

Yakni

History of the Boy Scout Movement in Northeast Mississippi



By Prince L. Watkins

Yakni

History of the Boy Scout Movement in Northeast Mississippi

by

Prince L. Watkins

Published by

Yocona Area Council, Boy Scouts of America
411 South Spring Street, Tupelo, Mississippi, U.S.A.

1978

This history is dedicated to Mr. Erst Long, Sr., "Dean of Yocona Area Council Scouting," whose support of Yocona Scouting, both spiritually and materially, has been unequalled in its history, and without whose generosity this history would not have been published.

Mr. Long, from 1928 through 1978, has devoted "Fifty Years of Service" to the youth of Northeast Mississippi.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Since this book is historical fact based upon research I wish to state that the majority of the text was taken from the pages of the *Tupelo Twice-A-Week Journal* and its successor the *Tupelo Daily Journal*. I have taken liberally from their pages most often not using quotation marks nor giving credit to those publications. I here and now acknowledge those writers of the "Journal." This book was written to be read — not to show I know how to research and document that research. I felt it should be presented in a way that would have more reader appeal.

Several newspaper clippings were sent to me from the *Corinthian*, and from newspapers in Oxford and Fulton.

A special thanks is due to Jimmy Petersen, Scout Executive of Yocona Area Council from 1964 to 1977, for his interest, support and encouragement. Thanks also to the present Scout Executive Frank Rains, and the office staff: Dot, Frances, Pam and Donna. Invaluable assistance was given by Jack Reed, Dr. R. B. Warriner, Jr., Dr. Bill Dabbs, Richard Milam, Leon Kinney, Dr. C. M. Murry, the Executive Board members that were receptive to the project and sent newspaper clippings and photos, and to those former Scouts and Scouters that took the time when I called by phone and relayed information to me. There were others.

October, 1978
Prince L. Watkins
P. O. Box 2473
Gallup, New Mexico 87301

PREFACE

In 1975, as Yocona Area Council began anticipating its celebration of 50 years of service to the youth of Northeast Mississippi, we began to develop program events to reflect this jubilee. Since I brought up the idea of a council history it fell upon me to carry through with the project. Little did I realize what I was letting myself in for. After more than two years of research and writing the task is finally completed and I would hesitate to tackle a similiar task alone again.

As is common with most people I've always wanted to write a book. This was my chance. I wasn't about to let the opportunity slip away. At the beginning I had anticipated this project being done by committee. As things began to develop I soon realized there were not as many history buffs as I had hoped; at least not for research. Now its done. I now have a greater appreciation of those writers of the historical novel.

You will find many people you know in this book. You will possibly wonder why some prominent Scouters are not here. There are many people I'm aware of that should be here but to include everyone that worked with Scouting, that deserved to be mentioned, would require more years of research and many volumes of print.

You most likely will find errors. This book is only as accurate as the source it was researched from. There are bound to be errors. If you find them let me know.

I believe it should be the policy of every Boy Scout Council to have its history published so that those that come after will have a better appreciation of the service of those that preceeded them.

This publication is dedicated to those Scouters that have a love for Scouting and have stuck with it through periods of great public interest and periods of apathy.

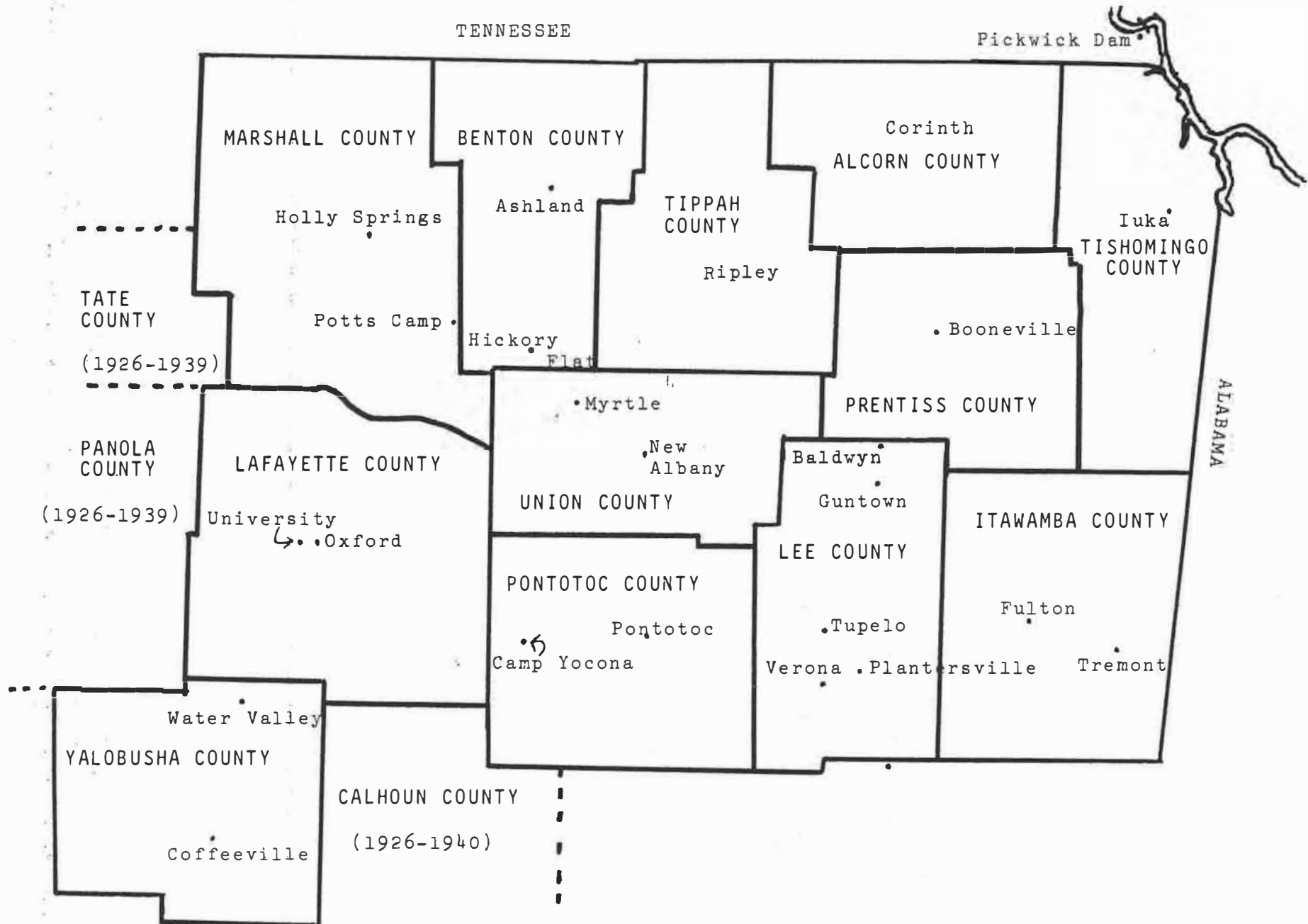
PLW

YAKNI
History of the Boy Scout Movement in Northeast Mississippi

CONTENTS

Dedication	ii
Acknowledgements	iii
Preface	iv
Yocona Area Council Map	vi
The Years Before the Council 1911-1925	7
The Formative Years 1926-1929	9
Growing Pains 1930-1936	19
A Major Disastor 1936	28
More Progress, Yet the Depression Catches Up 1936-1939	31
Then World War II 1940-1945	36
Visible Growth 1946-1949	46
An Accepted Tradition 1950-1959	55
And We Move On 1960-1970	70
The Future Looks Bright 1971-1977	85
Wood Badge Training	97
Council Presidents	101
Scout Executives	101
Silver Beaver Recipients	101
Silver Fawn Recipients	102
Silver Antelope Recipients	103
Eagle Scouts of Yocona Area Council	103
Explorer Silver Award Recipients	111
Acts of Heroism	111
Chicksa Lodge 202, Order of the Arrow	112
Vigil Honor Recipients	113

YOCONA AREA COUNCIL



YAKNI
History of the Boy Scout Movement in Northeast Mississippi

CHAPTER ONE

THE YEARS BEFORE THE COUNCIL 1911 – 1925



First Scout Troop in Tupelo. Scoutmaster George Maynard, Sr. with Troop 1. Boys are in the uniform of Tupelo Military Academy. Circa 1915.

It was just one year after the Boy Scout movement had come to the United States from England that George F. Maynard, Sr., founded the first troop in Tupelo – Troop No. 1. There were about 25 boys in that first troop and many were associated with the Tupelo Military Institute or TMI. According to Mr. Maynard, in an article in the Daily Journal in 1951, that original unit is now Tupelo Troop 12.



George F. Maynard, Sr. First known Scoutmaster in Tupelo.

Some of the members of that troop who were

still living in Tupelo 40 years later were Bob Weaver, Norton McGaughy, Frank Thomas, Murphy Thomas, J. R. Strain, C. C. Strain, Bates Hinds, Van Kincannon, and B. T. Clark, Jr.

There were many camping trips, the group recalled, to the old camp at White Springs on the Tombigbee River, south of Fulton. The trips were made in wagons because of the mud and poor roads, and “a colored man was taken along as cook.”



Early days of Scouting.

Of course the local Scout movement had its ups and downs. Several times the troop became almost inactive but it would always organize and start anew. It was not until the organization of the Yocona Area Council in 1926 that Scouting got its real hold.

Herbert Denton, Sr., now of Tupelo, was a Boy Scout in Corinth in 1915. Mr. Broom was his Scoutmaster. Mr. Denton tells of the time in 1916 when the Scouts were called upon to direct traffic for a celebration to Shiloh Battlefield. Three garages were established along the twenty-two mile

road to the battle site with telephone hookups to relay messages of stalled cars and breakdowns. After the celebration it took three days to clear away the stalled cars.

During and after tornados struck the Corinth area the Boy Scouts were called upon to do guard duty day and night. They were setting a precedent that was to be followed by all the Scouts for many years to follow.

In 1917 L. G. Milam, Sr., formed a second Scout troop in Tupelo. In 1918 L. G. Milam, Jr., too young to be a Scout, was the troop's mascot. There were accounts of a Scout troop in Holly Springs in 1919. Jameson C. Jones was a Scoutmaster in Corinth shortly after WWI and Dr. R. B. Warriner, Sr., started his Scouting career as a volunteer in 1919, also in Corinth. He was active as a Scoutmaster for more than 30 years with additional service as a Scouter on the council level. Of particular note is his contribution to the council as an Executive Board member and as Chairman of the Interracial Committee.



"Twist-on-a-stick"

Dr. Eugene V. Bramlett of Oxford recalls that he was a Scout in 1921 in Oxford and states that he was in William Falkner's Scout troop. Mrs. Clyde Nolan states, "There is one other living member of the group that I know of here in Oxford. My brother, William L. Hartsfield, was also a member of the troop. I know from stories I have heard him tell that it was an active and most meaningful activity."

The Scoutmaster of this troop was no less than Nobel Novelist William C. Faulkner. According to Mrs. Nolan, "At the time he had the troop he was William C. Falkner; Faulkner is actually not the way the family spells the name. The change

occurred in one of his publications and remained that way."



William C. Falkner (Faulkner), Scoutmaster, Oxford, Mississippi in 1921. (Printed by permission).

(The photograph shown here is: William C. Falkner (Faulkner), Scoutmaster, Boy Scouts of America, Oxford, Mississippi Troop, 1921. Photograph through courtesy of Dr. Lawrence Wells, husband of Dean Falkner Wells, neice of William Faulkner. Photograph provided for Yocona Area Council History by Mrs. Clyde Hartsfield Nolan whose brother William L. Hartsfield was a member of William Falkner's BSA Troop.)

The council wishes to extend its appreciation to the Falkner family for permission to use this photograph in showing that Scouting existed in our area prior to the forming of the council in 1926.

There were 47 Scouts in Corinth in 1923. Among those were Frank Worsham, Jr., Paul T. Jones, Fred W. Ajax, Richard B. Warriner, Jr., and Neal Biggers. The first four, members of Corinth Troop 1, were advanced to Eagle Rank on May 9, 1925, more than a year before Yocona Area Council was chartered.

Robert Weaver, one of the original members of George Maynard's Troop 1, formed yet another troop in 1923 in Tupelo. L. G. Milam, Jr., was a Scout in this Troop.

Andrew J. Lampkin had a troop in Baldwyn in 1923 until he formed Troop 18 in 1927 after the council was organized. He continued as Scoutmaster in the same troop after it became part of the council.

Dr. W. A. Spearman, of Oxford, was a Scout in Water Valley Troop 1 in 1924.

CHAPTER TWO

THE FORMATIVE YEARS 1926 – 1929

Work to form a local council of the Boy Scouts of America in Northeast Mississippi began in 1925. A meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, February 9th, 1926, at 3 PM, in the Tupelo High School Auditorium for the purpose of establishing Scouting in Tupelo.

Representation from Booneville, Corinth, New Albany, and Holly Springs met in Tupelo Wednesday, March 10, 1926, in an organizational conference. A budget was developed and prorated for fair distribution among the towns interested. Tupelo's quota was \$1000. The entire 1927 budget was \$1800.

The effective efforts of the "Boys Work Committee of the Rotary Club with the ladies of the Association of Parents and Teachers" brought Scouting to our area. The National Council, Boy Scouts of America, sent Mr. J. W. Thomas to Tupelo to hold conferences with local representatives to assist in plans necessary to the organization. On Friday, April 23, 1926, in Tupelo, the congregation of the Presbyterian Church met to form a Scout Troop; the Methodist Church met Saturday, April 24, to form their Troop; the Christian Church also had plans at that time for a future meeting to organize their boys into a Troop as did the First Baptist Church.

Through Mr. Thomas' efforts other groups were meeting to organize Scouting including schools, churches, and others. It is to the local people that we must pay special tribute for their role in the organization of the council, men like Dr. D. I. Purser, R. W. Reed, Sr., Rev. J. A. Christian, W. E. Holcomb, R. F. Reed, Dr. E. D. Foster, S. J. High, John Baker, S. P. Clayton, and Dr. R. H. Pegram of Tupelo; B. F. Tatum, F. B. DeShon from Water Valley; J. R. Reynolds, Claude Gray, J. C. Stanley, Jr., F. W. Duckworth of Booneville; R. B. Ray, W. A. Boone, Dr. E. N. Bigham, V. L. Bigham, E. Spair, and M. T. Adams from Pontotoc. There were others.

In May 1926 Tupelo had three troops organized. Troop 1 was sponsored by the Presbyterian Church with Rev. Joseph Allan Christian as Scoutmaster. Committee members were Rex Reed, C. H. Debbs, with W. R. Gardner as committee chairman. They started off with a hike on May 7th for fun and to learn their Tenderfoot requirements.

Troop 2 was sponsored by the First Baptist Church on Jefferson Street in Tupelo with two assistant Scoutmasters, Charlie Long, Jr., and Murphy Thomas, Jr. Committee members were Rex Reed, chairman, J. N. Berry, W. E. Holcomb and Frank Carlisle. Mr. Reed was on the committees of Troops 1 and 2.

Troop 3 with the Methodist Church had B. E. Lyle as Scoutmaster. Two assistant Scoutmasters were A. G. Bowen and Jack Lilly. Committee members were L. G. Milam, F. L. Spight, Rev. J. T. Lewis, with Dr. R. H. Pegram as chairman.

After several months of consistent efforts Mr. Thomas succeeded in organizing several of the towns into an "executive council." The organization was perfected in Tupelo, Monday, June 14th, 1926, when representatives from Water Valley, Pontotoc, Booneville, and Tupelo met at a luncheon at the Southern Hotel. H. W. Lewman, Scout Executive of Region Five, with headquarters in Memphis, was present to assist in the organization.

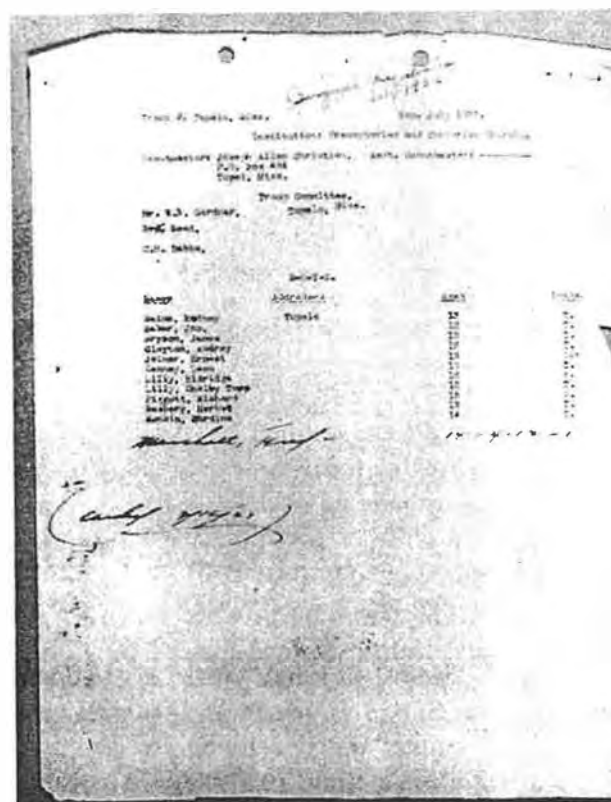
At that meeting Dr. D. I. Purser, Pastor of First Baptist Church, Tupelo, was elected Council President. Council Vice-Presidents were B. F. Tatum, Water Valley; J. R. Reynolds, Booneville; and R. B. Ray, Pontotoc. Treasurer was F. B. DeShon from Water Valley. The Rev. J. A. Christian of Tupelo was elected Council Commissioner. Council members from Tupelo were R. W. Reed, Sr., W. E. Holcomb, Rex F. Reed, Dr. E. D. Foster, S. J. High, John Baker, J. G. Davis, S. P. Clayton, and Dr. R. H. Pegram. Water Valley was represented by G. A. Wagner, J. B. Atkinson,

L. S. Houston, O. T. Hamner, H. K. Hunter, T. O. Gore, T. M. Pitman, Everett Cock, Rev. J. S. Sibley, and B. E. Leland. Those from Booneville were J. W. Sanders, Claude Gray, J. C. Stanley, Jr., Will T. Barnett, and F. W. Duckworth. From Pontotoc there was W. A. Boone, E. Spain, and M. T. Adams. Elected to be the National Council Representative was R. W. Reed, Sr., of Tupelo.

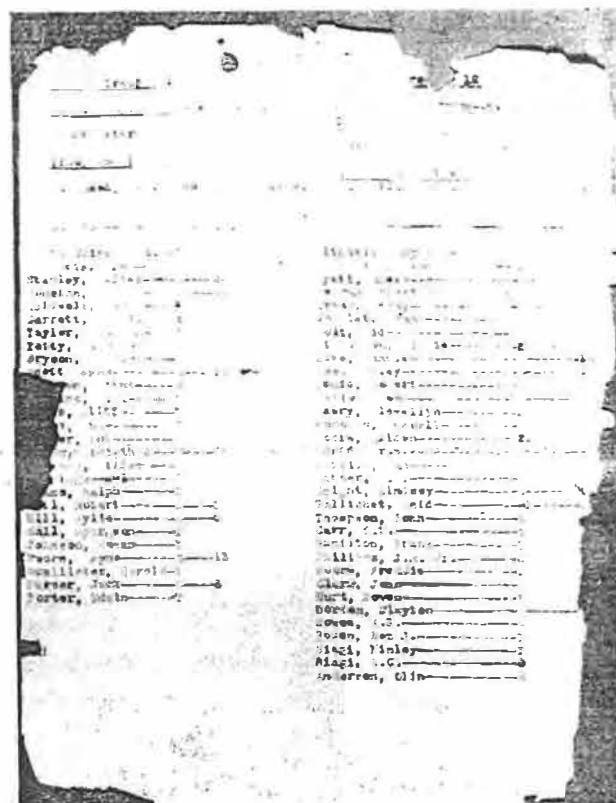
In choosing a name for the new Council it was decided to give it the name of "Yocona," an Indian name that would most nearly represent the entire council than any other. Yocona, or "Yakni," is a Choctaw Indian name for "the earth." Mr. Winston, editor of the Pontotoc Sentinel in 1926, was appointed to write a history of the name for the records of the council. This history, if actually written, has yet to be located.

In 1926 Yocona Area Council consisted of Tate, Panola, Yalobusha, Marshall, LaFayette, Calhoun, Benton, Tippah, Union, Pontotoc, Alcorn, Prentiss, Lee, Tishomingo, and Itawamba Counties. The Application for Charter for Local Council was dated June 25, 1926 and was given as a First Class Council. The council was divided into four districts. There were eight troops with 238 Scouts at that time in June throughout the council. The committees already formed were Finance, Troop Organization, Camping, Civic Service, and Court of Honor. The budget given on the charter was \$4030, with \$2400 listed as Executive salaries. National Council approved the Application on July 29, 1926. We were off and running.

With the formal organization of the council the existing troops required charter applications to be forwarded to the National Council in New York. Troop 1 was chartered by the Presbyterian and Christian Churches as dual sponsors. Rev. J. A. Christian was Scoutmaster with W. R. Gardner, chairman, Rex Reed, and C. H. Dabbs on the committee. Charter members of this the first troop in Yocona Area Council were: Rodney Baine, John Baker, James Bryson, Audrey Clayton, Ernest Joiner, Leon Kenney, Eldridge Lilly, Shelby Topp Lilly, Richard Piggott, Herbert Rasbery, and Bhrdine Rankin.



Troop 2 at the First Baptist Church was chartered with Leland Epting as Scoutmaster and Rex Reed as committee chairman.



Troop 3 submitted its character by the Methodist Church in July with B. E. Lyle as Scoutmaster and Albert Gorman Bowen its assistant Scoutmaster. L. G. Milam was committee chairman with F. L. Spight and Dr. R. H. Pegram making up the committee. Charter members were: Olin Anderson, Finley Biagi, A. C. Biagi, Clayton Borden, Bowen Burt, John Clark, Leroy Green, Frank Goodlet, Sid Holt, Jimmie Kincannon, Jimmie Love, Dudley Lee, Robert Lewis, Ben H. Marion, Llewellyn Mabry, Guy Mitchell, Russell Moneghan, Haiden Moore, Frank Murff, Dan Patrick, Robert H. Pegram, J. D. Ritter, Lindsey Spight, Reed Tallichet, Lloyd Whitehead, and Rhea Wyatt. Troop 3's number was changed to 12 when it was returned from National.

NAME	AGE
Anderson, Olin	12
Biagi, Finley	14
Biagi, A.C.	14
Borden, Ben J.	14
Bowen, Burt	14
Burt, John	14
Clark, John	14
Goodlet, Frank	14
Holt, Sid	14
Kincannon, Jimmie	14
Love, Jimmie	14
Lee, Dudley	14
Lewis, Robert	14
Marion, Ben H.	14
Mabry, Llewellyn	14
Mitchell, Guy	14
Moneghan, Russell	14
Moore, Haiden	14
Murff, Frank	14
Patrick, Dan	14
Pegram, Robert H.	14
Ritter, J.D.	14
Spight, Lindsey	14
Tallichet, Reed	14
Whitehead, Lloyd	14
Wyatt, Rhea	14

Troop 8 in Pontotoc was registered in 1926 with the PTA as its sponsor. R. T. Ray was the Scoutmaster.

After that meeting in June the officers of the council were delegated to select a Scout Executive as soon as possible. This they did in very short order for Henry G. Shires was employed in time to appear on the Charter Application two weeks later.

Henry G. Shires
Scout Executive
1926 - 1931



A native of Tennessee he was the Superintendent of City Schools of Blythville, Arkansas for several years prior to resigning to become a professional Scouter. On January 2, 1927, he was married in Blythville to Miss Hestor Stone of Fayette, Tennessee. In Blythville she ran a studio and taught "aesthetic dancing and dramatic art," an activity she continued after arriving in Tupelo. One of her young pupils was a little girl who was later to become Mrs. Chauncey R. Godwin, Louise Nanney.

Almost immediately there appeared a "Boy Scout Orchestra." It appeared to be moderately successful. On the 16th of November they played in Booneville for the Booneville District meeting with the Honorable Eugene P. Lacy, Scoutmaster of Troop 1, Booneville, presiding. The Scouts did so well that they were invited to return to Booneville on January 21st, 1927, at an American Legion and general community program and banquet. The people were delighted with "this fine bunch of boys and with their remarkable progress in the Scouting program." Reed Tallichet, orchestra director, Rodney Baine, assistant, A. G. Bowen, Armestead Brown, A. C. Biagi, and Lloyd Whitehead, troop bugler, were the members in attendance for the 16 November appearance. Walter Stanley, Lindsey Spight, and John R. Baker, the other members of the musical group, were unable to make the trip. The Scouts were members of Troop 3, Tupelo.

Mr. A. G. Bowen, assistant Scoutmaster of Troop 3 (later 12), Tupelo, accompanied the boys as did H. G. Shires, Scout Executive.

The very first Camp Yocona was held at Springdale Lakes near Myrtle, Mississippi, in July, 1926. It was composed of fifty-three boys, fifty of them being members of local Scout troops. Henry G. Shires was Camp Director.



Some things in Scouting always remain the same.

The camp was declared a great success in every way by Scout Commissioner Rev. J. A. Christian, Coach Sanders, Scout Executive Henry G. Shires and the more than 200 visitors who inspected the camp during the week.

On the last Thursday night at camp, for the "Best Scout" in camp, Hobson Houston was given first place by his brother Scouts, while Robert Pegram was a close second, being only a few votes behind.



Scouts preparing camp.

Thursday, which was visitors day, was a busy one in camp. Jeff Jefferson, camp cook, was kept quite busy preparing a chicken dinner for the Tupelo boys and their 32 Scout visitors from Pontotoc, who were in the charge of Dr. E. N. Bigham.

Real Scout spirit was in camp on that day. "The Pontotoc boys were loud in their praises of their neighbors for their genuine hospitality in the

nature of a chicken dinner and two swimming periods of one hour each."

The water carnival which was a feature of the week was given in the afternoon in honor of the camp's visitors.

The events and winners of each event were:

Speed Swim, 20 yards — 1st Reed Tallichet; 2nd, A. C. Biagi; 3rd, Rodney Baine.

Distance Dive — 1st Oline Anderson; 2nd, Harvey Pope.

Comical Dive — 1st, Robert Pegram; 2nd, Thurman Taylor; 3rd, Ralph Adams.

Straight Dive — 1st, Jack Purser; 2nd, Thurman Taylor; 3rd, Ralph Adams.

Jack Knife Dive — 1st, Russell Monaghan; 2nd, Clifton Spain.

Swan Dive — 1st, John Clark; 2nd, Bing Shannon.

Tin Soldier Dive — 1st, Jack Purser; 2nd, Clifton Spain.

Speed Dive, 40 yards - 1st, Russell Monaghan; 2nd, John Clark; 3rd, David Helms. Pontotoc.

Hobson Houston was official announcer, Lindsey Spight, clerk of the carnival.

1927 saw a growing Scout Council. New troops were being formed. The officers of the Tupelo District were R. W. Reed, Sr., District Chairman, and Dr. E. D. Foster, District Treasurer. Members of the local Court of Honor consisted of J. N. Berry, chairman; J. G. Davis, secretary; F. L. Spight, C. F. Capps, and Rev. J. T. Lewis.

New troops were Troop 4, sponsored by the Woodmen of the World, with R. C. Lamphere as Scoutmaster.

Troop 1 of Sherman was sponsored by the schools with Professor L. H. Busby as Scoutmaster.

Troop 1 of Verona was also sponsored by the schools had Professor A. L. Burdine for its Scoutmaster.

A. G. Bowen was director of the Yocona Area Council Orchestra with the R. W. Reed Co. acting as "the official outfitters" in Tupelo.

Dr. D. I. Purser was Council President, Dr. J. A. Christian, Council Commissioner, and Dr. R. H. Pegram, Council Treasurer, all of Tupelo.

In April 1927 the Council Orchestra traveled to

Columbus, Mississippi for a broadcast over radio station WCOC. The announcer for the program was Robert Whitfield, the Governor's son, and he was "enthusiastic in coaching the boys in the proper manner to conduct themselves before the microphone." He announced the fact to the thousands of listeners that the oldest boy in "this wonderful aggregation of musicians" was only fifteen years old.

A. G. Bowen, Jr., the 12 year old pianist, received many requests by telegraph and long distance telephone" for special numbers. After his piano solo, which he dedicated to Mayor D. W. Robins, Rodney Baine dedicated his violin solo to Mrs. A. E. Hindsman. Armistead "Army" Brown was also complimented for the "perfect rendition of banjo solos." A. G. Bowen, Jr. had a part time job playing the organ for silent movies at the local theater. He now lives in Columbus, Georgia, and is a professional organist and choir director. Army Brown is a realtor in Jackson, Miss.

Knowing that there would be many people listening in from Tupelo the orchestra played many of their selections dedicated to the teachers, pupils and others back in "the City Beautiful."

The Orchestra remained together until its members finished High School in Tupelo and moved away to college. Some of them still got together in Jackson for their own private "jam session" after they broke up.

The end of May 1927 saw the second year of "Camp Yocona." More than 100 Scouts traveled from Tupelo to the beautiful reservation of the Booneville Fish Lake Company. The second period began June 6th and lasted 'til June 11th. For the period more than 300 boys from all over the council attended Summer Camp.

The Camp Director was B. P. O'Quinn, Scout Executive of the Walker-Lamar Council, Jasper, Alabama. H. B. Shires was Business Director and in charge of Camp Fire Programs. Regular visiting day was Thursdays and all parents and friends were urged to visit on this day. Council officials further urged that visitors "will refrain from bringing rich foods to the camp for the Scouts. Records show that the worst health conditions during the entire camp period existed the day following visitor's day."



First aid for First Class in 1927 at Camp Yocona.

Here is a skeleton program used during Summer Camp of 1927:

Revelee	5:45
Calisthenics (optional)	5:55
Morning Dip (optional)	6-6:15
Breakfast	6:45
Sick Call	8:00
Inspection of Quarters	8:30
Camp Craft & Instruction	9:00
Morning Swim	10-11:00
Free Time	11-11:15
Dinner	12:00
Patrol Activities	1-1:30
Staff Conference, Adults	1:30-2:30
Mass Activities	3:00
Recall	5:00
Retreat	5:45
Afternoon Swim	4-5:00
Supper	6:00
Free Time 'til	7:30-9:00
Camp Fire	7:30-9:00
Taps	9:15



Swim call at Camp Yocona held at Booneville Fish Lake.

Both the morning dip and calisthenics were optional, however, if the morning dip was to be, calisthenics must have preceded.



Life Saving class at Camp Yocona in 1927.

At rechartering time in 1927 Troops 1 and 2 combined units to become Troop 11. Combined sponsors were First Baptist Church and the Presbyterian Church. The Charter Application was signed by Dr. D. I. Purser and J. A. Christian. Leland Epting was Scoutmaster with Rex Reed committee chairman.

Troop 11 remained active until 1935 with the following officers through the years: 1928 Davis Langston, Scoutmaster; Rex F. Reed, committee chairman. 1929 Leon Kenney and Hayes Scott assistant Scoutmasters. 1930 First Baptist Church was the single sponsor with Willie Gilpin, Scoutmaster; W. A. Breedlove, committee chairman; Hayes Scott, assistant Scoutmaster. 1933 Sea Scout Patrol formed in Troop 11. Members were Stewart Clayton, Edmond Davis, Jack Jones, Henderson Hall, H. R. Holcomb, David Hulsey, G. C. Kirkpatrick, Fay Moore, Billy Phillips, William Sims, W. W. Trice, and Marvin Jenkins. Leon Kenney became Mate April 17, 1934. 1935 J. D. Langston, Scoutmaster; Allen Lindsey was assistant Scoutmaster. This was the last year of charter by either church for Troop 11. The next year it became Troop 3 with sponsorship shifting back to the Presbyterian Church.

Some new troops in 1927 were A. J. Lambkin's Troop 18 in Baldwyn with J. D. Langston as assistant Scoutmaster. Mr. Lambkin had been Scoutmaster of this troop since 1923 but was now registered with the new Council. Eugene P. Lacy started Troop 1 in Booneville as Scoutmaster. His assistant was J. C. Stanley, Jr., who became Scoutmaster in 1929.

April 8, 1927 saw two new troops chartering in Water Valley. Troop 13, First Baptist Church, had Dr. W. A. Spearman as its Scoutmaster. Troop 14, First Methodist Church, showed its Scoutmaster to be Jack Lamb. Lawrence Cox, OA Advisor for 1961-66, was a charter member of Troop 13 and showed up as a member of Troop 14 on September 9, 1927. In 1928 the sponsorship of Troop 14 shifted to the Episcopal and Presbyterian Churches, Fred A. Kendrick, Scoutmaster. Then in 1929 the Rotary Club was the sponsor with James Noel Bell as Scoutmaster.

In October 1927, before a crowd of about five thousand people in the grandstands of the North Mississippi-North Alabama Fair, Scout Executive Henry G. Shires pinned the badges of Scouting's highest rank on Scouts Robert Pegram and Reid Tallichet after an impressive presentation speech had been made by Dr. D. I. Purser, President of the Council. This was the first Eagle presentation in Yocona Area Council.

They were further honored when the big evening program of the Fair was interrupted to do courtesy to them. They made the entire Council proud to boast of their first Eagle Scouts. Comparatively few towns in Mississippi could boast of an Eagle Scout in 1927.

The Scouts of Tupelo and surrounding towns proved to be of great assistance to the Fair Association in handling the enormous crowds that filled the city. They were in charge of the usher service in the fairgrounds; they handled the traffic uptown; manned and directed a first aid station; and furnished a Scout exhibit in the Women's Building – said by many to be the best ever seen in the country.

Real Scouting is participating citizenship on the part of the Scout. Scouting maintains that the best way to become a good citizen is to do things while yet boys that worthwhile citizens would be called upon to do in the community. "Learn by doing" is the idea.

During the year 1927 some outstanding things were seen done by local Scouts along the lines of civic service. During May Scouts ran the city (Tupelo), directed traffic and carried out the duties of the various officers of the city for one day. During the flood of 1927 clothes were gathered up by Scouts and packed for shipment to the victims. During the activities at the big North Mississippi-North Alabama Fair previously mentioned the first aid station revived 8 fainting

victims and treated many other minor cases. Many lost children were returned to their anxious parents.



Scouts pitched in when the floods came.



Flooding in the Tupelo area.

The advertising for the American Red Cross Roll Call Campaign was put in the charge of the Scouts as was the Christmas Seal Campaign later in the year. During the holiday season Scouts assisted the "Goodfellows" of the Lions Club in bringing Christmas Cheer to many unfortunate people of the city by delivering packages to them.

The Rotary Club's national Boy's Week program each May is responsible for the traditional event of letting the Scouts run the city for a day.

A. G. Bowen and J. D. Langston were appointed as election commissioners to supervise the balloting to select the "city officials." The Scouts were divided into groups of equal number irrespective of troop they belonged to and were instructed to

form their party and select their candidates. The campaign slogan, party platform, etc., to be worked out by the group. Any girl or boy between the ages of 12 and 21 were permitted to vote provided they were members of the Boy Scouts or registered in the school system.

Robert Hugh Pegram, Troop 12, was elected Mayor.

October 1927 saw Tupelo's third Eagle Scout. Lloyd Whitehead of Troop 12 was awarded Scouting's highest rank. Today it is said that one boy in 100 reaches the Eagle Scout Award. In 1927 it was one boy in 300. Troop 12 already had three Eagle Scouts.

The council-wide Spring Recruiting Campaign closed May 1st, 1928, with Troop 18 of Baldwyn leading with 9 new Tenderfoot Scouts added to their troop during April. Troop 14, Water Valley, won second place in the council with 5 new boys. Troop 18 was presented a "Round-up" Pennant by the Yocona Area Council.



Hayes Scott, a charter member of the first troop in Yocona Area Council is still active as a Coach/Counselor for Cornerstone.

In 1928 Camp Yocona was held again in Booneville. Inspection of camping facilities by the National Council Camping Committee resulted in a B grade plus 26 points, the highest grade attainable unless the council owned its own camp site. 35% of all registered Scouts had attended Camp Yocona the year before. 1928 saw the addition of 4 new boats.

This year saw our first attention to Scouting for saving life in our council. The following appeared in the *Twice-A-Week Journal* dated January 11, 1928:

WATER VALLEY SCOUT SAVES CHILD'S LIFE

"John Crumby, five years old, of Water Valley, while standing too near an open grate had his clothing ignited. He immediately began running, fanning the flames which would have soon caused his death. Scout Robert Hood, Second Class, of Troop 14, succeeded in catching the little fellow and by using methods learned in his Scout work, succeeded in extinguishing the flames. Scout Hood was severely burned about the arms, hands and face and will be forced to remain away from school for at least a week."

"The bravery of this Scout has been commended by the entire city and will no doubt be awarded the Medal for Heroism offered by the National Headquarters of his organization, the Boy Scouts of America."

The annual Council meeting in Tupelo Wednesday, 18 January 1928, showed Dr. D. I. Purser Council President and Rev. J. A. Christian, Council Commissioner. Men were present from Booneville, New Albany, Pontotoc, Water Valley and Tupelo.



Tupelo two years after the council was formed.

The Council Court of Honor Report, made by Chairman W. T. Bennett of Booneville, was exceptional in that the Court had granted a total of 1078 merit badges during 1927 to the 568 Scouts of the Council. The Eagle roll was rapidly increasing as the Council now had seven Eagle Scouts. They were Reid Tallichet, Robert Pegram

and Lloyd Whitehead of Tupelo; Eugene Stevenson, the first Eagle Scout in New Albany; Henry Allen, Edwin Halliwell and Henry Carr, the first Eagle Scouts in Water Valley.

L. G. Milam, Civic Services Committee, reported the Scouts had spent more than 3000 hours in community service during 1927.

The fast growth of Yocona Area Council resulted in attention being given from outside the state. Present at this 1928 meeting was H. W. Lewman, Region V Scout Executive, and Charles N. Miller, Assistant National Field Director, National Council, New York. L. L. Hubbard, Scout Executive of the East Mississippi Council (now Pushmataha Council), Columbus, Mississippi, was also present as a visitor.

