

## Boy Scout Leaders To Meet

Nine professional leaders of the Daniel Boone Council, Boy Scouts of America, will meet on September 14-15 at Myrtle Beach Air Force Base with Scout executives of nearby areas to learn of changes in the improved Cub Scout program made after careful research, painstaking study, and field reaction.

In turn local leaders present the program to Cub Scout leaders at the October roundtable meetings.

A research study obtained the best possible knowledge, experience, and opinions about the needs, characteristics, and desires of boys of Cub Scout age and their family and group interests and reviewed and appraised current practices in Cub Scouting. The findings were evaluated during 1965-66. The proposed improved program was shared with leaders in 68 meetings across the Nation.

Program changes seek to improve the appeal of Cub Scouting, attract more boys and, hold them for 3 years, and encourage them to enter Boy Scouting at 11 years of age.

Now a boy 8 years of age or in third grade may become a

Cub Scout. At 10 he may join a Webelos den and become a Webelos Scout. This phases out Lion rank by September 1, 1968. A Den Leader coach will train and assist Den Mothers.

Since Cub Scouting began in 1930, there has been a membership gain yearly. At present there are 2,125,394 Cub Scouts in 56,436 Cub Scout packs. Locally 1721 boys are Cub Scouts in 98 packs.

The executives of the Daniel Boone Council are: Francis L. Pless, East and South Buncombe; Jerry A. Starnes, North and West Buncombe; H. Frank Gay, Jr., Mitchell, Avery, Madison and Yancey; John B. Whidden, Henderson; Dan W. Angel, Clay, Swain, Graham and Cherokee; Kenneth Nicholson, Haywood and Transylvania; and Douglas J. Miller, Jackson and Macon counties.

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## OBITUARIES

### HERMAN R. GURLEY

Herman R. Gurley, 53, of Rt. 5, died in a local hospital Sunday afternoon after a long illness.

He was a crane operator and had been employed by Troitino & Brown Construction Co., for 19 years.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Mae Bolick Gurley; four daughters, Mrs. Wanda Carroll of Garden City, Mrs. Barbara Ballew of Burnsville and Misses Aileen and Marsha Gurley, both of the home; three sons, Joe of Burnsville and Jerry and Larry Gurley, both of the home; the stepmother, Mrs. Ethel Burgin Gurley of Burnsville; three brothers, Cecil of Lenoir, Paul of Burnsville and Alfred of Axton, Pa.; two sisters, Mrs. Alice Gurley of Lenoir and Mrs. Edna Bowdage of Burnsville; three stepbrothers, Alvin, Cecil and W. C. Gurley all of Burnsville; four grandchildren.

Services were held at 2 p. m. Tuesday at Celso Methodist Church, of which he was a member.

The Rev. Alvin Jones and the Rev. John Murphy officiated. Burial was in the Ballew Cemetery.

### BOYD JOHNSON

Funeral services for Boyd Johnson, 79, retired Yancey County farmer, who died last Friday morning in Yancey Hospital were held Saturday at 3:00 p. m. in Dayton Bend Methodist Church. The Rev. Baxter Profitt officiated and burial was in Woody Cemetery.

Surviving are one daughter, Mrs. Thelma Howell; five sons, Andrew, Kenneth and Buren of Green Mtn., Lloyd of Johnson City, Tenn., and Ray of Marion, N. C.; three brothers, Homer, Ersel, and Clarence Johnson, all of Bakersville.

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