# TROOP SEVEN

Pickups Yearbook

ANNUAL FATHER AND SON BANQUET - 1938

# THE TROOP SEVEN PICKUPS YEARBOOK 1938

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# DEDICATION

Our fathers have been constantly with us, guiding, directing, and teaching. Through their efforts we have progressed, and with their inspiration we are becoming men. In our difficulties we turn to them, and our successes we share with them. Their encouragement and help have been a vital factor in our Scouting activities. Therefore we, the Boy Scouts of Troop Seven, dedicate this 1938 Yearbook to the men we respect most, our fathers.

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# PROGRAM FOR BANQUET

6:30 P.M. Assemble in Auditorium Flag Ceremony

6:45 P.M. Dinner

Songs led by Mr. Herbert Heyman

Brief Addresses by Dr. Fink
Temple Officials
Scout Officials

Awards

A Scene

Talk by Honorable Judge Clifford J. Chipman Presentation of Special Honors. Initiation of New Tenderfeet Scouts

9:00 P.M. Troop Cheer

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# FOREWORD

This book attempts to show the growth of Troop 7 during the 1937 - 1938 season. Individual reports by some of the men as well as junior leaders will give detailed pictures of various activities in which the Troop engaged during this year.

#### Our Aims were:

- 1 To make each Scout more manly.
- 2 To have each Scout have a better understanding of the meaning of the Scout oath and law.
- 3 To have each Scout live up to the Scout oath and law for a 24 hour period each day.

The value of Scouting depends on the extent to which these aims are put into the daily life of each Scout.

Max Field, S.M.

# AIMS OF THE PICKUPS

The Troop Seven Pickups has varied, but definite aims and accomplishments that justify the paper's existence.

The prime purpose of the PICKUPS is to acquaint all the members of the Troop with the activities and happenings. The paper also introduces new Scouts to the Troop, and preserves and fosters Troop traditions.

It provides a running record of Troop history. Every event of importance is reported in the PICKUPS, and every name in the Troop is recorded there.

Another important function is encouraging the fellows to advance and spurring them on to greater activity. The Scouts are shown the advantages of Troop activity and participation in all phases of Scouting.

Mixed with these serious aims of the PICKUPS is the aim to entertain.

During the past year the staff of the PICKUPS has tried to repeat these accomplishments and preserve these traditions. And they will continue to do so in the future.

The staff of next year will consist of: David J. Morrison as Editor-in-chief, Hans Netor as Managing Editor, Max Schneider as Typist, Robert Friedman as Publisher William Raikin as Feature Writer, Hubert and Eugene Gerstman on the Literary Staff, and Earl Meyers as Advisor.

# VALIDICTORY

Class of 1938

Carl Sherman

Michael Ellis

Earl Meyers

Edward Lewin

The time has arrived when it is necessary for us to leave the Troop. It is therefore only natural at this time that we should look back in retrospect upon the years we have spent in Scouting. In so doing, it is with a sincere feeling of regret that we say good-bye to you, our Fellow-Scouts. If we can only feel that we have added some little bit to Troop Seven, then our one hope is fulfilled .... and we shall be satisfied. But our satisfaction will not cease with our graduation from active Scouting. We shall continue to derive joy and pleasure from the Troop that we all love so dearly, even after this evening. The contacts we have made and the habits we have formed through our Scouting associations will never leave us. In years to come we shall always possess that heritage which Seven has instilled within us -- a heritage which it would be impossible for us to gain elsewhere. And so we shall continue to be Scouts of Troop Seven, spiritually if not actively, for those days which are emblazoned upon our minds can never be forgotten nor taken away from us. For all that you have given us, Troop Seven, we thank you, and may you ever continue to fashion the path of goodfellowship and manhood for many coming generations!!

#### TROOP STAFF

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Red Jacket:

Max Schneider, P.L. Gerard Schaffer, A.P.L.

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Earl Moyers, P.L. Elliott Lasser, A.P.L.

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# SCOUTMASTER SKETCHES

MAX FIELD

Max celebrated his fortieth birthday on April 13th this year. He was born and educated in Germany and in 1915 came to America. In 1916 he became A. S. M. to Dan Barmon. Max has been with the Troop in one capacity or another every since.

In 1924 he became our fourth Scoutmaster and served until 1932. He then retired to the Troop Committee over

which he presided until last June.

At that time he returned as Scoutmaster in which office he will continue for the coming year. Max is one of the most outstanding figures in the history and success of this organization. Seven is heavily in his debt.

#### HENRY DESMON

"Desy" is one swell guy. An outstanding Scout, Desy will always be remembered as the rock bottom swimmer who beat the odds with a never-say-die spirit which finally enabled him to pass his First Class swim test.

Desy went to U. of B. but he remained active with the Troop during college. As a Scout he was a great meet man,

an outstanding Patrol Leader and a fine Camp Leader.

His big forte in the Troop today is Craftwork. He's done a great job as you can see from all those horn necker-chief slides. On the side he's a chemist, a husband and the proud father of a very charming young lady (age? about one year.)

#### ARNOLD JACOBOWITZ

On the date of May 25, 1910 Jake was born. This year will complete seventeen years of Scouting for him. A Nichols School lad, who finished his course at Princeton. In Scouting, he was a whiz, receiving his Eagle in 1925. He performed in four meet events: equipment, Morse signaling (with Melly Brizdle), and firelighting.

