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MOURN JUSTICE CROPSEY

Jamboree Scouts Leave Sunday For Washington

The entire Brooklyn Council Jamboree Contingent will leave for Washington, D. C., the site of the National Scout extravaganza, Sunday, June 27, under the direct leadership of James McKigney, Scoutmaster of Troop 95 and Daniel Beyer, Scoutmaster of Troop 340.

The group is leaving three days before the start of the nation-wide rally and will spend an extra day of sight-seeing in Philadelphia, after the close of the get-together.

Included in the Brooklyn units will be Arthur Loehrer of Troop 364, who will participate as a guest of the Brooklyn Kiwanis Club and Thomas S. Tanis, president of the Brooklyn Council Press Club, who is going as the guest of the Brooklyn Daily Eagle and will wire daily accounts of the Brooklyn delegation to the Eagle editorial offices.

Brooklyn Scouts and Leaders Attend Cropsey Funeral Rites

Brooklyn Scouting and Scouting throughout the nation today mourns the loss of one of its greatest friends and benefactors, our late Council President, Supreme Court Justice James Church Cropsey.

A Leader Lost



The late Justice Cropsey

The simplicity and straightforward purpose which marked his career, followed the venerable justice to his final resting place, last Thursday afternoon.

Hundreds Attend Services

While hundreds of Justice Cropsey's colleagues, associates and Scouts and Scout officials from Brooklyn and National Councils and members of the Boy Scout Foundation of Greater New York, bowed in tribute to his memory, and silence prevailed in the courtroom where for 21 years he dispensed even-handed justice, funeral services, arranged strictly in accordance with one of Justice Cropsey's last wishes, were conducted in the Classon Avenue Presbyterian Church, Classon Avenue and Monroe Street.

The services, which were simple to the point of austerity and included the reading of two hymns, scripture readings, a prayer and finally the Lord's Prayer, were conducted by the Rev. Dr. Peter A. MacDonald, pastor of the church.

Scouts In Reserved Section

About 50 members of Troop 242, which is sponsored by the church, headed by District Commissioner Edward Smith, occupied a reserved section of pews in front of the church during the services. Behind them were about 65 Brooklyn Council leaders and officials from the National Council and the Boy Scout Foundation of Greater New York.

Outside the church' more than 300 Brooklyn Scouts, Sea Scouts and leaders formed a guard of honor before and after the services and assisted the ushers with the throngs which came to pay their last respects to one of their beloved and faithful servants.

At the end of the services, the entire body of Scouts marched after the hearse,

PAY ALL EXPENSES OF JAMBOREE GUIDE SCOUTS - 50 MORE NEEDED

Scouts who enlist as guides for foreign Jamboree Scouts will have all their expenses paid, according to an announcement today by Field Executive Al A. Anderson.

Arrangements have been made by the committee in charge of the guide units to permit the Scouts and their foreign guests to visit a number of entertaining and interesting places in the city, entirely gratis.

Another 50 Scouts are needed to fill up the quota allotted to Brooklyn Council. Don't delay. Send in your name, troop number and age to Mr. Anderson at Headquarters and state the day or days you are available. The weekends of June 26 prior to the National Jam-

boree and the weekend of July 10 are the days when most of the guides are needed. Don't forget, all expenses, including lunch money, will be paid.

James Church Cropsey was born in Brooklyn on Oct. 10, 1872 and was graduated from Brooklyn Polytechnic Institute and Columbia Law School. He was a member of an old Brooklyn family. Cropsey Avenue was named after the family and Church Avenue was so designated in honor of his maternal ancestors. His uncle, James Church, once was a surrogate of Kings County.

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BOROUGH AND DISTRICT DATES

BOROUGH:

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

Brooklyn Council Cubbing Committee meets second Tuesday of each month at the office chairman James F. Milde, 44 Court St., Room 1018.

Camera Club meets second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at Headquarters, at 8 p. m.

SEA SCOUTS

Officers Meeting—Fourth Thursday—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.

