

OPEN SCOUT DRIVE FOR \$104,000 IN NASSAU COUNTY

\$50,000 Pledged in Advance of Intensive Canvass by 500 Workers.

Minneapolis, June 11. — Approximately 500 of Nassau County leading citizens are today initiating a canvass of their communities in an extensive drive to bring the total subscriptions for support of the Boy Scout program during this year and next to \$104,000 before the campaign closes next week.

Informed by Acosta Nichols, vice chairman of the Central Council committee, that this group already was in a position to assure the working of a subscription totalling \$50,000 in substantial contributions pledged prior to the opening of the general canvass, area chairmen, district chairmen, captains and lieutenants who attended the opening dinner of the campaign in the Garden City Hotel last night are setting out today to complete the various community quotas in record time.

The dinner meeting, called at the invitation of John W. Davis, general chairman of the Boy Scout campaign, found Acosta Nichols presiding in the absence of Mr. Davis who telegraphed that legal engagements that could not be deferred, required his presence in Boston.

Schiff's Memory Laid

Mr. Nicholas, whose sentiments were voiced repeatedly by the other speakers on the program, paid a notable tribute to the memory and service of Mortimer J. Schiff, president of the National Boy Scout Council and leader among the friends of Scouting in Nassau County. They recalled Mr. Schiff's deep interest in the Scouts and emphasized that one of the last acts of his life was to pledge \$5,000 to the committee in charge of the present campaign. Deep appreciation of the interest and co-operation of his son, John M. Schiff, who is carrying on as treasurer of the campaign, was also expressed. Mr. Schiff attended and spoke of the success of the campaign.

The dinner program opened with trumpet solos by Scout Jack Hayden, Troop 128, Hempstead, following which all of the area, district and special committee chairmen were introduced by Richard P. Babcock, himself executive chairman for the campaign.

The after-dinner program featured first a flag tower demonstration staged by a patrol from Troop 21, Woodmere, under the leadership of Scoutmaster Charles A. Hewlett. This was followed by a message from the Boy Scouts of the county delivered by Eagle Scout Frank Hope of Troop 10, Great Neck, who expressed the boys' appreciation of the committee's determination that "Despite the times, Scouting must go on."

Carl Stedman Brown, president of Nassau County Council, explained how Scouting in Nassau has been financed in the past and how a small group of public-spirited citizens have made it possible to carry on the steadily expanding program during recent years, pointing out that the time had come when existing indebtedness must be liquidated and general support for Scouting assured for the future.

How Money Is to Be Spent

Mr. Brown stressed particularly the plans which have been made to make Scouting available to the thousands of Nassau boys still outside its ranks and went into detail to explain how the money sought will be expended. Leaving aside the item of indebtedness, which amounts to more than \$40,000, this year's budget, he pointed out, calls for \$29,462, and includes the following items:

- Leadership training, \$2,935; educational program and Scoutcraft training for boys, \$4,234; troop service, including extension of the movement, \$4,523; field work, including travel expense, \$5,075; council office housing, \$1,425; rallies, field days, contests, civic service and Minnie Fair, \$300; national council fees, \$775; general camping and maintenance of Camp Wauwapeex property, \$2,625; council office service expense, \$1,425; Sea Scouting, extensive, promotion and service, \$1,140.

R. K. Atkinson spoke on "Scouting in Relation to the Community," stressing the fact that the movement is today recognized as the country's most effective program for the development of upright and useful citizens. The first report dinner will be held tomorrow night.