting during 1931. One of the main purposes of the meeting was to present the Silver Beaver award. This was a new award created by the National Council at their previous meeting. W. S. Maybee of Mt. Pleasant, C. M. Ninninger, Edwin Dunlap and Edgar Foster from Nashville received the awards, the last two were posthumous awards. L. G. Boxwell was re-elected as President of the Nashville Council.

During Scout Week in February, 1932, Troops 104, 105, and 106 continued to be active in the community. The DNJ published an article in February in honor of Scouting's 23 anniversary.

"A Scout is best outlined by the things he has promised to do which are in the oath and law...

The Scout laws are as follows:

1. A Scout is trustworthy. A Scout's honor to be trustworthy. If he were to violate the honor by telling a lie, or by cheating, or by not doing exactly a given task, when trusted on his honor, he may be directed to hand over his badge.
2. A Scout is loyal. He is loyal to all whom loyalty is due his Scout leader, his home and parents and his country.
3. A Scout is helpful. He must be prepared at any time to save life, help injured persons, and share the home duty. He must do at least one good turn to somebody every day.
4. A Scout is friendly. He is a friend to all and a brother to every Scout.
5. A Scout is courteous. He is polite to all, especially to women, children, old people, the weak and helpless. He must not take pay for being helpful or courteous.
6. A Scout is kind. He is a friend to animals. He will not kill or hurt any living creature needlessly, but will strive to save and protect all harmless life.
7. A Scout is obedient. He obeys his parent, Scoutmaster, patrol leader and all other duly constituted authorities.
8. A Scout is cheerful. He smiles whenever he can. His obedience to orders is prompt and cheery. He never shirks nor grumbles at hardships.
9. A Scout is thrifty. He does not wantonly destroy property. He works faithfully, wastes nothing, and makes the best use of his opportunities. He saves his money, so that he may pay his own way, be generous to those in need and helpful to a worthy object. He may work for his pay but does not receive pay for courtesies or good turns.
10. A Scout is brave. He has the courage to face dangers in spite of fear, and to stand up for the right against the coaxing of friends and the jeers of the threats of enemies and defeat does not down him.
11. A Scout is clean. He keeps clean in body and thought, stands for clean speech, clean sport, clean habits and travels with a clean crowd.
12. A Scout is reverent. He is reverent to God. He is faithful to his religious duties and respects the conviction of others in matters of custom and religion. ³¹

By Feb 1932, there were already 7 Eagle Scouts in Murfreesboro - Edward McCoy, Robert Parsons, Charles Wheeler, Charles Weller, Eugene Mullins, Robert Murfree, and Billy Crichlow. "To become a Tenderfoot Scout a boy must be 12 and do the following: Be able to repeat the Scout oath and laws, and tie nine special knots, and know the history and respect of the flag." ³²

Name <i>B.B. New</i>		Address <i>Murfreesboro</i>		Troop <i>100</i>	
FIRST CLASS TEST					
Test	Examiner's Signature	Date	Test	Examiner's Signature	Date
Swim	<i>T.A. Moore</i>	<i>8-7-33</i>	Av	<i>David Pollock</i>	<i>8-7-33</i>
Adv. Sig.	<i>David Pollock</i>	<i>8-7-33</i>	Compass	<i>T.A. Moore</i>	<i>8-7-33</i>
His	<i>T.A. Moore</i>	<i>8-7-33</i>	Judgment	<i>David Pollock</i>	<i>8-7-33</i>
Thrift	<i>T.A. Moore</i>	<i>8-7-33</i>	Nature	<i>T.A. Moore</i>	<i>8-7-33</i>
Ad. 1st Aid	<i>T.A. Moore</i>	<i>8-7-33</i>	Enlistment	<i>T.A. Moore</i>	<i>8-9-33</i>
Adv. Cooking	<i>David Pollock</i>	<i>8-7-33</i>	Evidence	<i>T.A. Moore</i>	<i>8-7-33</i>
Map Reading	<i>David Pollock</i>	<i>8-7-33</i>	Review	<i>T.A. Moore</i>	<i>8-7-33</i>
Map Making	<i>David Pollock</i>	<i>8-7-33</i>	Badge Issues	<i>Camp Overton</i>	<i>8-7-33</i>

First Class Rank Requirements

	REGION No.	COUNCIL No.	TROOP No.
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Application for Award of Star or Life Rank

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

INCORPORATED FEBRUARY 8, 1910, CHARTERED BY CONGRESS, JUNE, 1914

IMPORTANT NOTE

For Use of First Class Councils Only

SCOUT'S APPLICATION

National Council: _____ Date: April 13/34

I am a registered Assistant Scout of Tr. No. 105

Indicate Member of Troop or Tribe or Lone Scout or Official
Charter for which expires August 21, 1934

I became a First Class Scout on June 27, 1934

I have now qualified for the Merit Badges indicated below, and I respectfully request that

Rank of Star, Life Scout be awarded me.

(Indicate with X in brackets)
TRIFID BUSHAWAN

Address 440 N. MADISON

City MEMPHIS State TENN

Approved J. H. Cooper
(Signature of Scoutmaster)

BADGE	CHECK	Troop No.	Where and When Awarded	
			CITY	DATE
First Aid	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Athletics or Physical Dev.	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Personal Health	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	105	Memphis	6-27-34
Public Health	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	105	Memphis	1-25-34
Life Saving or Pioneering	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	105	Memphis	11-20-34
	<input type="checkbox"/>			

ENTER OTHER MERIT BADGES

DO NOT FAIL TO FILE ALL INFORMATION CALL FOR DIVE MONTH AND YEAR OF EACH AWARD

COURT OF HONOR ACTION

Action by Court of Honor is invalid if taken in advance of expiration of full period after date Scout became First Class, viz. STAR—3 months, LIFE—6 months. Or, if Troop Charter has expired, or if Scout is not registered.

To the National Council: _____ City _____ State _____ Date _____

This is to certify that the applicant herein mentioned for the Rank of (indicate with X in brackets)

Star, Life Scout

has qualified for the same according to the requirements set forth in the Official Handbook, and further, that the Court of Honor has received satisfactory, definite and concrete evidence—

- (1) That he has continued to put into practice the ideals and principles of the Scout Oath and Law, the motto "Be Prepared" and the "Daily Good Turn";
- (2) He has maintained an active service relationship to Scouting for more than _____ months since he became First Class, and,
- (3) He has made an effort to develop and demonstrate leadership ability.

(Scout Executive)

(Chairman of Court of Honor)

NOTE: The essential actions of the Local Court of Honor as provided in the National By-Laws Art. XV, Sec. 5 and Art. VI, Sec. 7, Clauses 1 to 3, require the receipt of satisfactory, definite and concrete evidence of the Scout's conduct, service and leadership efforts, and an appearance (not necessarily public) of the Scout before not less than three members of the Court of Honor where he demonstrates that the requirements have been satisfactorily complied with.

National Council Record—Do Not Write Here

STATUS: _____

DEFECTIVE: _____ APPROVAL: _____

- Order to Supply Service _____
- Certificate & E. Ack. Letter Written _____
- Certificate & E. Ack. Letter Sent _____
- "No Order" Slip Sent _____
- Carded by _____
- Statistical _____
- O. K. for File _____

Are you a Veteran Scout? If not and you are a First Class Scout, or Scout official, with five, ten, fifteen or twenty years' service, apply at once for membership (use Application Form No. 598) in the Veteran Scout Association. Registration as a 5, 10, 15 or 20-year Veteran costs 50c. Veteran Pins cost 50c to \$3.50. See catalog.

(Over)

Life and Star Rank Application, 1930s

IMPORTANT INFORMATION—MERIT BADGES

Special care should be exercised to guard against too rapid advancement by Scouts, so as to insure thoroughness in their work. This must be especially borne in mind with reference to tests for Merit Badges.

The members of the local Courts of Honor and expert M. B. Counselors who may be duly appointed to conduct examinations should keep in mind that the lists of questions as set forth for the various tests are merely an outline of the scope of examination to be given and do not restrict the examination to these questions. In no case, however, is the Court of Honor or Counselor authorized to omit any of the points covered by the stated requirements or accept as an equivalent any examination which does not include each of the questions as set forth in the Handbook for Boys. It is required that the applicant personally appear before the Court of Honor with at least three members present and satisfy them that he is entitled to receive the badge. Such procedure is of great value to the Scout who through such a meeting learns of the interest of the community in his welfare.

It should be further remembered that the purpose of these examinations is not to secure mere technical compliance with the requirements, but rather to ascertain the Scout's knowledge of the subject covered as a result of his own application and study. Practical knowledge rather than book knowledge is desired.

Examinations for Merit Badges should be given by the Court of Honor of the Local Council or a Board of Counselors under the supervision of the Court of Honor.

In a community which is not governed by a Local Council, it is necessary for the Scoutmaster working in connection with the Troop Committee to form an Examining Committee to represent the National Council in the giving of all examinations on Merit Badge Subjects. Further particulars to be found on Forms 507A and 830.

1. A Second Class Scout may qualify for any five (5) of the following forty (40) Merit Badge subjects:—Agriculture, Animal Industry, Art, Basketry, Beef Production, Bee Keeping, Blacksmithing, Bookbinding, Bugling, Carpentry, Cement Work, Corn Farming, Cycling, Dairying, Farm Home and Its Planning, Farm Layout and Building Arrangement, Firemanship, First Aid to Animals, Fruit Culture, Gardening, Handicraft, Hog and Pork Production, Horsemanship, Leathercraft, Leather Work, Masonry, Metal Work, Music, Painting, Pathfinding, Personal Health, Photography, Pottery, Poultry Keeping, Printing, Safety, Sheep Farming, Soil Management, Weather, Wood Carving.
2. A First Class Scout who meets the requirements herein stated for Star, Life or Eagle Scout Rank, or for the award of Eagle Palms, may receive such award only when the Local Court of Honor or Examining Committee secures—in such manner as it may determine wise, from those who may be in a position to know from personal knowledge, not from the Scout himself, but from the parents, School Teacher, Employer, Pastor, Sunday School Teacher, Scoutmaster, Member of his Troop Committee or others—definite, concrete, satisfactory evidence that the Scout has:
 - FIRST, actually put into practice in his daily life the ideals and principles of the Scout Oath and Law, the motto "Be Prepared," and the "Daily Good Turn."
 - SECOND, maintained an active service relationship to Scouting.
 - THIRD, made an effort to develop and demonstrate leadership ability.

For the Star Scout Award:

1. His record of satisfactory service, as a First Class Scout shall have been for a period of at least three months; and
2. He shall have qualified for any five Merit Badges.

For the Life Scout Award:

1. His record of satisfactory service, as a First Class Scout shall have been for a period of at least three months; and
2. He shall have qualified for ten Merit Badges, which shall include (1) First Aid, (2) Physical Development or Athletics, (3) Personal Health, (4) Public Health; (5) Life Saving or Pioneering.

For the Eagle Scout Award:

1. His record of satisfactory service, as a First Class Scout, shall have been for a period of at least one full year.
2. He shall have qualified for twenty-one Merit Badges, which shall include (1) First Aid, (2) Life Saving (includes swimming), (3) Personal Health, (4) Public Health, (5) Cooking, (6) Camping, (7) Civics, (8) Bird Study, (9) Pathfinding, (10) Pioneering, (11) Athletics or Physical Development.

Eagle Palm Awards:

The Eagle Scout who passes the test for five Merit Badges, in addition to the twenty-one required for Eagle Scout Rank, may be awarded a Bronze Palm; for ten, a Gold Palm; for fifteen, a Silver Palm; for twenty or more, such combinations as he may elect for multiples of five; provided, however, that no award of Palms (regardless of when Merit Badges are earned) may be made until after at least six months' satisfactory service as an Eagle Scout, as provided for in Clause 1 herein, and provided further, that subsequent awards may be made for intervals of not less than six months' service and for not exceeding five Merit Badges at any one time.

A Scout may elect to use any combination of the Bronze, Silver or Gold Palms to indicate the number for which awards have been made.

For example—2 Bronze for 10 Merit Badges, or a Gold and a Bronze for 15, or 2 Gold or 4 Bronze for 20, etc.—provided that no award shall be made except at intervals of not less than six months nor for more than five additional badges at any one time.

PAMPHLETS, BADGES AND CERTIFICATES

	Each	Each
Merit Badge Pamphlets—26c ea.; 25—49, one subject, 16c ea.; assorted, 18c ea.; 50—99, one subject, 15c ea.; assorted, 17c ea.; 100 or more, one subject, 13c ea.; assorted, 16c		.50
Embroidered Badges, Including Star and Life	.15	
Embroidered Eagle Badges	.25	
Metal "Standard" Eagle Badge (see note below)	1.50	
Metal Star or Life Badges		.50
Blank Certificates to 1st Class Councils Only		.50—75c, 100—\$1.25, 250—\$2.25, 500—\$4.00
Miniature Eagle Badges (only to holders of "Standard" Eagles)		.75
Silver or Gold		.50
*Eagle Palms—Bronze (see note below)		.30

When a Scout attains the rank of Eagle Scout, he is awarded an Eagle Certificate by the National Council for which no charge is made.

If Local Council desires Eagle Badge for applicant for Eagle rank, definite order for same should accompany application. In case a badge is lost or destroyed duplicate may be obtained by making application to the Local Council (above prices).

*Palms—Eagle Palms are to be applied for on form 698P to the National Council when Scouts are NOT UNDER COUNCIL otherwise application is made to Local Council.

THE OFFICIAL SCOUT MAGAZINE, BOYS' LIFE, \$2.00 A YEAR; ASK FOR A SPECIMEN COPY. Special offer—\$1.00 per year if 50% of Troop membership subscribes at time Troop is chartered; otherwise \$2.00 per year.

In late February, 1932, the Nashville Council field executive, R. W. DuBose sent a letter to all districts asking Scouts to assist the American Legion posts in their drive against unemployment. In his letter he pointed out that "Scouts were not to serve in any place where men might work and earn, but there were numerous ways in which they could help otherwise, such as messenger service, distribution of literature, etc." ³³

In 1932, the Nashville Council decided to consolidate the two summer camps (Boxwell and Fisher) into one camp at Boxwell on the Harpeth Narrows in Cheatham County to reduce camp overhead expenses. Cost for summer camp in 1932 was \$4.50 per week - \$2.00 less than the previous year. Robert DuBose, Field Executive was camp director. Walter Whittaker was on hand to cook for the camp, W. T. Miller, a Red Cross life saver was in charge of swimming, Dr. A. C. Adams, the 'Snake Charmer' led Animal Study; the camp also included canoeing, volleyball, hiking, storytelling and a horse shoe tournament. "In a Boy Scout camp, a minimum of 98 waking hours of each boy are under the continuous direction of trained leaders and a well constructed program whose only objective is to enlarge his horizon physically, mentally and morally". ³⁴

"Camp Boxwell "is located on a tract which was an original grant of land to Montgomery Bell, one of Tennessee's most famous pioneers, for the purpose of establishing an iron foundry to supply the needs of the early settlers of this section of the country. It is on the famous Harpeth Narrows. At this point the river, after making a seven mile bend comes back to a point on the other side of a cliff within two-hundred yards of itself. Bell conceived the idea, and carried it to completion of tunneling through this cliff to secure water power for his industry. The tunnel exists today, large enough to drive a wagon through, and part of the river flows around the seven miles, and the rest comes through the tunnel to a ten foot droop on the lower side. Bell's home is now in ruins and the hills where he lived are covered by a thick cedar growth, part of which has been cleared for the camp. Swimming in the river is about a quarter of a mile below the outlet of the tunnel. At that point, there is a quarter mile course which is used for canoeing instruction." ³⁵

In September, Robert DuBose met with the Scout leaders at their monthly meeting to discuss the Ten Year Training program of the Boy Scouts of America. The program's goal is that by the time a boy reaches 21 years of age, at least 25% of them have had at least 4 years of Scout training.

TEN YEAR GROWTH PROGRAM

"1 of every 4"—New Male Citizens "a 4 Year Scout Trained man"

HOW MANY "4 YEAR SCOUT TRAINED MEN" IS YOUR UNIT MAKING?

UNIT TENURE RECORD

Every Scoutmaster who is interested in having his Unit contribute its quota to "New 4 Year Scout Trained Citizens" will want to know what measure of success he is realizing every year with his Unit.

The form accompanying this sheet provides the necessary tool for recording the essential data without which it is impossible for him to get an answer to this question.

1. Use one sheet for the "crop" or "class" of New Scouts joining the Unit during a Unit year. Begin a new sheet at the beginning of each New Unit Year. Carry original sheet through full time of "crop" or "class."
2. List the boys and their ages as they come in noting date by year and month in column (2).
3. A Scout "transferred in" is assigned to that crop of new Scouts for the Unit Year formed by subtracting from the date of his present entry to this Unit the length of time of his previous Unit Service.
Example:—Scout Transfers IN in May 1933. He has service record of 1 year and 6 months. 1 year 6 months subtracted from 1933—9th month gives 1931—11th month which is Nov. 1931. He is therefore, entered in the Charter Year which contains Nov. 1931, and this is entered in column 2.
Note in column (3) the date and in column (13) the Unit from which he came. Credit his previous record as indicated in Par. 8, a (4).
4. A Scout who is received after having been dropped from another Unit is handled exactly as a "Transfer In" as in Par. 3.
5. (a) Whenever a Scout is given a "Transfer" to another Unit, or to another Council territory, or dies, note this fact in column (13) and date in column (4). Place blue cross in front of his name. Note on the "Transfer" the year and month he started in Scouting and date he left Unit.
(b) A Scout who becomes an Assistant Scoutmaster before he reaches a tenure of "4 Years" and continues in the Unit should have his record continued just the same. If he goes to another Unit he should be noted as a "Transfer Out."
(c) A Scout who is separated permanently (drops) for any other reason than as indicated in Par. 5a and b, should be noted in column (5) with date. Place a red circle in front of his name.
6. A Scout who leaves the Unit for any reason before he has completed one full year in the Unit should be noted with a cross (x) in column (7).
7. As a Scout reaches the first anniversary of the date he began Scouting it should be noted in column (8) and likewise each succeeding anniversary in its proper column.
8. A Scout who "re-enters" after having been "transferred Out" is handled as a "Transfer In" as provided in Par. 3.
 - a. If his Scout service has been continuous and he is listed again with his original group then make notations as follows:
 - (1) Erase the cross before his name.
 - (2) Place a circle around the date when he left.
 - (3) Enter date of return in column (6).
 - (4) Give him the necessary credit for the time he was with the other Unit in columns (8 to 12) noting this fact in column (13) with number of Unit and time he was there.
 - b. If his Scout service has not been continuous and under the provisions of Par. 3 has been too short to return him to his original Group then he is to be entered with the crop to which his service assigns him. In such case his record is cancelled on his previous roster and transferred to the roster of the new group with which he is now entered. Determine the date upon which he will next complete a full year of service and thereafter check his tenure upon the recurrence of that date.
9. A Scout who "returns" after having "drops" from this Unit will have date of "return" entered in column (6).
 - a. If his former service is of such length that when subtracted from his "return" date it does not assign him again to his original "crop", he is to be re-assigned and his record transferred as provided in Par. 8, b.
 - b. If he is returned to his former "crop" then follow procedure in Par. 8, a.
 - c. Check his tenure thereafter on the anniversary of his return to the Troop.
10. At the close of each Unit year the Tenure record should be summarized on the form provided for that purpose and a copy sent to the Council office with the application for Unit Re-registration.
11. The index of the Unit's efficiency with respect to the "10 Year Program" will be shown by the percentage of Scouts reaching a tenure of 4 years.
For each separate "class" or "crop" of New Scouts this may be determined at the end of the fourth year of the "class" by dividing the number of Scouts "noted" in column 11 by the "net total" of New Scouts found in column (1).
The "Net Total" of New Scouts is found by subtracting from the total list of names those names marked with a blue cross (par. 5).
12. "Annual Progress" of each "class" may be noted at the end of each Unit year by a similar process.

NOTE: It is to be remembered that a Scout entering at the beginning of the Unit Year reaches a one year of tenure 12 months thereafter or at the beginning of the next Unit Year, likewise a Scout entering at any time after the beginning of the year reaches his anniversary in the corresponding month of the next Unit Year—12 full months is required for each Scout no matter when he enters.

By the end of 1932, Scouting in Murfreesboro was aggressively growing by being associated with the Nashville Council. Before the organization of the Middle Tennessee counties into the Nashville Council, Murfreesboro was down to one struggling troop of Scouts with about 8 to 10 boys. "The loyalty of one of the older Scouts, St. George Jones, Jr., who was Assistant Scoutmaster, was all that held this group." ³⁶ After the agreement for service was made with the Nashville Council, prospective leaders began receiving training and troops were organized.

By Nov. 1932, there were four troops in Murfreesboro, each one sponsored by a civic organization. Troop 105, sponsored by the Rotary Club with Julian Hooper as Scoutmaster and St. George Jones, Jr. as Assistant Scoutmaster had 32 members. Troop 104, sponsored by the Kiwanis club with Prof. E. E. Hobgood as Scoutmaster and W. T. Gardner as Assistant Scoutmaster met at McFadden school with 18 members. Troop 106 sponsored by the Demonstration School of the Teacher College (Campus School) with Dr. J. C. Waller as Scoutmaster and R. L. Simpson Assistant Scoutmaster. They have 22 members. The newest troop is Troop 148, sponsored by the Parent-Teacher association of the Crichlow Elementary School. Mr. Roy Norris is Scoutmaster and two older Scouts, Earl Jones and Rufus Buchanan are Assistant Scoutmaster with 10 members. A district Court of Honor with Col. H. L. Fox Chairman met once a month to review candidates who are ready to advance in rank.



J. C. Mitchell, head of Murfreesboro City Schools spoke at a Scout fund raising event Mr. Mitchell is also Troop Committee Chairman and head of the training for troops in Murfreesboro. Dr. B. N. White was the District's Chairman.

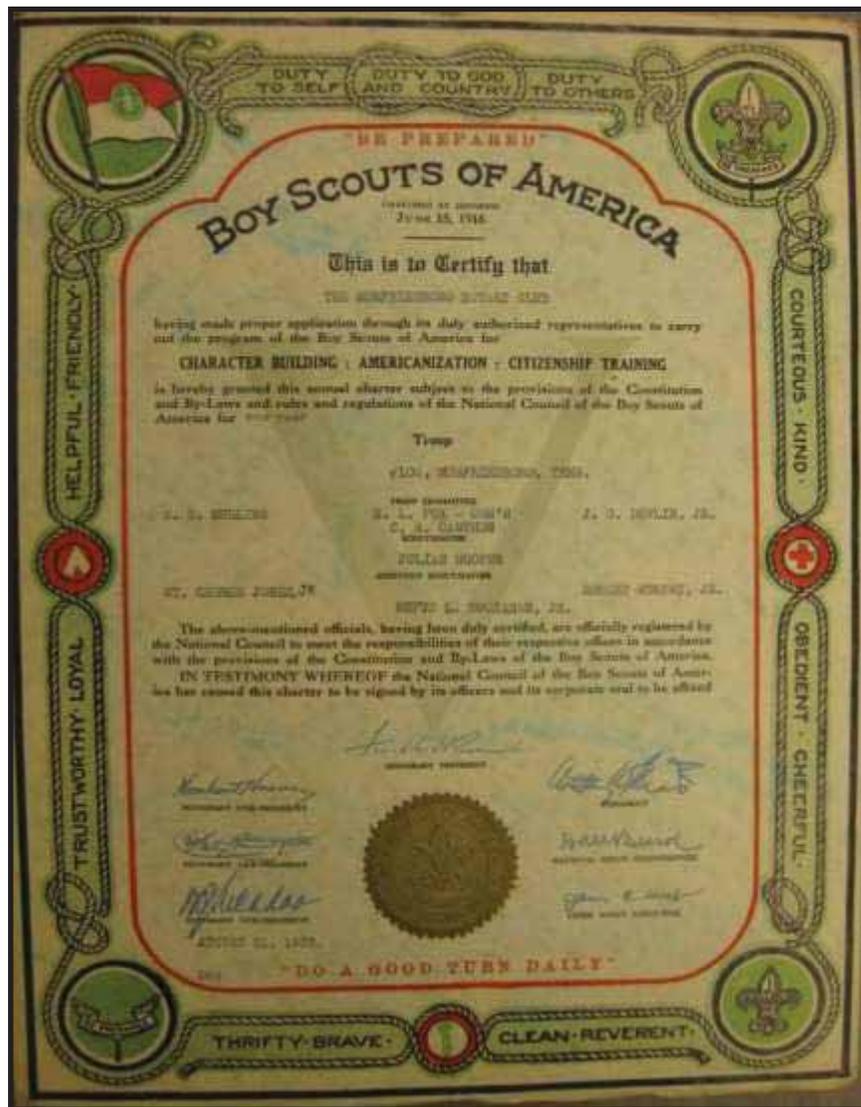
November also was the start of the first campaign to raise funds for the Council. Under the slogan "Give every boy a chance to live the Scout oath and law"³⁷, twenty Murfreesboro citizens from the Kiwanis and Rotary clubs organized into teams with each team given a certain number of cards to solicit pledges from the community to help cover the fund drive for the council. The district's first official Friends of Scouting event.

The Scouts from Murfreesboro's 4 troops went to the Sam Davis home in Smyrna with Professor B. B. Gracy to gather nuts on the property on the first Friday in November. The nuts were to be distributed through the National Plant Association to other places across the US. There was a hot dog roast in the evening, and Sam. B. Davis, the nephew of the Confederate hero, Sam Davis was there to tell stories about his uncle and about his experiences with Indian Boy Scouts.

In late November, Robert DuBose organized Troop 1, Podunk Center for adult training. Perhaps this is a precursor to Wood Badge which started in the US in May 1936 at Schiff Scout Reservation in Mendam New Jersey. Robert DuBose was Scoutmaster of the new troop, B. B. Gracy was elected as Senior Patrol Leader, and St. George Jones was elected Scribe. There were three patrols – the Cherokee patrol with

Julian Hopper Patrol Leader and Roy Norris Assistant Patrol Leader, the State Training Center Beavers patrol with Charlie Kerr as Patrol Leader and Charles Wheeler as Assistant Patrol Leader, and the Owl patrol with Loveleen Wetzel as Patrol leader, and Sara Reeves as her Assistant Patrol Leader. The purpose of the new Troop 1 “is to train Scout leaders, enable them to render a greater service to their respective troops and better build character and future leaders”.³⁸ They met every Tuesday for 5 weeks.

1933



Annual Re-charter certificates from Troop 105, 1933
(Notice - Character Building, Americanization, Citizenship Training)

Scout Week 1933, was a weeklong event that began with all Scouts meeting at the Training School (Campus School) on Wednesday, Feb 8. Twelve year old boys were invited as guests. The program started at 7:30pm and ended with Scouts around the nation listening on the radio and rededicating their selves to the Scout Oath at 8:15pm.

The next day was Home Day where Scouts were expected to help around the home and perform outstanding good turns. On Friday, Parents Day, the Scouts gathered at the State Teachers College for a public program and Tenderfoot Investiture ceremony. Saturday the Scouts competed in an indoor field meet at the State Teachers College gym and later attended the Murray State Teachers College basketball game. Scout Sunday had the Scouts attending their churches in uniform and taking part as ushers. First Baptist Church had a Scout Anniversary service in the evening with a section reserved for the Scouts attending. Monday was Citizen's Day with Scouts taking part in the local government where they occupied the offices of various city officials for an hour from 3pm till 4pm. The week ended with Sponsor's day where the Scouts took a part in their sponsoring institutions program.

A contest for Scouts to build the best bird house was sponsored by the Garden Club of Murfreesboro. For several months, the Scouts worked on their bird houses. First Place winner, Jesse Waller received a Scout ax, Jesse Nichols was given a Scout knife for second place. The eleven bird houses were distributed around Murfreesboro by the Garden Club.

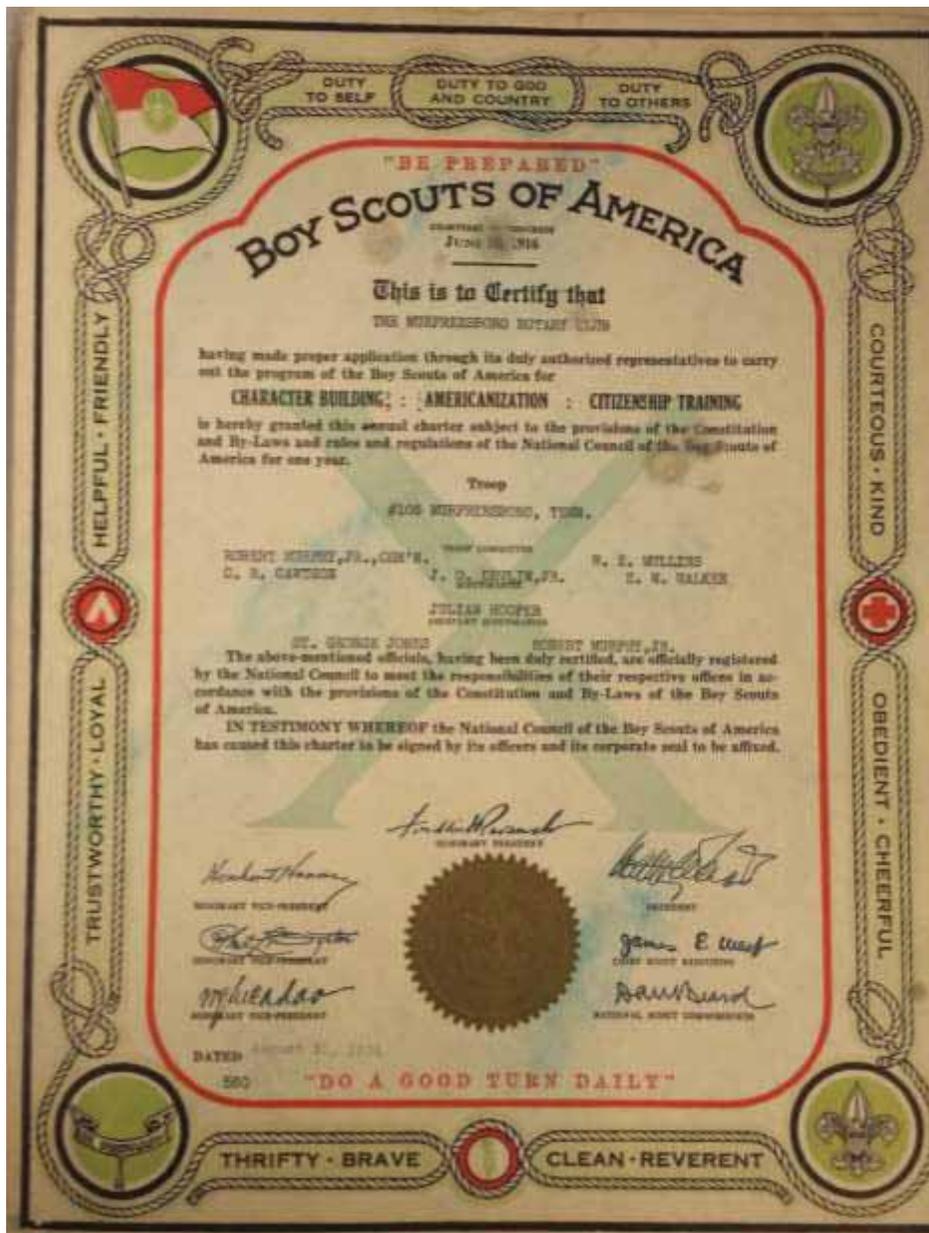
In April, 1933 district leaders held a conference to map out the activities for the coming year. Dr. B. N. White, Chairman presided, with L. L. Freeman reelected Treasurer and St. George Jones, Jr. as Secretary. Mr. T. A. Moore who recently moved to Murfreesboro from Tullahoma was selected as the Rutherford County Scout Executive. Mr. Moore had extensive experience in Scouting with his work in the Davy Crockett Council.

The Nashville Council's regional Scout Rally in the spring of 1933 was held in Murfreesboro at the Teachers College (MTSU). More than 100 Scouts from Cookeville, Lebanon and Murfreesboro participated in activities. In the morning, the Lebanon and Murfreesboro Scout baseball teams played with Murfreesboro winning, 8-2. Much of the event judging was done by B. B. Gracy's advanced Scouting class at the State Teacher's College. Local merchants donated prizes for the various events.

On July 2, T. A. Moore and several Scouts went to Camp Overton at Rock Island to inspect the camp as a possible location for Murfreesboro Scouts to use. "It is a good sized camp consisting of eight cabins, a large mess hall, a central club house, two tennis courts, baseball diamond and a volleyball courts. The camp has electric lights, running water and daily mail. For the swimmers there is water from ankle deep to enough to swim King Kong." ³⁹ The camp had been occupied by the YMCA for several years, and was selected as the site for summer camp.

In September, Troop 105 applied for its 10th charter as an active troop. The troop's charter organization is the Murfreesboro Rotary Club and their meetings were held in the American Legion Hall in the Murfreesboro Bank and Trust building. Julian Hooper was the Scoutmaster. "Of the Scouts re-registering, seven are Eagle; one a life; four stars; one first class; six second class; and six tenderfoots" ⁴⁰

During 1933, the troops in Murfreesboro formed their own council and no longer were a part of the Nashville Council. Perhaps it was due to the depression and the request to include the Nashville Council as part of local fund raising efforts. Or perhaps the leadership in Murfreesboro felt they could do as well without the support they received from the Nashville Council. For several years, the Murfreesboro Council operated independently from the Nashville Council.

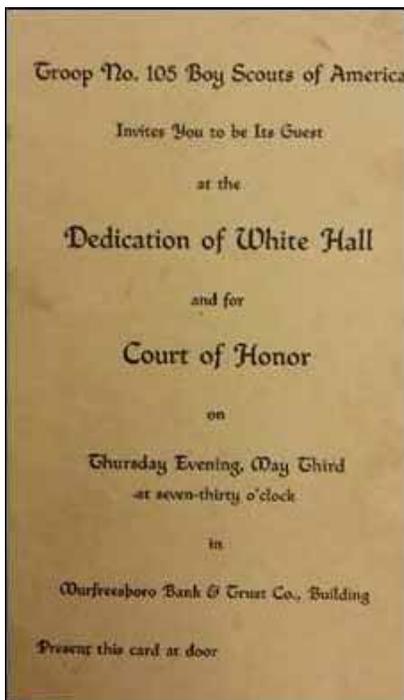


1934 Recharter Certificate

Rank requirements begin requiring tenure for advancement. A Tenderfoot must remain in that class for 1 month before becoming eligible for 2nd class. A Second Class Scout must remain that rank for 2 months before coming to the Court of Honor. A First Class Scout must wait three months. And a Life Scout must wait 2 months before he can be recommended for his Eagle Rank. ⁴¹

In January 1934, Troop 105 was introduced to new Scout skill, Casson-craft, by Assistant Scoutmaster Robert Murphy. The Scouts began to build miniature ship models for decorative purposes.

Several month earlier, in December 1933, Dr. B N White, the District's Chairman passed away after a brief 2 week illness. He was 54 years old and one of the most enthusiastic supporters of Scouting in the



county. The Scouts in Troop 105 dedicated White Hall in his memory on May 3, 1934. White Hall, the new Scouting home to Troop 105 was located on the third floor of the Murfreesboro Bank and Trust building. For several weeks the Scouts and leaders 'fixed up' the inside of the hall with cedar bark around the walls and large light fixtures made from wagon wheels for a rustic look. At the opening ceremony, L. G. Boxwell from Nashville introduced W. J. Anderson, Vanderbilt Coach and President of the Nashville Council of BSA who praised Dr. White and encouraged parents attending to take more of an interest in the Scout work. A Court of Honor was held with several honors begin given out. Refreshments were served and tours of the hall were conducted.

In June, Scouts from Murfreesboro attended summer camp at Camp Overton, Rock Island. The Rotary Club formed a committee to assist parents with transportation for those families without cars. There were various awards presented at camp. John Bragg won best camper in 1934.

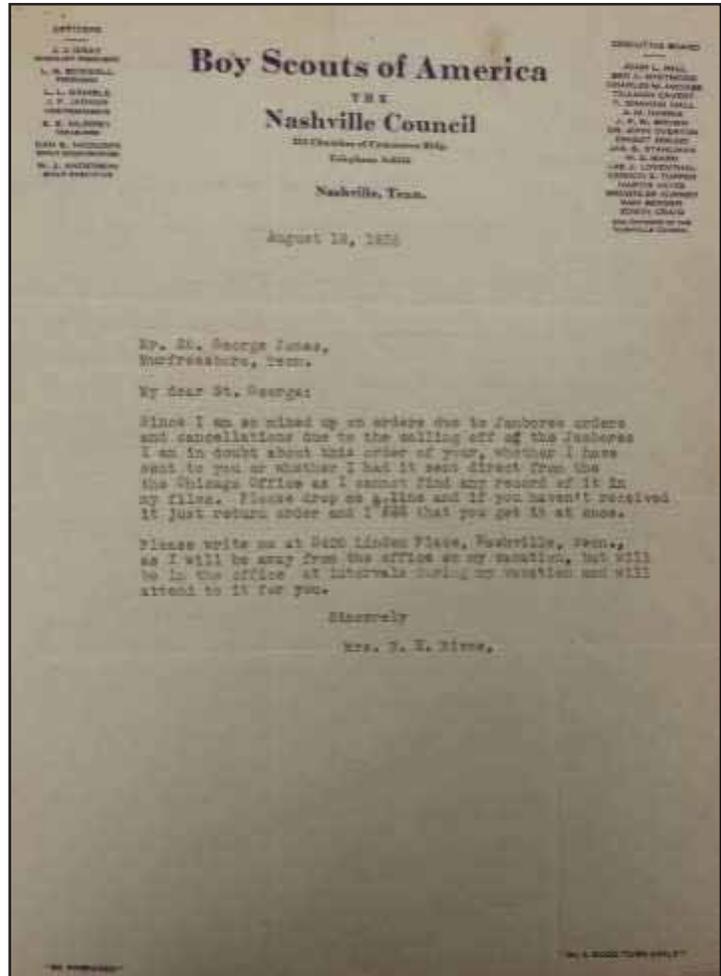
Later in November 1934, Troop 105 conducted an extended contest between patrols. The award would go to the patrol with the most points at the end of the contest period covering several months. The points were counted as miles across the US. Each merit badge or other advancement made by members of the patrol would count a given number of miles toward completion of the journey. The patrol making the most miles would be awarded 1st place.

Also, in Nov. 1934, President Roosevelt made a visit to Nashville. "The greatest crowd in history will entertain the first President since 1907 when President "Teddy" Roosevelt visited the city. Roosevelt boarded the Presidential Train from Knoxville on his journey to Nashville. Boy Scouts in the Middle Tennessee area made up the guard of honor – one Scout from each of the 70 troops were represented. From Murfreesboro, Ellis Smotherman and John Bragg were the Scout representatives. Smotherman was Assistant Scoutmaster of Troop 105, while John Bragg was Senior Patrol Leader of Troop 106. President Roosevelt's trip to Nashville lasted about 3 hours before leaving on the next stop.

In December, boys from the various troops made "a canvas of the city to pick up old toys, new toys, and broken toys – in fact any kind of toys that could be used to help bring cheer to the unfortunate youngsters. If the toys are broken, the Scouts will repair them, while if they are dirty, the Scouts will polish them up and put them in the best condition possible."⁴² Their goal was to provide toys to 1000 children in the community. The Lions, Rotary and Kiwanis clubs furnished transportation for the Scouts. "So that no one will be overlooked, the Scouts will call every home in the city that has a telephone reminding them of the toy drive"⁴³ Over 2000 toys were collected. Due to the overwhelming response, the Scouts had to extend the pickup dates. Every conceivable kind of toys was received – from dolls to fire engines. The Scouts repaired any item that needed to be repaired and in "order that none of the dolls will be embarrassed or take cold, the members of the Home Economics class of the state Teachers college generously offered to make clothes for all the naked dollies".⁴⁴ The Scouts distributed the toys and baskets on Christmas Eve and Christmas morning. The annual Christmas Toy collection continued for several years.

1935

Scouting's 25th Anniversary in 1935 would be a memorable year for Scouts in Murfreesboro. As early as January, Scouts were preparing for the 1st National Jamboree to be held in Washington D.C. In February, the anniversary of Scouting was announced to the public at 8:15pm on Friday, February 8th with the blowing of factory whistles and train whistles. The powerful whistle at the Carnation company plant was blown to herald the event. The Silver Anniversary would be celebrated and carried over a six month period with the climax in August when Scouts of the nation would gather in Washington to camp for two weeks. President Roosevelt, Honorary President of the BSA had invited troops to send a representative to the Silver Jamboree. Celebrations in Murfreesboro for the anniversary kickoff in February consisted of regular troop meetings on Monday with all Scouts and former Scouts invited. On Wednesday, Feb 13, the Scouts of Troop 105 presented a program at chapel period at Central High School. Thursday, the Scouts of Troop 106 presented a program at the chapel period at the Training School. Later on Thursday, the "Citizens of Tomorrow" would serve in the "Offices of Today" as Scouts served in the offices of the city government for an hour in the afternoon.



T. A. Moore, a long-time Scouter and current Scout Commissioner wrote a poem published in the Daily News Journal on Feb. 13, 1935.

No Place For The Boys

*What can a boy do, and where can a boy stay
If he is always told to get out of the way?
He cannot sit here, and he must not stand there
The cushions that cover that fine rocking chair
Were put there, of course to be seen and admired;
A boy has no business to ever be tired.
The beautiful roses and flowers that bloom
On the floor of the darkened and delicate room
Are made not to walk on- at least not by boys;
The house is not place, anyway, for their noise.*

*Yet boys must walk somewhere; and what if their feet
Sent out of our house – sent into the street,
Should step round the corner and pause at the door,
Where other boy's feet have paused often before;
Should pass through the gateway of glittering light,
Where jokes that are merry and songs that are bright
Ring out a warm welcome with flattering voice
And temptingly say, "Here's a place for the boys."
Ah, what if they should? What if your boy or mine
Should cross o're the threshold which marks out the line
'Twixt virtue and vice, 'twixt pureness and sin
And leave all his innocent boyhood within*

*O, what if they should because you and I
While the days and the months and the years hurry by,
Are too busy with cares and with life's fleeting joys
To make round our hearthstone a place for the boys?
There a place for the boys, they'll find it somewhere;
And if our homes are too daintily fair,
For the touch of their fingers, the tread of their feet,
They'll find it, and find it alas in the street,
'Mid the gildings of sin and the glitter of vice;
And with heartaches and longings we pay a dear price
For the getting of gain that our lifetime employs,
If we fail to provide a place for the boys.
T. A. Moore
Scout Commissioner ⁴⁵*

In March, the Eagle Scout Association in Nashville conducted a patrol leader training. The course consisted of four meetings – three held at the Nashville Chamber of Commerce, and the fourth at Percy Warner Park. Seven Scouts from Troop 105 and Troop 106 received certificates for completing the training.

Later, on May 10 1935, Orby Moore, the SPL for Troop 106 was recommended by the local Court of Honor for the rank of Eagle Scout. He was the 1st Scout from Troop 106 to receive the Eagle Rank. At this same Court of Honor, Advancement Chairman, W.E. Mullins presented Julian Hooper, Scoutmaster of Troop 105 with the President Roosevelt Award for 1934. This award is made to troops of the US who met certain requirements. The annual planning session for the area Scouts elected Dr. W. T. Robinson, physician and surgeon as president; J. C. Mitchell, superintendent of city schools as vice-president; W. E. Mullins, hardware merchant as Secretary and Leiper Freeman, banker as Treasurer. The Executive Council elected Professor B. B. Gracy as District Commissioner.

In June, 22 Scouts from Murfreesboro attended summer camp at Camp Overton. T. A. Moore was Program Director. Other staff members included P. A. Drake, Dr. A. C. Adams, Gene Mullins, Rev. C. E. Jackson, Prof. N. H. Barnard, Sandford Shipley, R. S. Thompson and Mrs. T. A. Moore as Camp Mother and Dietician. Events at the camp included tennis matches and several track related events.

The first ever National Jamboree was planned for August, 1935. St George Jones, Jr, Scoutmaster of Troop 106 and Bob Murphy, Scoutmaster Troop 105 were part of the Nashville contingent along with Scouters Leiper Freeman, Jr., Robert McBride, Oscar Altman Jr. Lewis Brinkley, Jr. and Orby Moore. Plans were for the gathering to take place in DC with a huge celebration for Scouting's Silver Jubilee. Nearly 35,000 Scouts were expected to attend the Jamboree Aug 21 - 30. Several Scouts from Troop 105 were "chosen to represent the troop at the National Jamboree in 1935". Among those selected as delegates were Leiper Freeman and Robert McBride.

Several Scouts from Murfreesboro had plans to go, but President Roosevelt canceled the Jamboree in early August just days before it was to begin because of a polio outbreak in Washington DC. The White House aides sought to emphasize that the cancellation was not a cause for alarm, but rather as a safe guarding movement.

Radio Message by President Roosevelt to the Boy Scout of America, August 21, 1935

"For more than a year I had been looking forward to taking part in the great National Scout Jamboree to be held in Washington. The best laid plans sometimes go awry. A splendid program and a wonderful camp had been prepared for the reception of 30,000 Boy Scouts and Scouters in the national capital. You were coming here from every point of the compass, and, in addition to the American Scouts, our Brother Scouts from twenty-seven other nations had accepted invitations to send delegations.

"But, alas, a rather serious epidemic of infantile paralysis (polio) arose in the vicinity of Washington and, on August 8, the United States Public Health Service and the health officers of the District and the near-by states concluded that to hold the Jamboree would be a hazard.

"But for this unfortunate happening I would have reviewed this day the thousands of Scouts lined up the length of Constitution Avenue, and later we would all have had a party on the White House lawn. I want you, in your own homes and towns, to know how sorry I am that I cannot be with you myself. I am in spirit with each and every one of your gatherings to-night.

"You boys, old and young, in every part of this broad land - present Scouts and former Scouts - your numbers running into the millions - constitute a very real part of our American citizenship. We are bound together in a democracy operation under a constitution whose purpose was and is 'to form a more perfect union, establish justice, insure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general welfare, and secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity."

"The success of that Constitution is dependent on the attitude of mind and the degree of the spirit of unselfish cooperation that can be developed in individuals. Scouting is essentially and clearly a program for the development of that unselfish, cooperative attitude of mind. Scouting revolves around, not the theory of service to others but the habit of service to others. Scouting makes the individual boy conscious of his obligation to his Patrol, to his Troop, to his community, to his state, and to his nation.