Atlantic District meeting, June 28th, Christ Church, at 8 p.m.

BATH BEACH

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

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.

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.

Carroll, June 28th at 398 Clinton Street. Ft. Greene, June 28th, at Clinton Avenue Community Church.

EASTERN:

First and Second class Court of Honor, Merit Badge Court of Honor, July 11.

FLATBUSH-MIDWOUT:

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.

STUYFORD:

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

CREDIT FOR COUNCIL CAMP SITE IS GIVEN TO JUSTICE CROPSEY

His main ambition was to safeguard the health and lives of Brooklyn boyhood. A large share of the credit for securing the beautiful 11,000-acre camp-site at Ten Mile River should be given to Justice Cropsey. Prior to the final selection of the site, he and President Roosevelt, who then was governor of New York State, made repeated visits to the site and inspected personally every suitable area in the sector.

Justice Cropsey's annual visit to the Camps at Rock Lake was one of the highlights of the camp season. During his 20 years of association with Brooklyn Scouting, he never failed to make at least one visit each year to the camps.

Our late Council President also was instrumental in seeing that a varied and

Flags At Half Staff

The death of Justice Cropsey will keep flags on public buildings in the city at half staff. They already were lowered out of respect to the late Justice Charles Haubert and Alderman John J. Mahoney of Manhattan, who died last week.

interesting program of activities was made available for those Scouts who were not able to go to camp.

While in his tenure of office as Council President, for the past 20 years, he was absent from only four of the regular Council meetings and these absences were due to ill health.

Among his many Scout affiliations, Justice Cropsey also served on the board of the Boy Scout Foundation of Greater New York, since its inception, and also as a member of the National Council.

As a tribute to one of their deceased colleagues, Brooklyn Supreme Court Justices and members of the Appellate Division adjourned court last Thursday and Friday.

On Wednesday, more than a score of the Appellate Division and Supreme Court Justices of this district gathered in Trial Term, Part I to praise the memory of our late Council President.

Please keep Headquarters posted on all District dates.

Tom Tanis, Troop 45 Selected As Eagle Jamboree Reporter

Thomas S. Tanis of 125 E. 19th St., president of the Brooklyn Boy Scout Press Club, has been selected by the Brooklyn Daily Eagle as its representative to the National Jamboree to be held in the nation's capitol, June 29 to July 9, at which time more than 25,000 Scouts and leaders from all parts of the country and from all foreign lands will gather in answer to an invitation from President Roosevelt.

The Jamboree, the largest event of its kind in the history of American Scouting, originally was to have taken place in 1935, but due to the prevalence of an epidemic at that time, the plan was abandoned and revived this year.

Report Jamboree Activities

The Jamboree activities of the Brooklyn and Long Island contingents will be stressed in reports to be printed in The Eagle and sent direct from the scene of the gigantic get-together by Tanis to the Eagle editorial offices.

Besides being president of the Brooklyn Council Press Club, Tanis is a former editor of the Council Ring. During his editorship this publication progressed rapidly both in journalistic standing and circulation.

Founded Troop Paper

Tanis began his journalistic career in Troop 45 when he started the Troop paper, The Cerebrum. At present, The Cerebrum is the only Troop periodical in Brooklyn with a national charter.

Tanis has been in Scouting for six years and holds the rank of Junior Assistant Scoutmaster. He is also a member of the Flatbush Chapter of the Senior Degree.

Today we will continue our discussion by studying the hickory tree and the birch family.

210 Holds Parents Night

Troop 210 closed its current city Scouting season with a Parents Night and Rally, in the gymnasium of St. Bartholomews P. E. Church, 1227 Pacific Street, last week.

Scoutcraft demonstrations, games, a council fire, movies and refreshments constituted the evening's activities. Stuart A. Peterkin, Jr., is Scoutmaster.

The following have been designated as Official Outfitters by the National Council and, as such, are authorized to sell Official Scout equipment and uniforms.

