

## 'Buddy' Swim Rule Solves Drownings

No One Lost at Nassau  
Boy Scout Camp Due  
To 'Check' System

Camp Wauwepex, Aug. 19—As the Summer season of the official camp of the Nassau Boy Scout Council nears its end, the record of not a single drowning since the camp opened in 1920 gains added luster.

This exceptional record has been aided by the "buddy and check plans" in force at the camp. The first rule forbids anyone to go swimming unless his "buddy" is along with him and the check plan is a system of using tags to record the identity of the person swimming and that of his "buddy".

### RATEL ON ABILITY

Every scout, upon entering camp, is required to take a 75-yard swim test and, if successful, is permitted to swim in all three areas into which the H-shaped dock at Wauwepex is divided. If he can swim only between 50 and 75 feet, he must use either the crib—four feet deep at the most—or the semi-crib sloping from four to seven feet in depth. Failure to swim 25 yards means one is confined to the crib. All non-swimmers are required to take instruction.

Protecting the swimmers are three senior lifeguards and one junior lifeguard, under the supervision of Eagle Scout David C. Lord of Port Washington, who is a registered water safety instructor. The four are William Cook of Garden City, George Shutte of Freeport and Richard Knight of Great Neck, all senior guards and Eagle Scouts, and George Cook of Garden City, junior guard and life scout.

### AMPLE EQUIPMENT

The waterfront equipment for the use of the campers included 21 rowboats, two lifeboats, a sailboat, seven canoes and four diving boards. One must be at least a 75-foot swimmer before being able to use a rowboat and must pass a canoe test before obtaining permission to use the latter equipment.

Eagle badges were awarded at a recent council fire to Scouts Bob Meyer of Plandome, Troop 71; George Smith of Seaford, Troop 138, and Fred Williams of Rockville Centre, Troop 38.