

FIFTY YEARS OF SCOUTING

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SOUTHWEST FLORIDA

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FOREWORD

Fifty years ago is, to a child "ages ago!". To the young man, it is "before my time". To the man of 60, it is "back during my childhood". But to the man of 75 and beyond - "I remember it well. It happened just fifty years ago, in 1910." So it's just a matter of point of view.

Certainly no one, William D. Boyce least of all, could foresee, in 1910, that the organization for which he was preparing an application for incorporation, would blossom and grow in fifty short years, to a membership of 4,700,000 boys and leaders -- and that, during those same fifty years, 34 million persons would have enjoyed and benefited from such membership. Even less would anyone have suspected that this new "baby" would have an impact on American life, second only to that of the church.

All this, just fifty years ago!

Fifty years ago, South Florida was a land of tangled jungle, pine forests, vast swamps and scrub palmetto savannahs. Its chief inhabitants were alligators, coral and rattlesnakes and moccasins, plus a tremendous variety of birds. The abundant animal life included panther, wildcats, and great numbers of deer.

Bands of Seminole Indians made their homes in the vast reaches of the Everglades, but of white persons, there were few. The first hardy pioneers had come to South Florida in the 1840's and 50's and had settled in small villages that were to become Manatee (present Bradenton), Sarasota and Fort Myers. Even in 1910, Bradenton, including Manatee, had a population of but 2,874 persons; Sarasota had 840, and Fort Myers, 2,463.

These, together with Arcadia, Punta Gorda and Naples, were not only small, they were difficult to get to. There was neither railroad nor highway to link them together. Bradenton and Sarasota were a little better off than the others for they did have access to each other by means of a railway put through in about 1903, and a sand road that wound through the pine-land.

The building of the 261 mile Tamiami Trail south and east from Tampa to Miami changed this whole picture. It was several years in the construction stage. Feats of engineering never before attempted, were brought to successful conclusion. Great sections of Everglades swamp, hitherto unseen by white men, were surveyed and dredged. A new type (for then) of road-laying equipment had to be designed for this particular job. (Its work accomplished, it

is now on display at Royal Palm Hammock State Park, between Naples and Everglades City.)

The official opening of the Tamiami Trail on April 28, 1928, brought great celebration in every town through which it passed. The motorcade, headed by the Governor, began with a send-off banquet in Tampa. Every village added its delegation as the group passed through, so when it reached Miami two days later, scores of cars were in the parade.

The opening of the Trail accomplished two purposes: it linked two large cities and, just as important, it made possible friendly (and at times, not so friendly) interchange between the villages and towns along its route.

The Trail "dreamers" and planners, among them, Barron C. Collier, could never even in their wildest imaginings, have foreseen the growth of South Florida's west coast that their road made possible.

Now the motorist, hurtling south from Tampa or St. Petersburg over the Tamiami Trail (U. S. Highway 41) slows for the towns of Palmetto and Bradenton, and the thriving city of Sarasota. Then comes on-the-Gulf Venice; then the unbelievable Port Charlotte community, so recently hacked from the wilderness and already numbering several thousand homes. Beyond that, sleepy Punta Gorda and then hustling Fort Myers; forty miles further and Naples, the rapidly-growing community where more than seventy millionaires maintain winter homes. From Naples the Trail curves southeastward through the 'Glades to Miami.

This motorist, in the summer season, will make the Tampa-Miami run in an easy eight hours; in the winter tourist season, however, the same trip may require as much as twelve hours.

If he can overcome his impatience at the congested, slow-moving traffic, he may use the extra hours in considering the growth of this section of Florida during the past fifty years, and in speculating upon "Where do we go from here? What lies ahead in the next fifty years?"

The writer has been gathering material for this "history" for a decade. He has spent most of his spare time for the past four and a half months in sorting and cataloguing it, consulting old records, reading minutes of meetings and interviewing former Scouts and Scouters. The experience has been both interesting and rewarding.

It is hoped that the reader will find some degree of pleasure and information from this "labor of love" for the Sunny Land Council.

I

"BACK IN THE GOOD OLD DAYS! 1910 - 1925

How often the reader has heard, as he has talked with old-time Scouts and leaders, "Those were the good old days. You don't do Scouting like that any more." We don't, and it's a good thing we don't. Possibly less adventurous, Scouting is definitely less dangerous now than then. Certainly a kindly Providence protected the boys. Camping trips with rifles and shotguns, but sans adult supervision, were common. A leader might show up about dark to stay overnight with the campers; if he did, he generally left right after breakfast to get back to his work. On their own, the boys hunted, fished, swam and had a good time, generally.

I have before me a copy of the first official handbook, published in 1910 by Doubleday, Page & Company. The title page reads:

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

A HANDBOOK

of

Woodcraft, Scouting, and Life-Craft

by

ERNEST THOMPSON SETON

with which is incorporated by arrangement

General Sir Robert Baden-Powell's

SCOUTING FOR BOYS

This book was given to the Sunny Land Council by C. J. Braymer, Bradenton. Mr. Braymer's date of becoming a Scout, as shown on the fly leaf, is September, 1910.

The National Council troop registration procedure did not come into existence until 1913. Several groups of boys had organized previous to that time however.

As nearly as can be determined, the very first group of Scouts in the territory now served by the Sunny Land Council was the one in Bradenton of which Mr. Braymer was a member. As mentioned above, it would appear that this troop came into

existence in September, 1910. It met in the old, frame high school that stood at the corner of 9th Avenue and 14th Street, location of the present tourists' lawn-bowling courts. The Scoutmaster was a Mr. Maus. Braymer is of the opinion that the troop did not last very long, and can recall no special activities.

Mrs. Eva Gates, Manatee County Historian, thinks that there was a short-lived troop of Scouts in the village of Manatee, organized in June of 1911. L. P. White, an Englishman and bridge-tender of the Palmetto-Manatee bridge, was the Scoutmaster. Parents objected for some reason, however, so the group disbanded.

First definite knowledge of a troop comes by way of copies of three newspaper clippings from "The Arcadian" that were sent to the writer by Paul Kemp, Arcadia who was a member of the troop. These are most interesting. The first tells of the organizing of the troop on July 14, 1911, and gives the complete charter-membership roster. The troop bore the number, 5044, and Ed Scott is named as Scoutmaster. The second clipping is from "The Arcadian" of January 12, 1912, and the third, May 15 of that year. These latter give the highly-entertaining details of two camping trips which really must have been fun! Kemp (signing himself as "Corporal, Bob White Patrol") wrote the three articles and was certainly gifted when it came to making stories "live".

The Scoutmaster, Ed Scott, must have been a remarkable man. Kemp, in sending his material, wrote the following (and this some forty-five years after he became a Boy Scout): "I would like pay a tribute to our first Scoutmaster, Mr. Ed Scott. He was a man with the necessary assets of a good Scoutmaster, and the attributes that made him liked, admired and respected by all types of boys. In addition, he was never too busy to tend to his Scout work, which he enjoyed as much as the boys. Such men as this are hard to find. He later became the first chairman of the Florida State Road Department and I believe has a bridge named for him, somewhere in North Florida."

There is no information as to how long this Arcadia troop lasted. A yellowed, mimeographed sheet of about 1926 or '27 "vintage" calls upon men and boys there to join in organizing a troop to be known as the "Ed Scott Troop" in honor of "The late Mr. Ed Scott who pioneered Scouting in DeSoto County and whose memory is revered by many business men who were once his Scouts."

The second troop of which we have definite knowledge was a group organized in Fort Myers on November 9, 1911. Rev A. M. Hildebrand, rector of St. Luke's Episcopal Church, was the Scoutmaster. A photograph of this troop appears below.

At least three other troops came into being in the years 1912-14, but there are few details. Sarasota's first was one in which Clarence E. Hitchings was Scoutmaster and George Thacker, Assistant. It was probably organized about 1913 or '14. Incidentally, both of these gentlemen were active in Scouting for many years. When the Sunny Land Council was organized in 1926, Hitchings became its first president.

The widow of the late Rev. A. C. K. Killeffer, in a letter to the writer, states that he had a troop in his Christ Episcopal Church, Bradenton, at some time between 1911 and 1914.

Palmetto, to, had an early troop, but former members differ as to the exact date. William Snyder thinks that it was organized about 1914 and had ten or twelve members, with Virgil Willis as Scoutmaster. John F. Owen, who later became an Assistant Scoutmaster, is of the opinion the troop began in the Summer of 1912. Other members of the troop still living in the area are Lyman McLeod, Stuart Howse and John D. Stewart. The troop camped at Piney Point for a week or so each summer. It sold Liberty Bonds during World War I, and disbanded in about 1919.

Incidentally, Arthur C. Owen, John's older brother and member of this troop, became an Eagle Scout -- probably the first in this council's territory.

Clyde Penton, Bradenton, who was a Scout in 1917-18, was a member of a troop which met in a wooden building on the Methodist Church grounds. The troop was probably sponsored by the Methodist Church. Penton has an old photograph of several of the Scouts standing before a tent on the Courthouse lawn, with a Liberty Loan poster. The tent was headquarters in a bond-selling campaign.

Penton believes that a Lawton Moon was Scoutmaster, early in 1917, and that he was later killed in action in France. There were about twenty boys in the troop, and they camped, in the Summers of '17 and '18 on the Braden River near Braden Castle.

Roscoe Scott was Assistant Scoutmaster. Among the boy-members were Ennis and Bill Rush and Dan Stewart.

There were no other troops so far as Penton can recall, in Bradenton, Manatee or Palmetto at that time.

We have a copy of the application for charter of Troop 1, Punta Gorda, dated March 5, 1918, with some indication that this is a charter renewal. Charles G. Cochran is shown as Scoutmaster, with W. D. (?) Wilson as his predecessor. Registration expiration date is given as December, 1918. It appears that this troop dropped at that time,

To its successor, Troop 5, Punta Gorda, goes the honor of being the Sunny Land Council's oldest troop in point of registration. It was organized in March, 1920.

The Council's second-oldest troop is #1, Bradenton, sponsored by the First Methodist Church. This was chartered in June, 1921, with Rowland Shannon as Scoutmaster. (Many years later, his son, Joseph, became Scoutmaster of Troop 1 and Shannon served three terms as council president.

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Among other troops in existence in the 1922-5 period were Troop 1, Palmetto, of which George Blakely was Assistant Scoutmaster. The latter then organized another troop in Palmetto and served as its Scoutmaster from 1926 through 1932. He was later quite active in several other capacities and was one of the first recipients of the Silver Beaver.

Harry C. Groff, Palmetto, was another of the "pioneers". He became Council Commissioner in 1922 or '23. He relates that signaling was a very real activity in those days. The Scouters would practice by sending messages across the mile-wide Manatee River by wig-wag and semaphore from a rooftop in Palmetto to a building roof in Bradenton.

Groff remembers a publicity stunt that was staged during one Boy Scout Week. The mayor of Palmetto sent a message of greeting to the mayor of Sarasota, fifteen miles distant, by both Western Union and Boy Scouts. The latter, using Boy Scout's pace, bicycle and signal flags, delivered their message just one and one-half minutes after Western Union.

As a feature of 1925 Boy Scout Week, a group of Sarasota and South Florida notables were brought together for a ceremonial at the band-shell in Bayfront Park. After being taught the Tenderfoot knots, Oath, Law, Salute, etc., by Boy Scouts, registration fees were collected and they were organized as a troop. Scouts gave them their membership cards and pinned on their Tenderfoot badges.

The Council office has several photos of this affair. Shown taking part are John Ringling, partner in Ringling Brothers circus; Prince Michael Cantacuzene-Speransky, a Russian major-general in World War I; Albert Keller, Sarasota winter visitor and managing director of the Ritz-Carlton Hotel chain; Andrew McAnsh, Chicago capitalist; Samuel Gumpertz, another capitalist and part-owner of Coney Island; and several others.

The eight-county territory now embraced by the Sunny Land Council was, until 1926, served by a council (now out of existence) that had its headquarters in Lakeland. V. Carl Sullivan was the Scout Executive. It is about 250 miles "as the crow flies" from Lakeland to Everglades City, southernmost community of the area. Roads to large sections were then non-existent. Coastal steamers were relied on heavily for transportation in those early days.

Sullivan tells of a time when he was invited by Baron G. Collier, a member of the National Council's Executive Board, to visit the latter's winter headquarters in Everglades City. Sullivan drove to Fort Myers and there boarded a freighter for the overnight trip to Everglades. With Collier, his host, he spent three or four days at the "swanky" Rod and Gun Club, organizing a Scout troop and training its leaders. Collier had a Model T Ford there that he wanted to get back to Fort Myers. Sullivan offered to drive it up over the uncompleted Tamiami Trail. The eighty-odd miles were through rank jungle and swamp. Dredging and filling had been completed part-way, but much had still been surveyed only.

It was an interesting trip!

On the night of December 11, 1925, a group of one hundred active Scouters of Manatee and Sarasota counties met with Sullivan, Field Executive Truman A. Horton, and E. J. Mellen, a Deputy Regional Executive, to see what could be done about organizing a separate council to serve the counties of Manatee and Sarasota. The late Judge William T. Harrison served as chairman for the session that met following supper in the Oaks Hotel, Palmetto.

After a presentation of the need, it was unanimously voted to apply for a charter. C. E. Hitchings, Sarasota, was elected president of the new council. George T. Blakely of Palmetto was named secretary and S. H. Fifield, Bradenton, the treasurer. Vice-Presidents were Judge Harrison, Major H. P. Munck, Bradenton, and W. G. Sparkman, Manatee.

The name "Sunny Land Council" was adopted and Horton was engaged as the council's first executive. A budget of \$7,500 was set, with Sarasota County to raise \$3,500 and Manatee County \$4,000.

Subsequently, a headquarters office was opened in the Manatee Arcade Building.

In this same month of December, 1925, a similar group of Scouters met in Fort Myers for the purpose of organizing a council to serve the counties of Lee, Charlotte, Collier, DeSoto, Glades and Hendry. There is, unfortunately, no definite record of this organizational session. From the application for charter it is noted that Al C. Williams, for many years a main-stay in Scouting, and of Fort Myers, was President; M. W. Horne, treasurer; Colin English, secretary; and John M. Danton, Scout Executive. Vice-presidents were J. N. Sikes, W. E. Dunwoody and Walter S. Turner. The name of this council was to be "Royal Palm".

(The dedication page of the report given at the twenty-fifth annual meeting of the Sunny Land Council, on December 11, 1950, gives a complete list of the Scouters for these two councils for 1926. The report and the list are parts of the Board Meeting minutes.)

II

THE NEW COUNCILS' FIRST TODDLING STEPS - 1926-1929

There were, in 1926, six Scout troops in the Royal Palm council's territory; two in Fort Myers with Macon G. Williams and Alton Moore as Scoutmasters; one each in Boca Grande, Arcadia, Moore Haven and Punta Gorda. Mrs. F. B. (duPont) Crowninshield, one of the wealthiest women in the country and a Boca Grande winter resident, was named as the Scoutmaster there! The Punta Gorda troop is still in existence as this is written and is the Council's oldest troop. William Persons was Scoutmaster in 1926.

The council held its first camp that summer at Breezy Point in Highlands County, near the village of Lake Placid.

On September 17, one of the most disastrous hurricanes in the history of the state ripped through South Florida killing or drowning an estimated 3,000 persons. In the words of H. O. Kight, a later Executive, "It about tore Fort Myers to pieces." Coming so soon after the deflation of the "boom" of the early twenties, the storm ruined the economy of the area. The newly born council was able to continue only through financial aid from the National Council of the Boy Scouts of America.

In November, DeSoto County made an effort to withdraw from Royal Palm to start a council of its own. It was not, however, successful.

The Royal Palm Council had, at this same time, 191 Scouts in an undetermined number of troops.

There are no records of 1926 activities of the Sunny Land Council, other than that the year closed with a membership of 295 Scouts in fourteen troops.

1927

The year opened in the Royal Palm Council with the resignation, January 31st, of Executive Danton. He was succeeded by H. O. Kight. Kight had served in Scouting in Atlantic City, New Jersey from 1916 until 1919, when he moved to Lakeland, Florida. He had been Scoutmaster of Troop 4, there, from 1922 through 1926.

The first problem Kight had to face was the raising of funds to meet a \$5,000 budget. This was no easy task, following so closely not only a disastrous hurricane but also three vegetable-crop freezes of the winter.

Daniel Carter Beard, one of the organizers of the Boy Scouts of America, was a warm friend of Barron G. Collier and he was a frequent winter guest of Collier's at one of the latter's plush Florida hotels. He was, at this time chairman

of the National Court of Honor. He and Mrs. Beard arrived in Punta Gorda on February 18th for a month's stay at the Charlotte Harbor Hotel.

There is quite a bit of correspondence between Beard and Kight in the file. In addition to thanking the latter for courtesies extended, Beard encourages Kight in his efforts to organize a troop among the Seminole Indians. He offered to give an American flag. Kight replied that the Seminoles, having never sworn allegiance to the United States, take a dim view of the flag. He countered with the suggestion that a troop flag be given. So far as can be learned, the troop never officially registered, though a group of Indian boys did receive some Boy Scout training given them by Kight.

A council camp, was again held at Breezy Point, site of the 1926 camp. It was called "Camp Ropaco" using the first two letters of the three words - "Royal Palm Council".

Scout Executive Kight, assisted by Capt. George P. Kinzie, and several others, took about 125 Scouts and leaders to Cuba during the 1927 Christmas holidays. This was but the first of several such year-end trips.

The Council closed the year with a membership of 304 boys.

There are no Sunny Land Council Board minutes for the year 1927. The report given at the Annual Meeting, however, mentions the following activities: Scout service totalling 2,400 hours at the Manatee and Sarasota County fairs, service at the Baptist State Convention, distribution of Christmas baskets to the poor, Scout demonstrations during Anniversary Week, and a field meet held in December.

There was a six-weeks Summer Camp at a site on the Braden River, about one-and-one half miles South of the Oneco Bridge. Thirty-seven boys attended for a total of sixty-two boy-weeks. Truman Horton, the Executive as the director, with Russell B. Woodfin, of Sarasota, as his assistant.

The year-end report shows expenditures of \$5,800 and a membership of 275 Scouts in fourteen troops.

The Annual Meeting was held at the Oaks Hotel, Palmetto, just two years and two days after the two counties of Manatee and Sarasota had met at the same place to organize a council. It now heard the Sarasota group report "that because of financial conditions, it seems advisable that the council be divided". There is no information to give a background for this proposal, nor is there any evidence of ill-feeling. Those attending the meeting acquiesced, however, and it was agreed that the split should become effective on April 1st, 1928.

1928

The Sunny Land Executive Board met on March 19th for the purpose of making final arrangements for the division of

council property between the two county organizations. Inventories in minute detail (viz: "1 cleaning brush for typewriter, 10c") were carefully reviewed. It was agreed that the Sarasota group would pay \$131.32 in full discharge of its obligations to the Council.

Executive Horton offered his resignation at this meeting but at the Manatee County group's reorganization session, eleven days later, he was retained as was the name, "Sunny Land Council". Judge W. T. Harrison was elected president.

The new Sarasota County Council was organized in March. Clarence Hitchings, who had been president of the two-county council and was a resident of Sarasota, became its first president. Russell Woodfin was named Scout Executive.

Nothing is known about the council's activities that year. It closed 1928 with a boy-membership of 135.

In the Spring, the Manatee Council bought the locker-house of the Bradenton Country Club to use as a headquarters office, paying \$400 for it. This was torn down several years later, the lumber taken to camp and used to build the cabin presently known as the "Charles N. Wilson Lodge".

Executive Horton evidently did not like to keep Minutes for there are no further ones bearing his name.

The year did not do so well, membership falling from 275 boys in fourteen troops, on December 31, 1927, to 181 boys in ten troops on the same date, 1928.

The whole Royal Palm Council was saddened on July 10th when Thomas Goolsby, fifteen-year-old Eagle Scout of Troop 1, Fort Myers, died of ptomaine poisoning. Even as funeral orations were being made over his grave, the Civitan Club started a movement to build a memorial to him. Barron Collier, honorary president of the council, contributed \$50, civic clubs joined in and soon sufficient funds were on hand to erect a building to house the council office. It is known to this day as the "Thomas Goolsby Memorial Scout House" and a portrait of young Goolsby hangs over the fireplace.

Another destructive hurricane hit the area in the fall of 1928. A great many people lost their lives by drowning when easterly gales blew the water out of shallow Lake Okeechobee. Moore Haven was particularly hard hit. Older Scouts served as messengers, following the storm.

1929

I have no information on Royal Palm activities other than that a Scout, William H. Berry of Troop 17, Everglade, was later awarded a gold medal for saving a woman's life in July, and that another Cubs Good-Will tour was made during the Christmas holidays. Scouts of Palmetto, Bradenton and Sarasota also attended. There were twenty-eight from Sarasota in the party. Dr. L. B. King, of Bradenton, led the

Sunny Land delegation.

Sunny Land Council, late in 1928, had located an ideal campsite. It was a 140-acre tract about fifteen miles east of Bradenton, in the Rye Bridge section. Most of it was heavily-timbered and dense jungle. The upper reaches of the Manatee River flowed through the property.

The Council was but three years old, had never been incorporated, and consisted, now, of but a single county with a very small Scout membership. The Executive Board was fearful that the Council might, at some future date, dissolve. It was skeptical of the National Council's pledge in such an event, to take over Council property only until such time as a new Council could be formed. The Board, therefore, authorized the incorporation of a new group to be known as the "Manatee County Boys' Development Association" to purchase, hold title to, and administer the camp property. The 1929 Executive Board members became the incorporators, officers and members of this Association, State charter for which was granted on January 18, 1929. These men were Judge W. T. Harrison, President of the Council as president and Dan S. Blalock, Council Treasurer as secretary-treasurer. Members of the association were L. F. Vaught and S. E. Simmons, Council Vice-presidents, A. F. Wyman, the Council's representative on the National Council, H. C. Groff, Scout Commissioner and Scouters R. B. Whitney, O. W. Shelton, D. L. Thorpe, W. H. Tucker and J. P. Harllee.

The property was purchased on January 19, 1929, for \$2,000. The money was to be raised by the "sale" of individual acres to donors. The suggested donation was \$15 per acre, but any amount was gratefully accepted.

Executive Horton resigned at the end of February and was succeeded on March 15th by Charles N. Wilson, who had been the Scout Executive at Waycross, Georgia.

The next few months were busy ones, with preparation for the first camp at the new site as the major item. The Bradenton Rotary Club built the dining hall, three sleeping cabins were erected by the Bradenton Kiwanis Club, one by the Bradenton Elks Club and another by the Palmetto Kiwanis Club, and a 600-foot well was drilled.

The name "Flying Eagle", used at the preceding camp on the Braden River, was continued. Forty-eight Scouts attended the camp's first two week session.

The counties of Highland and Hardee were taken over by Sunny Land for administrative purposes, in the late summer of 1929. Service was on a mail-only basis. The plan did not work out however, due to the inability or unwillingness of the new territory to support the council financially. A year later the two counties were "disengaged".

Through the kindness of George L. King, Bradenton attorney, the headquarters office moved into rooms in the American National Bank Building, Bradenton (the present Meadow Court Hotel) in September.

Quite a variety of activities and service projects were carried out and the year closed with a membership of 245

Scouts in fourteen troops.

Three of these were Hardee-Highlands Counties area, with one each in Wauchula (largest troop in Council), Sebring and Lake Placid.

III

THE "DEPRESSION YEARS" - 1930-1937

The "Florida Boom" of the early twenties was not only fully "deflated," the three struggling councils now had also to face the problem of the Depression. The Sarasota County Council, early in 1932, became unable to pay its Executive, released him, and made a desperate effort to raise \$2,371 with which to pay off its debts and carry on. It was unsuccessful in this so in April, went on direct service from the National Council, with no local supervision. In November 1932, it merged with the Sunny Land Council.

The Royal Palm Council, however, fared better. It was not until 1937 that it found it expedient to merge with Sunny Land.

The beginning of 1930 found a total of 729 boys enrolled as Scouts in the eight-county territory - 287 in the Royal Palm Council, 151 in the Sarasota Council and 291 in the Sunny Land (Manatee County).