He was the "officer of the day" when Scouthaven

received its first Grade A rating in 1925.

After leaving Princeton, Jake went to Europe with money he had borrowed. It took a year and a half of hard work to repay it. He organized a Scout Troop at Princeton which still exists.

His merit badge is Civics in which he could make Einstein squirm. Too bad we're not all Jacobowitzes.

#### MELBURN L. BRIZDLE

November 18, 1909 will always go down in Troop his-

tory as the day when a real Scout was born.

Melly is as academic as he is attractive, First School 30, then Lafayette, University of Michigan, and then Wharton School for an M.A. Degree in Insurance. But

now let us turn to his Scouting record.

In 1923 Melly was a green rookie like the rest of them. It seems like a Frank Merriwell story but in August, 1925 he was up there receiving his Eagle Badge. In bugling he could come in second to a powerful Bert Harris. "Many Tongues" Brizdle paired up with Harold Simon in the signaling events and kept the points coming in. In 1929 he left for Michigan where he gained the archery title and started a paper of which he became business manager.

From funds raised by managing Camp Caravan Day Camp he had enough bullion to go to Europe where he became a man of culture. When he returned he became an Assistant

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Scoutmaster.

#### JAMES F. SIMON

"Jimmy" is one of the most accomplished yet one of the youngest members of the Scoutmasters' Staff. Not so many years after his birthday on April 17, 1912 he entered Nichols where tradition tells us he first acquired his knowledge of running, both on the track and running off with most of the school's honors.

Jim was a great patrol leader and an all round Scout. He and Oysters made up one of the great signalling teams in Troop history. They were soldom if ever beaten in either type of flag waving and brought many points into

Troop Seven's column.

About August 1927 Jim won his Eagle and became a learned naturalist of parts. Later he left for the University of Chicago wher he took further honors. He returned to the Troop in 1932 as an A.S.M. in which office he has since continued. He heads Troop Court of Honor, keeps the boys on their toes, has a very lovely wife, and is official "getemup" man to the birdies of Erie County and neighboring parts.

### PAUL WHITE

"Skipper" White the big (?) bond and securities man is the oldest A.S.M. in point of service. He entered the Troop in 1924 and received his Life Badge as an officer in 1927.

After matriculating at U. B. where he taught the profs their New Deal Economics, he came back to the Troop as an

A.S.M. in 1930. We've put up with him ever since.

Some of us can remember when we used to "get in his hair". Paul is the guy who is almost personally responsible for the most successful summer camp seasons at Scouthaven for the past several years. He also is chief of operations for the bangup season just ahead. He is one of the most popular leaders the Troop has ever had.

#### MAURICE OSTERMAN

First seeing the light of day on July 6, 1910, Maurice was a bouncing Hercules from birth. He attended School 56, Nichols, and later Lafayette. He did obtain four letters at Nichols and at Cap's Old Plant for his mighty feats of strength. On July 6, 1922, Oysters took his vows into Troop 7. He was the boy who wanted to be an Eagle, and had the it to get there. As a meet man, he and Jimmy Simon could beat any team in Semaphore or Morse signaling. As a patrol leader he could very well show the Scoutmasters how to run the Troop. Leaving Scouts to go into individual enterprise, he remained an active Scoutmaster under Max and "Schweitz". His record of being the first troop scribe still clings to him.

He is now a bootlegger but business is pretty dry

so he edits Movie Guide as a sideline.

#### KENNETH ZIEGLER

Kenny is no doubt, the biggest Scout that ever wore a Scout uniform in Troop 7. When only a school lad at Lafayette, he showed his ability at basketball. That is why he did such a grand job of coaching our basketball team. When at college he was also recognized for his athletic powers.

He is an Eagle Scout and is reputed to be one of the toughest examiners in the Troop. Beside participating in Court of Honor, Kenny has charge of games. His ideas provide the scouts with most of their fun, and his discipline gives them most of their pain. However, Kenny is a good sport, and all the scouts respect and like him.

#### TROOP COMMITTEE

Two years ago at a Father and Son Banquet, the chairman of the Troop Committee paid deserved tribute to the Scout-Masters Staff as "in every respect the finest group, the most competent and stimulating in leadership and the most thorough in the organization and performance of the many phases of Scout activities of all the fine fellows who have given devoted service in past years."

Since that time, the efforts of that same group of young men have borne much fruit. Troop 7 today is a much better troop than two years ago. The standard of individual performance is higher—there are fewer laggards—the average Scout in the Troop is up on his toes, full of enthusiasm, putting zest into his strivings for advancement, and with a better understanding of what it means to be a

The Troop Committee is proud of the Troop--it takes off its hat to the splendid performance of the Scout-Masters Staff--and it congratulates the fathers in the opportunity Scouting offers them to team up with their sons--to cooperate actively in furthering their sons efforts toward self-development.

One of the newer phases of Troop activity which has for one of its major purposes bringing father and son closer together in the spirit of Scouting, is the Board of Review: every boy who wishes to join the Troop, must before being admitted, present himself accompanied by at

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# OFFICER REQUIREMENTS

The unwritten standard for patrol leadership in Troop Seven has always been higher than in most other Buffalo Troops. Recently this standard was reduced to a definite, written and uniform list of minimum requirements by the present Scoutmaster Staff, and presented to the Troop at the meeting May 12, 1938.