Troop 17, New Albany, was organized in October 1928 with W. C. Smallwood as Scoutmaster with the Methodist Church as sponsor. Troop 17 remained active from October 1928 until August 1944 and then again from March 1945 'til March 1948. It was once again revived in 1949. More about Troop 17 later.

1929 was an even better year for Scouting. 2½ years before, Yocona Area Council, composed of Water Valley, Pontotoc, Booneville, and Tupelo, began with only 3 troops. There now were 26 troops in the towns of Corinth, Booneville, Baldwyn, Tupelo, New Albany, Tremont, Pontotoc, and Water Valley. There were now 17 Eagle Scouts. The last one was presented by Chief Scout Executive James E. West at the regional meeting of Region Five held at the Peabody Hotel in Memphis, January 28th and 29th, 1929.



Stairway to Scout meeting room
in Corinth.

The annual report of the council showed that in its membership it had four Eagle Scouts with Bronze Palms, 17 Eagle Scouts, five Life Scouts, 56 Star Scouts, and 100 First Class Scouts. 856 merit badges were granted to Scouts of the council in 1928 and 16 Scouts qualified at camp for the coveted Red Cross Junior Life Saving.

Robert Hood of Troop 14 was awarded a Certificate of Heroism by the National Court of Honor, one of the highest honors conferred on Scouts and of which only 66 were awarded in the United States in 1928.

An Eagle Flight of 1008 miles was enjoyed by 29 Eagles of Yocona Area Council and the East Mississippi Council taking them to places of great interest in the Ozark Mountains, the Reelfoot Lake territory and to three Council Camps where they met and made friends with Scouts of those councils.

Yocona Area Council now had as its Council President one of the most outstanding individuals in the entire state. Becoming Council President in December 1928, R. W. Reed, President of Reed Manufacturing Company and Reed's Department Store, is responsible for the Council's outstanding growth as much as any other man in the area. He was instrumental in the Council's organization in 1926 and has continued to put forth his energy, time and money to insure its success. Mr. Reed's past 2½ years had been spent as Tupelo District Chairman and National Council Representative.



Robert W. Reed, Sr. Council President 1928 — 1936, a giant of Yocona Area Scouting.

In Fact, the Reed Family, with its tremendous personality, has had a great influence on the Council's continued growth. From the beginning there was R. W. Reed, Sr., and Rex Reed through today's Jack Reed. Both R. W. and son, Jack, have served the Council as President and both are

recipients of the Council Silver Beaver and the coveted Regional Silver Antelope; the first father-son recipients in the Region.

This year saw the Rural Expansion Program for Yocona Area Council. Every boy in the Council would have the opportunity to become a Scout regardless of whether he lived in the towns or in the rural districts if he so desired, according to the plans outlined at the meeting of the Council Executive Committee held in New Albany. The Committee believed that Scouting would work well in conjunction with the Smith-Hughes School and the 4-H Clubs.

L. M. Rayburn, superintendent of Smith-Hughes School at Tremont, and Scoutmaster of the leading Troop in the Council in 1928, was chairman of the Rural Scout Program for the Council.

Troop 20 of Tremont, of which Mr. Rayburn was Scoutmaster, was without equal in the South for a rural troop, in so far as Scout accomplishments were concerned. This troop was awarded the "President's Cup" for Troop efficiency by Council President Reed at the Annual Council Jamboree held in New Albany.

In the Yocona Area Council, composed of 15 North Mississippi Counties, there were two families having two Eagle Scouts each in 1929. Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Jaco, Booneville, were proud of their Eagle Scout sons. John, Jr., was next to the highest ranking Scout in the Council with 44 merit badges to his credit while Leslie had recently attained the Eagle Rank.

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Allen of Water Valley were also parents of two Eagle Scouts. Henry Allen was the first Eagle Scout in his District while Glen was one of the most enthusiastic Scouts in the Council and served as Junior Assistant Scoutmaster of Troop 14.

The greatest meeting of boys in the history of the world, the International Scout Jamboree, held near Liverpool, England, and attended by more than 50,000 Scouts from 47 different countries, was held in 1929.

Scout Jack Guyton, son of Dr. and Mrs. B. S. Guyton of Oxford, represented Yocona Area Council. In a letter received at the Council office Jack told of participating in ceremonies honoring the Prince of Wales, the Duke of Connaught, Ambassador Dawes and other notables.

Scout Jack Guyton attended the World Jamboree in 1929.



One of the outstanding ceremonies was when Sir Robert Baden-Powell, the Chief Scout of the World, was made Lord by the King of England for his services to the boys of the world through the Boy Scout program.

The World Jamboree was held that year for the purpose of celebrating the twenty-first anniversary of the organization of Scouting in England by Sir

Robert. The Prince of Wales, dressed in the uniform of a British Scoutmaster, spent much time with the Scouts in Camp.

Scout Guyton, through his efficiency in the program and his neat appearance was selected orderly to one of the outstanding leaders from the United States and had come to know Chief Scout Executive James E. West personally.

He had also come to know Scouts Doug Oliver and Dave Martin who made the trip into the wilds of Africa with the Martin Johnson party the previous summer since they were in the same Jamboree Troop.

Jack was also impressed when he met two Eagle Scouts who had passed 87 of the 89 merit badges offered by the Boy Scouts of America and the leader of their party who had all 89.

Jack wrote that he was keeping a diary and "making a Kodak history" of the trip both of which would enable us to get a better idea of this greatest gathering of boys.

CHAPTER THREE

GROWING PAINS, 1930 — 1936

Scout Sunday was one of the events in February 1930 to start that year off. More than 100 Scouts from Tupelo and five neighboring towns attended church services at the First Presbyterian Church to hear Dr. J. A. Christian preach the anniversary sermon "The Best Scout." Scout A. G. Bowen, Jr., from the old Scout Orchestra, was the youthful organist. Council President R. W. Reed delivered the principle address at similiar services held at the Baptist Church in Booneville.

As part of Scout Month in February a Scout program was given at the Tupelo Junior High School assembly. Demonstrations in first aid were staged by Scouts of Troop 12 under the leadership of Carrol Varner, Jr., and Scouts of Patrol Leader Jack Jones, Jr.'s. Bob White Patrol. Scout Spurgeon Hall demonstrated fire building by friction. Scoutmaster Clayton Mitchener of Troop 11 and Council Scout Executive Henry G. Shires also spoke to the assembly.

Council Jamborees (Scout Shows) were big events in 1929 & 1930. The one in 1930 was a colorful spectacle with a large attendance. With American flags decorating the downtown section between 500 and 600 Scouts from fourteen towns participated in the downtown parade in Tupelo.



Scout Show held in Water Valley in early 30's.



Water Valley Scouts "hamming" it up for the camera at Scout Show.

The Corinth American Legion sponsored Scout Drum and Bugle Corps marched in the parade.

The reviewing stand held Mayors from all towns in the Council along with heads of the Kiwanis and Rotary Clubs, newspaper men, judges and Council officers.

The actual flying of model airplanes on the High School grounds was one of the outstanding features with Scouts from virtually every town competing. These little machines were motored by rubber bands and the one that stayed in the air the longest was the winner with a \$5 prize awarded by Joseph Sanders, a Booneville banker. Mr. Sanders, an enthusiastic aviator, flew down from Booneville (30 miles) to help judge the event. Clay McGaughy, a Tupelo aviator, was also a judge.

Other events at the High School was fire by friction and first aid contests.

Chief Scout Executive James E. West visited Yocona Area Council March 30, 1930.

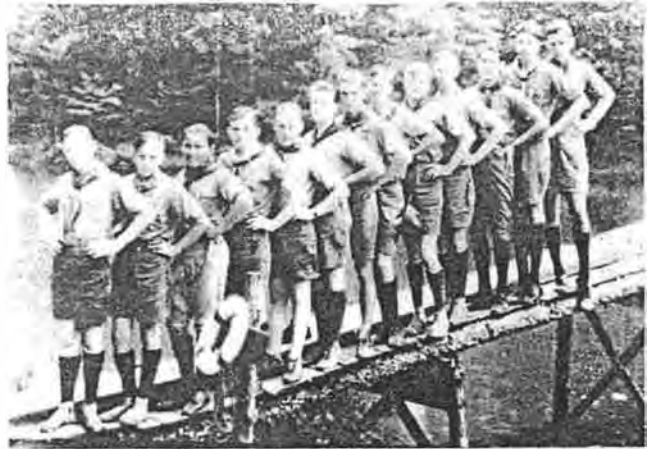


March 30, 1930, was a big day for Tupelo and the Yocona Area Council. Chief Scout Executive James E. West visited our area and stayed 'til the 31st. 500 to 1000 Scouts from Yocona Area Council and Tennessee were invited to come and hear their Chief. The fine work of Council President R. W. Reed and Council Scout Executive Henry G. Shires and others were responsible for Mr. West's visit. The fact that Yocona Area Council won an attendance trophy the previous week at a Region Five meeting in Birmingham was also a deciding factor for the visit. Competition was among 43 Councils in five states.



Camp Yocona Staff in 1930. Henry Shires can be seen to the left. Next to him is Kirk Henry, Scout Executive of East Mississippi Council. Jack Guyton is standing on opposite end in rear.

Combining a "good turn" project and a chance for a superactivity was the annual Confederate Veteran Reunion in 1930. Approximately 188 carefully selected Scouts from the Council left for Biloxi on Sunday, June 1st, 1930. They remained on the coast for more than a week to assist caring for the Confederate Veterans at their annual reunion in Biloxi June 3rd to 6th.



Eagle Scouts at Camp Yocona held at Booneville 1930. L-R No. 6 is John Andy McFarland, No. 9 is Jamie Towne, and No. 11 is Lloyd Whitehead.

The boys and leaders were provided with food and sleeping quarters by the reunion officials in appreciation of the service which the Scouts rendered to them. 4729 hours of service was rendered which helped tremendously for the veterans to enjoy their reunion.

They remained on the coast two days after the reunion closed for fishing and sight seeing trips.

To be eligible to go the Scouts had to be a First Class Scout or higher, have their application approved by their Scoutmaster, their parents, and their district Court of Honor.

Many of todays leading Scouters of the Council were among those boys that attended. Two notable ones were Felix Black, President of Black's Department Store and former Council President, and Richard Milam, Jacinto District Executive. Richard has been a Professional Scouter in this Council more than 30 years and retired February 1st, 1977.



Third Annual Eagle Flight posing with President Herbert Hoover in Washington, D. C. 1933.

"Eagle Flight" Scouts were enroute home after 2473 mile "flight" in June 1930. At the White House President Hoover posed for a picture with Yocona Area Council Scouts. Included in the party, in addition to Mr. H. G. Shires, Scout Executive and group leader, were Scoutmasters G. E. Bynum, Saltillo, and W. R. Hammontree, Amory; Assistant Scoutmasters Leon Kinney, Hayes Scott, and Calvin Branyan; Eagle Scouts Roy Collins, Jr., John R. Baker, Jr., Wayne Moore and Hobson Houston all of Tupelo; Billy Barnett and Leslie Jaco from Booneville; John Potater, New Albany; Jim Milton, Baldwyn; Evans Sigman and Cooper Adams, Corinth; David Smallwood and Jack Guyton, Oxford; Edwin Halliwell, W. A. Spearman and Claude Spearman from Water Valley; and Lee Francis, Saltillo.

The Scouts visited Annapolis Sunday and were greeted by two former Yocona Area Council Eagle Scouts, Lloyd Whitehead, of Tupelo and Raymond Payne, of Corinth, both of whom had entered the United States Naval Academy since making the "Eagle Flight" in 1929.

The party had a well filled program in Washington. In addition to the Naval Academy they visited the tomb of Woodrow Wilson, the many embassies in the capitol and the homes of outstanding Washington dwellers.

Senator Pat Harrison of Mississippi showed the group through the capitol after they had visited the Bureau of Printing and Engraving and watched Uncle Sam's workmen make paper money. They also visited the Smithsonian Institute. Congressman Rankin had obtained passes to the many sights of the capitol.

Some of the Scouts climbed the 1000 steps to the top of the Washington monument while others took it easy by ascending the elevator.

The trip to Washington was via Huntsville, Ala., Chattanooga, Bristol and Lexington, Va., and over the Shenandoah route to the Massanutku caverns.

The homeward route was different from that northward. The first night was spent in Richmond Va., and the second in Goldsboro, N. C. The following night they camped in the Smokey Mountain National Park with Scouts from Knoxville. John Goge, Scout Executive of the Great Smokey Mountain Council, Knoxville, arranged this with Mr. Shires. The last night was spent in Chattanooga. From there the group completed the homeward journey to Tupelo, going through Fayetteville, Pulaski and Shilo Park.

The entire time covered by this third annual flight was 13 days.

Two new towns, Blue Mountain and Fulton organized Scout Troops in 1930.



W. A. Spearman of Water Valley, the 13th Eagle in the council.

Dr. W. A. Spearman, now a retired dentist, has the distinction of being the 13th Eagle Scout in the Council. Dr. Spearman, now living in Oxford, grew up in Water Valley. On being interviewed by a reporter in Oxford he related some of his Scouting experiences. Born on December 12, 1912, Dr. Spearman relates that he "joined the Boy Scouts in his hometown as soon after he reached the age of 12 that he could." He recalled, "There was no other troop then — ours was Troop 1, before the Yocona Council was formed. Later, it became Troop 13. Our Scoutmaster was Otis Hollman; he was a clerk with the Illinois Central Railroad. He had a limp and everyone called him 'crip'."

"Our troop had meetings in the grammar school on Wagner Street in Water Valley. I quickly rose through the ranks on to Eagle Scout . . . I had no difficulty. Then later we transferred our troop headquarters to the courthouse on Cemetery Street. That was about 1926. We used to play a lot of cowboys and Indians after we'd break up our Scout meetings," he recalled.

He also remembers two particular Scout trips he and some of his troop members took. One was a trip in 1927 to Biloxi to help escort veterans of the War Between the States during a reunion. This was a joint reunion of Union and Confederate veterans.

"We generally helped them any way we could," said Dr. Spearman. "We camped in tents on the north side of the railroad tracks. Most of the old soldiers stayed in hotels. The Scouts were assigned to different hotels. I was assigned to help those staying at The White House.

"I liked to have broken my neck one time," Dr. Spearman chuckled. "I was on the pier. The tide had gone out but I didn't realize it. I jumped off for one last dive and after I hit I staggered around and almost passed out. If I had, I'd have drowned for sure. The water had been as high as my shoulders but then it was around my knees."

The secret of his not observing the water level, is that he had gotten to courting a pretty girl, and watched her go off the pier towards shore, then took the last dive.

In those days the Scouts had their camps east of Booneville, at a "clear, beautiful lake." There was a bridge extending all the way across the lake and a big platform in the middle. Dr. Spearman was teaching swimming. "I acquired all the merit badges, but swimming was my suit. In 1930 I took the Red Cross examiner course in Greenwood, got the examiner badge which enabled me to hold Red Cross swimming camps all over north Mississippi in the summer of 1931," he related.

"These camps were at Myrtle, Endora and Iuka. Stillwell (Stellwagon) was Scout Executive in 1931. You were supposed to be 21 to get the examiner's badge, but I wasn't 21 when I got mine in 1930. And I was a tough swimming teacher. I had two boys who turned over a boat in Sardi's Lake, who came back and thanked me for being so tough on them — they would not have made it out alive if I hadn't been," said Dr. Spearman.

The second big Scout trip Dr. Spearman was involved in came in July 1930. It was the third annual Eagle Flight to Washington, D. C., from the Yocona Council. "It was during the Depression, and the trip cost us \$30 apiece. We barely scraped enough money to go up there. We went in a school bus; the trip lasted about 10 days in all. We got to see the White House, the Smithsonian, the Lincoln Memorial, Washington Monument — we saw it all."

"When the president (Herbert Hoover) came down on the back lawn and shook hands with us all, and posed with us for the picture, that was the highlight," recalled Dr. Spearman. At this time Dr. Spearman was Scoutmaster. From Water Valley, Dr. Spearman and his brother, Claude H. Spearman, took the trip and from Oxford, Jack Guyton and David Smallwood.

About the trip to Washington, Dr. Spearman remembers the high mountains they had to struggle to make it up. "We had to put the bus in second gear to go down those mountains. You can imagine how much money they had to spend on roads during the Depression."

Scout Week in 1931 highlighted each day of the week with special emphasis. Beginning Sunday, February 8th, there was a solid week of Scout progress. The program provided for Church Day, School Day, A Scout and Community Day, A Scout and Civic Service Day, and a Health Day, in succession.

Thursday was perhaps the most important day of all, "Scout and Community Day." The Scouts canvassed the city for discarded clothing and food for the unfortunates who are reduced to charity, and turned over to Medford Leake, Red Cross Chairman, every thing they collected. Mr. Reed liked the Red Cross idea so well that he worked to have it duplicated in every city in Yocona Area Council. Some members of committees responsible for this year's Scout Week are still active in Scouting such as Hayes Scott.

Civic clubs that were strong backers of early Scouting participated in Scout Week. The Kiwanis Club and Rotary Club had members of Troops 11 and 12 serve as club officers.



Scout Executive Henry G. Shires.

Effective March 1, 1931, Henry G. Shires resigned as Council Scout Executive to accept the position of Scout Executive in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Mr. Shires had developed the Yocona Area Council into one of the outstanding Councils in the Nation and his record here was what earned him this promotion.

When he came to Tupelo five years earlier there had been only 3 troops. Now there were twenty-six troops in 15 towns and cities, and more than 800 boys where there had been less than 50 five years before. He had been a member of the Rotary Club and had taken an active part in church work, civic

Russell B. Stellwagon, Scout Executive, 1931-33.



affairs, and all worthy enterprises since he came to Tupelo, in addition to doing his job as Scout Executive. Russell B. Stellwagon, Scout Executive at Alexandria, Louisiana, was named to succeed Henry G. Shires as Scout Executive. He was recommended highly by Harold C. Lewman, Region Five Scout Executive. Mr. Lewman attended the meeting at which Mr. Shires resignation was accepted.

Mr. Stellwagon, a young widower with a four-year-old son, began to further expand the Scout program. One of his first moves, after touring the Council, was to arrange with Radio Station WDIX to have the Scouts or a Scouting program broadcast once weekly from the local station. On the first broadcast Mr. Lewman, Mr. Reed, and Mr. Stellwagon appeared and talked about Lone Scout Tribes.

Training was one of Mr. Stellwagon's tools of leadership. One of the first courses was a patrol leaders training course he conducted in Corinth in April. Booneville reorganized its Scouting program and Holly Springs organized a troop with Coach Odis Hanna as Scoutmaster. This was the first Scout Troop in Holly Springs since 1919.

In Baldwin a Scout Leaders Course was conducted on Tuesday, the 28th of April. All Scouters from Tupelo, Booneville, and surrounding towns were urged to attend.

June 1931 saw the annual Council Jamboree in New Albany over a weekend. Troop 11 of Tupelo won the Jamboree banner the year before in what had been the most successful event of the council.

Five hundred Scouts and Scouters assembled in New Albany for the Jamboree under the direction of R. B. Stellwagon.

Competitive skills were again fire by friction, first aid, knot tying, signaling, bugling, woodchopping, Scout pace race, fuzzy stick contest, model airplane contest, fire building, and water boiling. There were troop exhibits and at the final assembly awards were presented to the winners.

A loving cup was presented to W. R. Hammondtree's Troop 39 of Carolina for having the best record of any troop in the entire council in the Troop Efficiency Contest which had closed on May 1st.



In October 1931 the Scouts were once again called upon to assist at the annual North Mississippi-North Alabama Fair. Scouts manned a first aid booth from four 'til nine daily. They also acted as service patrols to the fair officials. On Saturday, October 10th, a Scouting demonstration was conducted in front of the stands.



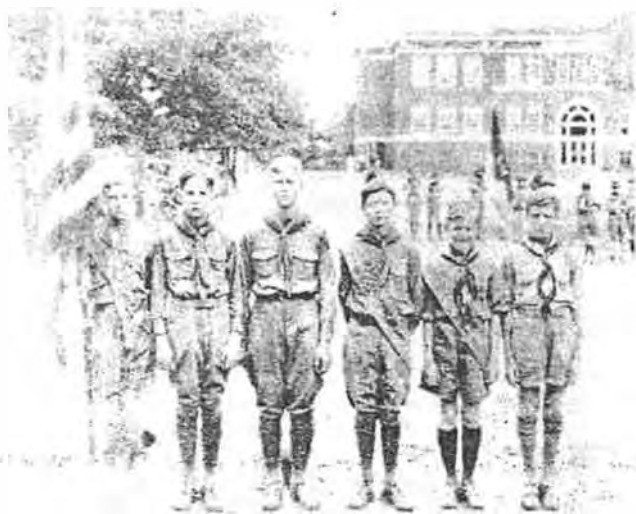
After 4 years of study the Cubbing program became a part of the Boy Scouts of America in 1933.

The Council was sending a contingent to the Chicago World's Fair. In anticipation Troop 12 met in July to map out plans for the trip. The Scouts

traveled with Mr. Gilpin of Troop 11 and Executive Stellwagon. Departure date was Sunday, August 20, 1933 with the following Scouts making the trip: David Puckell, Dudley Carr, H. R. Holcomb, Jr., Stewart Clayton, Jr., Ernest Bowen, Edward Martin, Edward Davis, Billy Phillips, Jack Jones, Robert Sadler, Fay Moore, P. K. Thomas, Tommy Fields, David Hulsey, Billy Booth, and Henderson Hall. Other Scouts included were from Fulton, New Albany, Corinth, Holly Springs, Aberdeen, Ripley, Macon and Frank Temple from Shannon.



Scouts and Scoutmaster of Troop 38.



Boy Leaders of Troop 38.

Executive Board member, Silver Beaver holder, and dedicated Scouter Charles M. "Bo" Murry of Oxford recalls his days as a Scout in the Council, "I was a member of Troop 38 in Ripley." He relates, "It was my good fortune to be a part of this Century of Progress trip in 1933. As I recall the matter, there were some 55 people who took

the trip. Some caught the train in Tupelo and others in Corinth. The round trip train fare was \$12.00 from Corinth. We stayed in the Wilson Avenue YMCA in Evanston at 25 cents a night." Bo further recalls, "Three of us stayed in a room which had wall to wall carpeting and ceramic tile bath for that great amount of 25 cents a night each. Many of the fellows slept on cots in the gym. We were allowed 25 cents per meal. My total expenses for that trip, including every exhibit I wanted to see and all the souvenirs I wanted to buy, was \$30.00." Dr. Murry, an Ophthalmologist and Otolaryngologist, has continued to be one of the Yocona Area Council's most active supporters.

The boys in the Southern part of Tupelo got their troop when Troop 4 was organized by the Tupelo Cotton Mills with Jesse Filgo as Scoutmaster the 17th of October 1933.

For the Tupelo District School meeting Friday and Saturday the 3rd and 4th of November 1933 Scouts were used to control traffic. A list of Scouts from Troops 4, 11 and 12 was published in the Daily Journal the Tuesday before. Those Scouts to be let out of school at 11 o'clock Friday morning for traffic control were: Frank Laney, Thomas Adams, P. K. Thomas, Jr., Basil Fain, Jack Stacy, Max Pegram, Pete Platt, Billy Hall, George Maynard, Billy Reed, Bobby Reed, and George Herring to report to the Tupelo Hotel at noon.

David Hulsey, H. R. Holcomb, Dudley Carr, Tommy Fields, Edward Martin, Billy Travis, Marvin Jenkins, Ernest Bowen, Edward Davis, and Cecil Clayborne were to report to the High School at the same time.

Millard Mims, Leslie Davis, Leroy Walters, and Ernest Davis were to standby for special duty.



Sea Scouts active in Corinth during 1933-34. Requirements were that all members had to be an Eagle Scout.

During the year 1933-34 Corinth had a Sea Scout Ship unique in that "it was one of the first in the nation to have as a standard for membership the Eagle Scout Rank." The ship, christened the "SS Franklin D", had as its skipper Ernest F. Waits with first and second mates R. E. Price and H. L. Biggers. The boat stood anchor at Pittsburg Landing and was the means of much good Senior Scouting experiences. Those Eagle Scouts who made up the ship were: John Kirk Adams, Carl Norwood, Clifford Worsham, Leroy Worsham, C. S. Wigginton, Fisher Weaver, Ben A. Ledbetter, Jean Bechand, Ben E. Everett, Jr., Evans Sigman, and Marshall Elam, Jr.



Clifford and Leroy Worsham attained the rank of Eagle in July 1932. Frank Worsham, standing, had received the award in 1925 before the council was organized.

Skipper Waits had a ship's deck set up in his Jewelry Store with lights, bell, etc., that was needed to practice the "real thing" when aboard ship. Many stories are recalled about the ship, especially the time the ship caught fire and the Skipper had to be pulled ashore because he was unable to swim.

Belden had a new troop when Executive Stellwagon traveled there in November to organize a new troop of eleven boys.

Scout Executive Stellwagon, who had been Scout Executive since March 1931, submitted his resignation to be effective December 1, 1933. During Mr. Stellwagon's tenure in the Council he married Miss Majel Pruett of Verona and

subsequently taught school in Verona for about three years before going to work for Shainberg's in Tupelo. He remained here in Mississippi after he left professional Scouting. His son, Russell, became a Baptist Minister and is now serving in Japan.



James Asbury, Scout Executive
1933 - 1939

James F. Asbury, age 25, became the new Scout Executive in December 1933. He began his Scouting as a Tenderfoot "and worked his way to the very top." He had been a professional a year before coming to Tupelo. He began his duties with a trip to Corinth with R. W. Reed and W. B. Fields.



Patrol ready for inspection at early Camp Yocona.

Camp Yocona in 1933 and 1934 was at Springdale Lakes.

Jim Asbury reported, for a six month period, in August '34 that there were 577 Scouts and 150 trained Scouters. Scout Executive's salary for 1934 was \$1241.50.

A campsite located in Pontotoc County between Tocopola and Randolph, consisting of 140 acres, was acquired in 1934 for the purpose of establishing a permanent camp for the Scouts of

Yocona Area Council. C. H. Wilson, Belden; H. C. Bell, Oxford; and C. V. McKee, Pontotoc, were appointed to be in charge of purchasing the land which was done through public subscription and the efforts of the Pontotoc Rotary Club. As soon as it could be developed it was to become the permanent Camp Yocona.

A training course entitled "Rural Leaders' Training Course in Scouting" was started on Monday November 2, 1934. Scoutmasters from the rural areas and Tupelo were in attendance with Ray Purnell, C. H. Dabbs, and R. W. Reed as staff members. James Asbury was course director.

The 1934 Fall Council Camporee was conducted in Oxford. Troops 11 and 12 from Tupelo went over.

In January '35 Scouters of the council met the 27th to form a "Scout Leaders Roundtable" for the purpose of exchanging ideas. This was the first of the monthly district roundtables that are common now throughout the BSA. Those present were Ray Purnell, Jack Martin, Calvin Branyan, Leon Kenney, David Langston, T. C. Gunn, Dr. Jack Lilly, and James Asbury.

At a regular meeting of the Executive Board of the Council on 3 February 1935 in New Albany it was resolved that the Council be incorporated under the laws of the State of Mississippi. The corporate title was Yocona Area Council, Boy Scouts of America, to be located in Tupelo, Mississippi. The period of the corporation was to be 50 years. Its purpose of corporation is that of an educational and civic improvement organization. Incorporation by the State of Mississippi was secured and approved November 6, 1935.

The Scouts from the Presbyterian Church in Tupelo had been receiving their Scout training as members of Troop 11. 1935 was the last year of charter of Troop 11 by the First Baptist Church. Later (1948), Troop 4 would be reorganized by this sponsor and continue until the present day. The boys from Troop 11 (First Baptist Church and Presbyterian Church) were getting older now and their interest were reaching out to new directions. Sea Scout Ship 2 (Flying Cloud) was organized January 25, 1935 and chartered in February with the Presbyterian Church as sponsor. Calvin Branyan was its first Skipper and Leon Kenney was Mate. Ship Committee Chairman was W. B. Field. Charter members of Flying Cloud included: R. O. Smith, Emil Steed, Edmond Davis, Billy Robinson,

Dudley Carr, Thomas Fields, Edward Martin, and Hubert Stephens. June the 8th in 1936 Leon Kenney became Skipper with Guy Mitchell as committee chairman.

Sponsorship shifted to the Kiwanis Club in 1936. Also in 1936 Eddie Martin became one of its first Eagles. The Sea Scouts erected a landship in the form of a real ship behind the courthouse in Tupelo. The model for the landship is still in the possession of Leon Kenney. The landship had one extra structure which the model does not show. Atop the landship was constructed a small cabin which later was used as the Yocona Area Council office. It was completed and dedicated August 27, 1937 by the Kiwanis Club. The landship measured 50 feet from bow to stern and 12 feet at the beam. Dudley Carr was now Mate (Associate Advisor).

Twenty boys and three leaders were scheduled to attend the First National Scout Jamboree in Washington, D. C., in August 1935. Eight of those 20 were from Tupelo: Bobby Reed, Billy Reed, George, Maynard, Al Wylie, Jr., David Whiteside, Jack Stacy, Ernest Bowen, and David Hulsey. President Roosevelt cancelled the Jamboree when an infantile paralysis epidemic became evident in the Washington area.

Shannon's Scout troop was organized the first week in August '35 as Shannon Troop 1 with Wesley McDade as Scoutmaster. There were 11 boys on the original charter sponsored by the Shannon Women's Club.

The September 15, 1935 Executive Board meeting reported that within the last year interest lagged in several districts, and as a result the budget for the year had a deficit of \$500. This prompted the Board to reorganize the districts in an effort to put new life into the Scouting movement. The budget for 1936 was \$3600.

Having never lost its interest in the youth of the city and the area the First Presbyterian Church had always kept its hand in Scouting. First with Troop 1, then Troop 11, followed with the Sea Scouts, it felt a need for service once again to the younger boys. The Church organized Troop 3 October 20th, 1935, with W. E. Means as Scoutmaster, from the remnants of Troop 11 who had failed to reregister in 1935. Mr. Means had been Scoutmaster of Troop 38 in Senatobia. The new troop was chartered in March 1936. On the 17th of June 1938 Henderson Strain Hall became Scoutmaster. Mr. Hall had been a charter member as a Scout in Troop 11. Troop 3 was organized

after a survey revealed that 45 boys in Tupelo were eager to become Scouts. Allison Bell, Troop Organization for Lee District, and R. G. Purnell, District Chairman, were instrumental in organizing Troop 3. Charter members of Troop 3 were Walter Cooper, Milton Dillard, Hugh Turner, Bill Wilson, James Lee Baine, John Shands, Joe Skinner, and Bob Croan as Senior Patrol Leader. Meetings were on Monday nights at the Presbyterian Church on Jefferson Street. Except for a few months in the Fall of 1935 and through February 1936 Troop 3 has been active since May 1926 according to their National Registration. During this time it had three different numbers but considered one troop by the National Council.

In January 1936 the Coca Cola Bottling Company was installing a new elevator. After seeking in vain for workmen to splice a five-strand three inch wire cable for the elevator Coca Cola officials contacted Scout Executive James Asbury and found that two Tupelo Sea Scouts were available for the job. Sea Scouts Dudley Carr and R. O. Smith completed the job after no other workmen could be found that would attempt the complicated long splice.

It was through the District leaders as well as the Council officers that caused the fast growth of Yocona Area Council. After Guy Gravlee, Sr., owner of Gravlee Lumber Company, resigned at the end of 1935 Robert L. Hinds, of Hinds Brothers Clothing Store, became Lee District Chairman. The District Committee at the beginning of 1936 included Allison Bell, Ed Cotting, Clyde Dabbs, Guy Gravlee, Sam Howie, Jack Lilly, Ray Purnell, Rex Reed, Brit Rogers, Jr., and Fred Weaver with Robert Hinds as Chairman. Guy Gravlee, Jr., was an active Scout from 1935 to 1938. He was later a Brigadier General in the

Mississippi National Guard and is still in the lumber business in Tupelo.

Inter-racial Scouting was growing in 1936. At a Troop 51 father-son banquet, celebrating National Scout Week in February, T. R. Debro, Scoutmaster, expressed appreciation to James Asbury for his interest and the concern shown by the white population.

After a long tenure as Council President R. W. Reed was succeeded in 1936 by Hindman Doxey at the annual Council Banquet. Hindman Doxey was a brilliant young attorney in New Albany. Dr. Jack Lilly's Troop 12 of Tupelo was recognized as the most outstanding Troop in North Mississippi. Troop 12 was presented the Council Commissioner's Cup by Council Commissioner John Stanley.

Distinguished visitors at the annual banquet included Frank Braden, Deputy Executive for Region Five along with the Scout Executives of Black Warrior Council, East Mississippi Council, and Delta Area Council.

Rain and the dedication of the airport in Corinth caused an extension of the fund drive in 1936. The 1936 budget was set at \$3620 and broke down as follows: Scout Executive's salary, \$1980; travel, \$600; office rent, office supplies, \$50; telephone and telegraph, \$60; national quota and charter fees, \$150; training and National Jamboree, \$125; postage, \$75; account H. G. Shires (Scout Executive 1930), \$150; account Daisy Green (Secretary 1932), Eagle Badges, and Silver Beaver Awards, \$20; misc., \$10; 1936 deficit, \$850.

It seems our earlier leaders worked mostly by dedication, rather than pay, as witnessed by the \$150 still owned Henry G. Shires and Daisy Green in 1936.

CHAPTER FOUR

A MAJOR DISASTOR – 1936

April 5, 1936 saw one of the greatest disasters to ever hit North Mississippi. A tornado moved through Tupelo killing 235 persons and injuring more than 300 others. 897 homes were “twisted and broken into kindling wood.”

The following account was remembered in the Daily Journal 14 years later.

All through the night following the tornado, armies of people worked in driving rain, twisted trees and piles of debris in search of the dead and injured. Calls for help went out to every city within 500 miles, Red Cross headquarters in Atlanta sent hundreds of workers to the scene of the tragedy and hospitals in Memphis, Aberdeen, Amory, Pontotoc, and Birmingham, Ala., made ready to receive the injured. The Lee County Court House and Lyric Theater were turned into “make-shift” hospitals and doctors and nurses worked many hours without sleep, giving first aid to the more seriously injured.

morning, I had to close my eyes and grit my teeth. It was almost more than I could stand.

“The dead and dying lay all around. The injured groaned and screamed. Frantic relatives searched for their loved ones they had not seen since 9 o’clock last night. It was the same way in the Lyric Theater and the gas company building.



Make-shift first aid stations were set up throughout the city of Tupelo.



Corner of Church and Jefferson Street in Tupelo.

A reporter for one of the “larger newspapers in the South” wrote for her publication:

“Walking into the Lee County Courthouse this

“A 15-year-old-boy was covered with blood. He cried softly to himself – someone had told him a few moments before that his mother and aunt had been killed instantly.”

The tornado cut a path almost a mile wide from the M & O Railroad through the best homes in Willis Heights. The tornado was no respecter of person or building and brick structures tumbled to earth as if matchwood, along with the simple, little white frame houses.

Almost every family in the path of the tornado reported at least one member dead or missing.

Injured were loaded into baggage cars of the Frisco Railroad and carried to Memphis, Birmingham and other towns in this area while doctors and nurses from every little village in North Mississippi and Alabama rushed to Tupelo

April 6 to aid in caring for injured and dying.

The American Legion post in Tupelo, under the direction of J. M. Savery, went into action immediately and throughout the time the city was struggling to regain its footing the Legion was on duty. Thousands of people were given shelter and more fed at the Legion field kitchens set up throughout the city. Trucks and men were sent from every city in the state by other Legion posts to be used in meeting the needs of the stricken city.

Property loss in Tupelo was estimated at \$8,000,000 and almost immediately funds were made available through several state and federal agencies to people in Tupelo and the surrounding area.

The tornado also struck Gainesville and Cordele, Ga., and Greensboro, N. C. The total deaths at the four hardest hit towns was 466 with approximately 3457 persons reported injured.

Damage to schools in Tupelo was great and it was two weeks before temporary quarters could be set up for holding classes.



Many people were injured or killed when the tornado hit. Many were lost to their families and had to be searched out from the rubble.

Before the reconstruction job was completed more than 100 box cars were moved to Tupelo and approximately 400 families found shelter in "Box Car City." Residents of Memphis, Amory, Pontotoc and several other surrounding towns poured gifts into Box Car City for the children. Entertainers were brought into the city to stage shows for the youngsters and the Legion set up a recreational area "in order to keep the kids as happy as possible."



Most often there was just no place to go.

Many families were issued tents by the Red Cross and the National Guard and Legion put them up while several hundred residents visited relatives in other cities until their homes could be rebuilt.

Countless men and women, themselves injured, staggered toward the first aid centers, carrying children or wives, their own injuries ignored, seeking only help for loved ones.

As a result of the disaster the council office was moved to New Albany. In the fall it was returned to Tupelo at the request of the Regional Office in Memphis. The new office was located in the Knox Building on West Main.

When the tornado struck Tupelo, Billy Shirley, Troop 3, lost his Scout equipment. A troop of Scouts in the Canal Zone had earned \$20 on a concession stand during the baseball season the year before.

Hearing of the tornado they sent their entire savings to the National Office, BSA, in New York from where it was sent to replace the equipment lost by Billy, who in return wrote a personal letter to his fellow Scouts thanking them for their generosity. Bill Shirley is now running a successful business in California.



Tupelo High School just after the tornado hit.

Scouting had its casualties from the tornado. Mr. and Mrs. Guy Davis, Will Shirley, and Al Wylie were killed when the tornado came through. From his office in New Albany, Scout Executive James

Asbury said starting Scouting again was like starting new troops. But start over again they did and even though it was a struggle they were indeed successful.

CHAPTER FIVE

MORE PROGRESS, YET THE DEPRESSION CATCHES UP 1936 – 1939

A popular event in 1936 was the statewide Bird House Contest sponsored by the WPA. It was started in the Spring but due to the tornado it had to be cancelled. It was eventually conducted in October and November. The winner in Yocona Area Council was Robert Sims of Troop 51 with second place taken by C. H. Turner of Troop 3.