An old list of the Royal Palm Council shows J. Dan Dunaway as being Commissioner and the following as troop leaders during the years 1930-31. Unfortunately, it does not give the location of the troops.

Troop	1 - Robert L. Newman, Jr.
"	2 - C. G. Nelson

- " 5 - R. T. Lyman
- " 9 - Park R. Lewis
- " 11 - Fred Campbell
- " 13 - Bryant Fugate
- " 14 - M. Ayres and Frederick Johnson
- " 17 - J. H. Farbes and James L. Glenn
- " 19 - Chas. E. Foster and G. C. Powell
- " 20 - Jay C. Gainer
- " 21 - Alton L. Moore
- " 23 - W. F. Cothorn

In the Sarasota Council, Dan Beard talked to the Scouts as a feature of the 1930 Scout Anniversary Week Celebration, and the Council's second annual bicycle race, (forty miles to the Myakka River and back) was held on February 8th.

In March, the Sarasota Sea Scout Ship "Southern Cross", Judge Arthur Clarke, Skipper, was named Regional Flagship for the second successive year.

A tragic motor accident took place in April as Scouts were enroute to a district camp. Billy VanDame and George Matheny were killed and three others were seriously injured. VanDame had achieved the Eagle Award just a month before his death.

Camp Tonkawa, at the same spot on Siesta Key as the 1929 camp, operated for six weeks and had a total attendance of eighty boy-weeks.

A group of thirty-eight Havana Boy Scouts visited in Sarasota, August 26-27. They were repaying the earlier visit of Sarasota Scouts to Cuba.

The Sunny Land Council was having "hard sledding" financially, too. While this year (and for many subsequent years) the Manatee County commissioners contributed \$1,000 from county funds, the Board minutes of January 10, 1930 state that payments and interest on the recently-acquired Camp Flying Eagle would consume most of this.

Two other items of interest from these same minutes: a Scout Leaders' Association was in operation and may not have been cooperating too closely with the council: a rule was in effect that "Any member who misses three consecutive meetings without reasonable excuse ... will be automatically suspended." This rule was read at the close of every Board meeting.

A tight rein was held on troops, and weekly reports of meetings were expected. A stiff inspection and rating system was also in effect.

As an Anniversary Week feature, The Bradenton Herald published a special Boy Scout souvenir section. This pictures the leaders of that time and many of the activities. The Council-owned copy is being placed in the museum.

Following a visit to the Council by Mr. Stanley Harris of the Inter-Racial Service of the National Council, two experimental Negro troops were organized in June and July, one each in Bradenton and Manatee. The members were not, however, permitted to wear the Boy Scout uniform.

Seventy-nine different Scouts (30%) attended Flying Eagle during its second season, with a total of 110-camper weeks.

A 1931 budget of \$4,500 was adopted, including \$2,400 for executive's and \$200 for office salaries. The Council's operating expenses for 1930 were \$2,761.

1931

Sixty-one Sarasota and Tampa Scouts spent the 1930 Christmas holidays in Havana, returning January 4th, 1931. Judge Arthur R. Clarke, Skipper of the Sea Scout ship and Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Hughay, representing the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad were in charge of the Sarasota delegation. The trip was made by the P. & O. steamer S. S. Cuba, sailing from Port Tampa.

As a part of the Sara de Soto Pageant, Sarasota Council Scouts played host to some 250 Scouts from neighboring Councils. They led the parade that marked the closing day of the festival.

The following appears as a part of the same newspaper clipping:

"Annual meeting of the West Coast Scout Executives' Association will be held at 6 P. M. Russell B. Woodfin, local Executive, is President of the association. Executives who will attend include Gilbert Bush, St. Petersburg; C. M. Wilson, Manatee; H. E. Spangler, Tampa and H. O. Kight, Fort Myers."

In May an effort was made to organize Sarasota Scout mothers to help with Council financing, but it fell far short of success.

On June 3rd, William E. Whiteside, Council president, announced the signing of an option to buy an 11-acre tract at the south end of Siesta Key, and extending from the Gulf to the bay. There were two houses on the property. Scouts and the county convict crew cleaned away the underbrush, mothers scrubbed the interior of the buildings and on Sunday, June 28th, thirty-five Scouts appeared for the first week of the camp's first session. A deeply-tragic note was struck, however, when, on that same day, Whiteside died of a sudden heart attack. He had been largely instrumental in securing the site.

The camp, named Tonkawa, operated for four weeks and the Girl Scouts used it for two weeks in August.

Thirty-five Scouts and officials from Havana arrived on July 28th for a week's stay at the new camp, repaying the visit the Sarasota boys had made during the Christmas holidays.

Mr. Ralph C. Caples, an advertising man from the North who wintered in Sarasota and who was quite interested in Scouting, gave a Thanksgiving eve dinner to the more than two

hundred Sarasota Scouts. It was prepared and served by Scout mothers, with Caples footing the bill. As a token of appreciation, Executive Woodfin gave him a First Class badge.

Though the book of 1931 newspaper clippings continue on to December 15, the last to mention Woodfin by name as Scout Executive (and practically every clipping does contain his name!), is dated November 29. The inside back cover bears the penciled "Finis (?)" which leads the writer to believe that Woodfin left at some time during December of that year.

The audit report for the year shows that, beginning with a 1930 carry-over of \$577.92, 1931 receipts amounted to but \$358.84, with expenditures of \$936.71, leaving a balance on hand on December 31st of five cents! The annual report shows a total of ten troops - six in Sarasota and four outside the city.

In this year the National Council made the Silver Beaver award available to local councils. Royal Palm gave its first two Beavers to Ernest L. Prior, Fort Myers, and Grover C. Persons, Punta Gorda. The Sunny Land Council made its awards to Judge W. T. Harrison, Palmetto and Daniel L. Thorpe, Sr., Manatee.

Very little is known of the 1931 activities of the Royal Palm Council. There is a note that it took part in Region Six's first annual camporee, December 29-30, at the Central Florida Council's Camp Wewa, near Orlando. The Council closed the year with a membership of 377 Scouts.

Scout Executives lived almost on a meal-to-meal basis, back in those rugged days. Minutes of the Sunny Land Council show it as owing, on January 1st, \$398 on Executive Charles N. Wilson's salary, but that this had been reduced to \$288 on March 31st.

A letter from Regional Scout Executive Kenneth G. Bentz with reference to possible consolidation of the Sarasota and Sunny Land Council was read at the April 24th meeting. It was received as information.

Sunny Land Scouts attended quarterly, in a body, the evening service of some local church. The minutes of the May 8th meeting gently chides Board members for not showing up at these union services. One hundred seventeen Scouts and leaders had attended the last, but few men from the Board.

Appearing almost as frequently as finance on Board meeting agendas, was the problem of breaking and entering, pilfering, and vandalism at Camp Flying Eagle.

The death of Mortimer L. Schiff, president of the National Council, in June 1931, caused the Executive to order all Sunny Land troop charters to be draped in mourning for thirty days and the flag at Flying Eagle to be flown at half-mast for the same period.

The Bradenton Rotary Club donated \$200 towards the camp acreage fund, substantially reducing the balance owed on the property.

The camp operated for two seven-day periods, during which time the American Legion, assisted by some of the junior staff members, built it cabin-donation. A campers' honor society, known as "The Tribe of Manatee," came into being with this season of 1931. Authored by Executive Wilson, it had an impressive ritual and campers coveted the chance for election. Many Bradenton men still remember well the night on which they became a member.

Seventy-two different Scouts, 48% of the registered white membership, attended camp for a total of 105 boy-weeks.

Civic service carried much more weight then than now. This may have been due partly to the fact that many councils, including Sunny Land, gave special awards for such service. The community-service committee's report for 1931 shows a total of 3,798 service-hours. A partial list of services mentions ten different organizations that were aided, not including churches and schools.

Though then, as now, most publicity releases originated in the Council headquarters office, careful measuring and reporting of such publicity was required. Thus, Robert Ford, publicity chairman, reports, month by month, 1931 lineage and comes up with a total of 3,411 column-inches of space - certainly a right respectable amount.

Considerable improvement was noted in the Council's financial affairs, and the year closed with the Board's adopting a \$3,100 budget for 1932.

The only available information on the Royal Palm Council for 1932 is that Richmond Dean served as president and also received the Silver Beaver, and that the year ended with a membership of 247 Scouts.

It was a confused year for the Sarasota Council. It was without an Executive and had debts amounting to \$2,400 staring it in the face as it began the year. There is even some uncertainty as to who was Council president: a roster of membership lists Ralph C. Caples as president, C. E. Hitchings, George L. Thacker and W. S. Harris as vice-presidents. A letterhead of the period however, shows Hitchings as president.

A rough draft of a letter addressed "To all Believers of the Boy Scout Movement" and signed "Paul W. Bergman, Finance Chairman of the Sarasota County Boy Scout Council" is dated March 22, 1932. It makes an urgent appeal for funds with which to pay off the debts and hire an Executive. \$2,371.17 would be necessary. He said that otherwise, 170 boys "would be thrown out of Scouting and sent out to drift wherever they may."

Bergman's effort was unsuccessful and in April the area went on direct service from the Home Office in New York. It continued in this state until May 19, 1933, when a tentative proposition for service was submitted to the Sunny Land Council. The National Council however, did not wait for formal agreements, but transferred Sarasota County's eight troops to Sunny Land on November 28, 1932.

It might be interesting at this point to give a brief resume of the circumstances surrounding the acquisition of the Sarasota Council's Camp Tonkawa.

The eleven-acre property at the South end of Siesta Key had sold for as high as \$50,000 during the Florida "boom" of the early twenties (and would probably bring ten times that amount in 1959!), but in the Spring of 1931 it could be had for the amount of the mortgage - \$4,500. The Sarasota Kiwanis Club, with a Scout camp as its main object, took an option on the property and made a down-payment of \$525. Dr. Joseph Halton of the club was one of the "spark-plugs" in the deal. In 1932, Samuel Gumpertz gave \$3,500, the club raised the balance, and the tract was deeded to the Kiwanis Club as trustee for the Boy Scouts.

Former Executive Russell Woodfin told the writer, some years ago, the following story. True or not, it is interesting and, from what I have heard from other sources, might well be fact.

John Ringling, Ralph Caples, Sam Gumpertz and a few other friends would frequently get together for poker games. The men all being wealthy, the pots sometimes reached astronomical size. It is likely also, the men being of convivial habits, that a moderate amount of imbibing took place.

At one such session one of those present (not I'm told, Mr. Gumpertz) announced "The Boy Scouts need a camp. If I win this pot, I'll give the money to the Scouts." The others all agreed they'd do the same if they won the pot. The betting continued until the chips representing \$3,500 lay in the middle of the table. Someone "called" and Sam Gumpertz won.

Sarasota newspapers, next day, headlined "GUMPERTZ GIVES \$3,500 FOR SCOUT CAMP." Some of the other players were a bit "put out" because the pot represented only a small portion of his "contributions," and besides, "Whose idea was it in the first place!"

The place was used as a Summer Scout camp only that first session of 1931. The Kiwanis Club held a nineteen-day health camp for twenty underprivileged children there in 1932.

Efforts were made by Dr. Halton in June to raise money for another such camp, but whether or not it was held is unknown. Charles N. Wilson, Executive of the Sunny Land Council, and Capt. William H. Young were to be in charge.

Incidentally, Dr. Halton signs his appeal letter "Chief Executive of the Boy Scouts of Sarasota!"

The name was changed from "Tonkawa" to "Camp Gumpertz" by the Sunny Land Executive Board, February 23, 1934.

Camp Gumpertz was used off and on as a weekend campsite by Sarasota troops for several years. An inlet on the bay side silted over however, and the place became polluted with mosquitos. Boys finally refused to go there.

For the account of the final disposition of the property, see Chapter IV.

There were, in January 1932, eleven troops in the Sunny Land Council, two of which were inactive. Of the remaining nine, seven were white and two Negro.

The Regional Office having advised Wilson that due to conditions, Sarasota would hold no camp for its Scouts, he sent invitations to their leaders to bring their boys to Camp Flying Eagle. The record does not show that any availed themselves of this opportunity however.

Reflecting the financial situation of the year, while the camp fee was but \$6 per week, only fifty-two boys attended and they for but a total of but seventy-three camper-weeks. It was the poorest season since the first one in 1929.

Tallant & Groff was named as official Scout distributor in September 1932, and continued to serve in this capacity until 1957 - a period of twenty-five years.

A Scout circus was staged in November with 700 persons attending and a Council camporee was held in November also.

Four patrols of Sunny Land Scouts attended the Regional Camporee in Orlando in December; all achieving very creditable scores.

1933

Again we have little information about Royal Palm Council activities. Fifty-four Scouts made a trip to the "Century of Progress" World's Fair in Chicago, August 8-31.

The Council closed the year with the smallest membership in its twelve-year history -133 boys.

Though the Sarasota County territory had been officially turned over by the National Council to Sunny Land, as of November 28, 1932, the area remained "neither fish nor fowl" - seemingly no request for service or affiliation had come from responsible Sarasota leaders and no service was given.

Sunny Land opened 1933 inauspiciously with only eight troops. Financially, it was \$871 "in the hole," with \$667 of this owed to Executive Wilson on back-salary.

The Executive presented at the Board meeting of May 19th, a tentative proposition for service to Sarasota county as a district of the Sunny Land Council. A committee was appointed to meet with a committee from Sarasota to discuss the plan. It was evidently accepted by both parties, for in the minutes of the June 14th Board meeting appears the following: "The Scout Executive reported that a district organization had been formed at Sarasota and that prospects were good for carrying on a very extensive program". Thus it appears, the merger is now complete - if you want to call it a "merger."

Wild hogs were a real problem at Flying Eagle. In May, 1933, the Board authorized a telegram to State Senator M. O. Harrison asking his support of a bill in the Legislature to

prohibit hogs from roaming in the township where the camp is located. Either the bill wasn't passed or if it was, the hogs never heard about it, for they continued to roam - and leave their fleas under the sleeping cabins!

(Incidentally, when the hogs finally disappeared in 1944, they were succeeded by equally wild goats!)

The camp's 1933 season lasted but two weeks, with a total attendance of only twenty-six boy-weeks.

An agreement was worked out in July with the Manatee Chapter of the American Red Cross whereby older Scouts who had had life-saving instruction would serve as a life-guard patrol at Bradenton Beach on Thursdays and Sundays. The Red Cross was to provide transportation and "Meals are to be furnished by the Chapter at Todd's Restaurant at 20 cents per meal." (Again, 1933 depression price.)

The beach patrol gave outstanding service and Fred Mills, of the National Council, made inquiry as to how it was organized and operated. It was credited with saving many lives that summer.

Record high water at the camp was reported at the meeting of September 8th. The river rose to a point where at least two feet of water was over the area now occupied by Marie Selby troop campsite. Extensive damage was done, through the undermining of piers, and the new dock at the waterfront was washed away entirely.

At this same meeting George L. King was appointed to look into the matter of the Sunny Land Council's obtaining title to the Camp Flying Eagle property from the Manatee County Boys' Development Association, a special corporation set up in January 1929, when the land was purchased, and composed of the then members of the Executive Board. At the meeting of the following month, King read a letter from the National Council stating that it would never, under any circumstances, take over the property as its own - only, should the Sunny Land Council ever dissolve, hold it in trust until a new council could be organized.

At each subsequent meeting, King would ask for additional time. At the September 1934 session, three additional men were named to his committee. Again, more time asked for. At the November meeting, still another man was added --- and nothing further was ever heard of the matter!

The Council's first Cub pack, sponsored by the Sarasota Moose Lodge and with Mr. Cecil Maus as Cubmaster, registered in November 1933.

A "Whooporee" (Scout Circus) was staged November 2nd, with five troops participating and an estimated 850 persons in attendance.

The third annual camporee was held at Flying Eagle, December 1-2.

The Annual Meeting, on December 15th, re-elected D. L. Thorpe Sr., Manatee, as president, Paul W. Bergman, Sarasota, first vice-president; George B. Gallup, Bradenton, second vice-president; and Fred H. Gould, Bradenton, treasurer.

A 1934 budget of \$2,600 was adopted, \$1,690 of which was

to come from the Manatee district and \$910 from the Sarasota district.

The year closed with membership of 193 Boy Scouts and eleven Cubs.

1934

At the request of President Franklin Roosevelt, the Boy Scouts staged a National Good Turn during Anniversary Week, collecting old clothing for the destitute. The Sunny Land Council took part and collected articles valued at \$393.

The camp season at Flying Eagle was about as bad, from an attendance standpoint, as the preceding year. Eighteen boys attended the first week, so the second was cancelled in favor of troop camps. Two troops showed up but without adult leaders, so the Executive remained to take care of them. One had seven boys, the other, nine. The latter however, didn't appear to care for camping and departed after three days.

Another attempt was made to operate an additional week. twenty-four boys signed up but only seventeen appeared.

In his report to the Board, the Executive said he was at a loss to know why so few came to camp - that it wasn't, he was sure, entirely due to family finances. He asked that the camping committee make a study of the situation.

A council camporee was held at Camp Gumpertz, September 13-14, with forty-four Scouts and five leaders taking part.

Thirty-three Royal Palm Scouts and several leaders participated in a motor trip to California from July 6 to August 25, with a visit to Hollywood as one of the high spots. Among the leaders was Executive H. O. Kight, A. H. King of Clewiston, William Persons, Fort Myers, and Edward L. Cassels and W. A. Neal, Arcadia.

A Council swimming meet was held in Punta Gorda on October 14th.

The Royal Palm Council closed 1934 with a membership of 225 boys.

1935

"Uncle Dan" Beard spent the Winter as Barron Collier's guest at the Charlotte Harbor Hotel, Punta Gorda. It would appear that he was kept pretty busy. He attended a Court of Honor there on February 7th and a father-and-son dinner in Arcadia on the 22nd. He was also present for the Royal Palm Council's annual meeting, and gave the council's Silver Beaver award to William A. Neal of Arcadia. On March 2nd, he was honor guest at a field day and dinner at Boca Grande, given by that "grand old lady of Scouting." Mrs. F. B.

Crowninshield. At the latter affair, "Uncle Dan" taught the Scouts to throw the tomahawk and javelin.

Scout Executive Kight, in his report of the year's activities states that five districts held father-and-son dinners in celebration of Scouting's Silver Anniversary.

The annual meeting, as mentioned above, was held at the Immokalee ranch of District Chairman Sam Thompson, in the form of a venison barbecue. Seventy persons attended.

An athletic meet was held on May 3rd in Arcadia, and a "jamboree" at Camp Ropaco on July 4th.

Over the Christmas holidays, twenty-two Scouts and leaders made the trip to Cuba. While there, the President of Cuba presented their Eagle badges to Scouts Bennie Malone, Albert Quednau, John E. Johns, Maurice Farabee and Francis Magill. The awarding took place in the Crystal Room of the Presidential Palace. It must have been a "red-letter-day" for the boys.

At the January 11th meeting of the Sunny Land Council Board it was reported that "A nudist colony is about to start operations at Englewood, at a point which will interfere with camping by the Scouts of Troop 3." A committee was appointed to look into the matter and take such steps as might be necessary.

On April 21st, Scout Executive Wilson resigned, effective May 15th, to become Executive of the Northeast Georgia Council, Athens.

The auditor's report for the year ending December 31, 1934 had showed accounts payable amounting to \$1,521.48, of which \$1,322.68 was back salary due Executive Wilson.

While there is some dispute over the matter, the audit made at the time of Wilson's leaving clearly indicates that the Council owed him \$907.89. Unfortunately for him, he did not require a statement from the Board to this effect. When a few years later, he made an attempt to collect, he was told there was nothing due him. The writer, when he became Executive some years after, "went to bat" for "Uncle Charlie." A one-man committee was appointed, interviewed some of the 1935 Board members and brought in a negative report.

In 1954, Bradenton Scouters made up a purse of \$200 and gave it to Wilson as a Christmas gift, he having then retired from professional Scouting and making Bradenton his home. About that time also, the Sunny Land Council awarded him the Silver Beaver for his service as a volunteer following his retirement.

He died February 14, 1957. His passing was noted with sorrow by the thousands of people who knew and loved him.

Wilson was succeeded by George M. Riley, of Colorado Springs, Colorado. He was a young man of most likeable personality and immediately endeared himself to leaders and Scouts alike. Less than two months after taking office, and while directing Camp Flying Eagle, he contracted pneumonia. He died in Bradenton general Hospital, July 18th.

There was universal sadness at his passing and a moving

set of resolutions of sorrow appear in the Minutes Book.

James A. Gaskin, an applicant for the position of Executive, appeared before the Board for interview on August 8th. He was hired at a salary of \$100 per month, plus \$25 expense money, and took office as of that date.

The first National Boy Scout Jamboree was scheduled to be held in Washington D. C., in August 1935. Extensive preparations had been made to house them there in a huge tent-city. Every council in the country had been at work for months, selecting and training its Jamboree Scouts and their adult leaders. Then, due to a polio outbreak in the city, President Roosevelt cancelled the affair, by radio, less than a week before it was to have opened. The decision, although wise, left thousands of disappointed Scouts, including Sunny Land's delegation that was to have gone under the leadership of Scoutmaster Clarke Berney. In cooperation with Tampa and other nearby councils, a trip to Cuba was hurriedly arranged as a substitute.

There is no record of further activities for the year, which closed with a registered membership of 160 boys in nine troops - two of which were inactive.

1935

The Royal Palm Council's second annual field day was held at Boca Grande on March 14th, with Mrs. F. B. Crowninshield again the hostess. At the conclusion of the evening, she gave a Chevrolet automobile to H. O. Kight, the Scout Executive.

At some time during that summer, Mr. Kight resigned, and a successor was not selected.

The Council closed the year with a membership of 233 Scouts and twenty-eight Cubs.

The Sunny Land Council, in January, adopted a budget of \$3,640 for the period to November 1st. The Executive's salary was increased, at the same meeting, to \$150 per month.

Dan Beard, wintering somewhere in the territory, possibly at the Manatee River Hotel, Bradenton, spoke to the Sarasota Kiwanis Club on February 6th.

Camp Flying Eagle, in the season of 1936, had an enrollment of sixty-one boys compared with thirty-one the preceding summer.

Sunny Land closed the year with 244 Scouts.

1937

Paul W. Bergman, Sarasota, was elected president of the Sunny Land Council, succeeding D. L. Thorpe Sr., who had

served five terms in that office. George L. King, Bradenton, and Frank Stewart, Sarasota, were elected vice-presidents, and Fred H. Gould was re-elected as treasurer.

A feature of Boy Scout Week was a parade on February 13th. Dan Beard was to have been a participant, though it appears that he was either late in arrival or he didn't get there at all.

Mr. J. C. Spooner, chairman of the Fort Myers District of the Royal Palm Council, attended the February 25th meeting of the Board of the Sunny Land Council. He presented the desire of the former to affiliate with Sunny Land and asked that it be accepted.

Deputy Regional Scout Executive Herbert Stuckey, a visitor at the session, pointed out the desirability of receiving the old Royal Palm Council from several standpoints, especially the Scouting spirit of fellowship and the extending of a hand to a neighbor in need of help.

It was voted unanimously to welcome Royal Palm into Sunny Land, but with the understanding that only the Lee County portion would be organized that year; other districts, later.

Mr. Richmond Dean, for several years a president of Royal Palm, was elected third vice-president of the Council, and Mr. Spooner as a member of the Board.

At the time of the merger, the Royal Palm Council had six registered troops, with a total boy-membership of 143. There was one troop each in the towns of Arcadia, Boca Grande, Punta Gorda, Everglades, and two in Fort Myers.

The 1930 census showed a population of but 35,885 in this added six-county territory. The same census showed a total of 34,942 for Manatee and Sarasota counties.

Camp Flying Eagle operated for three weeks, with 108 Scouts attending.

The National Jamboree that was to have been held in Washington in 1933, but cancelled because of a polio outbreak, was staged, there, from June 30 to July 10. Twenty-four Boy Scouts and three adult leaders from the combined Sunny Land territory attended.

The council closed the year with a membership of 395 boys.

IV

CONSOLIDATION - 1938-1941

Council officers for the year 1938 were George B. Gallup, president; Herbert W. Booth, Sarasota, James C. Spooner, Fort Myers, Dewey A. Dye, Bradenton, Louis Griffith, Arcadia (?) and F. B. Crowninshield, Boca Grande, vice-presidents; Daniel L. Thorpe, Commissioner and Fred H. Gould, treasurer.

