

**THE FORWARD STEP**

Memorial Day, the 30th of May some 75 Worcester Scouts are going to have an all day trip to Mt. Monadnock. Those eligible to go will be the Second Class Scouts who pass their First Class test by that time. The "Forward Step" is from Second Class to First Class and is in answer to suggestions of Scoutmasters that we follow up our "Big Step" of last Fall with a "Forward Step" this Spring. It is expected that the Deputies in each District will organize instructors and Courts of Honor as seems desirable. In addition these opportunities and suggestions will be offered to all Scouts. General instruction and tests at Boynton Park every Saturday. Special time for hikes April 2 and April 9. Map making instruction—Greenhill Park—April 2—Boynton Park—March 26, Webster Square—April 9. Call Headquarters for further information.

Central Courts of Honor—May 18 and May 25. Hike reports, maps, and other required papers must be submitted to the Deputies or at Headquarters at least five days before the Court that the Scout plans to attend. Troops in the district making the largest percentage of promotions will be recognized by trophy ribbons. Honors determined on the basis of Second Class Scouts enrolled in Troops as of March 25. Our slogan—"All Second Class Scouts to the Top by May 30th." Let's Go!

REUNION OF CAMPERS

The famous "Jabberguzzle" of August, 1926 is to be reproduced at Elks Hall, 6.00 o'clock, Saturday evening, March 19th with a supper and speeches and stunts.

"Jake" Reed says he'll be there with his Foresters—Archie Horne will lead the valiant T. R.'s—"Hub" will lead the war whoop of the Indians—Yocum will see that the Putnams are in the game—Dan Boone, the second will assemble his hardy "Bone's Villians". Notice of this reunion has been sent to all campers. Places must be reserved by registering at Scout Headquarters. In addition to last year's Camp masters we expect to see "Dick" Ballou, Al Nilson, Lawrence Miron, Jess Tronic and other of the Junior Officers.

Announcement will be made as to this year's camp plans, new members of the staff introduced, etc. Supper tickets will be limited to 250 so register early!

BIRD HUNTERS

42 Scouts who qualified for the Bird Study merit badge last year got the thrill of hunting wild life, the joy of seeing the color and hearing the songs of our native birds. Many of these Scouts got together at Headquarters recently to decide how they could extend this same pleasure to many other Scouts. The first step in their plans is securing the attendance of their chums at the annual Bird Festival to be held at North High School hall Friday evening, March 18th. A limited number of tickets to hear Thornton Burgess at this time are in the hands of these merit badge Scouts. The next step will be the organization of bird hikes among the various Troops during the Spring and this will culminate in a trip to the very interesting bird sanctuary at Sharon, Massachusetts to be made by four or six of the Scouts who are judged to have done the most between now and the first of June to extend interest in our birds. Here are the

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TREASURE VALLEY BREEZE
Ofishal Publicashum of the Kamp a la
Dick Balou—Chief Ink Splash
The Big Parade starts July 7

Bean Pot Special and Barbecue Banquets
Chef Logan says we can count on him again this year. That means good eats and bean hole specials and barbecue offerings. Hooray for Logan and the eats.

Zoo

The head and neck of last year's circus giraffe were made long enough to extend over into this year. Cartetaker Evans has kept the beast alive by keeping him stuffed with straw.

The Groundhog, otherwise known as the woodchuck has sent word that he will be present at his several holes this summer.

Bob cats getting nearer camp, 3 shot in Barre to date.

Deer tracks have been seen in the Reservation this spring. The hunters did not get them all last fall—Thank Heaven.

I wonder—

Will the porcupine be back this year.
Will the red shouldered hawk rear another family on the Reservation.
What happened to that 5 foot black snake.

Where Archie Horne's 2 gallon hat is?
If Big Indian Chief Whoamit will visit Camp again this year.
If there will be as many blackberries as last year.

If Dan'l Boone the 2nd is going to teach us to make pancakes and maple syrup again this year.

