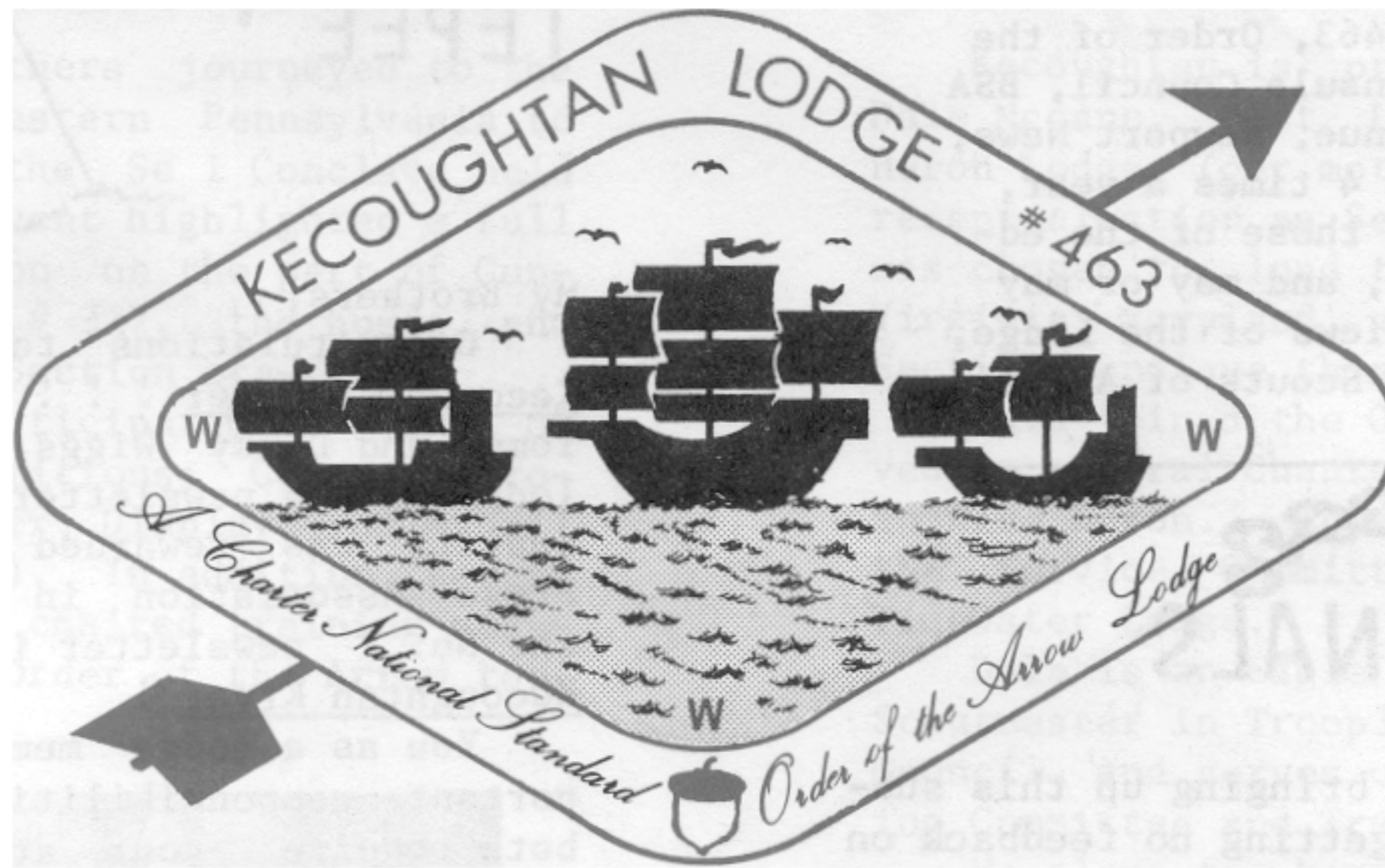


# KECOUGHTAN KRYER



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• FROM THE TINY ACORN, THE MIGHTY OAK GROWS •

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## **KRYER Places 1st in Va. Competition**

The Editors and staff of your Kecoughtan Kryer are pleased to bring home the 1st place plaque for the Virginia Press Association's 'Best Newsletter Award.' The Kryer was in competition with newsletters from the states of Virginia, Maryland, and Delaware.