Sam Gumpertz, Sarasota; Richmond Dean, Fort Myers and O. B. Mueller, Bradenton, were listed on the council letterhead as Honorary Presidents.

The membership of F. B. Crowninshield is an interesting case. Actually, it was Mrs. Crowninshield who was the vice-president and Board member. Crowninshield himself had little use for the Boy Scouts, terming it "damned nonsense," and the interest and effort given by his wife, "wasted time." Mrs. Crowninshield, before her marriage, was Louise duPont, of the Wilmington duPonts. One of the country's wealthiest women, she maintained palatial homes at Montchannin, Delaware and Marblehead, Massachusetts, in addition to a fine Gulf-shore Winter home at Boca Grande.

Efforts were made to secure a Silver Beaver for her in recognition of her interest in Scouting and her great help. The National Council refused however, saying that the award was for men only.

Another Council field meet was held at Boca Grande, again with Mrs. Crowninshield as hostess, on March 18th.

A father-and-son banquet, given by the Punta Gorda Rotary Club on January 26th, had Dan Beard as principal speaker. He also awarded at least one Eagle Badge.

George Brewster Gallup, 1938 president, was an eccentric character. He was an elderly gentleman, impractical and ne'er do well inventor of household gadgets that never seemed to "catch hold," and a man with the obsession that Boy Scouts should concentrate on merit badges having to do with the home and home construction. In a lengthy written speech, couched in the most erudite terms, which appears with the July 12th Board minutes, he urged the Council to push the adoption by the National Council of a new merit badge, Home Building Crafts. This was actually carried all the way to the National Council, but nothing came of the effort. Some years later, he wanted the writer to spearhead an effort to have adopted a merit badge on City-planning! Until the time of his death in 1950, at the age of 85, Gallup considered that he had made a tremendous contribution to the Boy Scouts of America. Confined to a rest-home in his later years, he

telephoned the Scout Executive at intervals to ask for cigarettes, razor-blades, etc. A few months before he died, he reminded the Executive that he would be 85 in July and that the Boy Scouts would probably like to give him something on his birthday. The Executive was at a loss. Gallup had been incapacitated for several years and none of the current "crop" of boys had ever heard of him. Gallup passed away however, a few weeks before the birthday, thus solving the problem.

He was in many respects, a remarkable man. An amateur astronomer, he wrote a daily column on the subject that appeared for many years as a regular feature of the Bradenton Herald. Gallup could never quite understand why others did not share his own intense interest in and enthusiasm for this and his other pet subjects.

1938 camp attendance totaled 107 boys, including Arcadia Scouts who held their own troop camp, near Lake Placid.

With the easing of the Depression, Council finances improved. Receipts for the financial year closing October 31st, including registrations and supplies, totaled \$5,256.89. There was a balance of \$7.68 in the bank, with no unpaid bills. This was a far different situation than had obtained in previous years.

Ninety-six persons were in attendance at the Council annual meeting held at the First Presbyterian Church, Sarasota, on December 8th. Frank Stewart, Sarasota, was awarded the Silver Beaver.

The year ended with a membership of 516 Scouts and eighty-two Cubs.

1939

Officers for this year were Walter N. Munroe, Sarasota, President; Ernest L. Prior, Fort Myers, commissioner and Fred H. Gould, treasurer. Vice-presidents were Richard Schaddelee, Fort Myers; Earl D. Farr, Punta Gorda; W. A. Neal, Arcadia; D. L. Thorpe, Sr., Bradenton; and Kenneth Koach, Sarasota.

"Dan" Beard spent the month of February at the Manatee River Hotel, Bradenton. Jim Gaskin, the Executive, took him out to see Camp Flying Eagle and on the evening of the 5th, a delegation of long-active Scouters paid him a visit at his hotel. In the course of the conversation, it developed that "Uncle Dan" did not have the Silver Beaver award, since this is given only upon recommendation of a local council. After taking leave of Beard, the men got together outside the hotel and decided, in view of his keen interest in South Florida and his many helpful suggestions to the Sunny Land Council in particular, to ask the National Council for special dispensation that the Council make the award to

Beard. Letters to this effect were dispatched to Dr. George J. Fisher of the National Council the following day. There is however, nothing to indicate that permission was granted and the award given.

Ernest L. Prior, Council Commissioner, Fort Myers, was director of Camp Flying Eagle for the 1939 session. There are no records to show the number of campers attending, nor are there, most unfortunately any other details of this season - unfortunately because a situation reputedly arose which is still a matter for argument as this is written, twenty years later.

Camp swimming has always been done in the Manatee River, which flows through the property. This is normally a placid stream, but after storms in the summer rainy season, it rises rapidly, becomes very swift and carries a lot of debris. At some point in the 1939 camp season, an epidemic of dysentery broke out. Dr. W. H. Wentzel, Bradenton physician that attended most of the campers, blamed this upon the river water in which the boys swam, and promptly closed the camp. The action stirred up quite a controversy; natives pooh-poohed the idea, saying they'd swam in the river all their lives - high water and low - and never gotten sick. Parents on the other hand, were understandably taking no chances.

Parenthetically, the writer adds the following as his own personal observation, after having directed camp at Flying Eagle through sixteen seasons: camp food at that time was stored in a huge ice-box that had been discarded and given to the camp in the early 30's by a Bradenton hotel. To keep the box going several hundred pounds of ice had to be trucked daily fifteen miles to camp under a broiling Florida sun. The theory was advanced to the writer by a member of the United States Public Health Service who was visiting the camp, that tainted food from the ice-box might well have caused the outbreak --- more likely than swimming in polluted water.

Credance to this theory was added when, during the season of 1945, the bottom of the ice compartment fell through. Before the situation was discovered, something stored in the refrigerator caused another epidemic - fortunately, very mild.

Needless to say, an electric, walk-in type refrigerator was secured before the next season's camp, even though this involved the renting of a gasoline-powered electric generator.

Another unfortunate experience of this season was a drunken brawl that took place at the camp. Though the site had been purchased as a Boy Scout camp, the Council did not hold title to it and had very little control over it. A man named Fred Stewart lived in a cabin on the grounds but was not paid for acting as caretaker, so his main interest was his cattle, some of which roamed on the property. As a consequence, a great many people, and groups - some with permission, but most of them without - used the place for picnics and less-laudable purposes.

The Bradenton Junior Chamber of Commerce held its annual picnic at Flying Eagle on May 15, 1939. Liquor was abundant and some fights broke out. In the course of one of these, Potter d'Orsay Palmer, Sarasota, playboy son of the Chicago Potter Palmer's, was hit on the head with a bottle. He died two days later in a nearby hospital.

Due to the prominence of the young man's parents, this brought nation-wide publicity, and added to the bad reputation that Flying Eagle was getting.

The Council's Annual Meeting was held at the Town Club, Fort Myers, on December 7th, with 112 persons attending. Albert L. Yarn was the Silver Beaver recipient.

The year ended with a membership of 568 Scouts and 149 Cubs.

1940

Walter Munroe continued as president and Fred Gould and Ernest Prior as treasurer and commissioner, respectively. The year's budget was set at \$6,000.

Due to the 1939 Flying Eagle situation, the 1940 Council camp was held at Myakka State Park, with two t-day periods. It was strictly a wilderness troop-camp, using army pyramidal tents borrowed from the National Guard. Ernest Prior again was director. There is no record of the number of participants other than that 130 Scouts from twelve troops camped during the month of June.

Very little else of consequence is recorded for the year. Summer activities reported were two each of swimming meets, field meets, and fishing contests, a bicycle hike, a treasure hunt, and ten industrial hikes.

A budget of \$8,435 was adopted for the fiscal year, November 1, 1940 - October 31, 1941.

At the annual meeting of December 12th, held at the Manavista Hotel, Bradenton, Commissioner Prior presented the Silver Beaver to Chesley F. Perry, Fort Myers. The former and President Munroe and Treasurer Gould were re-elected for an additional term.

The various district chairmen were elected as vice-presidents. They were Clarke Barney, Bradenton; Arthur E. Eathus, Sarasota; Gilmer Heitman Jr., Fort Myers; W. A. Neal, Arcadia, Dr. W. B. Clement, Punta Gorda, and F. B. Crowninshield, Boca Grande.

The suggestion was made at this meeting that the name should be changed but nothing ever came of the idea.

Funds now being in sight for the employment of a field executive to serve the former Royal Palm Council territory, John L. Shutt, a native of Nashville, Tennessee, and a recent graduate of the National Training School was hired. He took over his duties on December 15, 1940. His home base of

operations was to be in Fort Myers.

Scout Executive Gaskin having accepted the Executiveship of the East Carolina Council with headquarters at Wilson, North Carolina, he resigned on December 16th, effective 30 days later.

1941

Fred L. Treat, Assistant Executive of the Gulf-Ridge Council, Tampa, was selected to succeed Gaskin, and reported for duty on January 16th.

Swimming meets were held, by districts, during April and May.

On June 8th, the Council's summer camp opened. It was held at Bear Point on Lake Childs, near the town of Lake Placid - 100 miles from the Council's three largest towns. It was truly a "wilderness camp", hacked out of the Florida jungle, and with a minimum of conveniences. Scheduled to operate for two weeks, an additional week was necessary to accomodate all who wanted to come. 134 different Scouts attended for a total of 145 camper-weeks. Field Executive John Shutt was the director.

On June 11, Daniel Carter Beard died. His passing was especially mourned throughout the Sunny Land Council where he had spent so many winters and numbered thousands of friends, among boys and adults alike.

With the approval of Mr. Gumpertz and the Council, the Sarasota Kiwanis Club sold the Camp Gumpertz property in July for \$5,000. For years the site had been mosquito-ridden to an extent that boys no longer wanted to camp there, even over-night.

In the latter part of June, Scouts distributed 990 United States Savings Bond posters. The following month, they collected nearly four and a quarter tons of aluminum in the government's drive for this metal.

During the summer months plans were set in motion to incorporate the Sunny Land Council and these were consummated on August 14th, when the State of Florida issued a charter to "The Sunny Land Council of the Boy Scouts of America".

After a series of district camporees, a council-wide camporee was held in Gillespie Park, Sarasota, on November 28-29. Twenty-eight patrols with a total of 145 Scouts participated. Twenty adult leaders also attended.

At the October 9th meeting, Judge W. T. Harrison, president of the Manatee County Boys' Development Association, said that now the Council was incorporated, there was no reason why it should not assume title to the Camp Flying Eagle property.

Following Japan's December 7th attack on Pearl Harbor and the formal declaration of war the next day, the Council immediately began to gird itself for intensive "behind the

lines" service. Its first "War Bulletin" was released to leaders on the 10th; the second, listing four specific areas of service, was mailed out on the 19th.

Eleven leaders were lost to Scouting, that year, through their entry into the country's armed forces. This now became the Council's major problem, and it continued until a year after the war's end.

The 1942 budget was set at \$9,345.

The year closed with a membership of 728 Scouts and 152 Cubs. The 880 total was the largest in the Council's history thus far.

V

THE WAR YEARS - 1942-1945

The Annual Council Meeting, held at the Mira-Mar Hotel, Sarasota, January 12th, brought out a total attendance of 101 persons. Walter N. Munroe was re-elected as Council President for his fourth term. Arthur E. Esthus and Fred H. Gould were awarded the Silver Beaver.

The necessity for a swimming pool at Camp Flying Eagle appears in the Board Minutes as of January 12th.

During Anniversary Week, a test of the Council's Mobilization Plan was held. It disclosed that 32% of the Scouts could be assembled within fifteen minutes, 44% within half an hour, and 50% within an hour.

A Camporee, held in cooperation with the Gulf-Ridge Council at Bok Tower, Lake Wales, in April, had 123 Sunny Land Council Scouts and leaders participating.

Twenty-two Sea Scouts and five leaders attended the Sea Scout Rendezvous at St. Petersburg in June.

The Manatee River received the Health Department's approval for swimming, so a two-week camp at Flying Eagle was held. It had 106 Scouts attending.

During the Summer the first war casualty among former members of the Council took place. Grieson Prince of Troop 8, Bradenton lost his life when his ship went down.

On September 21st, Ernest L. Prior, Port Myers, and one of the oldest Scouters in point of service, died. He had served in many different capacities, was one of the first (1931) recipients of the Silver Beaver, and had been elected at the January annual meeting, as an Honorary Life Member of the Council. He was camp director in 1939 and 1940.

Merit Badge Expositions were held in early October in Bradenton and Sarasota.

During the latter part of October, through November and into the early part of December, the most successful finance campaigns of the Council's history were completed. Striving to achieve the \$9,544 budget for the fiscal year of 1943, a total of \$10,800 was secured, with at least an additional \$950 in prospect.

In the field of War Service, 90,700 pounds of newspaper and magazines and 17,898 pounds of rubber were collected. It is impossible to even estimate the quantity of scrap iron secured, but it was immense. In addition, 12,000 copies each of two government war publications were distributed from door-to-door throughout the Council territory.

December 31st found forty-six registered Sunny Land Council Sea Scouts and leaders serving with the Armed

Services. Among these was Assistant Executive John L. Shutt, who resigned October 1st to enter the Navy.

The year closed with a total membership of 712 Scouts and 224 Cubs, for a grand total of 936 different boys -- a new membership peak in the history of the Council.

1943

On January 1st, Walter Munroe began his fifth term as president.

Due to wartime transportation problems, no central Council annual meeting was attempted. In its place, district annual meetings were held at which the annual report for 1942 was approved and Council election held.

The second annual pilgrimage to Bok Tower, Lake Wales, for a camporee took place in April with 141 Scouts and leaders participating.

The Manatee River having been once again been condemned for swimming by the State Board of Health, Camp Flaming Arrow, near Auburndale in Polk county, was rented. It opened on July 31st and 130 Scouts with eight leaders participated in the three-weeks season. The Council footed the bill for the extra transportation expense. (The Council had money, in those days!)

The war, with its food-rationing, brought a great many new problems to running a camp. Each boy had to bring his ration book and a quarter pound of sugar. No cook could be found, so the Scout Executive's wife took over this job, in spite of the fact that she also had a fifteen-month-old baby to look after. The child had plenty of "baby-sitters," however - in fact, too many!

Buying food for camp involved removing exactly so many blue stamps and so many red stamps from each boy's ration book. Then, armed with a bagful of these stamps, trips to every food store in every town within a ten mile radius. A few items might be found in one store, one or two more in another, then several "duds." But wherever food was purchased, those annoying little blue and red stamps had to be counted out, one by one, and given to the clerk. (Like as not, she'd count 'em again - just being sure.)

Wartime feeding of a Boy Scout camp was a 5:30 A.M. to 10:30 P.M. job!

Mr. George E. Judd, of Fort Myers, some years earlier, had given the council twenty acres of wild land north of the Caloosahatchee River. Scouts rarely used the place however, so in July he suggested that the property be sold and the proceeds used to improve any other site that might be selected. The Board concurred and the twenty acres were sold for approximately \$500.

At about the same time, a ramshackle "Scout House" that stood on two Council-owned lots on Hoople Street, Fort Myers

was sold for \$50. The buyer was a "squatter" who'd "taken over" the shack some time before. He was given a month in which to move it, and the lots were subsequently sold.

The Council was host, in early September, for a rendezvous of South Florida Sea Scouts. The three-day affair was held at Fort Myers with ninety-six boys and leaders from six councils participating.

The fiscal year closed on October 31st with a \$2,000 surplus in the bank at interest. Money was so plentiful that, when a man from the Home Office staff came down to put on a week-end Senior Scout institute, the Council paid each leader's hotel and meal expenses - and the affair took place at a "swanky" winter resort hotel!

When Field Executive Robert E. Holladay left, December 24th, for induction into the army, he brought to sixty-nine the number of registered Scouts and leaders serving in the armed service.

The year's war service included farm work, planting Victory gardens and distribution of the Office of War Information's Weekly posters.

Due in large part to the loss of leaders to the armed forces, the year closed with a net loss of five troops. There was, however, a net increase in registered boys, with 991 on the rolls on December 31st - a new "high".

1944

A convention-type annual meeting was held in Sarasota on January 27th, with the afternoon business session being held in the First Methodist Church and the evening dinner session at the Mira-Mar Hotel. Walter N. Munroe was re-elected president for his sixth term.

For the first time in Council history, the 1,000-boy-membership mark was reached in February with the enrollment of Scout Jack Gilbert in Troop 3, Sarasota. In recognition of this, young Gilbert was given a complete Scout uniform.

On March 31st, 279 Scouts and leaders, representing 38 patrols from seventeen different troops, went to Bok Tower, Lake Wales, for a two-day camporee with the Gulf-Ridge Council. Total attendance from the two councils was more than eleven hundred.

The Council was saddened when, on April 15th, tragedy struck Bradenton's colored troop #44. A truck transporting Scouts to Bok Tower's annual Negro Day, overturned near the village of Brewster. Two of the boys were killed and five others were seriously injured. Twelve hours after the accident, voluntary contributions for their care started pouring in and when, some months later, all bills were paid, nearly \$200 still remained in the fund. This was given to the Gulf-Ridge Council towards the establishment of a Negro camp.

The Sunny Land Health and Safety committee made searching inquiry and came up with the finding that the accident was due solely to mechanical failure of the truck's steering gear. It recommended future pre-use inspection of all vehicles used in the transportation of boys.

An extensive sampling of Manatee River water, from five miles above camp to five miles below, was made by a representative of the Florida State Board of Health, in the Spring of 1944. His exhaustive report gave approval to the river for swimming except in times of high water. The recommendation was made however, that a camp swimming pool be provided just as soon as funds would allow.

Immediately upon receipt of this report, machinery was set in motion towards securing from the Manatee County Development Association a long-term lease on the Flying Eagle property. A 99-year lease was executed on June 25th. A two-room cottage on the near-by Hutchinson property was purchased, moved to the camp and about \$2,500 spent on repairs and additions. This then became the care-taker's home and Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Williams were hired as the care-takers.

Camp opened on June first and ran with a capacity attendance for four weeks. 169 campers were there for a total of 249 boy-weeks.

District swimming and field meets were additional summer activities.

The Sarasota Kiwanis Club, which had served as trustee for the money arising from the sale of the Camp Gumpertz property, had asked the Council, in 1943, to assume this trusteeship. The Executive Board consented and the transfer was made, by Court order, on April 15, 1944. \$5,274.30 was turned over to the Council - \$5,000 arising from the sale, plus accumulated interest.

The old Royal Palm Council had used, for many years, a five-acre camp-site on the Caloosahatchee River, about fifteen miles east of Fort Myers. This was by permission of the owner. The latter decided, in 1944, that he wanted to sell, and offered the tract to the Council for \$1,500. Details of the transaction and subsequent developments are too involved to go into at this point. It is sufficient for the present to say that the purchase was made and the property became a "king-size headache", with misunderstanding, rumor, accusations and denials that persist to this day.

On October 19th, a destructive hurricane swept Florida's West Coast. The Scouts, particularly those of Bradenton, aided the Red Cross: they served as messengers, warned beach residents, worked at refugee centers and made refugee-housing surveys. Several older Scouts worked with the State Highway Patrol right through the storm.

In the field of war service, Scouts and Cubs sold a total of \$71,610 in bonds, during the Fourth, Fifth and Sixth War Loan campaigns. Uncounted tons of scrap paper were salvaged and thousands of O. W. I. posters distributed.

Scouts worked on farms in the North, in home gardens and in canning plants.

The adult leadership of the Council was stabilized somewhat through the use of older men who were beyond draft age. Several of our Senior Scouts enlisted, however, and the Honor Roll on December 31st bore eighty-eight names compared with sixty-nine a year before.

The year closed with a membership of 781 Scouts and 249 Cubs - a total of 1,030 different boys.

1945

The Annual Meeting of the Council was held on January 23rd, in the First Presbyterian Church. It was strictly a business session and the attendance was small.

The Council's oldest Troop, No. 5, of Punta Gorda, celebrated its 25th anniversary with a community party and Scout Field Meet on March 30-31.

Assistant Scout Executive, Don B. Benzie, resigned as of March 31st, and the Council was without a field man for the balance of the year. The Scout Executive spent a portion of the first and third weeks of each month in the southern part of the Council, until a successor could be found.

Considerable work was done on Camp Flying Eagle during the spring months. The old wooden bunks were torn out and steel cots substituted, the kitchen was enlarged, the First Aid room was ceiled, the dock was raised and a new flag pole erected.

Camp opened on May 31st and ran for a period of four weeks, during which time 157 different Scouts, representing nineteen troops attended for a total of 245 boy-weeks. In addition to this, Troop 33, Naples, held its own camp for a period of one week, with ten scouts and Scoutmaster attending.

The Council celebrated its twentieth anniversary at the annual meeting held on December 14th in Palmetto. Regional Scout Executive W. A. Dobson was the speaker. Walter N. Munroe, who had served with outstanding success as president for seven years, retired from this office. In recognition of his long record of service, Mrs. F. B. Crowninshield presented him with a Scroll of Appreciation bearing the names of eighty-eight Scouters.

Scouts continued their war service, during the year, by collecting paper, tin cans and other material, working on farms and by sellinmg war bonds. The Council contributed \$50 to the World Friendship Fund to help with the reestablishment of Scouting in recently-liberated countries.

The year ended with a membership of exactly one thousand boys - 746 Scouts and 254 Cubs.

VI

POST-WAR YEARS - 1946-1950

1946 brought a let-down in interest and enthusiasm on the part of both Scouts and leaders. Chief among the factors contributing to this was relief from the tensions of the war years. Suffering in the general decline were advancement and attendance at District and Council-wide activities.

Membership went down badly during the year, but in the last three months rallied to quite an extent.

On January 16th, W. R. "Bill" Ennis, Jr., became Field Executive, with responsibility for the southern part of the Council territory.

Considerable work was done on Camp Flying Eagle during the Spring months. The kitchen was widened by fourteen feet and a second hand, walk-in type refrigerator was installed. The Palmetto Methodist Church gave a sheet-metal building to the camp. This had stood, for many years, on a lot at the corner of 8th Avenue and 4th Street, where it served as the meeting place for the church's troop. At camp, it became, first, the staff's cabin and, later, after considerable alteration, the present Health Lodge.

The annual Council camp operated for four weeks, in spite of a widespread polio epidemic. The largest percentage of white boys ever to attend camp from Sunny Land Council was present -- an even 25%.

The interests of Clewiston and Moore Haven being more closely tied with the East Coast and the fact that the West Palm Beach office of the Gulf Stream Council is some one hundred miles closer to them than the headquarters of the Sunny Land Council, led these two communities, in the spring of 1946, to seek permission to withdraw and affiliate themselves with the Gulf Stream Council. This permission was granted by the Executive Board on June 12th, and a new boundary line between the two Councils was established.

Swimming Meets were held in the Fort Myers and Sarasota-Manatee Districts during July, August and September. A Council-wide meet was held in Fort Myers on Labor Day, when a fine new trophy, donated by R. A. Henderson, was put up for competition for the first time. It was won by Troop 18, Fort Myers.

A Scout leaders' Pow-wow was held at Camp Flying Eagle in October, with thirty men taking part.

The Council closed the year with a membership of 233 Cub Scouts, 677 Boy Scouts and twenty-eight Senior Scouts -- 938 different boys.

1947

The year opened with the re-election of James A. Franklin as Council president, at the annual meeting held in January in Fort Myers. Fred H. Gould retired after sixteen years of service - the last ten of these as Council treasurer. The Council elected him to honorary life membership, but he did not live long to enjoy this distinction. He died, less than two years later, on December 17, 1948.

In March, a two-day Scoutoree was held at Boca Grande, with Mrs. F. B. Crowninshield and Troop 13 serving as hostess and host. More than three hundred Scouts and leaders took part.

Considerable work was done at Camp Flying Eagle in preparation for the 1947 season. A butane gas range and tank were installed, a new dock was built at the waterfront and an infirmary was added to the Health Lodge. But, best of all, electric power was brought into the camp, doing away with the necessity for a gasoline-powered generator to keep the refrigerator going and doing away with the hazard of kerosene lanterns to light the cabins and dining hall.