"Even before you become of voting age, you actually have been a part in civic affairs and you bear responsibilities in your home communities. We older citizens are very proud of the many contributions that individual Scouts and Scout organizations have made to the relief of suffering, to the maintenance of good order and good health, and to the furtherance of good citizenship and good government.

"You who are active Scouts are, in addition, learning many useful things - knowledge which will stay with you all your lives. You are having opportunities to fall in love with and understand the great outdoors. Do

not ever fall out with nature and her wide-open breathing spaces. Love them. They will sustain and strengthen you in later years when confining circumstances of life may tend to narrow the spirit or soul that is in you.

"I do not have to tell you to throw yourselves, with all the enthusiasm and the energy that you have, into your Scout work, into the programs of your Patrols and Troops and Councils. But I do want to express to you the very deep hope that when you grow older and get out into the stream of life, you will retain that same enthusiasm and energy and that you will apply it through every day and every year of your lives. The Scout Motto, "Be Prepared," applies just as much to the wider service which is your opportunity when your full civic responsibilities are attained.

"Just as you are individually a necessary part of your Patrol or your Troop to-day, so will you become necessary parts of the citizenship of your communities. I do not have to remind you that one individual who lags behind slows up the whole Troop. In the Navy we have an old saying - that the speed of the fleet is no greater than the speed of the slowest ship."

"When you go out into life you will come to understand that the individual in your community who always says "I can't" or "I won't" - the individual who by inaction or opposition slows up honest, practical, far-seeing community efforts - is the fellow who is holding back civilization and holding back the objectives of the Constitution of the United States.

"We need more Scouts - the more the better - for the record shows that, taking it by and large, boys trained as Scouts make good citizens.

"I hope a Jamboree, in place of the one we missed this year, will be planned for some time in the future. In the meantime, I send you my warm greetings, personally, and as the Honorary President of the Boys Scouts of America. Good luck to you and carry on!"⁴⁶

The local Scouters were a bit disappointed in the cancellation, but accepted it in fine spirit according to St. George Jones. The Jamboree delegates from Murfreesboro spent a week's vacation at Monteagle with SM Julian Hooper.

Scouts assisted with publicizing the Rutherford County Fair in August by joining with citizens on a tour to surrounding towns - Lebanon, Watertown, Auburntown, Gassaway, Milton, Lascassas, Shelbyville, Tullahoma, Lewisburg and Pulaski. Talks were made to the citizens and literature was distributed about the fair.

With the success of the Christmas toy drive the previous year, Murfreesboro Scouts again collected and repaired toys. Citizens were encouraged to check the attic and storage places for used toys to donate. For any toys needing extensive repairs, they would be taken to the State Teachers College where members of the Scouting classes would fix them. The two troops met together Dec. 24th to deliver the baskets.



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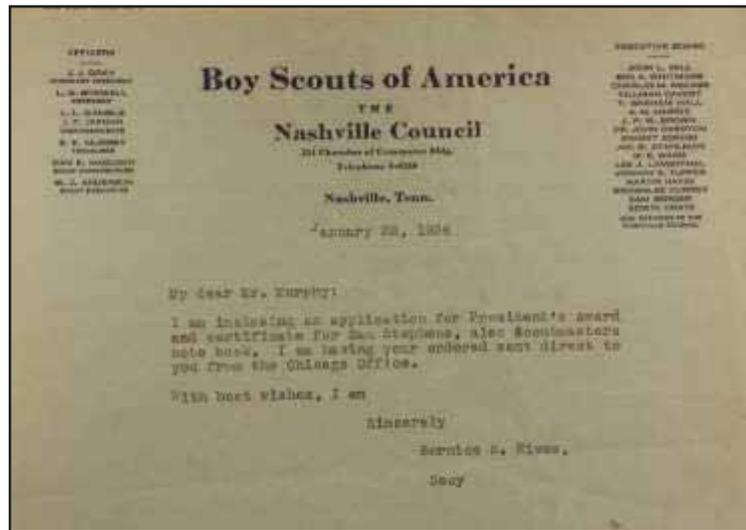
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Correspondence from National Supply office.

1936

Training adult leaders continued to be a need. The State Teachers College (now MTSU) had college credit classes for Scoutmasters and assisted with the program in Murfreesboro. In January 1936, A. S. Rogers from the Nashville Council and Robert Murphy, Jr. and St. George Jones, Scoutmasters of Murfreesboro Troops 105 and 106 sponsored a 10 week training course for men interested in Scouting. Upon completion of the course, the National Council awarded these men the "Elements of Scoutmastership" certificate.



From the Nashville Council Office

With Scouting organizing, the Murfreesboro area leaders felt a need for a local camp for troops to use for overnight, weekend and week-long camping. Professor B.B. Gracy, District Commissioner appointed a committee to investigate the matter.

The theme of Boy Scout Week 1936, "Carrying on the Traditions of High Adventure" was recognized with a "pilgrimage and campfire at the home of Sam Davis".⁴⁷ The two troops met with the newly organized troop in Smyrna. They also continued the traditions of Good Appearance by wearing their full uniform to the Court of Honor on Saturday evening and at the Sunday Scout service by marching from White Hall to First Presbyterian church for the morning worship. Representatives of the two troops presented a pageant "The Scout Oath" at various civic clubs and schools during the week telling of the achievements of the Boy Scouts and showing the Tradition of Service. The Chapel program at Central High School and at Middle Tennessee State Teachers College presented a program on the Principles of Scouting. Around town, the Scouts displayed exhibits in store windows in honor of the anniversary.

The annual Boy Scout fund drive began with a Scout dinner with members of the Lions Club, Rotary and Kiwanis Clubs attending as well Scoutmasters and Assistant Scoutmasters of Troops 105 and 106 in Murfreesboro. The goal this year would be the largest yet in order to secure a permanent camp for Scouts in Murfreesboro. The camp site selected was within easy hiking distance of Murfreesboro and would allow the boys to spend weekends at the camp. Plans were to erect one building and a mess hall initially. The structures would be available year round and "under the direction of responsible adults throughout the year".⁴⁸

The Camp Committee, chaired by W. E. Mullins brought to the Murfreesboro Boy Scout Council a request to locate the camp on the property of Guy James. The site included 10 wooded acres and access to about 50 acres of wooded area. Located on the East branch of the Stones River, the site was about 8 miles from Murfreesboro between Lascasscas and Sharpsville. Mr. James agreed to deed the land to the Boy Scout Council for as long as it is used as part of the Scouting activities. He did not ask for rent or payment for the property as long as it remained in the hands of the Murfreesboro Council.

Dr. W. T. Robinson, Murfreesboro Council President, appointed a construction committee to begin work immediately with Clarence Watson Chair of the committee. The decision was agreed upon in May with expectations that the buildings would be ready within 6 weeks and that the Boy Scout troops would secure tents for summer camp in July.

The camp would not be restricted to Boy Scouts, but would be open to every boy and even girls in Rutherford County - under adult supervision at all times. So far, \$600 had been raised, short \$150 from the goal originally set. Application was made for the Works Progress Administration (WPA) labor to construct the building and roads for the camp. Arrangements were made with the Tennessee Electric Power Company for extension of electric facilities to the camp after construction of the buildings was completed.

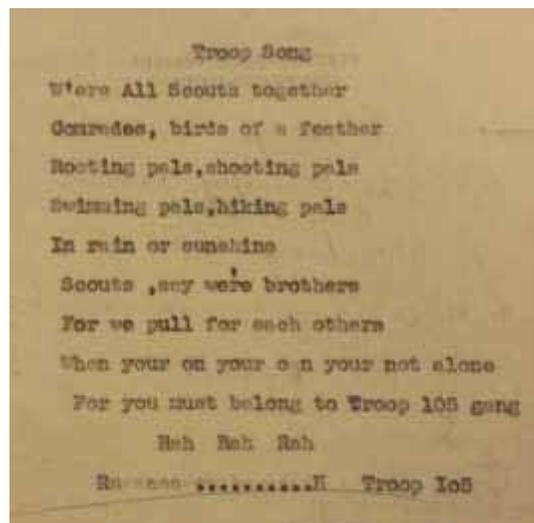
Needless to say, the 6 week deadline didn't get met. In September, 1936, the Boy Scouts from Troops 105 and 106 held their first campout at the new camp - later to be called Camp Mulli-Wat after W.E. Mullins and Clarence Watson, two instrumental leaders in securing the camp. Robert Murphy, staff member during the summer at Camp LaConte, Knoxville Scout Council, returned to become Director of Camp Mulli-Wat.

The September Council Court of Honor was held at the new camp.

1937

In January, the Murfreesboro Council held their planning meeting at the Polk Hotel. Dr. W. T. Robison was re-elected as President. The Murfreesboro Scouts sent Dr. Robison to the annual meeting of the Nashville Council on Jan 27th. Interest in working together with the Nashville Council was again in the plans.

The 27th Anniversary weeklong celebration began on Sunday, Feb. 7 with Scout meeting at White Hall in the Murfreesboro Bank and Trust Building in full uniform with Scouts proceeding to the First Methodist Church for a sermon prepared especially for the boys. Also during the week, the Scouts displayed at Goldstein's store on the south side of the Public Square, objects made from wood and other material by the Boy Scouts while working on merit badges. On Monday, there was a Court of Honor with a part of the program consisting of listening on the radio to President Franklin D. Roosevelt, leader of all Scouts in the US, address the Scouts. The President's speech was broadcast over the National networks and the official opening of the anniversary. All parents and the public were invited to attend.



The first Sunday in May, 1937, the council sponsored an open house for the Scout camp. Everyone in the county was invited to visit during Sunday with a "Water Carnival" beginning at 3:30pm and an outdoor religious service at 4:45pm. The two troops would go up early on Saturday to make final preparations for the event.

As often happens on Scouting events, rain caused many visitors to remain at home. Thirty eight members of Troops 105 and 106 participated in the camp activities regardless of the rain. The open house was rescheduled for the next Sunday - and was again rained out. The open house was postponed indefinitely due to fact that the majority of activities centered on the waterfront at the camp and the excessive rains had made the river unsuitable. It was decided to wait until after the school year ended to reschedule.

The "Open House" was rescheduled for Sunday, June 6, 1937 with a 'Water Carnival' as the featured event. Scouts competed in surface dives, fancy dives, racer dives, strokes, clowning and underwater endurance. The Scouts went up on Saturday to prepare for the big event on Sunday. Two routes were planned for motorists visiting the camp to prevent traffic jams. Entrance was at Halls Hill Road at Sharpsville and exit at the Sharpsville-Lascassas road. John Blankenship won the water carnival event with 19 points, followed by Jack Robinson with 13 points.

Also in June, the Murfreesboro Council Finance committee met to establish a fundraising goal and a committee to call area residents and businesses. The goal was set at \$1000, with a large proportion of the funds going toward the development of the new Scout camp on the Stones River.

In June 1937, Scouts were invited back to Washington DC for the 1st National Jamboree, June 30, - July 9th held at Potomac Park near Haines Point with a total of 25,000 scouts. The TN contingent, Troop 32, had 3 scouts attending from Murfreesboro – Sewell Manley, Jr., Life Scout and Senior Patrol Leader Troop 106; Orbry H Moore, Eagle Scout and Assistant Scoutmaster, Troop 105 were selected by the Murfreesboro Council with all their expenses paid, and Clarence (Eddie) Watson, First Class Scout, Troop 105 who had transferred to the Murfreesboro troop from Columbia as a Tenderfoot Scout. Sewell Manley was selected as the News Journal correspondent at the jamboree responsible for sending back information related to their jamboree experiences.

The three Scouts left by train from Nashville on June 26th with the Nashville, Cookeville and Columbia Scouts. Manley writes,

"Eddie Watson, Orbry Moore, and I - along with 210 more Scouts from the Middle South - arrived in Washington at 12:30pm Sunday after 24 hours on the rails.

From the depot we went directly to the jamboree, where we were placed in Section K, Troop 32, East Potomac. Watson and I are in the same Patrol, No. 2, while Moore has been made patrol leader in No. 3.

We got our first glimpse of the sun today as it rained yesterday (Sunday) and some this morning (Monday).

We are located on the eastern arm of the camp, far away from the Monument and the Capitol, although we can see them both well. We are just setting up camp and getting ready for the jamboree that starts tomorrow.

We are within a stone's throw of the Potomac River, although it is a comparatively small branch of it." ⁴⁹

A few days later - the second article:

"The Jamboree officials have tightened up on us and starting on June 30 we have to have a pass to leave East Potomac Park.

Thursday we went to Washington (it is easy to catch a ride on the one-way drive) and went up in Washington Monument. It had 908 steps in it; and after taking some pictures, we walked back down. From the monument we went to Lincoln Memorial.

After walking from camp to the Monument about 1, 1-2 miles up and down the monument and over to Lincoln Memorial, we had to sit down in the shade and pull off our shoes.

They let us take pictures of the statue of Lincoln, but they would not let us take anyone in the picture with the statue.

The people up there treat us nice and pick us up just like they know you. One fellow wanted to know what we called a good southern meal. We told him, fried chicken, possum and 'taters'. Then Eddie Watson included "poke salet" and the fellow kept wishing that he had some poke salet all the way uptown. He didn't even know what it was.

Thursday afternoon we went up to the Smithsonian Institute and saw the Spirit of St. Louis and the Winnie Mae. We also saw old cars, airplanes, and many other interesting exhibits. From the institute we went to the Museum of Natural History where we saw Indians, Eskimos, and wild animals just as they looked when they were alive.

The weather here is broken. It has rained every day except today. One minute it is raining, the next minute the sun is shining. Right now the sun is shining and I see Eddie Watson trying to get one of the boys to take a picture of that manly chest (he has his shirt off).

Friday afternoon we went through the F.B.I. building. The guide showed us the details of the Lindbergh case and other similar ones. We went down into the basement to the rifle range and one of the special agents fired several shots from a Thompson sub-machine gun which is capable of firing 600 shots a minute.

The agent riddles a human picture in the dark with guide flares which made the target visible. We got some empty cartridges for souvenirs and had our finger prints taken and filed in the visitors file, not the criminals.

Saturday morning we had our pictures taken with Richard M. Atkinson, the fifth District member of Congress. After talking with him for several minutes, he asked us to have dinner with him at the White House. We accepted after very little persuasion. We ate in a special room adjoining the Congressional cafeteria. We got the autograph of several of the congressmen, and saw Sam Rayburn, the head of the Democratic Party in the House.

*From there we went to the Jamboree where we drilled for the Middle South pageant that took place that night. The states that took part were Tennessee, Louisiana, North and South Carolina, Alabama, and Georgia. It was a very interesting and colorful pageant.*⁵⁰

And Sewell Manley's last Jamboree update in the Daily News Journal, July 9, 1937:

Today (Wednesday) is the first warm day we have had. The sun has been out all day and there is a cool breeze blowing. It looks like today is wash day and the same as it home with the Scouts having all their wash out on the lines.

The air minded Scouts get to see some swell planes and take some good pictures these days as the planes come flying down the channel near us making about 200 miles per hour and not more than 300 feet above the water.

A Scout cannot get out of camp now without a pass and written permission of the Scoutmaster. We could not get out of camp much Sunday or Monday because it was raining and so muddy. All we did Monday was to go and see "Captains Courageous" and see the Fourth of July fireworks which were postponed from Sunday. The fireworks were really pretty. The feature being a picture of Roosevelt, Washington and the American flag.

Tuesday was one of our biggest days. First we went to the White House, but it was so crowded. From there we went to the Capitol and Mr. Atkinson's two assistants showed us around.

We saw the House of Representatives and the Senate in session. The Senate was all right but I don't see how the representatives ever get anything done, it looks to me like all they do is argue.

*We ate dinner uptown and then walked around Washington, seeing the Ford Theater where Lincoln was shot and numerous other buildings.*⁵¹

In August 1937, Safety Patrols were organizing around the country "to attempt to make the town "safety conscious" and "to give publicity to the already made traffic laws and help keep these laws observed."⁵² The Safety Patrols served as an auxiliary to the police department. The first Safety Patrols in Murfreesboro were under the auspices of the local Boy Scout organization. The Scouts assumed duties in assisting traffic regulations around schools and at corners to guide students across streets during the busy times during the day.

In 1939, the State Teacher's College (MTSU) began offering courses for credit for Scout Leaders approved and endorsed by the National Council. Many courses continued to be offered for nearly 15 years.

1938

A committee of Murfreesboro City councilmen and members of the Boy Scout council met in January, 1938 to discuss allowing the Scouts in the city to use a lot owned by the city on Ewing Avenue (currently the Murfreesboro Little Theater a couple blocks from the campus of MTSU). They discussed whether to deed the property to the Scout council or to lease the lot.

At the 1938 annual meeting in Feb., those attending elected Clarence Watson as President of the Murfreesboro Boy Scout Council, replacing Dr. W. T. Robison. Troops 105 sponsored by the Rotary club, with P. A. Drake as Scoutmaster and Committee Chairman, Julian Hooper. Troop 106 sponsored by Kiwanis club with Eugene Mullins, Jr as Scoutmaster and Committee Chairman Dr. W. T. Robison.

The 28th Anniversary of Boy Scouts was planned, including a weeklong set of activities starting Sunday with the Scouts attending First Baptist Church together. Tuesday night, the council held their Court of Honor along with reaffirming their adherence to the Scout Oath at 8:15pm as part of a nationwide observance at that time. At the Court of Honor, Orbry Moore was recommended for a Silver Palm – only the second time in the history of local Scouting that this award had been presented. To earn a Silver Palm in 1937, an Eagle Scout had to remain active in Scouting for 18 months after receiving his Eagle badge, qualify for 15 additional merit badges, demonstrate his ability to be a leader, and submit evidence that he has put into practice in his daily life the principles of the Scout Oath and Law. Orbry Moore is the son of Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Moore (Mr. Moore was instrumental in getting the Scouting movement going in Murfreesboro and surrounding areas).

The next evening, the council held a banquet to launch a fund drive for the new Scout house to be built on the Ewing Avenue lot. Leaders in the Boy and Girl Scout movement as well as interested citizens and representatives of the civic clubs attended the banquet held at the American Legion Home. Dr. W. F. Powell, pastor of First Baptist Church, Nashville was the main speaker along with local attorney, James Richardson. Ticket price for the banquet was 50 cents, launching the drive to raise \$1700 to be used to build a new Scout House and improve the Boy Scout Camp near Sharpville.

Scoutmaster Gene Mullins, Jr., on behalf of Clarence Watson, invited all the Scouts to spend the weekend at Watson's camp near Mt. Pleasant, TN. About 40 Scouts ended the Anniversary week with a campout at Rattlesnake Falls. The Scouts left from the American Legion Hall around 1:30pm and arrived at Mt. Pleasant about 5pm.

In April 1938, two new troops were formed along with the first Cub Scout Pack in Murfreesboro. The new troops included one at McFadden Grammar School, sponsored by the Lion's Club and one at Crichlow Grammar school sponsored by the American Legion.

John Gribble from the Nashville Council met with interested families to help organize the first Murfreesboro Cub Pack for boys 9 to 11 years old. Cubbing "is a program designed to instill ideas of good citizenship in younger boys. It gives them a chance to receive instruction in craftwork, etc. with boys their own age and at the same time keeping them under close supervision of the home influence. Before a boy can become a Cub, his parents must take a special course of instruction which is designed to foster interest in the move and encourage parents to help. The entire organization in one town is known as a 'cub pack'. At its head is a man who is elected by the parents of the boys who enter the movement. Each 'cub pack' is divided into two or more 'dens' which are the smallest unit of the organization. Each den meets once a week and receives instruction. Once each month the entire pack will meet together in the American Legion Hall." ⁵³ John Gribble conducted training with the parents on Thursday evenings for 3 weeks. Ed Spears was elected by the parents of the prospective cubs to be Cubmaster for Murfreesboro. Three dens were organized, with Jack Shinn and Lewis Brinkley, Jr. in charge of the first den, Billy Bell in charge of the second den, and Bill Earthman in charge of the third.

The first Cub Pack meeting was held Monday, May 9th at the American Legion Hall. Ed Spears, Cubmaster explained the program "Cubbing is an outgrowth of a research made by Rockefeller Institute to furnish a program for boys of pre-Scout age. The program is a character influencing one, occupying the play time of boys 9-10-11 years old and is built around the home. The organization in one locality is called a 'pack' and is divided into neighborhood 'dens' of from 6 to 8 boys. Each den meets weekly in the home of one of the members under the supervision of one or two Scouts known as 'Den Chiefs' and a parent known as a 'den mother' or 'den dad'. Besides teaching boys Christian ideals in playing games, the program encourages hobbies such as handicraft, collection and healthcraft." ⁵⁴

A building committee was formed, with B.B. Gracy, Jr. as Chairman, for the new Scout House and camp improvements. They were instructed to collect old building material to be used in construction of the new Scout house and updates at the camp by Work Projects Administration (WPA) laborers. (The WPA was part of President Roosevelt's New Deal Plan which employed millions of unemployed citizens across the country from 1935 until 1943 to carry out public works projects, such as constructing public buildings and roads).

George Sharp, Principal of McFadden was Camp Director during 1938 – with plans to have a camp open to all the boy and girl Scouts in the county. The Lions Club would sponsor a camp for underprivileged children. Camp in 1938 was two weeks long and cost \$5.00/week. Cub Scouts were also included in the summer camp program at the Murfreesboro camp on the Stones River. The Boy Scouts camped the first two weeks followed by the Girl Scouts.

As the school year started, Dr. E. A. Davis, chairman of the Murfreesboro Negro division of the Boy Scout Council of America, "announced that a canvass of the Negro residential sections of the city would be made in the interest of safety for school children." ⁵⁵ The Scouts organized a volunteer Safety Council to patrol the streets near Bradley Academy.

In an attempt to encourage attendance, advancement and good turns, the Murfreesboro Council created a competitive event among the four troops – a contest for attendance and Scouting that is to be scored as a football game. The troop with the largest score at the end of the contest would be given an all-expenses paid trip to Clarence Watson's camp near Columbia, Rattlesnake Falls. The contest started October 15th and ended December 10th. B. B. Gracy, Jr., District Commissioner of Scouting was score keeper and St. George Jones, Field Scout Commissioner was referee. Each troop started on their own 10 yard line and gained yardage by attendance and members passing various tests. Each ninety yards gained was counted as a touchdown and six points. A point after touchdown was added for a troop with a Star Scout. Yardage was gained by obtaining new members and advancing. Wearing uniforms to meetings, health practices, hiking and good turns also counted for yards. Penalties were counted for troops who didn't hold regular meetings, absent members, and failure to do at least 4 good turns per week and failure of members to take part in troop or patrol projects. Troop 105, sponsored by the Rotary club, won the contest with 423 points (the next score was 222).

1939

The district met to plan the 29th Anniversary celebration. Clarence Watson was re-elected as President of the Murfreesboro District; J. C. Mitchell, Vice-President; St. George Jones Secretary, Leiper Freeman, Treasurer; B. B. Gracy, Jr. District Commissioner; St. George Jones, Field Commissioner, and Col. H. L. Fox Chairman of the Court of Honor. Several new units joined the district including Sea Scout Ship White (named after Dr. B. N. White), sponsored by the State Teacher's College; Troop 109 sponsored by the Bob Brown Post 16, American Legion; and Cub Pack 4 sponsored by the district.

To kick the week off, a birthday program was planned for Wednesday evening, Feb. 8th which included Cubs, Scouts and Sea Scouts at the State Training College chapel. Mr. Gracy presided over the program which included the presentation of colors by the Sea Scout Ship White. Each unit had a part in the program. Fred Travis, editor of the Rutherford Courier spoke on the high points of Scouting. All Scouts were expected to attend and rededicate themselves to the Scout Oath. A radio received the national program on Scouting for all to hear. The public was invited to attend.

The next day, all troop officers were guests of the Kiwanis Club. The district's Court of Honor was held on Friday. The Sea Scout Ship's officers were guests of the Junior Chamber of Commerce dinner at the Women's Club. Saturday was a day of troop and patrol hikes. Sunday, the Scouts wore uniforms and served as ushers in their churches for the morning service. A special evening Scout Sermon was held at First Presbyterian Church.

On Sunday, the Sea Scout Ship White began a leaders training which lasted 6 weeks, led by Durward Sensing, skipper of the Nashville Sea Scout Ship. After completion, participants were awarded certificates by the National Council.

On Monday, during anniversary week, Scoutmaster Pittard, guest of the Lions Club talked to Scouting prospects at McFadden School. And to end the week, the Scouts were guest to the Rotary Club meeting where they presented a compass demonstration and investiture ceremony.

Several months later, in April, the Scouts in Eagleville met at the Fox Hunters Lodge to reorganize their patrols under Scoutmaster, Fred Nance. Thomas A. Moore was guest of the Scouts, presenting a program on outdoor cooking. Two patrols were organized; The Lion patrol with Urban Little, PL and James Fagan, APL; and the Flying Eagle patrol with Harvey Dyer, PL and Ronald Smith, APL. The Eagleville troop, Troop 119, was established in 1937 with Fred Nance as the Scoutmaster.

The Murfreesboro District's first short term camp of the year was held the last weekend in April. Thirty-five Scouts from all 4 troops participated. About half the Scouts left town on bicycle around 10:30am Saturday morning arriving at Camp Mulli-Wat on the Stones River around 11:45am. Other Scouts arrived by car around 2:30pm. There were 8 boys to a cabin, with each cabin electing a leader. Scout skills and tests were held until supper and then they enjoyed 'Capture the Flag' and a campfire ceremony in the evening. It was lights out by 10pm with wake up at 6:30am on Sunday. After cabin inspections led by SPL Jack Shinn of Troop 105, breakfast was served and then Sunday school was held – led by Homer Pittard, Assistant Scoutmaster of Troop 121. Scout advancement skills were worked on until dinner at 1pm. Scouts then packed and prepared to leave camp. "This was in the opinion of many, the best short term camp held in the district in many years".⁵⁶ May 1939, Scouts from Troop 106, and the Beaver Patrol of Troop 105, visited "Father Adamz's Scout Museum of Natural History, the largest in the United States"⁵⁷, at Tracy City, TN. Father A. C. Adamz, an Episcopal minister at Christ Church, Tracy City was also Scoutmaster of Troop 12. According to Jim Bell, a Scout in the Tracy City troop, the Museum was the largest Boy Scout museum at the time and was on exhibit at the Chicago World's Fair in 1933. Father Adams had taught the Scouts how to do taxidermy work on all kinds of animals including a large mud turtle. Guests from 33 states and 5 foreign countries had signed the guest log at the museum. The museum included arrow heads, an Indian tomahawk, coin collections, and much more. The museum was eventually moved to the old roundhouse near the Boy Scout Park in Tracy City. Throughout the years, the collection has deteriorated and been dispersed. A primitive campsite at Foster Falls is named after Father Adamz.

At the May Court of Honor, Jimmie McAfee was announced the new SM of Troop 109 at Crichlow sponsored by the American Legion Post and T. T. Martin became Scoutmaster of Troop 106 when Gene Mullins moved to Shelbyville.

Four Murfreesboro Scout leaders attend the Regional Training Institute at the University of Alabama, in Tuscaloosa to prepare for the Boy Scout Summer camp program. P. A. Drake, SM of Troop 105, Leonard Cawthon, Jr, SPL troop 106, T. M. Tarpley, Jr., Sea Scout Ship White and representing Troop 109, and Jack

Shinn SPL Troop 105 attended. The trip was sponsored by the Rotary, Lions, Kiwanis Clubs, the American Legion Post and the Murfreesboro District Scout Council.

Summer camp was held at Camp Mulli-Wat, the Scout camp near Sharpsville. The first week of camp, Troop 105 attended with 28 Scouts. Activities included boating, swimming, nature study, and a 14 mile hike with P. A. Drake camp director. The second week of camp would be for the cub Scouts and troop 106, with T. T. Martin and Ed Spears directing camp. Troops 109 and 121 would camp the last week with Homer Pittard and James McAfee as camp directors.

As the Sea Scout unit in Murfreesboro was getting started, Roy Lee McFolin attended the 5th Regional Sea Scout Rendezvous at Lake Prien, Pensacola, Florida, July 21-24, 2913. This is the 6th Regional Rendezvous and was held in two divisions, the Calcasiqu Area Council of which the Murfreesboro Ship was a member, and the Gulf Coast Council – to make the experience available to more Scouts.

The formation of a Murfreesboro Scout Alumni Association was discussed in August at a district meeting at Camp Mulli-Wat. Rep. Albert A. Gore was invited to give the address to the alumni group. Clarence Watson, President of the Murfreesboro Boy Scout Council and Dr. W. T. Robison, former President were special guests at the meeting. Sponsors were Col. H. L. Fox and W. E. Mullins, the only surviving members of the original Troop 4 committee. Former Scoutmaster including J. Lee Rogers, Ray Brandon, Aultman Sanders, Robert Murphy and P. A. Drake attended. “Many a stirring a tale of old Troop 4, the first Scout troop to be organized in Murfreesboro, will be told around the campfire when old Scouts from far and near come back Saturday night at Camp Mulli-Wat to remember the days of ‘28 and ‘29”.⁵⁸ Official opening of the Scout Lodge was Oct 26. Clarence Watson designed the plans using the stockade as a design. As the project began, “250 old power company poles were gathered and used for the main timbers and columns. Beams were made from old railroad cars. Flooring and siding came from an old cabin. Old cedar poles were ripped and dressed for the attractive doors and window frames. Split boards and hardwood floors were salvaged from the burned McFadden school building. Two or three old limestone rock chimneys were brought in power company trucks to go into the rock fireplace.”⁵⁹ On the last day in January, 1939 the NYA workers began to assemble the materials.

The Murfreesboro City Council “granted to Clarence E. Watson, President, and J. C. Mitchell, Vice-President, St. George Jones, Secretary, and Leiper Freeman, Treasurer of the Murfreesboro Council and their successors and survivors, an easement for the consideration of \$1 on the property where the Scout Lodge stands ‘for the purpose of conducting every kind of Boy and Girl Scout activity exclusively for the white boys and girls of Rutherford County’”.⁶⁰ The deed, drawn by the City Attorney, Alfred Huddleston, stated “that should the property cease to be operated for the designated purpose, it would revert to the city to be used as some public project. The payment of \$1 assures the right of the council to carry insurance.” “In effect, it was pointed out, the easement assures that the ownership will remain in Rutherford County and that the lodge will not become the property of the national Scout organization.”⁶¹

The Scout House on Ewing Blvd was completed in the fall of 1939. The total expenditures on the Scout home including labor and materials were \$1116.35. The lodge was valued at \$8500. It was built by National Youth Administration labor with old materials. The only new items were the roof, the window sashes and window panes. The other materials were donated. Donations of furniture, curtains and other items used in the building were donated. The third floor was used as a museum with hopes of including Scouting memorabilia from across the state. Mr. Watson said that “any relic or article of historical interest, such as old guns, books or mounted birds, or anything suitable for the museum would be accepted”.⁶² The N.Y.A also built movable equipment for the playground.

“When the time came for concrete work, forms which had been used at the United States Veterans Facility were brought to the spot to be used in constructing the lodge”.⁶³ The lodge is 40 by 48 feet, surrounded by an 8 foot flagstone porch. A limestone walkway leads to the street from the porch. There were two roofs, one with asphalt shingles and the other a three-ply construction. The roof, plumbing, and window glass were the only new materials used in building the lodge. The assembly hall was 24x40 feet with 8 windows to allow plenty of light and air. There was a rock fireplace at the far end of the hall and a restroom to the left.

The large concrete basement held a hot air furnace donated by the power company and was used as a “boy’s crafts and work room, with heating unit and shower baths, three boys’ troop rooms, two girls’ troop rooms and one large room for girls craft or work room.”⁶⁴ The grand opening of the Scout Lodge was open to the public. Even the Murfreesboro City Council meeting was cut short so that members could attend the open house. Clarence Watson, President of the Murfreesboro Scout Council, was also Manager of the Murfreesboro Electric Dept.

The troops in the 1930s would go on ‘overnight hikes’ to various locations in the county including Shiloh Cave - near Halls Hill Pike. The former Shiloh Elementary School located on Halls Hill Pike was later renamed to Daniel-McKee School.

1940s – Scouting Organizes – the Heart of Tennessee Forms as part of the Middle Tennessee Council

In 1940, BSA membership was 1,449,412; total members to date, 9,558,869. In 1940, Irvin Berlin, a longtime friend of Scouting set up a trust fund for all royalties from his song, "God Bless America" to go to the Boy Scouts of America and the Girl Scouts of the United States. In 1941, the Webelos rank was added for Cubs who had completed their Lion Badge and some requirements for the Boy Scout Tenderfoot rank. With the declaration of war in 1941, the Government began requesting Boy Scout service for the distribution of defense bonds and stamp posters, collection of aluminum, wastepaper, rubber (30 million pounds collected in a 2-week period), victory gardens, help with the American Red Cross and more. From 1941 – 1945, the Scouts received sixty-nine requests by the Government for war service. Waite Phillips made additional large gifts of land, residence and ranch buildings, livestock to bring the total acreage to more than 127,000 acres. The area was renamed Philmont Scout Ranch. He also presented the Philtower Building in Tulsa, OK to the Scouts from which the income would be used for operating and developing the camp. In 1942, the Air Scout program was developed for boys 15 years of age and older. The Silver Antelope Awards were first presented in 1943 for distinguished service to youth within a region. In 1944, the World Friendship Fund was inaugurated to help restore Scouting in devastated countries. And in 1945, the "Shirts Off our Backs" campaign was launched to help Scouts abroad. In 1949, the age levels were lowered – Cub Scouting for boys 9-10, Boy Scouting 11-14, Exploring for boys 14 and up. In 1949, the BSA launched a two year crusade to "Strengthen the Arm of Liberty" to give boys a richer experience through better trained adult volunteer leaders. Rutherford County census population in 1940 – 33,604.

1940 – Scouting the American Way

At the annual District Meeting in Jan 1940, Clarence Watson was unanimously re-elected President of the Murfreesboro District Council BSA. W. E. Mullins was elected 1st VP and Training Chairman; George Osborn 2nd VP and Finance Chairman; Gilbert Shearron, Treasurer. PA Drake was elected Field Scout Commissioner and Camping Chairman; St. George Jones Secretary; B.B. Gracy, Jr., District Commissioner, and Col H. L Fox Chair of the Court of Honor. Mr. Watson reported that the four troops, a cub pack and Sea Scout ship were all active.

The 30th Scout Anniversary celebration included a father-son banquet with Nashville Council Scout Executive, James Gribble as speaker. "Scouting – the American Way" was the BSA's anniversary theme. Gribble contrasted Scouting the American way with the regimentation of youth in Germany – that the Boy Scout movement is voluntary for the purposes of saving lives. Eighty-eight guests attended the banquet held at the Scout Lodge to kick off the weeklong celebration.

Highlight of the week's observance was a live nation-wide radio broadcast on Thursday, Feb 8th. Starting with Walter W. Head, President of the BSA speaking from Detroit MI. – who introduced the President of the US where the broadcast switched to the nation's capital. President Roosevelt, Honorary President of the BSA and an active Scout himself talked to the Scouts and the many friends of Scouting from the White House. He asked Scouts to rededicate themselves "to the Scout Oath which is the guiding principle of Scouting".⁶⁵ President Roosevelt asked the Scouts listening on the radio to take the Scout Oath – led by James E. West, Chief Scout Executive and editor of "Boys Life" - where the broadcast switched to Miami, Florida.

At the Court of Honor, Second Class badges were awarded to 8 Scouts from Troop 135 in Smyrna. Members of B. B. Gracy's class in Scouting at the State Teacher's College were visitors at the Court of Honor. Thirty Merit badges were handed out to Scouts from the various troops represented – including Pathfinding, Poultry Keeping, Signaling, and First Aid to Animals. The Court of Honor also included a Tenderfoot investiture ceremony for two members of T106.

In April 1940, James Stahlman, Publisher of the Nashville Banner newspaper and member of the National Council of Boys Scouts spoke to a group in Eagleville to promote Scouting activities in the community – through the cooperation of parents. Also present were William Anderson and James Gribble, from the Nashville Council of Boy Scouts and B.B.Gracy, Sr. of Murfreesboro.

Stahlman stated that the Scouting movement was preparation for citizenship and not a military career. “Mr. Stahlman attributed what he termed the mistaken ideas on the military nature of the Boy Scout movement to ‘some organizations in this country that don’t believe in military preparedness’. These groups, he said, are ‘making every effort to have parents think that Scouting is organized for the purpose of creating soldiers of American’s youth’.”⁶⁶ The Scout uniform may have caused some to think of Scouting as a military organization, but Stahlman stated “the only reason for the uniform is to distinguish the Boy Scout from a kid that is just playing around and not thinking seriously of his future”.⁶⁷ William Anderson stated “the Scout program is constructive, elevating and habit forming.”⁶⁸ Fred Nance, the founding Scoutmaster and the Principal of Eagleville Grammar school introduced the current Scout members to those gathered.

Summer Camp, June 16 – July 13, was under the direction of Coach John Dixon. Mr. Dixon was the new athletic Coach at Central High School, along with area Scoutmaster and senior Scouts. The first week of camp was for Cub Scouts, the next three weeks were for Boy Scouts, followed by several weeks of Girl Scout Camp starting July 14th. Camp Mulli-Wat, the Murfreesboro Council’s camp on the Stones River was again selected as the site. Improvements were made to the camp, including a new bunk house and a boat to be used on the water front.

Camp Mulli-Wat was open to all boys of Rutherford County regardless of whether they were a member of a troop or not. The first week of camp, approximately 25 Murfreesboro Cub Scouts and several from Shelbyville attended the camp.

Several weeks before camp started, P. A. Drake, organized a Scout Field Day with the four Murfreesboro troops participating along with Scouts from Smyrna, Eagleville and Shelbyville. The State Teacher’s College sponsored the events. The Field day events included tennis matches, 70 yard dash for boys under 14, 100 yard dash for boys over 14; knot tying; running broad jump; baseball throw; fire building; semaphore signaling, basketball goal shooting, bandaging relay and more.

And several days before camp started, the Scouts met to assist the city with conducting a census. Scouts handed out forms at every house in Murfreesboro. The city’s population was near 10,000 and hopes were to find enough families to meet that mark.

The Murfreesboro Scout Alumni Association held their second annual picnic meeting at Camp Mulli-Wat, on Thursday, June 27th. Several committees had been established to sell tickets, plan the menu, decorations, program, and transportation. Eugene Mullins was elected President of the Murfreesboro Scout Alumni Association. John Pitts was elected Vice-President; Julian Hooper, Secretary; and Webber Earthman, Treasurer. B. E. Hobgood, former faculty member at Central High School spoke on “Be Prepared”. Clarence Watson, Murfreesboro Council President, led discussion on ways to improve Scouting in Murfreesboro. St. George Jones, District Commissioner closed with a Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States.

The year 1940 came to a close with 4 active troops in Murfreesboro. Three troops were designated from their respective schools, Troop 106 at the Training School with Gene Mullins, Scoutmaster and the Kiwanis as sponsor; Troop 109 at Crichlow School with James McAfee Scoutmaster and the American Legion as sponsor; Troop 121 at McFadden with Homer Pittard, Scoutmaster and the Lion’s Club as sponsor. The fourth troop was a senior troop composed of older Scouts in the city with P. A. Drake as

Scoutmaster and the Rotary Club as sponsor. Clarence Watson, “announced a recruiting campaign in which each Scout bringing in a new member will be awarded an overnight trip to the Scout Camp at Sharpesville and later a week-end at Mr. Watson’s camp near Mt. Pleasant following completion of Tenderfoot tests by the new member”.⁶⁹

1941 – Scouting Strengthens and Invigorates Democracy

During the Scout week in the 1940’s companies sponsored ads in the local paper, often full page ads, supporting the Boy Scout program. In 1941, the slogan was “Scouting Strengthens and Invigorates Democracy”. The DNJ carried a message from Walter W. Head, President of the BSA

“Never in the history of our country have we needed the character building and citizenship training influences of the Boy Scouts of America so urgently as we do today. Scouting instills in our boys reverence for God, admiration for country, love for home and respect for their fellows. It is a genuine brotherhood. During the 31 years, the movement has served America, more than nine million boys and men have been registered on its membership rolls. Today more than one million five hundred thousand are active participants in this program. And every day throughout the land this vast brotherhood individually and collectively is doing something worthwhile to ‘strengthen and invigorate our democracy’. Indeed, it is my conviction from personal observation in many hundreds of communities in every section of America over a period of twenty years that Scouting epitomizes all the attributes of democracy. It is a great movement charged with the responsibility of working ceaselessly for our great country. Its idealism is practical; its acceptance is universal. It is free and voluntary. Its spirit is service.”⁷⁰

The BSA’s slogan in 1941 sought to strengthen America by training the Scouts to “act quickly and effectively in times of emergency” – “that the way to fight those forces which would attack our democracy is to be democratic”. As refugees from Europe come to the US, Scout troops welcomed Scouts from other countries into their troops.

President Roosevelt said in his radio address

“The forward march of our civilization is kept moving by our youth. Perhaps no country on earth is so blessed with its youth as is our country – America. While we have gained many advantages by our enterprise, our industry, our natural resources and our fearlessness, I am convinced that our real, our most genuine, and our greatest wealth is in our boys and girls.

There you have the premise on which the Boy Scouts of America works. It believes with a burning conviction that all the future holds for our country is in the hands of the boys and girls. That is why it stresses character building and citizenship program; that is why it emphasizes the value of service to others; that is why it is so very careful in the selection of its leadership.

Those who come within the influence of Scouting are strengthened in soul and body and they become better citizens of the great republic for it. Where you see a Boy Scout you may be sure that he is dependable, upright, manly. The greater his numbers the more secure our country will be.”⁷¹

For the 31st Scout Anniversary, the troops all gathered at the Scout Hall to hear President Roosevelt address the Scouts on a national broadcast over three of the major radio stations.

Portraits of the late W. E. Mullins, Sr. and of Clarence Watson – both strong advocates of Scouting in Murfreesboro – were unveiled during the anniversary week on Feb 13. Camp Mulli-Wat near Sharpssville was named after these two men. The portraits were unveiled at a special ceremony and hung at the

Scout Hall. Six months earlier, on July 29th 1940, Mr. Mullins passed away at age 54. Three months later on May 14, 1941, Clarence Watson, 50 yr. old manager of the Murfreesboro Electric Dept. had a massive heart attack and passed away. It was through their labors that the Scout camp and Scout House were erected.

At the annual Murfreesboro Scout Council meeting in April, Eugene R. Mullins was elected President of the Murfreesboro Scout Council replacing Clarence Watson. The Scout program continued to grow and serve the community. In 1941, the Scouts gathered at the Scout House and at the Junior Chamber of Commerce building to canvas every house collecting scrap aluminum.

Summer camp season began in August with the Cub Scouts attending Camp Mulli-Wat with Cubmaster Ed Spears in charge of the week's program. The \$7 fee included materials and meals. The list of items each Cub Scout was to bring included "Complete change of clothing including shoes, rain coat, jacket or heavy sweater, bathing suit or trunks, blankets, sheets, towels, soap, wash cloths, pillow, if desired, toilet articles including comb, tooth brush, tooth paste, Bible or New Testament, note book and paper, post cards stamps, Cub books, pencils, knife, camera if desired, any musical instruments, games. Things not allowed: Radio, phonograph, guns of any sort. Parents are urged to visit camp. Parents shall not bring food or candy." ⁷² The daily schedule:

6:30 – Reveille
6:40 – Morning dip or morning wash
7:20 – Raise Colors
7:30 – Breakfast
8:45 – Inspection of cabins and boys' duties for the day
9:30 – Instruction period and craft work
11:00 – Swim period
12:15 – Dinner
1:00 Rest period (mandatory)
2:30 – Hikes, instruction, special counselors
5:00 – Swim, games, play period
6:30 – Retreat
6:35 – Supper
Evening – camp fire, plays and stunts
9:45 – Taps ⁷³

Cub Scout parents were invited to a camp swim, chicken dinner and campfire program at camp on Friday evening. Cost was 35 cents per plate. The Cub Scouts enjoyed a nature hike with staff of the State Teacher's college faculty. On Wednesday they had a 'relay hike' – as described by the Camp Scribe Leland Sedberry, Jr.

"Yesterday Mr. Drake told us that we were going to a hike over to a pond to see the water pumped out and the fish taken out and put them into the river. There were eleven boys and one car so we had two groups. Group No. 1 got in the car and Group No. 2 walked. No. 1 rode a mile and got out of the car and walked while the car went back and got No. 2 and they went a mile past No. 1 and so on till we got there. When we got there we saw them pumping the water out of the pond so we went over and talked to the Game Warden and he told us something about some people he had caught. They caught some big fish and also some little fish too. Then we had to go, so we all piled in the car and came home" .⁷⁴

While the Cub Scouts were at camp, several Boy Scouts assisted the Chamber of Commerce who were planning a booster tour around the area promoting Murfreesboro. The Scouts made an advance trip on

the route the Murfreesboro Booster Club would take later in the week. The Scouts took posters publicizing the trip and distributed them throughout most of the 20 different cities.

In October, the Community Chest fund drive was starting up its second campaign. The Community Chest, organized in 1941, funded several organizations, mostly benefiting children in Murfreesboro, including the Boy and Girl Scout programs. The Community Chest was started when different organizations were having fund drives nearly every month. By combining the group efforts into one fundraising plan, the community would not feel the pressure of having several fundraising at the same time. The budget planned for 1942 was set at \$1500. In 1941, they received \$1316 from the fund. The Boy and Girl Scouts owned and operated property valued at \$13,500 which includes the Scout Lodge on Ewing Blvd and Camp Mulli-Wat on the Stones River. "The Lodge is used each week day by various boy and girl groups. The Camp is in operation six to eight weeks each summer and is used repeatedly throughout the year for week-end camps. Mulli-Wat is composed of a huge lodge with kitchen, eight huts for campers, shower baths, running water and electric lights."⁷⁵ In 1941, maintenance was \$588 which included \$196 for insurance, \$122 for repairs and \$270 for heat, laundry, phone and electricity. None of the Community Chest funds were spent by the Boy Scouts for entertainment, dues, registration or food.

At the December Court of Honor, Don Underwood received his First Class Rank. It was an accomplishment for him because he was unable to walk without crutches. Since birth, he had been challenged, but it hadn't stopped him from achieving. He was unable to pass the swimming and hiking requirements – but he told Homer Pittard, the Principal of his school and his Scoutmaster of Troop 121, that he would learn how to swim. He had developed strong shoulders and skillful hands. He set up a workshop at his home and made small items including furniture, bows and arrows and other pieces of art. He was also business manager of the McFadden basketball team and was in charge of the players' uniforms, balls and keeping the score.

