

## HIGH-LIGHTS OF 1964

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In the early spring, a boat basin was dredged at Camp Flying Eagle by Mr. Page Youngblood of Parrish as a donation to the camp. This filled a long-awaited need and will be appreciated for many years to come.

The Bradenton Kiwanis Club built two sleeping cabins and a latrine facility, and an additional two sleeping cabins were ~~added~~ built by the Council by means of a loan from the Selby Foundation.

As a joint venture, a boat-storage building was also built - approximately \$800 being given by the Bradenton Kiwanis Club and \$700 by Mrs. Marie Selby.

Mr. Joe Bill Rood, Bradenton, donated, just before the camp season opened, seven small tourist cabins that had been part of a tourist village in Sarasota. These were moved to the camp where four were converted into staff quarters, one was made into a camp office, another became the camp director's cottage and the seventh was made a workshop for the caretaker.

The Summer camp season had a total attendance of 535 paid camper-weeks. 34 troops attended with their own adult leadership.

A full troop of 37 Scouts and three leaders attended the Sixth National Jamboree at Walley Forge, Pennsylvania, in July. Two additional Scouts could not be accommodated in our troop, so were sent with the Gulf Stream Council delegation.

34 Scouts and Explorers, with three adult leaders, went to Philmont Scout Ranch, in New Mexico, in August. Three additional of our boys had to go there with the Tampa Council group because of lack of space on our bus.

318 Scouts, plus 67 adult leaders, took part in the annual Ross Allen Encampment at Silver Springs, in October.

The Council's long-range conservation program got under way in the late Fall with the dredging of a fish-propagation pond. Funds for this came from a donation by Mrs. Marie Selby. It was named the "Tom Wilson, Sr., Memorial Pond" in memory of the late Thomas L. Wilson, Scoutmaster until his death in July of Troop 55, Christ Episcopal Church, Bradenton. Mr. Wilson had been instrumental in securing a great many improvements at the camp.

Mr. George E. Judd, former president and 28-year-member of the Council's Executive Board, added \$10,500. more to the Trust Fund he established for the Council in 1962. Mrs. Pierre Bontecou gave an additional four shares of I. B. M. stock. These, several memorial and other gifts brought the total value of the Council's three trust funds to \$40,900.

The 39 Eagle awards ~~made~~ made were, by far, the greatest number ever earned in this Council in one year.

Cub Scout Lanier Mathews, Pack 10, Oneco, won the Freedoms Foundation's Nathan Hale Award for submitting the best essay

written by Cub Scouts of Region Six, on the subject of "Why I Love America." Cub Scout John Summers, also of Pack 10, and Scout Larry Robbins of Troop 50, Sarasota, were Council winners of Nathan Hale Awards.

The year ended with the highest boy-membership in the Council's history --- 4,483 boys in 167 units. This was an increase of 11.5% in boy-membership and 19.3% in total units over the preceeding December 31st.

These increases, together with similar increases in re-registered boys and units and in "Boys' Life" subscriptions, brought to the Sunny Land Council the Section 5 (Florida) trophy, and made it runner-up for the William D. Campbell trophy of Region Six.