

# NEWS AND NOTES OF THE BOY SCOUTS

## TRIBUTE PAID TO MR. McALLISTER

### Scouts of Troop 4 Praise His Unflinching Zeal in Their Behalf

December 27, 1910, six months after the Boy Scout Organization was introduced into America, Garfield McAllister organized Troop 4 at Immanuel Presbyterian Church, with 18 Scouts. He gradually worked the troop up to 56 Scouts but found that was too large a crowd of boys to handle without assistants, so he allowed the membership to dwindle to 24, which is about the present membership.

The troop was conducted so successfully under his leadership that there was always a large waiting list of candidates for membership. His heart and soul were in Troop 4 and his enthusiasm for the boys never waned during the six years he was Scoutmaster. He held the distinction of having served more years as Scoutmaster than any other man in the city. Under his leadership the troop has never lost enthusiasm for its work. He taught us the true spirit of Scouting.

At the outbreak of the war he was very anxious to enlist but was rejected on account of physical disability. Not discouraged, however, he joined the service of the Y. M. C. A. and in December, 1917, was called to Camp Sevier, N. C., where he served until his zeal caused him to overwork himself and he was given a leave of absence. His love for the work caused him to return before he had fully recovered, but he was able to remain only a short time. He tried to regain his health at a sanitarium, where he died on May 4. His loss will ever be felt by the troop, and our sincerest sympathy is extended to his wife and children.

TROOP FOUR.

## Scouts Do Good Work in Track Practice

The Scouts of Troop 2 held a very interesting meeting Wednesday night at the Chisuk Emuna Synagogue. Scoutmaster Toor with the help of Assistant Scoutmaster Hollam, taught the troop some army drills, which he had learned while in service.

At the next meeting the Scouts will have the merit system explained. Track practice was held last Friday. Among those who are showing form are Scout Levi, in the 100, 220-yard dash and broad jump; Scout Isaacman, in the hurdles and high jump; Scout Wilson, in the quarter, half-mile run and the high jump; and Scout Cohn, in the quarter, half-mile run, broad jump and high jump. At the practice of the track team which will be held this Friday on the island a lot more of the Scouts will try out for the team, which will participate in the meet held by the Scouts this summer, if there is any.

On account of rain our overnight hike was postponed to a later date.

BERNARD COHN, Scribe.

## THE WIGWAM

OUR FEATHERED FRIENDS

By C. E. M.

Have you ever thought of the tragic and pathetic stories that are found in bird life? When your pet house cat has been quick enough to seize the father of a bird family have you thought of the little ones in the nest who are awaiting the father's return with food? Have you ever considered what must be the feeling of the little mother who is driven from her nest and must stand helplessly by as a young boy steals her eggs or as she sees another bird destroy her eggs, or worse yet, deliberately kill her tiny babes? These are some of the tragedies of the woods.

You will recall that you have very rarely seen a dead bird lying on the ground unless it is the victim of its own rashness in coming north too soon. Birds have extremely varied appetites and what one bird would consider its main sustenance could not be found by another; or it could be found, would be ignored. Birds which get their insects from the air are usually the last to arrive in the north. If after such birds arrive, unseasonable weather should set in, many would die of starvation as insects do not fly in cold weather. There is however, only a small number of birds perish in this manner.

Many of the tragedies in bird life are due to their thoughtlessness of boys rather than to any desire to kill. Let me tell you of a tragedy which I never shall forget. I was walking through the woods when I noticed a nest which hung very low. I was anxious to get a view of its inhabitants and with very little effort climbed to a point from which I could see down into the nest. The bottom of the nest and killed the mother bird as she guarded her young offspring. The three babes had starved to death under their mother's dead body.

Here was a happy little family of man's friends wiped out by the unthinking act of some ignorant man or boy.

### AROUND THE CAMP FIRE

By LONE WOLF

Fellow Scouts you always take a good story teller along with you when you go to camp. I know that we do and say if you don't believe me, listen to one of his stories.

The Pokonockets had started to move to their new hunting grounds. This tribe's emblem was a black bear, and every time the council met, the medicine man had to go in the woods and come waddling in—a bear skin. A hunter by the name of Bill Sutter lived in the locality to which this camp had moved. The young warriors found that they had company in this hunter thought they would have some fun some night and later take his scalp into camp and receive a good reward. One night when they thought that he was off his guard they started for his hut, but when they thought that they were very quiet a mis step had made a little noise and Bill was on his guard.

BERNARD COHN, Scribe.