The Florida Power and Light Company staged an elaborate beef-barbecue at the camp on June 25th to celebrate the extension of its lines. All of the customers served by the extension were invited - and came.

Judge W. T. Harrison, former Council president, gave the camp two old lanterns that have an interesting history. They originally hung from the draw-bridge that spanned the Manatee River from 9th Street East in Bradenton, to Palmetto. The bridge was built in 1910 and torn down in 1922. The lanterns were then moved to the old Sneed's Island cut-off bridge and hung from the draw, there, until 1932. They now hang over the fireplace in the camp dining hall.

23.9% of the registered white Scouts attended camp for a week or more.

Four district swimming meets were held during the Summer, culminating in the annual Council Meet, held at Lido Pool, Sarasota.

Seven Senior Scouts, under the direction of Field Executive Bill Ennis, and Tom L. Burgess, went to Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico for a two-week's stay.

Eagle Scouts Harlan Farrar and Bill Schultz, Fort Myers, went to the International Scout Jamboree in France, in August.

Most regrettably, because of her age Mrs. Crowninshield found it necessary in August to resign from active participation in the Council's activities. The Executive Board immediately conferred upon her an honorary life membership. (She passed away, at an advanced age, in May, 1958.)

The Council was saddened by the death of two of its finest leaders -- William S. Leak, Committeeman of Troop 3,

Sarasota, who drowned while swimming at Lido, on June 19th; and "Uncle Dan" Smith, Committeeman of Troop 6, Sarasota, who died on October 24th.

The Calusa Lodge, Order of the Arrow, dedicated, on Sunday, December 28th, a camp memorial to Mr. Leak - a drinking fountain with shelter.

The Council's Annual Meeting was held at the Sarasota Bay Country Club, Sarasota, early in December. C. Rowland Shannon, Bradenton, was elected president and Fred L. Betterton, Fort Myers, was awarded the Silver Beaver.

The Council closed the year with a membership of 325 Cub Scouts, 641 Scouts and thirty-nine Senior Scouts -- a grand total of 1005 different boys.

1948

The Council was honored with a three-day visit, in January, by Dr. and Mrs. John A. Stiles, former Chief Scout Commissioner of the Canadian Boy Scouts Association. Dr. Stiles was the speaker at a meeting of Scouts, leaders and parents at the Sarasota Municipal Auditorium, January 22nd, and the following night at the Royal Palm District's annual dinner.

The second annual Scoutoree was held in Arcadia on April 22nd. About 225 Scouts and leaders took part. Camp Flying Eagle opened on Sunday, June 13th, and ran for a period of three weeks. 112 different Scouts attended for a total of 172 boy-weeks.

An "Old-timer" reunion was held at the camp on June 30th, with a great many former campers and Scouters attending.

The annual Council swimming meet was held in Fort Myers on September 4th. The R. A. Henderson Swimming Trophy was permanently retired, having been won three times by Troop 18, Fort Myers.

Junior Officers Training Conferences were held at Camp Flying Eagle on October 23-24 and at Camp Ropaco, October 16-17. A total of 110 junior leaders attended and received certificates.

On Tuesday afternoon, November 1st, a test of the Council's Emergency Mobilization Plan was called. It was quite successful in that just slightly less than 50% of the total Scout membership was assembled within one hour.

As a service project, in connection with the Emergency Mobilization, the Scouts distributed 15,000 "VOTE" handbills throughout the entire area. These were provided and paid for by the Council.

Three Camporees were held on Friday and Saturday, November 26-27 - one each in Fort Myers, Punta Gorda, and Bradenton. Attendance and participation were small.

An "Adventure Expedition" for Senior Scouts was held on

December 28-30. Forty-two young men and their leaders set up a base camp at Everglades City. The affair, first of its kind held by the Council, was quite successful.

The Annual Meeting of the Sunny Land Council was held in Bradenton on December 15th. The banquet portion was attended by 120 persons. Dr. H. W. Hurt was the speaker. C. Rowland Shannon was elected to a second term as Council President, and the Silver Beaver Award was presented to Dr. L. B. King, Bradenton.

Fred H. Gould, Council Treasurer for more than ten years prior to his retirement in 1946, died December 17th. Scouts of Bradenton, on the 20th (day of his funeral) planted 1,500 slash-pine seedlings at Camp Flying Eagle and named the planting "The Fred Gould Memorial Grove".

The National Council credited Sunny Land with the following December 31st membership: fourteen Cub Packs, thirty-six Scout Troops, five Senior Units; 364 Cub Scouts, 685 Boy Scouts, sixty-two Senior Scouts. Having shown a gain over the January 1st figures on all six items, the Council received the coveted H. Smith Richardson Award.

1949

The first Everglades Senior Scout expedition took place during the 1948 Christmas holidays, with forty-two young men and leaders participating. Based on the Everglades City golf course, a boat tour was made into the Ten Thousand Islands area and a trip by logging train through the Swamp to the Lee Cypress Company's operations, deep in the heart of the 'Glades. Also visited were the Royal Palm Hammock State Park and the oil field at Sunniland.

The Area J (Florida) meeting of the Order of the Arrow was held at Camp Flying Eagle March 25-27, with the Council's Calusa Lodge as host.

On December 20, 1948, the day of the funeral of former Council treasurer Fred H. Gould, Bradenton Scouts planted 1,500 pine seedlings at the camp and called the planting "The Gould Memorial Grove." Not to be outdone, Sarasota Scouts, early in January, planted 3,000 seedlings to be known as the "Dan Smith Memorial Grove." Smith, for many years before his death, had been one of Sarasota's most enthusiastic leaders. Unfortunately, the winter and spring of 1949 were unusually dry and many of the seedlings did not survive.

162 Scouts attended the Summer season at Flying Eagle for at total of 191 boy-weeks.

Mr. T. H. Burgess, chairman of the camping and activities committee, reported at the June 22nd meeting of the Board that 249 Scouts had attended a Council Scoutoree in Punta Gorda, posters had been distributed for the Treasury Department and the Florida Forestry Association, and that 22 Senior Scouts and three leaders were, at that time, attending

a Senior Scout Rendezvous at the Jacksonville Naval Air Station.

A Council Rendezvous for Senior Scouts was held on Sarasota beach on the week-end of October 8-9. A painful, yet somewhat humorous affair was the ball which the Sarasota Seniors put on for their out-of-town visitors. The Lido Beach ballroom was rented, a fine orchestra engaged, a good floor-show arranged, and a great host of sweet young ladies invited to serve as dancing partners. On the fateful night, however, the orchestra arrived, the floor show arrived, the nice young ladies, all in their best party dresses, arrived - but the Senior Scouts _____! Bashful, they hung back and refused to dance. The occasion ended with the girls dancing with each other. (But the floor show and refreshments were excellent!)

1950

A Scout circus, joint venture of the Manatee and Sarasota Districts, was held in March with excellent participation and attendance, and the annual camporee took place in Arcadia on April 28-29. The latter, however, was a fiasco, with only four troops taking part.

The sheet metal building that had been given to the camp by the Palmetto Methodist Church a few years before, and used as the staff cabin was, in the spring of 1950, moved to its present location and rebuilt to serve as a Health Lodge. Twenty individuals, clubs, churches, and businesses made this possible.

214 Boys attended camp that summer.

The Second National Jamboree took place at Valley Forge, Pennsylvania, from June 30th to July 6th. Thirty-five Sunny Land Scouts participated with Dr. James G. Goodyear serving as Scoutmaster. The Assistants were A. K. Williamson and John Hagan, Jr. Field Executive LeRoy Starett was a member of the Jamboree Sectional Staff.

Other activities of the year were two district and a Council swimming meet, district and Council Scoutorees and participation in the annual Explorer Rendezvous at the Naval Air Station, Jacksonville.

The twenty-fifth annual meeting of the Council was held in Sarasota on December 11th. The banquet took place at the Orange Blossom Hotel with MacKinley Kantor and Regional Executive W. A. Dobson as the speakers. Honored guests were some twelve men who had pioneered Scouting in the area in the early days of the Council.

VII

THE AMAZING YEARS - 1951-1959

Mrs. Alice L. Steele, widow of a Chicago physician and surgeon, died in Sarasota in 1950 and left \$500 in her will "for the benefit of Sarasota Boy Scouts". It was received early in 1951 and put aside for future use as "The Alice L. Steele Memorial Fund".

Another bequest came by the will of Malcolm S. Edmond, of Bradenton and Richmond, Virginia. This amounted to \$3,650. Both bequests were placed in a savings and loan account.

There was a considerable refund to 1950 Jamboree Scouts. The latter agreed to turn this over to the Council for some needed camp project. The Camp Committee suggested that a new and more adequate dock be built, and this was done in time for the '51 camp season.

By Board action in November, the Boca Grande, Charlotte and DeSoto districts were combined into one to be known as the Peace River District, effective January 1, 1952. (The plan did not succeed, however. Charlotte County Scouters would not drive the twenty-five miles to Arcadia, nor DeSoto men the same distance for meetings in Punta Gorda - and Boca Grande never attended anywhere!)

1952

What to do with the Gumpertz Trust Fund, now grown to \$6,692.94, came up at a meeting of the Board in February, 1952. It was agreed that a training center at camp was needed and would be a fitting memorial to Mrs. Gumpertz. Plans and a water-color sketch were obtained from the National Council's engineering service. Mr. Gumpertz died however, before they could be shown to him for his approval. It was decided to proceed anyway, but the effort was blocked by the Court. When approached for an order to release the Fund, it said that in its opinion the intent was that the money should be spent in Sarasota County only - and the camp is located in Manatee Coounty.

DeSoto County, the Council's "problem child" since the Royal Palm Council merger in 1937, was put on a "mail-service only" basis, on June 18, 1952. The county's troops and Scouters had never participated to any extent in the Council's activities, nor had it at any time made attempt to

carry its share of the financial burden, though several hundred dollars collected in the name of the Boy Scouts of America lay idle in an account in the DeSoto National Bank. Several building lots, willed to the "Arcadia Boy Scouts" were also available for sale.

The Board in October agreed to use the Edmond bequest to bridge Manatee River at camp, to open up the large wooded area on the peninsula for an Explorer camp.

A bequest from the estate of the late Oscar B. Mueller, amounting to \$1,267 was received in October, but action as to just how it should be used as postponed until a later date.

Among the year's activities were Explorer encampments at MacDill Air Force Base, Tampa, and the Jacksonville Naval Air Station, the placing of 400 "Register and Vote!" placards and of 16,000 "Vote!" door-knob hangers on the eve of Election Day. Other services, as usual were performed for several organizations.

1953

The camp bridge, built from the Edmond bequest at a cost of \$3,517, was completed in early June - but not according to the original design approved by the Corps of Army Engineers. It was to have been of the cable-suspension type, the designer assuring the Council that he could secure used cable from the Otis Elevator Company. Cable was unavailable, however, from this or any other source. This necessitated an application to the Corps of Engineers for approval of the bridge as built, with four pilings in the river's channel. The Engineers, after much correspondence and submission of new drawings, finally approved, but with considerable reluctance.

The designer had also made an error in his calculations as to the length of the bridge. When completed, the two ends lacked some eight feet of reaching the river banks. Scouters built the approaches of used lumber. The contractor, for his part, mis-calculated on the time it would take to build the bridge and it was not completed until three days after the Explorer camp began. Food and water, during that period, were sent by boat.

The bridge, by reason of poor design, poor workmanship and poor materials, continued to be a serious problem until the Summer of 1958, when, by Board action, it was condemned as dangerous and taken out of use.

224 Scouts attended the 1953 Summer camp, including thirteen Explorers at Camp Edmond, for a total of 337 boy-weeks.

Eighteen Scouts went to California for the Third National Jamboree, held at Irvine Ranch near Los Angeles. They were lead by U. S. Cleveland as Scoutmaster and E. V. Bailey, Assistant. The Scout Executive served as equipment

officer on the Region Six sectional staff.

A delegation of DeSoto County citizens, headed by Hugh G. Jones, Arcadia, appeared before the Executive Board at its September meeting. Jones said that Scouting had ceased to exist in the county since the day, fifteen months before, when it had been put on mail service. The group wished to reorganize the district and become a participating member of the Council. Convinced of the group's sincerity, it was "welcomed with open arms and without reservation".

1954

Extensive work was done on the camp in the Spring of the year. Using the Mueller bequest and a \$700 gift of the E. E. Bishop Foundation, a concrete-block building for the camp office and trading post, and a similarly constructed tool-storage and pump-house were built. Three of the sleeping cabins were moved to give a wider dispersal.

Through the efforts of long-time Board member and Council past-president George E. Judd, a \$2,500 donation from his firm of Judd & Detweiler was received. This was placed in the Reserve Account.

Walter M. Munroe, Council president for the seven years - 1938-1945 inclusive - died March 24, 1954. Following his retirement as President, he served as Sunny Land's representative on the National Council from 1946 to his death. He was a thoroughly good man. Much of the Council's present firm foundation is due to his thought, patience and effort.

Six troops sent a total of fourteen patrols to a joint camporee with the Gulf-Ridge Council at Bok Singing Tower, Lake Wales, in the late Spring. The affair was not too successful.

Nine Explorers, led by A. S. "Bill" Zoller, Bradenton, went to Philmont in July.

During this same month, Scouts collected a quantity of new and used uniforms and equipment and shipped these to the Scouts of South Korea.

After many months of careful investigation and planning the Sarasota District came before the September 28th meeting of the Board with a proposal. It was, in brief, to build a Council headquarters office on the North Tamiami Trail, Sarasota, on property to be had on long-term lease from the Florida Power and Light Company. It would use for the purpose, the Gumpertz Memorial Trust Fund, now amounting to \$7,210.17, the Alice Steele bequest which with accrued interest, amounted to \$550.77, and would secure whatever extra money might be needed from interested Sarasota citizens and businesses.

The Council headquarters having existed for many years in two small, hot and crowded rooms on the second floor of a

downtown Bradenton building, the offer was accepted enthusiastically. It was agreed that the new building should be known as the Gumpertz Memorial headquarters, and that the conference room, as the Alice L. Steele Memorial Room.

At the request of President Eisenhower, the year's National Good Turn was conservation. Sunny Land members carried through an astonishing number and variety of projects in this field.

1955

Summer camp attendance had grown to a point where additional accommodations were absolutely essential. Consequently, the shack that had been used as a handicraft shop was equipped with double-deck bunks, and the front wall of the dining hall was knocked out so that what had been a porch could be used for additional tables. 1954's Explorer camp in the wooded area on the peninsula, across the Edmond bridge, had proved unsuccessful. Only eight boys had attended. The tent camp there was therefore, expanded in 1955 to care for two Scout troops, and has been immensely popular ever since.

313 Scouts attended Flying Eagle during the Summer season - a new "high".

Four Explorers and a leader spent twelve days at Philmont.

Three Explorers and the Scout Executive attended the World Jamboree at Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario, Canada, in August.

"Growing pains also necessitated, on November 1st, the merger of the Peace River District with the Royal Palm District."

Herbert Braren, a contractor and one of the Council's most conscientious Board members, offered to take over and supervise the erection of the headquarters office building. Not content with this, he personally approached his friends in the builders' supply business and secured the necessary materials at cost. Other friends of Scouting contributed about \$2,000 in cash. Added to the memorial funds available, a building valued at more than \$15,000 resulted. Sufficient money remained to furnish it with new desks and equipment.

Work was begun on July 15th and the office was moved to the new building on September 26th. The first meeting held in the Steele Memorial Conference Room took place the following evening, when the Executive Board met there. The official dedication, with a reception and "open house", came on Sunday afternoon, November 27th.

1956

Eight Sunny Land Explorers and the Scout Executive joined with a group from a North Carolina Council for a trip to Cuba in July. A little over a week was spent in Havana and in touring the island.

Five Explorers and an adult leader went to Philmont and sixteen boys and leaders took part in the annual rendezvous at the Jacksonville Naval Air Station. 108 Explorers and leaders spent three days at MacDill Air Force Base, Tampa.

At the Annual meeting of December 11th, the elective year of the Council, until this time on a calendar-year basis, was changed to a September 1 - August 31 term, with annual meetings to be held in June. Officers and Board members elected at this December 11th meeting were to serve only until August 31, 1957.

21,000 door-knob hangers, in the shape of a Liberty Bell and reminding citizens of their duty to vote, were placed by Cubs, Scouts, and Explorers on Election Day eve.

There had been, for a long time, the need for some form of a dignified award on a District level, for Scouters that had rendered outstanding service. This need was met when, at this same annual meeting, authorization was given for a citation to be known as "The Live Oak Award." The requirements and qualifications for this were approved at the same session.

1957

A two-story structure that had once housed the pulpit and choir rooms of the Whitfield Estates Presbyterian Church - one of the country's first drive-in churches - was given to the Council early in the year and was moved to camp. The following year it was renovated, a porch added, furniture secured, and now serves as a "family cabin" for the wives and children of Scout leaders while the latter have their boys in camp.

The twenty-eight-year-old camp had had no major building replacements since its first season. The roofs and floors of the sleeping cabins were in such a state that, as one Board member put it, "We're now putting patches on the patches!"

The camping committee, with the enthusiastic help of Mr. George E. Judd had prepared a comprehensive brochure of camp needs, and this had been widely distributed. It was felt that if a "pilot model" troop-unit could be built and exhibited, it would help secure others. Mr. Judd gave approval, for this purpose, of the use of the \$2,734 Reserve that he had made possible in 1954. Modified adirondack-type shelters were contributed by the Bradenton Lions Club, the Sarasota Rotary Club and Mr. Lawrence K. Jennings, a wealthy

neighbor. The new unit was used that summer for the first time.

At the June annual meeting, the officers and Board members then in office were re-elected to serve a full year, beginning September 1st.

Thirty-three Scouts and four adult leaders attended the National Jamboree at Valley Forge, Pennsylvania, in July. The leaders were George E. Weeks, Scoutmaster; Fred Riegel, Jr., and Raymond Edge, Assistants, and the Scout Executive. The latter served as Commissary Officer on the Regional staff.

Camp Ropaco, built as a district weekend camp in 1944 by Royal Palm District citizens at a cost of some \$11,000 for land and buildings, had been the subject of lively controversy almost from its beginning. No caretaker living on the place, the elaborate cabins were the frequent targets of vandals, and less-desirable elements of surrounding communities used the camp for wild parties. There was also, at times, considerable pollution in the river where the boys swam, necessitating the erection of signs forbidding swimming.

At various times the Board was urged to dispose of the camp, but when word of this got back to Fort Myers, old-timers would "rise up". Conditions reached such a state in 1957 however, that the Board delivered an ultimatum to the District - take care of the place or the buildings would be torn down. At the October 7th meeting the Royal Palm District formally asked that the buildings be removed and the site maintained in a "raw state". The Board authorized this action.

Mrs. Marie Selby, Sarasota, widow of the late William P. Selby, offered \$10,000 with which to build two complete troop-camp units at Flying Eagle. This was announced at the November Board meeting. Coupled with it, was the additional offer from the trustees of the Selby Foundation of \$5,000 towards the building of a swimming pool at the camp. This was, however, conditioned upon the Council's securing the balance necessary (about \$31,000) within one year.

Mr. Lawrence Jennings, owner of an estate adjoining the camp on the east, wished possession of one acre of the Council's lease, nearest to his house, offering in exchange five acres that were, from the camp's standpoint, very much more desirable. The "swap" was effected in November.

The year closed on a happy note. Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Anderson, of Chicago and Fort Myers Beach, gave their 34-foot boat, with a replacement value of \$35,000, to the Council to be sold and the proceeds used for camp improvements.

The Council's major "Good Turn" project of the year came in early December when a used-clothing drive was put on for Goodwill Industries of St. Petersburg. An estimated 19,750 bags of material were collected.

1958

The two new troop-camp units furnished by Mrs. Selby were completed in January and used that summer.

The winter and spring were the coldest and most miserable in the memory of the oldest Florida resident. There just wasn't any market for boats, no matter how fine nor at what price. The Board was compelled to dispose of the Anderson vessel for \$10,000.

The annual three-day encampment at MacDill Air Base, which, year after year, had greater attendance, brought our 137 Explorers and leaders for the September affair.

Concluding the national safety "Good Turn" project, the boys distributed 20,000 Home Emergency pamphlets for the Civil Defense Authority in October.

Only about \$12,000 of the necessary \$31,000 for the camp pool having been secured by the November 10th dead-line, President Harmon asked for and secured a six-month extension from the trustees of the Selby Foundation.

1959

This year opened on a note of sadness with the tragic death, on January 10th, of Gordon B. Knowles, Jr., in an automobile accident. He was an Eagle Scout, had served as a camp staff member and was a member of the Executive Board, serving several terms as chairman of the camping committee. He was to have been given his 15-year veteran award at the Recognition Dinner that fell on the evening of the day of his funeral.

Six weeks later, on February 22nd, Judge W. T. Harrison, another Scouter of many years service, died. The judge, active since 1922 had been one of the 1925 organizers of the Sunny Land Council. He served two terms as president, 1928-9, during which time Camp Flying Eagle was purchased and built. He was president of a special corporation set up to hold title to the property. Later he became Council Commissioner - a post that he held until 1944. He rarely missed a Board meeting during his nineteen years of active service.

A new, all-time mebership peak was achieved on March 31st, when for the first time, 2,900-boy point was passed and still another peak was reached the following month when 2,933 boys, plus 1,191 adult leaders were reached.

On May 4th, realization of a twenty-five-year dream was made possible through a \$10,000 gift from the Selby Foundation of Sarasota. This contribution, plus those of several other individuals and companies, and utilizing the \$10,000 resulting from the sale of Mr. Anderson's boat made possible the building of the much-needed swimming pool at

Camp Flying Eagle. Construction began the following day.

The camp swimming pool, though not completed, was used for the first time on Saturday morning, June 27th, when second-week campers got in for a 10-minute "dip". It was used by the third- and fourth-week campers and then closed down completely until work could be completed and State Board of Health approval secured.

In November, a "college preview" for Explorers was held at the University of Florida, Gainesville. Forty-four boys and eleven adult leaders attended the three-day affair.

Roy L. Henderson, Jr., formerly of the Philadelphia Council, was employed as District Executive for the Royal Palm District, on December first. Russell Hild, who had served that district for six years was moved to the Manatee District and became its first District Executive.

When Christopher Key joined Troop 17, Bradenton, early in December, he became the Council's 3,000th member. He was the grandson of Charles N. Wilson, who served the Sunny Land Council as Executive from 1929 until May, 1935.

The year closed with a boy-membership of 3,109, plus 1,255 adult leaders - a 9.8% net increase for the year.

1960

The year's activities began with the Council's annual Recognition Dinner, held in Fort Myers on January 12th, with more than 160 persons in attendance.

The drive for used clothing for the Goodwill Industries was a Scout Week activity and resulted in the collection of 17,365 bags of material.

Seventy-two Explorers and leaders attended a three-day Explorer Encampment at MacDill Air Force Base, Tampa, February 26-28th.

A twenty-two-foot boat donated by Mr. Harold J. Cruger, Sarasota, was sold for \$2,000 and the money used to make up an operating fund deficit.

Sarasota packs and troops put on a most successful "Scouting in Acting" show in the Municipal Auditorium, in May. A net profit of about \$700 resulted. The money was used to buy a new movie projector, filmstrip projector, electric duplicating machine and five used rowboats for camp.

Eleven Sea Explorers and two leaders of Fort Myers attended the six-day Explorer Rendezvous at the Jacksonville Naval Air Station in June.

Extensive work was done at Camp Flying Eagle before the opening of the Summer camp season. Among these projects were the re-roofing of the dining hall; re-plowing of our fire lanes; building a road to the Family Cabin; and grading and rebuilding the Council Ring.

New camp projects were as follows:

Scouts and leaders of Troop 83, Fort Myers, built a fine

obstacle course that will serve for many years;

The Bradenton Kiwanis Club built a rifle range;

The Sarasota Rotary Club provided funds with which to build an outdoor camp chapel on the bank by Hidden Lake. This, by action of the Executive Board, was named the "Gordon B. Knowles, Jr., Memorial Chapel". It was consecrated as such on Sunday evening, June 26th, by the Rev. Fred T. Kyle, Bradenton, rector of the late Gordon Knowles' church. Members of the Knowles family attended.