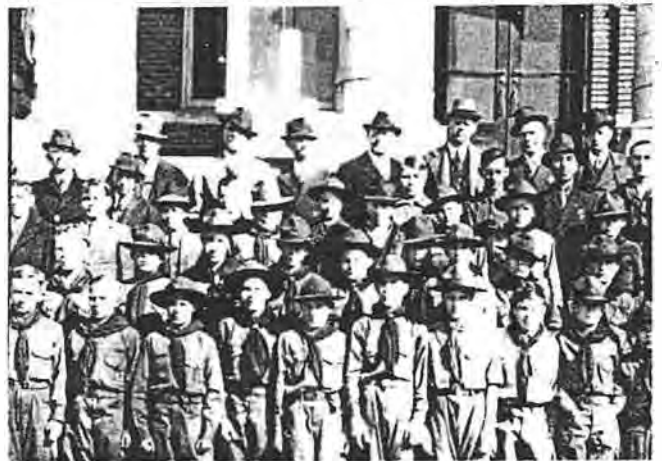
One way of keeping Scouting popular with its sponsors and benefactors is the practice of letting the public witness the capabilities of the Scouts. The Rotary Club and other businessmen were guests of Troop 12 at a camp dinner at the Tupelo Country Club one evening in November 1936. The Scouts prepared an excellent camp meal consisting of stew, beans, bread, cake, and coffee. The guests greatly enjoyed the food and fellowship.

The meeting was arranged by Scoutmaster Marion Winkler to demonstrate to the Rotarians just what progress was being made in Scouting. The following Scouts were present and had charge of preparing the meal over their campfires: Guy Gravlee, Jr., Watkins Ferguson, Robert McVey, Paul Eason, Harwell Dabbs, Edwin Topp, Pete Hutchinson, Bob Garden, Buddy Hunter, Bill Dabbs, Jack Reed, Ross Brown Love, Edward Scoggins, Edward Morgan, Jack Reese, Dick Garner, James Young, and Ellwood Pickens.

Scouts are well known for service during natural disasters. It happened during the tornado. Once again they responded during the massive flooding that took place in the area in 1937. A massive campaign for clothing for flood victims was undertaken. Scouts and Sea Scouts divided up Tupelo and collected bedding and clothing. Items collected was turned over to the Red Cross for distribution.

Efforts to turn the old Tupelo Hospital into a library and community center was extended on a city-wide basis in January 1937 when the scouts began a house-to-house canvass for signatures to a petition. They continued their work until the city

had been covered.



Corinth Scouts, February 1937. Front Row L-R, Frank Cotton, unknown, Gerald Clay, Ray Watson, Richard Hinton, unknown, Russell Tate, William McCord, Lindsey Stevenson. 2nd Row L-R Jimmy Bishop, unknown, Lon Taylor, Ted Thompson, unknown, unknown, Maury Whitfield, Brodie Jackson, Edwin Tyson. 3rd Row L-R unknown, unknown, McKewen or Roland Dean, Jimmy McClamrock, Ernest Gibson, Jameson Payne, Edwin Geisler, unknown, "Rosie" Tyson, unknown. 4th Row L-R Rufus Dean, J. C. Tate, unknown, "Izzy" Sharp, Robert Heyer, Jr. Last Row L-R Dr. R. B. Warriner, Scoutmaster Troop 22, Jameson Jones, Tommy Cooper, Paul Jones, Sr., P. B. Hale, Jerome Reynolds, Howard Collier, Cliff Seymour, Sea Scout Skipper.

The First National Jamboree was scheduled to be conducted in 1935 in Washington, D. C. It was cancelled, however, due to the national epidemic of infantile paralysis. Fourteen Scouts from Yocona Area Council attended the First National Jamboree that was rescheduled and held in Washington, D. C., in 1937. They left Tupelo on June 26th for the Jamboree held June 30th through July 10th. Heading the delegation was James Asbury, Scout Executive.

Those making the trip included Buddy Hunter and Lawrence Ford, Tupelo; Sea Scout Jack Scharff and Boyce Norwood, Corinth; Erst Long, Jr., Raiford Long, David Bennett and Robert

Johnson, Ripley; Charles Huddleston and Walter Sandusky, Holly Springs; Ed Pittman, Water Valley; J. B. McCullough, Pontotoc; Freddie Friedman, Oxford; and Homer Wade Whitten, New Albany.



Yocona Area Council's contingent to the 1937 National Scout Jamboree. Here they are the guests of U. S. Congressman Wall Doxey of Mississippi.

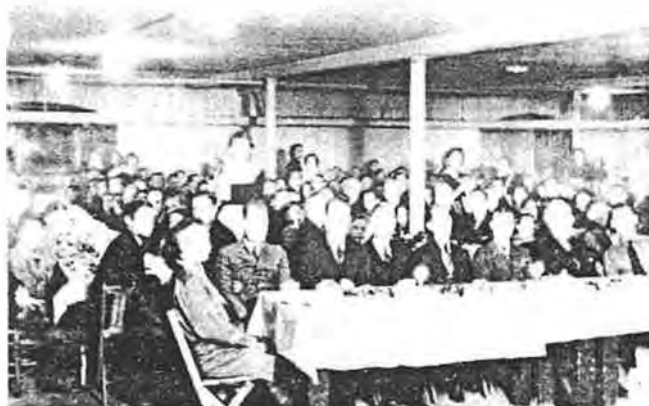
Cub Scouting got a boast in December 1937 when Charles F. Smith, Assistant National Director of Education, BSA, conducted two training sessions in Tupelo for Cub Scout Leaders.



Cubbing got a boast in 1937 when a representative from the National Council visited Yocona Area for the purpose of promoting this age group.

Two days after Mr. Smith conducted Cub Training the first Scout Seminar was conducted at

the Tupelo First Methodist Church. The seminar staff included Guy Mitchell, Jr., Training Chairman; M. M. Winkler and Troop 12; R. W. Reed, Past Council President; Mrs. Guy Gravlee; and Bob McCroan, Assistant Scoutmaster of Troop 3.



Annual meeting of the National Council in Memphis. Seen here is the group from Yocona Area. At the end of the table is Dr. R. B. Warriner. Next to him is Yocona Area Scout Executive James Asbury.

Scouting was still growing as 1937 was coming to a close. Nettleton was organizing a Scout Troop of 25 boys with Roy Black as Scoutmaster. The American Legion Post in Tupelo organized a Troop with Dr. Charles Nash as Scoutmaster and Dr. J. T. Barrett as Committee Chairman. In Senatobia the Rotary Club was organizing a Scout Troop. Because of the distance from Tupelo the Rotary Club in Senatobia was also circulating a petition asking that Tate and Panola Counties be transferred from Yocona Area Council to Chickasaw Council in Memphis.

Again in December 1937 the Boy Scouts assisted the Goodfellows of the Tupelo Lions Club in collecting, repairing, and distributing toys to the needy.

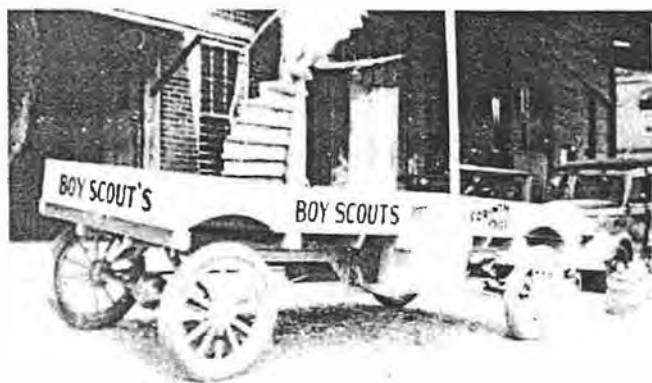
In 1937 John C. Stanley III won, through competitive examination, an appointment to the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland. The 18 year old was an honor graduate from Columbia Military Academy. In 1976 John served as Yocona Area Council President.

The first Negro Camp was held August 20-23, 1937. The one the previous year was canceled due to an infantile paralysis epidemic.



1937 saw the first organized camping for black Scouts in the council.

Dudley Carr, one of the Sea Scouts to make the cable splice for the Coca-Cola Company elevator, received his Eagle Award in 1937. He is the son of the former Chief of Police and Mrs. J. E. Carr. Dudley is now a prominent attorney in our council.



Transportation for equipment in Corinth.

In Corinth the Scouts went all out in participating in National Safety Week. The highlight was a "Parade of Death" through the town on October 9th, 1937. The parade depicted all the horror and gruesome details of fatal and crippling automobile smash-ups. The parade crept slowly through the streets of Corinth, with bands playing funeral dirges, black draped figures with large crosses filed slowly by, bandaged cripples hobbled past on crutches. Hearses carried the "proxy dead." Scoutmasters in Corinth were

Thomas Cooper, Dr. R. B. Warriner, and C. E. Seymore.

The first state-wide Camporee was held in connection with the Mississippi State Fair in Jackson.



Paul T. Jones, Jr., Council President 1938.

1937 came to a close with the Council completely out of the red, the first time in many years. The 1938 budget was set at \$3955.

Eagle Scout Associations are not new organizations in Yocona Area Council. The second annual meeting of the Eagle Scout Association of Yocona Area Council met at the Hotel Tupelo, Sunday night, December 18, 1938. David Hulsey was president for the year. Two items of business were discussed. One was its constitution drawn up by a committee consisting of Edgar Stephen, Jr., Billy Mounger, and Billy Guyton. The other item was the proposed Eagle Flight for the Eagles of Yocona Area Council and Pushmataha Area Council (formerly East Mississippi Council) to the newly acquired Wilderness Camp, Philturn, near Cimarron, New Mexico.

Visitors included Silver Beaver holder W. B. Fields of Tupelo and Kirk Henry, Scout Executive of Pushmataha Area Council. Officers for 1939 were elected. Dudley Carr of Tupelo was to be the new President; David Sadler of Booneville, Vice-President; David Hulsey of Tupelo, Secretary. Other than those already mentioned the following were in attendance: Tom A Fields, Molly Maynard, Virginia Hoshall, Mrs. Howard Kirkpatrick, Mr. and Mrs. James F. Asbury of Tupelo; Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Outlaw of Baldwyn; Mr. and Mrs. Hobson E. Houston of Houston; and Boyce Norwood and Carl Norwood, Jr., of Corinth.

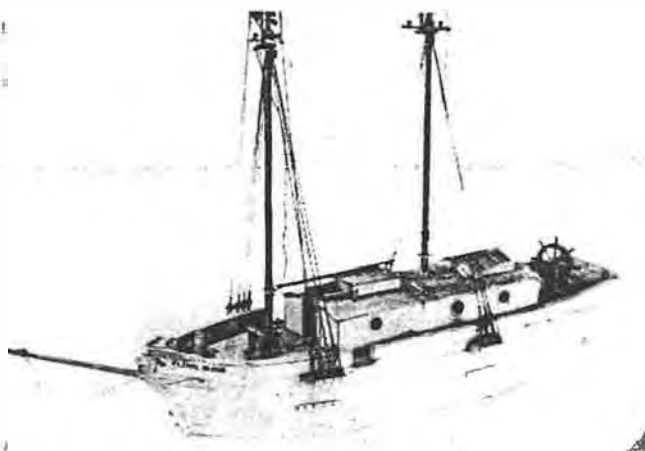
P. B. Hale, Council President
1939.



The Great Depression of the 30's finally caught up with the Council in February 1939. The Council was no longer able financially to retain a full-time professional. Scout Executive James F. Asbury resigned. But that didn't mean the end of Scouting in the 17 counties that composed Yocona Area Council at that time. Plans were completed to continue the full time Scout program and to keep the Council office open under the direction of Miss Lucy Emma Pennal, office secretary, until the Council's finances improved sufficiently to re-employ a Scout Executive.

Under the plan worked out by the Council leaders a member of the regional office in Memphis was expected to work with the Council one week per month.

All finance activities of the Council became subject to the judgement of the Council Finance Committee with Erst Long of Ripley as chairman. A Council Advisory Committee consisted of R. W. Reed and W. B. Fields of Tupelo and Hindman Doxey of Holly Springs.



Model of land ship built by Sea Scouts in Tupelo. Yocona Area Council office was one housed in a special cabin built atop the land ship.



Special insignia worn by Sea Scouts in Tupelo.

On March 13th, 1939, George Simpson, Deputy Regional Executive, came to Tupelo to begin a two week stint working with the 27 Troops, 1 Sea Scout Ship, and 1 Cub Scout Pack in the Council.

In April George Powell, Jr., became the new Skipper of Sea Scout Ship "Flying Cloud." The Sea Scouts Ship did its sailing at Tombigbee State Park. Paul Eason was listed as a member.

Summer Camp was not over looked in 1939 either. Camp Yocona was held jointly with Pushmataha Area Council at the Natchez Trace Game Preserve between Okolona and Houston. Two full weeks in July with 100 boys per week. Scout Executive Kirk Henry of Pushmataha Area Council was Camp Director.

Efforts for growth continued. J. H. Lacy of Tupelo visited the Pontotoc Rotary Club on May 28th and as a guest speaker detailed the proper administration of a Scout Troop. In his remarks he complimented Pontotoc Troop 30 for its remarkable recent improvement and highly praised the leadership of Scoutmaster Vester Page, Camp and Activity Director Jim Gorden and District Chairman H. C. Whitworth. Troop 30 had 48 members.

Plans were made to organize troops at Randolph, Toccopola, Ecu and Furrs. They were already waiting a charter for a troop at Toccopola to arrive any day.

On the square next to the Post Office in Tupelo Troops 3 and 12 of Tupelo and Troop 7 of Nettleton got together for their own Scout Show on the 28th of October 1939. Felix Black was

Scoutmaster of Troop 3, Herman Steraly, Scoutmaster of Troop 12, with Roy Black as Scoutmaster of Troop 7.

CHAPTER SIX

THEN WORLD WAR II 1940 – 1945



Curtis L. "Scottie" Carlisle, Scout Executive, 1940-1944.

Curtis L. "Scottie" Carlisle came to Yocona Area Council assuming responsibilities as Scout Executive February 1st, 1940. He had an excellent five-year service record with Firestone Tire and Rubber Company, leaving that firm to go into business with his father as distributor of Frigidaire in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. During his five years there he became a Scoutmaster of a local troop.

Already an Eagle Scout, he became vitally interested in the Scouting program. After completing National Training School he entered professional scouting. He served two years on the staff of Atlanta Area Council and had valuable experience promoting all phases of the Scouting program. He was married and a member of the Methodist Church.

Training continued with "Elements of Scout Leadership" conducted at the Presbyterian Church in Tupelo on March 5th, 1940.

Scouts of Tupelo, Verona, Corinth, and Water Valley served at the Dedication of Pickwick Dam and rendered invaluable service in helping the state police handle the traffic throughout the congested areas. There were forty thousand people present at the dedication. In addition to directing traffic and giving information, the Scouts furnished a complete first aid detail and rendered first aid to a

number of individuals receiving minor cuts and bruises.

This year Camp Yocona was conducted at Pickwick Lake, Tennessee in July.

The Scouts of Troop 1, Verona, assumed complete charge of the Verona city government for 2 days on Saturday and Sunday the 10th and 11th of August 1940. Scout Robert Otts replaced Mayor W. C. Coggins and City Marshall J. B. Ligon turned the duties of his office over to Scout Clytee Sheffield. Members of the Town Council were: Charles Johnson, Jack Parrish, James Louis Poulk, and Harris De Shang.

The Scouts were formally sworn into office Saturday morning. During their term of office they made three arrests for drunkenness and possessing liquor. In one arrest two quarts of whiskey were found in an automobile and the driver arrested and fined. Upon payment of the fine he was released. The other two men arrested were released on bond pending trial. A game of "African Dominoes" was broken up and the participants kept under observation to prevent a second game being started.

Traffic was efficiently directed by a police force composed of Scouts Thomas Anderson, Edward Austin, G. C. Ballard, Jake Brannan, Ed Hester, Jr., Donald Otts, Hubbard Reagh, and Billy Wheeler.

At the first Council-wide Jamboree held at the Fair Grounds in August Troop 7 of Nettleton won the Boy Scout Statuette as best Troop.

Erst Long was elected Council President at the Annual Executive Board meeting in November 1940 relieving outgoing President Allison Bell. Membership had increased from 266 boys in February when Scottie Carlisle first assumed his duties to over 706 boys. He was presented a trophy for what Allison Bell described as "the finest Scout work I have ever seen." There were 30 active troops (16 in February).



Erst Long, Sr., Council President 1941 - 1942. Still active in Yocona Area Scouting.

Of the 15 Eagle Scouts in 1940, 12 were from Nettleton's Troop 7, Roy Black, Scoutmaster.

Two Troops from Tupelo (3 and 12), Troop 7 of Nettleton with Troop 1, Verona, once again aided the Goodfellows in collecting clothing and toys for needy children.

Gerald A. Speedy of New York, Assistant National Director of Cubbing, Boy Scouts of America, came to Tupelo March 17-18, 1941, in an attempt to spark interest in the Cub Scout Program. Mr. Speedy was the author of the 465-page "How Book of Cubbing."

Camporees as usual keep moving. The Camporee held Thursday and Friday, June 5th and 6th, 1941 was at Camp Chewalla in the Holly Springs National Forest located on Johnson's Mill Lake. It was 11½ miles north of the town of Pott's Camp.

June was also a busy time for the Cub Scouts. Cubs of Pack 1, Tupelo, staged its first Annual Cub Circus at the park in Highland Circle. Doug Taylor was Cubmaster. Each of the three Dens in the Pack put on special stunts and supervised the running of a side show. The big feature of the Circus was a grand parade of pets. Dogs, cats, and even a Shetland Pony was on parade as well as various other pets.

Camp Yocona was conducted at Pickwick Dam, Tennessee during the 2 week period July 20-August 2, 1941. Camp Director was Scottie Carlisle with Scoutmaster A. P. Bennett of Tupelo as his assistant.

Advanced Scouts attending Camp Yocona at Pickwick were accorded the rare privilege of participating in the initiation ceremonies of the establishment of Chicksa Lodge 202, Order of the Arrow. The Order of the Arrow is an organization of Scout Honor Campers within the Boy Scouts of America. There were eleven candidates to be initiated into the Lodge to become charter members. Charter members were Bill Dabbs, Troop 12, Keith Finley, Troop 3, and Jimmie Carter,

Troop 9, all of Tupelo; David Wiseman and Guy Rogers, New Albany; Bobby Henderson, Pontotoc; Clyde Huggins, Jack McLarty, and Joe McKell, Oxford; I. J. Marrs, Jr., Water Valley; and Robert Thompson, Booneville. Les Sumners, one of the charter members, recalls that Egwa-Tawa-Dee Lodge 129 from Atlanta, Georgia came over to install the new Lodge.



Charter members of Chicksa Lodge 202, Order of the Arrow. L-R Jimmy Carter, Keith Finley, Joe McKell, Guy Rogers, Bobby Patterson, Bill Dabbs, Ira Marrs, Clyde Huggins, Jack McLarty, and the last boy is possibly Gus Smith.

The charter was approved July 15, 1941, by the National Council. Bill Dabbs of Tupelo was the first Lodge Chief.



Bill Dabbs, First Lodge Chief, Chicksa Lodge 202, Order of the Arrow.

In September 1941 Ackia Chapter (Lee County) of Chicksa Lodge was organized in Tupelo at the home of Bill Dabbs. James McFadden, Troop 3, was elected Chapter Chief; Eugene Murff, Troop 12, Vice-Chief; Jimmie Carter, Troop 9, secretary; and Keith Finley, Troop 3, treasurer.

The newly organized chapter voted to sponsor a Patrol Leader's Training Conference for all patrol leaders in the nine white troops of the district. It was held in the form of an overnight camp at the

Legion Hut and was the first conference of its kind ever held in Yocona Area Council.



First membership card issued by Chicksa Lodge 202, Order of the Arrow. Card issued to Bill Dabbs.

In September 1941 the Council had grown to more than 800 Scouts and Cubs, there were now 41 units. Lee District had grown from 9 to 12 units during the past 12 months with 307 members.



Things were a little slow in Oxford when Gus Smith, Clyde Huggins, Joe McCell, and Jack McLarty broke a five year spell of no Eagles in 1941.

During 1941 the troops throughout the council did its usual outstanding job of civic good turns including first aid service and ushering at the fair, old clothes collection, books and magazine collection for Lee County Library, defense poster distribution, aluminum drive, service at local schools, such as erection of flag poles and the daily care of the flag. Troops have helped level and clean up school playgrounds, served at funerals and church services, and participated in other community and school service functions.



Eagle Scouts in 1941. L-R Bill Dabbs, Lewis Lunsford, and Guy Rogers. Scouts Dabbs and Rogers were the second members of their families to reach Eagle. Lewis Lunsford was the youngest Scout to reach Eagle in the council prior to this time. He was 13 years old.

One Troop hauled away two truck loads of trash from the city streets. In addition, the troops participated in a full camping program.

At the Executive Board meeting Tuesday, November 18th, 1941, the board voted to hire an Assistant Scout Executive. But it was not to happen right away.

December 7th, 1941, changed many things in Yocona Area Council. The most noticeable was manpower. With the war raging and many of our top people, Scouts and Scouters, were to be away for awhile. Some were not to return.

Almost immediately letters from each district were mailed to the National Office of Civil Defense informing them that the Scouts were available for service distributing air raid precaution posters. Scout Executive Scottie Carlisle believed that Boy Scouts in Yocona Area Council were capable of delivering promptly the 3000 or more posters which they may be called upon to handle if local chairmen took advantage of the offer of service.

New York Mayor F. H. LaGuardia, Director of the Office of Civilian Defense, said in his letter to Chief Scout Executive James E. West, "Experience indicates that Boy Scouts do the best job in distributing such posters."

In January 1942 Scouts formed a Special Waste Paper Collection Committee with Dr. E. D. Foster as chairman with Harry Myers named to take charge of collections. Collections were made weekly every Saturday. Troop 1, Verona, had already collected a thousand pounds.

The paper collected goes through the hands of scrap dealers in various cities to large factories,

where it is converted into wadding for cartridges, into paper products useful to National Defense and into auto industries which provide for civilian needs.

Nearly six years after the disastrous tornado of 1936 the terrible winds struck again. This time in Verona. Scoutmaster L. H. Brannan's report of Verona Troop 1's emergency service following the tornado was forwarded to the National Council Office in New York by Council President Ernst Long. The report, which won high commendation from the Executive Board and the entire Council as well as from President Long, said in part:

"The tornado which recently destroyed a large part of Verona struck about 2 AM, Friday morning, February 6 (1942). Within an hour after the destruction there were at least a half-dozen Scouts of Troop 1 on the job helping move furniture to a dry place, getting limbs, wire, lumber and trees out of streets and doing guard duty under the personal direction of Assistant Scoutmaster Prentiss Harris."

"As soon as daylight came practically the whole troop was on the job. They worked all day Friday helping move books, chairs, fruit and equipment from the schoolhouse. At 6:00 PM, Friday evening, three of the Scouts set up guard on the campus and watched until 1:00 AM when they were relieved by three more Scouts who stayed on duty until 7:00 AM. The same night three more boys stayed guard all night in one of the private homes which was wrecked."

"Again Saturday, part of the troop was on guard duty."

Contained in the same report were actions taken when another tornado struck Baldwyn in mid-March. The report on Baldwyn included every type of emergency work from the glorious task of saving the injured to the drab but equally necessary drudgery of boiling water and peeling potatoes. The National Office had wired the Council office for the story of the aid which over 100 Scouts and Scouters in the area gave to storm victims on their own initiative as well as under the supervision of the Red Cross, the American Legion, The National Guard and other relief workers.

Boy Scouts manned the telephone service continuously from early Tuesday morning, March 17, 1942, until business lines were repaired on Thursday the 19th. They took entire charge of traffic and policing in some sections, maintaining orderly services at the Red Cross headquarters and the clinic throughout the entire period. They located

the wounded and removed debris in addition to standing 24-hour shifts guarding property.

The Council's report, which was read into the Congressional Report, said in part: "Twenty-six Scouts of Troop 33, Baldwyn, were mobilized by Scoutmaster A. J. Lambkin within ten minutes after the final blow struck. They were immediately dispatched to find beds, dressings, candles, medical supplies, etc., for the clinic and were assigned to various sections of the town to help locate the injured.

"Several Scouts were in the school building practicing the senior class play when the building collapsed and were on hand to give immediate first aid and to transport the injured to the clinic.

"Services by the more than 100 Scouts and Scouters who kept the work going on a twenty-four hour basis Tuesday and the days and nights following the disaster included:

"Helping the Red Cross set up headquarters offices and a canteen by putting up signs and obtaining furnishings and materials. They carried dishes from the demolished new school building to the Red Cross headquarters in the old school, going a distance of a mile on foot."

"Building fireplaces outside the canteen, boiling water used and keeping hot water ready. Helping the Motor Corps prepare and serve meals to workers and sufferers."

"Keeping the canteen open all night for the state guard."

"Setting up a camp site on the old school grounds at night with tents for relief workers and Scouts."

Scouts and Scouters who served were:

Baldwyn Troop 33: A. J. Lampkin, Sr., John Anderson, James Barber, Charley Crockett, Billy Eledge, Mack Enis, Jack Gamble, Charles Heflin, Tom Mauldin, Bobby McCarthy, Bobby McElroy, Thomas Morris, Dan Patch, Thomas Rice, Tom Spight, Dub Waters, Irvin Anderson, Billy Bludworth, Dudley Dyer, Wayne Gaddis, Tommy Ford, Charles Gower, Jack Lumpkin, Jr., Billy McCarthy, Herman McDonald, Ellis McGlann, Billy Nelson, Boyce Putt, Buddy Spight, and Charles Walker.

Corinth Troop 22: Billy Suggs, Nelms (Jiggs) Bone, Billie Redding, John Redding, Claude Harrison.

Booneville Troop 34: Tom Carter, Dale Massey, John Ledbetter, Robert Thompson, T. C. Shook, Joe Carter, James Friday, Frank Lindsey, Lester Downs, Reed Holley, Bobby Provol, John Howard,

Gale Sutherland, Joe Sadler.

Tupelo Troop 3: James Jernigan, Jimmie Webb, James McFadden, Keith Finley, Lewis Lunsford, Billy Wilson, Buddy Cates, Blue Long, Jimmy Lacey, John Allen Hall, Rudy Moser, Leon Riley, Burney Fooks, Morris Battle, Jimmy Caldwell, George Reeder, Dave Reeder.

Tupelo Troop 10: Billy Herron, Dub Parrish.

Tupelo Troop 12: Claude Hopkins, Bert Lyle, Charles Lyle, Billie Lyle, Eugene Murff, Mem Leake, George Gwinn, Bill Carroll, Bobby Kirk, George Mullens, Jack Ritter, Bobby Weil, David Bowen, Claude Kellett, Bill Dabbs, Billy Taylor.

East Tupelo Troop 9: A. P. Bennett, Thurman Bouchillon, Richard Whitaker, Aaron Helms, Jimmie Carter, Olin Pilcher.

Verona Troop 1: Prentiss Harris, Tommy Anderson, Lavert Hill, Charles Johnson, Hubbard Reagh, Gilbert Wright, Jake Brannan, Ed Hester, Billy Fred Wheler, Edward Austin, Carl Ed Jernigan, James Paul, Billy Ray Wilson, Clytee Sheffield, Buddy Otts, Harris Deshong.

Marshal J. C. Ardis issued a statement of thanks to those helping Baldwyn after the tornado. He specifically mentioned the Boy Scouts and further said, "We want to thank every organization or individual who rendered a helping hand during the tornado disaster that happened on March 16."

Brought to a realization of the need for a Council Emergency Service Corps by the recent disasters which struck the Verona, Baldwyn, and Water Valley area and the outbreak of World War II, Yocona Area Council held an Emergency Service Corps training course at Lafayette County Lake, Saturday and Sunday April 18-19, 1942.

Scoutmasters, Assistant Scoutmasters, and Commissioners were to take the training. They then passed it on to the troops. Scouts 15 years of age and over who met the merit badge requirements could become members of the Council Emergency Service Corps. Scouts under 15 years who met the requirements could become Apprentice Emergency Service Scouts and wear the Apprentice Badge.

"Although excellent Scout service was rendered," read the Council's Emergency Service Corps bulletin, referring to work following recent storms, "it would have been better and more efficient with trained service patrols in each district. We strongly urge you to take advantage of this training now."

The 12 counties in the Council were divided into 5 districts in April 1942: Northeast -- Alcorn,

Prentiss and Tishomingo; Southeast-Lee, Itawamba, Pontotoc and the city of Baldwyn; Central -- Union, Tippah and Benton; Northwest -- Marshall; and Southwest -- Yalobusha and Lafayette.

Camp Yocona, in 1942, was expanded to five weeks. It was again at the New Forest Service Camp in Marshall County known as Camp Chewalla. Attendance was limited to 60 Scouts or two complete troops per week. Scouts could attend as many periods as they wished. Cost was \$6 per Scout per week. If a troop wished to camp in tents and furnish and prepare its own food the council would furnish tents and the troop could camp across the lake near a convenient spring, using camp facilities at a cost of \$1 per Scout per week.

During the last week of Summer Camp James Jernigan was elected as the new Lodge Chief of the Order of the Arrow. Other officers were Jimmy Price, secretary, and Keith Finley, treasurer.

Scouts inducted were James Jernigan and Robert Schmidt of Tupelo; Allen Robinson and Jimmy Price of Corinth; Paul Beard and Jack Smallwood of New Albany; Lanier Robinson of Holly Springs; Billy Nelson of Baldwyn; Gus Smith, Jr., and Taylor McElroy of Oxford. Scouters going through the Ordeal were R. G. Purnell and W. W. Joor of Tupelo, G. W. Harwell and H. G. Rogers of New Albany, H. B. Burrell of Corinth, Jack Gorden and David Neilson, Jr., of Oxford.

In the cities of the Council Scouts delivered OPA Bulletins. The nationally organized campaign distributed circulars entitled "What You Should Know About Wartime Price Control." The distribution campaign was conducted at the request of the Office of Price Administration.

The bulletins discussed ceiling prices and methods of submitting complaints concerning their violation, and listed foods having ceiling prices and foods and services without ceilings.

A multi-troop Court of Honor conducted Thursday, July 30, 1942, inaugurated a new practice of presenting bar pin awards for service; a red bar for 12 hours, a red and blue bar for 25 hours, a blue bar for 50 hours, a blue and gold bar for 75 hours, a gold bar for 100 hours, a purple bar for 125 hours and a silver bar for 150 hours. These bars were similar to those worn by the military.

The types of service included in the new award system included: all calls from the national government and the national office of the Boy

Scouts of America, calls from community organizations (such as ushering at patriotic, church or civic meetings, directing traffic, messenger and guide service, delivering hand bills, etc.) and any type of disaster service.

Troops present for the Court of Honor included Troop 1, Verona; Troop 3, Tupelo; Troop 5, Saltillo; Troop 7, Nettleton; Troop 8, Bethany; Troop 9, East Tupelo; Troop 10, Tupelo; and Troop 12, Tupelo.

Commenting on the excellent disaster work of Scouts in the unusual number of tornados and flash floods which slashed at the Middle and Southwest the Spring of '42, the National Health and Safety Magazine of the BSA, devoted nearly a column to the efforts of the Scouts of Yocona Area Council in the March 16th tornado.

"Scouts were quickly mobilized from all over the Council to give first aid and help in the transportation of the wounded.

"Baldwyn, a town of 1500 population, was struck twice in 45 minutes and for a time the Scouts were called to do an unusual amount of first aid. An effective messenger service was developed to aid the telephone and telegraph companies which were able to establish a single outlet.

"Among the Scout services in Baldwyn were the helping of citizens to recover valuables from debris, standing guard at the high school building and at homes and stores, aiding the police to guide traffic, aiding in the preparation and serving of food to relief workers."

This praise published nationally went into the congressional Record with the National Report.

The Council Executive Board meeting in September 1942 set the new Council budget at \$6580. The annual report showed that the council, which "was galvanized into activity immediately upon the declaration of national emergency, increased its contribution to the national effort."

Beginning with the collection of 30,000 pounds of aluminum, Scouts of the Yocona Area Council distributed 13,000 Defense Stamps and Bond posters, collected 325,000 pounds of waste paper, delivered 48,000 OPA circulars, gathered 144,000 pounds of rubber and scrap iron, gave out 500 Office of War Information posters.

They helped with phonograph record collection for the American Legion and with clean-up and mosquito control campaigns, ushered at patriotic services and ran OCD messenger services. Rural troops and city Scouts were picking cotton to

relieve the labor shortage with prospects that more would be called.

The report advised more emphasis on the Army-approved new program of Air Scouting, on the Emergency Service Corps and on camping. It suggested service during Fire Prevention Home and Forest Fire Prevention Week and cooperation in the school stamp savings program.

In 1942 National Council presented the Acorn Award to Tommy Ford, Tom Mauldin, Jr., and Assistant Scoutmaster Edgar Lee McDonald for their record in membership growth.

The first Air Scout Candidates were awarded their apprentice awards as members of Troop 12. Receiving the awards were Mem Leake, Bert Lyle, Richard Ratliff, and Parks Camp Stewart. These first awards were presented in October 1942.

The end of 1942 saw the organization of the second black troop in Tupelo making a total of 6 black troops in the council. Pastor Frank Blackwell had organized a black troop in Oxford. T. R. Debro was Scoutmaster of Troop 51 in Tupelo. Troop 12 helped organize Troop 54, the sixth black troop in the council. H. L. Walker was the new Scoutmaster. Troop 12 members met with the new Scouts and leaders several times teaching Tenderfoot requirements and summarizing the fundamentals of Scouting, L. R. Ratliff was Scoutmaster of Troop 12.



Allison Bell, Council President,
1940, 1943 - 45.

Reorganization of the Pontotoc Troop was done in January 1943 with E. V. (Bubba) Sneed, Jr., as Scoutmaster and Hendon Whitworth as his assistant. The troop had been recognized for several years as one of the most active scout troops in the Council. It was sponsored by the Pontotoc Rotary Club. They met in their Scout hut on the

campus of Pontotoc High School.

Later in the summer the Pontotoc Scouts did a miraculous job and provided a picnic area for the town that any community would be proud of. During the month of June, they took the area back of the grammar school building and converted it from a maze of weeds, trash, and unsightly stumps to a lovely picnic spot, the answer to the need of the young people, mothers, and indeed, the whole community.

The locality was given a thorough cleaning, a cinder walk built from the school building to the swimming pool, picnic tables constructed and placed in strategic spots for picnickers, a running water hydrant placed close to the pool, and the scenic value of the area increased 100 per cent.

Eagle Scout David W. Smallwood of Oxford has just reason to be proud of his Scout training. As Army Air Corps Lieutenant David W. Smallwood he has had several occasions to save his own life by his Scout craft. A pilot, he was ferrying a bomber back to the States from Alaska when the ship caught fire over Prince Edward Island. Pilots and crew bailed out. Smallwood, floating down over gray wasteland, saw his fellow pilot plummet to his death when his chute failed to open. Four crew members died in the frigid waters. Only he and his engineer survived. His chute threw him into a tree, striking his head and spraining his back.

Hurt and lost, Smallwood realized he would freeze if he did not exercise constantly. A sheet of ice formed on his flight jacket. Desperately he tried to build a fire from the leaves of a dead tree, but failed.

When only one match was left he pocketed it for possible future use, went on exercising, waiting. A rescue plane dropped a box of supplies but it broke through the ice and sank. He was alive at midnight but sick, numb with cold. To sit down or relax was to freeze to death.

Eventually he was aware of a searchlight combing the mountains behind him from a Coast Guard cutter at sea. He knew the boat was looking for him but he could make no sound in the storm.

Then the idea seized him, and as the boat rounded the bend to leave him stranded, he zipped down his outside clothing, snatched tatters of his underwear from his chest, managed to light them with his last match, and waved the blazing cotton cloth over his head to attract the cutter's attention.

Smallwood collapsed immediately when he was picked up by the boat. Later he recovered in a general hospital.

The crash described was only the last of three survived by David. "Once," he said. "the Aleutian weather got us and we made a belly landing on the beach on the back side of Umnak. We cut our parachutes open and wrapped up in them, though the sheltered side of the island was comparatively warm, only 12 below zero."

Still another crash landing resulted from a skid on the ice at Nak Nak, slammed Smallwood's bomber nose down into the bayou, but failed to destroy his bomber.



Fenton Wicker, Jr., age 14, of Winborn, Mississippi.

Fenton Wicker, Jr., age 14, of Winborn, Mississippi, won fourth place in a national essay contest sponsored by Swift & Co. in the Spring of 1943. Fenton became a Lone Scout just five months before. He had not only become a Second Class Scout since that time, but during March recruited and trained six other boys, thus forming a Neighborhood Patrol, and qualifying thereby for the Organizer Award.

Scout Wicker was a first year student at the Potts Camp Consolidated School, active in church and school affairs, helped his father run a "fair-sized" farm. He was secretary of his local Future Farmers of America chapter.

Gerald A. Speedy of the National Cubbing Committee returned to Yocona Area Council for a visit to New Albany, February 18, 1943, and to Ripley and Corinth the 10th. At the inauguration of the Cubbing Program in 1930 he was Cubmaster of an experimental pack and had been actively associated with Cubbing ever since.

Because of the war new Scout games came into being. Scouts of Lee District held a commando hike at Tombigbee State Park beginning at 4 PM, Friday, April 30, 1943, and lasted until 10 AM, on

the morning of May 1, 1943, with Blue Long and Keith Finley as generals in command of the opposing troops.

Troops from Pontotoc, New Albany, Baldwin and Fulton attended as guests of Lee District. The games required Scout skills such as stalking and capture the flag. The activities demanded self-discipline as well as co-ordination of the players, who were divided into two armies, the Army of the East and the Army of the West.

After completing maps of enemy territory, each side attempted to strike succesively at the opposing army's airport, radio tower, and bombsite.