## Memorial Services Held For Garfield McAllister

Three new members elected last week, Landis Randall, Charles Shatto, and William Rendell, all good fellows too. Part of our meeting was devoted to a little memorial service in honor of Garfield McAllister, a good friend of Pack two, whose untimely death was a great shock to us. The greater part of our work was spent on instruction in the various tests, quite a few fellows stayed after the meeting and Mr. Wieland heard some one and two star examinations.

To-night we'll have an outdoor meeting. Meet promptly at 6.30 on the church steps, Cumberland street side. We'll have a little meeting to receive dues and spend the remainder in play. There may be a hike tomorrow if it can be arranged. No meeting on May 30. We'll all take a vacation on Memorial Day. We lose another good cub to-night—Albert Miller, who will be transferred to Troop 16. Well, so long, Al—not for very long, because I'm next.

CUB HUSTON, Scribe.

## Troop 8 Installs New Patrol Leader, Ed. Wallace

Edwin Wallace was formally installed in the troop as senior patrol leader at the last meeting.

Troop 8 has a cabinet which consists of the Scoutmaster and his assistants, the chaplain, the senior patrol leader and the patrol leaders and their assistants. There was a 100 per cent attendance at the last meeting of the cabinet which was held Wednesday evening at the home of Scoutmaster Jenkins. Many important matters of the troop were discussed after which refreshments were served. We decided at that meeting that we would go to Lamb's Gap on Thursday evening of the 29th and come back on the evening of the 31st which is Saturday. The eats will be taken up to the gap on a truck which will be furnished by Mr. Wallace. Each scout will carry his own personal equipment which should include blankets, poncho, tin plate, cup or bowl, knife, fork, spoon and any other things which he thinks are necessary. The Scoutmaster insists that no gum bands, water guns, bananas, or pickles, and not much candy shall be taken. This hike will be explained at the next meeting.

LAWRENCE EVANS, Scribe.

## Troop 15 Interested in Baseball This Season

Troop 15 has taken an interest in baseball this year and a promising team is looked for. We would like to arrange for games with other troops, or with any team, ages ranging from 14 to 17.

During the drive for Victory bonds Troop 15 was very active. Dick Johnson was high man of the troop, having sold twenty bonds.

Our regular business meeting will be held to-night with the talk of Captain Ralph Garret as an extra feature. He is an Iron Division man who has been in the thick of it ever since America entered the war. He will tell his experiences.

All scouts are urged to bring some one else along with them to the meeting.

LAWRENCE EVANS, Scribe.

## Scouts Regret to Hear of McAllister's Death

Every Scout and Scout official in this vicinity will regret the untimely death of Mr. McAllister, formerly the head of Troop 4 of Immanuel Presbyterian Church, Sixteenth and Liberty streets. The writer knew "Mac" for over twenty years and feels the loss most keenly. Associated as schoolmates and later in the Scout movement, then in its infancy, there is hardly a spot within hiking distance of Harrisburg that doesn't call to mind memories of him—his bridge, Lamb's Gap, Manada Gap, Hummelstown cave, Lookout rock, Clark's Valley, York hills, and so on.

One of the best Scoutmasters the city ever had, he was known by most of his boys as "Mac." Rarely did they call him Mr. McAllister, and a more loyal and obedient body of boys would be hard to find. The fact that Harrisburg has a local council is due in a large measure to his efforts.

Steady, conscientious in everything, he spent his life in the service of others—"Greater love hath no man than this."

He will be sadly missed by all of us. To his splendid wife and his little sons we extend our most heartfelt sympathy.

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## Welcome! Pack Five and Scribe "Red Crane"

At the regular weekly meeting of Troop 26 Monday, Wolf Cub Pack No. 5 was formally started with six members, in charge of Assistant Scoutmaster Hoocnar.

All plans were completed and instructions given for the hike to McCormick's Lodge, May 23 and 24. The entire troop wanted to go along and the Scoutmaster had quite a time selecting those that are to go—he is going to make arrangements to take the others at some later date.

Six new members, two by transfer and four application, were received into the troop and assigned to patrols.

Scout Robert Quigley was promoted to patrol leader of the Beaver Patrol.

All four patrols are now filled and the scoutmaster expects to start the fifth patrol next Monday.

A new system of assignment was started by the Scoutmaster, when a Scout receives a call for duty he will be given a slip showing the call, to which is attached a certificate which must be signed by Mr. Virgin after the work is completed and returned to the Scoutmaster.

RED CRANE.

## Troop 29 Organized at St. Paul's Church

Hello Scouts! We are started. Our troop has just been lately organized. We are also after candidates. Our troop is Troop 29, located at St. Paul's church, Second and Emerald streets. All boys who are not Scouts are cordially invited to attend our meetings which are held every Monday night.