The camp swimming pool, begun in May, 1959, by the Burgstiner Construction Co., was a continuing problem and source of expense. It had not been built according to plans and specifications that had been approved by the State Board of Health, so except for the last two weeks of the 1959 camp when it had been used without Board approval, it stood idle. Repeated telephone calls to, and meetings with Burgstiner resulting in no action, the Council Executive Board authorized completion of the work by outside contractors. The Board of Health gave its approval just in time for the opening of the 1960 season on Sunday, June 12th.

The season was the most successful in the camp's history. A five-week season was necessary to accomodate all of the campers, 394 of whom attended for a total of 475 camper-weeks. Twenty troops came under their own adult leadership. Accomplishments, too, in the matter of advancement, etc., were outstanding.

The first step in a continuing camp conservation program was undertaken, with the thinning out of 500 pines. These were sold for pulp-wood.

The Council's Annual Meeting was held at camp on Wednesday, July 6th. Elected as officers for the new year beginning September 1st, were as follows:

President	William G. Price	Fort Myers re-elected
1st Vice-president	James Spencer, Jr.	Sarasota
2nd Vice-president	Judge Robert Hensley	Bradenton re-elected
3rd Vice-president	George Sanders	Fort Myers
Treasurer	Jack B. O'Neill	Sarasota re-elected
Commissioner	Chester Armstrong	Bradenton re-elected

A full-time Camp Ranger was employed for the first time, in the latter part of July. He was John Kellogg.

This being the 50th Anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America, several special activities in commemoration of the event took place; a Golden Jubilee camporee was held at Warm Mineral Springs, on Saturday and Sunday, July 23-24th, with 223 Scouts from twenty-one troops participating. On Saturday, the 23rd, nineteen Cub packs staged Cub Field Days. 493 Cubs participated.

The Fifth National Scout Jamboree was held at Colorado Springs, Colorado, from July 22nd to 28th, inclusive. Forty-three Scouts of the Sunny Land Council participated - Thirty-seven in our own troop and six addition being sent with other councils. Mr. Frederick Riegel, Jr., served as Scoutmaster

of our troop. Assistant Scoutmasters were Charles Robertson and Don Hassler.

Saturday, September 10th, will be a life-time memory for thousands of Florida West Coast residents. On that day, the most destructive hurricane in the experience of the oldest inhabitants struck. Originating off the coast of Africa near Dakar, it had spent nearly two weeks crossing the Atlantic to the Florida Keys. It leveled Marathon, skirted around Cape Sable, and then curved North and Northeast. It came in from the Gulf with winds up to 180-mile-per-hour in gusts. Everglades City, Naples, Bonita Springs, and Fort Myers felt the full force of the storm and damage was terrific. Fortunately, only two lives were lost. The "eye" of the storm passed over Fort Myers, with a calm that lasted an hour and a quarter.

Further North, the Storm's force was felt with lighter effect and consequently less damage. Punta Gorda, Englewood, Venice, Sarasota and Bradenton lost trees and had roofs ripped off.

Flying Eagle lost somewhere between 200 and 300 trees. One fell across the hood of the Camp Ranger's car. Camp building damage however, was negligible.

The storm "played hob" with the fall activities scheduled. Several had to be postponed until after Scouters could get their businesses straightened out and things back on an even keel. Twice-postponed Senior Patrol Leaders' and Commissioners' training courses were finally held at camp the week-end of December 3-4th.

As the year drew to a close, word came that the Bradenton Kiwanis Club proposed to build a new dining hall at camp to replace the 31-year-old structure provided, in 1929, by the Bradenton Rotary Club. The Selby Foundation of Sarasota, which had previously contributed \$10,000 toward the cost of the swimming pool, agreed to give \$3,400 for kitchen and dining hall equipment.

Preliminary, unofficial, figures indicated that the November 30, 1960 boy-membership would exceed 3,500. If this were so, it would represent a net increase of more than 500 boys in a twelve-month period.

HIGH-LIGHTS OF 1961

The year opened on two unpleasant notes: one, the aftermath of an unauthorized trip to Guatemala which Troop 37, Fort Myers, had made in August 1960, and second, actions of Jack Kellogg, Camp Ranger, resulting in his dismissal by the Council's Personnel Committee. The Scoutmaster and Assistant of Troop 37 were also dismissed and barred from further participation in Scouting. The firing of Kellogg generated a considerable amount of dissention among Bradenton and Sarasota troop leaders, who had built up a considerable personal loyalty to him.

The Council's 33rd Annual Recognition Dinner was held at the Sarasota Municipal Auditorium on January 16, with 266 persons in attendance.

"Scouting In Action" shows were staged in Sarasota and Fort Myers in the early spring. The latter was highly successful, bringing out a total attendance of some 5,000 persons.

The Council's area-wide Good Turn was again, the annual drive for clothing for the Goodwill Industries.

Under the leadership of Richard Hinze, Executive Board member, a Trust Fund was established in the Palmer First National Bank, Sarasota, in May.

On March 7, the Bradenton Kiwanis Club broke ground at Camp Flying Eagle for the fine \$27,000 dining hall it was building for the camp. It was completed in time for camp's opening on June 11 and formally dedicated on the 27th, when about 60 Kiwanians attended and had supper with the campers.

The Selby Foundation, Sarasota, furnished over \$4,000 worth of equipment for the dining hall and its kitchen.

The summer camp season had the largest attendance in the camp's history. Twenty-eight troops came under their own adult leadership and a total of 521 camper-weeks was achieved.

A lodge of the Order of the Arrow was chartered in July, with fifteen Scouts, five adult leaders, and the professional staff as charter members. First initiation of members took place the last two nights of camp, July 13-14.

A Philmont Expedition, by chartered bus, had thirty-four older Scouts and Explorers and three adult leaders in attendance in June and early July.

Robert Tye, District Executive for Sarasota County, resigned as of August 15th and was replaced by Hugh McPherson who reported on the job as of September 1st.

President William G. Price, Fort Myers, completed a most successful two-year term of office on September 1, and was succeeded by James G. Spencer Jr., Sarasota.

The largest-attended camporee in the Council's history was held at Warm Springs, the weekend of October 13-15. An estimated 407 scouts, adult leaders, and judges took part.

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On the same weekend, sixty-six Explorers and fifteen adult leaders went to the Homestead Air Force Base for an encampment. A visit was paid to Everglades National Park enroute home.

Biggest problem of the Council's year was that of finance. Every possible resource was tapped. When the Council still faced ending the fiscal year with a \$1,500 deficit, Finance Chairman George Sanders, Fort Myers, came to the rescue again, as he had several times in past years, with a contribution of this amount. Through his generosity, the fiscal year ended "in the black."

End of the previous year (1960) had disclosed a total boy-membership of 3,668 - by far the highest in the Council's history and an 18% increase during that calendar year. Membership fell steadily through 1961, however, until the end of August when a "low" of 3,368 was reached. An upturn then began, with a real spurt on November and December. The year closed with a December 31 membership of 3,815 boys, a net increase of 4.1%. the increase in total units however, was only nine.

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 to the Council's Trust Fund.

In April, nine and one-tenth acres of 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 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.

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

HIGHLIGHTS OF 1963

Joseph D. Edwards came on the staff as Royal Palm District Executive on March 1st. He took the place of Roy Henderson who left the District in December, 1962.

Mrs. Larence K. Jennings, who owns the Blue Bird Ranch that adjoins Camp Flying Eagle on the east, wrote that she and Mr. Jennings had made provision in their will for the gift of the acreage in the bend of the river to the Council upon their death. (Accompanying this letter was a check for \$1,000 to help with the Council's operating expenses!)

On Memorial Day, Scout Clayton "Scotty" Spainhower of Troop 51, Tice, saved 9-year-old Herbert Briggs from drowning. the National Council's Certificate of Heroism was presented young Spainhower on November 25th.

Camp Flying Eagle opened its 33rd season on June 16th. Originally scheduled to operate for five weeks it became necessary to lengthen the season to six, and the attendance set a new all-time record --- 524 different Scouts attended for a total of 540 camper weeks (not counting staff members). The thirty-two troops that came under their own adult leadership also set a new record.

A new camp health lodge was to have been completed in the early spring but was finally ready for use three days before the season closed. The fine building was made possible by the donations of a great many individuals, clubs and businesses.

Thirty older Scouts and Explorers, accompanied by three adult leaders, participated in the Council's annual trip to Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico in August.

Rank advancements also set a new record in 1963. They numbered 1,984 as compared with 1,792 the preceding year.

Membershipwise, the Council did not do so well, with a net loss of five units and 181 boys. Losses were due primarily to an inflated boy-membership at the end of 1962. A great many units were hastily organized in the Royal Palm District in December, 1961. Most of these were active for but a few months and did not resume meeting after the school vacation. The registration procedure however, did not permit their being dropped until the spring of 1963. This was only the second time in seventeen years that year-ending membership dropped.

HIGHLIGHTS OF 1964

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 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. Thrity-four troops attended with their own adult leadership.

A full troop of thirty-seven Scouts and three leaders attended the Sixth National Jamboree at Valley Forge, Pennsylvania, in July. Two additional Scouts could not be accomodated in our troop, so were sent with the Gulf stream Council delegation.

Thirty-four Scouts, plus sixty-seven adult leaders, took part in the annual Rose 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-propogation pond. Funds for the 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 a twenty-eight-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 thirty-nine Eagle awards 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 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 inncrease of 11.5% in boy-membership and 19.3% in total units over the preceding December 31st.

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

HIGHLIGHTS OF 1965

Among the outstanding attainments of the year was most certainly the organization of the Collier District, and the selection of an outstanding District Committee and Executive to serve it.

Four of our fine Scouts were awarded certificates of merit by the National Council for having saved life -- two boys were saved from drowning and a woman was pulled from a burning house.

Summer camp attendance again set a new high mark -- 565 paid camper-weeks. Thirty-five of our Scout troops attended under their own leadership. Camp inspections by National officials resulted in our scoring ninety-five points out of a possible one hundred. Our two fish-propagation ponds at camp were stocked with Bream, and several other conservation projects were carried out.

We had thirty Scouts and Explorers plus three adult leaders in our annual expedition to Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico.

Forty Scouts attained the rank of Eagle -- again, another new record.

Our most successful commissioner training course to date was put on by our Council Commissioner H. Grady Moore, in September.

The Sarasota district staged a Scout Circus and the Royal Palm District a Scouting-in-Action Show in the Spring.

December 31st saw the highest boy-membership in the Council's history -- 4,697 -- and increase of 4.8% over 1964. The increase in the number of Scouting units was 4.2%.

DETAILS SURROUNDING THE ACQUISITION OF THE PROPERTY KNOWN AS
"CAMP FLYING EAGLE", PRESENTLY OPERATED BY THE SUNNY LAND
COUNCIL OF THE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

The Sunny Land Council was organized at a meeting in the Oaks Hotel, Palmetto, on December 11, 1925.

Late in 1925 the 140-acre tract, now known as Flying Eagle, was found and it was determined that, since it is on high ground, heavily timbered and contains a lot of jungle area, it would be an ideal campsite. The Council was however, only three years old. It had never been incorporated and consisted of but a single county, Manatee, and had a very small Scout membership. The National Council of the Boy Scouts of America which issues a charter, renewable annually, to Scout councils, has a stipulation in its constitution and bylaws that, should a council dissolve for any reason, its property will be taken over and administered by the National Council until a new council can be organized to take its place.

The Executive board members of the Sunny Land Council were skeptical of this provision and feared that should the Sunny Land Council, in its weak state, have to dissolve the National Council might take over the property and sell it. It decided therefore, to organize a corporation to hold title to this property. This corporation, known as "The Manatee County Boys Development Association", was organized and the record shows in the Record of Corporations, Book D, pages 248 and 249, in the Manatee County Court House.

The officers of the corporation were officers and members of the Executive Board of the Sunny Land Council for the year of 1929. Incorporators were Judge W. T. Harrison, who was president of the Scout council, was president of the Manatee County Boys Development Association; Dan S. Blalock Sr., who was council treasurer was named secretary-treasurer of the corporation. Other members of the council board named as incorporators were L. F. Vaught, S. E. Simmons, who were council vice-president; A. F. Wyman, the council's representative on the National Council; Harry C. Groff, who was Scout Commissioner and Scouters R. B. Whitney, O. W. Shelton, D. L. Thorpe, W. H. Tucker and J. P. Harllee. Of these, at the moment, only L. F. Vaught, D. L. Thorpe Sr., Dan S. Blalock, O. W. Shelton and Harry Groff survive, so far as can be learned.

The property was purchased by the Manatee County Development Association on January 19, 1929, for \$2,000. It was purchased from a Mrs. Minnie Harris. A mortgage was given for this, or at least a portion of it, and the money for the balance was to be raised by individual donations. The plan was that individuals and businesses would buy individual acres at a suggested figure of \$15 per acre, but

any amount was gratefully accepted.

The Satisfaction of Mortgage is in our file and is dated December 15, 1931. This Satisfaction of Mortgage was filed for record on January, 1932 and appears in Satisfaction of Mortgage, Book W, page 60, in the Manatee County Court House.

A paragraph from the Minutes of the meeting of the Executive Board of January 10, 1930, reads as follows: "A. F. Wyman, for the Finance Committee, reported receipt of \$1,000 from Manatee County, but stated in view of the fact that note and interest on the campsite must be paid out of it, little would be left for operations, and that it would be necessary to secure additional funds immediately." Continuing the paragraph, "A discussion of the suscriptions for camp acreage followed and on motion, the committee was authorized to proceed with collection of pledges. The president named on this committee W. J. Wray, George T. Blakely, D. L. Thorpe. It was also voted that a committee be appointed to handle the matter of putting on an entertainment to raise additional funds. A. F. Wyman, George B. Gallop and L. F. Vaught were appointed on this committee."

Minutes of a special meeting of the Executive Board held March 3, 1930, read as follows: "A special meeting of the Executive Board of the Sunny Land Council was held this date pusuant to a call issued by the committee handling the camp acreage proposition. President R. B. Whitney presiding, S. E. Simmons, H. C. Groff, A. F. Wyman, O. W. Shelton, W. J. Wray, Charles Wilson, Scout Executive. Prospect cards were distributed to the members. the Finance Committee was authorized to negotiate a loan of \$300 for 90 days, contingent upon at least ten members of the Board endorsing the note. The members present all signed and the Scout Executive was directed to secure additional signatures."

At the meeting of March 13, (a regular meeting of the Board), a paragraph states that George T. Blakely reported sale of camp acreage and he lists four individuals and the Deekle furniture Company as each purchasing one acre. three of them paid \$15 each, one had paid \$10 and one \$5 - a total of \$60. Harry Groff reported at the same meeting that he had a number of pledges.

At the meeting of March 27 of the Executive Board, it was reported that two, E. G. Grimes and D. M. Courtney, had purchased camp acreage that totaled \$25, and that Mr. Simmons reported pledges of about \$60 and R. B. Whitney, of \$40.

The Board meeting of April 10 of the Executive Board of the Sunny Land Council had Mr. S. E. Simmons reporting seven purchases of pledges of \$15 each - a total of \$105, of which \$55 was in cash. The Scout Executiver was directed to turn over to the treasurer all pledge cards, with the request that he collect all payments due.

Among the recommendations of the Scout Executive to the Executive Board, dated April 10, 1930, was this: further developments of Camp Flying Eagle, particularly in waterfront equipment and fire protection. This to be done before the 1930 summer camp season opened.

The finance report for the first quarter of the 1930 shows under "Miscellaneous" that a note was paid amounting to \$200. Under "Liabilities Outstanding" is a note held by the First National Bank for \$300. This presumably was the \$300 note, referred to earlier, that was signed by ten members of the Executive Board for Flying Eagle payment on mortgage.

The meeting of May 8, 1930 has this paragraph. George T. Blakely reported on acreage sales as follows: Lincoln Marine and the Pearce Drug Company had each pledged \$15.

At that same meeting of May 8, the Scout Executive reported that preparations for camp were being pushed, that working parties were going to Flying Eagle every Saturday, that it would not be necessary to spend much money in preparation; but a truck is needed, some gas lamps, and at least two more sleeping cabins should be built.

That it was the intention of the Manatee County Boys Development Association to simply hold title to the property for the Sunny Land Council is borne out by the fact that the financing was done entirely through the Executive Board and the Council. Further, the Minutes of the Board meeting of June 13 read: "The request of the Girl Scouts for the use of Camp Flying Eagle for the period of July 13 through July 27 was granted." It is very evident that the Council had control over the use of the camp in the year 1930 at least. This is still further borne out by a paragraph in the Minutes of the meeting of July 12, 1930, of the Executive Board of the Sunny Land Council. This reads as follows: "The Kiwanis Club having requested the use of Camp Flying Eagle for the month of August for a camp for underprivileged children, this request was granted." The Board then names a special committee of the Board to prepare rules for the use of the campsite for organizations other than Scout troops. This committee was composed of W. H. Tucker, A. F. Wyman and W. T. Harrison.

Nearly two pages of the Scout Executive's report on the 1930 Camp Flying Eagle season, dated July 23rd, are devoted to work that was done at the camp in improving facilities, etc., and work which was done by Scouters and the camp staff.

The financial report for the year 1930 given at the annual meeting of the Council on December 30 of that year, shows an item under "Capital Expense," "camp property, total expenditures, \$420.72; special receipts, \$434.50."

A paragraph from the minutes of the Executive Board meeting of March 20, 1931: "After a discussion of ways and means for raising funds to meet a note due on the campsite, the Executive was directed to get in touch with A. F. Wyman, Chairman of the Camping Committee, as soon as possible in reference to putting on a show suggested by J. C. Huey of Sarasota.

The minutes of the Board Meeting of May 22, 1931 state that Mr. Wyman reported that the Rotary Club would sponsor an entertainment to be put on by the orchestra and the students of the high school on June 5 for benefit of payments on the campsite. Minutes of the Executive Board of June 12 state

that approximately \$250 had been raised for the campsite fund by this Rotary Club entertainment.

At the meeting of June 26, Mr. Wyman reported that the Rotary Club had contributed \$200 to the acreage fund and requested authority to have a voucher issued for the balance of the 1931 payment. This was granted.

The minutes of October 27, 1931 state that the finance committee reported the Diamond Ball Association had turned over to the treasurer of the Scout Council \$128 to be used in the construction of a sanitary latrine at Flying Eagle.

Minutes of the meeting of November 13, 1931, in a paragraph therefrom, Mr. Wyman announced that the Rotary Club would sponsor an entertainment in February 1932, the proceeds of which would be given for Camp Flying Eagle.

This paragraph, from the Scout Executive's report at the Annual Meeting of the Sunny Land Council held on December 15, 1931, reads as follows: "It should be of interest to the community in general to know that Camp Flying Eagle was used this year by the Girl Scouts, the 4-H Club boys and the Kiwanis Health Camp. No charge was made these organizations for the use of the campsite." It would appear that the Council, while not having title to Camp Flying Eagle - this being vested in the Manatee County Boys Development Association, whose officers were the same as those of the Sunny Land Council - had the direct responsibility of allowing the camp's use or disallowing such use by other organizations.

This paragraph is from the report of the camping committee made at this same annual meeting of December 15, 1931: "We expect to make the final payment on the camp ground before January 1st." It mentions two entertainments to be given in February of the following year then goes on to say: "The income of both of these entertainments is to be used in improving the camp grounds."

The minutes of the Executive Board of the Sunny Land Council of January 8, 1932 state: "For the camping committee, A. F. Wyman reported that Birch, magician, would put on a performance on February 6 for the benefit of Camp Flying Eagle. The funds to be used for fencing the grounds." (Incidentally, the minutes of the following meeting of February 12 state that \$4.75 was received from this Birch entertainment, so it is doubtful if very much fencing was done!)

At a meeting of the Executive Board on September 8, 1933, George L. King, a Board member, was appointed to look into the possibility of the Sunny Land Council's obtaining title to the Camp Flying Eagle property from the Manatee County Boys Development Association. The latter, as I stated before, was composed of members of the Executive Board of January 1929.

The following month, in response to his inquiry, King had a letter from the National Council stating that it would never, under any circumstances, take over the property as its own; only, should the Sunny Land Council ever dissolve, hold

VIII

"WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?" - A LOOK AHEAD

Florida's phenomenal population growth in the past decade makes almost any sort of prediction mere "guesswork". The Florida Power and Light Company, one of the State's most progressive and far-seeing enterprises, completed, in 1946, a generating plant of 18,000 k.w. capacity. Located in Sarasota, it was designed to serve the entire lower West Coast and was thought to be ample to serve the needs for ten years. Three and a half years later, however, the capacity was increased by 20,000 k.w. Now a plant of more than four times its capacity, 165,000 k.w., has just been put into operation near Fort Myers.

The Sunny Land Council did not achieve a membership of one thousand boys until February, 1944 - thirty-four years after the first Scout troop was organized. The two-thousand-boy membership mark was reached in April, 1954 - just ten years later. The April 30th, 1959 membership was 2,933 boys and there seems little doubt but that the the three-thousandth boy will be registered before the close of the year. Thirty-four years to attain the first thousand, ten years to the second and six years the third!

The Statistical Service of the National Council, Boy Scouts of America, gave to the Sunny Land Council in 1952, the former's carefully-worked-out estimates of the latter's annual boy-crop. These estimates, based on the 1950 Federal Census, took into account the national increased birth-rate and normal migration of the population.

The writer, at the suggestion of his Executive Board, made a survey on May 1, 1957 of all schools in the Council's territory. This disclosed that there were actually in school, that day, nearly double the number of Cub-, Scout-, and Explorer-age boys than the National Council's prediction! The increase ranged from 84% in Manatee County schools to 95% in Sarasota County schools.

Perhaps an even more dramatic picture of the West Coast's expansion lies in the increase in passenger car registrations since 1950. The latest figures available at the moment are those for 1957, published April 14th, 1958 - a year ago. Increases for the eight-year period are as follows:

Manatee County	108.7%
Lee County	128.3%
Charlotte County	151.9%
Sarasota County	155.0%
Collier County	471.8%

For the future, a recent Kiplinger Institute prediction is for 33% growth for the State for the next five years, a 74% population growth within ten years. Sarasota County is expected to increase by 111% in that period and Manatee County by 74%. Estimates are not given for the other counties of the Council.

In an effort to see into the immediate future, a Council Planning Committee was appointed in the summer of 1958. Its chairman was James G. Spencer Jr., Division Manager of the Florida Power and Light Company. Serving with him were Wilburn Leonhardt, Fort Myers banker, and Dallas W. Dort, rancher. The latter was, for many years, one of the U. S. state Department's experts on Far Eastern affairs, especially in the field of economics. He was the author of the Truman Point Four Program of Economic Aid to Asiatic countries. All three men of the committee were well-equipped for their job of plotting the Sunny Land Council's probable growth and needs.

The committee's report, submitted at the November 24, 1958 meeting predicted a boy-membership of at least 4,700 by December 31, 1963, requiring no less than 188 units to adequately accomodate these boys. A professional staff of five men and an office staff of four would be needed, and a budget of \$57,450.00 would be necessary for 1963 operations.

Fortunately, our Council camp will present no problem for several years. Its long-range plan is geared to thirty-year needs.

