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Scout Center Will Be Built In This County Haywood County Now Has 200 Boy Scouts

Scouting Growing Rapidly In County

Purchase Of Recreational Center Should Stimulate More Interest, Says Medford

By Wm MEDFORD

With the recent acquisition by the Daniel Boone Council of the 700-acre Scout Reservation on the Little East Fork of the Pigeon River, should bring a renewed interest in Scouting in this County. It is of interest to the people of Haywood County to know that the purchase of this particular site largely the result of long and arduous effort on the part of the people of Haywood County, have been interested in Scouting. It was they who brought to attention of the Daniel Boone Council that this was an ideal spot for a Scout Reservation and urged to choose it as the location for permanent Camp and Reservation.

Haywood County has been organized into a Scout district only a two-and-a-half years. Yet, the district is today the second largest in the Daniel Boone Council from the point of view of number of troops and the number of Scouts enrolled. We made wonderful progress in the past year and it has been due primarily to the fact that the people of Haywood County realized the importance of giving their children the best training to young boys.

Haywood County we now have 200 Scouts enrolled. In addition to these there are approximately 50 men in Haywood County are giving time to Scouting in the capacity of Troop Committee, District Committee, Scoutmaster, or Assistant Scoutmaster.

It is impossible to estimate in this space the amount of the character development of a boy. From the age of 12 years a boy must be 12 before he becomes a Scout—a boy is very young becoming a man. The few following the age of 12 very definitely determine the character of the boy. If his thinking, his curiosity, his enthusiasm, his energy, are directed in the correct channels, then he has every opportunity to develop into a normal, healthy and upright young man—a wholesome and healthy individual. Scouting tries to provide facilities for giving this much

Monthly Training Meetings Held For Scout Leaders

J. R. Sechrest, Chairman Leadership Training.

The success of any organization depends upon the quality of its leaders. These leaders must control, plan, promote, and direct the program that may be carried out. It is therefore, impossible to place too great an emphasis on the importance of proper training of leadership. During the past few years local training camps throughout the county have greatly increased the number of leaders in this field, as Scout workers are needed to make up for the losses of leaders each year. Throughout the past year the Haywood district co-operated with the Daniel Boone Council in promoting leadership training. In this council courses in the introduction to Scouting were held, six men attending a co-operative course held

DISTRICT CHAIRMAN



WILLIAM MEDFORD, of Waynesville, is chairman of the Haywood District this year, and has working with him a group of capable and willing leaders in Haywood.

needed training to boys at this impressionable age. If in the future the men of Haywood County point back to Scouting and say that the movement "decidedly influenced my life for the better," then those of us who are devoting our time to Scouting will feel that we have been fully repaid for the time and effort that we have given to the cause.

It is our aim to add two new troops to our present number in Haywood County during the coming year and to increase the enrollment in Scouts. We have also the very great task always before us of improving the facilities of our present troops for giving the correct training to boys. In a volunteer organization such as Scouts, we are necessarily faced with the problem of keeping Scouting an interesting program, attractive to the boys, or it will fail. We are looking forward to the year 1940 with increased interest in Scouting and we hope that we can end the year a little better prepared to give Scouting to the boys of Haywood County.

An Eagle Scout ranking is often considered the equivalent of two years of college training. Colonel Theodore Roosevelt, Vice President of the National Council of Boy Scouts of America, continues the example set by his father, the late president, one of Scouting's truest friends.

Some 40,000 Boy Scouts participated in rescue and rehabilitation in the disastrous New England hurricane of 1938.

TRAINING CHAIRMAN



J. R. SECHREST, of Canton, is chairman of the leadership training work in the Haywood District.

Scout Leaders Got Up Material For This Scout Issue

This is the second annual edition of The Mountaineer devoted to the observance of the national anniversary of Boy Scouts. Last year the general theme of the edition was the progress the Scouts had made, and some of the outstanding accomplishments. This year, in observing the 30th anniversary, the leaders in the Haywood district have prepared the articles that are being used in the edition.

Of course, the two scout executives of the Daniel Boone Council, Mr. Allen and Mr. New have articles in the issue.

This edition is truly of the scout leaders in this district, and the publishers feel that their articles contain facts and conditions about Haywood County that every citizen should know.

More than 163 colleges and universities have conducted Scouting courses for Boy Scout leaders.

A total of 27,232 Boy Scouts represented 536 Councils at the National Jamboree held in Washington, D. C., in 1937.

