

## Banquet Opens \$250,000 Drive For Boy Scouts

Griscom, Wickersham,  
Schiff and Roosevelt  
Speak at Garden City.

### Fifty Villages Pledge Aid

(Special to The Eagle.)

Garden City, L. I., June 3.—The drive by the Nassau County Council of the Boy Scouts of America for \$250,000 with which to purchase a permanent camp at Wading River and to carry on the work of the council for three years was launched last night when a dinner was held at the Garden City Hotel with 350 present. Fifty villages of the county were represented. It was explained that Camp Wauwepeck at Wading River, can be bought for \$300 an acre, and it consists of 800 acres. The other \$70,000 is needed for the maintenance of the county council for the next three years.

The toastmaster of the occasion was Col. Lloyd C. Griscom, former Ambassador to Italy. At the guest table were Mortimer Schiff, a vice president of the National Boy Scouts of America; Col. Theodore Roosevelt, former United States Attorney General; George W. Wickersham, Albert V. Gray, Devereux Milburn, the international poloist, who heads the Westbury Council; W. W. Hoffman, J. J. Munge and Carl Stedman Brown, president of the Nassau County Council.

Colonel Griscom declared that the gathering, based on its purpose and the representative persons who are aiding in making Boy Scouting so popular, was the most distinguished ever held in Nassau. He commented on the extraordinary demonstration the people of the county are making in the cause of Boy Scouting.

#### Mortimer Schiff Speaks.

Mortimer Schiff dwelt on the National organization and what it is doing to propagate the faith in Scouting. He said, among other things, that Scouting rises or falls on the value of the work done and the support given to it in the various communities. He analyzed Scouting in all its phases and what it represents to the boy and to the nation.

George W. Wickersham stated that one of the most important interests of the day is Scouting, because it deals with that which we hold to be the greatest asset we have in life—the youth of the country.

Colonel Roosevelt told of the interest his father had in Boy Scouting and how, under his guidance, he was a Boy Scout in earnest. He said the true definition of Boy Scouting, in his interpretation, is service. He said that Scouting breeds in the boy an obligation to make this country a better country. He said that he has never yet met any one who hasn't approved of the movement, but he said to him the best test of approval is in giving more than lip language to support it.

President Carl Stedman Brown spoke for the permanent camp and said the boys of the country must have a camp of their own to preserve the traditions of scouting. He said that the men and women of the county are the stockholders but the boys draw the dividends.