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FIRST SCOUT TROOPS:

1 OUT OF 100 STILL THRIVE

NORTH BRUNSWICK, N.J., Feb. ---About one out of every hundred Boy Scout troops chartered during the year of Scouting's birth in America are still alive, well, and offering a program of challenge to youths 11 through 17.

Released for the first time by the National Council, BSA, is a list of 40 units whose records here indicate they were first chartered in 1910 and have continued without a registration lapse since that time. They serve boys in 36 U.S. communities (three of the troops are from New York City; two from Indianapolis --- the only communities with more than one of these historic troops).

A spokesman for the national Scout organization said that it is impossible to pinpoint the first American Scout troop, since many units operated as troops before the BSA was incorporated. Others, not on the list, have operated continuously, but without continuous registration for one reason or another.

Apparently no record is available of the total number of units actually chartered in 1910 --- the BSA was incorporated that February 8 --- but files at the national headquarters do indicate that some 4,000 men registered that year as scoutmasters. It is likely that some, but not many, troops had more than one leader that first year.

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Today there are 65,000 Scout troops, with 1.5 million boys and well over a half-million adult volunteer leaders.

There are, in addition, now nearly 2 million Cub Scouts in (60,000 packs) and over 660,000 pack leaders in Scouting's program for younger boys (8 through 10) --- a program introduced formally in 1930. Another 430,000 young men and women (15 through 20) and over 110,000 adult volunteers in 25,000 posts are associated with Exploring, the career-oriented coed program which traces its history back to 1911 but which became a separate Scouting program in 1949.

All will be marking Scouting's 66th this month.

But in Boston and Paducah, in downtown Detroit and rural Unadilla, N.Y., and in a handful of other communities the celebration can take on extra meaning. For there, there are Scout units with a continuous, formal tie to those early days, when Chicago businessman William D. Boyce, prompted by the help he had received from a young man in England, brought the Scouting program to the U.S.A. and incorporated the Boy Scouts of America.

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#### NOTE TO EDITORS

A LIST OF THE 40 UNITS APPEARS ON THE FOLLOWING THREE PAGES. WE SUGGEST YOU MAY WISH TO CONTACT YOUR LOCAL SCOUT SERVICE CENTER FOR INFORMATION ON YOUR LOCAL TROOP WHICH COULD BE DEVELOPED INTO A FEATURE WITH AN ANNIVERSARY TIE-IN. PERHAPS THE LOCAL UNIT HAS LONG-TIME PARTNER ASSOCIATIONS, A VETERAN SCOUTMASTER, PROMINENT EAGLES OR OTHER FAMOUS "ALUMNI", OR SPECIAL PROGRAMS WHICH WOULD OFFER ADDITIONAL STORY-LINE PEGS.

The troops are:

#### EAST CENTRAL REGION

<u>Unit &amp; Council</u>	<u>Partner/Meeting Place</u>	<u>Scoutmaster</u>
Tr. 309, Chicago, Ill. (Chicago Area)	- 1st Congregational Church 1613 W. Washington Blvd., Chicago, Ill.	- Ernest E. Childs, Jr.
Tr. 1, Indianapolis, Ind. (Crossroads of America)	- Tuxedo Park Baptist Church 29 No. Grant, Indianapolis, Ind.	- Patrick M. Cobb
Tr. 3, Indianapolis, Ind. (Crossroads of America)	- Irvington Presbyterian Church 55 Johnson Avenue, Indianapolis, Ind.	- Robert J. Gelarden
Tr. 2, Detroit, Michigan (Detroit Area)	- Fort Street Presbyterian Church 631 W. Fort St., Detroit, Mich.	- Albert Thomas
Tr. 1, Parkersburg, W.Va. (Kootaga Area)	- American Legion Post #15 Parkersburg, W.Va.	- Paul Polsey

#### NORTH CENTRAL REGION

Tr. 2, St. Louis, Mo. (St. Louis Area)	- Pilgrim Congregational Church 826 Union Blvd., St. Louis, Mo.	- David Anderson
Tr. 301, Webster Groves, Mo. (St. Louis Area)	- 1st Congregational Church 10 W. Lockwood, Webster Groves, Mo.	- Marion C. Skouby

#### SOUTHEAST REGION

Tr. 1, Paducah, Ky. (Four Rivers)	- Grace Episcopal Church Paducah, Ky.	- Danny Middleton
Tr. 3, Nashville, Tenn. (Middle Tennessee)	- East End United Methodist Church 1212 Holly St., East Nashville, Tenn.	- Robert C. Ramsey

#### NORTHEAST REGION

Tr. 1, E. Hartford, Conn. (Long Rivers)	- 1st Congregational Church East Hartford, Conn.	- Leroy Spiller
Tr. 3, Jamaica Plain, Mass. (Boston)	- Congregational Church Boylston St., Jamaica Plain, Mass.	- Woodbury Morrison
Tr. 2, Cambridge, Mass. (Cambridge)	- North Congregational Church Cambridge, Mass.	- Edward J. Benoit
Tr. 1, Leominster, Mass. (Nashua Valley)	- 1st Unitarian Universalist Church West St., Leominster, Mass.	- Michael E. Young