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Tips From The Tree Tops

By GEORGE E. HIX

SUGAR OR ROCK MAPLE: Leaves deeply lobed with rounded notches and slightly toothed. It is a large tree and grows quite extensively in city streets. Few if any in Brooklyn, but very common at Spruce Pond.

ASH—The many species of Ash are rather difficult to identify. They are large forest trees with opposite branches and compound leaves. Buds are smoke-colored and its fruit grows in large clusters.

SASSAFRAS—This tree is best known by its leaves. To use boy language they come "right-handed and left-handed catcher's mitt, three-fingered." Minus the leaves the tree may be identified by the fact that it appears to be built in sections. Old trees have rich brown, rather rough, bark. Young shoots are green. Sassafras is known for its aromatic fragrance of the bark and roots. There are

extra fine specimens in our parks.

ELM—Large umbrella-shaped trees. Leaves are large, oval, sharp toothed and rough to the touch.

Both American and English Elms are found in our parks and streets. They are very similiar and are easily identified by the large single trunk branching off into many toward the top.

AMERICAN SYCAMORE—Leaves are rather large and heart-shapped. Fruit globular, solitary, hanging on a long stem; remaining on the tree throughout the Winter. A large tree and is known widely for its peeling bark.

ORIENTAL PLANE—Leaves more deeply cut, smaller and smoother than those of the American Sycamore. Fruit frequently clustered on the stems. This is the tree we commonly have in the city parks and streets. It is better for cultivation. The American Sycamore is at its best along river banks.

Brooklyn Sea Scouts

Hold General Assembly

A general assembly of all Brooklyn Sea Scout Ships was held Thursday evening, June 24th, in the auditorium of the Brooklyn Edison Company, Pearl and Willoughby Streets.

Certificates of proficiency were presented to all who successfully completed the special instruction course. A special program of sound moving pictures which proved to be of particular interest to Sea Scouts was one of the evening's highlights.

Hold Funeral Services

For Scout John Nette

Second Class Scout John Nette, quartermaster of Troop 115, who died Sunday, June 6 after a brief illness, was buried on Wednesday, June 9th, following services at St. Catherine of Genoa's Church, the Troop's Headquarters.

Work has begun on a room in the basement of Brooklyn Council Headquarters to serve as a dark-room for the developing and printing of the Brooklyn Scouters Camera Club. The club would

Troop 149 Wins Rally

Troop 149, of which William A. Root is Scoutmaster, emerged victorious in the annual Central District recently. Scoutmaster Root also announced that Scouts A. A. McIntyre and Robert Williams received their Second Class pins at a recent Court of Honor.

Report Camp Sites

So that the required information may be kept at Headquarters, all Scoutmasters and leaders, whose Troops have their own camp sites, are asked to notify Field Executive Al A. Anderson the exact location of their camping grounds.

Please keep Headquarters posted on all District dates.

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SCOUTS AND OFFICIALS FORM GUARD OF HONOR

Notables Pay Final Tribute to Jurist; Last Rites Simple

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while the officials lined up on both sides of the carriage.

Dr. Kimball Honorary Pallbearer

Scout Executive Dr. Lindsley F. Kimball was one of the honorary pallbearers.

The other Brooklyn Council members who attended the services, besides Dr. Kimball, were:

Assistant Scout Executive Joseph W. O'Farrell, Field Executives Philip F. Wagner, Joseph R. Levine and Al A. Anderson; Daniel A. Tobin, Council Vice President; President of the Municipal Civil Service Commission James E. Finegan, Council Scout Commissioner; Municipal Court Justice Nathan Sweedler, K. C. Bates, John T. Bladen, George P. Kennedy, Council Treasurer; Theodore H. Kenworth, former Judge Edward A. Richards, Thornton C. Thayer, Herbert

D. Wojan, Alden P. Gleason, Lawrence H. Phelps, George Xydias, Commodore A. C. Howell, Field Commissioner John H. Saunders, The Rev. Edward M. Pennell, Jr., Ralph Goldberg, James F. Milde, Edward H. Smith, William M. Homan, Harry G. Anderson, Robert E. Elzy, George M. Aronwald and Frank O. Nowaczek.