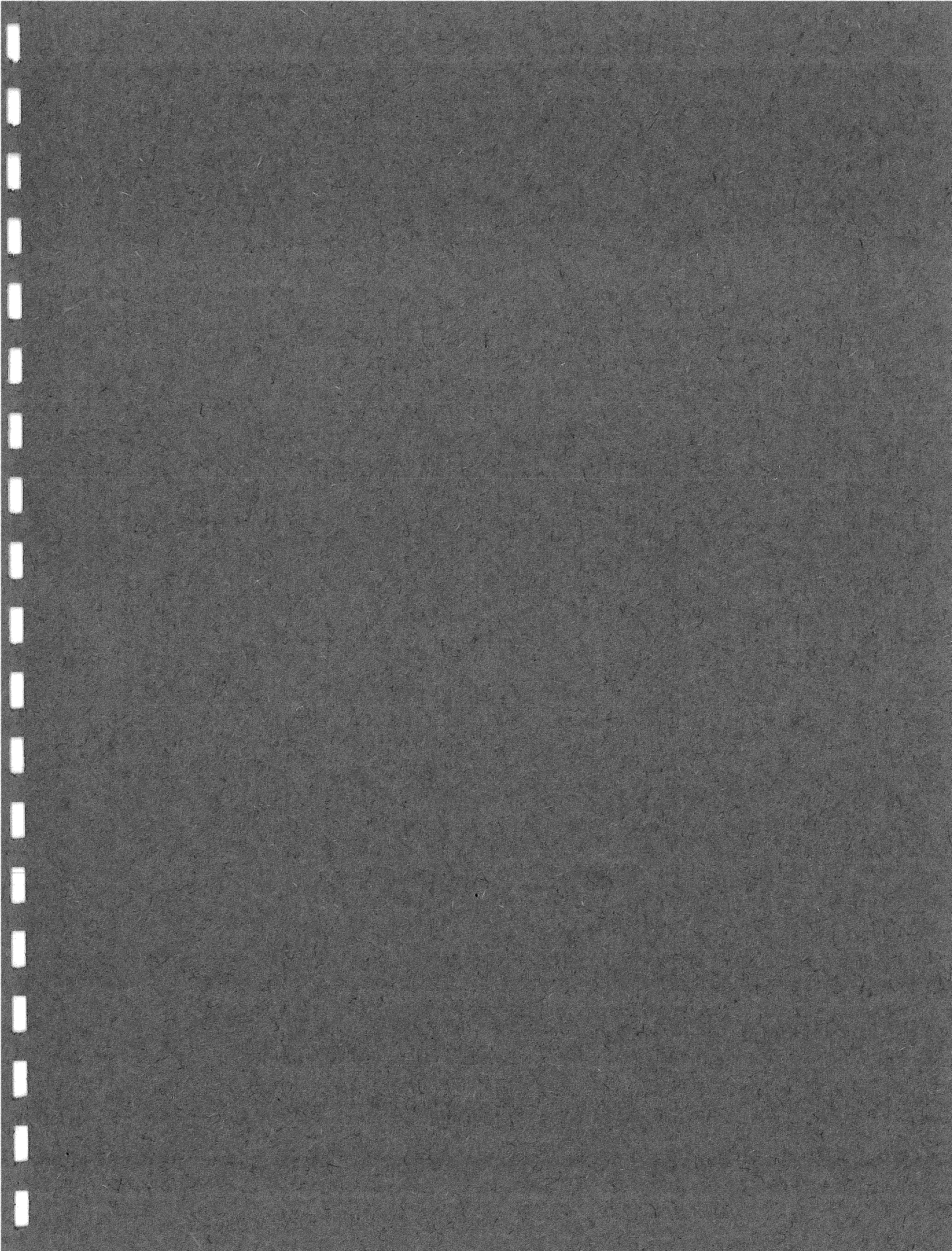
South Florida's "senior citizen" economy is already presenting a financial problem to the council. Most retirees arrive with small pensions, adequate for modest living but with not much left over for Community Chest pledges or Boy Scout contributions.

The retired folks are past the child-bearing and child-rearing stages. Their child-interests are centered on grandchildren and Scouting no longer has a direct and very personal appeal.

For every thousand increase in senior citizens, however, there must be a smaller increase in younger persons to serve their needs - from physicians and grocerymen to radio and TV servicemen. These have children of Scouting age but, frequently, not too much money.

South Florida has no heavy industry and most residents want to keep it that way. As a consequence, we do not have the large payrolls that go with mills and manufacturing plants.

Other limiting factors are great dependence on the tourist and vegetable crops. The 1957-8 "recession" in the North resulted in a much smaller tourist season. To make matters worse, the winter of 1957-8 was Florida's coldest in sixty years. It not only wiped out most of the winter and spring vegetable and citrus crops, it drove back home many of the tourists who had the money to spend the winter here. (Few Florida hotels have heating plants adequate for severe cold.)



A P P E N D I X

COUNCIL PRESIDENTSSUNNY LAND COUNCIL

1926-7	C. E. Hitchings, Sarasota
1928-9	Judge William T. Harrison, Palmetto
1930-1	Robert B. Whitney, Bradenton
1932-6	Daniel L. Thorpe Sr., Bradenton
1937	Paul W. Bergman, Sarasota
1938	George B. Gallup, Bradenton
1939-45	Walter N. Munroe, Sarasota
1946-7	James A. Franklin Sr., Fort Myers
1948-50	C. Rowland Shannon, Bradenton
1951-2	George E. Judd, Fort Myers
1953-5	Dallas W. Dort, Sarasota
1956-9	W. M. Harmon, Sarasota
1960-1	William G. Price, Fort Myers

SARASOTA COUNCIL

1929	C. E. Hitchings
1930	Guy M. Ragan
1931	William E. Whiteside and C. E. Hitchings
1932	C. E. Hitchings or Ralph C. Caples

ROYAL PALM COUNCIL

1926-8	*A. L. Williams
1928-30	George F. Kinzie
1930-6	Richmond Dean

* - The above is from the recollections of former Scout Executive H. O. Kight. N. G. Stout, Fort Myers, in a letter to the writer dated May 13, 1942, says that he was Council president, 1927-8. An article of the period appearing in the Fort Myers "News-Press", gives W. O. Sparklin as president in 1927.

COUNCIL EXECUTIVESROYAL PALM COUNCIL

John Denton	December, 1925 - January, 1927
H. O. Kight	January, 1927 - June, 1936

SARASOTA COUNCIL

Russell Woodfin	March, 1928 - December, 1931
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SUNNY LAND COUNCIL

Truman Horton	December, 1925 - February 28, 1929
Charles N. Wilson	March 15, 1929 - May 15, 1935
George M. Riley	May 15, 1935 - July 18, 1935 (died in office)
James A. Gaskin	August 8, 1935 - January 15, 1941
Fred L. Treat	January 16, 1941 - May 31, 1966 (retired)

FIELD EXECUTIVES

John L. Shutt	December 15, 1940 - October 2, 1942 (to Navy)
Robert L. Holladay	January 1, 1943 - December 31, 1943 (to Army)
Donovan B. Benzie	January 24, 1944 - March 31, 1945 (to business)
William R. Ennis	January 16, 1946 - February 15, 1948 (to Executive, Columbus, Ga.)
LeRoy H. Starrett	May 1, 1948 - February 28, 1951 (to Field Executive, Albany, Ga.)
Robert C. Gordon	April 1, 1951 - December 31, 1953 (to Field Executive, Wilson, N. C.)
Russell G. Hild	December 22, 1953 - April 15, 1966 (died)
Charles E. Tonkin	January 1, 1956 - July 15, 1957 (to business)
Robert L. Mosley	July 1, 1957 - October 6, 1960 (to District Executive, Miami, Fla.)
John Robert Tye	December 5, 1960 - August 15, 1961

S I L V E R B E A V E R A W A R D S

1931	Ernest L. Prior, Fort Myers
	<hr/> Grover C. Parsons, Punta Gorda
	Daniel L. Thorpe Sr., Bradenton
	Judge William T. Harrison, Palmetto
1932	Richmond Dean, Fort Myers
	George T. Blakely, Palmetto
1933	L. D. Roberts, Bradenton
1934	W. A. Neal, Arcadia
	Paul Bergman, Sarasota
1937	George B. Gallup, Bradenton
1938	Frank Stewart, Sarasota
1939	Albert L. Yarn, Sarasota
1940	Chesley F. Perry, Fort Myers
1941	Arthur E. Esthus, Sarasota
	Fred H. Gould, Bradenton
1942	J. Bryant Fugate, Boca Grande
1943	Walter N. Munroe, Sarasota
1944	George E. Judd, Fort Myers
1946	Thomas H. Burgess, Fort Myers
1947	Fred L. Betterton, Fort Myers
1948	Dr. Luther B. King, Bradenton
1949	Martin J. O'Neill Jr., Sarasota
1950	C. Rowland Shannon, Bradenton
1951	Charles N. Wilson, Bradenton
1952	Walter D. Moody, Fort Myers
1953	U. S. Cleveland, Punta Gorda
1954	Chester W. Armstrong, Bradenton
1955	Jack B. O'Neill, Sarasota

S I L V E R B E A V E R A W A R D S

1956 Ralph Lawrence, Sarasota

1959 C. S. Bridenbaugh Jr., Bradenton
Dr. James G. Goodyear, Fort Myers
~~Judge John D. Justice, Sarasota~~

1960 Philip Nuss, Sarasota
Clarence Harvey, Bradenton
Waymon England, Fort Myers

1951 EAGLE SCOUTS

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NAME	TROOP NO.	ADDRESS	CITY
Charles William Alvord	12	302 6th Ave. E.	Bradenton
Robert Clutz	18		Ft. Myers
Jimmy Harrison	4	1700 4th St.	Falmetto
Leonard Henary	13	14 Julia Ave.	Ft. Myers
Harold Hudson	18	R.F.L. C	Ft. Myers
William Burns King	1	2615 Riverview Blvd.	Bradenton
Lon Harry Laurent II	8✓	1209 S. Osprey Ave.	sarasota
Robert John Nealy	FO. 1✓	27 Wallace Ave.	sarasota
Franklin Reed	8✓	Higle Ave.	sarasota
E. B. Wheaton	18	1037 Madison Ave.	Ft. Myers

1952 EAGLE SCOUTS

NAME	TROOP NO.	ADDRESS	TOWN
Ronald Ayers	15✓	305 Oak St.	Sarasota
Ordon Blazer	18	2200 McGregor Blvd.	Ft. Myers
Mike Bridenbaugh, III	Ship 2	3202 6th Ave. W.	Bradenton
Wesley Cleaves	18	R.F.D. #2	Ft. Myers
Monte E. Cleveland	Post 21✓	Box 608 Maine Colony	Sarasota
Lewight Cole	18		Tice
Wace Coleman	Ship 1	1817 Euclid Ave.	Ft. Myers
Lewitt Harrison	18	R.F.D. #1 Bigger Farms	Ft. Myers
Mickey Harrison	4	330 12th Ave.	Palmetto
Allan Horton	1	P. O. Box 958	Bradenton
Fred Johnson	18	P. O. Box 1750	Ft. Myers
David Long	4	630 9th Ave.	Palmetto
Hansen Long	4	630 9th Ave.	Palmetto
Moderic C. Masie	17	2906 Ninth Ave. W.	Bradenton
Albert E. Prince, Jr.	15✓	148 8th	Sarasota
Sidney Reames	12	425 9th St. E.	Bradenton
Edward Ream	15	375 9th St. W.	Sarasota
John Seago	Post 1✓	202 Oak St.	Sarasota
Henry Sharp	1	207 23rd St.	Bradenton
George Tarbrough	15✓	204 N. Orange Ave.	Sarasota
Bob Krimm	Post 1✓	125 Orange Ave.	Sarasota

1953 EAGLE SCOUTS

NAME	TROOP NO.	ADDRESS	CITY
Bill Baker	38	133 Balboa Ave.	Ft. Myers
Gordon Brick	6	1103 Colleton Dr.	Sarasota
Henry Cowlishaw	38	118 Michigan	Ft. Myers
Master Heitman	38	210 First St.	Ft. Myers
John A. Helminger	1	1110 27th Ave. W.	Bradenton
Page Parkinson	38	901 Lora St.	Ft. Myers
Bobby Rhea	38	2500 Palm Beach Blvd.	Ft. Myers
Fraig Rutledge	Post	911 E. 16th Street	Sarasota
Hugh Starnes	38	4201 McGregor Blvd.	Ft. Myers

1954 EAGLE SCOUTS

Pomeroy			
Hughes			
Arthur Rowe	Troop 12		Bradenton
Gerald Bridges			
Martin Stanton	Troop 38		Ft. Myers
Slaughter	Troop 38		
Ramoser			
Don McCall	Troop 6		Sarasota
Victor Braren	Troop 34		Sarasota
Quayle			
David Gullett	Troop 1		Bradenton
Bucky Haynes	Troop 33		Naples
Philip Crant			Ft. Myers
William Teague	Troop 6		Sarasota

1955 EAGLE SCOUTS

NAME	TROOP NO.	ADDRESS	TOWN
Berry Girardin	14	915 Menlo Rd.	Ft. Myers
Carlton Hurt	28	P. O. Box 237	Venice
Wesley LeVally	15	2586 Prospect St.	Sarasota
Ray Nathurst	38	P. O. Box 1630	Ft. Myers
Dick Richards	14	1902 Marilyn Rd.	Ft. Myers
Bobby Slaughter	38	LaFauance Way	Ft. Myers
Louis E. Suter	28	P. O. Box 745 Venezia Hotel	Venice
John Thomas	28	Box 952	Venice
Michael Walden	38	P. O. Box 2071	Ft. Myers
Bill Wimbish	28	P. O. Box 25	Venice
Delmar Wooten	51	Box 245	Tice

1956 EAGLE SCOUTS

Peter H. Ripley	28	Box 968	Venice
Tommy Shields	Post 70		Naples
Douglas Mathis	32	Rt. #1, Box 89	Ft. Myers
Richard S. Kahlenberg	6	1760 Arlington St.	Sarasota
John Frank Foy	12	516 - 15th St. W.	Bradenton
Alvin Buchenberg	12	341 Adair	"
Winfield Baumann, Jr.	29	1346 Cordova Ave.	Ft. Myers
Gerald S. Thorson	Post 6	2482 - 21st St.	Sarasota
Peter Allen Combes	" 6	3420 Gulfmead Drive	"
John Weaver	8	2625 Colorado Ave.	"

1957 EAGLE SCOUTS

Luther Kramer	Post 6	101 Alendale	Sarasota
Arthur Ihrig	11	956 Citrus St.	Sarasota
Steven Burce Magie	17	2906 Ninth Ave. W.	Bradenton
Marcus C. Moore, Jr.	34	1028 Cocoanut Ave.	Sarasota
Bobby Conover	38	819 Tarpon St.	Fort Myers
William John Dahl	56	1653 Sunset Place	Fort Myers

1958 EAGLE SCOUTS

Graydon B. Tener, Jr.	T. 38	1302 Caloosa Vista Rd.	Fort Myers
Robert Lee Pope	T. 1	Rt. #1, Box 60	Bradenton
Larry L. Harris	T. 1	1508 17th St. W.	Bradenton
Dick Burman	T. 38	Tropical Trailer Park	Fort Myers
Jon Barry Wimbish	Post 28	937 Groveland Ave	Venice
Terry Tasch	T. 12	47th Street	Bradenton
Donald Arthur Shook	T. 1	3202 First Street	Bradenton
David C. Ellis	T. 56	3980 E. River Drive	Fort Myer
		107th Dover St.	Sarasota

1950 EAGLE SCOUTS

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<u>NAME</u>	<u>TROOP NO.</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>CITY</u>
Joe Honsley	37	1370 Barcelona	Fort Myers
George E. Jones	18	116 Bellaire Road	Fort Myers
Gerald Landrum	37	2226 Hilland Avenue	Fort Myers
Robert E. Mayer	24	P. O. Box 1246	Sarasota

(11) 1960 EAGLE SCOUTS

NAME	TROOP #	ADDRESS	CITY
Jon Holbrook	37	1441 Davis Drive	Ft. Myers
Bill hassler	34	2346 Majestic Way	Sarasota
James (Rocky) Walker	6	1843 1st St.	Sarasota
Herbert (Dick) Dickinson	1	623 MacArthur Ave.	Sarasota
Douglas Scratchley	37	210 Eugenia Ave.	Ft. Myers
Jim Motestein	6	1135 School Ave.	Sarasota
Robert D. Knight	62		Bokeelia
James Conner	35	2232 Jeffcott St.	Ft. Myers
Abbott Kagan	83	3485 Avocado Dr.	Ft. Myers
Richard Jacobs	83	1445 El Prado	Ft. Myers
Don Green	34	1103 Colleton Dr.	Sarasota

NAME		TROOP	ADDRESS	CITY
Terrence J. Gruters		24	1225 Third Street	Sarasota
Steven E. Harris		15	2821 Sunnyside St.	Sarasota
Michael Malone		5	331 Duxbury Ave.	Fort Charlotte
Max E. Tyrrell		37	3421 Edgewood Ave.	Ft. Myers, Fla.
Howard Trefethen		28	425 Riviera St.	Venice
Daniel L. Hytrek		15	421 Hernando Ave.	Sarasota
C. Henry Depew		3	4306 21st Ave. W.	Bradenton
Robert A. Harrison		28	729 Guild Dr.	Venice
Robert V. Godaker		67	2944 Cleveland Ave.	Fort Myers
Jody Carrington		73	1311 Donna Drive	Fort Myers
Peter A. Nass		34	377 S. Shore Dr.	Sarasota
James D. Zoller	Post	1	1621 7th Ave. W.	Bradenton
Jerry N. Zoller	Post	1	1621 7th Ave. W.	Bradenton
Richard J. Kolinske	Troop	3	1602 32nd St. W.	Bradenton
Gregory Westcott	Post	86	2052 McGregor Blvd.	Fort Myers
Dan Myers	Troop	67	2134 South St.	Fort Myers
Joseph F. Kinnan		3	3309 2nd Ave. W.	Bradenton
Charles Deschenes Jr.		35	1315 Donna Drive	Fort Myers
Michael Deschenes		35	1315 Donna Drive	Fort Myers
John Taber		15	2320 Rose Street	Sarasota
Thomas W. Dann		18	R#1, Box 511	Fort Myers

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1962 EAGLE SCOUTS

NAME	TROOP	ADDRESS	CITY
✓ Ricky Lee Dring	Post 54	2504 Florida Blvd.	Bradenton
✓ Charles P. Sharr	Troop 1	326 25th St. W.	Bradenton
James Christman	26	1998 Flacida Rd.	Englewood
Jan E. Pailey	39	220 Mid Island Dr.	Ft. Myers Beach
John W. Pajot	84	240 Palmetto Circle	Port Charlotte
Jeffrey Zeltner	Post 83	1650 Cushman Circle	Ft. Myers
✓ Charles E. Tonkin	Troop 1	4407 20th Ave. W.	Bradenton
Louis Jenkins	24	1609 Arlington St.	Sarasota
Richard J. Meyer	34	3007 Bon Air Ave.	Sarasota
Kenneth F. Moon	34	7729 North Tamiami Tr.	Sarasota
✓ David A. Cheshire	1	3302 16th Ave. W.	Bradenton
✓ Gary E. Wagner	7	428 Magnolia Ave.	Anna Maria
✓ Douglas A. Wallace	22	6804 7th Ave. Blvd. N.W.	Bradenton
David A. Bowles Jr.	57	P.O. Box 1508	Venice
David W. Allen	18	3973 Lora St.	Ft. Myers
✓ Barry Fredrickson	54	1111 Vale Ave.	Bradenton
✓ James Lee Frain	54	2407 Amherst Ave.	Bradenton
Andrew L. Klein	50	775 Freeling Drive	Sarasota
William Dreifus	37	P.O. Box 1624	Ft. Myers
Michael Strong	35	1314 Sunrise Dr.	Ft. Myers
✓ James D. Richards	12	101 42nd St. W.	Bradenton

NAME	TROOP	ADDRESS	CITY
Paul Schmidt	64	1220 North Lake Shore Dr.	Sarasota
Robert O'Neill	6	1870 Poyce St.	Sarasota
Brian Kennahan	34	8012 Phillips St.	Sarasota
John Mercurio	64	1590 Siesta Key Rd.	Sarasota
Gordon A. Herrald	64	5151 Oxford Dr.	Sarasota
Pert Simon	64	4795 Riverwood Circle	Sarasota
John Teese	64	3613 Meyer Place	Sarasota
Bill Diamond	60	2042 Harley Ave.	Sarasota
Gerald Pottinger	35	900 Sunset Vista Drive	Fort Myers
✓ Jack McEndree	55	2619 1st Ave. W.	Bradenton
✓ John McEndree	55	2619 1st Ave. W.	Bradenton
✓ Norman Kell	55	5704 1st Ave. Dr. N.W.	Bradenton
✓ John Felvington, Jr.	1	3106 Manatee Ave. W.	Bradenton
Richard P. Walker	26	P. O. Box 389	Englewood
✓ Mark Oppenheimer	22	719 Hillcrest Dr.	Bradenton
✓ John Westfall	1	724 Hillcrest Dr. N.W.	Bradenton
John Wright	6	1249 59th Street	Sarasota
James C. Moore	18	4226 Woodside Ave.	Fort Myers
✓ Richard Rogers	9	203 3rd Ave. E.	Bradenton
Dan Lee	35	1025 Hillsboro Ave.	Fort Myers
Thurber T. Scott, 11	83	1130 Shadow Lane	Fort Myers
✓ Willis B. Varnadore	17	2611 23rd St. W.	Bradenton
Arthur Godin	15	2706 Dueby Road	Sarasota
Jeffrey W. Lynn	24	3815 27th Parkway	Sarasota
Raylis M. Gruber	Post 83	1550 Moreno	Fort Myers
Dana Chapdelain	24	1792 Floyd Street	Sarasota
Jeffrey Garvin	24	5134 Golf Of Mexico Dr.	Sarasota
✓ Lawrence E. Smith	17	3210 17th Ave. W.	Bradenton
Leon M. Clement, 111	18	210 Manor Parkway	Fort Myers

NAME	TROOP	ADDRESS	CITY
Robert I. Ettenger	50	4406 Westwood Lane	Sarasota
Thomas C. Heath	34	4318 Bay Shore Road	Sarasota
George C. Swartz	34	943 Latterson Drive	Sarasota
Terry G. McClelland	50	94 Avenida Veneccia	Sarasota
Bandy A. Long	24	3250 Tanager Terrace	Sarasota
Robert D. Gray	Post 90	2901 Browning Street	Sarasota
Scott Maclefield	Troop 28	P.O. Box 755	Nokomis
Peter Eisenberg	90	5732 Eneva Road	Sarasota
Hal A. McClelland	50	94 Avenida Veneccia	Sarasota
H. Morton Grey, III	Squadron 121	604 Narvaezi St.	Venice
Freddy Krakow	Troop 15	3500 Henrietta Place	Sarasota
Philip S. Coe	90	2821 Bay Street	Sarasota
James D. Park	28	1204 Laurel Ave.	Venice
W. Nelson Edwards	5	1503 Marranja	Punta Gorda
George Kovacs	73	R#5, Box 207	Fort Myers
Thomas Hutchison	87	847 March St.	N.Ft. Myers
James C. Jordan	5	R#1, Knollwood Dr.	Punta Gorda
David Raybuck	5	512 S.W. Bayshore Dr.	Punta Gorda
David E. Smith	83	1380 Sunbury Dr.	Ft. Myers
Larry J. McFarland	67	3555 Stuart Ct.	Ft. Myers
Robert Foxworthy, II	67	1515 Braman Ave.	Ft. Myers
James L. Walrod	18	353 N. Fairfax	Ft. Myers
John C. Sanders	73	3956 Arlington St.	Ft. Myers
Robert Schmidt	37	319 Louise St.	Tice
William J. Pundy	37	2539 2nd St.	Ft. Myers
George Brantley, Jr.	73	R#5, Box 242A	Ft. Myers
Leland K. Glenn, Jr.	67	2626 Cortez Blvd.	Ft. Myers
John A. Kent	9	R#2, Box 297	Bradenton
Lonnie G. Logue	9	R#2, Box 89	Bradenton

James E. Landrum	37	3904 Belmont Street	Fort Myers
James Neff	73	1744 Oakley Avenue	Fort Myers

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NAME	TROOP	ADDRESS	CITY
Richard L. Holzinger	18	3915 Seminole Ave.	Fort Myers
Harry V. Whitten	31	2120 Meadow Lane	Fort Myers
Greg E. White	31	2125 Willard St.	Fort Myers
Timothy J. Jones	35	1337 Gasparilla Dr.	Fort Myers
Paul M. Deschenes	35	1267 Osceola Dr.	Fort Myers
Larry L. Jones	35	1337 Gasparilla Dr.	Fort Myers
Donald R. Kiesel	35	1214 Donna Dr.	Fort Myers
Larry G. Newman	35	2251 South St.	Fort Myers
Brian D. Wood	35	22 Evergreen Road	Fort Myers
James M. Puls	35	1229 LaFaunce Way	Fort Myers
John J. Stier	35	2247 Stella St.	Fort Myers
James R. King	37	Rt. 4, Box 51	Fort Myers
Robert L. Fain	51	Rt. 1, Box 9	Fort Myers
James C. Foxworthy	67	1373 Florida Ave.	Fort Myers
John C. Kagan	83	Box 1908	Fort Myers
Robert G. Bauman	87	933 Hibiscus Lane	Fort Myers
Howard E. Vertner	111	P. O. Box 247	Cape Coral
Andrew L. Garrow	111	5343 Mayfair Ct.	Cape Coral
Dieno Ponushis	111	842 Monticello Ct.	Cape Coral
Ralph L. Gudbaur	119	P. O. Box 1537	Punta Gorda

