

Bradenton, Florida
November 6, 1954

Dear Old-Timer:

This report on the Old-Timers' gathering at Camp Flying Eagle of July 30th should have been mailed some time ago, but various things have prevented prompt action.

After inspecting Camp Flying Eagle, the bunch sat around and swapped reminiscences until dark, when we filed into the Mess Hall and inflicted some of the old songs - which we had to practice during the afternoon - on the 120 Scouts assembled there. We filed out to a chorus of deafening "hows" and later went back to our own evening meal, prepared by Mrs. Fred Treat, wife of the Scout Executive.

Then came the reading of letters from the Old-Timers which brought on fresh crop of anecdotes.

Those present at this anniversary gathering were:

Egbert Beall, now part owner of Beall's Department Store in Bradenton. Egbert has accumulated a family since most of you birds saw him last. One son, now a Cub Scout. Egbert is still carrying on in Scouting, being Chairman of the Manatee District Committee on Camping & Activities.

Wilbur Roberts. Wilbur has three children, two girls and a boy who is now approaching the rank of Eagle. Wilbur has served as Assistant Scoutmaster of Troop 17, Bradenton.

John Knight. Came up from Miami, where he is an accountant, having graduated to that job from Scribe of Troop 7, Bradenton. John was the only Old-Timer who has managed to escape matrimony - so far.

Maurice Paige of Wauchula is another Old-Timer who has built up a nice family of two girls and a boy. After spending several years in grocery and market enterprises, Maurice signed up with Gulf-Ridge Council at Tampa as Field Executive and has been doing good work there for several years. Is an Eagle Scout, by the way.

Dan Thorpe, Jr. Dan works at the Bradenton Post Office and with Troop 9 where he is Scoutmaster. Still one of our Eagle Scouts. Has two children, a boy and a girl.

Steve Raymond of the 1931 camp, now publisher of the Palmetto News, was guest of the group. The adults who attended our meeting were: Judge W. T. Harrison, Harry C. Groff, L. F. Vaught, Wirt Shelton, members of the 1929 Executive Board, and Pop Roberts, M. L. Rice and Chas. N. Wilson of the Camp Staff.

Scout Executive Fred Treat and Field Executive Russell Hild, sat in on the meetings whenever they could get away from Camp duties.

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Reading of letters from ten of the old boys was the high point of the gathering. Wish we could send a copy to each of you, but will have to be content with a synopsis.

Frank "Peanut" Webb, Texac City, Tex. Member of Troop 2, sponsored by Episcopal Church, Bradenton. Left Bradenton to go to Georgia Tech. Class of '38. Mechanical Engineer. Now with Pan-American Refining Co. Went into the Army in '41; served five years as a reserve officer. Served in the Ordnance Department in North India. While in the Army got married to an Alabama girl and has a seven year old daughter. Returned to Pan-American and has been with them ever since. Is now Assistant General Superintendent, with responsibility for Industrial Relations and Labor Negotiations.

Victor Nettles, Gainesville, Fla. Member Troop 4, Palmetto. Had great hopes of being able to attend the gathering, but is teaching, but if I am not there it will be because of unfavorable circumstances... Left Manatee County in 1932, expecting to return there after completing his education, but enrolled in the Graduate School while working with the Agricultural Experiment Station, and stayed on as member of the staff. In 1940 obtained a teaching assistant position at Cornell and worked there on his Ph.D. Called to the army in '41 as First Lieut. in the Field Artillery. After Pearl Harbor, married Grace Noble of Gainesville, Fla. Afterwards was shipped to the Pacific. In '46 was back at the Experiment Station in Gainesville. After a year and a half there, returned to Cornell and completed his Ph.D. Since then has been doing experimental work at the station on vegetable crop research. Has three boys and one girl.