1942 – Strong for America

With the start of the new Scout year and the observance of Scout Week in February, Murfreesboro churches were asked to mention the special work of the Scouting program. Previously Scouts and Cubs would attend one church as a group. This year, it was decided that each congregation would recognize the boys of that church who were Boy Scouts.

Scout Week was Feb 6-12 with the slogan "Strong for America". Boys Scouts across the nation were assuming extra assignments from the government and communities as aides in the defense and preparation of America at War, since the bombing of Pearl Harbor just months before. The extra work included distributing posters concerning blackouts, first aid and other duties such as collecting scrap aluminum and waste paper. Paul Evans was elected President of the Murfreesboro Scout Council. The Council expected a decrease in funds from the Community Chest and would have to devise plans for financing the Scout program. The leaders also stressed "that the Scouts themselves will have to assume more responsibility in seeing that the camp program goes forward, since the war has placed an additional problem on the Council."⁷⁶ In June, 1942, the Scouts went house to house in the city collecting scrap rubber. The money raised by selling the rubber at 1 cent a pound provided the funds for a camping trip for the Scouts participating in the collection.

In 1942, the annual Community Chest drive included War agencies as well as those already in the Community Chest program. The goal was set at \$8000 with any amount over that going directly to the war agencies. An effort was made to canvas every home in Murfreesboro and stores and factories would be asked to participate as well. The fund this year would assist the U. S. O, Recreation for Soldiers

visiting Murfreesboro, Russian Relief, United China Relief, Relief for Greece, Relief for American Prisoners of War, Army and Navy Relief, Council of Social Agencies, Charity Circle, Boy and Girl Scouts, McFadden PTA, Crichlow PTA, Bradly PTA Cafeteria, White and Colored Day Nurseries and the Safety Council.

The first year of WWII brought many changes to our nation and Rutherford County. Over 1500 men and boys from Rutherford County joined the service. Six were to have died in service during 1942, one on a bombing mission in the Alaskan waters. One citizen serves on the staff of Admiral Chester W. Nimitz at Pearl Harbor. Not only are the citizens of Rutherford County serving across the world, but the effects are felt in setting up the 'home front' as well. In less than a month after the bombing at Pearl Harbor, Rutherford County set up the Civilian Defense program which became the Civil Defense Corps and Volunteer Office. The residents learned of blackouts and the civilian's part in combating invasion by actual blackout "practices". Rationing was a bit harder to accept, but gradually the seriousness of the situation took hold. Families had to figure how many miles they had left in the gas tank or the tire tread. Housewives invented new dessert shortcuts to make up for the sugar rations and coffee grounds were used multiple times until their strength was sapped. Soon the Office of Price Administration in Washington DC listed items which were to be rationed – including in early 1943 many fruits, vegetables, and processed foods.

The county had a scrap collection day, when Murfreesboro businesses and schools closed so that everyone could help with collecting. Total collected during that campaign amounted to over 3 million pounds of scrap. Red Cross workers assisted by gathering supplies "for our own boys". And war maneuvers started back again across the county. This time, the citizens knew this may be a precursor to the real thing and they did their best to be hospitable to the thousands of uniformed men. Gradually, the citizens of Rutherford County were becoming accustomed to the changes required for its part in assisting the war efforts.

The sponsorship of Scout units took a change from civic organizations to church sponsorship. Troop 105 had been sponsored (its charter organization) by the Rotary Club up until 1942, when First Presbyterian Church became the charter organization. Troop 105 was the oldest troop in the county, forming in 1919 with Autman Sanders as one of the first Scoutmasters. Between 1934 and 1941, Perry Drake was Scoutmaster of Troop 105.

1943 – Toughen Up! Buckle Down! Carry on to Victory

"Toughen up! Buckle Down! Carry on to Victory" was the Scout slogan for the Boy Scouts of America in 1943 as they celebrate the 33rd Anniversary of Scouting. Rev. Richard Comfort organizes a troop out of LaVergne High School – with two patrols forming. A. C. Puckett was Assistant Scoutmaster.

The war was taking its toll on the community. Women were being recruited to take industrial jobs that were left vacant by men joining the armed services. At Middle Tennessee Teacher's College, all but one from the entire football team of 1942, were now serving in the military (and the one remaining member expected to be called to service soon). There was no football program at the College in the fall of 1943.

The US Army paid over \$160,000 in claims to land owners in Middle Tennessee as a result of damages caused by training maneuvers in the area. There were about 40,000 property owners who leased their lands (over 5,000,000 acres) in 23 counties for the maneuvers. Fortunately the loss of property wasn't as bad as it could have been since the training occurred mostly during the height of the growing and harvesting season. Farmers had to hunt down missing cattle because fences were down. Mostly home owners were hospitable to the soldiers, knowing that their contribution to the war effort was the same

as civilians anywhere in the United States. "The troops are here to learn how to fight and win a war. They are learning battle lessons which will save American lives in combat. Maneuver realism must be maintained and we can afford to lose a bushel of corn now if it will save the life of an American soldier later on".⁷⁷ Along with the field maneuvers, B-24 Liberator bomber pilots were being trained in Smyrna. There were several crashes in 1942 – over 5 crashes within a 2 month period on training flights from the Smyrna airfield.

Rationing continued. The War Price and Rationing Board composed a list of items to be rationed and updated the list weekly. Stoves were added to the ration list in August 1942. An August News Journal listed the names of persons who received permits to purchase rationed items – including two permits for new cars, 3 permits for men's rubber boots, 3 permits for new bicycles, one for a new stove. Women in the county contributed over 450 pounds of outworn silk or nylon hosiery in the Hosiery Salvage campaign.

School attendance was down in the county. Total enrollment in the county, dropped from 9430 in 1925 to 5665 in 1943 – a loss of 3765 students during the past 18 years. Mr. Donnell, Superintendent of Schools attributes the drop in enrollment to smaller families and to shifts in population due to the war as main factors in the drop. Central High School had 56 seniors graduate in 1943 – 41 girls and 15 boys. In April 1943, a fire that started in the boiler room destroyed the 26 year old school. The remaining 5 weeks of school was held at McFadden after the classes there had ended.

Due to the lack of adult leadership, troops began to dissolve. Troops 105 and 106 merged into Troop 105 in 1943 with B. B. Gracy Jr. as Scoutmaster for a while followed by St. George Jones. (After the war, Jack Shinn served as SM followed by Harold Nygaard and Leland Blackwood).

1944

The 34th Anniversary of Scouting celebration kicked off with a father and son dinner at First Presbyterian Church.

By 1944 black troops had formed in Murfreesboro. Will Rogers, a teacher at Holloway HS was a camping instructor at Camp Davis – 55 acres off Couchville Pike at the confluences of Bryant's Creek with the Stones River. One hundred fifty five Scouts from black troops across Middle Tennessee including Murfreesboro attended.

1945 –

The 35th Anniversary Scout Week began with a Court of Honor. Several of the local Scouts entered a national contest to collect 1000 pounds of waste paper. Those who earn the "General Eisenhower" award received a bronze medal bearing General Eisenhower's image with blue and white ribbon attached. B. B. Gracy, Scoutmaster of Troop 106 led the candlelight and investiture ceremony, and Col. Fox presented the awards.

During the early months of the year, First Methodist Church Troop 103 formed two new patrols. T. T. Martin, Scoutmaster and N. G. Bailey Assistant Scoutmaster. The troop decided to meet on Fridays at the Tennessee State College. Pack 105, Cumberland Presbyterian Church, was meeting at the church.

Troop 103 enjoyed an overnight hike and camp to Camp Mulli-Wat in May. The campfire was planned by the Flying Eagle patrol. They opened by singing the National Anthem, played games, performed skits and

stories, then closed in prayer. They decided to repeat the campout monthly and assist in cleaning up the Boy Scout camp.

In June, several businessmen formed a Scouter club to assist the Boy Scout in passing tests for various merit badges. The Murfreesboro Council made plans to revitalize the Scouting program in the county. A \$25 reward was offered for information concerning anyone caught damaging the Scout property in the future. The Scout Camp buildings and Scout Lodge needed new roofs. Several men volunteered to paint the property and F. S. Swan, a carpenter, gave his time to work with the Scouts on various repairs at the camp. The plumbing and wiring was repaired by Scouts who worked daily to get the work done.

Several troops joined together in June to attend Camp Elmore, 10 miles northeast of Winchester on the old Tullahoma road. A group of 30 Scouts from Troops 106 (1st Presbyterian), T 103 (1st Methodist) and Troop 105 (Cumberland Presbyterian) joined Scoutmaster and District Commissioner, B. B. Gracy. Hubert Elrod owned Camp Elmore and made the camp available to the Scouts. Camp included swimming, hiking, horseback riding and merit badge work.

As football season rolled around, Troop 105 and Troop 106 organized a game between the two on Oct 21. The game was held on Jones Field at the MTSC. Troop 106 won, 19-6.

The Murfreesboro Boy Scout Council meeting in October included plans for the \$500 allotment from the Community Chest fund, which included cleaning the Scout House and grounds and repairing the furnace so groups could meet there. The Council also backed a plan to organize the Scouters Club, a group of men who would assist Scouts in passing their merit badge tests. They hoped to get 50 men involved with the Scouters Club to assist in their specialized areas. They also decided to ask the city to place two lights near the Scout House to prevent break-ins and damage to the property. Col. H. L. Fox was named Chair of the Court of Honor again, a position he has held for 20 years.

On Oct. 1st, W. A. Barry took over as Scoutmaster of Troop 106, replacing B. B. Gracy. This allowed Gracy more time to devote to being District Commissioner. In 1945, there were three active troops and two ready to organize with the help of the Community Chest. One of the highlights of the year for 8 Scouts from Troop 106, was a trip to the Cane Creek and Fall Creek Falls area. With a guide, they hiked down through Cane Creek and up through Fall Creek canyon seeing the falls from above and below. Troop 103, First Methodist, had their first meeting July 31, 1945. In the few months, they have built the troop up to 26 members, and attended several days of camping at Camp Mulli-Wat.

1946

In 1946, there were three troops and one cub pack in Murfreesboro with about 65-70 active boys in the program. The Cumberland Presbyterian Church sponsored one troop and the pack with A. T. Martin as Scoutmaster. Gene Mullins was Scoutmaster of the First Methodist Troop and M. G. Hicks was Scoutmaster of the troop at First Presbyterian Church. Dr. Richard E. Strain was Chairman of the Murfreesboro Council.

Scouts from Troops 103 and 106 were invited to the Bob Brown Post of the American Legion Flag Day ceremony in June to present the flag at the opening of their meeting. The American Legion members asked the Scouts several questions (50 to 60 questions) relative to the flag.

Later, on June 18th, members of the Murfreesboro Council, Murfreesboro Rotary Club and Kiwanis clubs met with Will R. Manier of the Nashville Council. Mr. Manier explained "Both the volunteer Scoutmaster

and the professional Scout Executive are necessary in order to have a well-rounded program that will carry on year after year.”⁷⁸ The Nashville Council had a professional Scout Executive who worked with six counties surrounding Davidson County, “but has the Council and assistance of the Executive in the Nashville Area office”.⁷⁹ There was a plan set up before the war to incorporate six surrounding counties into the Nashville service area. Rutherford County Scouters had met with another group of counties to see if a similar could exist here where we would pool our resources together to employ a Scout executive to carry on Scouting’s work locally within our counties.

1947

As Scouting began its 37th year, the slogan was “Scouts of the World – Building for Tomorrow”. Through the World Friendship Fund, the Boy Scouts of America had contributed over \$110,000 to help Boy Scouts overseas rebuild their Scout units.

The war took its toll on Scouting in Murfreesboro. During the past several years the program hadn’t received the attention it should have. Several of the Scouts who had been active in WWII were now back and willing to assist in reorganizing the program. A meeting was call by Edwin Ayers, Chairman of the Murfreesboro (Scout) Council, for anyone interested in Scouting to meet at the Scout Lodge on Monday during Scout Week. Plans were set forth to have a caretaker live at the Scout Lodge so the building could remain open and the Scouts could use it for their headquarters. Twenty-two boys signed up to become Scouts at the meeting.

The Cub Scouts held cage (basketball) tournament with dens competing as teams against other dens. The winning den received a trophy which they kept until the next year’s tournament where it was passed on to the new winning den. Den 2 won the tournament this year. Rev. Hubert Covington, Pastor of Cumberland Presbyterian Church was Cubmaster of Pack 105, Scoutmaster Troop 105 and Murfreesboro Council Chairman during 1947.

The Murfreesboro Council met later in February to discuss plans on organizing troops at Eagleville, Smyrna, Lascassas, Rockvale, Christiana, and Walter Hill. Troops became active participants in sports, organizing softball, football, and basketball teams for competition with other patrols or even other troops. During the spring, the Cub Scout Pack scheduled weekly softball games for the three dens.

In April, Scouts from Troop 103 collected money for the county Cancer drive at the Murfreesboro Bank and Trust, the Post Office and at Commerce Union Bank. They collected over \$60.

During the Rotary Club’s Boys’ Week, Scouts from various troops served at County Offices from 10 to 11am on the first Saturday in May with the troop members serving as Judges, Mayor, Sheriff, Fire chiefs and many others. The purpose of the event is to give the Scouts an understanding of the operation of the local government and utilities. The Scout ‘city council’ adopted the following resolutions – “That all motorbikes be equipped with head and tail lights; that the city street light service be improved; that a traffic light be erected at North Spring and East Lytle; that the streets be cleaned each night and that no livestock be permitted to be kept in the city limits.”⁸⁰ After the hour in city offices, the Scouts from Troops 103 and Troop 105 played each other in a softball game with Troop 103 winning their first victory 15-14.

In October, Troop 105 held a Parent’s Night meeting with over 26 parents present. The troop committee was introduced, and then each Scout introduced his parents. The Scouts led in singing “God Bless America” as well as “We’re the Scouts of Murfreesboro”. The Scouts and parents enjoyed a game of fizz-

buzz. The patrols presented stunts (skits), which the parents enjoyed. The meeting closed with the group singing "Taps".

In September 1947, Coach Anderson retired after serving twenty-seven years as Scout Executive of the Nashville Council. Ward Akers, was selected to become the new Scout Executive of the Nashville Council. In 1947, Scouts in the Southeastern US, Region 5, with headquarters in Memphis, was at the bottom of the 12 regions in the nation in regards to numbers and the percentage of the population being served. "The Nashville Council, compared to the thirty-two other local councils in Region 5, was at or near the bottom of the heap" ⁸¹ After moving the offices to a larger location and hiring additional staff, plans were laid out to reorganize the entire Nashville Council by districts with each to have its own Commissioner and professional Scouter.

Many counties surrounding Nashville resisted and were reluctant to subject their independence to the control of the council's Executive Bboard. Specifically, they objected strenuously to sending money raised in their community to a common fund to be distributed by the Executive Board in Nashville. Eventually, they realized that they would have a voice in policy and financial matters through their representatives on the Council Board.

In November, Ward Akers, spoke to the Rotary Club members and the Murfreesboro Council. In December he came back to speak with the Murfreesboro Council and representatives from Cannon and DeKalb counties to discuss the possibilities of having a full time Scout Executive working with the three counties.

1948

The push to get professional staff in place to help the Scouting program in Middle Tennessee continued. George Simpson, Deputy Regional Executive met with the Murfreesboro Scout Council in early January 1948. Several weeks later Ward Akers, Nashville Council Scout Executive met with the Men's Club at First Presbyterian Church, sponsors of Troop 105. Mr. Akers presented the troop its charter and spoke on the values of Scouting.

As the Scouts celebrate their 38th year in 1948, Murfreesboro has two troops and one pack - Troop 105, sponsored by First Presbyterian and Troop 103, sponsored by First Methodist Church and Pack 105 sponsored by the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. "Murfreesboro is cooperating in this fine program, while not fully as it could, still progress is being made." ⁸²

As part of Boy Scout Day in February, Scout Jim Kelton, Troop 105, took control of the city's affairs when he became the Mayor of Murfreesboro for an hour. He issued an order for the sanitation department to remove a dead dog in the city. The sanitation department didn't act quickly enough, so Jim fired Fred Arnette, the Supervisor of the Murfreesboro Sanitation Department. The sanitation department would remove the dog as soon as the rain stopped. After 'Mayor Kelton' learned of the circumstances, he rescinded the order to fire the supervisor.

In late May, about 50 persons attended a meeting at the Scout Lodge to hear Will R. Manier, Nashville Scout Executive speak on the need to organize into districts and hiring of professional Scout workers. DeKalb and Cannon counties were also represented at the meeting. Manier said that the district under consideration may later include Wilson, Putman and Smith counties as well as Rutherford, DeKalb and Cannon Counties. There would be a meeting in Nashville, June 11th to complete plans for the new district organization.

Parents were urged to attend the meeting in Nashville along with others interested in Scouting from Woodbury, Sparta, Smithville and Lebanon. It was decided at the meeting that a new district would be organized including five counties: Putnam, Wilson, DeKalb, Smith, and Rutherford, with the possibility of adding Cannon County at a later date to become the Heart of Tennessee District (Cannon County was included with the district a couple weeks later and Putnam and Smith Counties were not included in the Heart of Tennessee district). Joe Sutton, president of the Murfreesboro Chamber of Commerce, was elected Chairman of the new district. Jerry Jackson was named Rutherford County Chairman and W. A. Berry as Commissioner. Each county in the new district would be represented on the six committees which served the district – organization and extension, leadership training, advancement, camping and activities, health and safety and finance.

Due to the Boy Scouts joining with a larger district including multiple counties, they withdrew from the Community Chest sponsorship and would hold their own fund drive. Tommy. T. Martin was Chairman of the fundraising campaign in Rutherford County. On Thursday, November 20th, they held a “Dusk to Dawn” drive to raise funds to finance the Boy Scout program. It started with a breakfast at 7:45am in the basement of the First Methodist Church prepared by the women from the church. Following breakfast and a program which included Charles E. Parrish, Nashville Council vice-president, and Ward Akers, Nashville Council Scout Executive and Floyd Laney, Field Executive, nearly 200 businessmen present begin contacting residents seeking contributions.

The men were divided into 11 teams and each worker planned to make about 5 contacts. One hundred sixteen men were on the teams and 71 volunteered to be “cleanup workers” It was hoped that the contacts and commitments would be tallied at the Chamber of Commerce office by 4pm. The goal was to raise \$4000 to finance the Scout program in Rutherford County including office expenses, telephone, postage, and travel expenses. Attending the breakfast included workers from Eagleville, Smyrna, Rockvale and other surrounding communities.

A total of \$2500 was initially collected with a partial group making their reports at the Chamber of Commerce. A little over a week after the canvassing began, Tommy Martin, reported \$3100 was collected. He thanked the many citizens who had a part in the successful drive from the workers to the contributors – and to the ladies at First Methodist who served the kickoff breakfast.

The Milton Community Club voted to organize a Boy Scout troop at their regular monthly meeting in November. Six men were appointed to a committee to help establish the troop.

1949

At a board meeting in January 1949, attended by approximately 500 Scouters, they ratified a proposal to change the name to Middle Tennessee Council to reflect the intent of the reorganization to include and service a broader area surrounding Davidson County.

In January, Third Baptist Church announced that they were sponsoring a new troop with Rev. J. L. Malone as the Scoutmaster.

Clyde Wooten, the first Field Executive to serve in the new district, moved to Murfreesboro from Arkansas where he worked with the Arkansas State Highway department as a road inventory supervisor. Wooten had been involved with Scouting almost 20 years and was an Eagle Scout who “believes wholeheartedly in the value of the Scouting program”⁸³. The First Aid he learned as a Boy Scout enabled him to save the life of a fellow passenger on a bus trip in 1937. The bus crashed into an electric power

line and the live wires fell across the bumper of the bus. One of the passengers touched the bumper and fell across the wire. Wooten quickly removed his leather belt and used it to drag the passenger away from the fallen power line and began artificial respiration. The doctors credited Wooten with saving the man's life.

Wooten served three years during WWII with the Army Air Corps, attended Ouachita Baptist College and the University of Arkansas and completed the 79th National Training school for Scout Executives. His duties as Scout Executive would include working with the local Scout leaders in the current programs as well as help coordinate the programs of the Scout units in the other two counties. According to Wooten, "at the present time only seven percent of the boys in Rutherford County are enrolled in the Boy Scouts of America. I hope that by 1950 we will have enrolled at least 50 percent".⁸⁴

By the end of January, an Air Scouting unit was forming with Col. Hoyt Prindle, Commanding Officer of Smyrna Air Force base as the Air Scout Executive. The Air Scout program was open to boys 15 to 20 years old and provided them with instruction in airplane mechanics, communications, radar and navigation. And through the courtesy of Col. Prindle, the recreation facilities at the Air Base were made available to the Air Scouts – including the swimming pool, gym and tennis courts. Each Scout purchased their own uniforms. A committee was organized to help the Scouts find jobs to earn money to purchase their uniforms. They also sought organizations to sponsor the program. First Methodist and the American Legion agreed to sponsor Air Scout squadrons in Murfreesboro.

Boy Scout Week, 1949 included a proclamation from President Truman to the members of the Boy Scouts of America.

To the Boy Scouts of America:

Your crusade to "Strengthen the Arm of Liberty" which starts on February eighth, the thirty-ninth anniversary of Scouting in America, is further evidence of the patriotism that motivates our great Movement.

Scouting's constant growth and record of service to the United States gives me confidence that you will attain our objectives of providing a richer experience for more boys. Since 1910 records of membership show that Scouting has influenced the lives of more than fifteen million members. It is my hope that many of these Scouts of yesterday, men of high character, will return to the Movement as leaders of the Scouts of today.

Scouting provides fun and adventure in the outdoors and emphasizes the fact the American way of life is worthy of everything put into it. The Scout Oath and Law, a recognized code of honor gives boys stability in their daily lives.

On the occasion of Boy Scout Week, I extend greetings to our Scouts and leaders. As your Honorary President, I challenge you to achieve maximum results as you go forward with your crusade to "Strengthen the Arm of Liberty"

*(signed) Harry S. Truman*⁸⁵

Clyde Wooten began leadership training courses for Scouters in the district. The training consisted of several meetings, with the first being in Lebanon. Leaders were expected to attend all the training sessions to receive their certificates and be considered trained.

Leaders from Rutherford, Wilson and DeKalb Counties attended the trainings. Adults were placed into patrols to form a troop with each patrol electing members to the various patrol positions. The first training in Lebanon was divided into three parts, “The Development of Scouting in America”, “Essentials of the Scout Movement”, and “How the Community and Institution use the Scout Program”.

The second training session was held in Smithville. At this meeting, two Scouting films were shown. The first one, “The Patrol Method” explained why Scouts in a troop are organized into patrols, how the patrols are formed and how the leaders are selected and trained. The second film, “Where and How to Find Program Material” explained the use of the Scoutmaster’s Program Notebook, Scouting and Boys’ Life magazines, Handbook for Patrol Leaders and Handbook for Boys. Ward Akers, from the Middle Tennessee Council demonstrated first aid. Members from several patrols demonstrated a Court of Honor candlelight ceremony and a Boy Officer Installation ceremony.

The training concluded with an overnight camping trip at Cedars of Lebanon State Park to put into practice all that was learned.

On March 28th, 1949, members of the First Baptist church met with interested boys to sponsor a troop at their church.

In April, 1949, a Scoutmasters round-table discussion was held to plan a district Scout Camporee to be held in Milton and to plan for a summer camp at Rock Island. Also at the round-table there was a presentation on handicraft and rope-making. Scoutmasters, their assistants and committee members were invited.

The Milton troop was host for the district’s first camporee, May 21-22, and included the Scouts from 14 troops and an Air Scout squadron – which covers 4 counties including Rutherford, DeKalb, Wilson and Cannon. The camporee began Saturday morning and included contests and demonstrations. Saturday evening, the Scouts were guests at a Barbecue given by members of the Milton Community. After dinner, the Scouts hosted a campfire for the community. One-hundred thirty one Scouts and Scouters attended the camporee despite rain and high winds on Sunday morning.

In April, Troop 105 re-charters with a new Scoutmaster, Harold Nygaard.

During 1949, Boxwell ‘moved’ to its third site on 120 acres in a bend of the Caney Fork River near Rock Island.⁸⁶ The first summer, over 700 Scouts attended the new camp.

Note: This later became part of the Charles E. Parish Wilderness Preserve aka Camp Tubb. The camp was at one time the summer home to Coach Fielding Yost. Coach Yost was a legend in collegiate football history. In his first year as Coach at the University of Michigan in 1901, he led the Wolverines with a perfect 10-0 record and beat Stanford 49-0 in the first Rose Bowl game. Coach Yost’s middle Tennessee connection - Vanderbilt Coach Dan McGugin married Virginia Fite. Coach Yost married Virginia’s sister Eunice – making the two coaches brothers-in-law. Both had homes in Nashville in the Craighead area near West End.⁸⁷

Camp Boxwell, III opened at its new location on June 26 with 7 weeks of camp planned for the Middle Tennessee Council area. Scout activities included archery, a rifle range, handicraft, a full water program with swimming, lifesaving, boating and fishing. Scouts were able to attend camp on their own, or with their units. Cost for the 6 day camp was \$12 per Scout which included a \$2 registration fee. If Scouts

came as a troop with their leader, then the cost per Scout was dropped to \$10. And if Scouts did their own cooking and brought their own food for the week, the cost was \$2.00.

Three Scouts and their leader from Murfreesboro attended Camp Boxwell in 1949 in week 4, July 17-23 from the Air Squadron. Camp began at 2pm on Sunday and conclude at 2pm the next Saturday. They were from First Presbyterian Troop 105 – Richard Woods, Beverly Bilks and Tommy Miles. Scouts from Troop 416 attended week 5 at camp.

To show-case the new Camp Boxwell, the council held a joint conference at the camp. The 10 districts of the Middle Tennessee Council toured the camp in the morning and discussed the future of the camp. Then district then held separate meetings at 5:00pm, dinner at 6:15pm, and the council had its meeting after dinner with everyone present. Joe Sutton of Murfreesboro, Heart of Tennessee District Chairman was transferred by the VA to Memphis, and Winstead Bone of Lebanon was named District Chairman.

At this time, the district still held a district-wide board of review to interview Scouts who qualified for advancement in rank and for those who completed merit badges. S. R. Woods was Chairman of the Advancement committee for the district. T. W. Fisher was appointed Chairman of the Rutherford County Board of Review. The first Heart of Tennessee District Board of Review was held at the Scout Lodge on July 15th, 1949.

With troops organizing and troops growing, the district put together a list of merit badge counselors and their subjects. On the initial list, there were over 25 counselors and over 31 merit badges, including Angling, Aerodynamics and Airplane Design, Agriculture, Canoeing, and Veterinary Science.

The National Executive board voted in late August to lower the Boy Scout age limits.

Cub Scouting: Any boy 8 years old and not yet 11 may become a Cub Scout. He is eligible to work for the Wolf rank as soon as he is 8 years old. Bear rank as soon as he is 9 years old; Lion rank as soon as he is 10 years old; and the Webelos rank as soon as he is 10 ½ years old. Under the old age requirements a boy had to be 9 years old before he could join the cubs.

Boy Scouting: Any boy 11 years old and not yet 14 may become a Boy Scout, and be eligible to work for the Tenderfoot, Second Class, First Class, Star, Life and Eagle ranks. Previously a boy had to be 12 before he could belong to the Boy Scouts.

Exploring (Senior Scouting): Any boy 14 years old or older may become an Explorer Scout and participated in the Explorer program. All Scouts 14 or over whether in Troops or in specialized units, will be known as Explorers. Explorers in a Troop will participate in the Explorer Program in addition to their Troop activities with the counsel and guidance of their adult Advisor. When there are two or more Explorers in a Troop they may organize a Crew and elect their own officers.

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In 1949 several other changes too place in the BSA program – the “Strengthen the Arm of Liberty” program began. In addition to the eligibility age for cubs being lowered, the age limit for senior Scouting was raised from 18 to 21 with the Explorer concept. Boys Scouts automatically became an Explorer Scout when he became 14. He had the choice that he could stay in the troop or he could transfer to an Exploring post composed entirely of senior Scouts. The Sea Scout Ships and the Air Scout Squadrons merged with the Exploring program this year as well.

In 1949, there was one Cub Pack at Cumberland Presbyterian, and in September, First Methodist would be holding its 1st Pack meeting with Dallas Ison as Cubmaster.

With the addition of several new troops in 1949, there were now 6 active troops in Murfreesboro – Troop 105, Cumberland Presbyterian, with Harold Nygaard as Scoutmaster; Troop 106 First Methodist, with Earle Glover as Scoutmaster (this troop existed prior to the war, but combined with Troop 105 for several years. In 1949, they reorganized the group and formed the troop again); Troop 113, First Baptist, with Tom Kendrick as Scoutmaster followed by Walter Hammer; Troop 337, Wesley House (Methodist Church), with Harry Beddingfield as Scoutmaster; Troop 338, Third Baptist Church, Thomas Summers as Scoutmaster (followed by Nat Weems a couple years later); Troop 127, Negro American Legion Post with W. A. Rogers as Scoutmaster. The Explorer program for senior Scouts, sponsored by the American Legion Post was being reorganized to comply with the new senior Scouting policies. Also in Rutherford County, Troop 333, Milton, with Quentin Fite, Scoutmaster; Troop 115, Eagleville Scoutmaster Willard Turner; and Troop 328, Rockvale. Perry Drake is Neighborhood Commissioner.

The Middle Tennessee Council planned a council-wide Jamboree for the senior Scouts in the council as guests of the Air Force at Smyrna Air Base. Up to 200 Explorers would tour the base and see the weather station, the dispatch station and the control tower. The visit would also include a combat briefing and a trip to the maintenance and base operations sections. Each Scout would be able to ‘fly’ a Link Trainer and view training films. A Link Trainer was a device that trains pilots to fly by instruments during inclement weather. Some Scouts would be selected to actually fly in one of the planes. Twenty-six Explorer Scouts from Murfreesboro and their leaders attended the event. According to those attending, one of the main points of interest was the mess hall. As the Scouts arrived on Saturday morning, they were divided into 4 groups and assigned their quarters. After lunch in the mess hall, the groups started their rounds of the base viewing the various stations. On Sunday, the Scouts either attended church at the base chapel or a service by another base chaplain. The climax of the weekend was the selection of Explorer Scouts to have a ride in an airplane. Since all Scouts showed enthusiasm, all Scouts were able to ride in the famous ‘box-car’, the C-82. The flight took them over Murfreesboro, Walter Hill, Lebanon and Old Hickory. The Heart of Tennessee District had 33 Scouts attending, the largest representation of any district.

Scouters met in October to elect new officers to represent Rutherford County in the Heart of Tennessee District which is comprised of Rutherford, Wilson, Cannon, and DeKalb counties. With the rapid expansion of Scouting during 1949, the district was in need for more adult leadership.

To assist the Milton Troop 333 with advancements, several Scouters from the area including P. A. Drake, Commissioner, Eddie Griswold, Jr., Assistant Scoutmaster at T105, and the DE, Clyde Wooten, met with Scouts and leaders in Milton to cover compass and map reading and first aid. The goal was to help the Scouts toward Second Class and to be prepared for the county Board of Review in a couple of weeks.

Scouts held their Fall Camporee the last weekend in October at the Scout Lodge (due to wet weather). Sixty-five attended, including Scouts, their leaders, and the Cub Scouts. The troops slept in tents and cooked their own meals. They worked on advancements – compass and measuring, trail signs, first aid, and map reading. The Saturday evening campfire was open to the public and included skits from each troop.

In November the second Scout Fund campaign started with a Wednesday morning breakfast at the First Presbyterian Church. Clyde Wooten reported “Three things are necessary to reach all the boys who want to join in the program. These are men, methods and money. An adequately financed program in each

community will enable the council to produce sufficient trained leaders to handle more boys in Scouting and to provide a greater, more intensive program of Scout activities". "As a result of the funds contributed last year with Rutherford joined with Wilson and DeKalb counties to form the Heart of Tennessee District, Scouting has advanced considerably here. Last year at this time there were only two active units in the county, Troop 105 and Pack 105, both of Murfreesboro. Today there are six active troops in Murfreesboro, one in Eagleville, one in Rockvale, and one in Milton." ⁸⁹ The goal for the 49-50 year was set at \$3850.

In November, Scouts wanting to work in the wood shop at the Scout Lodge were required to watch a safety film, "The Wood Working Shop" and then a comedy was shown.

Eugene Sloan, MTSC Athletic Director invited the Scouts (in their uniforms) to attend the Thanksgiving Day Blue Raider football game at no cost and serve as ushers and assist in various other ways at the football game.

Troop 105, held a Christmas Party at the Scout Hut for three European displaced families. The families were from Latvia and Estonia. Patients from the Veteran's Hospital presented a musical program for the families. They also watched movies, had food, and presented Christmas stockings for those attending.

1950s – Scouting during Growth in the County

In 1950, membership reached 2,795,222; total members to date, 17,843,852. Scouting celebrates its 40th Anniversary. The 2nd National Jamboree was held at Valley Forge, Pennsylvania with 47,163 Scouts and leaders attending. The US Post Office issued the first Boy Scout stamp. A three-year campaign started in 1951, “Strengthen the Arm of Liberty” concluded with a 33% increase in membership. The 3rd National Jamboree was held in 1953 at Irvine Ranch, Calif. With 45,401 Scouts and leaders attending. And 4 years later, the 4th National Jamboree was held at Valley Forge, PA with 50,100 Scouts and leaders attending. The National Council’s offices were moved from NY City to a new building near New Brunswick, NJ. Boys Life circulation passed the 1 million mark in 1954, and for the first time, there was a total of 100,000 units and over 1 million adults registered as Scouters in 1955. The 8th World Jamboree was held in Ontario, Canada with 1,500 Explorers from the US. Kenneth K. Bechtel of San Francisco was elected President of the BSA to succeed John M. Schiff in 1956. Before 1959, the BSA restricted Scouts from earning merit badges while working on the basic ranks. Rutherford County census population in 1950 – 40,696

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In the early 1950s Wilbur Creighton, Council President at the time, recognized the need to establish committees to accomplish all that needed to be done in the new council. The Middle Tennessee Council went from 29th position in region 5 to 7th in the region in 2 years by undertaking an aggressive recruiting campaign. Much of the growth in the council resulted from the establishment of the various districts to better recruit Scoutmasters and partner institutions. By 1950, Middle Tennessee Council had 38 counties covered, making it the largest rural council in the US.

The Middle Tennessee Council started the year with a council-wide meeting on January 26th at the Maxwell House Hotel in Nashville and included a leader appreciation banquet with Dr. John Ferguson, Pastor of Belmont Methodist as guest speaker.

The Boy Scout’s “Crusade to Strengthen the Arm of Liberty” continued into 1950 as the Scout celebrate the 40th Anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America. In the 1950s, during the Cold War, citizenship development and survival training characterized Scouting’s major public service initiative. Mobilization plans were developed. On January, 10th, the film, “America’s Defense is Home Defense” was shown at the Scout Lodge. (The next week, “The Flying Fisherman” was presented).

At the start of 1950 there were 10 troops, one explorer post, and three Cub Scout packs in Rutherford County.

Explorer Post 105- Harold Nygaard, Sr. Advisor
Troop 105 – L. C. Blackwood, SM
Troop 106 – Earl Glover, SM – First Methodist
Troop 113 – Richard Craddock, SM – First Baptist
Troop 337 – J. H. Beddingfield, SM – Wesley House
Troop 338 – Thomas Summers, SM – Third Baptist
Colored Troop 127 – W. A. Rogers, SM – Holloway High School
Troop 115 – Willard Turner, SM – Eagleville
Troop 328 – Sgt. Rhymer Myers, SM – Rockvale
Troop 333 – Quentin Fite, SM – Milton

Colored Troop 221 – Edward Richardson, SM – Rosenwald School, Smyrna
Cub Pack 105 – Rev Hubert Covington, CM – Cumberland Presbyterian
Cub Pack 106 – Dallas Ison, CM – First Methodist
Cub Pack 333 – Quentin Fite, CM – Milton

The Heart of Tennessee District Board of Review had been meeting in Murfreesboro for all Rutherford County troops. In March, they started a new program in which they traveled to the various areas in the county to conduct the Board of Reviews. They visited with Troop 328 in Rockvale on March 13 to start the new process. Thirteen Scouts came before the Board (including 5 Murfreesboro Scouts) for advancement in rank.

Coach John Dixon, Camping and Activities Chairman for the Heart of Tennessee District, planned the Spring Camporee for the Scouts at Cedar Forrest. The camporee began at 8am Saturday morning with Scouts arriving and setting up their camps. There were various Scouting activities with the afternoon highlight, the Adventure Trail where they would be tested along the trail. Points included judging distances, trailing, first aid, compass, signaling and a camp inspection.

Another leader training course was held on three consecutive Sunday afternoons, one course in each county and the fourth session - an overnight camping trip at Cedars of Lebanon. The first session covered organization and leadership in troops, including "Helping the Boy to Grow in Scouting" and "The Patrol Method" which dealt with the organization of patrols - held at Castle Heights Military Academy. The second session at the Murfreesboro Scout Lodge covered more topics on the patrol method and program planning, including patrol and troop meetings. The third meeting was held at Smithville High School covering hiking and camping. All the training was put in place during the 4th session - a campout with the Murfreesboro adult leaders in the Burro Patrol, having positions of Patrol Leader, Assistant Patrol Leader, Scribe, Cheer Leader, Song Leader, Hikemaster, and Quartermaster

In July the Scouts went door to door canvassing neighborhoods for several Saturdays collecting broom and mop handles. They also collected broken toys. These items were taken to the Veterans hospital where the veterans made toys from the wood and fixed the broken toys to be given to children at Christmas. Over 125 broom handles were collected and about 50 old toys from the troops and cub packs participating. Scouts also assisted the Lions Club with their Middle Tennessee Lions Exposition by working in concession stands selling drinks, hot dogs, popcorn and other items during the shows.

The annual Rutherford County Boy Scout fund raising campaign began with breakfast at the Episcopal Church on East Main on Tuesday morning, Oct. 3. Ten team captains were selected with a goal to raise \$4200 for the 1950-1951 year. "Your contribution will make it possible to conduct training courses where our Pack and Troop leaders can receive training under professional leadership, enabling them to bring a most intensified Scouting program to our boys".⁹⁰ Scouting in Middle Tennessee was reaching approximately 14% of boys between 8 and 14. There was still plenty of room for growth. Donations were an investment in the future of our country - a program of character building and leadership development.

At the October Roundtable, held Oct. 31 held at McKnight's Café on Woodbury Highway, the focus was on committee members and their duties and responsibilities. There were also discussions about having a merit badge show the following spring. Commissioner Perry Drake conducted the Roundtable.

The second annual Explorer Camporee at Sewart Air Base was held for the Middle Tennessee Council in November. Over 175 Scouts attended from 38 counties. The program was similar to the prior year.

Clyde Wooten, District Scout Executive from Murfreesboro and Frank Lawrence, Field Scout Executive from the Central District in Nashville directed the weekend events.

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"Strengthen Liberty" is the theme for the 41st Scout birthday celebration during Scout Week. "At 'birthday parties' during Boy Scout Week throughout the nation, each member will re-pledge himself to the Scout Oath or Promise. In each community representatives of the churches, schools, government and business will observe the anniversary with their Scouts. At Unit 'open house' parties, parents, relatives, and members of the chartering institutions will hear a review of the year's program features, service projects, and membership gains.

During Boy Scout Week members of the organization will develop window displays and demonstrations on civil defense and conservation. Each member will inspect his home to make certain no hazards exist. Surprise mobilizations will test Scout efficiency should emergencies arise."⁹¹

Murfreesboro Mayor, Jennings Jones issued an official proclamation -

"WHEREAS, February 8, 1951 is the 41st anniversary of the founding of the Boy Scouts of America, chartered by the Congress of the United States, as a program for all the boys of America, and

WHEREAS, the Boy Scout Program has affected the lives of 17,750,000 American boys and men since 1910, and now has an active enrollment of 2,750,000 and

WHEREAS, the Movement is engaged in a crusade to 'Strengthen Liberty' by giving more boys a richer experience and increase its usefulness to the nation and

WHEREAS, the Boy Scouts of America, a great force for training youth in right character and good citizenship, marks its 41st anniversary by a nationwide clothing collection to meet emergency needs abroad, increased participation in civil defense, and the promotion of the conservation of the nation's natural resources,

NOW THEREFORE, I Jennings A. Jones, Mayor of the City of Murfreesboro in the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim the week of February 6th to 12th as Boy Scout Week and urge our citizens to recognize the patriotic volunteer service being rendered to our community by the volunteer Scout Leaders, and to help in all possible ways, to further this wholesome youth program.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF I have hereunto signed my name officially and caused the Seal of the City of Murfreesboro to be affixed, this 5th day of February, 1951.

Jennings A. Jones, Mayor"⁹²

With a strong emphasis on Scouting in the community, Scouting continued to grow. The Murfreesboro Lions club planned to reorganize Troop 337 in the Westvue community after surveying the boys attending McFadden. About 30 boys were interested in Scouting according to the survey.

Current Troops and Packs:

- Troop 105, First Presbyterian, Leland Blackwood, Scoutmaster, oldest troop in the county, organized in 1919
- Troop 106, First Methodist Church, Charles Henton, Scoutmaster organized in 1932
- Troop 113, First Baptist Church, Walter Hammer, Scoutmaster, 1949

- Troop 338, Third Baptist Church, Nat Weems, Scoutmaster, 1949
- Troop 337, Murfreesboro Lions reorganizing troop began in 1949
- Troop 333, Milton Community Club, J. C. Hancock, 1949
- Troop 127, Bedford Post 177, Negro troop, W. A. Rogers, Scoutmaster, 1948 (and several years prior)
- Troop 221, Rosenwald School PTS, Smyrna, Negro troop, Edward Richardson, Scoutmaster, 1949
- Pack 127, Holloway High School, Negro Cub Pack, J. E. Vaughn, Cubmaster, 1950
- Cub Pack 123, St. Mark's Methodist, William Phillips, Cubmaster, 1950
- Cub Pack 333, Milton Community Club, J. C. Hancock, Cubmaster, 1949

At the February district meeting, several groups were present who were interested in starting programs in their area. Members from the Blackman community were interested in forming a troop, and members from First Baptist Church were interested in forming a Cub Scout Pack. St. Marks Methodist was interested in starting a Boy Scout troop with Jack Shinn as the Scoutmaster.

Changes in the requirements of merit badges for rank changed in 1951. For Star Rank, a Scout must earn one MB from the Citizen or Public Service group, one from either the campcraft, aquatics, outdoor sports, nature or conservation groups, and three other Merit Badges. For Life Rank, a Scout had to earn First Aid, two from the Citizen group, one from the campcraft group, one from outdoor sports or aquatics group, one from nature or conservation group one from personal development group, one from animal husbandry, plant cultivation, communication, transportation or building group, and any other two merit badges. And for Eagle rank, a Scout had to earn camping, cooking, swimming, lifesaving, nature, first aid, personal health, public health, physical development or athletics, safety, firemanship, one from the conservation group, three from the citizenship group, one from outdoor sports group, one from animal husbandry, plant cultivation, communication, transportation or building groups, and any additional 4 merit badges.

Philmont opened in 1942 with 275 Scouts exploring the reservation that year. Attendance was low during the war years. However in 1946 Scouts from all 12 regions of the country attended.⁹³ By 1950, attendance was around 1700 but jumped to more than 5,200 the next year. In 1951, they were developing a new plan to make it possible in the future for a set number of older Scouts to attend Philmont at no cost except for transportation to and from the base, where they would work for a period of time and then have a week to explore the area.

Two Scouts from Tennessee were selected for this first trial group of 30 Scouts (two other groups of 30 came the following weeks). They were both from Troop 105. Explorers Kirk Waite and Pat Walls had both been in the Cub Scout program, moved on to Boy Scouts and were now in the Explorer program. They attended Philmont for four weeks leaving Murfreesboro on June 9th. Their first three weeks were spent "as ranch hands, rounding up and branding cattle, riding herd, running and repairing fences, haying, and all the other many chores that make up ranch life".⁹⁴ And the final week include a burro pack trip, studying conservation, geology and forestry. They went trout fishing, panned for gold and visited Kit Carson's home; saw one of the largest buffalo herds in America and some of the most beautiful scenery in the west.

About a month later, Harold Nygaard, Explorer Scout troop Advisor and Provisional Assistant Scoutmaster for the Middle Tennessee Council contingent along with two other adults, took a group of 30 Scouts on a three week trip (including the travel to and from) to Philmont, including two Scouts from Murfreesboro. Robert Adams and Roger Able from Troop 338, Third Baptist, were part of this group. They left Nashville on July 7th. Their crew went on a northbound trail including a 50 mile burro pack trip

with fishing, hiking, camping, nature study, conservation and a day spent in Cypher's mine panning for gold. On the return trip, they visited Pike's Peak and then on to Salina, Kansas with a stop at Smoky Hill Air base as guests of the St. Louis council.

According to a report in an August Daily News Journal during the prior 12 months (July 1950-July 1951), there was a large increase in Scouting in Middle Tennessee with a "26.5% increase in Scouts, 24.5% increase in adult leaders, and 11.8% increase in the number of units".⁹⁵ It was the largest year in history for Scout advancements. Since 1949, the Boy Scout membership in Middle Tennessee more than doubled in two years.

With the increase in the number of boys, and the overall expansion of Scouting, the annual budget also needed an increase of 8%. The annual fund raising campaign consisted of 16 teams of 6 members with a goal of \$4800. Team captains for 1951 included Herman Jones, P. A. Drake, Frank Marson, Harold Nygaard, Fount Pitts, James D. Brandon, W. D. Adkerson, Rev. Paul Dodd Burns, William Landers, James Bostic, Richard LaRoche, Buford Turpin, Luther Myers, J. B. Heflin, Rev. Hebert Covington, and Melvin Knight. The kickoff breakfast was on Tuesday, Oct. 2 at the First Baptist Church with Middle TN Council leader, C. C. Menzler, as the guest speaker. Over 700 people contributed to the fundraising campaign.

Scouts were asked to assist as ushers at the MTSC vs Vanderbilt football game in Nashville in September and at the Vanderbilt vs Georgia Tech game in October. Richard Parker, District Scout executive for the Heart of Tennessee district met the Scouts 1.5 hours before the game began to assign the uniformed Scouts their sections.