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Michael O'Connor	35
Mark Shevitski	35
Mark J. Wood	35
Edward W. Salko Jr.	35
Wilson Rumberger	35
Timothy Bailey	39
Keith Chase	39
Thomas Harlacher	73
Robert D. Isley	83
James A. Mitchell	83
Alan M. Smith	POST 83
Phillip Crittenden	18
Jeff Holzinger	18

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Robert C. O'Conner	1360 Alhambra Drive	Ft. Myers, Fl.	33901	Troop-35
David Spencer	1413 Davis Drive	Ft. Myers, Fl.	33901	Troop-35
William E. Shenko	1267 Carlene Ave.	Ft. Myers	Fl. 33901	Troop-35
Robert B. Everett	3965 Edgewood Ave	Ft. Myers	Fl. 33901	Troop-35

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NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE	TROOP NUMBER
Garrett W. Allshouse	2442 Crystal Drive Fort Myers, Fl. 33901		T-56
Lester A. Coggins	5095 Fairfield Drive Fort Myers, Fl. 33901		T-83
Carl R. Palmer	2258 Royal Palm Ave. Fort Myers, Fl. 33901		T-31
James A. Ruth	1541 Ricardo Ave. Fort Myers, Fl. 33901		Post-83
Douglas E. Milsap	P.O. Box 363 Tice, Florida 33905		Post-83
Michael V. Ellis	2908 Meadow Ave Fort Myers, Fla. 33901		T-14
Carl W. Tate	6221 St. Andrews Circle Fort Myers, Fl. 33901		T-73
Norman L. Bochette	1863 Hanson St. Fort Myers, Fl. 33901		T-73
Lawrence R. Burke	5078 Westminster Dr. Fort Myers, Fl. 33901		T-69
William L Kridle	1716 Oakley Ave. Fort Myers, Fl. 33901		T-69
Harold M. Tate	6221 Saint Andrews Circle Fort Myers, Fl. 33901		T-73
Robert L. Erwin	1388 Shadow Lane Fort Myers, Fl. 33901		T-73
Anthony T. Mount	271 Pondella Rd. N. Ft. Myers, Fl. 33903		T-87
Thomas D. Hauser	2920 Central Ave. Fort Myers, Fl. 33901		T-14
Jack Z. Sanders II	403 South Rd. Page Park Fort Myers, Fl. 33901		T-73
Jerry Green	5103 San Pablo Fort Myers, Fl. 33901		T-73
Jimmy Myers	2134 South St. Fort Myers, Fl. 33901		Post-83
Tommy E. O'Connell	3729 Rogers Street Fort Myers, Fl. 33901		T-69
Glenn Gresham	1814 Linhart Ave. Fort Myers, Fl. 33901		T-73

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Chris Isley	<u>5318 McGregor Blvd. Fort Myers, Fl. 33901</u>	Troop 73
Jeffrey B. McLain	2565 Tarpon Road Naples, Fl. 33940	Troop 165
Maxwell M. Hayford	<u>1524 Hill Ave. Fort Myers, Fl. 33901</u>	Troop 69.
Edward Meyer III	<u>1030 Bayshore Ave. Fort Myers, Fl. 33901</u>	Troop 112

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NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE	TROOP
David G. Bennett	1243 11th Court N. Naples, Fl. 33940		T-165
Jan J. Ballantine	175 Madonna Drive Fort Myers, Fl. 33901		T-37
Bruce A. Kridle	1716 Oakley Avenue Fort Myers, Fl. 33901		T-69
Paul G. Smith	56 Bayshore Rd. N. Fort Myers, Fl. 33901		T-87
Carey N. Barry	1415 Sandra Drive Fort Myers, Fl. 33901		T-83
Ronald W. Ohler	3746 Maxine Street Fort Myers, Fl. 33901		T-69
Ernest P. Spiller	645 1st Ave. N. Naples, Fl. 33940		T-164
James D. Anderson	204 Lagoon Drive Fort Myers, Fl. 33905		T-37
Keith Fisher	151 Burning Tree Drive Naples, Fl. 33904		T-163
Rudolph McIntyre	2424 McGregor Blvd Fort Myers, Fl. 33901		T-33

NAME	ADDRESS	PEDRE	TROOP
Bruce Ellis	Rt. 5 Box 51-E Fort Myers, Fl. 33901		Post-14
Peter Cannick	121 Gulf Island Drive Ft. Myers Beach 33931		T-39
Richard Johnson	1352 Sunbury Drive Fort Myers, Fl. 33901		T-73
Dean Jorgenson	77 Cutlass Drive Ft. Myers Beach 33931		T-39
Harry Joe Land	582 Ortiz Drive Tice, Florida 33905		T-18
Gordon Bawinkle	1549 Barcelona Ave Fort Myers 33901		T-93
Stephen A. LaVigne	2436 Chandler Fort Myers, Fl. 33901		T-112
David Spiro	2148 Gorham Fort Myers, Fl. 33901		T-112
Harvey Clark	876 Cypress Circle Fort Myers, Florida 33901		T-112
John Mitchell			T-73
Samuel G. Seager	15 Lincoln Ave. N. Ft. Myers, Fl. 33901		T-36

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NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE	TROOP
Robert Hawksley	4112 Madison Avenue Ft. Myers, Fl. 33901		Troop-14
Lies Watson	1609 N. Mayfair Road Ft. Myers, Florida 33901		Troop-14
Moorthy J. VanHall	1500 Beachwood Drive N. Ft. Myers, Fl. 33903		Troop-32
ter Alexsy	1693 Menlo Road Ft. Myers, Florida 33901		Troop-67
Michael Shrock	250 Prime Drive Ft. Myers, Fl. 33931		Troop-24
Anthony Sarlo	5099 Northhampton Drive Ft. Myers, Florida 33901		Troop-35

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NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE	T-LOOP
Kevin Shirley	2324 Aldridge Ave. Ft. Myers, Fl. 33901	936-3720	T-121
Alan H. Paul	Immokalee, Fl. 33934	657-2124	T-27
Andrew, B. Gross	1510 Gross Avenue Immokalee, Fl. 33934	675-2124	T-27
London H. Gross Jr.	1510 Gross Avenue Immokalee, Fl. 33934	675-2124	T-27
William Valentine	2261 Woodland Blvd. Ft. Myers, Fl. 33903	936-5147	T-121
Edward Hale	R.R. #15 Box 464 Ft. Myers, Fl. 33903	995-5174	T-19
Donald Caraway	233 Morse Plaza Ft. Myers, Fl 33905	694-1944	T-37
Michael Anderson	4556 Vinewood Circle N. Ft. Myers, Fl 33903		T-4
Richard Welch	1300 Barrett Road N. Ft. Myers, Florida		T-35
Gordon Cochrane	5007 Sorrento Cort Cape Coral, Fl. 33904		T-34
Kenneth Kensinger	1450 Davis Drive Ft. Myers, Fl. 33902		T-73
Leslie VanHall	1500 Beachwood Drive N. Ft. Myers, Fla. 33903		T-32
Andrew Tilton	1541 Judd Toad N. Ft. Myers, Fl. 33903		T-14
Gregory Gresham	P.O. Box 1330 Ft. Myers, Fl. 33901		T-4
Rick R. Mowry	872 Entrada Drive Ft. Myers, Fl. 33901		T-24
Steven W. Sutor	2336 LaSalle Avenue Ft. Myers, Fl. 33901		T-24
Michael Wood	1424 Windsor Ct. Cape Coral, Fl. 33904		T-4
Paul Kissell	8924 Beacon Street Ft. Myers, Fl 33901		T-35

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Name	address	phone	Troop
Michael Cherney	208 Cypress Way Naples, Fl. 33940		T-53
Ernest Hill	3148 Price Street Ft. Myers, Fl. 33901		T-93
James Markle	161 Crescent Lake Drive N. Ft. Myers, Fla 33903		T-32
Robert Cumtow	1461 Braman Avenue Ft. Myers, Fl. 33901		T-67
Joe Barbee	1844 Grace Avenue Ft. Myers, Fl. 33901		T-67
David Prest	1457 Moreno Avenue Ft. Myers. Fl. 33901		T.67
Richard A. McGarity	4325 Orangewood Avenue Ft. Myers, Fl. 33901		T-69
John Brown	P.O. Box 328 Old Bayshore Rd. Ft. Myers		T-19

1975
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NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE	TROOP
Charles Engelhardt	1431 Moreno Avenue Ft. Myers, Fl. 33901	334-6067	T-67
Curtis Landry	311 Capri Isles Ct. Punta Gorda, Fl. 33950	639-5060	T-5
Jerry Wemple	1188 Patterson Road No. Ft. Myers, Fl 33903	935-8422	T-34
Roy Bruce	1230 Wendell Ave No. Ft. Myers, Fl 33903	995-1723	T-73
Tracy Wingrove	8513 Chatham St. Ft. Myers, Fl. 33901	936-4584	T-48
David Maile	1647 Braman Ave. Ft. Myers, Fl. 33901	334-6684	T-35
Rick Giangeruso	2601 Estero Blvd.	463-5212	T-39
Charles Wainright III	4682 Siesta Circle Ft. Myers, Fl. 33901	936-7328	T-128
John C. Hoover	4628 Siesta Circle Ft. Myers, Fl. 33901	936-7328	T-128
Douglas Anderson	4556 Vinewood Circle	542-3377	T-4
Frank Wainright	4682 Siesta Circle	936-3558	T-128
James Nelson	Nankervis Lane-Suncoast	995-1402	T-11
Robert Underberg	1406 Sandra Drive Fort Myers, Fl. 33901	334-0262	T-99
William Fraiser	805 March Street N. Ft. Myers, Fl. 33903		T-51
Edwin Jarvis	Box 916 Bonita Springs 33923		T-109

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1976

1. Louis D. Barone 4921 Sorrento Ct. Cape Coral, FL 33904 (542-1309)	Troop 34	District-Palm
2. Clark E. Morton II 351 Mooring Line Dr. Naples, FL 33940 (261-4248)	Troop 164	District-Alligator
3. Steve Jones 1357 Osceola Drive Ft. Myers, FL 33901 (334-3909)	Troop 67	District-Palm
4. Brian F. Hepler 115 No. Oregon Road Lehigh Acres, FL 33936 (369-3544)	Troop 36	District-Palm
5. Timothy Pratt 2431 Jasper Avenue Ft. Myers, FL 33901 (936-7513)	Troop 112	District-Palm
6. Charles H. Jones 349 Harbor Blvd. N.E. Port Charlotte, FL 33952 (629-6309)	Troop 8	District-Bowlegs
7. Tony L. Landress 196 N.W. Harbour Blvd. Port Charlotte, FL 33952 (629-8028)	Troop 8	District-Bowlegs
8. Peter Perrino 212 Morse Plaza Ft. Myers, FL 33905 (694-5055)	Troop 37	District-Palm
9. Winston D. Carlee P.O. Box 340 Bonita Springs, FL 33923 (992-2566)	Troop 109	District-Alligator
10. Harry M. Collins 1906 Heitman St. Bonita Springs, FL 33923 (992-3521)	Troop 109	District-Alligator
11. Rodney A. Wolfe 412 E. Olympia Punta Gorda, FL 33950 (639-4793)	Troop 5	District-Bowlegs
12. William T. L'Heureux 1816 Paul Street Ft. Myers, FL 33901 (936-8661)	Troop 69	District-Palm
13. Victor J. Smith 1044 Wyomt Drive Ft. Myers, FL 33901 (481-1441)	Troop 69	District-Palm

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1977

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| David Wallin
Rt. 17 Box 99
Fort Myers, Fl. 33905 | Jan 1, 1977
Troop 80 | District-Palm |
| 2. Scott Reese
2770 14th St. North
Naples, Fl. 33940 | June 4, 1976
Troop 164 | District-Alligator |
| 3. Harold Crews
Rt. 14 Box 317
Ft. Myers, Fl. 33905 | Feb. 25, 1977
Troop 121 | District-Palm |
| 4. James Nygaard
1647 Bates Circle
Ft. Myers, Fl. 33901 | Feb. 25, 1977
Troop 69 | District-Palm |
| 5. Alan D. Baker
Route 1, Box 2851
Bonita Springs, Fl. 33925 | Mar. 14, 1977
Troop 109 | District-Alligator |
| 6. Tim M. Verwest
6928 Whiskey Creek Dr.
Ft. Myers, Fl. 33901 | Mar. 18, 1977
Troop 69 | District-Palm |
| 7. Jeffery Tilton
1541 Judd Road
North Ft. Myers, Fl. 33933 | May 24, 1977
Troop 14 | District-Palm |
| 8. Rob Gwynn
P.O. Box 413
Immokalee, Fl. 33934 | April 14, 1977
Troop 27 | District-Alligator |
| 9. Kirk D. Smith
1142 Del Rio Drive
Ft. Myers, Fl. 33901 | April 13, 1977
Troop 35 | District-Palm |
| 10. Frank Hauser
2920 Central Avenue
Ft. Myers, Fl. 33901 | May 7, 1977
Post 72 | District-Palm |
| 11. Howard Starr Jr.
207 S.W. 48th Terrace
Cape Coral Fla. 33904 | Aug. 22, 1977
Troop 4 | District-Palm |
| 12. James G. Prime
P.O. Box 948
Bonita Springs, Fl. 33923 | Aug. 9, 1977
Troop 109 | District-Palm |
| 13. Carey W. Hapler
115 Oregon Rd. N.
Lehigh Acres Fl. 33936 | Sept. 8, 1977
Troop 36 | District-Palm |
| 14. Chris Lemonakis
2224 S.E. 15th Terrace
Cape Coral, FL 33904 | Sept. 19, 1977
Troop 34 | District |

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15. Rickey A. Wallin
Rt. 17, Box 99 Riverside Cr.
Fort Myers, FL 33905
October 24, 1977
Troop 80
District - Palm

16. Jon S. Munroe
7425 Caribbean Blvd. Rr. 7
Fort Myers, FL 33905
October 27, 1977
Troop 80
District - Palm

17. Jeffrey G. Fore
Rt. 1, Box 491 F
Fort Myers, FL 33905
Dec. 6, 1977
Troop 121
District - Palm

18. Gregory P. Stavlo
2719 S.E. 16th Place
Cape Coral, FL 33904
Dec. 12, 1977
Troop 34
District - Palm

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1978

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|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| 1. Joseph T. Burchard
353 Fairview Ave.
Fort Myers, FL 33905 | January 6, 1978 | District - Palm
Troop 80 |
| 2. Duane E. Brindley
144 Aruba Ave.
Fort Myers, FL 33905 | January 17, 1978 | District - Palm
Troop 80 |
| 3. Byron J. Harris
7402 5th St., Rt. #7
Ft. Myers, FL 33905 | January 17, 1978 | District - Palm
Troop 80 |
| 4. Blake A. Steuber
7363 7th St., Rt. #7
Ft. Myers, FL 33905 | February 2, 1978 | District - Palm
Troop 80 |
| 5. Michael J. Cottingham
Star Rt. A, Box 58
Punta Gorda, FL 33950 | February 1, 1978 | District - Bowlegs
Pos 2003 |
| 6. Gerald E. Cleffi
932 Bal Harbor Blvd.
Punta Gorda, FL 33950 | February 1, 1978 | District - Bowlegs
Troop 5 |
| 7. Todd J. Eichert
1870 West Marion Ave.
Punta Gorda, FL 33950 | February 1, 1978 | District - Bowlegs
Troop 5 |
| 8. Steven D. Barbosa
397 Norwood Court
Fort Myers, FL 33901 | September 11, 1977
as Feb. 28, 1978 | District - Palm
Troop 99 |
| 9. Randy D. Ballantine
P.O. Box 3207
North Ft. Myers, FL 33903 | April 21, 1978 | District - Palm
Troop 37 |
| 10. John W. Jones
2110 Snook Drive
Naples, FL 33942 | July 18, 1978 | District - Alligator
Troop 165 |
| 11. Wendell A. Swartwout
448 Palm River Blvd.
Naples, FL 33942 | August 7, 1978 | District - Alligator
Troop 163 |
| 12. Michael K. Gilmore
135 Alameda Ave
Fort Myers, FL 33905 | November 1, 1978 | District - Palm
Troop 121 |
| 13. Mark K. Meadows
1265 Sunbury Drive
Fort Myers, FL 33901 | November 7, 1978 | District - Palm
Troop 89 |
| 14. Kevin V. Springer
1813 Clyde Street
Matlacha, FL 33901 | November 14, 1978 | District - Palm
Troop 20 |

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|---|--------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1. Daniel G. Becker
818 West Ellicott Circle
Port Charlotte, FL 33952 | April 2, 1979 | District - Bowlegs
Troop 77 |
| 2. Mark A. Stevens
5966 S. W. 1st Court
Cape Coral, FL 33904 | April 9, 1979 | District - Palm
Troop 34 |
| 3. David S. O'Ferrell
P. O. Box 221
LaBelle, FL 33935 | April 17, 1979 | District - Palm
Troop 9 |
| 4. Michael D. Ballantine
P. O. Box 3207
No. Ft. Myers, FL 33903 | April 23, 1979 | District - Palm
Troop 37 |
| 5. Mark Nathan Cherney
208 Cypress Way
Naples, FL 33942 | April 30, 1979 | District - Alligator
Troop 163 |
| 6. Billy J. Graves
1443 Tanglewood Parkway
Ft. Myers, FL 33907 | May 1, 1979 | District - Palm
Troop 69 |
| 7. Jay R. Billow
632 Olean Blvd., P.O.Box 2405
Port Charlotte, FL 33952 | September 19, 1979 | District - Bowlegs
Troop 95 |
| 8. J. Briam Riley
1372 Mayworth Road
Port Charlotte, FL 33952 | October 29, 1979 | District - Bowlegs
Troop 95 |
| 9. David J. Mott
6973 Kimberly Terrace
Fort Myers, FL 33907 | November 13, 1979 | District - Palm
Troop 101 |
| 10. Matthew J. Decker
1141 Cooper Drive
Naples, FL 33940 | December 26, 1979 | District - Alligator
Troop 777 |

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| 1. David A Tuttle
676 N.W. Midway Blvd.
Port Charlotte, FL 33952 | February 26, 1980 | District - Bowlegs
Troop 95 |
| 2. Jeffrey D. Morgan
330 Shore Drice
Fort Myers, FL 33905 | March 5, 1980 | District - Palm
Troop 121 |
| 3. Howard C. Smith
Rt. 8, Box 23 B
Matlacha, FL 33901 | March 25, 1980 | District - Palm
Troop 20 |
| 4. Eric Timothy Tilton
1541 Judd Road
North Fort Myers, FL 33903 | May 21, 1980 | District - Palm
Troop 14 |
| 5. Rick J. Mali
550 Anchor Rode Drive
Naples, FL 33940 | June 4, 1980 | District - Alligator
Troop 163 |
| 6. David N. Levin
834 N. E. Beacon Drive
Port Charlotte, FL 33952 | July 3, 1980 | District - Bowlegs
Troop 95 |
| 7. Daniel D. Arters
128 Eucalyptus Court
Fort Myers Beach, FL 33931 | August 3, 1980 | District - Palm
Troop 114 |
| 8. Geoffrey H. Pittenger
108 N.E. Francis Drive
Port Charlotte, FL 33952 | August 19, 1980 | District - Bowlegs
Troop 95 |
| 9. Paul Blough
2329 McGregor Blvd.
Fort Myers, FL 33901 | Sept. 18, 1980 | District - Palm
Troop 1 |

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|---|-------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1. Dennis L. Nadzieja
415 S.E. 32nd Street
Cape Coral, FL 33904 | January 12, 1981 | District - Palm
Troop 86 |
| 2. Michael D. Schaffer
31 Brynwood Lane
Fort Myers, FL 33907 | January 19, 1981 | District - Palm
Troop 101 |
| 3. James E. Springer
1813 Clyde Street
Matlacha, FL 33909 | February 9, 1981 | District - Palm
Troop 20 |
| 4. Robert B. Kamm
4518 Windjammer Lane
Fort Myers, FL 33907 | February 16, 1981 | District - Palm
Troop 101 |
| 5. Stevan C. Swain
P.O. Box 1143, 91 Martin St.
LaBelle, FL 33935 | April 8, 1981 | District - Palm
Troop 9 |
| 6. Scott M. Graham
76 N.S. Rodgers Ave.
Port Charlotte, FL 33952 | April 8, 1981 | District - Bowlegs
Troop 95 |
| 7. Mark Jeff Peacock
1729 Coronado Road
Ft. Myers, FL 33901 | April 30, 1981 | District - Palm
Troop 6 |
| 8. Charles P. Touton III
1485 Tredegar Drive
Ft. Myers, FL 33907 | May 8, 1981 | District - Palm
Troop 69 |
| 9. Harold E. Burke
229 Dorchester St. N.W.
Port Charlotte, FL 33952 | June 8, 1981 | District - Bowlegs
Troop 77 |
| 10. Roger Douglas Jones
574 Springlake Blvd.
Port Charlotte, FL 33952 | June 8, 1981 | District - Bowlegs
Troop 77 |
| 11. Tom Atkinson
6748 Danah Court
Ft. Myers, FL 33908 | June 10, 1981 | District - Palm
Troop 101 |
| 12. James T. Schulze
4501 Robin Ave.
Naples, FL 33942 | June 24, 1981 | District - Alligator
Troop 163 |
| 13. Thomas T. Frische, Jr.
3387 Poinciana Street
Naples, FL 33942 | August 11, 1981 | District - Alligator
Troop 2 |

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| 1. Mark A. Ward
Rt. 1 Box 765
Bokcelia, FL 33922 | January 19, 1982 | District - Palm
Troop 20 |
| 2. James A. L'Heureaux
1816 Paul Street
Fort Myers, FL 33901 | February 2, 1982 | District - Palm
Troop 80 |
| 3. Mark D. Mickelson
882 Starlite Lane
Port Charlotte, FL 33952 | February 11, 1982 | District - Bowlegs
Troop 95 |
| 4. George R. Brinson, Jr.
1644 North Mayfair Road
Fort Myers, FL 33907 | March 2, 1982 | District - Palm
Troop 69 |
| 5. Richard Theodore Reynolds, Jr.
P.O. Box 1179
LaBelle, FL 33935 | March 3, 1982 | District - Palm
Troop 9 |
| 6. Kevin S. Carroll
2312 Woodland Terrace
Fort Myers, FL 33907 | March 31, 1982 | District - Palm
Troop 6 |
| 7. Joseph A. Baer
1035 Ione Drive
Fort Myers, FL 33907 | March 31, 1982 | District - Palm
Troop 6 |
| 8. John F. Prickett
Rt. 2, Box 607 Palm Creek Drive
North Fort Myers, FL 33903 | April 22, 1982 | District - Palm
Troop 121 |
| 9. Steve. W. Elwood
4145 15 Avenue S.W.
Naples, FL 33999 | April 22, 1982 | District - Alligator
Troop 777 |
| 10. Mark A. Rasdall
Star Rt. A, Box 58
Punta Gorda, FL 33950 | April 29, 1982 | District - Palm
Troop 78 |
| 11. Michael J. Conley
1423 Alhambra Circle South
Naples, FL 33940 | June 1, 1982 | District - Alligator
Troop 111 |
| 12. Carl Forrest Westman
1952 Crauton Road
Naples, FL 33940 | June 8, 1982 | District - Alligator
Troop 2 |
| 13. Thomas W. Rodgers
Rt. 1, Box 391
Punta Gorda, FL 33950 | June 24, 1982 | District - Bowlegs
Troop 95 |
| 14. Jeff R. Meli
550 Anular Road Drive
Naples, FL 33940 | July 13, 1982 | District - Alligator
Troop 3 |