Bernard C. Russell, Jackson, Tenn. No reunion has appealed to him as much as this one. Had hoped to be able to attend, but is serving a small church for the summer and finds it impossible to get away. These 25 years have seen him take college work at Asbury and Emory, then going to Drew University in New Jersey, where he received his Ph.D. in Theology and Philosophy of Religion. Seven years in pastorates in Florida and on Long Island, then taught Religion and Philosophy at Emory and at Henry in Virginia. Now Professor of Religion at Lambuth College at Jackson, and will continue there next year. Address, 731 Westwood Avenue. Would like to hear from any of the Old-Timers. In 1942 married a Gainesville, Ga. gal named Virginia Tucker. Now have three children: Linda, 11, a Girl Scout; Eddie, 8, on the waiting list of a Cub Pack; Sammie, 13 months, who goes to sleep to the tune of "Green Grow The Rushes, O, and the Horses Run Around".

Wm. M. Carlton, Athens, Ga. When heard first of the Old-Timers' reunion had great hopes of being able to attend. Now tied up in summer school teaching at University of Georgia and can't get away. 1929 to 1933 was around Wauchula farming and working in Scouting, and courting in Bradenton. In '33 went away to college to Maryville, Tenn. During this year decided to enter field of botany. In '34 transferred to Miami University, Oxford, Ohio, graduating in '38. Married in 1935. Returned to Wauchula and served as Scoutmaster of Troop 60. Since Wauchula was then under Flaming Arrow Council, attended the camp near Auburndale. 1938 to 1940 did graduate work at Louisiana State for Masters' degree. In '41 entered University of Chicago, receiving Doctor's degree in 1943. Worked at Florida Dehydrating Co. at Zellwood near Orlando and then at a citrus concern at Eustis. At that time

lived at Mount Dora and served as Commissioner for the Lake District. In '45 went to work with the U. S. Department of Agriculture Processed Food Laboratory in Chicago, then went to Oklahoma A & M, working on vegetable diseases. In '41 received a better offer from the University of Georgia and has been there ever since. Is now Assistant Professor of Botany.

Two years ago decided to get back in Scouting. The Northeast Georgia Council was organized in '35. Can't get away from that old Scouter's influence. Am now Commissioner of the Cherokee District. Recently received the Scouters' Training Award, part of which training was completed at Bradenton in 1930. This summer NE Georgia Council opened a new 300-acre camp near Clayton. Went there for the first week and was awarded two Merit Badges, the first since 1936, bringing total up to 64. To his surprise, was tapped for the Order of the Arrow. After losing two children through premature birth, now has a son, William who will start kindergarten this fall. For 27 years has saved his First Class badge to turn over to Bill, Jr., when he wins it. Lives at 166 Hart Avenue, Athens. Would appreciate hearing from any of the Old-Timers. May the Great Scoutmaster of all Good Scouts be with us till we meet again.

N. Harold Link, 542 Warren St., Hudson, N. Y. Quite a surprise to be pulled back 25 years then try to think of all the good times we had at Camp Flying Eagle. Has always remembered the help of the Rotary Club in setting up the new camp. Glad to say that at the present time he has a record of seven years perfect attendance at the Hudson Rotary Club. Is now vice-president of that club. Helped in building the latrine and laying pipes for the water system, clearing for the swimming area with the floating dock, worked on the totem pole. Most of his Scouting experiences were under "Pop" Roberts, a great Scouter who started many of us in our Scouting. Is a member of Fort Orange Council. Was chairman of the 1954 nominating committee, chairman of the 1953 Scout-O-Rama and for several years was chairman of the troop committee at Christ Church, Hudson. Many of his present interests were developed through Scouting. Since he was an active swimmer, was chairman of the House Committee Country Club. Has a pack of beagles that keep him busy during the rabbit season. Gardens and fishes with his Cub Scout son, Robert B. Still has time for the practice of dentistry and is vice-president of the Third District New York Dental Society. His wife, Mary Lou, has taken up Scouting too, and has served two years as Den Mother. Two daughters, Kathy and Louise. Has been truck driver, life guard, counselor, waterfront director, and can still do the full Junior test passed at Flying Eagle. Remembers swimming from the camp site to Hidden Lake. Sure he would not want to try that now, nor would he swim out in the lake to scare a large alligator. This letter is an expression of his good wishes to all of his friends and sincere regrets he could not be present with the other Old-Timers.

