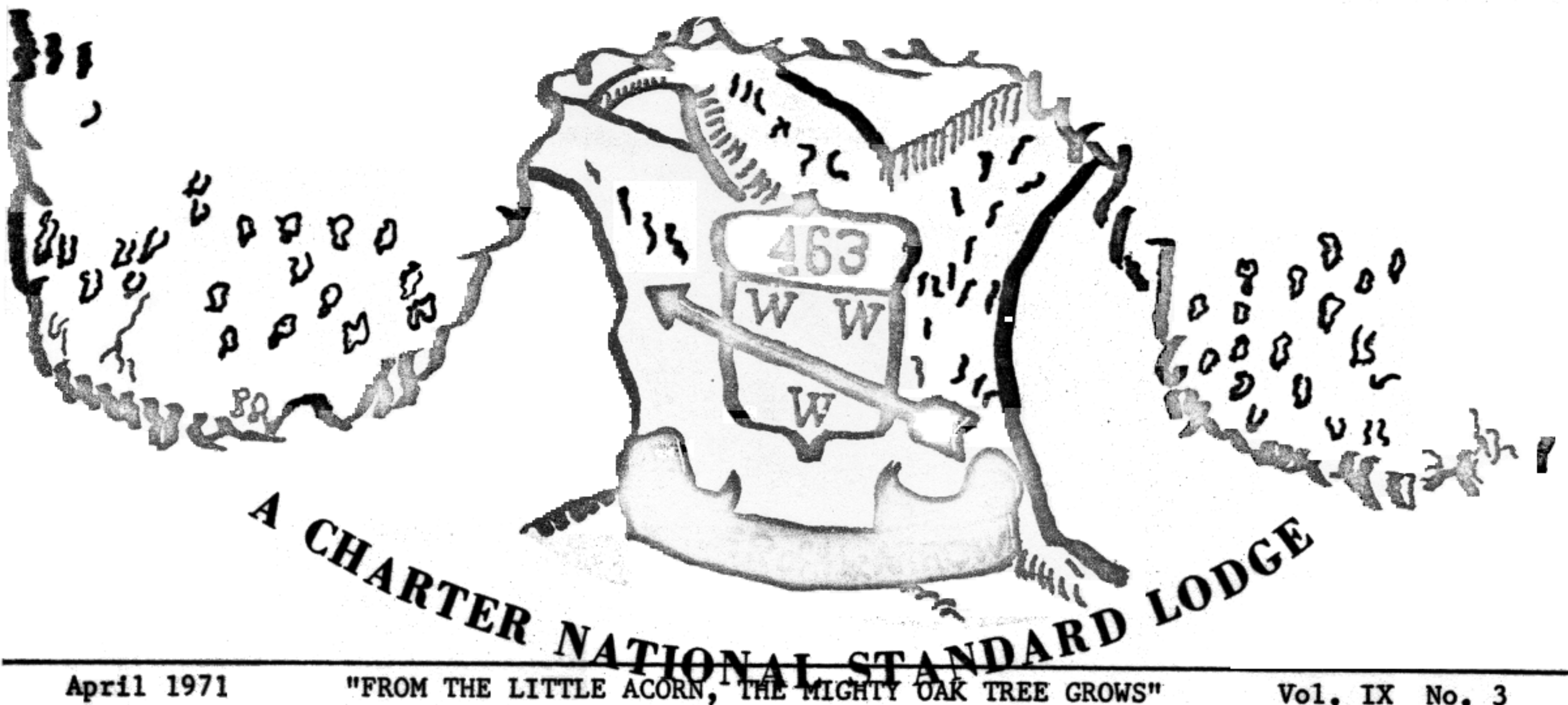


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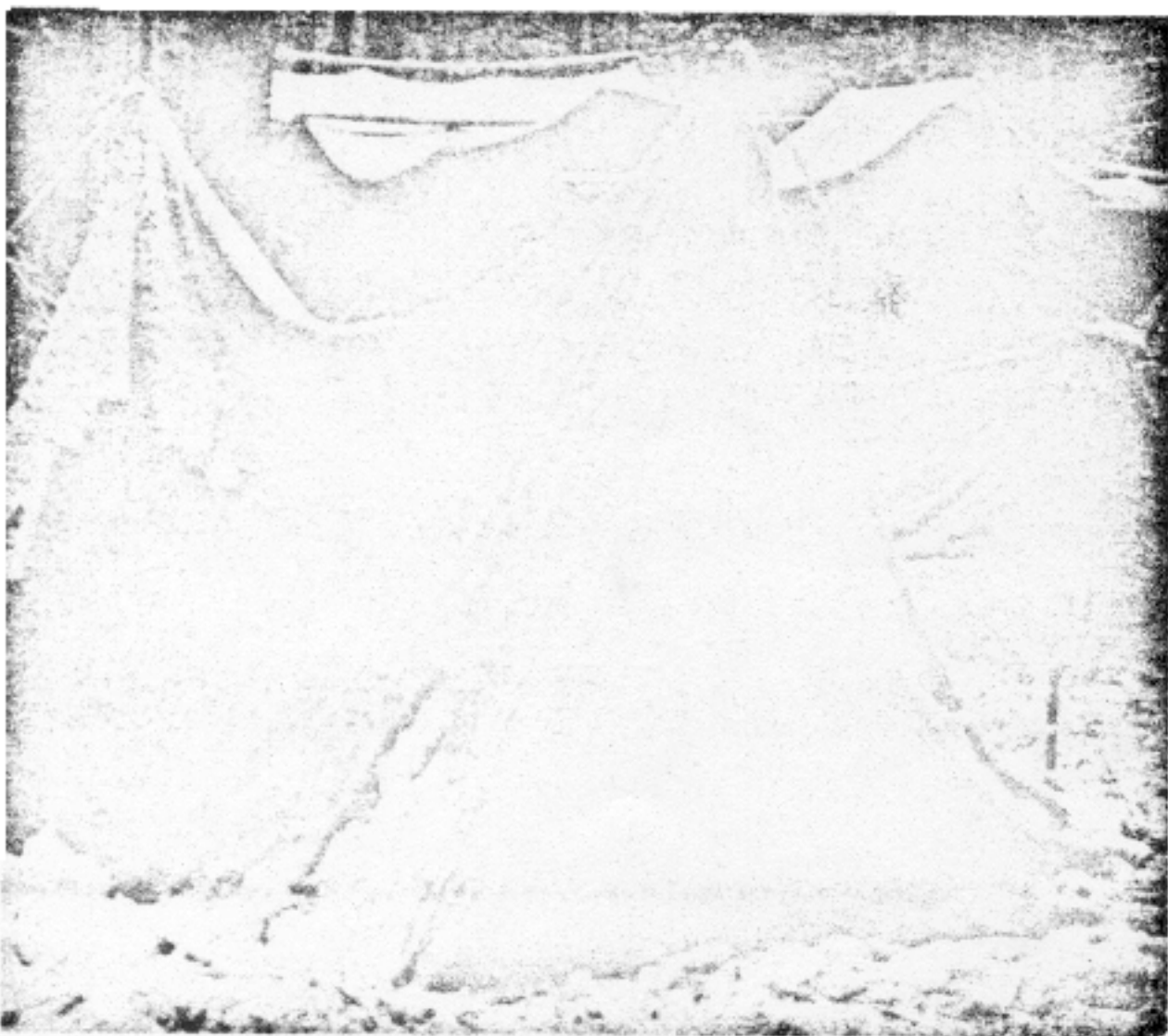
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"
I'm dreaming..."

NEW MASTHEAD



Although Camp Chickahominy was blessed with an over-abundance of solid sunshine, the 1971 Winter Ordeal was one of the most successful events held in recent years. There were many new faces, and still many old faces which appeared after a long period of dormancy. The camp profited in many ways due to the work accomplished, and this cheerful spirit paved the way for future work weekends at our outdoor home.

All we can say is that we hope that you like it. It is the idea of the Kryer staff, and the creation of Howard Hoover, the Kryer artist. In the past, the masthead had stayed the same for three years without any attempts to change it (besides adding color to the original design). We felt that even though Cliff Sleeman had an excellent idea going with his acorn and oak leaf college, the Kryer ought to be able to change its appearance after so many long years.