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15. Steven N. Kirkland
550 29th Street, S.W.
Naples, FL 33999

August 17, 1982

District - Alligator
Troop 105

16. John R. Harris
2619 S.E. 17th Place
Cape Coral, FL 33904

October 8, 1982

District - Palm
Troop 34

17. Steven W. Watson
14539 Riverside S.E.
Fort Myers, FL 33905

November 23, 1982

District - Palm
Troop 99

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| 1. Tim D. Ryan
2448 Burton Ave.
Fort Myers, FL 33907 | Jan. 5, 1983 | District - Palm
Troop 1 |
| 2. John Petracca
5160 Cole Ave. N.W.
Port Charlotte, FL 33953 | Jan. 24, 1983 | District - Billy Bowlegs
Troop 327 |
| 3. Christopher Taylor
616 Gordonia Ave.
Naples, FL 33940 | Feb. 16, 1983 | District - Collier
Troop 165 |
| 4. Steven Pigott
739 Shaddelee Lane
Fort Myers, FL 33907 | April 1, 1983 | District - Palm
Troop 117 |
| 5. Walter Bogert
2464 Euclid Ave.
Fort Myers, FL 33901 | June 1983 | District - Palm
Troop 6 |
| 6. Thomas J. Vertich
113 SE 41st St.
Cape Coral, FL 33904 | Aug. 29, 1983 | District - Palm
Troop 34 |
| 7. Mike D. Ward
Tortuga St.
Bokeelia, FL 33922 | Aug. 10, 1983 | District - Palm
Troop 20 |
| 8. Michael J. Hartigan
2731 Poincianna St.
Naples, FL 33940 | 6-2-83 | District - Collier
Troop 2 |
| 9. Greg Morgan
168 Alameda Ave.
Fort Myers, FL 33905 | July 20, 1982 | District - Palm
Troop 37 |
| 10. Scott Swain
P.O. Box 1143
LaBelle, FL 33935 | Sept. 1, 1983 | District - Palm
Troop 9 |
| 11. Charles A. Swinnamer
591 N.E. Buffalo Ave.
Port Charlotte, FL 33952 | Nov. 10, 1983 | District - Billy Bowlegs
Troop 312 |
| 12. John R. Paul
Live Oak Lane
LaBelle, FL 33935 | Dec. 13, 1983 | District - Palm
Troop 9 |

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EAGLE SCOUTS _ 1963

13. John T. Cornacchia
4556 17th Court SW
Naples, Florida 33999

No. 16, 1983

District - Collier
Troop 52

1984 EAGLES

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| 1. Patrick L. Carroll
2312 Woodland Terr.
Fort Myers, FL 33907 | Jan. 30, 1984 | Troop 6 - Palm District |
| 2. James F. Ritchie
4174 Edgewood Avenue
Fort Myers, FL 33901 | Feb. 21, 1984 | Troop 37 - Palm District |
| 3. Nicholas R. Thompson
1318 Wales Drive
Fort Myers, Florida 33901 | Mar. 21, 1984 | Troop 6 - Palm District |
| 4. Matthew A. Stevens
5966 S.W. 1st Court
Cape Coral, Florida 33904 | Feb. 16, 1984 | Troop 34 - Palm District |
| 5. Zane N. Arters
128 Eucalyptus Court
Fort Myers Beach, Florida 33931 | Feb 5, 1984 | Troop 114 - Palm District |
| 6. Shane A. Arters
128 Eucalyptus Court
Fort Myers Beach, Florida 33931 | Feb 5, 1984 | Troop 114 - Palm District |
| 7. Thad C. Oren
3200 70th Street S.W.
Naples, Florida 33999 | Feb 16, 1984 | Troop 2 - Collier District |
| 8. John R. Lapham
927 Retunda Parkway
Cape Coral, Florida 33904 | March 8, 1984 | Troop 82 - Palm District |
| 9. Scott R. Haggas
11201 Orange Blossom Drive S.E.
Bonita Springs, Florida 33923 | March 13, 1984 | Troop 110 - Collier District |
| 10. Christopher R. Johnson
741 Austin Court
Marco Island, Florida 33937 | April 25, 1984 | Troop 234 - Collier District |
| 11. Daniel J. Sullivan
375 Bowline Drive
Naples, Florida 33940 | May 3, 1984 | Troop 2 - Collier District |

1984 Eagles

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|---|-------------------|------------------------------|
| 12, Sean M. Curry
4572 27th Court SW
Naples, Florida 33999 | June 5, 1984 | Troop 165 - Collier District |
| 13. Marc T. Samulewicz
256 Ibis Street
Fort Myers Beach, Florida 33931 | Feb. 1, 1984 | Troop 39 - Palm District |
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| 14. Charles A. Tripp
1329 St. Clare St.
Naples, Florida 33942 | Aug. 29, 1984 | Troop 52 - Collier District |
| 15. John P. LeSpade
4158 Burton Road
Naples, Florida 33942 | July 31, 1984 | Troop 165 - Collier District |
| 16. Fred G. Fagergren
S.R. Box 116
Ochopee, Florida 33943 | August 26, 1984 | Troop 52 - Collier District |
| 17, Steve W. Kiel
4603 Flamingo Drive
Naples, Florida 33942 | July 17, 1984 | Troop 165 - Collier District |
| 18. Henry Jay Hardman
18652 Miami Blvd. S.E.
Fort Myers, Florida 33912 | September 5, 1984 | Troop 138 - Palm District |
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| 19. Steven M. Sheehan
Rt 11, 8248 San Carlos Blvd. S.E.
Fort Myers, Florida 33908 | September 5, 1984 | Troop 138 - Palm District |
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1985 EAGLE SCOUTS

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|---|----------------|------------------------------------|
| 1. Robert Joseph Rousseau
112 N. E. Glendale Avenue
Port Charlotte, Florida 33952 | Dec. 13, 1984 | Troop 312-- Billy Bowlegs District |
| 2. David C. Oliver
4103 S.W. Santa Barbara Place
Cape Coral, Florida 33904 | Dec. 17, 1984 | Troop 86 --Palm District |
| 3. Paul E. Monroe, III
419 Durrance
Punta Gorda, Florida 33950 | Dec. 17, 1984 | Troop 5 - Billy Bowlegs District |
| 4. Jeffrey A. Piipponen
637 Carica Road
Naples, Florida 33963 | Jan. 29, 1985 | Troop 2 - Collier District |
| 5. Robert E. Jones
537 Sanford Drive
Fort Myers, Florida 33907 | Jan. 9, 1985 | Troop 101 - Palm District |
| 6. Monte Kurt Seidel
3216 Colee Ct.
Naples, FL 33962 | Dec. 12, 1984 | Troop 52 - Collier District |
| 7. Christopher C. Freidmann
1095 Waterbury Ct.
Port Charlotte, FL 33948 | Feb. 25, 1985 | Troop 95 - Billy Bowlegs District |
| 8. Jason M. Baer
1035 Ione Dr.
Fort Myers, FL 33907 | Feb. 26, 1985 | Troop 6 - Palm District |
| 9. Toby Martin
19 Brynwood
Fort Myers, FL 33907 | Mar. 19, 1985 | Troop 1 - Palm District |
| 10. Michael McCarthy
5530 Oak Ridge
Fort Myers Beach, FL 33931 | Mar. 19, 1985 | Troop 39 - Palm District |
| 11. Daniel A. Keim
8736 Dartmouth St.
Fort Myers, FL 33907 | Mar. 17, 1985 | Troop 117 - Palm District |
| 12. Michael A. Verona
5726 Montilla Drive
Fort Myers, Florida 33907 | April 24, 1985 | Troop 117 - Palm District |
| 13. Paul H. Engelke
1105 Royal Palm Drive
Naples, Florida 33940 | March 4, 1985 | Troop 2 - Collier District |
| 14. Steven R. DeLeonardis
5031 31st Place SW
Naples, Florida 33999 | April 17, 1985 | Troop 52 - Collier District |

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| 15. David A. Lees
2330 Estero Blvd.
Fort Myers Beach, Florida 33931 | May 21, 1985 | Troop 39 - Palm District |
| 16. David P. Simon
1832 S. E. 8th Street
Cape Coral, Florida 33904 | June 21, 1985 | Troop 82 - Palm District |
| 17. Frank A. Brinson
1644 N. Mayfair Road
Fort Myers, Florida 33907 | June 2, 1985 | Troop 69 - Palm District |
| 18. James J. Baker
2955 Binnacle Drive
Naples, Florida 33940 | July, 11, 1985 | Troop 2 - Collier District |
| 19. John Andrew Cowen
475 Carica Road
Naples, Florida 33963 | August 8, 1985 | Troop 2 - Collier District |
| 20. Kenneth Ostrow
2203 S.E. Second Street
Cape Coral, Florida 33904 | September 24, 1985 | Troop 82 - Palm District |
| 21. Kevin E. Graham
176 N.E. Rodgers Avenue
Port Charlotte, Florida 33952 | July 22, 1985 | Troop 95 - Billy Bowlegs |
| 22. John VanVulen III
18255 Iris Road S.E.
Fort Myers, Florida 33912 | September 4, 1985 | Troop 138 - Palm District |
| 23. William D. Keim
8736 Dartmouth Street
Fort Myers, Florida 33907 | November 4, 1985 | Troop 117 - Palm District |
| 24. Kevin L. Youngblood
7412 Coventry Drive
Leesburg, Florida 32748 | November 15, 1985 | Troop 117 - Palm District |

1986 EAGLE SCOUTS

1. Timothy J. Christian August 13, 1985 Collier District - Troop 165
1252 12th Avenue North
Naples, Florida 33940
2. Scott A. Leamon January 9, 1986 Collier District - Troop 2
319 Devils Bight
Naples, Florida 33940
3. Matthew J. Kania II January 20, 1986 Palm District - Troop 82
3505 S. E. 18th Avenue
Cape Coral, Florida 33904
4. Darren Walter Cumming November 7, 1985 Collier District - Troop 234
1020 Swallow Avenue #302
Marco Island, Florida 33937
5. James C. Vertich January 27, 1986 Palm District - Troop 34
6379 Morgan LaFoe Lane
Fort Myers, Florida 33912
6. Richard A. Noll February 4, 1986 Palm District - Troop 1
2750 Rhode Island Avenue
Fort Myers, Florida 33901
7. Michael N. Webb May 12, 1986 Palm District - Troop 27
4308 5th St., W.
Lehigh Acres, Florida 33936
8. Slade A. Suchecki June 23, 1986 Palm District - Troop 117
2402 Woodland Blvd.
Fort Myers, Florida 33907
9. R. Chris Fore March 25, 1986 Palm District - Troop 80
2401 Davis Blvd. S.E.
Fort Myers, Florida 33905
10. Anthony L. Hoffman May 7, 1986 Calusa District - Troop 138
Rt. 30 7326 Lobelia Rd. SE
Ft. Myers, FL 33907
11. Andrew F. Erickson July 3, 1986 Edison District - Troop 80
205 Utah Ave.
Fort Myers, FL 33905
12. Scott G. LaRue June 4, 1986 Edison District - Troop 117
5860 Untermeyer Court
North Fort Myers, Florida 33903
13. Mike A. Brewer July 22, 1986 Edison District - Troop 201
1690 Whiskey Creek Drive
Fort Myers, Florida 33907
14. Sam O. Cahill Sept. 29, 1986 Collier District - Troop 38
700 110th Avenue N.
Naples, Florida 33963

1986 EAGLE SCOUTS

15. Harold L. Filliez, III October 8, 1986 Edison District - Troop 201
5555 Clara Drive
Fort Myers, Florida 33907
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16. Eric R. Kamm October 8, 1986 Calusa District - Troop 101 ✓
4518 Windjammer Lane
Fort Myers, Florida 33907
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17. Bradley Bauman November 19, 1986 Collier District - Troop 211
6350 Pelican Bay Blvd.
Naples, Florida 33963
18. John S. Metcalf, Jr. October 14, 1986 Edison District - Troop 32
4927 Lockett Road
Fort Myers, Florida 33905
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19. Kenneth H. Smith December 1, 1986 Edison District - Troop 78
Box 3327
North Fort Myers, Florida 33903
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1987 EAGLE SCOUTS

1. Maximilian J. Schenk November 7, 1986 Collier District - Troop 234
682 Kendall Drive
Marco Island, Florida 33937
2. David W. Worster December 4, 1986 Edison District - Troop 201
6366 Bethany Avenue
Fort Myers, Florida 33907
3. Peter J. Van Den Eng Feb. 4, 1987 Billy Bowlegs Dist.- Troop 312
1077 Rock Creek Drive S.W.
Port Charlotte, Florida 33948
4. Eric S. Bravick Jan 7, 1987 Calusa District - Troop 20
3822 Papaya N.W.
St. James City, Florida 33956
5. David D. Pointer April 1, 1987 Edison District - Troop 1
1416 Charles Road
Fort Myers, Florida 33907
6. Kurt E. Niemann May 21, 1987 Calusa District - Troop 82
2228 S.E. 15th Terrace
Cape Coral, Florida 33904
7. Steven W. Crosby April 23, 1987 Collier District - Troop 165
P.O. Box 503
Naples, Florida 33939
8. Luke T. Mongoven Dec. 3, 1986 Billy Bowlegs Dist. - Troop 312
2319 Conway Blvd.
Port Charlotte, Florida 33952
9. Kerry W. Coughlin May 20, 1987 Collier District - Troop 2
423 West Avenue
Naples, Florida 33963
10. James C. Frishe May 21, 1987 Collier District - Team 2
6000 12th Avenue S.W.
Naples, Florida 33999
11. Nicholas J. Gatewood August 19, 1987 Edison District - Troop 35
333 Park Lane Drive
North Fort Myers, Florida 33903
12. Mark H. Wilson Sept. 17, 1987 Edison District - Troop 9
P.O. Box 194
LaBelle, Florida 33935
13. Brian J. Schons Sept. 21, 1987 Calusa District - Troop 34
3501 S.E. 17th Avenue
Cape Coral, Florida 33904
14. Craig R. Bendele Sept. 28, 1987 Calusa District - Troop 34
3403 S.E. 22nd Place
Cape Coral, Florida 33904

1987 EAGLE SCOUTS

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| 15. Richard F. McDowell
1635 Mansville Terrace
North Fort Myers, Florida 33903 | October 29, 1987 | Calusa District - Troop 82 |
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| 16. Adam D. Cunningham
859 Bethany Court
Fort Myers, Florida 33907 | October 22, 1987 | Edison District - Troop 201 |
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| 17. Danny F. Horning
3890 23rd Avenue S.W.
Naples, Florida 33964 | August 19, 1987 | Collier District - Troop 52 |
| 18. Michael John Goggin
132 S.W. Graham Street
Port Charlotte, Florida 33952 | Sept. 28, 1987 | Billy Bowlegs District - Troop |
| 19. Paul Sangermano
3861 Luzon Street
Fort Myers, Florida 33901 | Nov. , 1987 | Edison District - Troop 1 |
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| 20. William D. Quiles
3135 S W 45 Street
Naples, Florida 33999 | Sept. 13, 1987 | Collier District - Team 52 |

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1980 CLASS OF EAGLE SCOUTS

✓ Scott H. Adkins	4731 Rhyme Ct.	N. Ft. Myers	FL	33903	995-82
✓ John Burnam	4851 Griffin Blvd.	Ft. Myers	FL	33908	491-418
✓ Mark S. Cable	120 Channel Dr.	Naples	FL	33963	597-332
✓ Michael L. Chamberlin	4021 SW 6th Ave.	Cape Coral	FL	33904	
✓ Neal J. Gaffney	16316 Antigua Way	Bokkeelia	FL	33922	223-371
✓ Ben K. Hammel	549 Tigertail Ct.	Marco Island	FL	33937	
Ronald Joray	1795 Lakeview Blvd.	N. Ft. Myers	FL	33903	995-5465
✓ Rex Kamm	15141 Canongate Dr.	Ft. Myers	FL	33912	765-227
✓ Kevin LoGuidice	3341 Malaga Way	Naples	FL	33942	261-1507
✓ Tim E. Loso	460 Grenier Dr.	N. Ft. Myers	FL	33903	656-297
✓ Matthew D. Macy	1424 SE 25th Terr.	Cape Coral	FL	33904	772-810
Kurt Niemann	2228 SE 15th Terr.	Cape Coral	FL	33904	772-991
✓ Jon E. Novak	14972 Wise Way	Ft. Myers	FL	33905	693-251
✓ John S. Read	4810 Griffin Blvd.	Ft. Myers	FL	33908	481-295
✓ James M. Rice	1630 Mullet Ct.	Naples	FL	33962	774-774
✓ Preston S. Vertich	6379 Morgan La Fee Ln.	Ft. Myers	FL	33912	
✓ Derek Weber	1131 SE 34th St.	Cape Coral	FL	33904	549-37

15 - TOTAL

3 - NO PASS

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6 - COMPLETED

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| 1. Michael L. Chamberlain
4021 S.W. 6th Avenue
Cape Coral, Florida 33904 | January 4, 1988 | Calusa District - Troop 34 |
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| 2. Neal J. Gaffney
16316 Antiguo Way
Bokeelia, Florida 33922 | January 20, 1988 | Calusa District - Troop 20 |
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| 3. Kevin LoGuidice
3341 Malaga Way
Naples, Florida 33942 | February 1988 | Collier District - Troop 2 |
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| 4. Scott H. Adkins
4731 Rhyme Court
North Fort Myers, Florida 33903 | February 15, 1988 | Calusa District - Troop 82 |
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| 5. Derek Weber
1131 S.E. 34th Street
Cape Coral, Florida 33904 | March 14, 1988 | Calusa District - Troop 34 |
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| 6. Jon E. Novak
14972 Wise Way
Fort Myers, Florida 33905 | March 21, 1988 | Edison District - Troop 80 |
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| 7. Rex Kamm
15141 Conongate Drive
Fort Myers, Florida 33912 | April 1988 | Calusa District - Troop 101 |
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| 8. Tim E. Loso
460 Grenier Drive
North Fort Myers, Florida 33903 | May 31, 1988 | Edison District - Troop 120 |
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| 9. Ben K. Hammel
549 Tigertail Court
Marco Island, Florida | June 3, 1988 | Collier District - Troop 234 |
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| 10. James Michael Rice
1630 Mullet Court
Naples, Florida 33962 | June 9, 1988 | Collier District - Team 52 |
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| 11. Preston S. Vertich
6379 Morgan La Fee Lane
Fort Myers, Florida 33912 | August 8, 1988 | Calusa District - Troop 4 |
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| 12. John Burnam
4851 Griffin Blvd.
Fort Myers, Florida 33908 | August , 1988 | Calusa District - Troop 101 |
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| 13. John S. Read
4810 Griffin Blvd.
Fort Myers, Florida 33908 | Nov. 11, 1988 | Calusa District - Troop 101 |
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| 14. Matthew D. Macy
1424 S. E. 25th Terrace
Cape Coral, Florida 33904 | Nov. 14, 1988 | Calusa District - Troop 4 |
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| 15. Mark Steven Cable
120 Channel Drive | Dec. 19, 1988 | Collier District - Troop 38 |

1989 EAGLE SCOUTS

Clinton E. Scharff 21855 Edgewater Drive Port Charlotte, Florida 33952	January 25, 1989	Billy Bowlegs District - Troop 95
Tyler O. Smith P.O. Box 906 Lehigh Acres, Florida 33970	March 8, 1989	Edison District - Troop 36
Michael H. Runk/Ross 4723 Skates Circle Fort Myers, Florida 33905	March 8, 1989	Edison District - Troop 80
Donnie Upshaw, Jr. 2973 Edison Avenue Fort Myers, Florida 33901	March 22, 1989	Edison District - Troop 1
Martin P. Schmeckpeper 675 Anchor Rode Drive Naples, Florida 33940	March 27, 1989	Collier District - Troop 2
Jody P. Hernandez Rt 1, Box 1250 LeVelle, Florida, 33935	March 22, 1989	Edison District - Troop 9
Anthony Elfering 1430 SE 34th Street Cape Coral, Florida 33904	May 15, 1989	Calusa District - Troop 34
S. Travis Syring 20751 Tanglewood Lane Estero, Florida 33928	May 15, 1989	Calusa District - Troop 138
John L. Maloney, Jr. 18447 Hawthorne Road Rt 59 Fort Myers, Florida 33912	May 15, 1989	Calusa District - Troop 138
William McGurk 2173 Barry Drive Fort Myers, Florida 33907	May 31, 1989	Edison District - Troop 117
Jason Monroe 1552 Washington Loop Rd. Punta Gorda, FL 33950		Billy Bowlegs District - Troop 95
William Piercy 441 Widgeon Pt. Naples, FL 33942	May 9, 1989	Collier District - Troop 2
James N. Robinson 10021 French Creek Lane N. Ft. Myers, FL 33903	July 19, 1989	Palm District - Troop 120
Rick A. Middleton, Jr. 13100 Shire Lane Ft. Myers, FL 33912	July 19, 1989	Palm District - Troop 35
John C. McKay 4060 Guava Dr.	July 27, 1989	Collier District - Troop 165

Kevin F. McDougall
1011 Wyomi Dr.
Ft. Myers, FL 33919

Sept. 28, 1989

Calusa District - Troop 4

17. Stephen B. Efird
1890 Tarpon Rd.
Naples, FL 33962

Oct. 31, 1989

Collier District - Troop 165

9. Terry Elfering
1430 SE 34th St.
Cape Coral, FL 33904

Nov. 13, 1989

Calusa District - Troop 34

1. Christopher J. Libby
4412 se 14th Place
Cape Coral, Florida 33904
January 23, 1990
Calusa District - Troop 115
2. Douglas Craig Palow
1702 se 10th Street
Cape Coral, Florida 33904
January 23, 1990
Calusa District - Troop 82
3. Steven D. Barber
76 Caribbean Road
Naples, Florida 33940
February 13, 1990
Collier District - Post 211
4. Robert H. Sweet
1102 S. E. 14th Street
Cape Coral, Florida 33990
April 24, 1990
Calusa District - Troop 4
5. Anthony M. Berger
1367 Golf Drive
Fort Myers, Florida 33919
April 24, 1990
Calusa District - Troop 101
6. Mark Andrew Konkel
7134 S. Brentwood Road
Fort Myers, Florida 33919
April 24, 1990
Calusa District - Troop 101
7. Scott Alan Templin
2256 River Oak Lane S. E.
Fort Myers, Florida 33905
May 1, 1990
Palm District - Troop 80
8. Robert J. Raybuck
12350 Blasingim Road
Fort Myers, Florida 33912
March 27, 1990
Palm District - Troop 117
9. William G. Booker
18626 Goodman Circle
Pt. Charlotte, FL 33952
July 12, 1990
Bowlegs District - Troop 320
10. Dennis D. Mouser, Jr.
25 Calvin Avenue
Lehigh Acres, Florida 33936
July 12, 1990
Palm District - Troop 7
11. Brian B. Erickson
205 Utah Avenue
Fort Myers, Florida 33905
August 21, 1990
Palm District - Troop 80
12. Craig D. Oren
3200 70th Street SW
Naples, Florida 33940
August 30, 1990
Collier District - Troop 2
13. Robert E. Watt
136 S. E. 12th Place
Cape Coral, Florida 33904
August 27, 1990
Calusa District - Troop 82
14. Cayetano Scafidi
957 Hibiscus Lane
North Fort Myers, Florida
August 27, 1990
Calusa District - Troop 4
15. Brett C. Steurer
2085 41st Terrace SW
Marco Island, Florida 33962
August 30, 1990
Collier District - Troop 234

TOTAL END-OF-YEAR BOY-MEMBERSHIP

1926 - 517	1943 - 992
1927 - 634	1944 - 1,028
1928 - 519	1945 - 1,018
1929 - 729	1946 - 938
1930 - 741	1947 - 1,005
1931 - 730	1948 - 1,050
1932 - 517	1949 - 1,281
1933 - 337	1950 - 1,469
1934 - 461	1951 - 1,457
1935 - 451	1952 - 1,594
1936 - 505	1953 - 1,805
1937 - 408	1954 - 2,121
1938 - 672	1955 - 2,311
1939 - 848	1956 - 2,557
1940 - 718	1957 - 2,592
1941 - 880	1958 - 2,853
1942 - 936	1959 - 3,109