

Local Scouts Salute Adult Volunteers During Scout Week, 51st Anniversary

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The 51st anniversary of the Boy Scout movement, which is now being celebrated, brings to mind eager boys in uniform practicing knot tying, bright-eyed boys getting merit badges and impressed boys taking the cub pledge for the first time.

But the scouting movement is more than boys alone.

It is also the dads and mothers who devote many hours of their spare time to guide the time-consuming, but rewarding task of encouraging, assisting and advising.

M. K. Matthewson, scout executive for the Modoc Area Council which includes Central and Southeast Oregon and Northern California, says that there are nearly as many adults involved in scouting as boys.

When a boy becomes a scout, whether he knows it or not, there are more than a score of adults involved in the progress he will make through the ranks. If he makes the grade to the Eagle rank, there will be many more adults directly and indirectly involved.

When a Boy Scout does a good deed, at least a part of the credit for that deed must be given to these adults.

Helping the adults in the Modoc Council is Charles F. Bane, vice president of the Bend-Portland Truck Service. Bane, like many other dads in scouting, has a son who is in Troop 100 at Peterson School. He was also active in Cub Pack 75 at Peterson School.

J. Vern Owens, vice president of the council, is also a Klamath Falls resident. He is with Cascade Home Furnishings. Owens has been active for many years on the council finance committee and is the proud holder of the Silver Beaver Award, the highest award the local council can give.

Dr. George D. Massey, another vice president of the council, was one of the first Eagle Scouts in this area. He has been active in the council in various capacities for many years.

Walter T. Franklin, manager of Meadowland Creamery, is another vice president of the Modoc Council who has been highly active in the program for several years.

Edwin J. Stasny of Malin, council commissioner, is the proud father of two Eagle Scouts, one of whom is now in college. Stasny has been active in Malin scouting in several capacities and was scoutmaster on last summer's camporee.

William T. Ely, council treasurer, is another holder of the Silver Beaver Award for service to scouting. He is past council president and has been scoutmaster for the Sacred Heart Parish troop. He also has been on several jamborees as a leader.

The executive board is composed of 40 members living throughout the Modoc Council area.

Members of the operating committee in the council are Robert Kerr, advancement; Joe Green, camping and activities; Joe L. Hicks, finance; Harold Ashley, leadership training; Jim Pinniger, organization and extension; and Rex Hunsaker, health and safety.

On the Klamath District these committeemen are Frenchie Richard, advancement; Jim Tockey, camping and activities; Buel Fisher of Dorris, finance; Ron Wilkerson, leadership training, and Del Wright, organizational and extension.

Members of the executive board include the council officers, commissioner, the council operating committee, and these individuals in this area: Robert Beach, Robert Elliott, Willard McKinny, James Patterson, Ron Phair, Homer Richey, Sam I. Richey, William Graham, Wil-



MODOC COUNCIL vice presidents get into a huddle with the treasurer at council headquarters in Klamath Falls. They are, left to right, Dr. Walter T. Franklin, J.

Vern Owens, William G. Ely, treasurer, and Dr. George D. Massey.

liam Sweetland and Vic Stockbrand of Klamath Falls.

Also William Castle, Howard Goodnough, Dr. Paul Kliever, Robert McNeal, Jack Pendleton, John MacDonald, Clayton Weaver, and Robert Utley, all of Lakeview.

Mert Matthewson, executive, has 25 years of experience in scouting with 14 years as a professional. He started as a field scout executive in the chief Seattle council and was advanced to the post of assistant executive before moving to Butte, Mont., as an executive. He was there 3½ years before coming to Klamath Falls as scout executive.

The Modoc Council in which these men work now has 1,714 Cub Scouts, 1,300 Boy Scouts and 193 Explorer Scouts for a total of 3,207.

The far-flung council is split into four districts—Klamath, Fremont, Lake and Pit River. The Klamath District contains all of Klamath County with the excep-

tion of Gilchrist, Crescent Lake, Bly and Beatty and with the addition of Dorris, Tulelake and Newell.

The Fremont District is composed of Crook, Deschutes, Jefferson counties plus Gilchrist and Crescent Lake. Lake District is made up of Lake County plus Bly and Beatty. The Pit River District is made up of Modoc County plus Bieber.

Main facilities of the council are the modern new office building in Klamath Falls and the summer camp on Crescent Lake. The 100-acre camp each summer is visited by 500-600 boys. About 48 adults volunteer for help at the camp and 22 men and boys are on the staff.

On its 51st anniversary the Boy Scouts of America has 1,530,000 Cub Scouts in 47,700 packs, 1,650,000 Boy Scouts in 61,100 troops, 250,000 explorers in 20,300 posts, and 1,370,000 adult volunteer leaders.

That makes total membership 5,100,000. There have been 33 mil-

lion scouts since 1910, the founding year.

The local scout council is financed in three ways. Sixty per cent of funds come from the United Fund Drive in Klamath, Lake, Deschutes and Crook counties. Independent scout fund drives are conducted in Tulelake, Alturas,

Dorris, Adin, Bieber and Madras. The third method is through sustaining memberships—money given over and above United Fund contributions by parents and friends of scouting.

Dues paid by cubs, scouts and explorers are used entirely for pack, troop or post budgets.

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STRENGTHEN AMERICA

CHARACTER COUNTS



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA
51st ANNIVERSARY 1961

NEW POSTER MARKS 1961 BOY SCOUT WEEK

The nation's 5,100,000 Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Explorers, and adult leaders observe the 51st anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America during Boy Scout Week, Feb. 7 to 13 under the theme of "Strengthen America . . . Character Counts." Each of the 129,100 Scout units will select a top boy member as its spokesman at community and local observances. Twelve Eagle Scouts will be selected to make Scouting's Report to the Nation in Washington, D.C., during Boy Scout Week.



THE "GREAT STONE FACE" is in this picture and Gomer Jones, 429 Jefferson Street, challenges readers to find it. He shot the scene while fishing in the Klamath River Canyon below Keno.