Mr. Earl Hamby, speaking for E.O. Meyers of the Virginia Press Association commended the Kryer for excellent journalism, and expressed hope that this trend will continue in the future. Mr. Hamby is from the Maryland Press Association.

Kecoughtan's sister publication, The Drumbeat from Blue Heron Lodge, won the Maryland Press Association Award. Both awards were given at the recent SE 1 OA Conclave.

This is the third time Kecoughtan has brought back the first place award.. The editors hope that, with your help, we can make this a healthy habit.

June 11-13, 1976

## **Upcoming Ordeal Looks at Elections**

Lodge officer elections will be the highlight of the 1976 Spring Ordeal at Camp Chickahominy. Candidates for office are expected to do a great deal of campaigning to get your vote, and the ballots on Sunday morning should tell the story. You can read candidate profiles on page 5 of this issue.

Additionally, Chapters will hold officer elections for chief, vice-chief, and secretary / treasurer. Brothers should look closely at this opportunity for cheerful service.

As usual, the expectations of induction, cheerful service, and fellowship rounds out what looks to be an exciting Kecoughtan Lodge function.

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# FROM THE CHIEF'S TEPEE



My Brothers;

Congratulations to the staff of the Kecoughtan Kryer ! ! ! The hard work of Tommy and Dicky Wiggs in providing our lodge with a newsletter of such superior quality was rewarded by the Virginia Press Association in naming the Kryer the No. 1 newsletter in SE 1. Vive le Kecoughtan Kryer !

You as a lodge member have two important responsibilities this spring: both require your attendance at the Spring Ordeal. You, as an honor camper, as a member of the Order of the Arrow are responsible for aiding the Council camping program: specifically for helping to prepare summer camp for the season. You, as a Kecoughtan Lodge member, are responsible for choosing effective leadership for your lodge.

Fulfilling these responsibilities requires that you attend the Spring Ordeal, work Saturday to prepare summer camp, and vote Sunday in the lodge elections. So, send in your \$6.00 to the Scout Office before May 28th and fulfil your responsibilities as a member of Kecoughtan Lodge 463, Order of the Arrow.

Yours in Responsibility  
as an Arrowman;

*K. Rone Baldwin*  
Rone Baldwin  
Netami Sakima

## FROM THE FOREST... SMOKESIGNALS

Fellow Arrowmen;

I hate to keep bringing up this subject, but we are getting no feedback on the information or non-information which we are sending out. If we are to remain the 'No. 1' Lodge and the 'No. 1' Newsletter in the Section, we need to know what you want to know and what you feel.

Another point which needs to be brought up concerns complaints we have heard some members make about the leadership that now heads the Lodge. This is your chance to vote for the person of your choice. Come to the 1976 Spring Ordeal: help to improve your camp and your Lodge.

I would like to remind you also that this ordeal will serve to fulfil part of your 25th Anniversary Award Requirements.

If you know of anyone who is not receiving the Kryer, notify the Kryer or the Lodge Secretary, Mike Wagner (245-2707).

