

Scouting in Nassau Attains High Rating

Leads All but 5% of Units in Nation in Membership Drive Started in 1932—Cuts Average Cost From \$10 to \$7.61 a Year

Hempstead, July 16—Boy Scouting in Nassau County has attained a new high record of achievement. With the inception of the movement in the county 21 years ago an objective was set to lead all the Boy Scout units of the nation in membership and activity.

Today, according to a report of the County Council, Nassau County leads all but five percent of the Boy Scout units in the United States in the country-wide membership drive that was started by the National Council in 1932. The report stated that there were 5,000 active members in the 159 units in Nassau.

The membership drive, to end in 1942, aims to enroll one of every four boys 16 years of age or older. Training in citizenship, respect for country and manhood will make more competent voters of these boys, it is pointed out.

22,600 Have Been Enrolled

In the past 21 years 22,600 boys have been enrolled in such units as the Boy Scouts, Sea Scouts and Cubs. The council's Summer camp at Wauwepex now accommodates as many as 3,100 boys during Summer months.

Another achievement of the council is the reduction of cost per Scout from that of the national average. The national average cost is \$10 a year, while in Nassau County the cost per Scout is but \$7.61 annually.

In the recent Nassau Council

budget campaign Elvin N. Edwards, former District Attorney, stated: "Only through such ideas as Scouting can the true principles of democracy be saved. We are here to build citizenship and citizens. For scouting there is no recession or depression, only an ever-growing, ever-continuing inspiration to boys." Mr. Edwards was chairman of the recent budget campaign.

Council Personnel

The Scouts are directed by 1,537 men voluntarily enrolled as Scoutmasters, skippers, cub masters and committeemen. These men are headed by a competent council executive board consisting of Carl Stedman Brown of Baldwin, president; Dr. Edward C. Smith of Woodmere, Scout commissioner; William H. Kniffin of Rockville Centre, treasurer; Franklin Remington of Centre Island, Albert Z. Gray of Old Westbury, John M. Schiff of Oyster Bay and Frederick W. Read of Port Washington, vice presidents.

The directors of the council are: Leonard J. Cushing of Mill Neck, John J. Denning of Lynbrook, Emmett R. Shute of Floral Park, Lucien C. Stanley of Rockville Centre, Arthur E. Taylor of Great Neck and William A. Wolff of Woodmere. The council's Scout executive is F. Howard Covey of Mineola; educational director, Joseph S. Fleming of Mineola, and the troop service director is Irving F. Southworth of Mineola.