Council History File

Sarasota's History and the Boy Scouts Compiled by Harry Thorsen

1953 John L. Early, a former Mayor of Sarasota narrowly escaped assasination in his law offices.
James S. Scarsi, disgruntled because Early's office was foreclosing on a mortgage, fired a shot from 3 ft. away.
Mr. Early was able to deflect the pistol with a chair and closed the door before a second shot could be fired.
Scarsi was arrested.
John L. Early was one of the earliest Eagle Scouts in 1912 in the Boy Scouts of America.

March 30, 1930
15, 000 people toured the Ringling Art Gallery and Museum as it was open to the public for the first time.
During the 5 hours the museum was open, the Boy Scouts ushered 3,000 people an hour through the facility.
Mr. Ringling had announced the one day opening only a week earlier through his manager of the Ringling Circus, Samual Gumpertz.

December 15,1946
The Ringling Mansion was opened to the public for the first time, attracting the largest crowds ever to assemble in Sarasota. The Boy Scouts ushered 3,485 people that actually toured the home through the many levels and corridors. Altogether 10,000 people gathered on the grounds of the massive, beautiful, panoramic estate.

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