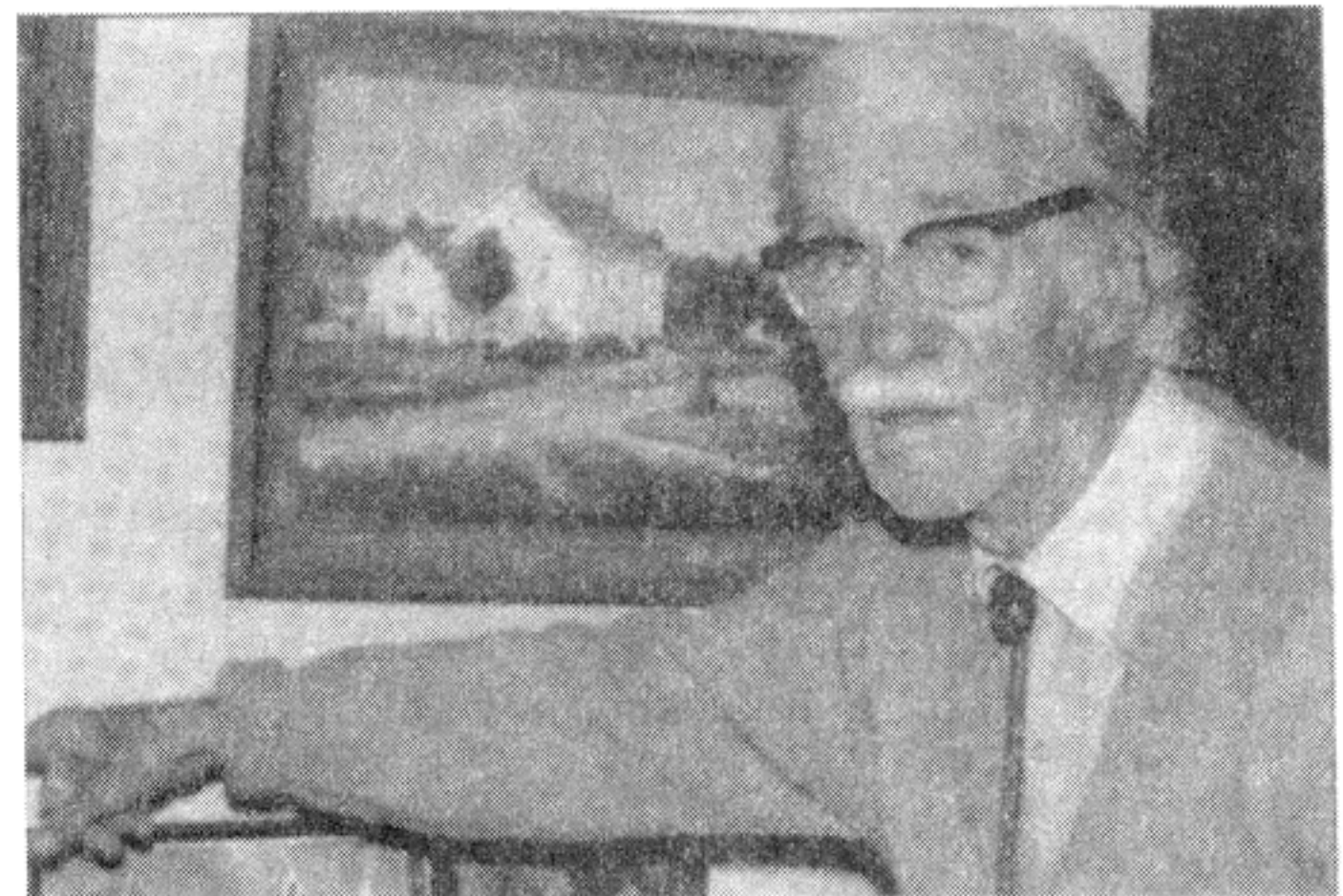
Yours in Service;

Tommy Wiggs  
Co-Editor



### THE CRYSTAL BALL UP AND COMING EVENTS.....

- SPRING ORDEAL..... JUNE 11-13, 1976
- REGION CONFERENCE. JULY 30-AUGUST 1, 1976
- 25th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION EVENT.....
- ..... SEPTEMBER 17-19, 1976