Frank Worsham was in charge of General Headquarters and W. P. Anthony served at the First Aid Station.

General orders, quoted here in part, explain the procedure: "'Lives' were furnished at GHQ. All 'lives' were to be worn in plain sight on the outside arm between the shoulder and the elbow. A soldier tries to overcome his opponent by taking his 'life.' The fighting must be clean. Only simple wrestling holds are permitted. No boxing. No slapping. Fight with a smile.

"When a man loses his 'life', he must go immediately to General Headquarters for a new 'life.' When he receives it he must go at least 100 feet from GHQ before putting it on. No one but dead men and judges are permitted within the 100-foot radius of GHQ.

"Each soldier killed means five points for his enemy; for each general killed, score 20 points."

The general orders pointed out that "the army that is best organized with men who can take orders and carry them out to the best of their ability will be the winners. Running and fighting will not have the advantage in these maneuvers, but the army that can outsmart its opponent with surprise attacks and surprise concentrations of men will be the winners."

The Army of the West under General Keith Finley won the honors in the Commando Hike.

Although the fighting was theoretically bloody in the number of "lives" taken, casualties actually were restricted to poison ivy and minor scratches.

The staff of General Finley's Army of the West comprised: Adjutant General Tommy Wilkins, Regimental Colonel Mem Leake, Major Paul Beard, Major Wallace Staggs, Captain Bob Kirk, Captain Dudley Dyer, Captain Thomas Newell, Captain Paul Kitchens, Captain Tom Mauldin, Captain Herman McDonald, Captain Jimmy Caldwell, and Captain John A. Hall.

Members of General Long's staff for the Army of the East were: Adjutant General Lewis Lunsford, Regimental Colonel Parks Camp Stewart, Major Dud Parrish, Major Billy Harwell, Captain Rudy Moser, Captain Constantine Asters, Captain Burney Fooks, Captain Bob Stanley, Captain Dub Waters, Captain Pat Nelson, Captain Bob Moore, and Captain Paul Savage.

Officials were Billy Joor, Frank Worsham, Ted Parsons, Hendon Whitworth of Pontotoc, Sgt. Alex Bealer, W. P. Anthony, A. P. Bennett, and C. L. Carlisle.

The Army of the West was judged as the winner in turning in the most complete map.

In a twilight battle during which each army tried to protect its own airport and sent patrols to destroy the enemy's field, each side lost many "lives" without completely demolishing its objective.

The second maneuver, divided into two separate commando raids, was an attempt by each army to destroy the opposition radio station in a near-midnight attack. During these raids, all was quiet throughout the mile-square area, the generals and staff having deployed their men in two or three lines of defense. The skirmishes which broke out when the enemies were moving up on the radio towers caused the loss of the largest number of "lives" that occurred during the day.

Hostilities ceased at midnight to allow the commandos to sleep. The Army of the East caught its enemy napping at five o'clock in the morning when the dawn attack started. The western army had slept in a concentrated area and thus was easily aroused for the early-morning venture, but the men of the east were deployed in 10 or 15 encampments and had communications difficulties when the raid started.

The Army of the East lost its bombsite shortly after 5 o'clock and then in retaliation the entire army turned on the western capitol and by 6:30 had captured and destroyed the bombsite of the Army of the West. Peace was declared at 6:45 to avoid further loss of "lives."

Air Scout Squadron 1 of Tupelo became the first Air Squadron to be formed in Region Five when O. R. Bantz, Squadron Committee Chairman, presented the charter to Squadron Leader Fred Moser at the noon meeting, Tuesday, May 25, 1943, of the sponsoring organization, the Tupelo Lions Club. Sadly enough the Air Squadron existed for only one year.

Charter members of the Squadron were Dewitt

Knox, Richard Ratliff, Harry Wilson, Charles Lyle, Jimmy Green, C. W. Funderburk, Johnny Couch, Berkeley Fleming, Joe Russell, Billy Brazelton, and Parks Camp Stewart.

Serving with Mr. Bantz on the committee was W. W. Joor, Lee District Commissioner, and Hollis Kinsey, Lions Club President. Assistant Squadron Leaders named on the charter were J. H. Thomas, already in the military service and Ray Meeks. Council President Allison Bell, Scout Executive C. L. Carlisle, and Lt. James McElroy of the Army Air Corps were present at the meeting. Mr. Carlisle commented on the constructive nature of the activities in which Air Scouts engage and on the fact that this training gives Air Scouts who go on with aviation a good start in their work.

Charles Lyle passed the requirements for becoming an Apprentice Air Scout at this meeting, Jimmy Green passed the observer's requirements in the elements in airplane propellers and Dewitt Knox passed the observer's requirements in the elements of aerology.

Harry Wilson displayed a "flying jeep" and discussed its qualifications, explaining that it was used for air spotting, liaison work, transport and "even carrying the general's lunch." The range was 300 miles on 14 gallons of gasoline. The plane was a good example of conversions, according to Harry, because from "just another light sports plane" the manufacturers made an invaluable jack-of-all-trades that equals in the air the varied feats of the land jeep.

Lyle showed his hand-carved silhouette model of a Japanese Zero which he had made in meeting the requirements for the Apprentice Air Scout rank and passed an oral exam which Mr. Moser gave him before the group.

Green, using a small model propeller, discussed the controllable pitch propeller, which among other things, enables a plane to fly higher altitudes than the old type propeller and has saved the crews of ships that had to come in on one engine after being damaged over enemy territory. The controllable pitch propeller, he said, will play a big part in post war transportation when it is used on the helicopter, "which transportation planners assert will become the average man's Ford car after this war."

Knox, who discussed the effects of weather conditions of flying, explained that the transpolar air routes as the best means of intercontinental travel for the postwar period would be possible because of the "nearly perfect atmospheric conditions prevailing at the North Pole. The

stratosphere is much lower at the Pole than over the United States," he said, "and that obviates the danger of flying through clouds."

Camp Yocona for 1943 was conducted June 6th through July 3rd at Camp Chewalla in the Holly Springs National Forest. A. P. Bennett was Camp Director. Omer Bantz reported on some of the difficulties saying, "Our greatest difficulty will be to obtain meats. We have run an ad in the Marshall County Weekly for fresh vegetables and 2 or 3 year old roosters. We need 40 or 45 of these tough old birds." Reporting to the Executive Board he continued, "If any members present have any or know of any that they will sell for 12 cents or 14 cents per pound on foot, we would appreciate obtaining them."

Membership increased from 645 in 1942 to 707 in 1943.

Assistant National Director of Inter-Racial Scouting suggested, on his visit to the Council in February '43, that a separate Negro Divisions be set up with five Negro operating committees serving under the Council Inter-Racial Chairman.

For the four weeks of Camp Yocona attendance included 186 Scouts and 17 Scouters from 20 Troops.

From August 29th to September 4th a colored Scout camp was held 15 miles west of Oxford. All five black troops were represented with 50 black Scouts and 3 Scouters. The camp program was under the direction of the Scout Executive, Scottie Carlisle. He was assisted by Eagle Scout Keith Finley and First Class Scout Norris Caldwell, Jr. of Tupelo. The camp was well set up and was considered successful. The experience did point up a need for more training of the black Scout leaders.

In 1943 the majority of troops were active in Dispatch Bearer Service and "have been assisting in Local Board and other patriotic activities."

In 1944 Collins Tidwell was elected Council Commissioner with D. H. Hall and Erst Long serving as National Council Representatives.

Camp Chewalla was once again the site of Camp Yocona with A. P. Bennett returning as Camp Director for 1944.

Growth was still spreading out with a new Neighborhood Patrol in College Hill and a new black troop in Tiplerville.

Frank Henderson was elected Council Commissioner in 1945. Also in 1945 Scout Executive Curtis L. Carlisle transferred to West Tennessee Area Council, in Jackson, Tennessee. He was to remain there until his retirement in 1967.



Eagles of Troop 12 circa 1944 — Top Row — Parks Stewart and Mem Leake. Middle Row — Bert Lyle, Jimmie Caldwell, & Bob Kirk. Bottom Row — Bill Carroll, Claude Hopkins, E. R. Ratcliff (SM), and Jack Ritter.

Ever an advocate of the Order of the Arrow he organized an OA Lodge there as he did in Yocona Area Council. Northeast Mississippi influenced the naming of the Itawamba Lodge in his new Council. After retirement in 1967 he returned to his home in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, where he remained until his death on December 29, 1973.



Kenneth L. Oliver
Scout Executive
1945 — 1947

In March 1945 Kenneth L. Oliver became the new Scout Executive of the Yocona Area Council. Mr. Oliver received his B. S. Degree from Murray Kentucky College, Murray, Ky., in June 1934. He received a Master's Degree from the University of Kentucky in August 1938 and taught elementary school for three years and high school for six years from 1930 to 1940. Ken entered Scouting as a Scoutmaster in 1938 in Paducah Kentucky Council. He had wide experience in training and on the Commissioner Staff. Mr. Oliver began his professional Scouting experience as a District Executive in 1940 in Roanoke, Va. Other assignments included District Executive in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania and Allentown, Pennsylvania prior to coming to Tupelo.

CHAPTER SEVEN

VISIBLE GROWTH 1946 — 1949

In January 1946 Captain O. E. McCrory, Army Air Corps, on loan to the Boy Scouts of America, visited for 5 days of meetings with 15 year old Scouts and their leaders throughout the Council.



Joe Tune, Tupelo, saved a small child's life from fire by using his Scout training.

Always ready to pay tribute to those in Scouting that uses those Scout skills learned to help and assist others, Joe Tune, of Troop 3, was given such special recognition at a Lee District Court of Honor at the First Baptist Church Sunday afternoon March 17, 1946, for his heroic action saving a child enveloped in flames.

Tune's "good deed" was uncovered by his Scout leaders only several days prior to the Court of Honor although the accident occurred Saturday, March 2, near the Tune home in Willis Heights where Joe was burning trash.

A high wind that suddenly changed direction swept the blaze on Darrell Bigner, who was playing nearby, and his clothing caught fire. Young Tune put his Boy Scout training into practice by immediately rolling the child on the ground to extinguish the flames. He was not injured.

Pickwick Camp was the site for the 1946 season of Camp Yocona. 206 Scouts from 22 troops camped for 359 camper weeks. In search for a permanent Camp Yocona the committee had looked at and eliminated 5 different prospective camp sites.



Jameson Jones, Council President 1946-1947.

Emmons Turner, Jr., Executive Vice-President Prentiss Manufacturing Company, Booneville, served as Scoutmaster of the troop sponsored by the Kiwanis Club from 1942 to 1947. He then became Cubmaster in 1948 serving until 1955.

Climaxing two years of planning the council expanded its staff with the appointment of two field executives who began work June 1, 1946.



Richard Milam, District Executive. 30-year Professional Scouter in Yocona Area Council.

Field executives appointed at the Yocona Area Council Executive Board quarterly meeting in Corinth, April 8, 1946, were Richard Milam, then principle of Saltillo High School, and Roy Harrell, who was superintendent of West Corinth School. A second stenographer was also to be employed at the Council office in Tupelo.

Mr. Harrell was called the Phillips Foundation Field Executive because he was employed through the Phillips Foundation Plan adopted by the Council late in 1944. \$10,000 was received by the Council for the purpose.

"This plan makes available funds to assist rural councils on a matching basis for the expansion of Boy Scout work," according to Mr. Oliver. Mr. Harrell served Tishomingo, Alcorn, Prentiss and Tippah Counties and lived in Corinth.

Mr. Milam's employment represented a project undertaken by the council in 1943. He lived in Oxford and served Yalobusha, Lafayette, Marshall, Benton and Pontotoc Counties.

Mr. Harwell was graduated from Memphis State Teacher's College. He had done work at Blue Mountain College and Union College, Jackson, Tennessee. Mr. Milam was a graduate of Saltillo High School and attended the University of Mississippi. Both men had been active in the Scouting program in Yocona Area Council as volunteer Scouters. Richard had been Scoutmaster of Troop 3, Tupelo.

During May 1946 they attended the National Training School for Scout Executives at Mendham, New Jersey.

Kenneth Oliver still served Lee, Union and Itawamba Counties. This new action was a milestone and a turning point for Yocona Area Council. Until this time the Scout Executive served the entire council. It had been a one man operation except for the superb volunteer Scouters. This was the one most singular visible sign of growth.

Another decision reached by the Executive Board that night was the recommendation that the present camp site at Holly Springs National Forest be abandoned and a Council Camp be built by 1948. Wes Klusman, National Director of Camping, termed the location unsatisfactory in location, facilities and lease condition. He had been in Yocona Area Council for the purpose of evaluating the campsite for possible purchase and development into a permanent Council Camp.

Overnight camps were conducted for all troops during June at Tupelo, Corinth, Oxford, New Albany and Holly Springs.

The Executive Board met at the Pickwick camp the Friday of the last week of Summer Camp. Approval for the construction of a new Boy Scout camp near Pontotoc was given by the board at this meeting.

Property owned by the council 12 miles west of Pontotoc would make an ideal site for the camp,

declared the committee members, Chad Archie, chairman, Hindman Doxey and Murphy Thomas. They reported the property was covered with pine and hardwood and had a sector which would be suitable for a lake.

Arrangements were made immediately for actual construction of the camp.

Twenty-two troops and 206 Scouts participated in the Summer Camp this year and 19 troops and 273 Scouts joined in the summer camporees, according to a report by Collins Tidwell, chairman of the camp committee.

Murphy Thomas, chairman of the organization committee, said four new troops and two new packs were chartered during the year with groups being formed in McLathery, Macedonia, Plantersville, Tippah-Union and Laws Hill.

A council budget of \$14,875 for the fiscal year was approved for an enlarged staff of the Scout Executive, two Field Executives and two office clerks.

The Engineering Service of the Boy Scouts of America held a three-day session with the Council Camping Committee October 15, 16, and 17, 1946, to decide what buildings would be constructed and the exact location of each building. The work was programed to be completed by Spring. The committee was directed to start work immediately on drilling of a well, cutting the timber from the lake site and building the dam. All this work was scheduled that fall.

R. W. Reed of Tupelo was appointed chairman of the Finance Committee which would direct plans toward obtaining funds necessary to complete construction of the camp. Other committee members appointed to serve with Mr. Reed were W. B. Fields of Tupelo, treasurer; D. H. Hall of New Albany, Erst Long of Ripley and Harley Moses of Corinth.

Over 500 Scouts competed in the Lee District rally held at the East Tupelo High School Gymnasium on Monday February 13, 1947. Troop 3 was the winner of the grand prize.

February '47 saw plans for the construction of the permanent Camp Yocona well underway. Kenneth Oliver speaking at the Monday meeting of the Tupelo Rotary Club, on the 13th, told that the camp would hold 100 boys per week. 108,000 feet of lumber had been cut from the site on which the camp's ten-acre lake would be located and efforts were being made to complete the buildings in time for the 1947 summer camp activities. Cabins were being constructed that would house four boys each.

Mr. Oliver reported that Yocona Area Council ranked third in the South in percentage of growth during the past year and sixth in the growth of its Cub program. There were now 12 white Scout troops, 2 black troops and 2 Cub packs in Lee County.

On the 14th of February Scout Executive Ken Oliver, Lee District Leadership Chairman Ray Purnell, Hugh Howerton of Oxford, Earnest Whitherly of Ripley, along with Ray Harrell and Richard Milam traveled to Knoxville, Tennessee to attend a Scoutmaster's School to prepare themselves to conduct such schools in their own areas. The first school to be conducted upon their return began Thursday, February 20th, in the American Legion Hall with Kenneth Oliver acting Scoutmaster (Course Director). Other staff members were Ray Purnell; S. L. Buchanan, Scoutmaster Troop 3; H. L. Roberts, Scoutmaster Troop 7 in Nettleton; and Chauncey Godwin, committeeman of Troop 3 in Tupelo. Group discussion on "How Scouting Appeals to a Boy's Nature" was led by Allison Bell. Jerome Reynolds, Lee District Scouting Chairman led "Troop Organization."

The plans for Camp Yocona were drawn up by Tom Smith, a Starkville architect and former Yocona Area Council Eagle Scout. Bids were let on April 8, 1947 for building construction.

In May '47 Kenneth Oliver resigned as Scout Executive to accept a position as Deputy Regional Executive of Region Five in Memphis. Charles W. Akins was selected to become the new Scout Executive. Mr. Akins had been Assistant to Region Five Scout Executive. Mr. Oliver continued to serve the Council until the end of Summer Camp which began on the 29th of June.



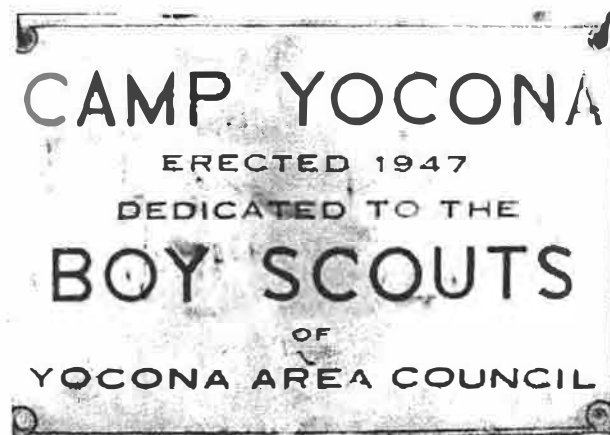
Charles W. Akins, Scout Executive 1947-1949.

During the two years Ken Oliver was Scout Executive there had been marked progress in every

phase of Scouting. The number of Cub Packs and Scout Troops had increased from 43 to 69 and membership had increased to 1437 boys. In May 1962 Ken became the Scout Executive of Valley Forge Council, Valley Forge, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Akins had served as Scoutmaster, Cubmaster, Executive Board Member and Training Chairman. He held the Scoutmaster's Key and Silver Beaver Award.

Dedication ceremonies of Camp Yocona were held in the central lodge on the camp grounds Thursday afternoon, June 26, 1947. Approximately 350 mothers, fathers, and Scouts from each of the 12 counties attended the ceremony.



Council Vice President Allison Bell of Tupelo delivered the dedicatory address and Chad Archie of Corinth in an impressive ceremony placed the records inside the chimney in the central lodge and sealed the hole with stone and cement and placed a plaque on the face of the stone chimney bearing the camp's name and the date.

Jerome Reynolds of Tupelo gave the welcome address and introduced the speakers and members of various committees who had worked with the Council President, Jameson Jones of Corinth, and Kenneth Oliver in financing the camp and bringing about its construction.

In telling the group what the camp meant to him, Mr. Jones said, "You that are here today for this program, through your unselfish efforts, have made this camp possible and provided for the youth of Northeast Mississippi a great opportunity."

Dr. R. B. Warriner of Corinth, speaking for the Scoutmasters, told of his experience with other similar camps and cited the help that camp life

provides for the Scoutmaster. Bob Weaver, Jr., of Tupelo, an Eagle Scout, expressed his thanks to the men and women who made the camp possible.

W. B. Fields of Tupelo, treasurer of the Camp Development Finance Committee, said that a total of \$31,795 had been raised for the construction of the camp but that an additional \$2479 was still needed.

Tupelo led the fund raising drive with \$8483, with Corinth contributing \$8072. Othering contributions were Oxford \$3000, Pontotoc and New Albany each \$2100, Holly Springs \$1800, Tippah County \$1500, Booneville \$1000, Fulton \$900, Tishomingo County \$900, and Water Valley \$888.

The camp is located in Pontotoc County near Randolph Community, 12 miles Southwest of Pontotoc. The estimated value of the camp including 140 acres of timbered hill land was estimated at \$40,000 at the time of construction. It is the first camp site owned by the Yocona Area Council and according to engineers from the National Headquarters of the Boy Scouts of America in New York City, was one of the best camps in this part of the South.

The central lodge had a spacious dining hall that would accomadate 150 Scouts for meals and provided a place for night meetings, special programs and classes in Scout craft. In addition to the dining room the lodge was equiped with modern kitchen and storage rooms for food and other supplies.

The health lodge, which is located near the entrance of the camp, is equipped with all first aid materials, physician's office, and a sick bay that will accomodate eight persons.

The ten-acre lake is located near the center of the camp area and is supplied with fresh water from many clear-water springs. The part of the lake used for swimming is divided into three sections to care for non-swimmers, beginners, and swimmers. The remaining part of the lake is used for boating, and already six new boats were available for Scouts who were to arrive for the first week's camp on Sunday, June 29, 1947.

The staff quarters included small cabins to accommodate 25 men, latrine, and wash racks for washing clothes and bedding. A central shower had also been constructed and equipped with a butane gas water heater to provide showers.

Troop sites had been built on the low rolling hills and each site would accommodate 24 Scouts. Tents had been set up over wooden floor pallets.

Members of the Camp Development Committee who worked with various districts to bring about the camp construction were Chad Archie of Corinth, J. M. Thomas, Jr., of Tupelo, Hindman Doxey of Holly Springs, and Allison Bell of Tupelo.

The Camp Development Finance Committee, headed by R. W. Reed of Tupelo, included W. B. Fields of Tupelo, J. H. Whitworth of Pontotoc, W. J. Lamb of Oxford, A. J. Mattox of Fulton, John L. Richie of Booneville, J. M. Ferguson and H. G. Rogers of New Albany, R. A. McRee, E. L. McVay, and Homer Powers of Holly Springs, J. C. Sides of Coffeerville, and Harley Moses from Corinth.

Sixty-three attended that first week of camping at the new Camp Yocona. Corinth had the largest number of Scouts there with Oxford running a close second. Eighteen Scouts were from two troops in Corinth under the leadership of Scoutmaster Dr. R. B. Warriner. Oxford had thirteen Scouts in Camp and New Albany ten.

For the season 196 Scouts from 27 troops camped 328 camper weeks. Thirteen adults spent 38 camper weeks at Camp Yocona. Lee County was represented by 43 Scouts from seven troops and Yalobusha was second with 30 boys from those troops.

Other towns represented were Tupelo, Holly Springs, and Coffeerville. First year staff included Camp Director Kenneth Oliver with Richard Milam and H. L. Roberts as program directors, Jaime Houston and Buddy Cook of New Albany, Scoutmasters; Norman Bennett of Tupelo, and John Murdock of Corinth, Assistant Scoutmasters; Walter C. Harrison of New Albany, camp clerk; Bobby Prather of Tupelo and Joe Long of Saltillo, trading post directors; Chad Archie of Corinth, handicraft; Hindman Doxey and Mixe Guswold of Holly Springs, Roger Boren of Potts Camp and Herman Parks of New Albany, Scout craft counselors; Sparky Falkner of Ecu, Bob Weaver of Tupelo, and Bill Lamb of Oxford, waterfront directors; Harold Wright of Corinth, archery instructor; and Roy Fullilove of New Albany, dining room supervisor.

Negro Scouts in the council attended a week's camp at a new site near Corinth with 47 boys attending from six troops. Negro Scout leaders directing the camp were A. A. Shannon, Clyde Bishop, J. Y. Trice, Frank Dorset, and L. A. Cummings.

Corinth's first black troop was organized in 1935 and was one of the first in the council. The

troop was sponsored by the Scale Street School for more than 20 years and three members, W. D. Webb, E. S. Bishop, and Aaron A. Shannon, of the original committee were still active in 1954. E. S. Bishop is still active in the council.



Mr. E. S. Bishop, outstanding Scouter from Corinth. He was for many years Chairman of the Negro Division.

Camp Warriner was conceived, established, and developed through the leadership of Corinth Scouters. Dr. R. B. Warriner, Sr., was instrumental in the securing of a site for the camp, located five miles South of Corinth, and in development of the facilities as the Council's Negro Camp. Jameson C. Jones and Chad Archie, Sr., who also served on the council interracial committee, gave full support and leadership to the council project. These men, with other Scouters throughout the council, helped the Negro Division of the Council to promote the use and improvement since its beginning in 1947. It was originally begun as a local project but after it was recognized for the fine site it was enthusiasm of the local black Scouters made it a project for all black Scouters of the council. The buildings were constructed by local Scouters and other interested Corinth black citizens.

Dr. R. B. Warriner, Sr., Corinth, Mississippi. Scouting giant in Jacinto District. Strong supporter of Scouting for black boys. Developer of Camp Warriner.



In addition to these three men the Rev. G. W. Lucas was one of the first committeemen. Other black Scouters who have served a number of years were Cal Spear, Carl T. Williams, Lloyd Latham, N. L. Lusk, C. W. Betts, Clyde Bishop, Rev. J. Y. Trice, and many others.

Andrew J. Lampkin was Scoutmaster in Baldwyn from 1923 to 1932 and from 1942 to 1947. He has been one of our most faithful and loyal Scoutmasters. Seven summers he assisted with summer camp as a staff member. A barber by profession he was a member of the Baldwyn Lions Club. As a member of the Methodist Church, he was teacher of Young People's Class for more than 20 years, was on the Board of Stewards and was Sunday School Superintendent.

On August 13, 1947, Robert Lesly of Troop 47 in Holly Springs became the first Scout in the council to receive the God and Country Award. He was followed almost immediately by Edgar Francisco the 10th of September 1947. Ed was also a member of Troop 47. R. Fenton Wicker, Jr., received the Award January 27, 1948 as a member of Troop 15, Winborn, Mississippi.



Part of the 1947 World Scout Jamboree at Moisson, France. L-R Henry Hughes Kink, Bev Hussy, Buddy Biggers, and Dr. R. B. Warriner.

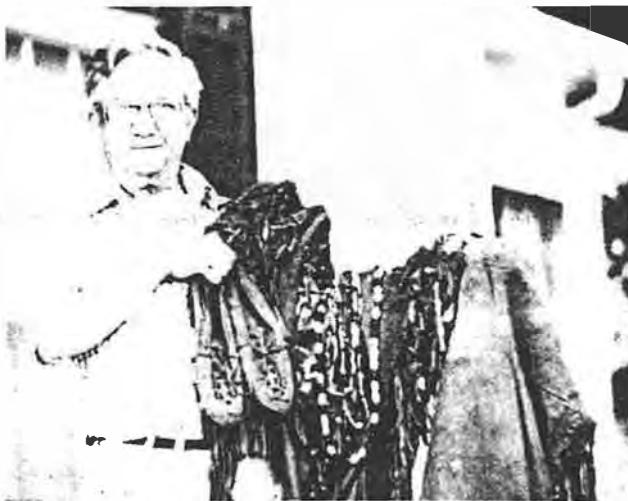
At the 1947 World Jamboree Dr. R. B. Warriner served as Assistant Scoutmaster for Scouts from the South. Attending with him from Yocona Area Council were Buddy Biggers, David Palmer, and Beverly Hussey from Corinth; Henry King from New Albany; and Marion Winkler, Troop 12, and

Edwin Weiner, Troop 3, from Tupelo. Present at the Jamboree were 32,000 Scouts from 42 countries. "We camped on a 1500 acre site on the Seine River owned by a large sugar planter, which served as one of Germany's largest airfields during World War II," Marion Winkler said. "It was the largest camp site I have ever seen."



Edward Weiner and Marion Winkler, Jr., were part of the group to attend the 1947 World Scout Jamboree at Moisson France.

"There were many things on the camp site indicating that much work was done by the Germans in preparing the airfield against attack," said Edwin Weiner. "We also found many German daggers and guns that many boys brought back to the States."



Dr. R. B. Warriner, Jr., holds a buckskin outfit his father, Dr. R. B. Warriner, Sr., received from an Indian Chief he met at the '47 World Scout Jamboree.

Marion Winkler, Jr., was later that year elected student body president of Tupelo High School and is now a Pediatrician in Tupelo running the Winkler Clinic.

A Divisional Committee was approved at the December 2, 1947 Executive Board meeting.

This year the boat docks were completed and the lake had been stocked with bream.

Hindman Doxey received the Silver Beaver at the April 27, 1948 meeting of the Executive Board. Mr. Doxey was influential in getting the Camp Yocona development put over in the Council. He was Past President of the Holly Springs Rotary Club, served as County Attorney for Marshall County, on Board of Trustees of local School, Trustee of Belhaven College. He was an Elder in the Presbyterian Church and served as Delegate from North Mississippi Presbytery to the General Assembly. During World War II he served in the Southwest Pacific as an Army Lieutenant Colonel. He served as a member of the Executive Board continuously from 1928 except for Army service. Mr. Doxey was Council President in 1936 and 1937.

Jerome Reynolds was a Scoutmaster in Corinth in 1927-28, Council Commissioner, Chairman Council Finance Committee, Council President, and nearly every position in the Council. He served as President of Rotary Club, President of Mississippi Hardware Dealers Association and presently owner of Reynolds Hardware in Tupelo. Mr. Reynolds received the Silver Beaver Award in 1951.

From June 6-12, 1948, Camp Yocona was the site for the annual National Camping School for Region Five. Both Administration and Aquatics were taught. Prior to this time the school was taught in two separate places because there was no place available that would accommodate both areas.

"The purpose of the school," said Scout Executive Charlie Akins, "is to train Camp Directors and Waterfront Instructors in the best methods of conducting the two phases of summer work for the Scouts. Scout Executives, Field Executives, and college students employed at Scout camps during the summer from seven Southern states will attend the school."

Approximately 100 men attended the school with instructors journeying from National Council Headquarters in New York.

"Living 'The Life of Riley' and turning their elders green with envy over 100 Boy Scouts of the

Yocona Area Council are eagerly working, learning and frolicking with abandon over 140 beautiful acres of Camp Yocona at the midway period of the Summer Camp season under the guidance of Charlie Akins of Tupelo, Council Executive Officer." reported the Tupelo Daily Journal July 1, '48.

Thursday night was OA tap out night at camp. Fun night was Fridays when the dining hall was "converted into a Vaudeville house as each troop entertained the others with stunts."

A trading post and office was built, new cabins went up, tent sites cleared, underbrush cut and new trails hacked out since last year. In the first three weeks of the 1948 season 235 Scouts had already been to camp. Charlie Akins was Camp Director with Richard Milam his assistant.

Troop 3 of Tupelo increased its membership by 88% during the last quarter of 1948 to win first place in the Fall Roundup Contest conducted by the council. S. L. Buchanan was Scoutmaster. First prize was a troop cook kit. Fulton district won first place on a district level.

The resignation of Charles W. Akins as Scout Executive was effective January 1st, 1949. Mr. Akins who had held the position since August 1, 1947, resigned to become Superintendent of Schools at Boyle, Mississippi.



Nile W. Montgomery, Scout Executive, 1949-1956.

Nile W. Montgomery began his duties as Scout Executive January 15, 1949. Mr. Montgomery, a 34-year-old native of Oklahoma, came from Westark Council in Fort Smith, Arkansas. He had been a Cubmaster in Fairview, Oklahoma in 1937-38; Scoutmaster in Hugo, Oklahoma in 1939-40; and Scoutmaster at Atoka, Oklahoma in 1942-43. He received a B. A. Degree in Business Administration in 1936 from Oklahoma City University. He was with the Oklahoma Gas and Electric Company in Oklahoma after graduation

until 1939. At that time he was employed by the Oklahoma State Welfare Department until 1943 when he entered the Scouting Profession.

In August he began his professional Scouting career as Field Executive of the Choctaw Area Council, McAlester, Oklahoma. In July 1945 he became Field Executive of the Westark Area Council when it was in Fayetteville, Arkansas. He was a member of the Methodist Church and the Rotary Club.

Mr. Montgomery, his wife, 7 year old son and 4 year old daughter lived on Clayton Street in the home vacated by Mr. Akins and his family.

E. H. Bakken, National Director of Rural Scouting, came to Tupelo January 26, 1949, to lead a series of discussions on the Rural Scouting program in Northeast Mississippi. He visited Oxford that night and then on to Booneville and Corinth on Thursday the 27th in an effort to spark the interest of rural Scouts and their leaders.



B. F. Worsham (R) is presenting a compass to Dr. R. B. Warriner, Sr., in the late 40's. Chad Archie is seen at the extreme left and Richard Milam (in white shirt) at the extreme right

Yocona Area Council was selected by National for a pilot study whereby one unit would encompass all three programs, i.e.; Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, and Senior Scouts. The Board voted to try this program in two or three communities, keeping in mind that his was only an experiment. Cub Scouting was not successful in a composite unit, however, Senior Scouts in the troop was proven successful. Crews were formed in troops for Senior Scouts along with the Patrols for Scouts.

The counties of Lee, Pontotoc and Itawamba, each a separate district, combined into a single district on March 22, 1949. Harvey Whitworth of Pontotoc was elected the new District Chairman.

Roy Black of Nettleton was elected Advancement Chairman. The merger was an attempt to get Scouting to more of the rural boys according to Allison Bell, Past Council President. The new district was named Ponlewamba District.

Plans were underway for the construction of a rifle range for Camp Yocona which was scheduled to open June 5th.

A. P. Bennett, holder of the Silver Beaver, O. A. Advisor, and long time Scouter served as Camp Director for the five-weeks of Summer Camp at Camp Yocona in June and July 1949. This was Mr. Bennett's sixth time to act as Summer Camp Director.

Comment during the fourth week of camp by Mr. Bennett told about attendance. "We had only 65 boys during the first week but since that time the attendance has been growing," he said. "At the present time there are more than 100 boys here and the camp is near its capacity." Attendance was running ahead of 1948. 285 boys camped 300 camper weeks.

The one-week fee was \$10 and a boy could stay as many weeks as he wished. Some had been at camp since it opened four weeks prior and many would remain through the entire season.

Fred Wicker of Pontotoc was teaching the boys the art of casting and the use of a rifle on the recently added rifle range. The Pontotoc lawyer had locked his office for "a chance at the camp." He had also pitched in at the archery range that was "filled to the brim" with candidates for the title of "Chief Setting Bull's Eye." Fred Wicker is now Circuit Court Judge Wicker in Pontotoc.

July 1949 saw Yocona Area Council's first expedition to Philmont Scout Ranch. Thirty-three Scouts and leaders made the trip.

Seventy-four Scouts and leaders completed a week of camping the first week in August '49 at the Yocona Area Council Negro Camp five miles South of Corinth. It was the third season for the camp.

James O. Buford of Oxford was Camp Director, with Birton Hampton of Holly Springs as his assistant. They had received camp training at "a National Camping School for Negroes held recently at Meridian."

Scout troops present were from Ripley, Booneville, Oxford, Pontotoc, Holly Springs, Tupelo, and Corinth.

The camp was filled to capacity. Plans were made to expand the facility before the next season. Dr. R. B. Warriner, Sr., was chairman of the

Inter-Racial Committee on the Executive Board. That camp was later to become known as Camp Warriner. Dr. Warriner was an outstanding advocate of Scouting for the black Scouts. Through his efforts more black boys had a chance to benefit from the program.

The Inter-Racial Report showed that during the year four new black units were organized: Walnut, Blue Mountain, New Albany, and at Spring Hill Church in Tupelo. We now had a total of 15 black units instead of the 11 the previous year. Eight of the 11 troops attended camp with nearly 100 boys and leaders present. Work continued to improve the black camp with some needed development prior to the opening of summer camp.

September 1, 1949, marked the day that 11-year old boys would have the chance to become Scouts. The age requirements were lowered by one year for Cubs, Scouts, and Senior Scouts. After September 1st boys could become Cub Scouts at age 8 years of age instead of 9, Boy Scouts at 11 instead of 12, and Explorers at age 14 instead of 15.

The program known as Senior Scouting now became Explorering with its scope broad enough to include land, sea, and air activities as well as life exploration.

In October 1949 the Executive Board voted upon and carried that the "colored camp be opened for use to other character building agencies so long as it doesn't conflict with the objectives of Scouting.

Council budget for 1949-50 was set at \$20,175.

George McLean, editor and publisher of the Tupelo Daily Journal, was elected District Chairman of Ponlewamba District in November '49.

The Council received more assistance from the National Council when Guy P. Miller, Assistant National Director of Camping and Activities paid a visit in November 1949. He first met in Tupelo then in Corinth to discuss plans for formulating a year-round, balanced activities program. Another subject of his discussion was the 1950 National Scout Jamboree, the first National Jamboree since 1937. Yocona Area Council's quota was 50 Scouts.

Dr. Elbert K. Fretwell, Chief Scout Executive of the Boy Scouts of America, was the featured speaker at the Council's annual appreciation banquet on a Monday night in December 1949. Harley E. Erb, Region Five Scout Executive, was also present. More than 300 people were in attendance at the Milam Jr. High School to hear Dr. Fretwell speak. Chad Archie of Corinth, the

newly elected Council President received the Silver Beaver.

Dr. Elbert K. Fretwell, Chief Scout Executive of the Boy Scouts of America, was a guest in our council in 1949.



Silver Beaver holder Medford Leake was an Executive Board member from 1940 to 1952. District Chairman, Council Finance Chairman 1948 and 1952. He is director of several businesses including Leake & Goodlette, Inc.

Active in the Council since its inception in 1926. Dr. J. W. Rothchild was an Optometrist. He was State Secretary of the Optometrist Association. He was a Steward in the Oxford Methodist Church, President of the Oxford Lions Club, member of the City Council, City Clerk and Chairman of the County Red Cross. Dr. Rothchild was exceptionally liberal with his time and money to serve the boyhood of his area. He had been very active in promoting Negro Scouting in the Council and served the Council as Inter-Racial Chairman for several years.

CHAPTER EIGHT

AN ACCEPTED TRADITION AND FURTHER GROWTH 1950 – 1959



George Maynard, Sr., first Scoutmaster in Tupelo, just before being elected mayor.

With the theme "Strengthen Liberty" the 40th Anniversary of Scouting was a big celebration in February 1950. Led by the Tupelo High School Band a parade of Tupelo's 150 Boy Scouts and Cubs began at Milam Jr High School marched down Robbins, Main and Broadway Streets to the Tupelo City Hall. There "Mayor" Richard Condrey and his staff of 14 officials were sworn in by Mayor George F. Maynard, Sr.. The Scouts were elected in a special election a week before to serve in the city's offices from 10 AM to 2 PM, Saturday, February 11, 1950.



Scouts preparing to run city of Tupelo as "city officials". The tall Scout standing in the center is Rob Leake of Troop 12. He served as Council President in 1977.