The symbols still stand for the same main themes. The acorn reflects our motto, "From the little acorn, the mighty oak tree grows." The arrow portrays the direction in which we as arrowmen should go. The oak tree reminds us of the vast area and types of programs the Order must cover. The three W's stand for the name of our order, and the 463 is our lodge's proud number. Lastly, but certainly not least, the members are reminded that we are a Charter National Standard Lodge. This is a distinction shared with not more than 9 other lodges in the entire O.A.

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THE EDITOR'S SMOKESIGNALS

Dear Brothers:

I was recently talking to Danny Pritchard, the Chief of the Dance Team, and he told me that the team was in dire need of dancers. This really surprised me, for I had thought that the appeal of Indian Dancing would bring most Arrowmen to participate in this integral part of the lodge.

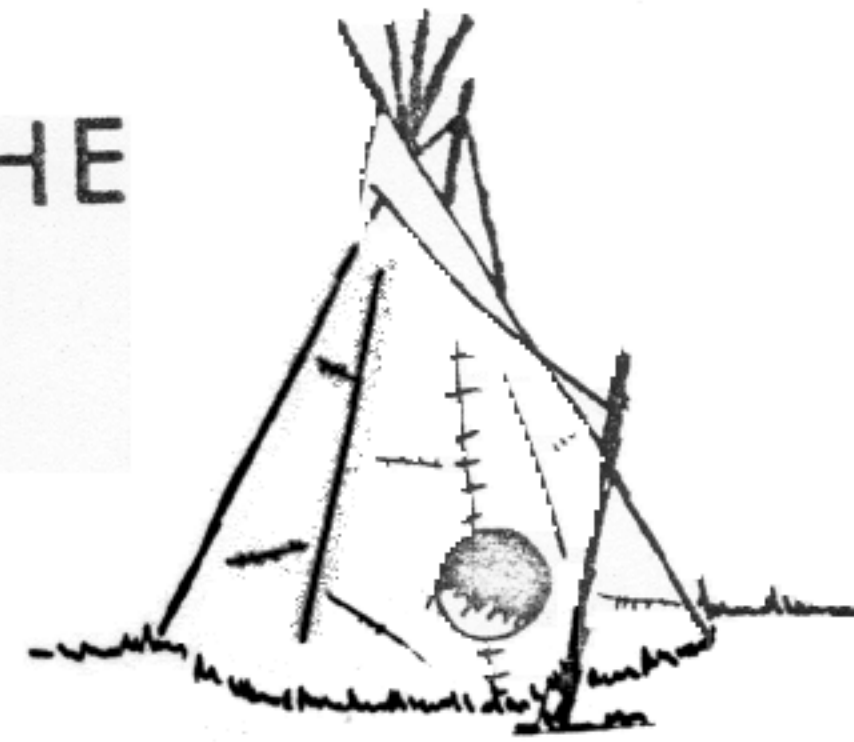
However, the contrary has happened. Now, I feel that it is partially my duty to bring some sort of publicity to the Team, and since everyone reads my column (HA!, HA!), that it would be an excellent place for this advertisement.

I wouldn't kid you. The dance team has a lot to offer in fun, experience, excitement, and fellowship. Danny has a good crew, but he needs new blood, someone who can take over the Team's operations after he has gone. He needs your help.

Remember, the activities of the Dance Team are not restricted to Order of the Arrow functions. The team dances much more often for Camporees, churches, schools and unit meetings, besides their competition at the state and National conclaves. This year, they were second in the State at the Area III-C (Virginia wide) Pow Wow; and will compete against teams from lodges across the United States in August at the National O A Conference on the campus of the University of Illinois (see Mr. Tudder's column on page 16).

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FROM THE CHIEF'S TEPEE



Dear Brothers:

I had an interesting experience in Williamsburg a few weeks ago, which I would like to relate to you. As the summer nears, more and more tourists are flocking to places such as Williamsburg, where I chanced to run into a group of scouts from farther down South. Not being in uniform, no one noticed that I was a scout, and I took this as an opportunity to play a little trick.