Annual Section Conclave in Pennsylvania

## Kecoughtan joins SE-1 at Camp Sinoquipe...

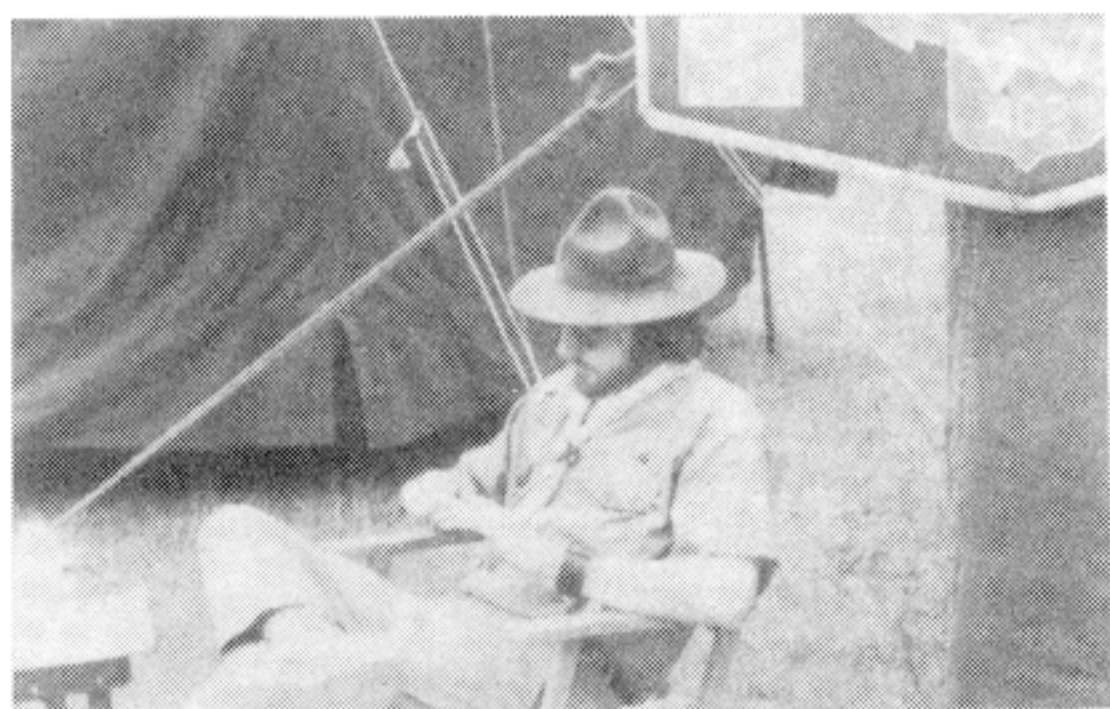
19 Lodge Brothers journeyed to the wilds of southwestern Pennsylvania to participate in the Se 1 Conclave held May 14-16. The event highlighted a full year of preparation on the part of Gun-eukitschik Lodge # 317, the hosts, and Tim Kidd and his Section sta-f.

Kecoughtan participated in many of the various competitions: Camping Promotions, Newsletter, Display, Volleyball (and other sports). In addition, several Lodge members chaired training sessions on selected Order of the Arrow topics.



The Section enjoyed the presence of Bill Downs, the National Order of the Arrow Executive Secretary, and Ken Davis a member of the National OA Committee.

Kecoughtan gave full support to Dale McCann, the new Section Chief. Dale has pledged his support to all Lodges in implementing programs for 1976-1977.



Earl Hamby of the Maryland Press Association, awarded first place in the Va Press Association Competition '76 to the Kecoughtan Kryer. Blue Heron's Drumbeat took first in the Maryland Press Association competition.

Blue Heron again took Camping Pro-

WILL ATTEND KECOUGHTAN'S ORDEAL+

## McCann of Blue Heron Chosen Section Chief.

Kecoughtan is proud to congratulate Dale Mccann, past Lodge Chief of Blue Heron Lodge (our mother lodge) on his recent election as Section Chief. Dale was chosen to lead the twelve lodges of Virginia, Maryland and Delaware at the Section Conclave this past month.

Dale joined the Oa in 1969, and served in several Chapter and Lodge offices in Blue Heron. This past year, he was the Service Committee Chairman of the Tidewater Lodge.

Dale is an Eagle Scout and Assistant Scoutmaster in Troop 370 of the Tidewater Council, and serves on a District Camping Committee and Training Committee.

He plans to keep in close communication with lodges in the Section during the upcoming year. He wants to concentrate on organizing the Lodge competitions, publishing a booklet of helpful hints for lodge organization, and planning a successful Council of Chiefs and Conclave.

Dale looks forward to meeting many Kecoughtan Brothers at our upcoming Ordeal, so be at camp to talk with this devoted Arrowman.

motion hands while Ahtuhquog Lodge #540 placed first in the Display Competition. Nentico #12 won the volleyball tourney.

