



A HIGH NOON ceremony Saturday marked the induction of new Bcoals into membership of Pack B2, Quanton Cub Scouts. Besides the formal induction ceremony, the program consisted of a number of Indian games plus an outdoor wiener roast. Fathers of the new Cubs were special guests at the affair. (Eccentric Staff Photo)

Hardy Given Nod On Harvard Eleven

Robert B. Hardy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Francis B. Hardy, 815 Hazelwood, a junior at Harvard College, is expected to hold down a key line-backer's post on the first string defensive eleven this Saturday when the Crimson meet Columbia at Harvard Stadium.

Hardy, who has been a valuable reserve quarterback with the Harvard varsity, played a strong game last week at the left defensive line backing position in the season's opener with Springfield.

While at Birmingham high school, he was a member of the Eastern Michigan league championship basketball team and captain of the football team.

Hardy was awarded the Harvard Club of Eastern Michigan scholarship when he entered Harvard.

Study Walk Petition

A petition to construct a sidewalk on Coolidge between Yorkshire and Forchester, filed by Mrs. Dona M. Shuman, 2597 Yorkshire, has been received by city commissioners and referred to City Manager Donald C. Egbert for study. Mrs. Shuman reported that the sidewalk not only would enhance the value of the property, but would be an aid to school children on their way to the bus stop on Coolidge.

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Cecil Billington Study of Ferns Off the Presses

"Ferns of Michigan," one of a series of books printed by the Cranbrook Institute of Science, has been completed and is ready for release.

It is the work of the late Cecil Billington, who died March 17, 1950, shortly before the completion of the manuscript. Dr. Stanley A. Cain, then botanist at Cranbrook, at the request of Dr. Robert W. Hatt, institute director, in the foreword, Dr. Hatt says: "Cecil Billington, the author of this volume, was a loyal friend, a capable botanist and an indefatigable worker who, despite an over-weary heart, would not cease work on this volume."

"He carried the manuscript to completion as well as could be to the close of 1949, then laid it aside to await the appearance of the eighth edition of Gray's Manual of Botany, which was to serve as his standard of nomenclature."

"Mr. Billington's 'Ferns of Michigan' shows the result of countless hours of research and study on his part. It is said to be the most complete and understandable work of its kind ever attempted on Michigan flora."

WORKING WITH PHOTOGRAPHERS AND ARTISTS. Mr. Billington made liberal use of illustrations to aid in the identification and classification of the many fern native to the state.

Their habits of growth are discussed in a phraseology easily understood by the amateur botanist and layman.

As in his previous issue, "Shrubs



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B'ham Area Scout Membership Exceeds 1,000

Growing phenomenally during this past year, membership in the Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts in Birmingham and Franklin Village for the first time in history passed the thousand mark.

The scouts are among the 150 health and community services supported by funds raised in the Torch Drive of the United Foundation.

As of Oct. 31, 1951, a total of 843 scouts and cubs had been scattered through five troops and five packs in what is known as the "Northern Community" (largely Birmingham).

Today, there are 7 troops and 7 packs, and the end is not yet in sight. During the year 374 boys joined in scouting to put total membership at 917 just before school started this fall.

Since then, continuing expansion has shot the total past the thousand mark.

WORKING WITH THE SCOUTS and cubs is a total of 363 adults who are giving leadership to the program.

During the past year a new cub pack was formed in the Bloomfield Village school, under the sponsorship of the PTA, a troop was set up in the Bloomfield Village fire department, another troop was formed at the Kirk-in-the-Hills church, and a cub pack was formed at Baldwin school.

In process of organization today is a new troop at the Holy Name church, two additional cub packs at Pierce school, and a cub pack at the Hickory Grove school.

EVIDENCE OF GROWTH is reflected in the experience of the cub packs at Pierce and Adams schools. The Pierce school pack was split in two when Barnum school was converted into a grade school—and has been split in two once again, so great is the influx of boys between the ages of 8 and 11 years.

At Adams school, where more than 160 cub scouts enrolled this fall, it has been necessary to divide the pack into two sections, meeting on different nights. The Adams school pack has 16 "dems" or neighborhood groups.

While individual troops and packs are largely self-supporting, they receive leadership and guidance through the Detroit area council, and are part of the United Foundation, which is about to start its annual fund-raising campaign.

IN THE Detroit area council are some 40,000 scouts and cubs, plus 12,000 volunteer leaders. District No. 1 (the area north of Eight Mile road and extending to South Boulevard) has more than 6,000 boys and is considered one of the largest units in the nation, having more scouts and cubs in one district than many metropolitan councils have in their entire area.

The United Foundation, through the United Community Services, underwrites 73.4 per cent of the scouting needs for this current

year. It cost \$6.25 per boy to maintain the program in Detroit, as compared with \$10.92 in Los Angeles, \$11.41 in Chicago and \$11.51 in New York.

Out of money received, the Detroit area council maintains a large summer camp near Brighton, Mich. and this year has opened a new camp near Metamora, in this county.

SOME TROOPS, like the Franklin Village scout troop, have their own summer camp, but most scouts will avail themselves of the camp maintained by the scout council.

During the past year—up to the time school began—scoutmasters of the various troops comprising the Northern Community were: Robert H. Snelling, B-1 (Presbyterian church); Harold S. DeCraw, B-4 (Adams school); Philip Thomas Austin, B-5 (Quanton school); Eric B. Painter, B-7 (Pierce school); Robert G. Bedor, B-11 (Franklin Village); Paul E. Sparlock, B-17 (Kirk-in-the-Hills Church); and Walter J. Simons, B-15 (Bloomfield Village).

CUBMASTERS were: James C. Hills, B-2 (Quanton school); Dr. George E. Marin, B-3 (Pierce school); Marc T. Paten, B-6 (Cranbrook); E. W. Jacobson, B-7 (Barnum school); Donald J. Parry, B-8 (Adams school); Roy A. Brown, Jr., B-11 (Franklin Village); and Harold Dittich, B-16 (Bloomfield Village).

Explorer advisers in the troops (for scouts older than 14 years) were: Bernhard Beran, B-1; Clarence W. Kraft, B-4; E. W.

Averill, B-6; Ed Evans, B-7; Lee J. Seymour, Jr., B-11; and Arch Steverson, B-15.

During the past year cub pack chairmen were: Jamie M. Martin, B-2; Howard D. Ritter, B-3; Irving H. MacKenzie, B-4; Hugh C. Bailey, B-7; Paul D. Carter, B-8; Philip VanDyke, B-11; and Robert Egbert, B-16.

TROOP COMMITTEE chairmen were: W. B. Davies, B-1; Robert G. Sibbar, B-4; K. F. Hardy, B-5; Thomas G. Kavanagh, B-7; Don Tracy, B-11; John G. Slater, B-15; and W. E. Saylor, B-17.

Community commissioner, acting as liaison for the Birmingham area this past year has been Harold A. Ness.

He is being added this fall as neighborhood commissioner by Arthur G. Burleigh, Jr., John W. Paige, Douglas Witters, Hugh C. Bailey, and Philip VanDyke.

Most troops and packs have elected new chairmen or named new leaders for the 1952-53 fiscal year, effective with expiration of charters on Oct. 31, 1952.

During the past year scouts have provided many public services in Birmingham, including guard duty at the Halloween parade, providing color guards for Gen. MacArthur's visit, for opening of Junior League baseball, for parades in Detroit, distributing posters to stores, appearing in the Memorial Day parade, acting as escorts in the League of Women Voters rally in June, and in many other ways making themselves useful to the community.

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