

battalion when he was discharged in 1947.

At the academy he has won the Scholastic Star as a student and

datation of the Board of Officers for showing the highest qualities of leadership and aptitude in his class.

1948. James, Virginia and their two younger sisters, Helen and Betty, also graduated from East Rockaway High.

Two Scouts Win Courage Award

North Bellmore—Two heroic 15-year-olds have won scouting's second highest award for their courage and alertness in saving a drowning buddy at Camp Wauwepex, Wading River, last Summer.

The youths—William Curley and George Hayden—will receive two of the three Medals of Merit to be presented this year by the National Court of Honor of the Boy Scouts of America. In all, but 13 scouts throughout the nation have been accorded recognition by the court during 1951.

The award was made for the boys' rescue and resuscitation of

11-year-old Ralph Meyer of 65 Bellmore Ave., North Bellmore last June 2. At the time, 18 members of Troop 8, headed by Scoutmaster John J. Goss Jr., were spending the week end at Camp Wauwepex.

About 2 PM, during the troop's swim period, young Meyer was reported missing by one of his "water buddies." A search was organized and Curley, an Ex-

plorer Scout, spotted the youth in about six feet of water near the dock.

Dove In and Found him

Calling for assistance, Curley dove in and pulled the unconscious scout from the bottom, bringing him alongside the dock. Then Hayden sent other scouts for blankets and began applying artificial respiration to the prostrate boy.

Within several minutes, Hayden has succeeded in reviving Meyer, who was later examined by a Central Suffolk Hospital doctor and pronounced in excellent condition.

Curley, the son of Mr. and Mrs. William, Curley, 118 Goldie Ave., North Bellmore, is a sophomore at Mepham High School. A star scout, he was a charter member of Troop 8 when it was organized in 1948.

Also a Mepham sophomore and charter member of the troop, Hayden is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Hayden of 129 Lindwood Ave., North Bellmore. He is a former **Newsday** carrier.

Franklin Square Republicans Elect Slate

Franklin Square—These officers of the Franklin Square Republican Club were elected last night: Charles Kerber, president; Jack Nicastri and George D. Linehan Jr., vice presidents; Harold O. Vincent, treasurer; Arnold J. Bernhardt Jr., Frank

Petunko and Walter A. Elson, secretaries; Albert Cavanaugh, sergeant-at-arms, and George D. Linehan chairman, John J. Loughnane, Charles Schultz, Harry Cowlishaw and Herman Meyer, board of governors.

Albertson GOP Club Elects New Slate

Albertson—The following slate of officers of the Albertson Republican Club were elected Tuesday night: Joseph L. Segrist, president; Conrad E. Diem, Thomas

Kelly and Frank Bosse, vice presidents; Mrs. Felice Marshut, Mrs. Ella Payne and Frank Snider, secretaries and Richard Hansen, treasurer. Installation will take place Tuesday night, Jan. 8.



MEDALS OF MERIT for rescuing a drowning comrade have been awarded to William Curley, left, and George Hyden, North Bellmore Scouts. Here they read the citations.