

BOY SCOUTS

Mayor Ellis, Comptroller McCord, the Board of Public Safety and many members of the Camden City Council are backing the ten-day campaign of the Boy Scouts for a local council and a 50-piece brass band.

An appropriation by the city to help finance the movement is not unlikely, as well as private citizens. The date set for the close of the campaign, the Boy Scouts organization expects to have been organized on a firm financial basis. The appropriation asked from the city is definitely expected.

Mayor Ellis is enthusiastic over the work advanced by the Boy Scouts and is using all in his power to further them. The proposal of the leaders of the movement to have the Boy Scouts officially recognized as adjuncts to the city government met with his instant approval.

"The Boy Scouts are a valuable asset to the city and the movement should be encouraged," he said. "It keeps the boys off the streets and makes good citizens out of them, thus proving beneficial both to the boys and to the city. Their service in helping police the streets during parades and other celebrations is splendid. They would be of much more value if the organization were helped to extend its membership and placed on a strong financial basis."

The thousand Boy Scouts in Camden in the slogan of the Campaign Committee, which is composed of Dr. John G. Doran, chairman; City Treasurer Frey, treasurer; and the Rev. William Stone, pastor of the Kaighn Avenue Methodist Episcopal Church.

"We want to take the boys off the streets," said the Rev. Mr. Stone. "There are between 800 and 1,000 boys in Camden who can be of service to the city, both now and in the future when they themselves will be citizens."

The campaign was inaugurated Saturday night, when Mayor Ellis was escorted through the streets at the head of a parade. He made a rousing address to a mass-meeting assembled at the Broadway Methodist Episcopal Church, and was cheered for more than a minute by the Boy Scouts.

Another demonstration will be made tomorrow night, which has been named "Philadelphia Night." Deputy Scout Commissioner Patton, of Philadelphia, at the head of the brass band of Troop 21, will be met at the Market street ferry in Camden at 7:30 p. m. by the 15 troops of Camden scouts. The parade will march to the Public Library for a mass-meeting, which will be addressed by Deputy Commissioner Patton and other speakers. Moving pictures and lantern slides showing scouts in action will be shown on the screen.

A Joseph Kanevsky, senior patrol leader in Troop 95, was seriously burned in the fire at 730 South street early Sunday morning, in which the lives of Fritz, Rachel and Bella Strubinsky were snuffed out and the other four members of the family were seriously, perhaps fatally injured, in jumping from the third-story window.

Kanevsky, who was one of those who look the fall of 18-year-old Edith Strubinsky, was thrown to the ground almost knee-deep in flames. He was the least injured of the members of the family in the Pennsylvania Hospital, and it is believed she may recover. If she does it will be partly through the efforts of the Boy Scout to save her.

Kanevsky was awakened in his home at 4th and Pine streets by revolver shots and, running to the scene, he turned in an alarm. He knows the family well, and had danced with Helen Strubinsky the night before. When he saw the terror-stricken mother and children at the window above he joined the policeman and urged the family to jump for their lives. Edith was the first to leap from the smoking window. She fell where Kanevsky and Policeman Fikenscher stood and both received the full force of her fall. Kanevsky crumpled up under the force of the blow, his right shoulder receiving bruises and lacerations. Fikenscher was also injured, but between the two the girl was probably saved from death.

Philly news out of the clouds—that is what a Boy Scout is doing out at sea. He sits in his room and reads the flash of news across the sky almost daily. Whenever he feels like he would like a bit of war news he goes to his wireless instrument, adjusts it and sits down to learn what is happening in the trenches over in France and Poland.

William McIntyre is his name and he is 17 years old. He is leader of the Cobra patrol of the Ashbourne Boy Scout troop at an Eagle Scout, the highest honor in scouting. He is the only Boy Scout in Philadelphia who has a professional wireless operator's license—first commercial wireless license, it is called. For about five years he has been interested in wireless telegraphy.

McIntyre constructed most of the parts of his instrument, which he put up himself. The aerial, poking its tips 45 feet into the air, is on the roof of his room at Oak and Ivins avenues; the wires between the poles are 130 feet long.

The Boy Scout knows all the restrictions which the Government places on the use of wireless. For to save his, his wire length must not be more than 200 meters long, whatever that means. McIntyre can tell you exactly, and he has at his fingertips all the details which go toward making a perfect knowledge of the workings of the wireless instrument.