Those elected were Richard Condrey, Mayor; Frank Lyle, water and light head; Glen Stephenson, Fire Chief; O'Neal Tate, Chief of Police; Ed Furr, Street Commissioner; Charles Johnston, City Judge; Robert Leake, City Clerk; Roger Friou, City Attorney. Aldermen were Charles Davidson, Troop 12, Bobby Winkler, Troop 12; Max Mitchell, Troop 10; Billy Mackey, Troop 3; Lynn Cockrell, Troop 4; Ernest Joyner, Pack 1; and Jerry Reynolds, Pack 12.

Roy Black of Nettleton was the leader of the 2nd National Jamboree Contingent from Yocona Area Council in 1950. Paul Eason of Tupelo, Bill Brinkley of Iuka, Bill Lowery of New Albany, Howell Southward of Tishomingo and Leroy Scott of Conith served as assistants.



Chad Archie, Sr., Council President 1950-1952.

1950 saw a large push to bring Scouting to more of the rural boys. More than 50 Scouters of the 12 counties in the council held a kick-off dinner on Thursday night March 16, 1950, in Tupelo to shape plans for a "banner Boy Scout year in Northeast Mississippi."



Yocona's contingent to the 2nd National Scout Jamboree in 1950.

Following brief talks by Council President Chad Archie and other officials the Scouters separated into three groups in the Rex Plaza to "blueprint plans" in leadership training, commissioner work and organization and extension.

"We need more volunteers to extend the Scouting program in Yocona," Mr. Archie said. "In our area we reach only five per cent of the total of 30,000 boys, as compared to the National Scout average of 16.5 per cent of the eligible age group."

In 1943 there were 780 Scouts and 105 Cubs in the Council. In 1950 membership had grown to 1500. "However, in several years almost as many troops dropped from the Council as were organized," said Nile Montgomery. "Increasing troop membership accounted for the increase of Scouts."



First Merit Badge Show in the Council. Held in the old National Guard Armory in Tupelo. Scout Lowery Simmons is seen standing in the center.

Crimson-daubed "Indians" and armored crusaders shared honors with plumbers and fingerprint men Friday night, April 14, 1950, as the Boy Scouts of Ponlewamba District exhibited their skills to the adults in Tupelo's first merit badge show.

Crowds swirled from booth to booth during the two-hour extravaganza that transformed the new National Guard Armory into a youthful fairyland.

Show chairman Dudley Carr and his assistants expressed great pleasure at the success of the inaugural event which drew 14 troop and 2 Cub pack demonstrations from Pontotoc, Lee and Itawamba Counties.

As Camp Yocona entered its second week of the 1950 Summer Camp program it actually had to turn boys away. As newly hired Field Executive Joe Cox said, "We had to turn down four troops because of the lack of space but they'll have a chance to attend during the remaining month we plan to conduct a program."

Some of the 110 boys at camp that week "will return home Saturday" but many remained for a second week because, as one Scout put it, "this is the best place in the world to play and have fun." Joe Cox was Camp Director.

The National Scout Jamboree was conducted at Valley Forge, Pennsylvania in June and July. Richard Milam was a member of the Jamboree's sectional staff and served as assistant to the commissary officer of Region Five.

It was July 4, 1949, that Russell Tanner, longtime Scouter, approached Billy Lowery on New Albany's Main Street and said, "Billy, Troop 17 is in desperate need of a good Scoutmaster to take over a fading group. We've decided that you're the man for the job."

Before he had time to say "Yes," "No," or "I'll think it over," energetic and personable Bill Lowery found himself the Scoutmaster of a troop of 18 boys of whom only nine could be called active members.

Five months later, Billy and the other Scouts knew their efforts had not been in vain when the Council informed them they were the winners in a drive throughout the council to obtain new members. In this short period of time, Troop 17 had added 30 new members to bring their total to 48. Billy very modestly refused to accept all the credit. "The boys themselves did it," he said. "I had to go out of town one week. When I returned, they had 20 new boys waiting for me. How did the boys create this new interest? The few Scouts we had got together and wrote down all the names of everyone in high school and junior high that they thought might be interested in Scouting. They took it on themselves to make personal contact with these boys and that did the trick."

Reports from the high school hinted that enthusiastic Scouts were neglecting their studies in study hall in favor of going over by the window to tie knots in the window shade cords as practice for passing off their knot-tying requirements. For having the highest percentage of new members the Council awarded the troop eight new nylon mountain tents and gave Billy a Scoutmaster's uniform.

At the time of the reorganization, there were no active Eagle Scouts in Troop 17. Under Billy's guidance, the Smallwood twins, Billy and Eddie, won their Eagle Scout rank in October. Leon Sherman fulfilled his requirements and received his Eagle Scout badge in December. During Boy Scout Week in February (1950), James Huey Giles, Newt Parks Harrison, and Lee Hartwell Rogers were awarded their Eagle Scout badges.

"These boys got their Eagle badges the quickest of any Scouts we've ever had," said Russell Tanner proudly. "To be exact," he said, "James and Lee Hartwell got theirs in 37 months, one week, one day, and one hour. I've always called them the Boy Scout twins. They are the same age, have the same birthday, came into the Scouts at the same time. And Newt made it in less time than they did."

In March, with 52 boys enrolled in Troop 17, Scoutmaster Lowrey realized that his Scouts were not getting the individual attention and that the group had grown too large for one man to supervise. The Scouts were reluctant at first to approve a suggestion that the troop be split into two troops, but they soon realized the necessity of it and willingly cooperated. Three Eagles went with each troop and names were drawn from a hat to see how the others would be divided.

Troop 19 was formed and former Eagle Scout Wallace Staggs took over as its Scoutmaster. He chose Leonard Herrington as his assistant while Scoutmaster Lowrey recruited Charles Hill as his assistant.

The highlights of the 1950 summer was the National Scout Jamboree at Valley Forge, Pa. for the New Albany Scouts. The Smallwood brothers, Sherman, Harrison, Rogers, Byrne Phyfer, and John Luther Robbins along with Scoutmaster Lowrey.

The Jamboree proved to be a real "trading post" and the Scouts of the various states and countries exchanged almost anything. Billy Smallwood, forgetting his first Scout Law, sold a fellow "yankee" Scouter a small miniature Ole Miss Confederate Flag for four dollars, insisting it was the flag his grandfather had carried through the Civil War. Even green cotton balls proved good trading material.

Cub Pack 17 was organized through the efforts of Russell Tanner. Mr. Tanner said, "The Cubs are the very lifeblood of Scouting. We now have 33 Cubs in our pack and on the first of November, eight of these will move on into the Boy Scouts."

Four boys were sent to Philmont to the Patrol Leader's Training Course the summer of 1950. The cost, \$150 per boy was paid by the Rotary Clubs, American Legion Posts, VFW Posts, and Lions Clubs in the Council. The boys had to be 14 years of age or older. They were gone approximately six weeks.

In addition there was the regular Philmont for 40 boys and 4 leaders plus a travel camp to Florida.

In October 1950 the Patrol Leaders Conference at Camp Yocona was overflowing with 70 Scouts participating.

Marlin Seig, Assistant National Director of Cubbing, came to Tupelo and the Council November 3-5, 1950, to help in setting up a Cub Leader Pow Wow.

For the year 1950 a 14.8% gain in membership

was seen. At year's end there were two Explorer posts, 59 troops, and 12 Cub packs. Yocona Area Council was one of only four councils in the Region that did not show a loss.

In 1951 National Council Representatives were Jack Reed, Jameson Jones, and D. H. Hall. One man was selected from each district to attend Wood Badge given by the Region. At the annual Meeting of the Executive Board January 15, 1952, the following was given as part of the 1951 Annual Report. Good Turns for the previous year included clean-up campaign, safety poster distribution, Infantile Paralysis Drive, ushering at special events, toy collection and repair, traffic control at celebrations, delivering baskets at Thanksgiving and Christmas, participation in County Fair, cancer drive, community chest poster distribution, and chapel service.

When the Scouts of Tupelo took over the city Monday, February 12, 1951, it was law-breakers beware. Jay walkers were snared, three bills were passed and traffic violators were "fresh meat" to the Scouts as between 10 and 15 persons were given traffic tickets.

The group of nine officers were sworn in at a meeting of the Rotary Club at noon Monday and immediately took office.



"Mayor" Billy Hill and "city officials" conduct a meeting as they ran Tupelo for a day. 1951.

It was in city court at 4:30 that the Scouts got their biggest kick. Even their own buddies were picked up and tossed in "the clink." No one was spared. Two cyclist were in jail 15 minutes for improper riding, and a store clerk was held in jail five minutes for reasons never made quite clear.

"Judge" Jimmy Allee had trouble keeping order

in his court and on-lookers screamed and yelled until threatened with a stiff fine for contempt of court. "The judge" banged with his mallet and handled the court very well under the circumstances. It seems everyone had witnesses. The businessmen cooperated to the fullest extent with His Honor.

City Attorney Ed McGuire did most of the quizzing of offenders called into court with City Clerk Jimmy Trapp raking in the cash collected from fines. Everyone was found guilty - there were no getting around it. Only one lucky person escaped from the wrath of the court. He was a lawyer charged with practicing without a license.

His producing the license in court called off the charges.

Fines ranged from one hour in jail or ten cents to four hours in jail or 40 cents. Fortunately, no citizen of Tupelo had to be taken to the hoosegow.

Improper parking, jay walking, driving without a license and driving without a tag were some of the charges brought up in court. One "jailbird" escaped and his whereabouts were unknown at court time. His case was dismissed.

One violator was charged with running a traffic light, but the court could not come to agreement as to whether the light was red or green at the time so that the charge was changed to driving without a license.

In other "government" actions by the Scouts, Mayor Billy Hill called some of the other Scouts out of school to help him "run" the city.

He also called a meeting of Alderman Ernest Joyner, Dick Stone, Winkey Beasley and Harold Turner. The board passed a bill stating that the court house clocks should be repaired and made accurate. Approval of the new six-point school building system was next passed by the board with the recommendation that the new addition to the high school be two stories. In addition the board suggested that street lights should be on from 6:30 PM to 6:30 AM daily to aid newspaper boys to see their way while delivering papers.

Meanwhile Fire Chief Larry Eubanks had two assistants, Wayne O'Shields and John Pettit helped him clean the fire truck and test it out on a ride through town. The boys hoped for a fire, but no such luck fell their way.

It was Chief of Police Billy Crockett with his assistants, A. C. Hooper, Dickie Gentry, Ed Furr, Van Craig and George Gore, who was busiest, for it was the police who furnished all offenders for city court.

The Scouts spent much of their time learning the duties of the office which they each held, and city officials cooperated by letting them take over their offices and help with some of the work. All the Scouts got a big kick out of the day, and the fun was much in evidence from all the vigor and enthusiasm with which each went about his task.

Camp Yocona was the scene of a Two-Region National Camping School in Administration and Aquatics in 1951. 150 top Scout leaders from both Regions attended. Region Five was composed of Mississippi, Alabama, Tennessee, Louisiana and Arkansas. Region Six included North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia and Florida. They were taught administration of camping and aquatics programs, camp activities and skills, field sports such as angling, archery, riflery, camp-wide activities, nature and conservation.

Thirty-seven Scouts and three leaders made the trip to Philmont Scout Ranch in '51.

In October of 1951 25% of all Scouts in the Council lived in Tupelo. There were five white troops, one Explorer post, two Cub packs, and three black troops totaling 350 boys. Three Field Executives were on the staff in addition to the Council Scout Executive Nile Montgomery. The Field Executives were Richard Milam living in Corinth and Gene Hamilton in Oxford, with J. Russell Bailey handling Coffeeville.

Palmer Foster has been with Yocona Area Council since 1951. Presently he is District Executive of Lee District.



In 1951 the Council hired its first black Field Executive, Palmer E. Foster. Beginning his duties on December 1, Palmer, had a wide experience in Scouting. He was reared in Tippah County and knew the black people through-out the Council. He was a young 28 years old with a wife and one child and was a veteran of the South Pacific Theater during World War II. He had been a Boy Scout near

Ripley and had served as a Scoutmaster for three years in the Pushmataha Area Council where he did an outstanding job.

Late 1951 the Counties of Lee and Itawamba were one district and referred to as Lewamba District.

Allison Bell, staunch supporter of Scouting, Past Council President, holder of the Silver Beaver Award and Executive Board member resigned as manager of Mississippi Gas Company in Tupelo and began full time work as a Baptist lay evangelist in early 1952. He remained in Tupelo and at the present time the Staff Chaplain at the North Mississippi Medical Center in Tupelo.



Don Wildmon won a trip to Philmont by earning 27 merit badges in two months.

Don Wildmon of Ripley is an example of what happens when a boy gets ambitious with some of that Scouting spirit. He joined Scouting after he was 12 years old. When he received his Life Scout award in June 1952 he had ten merit badges. In just two months he had earned 19 more to have a total of 29 merit badges. Eagle award required 21 merit badges. Young Don had four more months to go before he could get his Eagle because there is a time requirement of six months between Life Scout and Eagle Scout.

The spark that set fire to Don was the honor of being selected from his Ripley Troop to attend Philmont Scout Ranch in Cimeron, New Mexico. At Philmont he was able to pick up Forestry, Horsemanship, Conservation, Hiking and Pioneering Merit Badges.

His way to Philmont was paid for by the Ripley Rotary Club, Ripley Lions Club, Walnut Lions Club, and Ashland Civic Club.

Some units make their own expeditions to high

adventure. A two-week tour of the West was in store for six Explorer Scouts of East Tupelo Troop 9 who left Tupelo Saturday, August 16, 1952, with their Scoutmaster Marcus Kelly.

The boys, 14-16 years of age, were James Kelly, Vernon Davis, Bill Rutland, Bill Shaffer, Jack Cryder, and Herman Palmer.

Leaving early Saturday morning in Mr. Kelly's car the Explorers toured Carlsbad Caverns, New Mexico; Grand Canyon, Arizona; Colorado Springs and Pikes Peak, Colorado; and returned through Kansas, Oklahoma, and Arkansas.

They took along tents and camping equipment and camped out along the way cooking their own meals.

The boys financed the trip themselves since early the year before with money making projects.

Silver Beaver holder Medford Leake was an Executive Board member from 1940 to 1952, District Chairman, Council Finance Chairman 1948 and 1952. He is director of several businesses including Leake & Goodlette, Inc.



Jack Reed as a Wood Badge Learner in 1952. He traveled to Tennessee for training.

By the 1st of September '52 the Council had grown to 2300 Scouts in 111 troops. There were four districts, each with its own Field Executive

plus a new Negro Executive, Palmer Foster, who had boasted the number of black troops from 11 to 24 since the previous December when he joined the staff.

A former Tupelo Scout, Watkins Ferguson, was awarded a Rotary Scholarship to study at the University of London for a year. Each year Rotary Clubs of the world provided a year of all-expense study to 400 carefully selected students in some college of their choice outside their own country. He had been sponsored by the Tupelo Rotary Club.

The membership drive this year (1952) had a Western theme and Scouts were trying to roundup "mavericks" and "strays", new Scouts and those that had strayed away. There was a special incentive to recruit the most new Scouts. Gene Autry, movie cowboy star, had donated a shirt to be given to the winning troop or pack. The shirt had been worn by the actor in movies and on personal appearance tours.



Murray Akers, center of Troop 10, models the shirt donated by Cowboy Star Gene Autry for the council's Fall Round-up. Left is Scout Executive Nile Montgomery with Jimmy Ashburner, Scoutmaster of Troop 3, admiring the fancy gold and black shirt with Gene Autry's initials.

In a letter to Nile Montgomery, Mr. Autry said, "I want to wish you a lot of success with your Round-up this year, as this Boy Scout work is so very important today."

More than 2300 Scouts, Cubs, and Explorers of the Council covered the entire 12-county area on Monday, November 3, 1952, in an effort to "Get Out the Vote."

Scouts placed 20,000 Liberty Bell reminders on door knobs of private homes and businesses of the

area to get registered voters to the polls in the general election Tuesday, November 4, 1952.

The Council divided again. This time into six districts, Lewanda (Lee and Itawamba Counties), Tishomingo, Alcorn-Prentiss, Benton-Tippah, Malaya, and Pontotoc Districts.

Roger Norman has served as Council Advancement Chairman, Council Executive Board member, and Council President. He was a Lieutenant Colonel after four years in the Army. Mr. Norman is an engineer for B. S. Manufacturing Co. in New Albany, member Episcopal Church, District Chairman of Pontotoc-Union District for three years, Past President of New Albany Rotary Club, member of Union County Development Association, and a member of Professional Engineers of Mississippi.

Twenty-eight Yocona Area Council Explorers made the trip to Philmont in July and August 1955. Twelve of them took Junior Leader Training and broke the Philmont hiking record over a mountainous 15-mile course. They finished the hike in 3 hours and 40 minutes, breaking the old record of 4 hours and 3 minutes.



Scouts get ready for the trip to Philmont.

Among the twelve were Frank Iler, Jr., of Tupelo; Inmon Deen, Ripley; Ben Kitchens, Iuka; Larry Gibbins, Tupelo; Charlie Cain, Nettleton; Arch Young, Baldwin; and Glen Davidson, Ecru.

Senior Patrol Leader Cain and Patrol Leader Glen Davidson were among three boys elected as permanent officers of the Junior Leader Troop of which they were a member.

The other boys took part in the Philmont Expedition phase of the program and earned the

50-miler Award by hiking 65 miles and doing 10 hours of conservation service work.

Among the 16 were Jackson Martin of Saltillo; Lloyd Murrah, Iuka; Glen Wiygul, Sherman; Richard Clark, Iuka; Nick Pissanos, Billy Mapes, Jimmy Floyd, and Bobby Edwards of Tupelo; Edwin Robbins, Shannon; and Wallace Nelson of Baldwin.

In January '54 Chad Archie of Corinth and J. Russell Bailey from Coffeerville were elected National Council Representatives.

Neighborhood Patrol 16 was formed in Ecru in November 1953. The Patrol was the successor of Scout Troop 16 which was dropped several years prior when interest lagged. James Webster was Scoutmaster.

The Patrol was limited to 8 boys. A Neighborhood Patrol was organized in a community or neighborhood when there is an interest by a few boys and adults yet there is a lack of a sponsor. In rural areas the Lone Scout and his sponsor and the Neighborhood Patrol concept give more boys the opportunity for Scouting. Presently there are no more Neighborhood Patrols.



Neighborhood Patrol in Ecru.

Troop 12 and Post 12 in Tupelo completed a Scout hut behind the First Methodist Church in December 1953.

They had to. When the Church moved in a new organ the boys were simply crowded out of their regular meeting place. Necessity being the mother of invention the Scouts built a new hut. Actually it was their sponsor, the Chapman's Bible Class of the Church, that collected \$5,500 in a six week period and had the hut built. Now they had the best meeting place in town.



Roy Black, Council President
1953 - 1954.

Scout Executive Nile Montgomery was elected head of the Region Five Executives' Conference held in Biloxi in February 1954. Yocona Area Council was singled out for four honors by the Scout Executives.

The Council was recognized as first in the five-state area for having the fewest number of dropped units during the last four years. The Council was first in increasing its professional staff during the past five years. We were third in membership increase over the last five years and were second in finance drives.

Eagle Scout Newt Harrison, New Albany, was chosen Representative for Region Five to the "Report to the Nation" team. He was one of 12 Scouts in the nation to be so selected. The report was made during Scout Week February 6-11, 1953. Dick Stone of Tupelo was First Alternate with Billy Davis of Iuka being selected as Second Alternate.

Thirteen new units were added in 1952 with a 14% gain in membership. This was the third consecutive year that showed no units being dropped. Total units in the Council were 114 at the beginning of the new year (1953).



James Huey Giles

James Huey Giles, 18, of New Albany, was the first Scout in the Council since 1948 to receive the God and Country Award. A member of the Presbyterian Church in New Albany and received the award in January 1953. James was an achiever holding the Eagle Award with Silver Palm, Lodge Officer in the OA, and held the Explorer Silver Award in Exploring.

In Troop 17 he had been Senior Crew Leader, Junior Assistant Scoutmaster, Librarian and Den Chief. He served on Camp Yocona Staff for four years and attended Philmont Scout Ranch in 1951.

In school James was solo clarinetist in the band and holds four band letters. He had been a class officer for four years and on the honor roll for four years. He was editor of the year book and feature editor of the school paper. He held two letters in track and was a Scout Life Guard and was a Red Cross Water Safety Instructor. There were many more activities he was involved in. It seems fitting that a Scout of James caliber receive the God and Country Award.

National Camping School for Region Five was conducted at Camp Yocona May 31 to June 6, 1953. Staff members included Ken Oliver, prior Scout Executive of Yocona Area Council, and Kirk Henry, prior Scout Executive of Pushmataha Area Council and Camp Director of Camp Yocona in 1939. Both were now Deputy Regional Scout Executives.

Seventeen Council Scouts made the trek to Philmont in July and August 1953.



Checking the map for the Journey to the National Scout Jamboree in 1953 at Irvine Ranch in California.

A happy band of thirty-four Yocona Area Council Scouts returned home from the 3rd National Scout Jamboree on Saturday afternoon

the 1st of September 1953. They alighted from their chartered bus to the cheers and warm greetings of parents and friends who came to welcome them back.

Cheers and shouts rose up from the crowd which had been waiting at the Professional Building on Main Street in Tupelo more than three hours for their return as the big bus hove into sight behind the sirens of an escorting City Police car.

The boys poured off the bus into welcoming arms of parents in all sorts of Jamboree uniforms and regalia. Most prominent of all perhaps were the cowboy hats they wore jauntily as mementos of three weeks "Out West."

There were also coon skin caps, medallions, and neckerchiefs they wore as indicative of their trip. To grateful but startled parents there were gifts of leather pouches, moccasins, hand woven baskets and silver rings and bracelets.

They were so happy to be home that most took their packs and were gone in no time, longing for warm baths and a taste of good home cooking again.

Six of the Scouts described the Jamboree upon their return.

"It was fine," was their impression. One of the greatest highlights of their young Scouting experiences. Describing the trip and the Jamboree were Raymond Clift, Jr., Dick Clark III, Tommy Stroud, Chris Risher, David Wallace, and Bill Allen.

His greatest thrill, Dick said, was in shaking hands with Vice President Richard Nixon.

"I like the trading post best," Raymond Clift said. At the trading posts Scouts swapped souvenirs, favorite possessions, or some article characteristic of their own section of the nation.

"Patches and neckerchief slides were the biggest items for trading," says Raymond, "it seemed that everybody wanted a shoulder patch from some other section of the country."

"Miniature cotton bolls from the South were popular, too," Tommy Stroud said. "But the California state line inspectors wouldn't let us take in any with seeds in them. They tore up one of my bolls to see if it had seeds inside."

"All the Northern boys wanted Confederate flags," said Chris Risher. "But we didn't have many to offer them. They asked for Confederate money too."

They were entertained daily by radio and movie actors. "Just name a movie star and we saw him," the boys reported.

Saltillo Boy Scout Troop 5 and members of that

community wasted no time in constructing a park once they got started. The project idea was conceived on Monday night August 24, 1953, and by Saturday the 29th the site had become a "beauty spot."

Scoutmaster Howard Edge's boys received quite a bit of assistance from other residents of the community in the project. All hands pitched in and worked feverishly cleaning undergrowth from the grounds, whitewashing the bases of the trees, building benches and tables, erecting a fence and hanging swings and other playground equipment.

They had plans for erecting a Scout cabin in the fall.

The park was named Edgewood, over the modest protests of Scoutmaster Edge. It was located one half mile east of Saltillo on the Saltillo-Mantachie Road. It covered one and a half acres with four more acres in which to expand.

The park was conceived during a conversation between Mrs. Mandy Sullivan and Lester Palmer. Mr. Palmer had under lease the ground on which the park was located. Others contributing to the park in addition to the Scouts included William Winter and J. A. Sullivan.

Troop Five had been located in Saltillo for a number of years and had been rechartered four years prior. Mr. Edge had been Scoutmaster for three years. The Troop was sponsored by the Saltillo Baptist, Methodist, and Presbyterian Churches.

Supervisor Calvin Turner donated used bridge lumber for the construction of tables and benches. The park was used primarily by Troop 5 but was open to the public.

A. J. Taylor, National Field Director of the Inter-Racial Services for the Boy Scouts of America, made a 2-day visit to Negro Scout Troops in the Council. He met with a Divisional Committee in New Albany, Thursday night, December 10, 1953, and was guest of honor at the organization of a Benton and Marshall County Divisional Committee in Holly Springs Friday the 11th. He was accompanied on his visit by Field Executive Palmer Foster.

In the Centennial Edition of the Daily Corinthian dated Sunday May 16, 1954, the history of Scouting in Corinth is given. By 1954 forty-five Corinth Scouts had attained Eagle Rank. A complete list of these Eagle Scouts was given. It might be of interest to give them here to show the fields of study and life occupations they had gone into; and that some had been lost in World War II.

APPLICATION
For REREGISTRATION AS A LONE SCOUT
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

NAME: James H. Lott
ADDRESS: 1000 1st St. N.E.
CITY: NEW YORK, N. Y.

LONE SCOUT FRIEND AND COUNSELOR
ACCEPTANCE BLANK

Signature of Lone Scout: James H. Lott
Signature of Friend and Counselor: James H. Lott
Approved by: James H. Lott

Application to become a Lone Scout

Frank Worsham, Jr., Engineer and Contractor, Corinth; Paul T. Jones, Minister, Grace Presbyterian Church, Richmond, Va.; Fred Ajax, Dean of Men, Georgia Tech, Atlanta, Ga.; De Beniere Waddell, moved no information; Randolph Klyce, deceased, lost life in service to his country; James Towne, Osteopath, Jackson, Tenn.; Raymond Payne, Commander, U. S. Navy; Evans Sigman, District Examiner, Civil Aeronautics Admin., Nashville, Tenn.; Fisher Weaver, deceased, lost life in service of his country;

Cooper Adams, Manufacturer, Byhalia, Miss. and Memphis; Jean Bechand, Engineer, Refining Company, Houston, Texas; Marshall Elam, Jr., deceased; Clifford Worsham and Leroy Worsham, Engineers and Contractors, Corinth; Carl Norwood, Jr., Dentist, Corinth; Ben A. Ledbetter, Sales Engineer, Corinth Mfg. Co., Corinth;

Clebourne Wigginton, Surgeon, Corinth; John Kirk Adams, Factory Supt., Martinsville, Va.; Ben E. Everett, Jr., Pediatrician, Memphis, Tenn.; Clarence George, Sales Representative, Memphis; John Joseph Doggett, Attorney, Memphis; Jack Scharff, Government Statistician, Washington; Pat Collier, Insurance, Baton Rouge, La.;

Robert Heyer, Jr., Automobile Agency, Corinth; Billy Dan Weaver, deceased, lost life in service to his country; Boyce Norwood, Asst. Manager, Manufacturing Industries, Gatlinburg, Tenn.; Jimmy Price, Attorney, Corinth; Elwyn Price, Minister, First Baptist Church, Redford, Va.;

Lester F. Sumners, Attorney, New Albany; Bernard Patrick, physician and surgeon, Chicago; Johnny Redding, advertising manager, Lack's, Houston, Texas; Skeeter Hamrick, sales representative, Weyth Inc., Memphis; Jimmy Geisler, student, medical school, Texas University;

Tommy Coleman, Naval Cadet, Corpus Christi; Kenneth Miller, U. S. Navy; Harold Wright, sales supervisor, Florence, Ala.; John Bush Murdock, Bell Telephone Co., New Orleans; Chad Archie, Jr., student, Ceramics Engineer, University of Alabama; James Everett Meeks, dentist and post-graduate student, Memphis;

Sammy Smith, student, University of Mississippi; Walker Sawyer; James Thomas Martin; Wayne Timmons; and Walton Williams - all students at Corinth High School.

At the Annual Meeting of the Council Executive Board in January 1955 Dr. R. B. Warriner, Sr., in his Inter-Racial report to the group, said that eight new black units were added to the Council bringing the total number of Negro units to 39.

"This is a remarkable growth," said Dr. Warriner, "and includes a growth of Cubs from 53 to 78 and Scouts and Explorers from 413 to 544."

Dr. Warriner said, "Almost 16% of the Negro youths are now First Class rank or above and that 25% are Second Class."

"Through the year they have had splendid attendance at the Roundtable meetings," he stated. "The Negro Division raised nearly \$3,400 for the 1954 budget," he reported. "The objective for 1955 is \$4,000 and we feel that it will be raised."

One Troop helping another is a common occurrence in the Council. A new Troop was launched in Lee County Monday night, January 24, '55, in the Auburn Community when Scoutmaster Hayes Scott and Assistant Scoutmaster Leland Cook of Troop 4 of the Tupelo First Baptist Church took their Troop to the community for a demonstration on Scout requirements.

Both leaders spark plugged the organization of the new troop which had R. L. Curbow as Scoutmaster and Roy Morgan his assistant. Hayes and Leland took with them three patrols from their troop to demonstrate the requirements. The Wolf Patrol put on an exhibit of Tenderfoot requirements in Scout craft. Scout spirit was the subject of the Panther Patrol and the Flying Eagle Patrol demonstrated Scout participation.

Camp Yocona was again the site of the National Camping School for entire Southeast in February

1955.

Lowrey Simmons, Jr., of Pontotoc and Edward Woodall, Jr., of Coffeeville were Yocona Area Council's representatives at the World Jamboree held on Lake Ontario, north of Niagara Falls in Canada. Niagara-on-the-Lake, scene of the camp, was a famous military and social center in pioneer days and was for some years the capitol of Upper Canada. Explorer Simmons, an Eagle Scout, had previously attended Camp St. John's in Wisconsin as well as Camp Yocona. He had served as Den Chief, Patrol Leader, and Junior Assistant Scoutmaster in Pontotoc.



Edward Woodall, Jr., and Lowrey Simmons, Jr., attended the World Scout Jamboree in Canada in 1955.

Explorer Woodall, also an Eagle, had previous camping experience at Camp Irvine, California, as well as at Camp Yocona and at a Patrol Leaders Conference.

1955 was a big year for high adventure activities. Yocona Area Council sent the largest contingent that year to Philmont than any Council in the Region, 59 boys. Another 9 attended a 36-day Junior Leader Training course at Philmont. In this group were Eugene Worley from Troop 12 in Tupelo and Charles Huffstatler from Troop 134 of the Pontotoc-Union District. Other Scouts and Explorers attended the Canadian Canoe Bases.

In an attempt to win the Yocona Area Council President's Award in 1955 Scouts planted 7,000

pine trees along the Natchez Trace on Saturday, December 13th. Troops participating were 3, 4, 9, 12 and the black troop in Belden. The trees were planted along the Parkway south of Highway 78 and near Natchez Trace Headquarters north of Tupelo.



Explorers Bobby Powell, Billy Mapps, Jim High, and Eugene Worley are checking the emergency equipment of Post 12.

In 1955, 2,024 merit badges were awarded. Membership was 3557, an increase of 587 members over the 1954 total of 2979.



J. Russell Bailey, Council President 1955-1957.

The interracial report given by Chad Archie showed an increase of 195 Negro Scouts during the year 1955. Black membership was raised to 810 Scouts over the 615 during 1954.

A group of Tupelo Explorer Scouts volunteered to repair the results of vandals to the nature trail at Ackia National Monument just off the Natchez Trace west of Tupelo. The six volunteered to

Natchez Trace officials to replace the 22 identification signs that had been torn down by unknown persons from posts along the nature trail.

The persons who did such a thorough job of ripping down the signs hadn't been caught when the repair work was done Friday January 20, 1956.

The six Explorers, all from Troop 12, were Calvin Cotey, Bobby Evans, Jerry Carr, Lindsey Clark, Malcolm Gardner, and Johnny Phipps. There had been a lot of vandalism and these six wanted to reverse the situation.

Nile Montgomery announced on Monday May 28, 1956 his resignation as Scout Executive. He had been Scout Executive since January 1949. Mr. Montgomery became the Scout Executive of Quapaw Area Council in Little Rock, Arkansas. His resignation was effective June 30th.



George Ed Coward, Scout Executive 1956-1963.

Effective August 1956 George Ed Coward became the Scout Executive. Mr. Coward came to Tupelo from Lake Charles, Louisiana where he was a District Executive in the Calcasieu Area Council. He was a Scout and Senior Scout in Sequoyah Council, Erwin, Tennessee reaching the rank of Eagle. He served 3 years as an Assistant Scoutmaster in Jefferson City, Tennessee. A graduate of Carson-Newman College with a B.A. Degree in History and Psychology. He began his professional Scouting career in Chattanooga, Tennessee, as a Field Executive in the Cherokee Area Council June 6, 1949. From there he went to Lake Charles. It was Mr. Coward's outstanding record in these two councils that earned him his promotion as Scout Executive of our Council.

Explorers from Yocona Area Council took part in the Region Five Explorers Encampment at the

Memphis Naval Air Station September 28-30, 1956. Explorers from all six states in the Region were in attendance.

The program of the air station included inspection of base facilities, a flight in military aircraft, survival training, and swimming. Meals were served in the base mess hall.



Malcolm Gardner, Jr., Troop 12, received Medal of Merit for Life Saving.

In September 1956, Malcolm Gardner, Jr., was awarded the Medal of Merit by the National Court of Honor of the Boy Scouts of America for action taken August 13, 1955. On that evening two automobiles sideswiped on Highway 45 north of Tupelo. Malcolm heard the crash and proceeded to the scene on his bicycle. John Sanders, age 23, was seriously injured. His arm had been severed at the elbow and he was bleeding from an artery. By locating the pressure point Malcolm arrested bleeding and held the pressure for about 20 minutes waiting for the ambulance. The doctor who treated Mr. Sanders said Malcolm's action prevented the man from bleeding to death.

Malcolm was a member of Post 12 sponsored by the First Methodist Church in Tupelo.

More than 400 Tupelo Scouts began ringing door bells Monday, October 29, 1956, in a three-day Halloween "trick or treat" campaign to collect used clothing for needy children supported by the Lee County Welfare Department.

Joining the mass drive of Scouts in the Lewanda District were troops from Mantachie, Fulton, and Tremont who collected clothing for the Itawamba County Welfare Department.

The clothing was taken to a central point where Navy and USAF Recruiting Service vehicles helped in the transportation.



Scout Elvis McCoy, Jr., of Troop 9, collecting clothing for needy children. More than 400 Scouts participated in the Halloween "trick or treat" drive.

In addition to the Tupelo Troops, Explorers, and Cub Packs in the drive there was Troop 131, sponsored by the Cedar Hill RCDC; Troop 89, sponsored by the Guntown Lions Club; and Troop 1, sponsored by the Verona Lions Club.

The Itawamba County Scouts participating included Troop 15, sponsored by the Mantachie Methodist Church; Troop 49 from the Fulton Lions Club and Troop 171 of the Tremont School.

The campaign was planned in response to an appeal by the Lee County Welfare Department for winter clothing needed by more than 600 children who were dependents of the department.

More than 4000 Scouts and Cubs participated in the "Get out the Vote" campaign for the 1956 national elections.

More than 25,000 homes had the miniature Liberty Bells hung on their front doors. The message on the Bells read, "Heed Youth's Call. Vote as you think, but vote November 6. Use your freedom to vote."

A great loss came to Yocona Area Council on Sunday, November 19, 1956 when Robert W. Reed, Sr. died while on a fishing trip to Florida. He

had suffered a cerebral hemorrhage the day before.



The loss of Robert W. Reed, Sr., in 1956 was a tremendous blow to the council.

Outstanding civic contributions by Mr. Reed include his work in organizing the North Mississippi Community Hospital, of which he had served as board chairman since its opening in the late 1930's; his service as a member of the Board of Institutions of Higher Learning in Mississippi; his work in helping form and encourage the Yocona Area Council, of which he served eight years as president and through which he received both the Silver Beaver and Silver Antelope; his contribution to better rural living through his years as chairman of the Rural Housing Association and support of Community Development Foundation projects; his work in leading many Tupelo civic improvement campaigns and Red Cross drives; his service with other civic and religious organizations, including serving as chairman of the Board of Elders and Deacons of the First Christian Church for a number of years, and as president of the Rotary Club.

Mr. Reed was founder and president of R. W. Reed, Co., and was a director of the Citizens State Bank and the Community Federal Savings and Loan Association.

He began his mercantile experience by helping his father, Dr. M. L. Reed, operate a store in the Tilden Community of Itawamba County where he was brought up. After teaching school and book selling experience, Mr. Reed brought his younger brother, Rex Reed, to Tupelo in 1905 and helped him get a job with J. J. Rogers Wholesale Grocery. Captain Rogers' son, B. A. Rogers, suggested about a year later that Bob come to Tupelo and enter the grocery business. He agreed to this and in 1907 established a grocery store on Main Street in partnership with B. A. Rogers.

Mr. Reed wanted to enter the clothing business and, after closing out the grocery store, he entered this field with his brother Rex, and Claude Gray. Rex Reed, a few years later entered the wholesale clothing business which he developed, with his brothers, into the large Reed Brothers concern of today.

Bob Reed bought the old Hinds Brothers store at the corner of Spring and Main Streets and has remained in business on that site until the present time, gaining wide fame with his up-to-the minute-merchandising programs, including a famous day-and-night sale in 1921.

He had three sons, Robert W. Reed, Jr., and Jack Reed, both were Vice President of R. W. Reed Co., and William Reed, then manager of the Blue Bell plant in Tupelo. Bill is presently the president of Reed Bros. in Tupelo. Reed Bros. was established by Rex Reed. Both Jack and Bob, Jr. are still leading the large R. W. Reed Co. store, also in Tupelo.

Rex Reed was also instrumental in the development of Yocona Area Council.

Even with such a great loss the Scouting program must carry on. And carry on it did. There was still son Jack who has given of himself with the same devotion as his father. Jack Reed is also the recipient of the Silver Beaver and Silver Antelope Awards. Robert W. Reed and his son Jack were the first father-son team to receive the regional award in the history of Region Five. An honor well deserved.

According to newspaper accounts, Gene Sherman, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Sherman of New Albany, became the first Scout in the Council to receive the Ner Tamid religious award for Scouts of the Jewish faith.