In October, the Middle Tennessee Council Explorers held their third annual encampment weekend at Sewart Air Force base in Smyrna. Following registration on Saturday morning, the Scouts met with their flight leaders. Saturday afternoon they had an opportunity to try the Link Trainer mock plane cockpits, visit the maintenance and engine buildup shop, the C-119 mobile training unit, the flight tower and parachute maintenance shop. After dinner in the mess hall, the Scouts watched a movie at the base theater. On Sunday, following the chapel services, all the Scouts got an up-close look at the C-119s and the new C-122, Chase assault transport plane. The highlight of the weekend was the 'checkout' ride in one of the C-119 "Flying Boxcars".

Also, in October, four troops from the Heart of Tennessee district participated in a district camporee at the Tuckaway farm near Smyrna - Troops 105, 338 and 106 from Murfreesboro participated and Troop 339 from Smyrna hosted the camporee.

By the end of 1951, the Heart of Tennessee district, consisting of Rutherford, Cannon, Wilson, and DeKalb counties had a record number of Scouts with R. E. Parker as Field Executive for the district. The total number of registered Scouts (Cub, Boy Scout and Explorers) was 518 compared to 344 at the end of 1950. Four new units started during the year with several needing to be re-organized. If all units re-charter, there would have been over 600 registered Scouts.

1952 – Forward on Liberty's Team

As part of the annual Scout Week observance, the boys put their names in a hat to be drawn for one of 25 city positions. On Saturday morning, Feb 3, the 25 selected from the drawing took over city and county offices for two hours. During the time, a special City Council meeting was broadcast over the

radio with the Scout conducting the meeting. After the two hours in office, they were guests of the city employees at a luncheon at Al Sullivan's restaurant.

Explorer Scout Post 105 was the only Explorer post in Rutherford County in 1952. When Explorer Scouts became Explorer Posts in 1949, it was the only Explorer Post in Tennessee for two years before more started forming, modeling after the success of the group in Murfreesboro. The post continued to grow with Eddie Griswold, Jr. as post advisor.

To assist with fundraising efforts to build a camping and emergency service trailer, the Explorers held a speed boat race on Todd's Lake, Sunday March 9. It was the first ever speed boat race in the county. They raced three hydroplanes built by the Scouts. Each boat was the same size and made from the same materials and was equipped with identical 5-horsepowered motors so that the race would be decided largely on the skill of the driver. Each boat made speeds of about 25 mph – and drivers wore life vests with a boat standing by "to pick up any spill victims". Nine Explorers participated in three preliminary races around a marked course. The winners in each of the three 10 lap races competed in the final race of 15 laps around the marked buoys.

There was also a photo contest for the best picture made during the race – the winner was given a \$5 cash prize. Admission was charged – 35 cents for adults; 25 cents for children, uniformed Scouts admitted free. Businesses in the community sponsored the event with several nice prizes for the winning team including a camera, rod and reel, and camping equipment.⁹⁶

There were 8 troops active in 1952.

Troop 105 Scoutmaster Woodfin, sponsored by the First Presbyterian Men's club;

Troop 106 Scoutmaster Charlie Hinton, sponsored by First Methodist Church;

Troop 113 Scoutmaster Vernon Welchance, sponsored by First Baptist;

Troop 338 Scoutmaster Brooks Isbell, sponsored by Third Baptist;

Troop 344 Scoutmaster Coach Brad Miller, sponsored by Walter Hill PTA;

Troop 123 Scoutmaster William C. Phillips, sponsored by St. Marks Methodist.

Troop 127 Scoutmaster S. M. Rogers, sponsored by Holloway High School

Troop 339 Smyrna, Scoutmaster Dr. George Goodall

Five packs:

Pack 106 Cubmaster Charles Paris, sponsored by First Methodist

Pack 127 Cubmaster, J. E. Vaughn Jr., sponsored by Holloway High School

Pack 123 Cubmaster, William C. Phillips, sponsored by St. Mark's Methodist

Pack 128 Cubmaster, Ed Eatherly, sponsored by the Murfreesboro City Club

Pack in Smyrna, Cubmaster, Dr. Woolridge

And one Explorer Post – Post 105, Advisor Eddie Griswold, sponsored by First Presbyterian Men's Club. T. W. Fisher is District Chairman, and Richard Parker is District Executive.

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The Middle Tennessee Council held a Merit Badge Show in Nashville in April at the fairgrounds. Eighty-four troops from Middle Tennessee competed in the event with over 12,000 people visiting – three troops from Murfreesboro competed. Troop 105 won first place in pioneering; Troop 113 won second place in cooking and Post 105 took third place in the emergency trailer competition.

The Spring Camporee saw about 100 Scouts from Murfreesboro participating along with about 100 Scouts from Wilson County for its first ever three-day camporee. The event took place at Cedar Forest near Lebanon with competitions each day including compass work, knot tying, tent pitching, leaf identification and more. Awards and the grand champion patrol were announced at the Court of Honor and campfire on Saturday evening.

The Explorer Post desired sought ways to increase its emergency equipment fund and in June sponsored their first midget car race. The ¾ sized cars powered by motorcycle engines raced around an eighth of a mile track at the Murfreesboro Supply baseball diamond on Shelbyville Highway. There were 11 drivers

from Nashville all members of the Nashville Racing Association and experienced drivers (Scouts did not drive). Racing included 5 events, including 3 heats, one consolation race and a 15 lap feature race. Admission to the race was 65 cents for adults. Children under 12 years old were admitted free with their parent. Two other midget car races were held during the summer to assist with the fundraising.

In August, the Smyrna Explorer Post 339, sponsored by the Smyrna Lions Club, hosted a hayride including their dates.

In September, the District committee announced changes within the committees. The Rev. Paul Dodd Burns, Pastor of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, was announced as the District Chairman. Chaplain J. L. Malone, Chaplain at the Veterans Administration, was Chairman of the Organization and Extension Committee; P. A. Drake, retired from the Carnation Plant, Chairman of the Leadership Training Committee; R. G. Wilson, Foreman at the Carnation plant, was Chair of the Advancement Committee and a Commissioner; W. E. Landers, Manager at Murfreesboro Electric, Finance Chairman; Jack R. Houston, owner of Murfreesboro Plumbing and Heating was Camping and Activities Chair; and Dr. George Goodall, owner and Physician at the Goodall Clinic in Smyrna was the Health and Safety Chairman.

With the reorganization and renewed interest in Scouting during the late 1940s and early 1950s, Scouting grew, and Murfreesboro soon had its next Eagle Scout, Max Malone from Post 105. He received his award at the Court of Honor in May. A few months later two Scouters received their Eagle awards - Albert Williams, Jr. and Eddie Griswold Jr., Explorer Post 105 advisor. Eddie Griswold, Jr. was 23 at the time. Scout executives said that only 1 in 10,000 Scouts ever make Eagle Rank. Albert Williams also received his God and Country medal and 4 merit badges at the Court of Honor.

For the first forty years in Scouting, adults were able to participate in the advancement program, including earning merit badges and ranks. After 1952, all requirements had to be completed by the Scout's 18th birthday with exceptions for Scouts with permanent disabilities.⁹⁷

In October, the annual Scout Fund giving campaign started with about 20 teams. Members included Judge Shelton Edwards, Sheriff George Sharpe, Baxter Hobgood, Fire Chief Buck Qualls, Chief of Police, N. W. Powers, MTSC President Q. M. Smith, and many others serving either on the team or as team captains.

Sewart Air Base was again the site of the 4th annual Middle Tennessee Council Air Explorer Encampment in October with over 240 Explorers coming for the two day event concluding on Sunday with an orientation flight in a twin-engine troop carrier plane. Also in November, a Cub Scout pack organizes at Sewart Air base with about 40 boys, children of military personnel stationed at the base and a Cub Scout Pack organizes at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Pack 128 with Dr. Harry McTyre as Cubmaster.

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Q. M. Smith, president of MTSC announced that the college would include a course in Scout Leadership Training in the course catalog. It would be for 3 credits and cover the "Aims and objectives of the Boy Scout movement, organization and leadership in Scouting, Scout crafts and skills, and the recreational values found in Scouting and outdoor life. District Chairman, Rev. Burns said no other college in the area offered a course like this.

The Middle Tennessee Council continued focusing on increased membership. A new troop organized at Mitchell-Neilson School with E. C. Dittrich as Scoutmaster. Rev. Paul Burns, District Chairman called a

special meeting of the District Committee which is composed of the Institutional Representatives of each troop, pack or post, and members of the operating committee, and the Commissioner staff to plan a membership recruiting strategy.

A membership drive was conducted in conjunction with the observance of Boy Scout Week. Twenty-Four institutions in the Heart of Tennessee District, Rutherford and Cannon Counties, were contacted and given plans to learn about the program – mostly these were community clubs, Parent Teacher Associations and churches. Civic clubs were asked to provide 10 men each to assist. An introductory dinner was held at the Middle Tennessee State College Student Union building for this group.

The district assigned two men to each of the 24 institutions and 5 members from each institution were invited to attend. Even before the dinner, six of these groups had already decided to sponsor units – Bethel Community club, Midland Community Club, Sewart Air Base, McFadden PTA, Cumberland Presbyterian Church and Mitchell-Neilson PTA. The district presented three Liberty Bell Trophies to the first three units completing the organizational paperwork. Cumberland Presbyterian received the second bell. The liberty bells were of “cast metal, bronze colored and about 5 inches high. They were mounted on a wooden base bearing the Scout emblem, in metal”.⁹⁸ Several Scouts spoke at the meeting, Eagle Scout Max Malone discussed the benefits of Scouting as they apply to leadership, Explorer Scout Albert Williams spoke on the advancement program, and Scout Graden Kirksey told how he had benefited from Scouting, and Cub Scout Charles Smith told how he was enthusiastic about becoming a full-fledged Boy Scout. MTSC President, QM Smith hosted the evening outlining the new Scout Leadership Program which was soon to be a regular course at the college.

P. A. Drake, the Heart of Tennessee leadership training chairman, held Basic training for the new Scout leaders. Training was one evening a week for 6 weeks in order to be certified. About 30 showed up for the training at Middle Tennessee State College.

April 25-26, the third annual Middle Tennessee Council 1953 Scout Exposition was held again in Nashville at the fairgrounds for all age groups. “The Exposition does more than anything for the individual Scout. By giving him the responsibility of taking part in a public demonstration, he is able to show his elders and fellow citizens the things Scouting is accomplishing”.⁹⁹ Projects from Pioneering to Civil Defense were on display. All the Scouts gathered in full uniform at the start of the show each day and evening to present the traditional opening and closing ceremonies. Ruffin’ Reddy, Jim Sanders, of the WSM-TV’s Western Corral TV show helped open the Exposition on Saturday, and the Tennessee Industrial School Band took part in the Sunday opening ceremonies. Tickets sold for the Exposition were used to pay for the property and facilities for Camp Boxwell at Rock Island. Nearly 90 units presented displays.

Several units from Murfreesboro participated including Troop 105 with a forestry exhibit. Their exhibit “will be cross-sections of over 15 various types of logs and descriptions of methods in determining their age; a pictorial history of twigs and leaves; samples of erosion, and exhibits showing the importance of fire control. A miniature replica of a forest made with seedlings also will be on display”.¹⁰⁰ Sewart Air Force Base Pack 314 also had an Indian exhibit at the show. Troop 105 won a blue ribbon for the second year with their exhibit.

In 1953, the BSA held its 3rd National Jamboree in Santa Ana, California July 17-23. Harold Nygaard from Murfreesboro (had been Scoutmaster of Troop 105 and advisor of Post 105) attended the Jamboree as the MT Council contingent’s Scoutmaster along with 35 Scouts from Middle Tennessee. They left Nashville July 10th for the Jamboree and sightseeing. Over 45,000 Scouts attend the Jamboree.

Eight Scouts in Middle TN, led by Richard Parker, from Murfreesboro, took a 209 mile canoe trip from the McMinnville dock on Center Hill Lake to Nashville in August. They completed the trip in 6 days with four canoes.

The annual Scout fund drive began officially Oct. 15th with a \$4,000 goal for the Heart of Tennessee (Rutherford and Cannon Counties) according to W. E. Landers, Chairman of the Finance Campaign. The district had 22 units and 412 Scouts. Landers, Manager of the Murfreesboro Electric Department had been Finance Chairman for the district in 1952, and a member of the Middle Tennessee Council Executive Board – before being appointed as Chairman of the Heart of Tennessee district for 1954. Governor Frank Clement, serving as General Finance Chairman for the Middle Tennessee Council said “Scouting is an essential part of the American way of life and that every citizen in the State of Tennessee should use his energies, talents and give his money to the support of such a worthwhile program”.¹⁰¹ Mayor Jennings A. Jones, of Murfreesboro issued an official proclamation declaring “Oct 15 through Oct 20 as a period during which local citizens should continue to finance the Boy Scout movement”.¹⁰² With 412 boys in Rutherford and Cannon counties served by the Boy Scout program, 4000 boys need Scouts in these counties.

Troop 105 sold Christmas trees for \$1.00 a piece to help two families during the Christmas season. With the proceeds, they provided a ton of coal to one family and a basket of food to another family with three children.

1954 – Forward on Liberty’s Team

Troop 123 – St. Marks, Ben Phillips Scoutmaster

Troop 359 – Training School PTA, Louis Steele, Scoutmaster (later in the year Percy E. Dempsey, Scoutmaster)

Troop 106 – 1st Methodist, Rev. Triplett, Scoutmaster

Troop 105 – 1st Presbyterian, Ben Sikes, Scoutmaster

Troop 358 – Mitchell-Neilson, Ernest Dittrich, Scoutmaster

Troop 339 – Smyrna, John Buckner, Scoutmaster

Troop 113 – Sewart AFB, Maj. Bailey Scoutmaster

Troop 340 – Buchanan, Bruce Cline and Price Snell, Scoutmaster

Troop 327 – Henry Hoover, Scoutmaster, Woodbury

Troop 107 (new in 1954) American Legion, Jud Deakins, Scoutmaster

Even though the Scouts in the Heart of Tennessee are too young to “give blood and save a life, they could perform a community service and a Scout Good Turn by trying to have pledge cards signed by those who could”.¹⁰³ Scouts from several troops canvassed the area to ask adults to donate a pint of blood at several blood drives during the year at the 1st Methodist Church.

As the annual Anniversary week came around in 1954, the Scouts continued to ‘take over’ offices in the city and county government for an hour on Saturday morning. About 40 Scouts participated.

Instead of a Scout Exposition in 1954, the Middle Tennessee Council sponsored a “Scout Circus” April 9-10. As part of this year’s program, Scouts from the Heart of Tennessee joined with Scouts from Lebanon and Smithville, over 400 Scouts in all, took part in “The Story of Blood Brothers”. The story to be portrayed:

“Two young Indian lads who did not have brothers in their own teepees are granted the traditional privilege of pledging blood brotherhood by their council. They are seen completing the ceremonial rites by slashing their left wrists and mingling their blood after days of fasting. By so doing, each pledges on his honor to observe the obligation of brotherhood and to answer any call of one to the other both in life and death.

Several years following, one of the brothers is killed while hunting and the one left alone grieves for his brother so much eventually his mind becomes deranged. He becomes unmanageable and the Tribal Council meets to consider his fate. He is seen threatening and menacing the members of the Council even as they meet. The decree is that he must be put to death and the medicine men carry out their instructions. However, the deranged brother has a flash of rational understanding just before his death and realizes that his spirit will be eternally condemned to wander in an unknown world and that he will be separated from his blood brother, as was the belief of the red man. In wild desperation, he calls to his spirit blood brother to come to him. The spirit blood brother answers the call and through the strength of his devotion revives this condemned brother and leads him away to the spirit world where they will be together.

The tribe assembled to know the action of the Council is amazed at the living demonstration of their belief and dance the ceremonial dance of joy.”¹⁰⁴

P. A. Drake and Chuck Henion (aka Chief Swift Eagle) from the Heart of America Council in Kansas City Missouri, considered an authority on Indians, directed the Scouts in the program as they practiced their parts. The large group of Scouts was needed for the blood brother dance at the beginning and ending of the script. Dave Overton, WSM-TV, narrated the story while the Scouts performed their parts. This was a large undertaking with several rehearsals before the event.

Not to be left out of performing, St. Mark’s Cub Scout Pack 123, presented the Wizard of Oz for their March meeting.

In June, Scouts held their Heart of Tennessee District Camporee on Short Mountain, the tallest peak in Middle Tennessee on land owned by Dr. J. F. Adams of Woodbury. The camporee was June 4-7 included planning and preparing meals, Scout crafts and an 8 mile hike. Highlight of the camporee was the district’s Court of Honor where several ranks and merit badges were presented.

In July, a new troop was formed with the American Legion as its Charter Organization, Troop 107. They held their first meeting at the Scout lodge with J. C. Deakins as Scoutmaster with 20 boys present. At the meeting, they planned their first campout. The boys on the east side of town would meet at the Scout Lodge. Boys living on the western side of town met at McFadden School. The groups met up at Freelin Harrell’s farm on Franklin Pike and camp along the Stones River.

Schools often held field days in the spring with various outdoor contests. In August, the Heart of Tennessee district held a Field day from 9am – 4:30pm on the last Friday of the month at Central High School. The activities during the morning consisted of making a signal tower, building a monkey bridge, compass work, craft and first aid. They broke for lunch to cook over open fires. The afternoon was spent on water activities – life-saving, water relays, diving (jack knife, running dive, swan dive and comical dive) and swimming. The event was hosted by the Murfreesboro Recreation Department. Judging was based on a point system – 100 points for 1st place, 75 points for second, 50 for third, and 25 for fourth.

In 1954, Richard Parker was the District Executive for several counties in Middle Tennessee including the Heart of Tennessee District, Walton Trail District, Warren and White Counties, 8 counties total. The Scouters in Rutherford County sought to hire a Scout Executive to work strictly with the Heart of Tennessee District. When the fund raising campaign began in October “One of the important facets of the projected goal, is that if it is raised, part of the money will be used to pay the salary of a District Executive who will spend the greater share of his time in this area, in contrast to the present Scout Executive who serves eight counties”.¹⁰⁵ To assist with the campaign, Mayor A. L. Todd presented an official proclamation urging citizens to support the Scout Finance Week to make the campaign the most successful ever.

At the time, there was confusion regarding the fundraising and a public meeting was held to answer questions. In 1948 there were about 60 active boys in Scouts; by 1954, it had grown to over 800. It was the fastest growing area in the state. Several different fund raising drives were held at the same time as the Scouts were seeking funds. Mr. Landers, District Chairman, explained that there two distinct phases of Scout work “On one side are the men and women who activate the Scout program and keep it moving; on the other are the men and women who raise the money”.¹⁰⁶ Both are important. Part of the confusion may have been that although registered adults paid \$1 fee, and the fundraising plan was to raise money for a full-time paid staff member.

Many in the community did not understand what the funds were being used for. Ward Akers, from Nashville explained “several points showing how the volunteer and paid workers operate.”¹⁰⁷ He said “Our basic failing, if there is one, seems to be our success in ‘selling’ the organization to youth of the nation, and our failure to sell it to the parents. Although the Scout movement has been in operation 46 years, thousands of parents of Scouts have little idea what it does for their children. Scouting is a great deal more than camping and hiking. It is an organization dedicated to making better citizens of the youth of the nation”.¹⁰⁸ The goal was set at \$4,500.

With Christmas around the corner, the Scouts in the community assisted with the annual Christmas Seals drive to help fight tuberculosis. They prepared and stuffed 10,000 pieces to be mailed to the area residents.

At the last Court of Honor for the year, two Explorer Scouts received their Eagle rank, Harold Nygaard and Ralph Williams. The Court of Honor was held at the Scout Lodge.

In 1954, W. E. Landers, Chairman of the Heart of Tennessee District received the Silver Beaver award from the Middle Tennessee Council. He was the first Heart of Tennessee District member to receive this award.

1955 – Building for a Better Tomorrow

James Shubert is Field Scout Executive.
W.E. Landers is District Chairman

The Scouts started the year with a Merit Badge program conducted at the Middle Tennessee State College (MTSC). Plans were to conduct these ‘clinics’ monthly. Over 40 Scouts participated in the clinic. Three merit badges were introduced with 23 Scouts taking part in Athletics, 29 in Personal Fitness, and 5 in First Aid. Dr. Francis Riel from the Physical Education department at MTSC directed the program. Scoutmasters and committee members were expected to attend as well.

As part of the BSA week-long 45th Anniversary celebrations, Scouts organized displays in the store windows around the square “to attract the eyes of passersby”.¹⁰⁹ This year marks the completion of the first year of the National Conservation Good Turn that the BSA undertook at the request of President Eisenhower.

The district held their annual appreciation banquet, Friday, February 11th at the Mitchell-Neilson school cafeteria. The organizers expected about 125 to attend, but due to snow predictions, about 75 actually attended. The district’s first Long Rifle awards were presented along with the Liberty Bell, a special award “presented to the institution having the largest number of representatives at the meeting.”¹¹⁰ In 1953 the Middle Tennessee Council began issuing Long Rifle Awards. The Heart of Tennessee awarded their 1st Long Rifle in 1955. The Long Rifle Award is given to honor a person who has provided outstanding service to youth in the community at the district level. The Middle Tennessee Council first issued the award, and the National Council took notice. They created the District Award of Merit award in 1971 fashioning it after the Middle Tennessee Council Long Rifle Award. Today, the Middle Tennessee Council still calls the award, the Long Rifle Award, other councils refer to the award as the District Award of Merit.

Ward Akers, Scout Executive from the Middle Tennessee Council was guest speaker thanking the leaders for providing the opportunity of Scouting to our youth. “He pointed out that thousands of boys from this area, will one day soon, step out from the school room to soldiering – many of them without having any training in self-reliance”.¹¹¹ Many boys in the area want to become Scouts, and unless we are dedicated to the task of making that happen, some may miss the opportunity to know Scouting.

The new district officers were installed at the banquet – W. E. Landers as District Chairman, Steve Smith and J. H. Larimer of Smyrna and Woodbury as Co-Chairmen, Perry Drake as District Commissioner, W. C. Phillips, Organization and Extension; Dr. Carl E. Adam, Finance; Rev. Marquis Triplett, Advancement. Francis J. Riel was installed as Leadership Training Chairman; Frank J. Cheney, Health and Safety Chairman and Douglas Sparks, Public Relations.

The Long Rifle “Awards were given to Ben H. Sikes, Scoutmaster of Troop 105, sponsored by the First Presbyterian Church; Henry Hoover, Scoutmaster Troop 327, sponsored by the Woodbury Lions Club; Mrs. Thomas Dillon, a Den Mother for Cub Scout Pack 123, St. Mark’s Methodist Church; W. C. Phillips, in charge of organization and extension, and Perry Drake, Commissioner, both members of the local District Committee”.¹¹² The Liberty Bell award for attendance went to Cub Scout Pack 123 from St. Mark’s. Cubmaster Robert Richardson accepted for the Pack.

Sewart Air Base hosted an open house event this year as part of the 45th Anniversary of Scouting. About 3000 Scouts from the Middle Tennessee area attended along with their parents and leaders. The event was held Saturday, February 20th from 1pm till 5pm with an exhibit of airplanes including the C-119, H-19, and H-21 helicopters, a visit to base operations, a view of the Link Trainer, and movies in the base theater. All Scouts, including Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and Explorers were invited.

On March 17, 1955, Eagle Scout Harold Nygaard, was selected by the Middle Tennessee Council to attend the Boy Scout’s 8th World Jamboree at Niagara-on-the Lake, Ontario, Canada, August 17-25, held the first time outside of Europe. “He is one of eight boys so honored in Middle Tennessee and one of 100 selected from a five state area, including Tennessee, Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Alabama. He was selected by a special board on a basis of his rank in Scouting, the number of years he has been an active Scout, his service to his troop, his community accomplishments and his school accomplishments”.¹¹³ Harold was a member of Troop 105, had been in Scouting for 4 years and a member of the Boy Scout

Camp staff at Boxwell (near Walling, TN). Harold Nygaard, Sr. was selected as Scoutmaster for the regional contingent, Troop 19. He attended similar events in the past – one to New Mexico and another to Irvine Ranch in California. Nygaard was in charge of 33 Scouts from 5 states. The entire trip lasted 17 days with stops at a naval air station, Fr. Knox, KY, the Ford Motor Company and Plymouth Motor Plants in Detroit. They spent one day at the Toronto Exhibition, similar to the World’s Fair in the US, where the Scouts officially opened the fair

The Heart of Tennessee District held a Court of Honor April 1 at Mitchell-Neilson school. The host troop took care of the “traditional candlelighting ceremony – regarded by the Boy Scouts as one of the most beautiful in pageantry of Scouting”.¹¹⁴ Parents were asked to participate in the ceremony by standing with their sons as each Scout received their awards. The Heart of Tennessee District was third in the council in advancements during March. In February, they were first in the council with advancements.

The Rockvale Community Club voted to sponsor a troop, Troop 435, in April with John D. Pinkerton as Scoutmaster, Frank A. Hayes as Assistant Scoutmaster and Herbert Bowling as Committee Chair.

The first Den Chief training course ever scheduled in the area was held in April at the MTSC. James Schubert, Scout Executive for this area, and Francis Riel, MTSC Coach, and several den mothers helped in the training. After training, the Scouts ate at the cafeteria and spent the afternoon swimming at the MTSC pool.

Later in April, the Middle Tennessee Council held the annual Explorer Encampment at Sewart Air Force Base. The highlight for the nearly 250 Explorers was a flight taken on the Douglas C-124 Globemaster aircraft. The C-124 is equipped to carry 200 troops with their gear. For the Scouts, the Globemaster planned to take two flights with 125 Scouts in each.

In May, Scouts again took over several city and county offices for one hour of service celebrating “Citizenship Day”. After their hour, from 11am – noon, they were treated to a luncheon as guests of Albert Williams, and then attend a movie at the Princess theater as their guest.

Another first for Scouting in for the Heart of Tennessee District was the first crossover ceremony for Webelos Scouts. As typical of most Scout ceremonies, this was very impressive. Cub Scout Pack 123 held the ceremony at St. Marks Methodist Church. Robert Richardson, Cubmaster presented the awards and arrow points to the eligible Cub Scouts. “Steve Parkhurst, torchbearer for the Cubs led his den members to a rustic “bridge” symbolizing the crossover from Cub Scouting to the Boy Scout program.”¹¹⁵ They were met at the bridge by Scoutmaster Danny Morris. Scout Richard Graham then led them over to the Scout campfire.

Note: The Webelos Rank was created in 1941 for 11 year old boys who had earned the Lion Badge. They were not called Webelos Scouts at this time, and they remained in a regular Cub Scout Lion den working their last few months of Cub Scouting on the Webelos rank. There wasn’t a specific handbook for Webelos – but a page in the Lions Cub Scout Book explained the Webelos rank.

“The name WEBELOS (say Wee-belos) is like the name of an Indian tribe. It’s the word to use when you want to talk about all of the boys everywhere who are Cub Scouts.

The letters W-B-L-S in Webelos are the first letters of the Cub Scout Ranks which lead up to Boy Scouting – WOLF, BEAR, LION, SCOUT.¹¹⁶

In the spring of 1954, the Webelos Den was created for 10 ½ year olds who had earned the Lion Rank. The Webelos became their own den outside of the Lion Den. The Webelos program was organized to help keep the interest of the older boys and help transition them into the Boy Scout program. A Lion-Webelos handbook was published in 1954. In 1967, Lion rank was discontinued and became a part of the Webelos program. The first Webelos handbook was published in 1967. Webelos then took on the meaning – ‘We’ll Be Loyal Scouts’. In 1986, the Webelos program was expanded to cover the last two years of Cub Scouts.¹¹⁷

In June, the new Rockvale Troop 435 held a music night at Rockvale High school to raise funds for the troop. They had a string band and three gospel quartets performing. Admission was 50 cents for adults and 25 cents for children. The Scouts operated a concession stand to augment the fundraising.

Fifty three Scouts from the Heart of Tennessee attended summer camp at Boxwell near McMinnville. The Scouts were encouraged to all attend the same week - July 3-10. All but one troop from Smyrna Air base attended the July 3 week. The Smyrna troop attended the next week. Cost for camp was \$15 for the early bird rate, \$19 for late registration.

At the July district Court of Honor, three Scouts were ‘tabbed’ in a colorful ceremony for Ordeal Candidates into the Order of the Arrow by OA members dressed in Indian regalia. “The Order of the Arrow is a National Honor Society composed of outstanding campers in the Boy Scouts.”¹¹⁸ The district had 9 local members in the OA – the first OA members in Rutherford County. Tapped out, were Jimmy Luscinski, Walter Wharton, and Jimmy Triplett. Currently in the OA, Albert Williams, Jerry Jackson, Jr., Lynn White, Fred Kerr, Butch Williams, Bobby Jarrett, Harold Nygaard, Jr. , Ben Sikes and Harold Nygaard, Sr. Also at the Court of Honor, Johnny Criner of Troop 106 received his Eagle Rank. His father, J. C. Criner was Scoutmaster for Troop 106. Forty-five other Scouts received awards and merit badges.

The 1955 annual fundraising kickoff consisted of a donut and coffee drop-in meeting at Sullivan’s Restaurant at College and Maple Street. Workers were invited to stop by to pick up their contact cards. Over 400 boys were in the Scouting program. The fundraising goal was \$8000. Murfreesboro Mayor, A. L. Todd issued a proclamation declaring a two week period from Nov 8 – 21 as the Boy Scout Annual Finance Drive and encouraged citizens to help keep Scouting alive. Some of the workers included Baxter Hobgood, Joe Black Hayes, Howard Kirksey, Ben Hall McFarlin, Q M Smith, and W. E Landers.

At the Council’s annual planning meeting in Nashville in December, The Heart of Tennessee District came in third place in the number of merit badges awarded this year and was awarded a silver trophy. They also came in third place in the number of Scouts advancing during the year with 60% advancing. Buffalo River District came in 1st place with 90% and Cogioba in 2nd place with 63%.

As the holiday season approached, the troops were active in charity activities. Troop 107 helped the American Legion prepare baskets in their annual “aid to the underprivileged” drive which also included the Big Brother paper sale which helped purchase food and necessities for those needing help. The Mitchell-Neilson troop prepared letters to mail to Rutherford County citizens as part of the Christmas Seals program to aid Tuberculosis patients.

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James Shubert, Scout Executive

Edwin Ayers District Chairman

Perry Drake Commissioner

Troop 106, First Methodist Bobby Hawkins/Adrian Leming, Scoutmaster
Troop 107 American Legion C. J. Deakins, Scoutmaster
Troop 123 St Marks Methodist – T. C. Dillon, Scoutmaster
Troop 327 Woodbury Lions – Harold Smith/George Bragg, Scoutmaster
Troop 358 Mitchell Nelson Ernest C. Dittrich, Scoutmaster
Troop 359 Training School -Percy Dempsey, Scoutmaster

The year started with a district Court of Honor hosted by Troop 106 at St. Marks, Bobby Hawkins, Scoutmaster. About 20 Scouts received rank and 40 received merit badges. A few weeks later the MTSC held a merit badge clinic offering help with Swimming, Personal Fitness, First Aid, Lifesaving, Fingerprinting and Archery. Over 60 Scouts participated in the event led by Francis Riel of the Phys Ed department.

At the beginning of Scout Week, Cub Scout Pack 123 at St. Mark's held a crossover ceremony for two Cub Scouts crossing over to Troop 359, Percy Dempsey Scoutmaster. There were over 175 persons jammed into St. Marks for the impressive program. The two received their Webelos badge, then crossed over to the troop. There are 56 Cub Scouts in the pack.

During the prior year, 92 boys were added to the Scouting program; 25 Cub Scouts, 47 Boy Scouts and 20 new Explorer Scouts. The district had an overall gain of 20%. A contest was started in the district in October, 1955 for the troop with the most advancement. At the Sunday evening church service at St. Marks during Scout week, it was announced that Troop 123 won the award, and the Eagle Patrol in first place with the most merit badges. The patrol was treated to a three-day trip to Camp Tsatannoga near Chattanooga, TN. The trip included some Scouting activities as well as visits to points of interest in Chattanooga. Scoutmaster Thomas Dillon saw his troop increase their members from 11 to 33, complete 68 merit badges and have 17 advancements in rank – in the four month period.

Troop 106 at First Methodist, had three Eagle Scouts receive the God and Country award at an impressive awards ceremony at the morning church service. At the time, to receive the God and Country award, the Scout *“must be familiar with the books of the Bible and have committed certain essential portions of the scripture to memory. He must be able to lead in public prayer. He must know the missionary program of his church and have cooperated in some mission activity. He must have rendered special service in the church through the choir, running errands, helping to maintain property and equipment and he must have participated in a youth conference, assembly or church camp. He must be familiar with the organization of the National Council of Churches and with the United Christian Youth Movement. A Scout becomes eligible for the God and Country Award after a conference with his minister who places in his hands guidance materials and a record book for his record of advancement. From time to time he meets with his pastor over a period of at least one year until all requirements have been fulfilled.”*¹¹⁹ Also at the morning church service, other Scout awards were presented including several rank advancements and merit badges.

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INSTITUTIONAL REPRESENTATIVE

MARQUIS TRIPLETT

COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

J. B. JACKSON

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ROBERT HAWKINS

These officials have been duly certified and are officially registered by the National Council to meet the responsibilities of their respective offices in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Boy Scouts of America.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF the National Council has caused this charter to be signed by its officers and its corporate seal to be affixed.

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NATIONAL SCOUT COMMISSIONER

Frank ...
CHIEF SCOUT

Carl ...
CHIEF SCOUT EXECUTIVE



The Middle Tennessee Council hosted a Scout Circus in Nashville at the Fairgrounds on April 27 and 28. More than 125 Rutherford County Scouts participated in the Indian performance at the Circus with over 7000 attending from the Middle Tennessee area. Tickets cost 75 cents for general admission or trade in two general admission tickets for one reserved ticket.

In April a plea was posted in the paper for 8 more Scout Leaders to come forward to volunteer. Two troops would be losing their Scoutmasters soon and there were over 130 Cub Scouts ready to move to Boy Scouts in the fall. "Every council in the nation is no better than the men who head the Scout troops, for upon them rest the important task of guiding the boys along the proper paths to citizenship, but they must be able to win and hold the confidence of the boys through their character and interest in the boys."¹²⁰

The Heart of Tennessee's Spring Camporee was held the last weekend in May at Dr. R. L. Gamewell's farm near Barfield. (Note: In 1956, Memorial Day was recognized on May 30. It wasn't until 1971 that Congress made Memorial Day a national holiday and Memorial Day was moved to the last Monday of the month guaranteeing that the holiday would be part of a three day weekend.) The Camporee focused on Scout skills for 2nd class and 1st class rank requirements. The afternoon was spent on various recreational activities with the evening campfire with all Scouts participating in songs and skits. Over 100 Scouts attended. Sunday morning after the church service, awards were given out.

In June, the Smyrna Ministerial Association sponsored a new troop with 16 boys joining according to James Schubert, the Heart of Tennessee Scout Executive. Robert Seward, Jr became the Scoutmaster with George Young as Committee Chair and Thurman B. Francis was on the committee.

As part of citizenship training, the Scout Council provided placards for the Scouts to place in various businesses in Murfreesboro, Smyrna and Woodbury. The placards were to remind people to register and vote. Over 100 placards were distributed.

Eighty-nine Scouts from the Heart of Tennessee attended Camp Boxwell near Walling TN – representing 8 troops in the district. Richard Parker was Camp Director for the week. The 8 troops attended camp the 1st week of August. Later in August, the district held a Field Day at Central High School. In addition to the field day type events, Scouts participated in various water events included swimming, diving, lifesaving and underwater swimming. They cooked dinner on the school grounds using mess kits over open fires.

At the Court of Honor in September, 52 Boy Scouts advanced in rank and 34 received Scout Awards representing 6 troops. Jay Salvage and Ransom Jones received their Eagle Scout badges.

At the Cannon County Fair in September, 60 Boy Scouts from the Heart of Tennessee District participated in the fair's program by performing the Indian ritual "Blood Brothers" along with their Scoutmasters. This was the program that they did as part of the Scout Circus in Nashville several months earlier.

A Junior Leader Conference was held at Boxwell to help the patrol leaders develop methods to make their troops better. The Heart of Tennessee District had representatives and Scoutmasters from 8 troops attend the training.

Troop 123 from St. Marks Methodist took a weekend trip to the Cherokee Indian Fair near Cherokee, North Carolina. They camped at the Smoky Mountain camping grounds in North Carolina and worked on the Indian Lore merit badge.

1957

On February 5, 1957, Ransom Jones, Troop 123; Roger Landers and John Salvage, Troop 359; and Roy Nickols, Troop 106 attended the First annual Eagle Scout Banquet held in honor of the 1956 class of Eagle Scout at the Maxwell House in Nashville. The Heart of Tennessee had 4 Eagle Scouts out of 108 in the Council attaining the Eagle rank during the previous year. The Scouts were guests of George Nicks, Vanderbilt Engineer, Dr. Robert Bogle, Jr., Dentist, Professor Ford of Austin Peay State College and Ross Bryan, Civil Engineer. "The class of Eagle Scouts were dedicated to Wilbur F. Creighton, Sr. in honor of a Scouter who has spent a lifetime in devoted service to the youth of Middle Tennessee".¹²¹ Scoutmasters Percy Dempsey, T359 and Thomas Dillon, T123 also attended with W. E. Landers, past Chairman of the Heart of Tennessee. The Eagle Scouts were presented a neckerchief in honor of the occasion.

James Schubert, the Heart of Tennessee and Black Fox district Scout Executive moved to the Upper Cumberland district in February. He retained the Black Fox district and E. Al Furline, formerly with the Walton Trail District in Lebanon became the new Heart of Tennessee District Executive. The Heart of Tennessee district consists of Rutherford and Cannon Counties.

In March, the district held its annual appreciation dinner at First Methodist Church to honor Scout leaders. Harry Elam, a Scouter from Springfield, TN for over 35 years and currently the Council's Leadership Training Chairman and a District Commissioner was the guest speaker. Mrs. William E. Landers, Kellum Johnson, Major Alford A Stewart, Percy Dempsey and Carl Dittrich, Jr. all received the Long Rifle Award for service to the district.

Later in 1957, the 5th National Jamboree was held in Valley Forge, PA – "Onward for God and My Country". Five young men from Rutherford County made the trip – Jay Salvage, Ransom Jones, Barry Dillon, Carl Dittrich and Bobby Jarrett. Over 52,000 Scouts and Explorers paid \$50 to participate in the Jamboree, not including the cost to and from Valley Forge, PA. They were greeted by Vice-President Richard Nixon and entertained by Jimmy Dean.

On October 15th, the District held the Court of Honor with over 350 awards and advancements being presented – one of the largest Courts of Honor in the district's history. There were over 40 rank advancements and a very active several months of merit badge activity.

Closing out the year, Cub Scout dens participated in the Christmas Eve Christmas Caroling sponsored by the Charity Circle. Troop 106 assisted with getting toys ready to hand to children in the area.

1958

Richard LaRoche District Chairman.

E. Al Furline, Scout Executive

In observance of Boy Scout week, Troop 106 set up a camp display in front of First Methodist Church with tents, cooking area and camp gadgets made from lashings.

The Spring Show-and-do Camporee was held May 16-18 at Will Martin's farm near Jefferson Springs with about 150 Scouts attending. Following a 6am reveille, the Scouts cooked breakfast and had a leaders meeting at 8am. Activities ran from 8:30am – 11:30am with a surprise event at 10am. Afternoon activities included fire building, compass work, first aid, train signs, tracking pit, silent signals, knot tying, axemanship, edible plants and wood lore - all on a show-and-do basis.

In October, the Scouts helped deliver 25,000 Civil Defense “Handbook for Emergencies” designed to assist families in knowing how to meet natural and national emergencies. More than 40 million booklets were delivered nationwide by the Boy Scouts.

St Rose Catholic Church held an organizational meeting in October for a troop and pack to be sponsored by the church.

During the 1950s, Scouting saw a tremendous growth and involvement with the community. The Courts of Honor continued to be a district wide event, with a different troop hosting the ceremony several times throughout the year. Between the 1938 and 1958, Scouting in the Middle Tennessee area increased by nearly 1000%.

Year	#Scouts	# Units	# Adults
1938	2687	119	No record
1943	4145	182	935
1948	5421	254	1650
1953	10902	444	3489
1958	20104	730	6324
Source: 1959 Boxwell High Adventure capital campaign booklet			

1959

In early 1959, the MT Council announced an \$891,000 capital funds campaign to finance development of a new Boxwell Reservation on Old Hickory Lake. E. B. Stahlman, Jr., Executive VP of the Nashville Banner newspaper and chairman of the fundraising campaign said *“We have one of the finest Boy Scout Councils in the nation right here in Middle Tennessee. It was recently announced as the number one Council in the South and Southeast in terms of membership, and this is a position we plan to keep from now on. Our biggest problem today is the lack of adequate camping facilities to permit the boys to put into practice many of the training procedures they have learned in troop meetings. While the Council ranks first in membership, it ranks next to last in the percentage of units with effective camping programs. The development of Boxwell Reservation into one of the outstanding Scout camping areas in the country will solve this important problem by providing an excellent site for a well-rounded camping program for now and in the future.”*¹²²

The new property consisted of approximately 740 acres of land on Old Hickory Lake near Gallatin, TN. The Council was deeded 513 acres by the Federal Government through a special Act of Congress with the help of Representative Joe L. Evins. The council purchased 113 acres and 115 acres of shoreline were leased from the U. S. Corp of Engineers. The 1959 estimated value of the land was over \$300,000 including \$13,500 the Council paid to purchase the 113 acre portion. Once completed, Boxwell would have three camps that would serve 200 Scouts each and a leadership training camp.

Each district had special fundraising campaigns for the Boxwell Reservation Development Fund. Q. M. Smith, retired President from MTSC was Chairman for the local drive. Camp Boxwell is named after Leslie Boxwell, a founding member of the Nashville Council’s Executive Board. He was the Nashville Council president from 1927 – 1947 when the Middle Tennessee Council was formed.¹²³

As the fundraising continued, so did the Scouting program. John Cope, son of MTSC President, Quill E Cope, was selected by Governor Buford Ellington to represent Tennessee at the four-day Boy Scout Pilgrimage to Lincoln’s Tomb in April. The first Lincoln Pilgrimage was held Feb. 10th, 1946 during Boy

Scout week with 1300 participants walking from the State capital to the Lincoln Tomb, where Eagle Scouts place a wreath. (In 1966, the parade route was reversed - marching from the cemetery to the capital).

Some of the highlights that Cope experienced included a visit to the home and tomb of Lincoln, a visit to the restored New Salem village, dinner with Illinois Governor William Stratton, the parade, and a hike on the Lincoln Trail. The Scouts received medals for the Lincoln Trail hike. When he returned home to his troop, he presented his flag to Percy Dempsey, Scoutmaster of Troop 359.

April also meant Spring Camporee time. The three day camporee was held at Young's farm near Old Jefferson between Smyrna and Walter Hill. Explorers at Sewart AFB took a tour over Ft. Campbell, Nashville and Murfreesboro on their 4-hour tour with the 50th Troop Carrier Squadron.

In July 1959, Mt. Makiling National Park, Laguna, Philippines, was the site of the 10th World Scouting Jamboree with 44 countries represented – "Building Tomorrow Today". Over 12,000 Scouts participated in this first World Jamboree held in the Far East. Of the 12,000+ Scouts, 346 were American and 2 were Tennesseans. One was from Murfreesboro - Jay Salvage.

Jay Salvage, with Troop 359, was an Eagle Scout with three palms. He also held the God and Country Award and was a member of the Order of the Arrow. His parents were Mr. and Mrs. Sam Lane, Jr. of Murfreesboro. And his uncle, Percy Dempsey, was also his Scoutmaster.

The Jamboree location was about 40 miles from Manila, 1000 feet above sea level facing Laguna bay on one side and the towering mountains on the other side. Prior to attending the Jamboree, the group visited Honolulu and Tokyo before reaching Manila. After the Jamboree, Jay and others would leave for Bangkok, and then tour what would take them around the world visiting Calcutta, New Delhi, Siam, Agra, Bombay, Cairo, Athens, Istanbul, Rome, London, and then return to New York City before making it back to Murfreesboro.

Jay (John W Salvage) left Murfreesboro July 7, 1959 for his trip to the Jamboree. During his trip, he wrote several articles for the Daily News Journal.

"I can hardly believe the trip has begun but it has and in a few minutes I will gather up my gear preparatory to the second leg of a trip that will include the World Jamboree of Scouts at Manila, Philippine Islands and then a tour of the Far East.

The trip to Memphis was uneventful but I must admit I hated to see the familiar sights of Middle Tennessee pass from view as we left Nashville.

Ten of us left the Memphis airport and after stops at Little Rock and Dallas, we met four more members of the contingent from Louisiana at Fort Worth.

The weather was a little rough between Fort Worth and San Francisco, but we passed the time by trading notes on our respective home towns and wondering about the trip to Manila.

It was late at night when we arrived on the West Coast, but the air force met us and took us to the base where I am writing this note.

On Friday morning (July 10) we went through an orientation program and Troop Five had its first meeting. We met our leaders – Rev. Marshall Smith of Liberty, NY is the Scoutmaster; John Crosby of Massachusetts and William Fox of Indiana are the Assistants. We call Mr. Crosby, "Uncle Bing".

We were given a brief medical re-check by the base doctors and in the afternoon we were given our passports, visas and birth certificates.

In the evening we were shown films on Manila and the Philippine Islands and on Saturday we were given a tour of San Francisco.

The big thrill to me was seeing the Pacific Ocean. It looked mighty big from where I stood and I couldn't help thinking that soon I would be looking down on it.

In the morning we are off to Honolulu.

We leave at 4:45am

Hello to Murfreesboro”¹²⁴

At Honolulu, the group had a chance to visit Waikiki Beach and dine at the Princess Kaiulani resort. Jay reported “Surfing is harder than I thought it would be but I think I finally learned how. It’s great if you like salt water in your nose. I’ll never forget Waikiki, for I had a really swell time.”¹²⁵ The trip to Tokyo included a stop-over at Wake Island. At Tokyo, the boys were taken to the Hotel Imperial. “The meals were wonderful too. There were just two of us in a great big room. The next day we went shopping and everything is a bargain. Japan is really a shopper’s paradise. Take plenty of money if you plan to visit”.¹²⁶ After Tokyo, the Scouts arrived in Manila on July 17th and were taken on a two hour trip to the Jamboree site (40 miles from Manila).

