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Jimmy Pettas, 14, Honored In Death By Brother Scouts

Fourteen-year-old Jimmy Pettas, Second Class Scout of Troop 95, who was drowned on May 29 while trying to rescue two of his Troop's recruits from a rain-water pool in a wooded spot of Queens Village, north of Union Turnpike and east of 215th Street, was honored in death when he was buried from his home at 633 Myrtle Avenue with an escort of 27 Scouts from his Troop and more than 100 classmates and members of other Troops, last Tuesday.

Brother Scouts Pay Tribute

Michael Santacroce, 12, of 79 Clinton Avenue and Thomas Keeshan, 12 of 410 DeKalb Avenue, the recruits whom Jimmy dived to his death to rescue, were white-faced members of the escort. Joseph Wernet, 14, of 821 Hancock Street, who heroically rescued the two boys and vainly tried to save Jimmy, also paid his last tribute to a brother Scout.

The Scouts accompanied the casket to St. Constantine's Church and James McKigney, Scoutmaster, led the boys to Mount Olivet Cemetery, Maspeth, where the Troop bugler sounded "Taps".

Pettas and Wernet were on an unauthorized hike with other scouts and recruits from their Troop, which is sponsored by the St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Bedford and DeKalb Avenues, when Santacroce, who cannot swim, decided to go wading in a near-by rain-water pool. While in the water, he reached for a log and found himself in water beyond his depth. Keeshan, who is a poor swimmer, started after Santacroce and found that he could not render any assistance and was jeopardizing his own life.

Seeing the plight of the two boys, Jimmy and Wernet hurriedly dove into the water and Wernet pulled Santacroce ashore, and then swam back to Pettas and Keeshan who were battling in the water. Wernet freed the two boys and knowing that Pettas could swim, pulled in Keeshan. But, to his amazement, when he reached shore the second time he saw that Pettas' strength was all spent from his efforts and was slowly sinking.

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28 Borough Patrols Awarded "A" Rating

Out of the 50 Patrols which participated in the recent borough-wide Camp-O-Ree held at Fort Hamilton, Bay Ridge, 28 achieved the coveted honor of "A" rating and 13 "B" rating according to an announcement from Edward H. Smith, Chairman of the Rally Committee.

A little Tenderfoot from Troop 359 of the Central District, the only Scout to appear from his Patrol, stole the spotlight of the annual rally. Undaunted by the terrific odds he had to overcome, the Scout went through the entire program all by himself and was awarded the rating of "B" for his own camping.

"A" Patrols

The Patrols awarded "A" rating are: Troops 2, 30, 31, 32, 44, 48, 51, 60, 61, 62, 86, 93, 98, 111, 117, 132, 164, 176, 196, 198, 203, 210, 242, 250, 261, 277, 279 and 332.

Patrols awarded "B" rating are: 8, 20, 97, 101, 109, 112, 129, 174, 211, 226, 263, 299 and 398.

MANY IMPROVEMENTS TO FEATURE SPRUCE POND CAMPING SITE

Scheduled rates for camping at Spruce Pond, official Brooklyn Council weekend camp site near Southfields, N. Y., were announced today by the Spruce Pond Camping Committee.

Troops may use one lean-to over Saturday and Sunday during the Summer months for one dollar. The fee on weekdays, Monday to Friday is 25 cents per Scout each day, or one dollar per Scout for the five days, Monday to Friday inclusive.

It was also announced that the Erie Railroad will transport Scouts to Southfields at the round-trip price of \$1.25, in groups of ten or more.

A number of new improvements have been made at the camp, including an extension dock on the nearby lake for the sole use of Brooklyn Scouts and a crib for non-swimmers. The dock will be used to land boats and also as the foundation for a diving-board.

In addition to the water-well at Cabin Headquarters, another is being dug on

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Veteran Campers Hold Reunion, At Camp Over Holiday Weekend

When we announced the opening of the Scout Camps as July 5 we must have reckoned without the sunny days the Decoration weekend afforded, or without the score of "old-timers" that won't let work and time clocks keep them away from the place they once referred as "home" in the Summer.

At least so it appeared to any one who saw the ball games at Talequah field, or the number of "Scouts" swimming at the No. 1 dock last Sunday and Monday. Closer inspection proved these "Scouts" to be a little older than our usual summer crowd; otherwise the impression that camp was in full swing might have been perfect.