Queens, Staten Island Represented

The representatives from the National Council were:

Dr. George J. Fisher, deputy chief Scout executive of the Boy Scouts of America; E. Urner Goodman and Charles N. Miller.

Scout Executive Charles M. Heistand and City Court Justice Charles W. Froessel represented the Queens Council and Scout Executive Joseph D. Carstang, the Council of Staten Island.

The members of the Boy Scout Foundation of Greater New York who attended the services were:

William H. Pouch, Major Arthur A.

Queens, Staten Island Send Representatives To Cropsey Services

Proctor, Ralph Mahan and Felix M. Warburg.

Eulogize Justice Cropsey

In his prayer Dr. MacDonald eulogized Justice Cropsey by giving thanks "for the singular gifts and powers with which he was endowed . . . his life of public service, his activity in his chosen profession of the law; his record as prosecuting attorney, as Police Commissioner, and as a just judge whose courage and integrity commanded the respect of both friends and foes."

"We rejoice," the prayer continued, "that he was a friend of all young people and that the memory of his special relation to the Boy Scout Movement will be treasured by the officers, leaders, Scoutmasters and boys of Brooklyn as a lasting monument erected in their character and their hearts."

Scouting Has Lost A Great Friend In Cropsey's Death, Says Colleagues

Messages of sympathy and condolence, paying tribute to our late Council President were sent by county, city, State and national officials to Mrs. James C. Cropsey. The following are comments from Dr. James E. West, Chief Scout Executive, and Brooklyn Scout officials.

Dr. James E. West, Chief Scout Executive of the Boy Scouts of America, sent the following telegram to Mrs. Cropsey on behalf of the 1,075,423 Scouts, Cubs and Leaders of the nation as a tribute to our late Council President:

"The entire membership of the Boy Scouts of America shares your sorrow in the passing of your distinguished husband, who for more than 20 years has rendered outstanding and devoted service to the cause of youth in America as a member of our National Council and as president of our Brooklyn Council and as a member of the Boy Scout Foundation of Greater New York."

(signed) Dr. James E. West,

Dr. Lindsley F. Kimball, Brooklyn

Council Scout Executive—"The death of Justice Cropsey leaves a wide gap in Brooklyn Scouting and we, who have worked with him, will miss his wise counsel and untiring services."

President of the Municipal Civil Service Commission, James E. Finegan, Commissioner of Brooklyn Council—"The death of Justice Cropsey is a calamity to Scouting. He, more than any other person, has kept Scouting in its present high and lofty position, through these many years. There is no one in all the field of Scouting today, who has given so completely and generously of himself as Justice Cropsey.

It will be a long time before Brooklyn Scouting recovers from this great loss."

Daniel E. Tobin, secretary of Brooklyn Council—"The death of Justice Cropsey leaves a vacancy in Brooklyn Scouting which will be hard to replace. His interest and devotion to the boyhood of Brooklyn has been so great that at the

present time it seems impossible to find his successor."

Presiding Justice Edward Lazansky of the Appellate Division, Council Vice President—"Our honored president—our beloved leader—has gone to his final resting place. Justice Cropsey was the builder of Scouting in Brooklyn. How much and what he has done for it, only one man knows. Like a good Scout, his benefactions were never disclosed to the multitude. He did his good turn daily.

By doing all in your power to keep alive the true Scouting spirit you will show the regard and affection you had for him and, at the same time, express appreciation for his devotion to our cause. Life was the better for his unselfish service. We shall miss our dear friend very much indeed. We mourn his loss."

Press Club Plans Conference

The Brooklyn Boy Scout Press Club will hold its fourth annual conference of Brooklyn Scout editors and journalists, at the Herald Tribune Building, 230 W. 41st St., Manhattan, Saturday, June 26. The conference will be held in two sessions, morning and afternoon. The morning session will begin at 10:30 a.m.