Because of the short period of time which remains before the Scout officers are selected for next year, these requirements will not be regarded as absolute minimums until the 1939-40 season. However, the record of candidates for Troop Officer in meeting these requirements will receive serious consideration this year.

Some of the more important requirements for a Patrol Leader are that he be a Life Scout with five outdoor merit badges, spend at least two years at Scouthaven, qualify as an examiner in some test, attend two overnight hikes, maintain a perfect attendance record, be prominent in at least one Troop activity, finish among the leaders in one efficiency contest, will Good Indian at camp, and lastly obtain signature of High School and Sunday School Principals indicating good scholarship and cooperation.

The requirements for the Assistant Patrol Leader are only different in a few places. The ones that differ are that the Scout should be a star Scout, spend one year at Scouthaven, assist older Scouts in planning overnight hike and know the Handbook and be familiar with all major badge requirements.

#### RED JACKET PATROL

The Rod Jacket Patrol is pleased that it has satisfactorily helped Troop 7, and its individual members during the past year. With the exception of 3 boys, two of which are Life Scouts, the entire Patrol has advanced at least 1 rank per person since September while some boys have advanced even more. A total of 32 Merit Badges; 28 First Class Tests; and 48 Second Class Tests were passed by the Red Jackets this year; while 4 new Tenderfeet were trained. 7 Industrial and 11 Outdoor hikes were held in addition to 9 Patrol Meetings and 1 Swimming meet. The Red Jackets placed in 1 Efficiency Contest, and was the only patrol in the Troop to win 2 of the Contests. The Troop Bulletin Board and the Knot Board were made the the Patrol. As a last word our patrol hopes that its presence in the Troop has made the Troop a little better and that it has helped its members to become better men, Scouts and Citizens.

#### THE COBRA PATROL

Our Patrol is proud as we look over the happy events of this Scouting year. We ended up 2nd in the only interPatrol meet. In two of the efficiency contests we finished fourth. In the athletic meet we put up a stiff battle but could only attain 3rd place. During the course of the year we had several Industrial hikes and day hikes. At our various patrol meetings the Scouts became better acquainted and no doubt will always be friends.

#### THE ALBATROSS PATROL

Our patrol was organized at the first Scout meeting of the years 1937-38. In the first efficiency contest we ended up third, in the second contest we finished first, and in the third and fourth contests we were second. We are very proud of the above record because it proves that we were successful in Court of Honor as well as other things. Some of the places which we visited on Industrial hikes are the Fro-joy Ice Cream Plant, the Buffalo Courier Express, and the Telephone Company. We held two patrol hikes, one to Fort Eric and the other to Funchman's Creek. We were unfortunate in having our other hikes rained out. In the Inter-Patrol Meet we won first place.

All of the scouts in our patrol have become well acquainted and will, no doubt, be life-long friends. Thus we conclude a brief resume of the highlights of the

Albatross Patrol.

#### TANKAKOO

In the fall of 1937, startling history was made in our Troop with the organization of our patrol. After careful consideration, Tankakoo or Good Indian, was chosen as the name as it signifies one of the highest ideals of Scouting. During this year we have had many interesting industrial hikes and patrol meetings. In every Troop activity such as baseball, basketball, and the PICKUPS you will find members of the Tankakoo Patrol. We have come in first and third in the Troop's efficiency contests. Although having ten members of different ages and schools, we feel that our patrol has brought us together in a lasting friendship which is one of the important ideals of Troop Seven.

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#### PELICAN PATROL

The Pelican Patrol has a claim to distinction because we are the only patrol in the Troop that has a
flag at present. In the first efficiency contest we
came in second. Sandy Cohn, the assistand Patrol Leader
won the first individual efficiency contest and won the
swell knife which you see him carry around with him.
Three first class badges were earned during the year.
They are almost stars now.

We have had several industrial hikes, some of which were to the Fro-joy Ice Cream Company plant and the Bell Telephone Company. Several weeks ago we went to Fort Erie. It was a very enjoyable hike even though the be-

ginning was in the rain.

#### OSPREY PATROL

The Osprey Patrol has enjoyed a successful Scouting year. We had the honor of winning the one and only Inter-Patrol Athletic Meet with flying colors. On our industrial hikes we went to places such as Hall's Bakery, Fro-joy Ice Cream plant and others. Although we did not quite reach first in the efficiency contest, we were a close runner-up. At our most recent hike to Fort Erie our fellows showed they were real Scouts by braving wind and rain to be rewarded by sunshine during the afternoon.

Most of our Scouts have advanced a rank and the other fellows have been getting merit badges. We are sorry to end this Scouting year, but we look forward to

meeting again at Scouthaven.

#### VETERAN PATROL

For the first time in Seven's history, a patrol consisting only of older scouts was organized. This patrol was designed to provide positions in the Troop for those whose time allowed them only partial activity. It enabled them to attend regular meetings, but removed the respon-

sibility of patrol meetings, hikes, etc.