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<u>Unit &amp; Council</u>	<u>Partner/Meeting Place</u>	<u>Scoutmaster</u>
Tr. 16, Danvers, Mass. (North Bay)	- Maple Street Congregational Church Council Maple Street, Danvers, Mass.	- Michael W. Smith
Tr. 603, Malden, Mass. (Minuteman)	- 1st Baptist Church Malden, Mass.	- George H. Burgess
Tr. 17, Chestnut Hill, Mass. (Norumbega)	- Church of the Redeemer Chestnut Hill, Mass.	- John W. Reading
Tr. 1, Hingham, Mass. (Old Colony)	- (Group of the Citizens) Scout House, Hingham, Mass.	- Herbert Muscato
Tr. 42, Norwood, Mass. (Old Colony)	- 1st Congregational Church Norwood, Mass.	- Paul Thompson
Tr. 7, Worcester, Mass. (Mohegan)	- 1st Baptist Church Worcester, Mass.	- John T. Heffernan
Tr. 2, Bloomfield, N.J. (Tamarack)	- Presbyterian Church on the Green Bloomfield, N.J.	- Stanley Politowicz
Tr. 59, Collingswood, N.J. (Camden County)	- Tatem Shields American Legion Post #17 622 Atlantic Ave., Collingswood, N.J.	- James Scott
Tr. 13, Montclair, N.J. (Essex)	- Union Congregational Church 170 Cooper Ave., Upper Montclair, N.J.	- Thomas McDermott
Tr. 7, Newark, N.J. (Essex)	- Forest Hill Presbyterian Church 101 Heller Parkway, Newark, N.J.	- Herman F. Seeger
Tr. 1, West New York, N.J. (Hudson-Hamilton)	- Trinity Reformed Church 60th St. & Palisade Avenue W. New York, N.J.	- Kenneth A. Glockner
Tr. 505, Jersey City, N.J. (Hudson-Hamilton)	- United Reformed Church 138 Bergen Ave., Jersey City, N.J.	- Richard J. Hunter
Tr. 2, Mt. Vernon, N.Y. (Westchester-Putnam)	- Men's Club of the 1st United Methodist-Perrin Smith, Jr. Church E. Lincoln Ave., Mt. Vernon, N.Y.	
Tr. 3, Paterson, N.J. (Passaic Valley)	- Eastside Presbyterian Church Park Ave., Paterson, N.J.	- Ferdinand Miller
Tr. 1, Unadilla, N.Y. (Otschodela)	- Freedom Lodge #324, F&AM Masonic Temple, Unadilla, N.Y.	- Thomas W. Jones
Tr. 1, Schenectady, N.Y. (Schenectady County)	- 2nd Reformed Church Schenectady, N.Y.	- Herbert J. Roes <u>(committee chairman)</u>

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Tr. 1, Babylon, N.Y. (Suffolk County)	- Christ Church Episcopal Babylon, N.Y. (Unit meets at Babylon Grade School)	- David L. Williams
Tr. 2, Amityville, N.Y. (Suffolk County)	- 1st United Methodist Church Amityville, N.Y.	- Charles Dequillenfeldt
Tr. 4, Lewistown, Pa. (Juniata Valley)	- Men's Barraca Class of United Presbyterian Church Lewistown, Pa.	- William D. Johnston
Tr. 4, Ardmore, Pa. (Valley Forge)	- 1st Presbyterian Church Ardmore, Pa.	- John W. Widtfeldt
Tr. 16, Bala-Cynwyd, Pa. (Valley Forge)	- St. Asaphs Episcopal Church Bala Cynwyd, Pa.	- Nuel Bardwell
Tr. 63, Lansdowne, Pa. (Valley Forge)	- Fellowship Bible Class of the 1st Presbyterian Church Lansdowne, Pa.	- Robert Dongan
Tr. 1, McKeesport, Pa. (East Valley Area)	- Central Presbyterian Church McKeesport, Pa.	- Allen G. Filson
Tr. 1, Providence, R.I. (Narragansett)	- Broad Street PTA Broad Street School, Providence, R.I.	- Robert Carvalho
Tr. 20, Brooklyn, N.Y. (Greater New York)	- New Utrecht Reformed Church Brooklyn, N.Y.	- Alphonse DeLeo
Tr. 1, Flushing, N.Y. (Greater New York)	- Dads Club of Troop 1, Flushing, Inc. 50-36 Utopia Parkway, Flushing, N.Y.	- Michael F. Roberti
Tr. 2, College Point, N.Y. (Greater New York)	- St. Johns Evangelical Lutheran Church St. Johns School Gym 122 Street & 23rd Ave., College Point, N.Y.	- John Spero

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