



A COURT OF HONOR for members of Scout Troop 42 was conducted recently at Eagles Hall. The scouts are pictured with their parents, seated in front. They are, from left, Mr. and Mrs. Delbert F. Robertson and their son, Eugene; Mr. and Mrs. Eugene F. Stokley and their son, David; and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Derby and their son, Robert Jr. In the back row are, from left, Vincent Van Uden, institutional representative; Hubert Stevens, Eagles Lodge president; Jack Webber, state Eagles president; H. H. Slaughter, junior past president of local Eagles; Paul Hawk, assistant scoutmaster and Norm Sherrick, scoutmaster.

### Troop 42 Advancements

A number of boys were advanced in rank or presented awards during a court of honor for members of Boy Scout Troop 42, sponsored here by the Fraternal Order of Eagles, Aerie 2000, recently.

Gene Robertson was advanced to star rank and David Stokley

to first class rank. Robert Derby earned a merit badge for Scout Aerie and Jack Webber, worthy state vice president of Eagles, Ashland.

Assisting were H. H. Slaughter, junior past president, Aerie 2000; Norman Sherrick, troop scoutmaster, and Paul Hawk, assistant scoutmaster.

The program was conducted by Vincent Van Uden, institutional representative. Awards were presented by H. J. Stevens, worthy

president of the local Eagles Aerie and Jack Webber, worthy state vice president of Eagles, Ashland.

Webber conferred on young Robertson his star ranking. The lad in turn presented his mother, Mrs. Delbert F. Robertson, a mothers' pin.

Stevens presented the first class badge to Stokley. Webber also presented the merit badges. He drove here from Ashland specially for the ceremony.

A short movie, "Jamboree, 1960," filmed at the scouts' international camp at Colorado Springs last year, was shown.

A potluck dinner was served to scouts, their families and lodge members in the lodge dining room.

Troop members and their families discussed possibility of a picnic for scouts, their parents, guests and scout leaders when the weather turns balmy. They also discussed a possible "outdoor court of honor."

MALIN — A number of Malin Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts received awards during their annual blue and gold dinner recently in Malin Elementary School gymnasium.

Eagle rank, the highest in scouting, was conferred on Philip Hale, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hale of Henley.

Young Hale began as a Cub Scout in Chiloquin. He earned wolf and bear badges there and in webelos badges at Malin.

He has 27 merit badges. A total of 21 are required to attain Eagle rank. During his eight years of scouting, he worked two summers at the scouts' summer camp.

He holds a sharpshooter card, recognized by the National Rifle Association. He also holds a scout badge in lifesaving. He is junior scoutmaster of Henley Troop II, recently rechartered.

Special guests attending were Merv Matthews, Modoc Boy Scout Council executive; Mr. and Mrs. Ted Lowry, John O'Connor, president of Malin Volunteer Fire Department, sponsors of an Explorer Scout post here; Bob Victor, vice president, Parents and Patrons Association, Cub Scouts' sponsor, and Hale, scout commissioner.

Den mothers, Mrs. Arlie Mae Johnson, Mrs. Lois Street, Mrs. Frances Kalina, Mrs. Margie Conroy and Mrs. Mary Taylor, made arrangements for the banquet.

Gold arrow—Bobby Elzner, Van Johnson and Terry McCurdy; silver arrow—Jerry Taylor; one-year service pin—Van Johnson, Mike McCulley, Terry McCurdy, Robert Papp, Bobby Stumbaugh and Jerry Taylor.

Wolf badge—Paul Ludwig, Phil McCulley and Landy Wolf; lion badge—Jimmy Ottman; bear badge—Mike McCulley, Jimmy Ottman and Landy Wolf; perfect attendance pin—Carl Conroy and Pat Papp.

James Ottman, institutional representative, presented the Eisenhower Streamer to Pack 33 as an award for receipt by more than 50 per cent of the pack's members of the Fiftyth Anniversary Achievement award.

Edwin Petrasek, chairman of the Scout Committee, presented ranks and awards to Boy Scouts as follows:

Tenderfoot rank—Bruce Victor, Teddy Parker and Bob Byrne; two-year service star—John Greene and Tony McCurdy; first class rank—Dale Bauer, Larry Turner and Bruce Petrasek; star rank—Philip Petrasek and Bob Bauer; one-year service star—Bruce Bauer and Dale Petrasek; two-year service star—John Greene, Tony McCurdy, Philip Petrasek, Bruce Bauer, Bob

### Jazz Music Old Russian Improvisation

EDITOR'S NOTE: Soviet jazz expert Leonid O. Utyosov, writing in "Soviet Culture," thinks his country invented jazz, too. That stirred some reminiscences by AP record columnist Hugh Mulligan, who spent four years in New Orleans researching the subject.

By HUGH A. MULLIGAN  
NEW YORK (AP)—We always knew it came up the river, but we weren't sure which river.