The patrol elected Carl Sherman as leader, with Ira Melzer as assistant. These positions were purely nominal however, and each Scout acted individually as a leader or assistant in some Troop activity. Eddie Lewin took charge of the Trading Post, took attendance and watched over the Troop records. Ira Melzer worked with prospective tenderfeet and got them started on the right path. Edward Corn initiated a Troop basketball for the first time in ten years. Obtaining the services of Oysters and Kenny as coaches, the toam hung up a goodly number of victories for its first year. A baseball team followed, the members of which are rapidly reaching top-notch performance. Carl Sherman was a jack-of-all-trades, pitching in wherever needed.

#### EAGLE PATROL

The highest rank in Scouting was the aim of a group from Seven's ranks during the past year, and although only one scout obtained his Eagle, marked improvement in spirit and Court of Honor standing was acquired.

With the aid of the ever ready Scoutmasters 12 boys received a great many merit badges. Now, only one or two

are lacking before their Eagle badge.

The work of this group brought new spirit in advancement, and thus a new understanding and love of Scouting was developed in the minds of many of the older Scouts.

Richard Adler In baseball he pitches like a pillar But with the girls he's a killer.

Irving Block A baseball he knows how to sock,
This strapping fellow Irving Block.

Bruce Blumonthal As a statue he'd be a riot, For he's tall and thin and quiet.

Loonard Blumenthal In advancement he sets the pace, And will probably win the race.

Philip Blumenthal This guy's the little squirt Who in equipment has trouble with his shirt.

Sandor Cohen His friends all call him Sandy, And at Flint and Steel he's handy.

Edward Corn He led baseball out at camp, For in that sport he's a champ.

Richard Daniels There is a young man named Daniels Who complains about losing Scout manuals.

Horschel Davis Like all other Scouts of that name
Ho is rising rapidly to Troop 7 fame.

Richard Davis Ho's quite a quick tempored fellow, For his hair is red, not yellow.

Theodore Davis He's able, willing and ready To fight when he's not called Teddy.

Michael Ellis although very few people know it, He's been elected Bennett's class poet. Robert Ellis Next comes Mike's brother Bob Who travels with the Bennett mob. Robert Elpert Although in size he's but a sprite, He can hold his own in any fight. Robert Frank Though in rank he's not an advancer He's rated as a first class dancer. Robert Freedman He's brand new in the Troop. But he's in the 2nd class group. Robert Friedman Signaling is his game, In it he's made himself a name. Eugene Gerstman With his big brother he competes, To sit in teacher's first row soats. Hubert Gerstman He has a gab that will mow you down And he has a mouth like Joe E. Brown. Jerry Goldstein This Boy Scout is a tough little fellow He says it's because he cats Jello. Lewis Goodman Though he weighs about a ton, He's a good looking son of a gun. This cute little fellow is always Donald Greenberg in outs, From fooling around with the Scouts.

Richard Handel He cut off all his curls, 'Cause brush cuts appeal to the girls.

Edward Hofeller We all let out a shout When he became a First Class Scout.

James Jacobs Jimmie's name is "rubber-belly"

Is ho fat, Y E S, volly-volly.

Calvin Katz He's one of the fastest among the

little pots.

In the very difficult art of tying

knots.

Donald Katz He pitches ball like some champs,

And also collects some pretty good

stamps.

Elliott Lasser This is the chap that goes by the

name of "Ace"

He's good in every knot and equip-

ment race.

Edward Lowin A handsome, charming fellow is Ed, And a pretty girl he's sure to wed.

William Loeser This is the fellow who Morse signaling

received,

His team always loses, yet he never

gets peeved.

Richard Lowenthal Even though he eats and eats until he

groans.

He still consists of mostly skin and

bonos.

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Edward Melzor

Though you can hold him in your hand, As a second baseman he is grand.

Ira Melzer

Ike Melzer, the dues collector, Of the scruoball he's the perfector.

Robert Melzer

Bony is the other little Melzer, He too, at baseball does excel, sir.

Earl Moyers

If he lets us print this trash, Then at knots he is a flash.

David J. Morrison

Jim can lick anyone in fighting And also is very good at writing.

Julian Morrison

On his shoulder there are always chips But when it comes to fight, away he skips.

skips

Richard Neafach

For a certain girl he's been making a play.

But Lasser beats him to it every day.

Richard Morrison

He takes right after brother Jim, Full of vigor, full of vim.

Hans Notor

Though this lad hails from across the

soa,

He's one of the nicest kids in Troop

history.

Robert Perlstein

In bugling against Troop 65, Some of his notes were more dead than alive.

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William Raikin He threw some passes on Bennott's

Suicide Squad,

Though he can't even throw a paper

wad .

Robert Reisman In rank he has the title of Star,

But from being a life Scout he is not

far,

They call him Burton and kid him along Alan Robins Ho's a swell fellow, robust and strong.

James Rosenberg a momber of Red Jacket's Patrol,

To be a good signaler is his goal.

Loe Sakett If he doesn't come to more moctings

Thursday night,

He's liable to go out of the Troop

like a light.

Gorard Schaffer In football he'd like nothing better

Than to get a major letter.

Robert Schiffer Of the great tribe of Schaffer this is

a son

Who has our efficiency contest won.

This boy intends to make his way, Mark Schlickerman

By becoming an orator some day.

For rank advancement he has set the Max Schneider

pace,

Yet, like a child, all fires he must

chase.