To Be Counted On

Chef Logan for eats
Ralph Yocum who will be promoted to General—general enthusyizer of the camp.
Lawrence Miron—first aid artist.
Harold F. Brown, Harvard Medical School 1928—Camp Doctor.
Dan'l Boone, the 2nd and Guide Hikes.
A course in Forestry similar to last years and an advanced course for last years Rangers.

What Scoutmasters Say

The Camping Experience is the most valuable that a boy gets in Scouting.

The Camping Scout is the most valuable Scout in the Troop.

Its the Scout who has been to Camp that puts punch in the troop the next fall.

What the Scout Program Says

The Troop that doesn't get off to camp is still in the parlor Scouting stage.

And Scouts that camp say the same about Scouts that don't.

These Scoutmasters know how to get their Troops to camp.

Green—Troop 27—21 Scouts at Camp last year

Hubbard—Troop 35—25 Scouts

Jackson—Troop 43—19 Scouts

Brumm—Troop 65—18 Scouts

Smith—Troop 88—23 Scouts

Dexter—Troop 101—21 Scouts

Johanson—Brookfield—1—22 Scouts

What Do These Scoutmasters Say?

"Every Scout wants to go to camp if his Troop is going."

"Every Troop wants to go to camp if the Scoutmaster is going."

Every Scout can go to camp if—

The Scoutmaster will explain the importance of it to the parents.

The Scoutmaster will conduct a camp saving system.

The Scoutmaster is the one who determines whether or not his Troop gets its share of use of our \$25,000. camp equipment.

Mr. Scoutmaster—it's up to you! Enlist your good Troop Committee.

DATES

April 5—Scoutleaders' Association meeting.

April 9—Application for Second Class Court of Honor due at Headquarters.

April 12—Central Second Class Court of Honor.

April 16—Applications and First Class papers, and merit badge applications due at Headquarters.

April 19—Annual Reforestration Day at Reservation.

April 20—Central First Class and Merit Badge Court of Honor.

May 3—Scoutleaders' Association meeting.

June 4-5—Annual Encampment—Boynton Park.

July 7—Camp opens.



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things that a Scout can do. First—Send a delegation to the Bird Festival. Second—Build bird houses. Third—Buy bird glasses and a bird guide. Fourth—Organize bird walks.

NOTE:—

Every Scout who expects to get the Bird Study merit badge this year should carry on observations during the next three months. Otherwise your preparation will be inadequate.

ADDITIONAL INCENTIVE:—

A friend of Scouting and of bird life offers to present a pair of bird glasses each year to that Scout who shows the highest possibilities as a naturalist.

NEW DISTRICT ORGANIZED

Announcement is made of the appointment of Scoutmaster Charles W. Wiles as Deputy Commissioner of a new District to include the Troops in North Grafton, Grafton, South Grafton, Wilkinsonville, Millbury, and Whitinsville. Several of these Troops are joining in an inter-troop meeting at South Grafton Monday evening, March 21st. The name of the District has not been decided upon yet but will be soon. Judging by the success of the first county district, Quaboag, you may expect some stirring activity in these Troops in the new District. Best wishes to Deputy Wiles and his Scoutmasters.

SCOUTLEADERS' ASSOCIATION

The newly organized Scoutleaders' Association under President Roy Williams has been doing an effective piece of work in giving opportunity for exchange of ideas and extending acquaintance among Scoutmasters. It is the objective of the Association and the hope of the Council that every Troop will be represented at these meetings by at least one of its Scoutmasters or Troop Committeemen. In this way the recommendations made for Council activities will be known by all Troops and will represent their wishes. Look forward to the next meeting of the Association which will come probably the first Tuesday in April, the 5th.

NEW MERIT BADGE IN JOURNALISM

Undoubtedly there are a number of Scouts who would like to qualify for the Journalism merit badge. If so they will be allowed an opportunity to manage and edit the Eagle Trail for a number of issues. Who wants to try it out?

CITY CHAMPIONSHIP

Tentative plans call for the settlement of titles in the districts not later than April 15th with the final city-wide competition between district champions the week of April 22. What specialty has your Troop?