Gene Sherman, Troop 18 in New Albany, was the first Scout in the council to receive the Ner Tamid religious award.

The award was made in Tupelo November 26, 1956, at the B'Nai Brith Synagogue. Gene was a member of New Albany Troop 18. His Scoutmaster was Les Sumners. Gene was 13 years old and a Star Scout at the time of the presentation.

Hollis Long is a long time Scoutmaster in Golden, Wood Badger, Scoutmaster for the '57 National Scout Jamboree, served as Youth Councilor on the Governor's Staff to represent Tishomingo County. Received the Silver Beaver in 1964.



Jamboree Troop 23 in 1957. Leaders were L-R Clyde Pace, Coffeville; Lester Sumners, New Albany; and Reymond Merchant, Tupelo.



Scouts departing for the '57 National Scout Jamboree from Booneville.



Inspection time at the '57 National Scout Jamboree.

Jack Reed, Council President
1958-1960.



Two black Scouts of Troop 61, Baptist Church, were awarded their Eagle Awards during ceremonies February 8, 1959. The boys, Kirmitt Parson and T. R. Debro, Jr., were the first black Scouts in the Tupelo area to receive Scoutings highest award according to the Tupelo Daily Journal, January 27, 1959.

The awards were presented at a special service by Raymond Parson. Scoutmaster of Troop 61 was Fred Chambers.

CHAPTER NINE

AND WE MOVE ON 1960 – 1970



Richard Milam discusses forestry project with State Forestry men at Camp Warriner.

In January 1962 Dr. R. B. Warriner and another trustee deeded 150 acres of land to the Council. Quoted here is a letter from Dr. Warriner to Scout Executive George Ed Coward dated January 20, 1962.

"Eighty acres of land was bought seven miles east of Corinth for a Boy Scout camp 40 years ago. There was no Council in this area at that time so title to this camp was taken in the name of the Boy's Club. Part was in the name of Scout Association. The trustees of the camp who were deeded the land were Jameson Jones, Thom Johnson, Jake Rubel, Ellis Young, Dan Turner and R. B. Warriner. Chad Archie was trustee for some bought later. Jameson Jones, Jake Rubel, Thom Johnson and Chad Archie have died, Dan Turner has moved away and has resigned as trustee; so Chad told me. This leaves Ellis Young and me as the sole remaining trustee and as such we have signed the deed which I sent you.

"After about twenty years the timber on the land was sold and the proceeds used to buy fifty acres and also to improve the Negro Scout camp.

"This camp has been of great benefit to the Scouts of this area and it is still used as an overnight and day camp. It has several nice springs on it and a nice lake site. If the Yocona Council should ever decide to get rid of it we hope and request that it not be sold to any organization whose first aim is not the good of the boys and girls of this area.

"We have had several offers to buy it by local fishing and sporting clubs.

"The timber on the land has been pledged to satisfy a debt made when Camp Warriner was rehabilitated about 3 years ago.

"I suggest that this letter be filed with the deed so that future members of Yocona Council can become familiar with this part of their possession and its history.

"It gives us great pleasure to complete the deeding of this camp legally to Yocona Area Council."

/s/ R. B. Warriner, Sr.

Executive Board member since 1951 John Stanley was a Scout in the Council from 1931 to 1933. He became an Eagle Scout in 1933. Mr. Stanley has served as Scoutmaster, District Chairman, and District Finance Chairman.

He was an Air Force pilot in WW II after graduating from the U. S. Naval Academy. He is an Elder in his Church, Past President of Kiwanis Club, Past President of Chamber of Commerce and member of Board of Directors, served on City Utilities Commission for a number of years, Past President of Community Fund, Corporation President and partner and manager of another

company. Mr. Stanley was selected as Jamboree Scoutmaster in 1960.



5th National Scout Jamboree in 1960 held at Irvine Scout Ranch, Calif.

Hayes Scott was an employee of the U. S. Post Office for more than 32 years before his retirement. He was Superintendent of Mails at Tupelo. Hayes is a Deacon of the First Baptist Church in Tupelo. Presently he serves Lee District as Coach/Counselor for Cornerstone Training. He has served as an instructor on every Council Showando held. He served his Council as a Section Leader in the 1960 National Jamboree.



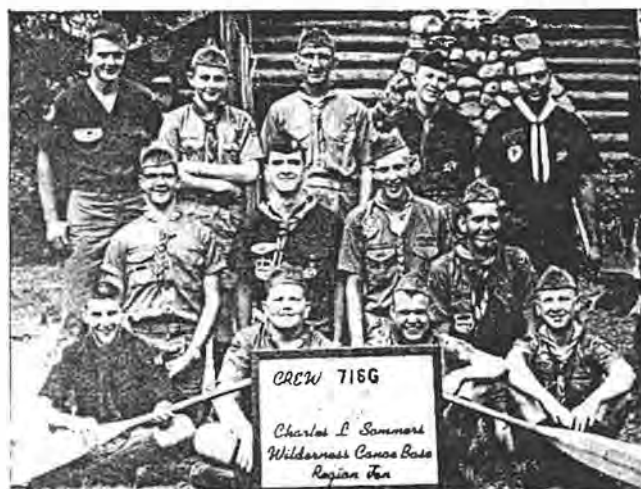
Felix Black, Council President 1960-1961.



Scouts of Tupelo Troop 3 planting pine seedlings on Harry Martin farm as part of their Conservation Good Turn project.



1961 Eagle Banquet. Known as the Warriner-Maynard Class of Eagles George Maynard, Sr., and his grandson George Maynard III are seen to the left. Dr. R. B. Warriner, Sr., and his grandson R. B. Warriner III are seen on the right.



Charles L. Sommers Wilderness Canoe Base contingent 1961. L-R Front Row unknown, Jimmy Coffman, Richard Scott, Billy Seiler. Middle Row - Richard B. Warriner III, unknown, S. H. Dees, unknown. Back Row - Guide Bud Vouch, Jimmy Huggins, unknown, unknown, Guide Jerome Sharp.



Eagles of Corinth Troop 129 as of November 28, 1962. L-R Front Row - Rob Anderson, Bill Dalton, Bo Perry, John Stanley IV, Clay Crockett, and Hoot Wilder. Back Row - ASM Sandy Williams, Bob Ray, Hanley Hasseltine, Jimmy Huggins, SM Hoyt Wilder, R. B. Warriner, Jr., Tommy Strickland, Greg Perkins, & ASM John Stanley III.



Chauncey R. Godwin, Council President 1961-1963.

Yocona Area suffered another great loss at the death of Chad Archie, Sr. in January 1962. He was a successful business man in Corinth, a recognized civic leader, devoted church man, Camp Development Chairman, Council President for 1950-52, Inter-Racial Chairman, Camp Construction Chairman for Camp Warriner, and served as National Council Representative. He was a strong supporter of Scouting for the black boys in the Council.

The first colored Showando was held at Camp Warriner in the Spring of 1962 with more than 60 black leaders present and was considered an outstanding success.



Camp Yocona in 1962.

A visitor to the Executive Board meeting May 10, 1962 was Deputy Regional Executive Ken Oliver who commented on the difference in the Yocona Area Council then and when he was Scout Executive here in 1946.

Erst Long made a statement honoring Ken Oliver, recognizing his service as Scout Executive of Yocona Area Council from 1945-47 and as Deputy Region Executive from 1947-62. Erst presented him a plaque from the Council in appreciation of his dedicated service and wished

him success in his new job as Scout Executive of the Valley Forge Council.

Camp Yocona received an inspection score of 97 of a possible 100 during July 1962 by the National Council inspection team for an "A" rating. During the first three weeks camp attendance averaged over 120 boys per week.

Twenty-six boys and two leaders left for Philmont Scout Ranch Friday July 27, 1962. They were gone about 20 days.

Five Explorers and one leader attended the 1962 National Explorere Delegate Conference at the University of Michigan August 25th.

Another loss to the Council was A. L. Rogers, Sr. of New Albany in 1962. Mr. Rogers was a recipient of the Silver Beaver Award in 1935. He was a churchman, long-time member of the Board of Trustees of Millsaps College, American Red Cross volunteer, successful businessman, leader in the field of banking, and President of the Mississippi Bankers Association.

Camp Warriner had its largest attendance with 204 boys in 1962. A new pump house had recently been built at Camp Warriner by the Negro leaders with the help of Chad Archie, Jr.

The 1961 Class of Eagles were known as the Erst Long Class of Eagles and held in Corinth December 13th.



Council Officers for 1962-63. L-R James A. High, Bob Shirley, President Chauncey Godwin, Felix Black, Hugh Clayton, L. P. McCarty, and Roy Black.

The familiar council strip worn on the right sleeve of the Scouter's uniform was approved for wear by Commissioners and other Scouters not connected with a unit. It replaced the community strip that all Scouts and Scouters wore. It was approved January 16, 1963.

The Council Constitution and Bylaws had been drawn up and signed in February 1939. We had outgrown it. A new Constitution and Bylaws were

Hugh N. Clayton, Council
President 1963-1964.



developed and approved March 14, 1963.

In March 1963 an additional 40 acres were added to Camp Yocona.

20,000 pine seedlings were planted at Camp Warriner in February 1963. They were given by the Tennessee Pulp and Paper Company and planted by a regular crew from the company.

The Division (black Scouts and Scouters) raised more money in 1963 than they had in any other year before. 1255 boys were in 78 black troops at the end of February 1963. There were now two Divisions, East and West.

1936 Silver Beaver winner William B. "Bill" Fields passed away in early 1963. He too was a successful businessman and recognized civic leader. He was a devoted churchman, served Yocona Area Council in the depression years and an American Red Cross worker.

More of the pioneers of Northeast Mississippi Scouting were being lost by death. In the Spring of 1963 we lost Executive Board member James A. High. He was Chairman of the Boys' Life Magazine committee, National Council Representative, a leader of the Tupelo Community Chest Campaign, instrumental in creating the Lee United Neighbors, member of the Council Fund Campaign and Steering Committee.



Explorers entertaining at a Scout banquet in 1963.

Nineteen boys and two leaders attended the Region Ten Canoe Base in Ely Minnesota July 29-August 14 in 1963.

The Summer Camp report for 1963 showed 938 boys attended Camp Warriner and Camp Yocona. This was a 39.03% of the total membership. There were 68 of 121 troops in Camp. This was the largest number of boys to attend summer camp in the history of the Council to that time.

Negro membership increase by 96 boys over a year ago with four new units being formed.

In December 1963 George Ed Coward resigned as Scout Executive of the Council. On January 1, 1964 George Ed became the Scout Executive of Sequoyah Area Council in Johnson City, Tennessee. He joined Region Five staff as Deputy Regional Scout Executive January 1, 1971, in Memphis. Mr. Coward became a Field Representative on the staff of South Central Region in Dallas, Texas, July 1, 1972, where he is today.

Jimmy Petersen, Scout Executive
1964-1977.



New Scout Executive Jimmy Petersen began his duties in 1964 coming from the Delta Area Council where he had been Director of Field Services. A native of the Delta and a graduate of Delta State University he began his professional Scouting career in the same Council in which he grew up. He was a Life Scout there as a boy.

We had two troops going to the '64 National Scout Jamboree July 17-23. Council Commissioner Rev. Bo Holloman was one of the Jamboree Chaplains. In addition to the Jamboree the Council sent one boy from each district to the National Junior Leader Training Course at Philmont.

Darrell Mathis, a Yocona Area Council Eagle Scout, became a professional Scouter in the Council. Darrell is presently Council Scout



'64 National Scout Jamboree at Valley Forge, Pennsylvania.



Scouts and Explorers visit the Navy at NAAS Ellyson Field near Pensacola, Florida.



Darrell Mathis, Yocona Area Eagle Scout, became a professional Scouter in 1964.



Fall Camporee 1964.

Yocona Area Council ranked six among 32 Councils in the Region in membership growth in the 12 months of 1964. There was a 6.9% growth and we had less dropped units than any council with only 2.

The Camp Yocona redevelopment campaign began January 1, 1965 in an effort to raise \$110,000. In June of 1962 Woodie Wright, Assistant Director of the National Council Engineer Service had suggested a complete redevelopment of the facilities due to condition, age, and ability to serve adequately. In May of 1963 he submitted a Master Plan. The Executive Board approved the Plan July 11, 1963.



Order of the Arrow 1964.

The redevelopment program included Camp Yocona, Camp Warriner, and the new Explorer Base Camp on Pickwick Lake in Tennessee.

Very good progress was being made on the redevelopment program on building the priority items by September 1965. Everything was on schedule and the Army Engineer Unit from Tupelo did work on the swimming area in September.

Camp Yocona's renovation project received a boost from the 323rd Engineer Company headquartered at Tupelo, a Reserve outfit which was spending a week end clearing land for improvements.



Camp Warriner Staff 1965.

D. O. "Son" Puckett, Jr., camping and activities chairman, said, "The work of the Reserve unit will assist greatly in maintaining a time schedule which calls for the completion of all priority items in the rebuilding program by next May."

The engineer company was clearing the land for a parking area and two camp sites, worked on the sand bottom and beach of the swimming area and cleared underbrush from around the lake.

The unit's 130 men spent another week end at Camp Yocona in February to construct a bridge and rebuild roads.



Troop 52 in 1965.

The 1965 Explorer "Superactivities" were Philmont Scout Ranch (35 boys), World's Fair (12 boys), and Operation Looksec of Military Bases on the Gulf Coast (35 boys).

"Follow the Rugged Road" was the Round-up (recruiting) theme for 1965.

The new facilities at Camp Yocona were the

Dining Hall, Trading Post, Health Lodge, Administration Building, and Swimming Area.

On October 31 membership was 4835 which was 364 above a year ago. 25 new units were organized with only 2 being dropped giving a net of 23 units. This was the best dropped unit record in Region Five and our net of 23 ranked in the top five.



L. P. "Bud" McCarty, Council President 1965-1966.

The Executive Board meeting January 13, 1966 reported the Explorer Base Camp was moved to a new and more beautiful site of 12 acres. The state provided fresh water and a hard-surface road to the site. The Explorer Base was still at Pickwick.

A Scout Leadership Class was developed at Ole Miss in 1965. In 1966 a second class was being held with 25 students. They received two hours credit for the course, and besides the hour and a half lecture each week, each student worked directly with a unit as assistant leader throughout the Chicksa District (Yalobusha, Lafayette, and Marshall Counties). Plans were underway at Northeast Junior College in Booneville and at Itawamba Junior College in Fulton to start this same type of class in the Fall.

The class for IJC got the go-ahead and began in the Fall of '66. It gave the Council a lot of assistant leaders to help with units throughout the Itawamba and Lee County area.

The Erst Long Boy Scout Trust Fund Agreement was acknowledged and accepted by the Board July 15, 1966.

Scoutmaster Hayes Scott reported to the Executive Board on High Adventure at our Explorer Base Camp. Hayes, who had been a unit leader for over 20 years, was very complimentary of the new facilities and felt that we could not ask for a better setup for Senior Scouts or Explorers. He told of the recent four-day canoe trip his group made while using the Base Camp.

The Council now had two new United Funds, Itawamba and Pontotoc Counties, to give assistance in the Council's finances.

The World Jamboree Committee met in August and after carefully interviewing 11 candidates they selected 6 to represent Yocona Area Council. They were Jack Reed, Jr., Drew Harvey, Mike Kelley, and Bedford Walker of Tupelo; Tim Williams from Fulton; and Drew McElroy of Baldwin.

Membership grew in 1966 by 1.8% for a total of 5512 boys. There were 295 units with a gain of 12 new units. Plans were still moving forward on work at Camp Yocona.

Services to others was still a big part of the Scouting program. Some of the activities in '66 were collecting clothing for those less fortunate, repaired toys for needy at Christmas, collected and distributed baskets and toys at Christmas, gave and delivered toys to Children's Mansion, planted pine trees, cleaned up parks and streets during clean-up week, assembled Council "Smoke Signal" each month, parked cars at County Fair, helped in Red Cross campaigns, helped in March of Dimes campaigns, helped in Cancer campaigns, prepared Camp Yocona for opening, visited County Homes taking food, etc., cleaned, cut and kept church grounds, worked with firemen during Fire Prevention Week, helped fight forest fires (Explorers), served as Life Guards, helped with Oral Sabine Sundays, ushers at Christmas parades (Parade Marshall and crowd control), hospitals, Easter Pageant, Easter Community Sunrise Services, churches for Boy Scout Week, high school and college football games, and poster distribution for the following: Employ the Handicapped, Heart Fund, Red Cross, Alcorn County Community Fund, Lee United Neighbors, and Community Boy Scout Campaign. Parked cars at Oxford and Holly Springs Pilgrimages, worked at Camp Warriner, service for Special Education Classes, and helped with floats in Christmas Parade.

Attendance at summer camp was growing. In 1966 87 Scout troops took 1063 boys to camp for a week. Explorer Posts participated in 15 superactivities. 1313 Scouts attended the 6 camporees held in the 4 districts. 20 boys went to Philmont, 49 were part of Operation Looksee at Columbus Air Force Base, and 223 were part of the Explorer Canoe Expeditions at Pickwick.

1967 had plans at the beginning of the year for a follow up of the previous year. 250 Explorers was scheduled for Operation Airlift at Columbus AFB February 11th: 150 were planning on the



Houseboat Excursions from Pickwick to Muscle Shoals April 7th and running every weekend through June 4th; and 9 Senior Scouts were to make a canoe trip of 100 miles from Ely, Minnesota, to the Canadian border.

The Council was now members of the following United Fund organizations; Lee United Neighbors, Alcorn County Community Fund, Prentiss County Community Fund, Pontotoc County Community Fund, and Itawamba United Fund.

In April '67 there were 290 white units and 64 black units with 5027 and 936 boys respectively.



Henry Brevard, Council President 1967.

The six members of the professional staff servicing the four districts included Jimmy Petersen, Council Scout Executive with the following District Executives (DE's). Horace DeVaughn, now a unit leader as a volunteer in the Council, was DE for Tombigbee District; Bill Brome had Chicksa District; Richard Milam, who retired February 1, 1977 in Corinth, was DE for Jacinto District; Tom Carter was in Tallahatchie;

and Palmer Foster, still in the Council as a DE, was DE for the Division.

As before Camp Yocona received an "A" rating for the 1967 camping season by the National Council inspection team. Attendance was up to the extent that it had to be extended to 7 weeks from the usual 6 weeks. Camp Warriner expanded to 3 weeks instead of 2 weeks.

The 1967-68 budget was set at \$84,243. In September A.M. Norwood replaced Horace DeVaughn as DE for Tombigbee District when Horace left the profession.

In November Paul Eason, Scoutmaster of Troop 12 for 20 years, was selected as one of 24 top leaders in the nation to meet for 2 days in Chicago and discuss changes necessary in Scouting to stay up with the times.

The last phase of our 3 year building program began December 1st. A big activities shelter, storage warehouse, and workshop combination type building for the Camp Ranger was the main items that were to be added. Camp dedication day was anticipated for early January 1968 but it actually happened June 15, 1968.

The 1967 Eagle Banquet was the first year that a single banquet was held for both white and black Eagle Scouts. There were 6 Eagles that were black Scouts of the 50 eligible to attend.

H. Eugene Worley, Jr., Hypersonic Aerodynamic Engineer of the Marshall Space Flight Center at Huntsville, Alabama, was the principal speaker at the Eagle Banquet.

Mr. Worley was a graduate of Tupelo High School and Mississippi State University in 1962 receiving an Aero Space M. A. Degree. Mr. Worley's assignment at that time was in Dynamics and control of the Saturn V Launch vehicle. He helped develop the "Tether Concept" for orbital flights preparatory to the Lunar Mission landing and he also had worked on Space Station control.

While a Scout in Troop 12 in Tupelo, he became an Eagle Scout in 1956. OA member, and attended Philmont. He also had helped as an adult Scouter to keep Troop 12's camping record unbroken of once a month for over 20 years.

The Council and Pontotoc felt the loss of Lowrey G. Simmons when he died in January 1968. Mr. Simmons, President of the Bank of Pontotoc, served as President of the Mississippi Bankers Association, President Board of Directors of the Tupelo District Federal Land Bank, long time Chairman of the Pontotoc County Chapter of the American Red Cross, President of the Pontotoc

Rotary Club, President of the Board of Directors of the Pontotoc Electrical Power Association, Chairman of the Pontotoc County Democratic Executive Committee, was a Colonel on the Staff of Governor Ross Barnett, a member of the Mississippi A & I Board, for many years a most active member of the Yocona Area Council Executive Board and a Silver Beaver recipient. He was one of the pioneer volunteers to make possible the acquisition of the land for Camp Yocona.



Roger Norman, Council President, 1968-69.

Training, with new emphasis, was up and impressive in '68. 209 courses were offered during the year and 1816 people participated. A total of 59 Scouters Training Awards and Keys were awarded.

The financial report showed a \$5,523.63 deficit in the budget campaign according to Felix Black. Emphasis on a more vigorous Sustaining Membership Enrollment appeared to be the answer. The Finance Committee would begin an SME drive on a very limited basis to a select group as soon as they could get approval from the United Funds.

Over 800 guests visited the official opening and dedication of the new Camp Yocona June 15, 1968. Tours of the camp were conducted by members of the camp staff and Order of the Arrow. The new camp face lifting operations were valued at \$140,000 and made the 168 acre Camp Yocona one of the finest camps in the south.

A Patrol Leaders "Leadership Seminar" was conducted by Jim Rogers, instructor of Brickell Institute, sponsor of Dale Carnegie courses in this area. Boy leaders and adult leaders from the entire council participated in the special event as part of the camp opening. A free buffet lunch was served to all guests.

Post 12 of Tupelo was in charge of the opening ceremony which consisted of a flag raising with a drum and bugle in the background. Rev. G. H. Holloman, camp chaplain, gave the dedicatory prayer. Henry Brevard, Council President, then introduced the distinguished guests. Mr. A. L. Jung of New Orleans, Chairman of Region Five, gave the main address. Erst Long of Ripley, member of the Council Executive Board for over 35 years, cut the ribbon to officially open the new camp. The closing was conducted by the camp staff.

This event officially brought in a new era for Scout camping in this area. The camp met the recommendations of the National Engineering Service of the Boy Scouts of America. Camp Yocona could accommodate 150 campers and 30 staff members per week. It could operate for seven weeks each summer or longer if necessary. Weekend camping was available all year at no cost and any type of camping could be found from tents to adirondack shelters, cabins, and lodges.



CAMP YOCONA

In 1934 the Yocona Area Council undertook a three month task of raising \$140 to buy 140 acres of homestead land from Virgil Purdon, whose parents' log cabin once graced the land of Pontotoc County.

In the summer of 1937, the new camp was used for the first time by a Boy Scout Troop. The tallest pines in North Mississippi towered over the Boy

Scouts as they roughed it in an almost virgin forest. Their only convenience, the water supply, a large spring, is now covered by today's lake.

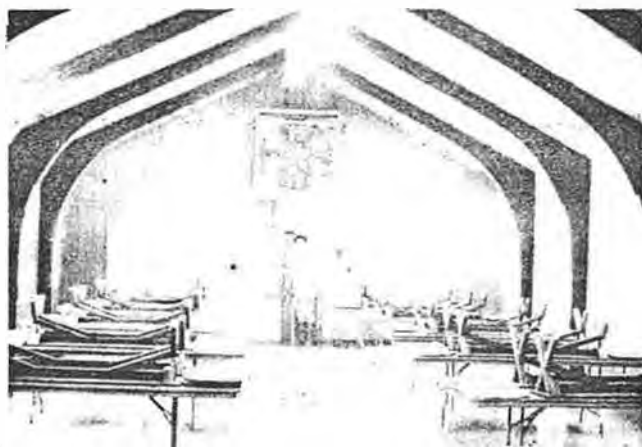


Mr. A. L. Jung, left, Chairman of Region 5 and member of National Executive Board with Mr. Erst Long as they cut the ribbon at the dedication and official opening of the new Camp Yocona June 15, 1968.

Additional land was bought to bring the main camp to its present 168 acres. Forty additional acres provide outpost camping.

In 1946 Chad Archie, Sr., of Corinth led the council in plans to develop Camp Yocona as a year round permanent Camp to replace temporary Camps used but not owned by the council. Almost \$8,000 was raised to equip the camp with a reliable well, a dam for an 8 acre lake, a dining hall, a storage building, and a Trading Post.

In 1948 cabins for campers were built and boats were added to the recreation facilities, ready for the June, 1948 class of camping Scouts.



Inside View, Dining Hall.



Administration Building at Camp Yocona.

In the Spring of 1949 several communities in the Council developed special Troop Camp Sites, expanding the capacity of the camp. A rifle range was added. Thus Camp Yocona served our area well for twenty years.



Typical camp site.

By 1965 the Scout population had almost quadrupled. The camp became crowded and was feeling its age. A \$120,000 capitol campaign yielded \$128,000 in pledges for new buildings, camp areas, and facilities. Another \$12,000 was secured thru material gifts.



Health Lodge.



Trading Post and Craft Shelter.



Shower.

Over \$140,000 has re-made Camp Yocona as a place of retreat, rustic, and dedicated to the outdoor skills that are so important to Scouting.



Inside view crafts shelter.

Today's (1968) Camp Yocona, the product of years of effort by hundreds of people throughout our Council is modern in its facilities, equipment, and outlook, ready to serve the 6,000 Scouts of the Yocona Area Council.



Swimming area, 8 acre lake.

Plans were already made to purchase an additional adjacent 73 acres from a Mr. Hollis. This would make a total of 225 acres.

Owner and President of McCarty Wholesale Co., Inc., L. P. "Bud" McCarty is Past President of Tupelo Rotary Club, Past President of Mississippi Wholesale Grocery Association, Second Vice-President U. S. Wholesale Grocery Association, member Community Development Foundation Board, and member Mississippi Economic Council. In WWII he was a Naval Lieutenant in P T Boats.

Bud McCarty has given unlimited time and money to help raise the budget of the Council. He has recruited and trained many new Scouters and has succeeded in raising the budget of the Council many times so that more boys can enjoy the benefits of Scouting.

In 1968 the entire professional staff attended a full week at the National Scout Executive Conference held at Fort Collins, Colorado. The main topic of discussion was the new Boy Power '76 program.

Hugh Clayton received the Silver Antelope Award at the Regional Annual Meeting held in Shreveport, Louisiana.

In 1968 the white districts were encouraged to invite the black Scouts to participate in the Annual Scout Expeditions and other Council wide activities such as Scout Day at Ole Miss. One district had plans to do this in 1969. This encouragement was done on the recommendation of Roy Black's Policy Committee.

December was scheduled for the Explorer Olympics at ole Miss and in early May 1969 the second annual Cold Camp-in was planned for Camp Yocona.

Rob Leake made the financial report at the end of the year pointing out that the Council ended

another year without deficit financing. A balance of \$10 was brought forward into 1968-69 after a very careful budget control was used especially the last three months of the fiscal year. Our projected deficit of \$2487.63 was eliminated by Sustaining Membership Contributions that came in through the efforts of Hugh Purnell.



Life Saving instruction at Camp Warriner.

Pat Patterson reported that the current campaign was well organized, but that we had fewer campaigns every year due to more County-wide United Funds in the Council.

Roy Black presented the highlights of the Special Policy Committee meeting held March 10th. Speaking on behalf of the committee, Roy Black then moved that the committee recommend to the Executive Board of the Council the following: That full status as a District be given to the Division with Operating Committee Chairmen as members of the Council Operating Committee.

And further that at least two members be added to the Council Executive Board, one of whom would be Ex-Officio as the Chairman of the Division District (this was the same procedure used by the other Districts and recommended by the National Council).

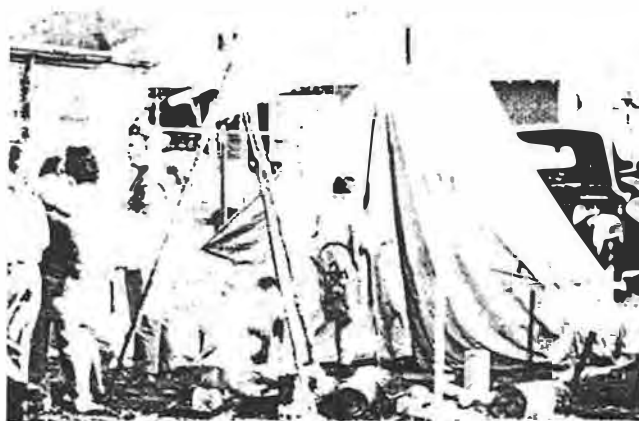
And further that the constitution and By-Laws of the Council be amended as necessary to provide for the afore stated changes.

And further that a special nominating committee be appointed by the President of the Council to submit the new nominees to the May 1969 meeting of the Board for individual approval. John Stanley seconded the motion and it carried.



Commander Thomas J. Keane.

The guest speaker at the 1969 annual recognition banquet was Commander Thomas Keane of Long Island, New York. Commander Keane has been active in Scouting since 1917. He was organizer of Sea Scouting and he currently travels over 100,000 miles a year on behalf of Scouting. His broad background about world affairs, after serving in the Navy from 1917-1962, has made him one of America's most inspirational speakers on patriotism.



First United Methodist Church's Troop 129 at 1969 Scout Exposition in Corinth.

A certificate of Honor was presented to Scout Bill Jones of Troop 5 in Saltillo. Bill saved a man's life in Lake Lee and he credited much of it to his Scout Training.



At the 1969 National Scout Jamboree in Idaho.

In 1969 59 boys and 5 leaders attended the National Scout Jamboree and 28 Senior Scouts and Explorers with their 2 leaders went to Philmont. Jim High was the Jamboree Scoutmaster.

During the first 5 months of 1969 the Council had lost 30 units. Many of these were sponsored by schools that would no longer sponsor Scout units. With the integration movement underway schools refused to sponsor Scout units because there may possibly be both black and white Scouts in the same unit. New sponsors had to be found for these units.

Camp Yocona received its 4th consecutive "A" rating with 99 points out of 100.

Stephen Murphy, President of Medical Post 6 in Tupelo, was the Mississippi representative to attend the Oceanographic Seminar in Miami, Florida. He represented all Explorers in Mississippi (each state picked one). Steve was very much impressed with the Seminar and the caliber of men in charge.

At the July 10, 1969, Executive Board meeting Henry Brevard made the motion that E. S. Bishop and James L. Triplett, both Silver Beaver holders, be accepted as members of the Executive Board thus becoming the first black members of the Board in the Council. They both represented the Division. Mr. Brevard also moved that the Division

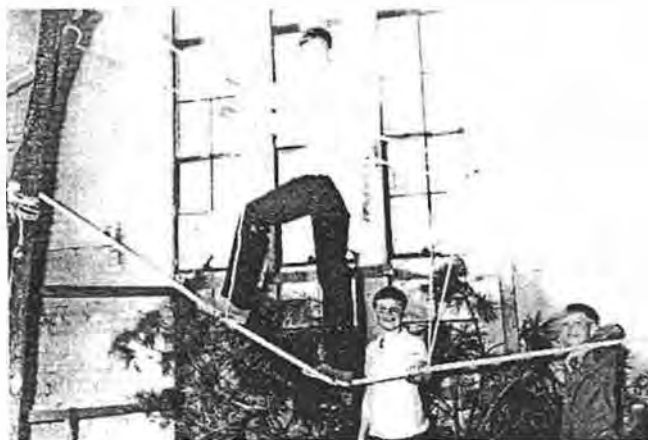
be changed to the McIntosh District in memory of Dr. McIntosh, a Division Scouter of many years.

In September Bud McCarty reported the Council had far too many dropped units (47), and that the membership was a little below the previous year at the same time. Every elementary school in the Council during September was holding a "School night for Scouting" to recruit new Scouts. Each Executive Board member was requested to take a dropped unit and do all possible to help set a date that someone could hold a reorganization meeting and get the unit going again.



Fulton Troop 49's booth at their Scout Show.

The Council received \$16,359 in January 1970 as a grant from the National Council to employ a new staff member.



Troop 27's monkey bridge at 1970 Jacinto District Scout Show in Corinth.

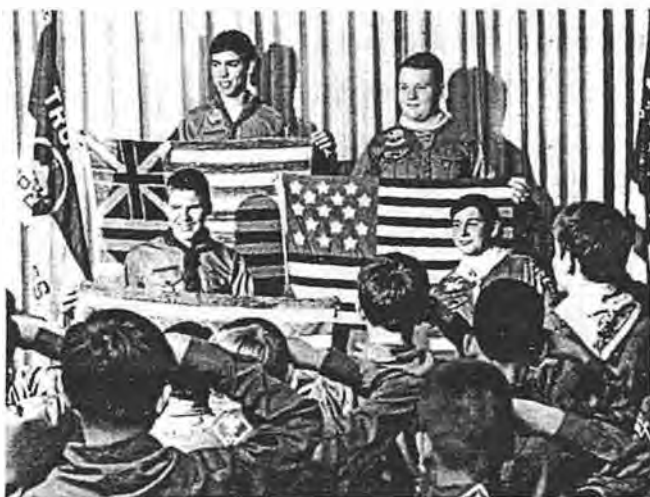


Lashing competition at 1970 Jacinto District Camporee.

The year 1969 ended with 5008 boys and a large need for new sponsors.



Scoutmaster Hayden Tillman, Troop 4, gives lashing pointers to Scouts Terry Wallis, Chris Sammons, David Young, and Bob Wiley.



Scouts Tony Tannehill, Scott Calhoun, Roy Parker, and Andy Soper share the limelight as Troop 3 prepares for Boy Scout Week in 1970.

The 1969-70 budget of \$106,332 was raised in five months for the best effort in many years.

Camp Yocona had Carlos Teichart as Camp Director in 1970. 35 boys and leaders attended the Canadian Canoe trip. 25 boys went to Philmont. 18 Explorers spent 14 days in Europe. This was a very good, new activity and Yocona Area Council had the largest contingent of any Council in America on the trip.

Jess Rogers reported the Council was "On Target" with its Boy Power '76 goals. Frank Riley elaborated two months later in September that we had a ways to go to stay "On Target" through the Fall as we try and gain back a lot of the membership lost in '69 due to the school situation.



Corinth Troop 27 at 1970 Spring Camporee.



Hollis Long with Yocona Area contingent to Philmont in 1970.



Signaling at Camporee.

Silver Beaver went to Hugh Purnell, President of Purnell's Pride, Inc., Vice President of the Southeast Poultry and Egg Association, Vice

J. C. Whitehead Council President
1970-1971.



Chairman of American Poultry Institute, Past President of Tupelo Rotary Club, Elder and Deacon in the First Presbyterian Church in Tupelo, Executive Committee and General Chairman of the United Neighbors, Chairman of Airport Development Committee, and member of the Board of Directors and Executive Committee of LIFT, Inc.

In Scouting he served as Council Finance Chairman for more than 8 years. He developed a program for making the Yocona Area Council one of the best financed Councils in Region Five. He was selected by Region Five to make presentations on Council financing in rural areas. Member of the Executive Board. Other 1970 recipients were James Byrd, John White, and Hoyt Wilder.

CHAPTER TEN

THE FUTURE LOOKS BRIGHT 1971 – 1977

Mr. Erst Long purchased a building with 1700 square feet for the Scout Service Center. The Federal Land Bank was located in the building at 411 South Spring Street and was scheduled to move out. There was a 21' x 23' carport that could be enclosed to make another office space and conference room. It was estimated that \$7,000 would remodel the building, enclose the carport, and buy office furniture. The final cost was a bit more. This is the present location of the Yocona Area Council Service Center and office.

The camp fee for Camp Yocona was up to \$20 in 1971. We were still \$3 lower than any other council in Region Five. Also in 1971 Mike Duckworth was the new District Executive assigned to Lee District.



Crafts for Cubs.



Pack 108 competes at a Pine Wood Derby in 1971.



Cub Pow Wow's give new ideas to leaders.

Chip Petersen made the trip to Cape Kennedy and the Space Seminar. Chip represented Mississippi and was one of 50 Explorers chosen out of 2000 hopefuls. Chip is the son of Scout Executive Jimmy Petersen and recently (1977) joined the professional ranks in the Blue Ridge Council, Greenville, South Carolina.

By May '71 we had 1200 boys above a year ago. Explorer activities were at an all time high with the Co-ed activities, Olympics, Philmont, Canadian Canoe trip, Presidents Congress, and Exploring Europe.

Eagle Scout Scott Calhoun of Troop 3 made the World Jamboree held in Japan.



Cubbing is an adventure.



Boy Scout Clean-Up

Saturday, June 6, was Boy Scout "Keep America Beautiful Day." Scouts working to keep New Albany beautiful are (left to right) Hugh Stephens and David Kitchens of Troop 18; Joe Clayton, Ricky Martin and Martin Wynn of Troop 222. Scouts from all troops in New Albany picked up litter and distributed litter bags in an effort to clean-up around New Albany.

New Albany Gazette
June 10, 1971

Sonny Meeks, Eagle Scout of Post 33, Baldwyn, was given special recognition for his outstanding efforts to save a life during the Summer of '71 by using his Scout training. He was honored in November.

Sherryl Allred, Vice President of Medical Post 6, gave a report to the Executive Board on the National Explorer Presidents Congress and enlightened the Board on contemporary Exploring on a Co-ed basis. Of the 43 members in her Post twenty-eight were girls. There were 50 Posts in the council and 34 of them were Speciality Posts. Sherryl reported to the Board in May '72.

James Clay, Scoutmaster of Troop 21 in Coffeerville, took his troop East for a week of wilderness camping in the Smokies during the Summer of '72.

Mr. Erst Long is "Mr. Scouter" in Yocona Area Council. From assisting with the organizing of Scouting in Ripley during 1928 to the present time he has been active at all levels in the Council from Member of the Court of Honor Ripley's Troop 38 to Council President in 1941-42. He has gone beyond the boundaries of Yocona Area Council working with Region Five for which he received the Silver Antelope. In 1943 he was National Council Representative from the Council. He was District Finance Chairman for more than 10 years and member of that committee for over 17 years, Council Finance Chairman and Treasurer, and Executive Board member. He was also responsible for establishing Cubbing in Ripley. Mr. Long is an Elder in the Ripley Presbyterian Church serving as its Treasurer for over 21 years. He was Supervisor of Sunday School.