I approached one boy, and began talking to him about Scouting. I eventually asked him, "What is this patch?", as I pointed to his O/A flap on his pocket. "Well," he said, "it is a patch to show that I'm in the Order of the Arrow, and lots of us trade them. I have a collection of about 40 or 50 flaps."

"What is the Order of the Arrow?" I questioned. He stood there quiet for a while, and finally said, "It's kind of a service organization, I guess."

Well, I guessed, too. I tried to guess what kind of lodge he came from that would leave him with that kind of impression. But, when I really thought about it, I wondered if Kecoughtan Lodge didn't have its share of "flap wearers".

Kecoughtan Lodge, like every other lodge in the nation, does have its share of "flap wearers and not doers". Yet, whose fault is it that we have them? For one in particular, it is mine, for not making it clear what the O/A is about. But also, it is the fault of anyone who considers himself a doer, for he is the one who must set the example and make the others realize their duty.

Corky Whitehead
Netami Sakima

... of a white ? ordeal



ABOVE: "Firm bound in Brotherhood...."



Cheerful Service takes the form of much-needed erosion control.

BELOW: Lodge Staff Adviser, "Amangamek" Bill Fish practices his own brand of wig-wag semaphore communication.



Corky! Look Out! That finger pointed at you may go off!

CONSERVATION TIPS

RE-cycling is the word. Recently, after all this talk of pollution and ecology, some companies are finally doing something about it. Glass bottles and aluminum cans are being reused!

Approximately 50 centers have been set up across the nation to buy used clear glass at the going rate of 1¢ a pound. More and more glass-using companies are exploring the possibilities because of the increasing pressure of the American public.

Another item in the news is aluminum. It is being revitalized by big aluminum companies in growing quantities because of the high cost of mining, and tightening government mining standards. Although their closest reclamation center is in Maryland, R. J. Reynolds in Richmond does buy aluminum cans and scrap.



Dining Hall Construction Begins

It isn't a dream anymore. It isn't something that someone can only wish for. It isn't a tiny model in a plywood table. It is real, as real as Camp Chickahominy. Yes, there will be a dining hall.

The area surrounding the camp service center has markedly changed. Most of the trees have been knocked down, and there is a large field about the size of a football field next to the commissary. Soon, foundation pilings will be laid, and construction will begin on the actual hall. The old commissary and quartermaster sections will be used as the dining hall's kitchen, while a three-hundred-man structure will serve as the eating room. There will be a large fireplace at the middle of the far wall, while entrances will enhance the end walls.

Many of the new appliances for the kitchen have already arrived at camp. They are presently being kept in the storage building. When construction begins on the hall, they will be moved to the future kitchen.

Also, the camp council-fire arena has started to grow. All of the stumps from the dining hall drainage field have been dumped behind the present stage level, possibly because of the new service road to the ring, built between the main arena entrance and the path down to the swimming area. The ring is to be increased in size, and benches will be built in front of the erosion banks in the audience part of the ring. Thus, the dining hall is not taking all of the spotlight at Camp Chickahominy.

Go up and see it. And when you do go up, stop by Ranger Pyle's house and ask him if there is anything that you can do to help. He'll find something.



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CAMP SIOUAN

Camp Siouan is located on beautiful lake Gaston, in southern Virginia. All reservations must be made through the Scout Office (Scout Office, 1216 Holland Rd., Suffolk, Va). You should call at least two weeks before the outing. The camp is similar to many Scout Summer Camps, and has many excellent facilities. There are showers, sanitary facilities, water, plenty of wood, and boating area, as well as a swimming area. The scout office will furnish all needed directions.



LETTERS to the Editor

(ed. note: I received a letter from Mr. John Hannabass, the winter ordeal's visiting delegate from Powhatan Lodge, soon after the Ordeal. I read it, and the following passage stuck in my mind as one that was meant for the whole lodge. Thus, I felt it pertinent to print it here.)