Haywood District Led All In Council During 1939

ADVANCEMENT CHAIRMAN



CARLTON PEYTON, of Canton, is chairman of the Haywood District's work on Advancement.

More than 6,300,000 copies of the Boy Scout Handbook have been distributed, making it one of the most widely read books. It has been estimated that each copy is read by five Scouts.

Efficient Leaders

Few, if any, agencies in Haywood County are exerting a greater influence among young boys than the Boy Scout movement. And as the 30th anniversary of Scouting in America gets underway today, it is well to look behind the scenes and see just what that force is that is making the movement such a blessing to our younger generation.

Of course, it is the adult leaders that give unselfishly of their time and energy in carrying on the responsibilities of molding character of the "men of tomorrow."

These men are not doing their work for show. They are not doing it with the hope of getting public recognition. They are doing it because they know and feel the need of the scout movement. We have been in close touch with the work. We have seen the fruits of their labors, and these leaders deserve a warm place in the heart of every citizen of the county, because they are making this a better county in which to live because of their Scout work.

Haywood County is indeed fortunate in having in her midst, a group of capable men that are carrying on the great work of Boy Scouts.

LED CAMPAIGN FOR ACQUIRING TRACT



W. J. DAMTOFT, of Canton, was instrumental in the acquisition of the 700-acre tract in Pigeon for the new site for Daniel Boone Council camp. Mr. Damtoft has taken a keen interest in Scout work and has served in many official capacities in the district and council.

Colin H. Livingstone, first president of the Boy Scouts of America, held that post 15 years.

Haywood District Comprised Of Ten Thriving Troops

Several Troops Are Not Up To Full Quota Of 32; Others Have More

The official enrollment of the Haywood district, of Boy Scouts, as of Saturday afternoon, showed that 200 boys are in the 10 troops of the district.

The complete list, together with the troop committee and scoutmasters and assistants are listed below:

Canton Troop 1

Scoutmaster—R. Fort Smathers. Asst. Scoutmaster—James Rickards.

Troop Committee—Dr. A. P. Cline, G. C. Suttle, H. L. Morgan.

Scouts: Alexander, Billy; Allen, Billie; Barton, William; Bass, Jimmie; Beal, Bobby; Blackwell, Muston; Burnette, Thurman Lee; Burrus, Brainerd.

Campbell, James; Cavanaugh, Martin; Clark, Jimmy; Clark, Walter; Coleman, Max; Coman, L. A.; Deas, Jimmy; Dudley, Buck; Freal, William; Haliburton, Billy; Haliburton, Joe.

Harkins, Jimmie; Harrell, Durham; Henderson, Charles R.; Holland, Harry; Johnson, William R.; Justice, Earle; Kirkpatrick, Jimmie; Ledford, Bryson; May, Jack; Parks, Wayne.

Powell, Carroll; Rhea, Johnny; Rickards, Leonard; Rickards, Raymond; Rollands, Luther; Sharp, Bruce; Sharp, Edgar.

Shope, W. Calvin; Smathers, Bobby; Snyder, George L.; Stephens, John; Wells, Billy; Wells, Carey; Willis, Charles; Wilson, Wallace.

Waynesville Troop 2

Scoutmaster—R. C. McBride. Asst. Scoutmaster—

Troop Committee—Ben E. Colkitt, Chairman, J. E. Massie, Frank M. Davis.

Scouts: Colkitt, Ben; Colkitt, Bobbie; Davis, Joe; Dicus, Jimmy; Dicus, Mark; Evans, Harry; Foy, Henry; Green, Capers; Green, Marion; Lee, Bobbie; Morrow, Donald; Palmer, Kenneth; Palmer, Fred; Ray, Billy; Richeson, Jack; Walker, Paul; Way, Joe.

Waynesville Troop 3

Scoutmaster—James Limer. Asst. Scoutmaster—Chas. V. Balentine.

Troop Committee—R. L. Burgin, Chairman, Frank Worthington, C. A. George.

Scouts: Bradley, Richard; Brees, Robert H.; Buckner, Earl; Burgin, Robert Lester, Jr.; Coffey, Lyle Welch; Curtis, Zeb Walton, Jr.; Dover, William; Dyer, J. Harry; Fugate, Jack; Hall, Aldeen; Leopard, Ernest A.; Leopard, Frank, Jr.; Martin, Fred Earl, Jr.; Medford, Phil; Moseman, Billy; Plott, Haywood E.; Underwood, Howell; Vaughn, Frederick; Worthington, Frank, Jr.