Frequently, Camp Sinoquipe resounded with the blast of Kecoughtan Lodge's official cannon (a tip of the hat to Mr. Hunter Creech). The firearm was barred from the musket competition for unknown reasons.



Kecoughtan entered a display entitled "A Bicentennial Tribute to the Native American" which, although it won no award, will be remembered as one of the highest quality displays to be shown in any Section competition.

# CAMPING PROMOTION



## Tay to direct Camp.



For those of you who have attended summer camp in the past, an old face will be returning. That face belongs to Mr. George Tay, the 1976 Camp Director. Mr. Tay, while being an Eagle Scout, is also the Professional Advisor of Kecoughtan Lodge.

He is one of the few professional Scouters who has been awarded the Silver Beaver. A graduate of Juniata College, in Huntington, Pennsylvania, Mr. Tay has been a professional Scouter for about 15 years (with about 5 of those years here on the Peninsula). A graduate of the illustrious National Camping School, he has served as a camp director for 7 years (several of those were at Camp Chickahominy.) To an experienced Scouter, camp director, and professional Advisor, Kecoughtan welcomes George Tay back to Chickahominy and wishes him the best of luck.



*New Program, New methods*

## Summer Opportunities at Chickahominy-'76

PSR Summer Camp looks good in 1976. With his various area program directors help, Camp Director George Tay says that the 1976 summer camp season should be a good one. Veteran program director Rick Henning will again be at the helm, and he will be working with the likes of Bruce Davidson on the waterfront, Chris Smith at the nature lodge, and Charlie Rodriguez in the handicraft area.

Additionally, camp will feature some nightly activities such as the Scavenger Hunts, carnival nights with events similar to those seen on "Almost Anything Goes," and the ever popular water carnival and Indian war club race. To the delight of your distraught and sickened Scouts from last year, Mr. Tay reports that there will be new, different and better meal plans (Ha, Ha, Norman Effinger!)

Noting things that will be of interest to most troops, the director announced that the canoe trip will be offered every day this year to accommodate more people.

So, spread the word - SUMMER CAMP AT CHICKAHOMINY MAY JUST BE THE BEST EVER!



Carbohydrates are digested quickly and offer immediate energy. Protein and fats are digested more slowly and therefore maintain a lower, more constant flow of energy. If the morning schedule calls for vigorous activities, avoid eating heavily. Lunch may include various snacks that can be eaten along the way. Many outdoor veterans make dinner the main meal of the day. It is wise to include a large quantity of liquids to replenish those lost during strenuous periods of the day.

# PROFILES - Candidates for Office

## CHIEF - Bill Irwin



Once again it is election time and once again I run for Lodge office - Lodge Chief. As candidate for office I underline training, experience and devotion in my credentials.

Training: Participation in 3 Section Conclave and the 1975 National Conference.

Experience: In Scouting I served in all troop positions and have achieved the rank of Eagle; in the Order as Chapter Vice-Chief and Chief, as Chapter and Lodge Committee Chairman and am presently the Lodge Vice-Chief.

Devotion: As a Vigil Honor member of our Lodge I am reminded of my obligation and my own as well as your expectations. To serve as Lodge Chief will fulfil these.

With my training, experience, and devotion, I feel confident in asking your support and in my ability to lead Kecoughtan Lodge in high achievements in fulfilling the purposes of Our Order and Lodge.

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## V. CHIEF - Norman Effinger



In the past 4 years, Norman has given service on both the Lodge and Chapter levels of operation. For 2 years he held the position of Lodge Secretary and more recently has worked as the editor of the Pamunkey Press.

He has been a delegate to four Section Conclaves, an Indian Seminar, a Section Newsletter workshop, and

the 1975 National Order of the Arrow Conference.

Norman's goals are: (1) to improve Lodge organization to increase effectiveness. (2) To reestablish the spiritual

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## CHIEF - Gary McSmith



Concerning the upcoming year, Gary feels that, by placing special emphasis on certain key areas, Kecoughtan Lodge can be built into a much more effective organization. With proper handling of the key areas, his goals can be attained:

(1) a direct increase in summer camp attendance.

