

SCOUT PROGRESS RAPID IN NASSAU

Report Shows One Objective
Gained Six Years Ahead
of Time Set.

Mineola, March 11.—Showing the establishment of notable progress records in all departments and in one instance achievement of its goal six years ahead of schedule set by the national movement, the Nassau County Council, Boy Scouts of America, today distributed to some 5,000 citizens of the country who contributed in financial support to a two-year program for 1931-32, a report of its activities.

In practically all localities the report, which is submitted to the stockholders' of Nassau County Scouting by Council President Carl Stedman Brown, was distributed by members of the local Boy Scout troops.

The announcement of the two-year program objectives and the appeal to the public for support was made in May, 1931, and progress is indicated by comparison of figures as of Jan. 1 last.

During the last year, the report points out, the Nassau County Council won the President Hoover award for outstanding gain in membership and for improvement of work. For the same period the President's award for Scout organizations showing net increase in membership as well as notable progress in activities was won by 63 of the council's 114 troops, two of its seven Sea Scout ships, and three of its 12 Cub packs.

While the program of the National Council provides that by 1933, 25 per cent. of all 12-year-old boys be enrolled as Scouts, on Jan. 1 Nassau County Council had more than that percentage of such boys within its jurisdiction enrolled—six years ahead of schedule.

In 1930 one out of every six boys in the county, of Scout age (12-17 inclusive) was a Scout. At the close of 1932 it was one boy out of every five. The average for the country as a whole is one out of every seven.

On May 1, 1931, the number of Scouts in Nassau County troops was 3,040, while on Jan. 1 it was 3,320. During the same period the number of Sea Scouts increased from 94 to 140, and the number of Cubs from none to 241. The number of adult leaders increased during the same period by more than 25 per cent., now totalling 1,233 men in such volunteer service to the boys.

The report also shows an increase of more than 100 per cent. in the number of Scouts and their leaders who have made use of the facilities of Camp-Wauwapez, the property of the council and open for year around use.