Jerry Schweitzer Here's a guy that can really tie knots,

He'll soon be beating Meyers by lots.

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Blacher Seymore This kid's a nice little guy, Who advances in rank as easy as pie.

Carl Sherman In debates from the rooftop he shouts

In the Troop he's a champion Scout.

Ira Siegel As a mouthorgan player he is regal

But he'll never get his Eagle.

Howard Simon He is the running star Who beats the others by a yard.

Loren Singer He's always wrestling and is a clown But Perlstein always mows him down.

Irwin Stovroff Basketball is his game of games, But I can't think of all his dames.

Morton Stovroff This boy from Troop Seven hails
He smokes a pipe and chews his nails.

Richard Wolkind His climb to the top has been true,
He's attained advancement quickly too.

Herschel Yasinow For years his progress was that of a snail,
But now it seems Schneider is on his tail.

The following young but promising Scouts are not included in the previous data because of their short time in Troop 7.

1 Albert Goff 3 Sanford Cohen 2 Alfred Cohen Jr. 4 Mickey Morris

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# TROOP 7 HISTORY

March 2, 1912.... Temple Beth Zion... Milton C. Guggenheimer called some thirty boys to attention, and Troop 7, Buffalo Council, Boy Scouts of America was on its way.

Meetings were first held in the new Temple in 1915, the year in which Daniel Barmon became the second Scoutmaster of the Troop, with Maurice Tabor, Randolph Seidenberg and Mike Ellis Sr. as assistants.

During the following year Max Field became an A S M, and in 1919 Mr. Barmon resigned and "Sy" Seidenberg became the Troops third Scoutmaster.

During this period in the Troop's history Scout meets, athletic meets and Scouthaven were the chief activities of the Scouts, and the beautiful loving cups which now adorn the Troop room were some of the rewards bestowed upon 7 at this time. In a 3 year period under "Sy" the Troop earned the overwhelming number of 1,030 merit badges...believe it or not. Mr. Ripley!

In 1924 Max Field took over the reins as Scoutmaster, and friend "Sy" became chairman of the Troop Committee. It was under Max's leadership that the splendid crop of Scouts now recognized by the Troop as the best looking bunch of ASM's in the city...if not the county...all became Eagles, and really started to win meets. Henry Desmon also passed swimming somewhere along here, which is another noteworthy chapter in 7's history.

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# TROOP 7 HISTORY (con'd)

Harold "Doc" Schweitzer took over Max's shoes and filled them as only he could in 1932, when Max graduated to the Troop Committee. "Schweitz" developed Assistant Scoutmasters from the boys Max had made into Eagle Scouts. Patrol Leader's training courses, and the present Camp K set-up were also developed in this period in our history.

On June 3, 1937, was held the 25th Anniversary Banquet of the Troop, which was attended by local dignitaries and practically all former members of the Troop residing in Buffalo. Messages were received from the alumni who were unable to attend, and wires were prepaid by national council Scout executives.

Upon Harold's resignation at the end of 1937, Max Field again took over the Scoutmaster's task, becoming the first man to hold this office twice.

# TROOP MEETS

Besides various inter-patrol meets and compatition against Scoutmasters, the Troop participated in two intertroop meets 7 had 95 points against 47 for the opposition which included 3 Troops; 106, 65, and 35. That is really amazing when you consider that 7 outdoubled the score of all her opponents together. In order to ascertain as to what scouts did most, the following grading should help you. All events are considered individual. (If a team of two won a signaling event, even though 5 points were given for the event in the meet, each participant will be given credit for 5--First Aid is not being considered.)

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# Composite Score of 7's Scoring in 2 Inter-Troop Meets:

Person						Events Scored in Meets	Points
Meyers.	0	•	•	•		.2 firsts in signaling and 2 firsts in knots.	20
Cohen .	•	•	•	•	•	.2 firsts in flint and steel, third in semaphore, and 3rd	
O a laura d de m						in Buffalo knots.	12
Schweitz	er		•	•	0	.l first in Buffalo knots, l first in equipment, and 2nd	
						in knots.	12
Friedman						.2 firsts in signaling	10
Adler .						.1 first in semaphore and 2nd	
						in equipment.	8
Yasinow						.l first in friction.	8 5 5
						.l first in semaphore.	5
						.1 first in equipment.	5
Sherman						.Second in friction and 3rd	
	050	100	2.15	20	10.77	in semaphore.	4
Schaffer						.Third in friction and 2nd	
SWIDE OF STREET	10.7	2000	×e	-	120	in friction.	4
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Unless otherwise stated all signalings are Morse and all knots Rochester. Signaling teams were: Meyers-Friedman, Loeser-Blumenthal, Cohen-Sherman, Adler-Schnoider, and E. Gerstman-Netor. The semaphore teams only competed in one meet.

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# CAMP OF 37 OR SCOUTHAVEN

There were many fellows from 7 who went to Scouthaven last summer. Since the camp was run by our own counselors the Scouts enjoyed it all the more. The following notations were in a diary found at the bottom of Crystal Lake.

