

1945 to 1965, Levy said. White lived in an apartment over the restaurant.

"We, all who knew him," Levy said, "have lost a great and loyal friend and a lovable social companion. He was one of few legends in Freeport . . . He called his restaurant 'Al B. White's on the Wrong Side of the Tracks' because it is on the north side of the railroad tracks and all of the businesses in Freeport are on the south side. But he made the place successful."

## Irving F. Southworth, 85

Long Beach—Irving F. (Southy) Southworth, a professional forester who had driven stage coaches across the Adirondacks, shaken hands with the crew of the Apollo 14 moon mission and in between had become the elder statesman of Nassau County Boy Scouts, died yesterday after a long illness at Long Beach Memorial Hospital. He was 85.

Southworth, who lived at 40 Brunswick Ave., Williston Park, was the first field executive of the Nassau County Council of the Boy Scouts of America and the author of the council's first merit badge pamphlet on Indian lore.

He took Nassau scouts on a field trip to the Rocky Mountains in 1949, led Long Island scouts to Valley Forge, Pa., for the 1950 national jamboree, accompa-

nied the boys on annual hikes to Theodore Roosevelt's grave in Oyster Bay and was the chairman of dozens of scouts' fund-raising drives. He retired in 1954 after 37 years in scouting.

Southworth was born in Vaulkenburg, N.Y., outside of Troy, and at one time drove the Riverside stage coach that presently is in the Adirondack Museum. The stage coach traveled between the railroad depot to lakeside hotels in the area. He graduated from the Biltmore School of Forestry and worked several years in the Pacific Northwest.

He moved to Long Island just before the end of World War I, according to Robert Hughes, one of Southworth's former scouts and a lifelong friend. Southworth was appointed first field executive of the scouts' Nassau unit in the late 1940's, Hughes said, and "never really retired. He was always around the scouts. He loved kids and made scouting a basis for living. He was a dynamic and honest person who lived the things he taught."

Hughes, a Grumman employe, said he had introduced Southworth to the Apollo 14 astronauts in 1971 at the Bethpage plant, because he thought that both the astronauts and Southworth were true pioneers.

Southworth is survived by a brother, Fred, of Winchester, Calif., and a sister, Margaret Jessup of Escondido, Calif. Service tomorrow at 11 AM at Roslyn United Methodist Church; private burial.