“We were soon to face our adventure.

It didn't take long to start. The next day we turned out to cook breakfast and clean up our area and get ready for the President's welcome address.

The humidity was stifling. It was so hot it felt like a furnace. We marched to the site where Scouts from 54 countries paraded, then we stood to hear President Garcea. As he talked, it got darker and darker and before he finished the rain came down and by the time we were to march back to camp we were standing in three inches of mud.

By the time we got back to the camp we were covered with mud from head to toe and we couldn't find one shower that was working.

Things are a little brighter today and I know this is a great thing for the youth of the world.

I have met so many boys my age and we have found many experiences to exchange with each other.

I've got to go now but more will follow as the Jamboree progresses. Hope all is well at home, Jay”¹²⁷

As the Jamboree was coming to a close, Jay was a little sad at the thought of leaving the campsite. “However the thought of eating some real cooking and getting out of that tent and getting clean again is worth the feeling”.¹²⁸ While in the Philippines, he had an opportunity to visit MacArthur’s headquarters on Corregidor. “There were many experiences in camp I will never forget. One Scoutmaster wanted to “swap” with me and asked for three of my badges for a neckerchief he was wearing. I hated to part with them and I was leery of cutting them off my uniform, but I did. And we swapped. Two days later, I was told a gentleman wished to see me and the Scoutmaster was there. We greeted each other and he pulled from his pocket a key chain made from one of the shells of a nut fruit. It was engraved with the Eagle Scout emblem of the Philippines and his name and mine carved inside. “.¹²⁹

After the Jamboree, Jay and the other Scouts continued their once-in-a-lifetime trip around the world.

"It is real great to be back to a comfortable bed and good meals which are cooked and cleaned by someone else. The jamboree was really great though and now that I look back I really didn't dislike the mud so much after all.

We are staying at the Grand Hotel here in Bangkok. It's quite a fabulous place after living in a tent for 10 days. On Monday, the 27th we had our first look at Bangkok. All of us went to the shopping center and started bargaining for the various items we wished to purchase. It's quite unique, if you can find someone who knows how to make the store keep come down on his price. When White Hall and I had found what we were looking for and bought it, and probably paying too much, we decided to return to the Hotel to get ready for dinner. We didn't know what we were getting into when we made up our minds to take a samlo, which is sort of a tricycle used as a taxi. It was a wild ride with all the cars whizzing by and, to the way those maniacs drive I don't see why there isn't a wreck at every corner every 5 minutes.

At about 7:30 that night our troop took a bus to a small theater in the city and saw a show of the classical dances of Thailand. The native instruments are very interesting and I know we all enjoyed the solo of one of them. The "Roneat-ek" is a sort of xylophone made out of bamboo and boy could that man make it sing. We, too, all liked the dance which showed the Thai classical fencing. The others were good too and the evening was thoroughly enjoyed although none of us had had more than 5 hours sleep in the last 35 hours.

On the 28th our tour group was to take an excursion into the ruins of Angkor Wat in a neighboring country called Cambodia. We were up at 4:15am and off to catch our chartered plane. Upon arrival in Cambodia we were taken first to the ruins of the monument in Angkor Thom. These ruins made up the capitol in the early 10th century. When the people were forced to move by their enemies the buildings were subdued by the jungle. Since the French discovered it some years ago it has been reconstructed somewhat. The most marvelous part of these ruins is the fact that there are so many stone carvings and friezes. The outstanding structure in these ruins though is the Bayon (temple) which rises at the center of the City. We were told that Angkor Thom had taken twenty years to build which was very amazing to all.

After a filling meal at the Grand Hotel in Siem Reap, we were allowed by the management a free ride on an elephant. It's quite a ride comparable only to the ride you get in a 14 foot motor boat cutting head on 3 foot waves.

In the afternoon we visited the famed ruins of Angkor Wat. Angkor Wat was built by a form of people who long ago moved from Cambodia. It took 50,000 people 50 years to build this temple. It was first Brahman, then the Buddhist religion conquered and destroyed all the Brahman idols. The Brahman then again recaptured destroying the idols of Buddha. The temple is dedicated to the Brahmanistic god Klahnu. During the period Angkor Thom was being destroyed by jungle and grounds around Angkor Wat were kept cleared away; thus, no reconstruction work was ever done on the temple. It is surrounded by a moat with a 5 ½ km perimeter and the temple and grounds inside the walls cover an area equal to 4 square miles. Both Angkor Wat and Thom were built from one sandstone quarry which was 43 km from the area. The holes in the stones in the walk were used to pull the heavy load along the river bottom. Here, too, as at Angkor Thom, the friezes were magnificent.

"Angkor Wat divides into 3 successive flights. Each flight of stairs seemed a little steeper and the steps were so small we didn't see how anyone could climb them in a hurry. It was finally decided by us that these ancient people had little feet and extremely long legs.

Late in the afternoon we returned to Bangkok for dinner and a little rest.

Their time “was spent seeing the sights of Bangkok which included specifically the floating market in the morning and the palace and the Temple of the Emerald Buddha, in the afternoon. As we rode down the river in one of the native boats we noticed the poverty of the people. We saw them drink, brush their teeth, bathe and throw their garbage in the same stinking, muddy water.

“The floating market is exactly what it implies with everyone paddling to the market to purchase their food. Upon returning, we stopped in two places: first, the Temple of Dawn which is a small temple beside a large beautiful monument; second, at the Royal Barges which contains the ships that are used only on special occasions, such as coronations, etc. One of the Viking-like boats, we were told, was used for a minute in the movie “Around the World in 80 Days”.

“Up to now I have used adjectives, such as beautiful, in a sense as of Ancient beauty, but now your imagination must be centered on colorful beauty because the afternoon of the 29th was spent viewing just that sort. We visited the palace then the Temple of the Emerald Buddha.

“The palace is very beautiful with all the gold and splendor. Only color pictures could possibly relay any of its beauty. The Temple is by far the most colorful and it makes any of the other temples look almost colorless. It’s all either gold or broken china and oh! so beautiful in the sunlight.

“Well, I went to bed right after dinner last night so that I could catch up on a little sleep but we had to get up at 5:15 to be off to the airport and our plane to Calcutta.”¹³⁰

“New Delhi is certainly a great change from Calcutta and I believe that it is, for the most part, the most beautiful city since Honolulu although Tokyo was very nice. The rooms at the Hotel were much better than we expected and the swimming pool is really marvelous.

“Of course, the pool was the first thing we hit when we arrived since the afternoon was free of tours. It was really great since we hadn’t been able to swim since Waikiki.

“We got a good night’s sleep for the first time in I don’t know how long and we were up by 6:30 on August 1 to have breakfast and get ready for the tour.

“Our first stop was the oldest tomb in Delhi, built in 1565 to contain the body of Ki Maya, the second emperor of the Mughal Dynasty. The Taj Mahal was modeled after this and because of that fact we were all very much interested.

“Next we saw the Kutabminar monument which was the capitol of the Moslem people until the 12th century. After touring the surrounding ruins we visited the Mosque of the Iron Rustless Pillar. The iron pillar is free from rust and said to have stood for 1600 years, withstanding the rain and sun.

“From there we went to the real site of New Delhi and saw the government buildings including the building which houses Narhu’s office (Jawaharlal Nehru was first Prime Minister of India and a principal leader in India’s independence movement in the 1930s and 1940s), the Parliament Building, and the President’s home.

“We visited next the Shui Sakiherno Narain Temple dedicated to Vishnu, the preserving god, constructed of marble and granite and inlayed with semi-precious stones.

“Afterwards we returned to the hotel for lunch. After lunch I got my camera and walked across the street to where a man was giving a show charming snakes. The cobras were darn sure real and for 1 rupee (20cents) it was a good show.

"The afternoon tour of Old Delhi started at 3 o'clock and we were off to the Red Fort which was constructed by Shah Jahan, the same man who built the Taj Mahal. Inside the fort was a whole little city containing the palace and government buildings of centuries past. As we entered therein we first visited the Hall of Common Audience where the laws were made for the common people. Next we visited the Palace of Colors and the Hall of Special Audience where the higher classes of people were tried and their laws were made. After visiting the Bath House and Throne Room we left the red sandstone fort and went to a shop or rather a factory and saw the skilled carvers turn out beautiful pieces of ivory. This was one of the most outstanding sights of the trip so far.

"We returned to the hotel after visiting the grave of Mahatma Gandhi who did so much in attempting to raise the standards of the people.

"The next day was the one we had been looking forward to for a long time and we were up at 5:30 to greet it. After breakfast we started on our long bus ride to Agra and to the site of the Taj Mahal. After a brief stop at the Tomb of Akbar V who was the grandfather of Shah Jahan and a stop for lunch at a Hotel in Agra where we saw a display of Indian magic, more snake charming and a fight between a snake and a mongoose, we set out to see for ourselves the beauty of the Taj Mahal.

"The Taj Mahal had taken 17 years to build and was built for the Shah's favorite wife, Taj Mahal. No picture can very well describe the beauty of this building constructed of white marble and inlaid with precious stones, much less anything I can say. You would really have to see it for yourself to even imagine this lovely site."¹³¹

"August 7 was the date of our arrival in Athens after our exciting stay in Egypt. We were driven to the El Greco Hotel where we were given excellent accommodations.

"The next day was filled with tours. The main part of the day's tour was the trip to Corinth: but we stopped at the Convent of Daphne which is a Christian church built over a 2300 year old temple dedicated to the Greek god of the sun, Apollo, and the ruins known as the Eleusis.

"The Eleusis played an important role in the beliefs of the ancient Greeks and for this reason many of their myths were supposed to have happened here. For instance, the daughter of Demeter who was the goddess of grain and really stood in mythology as "Mother Earth," was taken to the underworld by Hades. Demeter's grief for the loss of Persephone was so great that she did not stir over the earth, therefore nothing grew. Only when Zeus ordered Hades to allow Persephone to return did Demeter walk over the earth making it green with life. Since Persephone was required to return to Hades at least four months of the year, nothing grows those four months. This period we know as winter. Anyway I saw the well from which Persephone returns each year.

"Our next stop was at the tourist pavilion where I had a very enjoyable meal topped off with the most delicious fruits I have ever put in my mouth".

"We spent our afternoon surveying the ruins of old Corinth which in ancient times had a population of one million people. After examining the temple of Apollo, we had the pleasure of seeing all the things found upon excavation of the site. These things were in the Corinth Museum.

"The latter part of the afternoon was spent swimming in the waters of the Ionian Sea. I must say that from my experiences there is no more beautiful water in the world than that of the Mediterranean. The blue is fabulous and incomparable.

"That night seven of us took a taxi to the Acropolis. This trip was mainly to see the beauty of these ruins at night and a more colorful spectacle I have never seen.

"The morning of the 9th was spent as a daylight examination of the ruins on the Acropolis. The ruins of an ancient civilization and a hill, known as Mars Hill, from which St. Paul preached to the Athenians, lay before our eyes. The prison where Socrates took his poison was easily visible on a hill opposite. We walked through the temples on the Acropolis and tried to learn of its history. We studied the remains in its museum afterwards, going for a close inspection of one of the architectural marvels of the world, the Parthenon, a temple of the goddess of wisdom Pallas Athena.

"The afternoon was spent on the beaches outside Athens and swimming in the waters of the Aegean Sea. This beach was said to be as good as the Rivera but that remains to be seen. After our relaxing swim we were off to the airport and Istanbul.

"At Istanbul the tour covered a few of the many mosques, the old Christian churches and the old bazaars. Our first stop was at the church of St. Khora. This Christian church is the last great example of Byzantine architecture and the mosaic ceiling telling the complete story of Christ is very beautiful.

"The largest Moslem mosque in Istanbul we visited as well as the most beautiful in the world. Though Suleiman the magnificent was dwarfed by St. Peter's in Rome, the Blue Mosque in its way is, I think, the most beautiful I have seen. The inside is designed for the most part in blue porcelain with white and gold to divide the color a little. It is a beautiful building and a must for a tourist in Istanbul.

"The bazaar, too, is interesting and quite an unforgettable experience, especially if you get lost in its crowded interior.

This afternoon was spent sightseeing along the Bosphorus finally reaching a position, where we had a view of the Black Sea. On the following day, the 11th we were flown to Rome for two fabulous days in the "Eternal City."

The twelfth was a full day of sightseeing and boy do I mean full! This was one of our better tours, but we all wished we had more time to wander around.

In Rome, the group visited the site being prepared for the 1960s Olympics and the Italian Forum. They saw "the Vatican, a state within a city. Here we saw St. Peter's, the largest church in the world and built over the grave of St. Peter. The length is 2 football fields and the interior is lavishly decorated with gold and marble. The size of this fabulous work of art is extremely hard to conceive. The building is stupendous and unimaginable as to its tremendous size. The dome done by Michelangelo is marvelous along, too with the ceiling and wall he did in the Sistine Chapel. All the Vatican is beautiful and a great experience to see.

"Next was the Roman Forum. Here I had the chance to see for myself the many buildings about which I studied. I saw the Senate House built in Julius Caesar's time, the remains of the Temple of Saturn, the Temple of Castor and Pollux, the Temple of Vesta, Arch of Titus, the Rostra, Temple of Vespasian and all the buildings which made the life of an ancient Roman.

"Next we went to the Church of San Pietro in Vincoli where we saw Michelangelo's work of art the statue of Moses. After that we went to St. Paul's Outside the Walls with its Italian marble columns and wood and bronze ceiling. This too is a very beautiful church.

"The catacombs of St. Sebastian was our next stop. Here we wandered around the endless underground caves seeing the tombs of thousands of early Christians and the remains of the beginning of Christianity.

"The next morning I got a cab and went to see all the things we hadn't had time for the day before. The Baths of Caracalla were the most interesting and I was amazed at the size of the place. I went back to the forum for a better look and also returned to the Circus Maximus having a little more time to do what I wanted to do.

"Rome is a beautiful city, but just the opposite of Tokyo as far as shopping goes. Everything is very expensive.

"The night of the 13th was the day of our arrival in London with the following day set aside for a tour of the city. We were lucky in getting a good position for seeing the changing of the guards at Buckingham Palace. After that we went to Westminster Abbey and from there saw Big Ben. Inside the Abbey we saw the coronation stone and the surrounding inside the beautiful church. We walked around the chapel of Queen Elizabeth, Henry VII's chapel and the room commemorating the Knights of the Order of Beth. We saw the beautiful altar over the tomb of Henry VII before going to Poet's Corner where such men as Tennyson, Browning, Dickens and Kipling are buried.

"In the afternoon we visited St. Paul's Cathedral with its beautiful dome, hand carved columns, mosaics and lovely High Altar.

"The rest of the afternoon was spent at the Tower of London seeing the various rooms in the old prison and the museum within the tower. We were returned to the Hotel after a stop at the Old Curiosity Shop.

"The next and last day of our trip was free. We were to do as we pleased until time to go to the airport for departure to the good old U. S. A.

"The flight was long with stops in Iceland and Nova Scotia before landing in New York at 6:30pm. I had the day free here, but with White Hall and some friends of his who live outside New York and was lucky enough to get a race on a sailboat on Long Island Sound. This was a really great day.

"I finally arrived in Nashville airport 10:30pm Sunday night, ending my travels with a happy reunion with my family. In looking back over this fabulous experience, I remember how excited and eager I was for it all to begin. Now it's over and I have only the memory. It's my hope that someday, I shall be able to return to a few of the places I have touched on.

When asked what was the most interesting, I could not reply for the reason that everything was so new none had its stand out in interest."¹³²

Note: John Salvage graduated from Central High School in 1960 and went on to graduate from the University of the South at Sewanee cum laude. He then went to the University of TN to work on his masters in physics. In 1964, John was awarded a fellowship to study for a year at the von Karman Institute for Fluid Dynamics of Rhode-Saint-Genese, Belgium. "Founded in 1956, the von Karman Institute is incorporated as an international scientific association, sponsored by NATO to give scientists and engineers from the ten NATO countries knowledge in the field of fluid mechanics and more particularly, of experimental and applied aerodynamics."¹³³ At the Institute, Salvage studied aerodynamics, hypersonics, electronics and turbomachinery.

During 1959, Scouting was approaching its Golden Anniversary. To help kickoff the celebrations and to "interest families in Scouting and make the potential Scout more aware of the many opportunities the future good citizen may reach by becoming a Scout",¹³⁴ the Heart of Tennessee district held a

“Scouteree”. This was a one day event held on Saturday, Sept 26. The Murfreesboro Scouts encamped on the Courthouse lawn where they built exhibits, cooked lunch and demonstrated to the public, Scouting in action.

Woodbury held their “Scouteree” at the courthouse in Cannon County and Smyrna Scouts held a large gathering at the Sewart Air base. Cub Scouts set up displays on their hobbies and collections, Pinewood Derby cars, and other work recently accomplished. Boy Scouts had a camp-out set up displaying Scoutcraft, cooking signaling, pioneering, first aid and safety. And the Air Explorers had a camp setup including a motor boat.

In November, Sewart Air Base hosted the district’s Court of Honor – the first ever of its kind held at the base’s new service club – the Sky Lighter. This was a Court of Honor to be remembered! A special program was planned, including the 101st Airborne Division Military Band, a drill team from Tennessee A&I University (TSU), a dance team and a magician. Guest speaker for the event was Clark Harres, probation officer for Davidson County. The Court of Honor also recognized achievements and advancements “from the bottom of the Scouting ladder to the highly cherished Eagle award”.¹³⁵ Seventeen troops, along with their families attended.

Prior to 1959, the BSA felt that working on merit badges might distract younger Scouts from learning the basic Scout skills taught in the first three ranks. So Scouts had to be Second Class before they were allowed to earn merit badges, and there were restrictions on that until a Scout completed First Class. At first, Eagle recognized simply earning 21 merit badges. Later, requirements for leadership and service were added.

1960s – Scouting turns 50

Membership reached 5,160,958 in 1960 with total members to date at 33,076,901. During Scouting's Golden Jubilee year, thousands earned the 50th Anniversary Award. The US Post office issued a Boy Scout commemorative stamp and the 5th National Jamboree was held at Colorado Spring, CO with 53,378 Scouts and leaders attending. In 1964, the 6th National Jamboree was held at Valley Forge, PA with 52,000 Scouts and leaders attending. The 500,000th Eagle Scout was honored and the 40 millionth member registered in 1965. BSA hosted the 12th World Jamboree in 1967 at Farragut State Park in Idaho with 12,000 Scouts and leaders from 107 countries attending. The 7th National Jamboree was held two years later at the same location with 35,000 Scouts and leaders attending. The rank of Lion was dropped in 1967. First female Explorers joined in 1969. Rutherford County census population in 1960 – 52,368.

1960

In the 1960's the district continued to hold district-wide Courts of Honor with each Boy Scout troop rotating as the host troop/location. Up through the early 1950s, troops were generally not allowed the authority to pass off merit badges and ranks. Rather, a Scout was reviewed for his merit badges and ranks at the district Court of Honor. As individual troops gradually took over the reviewing and presentation process, the review became separated from the Court of Honor presentation.

The Heart of Tennessee district held its first committee meeting of the year in January with nearly 40 members of the committee present. Ticket sales for the council-wide Scout Circus were discussed by Q. M. Smith, ticket chairman for the district. Plans were made for the Eagle Scouts to attend the Recognition Banquet at 1st Presbyterian Church in Nashville. P. A. Drake, Activities chairman was busy with plans for the Boy Scout Week, Feb 7-13. Dick LaRoche, Chairman of the Organization and Extension committee discussed the council-wide "Together We Organize" program starting in March to organize the district committee members into teams to reach new institutional representatives and strengthen existing units. With over 1000 boys being served through Scouting in Rutherford and Cannon Counties, only 20% of eligible boys are in the program.

To kick off Scouting Week, Mayor A. L. Todd again issued a proclamation urging "our citizens to recognize the patriotic service being performed for our community by volunteer Scout Leaders; to express their appreciation to the religious bodies, school organizations, veteran's associations, fraternal groups and service clubs which sponsor our Cub Packs, Boy Scout troops and Explorer units, and help the City of Murfreesboro to be represented adequately at the great national Scout jamboree this summer".¹³⁶

As part of Scout Week, the Exchange Club sponsored a Citizenship Day program where Scouts were elected to hold office for one hour. About 40 boys took over the city, with Ted LaRoche as Mayor. On Sunday, churches around town recognized the Scouts attending in uniform and many devoted their services and sermons to the "Scouts and Scouting".

In March Pack 128 from at Hobgood School visited various local businesses and after the visits prepared posters showing their impression they had from the visits. The posters were judged and the Cub Scouts received very nice prizes for their efforts. Businesses donated the prizes which included a radio, portable stove, baseballs, badminton set and a basketball and goal.

Despite the weather, Boxwell Reservation was on track to open for the 1960 season of summer camp. Two new units formed in February with several more in the works. Dr. Francis Riel, MTSC offered a series of training classes for Cub Scout leaders, Boy Scout leaders and Explorer leaders on Thursday evenings at the MTSC gym.

In April, the Council's Scout Circus continued another year. The nearly 2 hour long program consisted of 10 events with over 300 units in the middle Tennessee area participating. Tickets were on sale for the family and public for the performance at the State Fairgrounds Coliseum in Nashville. Seven units from the Heart of Tennessee participated. The opening flag ceremony included approximately 275 American flags. Events included the "Cub American Panorama" with 1400 Cub Scouts and leaders portraying various events and characters from American History. Next, there was a Boy Scout feature of pioneering and Scout craft projects on display. Then another Cub Scout show – the Cub Wild West had Indians attacking a wagon train. Explorers were next with short wave radio operations and emergency service units. The Cub Scouts came back with "The Purple People Eaters" about moon people being invaded and their rocket blasting off for home. Boy Scouts and Explorers had a serious event portraying procedures necessary following an atomic bomb attack. The next event was over 400 'Indians' in costume as the tribe's medicine men conquered the evil spirits that plagued their people. And the final event and closing ceremony portrayed Scouting's history. Several thousand attended the Scout Circus.

With the Scouting Jubilee celebrations, the Fifth National Jamboree was sure to be a memorable event and Scouts from Rutherford County would be there. Percy Dempsey, Scoutmaster, Troop359, along with 13 Scouts from the Heart of Tennessee were part of the Nashville contingent headed to Colorado Springs, CO in July 1960. The Jamboree theme was "For God and Country".

July 22-29, over 55,500 Scouts and visitors from every state and 38 countries merged on several thousand acres north of the city near the Air Force Academy making it the 4th largest city in Colorado at the time. President Dwight D. Eisenhower and James Arness of Gunsmoke were visitors at the Jamboree. And the Scouts were treated to a full-fledged rodeo with bull riding, calf roping and more by the local "Pikes Peak or Bust" rodeo crew. The closing ceremony included each Scout lighting a candle celebrating the "Jubilee Birthday" of the Boy Scouts.

On July 26, 1960, the first summer camp season at the present Boxwell was held for hundreds of eagerly waiting Scouts. It was the 4th 'Camp Boxwell'. The first was at Linden, TN, the second at Narrows of the Harpeth, the third at Rock Island, now named Charles E. Parrish Wildlife Preserve, and finally the current Boxwell on Old Hickory Lake.

When Boxwell opened, there were two Boy Scout resident camps, Stahlman and Parnell; a wilderness camp, Light (near the current Camp Craig); and Camp Murrey, a family camp. Camp Murrey was named after two council treasurers, a father and son – Ennis E. Murrey and his son Ennis D. Murrey, Jr. This camp was geared toward families. When a Scout went to Boxwell, often that trip became the family's summer vacation. There was a program for the siblings and often the wives of Scouters who were at camp that week would also pitch in at camp as well serving as program leaders or even working in the kitchens.

Years later in the 1980s as more women were working outside their homes, attendance was not as strong as it had been in earlier years. To encourage family attendance, the Council built permanent cabins at Murrey to replace some of the four-man tents currently when Boxwell opened. This made for a more comfortable stay with air conditioning and indoor plumbing. Cabin reservations were included in the leaders guide for many years. In the early 1990s, when it was clear that the family camp concept was

not growing, the council decided on other uses. Part of the 1994 Capital Development Campaign included converting Camp Murrey into Cubworld. Nashville's Gaylord Entertainment Company was a major contributor, and the new camp became Gaylord Cubworld.

As school began in September 1960, Cub Scout packs held reorganizational meetings to get the Pack started on a new year and invite new members to join. Troop 328, from Allen's Chapel A.M.E. Church held a carnival to raise funds to purchase camping supplies. Businesses in the city donated items to be auctioned and given away as prizes and refreshments were available.

The Fall Scout-O-Ree Camporee was held at the City Park at Oakland's Mansion Oct 28-30. The public was invited to view the Scouting displays and demonstrations including conservation, basketry, pioneering, cooking, camp craft, and first aid. At 8pm Friday evening, the district held its Court of Honor around the campfire for a very impressive ceremony for the Scouts, their families and friends. Scouts were up by 5:45am on Saturday for a full day of competition and an invitation to the MTSC-Florence State football game on Saturday evening. The Camporee concluded Sunday morning after the worship services and a closing formation where Scouts received awards and ribbons.

The Heart of Tennessee district participated in the BSA's "Get out the Vote" drive in November. As part of the BSA's annual national good turn event, over 80 Cubs, Scouts, and Explorers from 36 units in the district participated. The Scouts went door to door to "ring the bell for liberty", leaving a reminder of each citizen's responsibility to vote. The past two years, the Scouts had focused the national good turn on safety on the highways and on the water and at home. Since 1960 was an election year for a new President, the Scouts would call on every qualified citizen "to maintain the American way of life and pass it intact to succeeding generations is the responsibility of every true American".¹³⁷

Scouts in the district continued their good turns. The Sewart Air Base Cub Scout Pack prepared food baskets and took them to St. Rose church which was given to families in need at Thanksgiving. Several Scout groups sang carols for the annual Charity Circle Christmas Eve program.

Toward the end of the year, Brevard Haynes received his Eagle Rank and the "For God and My Country Award" at the morning services at First Presbyterian Church. At the District Awards banquet in December, Long Rifle Awards were given to Dr. Francis Riel, Mrs. Blare Stentz, Sgt. Buel Arbuckle and Sgt. William E. Lavendar, Jr.

1961

As units began registering for Summer Camp in March, Troop 105, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus was the first troop in the district in 1961 to have 100% of their boys register for summer camp.

In March, the Middle Tennessee Council held a Show-and-do program at Camp Boxwell on April 15th. Twenty Scouts from the Heart of Tennessee registered for the daylong event. More than 500 Scouts overall participated in the Show-and-do.

In an effort to encourage Scouts to reach First Class rank, the district began "the first of a series of annual banquets to honor the Boy Scouts in the Heart of Tennessee District who have achieved the rank of First Class Scout during the past year."¹³⁸ The inaugural banquet was held at the Stones River Country Club with 59 Scouts plus business men and fathers as sponsors. Bob Roose, District Chairman, Q.M. Smith, Commissioner, Frans Bax and John Hood were in charge of arrangements. Brig. General F. J. Sutterlin, commander of the 839th Air Division at Sewart Air Force Base was guest speaker, and Dick LaRoche, local

attorney and active Scouter was master of ceremonies. Each Scout received a neckerchief from his sponsor as part of the ceremony. Also attending were Ward Akers, Murray Acker, and Wilbur Foster Creighton of Nashville.

P. A. Drake was honored at the banquet for his 30+ year tenure in Boy Scouts. He served as Assistant Scoutmaster from 1931 until 1945; instructed in a camp director's course at the University of Alabama; was Camp Director at Camp MulliWat and Counselor at Camp Overton. He was District Commissioner for many years, and served on the Training and Advancement Committees. A week after the banquet, P. A. Drake passed away at his home on Vine Street.

The last Court of Honor for the year was hosted by Troop 338 at the Sewart Air Force Base on Monday, November 20th. The Court of Honor was conducted in the Skyliner Club on the base. Over 250 Scouts and their parents attended. Frans Bax, the local plant manager at General Electric was the featured speaker and Dick LaRoche was the master of ceremonies. Members of the district committee made charges to the Scouts receiving awards. Three Scouts from two troops received their Eagle Rank at the Court of Honor, Charles Todd and Larry Parker with Troop 339 in Smyrna and Dale Hodges from Troop 359.

1962

The district held its annual Scouter Recognition banquet in January at the Sewart Air Force Base Officer's Club. Over 150 were expected to attend. Fred Delay, a native of Lascassas and a Nashville businessman was the guest speaker. The Long Rifle Award for outstanding service was awarded to Tillman Haynes, Louis Dixon, John Baker and Donald DeYoung.

The Nashville-Davidson County Civil Defense organization donated 60 canteens to Troop 338 at Sewart Air Force Base in March. And in April, four Scouts earned the Ad Altare Dei Award, the highest Scouting honor given by the Catholic Church. The award was presented by Bishop William Adrian and Scouts receiving the award from Explorer Post 200, Raymond Birsson and Walter Hugh; from Troop 105, William Smith and Joe Hugh.

The Middle Tennessee Council held its sixth biennial Scout Spectacular at the State Fairgrounds in Nashville in April. The event was spectacular with approximately 10,000 Scouts participating in the hour and a half show. The Nashville Kiwanis Club sponsored the event.

About 200 Boy Scouts attended the Heart of Tennessee District's Spring Camporee at Oaklands Park in May. Twelve troops participated. Woodbury Troop 327 with Scoutmaster Tom Lancaster, invited Hobgood Troop 364 to an overnight hike where they covered cooking, find your way, signaling, camp craft, first aid and other Scouting activities. Richard Dudley, the Heart of Tennessee Scout Executive also attended as well as Don Gates, Scoutmaster of Troop 364.

On Sept 11, the district held a special advancement convocation at Shwayder Brothers (Samsonite Industries). There were five Eagle Scouts receiving their Eagle rank – David Kious, Johnny Zumbro, Don Epsy, Johnny Tilford and Bob Bonham.

September 25th, the second annual First Class Banquet was held at the Stone's River Country Club. This is in honor for Scouts who achieved First Class rank during the past year from Aug. 1, 1961 through July 31, 1962. Frans Bax, Manager of the General Electric plant was Chairman for the event. In addition to

honoring the 41 Scouts reaching 1st Class during the past year, the banquet also honors one individual for special recognition for service to Scouting in this district.

In 1962, Al Furline was the honoree at the banquet. "Furline, who is now Assistant Scout Executive, Central Georgia Council at Macon, Georgia, was the first full-time Scout executive to serve the Heart of Tennessee District. This was brought about largely due to Furline's work and efforts to have the United Givers Fund expand the Boy Scout Association budget allocation to provide for a full-time executive for this district serving Rutherford and Cannon Counties. Prior to this Mr. Furline was living in Lebanon and Gallatin and serving several districts."¹³⁹

Al Furline began his Scout work in the Middle Tennessee Council in 1954. He was a native of Williamson County and came to Murfreesboro in 1960 working with the Heart of Tennessee until late in 1961 when he accepted the position in Georgia.

In October, the area Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and Explorers joined throughout Middle Tennessee doing a "Good Turn for Goodwill Day" in Murfreesboro. More than 120,000 collection bags for Goodwill Industries were distributed council-wide on Oct. 20th. Families were asked to fill the bags with clothes, shoes, discarded items and small appliances. The filled bags were picked up the following Saturday.

1963

The annual Volunteer Appreciation banquet was held January 7th at the Officer's Club at Sewart Air Force Base in Smyrna. F. Murray Acker, Plant Manager of the DuPont Fiber Materials Plant in Old Hickory, Tennessee delivered the main address. Ackers was a member of the Board of Directors of the First American National Bank, a Vice-President of the Davidson County United Givers Fund, and the immediate past President of the Middle Tennessee Council of the Boy Scouts of America.

The districted awarded four Long Rifle Awards to Richard LaRoche, Raymond Fairbanks, Edwin Voories and Mrs. Frank Schaeffler. Frans Bax was installed as District Chairman for 1963 along with Dr. Q. M. Smith as District Commissioner.

Also in January, six Eagle Scouts were honored at a district meeting - Rickey Glaze, Jim Benson, Jimmy Beaty, Robert Adams, Ned McKnight and Jim McBrown.

Five Scouts were honored at a banquet at Peabody College in Nashville for receiving their God and Country awards - from St. Marks Methodist, Robert Wilson; and from St. Rose, Raymond Brisson, Joseph and Walter Hugh, Jr. and William Smith. The Scoutmasters, fathers and ministers attended.

While Boxwell Scout Reservation was still very new, the district decided to hold its Spring Camporee, May 10-12 at the reservation to "give the new boys an opportunity to see the camp and will build their desire to return for the summer season".¹⁴⁰

The camporee was geared to help Scouts advance in their ranks. Each Scout was encouraged to check their prior achievements and pre-plan what needed to be completed to advance in rank. In addition to the various activities, the district also held the Order of the Arrow tap out ceremony and a Court of Honor at the Saturday evening awards campfire. Four Scouts received their Eagle Rank.

The 3rd annual First Class Banquet was Sept 24 at the Stones River Country Club honoring 40 Scouts who advanced to 1st class rank during the past year. Bob Roose was the toastmaster for the dinner. Dr. Q. M. Smith was honored at the banquet for his service to the district.

Dr. Smith had been a strong supporter of Scouting at the district and council levels. In 1963 he was District Commissioner and had “organized over the years one of the strongest commissioner staffs in Middle Tennessee”.¹⁴¹ In 1962 he was appointed as Council Commissioner for Middle Tennessee. His son, Bill Smith was a Life Scout in Percy Dempey’s Troop 359. He also served on the fund raising board to secure funds for Boxwell Scout Reservation.

Most of Dr. Smith’s life had been devoted to serving others. He served as president of Tenn. Tech. University as well as Middle Tenn. State University. He was a director of the National Bank of Murfreesboro, and past president of the Rotary Club. In 1963, he was also chairman of the Advance Gifts Division of the United Givers Fund. It is through the UGF that the funds were secured for the Scouting program.

The third annual “Good Turn for Goodwill” collection began in October with Scouts passing out “quarter-barrel”¹⁴² size Goodwill bags which were distributed in Murfreesboro and Smyrna. The following week, the bags were picked up with items such as clothing, shoes, household articles and small appliances which were repairable if need be. In 1962, over 30,000 bags were collected from the Middle Tennessee area with an estimated \$100,000 value.

1964

At the annual Volunteer Appreciation Banquet held in January, L. L. Fisackerly from Smyrna, Mrs. Edward Key, Harold Busey, and Robert Roose received the Long Rifle Award for their service to the Heart of Tennessee district. Frans Bax was installed as the District Chairman and Q M Smith remained District Commissioner.

Thirty Scouts attended the District’s Winter Camporee at Sewart Air Force Base in February. They set up camp on Friday evening building camp fires and singing around the fire. On Saturday, they were “forced” to pack up and return to Murfreesboro because of heavy rains.

James Langford became the new District Scout Executive of the Heart of Tennessee District in March. He came to Murfreesboro from Tupelo, Mississippi where he served as Scout Executive there. Mr. Langford was a Cub Scout, Boy Scout, and Explorer Scout and also attained the Eagle Rank. In Mississippi, he also served as an Assistant Scoutmaster. He served in the US Army and was stationed in Korea in 1957-58.

With the new Scout Executive, there was a push to organize units and re-organize several units at the same time with a campaign “Together Plan”. Over 25 men organized into pairs and were assigned prospective sponsoring organizations to assist with forming new units in Rutherford and Cannon Counties. The interested organizations were invited to send 6 guests to a dinner meeting in April to learn more about organizing a successful Scout unit. Shwayder Brothers sponsored the dinner.

Eighteen institutions showed an interest in the Scouting program at the various levels – to organize new Cub Scout Packs, Boy Scout Troops or Explorer Posts – and some to sponsor multiple units. There were schools, civic clubs, and churches represented. Four units formed in the first several weeks including a Cub Scout pack and Boy Scout troop with Scoutmaster Robert Evans, at Buchanan; reorganizing the Rockvale troop with Rev. William O’Brien as Scoutmaster; and Allen’s Chapel Methodist Church with

Richard Butler as Scoutmaster. Also interested in forming units were Reeves Rogers, PTA, Westside School which organized in August, and Trinity Methodist.

Strengthen America's Heritage program was presented by the National Council and co-sponsored by the Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge, as a program to make people more aware of their American heritage. Troop 450 and Pack 450 from Bellwood participated in this program during July.

Participants in the Strengthen America's Heritage program had to meet certain requirements including: 1. Advance one rank in Scouting; 2. Invite another boy to their unit; 3. Display the flag properly on appropriate holidays; 4. Learn about the Nathan Hale Award from Freedoms Foundation; and 5. Write a 25 to 100 word statement on "What a boy can do to preserve his American Heritage."¹⁴³

The two units received a copy of the Declaration of Independence and Preamble to the Constitution which they displayed at the program closing campfire ceremony July 18. They also received a scroll from the Freedoms Foundation signed by President Johnson that each Scout also signed and presented to the Bellwood PTA.

Several hundred Scouts from the Heart of Tennessee district participated in the Scout-O-Rama on Sept 26 held at the Jackson Heights Shopping center plaza. "The Scout-O-Rama was planned to serve two ends – give the Cubs, Scouts, and Explorers an opportunity to demonstrate for the public some of the activities in which they participated and to give the public an insight into the importance of the Scout movement as a builder of citizens to-be".¹⁴⁴ About 35 booths were set up and there was a 25 cent charge for adults to visit the demonstration.

The 4th Annual First Class Banquet was held in October at Samsonite. About forty Scouts were honored with achieving First Class rank during the prior year – designated the Percy Dempsey Class. Tommy Martin was the speaker and Jack Todd, III was the Master of Ceremonies. Percy Dempsey was the Scouter honored at the banquet.

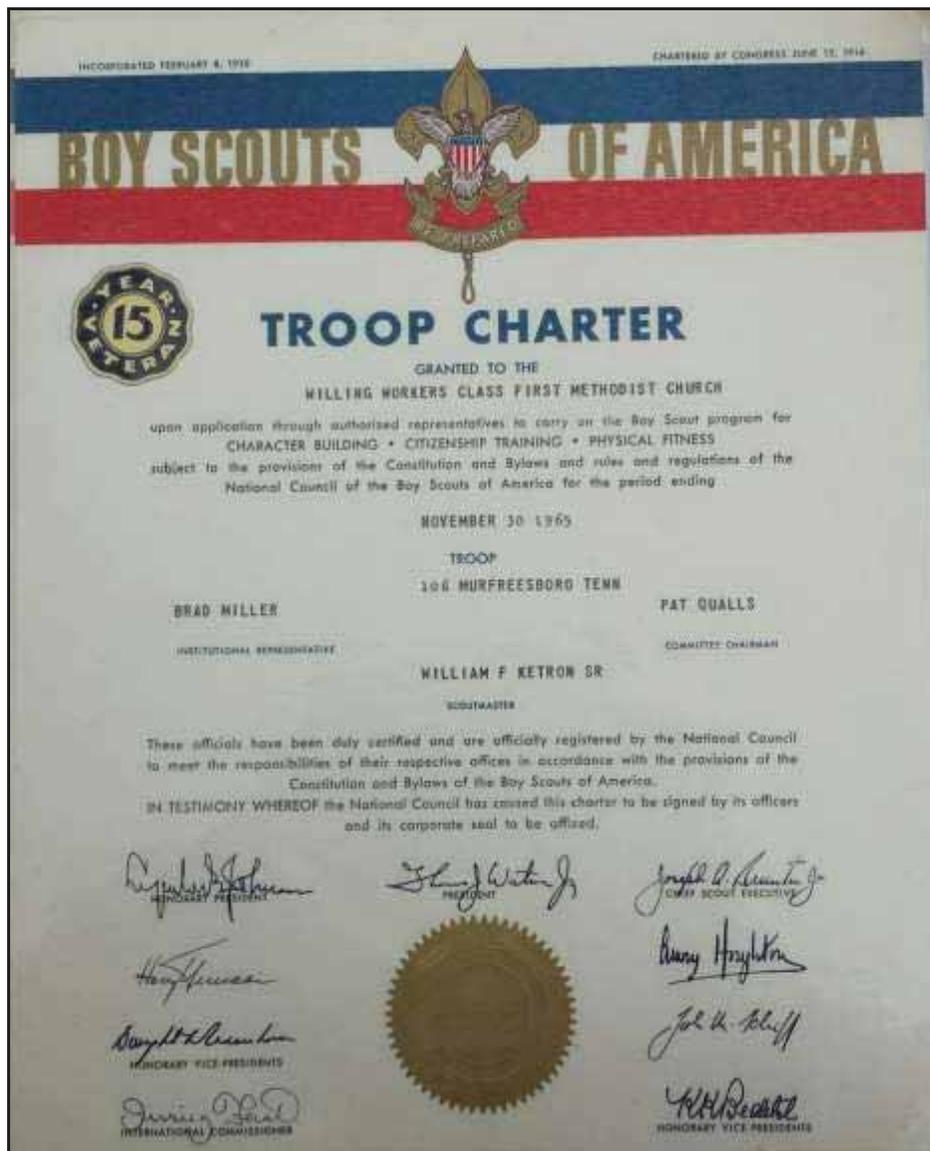
Tom Morgan presented the award to Mr. Dempsey. "Percy Dempsey's name is synonymous with good Scouting in Murfreesboro, having served as Scoutmaster of Troop 359, sponsored by the Campus School PTA for the last 12 years. In 1960 Percy attended the Jamboree at Colorado Springs as a troop Leader of the Middle Tennessee Council. He has earned the Scoutmaster's Key and participated in the Wood Badge Training Course for Scout Leaders. He has also served as Instructor in Scout training sessions. During his years as Scoutmaster at the Campus School, Percy Dempsey has earned a reputation as an outstanding Scout Leader, a reputation that extends throughout Middle Tennessee."¹⁴⁵

"Year after year he has maintained a Scouting Program of exceptionally high standards for his troop. This has been evidenced by the unusual number of boys from his troop who, under his leadership have advanced steadily in rank, many of them having attained the rank of Eagle Scout. This did not just happen. It took time, perseverance, patience, and dedication to a purpose. Percy Dempsey has maintained discipline in his troop and at the same time has had the everlasting respect of the boys who have participated in the program with him. Through his guidance and leadership the boys of Troop 359 have emerged as outstanding, well-disciplined boys with a great sense of loyalty to their country, boys of strong character, strengthened spiritually and better prepared to meet the challenges that lie ahead of them."¹⁴⁶ Tommy Martin spoke to the guests congratulating them on their achievement. He emphasized character, determination and attitude as the basic qualities that would help them become useful citizens. Mr. Martin then showed his Eagle Scout award that he earned Dec. 31, 1929.

About 30 Scout units participated in the annual “Good Turn for Goodwill” campaign from troops in Smyrna, Murfreesboro and Eagleville. Drop-off locations were at the Smyrna Post Office, Hobgood School and Eagleville School.

1965

At the start of the year, the Annual Appreciation Banquet was held at the Stones Fiver Country Club with Ross Spielman as Chairman of the event. The dinner was on January 26 with tickets costing \$2.50. Guest speaker was William Earthman, former Murfreesboro resident and at the time, President of the Commerce Union Bank of Nashville. At the banquet, Carl Steidmann was installed as District Chairman and Ross Spielman as District Commissioner. Long Rifle Award recipients were Tom Morgan, Mrs. Kenneth Banks from Woodbury, Tom Harding, Q. M. Smith and Walter Hugh. William Ketron, Sr. became Scoutmaster of Troop 106, following Bob Williams.



In April, Troop 123 from St. Marks Methodist Church held a car wash on the corner of Broad and Church Streets.

The Commissioner Staff appointed two Assistant District Commissioners, Richard Powell serving West Rutherford County and Lester Levi, serving East Rutherford County. An ADC for Cannon County had not been confirmed. Also several Neighborhood Commissioners were appointed. Neighborhood Commissioners would later be known as Unit Commissioners.

Three Scouts from Troop 364, Hobgood School, were presented their Eagle Scout Awards. Mike Goad, Huey Key and Bobby Abbott were presented the award by Mr. Tillman Haynes, Long Rifle Award recipient and Jimmy Langford, District Executive for the Heart of Tennessee. There was a rather lengthy article in the Daily News Journal with details about each Scout. Bobby and Huey were both 13 years old. Mike had recently moved to Murfreesboro and was 18 at the time. All were active in sports and/or band, the community and their troop.

A Basic Leader Training course was offered in May for area leaders. It was “in intensive course in basic Scout work such as Rope Making, Contact Axemanship, Realistic Wounds and First Aid Treatment, Stretcher Making, Nature Trails, Axe Safety, Hobo Cooking and many other useful skills”. The participants were divided into patrols and elected their own patrol leader. It was “a day of good outdoor fun and good training for men who are interested in seeing the boys of their community have a chance to be Boy Scouts and grow up to be useful citizens instead of becoming juvenile delinquents.”¹⁴⁷

Wayne Kious was elected the Heart of Tennessee District Chairman in July, replacing Carl Steidmann. Wayne transferred to Tennessee from Missouri with his job at State Farm Insurance. He was active in Scouting in Missouri and continued when he moved to Murfreesboro serving as Leadership Training Chairman, Troop Committeeman and Vice-Chairman of the Heart of Tennessee District.

District Roundup was held on August 12 at the State Farm South Central Regional office. The normal Commissioner’s staff meeting and district Roundtable was incorporated into the Round-up to assist with membership drive and explaining the aims and objectives of the upcoming year to interested parents and Scouter.

Troop 364 took 32 Scouts and 5 leaders to a three day trip to Shiloh Military Battlefield. The completed the 14 mile Historical hike retracing the steps of one of the bloodiest battlefields of the Civil War. The Scouts also all qualified for the coveted Historic Trails Badge.

As school was starting back in September 1965, Scouts from Troop 371 at Lascassas helped advertise and promote the United Givers Fund by putting out posters for the \$82,000 campaign in the county.

The Heart of Tennessee District’s annual First Class Banquet was held Friday, Oct 1 at Central Christian Church. Scouts Tom Johnson, Bell Ketron, Jr., Greg Roger and Kenny Harris were honored along with Assistant Scoutmaster, Troop 359, Ray Fairbanks. Wayne Kious, District Chairman and Roscoe Spielman District Commissioner were also attending.

The 1965 Cub Scout Pow Wow was held at Two Rivers High School in Donelson on November 20 with sessions for Cub Scout leaders including Pack Administration, Games, Handicraft, and Ceremonies, Skits and Stunts. The daylong session cost \$1.75 and award ribbons were given to the district with the largest percentage of Packs represented at each session. Also each Pack received ribbons for attendance.

