

Area Scouts Prepare for World Jamboree

(Editor's note: The following article was prepared by Tom Ness Jr., one of three Boy Scouts from the Crater Lake Council who will attend the 11th World Jamboree in Marathon, Greece, Young Ness plans to correspond with the Mail Tribune periodically during the European trip, which also will include visits to Lausanne, Venice, Rome, Athens, Lucerne and London.)

By TOM NESS JR.

Over 12,000 Scouts and leaders from 76 free nations of the world will gather on the historic plain of Marathon, Greece, for the 11th World Jamboree, Aug. 1-11—the free world's largest non-political youth event.

Tom Ness Jr., Terry Hinesley, and Bill Barnett, representing the Crater Lake Council, have been selected and approved by the national office of the Boy Scouts of America as delegates to the 11th World Jamboree.

The Scouts were approved on the basis of character, experience, and leadership abilities. Qualifications and requirements included: exemplifying the Scout oath and law, being qualified for Star Scout rank or higher, being physically qualified for strenuous activity, and having earned the camping, cooking, and personal fitness merit badges.

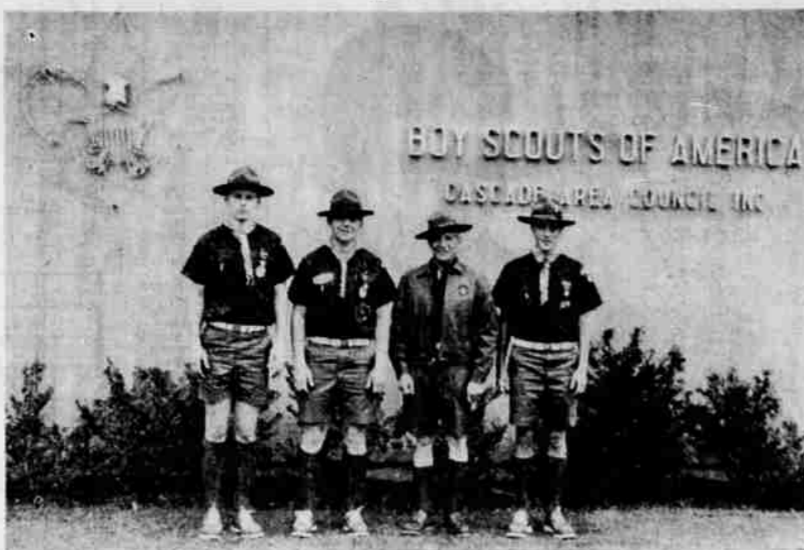
Bill and Terry are Eagle Scouts, and Tom plans to receive his Eagle Scout rank at Fort Slocum, the pre-jamboree training site, before his departure for Europe.

God And Country Award
All three have earned the God and Country award for achieving outstanding religious service in their local church.

The three delegates also belong to the Mazama Lodge of Order of the Arrow, selective organization of Scout campers. All three delegates also attended the National Jamboree at Colorado Springs, Colo., in 1960.

Terry is a Junior Assistant Scoutmaster of Troop 13, and Tom is the president of Explorer Post 103. Both have received scholarship aid to help finance their trip: Tom, from Elk Lumber company and the Rotary club of Medford; and Terry, from Timber Products company, Harry and David Bear Creek Orchard, the Rotary club of Medford, Medford Jaycees, Medford Auto Dealers' Association, and the Presbyterian Mens' club of the First Presbyterian church of Medford.

In keeping with Scouting



DELEGATES TO JAMBOREE—Delegates who will represent the Crater Lake Council, Boy Scouts of America, at the 11th World Jamboree at Marathon, Greece, Aug. 1-11, are shown here. From left, they are Terry Hinesley, Medford, Bill Barnett, Mt. Shasta,

self-reliance, a sizeable portion of the Jamboree cost and travel expense has been earned by the Scouts themselves.

Tours Are Scheduled

Pre and post Jamboree tours will be under the direction of the American Express company. In addition to sightseeing, the travel program will include visits with Scouts in most of the countries on the itinerary. The tour will include London, England, Geneva, Lucerne, Zurich, and Lausanne in Switzerland; Venice and Rome in Italy; and Athens, Corinth, Mycenae, Epidaurus, and Nauplia, in Greece.

The American contingent consists of 629 Scouts and leaders organized into 16 troops. Each troop consists of four patrols of eight boys each, a Scoutmaster, two Assistant Scoutmasters, and one senior patrol leader, a total of 36 members.

A 17th American Troop from the Transatlantic Council, Boy Scouts of America, which makes Scouting possible for American military and other families stationed in the European and Mediterranean area, joins the contingent at Marathon.

Selective Leadership

Leadership for the American contingent has been carefully selected. Contingent leaders include camp chief, Joseph A. Brunton Jr., chief Scout executive, Boy Scouts of America; jamboree co-ordi-

Calif.; Hugh Rader, Portland, the Scoutmaster of Jamboree Troop 12; and Tom Ness Jr., Medford. The picture was taken at a recent get-acquainted meeting with other Jamboree delegates in Salem.

nator, Gerald A. Speedy, director of program division, BSA; contingent director, James H. Gelwicks, co-ordinator of national events, BSA; and international co-ordinator, Jean R. Bader, director international relationships service, BSA.

