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Nassau Scouts to Launch Campaign for $250,000 to Purchase Camp Wauwepex

Hempstead, L. I., May 28—The Boy Scouts of Nassau County will launch a campaign in June for $250,000 to purchase Camp Wauwepex as a permanent camp site at Deer Pond, Watting River, and to provide three year budget for maintaining and developing Scout work in the county.

Col. Lloyd C. Grissom is chairman of the general committee and Kermit Roosevelt is vice chairman. The committee is still in organization and to date the following members have accepted to serve on the general committee and each to carry particular responsibility for the campaign in his own district: F. Trubee Davison of Locust Valley, Anton Hodenpyl of Westhampton, Arthur Scribner, E. E. Hawxhurst, Old Westbury, B. F. Yoakum, Farmingdale, and Robert C. Kerr Jr., Great Neck.

The Boy Scouts' elder friends are conducting the campaign, but the boys will be able to do their part, too, and will be able to help on a campaign of this kind. The boys themselves have their own campaigns which from a boy's point of view are so indicative of the value of this organization to the community that they respond with a response to the appeal for funds.

The following announcement comes from Boy Scout headquarters:

Distributed 1,500 Oranges.

On May 22, designated as "Orange Day," Scouts of Nassau distributed about 1,500 oranges throughout the county. There might be some who on first thought would consider such a project as a charity, but in reality it was a campaign, and to participate in it gives not only the fun of competition with other troops but the opportunity to demonstrate a Scout ideal—namely, chivalry.

"Any public effort that smacks of the idea of a campaign will be sure to enlist Boy Scouts. Everyone is familiar with the help they give each year in the Red Cross drive for tuberculosis and public health funds. Everyone knows of their services at the circuses, at the county fair and other public gatherings in great numbers.

Another Scout campaign, just completed, was conducted at the Inviting Run and with the co-operation of the Inviting Run Farms, a unit for the extermination of the tent caterpillar. Now, the tent caterpillar is a widespread pest that attacks fruit trees and forest trees alike, and though all nature is not responsible for its name, there is no one who has not seen trees and even whole orchards being bare of leaf, and spotted with great blobs of dusty silver in the crotches of the limbs. These "tents" are the lair of the caterpillars which hatch out in the early spring from eggs which were fastened to the twigs by the parent moth the summer before. Each egg-mass contains an average of 250 bandits, sure to take their toll of the tender green leaves in the spring, when they are the delight of the tree. It has been estimated that each tent caterpillar does $1 worth of damage in a year. Early in the spring, when a boy just naturally roams the countryside, he can render something to aid in the local season by destroying these nests. What more consistent way to demonstrate the training in conservation and the ideals of good citizenship than to campaign against the tent caterpillar?

Prizes Awarded.

A prize of two weeks at Camp Wauwepex offered to the Scout with the highest individual score has been awarded to Rupert Seaman of Troop 6, Glen Cove, with 7,360 to his credit. A prize of one week at camp went to Karlos Kielcki of Troop 91, Hicksville, with a score of 5,000. The highest troop score was held by Troop 27 of Locust Valley, with 13,260 to its credit. In addition a "purchase prize" of 25 cents per hundred was offered by Mrs. Morgan of Glen Cove, continuing the practice established last year by Mrs. Morgan, when the County Farm Bureau gave this opportunity to all the school children with gratifying results of 150,000 nests destroyed.

In the contest, participating (average membership 25), there were turned in 103,252 egg masses, which, at an average of 250 eggs to a mass, totals 25,813,000, or $258,130 saved to the county. "It is remarked by Scout enthusiasts," in an article in the Scouts' "In asking in this campaign. They have saved that much money to the public this year."

This campaign is but one instance of the conservation program, which Scouting has in store for the coming years. Their work in building fire trails through forests and in fighting forest fires is well known, and every forest ranger rejoices at having a Scout camp in his vicinity. He knows that not only will the boys render valuable assistance in time of need, but in a fire emergency he can count on intelligent and loyal service. Camp Wauwepex has a special forestry section, where first-class courses in lumbering are given, and course in the fundamentals of woodmanship—how to measure the height of a tree, scale logs, tally lumber, how to fell a tree without damage to surrounding growth, what is the practical value of various species of trees, and in addition there could be no better choice for a boy, no matter what his profession is to be.

Started by Roosevelt.

Speaking of trees, there is a little story of particular interest to Long Islanders. Around the cemetery at Oyster Bay is a bird sanctuary presented by Theodore Roosevelt to the Audubon Society. A fine grove of the black walnut trees, now so rare in America, stands near the late President's grave. Last year the Boy Scouts, who had come on a pilgrimage, picked up every nut they could find, and from these sent them to troops through the country to be planted in memory of this great American. The gift will be repeated this year and thereafter, for the response was an immediate request from many other places for the nuts. Thus a living and lasting tribute to Theodore Roosevelt and a practical effort in conservation typical of the Scout spirit.

It was Theodore Roosevelt who conceived the plan for a county Scout organization here, and carried it through to completion in January, 1911. For some time thereafter he served as its honorary chairman, and gave far more attention to the demands of the organization than he could afford. In that year there were but 1,264 registered Scouts in Nassau County, in 87 troops. Four more troops at New Hyde Park, South Hempstead, Carle Place and Westbury are in organization.

The first Scout troop was organized in the United States in 1910; now, 16 years later, there are 642,898 Boy Scouts in the country. At the annual meeting held in Washington, D. C., Sir Robert S. S. Baden-Powell, organizer of the Scout movement, made a tour of the country and spoke by radio to the whole country. Among other things, he deprecated the opinion held in some quarters that Boy Scouts is a military organization, and half humorously blamed it on the fact that he, as founder of the movement, was a soldier in 1899, had served in the British Army.