Cub Scout Pack 339 of Smyrna collected “special gifts of all kinds, from shaving cream to cigarettes, to be sent to American troops in South Viet Nam. These gifts are part of the pack’s “Operation Handclasp”

program and the program is aimed to showing our servicemen in S. Viet Nam that the nation is proud of them and is conscious of the many sacrifices they are making for every American". In addition to the 70 pound package being sent to South Viet Nam, Den 7 decided to take the First Brigade, First Battalion of the 101st Air Borne Division as their buddies by sending Christmas Cards.

1966

The year kicked off with the annual Appreciation program held this year in the gym of First Methodist Church on Sunday, January 16 at 2:30pm. John Hood, Personnel Director at Samsonite served as the Master of Ceremonies (active in Scouting and a member of the District Commissioner's staff). John Scobel, Area Scouting Executive installed the new officers.

A Scout-O-Rama was held at Jackson Heights Shopping center on Feb. 12 in conjunction with the Boy Scout Week activities commemorating the anniversary of Scouting. James Langford, the district's Scout Executive, announced that there would be first aid demonstrations, a rocket derby, model camps, rope-making and over 25 other varied projects presented by hundreds of local Scouts. Over 300 Scouts were expected to participate out of over 1700 in the district, with over 2000 guests expected. Other events marking the Scouting Anniversary were Scout Sunday services, a Boy Scout Parent's night and Cub Scout Blue and Gold banquets.

April 22 - 24, over 400 Boy Scouts attended the Spring Camporee held at Baskin's Little Willow Spring Farm off Halls Hill Pike. Included in the camporee were about 60 adult leaders with 17 troops from Rutherford County and 2 troops from Cannon County.

July 16 – 24th, Scout leaders William Ketron and Wayne Eubanks attended the MT10 Wood Badge Training Course held at Boxwell with Beany Elam as Scoutmaster. They "gave 8 days of their vacation to learn more of Scouting's methods" ¹⁴⁸ Earlier in the year, William Ketron, Scoutmaster of Troop 106, received the Silver Beaver.

In October, one of the district's newest units, Troop 416 held their first Court of Honor with several Scouts advancing to Tenderfoot. Alan Stagg was their Scoutmaster. Dr. Eugene Cotey from First Baptist Church was also present to congratulate the Scouts.

The Fall Camporee, with over 300 Scouts and leaders was held at Sewart AFB Oct 14-16. Troop 113 from Sewart AFB hosted the Camporee with a "Physical Fitness" theme and competition. The Scouts camped between the highway and the flight line. The Air Force base provided the water and firewood. Larry McNabb, District Commissioner oversaw the events.

1967

In 1967, the United States hosted its first ever World Jamboree at Farragut State Park in Idaho. (The next time the US will host the World Jamboree will be in 2019 at The Summit Bechtel Family National Scout Reserve). Over 14,000 Scouts participated with 4000 from the US were in attendance (there was a limit on the number of Scouts from the US who could attend). Two Scouts from Murfreesboro were a part of the Nashville contingent, Robert Corlew and Paul DeHoff. Paul sent in a report to the Daily News Journal.

"We have now entered the second and last week of the XII World Scout Jamboree and the only one ever conducted in the United States.

Our trip out was a dream in every way – the Air Force Academy at Colorado Springs, Yellowstone Park, the Grand Tetons, Glacier National Park, snowball fights in Canada and similar experiences.

But the Scout Jamboree itself is the experience of a lifetime. On opening day flags of 100 nations were raised while fourteen thousand Scouts stood silently and at attention. A lump was in the throat of each boy as he saw the flag of his nation top its staff. A gigantic patchwork of various colors was reflected against the green grass and pine-covered slopes as uniforms of green, khaki, blue, gray, brown and yellow were in evidence. A torch presented by the king of Greece lighted a flame atop the 60-foot high Friendship Tower. This will burn throughout the Jamboree. This flame is twenty feet higher than the massed flags.

The World Jamboree site of 5000 acres is divided into twelve base or sub-camps each named for a former World Jamboree: (1) Olympia, London, England, 1920; (2) Ermelunden, Denmark, 1924; (3) Arrowe Park, England, 1928; (4) Godollo, Hungary, 1933; (5) Vogelanzfang, Holland, 1937; (6) Moisson, France, 1947; (7) Bad Ischl, Austria; 1951; (8) Niagara-on-the-Lake, Canada, 1955; (10) Makiling, Philippines, 1959; (11) Marathon, Greece, 1963; (12) Farragut Park, Idaho, 1967. There is not a sub-camp named for the ninth Jamboree, Sutton-Coldfield, England 1957.

Food has been a real delightful experience as we have visited and eaten with Scouts from many lands. One morning we served a Tennessee country ham breakfast to as many hundreds as we could reach with the ham available. The original shopping list from which we draw out food each day included: 23,616 bananas, 36,736 loaves of bread, 175,808 quarts of milk, 11,000 pounds of sugar, 1440 boxes of pepper, 5,904 pounds of steak and 10,627 pounds of hot dogs.

Our temporary city includes a bank, a large-scale telephone switchboard (I have not had to wait too long in placing my collect calls to Murfreesboro), two trading posts, two helicopters, 25 volunteer doctors, four barbers (no long haired boys are here), 1,150 flags, 1,750 picnic tables and all kinds of buildings imaginable including an outside arena which will hold 50,000 people. There are 7,400 tents (I have not counted them but this is from the figure supplied us), and there are 400 two-holers in strategic locations. Religious services for all faiths are conducted by more than thirty chaplains and are translated into four languages. Fishing is real good. (We arrived early and spotted 20,000 large trout being put into the lake and, what's more, they stretched a cotton string net 648 by 45 feet across the inlet to keep the fish nearby. Home was never like this!)

Friendship is not only the theme of this Jamboree- plainly evident everywhere a person goes. I have never seen so many helpful people. Language is not a barrier as we swap badges and anything else we can get our hands on. Red neckerchiefs with a map of Tennessee and the words "Murfreesboro, Tennessee," have been especially good trading items. I put in a call for my sister, Bonnie, to make more of them and air mail them to me which she did. I have traded off nearly all of my advancement patches to boys of other nations and have been trying to figure out how to get more when I get home.

No boy will never be the same again after attending a world Jamboree. Boys of every nation will always mean something special to me. Understanding others will surely help to build peace in the world. We hope that President Johnson will fly out for the closing ceremonies. It took us two weeks to get out here by bus but we expect to leave Spokane Friday by jet and set down in Nashville about two or three hours later.¹⁴⁹

Later in October, the Heart of Tennessee District held its Scout-a-Rama at Mercury Plaza. The Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts and Explorers from Rutherford and Cannon Counties participated. Scout leaders, Walt Hugh, Boy Bentley and Percy Dempsey assisted in with the planning. More than 250 Scouts attended.

After using the Scout Lodge, on Ewing Street, for over 25 years, the Scouts could no longer use the building as they had in the past due to desegregation. In October, 1967, the Murfreesboro Little Theater took over the lease and converted the building into a community theater.

On November 1, NET-TV, Channel – 2 in Nashville, broadcast Den Mother training. First training was on November 1 at 6:30pm, followed by a second program at 4:30pm the next evening. The course was also broadcast on each Thursday. All area den mothers-to-be were urged to watch the programs.

William Ketron, Scoutmaster for Troop 106 became Lodge Advisor for Wa-Hi-Nasa Lodge Middle Tennessee Council.

1968

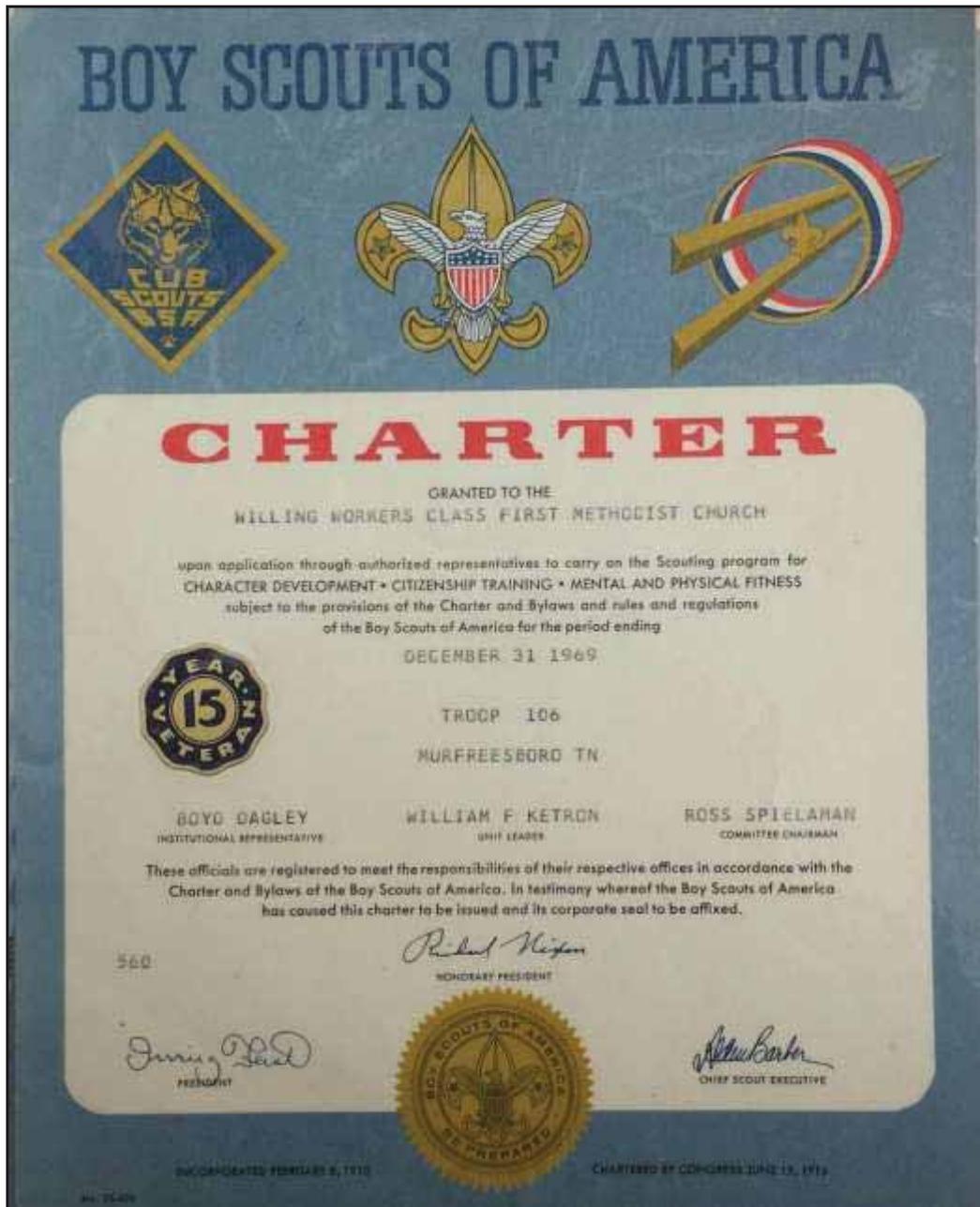
Cub Scout Pack 106 from Buchanan School appeared on the Popeye and Friends show in in Nashville on February 10.

To kick off Scouting's anniversary, Mayor Westbrook proclaimed Feb 7 through the 13th as Boy Scout Week. The Long Rifle Awards were presented at a Leader's meeting – David Givens, Tom Hite, Harold Mullican, Bill Bryson, J. R. Zumbro, Oscar Rice and Jim Jernigan received the award.

In March, Troop 359 held a Court of Honor recognizing nine Eagle Scouts - Ben Wade, Rocky Strickland, Carl Sloan, Bobby Putnam, Bobby Jones, Dough Hugh, Kem Hinton, John Harney, and Ned Coleman. Their Scoutmaster, Percy Dempsey, received the Silver Beaver in 1968.

The Middle Tennessee Council Scout Circus events were a huge undertaking. It had been 6 years since the previous Circus. In 1968, the Scout Circus theme was "Scouting Rounds a Guy Out". Ten thousand Cubs, Scouts and Explorers participated in the 90 minute four-part program. Cub Scouts presented "American Heritage" with a panorama of events from the discovery of America up to 1900. Act 2 included Cub Scouts portraying "Our Time" with the life and times of America from 1900 to the current day. Boy Scouts explained how the merit badge program helped "Rounds a Guy Out". Part three focused on the future, followed by over 400 Scouts participating in the ever-popular Indian dance with Scouts in Indian costumes portraying the "Death of Whit Dog", a medicine man of the tribe. Cost for tickets to the Scout Circus was \$1 with portion of the proceeds from the tickets remaining with the unit.

In 1968, the Middle Tennessee Council decided to provide a council-wide opportunity for Scouts to attend Philmont. The council's first Philmont Contingent consisted of 13 scouts and their leader, William Ketron. Scoutmaster Ketron was loaned a station wagon to drive the 13 Scouts to Philmont. All 13 Scouts and their Scoutmaster packed their gear into a U-Haul being pulled behind the car, and then crammed in for the ride to New Mexico. After the trek in the mountains of Philmont, they stopped in Texas to fill the trailer with Coor's beer on their way back. At the time Coors didn't distribute east of Texas and several of the fathers had requested that the group bring some back to Tennessee on the way home.



1970s – Changes in Scouting Program

In 1970, membership reached 6,287,284 with total membership to date at 49,620,049. Leadership Development and Wood Badge training courses were tested and initiated in 1970. A new 4-million acre Maine National High Adventure area was opened in 1971. Scouting Keep America Beautiful Day on June 5, 1971 resulted in about 2 million members cleaning up more than 200,000 miles of highways and waterways and 400,000 acres of land as more than a million tons of litter was collected. President Nixon was awarded the Silver Buffalo Award at a special ceremony in Washington, DC in 1971. Operation Reach, a program against drug abuse was launched in 1972. Six new regions were organized to provide support and service to local councils and the National Eagle Scout Association was launched in 1972. The old Webelos badge became the Arrow of Light in 1972. The list of basic skills for the primary Boy Scout ranks was reorganized into 12 “skill awards” and a certain number of merit badges had to be earned while working on Tenderfoot, Second Class and First Class during 1972. The Cub Scout program was adjusted to be more relevant to boys and their families and new merit badges were introduced in 1973. Project SOAR (Save Our American Resources), began in 1970, demonstrating good conservation practices. In 1973, the National Jamboree was held, this time in at two sites, Moraine State Park, PA and Farragut State Park, Idaho with more than 64,000 participants. In preparation for the nations, bicentennial in 1976, the BSA began a series of annual programs, with the first called GIFT (Get Involved for Them) in 1973. The second annual program in 1974 was ‘Be Prepared for Life; Be Safe, Be Fit’, and the third annual program theme in 1975 – “Spirit of ‘76”. During the bicentennial year, 137,335 units completed activities related to the celebration of the 200th birthday of our nation. In 1977, the National Scout Jamboree was held at Moraine State Park, PA with 28,601 participants. The national office moved to Irving, TX after 35 years in New Jersey in 1979. Rutherford County census population in 1970 was 59,428.

1970

While the 1960s saw peak periods of membership in the BSA, the early 1970s saw Scouting plummet in Nashville, but not so much outside of Davidson County. The BSA issued a new handbook in 1972 and changed many requirements in an effort to attract more members, but it actually had the opposite effect. The changes de-emphasized the outdoors, making outdoor skills optional as skill awards to wear on a Scout’s belt. Recognizing the need to keep the outdoor program and Scout skills in Scouting, the handbook and rank requirements were changed again a few years later in 1979 with “Green Bar” Bill Hillcourt coming out of retirement to assist with the new handbook.

Leo Altman, Buford Patrick, Joe Nock, Allan Colvar and King Jamison were awarded the Long Rifle Award at the district banquet.

1971

Ed Holt, Mrs. Velma Harden, Clyde Bennett, Richard McClary and John Justice were awarded the Long Rifle at the annual awards banquet.

1972



Beany Elam painting, 1972 courtesy William Ketron, Jr.

1973

Norman Patterson, Sue King, Jim Burkhalter, Jerry Huskins and Herbert Jones were awarded the Long Rifle award at the annual Heart of Tennessee District banquet.

1974

In 1975, Ken Bumpas signed up to take Wood Badge training at Boxwell. He was in the Wood Badge MT-17 class. Perhaps as one of his ticket items he started Troop 456 at North Blvd Church of Christ the same year. He had been Cubmaster of Pack 440 for several years. He and his son moved on to Boys Scouts at Troop 106 (the oldest charter active today) at First United Methodist Church where he served as Assistant Scoutmaster. His desire in starting a troop at North Blvd Church of Christ was to help bring Scouting to youth in the church he attended.

In addition to the Long Rifle Award, the district designed a new award in honor of Q. M. Smith to be given to an outstanding Scouter in the district. The award is for an individual who has gone far beyond the call of duty, who made that extra effort to insure that the Scouting program is the best that it can be. The recipient will have been active in providing quality activities and leadership for the youth we serve, and also have taken a leadership role in training and guiding adult Scouters through active participation at the

unit and/or district level. After serving in the Navy in World War I, Dr. Smith was president of Tennessee Tech and Middle Tennessee State University. He served as Chairman of the old National Bank of Murfreesboro which is now First Tennessee Bank. He was very active in Scouting in the Middle Tennessee Council and in this district. He received the Silver Beaver Award in 1963 and the Long Rifle Award in 1964. And he was the first recipient of the Q. M. Smith Award.

The Long Rifle Award was presented to persons who had been nominated by fellow Scouters and was decided upon by the advancement committee. Several Long Rifle Awards could be given based on the number of units in the district. The Q. M. Smith Award was to be presented to one person the following year as determined by the current award recipient.

William Ketron, Sr. was District Commissioner 1 in 1974. Ruppert Klaus, Bill Parrish, Ron Craig, Alice Haynes, Johnny Titshaw, Murray Hawkins, Jr. and Ken Goad were awarded the Long Rifle Award.

1975

The Pancake crew started in mid-1970s as a group of fathers cooking pancakes to help boys raise money to go to summer camp. The initial crew included Percy Dempsey, in charge of coffee, Doris Jernigan (chief batter mixer), Frank Hayes (Barbara), Tally Arnold. Mr. Dempsey would say that you can run out of pancake mix, sausage and syrup, but don't ever run out of coffee. Percy Dempsey found an antique grill at an old Hotel in Red Boiling Springs that the crew used for over 35 years. The fund raiser was such a success that Scouts were able to go to Mobile, Alabama for a gulf fishing trip with Jim Jernigan, a Tennessee Scouter who had been transferred to Alabama. The Pancake crew continues to raise funds for the Scouting program and various other community based programs around the region.

Clyde Bennet receives the Q. M. Smith Award. Ken Bumpus, Jack Jacobs, Frank Hayes, Wayne Lannom and Gene Staatts receive the Long Rifle Award at the district's award banquet.

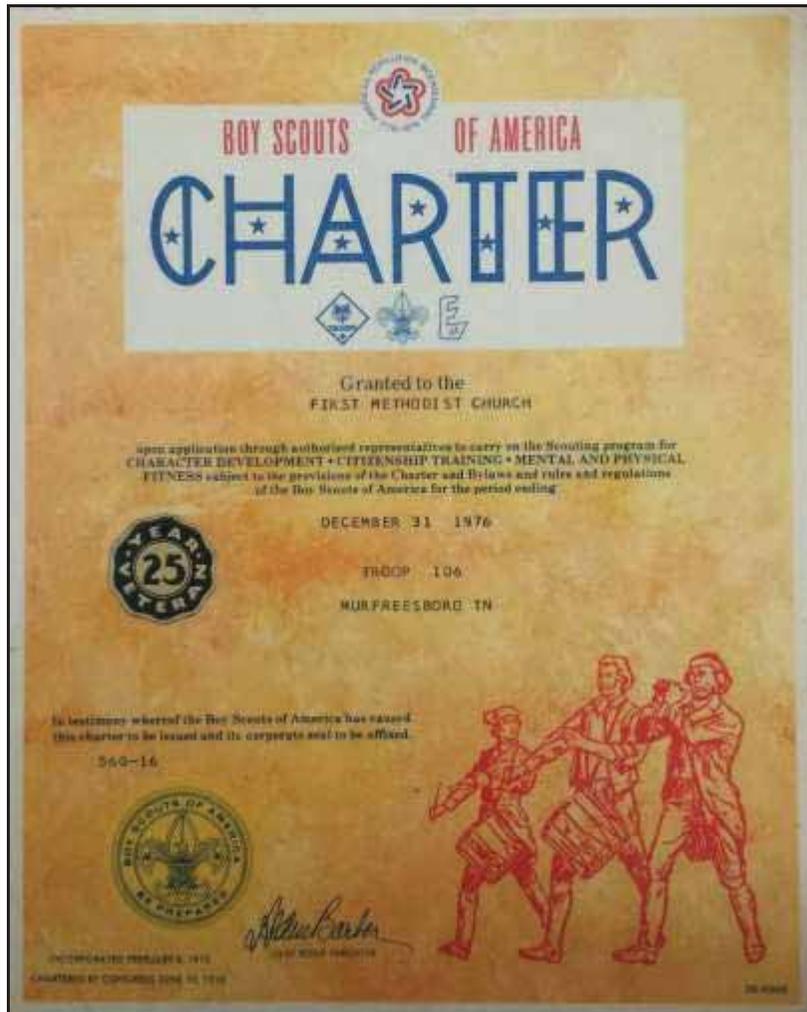
In 1975, William Ketron becomes District Chairman of the Heart of Tennessee District – a position he held for the next three years.



1976

Scouting saw a resurgence in the growth around the time of our nation's bi-centennial. There was a large gathering at Boxwell in 1976. Bill Ketron recalls the huge Jamboree that was held including a couple of pits dug in the field near Stahlman Dining hall. They roasted a couple of pigs for the feast which was quite an event for all involved.

Percy Dempsey receives Q. M. Smith award from Clyde Bennett at the Heart of Tennessee Awards Banquet. Wayne Eubanks receives the Silver Beaver award in 1976



Recharter recognizes the Nations' Bi-Centennial

1977

Jim Jernigan receives Q. M. Smith Award. Mike Bachler, Nancy West, Jim Martin, John Hawk and Jack Collins receive the Long Rifle Award at the Heart of Tennessee banquet.



1978

In 1978, the Middle Tennessee Council was second in the nation in membership growth with only Los Angeles having a higher percentage.

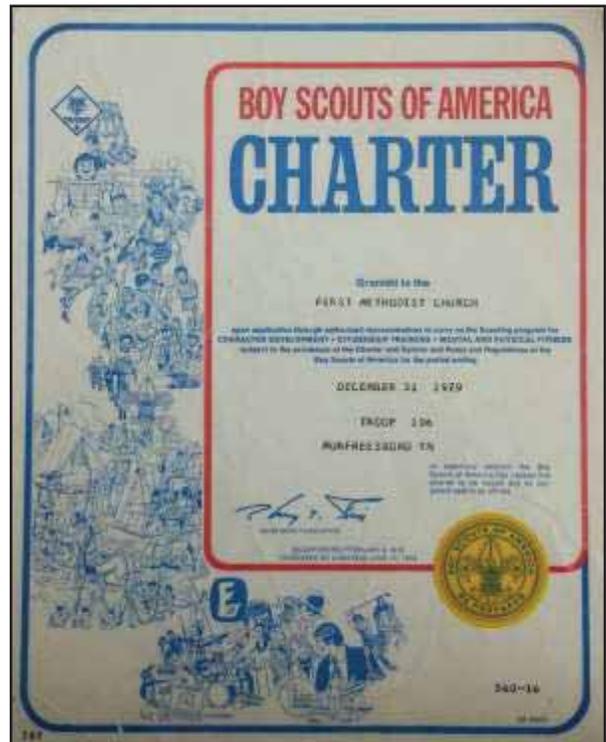
William Ketron began serving on the National Order of the Arrow Committee which he served from 1978 to 2003.

Johnny Titshaw receives the Q. M. Smith Award

1979

Mr. Ketron received the Distinguished Service Award, the highest honor bestowed for service to the Order of the Arrow on a Regional and National Basis and he received the Silver Beaver for distinguished service to Scouting in our Council.

Wayne Eubank receives the Q. M. Smith Award. Vance Akin, III, Sandra Wilson, Billy Insel and Kelley Martin receive the Long Rifle Award.



1980s – The Heart of Tennessee becomes the Trail of Tears

In 1980, membership reaches 4,326,082; total members, 64,840,661. Cub Scouting celebrates its 50th anniversary and registers its 30 millionth Cub Scout since 1930. Oscar de la Renta redesigned the Boy Scout Uniform. The 10th, 11th and 12th National Jamborees were held during the 1980s (1981, 1985, 1989), all at Fort A. P. Hill, Virginia with 30,000 to 22,000 Scouts and leaders attending. The Florida National High Adventure Seabase opens in 1980. A milestone in the history of the BSA was passed in Sept 1982 with the registering of the millionth Eagle Scout. Tiger Cubs was introduced for 7-year old boys in 1982 (they met separately and attended the blue and gold dinner in February and attended the graduation in the spring) and Varsity Scouting for boys 14-17 was launched in 1984. The BSA's 75th Anniversary was celebrated in 1985 with the theme "Pride in the Past...Footsteps to the Future". Scouting for Food, the largest national Good Turn since World War II was held in November 1988, collecting more than 60 million food items and 72 million food items in 1989. The 12 Boy Scout "skill awards" were dropped in 1989 and were added back to the primary ranks. The required merit badges for these ranks was also dropped. Rutherford County census population in 1980 – 84,058.

1980

During the early 1980s, Cub Scout Day camps were being held on the campus at Middle Tennessee State University. Mrs. Sue Young and Mrs. Mary Jo Bryant organized the camps from 1980 – 1983.

Tally Arnold receives the Q. M. Smith Award. Robert Prytula, Margaret Trondson, Joe Meshoto, Ruthan Patient, Lillian Hobbs receive the Long Rifle Award.

1981

Ken Bumpas is Scoutmaster of the Wood Badge MT-24 course. He had been on staff every year since 1976. He had three sets of Wood Badge beads – 2 beads for completing the course and their 5 ticket items; 3 beads for being on Wood Badge staff; and 4 beads for being the Scoutmaster/Course Director.

Ken Bumpas receives the Q. M. Smith Award.

1982

Wayne Lannon receives the Q. M. Smith Award at the Heart of Tennessee District awards banquet. Ken Bumpas received the Silver Beaver from the Middle Tennessee Council.

1983

The Heart of Tennessee District started a new award in honor of Robert (Bob) Prytula to honor organizations which help the Scouting program. Bob was a professor at MTSU and an Assistant Scoutmaster in Troop 456 (NBCC). Bob would volunteer to ride with officers of the sheriff's department at night, and was on call at all times to help counsel victims of crime and others who were in need of help. He was an outstanding volunteer in the Scouting movement in Rutherford County. One of the things that made Bob Prytula special is that he did this without compensation, without fan-fare just because there was a need and he could help.

Ron Craig receives the Q. M. Smith Award.

1984

Day camp was held at MTSU during the early 1980s. Larry Sizemore was Camp Director in 1984 and put on quite a camp. On the first day, the Rutherford County EMT Service came out and helped each Cub Scout build their own first aid kit and went over first aid. The Murfreesboro Fire Department came out one day to let the scouts explore a couple of their trucks. The Murfreesboro Police sent out several officers who rappelled down Cummings Hall and discussed the work of the department. Campus professors demonstrated woodcraft and geology. They had Coke for their snacks. The Cub Scouts were able to go horseback riding at the stables, visit several helicopters from the National Guard that landed on campus and they were able to explore inside. They went swimming in the pool, cooked in Dutch ovens and much more that year. Frank Hayes receives the Q. M. Smith Award.



1985

The 1985 Winter Camporee was held at Camp Tubb on the coldest day ever recorded in Middle Tennessee at -17 degrees (that's minus 17!) on January 21, 1985. Mike Hargrove, Scoutmaster Troop 441 recalls a Scout washing dishes with wool gloves on to keep his hands warm. As soon as the gloves were removed from the warm water, they froze.

William Ketron, Sr. received the Silver Antelope award for service to Scouting in the region. He had been Scoutmaster of Troop 106 from 1965 – 1970, served as Wa-Hi-Nasa Lodge Advisor from 1967- 1975, was District Commissioner in 1974, and District Chairman from 1975-1977. He received the Silver Beaver in 1979. He served on the Boy Scout Regional Board (Region 5), and was Director of the National Communications Team for the Jamborees National Order of the Arrow Conferences during the 1980s.

In 1985, the Middle Tennessee Council decided to re-organize the districts to maximize the professional staffing to better serve the units. At this time, Black Fox, Heart of Tennessee and Two Rivers districts joined together to become the Trail of Tears district. This area included several middle Tennessee counties. The combined districts operated under one District Executive, yet the 'old districts' still operated pretty much by the counties they served prior to the merger.

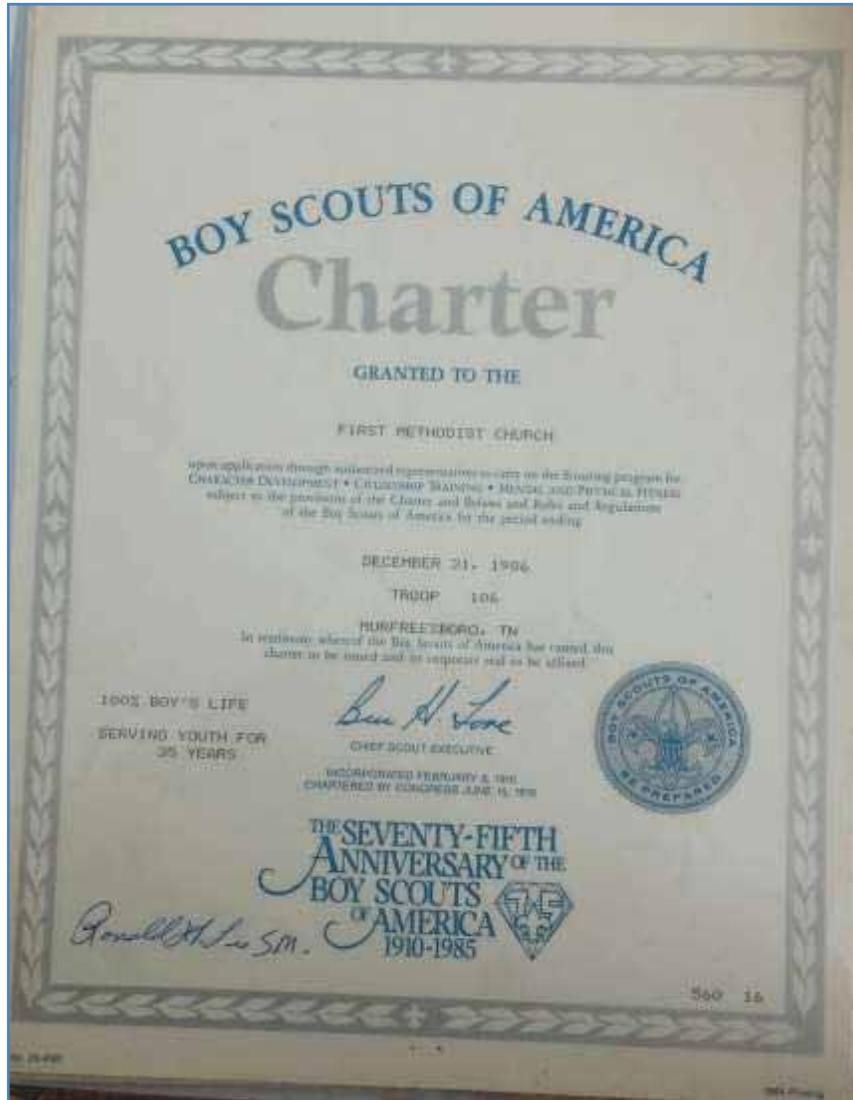
There was one District Committee for the new Trail of Tears District. Roundtable Commissioners continued to serve the areas they had prior to the merger.

The District Banquet was a combined event often held in the Tennessee Room at MTSU. Each of the special awards would be given for persons with distinct service in the 'old district'. The Q. M. Smith Award and the Robert Prytula Award went to persons in Rutherford or Cannon County, The Eddie Oliver Award went to a Scouter in Warren County, and the Earl Brantley Award and the Red, White, and Blue Award went to Scouters in Bedford County.

Rupert Insel receives the Q. M. Smith Award.

1986

Bill Insel receives the Q. M. Smith Award.



Charter Certificate during the 75th Anniversary of the Boy Scouts

1987

Jim Martin receives the Q. M. Smith Award at the district awards banquet. Dr. Ruppert Klaus receives the Silver Beaver from the Middle Tennessee Council.

1988

Jack Ruttenbur receives the Q. M. Smith Award.

1989

Bill Stewart receives the Q. M. Smith Award. Bill Ketron receives the council's Silver Beaver Award.

1990s – The Spirit of Scouting

In 1990, membership had reached 5,448,000. Learning for Life was established in 1991 as a character-building program for the classroom – 700,000 participated the first year. The coed Venturing Program was launched for youth 18-20 years old. Rutherford County census population in 1990 – 118,570.

1990

Klaus Kallenberger, MTSU Art Professor and Bob Adams with the MTSU Business Office started the MTSU Merit Badge University for Scouts in the Middle Tennessee Area. Each year since, thousands of Scouts have been through the MBU. It averages around 400 Scouts and 100 adults each year.

Bill Young receives the Q. M. Smith Award. Tom Caldwell receives the Silver Beaver Award.

1991

Tom Caldwell receives the Q. M. Smith Award. Mike Warren receives the Silver Beaver.

1992

Those who have been through Wood Badge training know the song, “Back to Gilwell” and perhaps wonder what the actual Gilwell is like. In 1992, Ken Bumpas, Tom Wilhite and Chester Martin along with their wives took a vacation trip in 1992 to visit Gillwell Park in London, England to see for themselves. The U.K. Scout Association’s Gilwell Park is where the first Wood Badge course was held in September 1919, and every course since has created its own Gilwell as a gathering place for adult leaders getting trained.

In 1992, Mike Warren was District Chairman and Klaus Kallenberger was District Commissioner.

Jim Burkhalter receives the Q. M. Smith Award.

1993

Mike Warren is District Chairman; Claudia Hunter District Commissioner. The district banquet held at MTSU where Mike Warren received the Q. M. Smith Award.

1994

Mike Warren continues as District Chairman and Claudia Hunter District Commissioner. The district Banquet held at First Methodist with Tom Lorden receiving the Q. M. Smith Award. Jack Ruttenbur and Nancy Shawver receive the Silver Beaver Award from the Middle Tennessee Council.

1995

Mike Warren continues as District Chairman and Claudia Hunter District Commissioner. Twilight camp for Cub Scouts was held at Central Middle school. David Brunner receives the Q. M. Smith Award. Robert Corlew, III and Claudia Hunter receive the council's Silver Beaver.

1996

District Banquet held at the Holiday Inn. Learning for Life established in 4 schools, over 900 youth and adults participated in the Fall Cub and Family campout, 22 Scouts became Eagle Scouts.

After trying the merged districts with one District Executive since 1985, the Middle Tennessee Council decided to divide the district again to better serve the youth and to provide professional service to meet the growing needs. In 1996, when the districts reorganized again with separate District Executives, and the Rutherford and Cannon County district reestablished, the district was not able to regain its "Heart of Tennessee" name, but rather continued with the "Trail of Tears" District name.

William Roberts receives the Q. M. Smith Award.

1997

In 1997, the District Committee discussed the various awards and recognitions that would be handed out at the next Volunteer Awards Ceremony. They felt that something important was missing. Every really successful organization has within it, a spiritual leader, who inspires others by his or her actions. Very often, this person is not the elected or appointed head of the organization and may or may not hold any official position of leadership. Still, this individual's influence can be said to be the heartbeat of the organization. This was very much the case in the Trail of Tears District. The committee decided to name a new award in honor of a man who has been our friend and spiritual leader for many years dating back to when we were the Heart of Tennessee District. Percy E. Dempsey was honored as the first recipient and namesake of the Trail of Tears District Spirit of Scouting Award. This award isn't necessarily an annual award, but is awarded for only a few individuals who have touched the lives of Scouts for many years. More details in the appendix.

Bob Hajdesz receives the Q. M. Smith Award.

1998

In 1998, Greg Tucker received the Silver Buffalo – an award given to a Scouter who has given service to the Scouting program – on a national level. As of this date, he is the only one with this award from the Trail of Tears district. Greg Tucker was instrumental in creating and revising several merit badges including the Swimming Merit badge.

John Bridgers receives the Q. M. Smith Award. Mike Warren receives the Percy Dempsey Spirit of Scouting Award.

1999

In the late 1990's at a Winter Camporee at Camp Tubb, the Scouts got to camp in tents in about 10 inches of snow. It was so cold, that the water buffalo froze. Scoutmaster Tom Caldwell and Dallas

Cadle went to the Rock Island store to get water for the Scouts. The owner told them that if they could unfreeze the pipes outside they were welcome to get the water they needed and he handed them a propane torch. With the skill and patience only adult leaders can finesse, they were able to get their water jugs filled and returned the torch to the owner, and the Scouters headed back to camp. On Sunday they were commenting about how well the campout went despite the cold and snow, no one had gotten hurt and a fun time was had by all. About that time, a sheriff deputy drove up looking for the Scouts who burned down the Rock Island store. Apparently, the blow torch had caught a pine panel inside the store on fire and the building burned.

Rich St. Onge receives the Q. M. Smith Award. Jim Klaus receives the Percy Dempsey Spirit of Scouting Award.

2000 – A New Millennium

There are 1,209,077 registered BSA members in 2000. The 100th million member joined the BSA in 2000 and the 2 millionth Eagle Scout received his rank in 2009. The Summit Bechtel Family National Scout Reserve near Beckley, WV was the single largest gift ever made to the BSA (in 2009) which will become the future home of the National Scout Jamboree and Scouting Leadership and Training Center. The 15th and 16th National Jamborees were held at Fort A.P. Hill in 2001 and 2005 with 40,000 and 43,000 Scouts and leaders attending. Rutherford County census population in 2000 – 182,023.

2000

In 2000, Klaus Kallenberger retired from MTSU and was looking for help to continue the MBU program at MTSU. He had been pretty much single-handedly recruiting instructors and organizing the MBU on his own for several years. John High and Theresa Stevenson assisted Dr. Kallenberger with the MTSU MBU in 2000 and shared in its organizing and planning for several years.

Winter 2000 camporee was held in the fields at Henry Horton State Park. The theme celebrated the 90th Anniversary of Scouting. Troop 320, Rockvale was host of the camporee which included an archery station, snowball fight (with marshmallows) with various other Scouting activities that would have been popular in the early years of Scouting.

Troop 538 at St. Rose took a trip to Alaska in "We'll be going to Anchorage first, and then going by float plane to a lodge -- it can't be reached any other way," Scoutmaster Greg Durrett said. "We'll spend about five days salmon fishing." Then they spent about four days backpacking for 38 miles on the Resurrection Trail in Kenai Peninsula. They also visited the Portage Glacier while on the peninsula. The last 4 days of their trip was spent in Denali National Park viewing Mount McKinley, the highest mountain in the United States.

Tom Schnell receives the Q. M. Smith Award. Bill Insel receives the Percy Dempsey Spirit of Scouting Award.

2001

Winter Camporee hosted by Troop 106, was held at Cedars of Lebanon the 2nd weekend in January. Troop 106 also held their 50th anniversary celebration for fifty consecutive years of service. They had a dinner, program, and capped off the night with an Eagle Court of Honor for Jason Crook, their first Eagle since 1996.

In 2001, Greg Tucker received the Silver Antelope – the second from our District to receive this honor. William Ketron, Sr. was the first in 1985.

The 2001 Spring Camporee was a disaster (more accurately - a disaster preparedness training), held at the Alvin C. York VA Medical Center and sponsored by Troop 456 at North Blvd Church of Christ. From the Press Release:

The Trail of Tears District of the Boy Scouts of America is working on "Being Prepared" by holding a disaster preparedness training session and drill this weekend at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Murfreesboro. Approximately 500 Scouts and Scouters are registered to participate in

the multi-day event. Some 50 emergency personnel, 30 emergency vehicles and 2 helicopters will support the event giving participants hands-on opportunities to learn about emergency response. Ten local emergency agencies will be training and participating in the drill. Participants include:

*Middle Tennessee Chapter of the American Red Cross,
Murfreesboro Police Department,
Rutherford County Emergency Management Agency,
Rutherford Volunteer Fire Departments,
Emergency Medical Services,
and the Tennessee Army National Guard.*

The event is intended to train Boy Scout troops in disaster preparedness, what to do in the event of a disaster, and how to help local officials clean up and recover from a disaster. Activities will include training sessions which will culminate in a full-scale disaster drill to include an emergency operations center, formulation of search and rescue teams, simulated victim's loss of life and limb, a triage center, and a life-flight heli-pad.

In the morning the Scouts divided into 'teams' with stations taught by members of the above agencies covering various topics including:

- K-9 demonstrations,
- search party organization and procedures,
- rescue techniques with use of ropes and carry techniques used to rescue and coiling and throwing 50 feet of heaving lines
- EMS – first aid for bleeding, shock, broken limbs, triage procedures, transporting victims out of rugged terrain,
- Safely rescuing a person whose clothes are on fire
- Hazard materials
- Fire extinguishing procedures
- Traffic and civilian control



After lunch the Scouts participated in a mock disaster – a tornado had swept through a Scout camp site. There were unconscious Scouts, some had been impacted with tree limbs, others had missing limbs or broken bones, there was one with an eye injury, and some were bleeding and dazed among the victims. The Scouts were to use the skills learned during the morning to check the area, determine which victims had life threatening injuries, treat victims, transport and triage the injured.

The camporee was a great experience for the Scouts!

Brian Roberson formed a committee in 2001 to launch a Trail of Tears district web site. Work throughout the year by a dedicated committee, resulted in the district's 1st try at its own web site which is still being used today– www.totScouting.org

The 2001 National Jamboree – “Strong Values, Strong Leaders” was the theme at Fort A. P. Hill in Virginia, July 23 – August 1. Bob Martin Scoutmaster of Troop 320 was the Scoutmaster for the Middle Tennessee Council contingent with 36 Scouts in his council troop. Scouts, Rob and Thoney Martin attended from the Trail of Tears District.

“It takes a lot of tents to shelter 40,000 Scouts and leaders. The instant city that resulted was one of the largest in Virginia for 10 days.

The statistics are staggering, with an average of 22 tents for each of some 800 units, spread across 20 sub-camps. Amid the thousands of tents, elaborate gateways, and fluttering flags were a hospital and medical centers, food warehouses, trading posts, and the community services of any city.

Months of planning and preparation paid off as troop campsites were swiftly established upon the Scouts' arrival. Each site included tents, dining flies, and tables for the campers.

Stormy weather during the jamboree blew down some tents, but the driving rain couldn't dampen the spirit of the Scouts who pitched in to gather and dry out soaked gear.”¹⁵⁰

Fall 2001 Camporee – Survivor Theme – Out Wit, Out Last, Out Play was held at Percy Dempsey site on Boxwell reservation with Troop 320 hosting the Camporee. Among the various Scouting events, there was a Scoutmaster cook-off and a Scoutmaster Eagle Challenge to answer "What the Scout Oath and Law mean in my daily life." Troop 340 and Troop 398 won the Scoutmaster Cook-off contest with the following entries.

- Mexican Casserole Surprise - Troop 340

- 3 bunches of green onions
- 1 green bell pepper
- 1 red bell pepper
- 3 tbs butter
- 1 can Rotel
- 2 cans cream of mushroom soup
- 2 cans hominy
- 2 lbs ground meat

Chop green onions and peppers, sauté in butter 5 minutes or until clean. Brown ground meat and drain excess grease. Add canned items and simmer for 15 minutes.

Cook in Dutch oven at 325 for 30 minutes. Add Fritos and cheese, recover and bake an additional 15 minutes.

- Charcoal Roasted Fresh Turkey- Troop 398

- Roasted in turkey bag with charcoal radiate heater. Tripod and foil created hybrid box oven.
- Stuffing - Pepperidge farm stuffing with onion and celery. Moistened with 1 can chicken broth.

- BBQ Green Beans - Troop 398

- #10 Allen Green Beans, drained
- 2 lbs brown sugar
- 1 16 oz BBQ sauce
- 1 lbs crisp bacon

- 2 Tbls Worchester sauce
- 1 large onion

Cook bacon and crumble. Mix BBQ, brown sugar, Worchester sauce and onion and bacon grease. Mix in pan with beans and cook in box oven for 1 hour.

- Blackberry/Peach cobbler with pecans - Troop 398
 - 1 yellow cake mix
 - 1 bag frozen blackberries
 - 1 can sliced peaches in syrup
 - 1/2 jar applesauce
 - 1/2 can sweetened condensed milk
 - 1 plastic squeeze jug of margarine
 - 1 bag chopped pecans or pecan halves

For glaze, mix in separate bowl: Cinnamon, brown sugar and butter.

Use #12 Dutch oven, and 25-30 charcoal briquettes

Pour some margarine in bottom of Dutch oven, add fruit and applesauce. Spread cake mix over the fruit. Pour 1/2 can condensed milk over the cake mix. Pour additional butter on top. Spread pecans on top and cover with glaze mix. Cook for 45 minutes to 1 hour. 8-10 briquettes on bottom and 16-20 briquettes on top.

The Scoutmaster Eagle Challenge winner was Mike Warren, Scoutmaster of Troop 398 on "What the Scout Oath and Law mean in my daily life".

"The Scout Oath and Law are the standards by which I judge myself. How can I expect my Scouts to live by them if I don't? Anytime I'm forced with a difficult decision, I work my way through the 12 points of the Scout law and I always know what to do by the time I get to the 12th point. There are many variables in life, but the Oath and Law are fixed like the North Star, they set my direction in life. I trust them completely. My hope is that on my Day of Judgment, the Lord will say "Well done, you have been Trustworthy, Loyal, Helpful, Friendly, Courteous, Kind, Obedient, Cheerful, Thrifty, Brave, Clean and Reverent. Come on in!!!"

Mike Hargrove receives the Q. M. Smith Award. Jack Ruttenbur receives the Percy Dempsey Spirit of Scouting Award.