(2) Increased participation by Lodge members.

(3) Improved participation by Lodge members.

(4) Stronger policy governing Lodge organization.

(5) A solid working relationship between the Kecoughtan Lodge and the Peninsula Council in which our service to Scouting and local troops will strengthen their programs as well as ours.

Gary wants to attain these goals as we start our second 25 years so that we, in Kecoughtan Lodge, may improve our Service to Scouting.

## V. CHIEF - Chip Hager



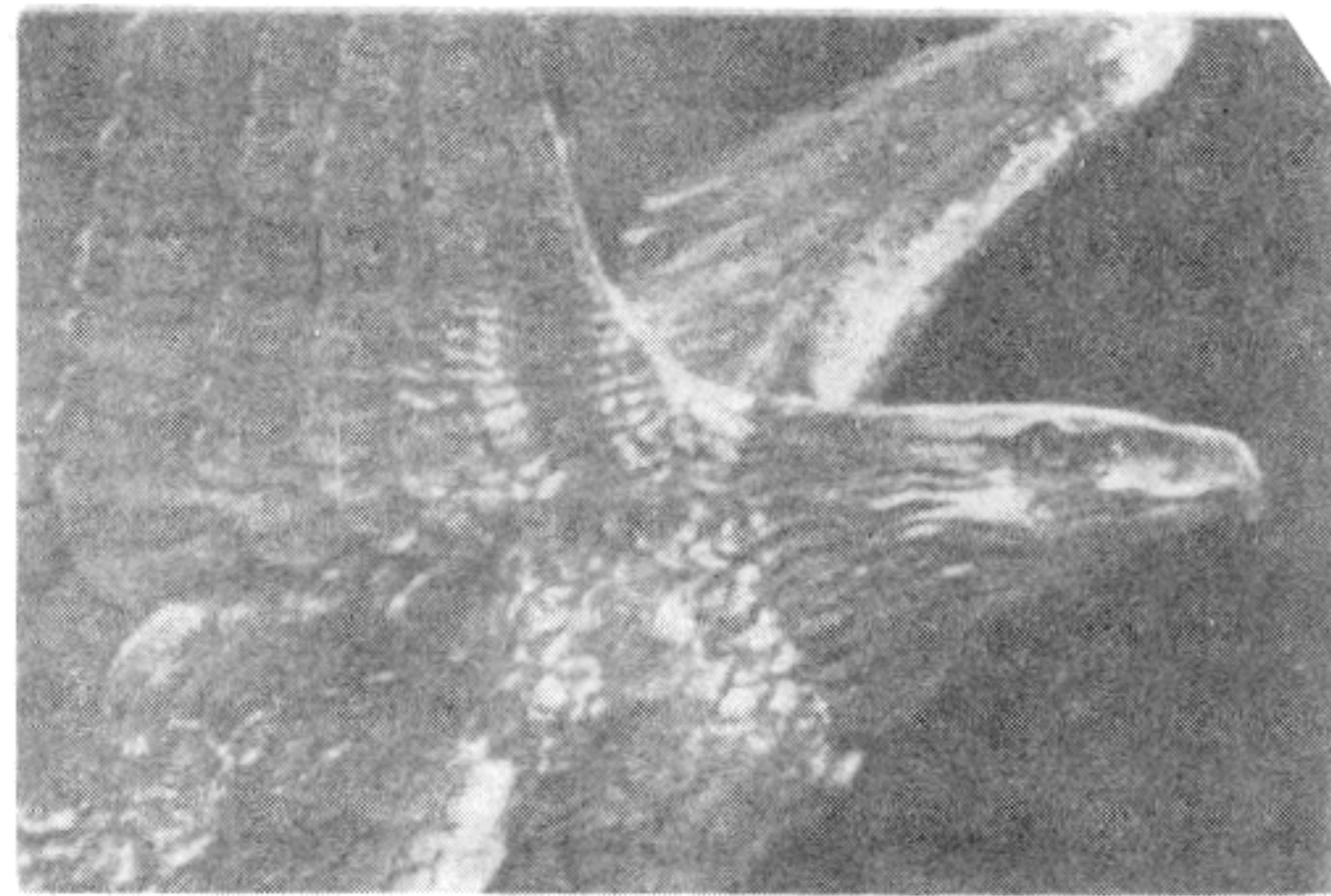
I believe in the upcoming year it will be especially significant for the vice-chief to have not only an understanding of the new candidate induction system but also to have experience in organization of Lodge affairs and Lodge management. This year, being the year of the 25th Anniversary and the year to lay the groundwork for

the '78 Conclave, the Lodge will need a vice-chief capable of following up in a variety of areas.