Canton Troop 4

Scoutmaster—M. M. Crisp. Asst. Scoutmaster—Ivan Justice. Troop Committee—Haldie Reid, Chairman, M. T. Brooks, J. M. Shiflet, M. C. Sprinkle, Carl Painter.

Scouts: Baldwin, Jack; Bramlett, M. Vaughn, Jr.; Brown, Billy, Jr.; Cagle, Carl; Cannon, Tommie; Childers, Frank M.; Childers, Harold; Childers, Ralph. Clark, Harry; Clontz, Frank; Gidney, Charles; Hardin, Frank; Harkins, Paul; Harrison, Bill; Jennings, Bennie; Moore, Paul; Moore, Phillip; Muse, Rex W.; Newman, Ernest.

Painter, Carl; Powell, James; Pressley, Howard; Ramsey, Joe Bob; Ramsey, Wayne; Rhinehart, Bobby; Rhinehart, Buddy; Robinson, Jackie; Saunders, George. Sharp, Noel; Sherrill, Harry Wesley; Smathers, David Joe; Ward, Clifton Raymond; Warren, (Continued on page 12)

Camp Daniel Boone To Be Moved Soon To Head Of Pigeon

SCOUT EXECUTIVE



A. W. ALLEN, scout executive of the Daniel Boone Council, of which the Haywood District is a part. Mr. Allen's headquarters are in Asheville.

3,400 Boys Are Of Scouting Age In This Section

More Adequate Scouting Facilities Needed To Care For Growing Demands

By Floyd New, Assistant Scout Executive, Daniel Boone Council

During the past year there were 3,400 boys living in Western North Carolina that became twelve years of age. Surveys have shown that if a vote had been taken that 90 per cent or about 3,000 boys would have wanted to become Scouts. Of this group only about one-tenth really had the chance. There are hundreds of colored boys that want and need Scouting. About 10,000 are of age to take part in Cubbing, the Scouting program for boys between the ages of 9 and 12. By adding up the figures it is seen that there are over 25,000 boys between the ages of 9 and 16 living in Western North Carolina. Needless to say that only a very small percentage of these have had the opportunity to be a Scout, to enjoy the thrills of camping, hiking, and the activities that they would like.

Several years ago the Daniel Boone Council was organized to (Continued on page 12)

Camp Life Brings Out Good Qualities Of Young Men

CAMPING LEADER



BEN E. COLKITT, former district chairman, is serving the Haywood District this year as chairman of camping and activities. He had an important part in the council in acquiring the 700-acre tract in Pigeon.

Dr. Francis Property Bought For Recreational Center For Scouting

By A. W. Allen, Scout Executive Daniel Boone Council.

Acquisition of the Head Property on the Little East Fork of the Pigeon River in Haywood County fulfills a dream which leaders in the Daniel Boone Council of the Boy Scouts have had for nineteen years. The 700 acre tract will be the center of the outdoor activities of Scouts and leaders for all Western North Carolina.

This is to be a Scout Reservation. On it will be located Camp Daniel Boone, the council camp. A training center for adult leaders will be developed. It is also planned to set aside areas for advanced camping and to use other sections to teach forest conservation and to make the entire reservation a wild life refuge.

The land is more familiarly known as the Dr. Francis property. It is fifteen miles from both Canton and Waynesville and can be reached over all weather roads. The property is surrounded on three sides by Pisgah National Forest, giving assurance of an uncontaminated water supply for all purposes and protection from incroachment by projects which might not fit in with the general program.

Elevation of the site runs from 3,000 feet to more than 5,000 feet, the highest point being High Top. Within a short distance are five or more mountains which reach an elevation of more than six thousand feet and open up unlimited possibilities for hikes and overnight camps.

One of the first steps which will be taken will be to secure the services of the engineer from the national camping service of the Boy Scouts of America. Together with the camping committee of the Daniel Boone Council, this expert will visit the reservation and give advice on the location of the various features which are to be included. Blue prints and a small scale model will then be made so that the entire project of development can be carried out over a period of years along carefully planned lines and as means are available to carry out the plans.

Camp Daniel Boone will be moved to the location as soon as practical. This is the council camp which has been operated for fifteen years and provides camping facilities for Scout troops particularly during the summer months. All equipment is provided for the unit and, for eight weeks, a trained staff is on hand to assist the troop leaders in (Continued on page 12)