



MODERN CLAIM STAKING

Although science has eliminated some of the risk, guesswork and delay, staking claims for mineral deposits is still a thrilling every-man-for-himself affair. Lac La Ronge in northern Saskatchewan is the scene of one of the biggest staking rushes this year. It started recently when prospectors were allowed their first glimpse of the first government-sponsored geophysical survey of the 1,700 square-mile area, where valuable copper and perhaps nickel deposits may lie. Within a half-hour of seeing survey maps, this staking party, left, lands by plane after a 75-mile flight, to be the first in the staking race in the choice area. It would have taken days to reach it by foot or canoe.

Half Million Former Lone Scouts Will Meet In London

By CHARLES BRUCE
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LONDON, Ont. (CP)—One of the world's liveliest alumni clubs will meet here Aug. 21-24 in its yearly reunion.
The Elbeitan Legion has no officers and no dues. Its members are middle-aged men of varying race, creed, craft and profession. Their one qualification as legionnaires is that they once belonged to the Lone Scouts of America, an organization of 300,000 boys that reached from the Caribbean to the sub-Arctic, from Honolulu to Newfoundland.
"Organization" is perhaps too straight-laced a word for LSA. To anyone who was on its roster in the period 1915-1924 it remains in memory as one glorious forum for self-expression: in prose, verse, art and letters to the editor. And as a vast network of correspondence between thousands of boys who lived hundreds of miles apart.
PUBLISHER'S IDEA
LSA was the creation of W. D. Boyce, publisher of the Chicago Ledger, a fiction weekly, and the Saturday Blade, a feature and picture paper.
Boyce was a free-wheeling character. On the heels of Teddy Roosevelt's African safaris, he went out himself with a "ballooning

moon, the action of water in nature, the fireman's lift, and how to cook beans in a beanhole. There may have been thousands concentrating on these pursuits. But the fact is that when Boyce said "yes" to manuscripts from the boys themselves, LSA developed into a weird and wonderful commonwealth of amateur journalists. Boys from the cities and towns flocked in to join their rural colleagues.
Almost anything could happen, and did:
Lone Scout Elmer Fisher, of Hanover, Ont., challenged all cities, on behalf of Hanover, to a contributors' contest. It lasted five months. Chicago won. Hanover finished in a second-place tie with New York.
CONTRIBUTIONS HEAVY
The copy flood grew so heavy that some systems had to be put into the awarding of medals. Points were credited for contributions: 100 points brought a medal and the title Lone Scout Contributor. Another hundred made you a Lone Scout Scribe, another a Lone Scout Graduate. Top grade of all, and it was practically a peerage, was that of Lone Scout Quiller, its reward a golden quill.
Tribe papers were founded by the boys to take care of contributions that couldn't make Lone Scout. Printing presses were set up in bedrooms and cellars. Handwritten, hand-printed, job-printed, multigraphed and hectographed, they began to weight the mailbags

from Rome to Port of Spain: Woodcraft, Virginia Leader, Hoosier Boy, Prairie Scout, Junior Canuck . . .
They multiplied so fast that in 1921 the more substantial ones founded the Tribe Paper Editors' Protective Association to keep things in control.
By that time boy editors were getting out the parent magazine, Lone Scout.
A yellowing copy of the July, 1921 issue shows contributions from more than 40 boys in 16 states and four provinces. The serial running then was Wilson of the Mounted, by Lionel Sandford of Latham, Alta. Articles touched on everything from Navajo jewelry to treatment of poultry for lice.
Times changed. The automobile and the movies hit Lone Scout. Advertising revenue was spotty and Boyce had been making up deficits. In 1924 Lone Scout folded and LSA was merged with the Boy Scouts of America.

