

## New Mexico's Philturn Camp Offers Much to Boy Scouts

Vast Tract of Land Given  
By Waite Phillips To  
Scouts To Use As Back To  
Nature Area.

New York, May 8—In the heart of the Kit Carson country in New Mexico is perhaps one of the most unique camps in America for young men. It is a camp truly national in scope for it is owned and operated by the National Council of the Boy Scouts of America to provide opportunities for Senior Scouts to get the benefits of a rugged and adventurous experience in the wilderness. Its campers hail from many parts of the United States.

The Philturn Rockymountain Scoutcamp, located just north of Cimarron, New Mexico comprises 35,857 acres of superb mountain wilderness, the gift in 1938 of Waite Phillips of Tulsa, Okla., who simply stipulated that it be put to practical use by Scouts whose experience, training, leadership and proper equipment would enable them to enjoy experiences like the pioneers who blazed the trails into the wilderness and helped to found this nation.

Already Scouts of fourteen states, including young men from New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania, have made preliminary arrangements to camp on the wilderness preserve during its 1940 season which opens June 14 and ends on September 1.

In accepting the land from Mr. Phillips who also provided \$50,000, for its development into a camp site, the Boy Scouts of America, through its President, Walter W. Head and its Chief Scout Executive, Dr. James E. West, told why the Movement undertook to provide a national

camping area for older boys.

"In providing these opportunities for Scouts today to develop the rugged self-reliance and the ability to stand on their own feet and to take care of themselves, and others, which were a fundamental part of the equipment of our pioneer forefathers, the potentialities of the Scout Program have been greatly extended. Increasingly from year to year this enrichment will be reflected in the quality of our Scouting, our camping and our leadership. The fundamental objectives of the Scout Program, character building and citizenship training, will be strengthened."

Chartered or Provisional Troops, qualified by experience, which are approved by their Local Council may have the privilege of camping at this high adventure wilderness camp, which in a sense, is serving as a national laboratory for testing adventure programs for older boys within the Movement.

Many different types of hikes and expeditions, varying in length from three days to twelve, are provided to meet the needs of different groups. Each camp site is arranged to provide water, tentage space, cooking facilities and sanitary facilities to accommodate up to 32 Scouts and leaders. Each group is responsible for its own tentage, sleeping and cooking gear and is really on its own.

There's a three day back pack hike of approximately 15 miles, and a three burro pack trip. An "overnight horseback hike" combines the use of horses and back packing and takes the Scout campers away from the base camp for two days and a night. A trip

## France Keeps Vigil on Western Front



Somewhere on France's Lorraine front a French soldier keeps eternal vigilance behind his rifle-machine gun, lest a German surprise attack be successful. Note the cache of hand grenades just below the gun. They are used for close-in fighting.

to the Carson National Forest involves a 75-mile journey over wonderful mountainous drives with an overnight camp in the forest. The attractions of this trip are Eagle Nest Lake, the Red River country, the pueblos at Taos, the Moreno Valley and Cimarron Canyon. Six and twelve-day exploration trips provide a more general experience than those offered by the shorter trips.

The Scouts' wilderness camp—known as Philturn Rockymountain Scout camp, a combination of the donor's name and the "good turn" of the Scouts—lies in the heart of a country that had a civilization long before the white man came. Ruins in these mountain fastnesses tell the story of how the cliff dwellers bored into chalky cliffs, placing their homes beyond the reach of their enemies' arrows. Pictographs which dot the canyon walls record the history of ancient Indian tribes.

The country is rich in Indian lore. Just west of Philturn the Navajos herded their flocks, wove their blankets and gathered pinon nuts. Aztec villages and their garden-like fields are not far away. Here the fierce Apaches, Comanches and Cheyennes roamed the plains and their ceremonial chants resounded in the canyons.

Near Philturn passes the Santa Fe trail which 100 years ago was the great trade route linking America and Mexico. The ruins made by the huge wagons and the marks of the feet of oxen that followed the trail can still be seen in many places.

In his early twenties, Christopher "Kit" Carson explored throughout the southwest with traders and adventurers. For years he piloted wagon trains carrying merchandise across the plains to Santa Fe. He guarded the same trains on their return journeys, this time carrying furs and minerals. He fought the Indians and later was loved by them. His well-marked grave in the little Taos, N. M. cemetery is visited by thousands of persons annually, among them Philturn campers.

Philturn lies 7,000 feet above sea level and some nearby peaks are 11,000 feet high. In the Scout area lie nine main canyons, flanked on each side by rock palisades, adorned by western pines, Douglas firs, balsams, quaking aspens and cottonwoods. Ranges with deer, wolf, mountain lion, bears, coyotes, fox, beaver, porcupine and countless smaller animals are a part of the unexplored wilderness. Local and migratory birds are plentiful.

Philturn is about two miles from Cimarron, N. M., on the Ute Park Branch of the Santa Fe Railroad. It can also be reached by U. S. Highway 64 out of Raton, a distance of some 38 miles.

Scout parties check in at Five Points camp, the center of all of Philturn's activities, where one finds a camp lodge and administration buildings. Here fresh food supplies are purchased and additional camping gear may be rented for nominal costs. It is the capital of a wilderness area entrusted to present and future Boy Scouts of the Nation, dedicated to their use and they, in turn, will

preserve it as one of the nation's greatest natural preserves.