It is interesting to look at a list of the men who have been proud to be taken as Scouts in their adult years. Among them are Rear Admiral MacMillan, explorer; Luther

Rhode Island Reds Jump Into Lead in State Egg Contest

Are Now Far Ahead of Last Year's Record — Leghorns in Second Place.

Competition Becomes Keen

(Special to The Eagle.)

Farmingdale, L. I., May 28—The Rhode Island reds have jumped into the lead at the New York State Egg Laying Contest, wresting the honors held until last week by the white leghorn variety. The competition has been one of the most spirited ever seen in a contest of this kind. A difference of eight eggs separates the leading contenders. Pinecrest Orchard, of Groton, Mass., and Barnes Hollywood Strain of leghorns, of Malone, N. Y.

This whirlwind entry of reds is 189 eggs ahead of last year's leaders in this class and has laid 161 eggs more than the leading leghorn pen during the same period in the previous contest.

There is considerable evidence to show that the Rhode Island reds are a good winter egg producers, but are seldom able to compete with the leghorns during the spring and summer months. However, the Pinecrest Orchard hens have plainly demonstrated their ability to excel in egg production regardless of the season. It was during the latter part of the first five weeks following the opening of the present contest on Nov. 1, 1925, Pinecrest Orchards' birds led the red class, but were overtaken by the Sunset team that was in first place for twelve weeks. During this period the Sunset birds were getting their second wind, with the result that on March 12 they again headed the red class. Since that time they have set a furious pace and have at last succeeded in passing all other entries regardless of variety. Right now the Sunset team of reds expects leghorns to be in the lead, while many of the Plymouth Rocks and Wyandottes, as well as reds are spending much time in a vain attempt to compete with modern methods of incubation. The Pinecrest Orchards understand that they have been sent here for the sole purpose of producing eggs, for only one bird has shown any tendency towards broodiness.

Official Report.

The official contest report for the week follows:

"During the 29th week of the fourth Farmingdale contest the 1,600 pullets laid 4,891 eggs or 43.7 per-cent. This is a drop of 2.9 percent under last week's production and is due for the most part to moulting in many of the birds. The pullets have laid a total of 33,604 eggs to date, since Nov. 1; this is 4,648 eggs more than were laid during the first 29 weeks of the 1925 contest.

High Pens for the 29th Week.

Howard P. Cone, leghorns..... 84
Oak Hill Farm, leghorns..... 83
Barnes' Hollywood Strain Leghorns..... 83
John Mueller Jr., leghorns..... 83
Sunset, leghorns..... 83
Pinecrest Orchards, Groton, Mass..... 83

"The leading teams of ten pullets each with the number of eggs laid by each team since Nov. 1, 1925, are:

White Leghorns.

Barnes' Hollywood Strain Leghorn, Malone, N. Y.....1,818
Cedarhurst Poultry Farm, Malvern, Pa.....1,801
Howard P. Cone, Yorktown.....1,801
C. R. Slater, Williamsport, Pa.....1,800
George B. Perrin, Grand Rapids, Mich.....1,799
Norman C. Johns, Georgetown, Del.....1,791

Rhode Island Reds.

Pinecrest Orchards, Groton, Mass.....1,844
Red Mount Farm, Franklin, Mass.....1,844
Sunset Poultry Farm, Amherst, Mass.....1,811

Barred Plymouth Rocks.

H. W. Van Wagin, Camden, N. Y.....1,749
Howard A. Wells, Horseheads, N. Y.....1,736
Lewis Poultry Farm, Amherst, Mass.....1,672

White Wyandottes.

Bruce Pepper, Georgetown, Del.....1,807
Harvey V. Morris, Shrewsbury, Pa.....1,801

White Plymouth Rocks.

W. J. Myers Newhouse, Flemington, W. Va.....864

Blue Andalusians.

R. D. Bird, Greenwich, Conn.....866

Hollis Stores to Close Wednesday Afternoons

The Hollis Board of Trade, meeting in the office of the president, Thomas J. Nagle, 194th st. and Jamaica ave., resolved to repeat the Wednesday afternoon closing of Hollis stores as was done last year. The stores will close at 1 o'clock on Wednesday afternoon during July and August.

A dinner dance will be held at the Hollis Masonic Temple, June 16. There will be speakers, besides amateur and professional entertainers. Arthur Mar, Fred Schaupp, Mrs. Lampert and Mrs. Spaulding are on the committee in charge.

Miner Is Appointed Chief Life Guard

Harry Miner, for over 35 years a life guard in the Rockaways, yesterday was appointed chief life guard of the Rockaway beaches by Democratic Leader Mason O. Smedley of Queens.

In announcing the appointment of Miner, Mr. Smedley also announced that 56 life guards will be employed in a few days to patrol the beach front from Beach 54th st., Arverne, to Beach 149th st., Rockaway Beach.

Seek Fire District

Greenlawn, L. I., May 28—There is a movement on foot in this village to form a fire district, to take in considerable of the territory now in the Greenlawn School District. For many years the members of the Greenlawn Fire Department have paid their own firemen's apparatus purchased their own apparatus with which to do their good turns for their neighbors and raised the money to erect their own fire house. A petition is being circulated, and as soon as there are sufficient signers it will be presented to the Huntington Town Board, which will then, if according to law, will call a public meeting to listen to all who are in favor or opposed.

Burbank; "Big Bill" Tilden, tennis champion; Gen. Frank Parker, governor of the Philippines; William Jennings Bryan; Frank B. Kellogg, Secretary of State, and Lieutenants Smith, Arnold, Wade and Harding, American aviators who in 1924 made the first round-the-world flight.

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