Members of the contingent will first get together at a pre-jamboree training encampment July 19-22 at Fort Slocum, N. Y. They meet for the first time, practice setting up troop sites and Scoutercraft they will demonstrate at the Jamboree. They are oriented about what is ahead, what is expected of them, and how to make friends. A New York City tour will be included as part of the training camp program.

Each World Jamboree, which occurs every four years, is planned and carried out for the World Bureau by the Scout association of the host country, in this case the Boy Scout Association of Greece.

Preparing Jamboree Site

For months, the Greek government and Greek armed services have been assisting in preparing the site, arranging for supplies, water, sanitation, the 100-bed hospital and the many logistical requirements for a "city" of 12,000.

A two-mile beach will make it possible to include water sports in the program. Beyond the beach is a 250-acre pine forest and beyond this, 856 acres of land where the sectional camps will be located. Ancient history will come to

life as the Acropolis, the Corinthian Columns, the Parthenon, and other picturesque places in Greece are visited.

One of the features of the jamboree will be the emphasis placed on the interests and aspirations of "the boy today." The opening ceremony will be held Aug. 1, and the Jamboree will be opened by H.R.H. the Crown Prince Constantine, the Chief Scout of Greece, and by the Duke of Sparta. On Aug. 6, H.M. King Paul of Hellenes will visit the camp to take the salute of the Grand Parade. On the evening of Aug. 11, the Jamboree will close with a solemn ceremony.

Classical games will include the Triathlon, composed of an 80 meter race, long jump, and throwing the Scout staff. Labors of Hercules will consist of a physical fitness course. Lumberjack Lane will have two-man crosscut saw competition, wood chopping, log raising, and log rolling. Atlas Alley will contain an obstacle course, tent pegging, and fitness medley. Pioneering Park will include log hauling, flagpole raising, and chariot racing.

Other Areas Of Camp

There will be 12 subcamps, each named for one of the Greek tribes that fought at Marathon. Each subcamp will have 30 troops, each with its own troop site camped in a large horseshoe around a campfire ring. The American contingent will be located in 12 subcamps, living and Scouting

with the other Nations around them.

Other areas include the huge arena, fitness and activity areas, a rifle range, the 100-bed hospital, exhibits, displays and demonstrations, and a headquarters area.

The World Conference is the international Scouting body, made up of representatives of the Scout associations recognized as adhering to the ideals and program of Scouting and

to the Scout oath and Scout law. Seventy-six nations are now members.

The World Conference meets at Rhodes following the Jamboree and selects the site for the next World Jamboree.

The Boy Scouts, World Bureau, located in Ottawa, Canada, with permanent staff and offices, carries out the worldwide programs and activities of the conference.

The Collector's Corner

Stamp collecting is a pleasure that's timeless. A special "Sanctuary of Individuality," it is one of the few freedoms left in this regimental world where there are no hard and fast rules to follow. You may collect anything in the Philatelic world that interests you and gives you pleasure. There are no two collectors that will collect exactly the same way, although both may be collecting the same items. So no matter what you collect or how you collect, your collection can be just as interesting, neat and beautiful as any other collector's.

Geology and biology have always interested me greatly, and recently I received the first copy of the Geo-Philatelist. The editor is our own club president, Elmer J. Binker, Jr. I wish all club members would get a copy from Elmer, only 25c and every page a thrill and delight.

On page 2 is mention of the geological expedition to Puerto Rico last January. These are nice covers. I obtained mine at that time direct from Puerto Rico. I have them with a red cachet and a black cachet.

Right now cover collectors can obtain cachet covers from the Los Angeles Geographical Society expedition to the Galapagos Islands. These islands have always interested me. I have the only stamps they ever issued, my nephew sent them to me. He was in these islands at one time for almost two years. There were not very many of these stamps issued, although you can still obtain them. They are only for use in the Galapagos Islands.

Canada and the U. S. plan a joint issue of a friendship stamp sometime in 1964.

The 5 cent West Virginia stamp is colorful, also the last issues of the United Nations stamps. Three nice covers recently arrived from Supai, Arizona. The mail is trans-

ported by pack horses, and is the last of its type still operating in the entire U. S. postal system.

All stamp papers and magazines have articles about the Amelia Earhart stamp. Many seem critical of the design selected. I will be most anxious to see this stamp. It will be issued July 24.

Christmas Island is issuing a complete new set of stamps in August. Their stamps have always been beautiful. Quarar has a new issue, very pretty.

Stamps and letters from far away places can be very rewarding. Why not try this interesting hobby? Attend our stamp club meetings, all are welcome at the Girls Community club, the first Thursday of each month at 7 p.m.

An interesting collection of covers that commemorate the only spot in the United States where four states meet can be had with little work. Of course the joy I derive from my cover collection is the personal work in securing each cover. Nearly all stamp collectors are interested in some kind of covers. All our members have such collections. Attend our stamp show SOPEX '63 at the Girl Community club Sept. 21-22 and view these beautiful collections from every corner of the world. They are educational and interesting. The show is free.

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