

BOY SCOUT WORK:

The Boy Scout Department was once a branch of the Boy's Work Department, however, it has been developed to such a great extent that it is now a separate unit in our "Y" set-up at Davidson. This Department was faced with unusual difficulties at the beginning of the year because most Scout Troops in the area had become inactive during the War. The work consisted of reactivation and reorganization mainly. We sponsor two colored troops, three white troops, and one Cub Pack.

Davidson Troop 75---(Colored)---Harry McLean and John Duck, College students, worked with the principal of the colored high school, Mr. L. E. Poe, and placed this troop back into activity. Much was accomplished by improving the quality of the troop meetings and program during the first semester. At the end of that time the two boys mentioned were drafted into the U.S. Navy; and Henry Farrior and George Wilson, returned GI's, took over. This is our largest troop; and the boys who are members, being vitally interested in Scouting, are making wonderful progress.

Smithville Scout Troop---(Colored)---A faithful and hard working freshman, Allan Owen, was very active in re-opening the Smithville Colored Troop which is located near Cornelius. Haywood Gaston, a member of that community, is the Scoutmaster. The Colored Troop which we once sponsored near Caldwell Station has been combined with Smithville.

Davidson Troop 98---(White)---This is the Unity Church Troop, of which Mr. Oscar Gent is Scoutmaster. During the first semester Lee Willingham and Jim Pittman were Assistant Scoutmasters; Bob Henderson replaced Pittman in the second semester. The Troop was aided by a gift of athletic equipment and games from the YMCA. Work in this one field has been greatly hindered by failure to encourage sufficient interest among the boys in the Hill Village.

Davidson Troop 58---(White)---This was one of the few Troops which did not suffer during the war. Dr. Carl Pritchett is the Scoutmaster. Although we sponsor the troop, no Davidson students were needed as assistants this year.

Cornelius Troop 1---(White)---A complete revival has taken place in this Troop, but it took many hours of hard effort on the part of Harry McLean to bring it about. The Troop had become completely dissolved since 1943; even the troop committee and board had broken up. With the help of Mr. Hugh Smith of Cornelius, and Mr. Ken Davis, the Scout Executive for this District, McLean succeeded in having a meeting of the old Scout Committee. A new Scoutmaster was obtained; Mr. Asbury Howard, a returned veteran who has keen interest in the boys. Our department placed two outstanding students in charge of the Troop---John Miller and Flynn Long, both Eagle Scouts. A fine piece of work was accomplished; and this troop has proven to be the most outstanding unit on our list. During the month of April a Troop Advancement program was held at which time six boys attained second class rank.

Cub Pack 58---(White)---There are two dens in this Pack; one is under the care of Mrs. Brownson, and the other under the care of Mrs. J. V. Lore---Don Mothers. Mr. R. Bault, a faculty member, is the Pack Master. Champ McNair, Fitz Read, and Bill Boyd helped carry on this work.

Scout work of our "Y" offers numerous opportunities for service to the Community, both for Negroes and Whites.