From the Apple Rest came Morty Hyman, Jack Ornstein, Bill O'Phelan and three boys from Mort's and Bill's Troops. From the old Ihepe cabin came 15 old-

timers dating back to 1929 and further, including Carl Schaum, Harvey Robinson, Jack Bohan, Pete Formosa, Frank Goffio, Hum Bohan, Ron Ryan, Bert Ryan, Lou Hesse, Tom Leahy, Mike Cronin, Ed Ritter, George Wohlers and Bob Lindstrom. From we know not where, but all to center on that dock came Ed Schmidt, "Boff" Kane, Artie Duffey, Jack Warnock and Bernie Curry.

Basking in the mid-Summer weather, and enjoying those memories that only the hills and our own Rock Lake could bring, they spent the three days, wishing they were back in schoolboy days again, and could, with the hundreds of other Brooklyn Scouts, look forward with keenest anticipation to weeks, rather than weekends, of pleasure at the place where they had spent some of the happiest days of their lives.

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BOROUGH AND DISTRICT DATES

BOROUGH:

Scout Advancement—First Monday—5:30 p.m.—Headquarters.

Council Meeting—Second Monday—8:15 p.m.—Headquarters.

Organization Committee—Fourth Monday—8:15 p.m.—Headquarters.

Camera Club meets second and fourth Thursday of each month at Headquarters.

SEA SCOUTS

Officers Training—First and Third Thursdays—8 p.m.—Headquarters

C. of H.—Second Thursday—8 p.m.—Headquarters.

Officers Meeting—Fourth Thursday—8 p.m.—Headquarters.

Sea Scout Committee Meeting—First Monday—8 p.m.—Headquarters.

ATLANTIC

District Assembly meeting and election of officers, Monday, June 28, Christ Church Parish House, 73rd St. and Ridge Blvd. at 8 p. m.

First Class and Merit Badge Court of Honor, Thursday, June 17, Court House, 43rd St. and Fourth Ave. at 7:30 p. m.

BATH BEACH

Assembly meeting third Wednesday at home of Michael Sincoff, 6007 - 21st Avenue, at 8 p.m.

Annual Rally, tentatively set for June 12th, at 52nd Naval Battalion, Sidney Margolis in charge.

BUSHWICK-ARLINGTON

Swimming at Highland Park YMCA, Jamaica and Shepherd Avenues, every Saturday at 6:45 p.m.

Second and First Class Courts of Honor every third Tuesday at St. Thomas Church, Cooper and Bushwick Avenues, at 7:30 p.m.

Merit Badge Court of Honor every first Tuesday at the White Church, Himrod and Bushwick Avenue at 7:30 p.m.

CENTRAL:

Swimming 1 Cl. and M. B., test passing and A. R. C. Life Saving at Prospect Y. M. C. A. every Saturday 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Non-swimmers' class every Friday 5:45 p.m. Bring 15c for towel and soap. Applicants must write William Ruane, 1938 Stuart St. Livingston-Clinton Neighborhood Assembly, Fourth Tuesday at 7:30 p. m.

Annual election of officers and regular district meeting, June 15, at Scout Head.

Neighborhood Meetings—Col. Hghts., June

Jamboree Uniform



This "typical Scout" is shown wearing the official khaki uniform selected for 25,000 Boy Scouts of the nation to wear at their National Jamboree to be held at a 350-acre camp at Washington, D. C., next June 30 to July 9.

Each Scout will have two pair of cotton shorts and two V-neck shirts, without collars, two pair of cotton stockings, necessary underwear, one pair of low-cut tan shoes, the official Scout hat, and two Scout neckerchiefs. The official Jamboree insignia is shown worn on the right pocket while the badge of rank is worn over the left pocket.

22nd, Grace Church, Hicks Street and Grace Court.

Clinton-Livingston at Scout Head, June 22nd.

Carroll, June 28th at 398 Clinton Street.

Ft. Greene, June 28th, at Clinton Avenue Community Church.

Prospect Heights, June 15th, at Prospect YMCA, 357 Ninth Street - Rally June 5th, in Prospect Park.

EASTERN:

1 and 2 Cl. Court of Honor—First Monday of the month—Williamsburg Y. M. H. A.

Annual Rally at LaGuardia Playground, Sunday June 13 at 1 p. m.

FLATBUSH-MIDWOUT:

M. B. and 1 Cl. First Aid, Map and Signalling tests, 1st Wednesday of each month at All Souls' Church, Ocean and Ditmas Aves.—7:30 p.m.

Troop 53 Victorious In Spruce Pond Camp Improvement Project

Troop 53 of the Atlantic District won the Camp Improvement Project at Spruce Pond, Brooklyn Council weekend camp site, over the Decoration day weekend. Troop 164 of Flatbush Midwout District was a close second.