At our last meeting two were admitted to membership—Paul Plank, and Howard Dolbin.

Some of our fellows have not been attending meetings regularly. They want to get busy and come.

Boys, you ought to see our Scoutmaster. He is a dandy. He is Mr. B. F. Dickinson, of 536 Schuykill street.

We congratulate Cub Huston, Wolf Cub, of Troop 16, for selling so many Victory Bonds in the recent campaign. He is a lucky fellow.

J. MILLER, Scribe.

## HOLD FIELD DAY

Troop 16 Messiah Lutheran church had planned a field day to be held on the island, but as the weather was not favorable the meet was held in the basement of the church.

Contests and games were enjoyed and refreshments were served. The outdoor program will be given at some other time.

RUSSELL LIPLI, Scribe.

## SCOUTING NOTES

BY J. FREDRIK VIRGIN, SCOUT EXECUTIVE

### Camp Hacoboscum

All aboard for Camp Hacoboscum! It will be news to most of the Scouts that the Harrisburg Council camp this year will be at Mount Holly Springs. The local council has leased the old amusement park there with its thousand odd acres of mountain land for the summer.

A more ideal place for camping could not be found in this part of the State, and the Scouts of the city will more than have the time of their lives at this place.

There are three places in which to swim, an athletic field, tennis court, and ample room for pitching tents. The council has recently bought complete tentage equipment for 100 Scouts and that number will be the largest that the camp will accommodate at one time. Every troop that comes to camp will be assigned to bungalow headquarters. There is an assembly floor 48 x 98 feet, and the mess hall and assembly hall are each 18 x 40 feet in size. A camp director, assistant director, and two cooks have already been secured, and the camp will be run on a most efficient basis. The cost to Scouts will be only for transportation and food. The local council provides all other expenses.

Camp will be organized immediately after the close of school and will run to Labor Day. So there will be ample time for every troop of the city, and for those affiliated under this council to take advantage of this splendid opportunity.

Full details will be announced within the next week, and reservations for time will be accepted beginning next Monday.

### Scoutmasters' Reception

A reception to the new deputy commissioners by all Scoutmasters and Assistant Scoutmasters will be held next Tuesday evening at Scout headquarters. At this time troops will be assigned to the district and introduced to the deputy commissioners of their respective districts. Some of the best men in the city have been secured by Mr. W. H. German, scout commissioner, to act as deputies and there will be some real surprises in store in this line.

The meeting will be held at 7.30 secured, and the camp will be run and a full attendance is requested.

### Troop to Spend Weekend at McCormick's Lodge

After weeks of waiting Troop 28 has secured an opportunity to go to McCormick's Lodge at Lamb's Gap. We will leave at 5 p. m. to-night and stay until Sunday afternoon. It was decided that all Second Class Scouts, patrol leaders, and assistant patrol leaders were to go. Scoutmaster Vanaman will be unable to go. Assistant Scoutmaster Sparrow will be in charge of the Scouts.

Each Scout will cook his own meals the entire time of his stay, under the supervision of Mr. Sparrow.

This trip will be a great chance for all of the Second Class Scouts to come back prepared to take their first class examinations.

RED CRANE.

### Troop 16 Plans Hike to "Hut" Tomorrow

Our meeting last week was rather short owing to the "open house" at Tech. Sixteen fellows were present. The devotional part of the meeting was in honor of Mr. Garfield McAllister, whose funeral took place last Saturday. Many of our fellows went on a hike with him last November and we have a keen recollection of him. Mr. Wieland had two new ways to tie the clove hitch and every one present got busy with a rope and worked until he learned them. We closed at 8.30 after transacting some necessary business. The organization of the signal corps and the adoption of the rules, was postponed until more were present. Our meeting to-night will be an outdoor one, as the basement is being used for a big supper. There will be a hike to-morrow, weather permitting. The destination will be "The Hut" which we haven't seen for over a month. Meet at the Square at 1.30, fourteen cents carfare, we hope to be back not later than 6.30. No meeting on May 30th. We've had a busy month and so we feel that we can skip a meeting.

CLEON CRISWELL, Scribe.

### To Make Hairs Vanish From Face, Neck or Arms

Keep a little powdered delatony handy and when hairy growth appears make a paste with some of the powder and a little water, then spread over hairy surface. After 2 or 3 minutes rub off, wash the skin and it will be entirely free from hair or blemish. This simple treatment is unfailing, but care should be exercised to be sure and get genuine delatony, otherwise you may be disappointed.

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