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HIGHLIGHTS OF 1962

Council's Annual Recognition Dinner was held in Bradenton on January 16th with nearly 300 Scouters and wives in attendance. A great many awards were made, including three Silver Beavers.

In the early spring, Mrs. Pierre Bontecou gave the Council three shares of International Business Machine stock, valued at the time, at \$555.50 per share.

In April, long-time Board member, George E. Judd, made a contribution of \$10,536.00 to the Council's Trust Fund.

In April, nine and one-tenth acres of the Camp Ropaco property was taken over by the Central South Florida Flood Control District, the Council being reimbursed for the net amount of \$16,311.05. It should be noted that practically all of this came from a twenty-five acre section that was bought at a tax deed sale in about 1946 for \$37.50!

The Council's usual "Spring Good Turn" for Goodwill Industries was the most successful thus far.

Sarasota District Executive Hugh McPherson resigned on March 23rd. He was succeeded on May 15th by David M. Dickson.

The Council's Annual Meeting was held in June at the North Port Charlotte Community Hall.

Summer camp attendance was somewhat less than in 1961 but the program offered was the best in the camp's history.

Twenty-two older Scouts and three adult leaders made the trip to Philmont, in August, but in order to make the trip financially feasible, it was necessary to include eight Scouts of other councils.

The Annual Fall Roundup was launched September 1st and this, too, was the most successful in the Council's history. Beginning with August 31st boy-membership of 3,430, the year closed with 4,201 boys on the rolls.

The 4,000th-boy mark was reached in early December with the registration of Thomas Wilkinson in Troop 24, Sarasota. Young Wilkinson was recognized as such by being given a Scout uniform and a free week at Flying Eagle.

Among the other activities of 1962 was a highly successful repeat of the Royal Palm District's "Scouting In Action" show. This netted the Council \$1,300.00.

As in past years the major problem was that of finance. The months of August, September and October were particularly "rough".

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In September, a flood even worse than that of Hurricane Donna, the previous September, struck camp, without warning, over-night, and the place received considerable damage. Three rowboats were swept away, in spite of being tethered by steel cables, most of the dock disappeared, a foot-bridge near Hidden Lake floated up and out over some tall trees and lodged at the far end of the lake, great holes were gouged in the Marie Selby troop-camp site, and the concrete slabs under two of the cabins were so undermined it was necessary to close the site until dirt could be replaced under them.

Both ends of the Edmund Bridge were under ~~water~~ waist-deep water and the center of the span was only a foot above the water.

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Barrett District Executive Hugh E. Peterson resigned Feb 23rd. He was succeeded on May 15th by David Jackson.

The Council's Annual Meeting Fort Charlotte Community Center camp attendance was 27. Program offered was 27. Twenty-two other Scouts in a Parliament, in daily reports other councils.

The most successful year was 1951, with August 21st being the best day with 4,301 boys on the camp. The 4,000th boy was the registration of Thomas Mason was recognized a free week at the

The other activities of 1952 was a highly successful "Action" show. The Council of 1,300