

# Boy Scout Troop 703 Has Fourth Annual Canoe Trip

## Overnight Trip Is Made On The French Broad

Boy Scout Troop 703 launched its fourth annual canoe trip at the Island Ford Road Bridge at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, May 1st.

This big event of the troop program followed the two-night fireless camping trip to Siniard's Ridge on April 16th, 17th and 18th. The Trotting Tarantulas, Kaola Bear and Never Patrols turned out for this trip. The following week the Kaola Bear Patrol demonstrated its superiority by having the biggest turnout for the Project SOAR Clean-up Campaign on Country Club Road. All Scouts that participated were awarded knife lanyards by their Scoutmaster.

The 1971 trip down the French Broad was relatively dignified compared to last year's trip as no canoes upset and no one fell overboard. This accomplishment was attributed to the months of practice and training that preceded the trip. The fleet of five canoes arrived about five minutes ahead of schedule at 12:25 at Deerwood Lane where lunch was eaten and a sixth canoe joined the group.

Explorer Scout John Gustafson commanded the first canoe with bowman Brian Echols. Other canoes were commanded by David Hayes, Chris Johnson, Robert Johnson, Earl Johnson and Scoutmaster Dick Gustafson with bowmen Frank Cordell, Alan Winchester, David Johnson, Greg Winston and James Buchanan. All Scouts making the trip were required to be at least First Class in rank.

As the lead canoe attempted to thread the Wilson Road narrows, a combination of currents and the leverage of several submerged branches caused it to end up with two-thirds of the canoe up a log and out of the water. Bowman Frank Cordell skillfully stepped out on the obstruction and refloated the craft captained by David Hayes.

The canoes arrived at the

## Barton Rites Held Tuesday

Frank Thomas Barton, age 46, of Pisgah Forest, died Sunday night in a Brevard hospital after a brief illness. He was a life-long resident of Transylvania county and a construction worker.

Mr. Barton was a veteran of world War II and the Korean conflict having served in the U. S. Navy. He was also a member of Lewi's Earl Jackson Post of the V.F.W. and the Monroe Wilson Post of the American Legion.

Surviving are the mother, Mrs. Nellie Allison Barton of Pisgah Forest; 2 brothers, Bill of Pisgah Forest, and Jim of Penrose; 3 sisters, Mrs. Roy King of Greenville, S. C., Mrs. Fred Houck of Marion, and Mrs. Glenn Cunningham of Hendersonville.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday in the Boyles-ton Baptist Church. The Rev. Joe Medford officiated and burial was in Pisgah Gardens. Nephews served as pallbearers.

Moore Funeral home was in charge of arrangements.

Duke Power Substation at 3:30 p.m. and everyone went ashore to stretch. The fleet "took out" at Ray Parkinson's farm in Etowah at 6:30 p.m. where the Tenderfoot and Second Class Scouts of the troop were having an overnight campout. The mariners joined the Tenderfoot and Second Class Scouts in a game of Capture the Flag after supper. Those camping out were David George Johnson, John Winston, Dru Bridges, Steve Hinkle, John Mann, Andy Kirk, Kelvin Smallwood,

Kevin Norris, Jon Winchester and Chris White. The Trotting Tarantulas Patrol displayed its customary high spirit.

The mariners launched at 10:15 a.m. Sunday and headed around Etowah and the great Horseshoe Bend. The

needle's eye encountered last year had been cleared by floods, but was replaced by two snags which were navigated with considerable difficulty.

Lunch was eaten just above the Highway 191 bridge and the

trip was finally concluded at 2:30 p.m. at the end of a race to Fanning Bridge.

The voyagers were treated to a variety of views of wildlife including a number of ducks and ducklings, snakes, a number of birds including a couple

of blue heron.

The trip was made possible by the cooperation of adults such as Earl Johnson, Glenn Echols, Ray Parkinson and the many parents who aided with transportation.

The Troop moves on to the

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