Dear Sam;

Many thanks for the invitation to the weekend. I really enjoyed the fellowship with my Kecoughtan brothers. A finer bunch of Arrowmen couldn't be assembled at any place other than there. You have a beautiful camp. You all keep up the good work, and you will have a top notch camp that will give many boys a wonderful and meaningful camping experience.



OUTDOOR SCALLOPED POTATOES AND BEANS

1 large potato, peeled and cubed
1/2 cup canned green beans, drained
3 tablespoons undiluted cream of mushroom soup
Salt and pepper to taste
Grated parmesan cheese to taste

Place potatoes on large square of foil. Circle them with beans. Spoon soup over potatoes. Sprinkle with salt, pepper, and cheese. Wrap tightly to prevent steam from escaping. Cook over hot charcoal about one hour or until done, turning once. Makes one serving.

CAMP-FRIED CHICKEN

Salad Oil.
2 broiler-fryer chickens, cut in pieces
1 cup pancake mix
Few grinds fresh pepper

Pour oil in skillet to about 1/2 inch in depth, heat until a drip of water makes it sizzle. Meanwhile shake chicken pieces, one at a time, in paper or plastic bag containing pancake mix and the pepper until well coated. Fry chicken in hot oil until brown on under side, turn and fry until other side is brown. Continue cooking, uncovered, until tender, 20 to 30 minutes. Drain on paper toweling. Serves four Boy Scouts.

AN ARROWMAN'S PARABLE

And, in those days, behold, there was elected to a Lodge of the Order of the Arrow a camper of real honor... And it came to pass as the days went by that he was further honored from the Ordeal into the Brotherhood and even into the Lodge Offices. But he sought not glory, but only to render Cheerful Service and to mingle with his Brothers in true fellowship.

And those Arrowmen in whose breasts were ideals dying with inaction, and those who spendeth their days making excuses, were astonished. They sayeth, "What cooketh? How doth he getteth this way?" And they crabbeth and were exceedingly sore in the head. And it came to pass that one day many of them were gathered together in the market place, passing the buck, and a soothsayer cometh among them; and he was one wise citizen who knoweth his onions. And they spake and questioned 'im, saying, "How is it that this youngster amongst us is showing us up for a bunch of spinach?"

And the soothsayer made an answer unto them, saying, "Verily he of whom you speak is one hot-shot. He wasteth not time in griping about the weather, the conditions, or the Lodge membership and leadership. Whilst ye sit at your firesides wishing for higher honor, he is bringing home the bacon.

"And he runneth his finances on a sound budget pain, and when it cometh time for dues, he goeth to his Lodge meeting and payeth even to the last copper. Whilst ye, when the time is long past due, goeth to the Lodge Treasurer, crying aloud and saying, 'Behold, we cannot pay dues, for we have not the necessary shekels'.

"And when he becometh chairman of a committee, he praiseth his members in a loud voice, saying, 'Truly, these are swell guys'. And he giveth them work to do, saying, 'This is our job; leave us getteth it done'. And if perchance the committee doth cooperateth not, he goeth and doeth the job himself, where upon, the committee is sore ashamed and cometh to him crying, 'Let us help'.

"He sitteth not; and wisheth not new members would take an active interest in the Arrow, but helpeth create a program that bringeth them out for meetings and activities like a veritable swarm of locusts. And they keepeth active even until full manhood.

"He calleth upon Scout Troops and selleth the idea of Scout Camp in summer; and he campeth himself with his own unit the year 'round. He liveth a clean life, and by example teacheth his brethren to do likewise. He preacheth not at all, but his whole life is an example to Scouts and fellow men.

"He hath taken two Angels, ASPIRATION and PERSPIRATION as his guides. He knoweth whereof he speaketh; and he worketh like heck.

"Verily, I say unto you, Go forth and do likewise."

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CURRENT MEMBERSHIP & ELECTION PROCEDURES

What follows is reprinted from the January KRYER, because of its vital importance!

Since the election rules were last changed in 1967, it has become quite evident that some undeserving Scouts and Scouters have been elected to the Order of the Arrow. One proof is in the number who go through the Ordeal but promptly quit. Throughout the Boy Scouts of America, responsible and prominent people in the Order recognized the problem and vowed to check up on it.

