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## Troop B-1 Scouts Earn Merit Badges At Recent Outing

Thirteen Boy Scouts of Troop B-1 completed 33 requirements during the troop's 1946 Summer Camp held July 28-Aug. 4 on the Rammer Campsite of the Charles R. Howell Scout Reservation at Brighton Lake, according to a report on the trip made by camp leaders, troop committeemen H. C. Reusch, Charles G. Kinnison and C. M. Emery.

Among the requirements completed were first aid, signaling, tracking, Scout pace, swimming, 14-mile hike, mapping, judging and nature study. In addition to the requirements, merit badges in lifesaving, first aid, canoeing and swimming were awarded.

During the troop's seven days in camp, full use was made of the leadership and facilities of the Scout Reservation, a 500-acre campsite operated by the Detroit Area Council of the Boy Scouts. Experts in boating, swimming, nature and handicraft were available and the 13 scouts attending made good use of their leadership.

Divide Dainties  
The scouts were organized in three patrols, each patrol receiving three points for details which included kitchen, grounds and water.

Along with the work in advancement, a wide game of "capture the flag" held in the evening with flashlight signal codes and whistle signals provided a highlight of adventure and fun.

Those scouts attending the ac-

tivities were: Panther Patrol—Jim Buchanan, patrol leader, Glen Smery, Tom Maxwell and Stewart Peck; Fox Patrol—Julian Grant, patrol leader, Bob Hardy, Bob Hough and Mathew Maloney; Skunk Patrol—Walter Dwyer, patrol leader, Ed Curtis, Dave Frayne and Gil Gove. Bill Reusch was senior patrol leader.

## Auto Thieves Still Busy, Police Report

Walter Joyce, 1175 Ruffner, reported to police early last Saturday morning that his 1936 Ford automobile had been stolen from in front of his home some time during Friday night. It has not been recovered as yet, police report.

Police also said that several thefts of automobiles necessities have been reported this week.

Mrs. William S. Spiegel, 455 Chestersfield, reports the loss of two hub caps and two white wheel rims, taken from her car last Thursday night.

Frank L. Klingensmith, 815 Southfield, reports the theft of a tire from his automobile which was parked along the curb in front of his home Thursday night.

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# Michigan Mirror

INTERPRETING THE NEWS

By GENE ALLEMAN

## Michigan's Lake Huron shore region, from Bay City north to Cheboygan, is bustling with activity this summer.

City dwellers are buying lake lots—each with a fine sandy beach and a clear view of the famous Blue Waters of Lake Huron.

Rustic cottages and cabins are going up—that is, as fast as supply and labor are found. A full-fledged "boom" is under way.

This East Michigan section, just about the last in the Lower Peninsula to be developed by summer tourists, is served by a truly scenic highway—U. S. No. 23: the Yaff Memorial highway whose southern terminus is Atalanta, Georgia.

From Bay City through Pinconning and Standish, this road swings inland, beyond sight of the lake. The highway skirts to skirt the shore at Au Gres and continues in almost constant view of the lake with a few exceptions until the traveler reaches Cheboygan.

While camel hump-like dunes obscure a view of the Michigan coast, the road turns go north and south over U. S. 31, the Michigan coast shore along Lake Huron has such characteristics.

Land is fairly level. It slopes gradually to the water's edge. As you drive north from Au Gres, you can see the Blue Water of Lake Huron most of the time. From our personal observation, U. S. 23 offers one of the most delightful motor tours in Michigan.

The State of Michigan made a happy decision when it located the route so close to Lake Huron. Not only does this concrete ribbon with slow curves serve the needs of lake shore residents, both summer and winter, but it provides an interesting, scenic route for travelers who are going into the Michigan or the Upper Peninsula.

Overnight cabins are plentiful. Because the tourist development was a bit late, as compared to the West Coast region, the cabins are modern—many of them brand new!

Let's head north from Bay City for a week-end spin. Pinconning, whose Indian name was Ojiconniconing, meaning the "place of the potato," offers an opportunity to get some choice cheese. Pinconning has several cheese stores along U. S. 23. They reflect the dairy industry of the region.

Standish, your next stop, is a tourist center for a large farm area which specializes chiefly in sugar beets and dairying. Saginaw, only seven miles away, provides lots of fine duck shooting each fall.

It is at Au Gres, French-named settlement marked by Point Au Gres, that U. S. 23 returns to Lake Huron shores. Cheboygan, in the north is Alabaster where the U. S. Gypsum company operates a huge gypsum quarry. It is said that the quarry land was once purchased for \$50, a gun and a dog. When it was discovered its value was jumped overnight to \$10,000!

The twin towns of Tawas—Tawas city and East Tawas—offer a variety of food and lodging accommodations. We stopped at the Barnes Hotel—chiefly by way of the Kenneth Barnes whom we met for the first time on a winter sport bus tour sponsored by the Michigan Tourist Association. Barnes was in the group at a dinner at the Barnes Hotel. It was too late for dinner, so we went to Gifford's—a fine restaurant and a credit for any Michigan town.

The state park at East Tawas is blessed with a fine lake pier and a community house where the Lake Huron Players, directed by Hill Belmont of Saginaw, were presenting a stock company drama, "Blithe Spirit." The park's access to business stores, plus the two above features, is a magnet for tourists. The camping spaces were well filled. By the way, Tawas is derived from the Indian Tribe of Ottawa.

Going south, we next visit Au Sable and Oscoda, where the Au Sable river empties into Lake Huron. On a high bluff overlooking the Au Sable river—15 miles west of town—is the famed Lumbermen's Memorial, modeled by Robert Atken of New York and donated by 78 descendants of pioneer lumbermen of Michigan.

This is the Huron National Forest, home of the newly created Silver Valley. The camping area which is located just west of the Tawas communities.

Harrisville has a fine state park on Lake Huron. Lacking an entrance from U. S. 23, many travelers go by the 12-acre park, unaware of its existence. A good business district is nearby, ready to serve summer visitors.

Alpena has a strong tourist boom under way. Cabins are being built on Lake Huron, on the Bay River, and several inland lakes—Grand, Long, and Hubbard. The Beech Manufacturing company, which was started in a shed years ago by Jesse H. Herms, made gun breeches during the war. It is now producing concrete machinery at much increased capacity and payroll.

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