S. E. Harrison, Jr., Tucson Federal Savings & Loan Ass'n., Tucson, Arizona. Has often thought of the good times at old Flying Eagle and since receiving the Old-Timers' invitation has often let his mind wander to the Manatee River and its shade shrouded shores. Would like nothing better than to be with the bunch, but has to be satisfied with a week-end on the Gulf of California. The fishing may be better (since the Red Tide) but it hasn't got what Florida holds for him, even taking the dark-eyed Senoritas. Desert runs right down to the sea with nary a tree to get under when the thermometer soars above 100. Only about 10 drops of rain per acre per year fall there. The tide rises some

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20 feet, owing to the shape of that body of water. This country has plenty of attractions. By driving some 40 miles can climb to an altitude of 9,000 feet, where even on the hottest day it is cool in the shade of the huge pines that grow at that altitude because of the winter snows that furnish moisture to subsist during the dry summers. Floridians who have to live outside that beautiful state realize more than ever what they are missing when casting eyes upon this barren land. Has to go 125 miles to go fishing. Thanks for the invitation and wish you the very best camping season ever.

George Edward White, Jr., Honolulu. Sorry he can't be with us but takes time out on a day of the biggest surf in two years and Madam Pele blowing her stack off at the volcano to give his best Aloha and a hello "youall". If there have been campers in his footsteps, Flying Eagle must be as snakeless as Hawaii because he thinks he rounded them all up that first year and his Mom was delighted when he brought some of his best specimens home. Scouting is very active in Hawaii and it's very cosmopolitan and in one troop there'll be Americans of Japanese, Chinese, Korean, Filipino, Hawaiian, Puerto Rican, Samoan and Haole (white ancestry, and most of the combinations. Its really the United Nations in action and from all the kids around there's plenty of action going on.

Morrison Doud, Western Electric Co., Greensboro, N. C. It just isn't so! How could 25 years have slipped by without his realizing it. We finished High School; some of us went to college; we got married; we fought a war. Some of us died. We got jobs, quit jobs, started businesses, became fathers, bought houses. Doesn't seem possible. Doesn't remember much about camp except that he built a canvas canoe under the instruction of "Pop" Roberts. Remembers, too, that we had a cook named Billy Williams, and he was a fine cook, except when under the influence. Was Field Executive from March 1940 to May 1941 in the Uwharrie Council, High Point, N. C. The executive there has never quite forgiven him for marrying his secretary. Was married in 1942 and lived at Corpus Christi, Norfolk, Palmetto, High Point, Winston-Salem and now Jamestown, N. C. Has two daughters, Kay 8, and Judy 4. Job now is to supervise personnel and labor relations for Western Electric in a plant employing 1400. Interesting work. Might have got to the Old-Timers roundup if it had been scheduled for July 1st. Hello to everybody and best wishes for a very successful affair.

Wm. L. Kimball, Jr., Bradenton. Would be a genuine pleasure to attend the Old-Timers' gathering. Sincerely regrets he will not be able to be there. Has begun a new era of his life span. Up until now thought he was a young man. Suddenly it develops that it was 25 years ago he attended Flying Eagle's first camp. Too long ago to be kidding one's self about his age. Would take large sum of money to equal the benefits obtained from Scouting and those summers at Flying Eagle. Among the fondest memories of his youth. Much credit is due Scout leaders who through the years have maintained the program so effectively in Sunny Land Council.