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TROOP NOTES

3—Tatnuck Cong.—Since the first of the year, under the leadership of our new Asst. Scoutmaster Frank Kinney, who is taking charge of all out-door activities of the Troop, we have had nine Troop hikes, 3 all day hikes for the entire Troop, three map making hikes for Second Class fellows, and three Patrol hikes. The average attendance on the Troop hikes has been about 15 Scouts. On Feb. 17 we admitted five new Tenderfeet to our ranks and we have three new recruits working on the Tenderfeet requirements. As a community good turn our Troop has been shoveling out the hydrants in the district and after the last storm we shoveled out seventeen. We had a fine Church service Anniversary Week under the direction of our chaplain, Rev. James Carter.

13—All Souls—We entertained Troop 28 March 9. Each Troop challenged the other in one contest, provided one stunt, and showed the other a new game. The "Traveling Sheepskin" was brought back by Troop 28. It has now been in the hands of 15 Troops and is starting on its third year of visitation. We accept Troop 51's challenge in knot tying.

24—Pilgrim Cong.—We were visited recently by Troop 29 and we exchanged visits with Troop 65 at the "Y". We have a Parent's Night scheduled some time in March.

30—Newton Sq. Baptist—Scribe Hodge reports Sr. P. L. Finlayson and Quartermaster Randolph Creswell are right on the job in his Troop. They have new Tenderfoot Scouts and are planning to have at least 2 Eagles at the end of the year. Good for Troop 30.

40—Rice Square—Our meetings average an attendance of between 35 and 40 boys and this number is generally exceeded. Scoutmaster Hogan and Asst. Scoutmasters Johnson and Cramer and ten Scouts hiked out to a nearby quarry and cleaned up on plenty of tests. We had a great time besides in an "apple roast". We also found a clump of blue beeches or American Hornbeams, a rather rare tree here.

54—First Univ.—March 1st Mr. Raymond Frost our Scoutmaster succeeding Mr. Charles F. Davis who has become a District Deputy. Mr. Frost was one of the first Scoutmasters of the Worcester Council and organized Troop 54 in 1916. In addition to Scout experience Mr. Frost brings to us experience in the Navy, assistant physical director at the Y. M. C. A., basket ball player for several years, and 100 yard swimming champion in Worcester for 1912-13. There is no question but that Troop 54 is going to stay on the map.

64—Friends Church—Our new Patrol System is working fine. At our District Rally our Troop received the prize for having the most adult friends present. Elliott Jones directed the ushers at the Rally. Cornelius Carroll passed two merit badges at the last Court of Honor.

51—St. Peters—Our Troop has been Making great progress lately. We have several new Tenderfoot Scouts. We claim the championship in the Main South District in knot tying. Several Patrols were out on ski hikes and had great fun. Knot tying competitors should call Scribe Eliot Bradish, C. 6004 MK.

106—South Grafton—School vacation week we managed to have two test passing hikes, one mystery hike, one Court of Honor meeting, one Patrol meeting and one Regular Scout meeting. Otherwise Scouting was forgotten for the week.

1—Sturbridge—February 12th was a big day for our Troop. In the afternoon a hockey game was played between the two Patrols and won by the Flying Eagles. In the evening a banquet was held at which Assistant Executive McKinstry spoke. We gave a send-off to Scoutmaster MacDonald who is leaving town. Scouts Knight and Conrad were awarded their First Class pins.

WHO IS CHAMPION BUGLER?

Saturday afternoon, April 30 there will be a bugle contest to determine the championship of the Worcester Council. Contest open to Scouts of all rank who have not reached their 18th birthday. Contestants must register for the contest at Scout Headquarters not later than April 23.

Conditions—Contestants must use an official Scout bugle bearing the seal and name of the Boy Scouts of America. If contestant does not own an official Boy Scout bugle it is permissible for him to borrow one to use in the contest. Scout must be able to play all calls mentioned in merit badge for bugling.

Judging points—Promptness in execution, correctness of call, quality of tone, number of calls played. The winner will receive an official Rexcraft bugle. The Rexcraft Company is the organization which is encouraging the contest. Who is our champion bugler?