Erst Long has been active in service to his community since 1936 as a member of the State Rural Electrification Commission. In 1936 he was a Member at Large and Treasurer of Special Emergencies for Tippah County and Mississippi Flood. His community service is like a Who's Who of Northeast Mississippi: Wholesale Grocers' Association, Member of Civilian Advisory Board, County Chairman Tippah County Hospital Association, Chairman of Rural Roads in Tippah County, President of Ripley Rotary Club, served variously as President, Secretary and Member Board of Trustees of Ripley Separate School District, Member of Ripley Industrial Committee, Member Board of Directors of Ripley Business Men's Association, Member of Building Commission and Treasurer of Tippah County Fair and Livestock Association.

In 1936 he helped organize the Corinth Rotary Club.

**Todd Agnew, Council President
1972-1973.**



In Marshall County the county schools obtained full support of the Superintendent of Education in September to see that transportation for camping, leadership, and meeting during school time was allowed so we could serve rural boys with a troop they can belong to. Excused absence ½ day was allowed once every 2 months for troop campouts at Scout camp.

Evans Lumber Co. bid \$20,905.87 for the timber at Camp Yocona and was high bidder and subsequently paid an additional \$2300 to the Council for the lumber they cut.

The first paraprofessional in Yocona Area Council was hired with funds coming from LIFT, Inc. of Tupelo in May 1973. He was Milton De Priest and works with the black units in Tupelo.

A new Scout Leadership class was organized at Itawamba Junior College in Fulton whereby Junior College students get two hours credit for serving as an assistant unit leader. Ole Miss averages 50 students a semester in their class organized 7 years prior. Ole Miss sent a student each semester to



Jim Montague receiving a Scout statue from Scout Executive Jimmy Petersen.

work out of the Scout Service Center for 4 months as an acting District Executive for his 9 hours credit required for practice teaching.

Jess Rogers reported that the Council was on target for our Boy Power goals in every item except number of units to reregister on time. This was expected to be corrected by May 30. Our goal by the end of 1973 was to serve over 30% of the available boys.

The Bethay Family of Booneville has continued to be a staunch supporter of the council through the years. Seventy acres of land was given to Camp Yocona in July 1973 by Longino, James and Ronnie Bethay.

The land, dedicated in '73, is known as the "Bethay Annex." It is adjacent to the existing Camp Yocona. The land was badly needed for



Canoeing at Camp Yocona.



**James Bethay, Council
Vice-President and supporter.**

future improvements because of the increasing number of campers and Scouts in the council.



Longino L. Bethay enlarged Camp Yocona in 1973 with an increase of 70 acres.

"It was very important that these young Cub Scouts were present because they are the boys that will benefit most from the future developments made from this land," said Longino Bethay at the July dedication.

The 70 acre annex increased Camp Yocona to 250 acres of Scout recreation.

Mr. Bethay, originally from Nettleton, was with Mid-South Manufacturing in Tupelo until 1947 when he organized Prentiss Manufacturing Co. in Booneville. He was named Prentiss (County) Citizen of the Year 1950.



The younger James H. Bethay is currently (1978) President and Chairman of the Board of Prentiss Manufacturing Co. Born in Tupelo in

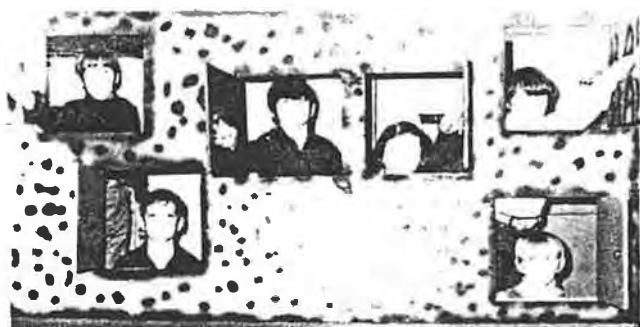
1930, James is a Korean War veteran. A member of First Methodist Church, Booneville, he is Past Chairman of the Finance Committee and Trustees, and Chairman Official Board. He was a charter member and Past President of the Booneville Jaycees. A past member Board of Directors of Mississippi Economic Council representing Area 3. Currently he is a member of Board of Directors of Prentiss County Community Fund and past Fund Chairman; member Board of Directors of First Mississippi Bank of Commerce; member National Association of Accountants. James is serving as Vice-President and is President-elect of the Booneville Rotary Club.

Mr. Bethay was a recipient of the Silver Beaver Award in 1975 and is currently serving on Yocona Area Council Executive Board and is Council Vice-President.

The Prentiss County Chapter of the Future Business Leaders selected James as their Businessman of the Year placing him in running for Mississippi Businessman of the Year.

An all girl Explorer Post was organized in September 1973 with Kathryn Reed as President and Brenda Ihle as Advisor.

Camp Yocona had 870 boys in attendance and 73 Scouts attended the '73 National Scout Jamboree. The '73 Jamboree was split and was held in Pennsylvania and in Idaho.



1973 Scout Week is celebrated by L-R David Reynolds, Joey Rogan, Ben Putt, Jimmy Ray, Terry Phillips, and Keith Bragg with a "Laugh-in" skit.

10 Scouts attended Junior Leader Development at Philmont Scout Ranch in order to be qualified as staff members for the first Troop Leader Development course in our Council. The Council's first TLD course was conducted at Camp Yocona July 28 to August 3, 1974, with Angelo Coppola as Scoutmaster.



Scoutmaster Richard Hewlett, Chapter Advisor to Jacinto Chapter Order of the Arrow, explains to the troop the meaning of the Indian Costume worn by Eagle Scout Steve Isbell.



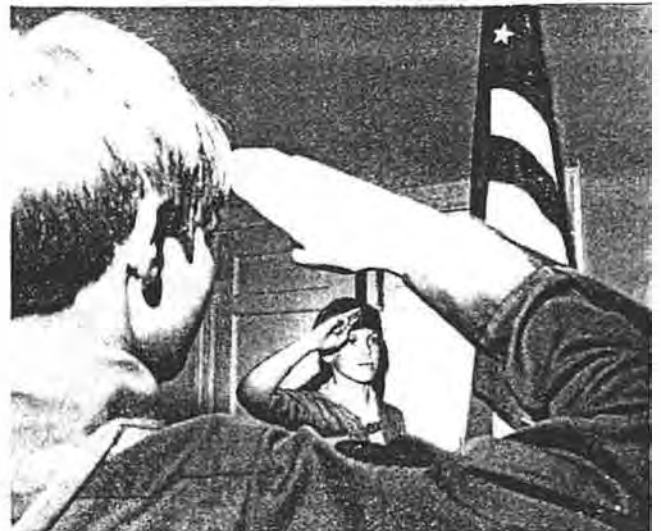
Scouts of Corinth Troop 27 crowd around Scoutmaster Jack McWhirter as they make plans for another monthly special event.

Explorer Post 15, Tupelo, visited the U. S. Ranger School in North Georgia. Eight Explorers attended and learned first hand from the Army's

finest instructors the art of repelling 100 foot drop-offs and other outdoor survival tactics. This was a tremendous experience and the Post wanted to go back again the following year.



Gaines Chapel Method Church Troop 76. Kneeling L-R Ronnie Morris, Scoutmaster Brad Bennett, Terry Dalton, and Greg Bennett. Standing L-R Ted Wommack, Bryan Clausel, Don Wommack, Timme Morris, and Scotty Bumpas.



Chris Morgan is seen through the salute of Scout Gordon McWhirter. Both are members of First Presbyterian Troop 27 in Corinth.

The July 12, '73 Executive Board meeting minutes included the Property Committee Report.

The first property listed was Camp Warriner, 64 acres south of Corinth. The committee recommended that there be a more careful investigation of Camp Warriner as to its use, cost of

maintaining it, and its long range value to Scouting before a recommendation is made.

East of Corinth was 112 acres known as the Strickland property. The committee recommended that we keep the land and re-evaluate its value again in one year. The value should increase since a watershed lake is to be constructed near it large enough for recreational purposes. Sell the timber that needs to be cut according to the Forestry Commission for pulp wood. This is timber that was involved in a fire a few years back. This land was currently under a reforestation program for timber development. The committee recommended that the money from the timber, about \$850, be used by the Council for operating expense.

Included in the report was a lot in Florida near Sarasota. The Committee recommended that the lot be sold and the money used by the Council as the Executive Board determines. Estimated value between \$1500 and \$2500. This property was given to the Council by Chester Smith.

There was a 75' x 135' lot in West Corinth listed. The committee recommended that this lot be sold and the money be placed in the Golden Savings account with the principle not to be used without Board approval. Estimated value was \$1000. Mrs. Prisella King gave the property to the Council.



**E. O. Roden, Council President
1974 - 75.**

Listed also was a lot at Lake Piomingo. It was recommended that this property be disposed of.

Cub Scout Steve Thompson from Pack 250, Water Valley, was the Southeast Regional Representative in the Report to the Nation given to the President in Washington. He very much impressed the Executive Board members when he reported back to them of his experiences December 5, 1974.



James Bethay (left) presents a check to E. O. Roden (right) President of Yocona Area Council. Also pictured are John Stanley, Jr., of Corinth and J. C. Whitehead of Tupelo, members of the Council Executive Board. The check represents the largest single contribution of the yearly budget during the 1974-75 SME drive.

January 1, 1975, was a big step forward in the Council. The Council was realigned by making Mike Duckworth a full time Explorer Executive. He had previously been the District Executive for Lee District. The other Districts absorbed the McIntosh District. Palmer Foster, who had been District Executive for the McIntosh District, assumed the duties as District Executive for Lee District. The Council was now fully integrated. Black Scouts had been attending Camp Yocona prior to this time. Camp Warriner was seeing less and less use since full integration. Black Scouts had already been inducted into the Order of the Arrow as they were elected by their troop. There were integrated units, both Cubs and Scouts.



Fishing at Camp Yocona.

It is the policy of the Yocona Area Council to offer equal employment, continuation of employment, opportunity, training, development,



One of the best rifle ranges at any Scout camp is at Camp Yocona.



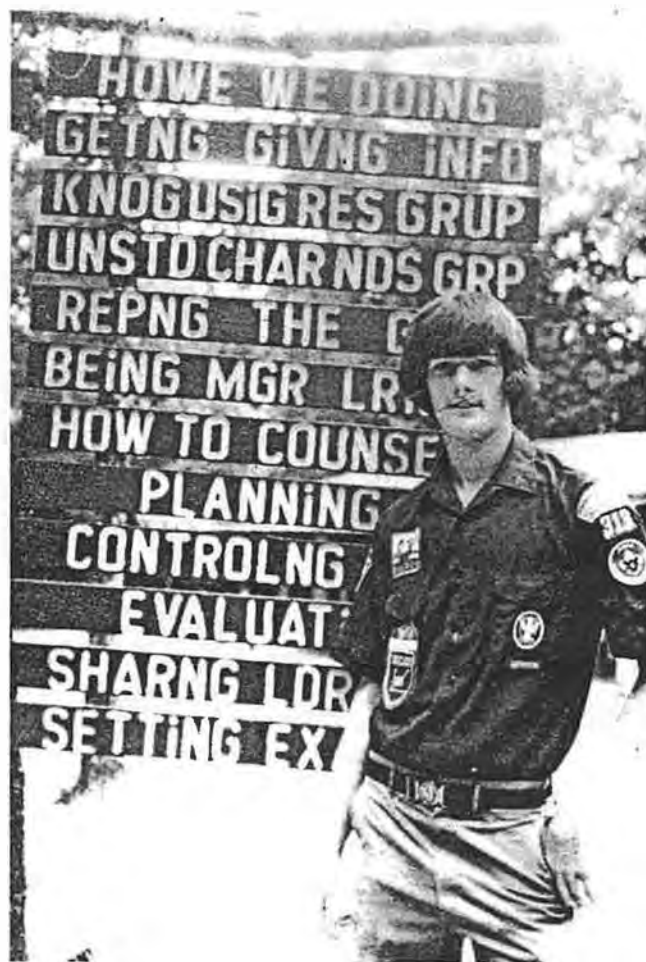
Archery at summer camp.

and advancement on the basis of relative qualification and ability without regard to race, color, national origin, sex, age, or religion. An employee of the Boy Scouts of America whose job requires direct involvement in its program must be willing to subscribe to this Declaration of Principle.

Angelo G. Coppola, Sr., has served as Camp Director of Camp Yocona for the years 1974 through 1977. An outstanding Scouter, Silver Beaver holder, he is a member of the Council Executive Board, Council Training Chairman, Chicksa District Chairman, Wood Badge Course Director in 1975, Vigil Honor member of the Order of the Arrow, and a supporter of all phases of Scouting. Angelo is the owner and director of "Little Lerner Skol" and owner/operator of Rebel Sporting Goods, both in Oxford.

Earl Truett, Jr., was course Director for the second Troop Leader Development Course given at Camp Yocona in 1975. Prince L. Watkins served as

Scoutmaster for the third course in the Summer of '76.



Clayton Watkins, 1977 TLD Staff member, in front of leadership skills sign used in Wood Badge and TLD.



Leadership skills practice during Troop Leader Development course at Camp Yocona during 1976.

1976 was the 50th Anniversary of Yocona Area Council. As part of the Jubilee Celebration a

special Round-Up Recruiting patch was given to each Cub and Scout that recruited a new member. Three professional football players from the Memphis Southmen served as Round-Up Promotion Chairmen encouraging boys to join Scouting and be "on a Winning Team." The players, Czanka, Warfield and Kiick, were the World Football League Big Three.



Troop Leader Development at Camp Yocona, 1976.

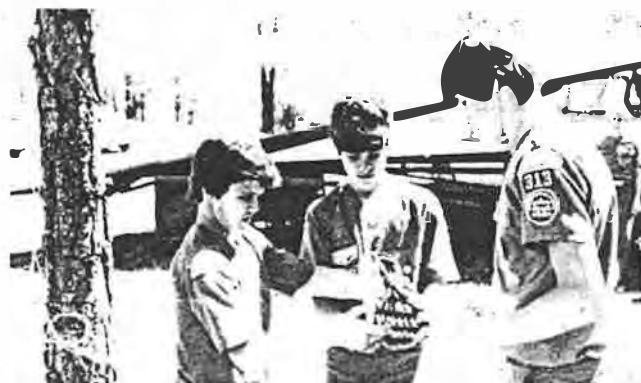


Troop 3 Patrol at lashing competition at Fall Camporee.



Troop 313 gets instructions for orienteering at Fall Camporee 1976. Samurai Patrol

Troop Leader Development Scoutmaster 1976.



Flag ceremony competition at a Camporee.



Directions for Camporee events.

The entire year carried the theme for the Golden Jubilee Year with the added bonus of the National Bicentennial.

As part of the celebration this history was begun in 1975 in an effort to have it completed in 1976. After an initial effort it was found that it deserved more depth than a brief recounting of events. With

this in mind time was taken to present a more complete study. Requiring more time, a deadline was not imposed, and research carried on until this year, 1978.



Fire building competition.



Cub Scouts participate in 1977 Spring Camporee.

Added to the 1975 Summer, in addition to Summer Camp and TLD, was one week of Aquatic Camp and Lad-Dad Weekend for Cubs and their Dads, 245 attended this outstanding event.



District Executives hard at work at Council Camporee.



State Forestry Commission gave instructions in splitting logs at Council Camporee.

The Second Annual Council Camporee' was conducted November 7-9 at Holly Springs with the Jubilee Year and the Bicentennial as the theme. Philmont for 1975 was a joint venture with Chickasaw Council out of Memphis. In 1976 the Scouts attended the Canoe Base to Canada.

Miles Garber, Scoutmaster of Troop 3 in Tupelo. One of the finest Scoutmasters anyplace.



Albert Walker, Assistant Scoutmaster (Co-Scoutmaster) of Troop 3. Began his Scouting in Corinth. He and Miles make up a team that just can't be beat.



Paul Eason became Scoutmaster of Troop 12 in 1947. With more than 30 years as Scoutmaster the troop has camped more than 300 continuous months. Paul was an Eagle in Troop 12 in 1940.



Handicapped Scouting has not been as prevalent as might be expected. Pat Simmons is Scoutmaster for a troop of mentally handicapped Scouts in Oxford. Prince L. Watkins organized and served as Scoutmaster of a troop of hearing handicapped Scouts in Tupelo in 1975-1976 with the Tupelo Lions Club as sponsor. He attended a Conference for Handicapped Scouting at Philmont in July 1975.



Tug-of-war at Fall Camporee 1976 near New Albany.



Competing by patrols at Camporee.



Compass competition at Camporee.

J. B. Stone's Troop 33 in Baldwin received a certificate and plaque for being the most

outstanding troop in Mississippi in 1975 in conservation.

Life Saving Certificates were presented to John Broussard, Steve Robins, and Chip Petersen for helping save three lives in the Smokey Mountains in August 1975. Later they were awarded the National Award of Merit.



Certificate of Merit

Scoutmaster Lewis Rosenthal congratulates Troop 222 Eagle Scouts John Broussard and Steve Robbins upon their being presented an award and certificate of merit for rescue efforts on a hiking trip. Joe Cook, District Scout Executive, adds his praise for the actions of the young men during an emergency.

George Hill's Pack 169 in Byhalia received a plaque for being the most improved Pack in 1975 with Troop 92 of Jumpertown getting the plaque as the most improved troop. John Skinns is Scoutmaster of Troop 92.

1976 was the year for "All Out For Scouting" the nation-wide 18 month program with many superactivities at all levels for Cubs and Scouts.



Order of the Arrow candidates help prepare Camp Yocona for summer camp during their ordeal.

Angelo Coppola was the guiding hand for the tremendous set of events. Yocona Area Council and Pushmataha Area Council cooperated for part of the "All Out For Scouting." Scouts from Pushmataha Area Council attended TLD at Camp Yocona for the two-council course in July. Then in August Scouts from Yocona journeyed to Camp Pallila at Louisville to participate in the week-long Brownsea Double 2.

Mrs. Sandra Belton became a Para-Professional to work with the Cubbing Program.

Scout Leo Hamblin of Troop 33, Baldwin, was awarded the National Medal of Merit for saving the life of an adult from Wheeler by giving mouth-to-mouth resuscitation. Leo lives in Frankstown near Baldwin.

The property Committee recommended to the Executive Board that Camp Warriner be sold and the proceeds be placed in a capitol fund. Camp Warriner was subsequently sold to the highest bidder for \$26,500 and the money was put into the Yocona Area Council Trust Fund in 1976. The buildings were deteriorating very fast and the camp was used only several times a year. The fire insurance had doubled and other expenses made it difficult to keep this extra luxury since we now send all boys to Camp Yocona.

Robert C. Leake, Council President, 1977.



The Hornaday Award was presented to Eagle Scout Robert Evans in 1976. This was the third recipient of this award in the past five years in our council. The previous year Hale Freeland of Oxford was a recipient.

In September 1973 there were 73 Scouts and Scouters in the council that were members of the local NESAC Chapter of the National Eagle Scout Association. Marshall Hollis in Oxford was the guiding hand in getting it organized and served as advisor.



Winning patrol of sub-camp 11 in fire building competition at '77 National Scout Jamboree at Moraine State Park, Pennsylvania. Standing L-R Rory Sneed, Richard Tarpley, Mark Sprayberry & Billy Wheeler. In front L-R Ronnie Thomas, Mark Horn, Chris Creely and Clyde Butler.



Cub Field Trip

Thirty-one Scouts and four Scouters were selected to attend the '77 National Scout Jamboree held at Moraine State Park near Butler, Pennsylvania. Scoutmaster was Prince L. Watkins with Angelo Coppola, Marshall Hollis, and Mike Notestone acting as assistants.

Howard A. Flaherty retired after 11 years as the Camp Ranger at Camp Yocona, March 1, 1977. Mr. Flaherty has dignified the camp and his position as

Ranger every way possible and he has done a most outstanding job. Camp won't be the same without "Uncle Howard."



Howard A. Flaherty, Camp Ranger at Camp Yocona for 11 years, retired in 1977.



Frank Rains, Scout Executive 1977 -

In April 1977 Frank Rains became the tenth professional Scouter to become Scout Executive of Yocona Area Council. Mr. Rains began his professional Scouting career in April 1960 in Cherokee Area Council, Chattanooga, Tennessee. There he served as District Executive in three districts during his 6½ years tenure. He was recognized for his performance and promoted to Field Director in Great Smokey Mountain Council in Knoxville, Tennessee, giving leadership to five District Executives and fifteen counties. After 2½ years in this position, he was promoted to Director of Field Services giving direction to sixteen Executives and twenty-one counties. During this time of tenure, he installed the Sustaining Membership Enrollment Program in Knoxville. Because of his success in that capacity he was recognized and promoted to Finance Director and Public Relations Director in Birmingham Area

Council, Birmingham, Alabama. He served in that position 3½ years prior to his promotion to Scout Executive and moving to Tupelo.



Office Staff L-R Pam Crone, Donna Hubbard, and Dot Rutledge, (Absent: Frances Bates).

WOOD BADGE TRAINING

Prior to 1975 anyone desiring to take Wood Badge Training had to travel to another council to enroll. In 1975, through the efforts of Angelo G. Coppola, Sr., the Council and Region was convinced that the three North Mississippi Councils could conduct a successful Wood Badge Training Course. There were 36 members in that course of which 24 were from Yocona Area Council. The other two councils represented were Delta Area Council and Pushmataha Area Council. Staff members were from these three councils plus one member from West Tennessee Area Council. This first course was conducted the weekends of April 5-6, 18-20, May 2-3, 1975. Members of Yocona Area Council are given below.

WOOD BADGE COURSE SE-57

STAFF

Angelo G. Coppola, Sr.	Scoutmaster (Course Director)
Earl A. Truett, Jr.	Assistant Scoutmaster
James N. Compton	Senior Patrol Leader
Eugene J. Oxnam	Quartermaster
Prince L. Watkins	Coach/Counselor
Miles C. Garber	Coach/Counselor
George D. Barber	Coach/Counselor

LEARNERS

Howard Buford	Eddie Mitchell
Carl L. Compton	Jimmy Petersen
Joseph S. Cook	Robert E. Ross
Steve Day	Bruce C. Scheitzer
Milton DePriest	Pat Simmons
David N. Duncan	Michael Tubbs
Horace K. Frost	John R. Underwood
Jerry Foster	Albert B. Walker
Taylor Gallman	Tommy White
Richard Hewlette	Billy E. Williams
Marshall Hollis	Philip Young
Dave Kennedy	Louis S. Zehnder, Jr.

In 1976 a second Wood Badge Course was conducted involving the same three North Mississippi Councils. All learners and staff were from North Mississippi. Thirty-six learners were enrolled in this course of which 18 were from Yocona Area Council. Listed here are those members from our council. The 1976 Wood Badge Course was conducted the weekends of March 20-21, April 2-4, 23-25, 1976.

WOOD BADGE COURSE SE-102

Angelo G. Coppola, Sr.,
Scoutmaster of Wood Badge
Course SE-57.



Earl A. Truett, Jr., Scoutmaster
of Wood Badge Course SE-102.



STAFF

Earl A. Truett, Jr. Scoutmaster
(Course Director)
Prince L. Watkins Assistant Scoutmaster
Angelo G. Coppola, Sr. . . . Senior Patrol Leader
Jimmy Petersen . . Assistant Senior Patrol Leader
Eugene J. Oxnam Quartermaster
Eddie Mitchell Quartermaster
James N. Compton Coach/Counselor
Joseph S. Cook Coach/Counselor
Horace K. Frost Coach/Counselor
Miles C. Garber Coach/Counselor
Richard R. Hewlette Coach/Counselor
Albert B. Walker Coach/Counselor

LEARNERS

David Barber	Robert "Gus" Hildebrand
De Witt Beam	Jerry I. Iverson
Hulon T. Beam	Robert E. King
Jerry Wayne Betts	C. L. Marion
John W. Bounds	Lawson McClelland
Bobby Joe Canup	Bill McCord
Charles Evans	Chip Petersen
Palmer Foster	Richard Rusoe
Dennis R. Hall	Fred Taylor



Pioneering project at Wood Badge.

Then again during the weekends of March 19-20, April 1-3, 15-17, 1977, the third Wood Badge Course was conducted. This is the last course scheduled for Yocona Area Council until 1980. Because of the support from Delta Area Council and Pushmataha Area Council and due to the trained people they now have the North Mississippi Wood Badge Course will rotate to Pushmataha Area Council in 1978. This course will have as its Scoutmaster Silver Beaver holder Dr. H. Michael

Barnes. Listed here are those members of the 1977 course from Yocona Area Council.



Wood Badge Staffers Scout Executive Jimmy Petersen and Mike Barnes in 1976 at Camp Yocona.



Wood Badge learners check rope rack during Showando phase of WB Course SE-102.

WOOD BADGE COURSE SE-144

STAFF

Prince L. Watkins Scoutmaster
(Course Director)
Albert B. Walker Assistant Scoutmaster
Eddie Mitchell Assistant Scoutmaster
Angelo G. Coppola, Sr. Assistant Senior
Patrol Leader
Arrie Montgomery Quartermaster
Jerry Foster Quartermaster
Palmer Foster Quartermaster
Eugene J. Oxnam Coach/Counselor
Louis S. Zehnder, Jr. Coach/Counselor

Prince L. Watkins, Scoutmaster,
Wood Badge Course SE-144, 1977
at Camp Yocona.



LEARNERS

Bill Ard
Buford Babb
George Browell
Donnie Brown
Lee Caldwell
David E. Cook
James H. Dilley
Robert Evans
Charlie Heard

James A. Herod
C. R. Mathis
Leland Moore
Mrs. Clyde L. Nolan
Fred Pitts
James O. Prewitt
Tommy Joe Ray
Sydney Shaw
Jerry Smith

In the 1977 Course 18 of the 30 learners were members of Yocona Area Council. Possibly the 1979 Course will be conducted in Delta Area Council before rotating back to Yocona Area Council. In SE-144 we had our first lady Scouter attending Wood Badge. Silver Fawn holder Mrs. Clyde Little Nolan was in attendance and she did an outstanding job. A member of the Council Executive Board she saw an opportunity to be of further service to the council by taking this the ultimate in Scouter training.



Miles Garber and Horace "Jack" Frost demonstrate cooking skills at Wood Badge.



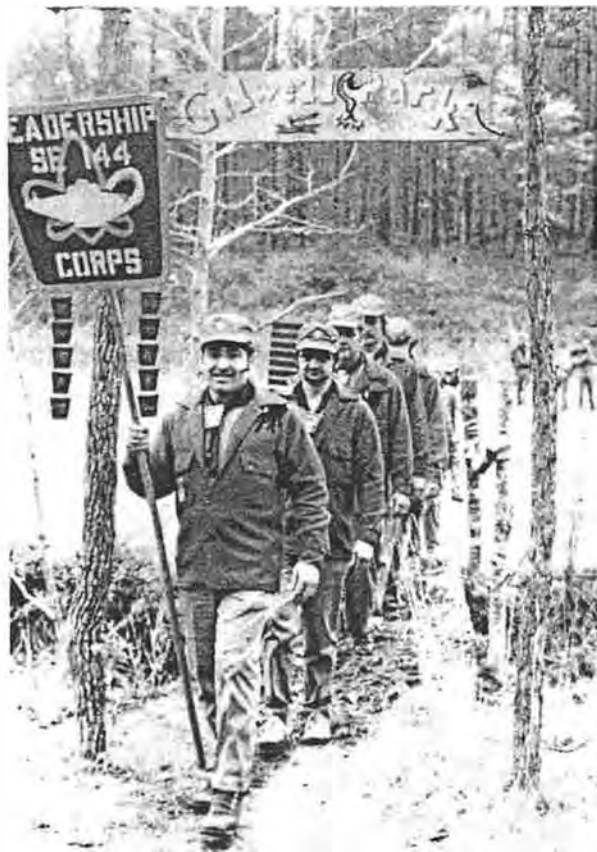
Jim Dilley (L) and Mrs. Clyde Nolan (R) during Wood Badge Course SE-144.



TLC Meeting



Mike Barnes as "Timmy Tenderfoot" at Wood Badge 1977.



Leadership Corps of Wood Badge Course SE-144 at Camp Yocona. Wood Badge Staffer Jack Frost.



Wood Badge goes on rain or shine.



Sometimes the learners teach at Wood Badge.



Wood Badge Staffer Jack Frost.

Jimmy Petersen, Scout Executive from 1964 through 1977, has lead our council in an excellent path. It was through men like Jimmy, and those Scout Executives before him, that have made our council the great organization that it is today.

Because of his outstanding work here he has earned a promotion to an even larger council. Jimmy is now Scout Executive of Choccolocco

Council in Anniston, Alabama.

His style of leadership was to listen to the volunteer and if ideas were sound, and the individual had the capability, he would let him go ahead and do his best. It was because of Jimmy's trust that so many of us became achievers instead of "lookers-on."

APPENDIX

COUNCIL PRESIDENTS

1926-28	Dr. D. I. Purser, Jr.*	1958-60	Jack Reed
1938-36	Robert W. Reed, Sr.*	1960	Phillip Sheffield*
1936-37	Hindman Doxey*	1960-61	Felix Black
1938	Paul T. Jones*	1961-63	Chauncey R. Godwin
1939	P. B. Hale	1963-64	Hugh N. Clayton
1940	Allison Bell	1965-66	Bud McCarty
1941-42	Erst Long	1967	Henry Brevard
1943-45	Allison Bell	1968-69	Roger Norman
1946-47	Jameson Jones*	1970-71	J. C. Whitehead
1947-49	Jerome Reynolds	1972-73	Todd Agnew
1950-52	Chad Archie, Sr.*	1974-75	E. O. Roden
1953-54	Roy Black*	1976	John C. Stanley III
1955-57	J. Russell Bailey	1977	Robert C. Leake

SCOUT EXECUTIVES

1926-31	Henry G. Shires*	1947-49	Charles W. Akins
1931-33	Russell B. Stellwagon*	1949-56	Nile W. Montgomery
1933-39	James Asbury	1956-63	George Ed Coward
1940-44	Curtis L. "Scottie" Carlisle*	1964-77	James M. "Jimmy" Petersen
1945-47	Kenneth L. Oliver*	1977-	Frank Rains

SILVER BEAVER RECIPIENTS

1931	W. H. Cunningham*	1937	H. C. Bell*	1944	Jameson C. Jones*
	Robert W. Reed*	1938	P. B. Hale*		J. N. Shellabarger*
1932	A. L. Rogers*	1939	Edward P. Soler*	1947	Erst Long, Sr.
	Dr. R. B. Warriner*	1949	Rex F. Reed		A. J. Lampkin*
1935	W. B. Fields*		D. H. Hall*		Hindman Doxey*
1936	Paul T. Jones*	1942	Allison Bell	1948	Dr. J. W. Rothchild*
	C. H. Dabbs*		A. P. Bennett*	1949	Chad Archie, Sr.*

*Deceased

SILVER BEAVER RECIPIENTS (Continued)

1951	Jerome Reynolds Vester Page	1964	Hollis Long L. P. McCarty Hayes Scott Roger Norman	1972	C. H. Elliot Morris Lovelady Lum Barnes H. T. Beam
1952	Medford Leake* W. J. Brinkley				
1954	Bert Lyle* J. Russell Bailey Roy Black* R. A. McRee, Jr.* W. H. Fairless*	1965	Les Sumners Scott Black, Sr. Warren Ray C. C. Augustus*	1973	Kenneth Smith Clyde Pace Lee Rogers Earl A. Truett, Jr.
1955	George Maynard, Sr.* Dr. C. M. Murry Jack Reed	1966	W. E. Plunkett Bill Harden Ben McRae Miles Garber	1974	Albert Walker Sydney Shaw James Thrash Bill Smallwood
1956	E. S. Bishop Oscar Shannon J. E. Meeks*	1968	Dr. Jack Kellum H. D. McGee J. L. Triplett Bob Liddons	1975	Jess Rogers* Rowland Geddie Todd Agnew Marion Gagle James Bethay Maurice Hill
1958	Felix Black W. T. Lowery Andrew Bostwick	1967	D. O. Puckett Joe Duckworth* R. L. Woods Henry C. Brevard	1976	E. O. Roden Buster Sprayberry A. L. Inskeep Dr. W. A. McMillan Robert C. Leake Thomas C. Stephens
1959	Paul Eason Ray G. Purnell Dr. B. M. McIntosh				
1960	Chauncey R. Godwin P. A. Sheffield* Lowery G. Simmons* J. C. Stanley III	1969	Howard Stafford Astor Johnson James Roberts Walter C. Harrison	1977	Howard Buford Angelo G. Coppola James C. Harris A. E. Patterson Dr. Walter Simpson Willie B. Tankersley
1961	Ben Crum* Cecil Brown Geo. F. Maynard, Jr.	1970	Hugh L. Purnell James Byrd John White Hoyt Wilder		
1962	Hugh N. Clayton W. O. Smith James O. Buford			1978	Prince L. Watkins Frank Riley Eugene Oxnam L. N. Lusk Erst Long, Jr.
1963	Rev. G. H. Holloman L. G. Milam, Jr. Wayne C. Leech Lawrence E. Cox	1971	Jim Montague, Jr. J. C. Whitehead Ed Thomas Ken Hampson		

SILVER FAWN RECIPIENTS

1971	Dollie Henderson	1973	Mrs. H. D. McGee
1972	Mrs. Clyde Nolan	1974	Mrs. Ed Warren

*Deceased

SILVER ANTELOPE RECIPIENTS

1951	Robert W. Reed, Sr.*	1963	Jack Reed
1956	Erst Long, Sr.	1968	Hugh N. Clayton
1958	J. Russell Bailey	1971	Rev. G. H. Holloman
		1976	Chauncey R. Godwin

*Deceased

EAGLE SCOUTS OF YOCONA AREA COUNCIL

1927	PEGRAM, Robert H. TALLICHET, Reid WHITEHEAD, Lloyd	1930	ADAMS, Cooper BELL, Earl CLEVELAND, W. A. GUYTON, Jack POTTER, John SPEARMAN, Claude	RAY, Spencer TRICE, Wilder WEAVER, Fisher WIGGINTON, Cleberne WORSHAM, Cliff WORSHAM, LeRoy	
1928	ALLEN, Glen CARR, Henry COX, Lawrence EASTWOOD, Fred GARR, Henry HALLIWELL, Edwin HARRIS, Edd Young JACO, John W. JONES, Paul KLYCE, Randolph SPAIN, Clifton SPEARMAN, W. A., Jr. WADELL, De Barniere	1931	BARNETT, Hugh B. BOSTWICK, Andrew M. DONNELL, A. W. KNIGHT, Marion McLARTY, Chester MOUNGER, Billy RUSSELL, Albert SHELLABARGER, Paul SMITH, Bobby STEVENS, Edgar, Jr. WEINTRAUB, Charles	1933	EVERETT, Ben, Jr. HULSEY, David LAMPKIN, Andrew J. LEDBETTER, Ben Arthur MOORE, Carlisle, Jr. ROGERS, Herbert ROGERS, Nat
1929	BAKER, John Randolph COKER, Charlie HOUSTON, Hobson JACO, Leslie McGUIRE, Louis MERCER, Murry MITCHELL, George R. MOORE, Wayne OUTLAW, Elbert PAYNE, Raymond SANDERS, Erin SIGMAN, Evans SMALLWOOD, David TOWNE, Jimmie	1932	ADAMS, John Kirk BECHAUD, Jean BLACK, Burton BLIZZARD, Duvall CONNER, James ELLITT, C. H. GUYTON, Bill HARRIS, Aubrey HUTTON, Sherlock JENKINS, Marvin LINDSEY, Mitchell MARSH, Marlin NORWOOD, Carl	1934	FIELDS, Tom LAUGHLIN, James R. MAULDIN, James B.
				1935	SADLER, David L.
				1936	MARTIN, Edward, Jr. SPAIN, Ed
				1937	CARR, Dudley EASTERLING, Virgil LONG, Erst, Jr. SANDUSKY, Walter C., Jr. SCHARFF, Jack

1938

COLLIER, Pascal
HEYER, Robert
JACKSON, Brodie
NORWOOD, Boyce
WEAVER, Billy Dan

1939

BLACK, Roy
BUCHANAN, Charles M.
COGGINS, Sam A.
DABBS, Harwell
FINGER, Wayne
JOHNSON, Will C.
LONG, Raiford
McDUFFIE, S. Jay
MONGA, Eldridge
OWINGS, John D.
PANNELL, James R.
ROGERS, Fred D.

1940

COGGINS, Ben
EASON, Paul
GWINN, George
HARLOW, Wayne
MANS, D. J., Jr.
REESE, C. V., Jr.
SPRAYBERRY, Houston D.

1941

DABBS, Bill
HUGGINS, Clyde, Jr.
HUTCHINSON, Pete
LUNSFORD, Lewis
McKELL, Joe
McLARTY, Jack M.
PRICE, Jimmie E.
PRICE, Richard, Jr.
ROGERS, Guy
SMITH, Gus

1942

AUSTIN, Edward
BALLARD, G. C.
BRANNAN, Jake M.
CHANEY, Bill
FINLEY, Keith
LEDBETTER, John
LYLE, Bert
MAYO, Byron
McFADDEN, William J.
OTT, Donald Franklin
REAGH, Hubbard Clifton
SCHMIDT, Robert

SHERFEY, Emmett
SMALLWOOD, Jack
STAGG, Wallace
SUMNER, Lester F.
THOMPSON, Robert
WISEMAN, David

1943

BAGGETT, Hubert
BEANLAND, Bill
BEARD, Paul
CALDWELL, Jimmy
CARTER, James C.
DOWNS, Lester
FOX, Johnie
HAMRICK, De Witt
JERNIGAN, James A.
KELLY, Harry
KIRK, Bobby
LEAKE, Mem
MILSTEAD, Aubrey
PATRICK, Bernard
REDDING, Johnie
RITTER, Jack
SCOTT, William
STEWART, Parks Camp
WEBB, Jimmy
WILSON, William
WOODWARD, William

1944

ARCHIE, Chad, Jr.
CARROLL, Bill
COLEMAN, Thomas Ray
GEISLER, Jimmy
HOPKINS, Claud
MATHIS, Malley Joe
MAYFIELD, William A.
McELROY, Taylor
MILLER, Kenneth
WINKLER, Marion
WOOD, James T.
WRIGHT, Harold

1945

BRAZELTON, Dan
CARLISLE, Frank
CARTER, Joe
LESLEY, Robert B.
MEEKS, James E., Jr.
STEWART, Allen

1946

DOXEY, Hindman
FRANCISCO, Edgar

KING, Henry
MATHIS, Bobby
MURDOCK, John B.
PHYFER, Bill
WEINER, Edwin

1947

COOK, Bob
LONG, Joe
LYON, David
PAGE, Buddy
PARKS, Herman H.