The project was a general clean-up of the entire camp site and the committee was elated with the results of the five units which participated, consisting of Scouts from Troops 129 and 117 and members of the Sunset District Senior Degree.

More than 300 Scouts camped at Spruce Pond over the weekend under the general direction of Frank Weidmann, campmaster.

Scouts Stop Bleeding; "Take Care Of" Bully

The following is a note received by a Scoutmaster pointing out the actions of three Scouts in his Troop. The names of the boys were omitted in the original letter.

"We heard someone yell and saw all the kids running, so we went to see what happened. It was a little boy and the blood was running all over his face. A woman said to take him to the corner drugstore so "Kleppy" and Mike carried the youngster while I put my thumb on the pressure point. We stopped the blood so that the druggist didn't want to call an ambulance. But when I took my thumb off the pressure point, the wound started to bleed so fast that the druggist quickly telephoned for an ambulance. When the interne arrived we told him that we were Boy Scouts, but we did not give our names. Then we went back and "took care of" the bully who threw the rock at the kid."

Life Saving Instruction every Monday at 8:50 p.m. at Flatbush Boys' Club, Bedford and Church Avenues. Bring 15 cents for towel and soap. Scouts must show registration cards.

SHEEPSHEAD BAY:

M. B. examinations will be held at the Joyce Kilmer Post, Kings Highway and 12th St., June 16.

STUYFORD:

Swimming, Boys' Branch, Bedford Y. M. C. A., 1st Monday of each month.

Merit Badge Court of Honor, first Thursday each month, Bedford YMCA.

Bedford Neighborhood, first and second class Court of Honor, second Thursday each month, Bedford YMCA.

Stuyvesant Neighborhood 1 and 2 class Court of Honor—Fourth Tuesday—7:30 p.m.—Grace Church, Stuyvesant and Jefferson Aves.

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Jack Ornstein

His Story On A Thumbnail

We introduce to you a gentleman, a scholar, a man among men, Jack Ornstein.

Jack, who has been associated with the Brooklyn Council Scout Camps at Rock Lake for about two decades, will be in charge of the educational activities, including arts, handicraft and nature work, this summer. And from the advance notices and plans which are rapidly taking form, we can say, without fear of contradiction,

his program will be one of the major camp features.

Coming up from the ranks, Ornstein holds the coveted rank of Eagle Scout. He has been an Assistant Scoutmaster and Scoutmaster and possesses most every nature award which can be obtained in the field of Scouting. He was in charge of the Kosher Camp Units for the past two years.

Outside of Scouting, Jack teaches art appreciation at Boys' High School, and won his Master's Degree after studying in Paris. He's a veteran and experienced camper, a swell fella and a real Scout.



Jack Ornstein

Scouts Must Select A Definite Period For Camp Vacation

Claude S. Allen, chairman of the Brooklyn Council Camp Committee announced today that 248 Scouts already have signed up for Scout Camps at Rock Lake, this summer.

Pointing out that applications are being received at Headquarters at a record pace, Mr. Allen issued a warning to all Scouts and parents that a Scout must select his vacation period from a pre-arranged schedule and will not be permitted to switch during mid-Summer if the other periods are full. He also said that boys in camp who have only signed up for two weeks and at the end of their period decide that they would like to remain another two weeks, will not be able to do so if previous arrangements have been made by other Scouts. This particularly holds true in the Kosher units, which are usually full even before camp opens.

It also was announced that 56 cabins will be ready for occupancy.

The first two-week period will start on July 5 and terminate on July 19. Second will commence July 19 and end August 2, third, August 2 to 16, and fourth August 16 to 30. A special last week will begin August 30 and Camp will close on September 6.

Further information regarding vacation periods and fees can be obtained at Scout Headquarters, 114 Remsen St. The phone number is TRiangle 5-1522.

Tips From The Tree Tops

By GEORGE E. HIX

(Editor's Note: This is the second of a series of articles dealing with the study of trees prepared exclusively for the Council Ring by George E. Hix, Scoutmaster of Troop S-105.

It will be worthwhile for all Scouts to save these articles in order to have a more comprehensive knowledge of our more common trees.)

Flowers on most of our trees are very inconspicuous and may be disregarded in our present discussion. There are, however, some noteworthy exceptions. Who fails to admire the flowering dogwood in May and June? The real flower is very small, but showy bracts give the impression of a large flower. In July the rhododendron is a magnificent spectacle with its clusters

of white and pinkish flowers.