The National O.A. Executive Committee drew up tentative changes and field-tested them in several Lodges during the summer of 1970. Subsequently, they were approved by Chief Scout Executive Alden G. Barber, who is the Supreme Chief of the Fire of the National Lodge. He published them to local Council Scout Executives by a Bulletin dated November 10, 1970. Kecoughtan's Executive Committee approved their immediate adoption; and they became mandatory for all O.A. Lodges on January 1, 1971.

THEY REPLACE THE PARTS OF YOUR HANDBOOK THAT DEAL WITH: Eligibility, quotas, and election procedures!!!!!!!

Now that the new rules are published, all brothers must become familiar with them. DO NOT USE YOUR O A HANDBOOK FOR ANY KIND OF INFORMATION ABOUT ELIGIBILITY OR ELECTIONS. Read on for a brief resume of the new rules, so we may assure ourselves that future improvements in loyal support to the principles of CHEERFUL SERVICE ABOVE SELF may be forthcoming.

1. Approval of the Unit Leader BEFORE the names are presented to the members of the unit for voting.
2. EVERY person approved by the Unit Leader must:
 - a. Truly represent the ideals of Scouting in his daily life;
 - b. Be a First Class Scout ON THAT DATE (note the change in when he has to be First Class!) (No rank requirement for Explorers, but must have been active Explorers at least six months.);
 - c. Have at least 15 days and nights of B.S.A. camping

which must include one long-term camp of not less than 6 consecutive days within the past-two years.

3. Fifty per cent of the unit must be at the meeting for an election to be held.
4. Unit members (boys under age 18 only) do not have to turn in ballots if do not want to; and they can vote for fewer than the quota.
5. To be elected, a boy's name must be on at least 50 per cent of the ballots that are turned in.
6. The new quotas take into consideration not only active unit registration, but also the number of eligible boys who are not already in the O.A.
7. Boy (under 21) Assistant Scoutmasters are considered to be adults for election purposes. They may not vote in troop boy elections. They may not be elected by boys. They may be elected by the Troop Committee, but only on the same bases as other unit adults; one per year per unit.
8. Explorers under the age of 21 are governed by the boy election rules and quotas (except Associate Advisors).

NOTE: There has been NO CHANGE in the boy-adult definitions with regard to other O.A. matters.

As may be deduced by reading the above, it is very important that unit elections be conducted ONLY by Arrowmen who have been trained recently. A LOT OF THINGS HAVE CHANGED. You cannot even figure a unit quota without the Training Kit! You will only embarrass yourself and the Lodge if you try "to do it yourself."



1971

CALENDAR

(REPRINTED)

- January 29-31 Third Annual Winter-Ordeal-Fellowship at Camp Chickahominy. This will be the last one without a dining hall. Be among the guys who "really had to rough it." (a)
- March 1 Time to sign up for Philmont, before all spaces are gone!
- April 23-25 Area III-C PowWow at Pipsico Scout Reservation (b)
- June 1 Last installment due on \$250.00 Philmont fee. Now you are all set for HIGH ADVENTURE that is THE GREATEST!!!
- June 18-20 Spring Ordeal-Fellowship at Camp Chickahominy (a)
- July 2; July 9; July 16; July 23; and July 30 Tap-Out ceremonies every Friday night during Camp Chickahominy Summer Camp. Also on successive Friday nights if camp goes over 5 weeks.
- July 29-August 11 Philmont Expedition...Jet aircraft both ways...side trip to Koshare Indian Reservation, home of world-famous Koshare Dancers.
- August 22-29 National Order of the Arrow Conference Trip to University of Illinois (b)
- September 10-12 Summer Ordeal-Fellowship at Camp Chickahominy (a)
- November 20 Area III-C Kitchen Cabinet meeting in Richmond (b)
- December 20 Christmas Banquet, place to be announced (a)

MARK YOUR PERSONAL AND UNIT CALENDARS, NOW. Events marked (a) should be attended by all Arrowmen. Active participation is both fun and a prerequisite for staying in the Lodge. Events marked (b) are restricted to official delegates, usually Lodge and Chapter officers and committee chairmen.