2002

Troop 538, St. Rose Catholic Church hiked a week-long 76 mile section of the Appalachian Trail from Hot Springs, NC to Erwin, TN during their summer break. The Scouts woke about 6am each morning and were on the trail by 7am. They hiked until around 4pm before setting up camp. One day, the elevation change was over 3000 feet – "like climbing Monteagle twice". "The flat spots are roads, campsites or towns – everything else is up or down"¹⁵¹ according to Don Bingham, troop leader. Midway through the hike several mothers met the backpackers along the trail bringing their favorite foods – chicken burritos, green salad, cookies and fruit salad.

The 20th World Jamboree in Thailand from Dec 28, 2002 –Jan 7, 2003 – themed “Share our Worlds, Share our Cultures” – Thoney and Rob Martin, Troop 320 left on Christmas day from Trail of Tears along with three others from the Middle Tennessee Council. About 15,000 youth representing Scouting organizations from around 100 countries gathered in Thailand for the Jamboree. About 160 to 200 Boy Scouts from the United States attended.

Cub Scout Pack 448 stuffed stockings provided by the Salvation Army with combs, wash cloths, towels, soaps, lotions, nail clippers, tooth brushes, Kleenex tissues and beauty aid kits for the Salvation Army to distribute to members of the community and homeless shelters. It has been their tradition for several years. Assistant Cub Scout Leader Fred Brewer says “one of the things he wants the boys to learn from the community project is that there are other people who are not as fortunate as them” One mother noted that Christmas “isn’t all about PlayStation and Nintendo games, but about helping others”. “The true spirit of Christmas is in the giving and not the getting”.¹⁵²

Ann Burkhalter receives the Q. M. Smith Award.

2003

At the district Patron’s Luncheon at the Stones River Country Club, Former NFL Hall-of-Famer, Raymond Berry was quest speaker with Mike Keith, voice of the Tennessee Titans as Emcee of the event. Barry played for the Baltimore Colts from 1955 – 1967 and was Head Coach for the New England Patriots in the 1980s.

Spring Camporee was held at the VA including the OA tap-out ceremony.

The June District Committee meeting was held at Boxwell on Tuesday, June 10 – and included attending the Scoutmaster’s Steak Dinner, and then the district’s calendar planning session was held following dinner.

Eddie Miller, District Chairman planned a “Committee Family Day” on June 28th at Boxwell’s Cope course. Leaders and spouses were invited to get to know others and to more of “what we do in Scouting”.¹⁵³ Skeet shooting was also part of the event and attendees were invited to bring their guitars or other instruments for entertainment and fun.

At the Cannonsburgh Village old-fashioned Christmas celebration, Troop 448 from Trinity Methodist took pictures of children with Santa Claus and sold marshmallow guns that the Scouts made themselves.

John Harding receives the Q. M. Smith Award. David Brunner receives the Percy Dempsey Spirit of Scouting Award.

2004

Tennessee Titans kicker Joe Nedney was keynote speaker at the Friends of Scouting Patrons luncheon at the Stones River Country Club on Feb 18. This was the second FOS luncheon in the county – in the past these were held in surrounding counties.

Jim Klaus receives the Q. M. Smith Award. Tom Caldwell receives the Percy Dempsey Spirit of Scouting Award.

2005

Fall 2005 Camporee at Grimes Canoe Base

After the Christmas season, Troop 422, Smyrna held a Christmas Tree collection drive. They sorted our usable Christmas trees from ones with too much tinsel. The tinsel trees were sent to Stewartsboro to be mulched and the good trees were loaded onto trucks and trailers and taken to Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency sites. While the water levels in Percy Priest Lake were low, TWRA arranged the trees in the lake to create habitats for the fish.

Ron Robertson receives the Q. M. Smith Award. Mike Hargrove receives the Percy Dempsey Spirit of Scouting Award.

2006

Winter Camporee – snowed

The district held a “Scout Discovery Day” at Barfield Park. This was intended to be a come-and-go event for kids such as Webelos and boys not in Scouting who might want to join Boy Scouts.

Dale Bryson organized the Scouting for Food drive in November. Over 25,000 food items were collected. Also in November, Troop 422 and Pack 842 assisted the Veterans of Foreign War Post 8422 with their Buddy Poppy drive to honor disabled Veterans. For more than 75 years, the VFW’s Buddy Poppy program has raised millions of dollars in support of veteran’s welfare and the well-being of their dependents. Together, the troop and pack raised over \$1500 to assist disabled veterans.

Bob Martin receives the Q. M. Smith Award.

2007

July 28 through August 8, 2007, the 21st World Jamboree was held at Hylands Park, England celebrating the Centenary of Scouting. Rob Martin, Troop 320 went as an Assistant Scoutmaster with the Middle Tennessee Council contingent. There were about 15 Scouts from the Middle Tennessee Council attending the Jamboree with about 40,000 Scouts from around the world.

“Today is the first day that has felt like a real World Jamboree. We woke up at 4 a.m. for breakfast because today was community service day. At 4 we woke up the boys who were responsible for fetching the food, then when they got back around 5 (yes, it takes that long). We woke up the cooks. We ate at 6 and met at our sub-camp gate at 7:15am. After walking a while to where the buses were supposed to pick us up, we waited in line till around 9, got on a bus with kids from Sri Lanka and Japan and drove off to our unknown project. Turns out we were going to a petting zoo an hour away from the Jamboree site. We spent an hour looking at the animals, of course, something we couldn’t do at home. We then went and had lunch in an old run down castle, which was actually pretty nice. At noon, we walked back to where the busses dropped us off and took a 2 hour long nap. Then we started our community service around 2, which was pulling toxic weeds out of the ground so cows wouldn’t eat them. At 2:45pm we were to meet back at the bus site to load back on, which we apparently couldn’t do until we taught the Sri Lankans an American song. Sri Lankans don't speak a smidgeon of English, French, or Spanish, so our interpreters were sunk. We left this site at 4pm and got back to the Jambo site at 5. So basically we had all day dedicated to doing community service and performed 45 minutes of

pulling weeds. Dinner tonight was chili, and our contingent leader was supposed to eat with us so I wasn't about to let the boys destroy another meal. I cut chives, tomatoes, onions, and peppers and mixed in some premixed chili sauce with meat that the boys had ground up. We added some spices until it was delicious and then fried up some sliced potatoes in our surplus of butter we've collected over the last few days. Everything was delicious and lucky enough, we found out that a German troop would be eating with us. They got there right on time and we all had a lovely dinner. Then we pulled out the troop guitar and sang songs by the Beatles, Bob Dylan, the Eagles, John Denver, and everyone else for a few hours. We traded patches, discussed each other's cultures, and just hung out. It was a wonderful time. After they left, the boys cleaned camp and prepared for the Vigil tonight. Tomorrow is sunrise day, and we are supposed to be celebrating the 100th Anniversary of Scouting so tonight the entire Jamboree site tried to hold a vigil to mentally prepare for tomorrow. This failed miserably as no one was silent, everyone was talking and playing soccer. They tried to put together an exhibit called the world's largest left handshake where everyone on site cut out a copy of their hand and decorated it to put it on some large piece of plaster to go on display in the Museum of London. Little did they realize that 4000 American Scouts would turn their hands into turkeys.

The vigil period went from soft, mellow music to hardcore rock and roll, so it wasn't very vigilant. Tomorrow we get up at 4 am for sunrise service. I don't know what we do all day but apparently we don't get a break except for meals until 11:30 p.m. It will be busy.

No massive injuries today and only a few minor fights. My face is as red as a tomato as I am burned to a crisp, but only below my eyes where my sunglasses end and my hat doesn't shade me. It hurts to open my mouth. Oh well.”¹⁵⁴

The Winter Camporee at Camp Tubb had a First Aid theme. In addition to basic first aid skills, the Scouts also made personal first aid kits. Dave Walters and Troop 441, Christiana hosted the event.

Nov 17-18, Jim Whitehead organized the Patriot Challenge Weekend for 15 year old or Life Scouts held at the Smyrna National Guard center. There were 4 rotation groups on Saturday - 1) Bradley tank and ground training, 2) Aviation and black hawk helicopter and medevac. 3) Marksmanship and laser simulator. 4) Flag stuff - ceremony and etiquette. Sunday covered a mock Eagle Board of Review, how to fill out forms and paperwork, project discussion, etc.

Greg Tucker teamed with Dan McGuire of Memphis to rewrite the Rowing Merit Badge booklet. Tucker remembered “when 10 to 15 Boy Scouts signed up to learn about rowing. He also remembers when those numbers dropped to three or four”.¹⁵⁵ In order to make the merit badge more interesting, Tucker and McGuire added Olympic rowing as part of the merit badge. He was also working on the Motorboating Merit Badge to be released in 2008 – one of the first full color merit badge pamphlets. Greg Tucker has contributed to at least 10 merit badges including swimming, whitewater rafting, water skiing and public health.

John High receives the Q. M. Smith Award.

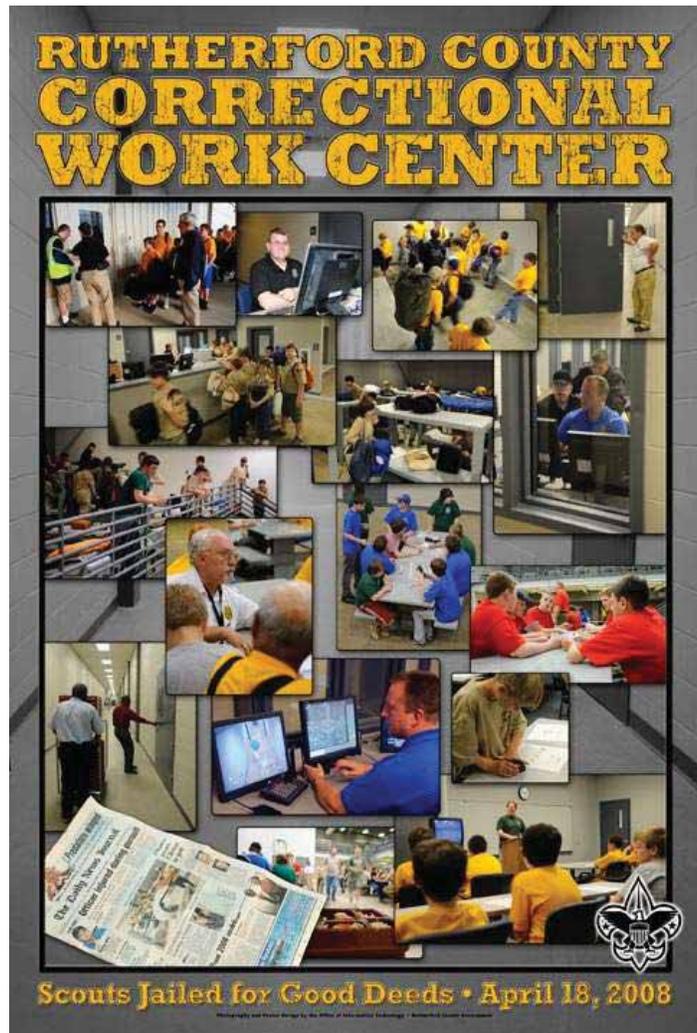
2008

The Winter Camporee in January had a County Fair theme - centered around a cooking competition. The Saturday stations included: 1) Stove/Fire pits, 2) planning and shopping, 3) cleanup, safety and first aid, 4) menu planning, 5) seasonings, 6) cooking tips and techniques, 7) cast iron oven and skillet cooking.

And of course there will be a cooking competition. The events would complete a lot of the cooking merit badge requirements.

On April 16, the Boy Scouts were jailed overnight for their “good deeds”. The new jail (which didn’t house inmates at the time) needed a large group to test out the new facility. Scouts were “booked’ in (with parents giving parental consent and talent release documents). The workhouse staff provided dinner and the Fingerprinting Merit badge was taught. This started on Friday evening around 5pm and concluded Saturday morning at 9am. The Scouts actually got to count this as service hours. WKRN, Channel 2 News and WSMV, Channel 5 news covered the event as well as reports in the Daily News Journal and Murfreesboro Post.

Ever wondered what it would be like to spend the night in jail? Well, now's your chance, and you can leave the next morning. The Rutherford County Correctional Work center is calling on Boy Scouts of the Trail of Tears District to help work center personnel prepare its new facility for occupation by inmates. During your stay you will be given a nice bunk on which to sleep, and you will be provided supper and breakfast. You will be routed around the building for your daily activities just like you were an inmate. This will help staff be prepared for the real inmates. In addition to moving about the facility, Scouts may be asked to perform functions like using the sinks and flushing commodes. If there are plumbing or other problems, we want to discover this prior to occupation by inmates.¹⁵⁶



The Fall Camporee was held at Percy Dempsey site at Boxwell – a Klondike Derby Oct 17-19. It was an unusual and unique opportunity for our Scouts. If being tested on most everything they ever learned in Scouting sounds rather intimidating, this Camporee turned out to be a great team building exercise and was loads of fun. The first challenge was to build a dog team type sled for each participating Patrol to carry all day everything they might need “on the trail” as they competed at towns such as Kodiak, Skagway and Fairbanks.

Lacking both snow and dogs did not deter the Scouts from pulling those sleds up and down hills and from town to town. We did see 2 stray dogs that were considered worthy additions to the team, but their Scouting skills were lacking. Instead the teams were built using all the Scouts armed with skills as well as tools, equipment and supplies of their choosing to handle all possible Scouting tasks. Sawing logs with cross cut saws, building fires and such were simple tasks. But these tasks were also timed, and both quality and quickest times were important to task completion.

Some of the Scouts learned that “portage” does not mean drag as they portaged their canoe to and from the lake. The canoe exercise was made more difficult by the strong headwind. Despite these challenges or perhaps because of them, Jared from Troop 442, checked the water temperature using the lower half of his body. Not to be outdone, his fellow troop mate, Reed, decided that deeper submersion was the way to go.

Other challenges included several First Aid treatments, flag ceremonies, knot tying, lashings, semaphore, and sling shot shooting with kibble & bits as ammo. All our Scouts prepared hot lunches on the trail.

Troop 442’s Cobra patrol proudly won 3rd place in this difficult all day challenge, Yea Cobras! The best sled was built by Troop 538 and was really a masterpiece, both strong and light. Thanks to Dale Bryson, Billy Necessary and Stanley Dunn who were responsible for the design and operation of our Camporee.

Pete Stanulis received the Q. M. Smith Award.

2009

The 2009 Winter Camporee at Camp Tubb covered basic Scout skills – including a timber hitch relay, fire-building contest, knots relay (square knot, clove hitch, bowline, taut line hitch, & 2 half hitches), compass relay and lashing event.

Jim Burton, Dean of the Jennings A. Jones College of Business at MTSU received the Distinguished Scouting Award at the Friends of Scouting Patron luncheon at the Stones River Country Club in February. He was on the Executive Board of the Middle TN Council, BSA and Vice-President of Area 4. Dean Burton said “I got involved in it (BSA) because I thought it was a lot of fun as a kid, but as an adult, I am in it because it is the greatest character-building organization in the U. S”.¹⁵⁷ He has served on numerous committees in the council from strategic planning, fundraising, auditing and finance to working to open Latimer High Adventure base in Van Buren County. MTSU’s Athletic Director was the keynote speaker for the luncheon which raised over \$85K.

June 2009, Troop 422 participated in the Firestone Grand Opening event in Smyrna. They were joined by the Nashville Predator cheerleaders. Firestone donated \$500 to the Trail of Tears District.

July 2009, the Percy Dempsey Base Camp opened at Latimer High Adventure Reservation. Latimer is a 1500 acre wilderness area in the midst of over 50,000 protected acres in Van Buren County near Fall Creek Falls State Park. All campers visiting Latimer start and end at the



Percy Dempsey base camp site while participation in activities at the reservation. The camp was named for Percy Dempsey at the request of Ted and Gloria LaRoche. Ted LaRoche, a Dempsey Eagle Scout and his wife made a donation to the project.

The Fall 2009 Camporee was a catapult competition at Smyrna Air Base Oct 23-25.

Linda Veach receives the Q. M. Smith Award. Bob Martin receives the Percy Dempsey Spirit of Scouting Award.

2010s – 100 Years Later

Scouting celebrates its 100th anniversary in 2010. In the 1st 100 years, 117,004,329 youth have been served and 34,464,261 adults have registered with the Boy Scouts. In 2010, there were 2,739,692 traditional Scouts and 1,082,919 traditional leaders registered. Rutherford County census population in 2010 – 263,740

2010

Tom Caldwell received the Distinguished Scouting Award by the Trail of Tears District at its annual Friends of Scouting luncheon at the Stones River Country Club. As Scoutmaster of Troop 416, he has helped over 100 young men reach the rank of Eagle Scout. The Middle TN Council noted that less than 10 Scouters in 75 years of recordkeeping have had 100+ Scouts earn the Eagle rank. Retired Navy Rear Admiral Jimmie Taylor of Smyrna was the featured speaker.

The 2010 Winter camporee was postponed due to forecasted snowy weather conditions. It was never rescheduled

The National Jamboree was held for the last time at Fort A. P. Hill in Virginia. Many scouts from the Trail of Tears district attended this 100th Anniversary Celebration Jamboree.

2010 Council Jamboree October 8-10, 2010 in Lebanon, TN at the Ward Agriculture Center in Lebanon with “a record-breaking 14,000 plus Scouts, volunteers, and family members in attendance to celebrate Scouting’s 100th Anniversary. Activities included a pumpkin catapult, a potato cannon, “cast iron chef” competition, tomahawk throw, massive geocaching expedition, military vehicles, rappelling, cave simulator, search and rescue demonstrations, night tracking training, and dozens of more unique and exciting activities. Saturday evening concluded with an arena show for all attendees featuring a “Tribute to the 100 Years of Scouting” and an electrifying laser show”.¹⁵⁸ Several Trail of Tears Scouters volunteered in various capacities to help make the Jamboree a success

Don Schneider receives the Q. M. Smith Award.

2011

After several years assisting with the MTSU MBU registration, Carla Adamson took over as Dean of the MBU as John High retired from the university and the MBU in 2011. Pat Thomas has been assisting with registrations and payments with Becky Cole authorizing the MBU payments and Theresa Stevenson scheduling room, orders meals, food, patches and gifts for the instructors.

Jan 2011 winter camporee at Camp Tubb included a Scouting’s 100th Anniversary theme with BSA history – events included opportunities to learn about the early Scouting heroes. The Stations listed below were examples of events the attending troops could host.

In July, 2011, Scouts from Troop 416, First Baptist Church, were headed to Georgia for a 4 day hike along the Appalachian Trail. The church bus was almost at the drop off place when a car ahead suddenly stopped. The bus didn’t have time to stop and ran into the car, bounce off onto the shoulder and then went down an embankment and flipped. The bus landed on its side and the Scouts and leaders were

able to climb out. Four Scouts were taken to a local hospital in Union County, GA. They were treated for bruises and bumps and one Scout suffered a concussion. After the crash, the Scouts debated whether to continue on their hike or to return home. And in true Scout spirit, they decided to continue with the hike. The Scout with the concussion wasn't able to complete the hike, even though he really wanted to be with his friends. Everyone was thankful that the injuries were not worse and that the Scouts were able to complete the hike.

Troop 320, Rockvale, heads to Northern Tier for a 2 week trip to the BSA's Charles E Sommers Northern Tier High Adventure Base. The crew of 8 choose the Grand Portage trek which is a one way canoe trek that includes an 8.5 -mile portage (among the other daily portages the crew encounters) ending up at Lake Superior with a shuttle back to the base camp. During the time, a nor'easter came in bringing winds and rain throughout most of the trip. A few days after Troop 320 started their trek, another crew wanted the Grand Portage trek, but the Northern Tier base considered it too tough with the weather conditions. A fun time was had by all.

Fall 2011 Camporee was at Latimer October 8-11 as an opportunity to show case the new High Adventure base to the district. Part of the camporee consisted of a canoe race on Lake Joe Long.

Denise Forsberg receives the Q. M. Smith Award.

2012

Scouts were also camping at summer camp on the hottest day ever recorded in Middle Tennessee, 109 on June 29, 2012.

Theresa Stevenson receives the Q. M. Smith Award.

The Order of the Arrow began hosting the Winter Camporee at Camp Tubb. The first year they held scout skills stations.

2013

Country singer, Charlie Daniel spoke to over 200 supporters at the annual Friends of Scouting Luncheon held at World Outreach Church. He spoke of his concern for the youth of today and the temptations they face and how "the Boy Scouts of America motivates you to do better and be better than you are";¹⁵⁹ they make a commitment to excellence and have been a positive influence in his life. Jim Burton, MTSU Dean of the College of Business and Vice-president of special projects for the Middle Tennessee Council, BSA was master of ceremonies and asked all Scouters to stand and recite the Scout Oath and Law. He asked how many other organizations have 70-year old men who can still recite their oaths and pledges they learned as a youth and still believe in what they mean.

The 18th National Jamboree was held in July at the new Summit Bechtel Reserve in West Virginia. This was well attended by local scouts. Denise and Kevin Forsberg went as adult volunteers and worked throughout the Jamboree.

In December, Troop 416 had two crews attend a trip to Northern Tier – Opnik for camping on ice in below 0 temperature.

Randy Cucerzan receives the Q. M. Smith Award.

2014

Governor Haslam spoke at the Friends of Scouting luncheon.

Debra Johnson receives the Q. M. Smith Award.

The Trail of Tears District sponsored a Bass Fishing Tournament as part of Friends of Scouting. The tournament was held May 17th on Percy Priest Lake.



Trail of Tears Open BASS TOURNAMENT

Benefiting the Boy Scouts of America,
Middle Tennessee Council

Saturday, May 17 6:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. CST
Percy Priest Lake, Fate Sanders Marina
3157 Weakley Lane

Generously sponsored by
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Tournament Rules

1. Boats must meet all Federal and State safety requirements and must have an aerated live well.
2. Only largemouth, smallmouth and spotted bass are eligible for weigh-in.
3. Artificial baits only may be used.
4. Five fish limit per boat.
5. Each dead fish will result in a 6-ounce penalty.
6. Late penalties will be enforced at 1 pound per minute tardy.
7. Live wells must be checked and approved by tournament officials prior to fishing.
8. No alcohol may be consumed during tournament hours or at tournament site.

Fees include entry for Big Bass Pot. Pre-registration can be made at Murfreesboro Outdoors: 2204 NW Broad St. Registration on May 17 begins at 4:00 a.m. at Fate Sanders Marina. Twenty percent of registration fees are donated to the Middle Tennessee Council Boy Scouts of America. For tournament information contact Randy Bolin at (615) 896-4745 or Ryan Vaden at (615) 383-9724.



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The OA members continue to host the Winter Camporee. The theme in 2014 was Zombie Apocalypse.

2015

The District Awards banquet was held at the Lions Club at Cannonsburgh. Kevin Phillips, Norbert Braunwalder and Tony Love were awarded the Long Rifle Award and Gore Ervin the Q. M. Smith Award. Jim Burkhalter received the Percy Dempsey Spirit of Scouting Award.

The 23 World Scout Jamboree was held at Kirara-hama, Yamaguchi, Japan. The Trail of Tears district was represented with a Scout from Troop 320 attending.

The OA's Winter Camporee was a Search and Rescue theme.

Appendix

Boy Scout of America Charter

United States Code
TITLE 36 - PATRIOTIC AND NATIONAL OBSERVANCES, CEREMONIES, AND ORGANIZATIONS
Subtitle II - Patriotic and National Organizations
Part B - Organizations
CHAPTER 309 - BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Sec. 30901. Organization

- A. Federal Charter. - Boy Scouts of America (in this chapter, the "corporation") is a body corporate and politic of the District of Columbia.
- B. Domicile. - The domicile of the corporation is the District of Columbia.
- C. Perpetual Existence. - Except as otherwise provided, the corporation has perpetual existence.

Sec. 30902. Purposes

The purposes of the corporation are to promote, through organization, and cooperation with other agencies, the ability of boys to do things for themselves and others, to train them in Scoutcraft, and to teach them patriotism, courage, self-reliance, and kindred virtues, using the methods that were in common use by boy Scouts on June 15, 1916.

Sec. 30903. Governing body

- A. Executive Board. - An executive board composed of citizens of the United States is the governing body of the corporation. The number, qualifications, and term of office of members of the board are as provided in the bylaws. A vacancy on the board shall be filled by a majority vote of the remaining members of the board.
- B. Quorum. - The bylaws may prescribe the number of members of the board necessary for a quorum. That number may be less than a majority of the entire board.
- C. Committees. -
 - 1. The board, by resolution passed by a majority of the entire board, may designate 3 or more members of the board as an executive or governing committee. A majority of the committee is a quorum. The committee, to the extent provided in the resolution or bylaws, may -
 - A. exercise the powers of the executive board in managing the activities of the corporation; and
 - B. authorize the seal of the corporation to be affixed to papers that may require it.
 - 2. The board, by majority vote of the entire board, may appoint other standing committees. The standing committees may exercise powers as provided in the bylaws.

Sec. 30904. Powers

- A. General. - The corporation may -
 - 1. adopt and amend bylaws and regulations, including regulations for the election of associates and successors;
 - 2. adopt and alter a corporate seal;
 - 3. have offices and conduct its activities in the District of Columbia and the States, territories, and possessions of the United States;
 - 4. acquire and own property as necessary to carry out the purposes of the corporation;
 - 5. sue and be sued within the jurisdiction of the United States; and
 - 6. do any other act necessary to carry out this chapter and promote the purpose of the corporation.
- B. Limitations on Exercising Certain Powers. -
 - 1. The corporation may execute mortgages and liens on the property of the corporation only if approved by a two-thirds vote of the entire executive board at a meeting called for that purpose.
 - 2. The corporation may dispose in any manner of the whole property of the corporation only with the written consent and affirmative vote of a majority of the members of the corporation.

Sec. 30905. Exclusive right to emblems, badges, marks, and words

The corporation has the exclusive right to use emblems, badges, descriptive or designating marks, and words or phrases the corporation adopts. This section does not affect any vested rights.

Sec. 30906. Restrictions

- A. Profit. - The corporation may not operate for pecuniary profit to its members.
- B. Stocks and Dividends. - The corporation may not issue stock or declare or pay a dividend.

Sec. 30907. Annual and special meetings

- A. Annual Meetings. - The corporation shall hold an annual meeting at a time and place as provided in the bylaws. At the meeting, the annual reports of the officers and executive board shall be presented, and members of the board shall be elected for the next year.
- B. Special Meetings. - Special meetings of the corporation may be called on notice as provided in the bylaws.
- C. Quorum. - The number of members necessary for a quorum at an annual or special meeting shall be prescribed in the bylaws.
- D. Locations. - The members and the executive board may hold meetings and keep the seal and records of the corporation in or outside the District of Columbia.

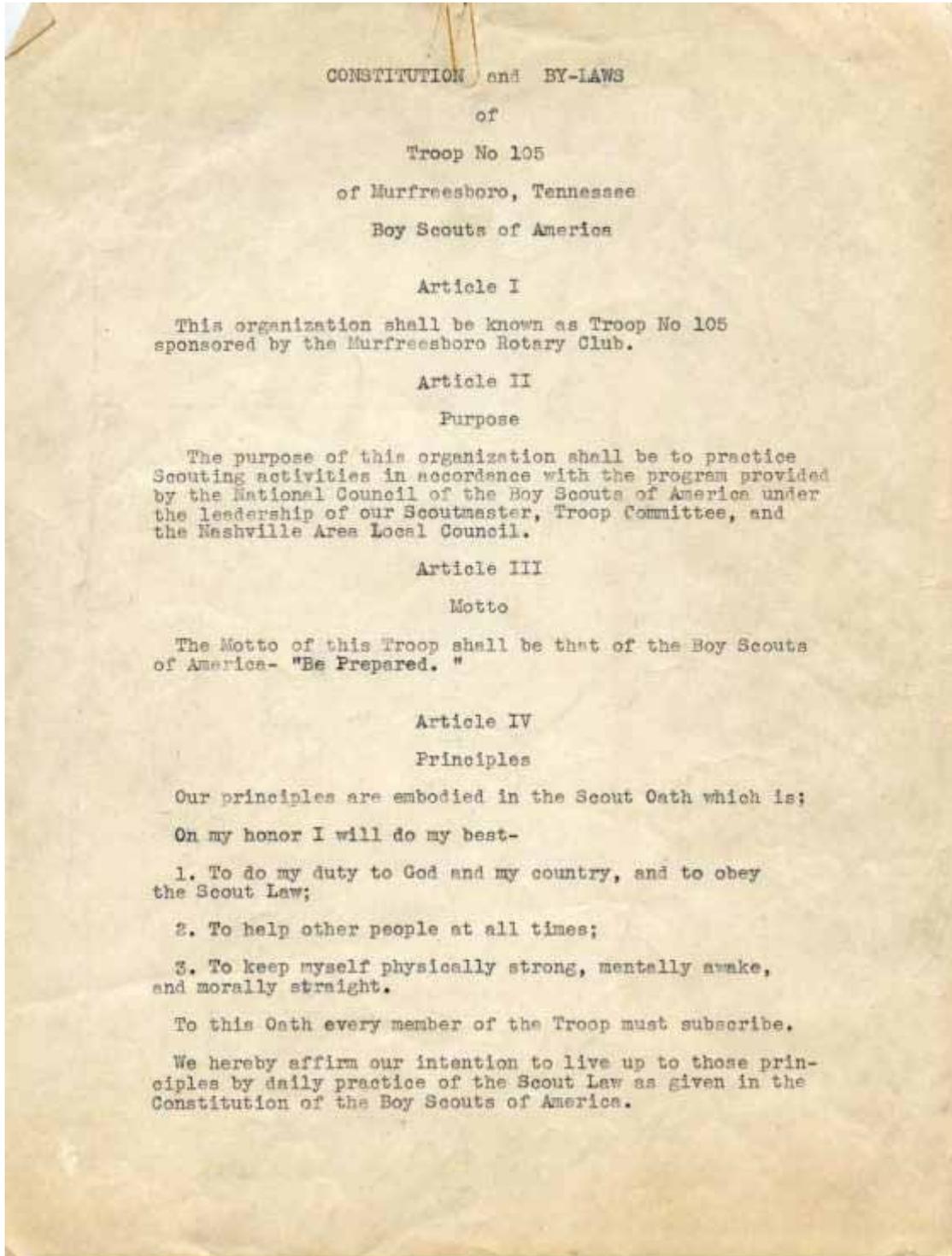
Sec. 30908. Annual report

Not later than April 1 of each year, the corporation shall submit a report to Congress on the activities of the corporation during the prior calendar year.

Approved June 15, 1916

Constitution and Bylaws of Troop 105, 1930s

Courtesy of the Gore Research Center at Middle Tennessee State University



Article V

Program

The program of this organization shall be as laid down by the National Council in Article VI of its By-Laws and shall be carried out as prescribed by the National Council in its Constitution and By-Laws and the official Handbooks.

Article VI

Supreme Law

The supreme law of this organization shall be the Constitution and By-Laws of the National Council of the Boy Scouts of America. Nothing in this Constitution and By-Laws shall be construed contrary to or in variation from the National Constitution and By-Laws.

Article VII

Membership

The membership of this Troop shall not exceed 32 Scout members and Troop officers. (Associate Scouts are not included in the 32 members.)

Any boy who has reached the age of twelve years, may, upon proper application, and by Troop vote, become a member of this Troop provided the full quota of membership has not been reached. He shall be listed as a candidate until such time as he qualifies for and passes the Tenderfoot examination as prescribed by the National Council. The period of candidacy shall be not less than .2. weeks or more than .4. weeks from the date of application. The manner of application shall be prescribed in Article VII, Section 2, of our By-Laws.

A member of another Troop of Boy Scouts of America may transfer his membership to this Troop as provided for and in accordance with Article VIII, Section 3, or our By-Laws.

Any member of this Troop who for good and sufficient reasons is unable to maintain active membership may become an associate member as provided for in Article X, Section 3, of the By-Laws of the National Council, or may, on resignation, provided his record is clean, receive a certificate of service. A member of this Troop may be dropped or suspended in accordance with provisions of Article VIII of our By-Laws.

Article VIII

Officers

The officers of this Troop shall be Troop Committee, a Scoutmaster and one or more Assistant Scoutmasters, with such additional Troop officers as are provided for in Article VIII of our By-Laws.

No office may be created in this Troop which is not in thorough accord with the Constitution and By-Laws of the National Council.

All commissioned officers shall meet the requirements for their respective offices as laid down by the National Council.

The duties and functions of all Troop officers, commissioned and non-commissioned, shall be as prescribed in Article IX of our By-Laws.

Article IX

Registration

Every member of this Troop shall be registered at the National Council office. The Troop shall remit to the National Council an annual registration fee in accordance with the provisions for such registration as prescribed in Article XIII, Section 1, of the By-Laws of the National Council.

Article X

This Constitution may be amended by a vote of two-thirds of the entire membership of the Troop at any regular meeting, provided the proposed alterations shall have been read at the immediately preceding regular meeting, and provided also written notice of such a meeting, together with a copy of proposed changes, shall have been given to every member of the Troop, at least 3 days before the meeting at which the amendment is to be voted upon.

No change shall be made that shall conflict in any way with the rules and regulations of the National Council of the Boy Scouts of America, or those of the Local Council . (District Council) Or Of the Troop Committee.

BY-LAWS

Article I

Colors

The colors of this Troop shall be Gold and Blue

Article II

The patrol names of this Troop shall be:

Byrd ----- Owl ----- Rattlesnake --- Sequoya

Article III

Headquarters

This Troop shall have as its headquarters the room known as "White Hall", named in honor of the late Dr. Bart N. White. This hall is situated on the 3rd. floor of the Murfreesboro Bank and Trust Company Building, Murfreesboro, Tennessee.

Article IV

Parent Institution

Inasmuch as the Murfreesboro Rotary Club sponsors our Troop and the Murfreesboro Bank and Trust Co. provides us with a meeting place, we hereby acknowledge our indebtedness and affirm our intention not to abuse the privileges extended and to co-operate with the said institutions in every way possible.

No Scout or Scouts shall have access to White Hall with out the presence of an officer of the Troop.

Article V

Meetings

Section 1. The regular meeting for general Scout practice or other activities arranged by the Scoutmaster, shall be held on Monday night of each week, except when, in the judgement of the Scoutmaster it is expedient to substitute a hike or week-end camp for the regular evening meeting. Except for special reasons regular meetings shall open promptly at 7:00 o'clock, and close on or before 9:00. Summer meetings may be changed.

Section 2. An out-door meeting or hike shall be held at least once a month and even more in the better seasons of the year.

Section 3. There shall be a meeting of the Troop Council (provided for in Article X of these By-Laws) for the transactions of ordinary Troop business at the close of every Troop meeting and at other times as necessary. A portion of a regular Troop meeting shall be given over to Troop business once a month or as necessary. The annual business meeting, for election of officers, shall be held on the 1st meeting in September.

Section 4. A special Anniversary Day meeting shall be celebrated annually in accordance with Article XVI, Section 5, of the By-Laws of the National Council. Every member of this Troop will re-commit himself to the Scout Oath and Law at 8:15 P. M. on February 8th.

Section 5. Special open meetings shall be held from time to time for parents and other friends of Scouting. All meetings shall be open meetings.

Section 6. Appropriate investiture ceremonies shall be held from time to time and to be conducted for candidates on their becoming full members of the Troop and of the Boy Scouts of America, having successfully met the Tenderfoot requirements, and may be conducted from time to time, for other members as they attain advanced rank in Scouting or are elected to office in the Troop.

Article V I

Order of Business -----

The order of business at each meeting shall be as determined previously by the Scoutmaster and his assistants and Patrol Leaders in the Troop Council. Each regular meeting, however, shall devote not less than twenty minutes to the study and practice of Scout activities, and not less than twenty minutes to games and contests.

ARTICLE VII

Supervision -----

This Troop shall be directly responsible to, and under the supervision of our Troop Committee.

No public activities shall be responsible and no Troop money expended without the approval of our Troop Committee.

ARTICLE VIII

MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. CLASSIFICATION

The Scout membership of this Troop shall be classified as follows:

- a. Active members in good standing.
- b. Associate members in good standing.
- c. Delinquent members.

An active Scout is in good standing when his record is clear, dues paid, attendance regular. Associate members shall comply with the requirements for associate Scouts as prescribed by the National Council. A delinquent member is one whose record is not clear or who is irregular in attendance, or whose dues are unpaid to the extent of twenty-five cents.

Section 2. APPLICATION.

Boys of Scout age (twelve years of age and over), wishing to join this Troop, must make written application to the Scoutmaster who will refer the same to the Troop Council for consideration. After favorable action by the Troop Council the application will be reported to the Troop and acted upon at the next Troop meeting. If the Troop vote is favorable he may become a candidate member pending full membership when he shall have passed his Tenderfoot test, paid his registration fee and formally taken the Scout Oath. He shall attend all regular meetings during the period of his candidacy, unless personally excused by the Scoutmaster.

Section 3. TRANSFERRED MEMBERSHIP.

Any Scout in good standing may be transferred to this Troop from another Troop of the Boy Scouts of America, provided the membership of this Troop has not reached its full quota and provided also the transfer is approved by the Scoutmaster of the Troop from which the Scout desires transfer. A transferred Scout shall commit himself to the Scout Oath and Law before becoming a member of this Troop.

Section 4. HONORABLE DISCHARGE.

Any member desiring honorable discharge from the Troop shall give written notice thereof to the Scoutmaster at least one month before severing connection with the Troop. His request will be referred to the Troop Council, and if its recommendation is favorable, he shall receive his discharge.

Section 5. SUSPENDED OR DROPPED MEMBERS.

No Scout suspended or dropped from membership in this Troop is entitled to wear the Scout Uniform or Insignia or enjoy other privileges accorded members of the Boy Scouts of America. A suspended or dropped Scout may upon recommendation of the Troop Council and favorable vote of the Troop be reinstated. Upon such reinstatement he shall pay all back dues from the time that he was dropped or from the re-registration of the Troop. Neither a dropped nor a suspended Scout may receive a recommendation for transfer to another Troop.

**ARTICLE IX
OFFICERS.**

Section 1. SUPERVISING OFFICERS.

The members of the Troop Committee shall be the supervising officers and shall take as active a part in the general program of the Troop as circumstances permit. A representative of this committee shall be present at each of the regular meetings whenever possible, especially those at which Scout Tests are given.

Section 2. COMMISSIONED TROOP OFFICERS.

Clause 1. THE SCOUTMASTER.

The Scoutmaster shall have such qualifications and perform such duties and functions as are prescribed for his office by the National Council. He shall serve as honorary president of this Troop. He shall exercise discipline and maintain authority.

He shall present at all meetings of the Troop and the Council or shall delegate one of his assistants to represent him. He shall serve as adviser to Patrol Leaders and their assistants in matters concerning Patrol business. He shall be responsible to the Troop Committee for the expenditure and accounting of Troop funds. He shall be responsible for the proper registration and re-registration of this Troop. He shall have power to remove inefficient or insubordinate Troop officers. He may suspend unworthy Scouts, subject to the approval of the Troop Committee, and after conference with the Troop Council. He may recommend to the Troop Committee the expulsion of Scouts, but no Scout shall be expelled without an opportunity being given him to defend himself before the Troop Committee. He shall supervise the work of all Troop officers--namely, Assistant Scoutmasters, Junior Assistant Scoutmasters, Patrol Leaders, and such other officers as may be appointed or elected from the membership of the Troop. He may veto any Troop legislation, but the Troop may appeal his decision to the Troop Committee.

Clause 2. ASSISTANT SCOUTMASTERS.

This Troop shall have one or more Assistant Scoutmasters who shall have such qualifications and perform such duties as are prescribed for this office by the National Council. In the absence of the Scoutmaster from a meeting the Senior Assistant Scoutmaster shall be the ranking officer pro tem.

Clause 3. JUNIOR ASSISTANT SCOUTMASTER.

The Troop may have one or more Junior Assistant Scoutmasters according to the rule of the National Council.

Section 3. TROOP OFFICERS.

Clause 1. SENIOR PATROL LEADER.

The Senior Patrol Leader shall be the ranking non-commissioned officer of this Troop. He shall preside at all business meetings of the Troop and at all meetings of the Troop Council. In case of his absence from a meeting the Scoutmaster will appoint a Patrol Leader to serve as president pro tem. The other duties of the Senior Patrol Leaders shall be assigned by the Scoutmaster.

Clause 2. TROOP SCRIBE.

The Troop Scribe shall keep a record of all Troop transactions, including attendance. He shall conduct such correspondence of the Troop as the Scoutmaster shall direct. He shall keep a record of each member of the Troop, name, age, rank, Troop standing, registration, and length of service. He shall keep a correct mailing list and telephone list of all officers and Scouts in this Troop. He shall notify all applicants upon their election to Troop membership and shall also notify them when to appear for examination and Troop meetings. He shall notify all members of committees of their appointment, together with duties of the committee to which they have been appointed. He shall be the key man in all plans of mobilization.

Clause 3. TROOP TREASURER.

The Treasurer shall keep accurate records of all Troop funds expended and incoming. He shall be directly responsible to the members of the Troop Committee who have the specific charge of all matters pertaining to Troop funds. He shall render a duly audited financial report of the Troop at the annual business meeting. He shall keep record of Troop dues, paid and unpaid, and shall notify the Scribe of all cases of delinquency in dues.

Clause 4. QUARTERMASTER.

The Quartermaster shall care for, repair and store the Troop property, especially tents, cots, cooking utensils, etc. He shall be responsible to the Troop Committee for all such equipment.

Clause 4. PATROL LEADERS.

There shall be as many Patrol Leaders as there are Patrols in this Troop. They shall be responsible for their respective Patrols and shall be chosen by vote of their respective parties every six months.

Clause 6. ASSISTANT PATROL LEADERS.

Each Patrol Leader may appoint an assistant to aid him in the management of his Patrol.

Section 4. ELECTION OF NON-COMMISSIONED TROOP OFFICERS.

All non commissioned Troop Officers, with the exception of the Patrol Leaders and Assistant Patrol Leaders, shall be elected by the Troop at its annual business meeting. In the event of an officer's resignation or removal, the Scoutmaster shall appoint a temporary successor, to serve until the next annual business meeting.

ARTICLE X

TROOP COUNCIL.

There shall be a committee known as the Troop Council, which shall consist of the Scoutmaster and his assistants or assistant, the Junior Assistant Scoutmaster, the Senior Patrol Leader, Scribe, Treasurer, and all Patrol Leaders. Members of the Troop Committee are ex-officio members of this and every other standing or special committee of this Troop.

The Troop Council may meet following every Troop meeting at other times whenever sufficient business warrants. It must meet at least once a month. Meetings shall be called by the Scoutmaster. The Troop Council shall serve in an executive advisory and judicial capacity. It shall act as a membership committee and pass upon applications for admission to the Troop. It shall make recommendations as to the suspension or dropping of a delinquent Scout, though the Scoutmaster only is empowered to take action in such cases, subject to the approval of the Troop Committee. All acts of the Council shall be subject to the Scoutmaster's veto.

ARTICAL XI

COMMITTEES

ARTICAL XII

LEGISLATION.

Section 1. This Troop may legislate any business for its welfare.

Section 2. All members, including the Scoutmaster and his assistants, shall have equal vote on all questions and measures submitted for Troop consideration. A majority of members present shall be considered sufficient to do business at regular meetings.

Section 3. $\frac{2}{3}$ per cent of the active membership of this Troop shall constitute a quorum.

Section 4. New members may be admitted only upon favorable action of the Troop. No dropped or suspended Scout may be reinstated without favorable Troop vote.

Section 5. No Troop money shall be expended without the consent of the Troop.

Section 6. Robert's Rule of Orders shall be our parliamentary guide.

ARTICLE XIII

ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS.

Regular attendance is expected of every active member of this Troop. Any active member who voluntarily absents himself, without permission, from four successive meetings shall be considered as dropped. A Scout may obtain a leave of absence, upon making written application to the Scoutmaster, stating fully his reasons for desiring the same. This will be acted upon the next meeting of the Troop Council and if reasonable will be granted. Continued illness shall constitute a valid excuse for failure to attend meetings. Any Scout guilty of creating a disturbance during the progress of a meeting shall be dismissed by the Scoutmaster or officer in charge. Such dismissal shall be recorded by the Scribe as an absence.

ARTICLE XIV

TROOP FUNDS.

Section 1.

Dues for active members shall be 5 cents per week, payable weekly (dues may be monthly if preferred) No allowances shall be made for meetings not attended by Scouts. All cases of financial delinquency shall be reported by the Scribe to the Troop Council.

Section 2.

The above dues shall be devoted to carrying on of legitimate Troop business.

Section 3.

All Troop funds are subject to the supervision of the Troop committee. No disbursement over \$2.00 shall be made without its authority and consent.

ARTICLE XV UNIFORMS AND INSIGNIA.

All members of this Troop, in good Troop standing, who have passed their Tenderfoot tests, formally taken the Scout Oath and paid their National registration fees are entitled to wear the Scout Uniform and such Insignia as is prescribed for their respective rank and office by the National Council.

ARTICLE XVI
THE PATROL.

Section 1. Each Patrol may carry on its separate business, and hold its separate meetings.

Section 2. Each Patrol shall have a distinctive name and an emblem as provided for by the official Handbook for Boys, and a distinctive call.

Section 3. Each Patrol shall be under the direct control of a Patrol Leader, subject to the general supervision of the Scoutmaster.

Section 4. The Patrol Leader shall have power to call Patrol meetings, subject to the approval of, or at the request of the Scoutmaster. He shall be responsible for the conduct of his Patrol.

ARTICLE XVII
AMENDMENTS.

These By-Laws may be amended by a two-thirds vote at any regular meeting, provided the proposed alterations shall have been read at the immediately preceding regular meeting; provided, also, written notice of such meeting shall have been given each member of the Troop at least 7 days in advance, together with statement of proposed changes.

For Scouts and Scout Leaders living a considerable distance from an official outfitter, the Department of Scout Supplies is equipped to handle orders promptly. A catalogue will be sent upon request.

Annual Charter Renewal Form from Troop 105

Courtesy of the Gore Research Center at Middle Tennessee State University

FORM 0-581-1000001132 2

City or Town _____ County _____ Under _____ Council	Local Troop No. _____ State _____	REGION No. _____	COUNCIL No. _____	TROOP No. _____
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APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL OF TROOP CHARTER
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA
(Incorporated February 8, 1910. Chartered by Congress June 15, 1916)
NATIONAL COUNCIL, 2 PARK AVE., NEW YORK, N. Y.

On _____ at a meeting of the duly constituted governing body of the _____
(Date)
(Name of institution, organization, or group of citizens applying for charter, if a religious body, state denomination or sect.)