Jerry Block shaved himself -- Lewis "Cecil B. De Mille" Gilden widely advertised by skits the Gilden Radio Services Inc .-- Mort Stovroff and Bob Reisman were victims of a mercurochrome siege -- Kenny Ziegler taught the Scouts the finor points of singing -- Mickey Ellis' feet stuck out of his bed so much that they broke the tentpole -- Eddie Corn had his cake stolen by honorable men -- Sandy Cohen made himself a successor to Cicere by his soapbox speeches arguing for Eddie -- Marcy Morrison was elevated to right field of the second team -- Hubert Gerstman forget to say "Everybody, up, up, up"--Mort Stovroff received his "prehistoric" Ford--The camp was aware of Ike Melzer's romance with Ralpha Becker -- Irv Stovroff's feet became cold and he took it out on his tent stooges -- Phil Blumonthal wore the hottest pajamas -- Ira Siegal learned how to row a boat -- Gerard Schaffer got 4 hits in one intra-village game -- He didn't see the ball after that -- Bob Friedman was still telling everyone about the confirmation dance with Jackie Becker -- Irv Stovroff after hitting Sonny Adler on the head with a baseball bat proceeded to break Paul White's glasses in a handball game -- The trading post reached a new high in embozzlement -- Ira Siegol obtained fame by completing a hike -- Herschel Yasinow passed Painting -- Sonny Adler pitched a one-hitter against 65 -- The score was 21-0 -- Phil Blumenthal imitated a frog in his sleep -- The trading post still couldn't get rid of candy which tasted like laxatives -- Lewis Goodman claimed he outwrestled Mort Stovroff -- Long Trail Zieglor

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# TROOP YEAR

The following important events happened during the

past Troop year in order of occurrance:

Schneider and Adler were top scorers in athletic meet -- Yasinow and Raikin terrorized everyone because they were on the Bennett "suicide" Squad -- Sandy Cohen showed ability in counting as he won first efficiency contest --Tonkakoo was best patrol -- 7 stole the show at annual all-Jewish Scout night at Temple Emanu-El -- Desy rejoined the Troop as an assistant Scoutmaster -- Rifle Club was formed under careful supervision of Lewis Cooperman -- Steve O'Neil, recently appointed manager of the Buffalo Baseball Club, was guest speaker at Parent's Night -- Red Davis was winner of second efficiency contest which the Albatross patrol won--7 swamped 106, 48 to 24 in inter-troop meet -- There were two meetings devoted to boxing -- More boxers were lying vertical than horizontal at the end--Sandy Cohen walked around with his chest sticking out after winning public school class "B" championship for #56 -- The Red Jackets won the third efficiency with Bob Schaffer individual winner -- 7 took it on the chim at the hands of 106 in a basketball game at our own court 26 to 18 -- Scoutmasters took pants off Troop in dual meet -- the Troop then proceeded to decisively trounce Troops 65 and 35 in a triangular meet at 65's meeting place -- PICKUPS won highest honor at 7th annual Inkslinger's Pow Wow of the Buffalo Boy Scout Press Club--Greatest event of year happens tonight at 26th anniversary of Troop 7.

# CAMP (Con'd)

and Dick Cohen hit too many homers-No casualities were reported after a spy game--Sonny Adler was a main factor in defeating 57--Even "Bugler-center fielder" Perlstein went on strike after some of his colleagues were refused the Good Indian--everybody went home safely.

# AWARDS BY SCOUTMASTERS AND PATROL LEADERS

In 1935 the awards for the best Scout of the year and for the best Patrol Leader originated in Seven. These awards are made each year at the Banquet and every Scout and Scouter is looking forward to the announcement this year.

In the short time, these awards have attained a high significance. These awards serve as goals which we all strive for. They represent distinguished service, to the Scouts who win them.

When the patrol leaders go into a huddle to select the best Scout of the year, they think of the qualities a Scout has to have to win the award. Good character, advancement in rank, cooperation with other fellows, helping the Troop and his patrol, these are some of the qualities the best Scout of the year should possess.

The Scoutmasters, when considering the Patrol Leader, think of the Patrol leader's ability to lead the patrol, have the patrol cooperate with him, get along with his fellows, advance himself and the patrol in rank, get his patrol to win a contest, and to act as advisor to all his Scouts.

Names of the winners of the awards will be painted on the plaques in the Troop Room. To those who have their names on the plaque, the award means recognition of distinguished service. But to older ones it does not only mean that. The awards are the means by which character, sportsmanship, and Scouting are helped along in a competitive way.

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# EFFICIENCY CONTEST

The individual and Patrol efficiency contest was one of the factors, we believe, which helped to maintain the spirit of Troop 7 this year. The Troop is to be congratulated for the splendid manner in which it incorporated this activity into the entire year's program.

It would be difficult to evaluate a good patrol or a good Scout on the basis of the point competition alone. Yet because of the comprehensive nature of our point system the records do give us a fairly good picture of those patrols and Scouts who did a good job this year.

This year's contest had many interesting sidelights. First, it should be noted that our new tenderfeet Scouts were the big individual point winners. To them, congratulations on a fine job.

We had four eight-week contests this year. One patrol won two of them, the Red Jacket, under Mac Schneider. Meyers, the P.L. of the Albatross, and Stovroff of the Tonkakoo were each successful in one contest.

In addition, the spread of points between the winning and losing patrols was not great. These factors definitely indicate how well-balanced our patrols were this year.

Because the Scoutmasters Staff believe the contest serves a real purpose in the Troop program, they are on record in favor of continuing this activity for the coming year.