The first training courses in camping leadership will be held in Philturn May 17, 18, and 19 and will be directed by Dr. Lorne W. Barclay, National Director of Camping and Activities.

## "May on the Farm"

Raleigh, May 8 — Enos Blair, Extension Service Agronomist, says corn should be planted in the Piedmont and Mountain sections between May 1 and May 15. Coastal Plain growers should finish planting their corn by May 15 if possible.

He also pointed out that May is the best time to plant soybeans, since they will grow better and make larger yields than if the seeding is delayed until June or July. The same is true to some extent of cowpeas, although these should not be planted until the latter half of the month.

Velvet beans, on the other hand, should be planted as early in the month as possible. Crotalaria, too, should be planted around the first of the month.

Paul Kime, Experiment Station agronomist, says a weeder and spike-tooth harrow are excellent implements for destroying young grass. They also put the land in better shape for the cultivators. If the weeder is used one or more times on cotton before it is chopped, the cost of hoe labor will be reduced.

Cotton should be chopped as early as is reasonably safe. If the plants grow tall and slender before chopping, they will fall down badly and will not grow off rapidly. On the other hand, it is not advisable to chop during cold, damp weather or while the plants are dying badly.

Dr. Luther Shaw, extension plant pathologist, warns against planting watermelons, sweet potatoes, tomatoes, tobacco, cotton, and other crops on the same land where wilt disease caused serious losses the year before. The organisms causing wilt have lived over in the soil and have multiplied tremendously.

May also is a busy time for livestock producers, since it is the time of year when many changes in feed and management are necessary, says Professor Earl Hostetler. For example, permanent pastures are ready to graze throughout the State. However, although this means less labor and no feed, except grass, regular inspections and salting should not be overlooked. Then, too, the bull should be turned with the herd the first of May so that next year's calf crop will early and uniform.

C. L. Sims, extension apiarist, advises beekeepers to examine their colonies during this month. If it is found that the food supply has fallen below 15 pounds of honey, the colony should be fed 15 to 20 pounds of sugar syrup. Queenless colonies should be united with those having good queens.

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## Installment Rates Offered As New Travel Accomodation

Many Railways Now Provide  
Unique Method For  
Financing Longer Trips  
And Vacation Jaunts.

New York, May 8 — Into the news this week comes an announcement that will bring cheer to the hearts of the legions of substantial Americans who want to travel but "can't spare the money just now." This announcement brings assurance to millions that the slogan, "1940 is Travel America Year," really means something after all. From now on, you can literally travel and pay later.

A Travel Credit Plan, sponsored by 66 great railroads, makes possible the purchase of railway trips and tours in the same manner that you buy your car or radio—on convenient monthly payments.

The plan, which becomes effective May 20, is exceedingly simple. The prospective user merely goes to the ticket office of the cooperating railway over whose lines he wishes to travel, or to a travel agent, and makes application for credit in the amount of the cost of the proposed trip or tour. If the routine credit inquiry indicates an ability to meet monthly payments, he is notified that his ticket is ready for him. The only contact in connection with the application is with the ticket agent, just as though the ticket were being purchased for cash. The application is passed upon within twenty-four hours.

Use of the Travel Credit Plan requires no collateral — only the

signature of the individual. The cost of the proposed trip, however, must total \$50 or more to be eligible for purchase on credit. No down payment is required. There is a normal service charge for the credit accommodation.

It is predicted that the largest use of the Travel Credit Plan will be for vacations and other recreational trips and tours, although the service is intended to cover any form of railway travel. Credit is not necessarily confined to the cost of transportation alone. It may be used for Pullman accommodations, all-expense tours, which usually include hotels and meals, specified side trips, and any service that is sold through the railroad ticket office.

A nation-wide survey of the vacation and traveling practices of average Americans indicates that many persons are frequently forced to forego trips or vacations because of financial stringency right at the only period of the year in which they can get away to enjoy themselves. For such individuals or families the credit service is seen as a veritable boon.

Others will use the plan, it is expected, who might have sufficient cash to make a trip, but who would have to compromise on its extent, or would be forced to economize too rigidly in order to meet normal expenses of traveling, apart from the actual railway fare. By taking advantage of the credit for the purchase of all or a part of the actual transportation, the trip could be made in proper fashion and with vastly in-

creased enjoyment.

As an example of the potential money saving advantages of the plan, in addition to its convenience, a railway's spokesman cited the hypothetical case of an eastern or midwest couple who might plan a tour taking them as far as Seattle, but who would be financially unable to make a long-dreamed-of Alaskan Cruise from that point. Now, instead of abandoning that dream, or at least being put to the expense of retreating the trip to Seattle and thence to Alaska at some improbable date in the future, they could use the travel credit plan and go the whole way at one time and at a great saving.

Economists look upon the plan as probably the most dramatic and far-reaching step ever taken by the roads in their efforts to make rail travel a commodity which can be enjoyed by the whole public. It is regarded as evidence of the progressive policy of the American railroads of today, alert to every opportunity for providing new and improved service.

Nearly all the railroads in the United States are party to this installment purchase plan, which permits of travel anywhere.

## GERMS

Germs are being used to destroy germs in garden and field soil in tests being conducted successfully at the New Jersey Experiment station.

## COTTON WEEK

National Cotton Week, an annual event to stimulate increased consumption of cotton goods, will be observed May 17-26.