(Full mailing address)

The record of our Troop was carefully reviewed and after due consideration the meeting approved this application for the renewal of the Charter for the Troop including the appointment of the Troop Officials whose signatures appear below.

(Date) _____ (Signed) _____ (Title) _____
(Executive representative of institution, organization, group which is responsible for this Troop.)
(This should not be signed by the Scoutmaster unless he is such executive officer, as a Pastor or School Superintendent.)

Give name of Institution Representatives on Council or District Committee.
(National By-Laws, Article XI, Sect. 1, Clause 6.) Indicate which by marking X in proper box.

Meetings of the Troop are regularly held at _____ (School, Church, etc. Street number and name.) (Day) _____

I hereby make application for registration with the Boy Scouts of America and subscribe to the Declaration of Religious Principles of the Boy Scouts of America, the Scout Oath and Scout Law and agree if a registration certificate is granted, to be guided by the Constitution and By-Laws and such rules and regulations as may be promulgated from time to time by the National and Local Councils.

I transmit herewith \$1.00 registration dues for one year, fifty cents of which is to cover subscription to the publication SCOUTING for the period of my registration with the understanding that this subscription will commence with the date of receipt of registration fee at the National Office and continue until the expiration of my registration. I submit my answer to the following in support of my application.

The Troop Committee Members certify further that the men named as Scoutmaster and Assistants are, to our personal knowledge of good character and qualified to act as leaders of boys in carrying out the Scout Program. We recommend that they be commissioned as such and further agree that if for any reason the Scoutmaster ceases to serve we will notify the Local Council having jurisdiction over this Troop and endeavor to find a suitable successor; meanwhile we will assume control of this Troop.
(Use a second copy of this form if more men are registering.)

Date of Original Registration of this Troop _____

(PERSONAL SIGNATURES REQUIRED)

NAME	MAIL ADDRESS	CITY AND STATE	Religion	Age last birthday	A suitable citizen	Full Citizen	Not a citizen	Not a citizen
S.M. Business Tel.	Home Tel.		Cath. Jew Prof. Other					
A.S.M. Business Tel.	Home Tel.		Cath. Jew Prof. Other					
A.S.M. Business Tel.	Home Tel.		Cath. Jew Prof. Other					
Chmn. Business Tel.	Home Tel.		Cath. Jew Prof. Other					
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8. Report of special activities, Good Turns, etc. _____

9. Suggestions you think should be brought to attention of National Council _____

By Organisation and Extension Committee on _____ Date _____ Chairman of Committee _____
Approved by Local Council on _____ Date _____ To Expire _____ Sig _____ Scout Executive _____

INFORMATION SHEET

DETACH AND TRANSMIT APPLICATION TO

THIS APPLICATION SHOULD BE IN THE HANDS OF SCOUT EXECUTIVE ON THE 15TH DAY OF MONTH IN WHICH TROOP CHARTER EXPIRES

RENEWAL OF OLD TROOPS SUMMARY OF THINGS TO BE DONE

<input type="checkbox"/> 1. Signature of Institution Head, certifying to formal action by the parent institution.	<input type="checkbox"/> 5. Fees enclosed. Registration fee is 50c for each boy and \$1.00 for each man registered.
<input type="checkbox"/> 2. Signature of a Scoutmaster, any Assistants to be commissioned and of at least three Committeemen.	<input type="checkbox"/> 6. Give address of all men registered so they may be placed on the mailing list for SCOUTING.
<input type="checkbox"/> 3. Ages given on all adults and boys. All adults must be 21 or over, except Assistant Scoutmaster who must be at least 18. Scouts must be 12 or over.	<input type="checkbox"/> 7. Complete all other information requested on both boys and men.
<input type="checkbox"/> 4. Citizenship given of all adults registered. Must be American citizens or have first papers.	<input type="checkbox"/> 8. Individual Scouter Application (Form 716) of all new Scouters.

FORMAL ACTION OF INSTITUTION

The original charter of this Troop was issued on the formal request of an established institution or organization or special group of citizens and with the understanding that the institution would discharge its responsibilities as set forth in the Constitution and By-Laws of the Boy Scouts of America. On renewal of charter it is necessary that this action be affirmed by the institution after review of the previous year's work and be certified to by the signature of the authorized executive officer of the institution.

If an inactive Troop is being revived and reorganized, and it is composed largely of the same group of boys that were formerly in it, it is considered as re-registering (Form 691); if reorganized with a substantially different group of boys, it is considered a new Troop (Form 690). Special cases should be presented in writing with full details and reasons at time of making application for charter. If the Troop is to re-register under a different institution, the application must be accompanied by evidence of approval of the change by the previous Sponsoring Institution.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF TROOP COMMITTEE

(Article XI, Section 1, Clause 5, By-Laws)

Each chartered Troop of the Boy Scouts of America shall be under the supervision of a Troop or boys' work committee, consisting of three or more male citizens of the United States, twenty-one years of age or over, selected by the institution with which the Troop is connected, or, in the case of a Community Troop, of those who make application for the Troop Charter, one of whom shall be designated as chairman.

The Troop Committee shall be responsible for:

1. The selection of a Scoutmaster and one or more Assistant Scoutmasters.
2. Providing proper facilities for meetings.
3. Advising with the Scoutmaster from time to time on questions of policy affecting the proper interpretation of Scouting and the requirements of the institution with which the Troop is connected.
4. The observance of the rules and regulations of the National Council, Boy Scouts of America. They will seek opportunity, through literature or training courses, to become familiar with the regulations and fundamental policies of Scouting in order that they may render this service to the Scoutmaster more effectively.
5. Encouraging the Scoutmaster and his Assistants and the members of the Troop in carrying out the Boy Scout Program as outlined in Article VI of the By-Laws. The members of the Troop Committee will take pride in the appearance of the Troop and will cooperate with the Scoutmaster in securing the proper use of Uniforms, Badges and Insignia by members of the Troop. (See the Manual "The Official Uniform, Badges and Insignia," and amendments thereto.)
They will cooperate with the Scoutmaster in developing opportunities whereby members of the Troop may earn money to secure the Uniform and equipment and other expenses incidental to Scouting, and be alert to have a maximum number of boys fully and correctly uniformed.
6. The operation of the Troop in such a way as to ensure its permanency.
7. The finances, including the securing of adequate support and the proper disbursements of funds.
8. The Troop property.
9. Securing suitable opportunity for the members of the Troop to spend one or more weeks in camp, with adequate facilities and supervision.
10. Assuming active direction of the Troop in case of the inability of the Scoutmaster to serve, until his successor has been appointed and commissioned.

IS YOUR TROOP OPERATING ON THE TROOP BUDGET PLAN?	YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>
Did your Troop operate on the Troop Budget Plan last year?	YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>
Did your Troop subscribe to BOYS' LIFE last year?	YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>

SCOUT ROSTER

Troop No. (Local) _____ of _____ (City or Town) _____ (State)

Council _____

Please classify Scouts' names and list separately as indicated below.
 Record in last column only the number of full years of Scouting experience, except for less than 1 year write (—1).
 A Scout must be full 12 years of age. No exception can be made. A Sea Scout must be 15.
 Indicate Scout's rank as follows: T—Tenderfoot; S—Second Class; F—First Class or higher. Add the letter "a" to indicate Associate.

NOTE: HOW MANY OF THE BOYS ARE—NEGRO []; CHINESE []; JAPANESE []; MEXICAN []; INDIAN [].
 How many farm boys _____

If space is needed for more boys, use a second copy of this form.

Please arrange names in the following order: 1) Reregistering 2) New 3) New Scouts formerly Cubs 4) Drop & Reregistering 5) Transfers	Scout Rank	Print or Write Plainly		POST OFFICE ADDRESSES		Re-Rereg. M—New MC—New Formerly Cubs DB—Drop'd Rereg. T—Transfer	Has Uniform	Age	Number full years in Scouting, less than one year write (-1)
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PLEASE!—Errors in classification of Scouts are chief source of statistical discrepancies.

PLEASE ENTER TOTALS HERE

Reregistering Scouts _____ New Scouts _____ New Scouts formerly Cubs _____
 Dropped Reregistering Scouts _____ Transferring Scouts _____

TROOP NO. _____ OF _____ Charter Expiration Date (_____) (_____)
City and State Month Year

COUNCIL _____ Begin Subscription with _____ issue

IMPORTANT INFORMATION! Please Fill In!

Is your Troop operating on the Troop Budget Plan? Yes No
 Did your Troop operate on the Troop Budget Plan last year? Yes No
 Did your Troop subscribe to BOYS' LIFE last year? Yes No

Please do not write in this space	Arrange Names Alphabetically (Print or write plainly)		POST OFFICE ADDRESSES		If Renewal Circle Here
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ONE COMPLIMENTARY SUBSCRIPTION FOR EVERY TEN SUBSCRIPTIONS LISTED ABOVE
 Scoutmaster (List Name and Address) _____

Extra Copies To: _____

CHECK HERE IF TROOP OR SHIP IS ENTITLED TO 100% BANNER AWARD

REGISTRATION FEES

Registration of a Scout 50 cents, Scoutmaster \$1.00. The minimum requirement for a Troop is three Troop Committeemen and Scoutmaster, \$4.00, and eight Scouts, \$4.00, thus making the minimum registration fee \$8.00, which is to be sent in with the registration. For each additional adult member of the Troop such as a Troop Committeeman or Assistant Scoutmaster, \$1.00; each additional Scout 50 cents. FEES MUST ACCOMPANY APPLICATION. Make checks for registration fees payable to BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA.

UNIFORM

The sale and use of the Scout Uniform is restricted to Scouts and Scouters who are registered and in good standing according to the records of the National Office. It is the responsibility of all members of the Boy Scouts of America and especially of all commissioned officers and chartered Councils to cooperate in making this effective. The use of the Scout Uniform promotes democratic comradeship and definitely builds morale in the Scout, Patrol and Troop.

TROOP BUDGET PLAN

Based upon experience, the Standard Troop Budget Plan is recommended as a simple and most effective method of handling the finances of the Troop. Under this plan, Reregistration and other specific Budget items are agreed upon by the Troop; funds are secured from regular payment of dues by Scouts and from special projects and disbursements of these funds are made by the Troop Treasurer for Reregistration and other Budget items which may include BOYS' LIFE, Badges, and Insignia, Troop Supplies, and other items.

THE SCOUT OATH

On my honor I will do my best:

1. To do my duty to God and my country and to obey the Scout Law;
2. To help other people at all times;
3. To keep myself physically strong, mentally awake and morally straight.

THE SCOUT LAW

1. **A Scout is Trustworthy.**
A Scout's honor is to be trusted. If he were to violate his honor by telling a lie, or by cheating, or by not doing exactly a given task, when trusted on his honor, he may be directed to hand over his Scout Badge.
2. **A Scout is Loyal.**
He is loyal to all to whom loyalty is due, his Scout Leader, his home and parents and country.
3. **A Scout is Helpful.**
He must be prepared at any time to save life, help injured persons, and share the same duties. He must do at least one Good Turn to somebody every day.
4. **A Scout is Friendly.**
He is a friend to all and a brother to every other Scout.
5. **A Scout is Courteous.**
He is polite to all, especially to women, children, and people and the weak and isolated. He must not take pay for being helpful or courteous.
6. **A Scout is Kind.**
He is a friend to animals. He will not kill nor hurt any living creature needlessly, but will strive to save and protect all harmless life.
7. **A Scout is Obedient.**
He obeys his parents, Scoutmaster, Patrol Leader, and all other duly constituted authorities.
8. **A Scout is Cheerful.**
He smiles whenever he can. His shadow is to others is prompt and cheery. He never thinks nor promises at hardships.
9. **A Scout is Thrifty.**
He does not wastefully destroy property. He works faithfully, wastes nothing and makes the best use of his opportunities. He saves his money so that he may pay his own way, be generous to those in need, and helpful to worthy objects. He may work for pay but must not receive tips for courtesies or Good Turns.
10. **A Scout is Brave.**
He has the courage to face danger in spite of fear, and to stand up for the right against the coercion of friends or the jeers or threats of enemies, and defeat does not down him.
11. **A Scout is Clean.**
He keeps clean in body and thought, cleans for clean speech, clean sport, clean habits; and travels with a clean crew.
12. **A Scout is Reverent.**
He is reverent toward God. He is faithful in his religious duties, and respects the convictions of others in matters of custom and religion.

GRANTING COMMISSIONS AND CERTIFICATES OF MEMBERSHIP

The Constitution and By-Laws of the Boy Scouts of America authorize commissions and certificates of membership only to those who subscribe to the Scout Oath and Law, the Declaration of Religious Principle (as printed below), and its Constitution and By-Laws.

DECLARATION OF RELIGIOUS PRINCIPLE

"Section 1—The Boy Scouts of America maintains that no boy can grow into the best kind of citizenship, without recognizing his obligation to God. In the first part of the Boy Scout's Oath or pledge the boy promises 'On my honor I will do my best to do my duty to God and my country, and to obey the Scout Law.' The recognition of God as the ruling and leading power in the universe, and the grateful acknowledgment of His favors and blessings, are necessary to the best type of citizenship, and are wholesome things in the education of the growing boy. No matter what the boy may be—Catholic or Protestant or Jew—this fundamental need of good citizenship should be kept before him. The Boy Scouts of America therefore recognizes the religious element in the training of the boy, but it is absolutely non-sectarian in its attitude towards that religious training. Its policy is that the organization or institution with which the Boy Scout is connected shall give definite attention to his religious life." (National Constitution, Article III, Section 1.)

PURPOSE: CHARACTER BUILDING—CITIZENSHIP TRAINING

The purpose of this Corporation is as set forth in the original certificate of incorporation under the laws of the District of Columbia, dated February 8, 1910, and restated in Section 3 of the Charter granted by Congress June 15, 1916, as follows:—"That the purpose of this corporation shall be to promote, through organization, and cooperation with other agencies, the ability of boys to do things for themselves and others, to train them in Scoutcraft, and to teach them patriotism, courage, self-reliance and kindred virtues, using the methods which are now in common use by Boy Scouts," by placing emphasis upon the Scout Oath and Law for character development, citizenship training and physical fitness. (National Constitution, Article II.)

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BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA
2 PARK AVENUE, NEW YORK, N. Y.

ORDER FOR BOYS' LIFE SUBSCRIPTIONS UNDER CONCESSION OFFER

Enclosed is \$ _____ in payment of _____ subscriptions as listed on the reverse side of this blank from duly registered Troop* No. _____ of the _____ Council, entitled to a credit of 75¢ on their subscriptions to BOYS' LIFE, the regular price of which is \$1.50 per year.

Also listed on the reverse side of this blank in the space provided are names and addresses for entry of one year complimentary subscription (or subscriptions) to which the Troop is entitled for every group of ten (10) one-year subscriptions. When the order is for short-term (less than one year) subscriptions, complimentary subscriptions are entered for the short-term period. Names for entry of complimentary subscriptions must be Scouts or Scouters of the Troop. If other names are specified, BOYS' LIFE reserves the right to enter such subscriptions in the name of the Scoutmaster.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

All subscriptions that are for renewal should be plainly indicated in the column as provided.

Renewal subscriptions are continued from the expiration date of previous subscription. All other subscriptions begin with the issue current at time of entry, unless otherwise specified.

Copies on subscriptions cannot be sent in bulk to one address.

Subscriptions transmitted for additional enrollments at time of enrollment will begin with current issue at time of transmittal, unless otherwise specified. When order expires with Troop Charter, additional subscriptions are entered at 6¼¢ per month.

BUDGET PLAN:

Based upon experience, the Budget Plan is recommended as a simple and most effective method of handling the finances of the Troop. Under this plan, Reregistration and other specific Budget items are agreed upon; funds are secured from regular payment of dues and from special projects; and disbursements of these funds are made by the Troop Treasurer for Reregistration and other Budget items which may include BOYS' LIFE, Badges and Insignia, Supplies, and other items.

Is your Troop operating on the Budget Plan? If not, may we suggest that you consult your local Scout Executive or write to the Registration Service, Boy Scouts of America, 2 Park Avenue, New York, N. Y., for information on the Budget Plan. A Budget Financial Record Book explaining in detail the advantages and operation of the Budget Plan will be made available by the Registration Service, through your Local Council and without cost, to each Troop that desires to operate on the Budget Plan. Similarly, a Cub Pack Thrift Book is available to each Pack that desires to operate on the Cub Thrift Plan.

COMMENTS OR SUGGESTIONS:

* This form may be used also to enter subscriptions for a Sea Scout Ship, a Neighborhood Patrol, a Rover Crew, or a Cub Pack.

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BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA
National Council, 2 Park Avenue, New York.
ADDITIONAL ENROLLMENT
USE ONLY FOR ADDITIONS TO LAND TROOPS OR PATROLS

TROOP No. (Local) _____ date _____ <small>* For S. S., L. S., or P. or H. P.—See other side.</small> Of _____ Council _____ City or Town _____ State _____ Expiration date of Troop _____	boys at 50c (10-11-12 months) \$ _____ boys at 40c (7-9-9 ") \$ _____ boys at 30c (4-5-6 ") \$ _____ boys at 20c (1-2-3 ") \$ _____ Total amount \$ _____
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NOTE: HOW MANY OF THE BOYS ARE—
 NEGRO CHINESE JAPANESE MEXICAN INDIAN HOW MANY LIVE ON FARMS

Signature Scout Executive

NOTE: PLEASE CLASSIFY NAMES AND LIST SEPARATELY AS INDICATED BELOW

	Arrange Names Alphabetically in Each Group (Print or write plainly)		POST OFFICE ADDRESSES		Exact Age		Scout Rank	Date First Received Scout
			Street or R.F.D.	City	Yrs.	Mos.		
Family Name	Give First Name and Initial							
NEW	1							T
	2							T
	3							T
	4							T
	5							T
	6							T
	7							T
NEW BOYS WHO WERE FORMERLY CUBS								
	1							T
	2							T
	3							T
	4							
REREGISTERED	1							
	2							
	3							
	4							

TROOP TRANSFERRING FROM				TRANSFERS <small>(to this Council or file here)</small>			
Troop	City	State	Charter Exp. Date				
				1			
				2			
				3			
				4			

Scout Executive's Signature

NATIONAL COUNCIL RECORD : DO NOT WRITE HERE :

N. U. C. Certificates written and mailed _____ File _____
 Statistical Entry _____

NOTE OTHER SIDE FOR INFORMATION

AGE

Record age of Scout, giving exact number of years (last birthday) and calendar months, e. g.—12 yrs. 3 months. Disregard "Days." A Scout must be full 12 years of age. No exception can be made. A Sea Scout must be 15.

BOYS' LIFE

Every Scout should be a regular reader of **BOYS' LIFE**, the Boy Scouts' Official Magazine. Regular sections devoted to Scout work make better and more interested Scouts. Price \$1.00 a year if 10% of Troop Scout membership subscribes at time Troop is chartered; otherwise \$2.00 per year.

CERTIFICATES

A Boy Scout membership certificate will be provided for each boy regularly enrolled. It is understood that only those boys shall receive certificates and wear the Official Badge and Uniform who have passed the Tenderfoot test and taken the Oath as prescribed in the Official Handbook. Certificates issued on the enrollment of "Candidates" must be held by the Scoutmaster or the Local Council office until the Tenderfoot test has been passed.

CUBS

When registering additional members of a Pack, use form 930.

DELAY

Blanks which are defective must necessarily be returned with a letter calling attention to the defects before final action can be taken by the National Council.

A considerable percentage of registration blanks are received at the National Council Office, defective most frequently in one of the following ways:

1. Failure to properly classify Scout as New, Re-registered or Transfer.
2. Failure to indicate exact age of each Scout in years and months, e.g.—12 yrs. 3 mos.
3. Lack of Scoutmaster's signature.
4. Lack of official approval by Local Council.
5. Lack of transfer information.
6. Indicate proper Troop number and designation.

The information called for in each column and on each blank line should be filled out completely and accurately.

FARM & HOME PATROL

SPECIAL—When registering additional members of Farm or Home Patrols not having reached the limit membership of 8—cross out "Troop" and insert "Patrol."

FEES

The full fee for all Scouts—Troop (Land or Sea), and Lone, as well as members of Farm or Home Patrols—is 50 cents annually.

The certificates for all Scouts in each Troop or Farm or Home Patrol, are made out to expire on the same date as that of the Troop, or Patrol.

Therefore, when new boys are added during the year, "proportionate" fees only are required for the unexpired period for which the Troop or Farm or Home Patrol is registered, as follows:

10 to 12 months	7 to 9 months	4 to 6 months	1 to 3 months
50 cents	40 cents	20 cents	10 cents

Reken period to be paid for from the last day of the month in which application is made, to the last day of the expiration month of the Troop, unless added enrollment is made during expiration month which will be counted as one month.

Additional fees in accordance with the foregoing schedule must be paid for all names added as members of the Troop subsequent to the filing of the application.

LONE SCOUTS

When registering Lone Scouts under Council use form 903.

NEW SCOUTS

All who have never been registered previously as Scouts at the National Council Office.

RANK

Indicate Scout's rank as follows: T—Tenderfoot; S—Second Class; F—First Class or higher. Add the letter "a" to indicate Associate.

REREGISTERED

Scouts once registered but subsequently officially dropped from the Troop; or allowed to temporarily lapse at the time the Troop was last reregistered. Reregistration of Scouts who have had continuous enrollment (even though delayed after the rest of the Troop have reregistered) shall be 50 cents.

SEA SCOUTS

*When registering additional members of a Sea Scout Patrol or Ship, use form 901.

TRANSFERS

Scouts registered now in any other Scout unit or as Lone Scouts and holding unexpired Certificates. They must all have "Transfers" (Form 502 or 502A) signed by both Scoutmasters (if from another Scout unit now in existence); and, if under Council, approval of the Scout Executive.

TO THE SCOUTMASTER

No boy is entitled to participate in the program of Scouting or in the activities of your Scout Troop unless he is a *Registered Scout*. It is unfair to the boy himself, to the other Scouts in the Troop who are properly registered and to the entire Scout Movement for any Scoutmaster to permit any boy to feel that he is enjoying the privileges of Scouting without registering and subscribing to the Scout Oath and Law.

Periodic check-ups should be made of the Troop Membership to make sure that all boys are registered Scouts. The registration certificates should be considered a thing of value and Scouts should be encouraged to carry their certificates of membership with them constantly. Every Scoutmaster should develop opportunities for having Scouts display their certificates.

Scouting is a game and no boy enjoys playing any game unless it is played according to the rules. He secretly loses respect for the leadership if the rules are not adhered to.

New Scouts whose names you will record on this blank should receive their registration certificates promptly. You will want to make sure that they are familiar with the fact that they can secure a one year's subscription for their own official publication **BOYS' LIFE** at the special price of 75c per year.

BOYS' LIFE means bigger and better Scouting for your Scouts. Every Scout should read it regularly for its pages of special Scouting features by Dan Beard, Dr. James E. West, Green Bar Bill and Dr. C. Ward Crampton. In addition, it provides general entertainment for Scouts through thrilling adventure stories, sports stories; and fun through cartoons, jokes and contest pages.

Keep Your Troop 100% Registered at all times.

District Awards

Percy Dempsey Spirit of Scouting Award

In 1997, the District Committee discussed the various awards and recognitions that would be handed out at the next Volunteer Awards Ceremony. They felt that something important was missing. Every really successful organization has within it, a spiritual leader, who inspires others by his or her actions. Very often, this person is not the elected or appointed head of the organization and may or may not hold any official position of leadership. Still, this individual's influence can be said to be the heartbeat of the organization. This was very much the case in the Trail of Tears District. The committee decided to name a new award in honor of a man who has been our friend and spiritual leader for many years dating back to when we were the Heart of Tennessee District. In honoring the first recipient and namesake of the Trail of Tears District Spirit of Scouting Award, Percy E. Dempsey, the committee came up with a list of traits this person should have.

First and foremost, the recipient

- Must have over fifty years of service to Scouting
- Must have served in a unit as a Scoutmaster for an extended period of time.
- Must have served on the district committee for many years
- Must have served the Middle Tennessee Council executive board
- We would expect him to have received the Q.M. Smith and Long Rifle Award, and be recognized by The Middle Tennessee Council with The Silver Beaver Award.
- He should be Wood Badge trained and certainly would have served on numerous Wood Badge Staffs and probably would have directed the course as Wood Badge Scoutmaster.
- He would continue to work closely with individual Scouts and inspire them to attain the rank of Eagle Scout.
- He should have performed his duty to his country by serving in the armed forces preferably in combat - Percy Dempsey served in the Army and was at the Battle of the Bulge.
- He should be a loving and faithful son, husband, father and grandfather.
- He should be of service to the community outside of Scouting – Percy Dempsey was part of the Pancake Crew
- He should be willing to share his wealth with the Boy Scouts and other deserving charities and inspire others to do so - Aside from his significant personal gifts, Percy has inspired many individuals to make pledges to our annual Friends of Scouting Campaign and there is no way to estimate how many tons of cheese, sausage, milk, pizzas, cookies and Lord knows what other supplies he has collected from local businesses for the Scouts.
- He should be have strong religious beliefs and support his church.
- And finally, he should be a tireless advocate of Scouting and constantly remind us of what the goal of Scouting ought to be.

At this point, the committee realized they would never find another candidate with all the qualifications of a Percy Dempsey, so we simply decided that in the future, we would select a Scouter within the District who, through his years of service to God, country, and our community, and his adherence to the Scout Oath and Law in his daily life, has provided us with a living example of the Spirit of Scouting.

Percy Dempsey Award Recipients:

1997 – Percy Dempsey
1998 – Mike Warren
1999 – Rupert Klaus
2000 – Bill Insel

2001 – Jack Ruttenbur
2003 – Dave Brunner
2004 – Tom Caldwell
2005 – Michael Hargrove

2009 – Bob Martin
2012 – Pete Santulis
2015 – Jim Burkhalter

District Award of Merit - Long Rifle Award

Heart of Tennessee District (1955 – 1985)

1955

Ben H. Sikes
Henry Hoover
Mrs. Thomas Dillon
W. C. Phillips
Perry Drake

1956

Mrs. W. E. Landers
Percy Dempsey
Ernest Dittrich
Kellum Johnson
Major Alfred Stewart

1958

Mrs. Anne Lee Hettish
Bob Hettish
George Bragg, Jr.
Francis Riel
Thomas Dillon

1959

J. A. Clenden
Adron Leming
Mr. Stephen K. Smith
Mrs. Stephen K. Smith

1960

Reynolds Ivins
Betty Stenz
William Bryant
W. E. Lavender, Jr.
Buel N. Arbuckle
Francis Riel

1961

Tillman Haynes
Louis Dixon
John Baker
Donald DeYoung

1962

Richard LaRoche
Raymond Fairbanks
Edwin Voories
Mrs. Frank Schaeffler

1963

L. L. Fisackerly
Mrs. Edward Key
Harold Busey
Robert Roose

1964

Q. M. Smith
Tom Morgan
Walt J. Hugh
Mrs. Kenneth Banks
Thomas Harding

1965

L. Wayne Eubanks
Richard R. Powell
Eugene Pell
Robert F. Abbot

1966

J. Tally Arnold
Madeline Jernigan
Stretch Henderson
Wayne Kious
Bill Ketron, Sr.

1967

Stanley E. Tomerlin
Jesse Ray Zumbro
David Givens
James Jernigan
Harold Mullican
Bill Bryson
Tom Hite

1968

Ernest Fisher
Major Toleifson

1969

Jim Wolf
Ray Gilbert
Betty Wolf
Bill Baty
Ross Spielman

1970

Leo Altman
Bufford Patrick
Joe Nock
Allan Colyar
King Jamison

1971

Ed Holt
Mrs. Velma Harden
Clyde Bennett
Richard E. McClary
John Justice

1973

Norman Patterson
Sue King
Jim Burkhalter
Jerry Huskins
Herbert Jones

1974

Rupert Klaus
Bill Parrish
Ron Craig
Alice Haynes
Johnny Titshaw
Murry Hwakins, Jr.
Ken Goad

1975

Kenneth Bumpas
Jack A. Jacob
Frank Hayes
Wayne Lannom
Gene Statts

1976

Ronald Lee
Randall Anthony
Carl Reed
Lilly Bond

1977

Mike Bachler
Nancy West
Jim Martin
John Hawk
Jack Collins

1978

William H. Goodson
William C. Wilson
Jerry Brown
Wendell Hix
Harold Farmer

1979

Vance Akin, III
Sandra Wilson
Billy Insel
Kelley Martin

1980

Robert Prytula
Margaret Trondson
Joe Meshoto
Ruthan Patient
Lillian Hobbs

1981

Ralph Tramel
Frederick Crawford
Clifford Maynard
Earlene Bush

1982

Mary Jo Bryan
Edwin Ayers
Whitney Stegall
Tommy Hancock
Bruce Plummer

1983

Sue Young
Walter R. Koth
Mike Bryan
Bobby Cannon

1984

Joe Brendle
Jerry Campbell
Steven Hart
Bill Young

1985

Jeff Henry
Pat Hull

District Award of Merit – Long Rifle Award

Trail of Tears District (1986 to current)

1986

Geoff Hull
Bell Ketron, Jr.

1987

Althea Wright
Jeff Griswold
Dan Randolph
Mike Warren
Bethel Lewis

1988

Keith Miller
Dwan Cox
Ann Burkhalter

1989

Nancy Shawver
Claytie Shipley
Ken Maxwell
Mark Meshoto
Stan Jones
Randy White

1990

Ellen Wilken
Pam Biggs
Dallas Caudle
Rick Spence
D. Dunnaway
Cindi Lindsey

1991

Mike Hargrove
Danny Carter
Terri Carter
Davie Renegar
Klaus Kallenburger
Bob Yates
Pat Fulton

1992

Sandra Elgin
Karen Hargrove
Berry Renegar
William Roberts
Louis Stover

Claudia Hunter
Tom Lorden
Travis Spivey

1993

Dave Whittaker
Bobby Fulton
Deborah Roberts
Thom Schnell
Judy Hall
Jim Bryant
Bob Barnes
Bob Adams

1994

Sharon Driscoll
James Anderson
David Brunner
Lisa Durrett
Johnny Hatson
Bob Hajdesz
Rick Jernigan
Fred Grim

1995

James White
Nancy White
Charles Overall
Bill Martin
Joe Tenpenny
Jim Engleman
Steve Koehler
Jim Hale

1996

Melonie Turner
Lauren Rudd
Karen Parris
Janet Fulton
Dr. George Smith
John Harney
Kathy Herrod
Dale Littlefield

1997

John Bridgers
Lynn Boner
Woody Rawls

Greg Durrentt
Gary Wiser
Mike Stiltz

1998

Steve Wilkerson
Rich St. Onge
David Shinn
Bob Simon
Bernice Littlefield
Rick Meyers

1999

Robin Burks
Mike Boner
Carol Bragdon, RN.
John Harding
Pam Haynes

2000

Deena Buckler
Jon Doliana
Becky Halbach
Johnny Hunt
Jim Klaus
Ronnie Robertson

2001

Rhonda Baldwin
Carol Bowden
Robert E. Corlew, III
Stanley E. Dunn
Robert Martin
Kerry Rickard
Paul S. Todd

2002

Max (Gore) Ervin
Matt Ferrara
Michele Fettara
John High
Dorsey Horne
Melody Rose

2003

Dave Mahan
Nick Mead

Burce Duncan
Kelly Wester
Ewing Sellers
Theresa Stevenson

2004

Brenda Hill
Eddie Miller
Dan Onkst
Connie Pister
Richard F. LaRoche, Jr
Neal Pistole

2005

Don Schneider
Billy Necessary
Ted LaRoche
Sheila McCord
John Black
Cindy White

2006

Shawn Barnes
Randy Cucerzan
Glenda High
Roger Hudson
Tim Shaw
Rhonda Tenpenny

2007

Kathy Daniel
Tom Falana
Mike Hodges
Wayne Moore
Karen Patterson
Brian Robertson
Dave Walters

2008

James Craford
James Whitehead
Hal Taylor
Dennis Harden
Dale Bryson
Myron Noyce
Douglas Weathers
Peter Stanulis

2009

Steve Dix
Phillip Martin
Debra Johnson
Bobby Henry
James Pfeffer
Russ Galloway

2010

R J Hill
Roxanne Hatter
Mike Holtman

Robin Robertson
Richard Schmidt
Jeff White

2011

Dave Carey
Brian Stevens
John Duke
Denise Forsberg
Jeff White

2012

Mindi Bell
Rick Foster
Chantal Quintero
Dale Page
David Spivey
2013
Mike Winters
Ric Rorabaugh
Charles Hazlett

2014

Jeff McConnell
Tommy Niceiski
Brett Barret

2015

Tony Love
Kevin Phillips
Norbert Braunwalder

Prytula Award

The Trail of Tears District presents the Robert E. Prytula award to an organization or company that has significantly helped the Scouting program in the district. This award recognizes special services rendered to the Scouting program by an organization within Rutherford and Cannon counties.

This award was named in honor of Robert E. Prytula. Bob was a professor at MTSU and an Assistant Scoutmaster in Troop 456 (NBCC). Bob would volunteer to ride with officers of the sheriff's department at night, and was on call at all times to help counsel victims of crime and others who were in need of help. He was an outstanding volunteer in the Scouting movement in Rutherford County. One of the things that made Bob Prytula special is that he did this without compensation, without fan-fare just because there was a need and he could help. Through this award we try to recognize organizations which help Scouting but rarely receive the public acknowledgement that they deserve.

List of recipients

- Pillsbury
- Nissan Motor Company
- Rutherford County Sheriff's Department
- Arrow Industries
- Whirlpool Corp
- Rutherford County Schools
- Grace Lutheran Church
- Haynes True Value Hardware
- Wilderness Center at Barfield Park
- Middle Tennessee State University
- St. Rose Catholic Church
- North Blvd Church of Christ
- St. Mark's United Methodist Church
- 1st United Methodist Church, LaVergne
- Blackman United Methodist Church
- American Red Cross
- Smyrna Parks and Recreation

QM Smith Award

The Q. M. Smith Award is presented to a volunteer in the Trail of Tears District who has at least ten years registered tenure with the Scouting program. The award goes to an individual who has gone far beyond the call of duty and has made that extra effort to insure that the Scouting program is the best that it can be. This Scouter will have been active in providing quality activities and leadership for the youth we serve, but would also have taken a leadership role in training and guiding adult Scouters through active participation at the unit and/or district level. This is a person who will step forward to help anyone, anytime, anywhere. Dr. Q. M. Smith was a man like that.

After serving in the Navy in World War I, he was president of Tennessee Tech and Middle Tennessee State University. He served as Chairman of the old National Bank of Murfreesboro which is now First Tennessee Bank. He was very active in Scouting in the Middle Tennessee Council and in this district. He received the Silver Beaver Award in 1963 and the Long Rifle Award in 1964.

1974 – Q.M Smith	1988 - Jack Ruttenbur	2002 - Ann Burkhalter
1975 – Clyde Bennett	1989 - Bill Stewart	2003 - John Harding
1976 - Percy Dempsey	1990 - Bill Young	2004 - Jim Klaus
1977 – James Jernigan	1991 - Tom Caldwell	2005 – Ron Robertson
1978 – Johnny Titshaw	1992 - Jim Burkhalter	2006 – Bob Martin
1979 - Wayne Eubank	1993 - Mike Warren	2007 – John High
1980 -Tally Arnold	1994 - Tom Lorden	2008 - Pete Stanulis
1981 -Ken Bumpas	1995 - Davie Brunner	2009 – Linda Veach
1982 - Wayne Lannon	1996 - William Roberts	2010 – Don Schneider
1983 - Ron Craig	1997 - Bob Hajdesz	2011 – Denise Forsberg
1984 - Frank Hayes	1998 - John Bridges	2012 – Theresa Stevenson
1985 - Rupert Klaus	1999 - Rich St. Onge	2013 – Randy Cucerzan
1986 - Bill Insel	2000 - Tom Schnell	2014 – Deborah Johnson
1987 - Jim Martin	2001 - Mike Hargrove	2015 – Gore Ervin

Other Awards

Silver Beavers

List of recipients

1955 W. E. Landers	1994 Nancy Shawver
1960 Richard LaRoche	1995 Robert E. Corlew, III
1963 Q.M. Smith	1995 Claudia Hunter
1968 Percy Dempsey	1996 Dr. James E. Walker
1976 Wayne Eubanks	1996 Thomas E. Lorden
1979 William F. Ketron, Sr.	1997 K. Gregory Tucker
1981 Herbert L. White	1999 Klaus Kallenberger
1982 Kenneth K. Bumpus	2000 John Harney
1984 Bruce Plummer	2000 Richard St. Onge
1985 Jeffrey Shaw Henry	2001 David Brunner
1986 Edwin Ayers	2002 John Harding
1986 Jack O. Weatherford	2003 John S. Bryant
1987 Jerry L. Benefield	2003 Michael C. Hargrove
1987 Edwin S. Voorhies	2005 John High
1988 Dr. Ruppert A Klaus	2006 Richard (Ted) F. LaRoche, Jr.
1989 William F. Ketron, Jr.	2006 Gary Wiser, Sr.
1989 George M. Pope	2007 James R. Klaus
1990 W. Thomas Caldwell	2007 Thomas Schnell
1990 Keith Miller	2008 Robert Martin
1991 Michael H. Warren, Sr.	2009 M. Gore Ervin
1992 Donald W. McRady	2011 Steve Dix
1992 Ellen Wilken	2012 Dr. Jim Burton
1994 Jack Ruttenbur	

Silver Antelope

1985 William Ketron, Sr.
2001 K. Greg Tucker

Silver Buffalo

1998 K. Greg Tucker

National Order of the Arrow Distinguished Service Award

William Ketron, Sr. (79)

Distinguished Eagle Scout

1981 Percy Dempsey
1989 Jerry Benefield
2006 Richard "Ted" LaRoche
2008 Mike Warren

Scouting Legends

Percy Dempsey



Percy Dempsey joined Troop 4 in Raleigh, NC in 1927 as a young Scout.

He met and married Lucy from Murfreesboro in 1946 and moved to Murfreesboro after retiring from the Air Force. Soon after moving here, he became involved with the district as training chairman in 1953 and was the Scoutmaster of Troop 359 in 1952.

He has been involved with Scouting his entire life. He backpacked the Tennessee section of the Appalachian Trail and trekked Philmont's backcountry 8 different times.

Mr. Dempsey said he "made a promise back then to live my life according to the Scout Law" from Trustworthy to Reverent.

In 1992 he received his 50 year pin.

He had had a lasting impact on so many people and his legacy continues today touching the lives of young people.

1952, Mr. Dempsey took over as Scoutmaster of Troop 359; a troop sponsored by the Middle Tennessee State University Training School (Campus School) that had lost its Scout leader. During his time as Scoutmaster he worked with countless numbers of boys and produced 47 Eagle Scouts including 16th Judicial District Chancellor Bob Corlew, ParkTrust Development CEO John Harney, Nashville attorney Pete Ezell, retired Middle Tennessee Council Development Director Don McKinney, and Ted LaRoche.

He served for over twenty years as a leader in Wood Badge courses, training Scout Leaders. He chaired the Eagle Review Board for Scouts obtaining their Eagle rank for 20 + years and he served as a volunteer with the Boy Scout Office in Nashville for all these years, volunteering for fund raisers, camporees and other Scouting events. In recognition of his dedication to Scouting, the Camporee area of Boxwell Reservation is named after Percy Dempsey.

Kenneth Bumpas

Mr. Bumpas was born in Nashville and spent much of his early years visiting his grandparent's farm in Milton TN. In 1952 he joined the U.S. Marines and served during the Korean Conflict and then in the Marine Reserves until his honorable discharge in 1960. He joined Scouting as a child in Nashville and became a 1st Class Scout. He remembered riding his bike to Scout meetings – sometimes in weather so cold he nearly froze.

In the mid 1960's, Mr. Bumpas began working for the TN Farmer's Cooperative in the Engineering Dept. He remained there until 1985, when he and Clyde Dunlap formed the Dunlap-Bumpas Associates (DBA) Engineering firm in Lebanon, TN which later moved to Smyrna.

Mr. Bumpas' adult Scouting career began with the Campus School's Cub Scout program where he served as CM of Pack 440 for several years. As his son moved into Boy Scouts, they both joined Troop 106 in 1973 at First United Methodist Church. Johnny Titshaw was the Scoutmaster at the time, and Mr. Bumpas and Frank Hayes served as an ASM.

In 1974, Mr. Bumpas started Troop 456 at North Blvd Church of Christ to help expand the Scouting program in his home church. He served as SM until 1990. During this time he attended Philmont 6 times -three times leading a Scout group and 3 times visiting at the training center.

In addition to his service with Troop 456, he also was SM for the MT Council's 1981 National Jamboree contingent. And in 1992, visited Gillwell Park in London England with Tom Wilhite, Chester Martin and their wives.

Received the Religious Emblem knot – 9-11-98

Received the Longrifle

Received the Silver Beaver – 2-8-93

Attended the MT 17 Wood Badge course and served on staff at Wood Badge for 7 years (MT19, MT20, MT21, MT22, MT23, MT 24 as SM and MT25 as advisor) and was the SM/Course director for MT 24 in 1971(?). Wood Badge training was at Beany Elam camp, Boxwell Reservation. He has three sets of WB beads. Two beads for the 1st time through WB, 3 beads for being on staff, and 4 beads for being SM/Course Director.

Mike Warren and Jack Ruttenbur attended WB while Mr. Bumpas was on staff.

He was Cubmaster, at Campus School; Assistant Scoutmaster, T106; and Founding Scoutmaster T456

His fondest memories of Scouting were his conversations with Eagle Scout candidates. He had seen the Scouts grow and mature and reach the point where they were giving back to others too. It was rewarding to be a part of these young men's lives.





Jack Ruttenbur

Jack Ruttenbur was a Forsterville, NY native. In 1958 he moved to Rutherford County and retired from the US Air Force after 22 years. In the Air Force he was Master Sergeant.

After retiring from the Air Force, he began a 22 year as a rural mail carrier with the US Post Office retiring from the Postal service in 1992.

In 1979 (or early 1980), Mr. Ruttenbur took over the Scoutmaster position at Troop 416, from Judge Bob Corlew where he served as Scoutmaster for over 30 years.

He made several trips to Philmont during his time as Scoutmaster – even at age 79 hiking on two artificial hips.

My favorite memory of Scouts is my Scoutmaster, Mr. Jack Ruttenbur and Assistant Scoutmaster, Mr. Tom Caldwell. Mr. Jack was a man of strong beliefs and very much old school. Mr. Jack taught Scouts how to work without modern tools, to stand proud for what you believed and how to persist despite obstacles -

Tom Caldwell

Tom Caldwell saw 25 Scouts through to Eagle Rank as part of Troop 30 in Donelson. Then he moved to Murfreesboro and continued with Scouting as an Assistant Scoutmaster at Troop 416.

Tom Caldwell was honored in 2010 as the Distinguished Rutherford County Scout for his success in helping more than 100 Murfreesboro Boy Scouts achieve the rank of Eagle Scout.

Throughout the years he has been involved with the two troops, he has led over 130 Scouts to their Eagle rank.

He has been to Philmont 14 times – and climbed Mt. Baldy every time. His last climb, he was 78.



John Harney presents the Distinguished Service Award to Tom Caldwell



Mike Warren

Mike is an Eagle Scout and has been active in Scouting for over 60 years. He served as Assistant Scoutmaster with Troop 456 for 9 years and he is currently Scoutmaster of Troop 398 since 1996.

Mr. Warren has served the Trail of Tears and Middle Tennessee Council :

Boy Scout Program Committee - 1988-1991

District Chairman – 1996-1996

MTC Executive Board Member - 1991 to present

Chairman of the 1991 Area IV Jamboree

Wood Badge Staff 1992 – 1996

Charter Organization Representative 1994 – 1996

Advancement Chairman – 2000 to present

And he has received the District Long Rifle Award, the Q. M. Smith Award and the Percy Dempsey Award. And he received the Middle Tennessee Council Silver Beaver award and the Class of 2008 Distinguished Eagle Scout

Jim Burkhalter

Jim has been involved with scouting for over 50 years. He has helped with multiple troops in our district including Troop 106s, 448, 441, since the 1960s when he moved to Rutherford County. He went to Philmont with Troop 448 in 1982. From 1982 – 2010 he formed Troop 192 and Explorer Post 144.



Jim earned his Wood Badge beads in 1972 and has been awarded the District's Long Rifle, the Q. M. Smith, and Council's Silver Beaver award.

His influence does not stop at the troop level. He was a leader at Pow Wow in 1982, he served as JLT leader from 1992 – 1998. Has taught at either Cumberland MBU or MTSU MBU since 2009. And he has taught numerous Scoutmaster Leader Specific Training sessions.

Today he's an Assistant Scoutmaster with Troop 441. Like so many others in Scouting, Jim has stayed on and continues to influence hundreds of Scouts and adult leaders.

Mike Hargove and Jim Burkhalter

Conclusions

Just as you look at pictures of the Appalachian Trail or Philmont or Boxwell and recall some really great memories - you want to go back! Hopefully this history of Scouting in our community has inspired you to want to continue to make a difference in the lives of our youth. At some point in your life it's not about being mentored, but becoming a mentor. We each have experiences to share and much to learn.

May we never stop learning and sharing and serving.

After researching the history of Scouting in Rutherford County, I have concluded that the Scouting program is as much about the adult leaders as it is about its youth – if not more so. In order to instill character, citizenship, and fitness in the youth – they are learning by opportunities and examples provided by their leaders who embody character, citizenship and fitness themselves. It is of utmost importance to recruit and train our adult leaders in the Methods of Scouting so that they can lead our next generations.

Life is not about getting, rather it is about giving back.

About Me

<http://a-journey-back.blogspot.com/>

I have always loved the outdoors. My family joined the National Campers and Hikers Association when I was young. We camped just about every month of the year with our local group and at state and national 'campventions' all over the US.

When I was in high school I joined a High Adventure Explorer Post in Nashville, TN. Mr. Billy Moore was our fearless leader. We went caving, backpacking, canoeing, sailing and volunteering. I cannot help but to love and appreciate the beauty and wonder in all that God has surrounded us with.

When my sons were old enough, they joined the Scouting program as Tiger Scouts and we have enjoyed the outdoors ever since. Folks ask me – now that my boys are grown, when am I going to quit. I guess they don't understand. Like I tell new Eagle Scouts, it's not an award or a rank – it's who you are. I think of Scouting the same way – it's a big part of who I am.

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