PAPER REVIVED
But lasting friendships had formed. In Hudson Heights, N.J., Charlie Merlin had been chief of the Lone Beaver Tribe and editor of the Lone Beaver Tribune, or LBT. In 1927 he revived his paper as ELBEETEE and from that the Elbeitan Legion began to grow. Its membership now is about 900.
Once a year they get together, many bringing wives and children. Last year they met in New York. Next year they go to Puerto Rico.
Although the roster of Elbeitanians includes farmers, teachers, musicians, civil servants, and one who describes himself as a shovel-handle polisher, it is perhaps natural that many of them are newspaper men, printers, communications men. The first boy to sign as a Lone Scout was Warren F. Morgan. He now is a vice-president of Federal Electric, a maintenance subsidiary of International Telephone and Telegraph. Merlin is a supervisor in New York for Western Union.
Torkel Grundel, last editor of Lone Scout, is a commercial artist in Chicago. Other Elbeitanians are Frank Eyerly, managing editor of the Des Moines Register and Tribune; Wilton Garrison, sports editor, the Charlotte (N.C.) Observer; Charles Wright, public relations man for a Pittsburgh advertising agency; Claude Binyon, Hollywood scenarist; Alexander Nunn, executive editor of the Progressive Farmer (Birmingham, Ala.); Gregory d'Alessio, New York cartoonist; Rev. Edward L. R. Elson, President Eisenhower's pastor.
Arne Ritari, Sudbury insurance man, and Harold B. West, a commercial artist, are hosts for the London convention.

CITY FORTRESS
The Kremlin was originally built as a walled fortress and contained all of the city of Moscow.

Convicted Of Fraud In Super-Highway Contract

HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP)—Five men were convicted Thursday night of conspiracy to defraud the Pennsylvania turnpike commission of \$19,500,000 by allegedly drilling countless "unnecessary" holes to fill in abandoned mines along the super highway's right-of-way.
Four other men were acquitted in the case that Governor George M. Leader has said involved "the greatest public swindle of all time."
One of the convicted men was former turnpike commission chairman Thomas J. Evans and another was his nephew, Charles W. Stickler Jr., president of a Reading, Pa., engineering firm formed in 1952 with \$1,800 capital and worth a stock value four years later of more than \$1,000,000.
Evans and suspended turnpike commissioner James F. Torrance, both Republicans, were convicted of conspiracy and of misconduct

Find Hand Fired Ships Cause The Most Pollution

By DAVE McINTOSH
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OTTAWA (CP)—The United States apparently is more interested than Canada itself in this country obtaining atomic weapons.
The reason is obvious: Canada is the outer defence zone of the U.S. The Americans are therefore vitally interested in Canada having the most potent weapons available.
President Eisenhower and U.S. State Secretary Dulles recently spoke in favor of the U.S. making nuclear weapons available to its allies in the North Atlantic Alliance though this might require amendments to existing American legislation.
But there has been no inclination here for the Canadian defence department to press the U.S.—or Britain—to make atomic arms available to Canada.
Defence Minister Peakes has said that home air defence will

continue to be based on long-range manned interceptor planes rather than missiles, which were not suitable as defensive weapons in such a large area as Canada.
That means there is little immediate interest here in ground-to-air anti-aircraft missiles, with or without atomic warheads.
However, it is generally accepted here that nuclear-tipped missiles will have to be incorporated eventually into the Canadian sector of the North American air defence system.
They would not replace jet interceptors but only supplement them, at least for a good many years. The reason for this is that in the vast expanse of the Canadian Arctic and sub-Arctic only a manned fighter so far can rapidly cover long distances.
The interceptors will be replaced only after an extremely accurate long-range anti-aircraft ground-to-air missile has been developed and proven. Such a weapon has not yet arrived on the military scene.
U.S. Air Force fighter squadrons now are being equipped with atomic rockets. There is a possibility the RCAF will get similar weapons but that time still ap-

Barbers Protest Army Haircut

LONDON (Reuters)—Britain's 18,000 barbers protested Friday at the close-cropped haircut demanded in the British Army.
The national hairdressers' federation sent letters of complaint to all three services.
"There is no need whatever today for commanding officers to insist that men's hair is uniformly slashed to one-quarter of an inch in length all over," said federation Secretary Taylor Briggs.

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