In Camp Delmont, the summer rendezvous of the Delaware and Montgomery County Boy Scouts, near Trenton, N. J., McIntyre erected his wireless apparatus, the most popular person in camp. Out of from the outside world the campers crowded around the young operator at night to learn the baseball game, which were flashed to ships at sea. It was during the outbreak of the European war, too, and the campers were aware of the rapid succession of dramatic events before the reading public of the world. The regular news news was received at 9 p. m. and at 10 p. m. and at noon every day the camp news and watches were set to the correct time received from the sky.

McIntyre's instrument receives messages from a great distance. The most recent message he ever recorded was from Colon, Panama, some 2000 miles away. Most of the messages he receives are relayed from the station at Bayville, N. J., and he picks up a good many Government dispatches and messages from ships at sea. When asked what the text of the Government messages are he only says: "It is against the law to tell."

His picking up foreign news and Government messages is not the only amusement the wireless instrument affords. McIntyre often goes to his room to talk to friends miles away. Boy Scouts in Philadelphia, Glenside and other nearby places have wireless instruments, although they hold only amateur licenses, and he often passes "the time of day" with them.

Many Boy Scout officials and scouts took an active part in the Gettysburg encampment in July, 1913, have returned from Governor Tener copies of the report of the Pennsylvania commission on the 50th anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg. Those addressed to the headquarters of the Executive Scout Council were delivered by Boy Scouts, who saluted and said: "His Excellency, Governor Tener, presents his compliments and asks you to accept this copy of the Gettysburg encampment report through the Philadelphia headquarters of the Boy Scouts of America."

The volumes are handsomely bound in blue and gray and are stamped with the



WILLIAM MCINTYRE
Member of Ashbourne troop, who reads news out of the air.

the work of the Boy Scouts and wish you all success in your labors.
"Yours truly,
"RUDYARD KIPLING.
"Dr. Charles D. HAYWARD KIPLING.
"Independence Hall,
"Philadelphia, Pa., U. S. A."

The Central Young Men's Christian Association, 142 Arch street, resounded with the yells and songs of 300 Boy Scouts from Delaware and Montgomery Counties Saturday night, when the annual county rally and Camp Delmont reunion was held in the auditorium.

The meeting was presided over by Isaac C. Sutton, scout commissioner of Montgomery County, who made the chief address and presented Eagle Scout badges to 16 scouts. Dr. William Moore, the African game hunter, gave an illustrated talk on "Big Game Hunting" and Charles Crossman, former head master of the Haverford School, lectured on "Egypt," with moving pictures as illustrations of the subject. The Camp Delmont awards were made by Robert Dearden, chairman of the Camp Committee.

PROFESSOR SNOOK URGED TO HEAD NEW HIGH SCHOOL

Name of Annex Principal Boomed for Position.

When the Frankford High School becomes a reality parents of the students in that section will urge the Board of Education to elect George Alvin Snook as principal of the school.

Professor Snook is at present in charge of the Frankford annex of the Boys' Central High School, Oxford Pike and Waukeeling street, and he has become so popular among both parents and students that they are already appealing to members of the school board individually to elect Mr. Snook head of the institution. The present building is the renovated home of the old Frankford Country Club. An abandoned stable serves as the boys' gymnasium, and the school is overcrowded to such an extent that cloak rooms are being used for instruction purposes.

In place of this antiquated structure will rise a \$700,000 schoolhouse that will be a model of educational architecture. The institution will accommodate 1500 pupils of both sexes, one section of the building to be occupied by girls and the opposite end by boys. The two divisions of the structure will be joined by an auditorium which will be used by the people of Frankford for community meetings at night, while in the day it will serve as an assembly room for the students.

The names of a number of educators have been suggested in connection with the principalship, but opinion among the parents appears to favor Professor Snook. He is described as the "best-known man in Frankford" and has a wide acquaintance even among citizens whose children do not attend the school.

Professor Snook is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania. While attending that institution he earned honors in scholastic as well as athletic activities. He served as a substitute teacher in various subjects at the Central High School eight years ago, but his specialty was mathematics, and when he was made an instructor he confined himself to this work. He was promoted from an instructorship to an assistant professorship and was assigned to the Frankford annex four years ago. He was subsequently given the rank of professor.

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