Oh, yes, and

Ed Berry, 3412 63 Avenue, Cheverly Manor, Md. Is working on the assumption that we have all matured by now. Has come to the point where all wishful thinking must be abandoned - will not be able to attend the 25th anniversary reunion at Camp Flying Eagle. Extremely hopeful of attending the next one in '79. We all encounter bitter disappointments and we can count this as one of his. About him: Everybody expected him to become a bum and he has tried not to disappoint them. Since leaving his home at Flying Eagle and outliving the depression has been a hotel worker (president and later business agent of an A. F. of L. local), spent a number of summers in Northeast Georgia with a chap called Uncle Charlie Wilson as waterfront director of his Scout camp. Then it happened. He met this little girl named Helen Frances DeFilippis, and she was such a cute trick there was nothing to do but get married. This was tough on Ed! He had to get a steady job! Having studied toward being an aeronautical engineer, he naturally became a map draftsman. This has evolved into his present job as map editor of the Army Map Service in Washington. This is a civilian job - nothing serious. Spent a couple of years at the request of the president and several M. Ps. in world War II, mostly ducking cocoanuts in Hawaii. Now spends most of his time with his wife and children, Jimmie, 10; Bonnie Jo, 6; and Ronnie, 5, trying to help the wife retain her sanity - though a Den Mother - and trying to talk her into selling the little house in Cheverly Manor and moving to Florida. Have both about decided that it would be easier to go nuts together gracefully. On the point of going to Florida, Ed thinks she is weakening, having been down here a couple of years ago on one of these here quickie trips. He thinks that if he could get her to spend a week at Flying Eagle the problem would be licked. Envises us this occasion. It's certainly a wonderful proposition, one he has dreamed of for years, but Aw, Shucks!


Chas. N. Wilson

Camp Anniversary -

R.D. Whitney, ✓ Ex Bd
Chapley Rfd
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Troop 4

Lawrence Evans ✓
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Troop 2, Bradenton (5)

Jack Fleming ✓ 209 S. Matanzas Ave. Tampa, Fla.

~~Egbert Beall~~ ✓ Bradenton

Frank Webb ✓ 718 13th Ave. n., Texas City, Tex

~~Earl Clinger~~ ✓ Bradenton

W. L. Kimball, Jr. ✓ Bradenton.

Troop 4, Palmetto (7)

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| Russell Taylor ✓ | 6814 Oak Lane, Chevy Chase, Md. |
| Victor Nettles ✓ | Florida Experiment Station. Gainesville, Fla. |
| Ed Berry ✓ | Hyattsville, Md. |
| Phil Evans ✓ | 2000 43rd St. W., Bradenton, Fla. |
| Lawrence Evans | Sarasota, Fla. |
| Bill Benton | (Killed in combat). |

(8) Troop 7, Bradenton

Troop 7, Bradenton (8)

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Troop 9 Manatee

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Arthur Barnett ✓

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Wauchula Fla
April 7, 1954

Dear Uncle Charlie:

I am sorry I have waited so long to write in regards to the picture you sent of Scouts in the first Comp. I still remember some of the fellows, but some I do not. Please let me know as soon as possible the date in June you plan to have the meeting and I will try and make plans to be there although I am running camp. I do not have Eddie Helms' address, but when I go to Tampa I will try to find out through the railroad. Skut Singleton is professor of Chemistry in some University in the North - Orville Garrison is in Jacksonville some place I have some one that has wrote for his address will send it when secured. There are three fellows in the picture I can't remember. Those I do remember and have address of are as follow.

MARK R SILVERMAN ✓
3212 BAY VILLA
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MAURICE PAIGE ✓
WAUCHULA, FLA

I will keep trying to get the rest of address I will see Bill Carlton the 20th of this mo. in Atlanta and see if he can help me. Best Regards hope to see you soon
Scoutingly Yours
Maurice Paige

SUNNY LAND COUNCIL

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

June 15, 1954

Dear Old Timer:

The date for our reunion of 1929 (first year) campers at Flying Eagle fast approaches. You recall it will be held on Thursday, July 1st.

We have not heard from you, as yet, as to whether you can be present. We sure hope that you can!

If you cannot be here, won't you please write a letter that can be read to the group, telling something about yourself, your family and what has happened to you in these past 25 years.

Enclosed is another reply card to reserve luncheon and/or supper.

With the best of good wishes and looking forward to seeing you on July 1st,

Sincerely,

Charles N. Wilson

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