Fruits of trees are usually conspicuous and are a good guide for identification. They vary in shape and size, but most are known to the amateur nature experts.

A series of articles of this type would not be complete without descriptions of some of our more popular trees. Today we will discuss the maple family, common horse chestnut, tulip tree and tree of heaven.

TULIP TREE: About 80 to 150 feet high. Usually grows very straight, with no branches until near the top. The leaves are large and the flowers tulip-shaped. Its fruit grows in the shape of a pointed cone. The shape of the flowers

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Trouping with the Troops

By LIONEL GOLDEN

The Annual Parent's Nite of 248 really had a high spot last Friday. A group of rapt parents and members watched movies of the senior scouts scaling the Teton Mountains in Wyoming . . . Scouts of 96 are joining with Girl Scout Troop 120 in a "Sport Hop" on June 11th. Their joint committee foresee a very successful affair . . . The 15th anniversary celebration of 53 ran off smoothly last Friday in the auditorium of P. S. 185 . . . Atlantic District's rally will be held the 15th at the Crescent Athletic Club Field . . . The Explorer Patrol of Troop 86 celebrated its first anniversary with a dinner at their PL HQ on the 3rd. . . . Eagle Herbert Lichtman is 268's representative to the Jamboree and Arthur Haas will carry 26's numerals to Washington.

Troop 51's Father and Son Dinner at the Esplanade Club on the 9th celebrated their 20th Anniversary . . . S-271 pulled another one of its lost acts when three groups of Scouts hiking in Bear Mountain Park failed to find the correct meeting place. They spent four days looking for each other . . . The Blazing Arrows of 131 were victorious in this month's inter-patrol rally . . . Scouts of 131, 185, 192 and 271 are looking forward to a joint overniter under the leadership of SM Al Corn . . . All Patrols of 26 had their eye on the Honor Patrol Banner last week on their "Sealed Orders Hike".

HONORED IN DEATH BY BROTHER SCOUTS

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Although he and the other boys dived repeatedly, they could not find Pettas. Forty-five minutes later, police found Jimmy's body, stuck in the muddy bottom of the pool.

Seek Carnegie Award

Two huge wreaths of white roses inscribed: "To A Hero From His Pals" and "Our Hero" were sent to the Pettas home by the Scouts.

Santacroe and Keshan paid their respects with their families earlier in the day and left a sheaf of lillies. They will request a Carnegie Hero Award for Jimmy, and Scoutmaster McKigney said the Troop would apply for the Gold Honor Medal, highest Scout award, for the boy.

S-279 had a large turnout at their Communion Breakfast. Services were held at the Lady of Victory Church and Breakfast at the Terrace Cafeteria . . . Troop 253 held its annual dance at the Temple Bnai Israel on the 6th. Their 16th anniversary was the occasion . . . The Bicycle Patrol of Troop 93 are acting as couriers in the Brooklyn Sunday School Parade on the 10th at the request of Marshal Harry Stewart.

Troop 235's annual Memorial Day weekend hike featured a Council Fire and Baseball game with Troop 90. The title of best Scout in camp and a mess kit went to Scout Joseph Leniss . . . Scouts of 136 entertained their parents and friends at the Beth. Evangelical Lutheran Church on the 7th . . . Only three more weeks to Camp and the temporary ending of this column—so get your stuff in if you want to see your Troop in print . . . and get your camp applications in if you want to have a swell Summer.

MANY IMPROVEMENTS TO FEATURE SPRUCE

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he other side of the lake, near lean-to No. 2. Also, a concrete tank is being constructed in the spring near lean-to No. 8. Previous tests have proven that the water in the spring is excellent for drinking and cooking purposes.

An activities director will assist Frank Weidemann, campmaster, during the months of July and August.

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gives the tree its name, which is found growing in our public parks.

TREE OF HEAVEN—(Ailanthus): A tree with very large compound leaves; the leaf-scars resemble the imprint of small horse's hoofs. A common tree in city yards and vacant lots. It was introduced from Asia.

COMMON HORSE-CHESTNUT: A tree with opposite branches and compound leaves with seven leaflets and large sticky buds. Its flowers grow in

large showy clusters and the fruit is large, usually covered with prickles. Very popular in parks and planted along streets and highways.

Maples are trees with opposite branches and lobed leaves. Its flowers grow small and in clusters. The fruit is double-winged and two-seeded. Commonly known as "Polly noses" to the boys.

SILVER MAPLE: Bark rather scaly with drooping branches. Leaves very deeply notched, silvery white and when young, downy beneath. Common in parks and streets.