

F. H. Covey, Scout Founder

East Norwich—F. Howard Covey, 86, president emeritus of the Waldemar Medical Research Foundation and founder of the Nassau County Council of the Boy Scouts of America, died yesterday at the Mimi Dee Rest Home in Syosset after an extended illness.

Covey, who had lived on Long Island for more than 60 years, graduated from Columbia University's Teachers College in 1905. In 1916, he petitioned former President Theodore Roosevelt, a lifelong friend, to assist in organizing Nassau's 6-year-old Boy Scout movement. The organization was granted a charter in 1917, and Roosevelt served as the first commissioner. Covey was named executive officer and served in that position until his retirement in 1948. However, he participated in Boy Scout activities until his death and was a member of the Sagamore Lodge of the Scouts, which is an organization for distinguished former members. Covey served as a captain in the Army during World War I and worked with the War Camp Community Service.

He was vice president of the Wilco Letter Service of Williston Park from 1952 until 1965. From 1962 to this year, Covey served as president of the Waldemar Foundation, a cancer research institution.

Covey also was a member of the Paumonock Masonic Lodge, the Grand Jurors Association, and the



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Garden City-Mineola Rotary Club. He had served for a number of years as president of the Nassau County Red Cross and the County Legal Aid Society. In addition to these activities he worked with the Salvation Army throughout Long Island.

Covey's wife, the former Josephine England died many years ago, and his son, Lane, died in 1967. He is survived by a daughter-in-law, Mrs. Lane Covey; two grandchildren; and a niece, Mrs. Eleanor Yerger. Services will be held Friday at 2 PM at the Wesley Methodist Church in East Norwich. Private interment will take place in Moravia, N.Y.

N. Plantamura, Nassau Deputy

Old Bethpage—Services will be held tomorrow for Nicholas D. Plantamura, 50, of 7 Gable Gate, a deputy sheriff for 12 years in the Nassau County Department of Correction. He died Sunday in Long Island Jewish Hospital after a heart attack.

Plantamura, a native of Manhattan, previously operated a fuel oil company in Brooklyn and had lived here for 15 years. He was a member of the Holy Name Society at St. Pius X Church, Plainview, and served in the U.S. Army in Panama for three years during World War II.

He is survived by his wife, Grace; two sons, Frank and Richard; two sisters, Mrs. Grace Gleason and Mrs. Mary Riccio, both of Franklin Square, and a brother, Ben Plantamura of Jersey City. A Requiem Mass will be offered at 9:30 AM tomorrow in the St. Pius X Church, with burial in Pine-lawn Memorial Cemetery.