Scouts To Scout For Food

Boy Scouts are well known for their good deeds.

Sunday, Scouts from the Battleground District will be "Scouting for Food" in a house-tohouse canvass in which 37 Scout units will leave a empty bag on your door step and invite you to fill it up for the needy by the time they return to collect on Sunday, Nov.

The "good deed" project is just one of the many community service projects that local Scouts enjoy doing but it will be significant this year, say Scout leaders. Hunger is a major problem and Scouts will take the collected food to Community Center for distribution to Helping Hands of Kings Mountain. Some of the food will go to food banks at churches sponsoring the various Scout troops.

Last year Scouts collected 15 tons of food, principally canned goods, and again this year Scouting for Food will emphasize Scouting's position as a caring and giving organization.

"After last year's success, the Scout leaders and the boys are very excited about this year's project,' said Butch Kerns of Kerns Trucking, who is Kings Mountain area co-chairman. "We will be out in force on Nov. 11 and Nov. 18 covering Kings Mountain, the Moss Lake area and down to the Grover area. This Scouting for Food program could very well be the most significant good deed the Scouts in this area could do."

"Hunger is still a major problem in this nation of bounty," says District Scouting for Food Chairman Richard Williams, branch manager of Duke Power Company of Shelby. "The need for food has been heightened even more as a result of Hurricane

SCOUTING FOR FOOD-Area Boy Scouts will be "Scouting for Food" Sunday as they canvass the neighborhoods for donations to a hungry project to benefit local and area victims of Hurricane Hugo. From left, front row, are Ben Howell, of Pack 92, Jeremy Moretz, of Troop 92, and Drew Howell, of Pack 92. Back row are Troop 92 Scoutmaster Jim Ferebee and Rachel Howell, cub leader and mother of Ben and Drew Howell.

Hugo's destruction. Many of the county's residents freeze vegetables and meats during the summer, and eat that food during the winter and spring. A lot of that frozen food was lost during the power outages The national after Hugo." Good Turn for 1989 will be the collection of nonperishable food. The purpose of Scouting for Food is to help meet the needs of the hungry and expose Scouts to the highest ideals of Scouting movement through a practical and dramatic experience in the principle of the "Daily Good Turn."

Scouting's role is to organize the food collection and identify legitimate community agencies that will warehouse and distribute the food to the needy at no cost. Emphasis is on food most needed for nutrition such as peanut butter; baby formula; complete packaged meats; and canned goods, especially tuna, chunky soups, stews, meats, fruits and vegetables.

In the Kings Mountain area, a basket will be provided at Harris-Teeter for shoppers to buy a can and leave a can for benefit of the Scout project.

The Duke Was A Funny Man Jim

Country folks have always had a sense of humor. Some of it is rough, like the lives they live. Some is laced with wisdom. And some is just corny. Uptown folks call it compone.

The Grand Ole Opry through the years has had a number of comedians. Minnie Pearl probably is the best known for hayseed comedy.

In the 1940s and into the 50s "The Duke of Paducah" was an extremely popular performer at the Opry. Like Minnie Pearl, Rod Brassfield and Jerry Clower, The Duke would come on stage and do a short skit. His closing line was the familiar "I'm going back to the wagon, these shoes are killing me." This alluded to a country boy who was uncomfortable with city life.

It's no secret that The Duke was one of the best loved humorists on the Opry. It's not well known that he never lived in Paducah, or even in Kentucky. He took the name, or title, while working at a radio sta-

tion in St. Louis in the 1930s. Benjamin Francis Ford was born in DeSoto, Mo. Known as Whitey Ford, he amazed others by his knowledge of the works of Ralph Waldo Emerson and John Steinbeck. Ford had only a seventh grade education. His years in show business taught him what he needed to know about working a crowd with comedy. Not only did he tell jokes, he collected them. In fact, he had collected and filed over 450,000 jokes. Those jokes are now owned by the producers of TV's Hee Haw.

They say laughter is good for the body and soul. In the life of The Duke Of Paducah it proved to be true. He died at the age of 85 in July 1986. The cause of death was

a heart attack. The place,

Most of the old comedy stars are now gone. Minnie Pearl is crowding 80 and Jerry Clower probably would be the one to fill the bill of replacing the old stars. However, Clower is not a regular on the

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led the winners with a 164 line and 382 set and Wally Mocanu led the losers with a 118-315.

The league standings show Wally's in front with a 20-16 record, followed by Johnny's 18-18, and Lib's and John's 17-19

PETERSON REUNION

The Peterson reunion will be held Sunday at 1 p.m. at the Kings Mountain Depot Center. For more information call Shirley Hinson at 739-5984 after 5:30 p.m.



GIVES PROGRAM - Second Lt. Maury A. Williams of the National Guard spoke to K-1 students at North School recently. He shared information about the N.C. National Guard and physical fit-





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