In the past two years, I served as Lodge treasurer and Lodge service committee chairman, where I have been in

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# Bicentennial Eagles



EAGLE SCOUTS, PENINSULA COUNCIL, B. S. A.  
May, 1975 - May, 1976.

THE KECOUGHTAN KRYER WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS THE HEARTIEST CONGRATULATIONS ON BEHALF OF KECOUGHTAN LODGE TO THESE 40 NEW EAGLE SCOUTS. YOU ARE NOW A PART OF A VERY SELECT GROUP OF YOUNG MEN. WE URGE YOU TO LIVE UP TO THE SPIRIT AND OBLIGATION THE EAGLE RANK BRINGS WITH IT, AND TO CONTINUE TO SERVE THE NEEDS OF SCOUTS WHO HAVE NOT YET REACHED THIS MOST HIGH PLATEAU.



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Larry Sellers.....	Troop	45
Frank James.....	Troop	160
B. Holt Evans.....	Troop	345
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# CHAPTER CHATTER

## Mattaponi

CHIEF - HUBIE ALEXANDER - 229-5666

This is the season in which we all begin to look. We look to the past for our American Heritage in this Bicentennial year; we look back at all winter's antics. Look forward now to summer camps and the grand celebration of our independence (and also the founding of our great lodge). Will you be a participant?

Your Chapter has been active in the past few weeks: everything from candies to ceremonies. If you want to find out what is, was and will be going on, you will have to come to the Chapter meeting at the Ordeal coming up June 11.

We also need you, the Arrowman, to be our next Chapter and Lodge leaders. As you know, at this Ordeal we will elect officers for the coming year.

At this time, all of our chapter offices are open, and we need you to fill them!!!

## Kiskiack

CHIEF - LARRY ARMSTRONG - 596-8452

Fellow Brothers;

I urge all Kiskiack members to attend the Spring Ordeal from June 11-13. It is at this function that we will hold elections for Lodge and Chapter officers. Please make sure your registration arrives at the Scout Service Center on or before May 28.

Hope to see you there!!!!

### "Our gang . . . ."

Tom and Dicky Wiggs - Co-Editors  
 Bob Langston - Layout Editor  
 Charlton Woodruff - Photography Editor  
 Cam Bowman - Distribution Manager  
 Mrs. Wiggs - Financial Manager  
 Graham Shirley - Pamunkey Chap. Rep.  
 Garland Wood - Mattaponi Chap. Rep.  
 Scott Baumann - Kiskiack Chap. Rep.  
 James Geithman - Staff Correspondent  
 Sam Fairchild - Advisor

## Pamunkey

CHIEF - GARY McSMITH - 723-8553

My Brothers;

Thank you for attending the Pamunkey Picnic on May 2. The 45 Arrow-family members who attended had a great time thanks to the Effingers.

The Spring Ordeal is the most important event of the year for Pamunkey members. We will decide who will lead our Chapter through the next year. The decisions are yours to make. Attend the Ordeal and mold the Chapter's future with your vote.

SCOUTMASTERS!!! SPL's!!!

Please contact me, Gary McSmith, sometime this month. I would like to discuss with you some fantastic opportunities available to you.

