

Boy Scouts Receive Many Awards During District Honor Court

Various Scouting awards, topped by the Eagle badge, were presented to 82 boys at a court of honor for the Big Pines Boy Scout district last night, with more than 300 people in attendance.

The honor court, which coincided with Boy Scout week, marking the 45th anniversary of Scouting in the United States, was held in the Medford Junior High school. N. H. (Duke) Gladfelter was commissioner of the court.

Mayor Earl Miller spoke briefly at the opening of the ceremony, detailing the worth of the Scouting movement to each community in which it operates. He is a former scout leader.

Eagle Rank
Ferris Simpson received the Eagle rank from J. A. McDougall, commissioner of the council. Life rank awards were presented by John Patton to Ronnie Miller, Dale Foresee and Dewey Gail, all of Troop 2. Chuck Finch, Post 8, received Explorer skill ratings from Harry Barnburg. Star rank awards were presented by John Eddy to Reggie Breeze and Raymond Kono-pasek, Troop 13; Hank Harbert and Bob Swan, Troop 3; Curtis Cook, Lanny Bostwick and El-gan Cook, Troop 16, and Frank Balch, Troop 43, Gold Hill.

First class badges were presented by Gene Kooser to 11 scouts, Donald Wilson, Troop 7; Michael Kaiser, Gary Kaiser, Dean Tibbitts and Jim Bunker, Troop 48; Richard K. Staff and Larry McDowell, Troop 6; Richard Andre, Troop 13, and Jim Lacy and Douglas Kleiver, Troop 3.

Second Class
Fourteen boys received second class rank from R. D. Church. They were Raymond Thompson and Everett Overhold, Troop 15; Dig Ragsdale, Troop 13; Russell Walker, Wade Starks, Joe Stallings, James Shope, Leonard Lemings and Raymond Smith, Troop 6; Eddie Graham, Troop 35; Fred Drysdale and Billy Hedrick, Troop 9; Joe Andrews, Troop 48, and Richard M. Dopkins, Troop 7.

Forty-five boys received a total of 84 merit badges from Sheril Doty, and special awards were presented to five units, Troop 2 and 9; Posts 3 and 8, and Air Squadron 14, for having a 40 per cent or greater membership with first class ribbons.

Ray Johnson announced the winners in the Boy Scout week window display contest. The grand champion award was won by Cub Pack 6, sponsored by the Washington school Parent-Teacher association. Their award was in the Feldman and Olson window, and showed the 12 themes used in their pack program last year, one for each month, plus the various crafts on which the boys had worked during the year.

Other Awards
Other top awards were, for Packs, first, Pack 8, Jackson school PTA, in Newberry's window, and second, Pack 2, Lincoln school PTA, in Mann's window; for Troops, first Troop 13, Presbyterian church, in California Pacific Utilities company window, and second, Troop 3, Medford Lion's club, in Burel-son's window; for Posts, first, Troop 16, Knights of Pythias, in Cronin Insurance company window, prepared by Explorer Crew 16; and second, Squadron 14, American Legion, Weeks and Orr window.

Hugh Rader, deputy regional scout executive, will arrive in Medford today to attend a council charter review meeting this evening, to be held in connection with an executive board meeting of the Crater Lake Area council of the Boy Scouts. It will be at the Medford hotel at 6:30 p.m.

2 Accidents Listed In City; None Hurt

Two automobile accidents were reported to city police yesterday in Medford. Neither of the mishaps involved personal injuries.

The first occurred at about 9 a.m. when a panel truck operated by Floren Kenneth Waters, 1003 West 10th st., was involved in a collision with a pickup truck driven by Lillie Effie Rose, route 3, box 148, Medford. The accident happened at the intersection of 12th st. and Riverside ave. Waters was cited for failure to stop at a red light, police said.

Cars driven by Carl Alfred Fodge, 335 Edwards st., and Delbert Marshall Boyd, 1554 Bidle rd., were involved in the second accident, which occurred at the intersection of Riverside ave. and Sixth st. at about 8:55 p.m. Investigating officers said Boyd was cited for failure to make a proper hand signal.

THE RIGHT PLACE

St. Paul — (U.P.) — An assistant sergeant-at-arms in Minnesota's house of representatives is John Law.

Fugitive, Young Girl Hostage Killed in Flaming Auto Crash

Jersey City, N.J. — (U.P.) — A fugitive and his terrified teenage girl hostage burned to death today when their car crashed in flames during a wild ride to escape police.

The escape car smashed into a police cruiser after a 60-mile-an-hour sprint across 30 miles of crowded New Jersey highways.

The victims were identified as Leonard Pasco, 27, of Bound Brook, N. J., and his hostage, Constance Cobb, 17, of Milltown, N.J.

New Jersey state troopers said Pasco was approached by Patrolman Hylan Petry in Milltown Wednesday night on suspicion because Pasco's trousers were wet to the knee.

Pasco wrestled with Petry, whipped out a gun, took Petry's pistol, and fled on foot.

About an hour later Pasco came upon four youths parked in a car at a lovers lane in New Brunswick township. He ordered the youths out of the car and then told Constance to drive him away.

"Do what I tell you or I'll

kill you," he told Constance according to the youths with her.

Police said the car was later seen speeding along a highway in Elizabeth with Constance driving and Pasco sitting behind her with a gun at her head.

Warnings were sent out and a roadblock set up in Jersey City. The car driven by Constance smashed into a cruiser

forming the roadblock. It rolled over and burst into flames with both occupants trapped inside.

GOOD AS NEW

Kannapolis, N.C. — (U.P.) — A wedding ring that Mrs. Banks Auten lost 27 years ago was found recently "as good as new" in the sand near an outdoor well by a neighbor.

DOG'S LIFE

Holdrege, Neb. — (U.P.) — A middle-aged woman, her daughter, her grand-daughter and the family dog were out for an airing. The grandmother carried the baby, the daughter pushed the baby buggy and the dog, propped up comfortably on pillows, rode.

Tickets Available For Kiwanis Show; Kapers Dated Soon

Tickets for the seventh annual Kiwanis Kapers are now on sale, committeemen in charge of the musical production have reported.

The tickets may be obtained from any Medford Kiwanis club member and are available at many downtown stores where signs are posted.

"Tel-A-Version," the 1955 Kapers show will be presented Feb. 23, 24, 25, and 26 at the senior high school auditorium. Rehearsals have been underway for more than a week.

Advance Director Don Hansen of Lassen productions outlined the show to Kiwanians yesterday at their luncheon meeting at Rogue Valley Country club. He said that the Kapers this year are "our" versions of different types of television programs today.

There are take-offs on the ballet, "Space Patrol," western TV movies, "Dragnet" and the "Hit Parade" among the various scenes. Six scenes plus a prologue make up the first act and the second act is a telecast review presented in the Fred Waring manner. The last act will be presented with a singing chorus made up of Kiwanians and their wives.

Hansen described the show as "different" from past productions. The cast calls for 130 characters.

Ray Lewis is pianist for the production.

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