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David "Scotty" MacInnes offers Mark Desrosiers of Auburn a piece of cake at the Worcester Auditorium. MacInnes, of Cherry Valley, started in scouting in Scotland in 1908, two years before it started in the United States.

Scout Shows Bring Out 200 Units

More than 200 area Cub packs, scout troops and Explorer posts of the Mohegan Council, Boy Scouts of America, participated in "The Wonderful World of Scouting" shows yesterday in Worcester, Sturbridge and Webster.

Representing the Nimat-Wampanoag district (Worcester), the Hassanamisco (Webster) and the Massasoit district (Sturbridge), the shows featured scouting lore and activities ranging from the building of a dug-out canoe to bean-bag tossing games. Themes for the three classes of Scouts were, "Cub Scouting Is Fun," "Scouting's Rugged Outdoor Program," and, "Exploring Today for Tomorrow."

In Worcester, at the Memorial Auditorium, over 100 activity areas (booths) featuring the works of 90 units were in operation, both indoors and out.

The massive auditorium steps were unable to dwarf projects of Troops 50 and 54, a lashed-rope signal tower and an outdoor overnight shelter.

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Many skill and craft booths were busy at the Massasoit District Scouting program at Tantasqua.

Scouts Emphasize Activities

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Inside, where the first scouting show was held in 1931, activity was often feverish. Scouts were busy making a totem pole and canoe, by hand, offering survival techniques, doing a hula dance, singing, playing games, building bridges, and, in general, drawing awe over their dexterity from visitors. The turnout for the show, according to Mohegan district executive Ronald Valerio, would hit the 4,000 mark by closing.

Going Strong

Show chairman V.S. "Chick" Swydan, who headed some 40 volunteers in running the program, called it a success. "Most of our units," he said, "are real active and they are limited only by the imagination and ingenuity of the Scouts and their leaders. They started off today (yesterday) with a parade from City Hall, began all this at 11 a.m., and they're still going strong.

"We are accomplishing three things here — showing the parents what the

Scouts are doing, increasing the learning experience and interest with the kids by showing what other units are doing, and raising money.

"We haven't been here at the auditorium in three years as some of the districts have held shows in other locations, but we'd love to do this again here next year," he said.

Sturbridge

In Sturbridge, 25 units from the Massasoit District demonstrated their skills and crafts at Tantasqua Regional High School. Represented were Scouts from Southbridge, the Brookfields, Charlton, Warren, Spencer and Sturbridge.

In the spacious school gymnasium, displays amply ranged from the Cubs' "fun" theme to the advanced Explorer crafts. A demonstration of cardio-pulmonary resuscitation was offered throughout the day by instructors from Project Cope. Another popular display was the Pinewood Derby of miniature wooden cars racing down a long track, courtesy of Cub Pack 140 in Southbridge, while another was a minia-

ture rocket launch staged by Sturbridge's Pack 137.

A steady stream of visitors was also recorded at the Hassanamisco show at the Webster Municipal Auditorium. More than 50 Scout units took part in that program, offering a wide selection of their skills in demonstrations of camping, outdoorsmanship, hiking, the earning of merit badges and wilderness survival. Heading the show were John Maciak, Charles Thompson, Warren Bigelow, Roger Daviau, Mrs. Rita Jane and Raymond Fongallez.

Winds

Although no attendance figures were available for the Webster and Sturbridge shows, biting winds during late morning may have deterred spectators. It did affect some of the outside projects at Sturbridge, but the Scouts there offered demonstrations of campfire-making to combat the cold.

Then, warmed up, it was no problem for visitors to test their own skills in negotiating a rope bridge constructed by Troop 142 of Warren to top off a day of "The Wonderful World of Scouting."