Kecoughtan Visits Chanco (from p.8)

Later, the whole delegation from Kecoughtan held the first patch auction in the history of Chanco Lodge. All together, we raised \$75 to go into Chanco Lodge's treasury. After some exciting patch trading, the delegation trudged back to their tents to catch some rest for the trip home.

Next morning, after another delicious breakfast put out by the fine cooking committee, we went to the assembly for all participants. Congratulations were made to the new members that were inducted the night before in a wet ceremony, and Marc Morris, lodge chief, handed out the activities patches. We then packed up and, after some long good-byes, headed home.

We really enjoyed it. After all, fellowship with such great Arrowmen like Bob Ashley, Lodge Treasurer, Marc Morris, Chief, and Mr. George Smith, Adviser, doesn't come often, and they were great to us. Perhaps, the whole of Kecoughtan Lodge owes Chanco Lodge a grand THANK YOU!

(EDITOR'S SMOKE SIGNALS - Cont'd from Page 2)

So, see what you can do about this problem. If you can take the work, and go a good job with it, Danny needs you. Call him at 826-0049, any time, day or night, and find out how you can help. The Dance Team wants to join YOU!

Yours in Brotherhood,

Samuel H. Fairchild

Sam Fairchild

**do
something
about reducing
Air Pollution today**

I'M DREAMING....OF A WHITE ORDEAL
(from Page 1)

Yes, it was cold at Camp. Arrowmen awoke Sunday morning to find that a blanket of snow had crept over everything. Even the Kecoughtan Hilton groaned under the weight of the solid sunshine. Several lucky ones were surprised to find a snow covered woodpile built in easy reach of their quarters, while others had to crawl out from their sleeping bags to find their fuel elsewhere.

The Ordeal also proved to be an eventful beginning to the new faces in the lodge. Many of the new members found out the true meaning of cheerful service when they observed how smoothly everything and everyone happened. We hope that they too will contribute to this outstanding brotherhood in the future.

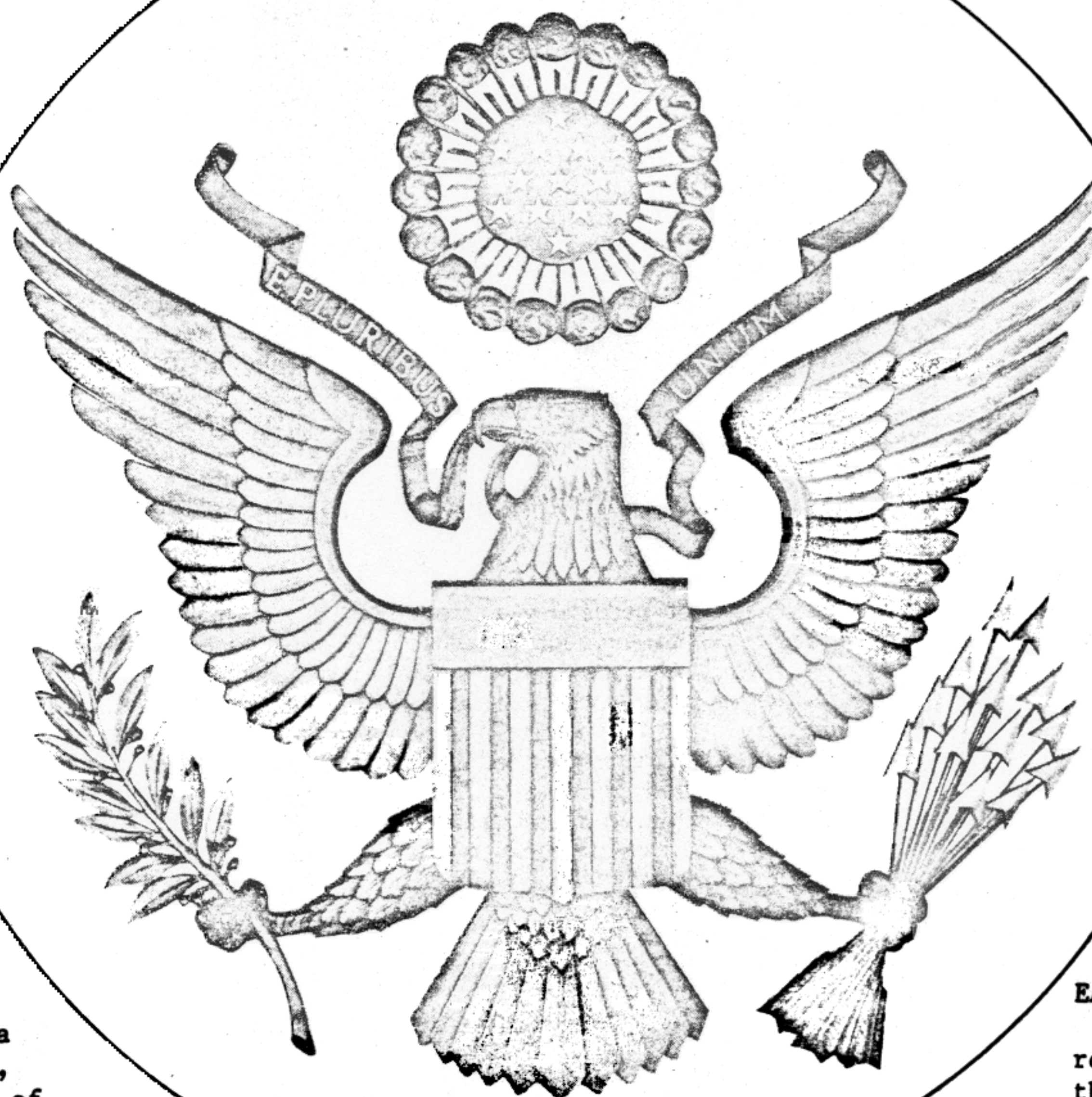
One was also glad to see the many old faces at the ordeal, some returning after long periods of absences. One can only hope that these arrowmen will also give of themselves in service in years to come.