# PATROL LEADERS' TRAINING COURSE

To help brother Scouts! To help our Troop! To help ourselves! Those were the aims of the patrol leaders who joined the training course as a single unit every Thursday evening in an effort to better their knowledge and ability in that important phase of Scouting--"Leadership."

The Patrol Leaders' Training Course, headed by Scoutmaster Max Field, met in the Temple Centre fifteen minutes
before each Troop meeting began. Ideas on all phases of
Patrol Leadership were discussed and ways of bettering the
Troop through more direct handling and proper management of
the boys through the Patrols were planned. Through the instructive talks given by our Scoutmaster, the Patrol Leaders received strong, basic principles on which to set the
foundations of their patrols.

The Patrol Leaders feel that they themselves, in addition to their patrols, have gained priceless knowledge and experience through the Patrol Leaders' Training Course.

#### TENDERFOOT CLUB

Into our Troop this year have come a number of new Scouts who have already shown skill in some of the many phases of Scouting. As a boost for the new men, there has been organized a so-called Tenderfoot Club, whose members consist of the younger Scouts of Troop 7.

This club, under the direct leadership of the Scoutmaster Staff, is completely separate in its work from the regular patrols. The boys have divided into two groups, chosen patrol leaders, and have run a well planned program of camp craft and nature study. The boys enjoyed hikes to Orchard Park and group get-togethers, at

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# WHAT IS A PATROL LEADER?

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The Patrol Leader is a Scout, usually of Life or Eagle rank, chosen to lead a group of boys. He receives this honor because of his leadership and ability.

He takes the responsibility of soeing that his fellows advance in Court of Honor and become real Scouts. He must maintain Patrol as well as Troop spirit in his Patrol. He works under the Scoutmasters. To better acquaint leaders with the method of maintaining a live wire patrol, "The Patrol Leaders' Manual" is published by the National Council. The patrol leader must work with the Scouts and try to provide them with some project to keep them interested.

A Patroi leader must have a character which the Scouts can look up to and admire, but at the same time he must be one of the group.

Patrol leadership is conferred only on those worthy of the opportunity to display their ability. The experience gained by a Patrol leader is very helpful in later life when he meets business competition and needs to get along with people.

# TENDERFOOT CLUB (Con'd.)

which time, under experienced leadership, facts were learned which helped them with their Court of Honor work and also in everyday life.

To these boys who will soon be the backbone of our Troop and of Scouting in general, we are happy to extend a helping hand in the formation of their lives.

# WHAT IS AN EAGLE SCOUT?

The question of what is an Eagle Scout is very important and is full of meaning to everyone interested in Scouting.

The Eagle Badge is the highest award in Scouting. It is the hope of the newest tenderfoot and the dream of every boy not yet enrolled. To attain this rank one must have qualified for twenty-one merit badges, of which thirteen are "required" while eight may be of the Scout's choosing. It is not only the tests that make an Eagle, but it is also his character. He is regarded highly by all because he is a good follower and a capable leader. If he is a true Eagle Scout, he is a man, a man who will always possess the high ideals of citizenship and honesty which the Boy Scout movement teaches. A true Eagle Scout realizes his responsibilities, and if he fails in any of his undertakings he has the courage to face the music and take his medicine.

Every tenderfoot, second class and first class Scout may become an Eagle if he has the ambition to stick to Scouting and be a true Scout by living the Scout Oath and the Scout Law.

#### OVERNIGHT CAMPING

As usual, the Troop's Toad Hollow activities were pretty much dependent on the weather. Following traditional courses, weekends when cabin reservations were made meant either rainy or snowy weather and Troop 7 Scouts are notorious for their aversion to such climatic conditions.

This year a new crop of sturdier campers arose; at least five weekends were spent at Toad Hollow, weather or no weather, and at least two thirds of the Troop spent at least one night on the comfortable straw ticks provided for them.

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#### BASKETBALL

Due to a late start and much inexperience, the Troop 7 basketball team finished below the .500 mark. It wasn't until the end of January that the team practised regularly twice a week. The team lost several times to the Temple Beth Zion team, once to Grover Cleveland High School; once to Queeno; to Lafayette High School regulars twice. The Troop also lost once to Troop 106 before its final game against the same team. The team had three wins over the Karnus, two over a team from Kensington High School, one over the Stinkweeds, and several times over the Beth-El intermediates.

In its final game against 106, the boys from 7 lost 26-18. It was close all the way, even when there were only ninety seconds left to play. At that time the score was 19-18 but the boys from 106 scored seven points in double march time.

If it had not been for the expert coaching of Kenny Zeigler and Junior Osterman, it would have been much worse. Elliott Lasser was considered by the team as the most valuable player. Most of the boys will be back next year and our coaches, Kenny and Oysters, think we have good possibilities of winning most of our games next year.

# OVERNIGHT CAMPING (Con'd)

This trend toward winter camping was particularly

noticeable among our new tenderfeet.

The Easter vacation hike (pardon, the Pesach hike) was the longest (3 days) and the largest (20 men) of the year. It was the first "matzoh" hike on record and will go down in history as a successful experiment. It might be well to mention that Richard Lowenthal and Hans Neter attended every hike, and what's more, attempted to act as cooks. (Do we hear any comments about that rice pudding?)