1948

HARRISON, Walter C.
RUSSELL, William W.
WEAVER, Bob
WILSON, Carter

1949

BAILEY, J. Russell, Jr.
BEARD, Laverne
BENNETT, Norman
BLOOM, Bucky
CONDREY, Richard
FLOYD, Leon
FRIOU, Roger
GORDON, Phil
GRISHAM, Hosea
HUTCHINS, Kelly Gene
KIMBROUGH, John Ewell
KNIGHT, Jimmy
LAYMAN, Wayne
LEAKE, Robert
LITTLE, Hunter
LYLE, Frank
MATTOX, David
OWEN, Joe
PATCH, Wallis
PEEPLER, Ralph L.
PELTZ, Bernard
PITTMAN, Barry
SHERMAN, Leon
SMALLWOOD, Billy
SMALLWOOD, Eddie
SMITH, Sammy
STRAUB, Travis
TATE, O'Neal
WALLACE, Joe
WALTERS, Carl
WINKLER, Robert
YAWN, Louis

1950

BROWN, Vernon
CRAIG, Vann

DOWNING, Carl
FOOTE, Jeff
GILES, James Huey
HARRISON, Newt
HOLMES, Maynard
JOOR, Bill
KIRK, Al
LANGFORD, Jimmie
MILLIGAN, Jack
PEGRAM, Joe
ROGERS, Lee Harwell
STEPHENSON, Glen
STONE, John B.

1951

BELL, Jim
BROWN, Don
HOAR, Johnny
JOHNSTON, Charles
JONES, Herman R.
KNIGHT, Harold
LANGFORD, David
MAPP, Rodney
MARTIN, James T.
SAWYER, Walker Clifton
WHITWORTH, John H.

1952

ANDERSON, Richard
BARKER, Jimmy
BAUGHMAN, Earle
DAVIS, Donald
GARRELL, Harley, Jr.
HALE, David Lee
LOCKE, Jimmy
McDONALD, J. Lauchlin
PHAY, Robert
PITTMAN, Barry
RUSSELL, Robert E.
STONE, Richard
SWEENEY, Charles
TATE, Gene
THOMPSON, Bobby C.
TIMMONS, Wayne
WILDMON, Allen

1953

ALLEN, William H., Jr.
AUSTIN, William
BARNETT, Gary
COGGIN, Richard
FEAGIN, Tommy
HEARD, Allen
HOUSTON, Guy
KIRK, Sam

MOOREHEAD, Robert
PEGRAM, Charlie
PORTER, Clyde C.
SIMMONS, Lowrey, Jr.
SMITH, Tommy
STANLEY, Warner D. III
TURNER, Harold
WILDMON, Don
WILLIAMS, Walton
WIYGUL, Billy

1954

BUCKNER, Charles O.
CAIN, Charlie
CRABB, Jimmy W.
CRUBAUGH, John
GIBBS, Jimmie
GIBENS, Larry E.
IZARD, Phil
JOHNSON, Jimmy
JONES, Charles
JOYNER, Ernest
KELLY, James
MERCHANT, Raymond
PRUDE, Billy
RUSSELL, Bobby
SMITH, Dyle
TODD, Kenneth E.
WICKER, Robert
WOOD, Charles
WOODALL, Edward

1955

BEDINGFIELD, John III
BRINKLEY, Frank
COCKRELL, John
DOBBINS, David L.
EAST, Van, Jr.
GRAY, Malcolm
HARRIS, Jimmy
HASSELTINE, Lee Luther
HORN, Daniel
INSKEEP, Hill
JACKSON, R. L.
JONES, Dallas W.
JONES, Wayne

KITCHENS, Ben Earl
McELWAIN, Joe M.
MOORE, Ronald E.
MOREHEAD, Stanley
MURDOCK, Cecil
NELMS, Larry T.
NOWAK, Baron R.
PEARCE, Robert

SCOTT, Pat
SMITH, Kenneth
STREET, Victor Donald
WILBANKS, Jimmie W.

1956

ADAMS, Murry, Jr.
ADDERHOLT, Larry
ADDINGTON, Jimmy
ANDERSON, James
BLACK, Bobby
BOYD, Billy Vernon
COGGIN, James
COOK, Billy
DANIEL, Bill
DEEN, Inmon
DIXON, Phillip R.
FORBUS, Phillip M.
GARRISON, Garry
GRAY, Bob
HORN, Ralph
HUFFSTATLER, Charles
ILER, Frank
KNIGHT, George
MARSHALL, Boyd
McCOY, Elvis, Jr.
McELWAIN, Daniel
MILAM, Gantrell III
MOORE, Ronald
MOORE, Rook
PETTIGREW, Leon
PYLE, Billy
RUBEL, Milton, Jr.
SEILER, Billy
SHANNON, Laron
SHEFFIELD, Phil
TATE, Hardin, Jr.
WORLEY, Eugene
WORSHAM, Bobby

1957

BAKER, Donald H.
BAKER, Larvis
BOSTWICK, Dan
BOSTWICK, Hines
BOURLAND, John T.
BROWN, James Ticer
BUFFALOE, George
CLARK, Bobby
COGGINS, James V.
CUNNINGHAM, Roger
DEATON, Dean
ELLIOTT, Charlie
FARESE, John B.

HIGH, James A., Jr.
HOPKIN, Alben N.
LANDRITH, Raiford I.
MASSEY, Fred M.
McCARTY, Buddy
McCARTY, LeRoy P.
MILAM, Kenneth E.
MITCHELL, Guy
ROGERS, Britt
SPENCER, Billy
WHITFIELD, Louis
WILBANKS, Jimmy

1958

ATKINS, Dickie
BUSH, Mike
CHRISTY, De Witt
CONLEE, Jimmy
CRUM, Lynn
DAVIDSON, Glenn
DAVIS, Tommy T.
DEBRO, Theodore R., Jr.
HAILEY, William Andy
HARDIN, Bill
JONES, Murphy
LAWHON, Andy
LEWELLEN, Bobby
LUNDY, Bobby
MAYHALL, Ken
McANALLY, Jerry
PARSON, Kermit C.
RACKLEY, Mark P.
ROGERS, Howell Wade
SANDY, Milton, Jr.
SHEFIELD, Johnny
YARBER, Bob

1959

BARBER, John Edward
BOWSEY, Johnie
BUTNETT, David
COMER, Thomas H., Jr.
DOBBINS, Richard
DIXON, Vance, Jr.
FARRAR, Bob
JAMES, Jesse P.
JONES, Emory D.
LEAKE, Robert Eason
MASSEY, Fred M.
MOSES, Kelly Dale
MOUNCE, Jimmy
ROWSEY, Johnny H.
RUTHERFORD, Ken
SHEFFIELD, Tommy

THOMAS, Rabert
THORNTON, Rusty
VAIL, Charles
WESSON, Matthew
WOODS, Wayne
YOUNG, William H.

1960

AYERS, Curtis P. III
BROWN, Danny Joe
CARRINGTON, Robert III
DAVID, Hull
FAUCETTE, Robin
GAINES, Benji
GEORGE, Hershell O., Jr.
GIBBS, Paul, Jr.
GOOLSBY, Phillip A.
GREER, Frank A., Jr.
HANEY, Burt
HEFLEY, Danny
HORN, Jerry
KEMP, Bill
MARSHALL, Ruben
MAY, Mike
MOORE, Bill
MURRY, Tom
POWELL, Mike
ROBERSON, Calvin
SHANDS, Dave
SIMON, Mike
STAFFORD, Roger
WILLIAMS, Tommy M.
WINTER, Ronald W.

1961

AVENT, Robert W.
BALLARD, Stephen A.
BROWN, Donnie H.
BRUCE, Ralph
CARROLL, Ronnie Lee
CHILDERS, Sonny
CHAMBERS, James
CLAYTON, Hugh C.
COFER, Eddie
CRITZ, Frank A. IV
CROCKETT, Clay
CROSS, Harold
DAVIS, Charles P.
DAVIS, Joseph G.
DEES, S. H. III
DENLEY, Jimmy
DENSING, Kent W.
DRAKE, Thomas A., Jr.
GARBER, William L.

GODFREY, Howard
GODWIN, Chauncey, Jr.
GOODRICH, Ken
GOODRICH, Robert K.
GREGORY, Michael D.
HARRISON, Chuck
HARRISON, Steadman, Jr.
HARRISON, William E.
HARVEY, Jack
HASSELTINE, Hanley
HOPPER, George
IZARD, Steve
IZARD, William Lewis
JANES, Don
LA BARREARE, William D.
MATHIS, Henry M.
MAYFIELD, Jackie
MAYNARD, George F. III
McMILLAN, Roger, Jr.
MOORE, Freddy
MORRIS, David M.
REID, Marvin F., Jr.
RUFF, Fletcher, Jr.
RUSSELL, Rhett R.
SCARBROUGH, Ronny
SENER, A. P., Jr.
STANLEY, John C. IV
STRICKLAND, Tommy
TAYLOR, Russell
THOMAS, Eddie
THREADGILL, Larry E.
TODD, Jimmy
WARRINER, Richard B. III
WILLIAMS, Robert R., Jr.
WARLEY, James H.
WRIGHT, David
YOUNG, Thomas A., Jr.

1962

ANDERSON, Robert E., Jr.
BUSH, Carl J.
CHILDERS, Robert D.
CLAYTON, Claude, Jr.
CLEMMER, Ronnie
DALTON, William T., Jr.
DELAGDILLO, James H.
COGGIN, Frederick R.
GAY, Joe Thomas
GILLIAM, Dwayne
GRIFFIN, Hilly III
GUNION, Kenneth D.
HUGGINS, Jimmy
LANN, Andrew J.

LA RUE, Wayne B., Jr.
 LIVINGSTON, Luther
 LONG, Ray
 LOWREY, William M.
 LUDLAM, Pat
 MARTINDALE, Don R.
 McELWAIN, Mack
 MURPHREE, Bill
 PERKINS, Greg
 PERRY, Robert H.
 PHILLIPS, Thomas K.
 PLUNKETT, Barry K.
 RAY, Austin F., Jr.
 REED, Tommy
 SHOUP, Everett B.
 SMITH, Jack
 SMITH, Kenneth M.
 SMITH, Vaun
 SOPER, Mike
 THOMAS, Perry K. III
 TOMLINSON, Paul W.
 WILDER, Hoyt B. III

1963

ALLEN, William R., Jr.
 BEANE, Wiley R.
 BEARD, Roderick A.
 BISHOP, Jody L.
 BLACK, Lynn M.
 BOURLAND, Walter L.
 BOWEN, Ernest L. III
 BRIGGS, Danny R.
 BRIGGS, Jimmy E.
 BUSH, Richard S.
 CARUTH, Carl B.
 CONNER, Carroll H., Jr.
 CURLEE, John M.
 CUTSHALL, George W., Jr.
 DALE, Robert A., Jr.
 DANIEL, Shelby C.
 DILLEY, Larry
 ELLIS, Byron
 ENGLAND, George D.
 FORTIER, Freddie
 FREEMAN, David B.
 GAFFORD, William T.
 GWIN, George B.
 HANEY, Hal
 HARRWELL, Robert R.
 HERRINGTON, John A.
 IZARD, Jim
 McMURRAY, Mike
 MONTAGUE, James L. III

MOORE, Jim H. Jr.
 MORGAN, James D.
 MURPHY, Bill
 PREWITT, James O.
 SHIRLEY, Steve
 SHOUP, Samuel R.
 TOMLISON, John A.
 WALDEN, Jimmy Lee
 WALKER, Bedford
 WEHLING, William E.

1964

ABERNATHY, James S.
 BARRETT, James C.
 BEAM, T. Michael
 BURNETT, Clark J.
 CARTER, Robert M.
 CRUM, Chester L., Jr.
 CUNNINGHAM, Jerry M.
 DAVIS, Larry
 DOWDY, Guy W., Jr.
 FIERBAUGH, Stanley R.
 FORD, Chip
 FREEMAN, Jimmy M.
 GRIFFITH, John D.
 HOBBS, Milton
 JACKSON, William G.
 JOHNSON, Bobby
 JOHNSON, Edwin H.
 LADNER, William J.
 LIDDON, Robert D.
 LONG, Mike W.
 MATTOX, Jimmy C.
 McALLISTER, Lee
 McLARTY, Bill
 McMILLAN, Danny
 MILAM, Thomas J.
 MILAM, William R.
 MITCHELL, George R.
 MITCHELL, Tommy
 NANNEY, Jimmy
 NEAL, Clark A.
 NORTON, James E.
 PANNELL, Robert H.
 PATRICK, William, Jr.
 PITTMAN, Robert, Jr.
 RIGGAN, Hal K. III
 ROBINSON, James
 RUSSELL, Dave A.
 RUTHERFORD, Joe
 RUTHERFORD, Mickey
 SLOAN, George S.
 SMITH, Barry

SMITH, Kenneth R.
 STOREY, Thomas A.
 TAPP, J. V., Jr.
 THOMAS, Mike
 TRAPP, Wendall
 TRUETT, Earl A. III
 TURNER, Larry
 WHITE, Ralph
 WOODS, Bill S.
 YARBER, Jackie T.

1965

BEASLEY, Patrick W.
 BRADDOCK, Danny H.
 COOK, Stephen R.
 CRAIN, Charles H.
 DALTON, Claude P.
 DOXEY, Ralph H.
 FORD, Timothy A.
 FURTICK, Mike H.
 HANKINS, Jordon H.
 HAYNES, John D.
 HEARNTON, James M.
 HILL, Julian B., Jr.
 JACKSON, Donny C.
 JAMES, Robert C.
 KELLUM, Joseph L., Sr.
 KURTZ, Edward J., Jr.
 LAMBERT, David F.
 LAUGHLIN, James R., Jr.
 LAYTON, Raymond C.
 LAYTON, Tommy A.
 LONG, Samuel E. III
 MATTOX, Bill C.
 McANNALLY, Jimmy S.
 MILES, Hubert, Jr.
 MILLER, Barry F.
 MORRIS, Gary N.
 PREWITT, Kenneth E.
 RATLIFF, Donald W.
 REED, Jack R., Jr.
 RICHARDS, Sammy C.
 SENTER, Jack M., Jr.
 SHARP, Richard G.
 SHINAULT, Cecil B.
 SHINAULT, Joey W.
 SKINNER, Larry M.
 SWEAT, Thomas L., Jr.
 THARP, Charles P.
 WILLIAMS, Daniel T.
 YOUNG, Mickey

1966

BARNETT, William T. III

BAUMAN, Jeffrey E.
 BENNETT, David N., Jr.
 BUCHANAN, Jim B.
 CHRISTY, David C.
 CONN, Rodger Norman
 COOK, Steven H.
 CORNELIUS, Robert T.
 CORNELIUS, William G.
 CRAIN, Donald A.
 DARWIN, Stoddard F., Jr.
 DAVIS, Steve R.
 FOSTER, Emmitt C.
 FULGHUM, Ronnie
 GAY, Jerry
 GIBBONS, William E., Jr.
 GRIFFITH, George O., Jr.
 HARVEY, Andrew F. III
 KELLY, Roy M.
 LAUDERDALE, James B.
 MAYHORN, Steven B.
 McELROY, Bruce B.
 McELROY, Tommy M.
 McGEE, Jerry
 MILAM, John W., Jr.
 MILLER, John W., Jr.
 MOORE, Gary L.
 MOORE, Mike C.
 MORGAN, Samuel W.
 NANCE, Jimmy C.
 RODGERS, John Terry
 RODGERS, Ted S.
 SANFORD, Benjy F.
 SPRADLING, Stanley J.
 THOMAS, Franklin, W.
 VAIL, Danny
 WARREN, Edward T.
 WARREN, Egbert Rufus
 WHITESIDE, Joe B.
 WILEY, Thomas L., Jr.
 WISEMAN, Keith B.
 WOOD, Buddy B.

1967

ANDERSON, William A.
 BALCH, Charles L. III
 BARGER, Henry O., Jr.
 BUFORD, Thomas H., Jr.
 BURNS, Rhondie H.
 BYRD, James S.
 CHEESMAN, Robert D.
 COBB, John Ray, Jr.
 COLE, Tom H., Jr.
 COOMBS, John Tim
 CURTISS, William M., Jr.

DAVIDSON, Dan B.
 FENGER, Al
 FILGO, Michael L.
 FOSTER, Melvin
 GRAYSON, Frederick P.
 GREEN, Jimmy C.
 HAINES, Carter G.
 HAMRIC, Charles L., Jr.
 HARRIS, Elmer Guy
 HART, James M.
 IRONS, Roy L.
 KELLY, Robert A.
 KETCHUM, Terrell G.
 LINTON, Anderson M.
 LONG, Craig
 MABRY, Henry L.
 MAY, Bill A. W. M.
 McARTHUR, Richard C.
 McELROY, Dick H.
 MOORE, Robert W.
 MOORE, William D.
 NORWOOD, Larry D.
 PARDUE, Paul S.
 PATTERSON, Connie M.
 PHILLIPS, Nicholas B.
 RACKLEY, Mark P.
 ROGERS, Willis H.
 ROYCE, Richard N.
 RUFF, Guy P.
 SENTELL, Robert Y.
 SENTER, Thomas G., Jr.
 SMITH, Merle William
 STRINGER, Scott C.
 SWEENEY, Greg L.
 TAYLOR, David Lee
 WALKER, Brooks W.
 WATKINS, Morgan
 WISEMAN, David M.
 WOODY, Walter W.
 WORTHAM, Terry A.

1968

BETTS, Charlie W.
 BOLLING, Stephen, Jr.
 BYNUM, William T.
 CARROLL, William P.
 CREELY, Thomas E.
 FARRIS, Reuben Max, Jr.
 FLAGGE, Paul Ormont
 FRANKS, David L.
 GEDDIE, Rowland H. III
 GIBENS, Travis Ronny
 HARRIS, Floyd Tom

HEBERLING, Brad
 HURST, Thomas T. II
 JACKSON, James H.
 KELLUM, David H.
 LANDERS, Edward R.
 LAUDERDALE, Tommy
 LOTT, William R. III
 LUMPKIN, Willie M.
 MARRISETTE, James E.
 MATTOX, John Steve
 MIZE, Tommy
 MOORE, Robert Greg
 NORMAN, Robert H.
 PETERS, Darnell R.
 PETERSEN, Chip
 RUFF, David C.
 SHOWS, William M.
 STONE, Harry E., Jr.
 STRAWN, Charles Kenny
 VAUGHN, Charles E.
 WADLINGTON, Lamar, Jr.
 WALTERS, Harold L. III
 WHITESIDES, Murrah Elvin
 WILBURN, Mitchell I.
 WISEMAN, Keith
 WORLEY, Stuart
 WOODY, Walter

1969

ADAMS, Clark
 ADAMS, William L., Jr.
 ALBRIGHT, Charles R.
 ALLEN, Terry Lee
 ANDERSON, John D.
 BEANE, James Bell
 BRYANT, James M., Jr.
 BULLOCK, Ronny L.
 CALDWELL, Lee C.
 DALTON, Frank T.
 FORTIER, William R.
 FOSTER, Clarence W.
 GODDARD, Julian
 GOWER, Thomas C., Jr.
 GRAYSON, Roy E.
 HEDGES, Van E.
 HILL, John J.
 HOLLEY, Stephen R.
 HORA, John J., Jr.
 HUTTO, Joseph H.
 JACKSON, John D.
 JOHNSON, Freddie D.
 JONES, Mitchell

LAUDERDALE, Rufus F.
LONG, David W.
LOWREY, Gregory T.
MAYHORN, Michael U.
MITCHELL, Kimmons Bo
MYERS, Jim S.
PEGUES, John R. III
PETERS, Orvil L.
PHILLIPS, Gary L.
PIKE, Jimmy D.
RILEY, Georg P.
RUFF, George H., Jr.
SANDY, Samuel H.
SLAYDEN, Warren W.
SMITH, Richard S.
SOPER, Andy C.
VAUGHN, Charles Eugene
VAUGHN, Kenneth O.
WADLINGTON, William B.
YARBROUGH, David G.

1970

ARMSTRONG, Eddie L.
CALHOUN, Gilbert S.
CARR, Dudley R., Jr.
CHISM, Jimmy
COSBY, Walter N.
FALKNER, John B.
FALKNER, Murry C., Jr.
FURR, Philip M.
GOODWIN, Kenneth G.
HEYER, Richard L., Jr.
KELLUM, W. Carl
MILLS, Steven J.
NEWCOMB, David W.
PATE, Ronald T.
PRESTAGE, Nat W.
PRICE, David P.
PRICHARD, David L.
ROBINSON, Blake R.
SANDIFER, Mark
SEGARS, Kelly S.
SIMPSON, Walter P.
STANLEY, Michael K.
STEWART, Larry H.
URSIC, Steven J.
WALTERS, Jeffrey W.
WARREN, Edward B.
WEAVER, Jere H.
WHITEHEAD, Jaudon C. III
WITT, Curtis W.

1971

AGNEW, Samuel F.

AGNEW, Walker S.
APPLEBY, William F.
BOBO, George L., Jr.
BOSWELL, Joseph A.
BOYER, Allen
BRAMMER, Dana R. "Randy"
BRISCO, Lawrence H., Jr.
CHASE, Mike D.
CHENEY, Mack L.
CRUMP, Murray L.
DILLEY, James M.
DIXON, William V.
FLAGGE, Mark B.
FORD, Anthony Lee
HANKINS, Ross S.
HARE, William R.
KIRK, Robert D. III
LAMBERT, Jimmy W.
LAMBERTH, Lester M.
LONG, Randall G.
LOTT, Forrest R.
McCULLY, Terry N.
MOORMAN, Bobby W.
POLAND, William Brooks
PURNELL, Dan H.
PURNELL, George R.
RAY, John T.
RICE, Rob E.
RIVES, Wray
SHEFFIELD, Mike
TRUETT, Frank M.
WEEKS, Carl J.
WHITE, Paul
WILBANKS, Jim N.
WILLIAMS, James, Jr.
WINKLER, Marion M.
WISEMAN, John G.
WISEMAN, Richard G.
WRIGHT, David Russell
WYNN, Addison H.

1972

BOYD, James J.
CARR, John David
CARTER, Charles M.
COLBERT, Don E.
BRISCO, Marshall A.
DEAN, Jeffery M.
DOBBINS, Mike G.
EASON, P. Brooks
FAIRLEY, Paul Vane
FRANKS, Larry M.
FREELAND, John H.

FREELAND, Thomas H.
GADDY, Michael S.
GREGORY, Scott Allen
HOOD, Bill M.
HOOD, Harold L.
HUDSPETH, Harvey G.
ISELL, Steve B.
JANZEN, Steven R.
JOHNSON, Leonard A.
JONES, Frank K.
KELLUM, Paul L.
KELLUM, Roy B.
KIMMEL, Troy M., Jr.
LAWBAUGH, Steven R.
LAWSON, Roger
LEAKE, Jim T.
McCOY, Terry L.
McDONALD, Howard C.,
McMILLAN, William A.
MILLER, Donald L.
MIZE, Paul E., Jr.
MOBLEY, James M.
MORGAN, R. Christy, Jr.
PERKINS, Elliott S.
REED, George Scott
RICE, William L.
SAMMONS, Chris D.
SANFORD, William Gerald
SHEFFIELD, Robert
TAYLOR, Douglas W.
WILSON, Raphael L.
WINKLER, Robert E.
WYNN, Charles Barton

1973

BRADLEY, Mike
BRADLEY, Steven R.
BRINKLEY, Clifton Wise
BRINKLEY, Victor K.
CHILDRESS, David A.
CLASEN, David S.
CLEVELAND, Craig W.
COLEMAN, James T.
COLTHARP, Tom C.
DAVIS, James R.
DEES, James Michael
ELLIOTT, Baxter "Bo" O.
GHOLSTON, Ronnie W.
HAMLIN, David G.
HANKINS, Patrick R.
HARRIS, Ronald D.
HARRISON, M. Franklin
HAWKS, Paul G.

HILL, Steve G.
 HILL, Tommy G.
 HODGES, Barney L.
 HOIN, Jonathan B.
 HONEYCUTT, Eddy Glen
 HOWELL, William Lee
 HUFFMAN, Ray M.
 JANZEN, Greg C.
 JOHNSTON, Greg
 JONES, Les L.
 KELLUM, Davis W.
 KIMBROUGH, John E.
 KITCHENS, David A.
 LOVE, Bill
 MATLOCK, Gary C.
 McGEE, Hardin D.
 McKEEN, David A.
 McWHIRTER, John G.
 MILLER, Doug H.
 MILLER, Warren D.
 MORRIS, Larry D.
 NEW, William R.
 NOLAN, Rathel L.
 NORTON, William F.
 PARKS, Edward A.
 PARKS, William A.
 PEARSON, Edward O.
 POPENIK, Michael L.
 POPENIK, Stephen A.
 POSEY, Ken E.
 PURDY, John S.
 PURNELL, Kirk M.
 RAMEY, David
 RAY, Jeffery D.
 REED, Shelby L.
 REYNOLDS, William F.
 ROBBINS, Steven G.
 ROWAN, Donald B.
 SANDERS, Walter L.
 SANFORD, Herby C.
 SANFORD, Mahlon D.
 SCHMIDT, Howard Randall
 SCHUESSLER, David J.
 SEGARS, Mark T.
 SHAW, Robert S., Jr.
 SIMPSON, John G.
 SIMPSON, Joseph F. III
 SMATHER, David B.
 SMITH, Alan W.
 SMITH, Burk H.
 SMITH, John B.
 SMITH, Robert P.
 STEPHENS, Hugh M., Jr.

STEWART, Walter C.
 STUBBS, Van T., Jr.
 SUMLER, Eteven L.
 SUMNERS, Thomas B.
 TATUM, Tobert M.
 TODD, Mark F.
 WADE, James C.
 WALKER, Paul M.
 WALLACE, Presly T.
 WARREN, Charles W.
 WICKER, Thomas Allen
 WILEY, Robert A.
 WILLIAMS, Charles M.
 WALDROP, Scott B.

1974

BRADEN, David S.
 BRIGGS, Jeffery L.
 BROUSSARD, John M.
 BURT, Bobby
 CARTER, Kenneth W.
 CAYSON, Michael E.
 CHASE, James M.
 CHENEY, Ben W.
 CLAY, Robert E.
 COGGINS, Paul E.
 DAVIS, Kendall E.
 GAULT, Robert R., Jr.
 GOOCH, Lael T.
 HAMRIC, Robert D.
 HANNAFORD, Michael A.
 HARWELL, James D.
 HERRINGTON, Jackson A.
 HOLLEY, Joseph E.
 HOLMES, David S.
 HUDSON, Ronnie L.
 KELLUM, Andrew, H.
 LANDRUM, Thomas M.
 MAPP, Jeffery Rayburn
 MARTIN, Walter R.
 McBRYDE, John M.
 MILLS, Jacob C.
 PURCELL, Wade H.
 STRICKLAND, William, Jr.
 TOWNER, Thomas Richard

1975

BARBER, Ronnie Alan
 BENEFIELD, Johnny J.
 BOBO, Eugene M.
 BOYER, Edward W.
 BRENKERT, Eric R.
 CARROLL, John H., Jr.
 COOPER, Charles Lynn

EARNEST, Steve Lee
 FERGUSON, Walter C.
 FORD, Dwight J.
 GWIN, Michael O.
 HENDERSON, Robert B.
 HILL, Maurice, Jr.
 LUCKETT, Joseph H. III
 MCCAIN, Randy R.
 McDOWELL, Peter T.
 McLARTY, Mark A.
 MORRIS, Michael J.
 O'QUINN, Gregory Q.
 PASCHAL, Charles W.
 PEARCE, Jeffery L.
 PURDY, Kenneth H.
 RAY, Mark A.
 SAMMONS, Forrest C.
 SCHUH, Maury L.
 SHAW, David C.
 SMITH, Charles E., Jr.
 SMITH, Michael W.
 SNEED, Billy R.
 SPIVEY, Michael L.
 STEELE, Terry D.
 TARPLEY, Richard M.
 WASHBURN, Jesse H.
 WASHBURN, Murphy Tom
 WHEATLEY, Jerry Nelson
 WHITE, William S.

1976

ARMSTRONG, James H.
 COFIELD, John B.
 COLLINS, William E.
 DAVIS, Greg S.
 DAVIS, Michael Lee
 DAVIS, Scott
 DIGGS, Charles M.
 ESTES, John Kenneth
 EVANS, Robert H.
 FARRIS, Timothy H.
 FREDERICK, Rocky W.
 GAULT, Phillip R.
 GENO, Timothy H.
 GHOLSTON, Donnic C.
 GRADY, Andrew Wilcox
 GRADY, Mark Glennan
 HAMMOCK, Mark
 HARRISON, Kenneth W.
 HARRISON, Robert Lee
 HARRISON, Walter C.
 HENDRIX, Randy Joe
 HOPKINS, Bob W.

HOSKINS, Timothy
 KEEN, James E. A.
 KENNEDY, Jimmy D.
 KIRK, James E. A.
 KLINGEN, Joseph L.
 KWASHSKI, Paul J.
 LINTON, William T.
 MARTIN, David N.
 MARTIN, Joseph Adam
 McCOOK, William R., Jr.
 McMILLAN, William W.
 McNEECE, Jeff C.
 OWEN, Bobby J., Jr.
 PANNELL, Mark T.
 PATE, Michael H.
 POWELL, William M., Jr.
 RAY, James Steve
 RUSHING, Larry P.
 SHOWS, John M.
 SISK, Gregory Alan
 SMALLWOOD, William C.
 SNEED, Rory H.
 SPRAYBERRY, Mark S.
 STACY, Kenneth Lamar
 STEWART, Jeffery Weston
 STRICKLAND, Anthony W.

SWINDLE, Lloyd C.
 TARRANT, Joe A., Jr.
 TAYLOR, Marcus A.
 TAYLOR, Travis G.
 THOMPSON, Robert F.
 WALL, William G.
 WATKINS, Mark McKay
 WENGER, C. Scott
 WHEELER, Billy R.
 WHITEHEAD, Teter Y
 WILEMON, Jimmy Todd
 YOUNG, Timothy D.
 YOUNG, Wade A.
 1977
 BRENKERT, Scott J.
 BREWER, Jack W.
 BUCKOFF, Thomas Adan
 BURNS, Richard B.
 CARPENTER, Rickey W.
 CLEVELAND, Kerry O.
 COGGINS, Ken R.
 COLTHARP, Edward M.
 FLOYD, Ned H.
 GARRETT, Stevie W.
 GILES, Jeff B.
 GRAY, Garvin D.

HALL, Matt W.
 HAMILTON, Ian Rusty
 JACKSON, Dewell Lamar
 KELLUM, Mark J.
 KELLY, Daniel H., Jr.
 LITTLE, Joel C.
 MAPP, Bailey H.
 McWHIRTER, W. Matthew
 MOAK, Andrew D.
 MURPHY, Murry D.
 NEELY, Brian H.
 O'BRIEN, Kevin B.
 PANNELL, Jeffrey L.
 PEIGREW, Michael C.
 PURDY, Joel W.
 REED, William Ray
 ROBISON, Richard E.
 ROSENTHAL, William B.
 SAYLORS, Keith A.
 SMITH, Lynn Alan
 SMITH, Michael B.
 SPENCER, Barry D.
 TATE, Philip A.
 THOMAS, Glen S.
 THOMAS, Ronnie B.
 WISEMAN, William T.

EXPLORER SILVER AWARD

1952
 GILES, James Huey
 1953
 McDONALD, J. Lauchlin
 1955
 CLARK, Jimmy
 GARRETT, Harley, Jr.

1956
 DOBBINS, David
 GATLIN, Eddie
 HASSELTINE, Lee Luther
 INSKEEP, Bill
 RUSSELL, Bobby

1957
 RUBEL, Milton, Jr.
 1958
 BAKER, James Larvis
 HARDEN, Bill
 SWEAT, Richard H.

ACTS OF HEROISM

Apr 5 '28	Robert Hood	Cert. of Heroism	Troop 14	Water Valley
Mar 17 '46	Joe Tune	Local Recognition	Troop 3	Tupelo
Mar 31 '55	Bennett E. Zinn	Medal of Merit	Troop 21	Coffeeville
May 24 '56	Malcolm Gardner, Jr.	Medal of Merit	Post 12	Tupelo
Oct 19 '61	Robert Mike Byrnes	Cert. of Heroism	Troop 3	Tupelo
Oct '69	Bill Jones	Cert. of Honor	Troop 5	5 Saltillo

Nov '71	Sonny Meeks	Local Recognition	Post 33	Baldwyn
Oct 13 '76	Mark Leo Hamblin	Medal of Merit	Troop 33	Frankstown
Oct '76	John Broussard	Award of Merit	Troop 222	New Albany
Oct. '76	Steve Robbins	Award of Merit	Troop 222	New Albany
Oct '76	Chip Petersen	Award of Merit	Post 4	Tupelo

CHICKSA LODGE 202 ORDER OF THE ARROW

LODGE CHIEFS

1941 Bill Dabbs
 1942 James Jernigan
 1943 Jimmy Price
 1944 James Finley
 1945 Phil Jordan
 1946
 1947
 1948
 1949
 1950
 1951 Richard Condrey
 1952 Richard Condrey
 1953 Jack Milligan
 1954 Ralph L. Peeples
 1955 John Hoar
 1956 John Hoar
 1957 Henry Outlaw
 1958 Henry Outlaw
 1959 Bill Cook
 1960 Bill Cook
 1961 Buzzy Clayton*
 1962 Scott Black, Jr.
 1963 Scott Black, Jr.
 1964 Chuck Harrison
 1965 John Tomlinson
 1966 Guy Dowdy, Jr.
 1967 Mickey Young
 1968 Les Kellum
 1969 Ralph White
 1970 Dan Kellum
 1971 Eugene V. Bramlett
 1972 Steve Ursic
 1973 James H. Dilley
 1974 Paul White
 1975 David Braden
 1976 Chucky Smith
 1977 Mark Watkins
 1978 Ken Estes

LODGE ADVISORS

Scottie Carlisle*
 Scottie Carlisle*
 Scottie Carlisle*
 Scottie Carlisle*
 A. P. Bennett*
 A. P. Bennett*
 A. P. Bennett*
 A. P. Bennett*
 A. P. Bennett*
 A. P. Bennett*
 A. P. Bennett*
 A. P. Bennett*
 A. P. Bennett*
 A. P. Bennett*
 A. P. Bennett*
 A. P. Bennett*
 A. P. Bennett*
 A. P. Bennett*
 Lawrence E. Cox
 Lawrence E. Cox
 Lawrence E. Cox
 Lawrence E. Cox
 Lawrence E. Cox
 Lawrence E. Cox
 Lawrence E. Cox
 Lawrence E. Cox
 Welmer E. Plunkett
 Welmer E. Plunkett
 Earl A. Truett, Jr.
 Earl A. Truett, Jr.
 Earl A. Truett, Jr.
 Earl A. Truett, Jr.
 Earl A. Truett, Jr.
 Earl A. Truett, Jr.
 Carl L. Compton
 Prince L. Watkins
 Prince L. Watkins
 Gene Oxnam

CHITO HASHI AWARDS

1974
 Allen Boyer
 Randy Bramer
 Angelo Coppola
 Jim Dilley
 Hale Freeland
 Tommy Freeland
 Richard Hewlett
 Steve Jansen
 Bob King
 W. E. Plunkett
 David Smathers
 Jim Stanford
 Earl A. Truett, Jr.
 Steve Ursic

1975
 Sam Agnew
 David Braden
 Horace K. Frost
 Tommy Henry
 David Shaw
 Alan Smith

1976
 Ken Estes
 Mark Ray
 Mark Watkins
 Prince L. Watkins

1977
 Howard Buford
 Charles Smith, Sr.

* Deceased

VIGIL HONOR RECIPIENTS IN CHICKSA LODGE 202

1961	Bill Cook Lawrence Cox, Jr. William I. Inskeep James F. Langford Robert E. Russell	1970	Al Fenger Van Hedges Mike Kelley Bill Moore Eugene J. Oxnam
1963	Scott Black, Jr. Hugh C. Clayton Lawrence E. Cox, Sr. S. H. Dees III Tony Dodson Steadman D. Harrison Mathew B. Wesson	1971	Eugene V. Bramlett Gilbert C. Calhoun Steve Janzen Bob Moore Steven J. Ursic
1964	Eddie Caper Win Davis Bill Gofford	1972	Jim Dilley Richard Hewlette Tom Kesler Jimmy Petersen
1965	Vernon Boyd John C. Cox Jerry Gooch John Tomlinson	1973	Stephen Bramlett Randy Brammer Jim Compton Angelo G. Coppola, Sr. Doug Stuart
1966	Jody L. Bishop Darrell W. Mathis Bobby Norman W. E. Plunkett Mickey Young	1974	Hale Freeland Robert E. King David Smathers Paul White
1967	Guy W. Dowdy, Jr. Dwayne Gilliam Kenny Gunion Joseph L. Kellum Hershell L. Turner	1975	Sam Agnew Joe Cook Mark Kellum B. B. McElroy
1968	Sam Morgan Earl A. Truett, Jr. Ralph White	1976	David Braden Steve Ray David Shaw Prince L. Watkins
1969	Dan H. Kellum Frank M. Truett Daniel T. William	1977	Mark Ray Sidney Shaw Chucky Smith Mark McK. Watkins