Speaking of service, it was heartwarming to see the amount of work that was accomplished. Camp Chickahominy never looked better. Perhaps, if the present service level continues, Camp Chickahominy will become the best-maintained, best looking, and just plain BEST camp around. At least there was a good start in February.

Yes, it was cold. Yet, one can only wonder if it will be done again. After all, an ordeal is Arrowmen working together. One is approaching in June. Pretend like June is February.



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HELP! That's right, I said, "HELP!"

Here is something that your lodge and your camp need help doing.

As you will see when you visit the campfire arena at Camp Chickahominy, preliminary work has started toward making the stage level performing area large enough to accommodate all types of campfire programs. Right now, the place is a real mess. The contractor who cleared the land for the dining hall drain field quite properly dumped his stumps to form part of the fill we will need. He also cut a road into the stage area to let him place the stumps properly and to give continual access for finishing the work and servicing the campfires.

Finishing the work involves 2 major projects. FIRST, we must put up a barrier to keep the whole thing from sliding into the lake. This will take a large number of railroad ties or hardwood logs emplaced in a way that is structurally sound. Our Engineer has that laid out on paper.

SECOND, we must fill in behind the barrier with inert material such as clay, dirt, old cinder block scrap, brick and mortar from demolished buildings, etc.; and then we top it off with a sandy soil that, in time, will permit us to grow grass.

Now you understand why I began my message with "HELP!" Can you, the adult and boy Arrowmen of Kecoughtan Lodge help this effort in any way? Do you have equipment, or can you round some up? Can you get some fill material? Will you come up and work with others on the hand-labor parts?

What makes this enterprise really interesting is that it must be finished by the 4th weekend of April, 1972. That is when we host our first Area III-C PowWow!

PLEASE DO YOUR PART in this permanent, major improvement for your summer camp. Call me (596-4135)(days 244-8441 & 229-3141) or Sgt Andy Kurtz (722-7686)(days 764-4430) or Scout Executive Lew Jordan (595-3356 & 877-5085) to volunteer. PLEASE !
In Brotherhood,

Bailey Tudor, Lodge Adviser

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