# CRAFT WORK OF 1938 IN TROOP SEVEN

Early in February, craft work burst out in the Troop with a roar of enthusiasm. Neckerchief slides made from cow-horns was the introductory project. Then the highly attractive ash-trays, also made from cow-horns, began to find their way into the homes of some of our talented Scouts.

A craft club was organized shortly after, and Morton Stovroff was elected president. Totem poles and leather cases were its first two projects. This club is to be

the backbone of our Troop craft work.

Numerous handicaps which caused some of our more fickle Scouts to lose interest early in the work were overcome after several weeks of promoting. The first need, a "Craft Room" or workshop was quickly supplied through the generosity of Mr. S. H. Rosenberg. The unused Fraternity Room was granted to us for the exclusive use of craft work. The next needs were tools and equipment. Thus far, we have managed on a self-paying basis, that is, the scouts pay a bit more than the actual cost of the materials and this profit purchased all of our equipment except that which was so kindly loaned and donated to us.

At this time we want to express our appreciation to Mr. Rosenberg, Dr. J. Schweitzer, Mr. Charles Schweitzer, Mr. I. Neafach, Lawrence "Babe" Gunzberg, Lou Cooperman, "Cap" Alex Jokl, Dan Barmon and Mr. Knudsen for their kindly loans and gifts of their time, effort and equipment. The Troop is grateful.

After about ten weeks, a contest was held to determine who had produced the best Slide on the basis of neatness, detail, originality and beauty. The winners were Carl Sherman, Sandy Cohen and Irwin Stovroff.

BASEBALL: 1938

This year Troop 7 organized a baseball team and after several practice sessions played a schedule of games. In the group of teams that the Troop has met, Class C and D Muny leagues and various high school teams are included. Because the opposition has been better than the grade of ball expected from an ordinary Scout team, the winning percentage has not been very high. However, 7 should successfully defend the Scouthaven Championship which they won last year. Here's how the

team shapes up.

The pitching staff has been rather weak, although Ira Melzer. Donald Katz, and Earl Meyers and Dick Adler have at various times shown promise. But a blow-up usually occurs about the fourth inning or so. In the catching end the Gorstmans, backed by Carl Sherman are doing a fair job. At first base are Earl Meyers and Gerard Schaffer. At second Eddie Melzer has little or no trouble. Eddie Corn is likewise doing a good job at short. Third base, for time, was quite a problem, but Dick Adler commenced to play in major league fashion and now holds the position. The first string outfield consists of H. Gerstman. D. Katz. "Gus" Singer and Irwin Stovroff. The fellows hold a defensive edge over M. Ellis, R. Handel, I. Block, W. Loeser, and Dick Neafach. They are all sluggers, but most develop in fielding the ball. Goldstein, and infielder, Dick and "Bony" Molzer round out the team. Hans Netor as Business Manager is doing an excellent job.

The team spirit is excellent. This is the only activity in the Troop not run by a Scoutmaster. Though Eddic Corn is manager, with Dick Adler and Ira Melzer as advisors, the team would be impossible without the full cooperation that is being received. It looks as though Seven is off to a successful season and a team the Troop

can well be proud of.

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# AWARDS (con'd)

We congratulate those who win tonight, knowing that they mot the requirements and that they deserve the award.

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# TROOP COMMITTEE (Con'd)

least one parent, before a group of members of the Troop Committee and Scout-Masters Staff acting as a Board of Review. Later, as the boy completes each step in the advancement program, he again appears before the Board of Review.

At these sessions, the boy is questioned as to the thoroughness of his prepation, the degree to which he has endeavored to apply Scouting ideals in home and school, his efforts to put the high standards of the Scout Oath and Laws into his daily existence and he is encouraged to give thought to the deeper significance of Scouting values in charting his course toward manhood.

It is at least our hope that the fathers who sit in at these sessions will realize the character building forces at work in Scouting and that they will be stirred to interest themselves more closely in their son's interests and activities.

# COURT OF HONOR 1937-1938

One of the most successful phases of Troop 7's active program this year has been the advancement from the rank of tenderfoot to Eagle through the stages of 2nd class, 1st class, Star and Life. Especially in the last three or four months of the year, the record has indicated remarkable progress.

Of 69 Scouts who were active in the Troop this year, 18 were admitted as Tenderfeet, four will receive discharge certificates tonight, and two dropped out. The advancement record shows that 152 individual second class tests were passed and 12 second class badges awarded; 116 first class tests passed and 16 badges awarded; 93 merit badges, eight Star badges and 1 Life badge were presented. Although no Eagle badges were awarded, one Scout, Carl Sherman, has completed all badge requirements for Eagle and has only to appear before the Troop and Council Boards of review for the character requirements.

The instruction and examination of Scouts was earried on almost entirely by the Troop Staff, including Troop committeemen, Scoutmasters and qualified older Scouts. A high standard was set for all tests. Adherence to the principles of the Scout Oath and Law was measured by the Board of Review, which met each month to examine Scouts who advanced in rank.

Scouts were spurred to seek advancement by the efficiency contests which provided generous point credit for passing tests. They were also stimulated to increased efforts by a vivid chart which highlighted this year's progress. Patrol leaders deserve a large share of credit for the friendly guidance, instruction and urging which they offered to the Scouts in their Patrols.

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