Now, after all these years, the Soviets have cleared up the matter.

Jazz, it seems, didn't come up the Mississippi from New Orleans to Memphis.

It came up the Dnieper from Odessa to Kiev, then on to Moscow by way of the smoky clubs of Smolensk.

The authority for this jazz expert Leonid O. Utyosov, the Soviet equivalent of Leonard Feather.

Writing in "Soviet Culture," an upbeat version of "Downbeat," Utyosov recalled that "in Odessa long ago musicians always improvised at weddings and this gives me grounds to say that so-called Dixieland existed in Odessa before New Orleans."

Now it all comes back. Who can forget the old days in Odessa when all the cats congregated down by the Black Sea to hear Satchmo Stalin and his Siberian Six belt out "Sweet Georgia Brown," "When It's Sleepy Time in Smolensk" and "Bulgian, Won't You Please Come Home?"

Even before the wedding parties, there were the funerals, with the old balalaika bands marching in stately procession out to the peepers graveyard just beyond the collective farm.

Those were the days of the jazz greats—Bix Beria, Jelly Roll Malenkov, Ziggy Molotov, Big Daddy Khrushchev and Wingy Gromyko—all playing their hearts out, like there was no tomorrow, man, for just a few kopeks tossed in front of the marchers by the winking crowd.

Heading out to the graveyard, they played it sweet and low, writing the last tear from such traditional dirges as "St. Petersburg Infirmary Blues" (later changed to "Leningrad Infirmary Blues") and "When the Commissars Come Marching In."

Coming back, the mood would suddenly change, from the somber to the frenzied, from the funeral to the far out. Like wild, man.

Then you'd hear the real Dixieland—authentic, original, improvised, non-imperialistic.

Bix Beria would grab his steaming hot zither and solo with "Way Down Yonder in Tsaritsyn" (later changed to "Way Down Yonder in Stalingrad"), while the rest of the cats, in mad counterpoint, made with "Muscovite Rumble."

WONG RELEASED  
HONG KONG (AP)—Wong Sik Pun, Hong Kong banker kidnaped Feb. 10, was released by his captors today. Police said he was apparently unharmed and no ransom was paid.

NEW YORK (UPI)—Police and FBI agents across the country today questioned suspects in the slaying of 4-year-old Edith (Googie) Kiecorius, but the 59-year-old toothless dishwasher they sought may be hiding right around the corner.

New York police assigned 500 men to dredge through the Bowery and other areas where drifters gather. They said it was highly possible their prime suspect, London-born Fred J. Thompson, might still be in the city six days after Googie was lured from the front doorstep of her uncle's apartment building, ravished, and beaten to death in a shabby, 58-a-week room.

Her body was found Sunday. Every man on the force—more than 23,000—was told to be on the lookout for Thompson, who was married and the father of three daughters but who left his family 15 years ago.

More than 100 suspects had been questioned here by late Monday.

Suspects also had been picked up and questioned in Springfield, Mo.; Framingham, Mass., and Waterville, Maine. But the suspect in Maine was released after questioning, and the Springfield and Framingham suspects did not seem to fit Thompson's description.

The FBI entered the search on the possibility that Thompson had crossed state lines.

Police said they had learned more about Thompson's past—and about Googie's last hours.

An autopsy report indicated she fought fiercely for her life.

Chief Medical Examiner Dr. Milton Helpers said strands of hair were found in her palms, and bits of flesh under her fingernails. He said she died from multiple injuries about the head.

### Rancher Gets Surprise Call

HANFORD, Calif. (AP)—Turkey rancher Bob Williams answered the telephone and got a surprise. On the other end was President John F. Kennedy.

But the Saturday call was brief. The President had reached the wrong Williams. The call was switched promptly to another Bob Williams, of Hanford, a state sen-

ator. The state of Georgia was named for King George II of England.

Williams, 68, lives on a 1,000-acre turkey ranch near Hanford. He has 100 turkeys and 100 chickens. He has a wife and three children.

Williams said he was surprised to get the call. He said he had never met the President. He said he was a fan of the President.

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### Hunt Pressed For Killer Of Four-Year-Old Child

fracture of the skull and fracture of bones of the face" apparently inflicted by a green-painted, blunt instrument.

Fingerprints from one of the about 40 empty beer cans that littered the room matched those on a cabinet identification card Thompson took out in 1953 when he applied for a job at an unidentified Manhattan nightclub.

From the card, police got a photograph of the big-nosed, baldish suspect and a more definite description — height 5 feet 6 inches, weight 140 to 150 pounds, blond or grayish hair, blue or hazel eyes and scars on the right arm.

Tracing Thompson's past, police said he was born in London in 1901, brought up in Worcester, Mass., and had lived for about 11 years in the New York area.

His family had not heard of him since he left them. Police contacted his 93-year-old mother and one of his married daughters, but refused to disclose where they could be reached. The daughter told them Thompson was "part of our past that we want to forget."

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