# SCOUT-A-THON

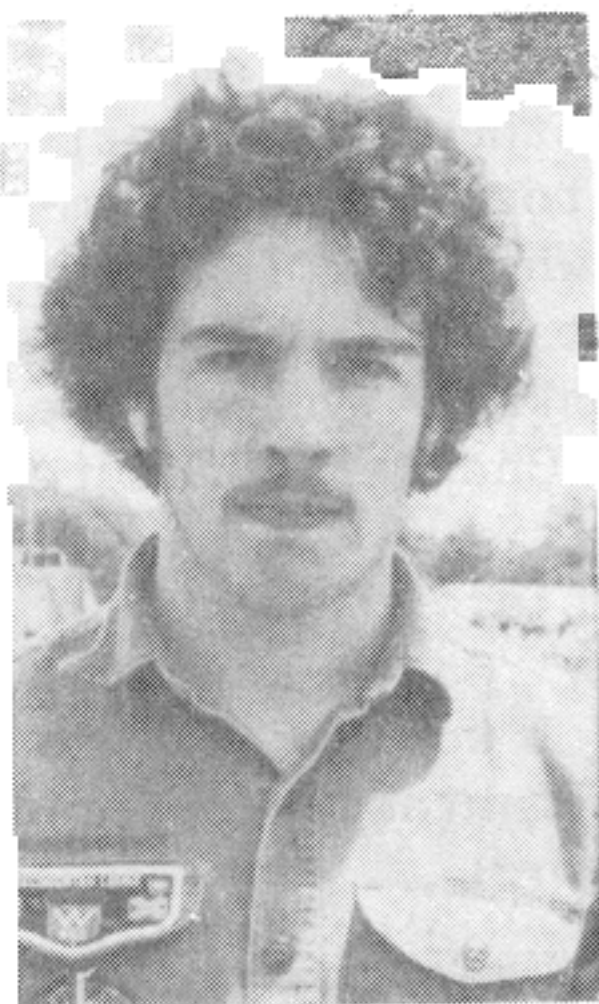


You missed a spectacular show if you did not attend the 1976 Scout-A-Thon! Many exciting exhibitions were present, ranging from flipping flapjacks and orienteering to a Luxengourg Ferris Wheel. Recieving a prodigious amount of help from L.A.F.B., the Scouts were able to hold one of the best Scout-A-Thons ever. (Parachute drops, plane demonstrations, volunteers, and the T.A.C. Band were courtesy of L.A.F.B.)

Kecoughtan Lodge provided many hours of help and the Lodge display for the 76 Scout-A-Thon. Committee members of the planning group would like to take this opportunity to thank those members for their assistance.

EFFINGER (from page 5)  
atmosphere surrounding the Ordeals. (3)  
To create better communication between  
new members, old members, and adult ad-  
visors.

# V. CHIEF - Kevin Hopkins



I feel that ceremonies and inductions are an extremely important part of the Lodge. The induction of new members must be run well and the ideas & principles of the Order of the Arrow must be stressed in order to show the new Ordeal members the true meaning and ideals which form the foundation of the Order.

Ceremonies are used in nearly every meeting of the Lodge. A well-run ceremony is a meaningful experience. Better inductions and ceremonies will produce more enthusiasm in the Lodge and spark more support. One of the basic responsibilities of the Vice-Chief is to direct inductions and coordinate ceremonies.

In this respect, I feel I am fully qualified for the office of Vice-Chief because of my past experience in inductions and ceremonies. I have been a member of the ceremonies committee and the induction committee since my entrance into the Order.

**FELLOW BROTHERS,  
JOIN WITH US . . .**



JOIN WITH US IN CONGRATULATING THE NEW  
SILVER BEAVERS FROM KECOUGHTAN LODGE, 463

\*\*\*\*\*Mr. Walter F. Deal, Jr.\*\*\*\*\*

\*\*\*\*\*Mr. Carlon Lewis\*\*\*\*\*

\*\*\*\*\*Mr Carl Munday\*\*\*\*\*

\*\*\*\*\*Mr Raymond Spaulding\*\*\*\*\*

HAGER (from page 5)

charge of physical arrangements for the past three ordeals and such events as the Christmas Banquet. Organization on both long and short notice and experience in Lodge management should be the key issues in the upcoming election for vice chief.

# Secretary - Mike Wagner



The Kryer was unable to obtain an interview or statement from Mike for this issue. Mike is a candidate for Lodge Secretary, running unopposed. He is the current Lodge Secretary.

# Treasurer - Steve Wilson



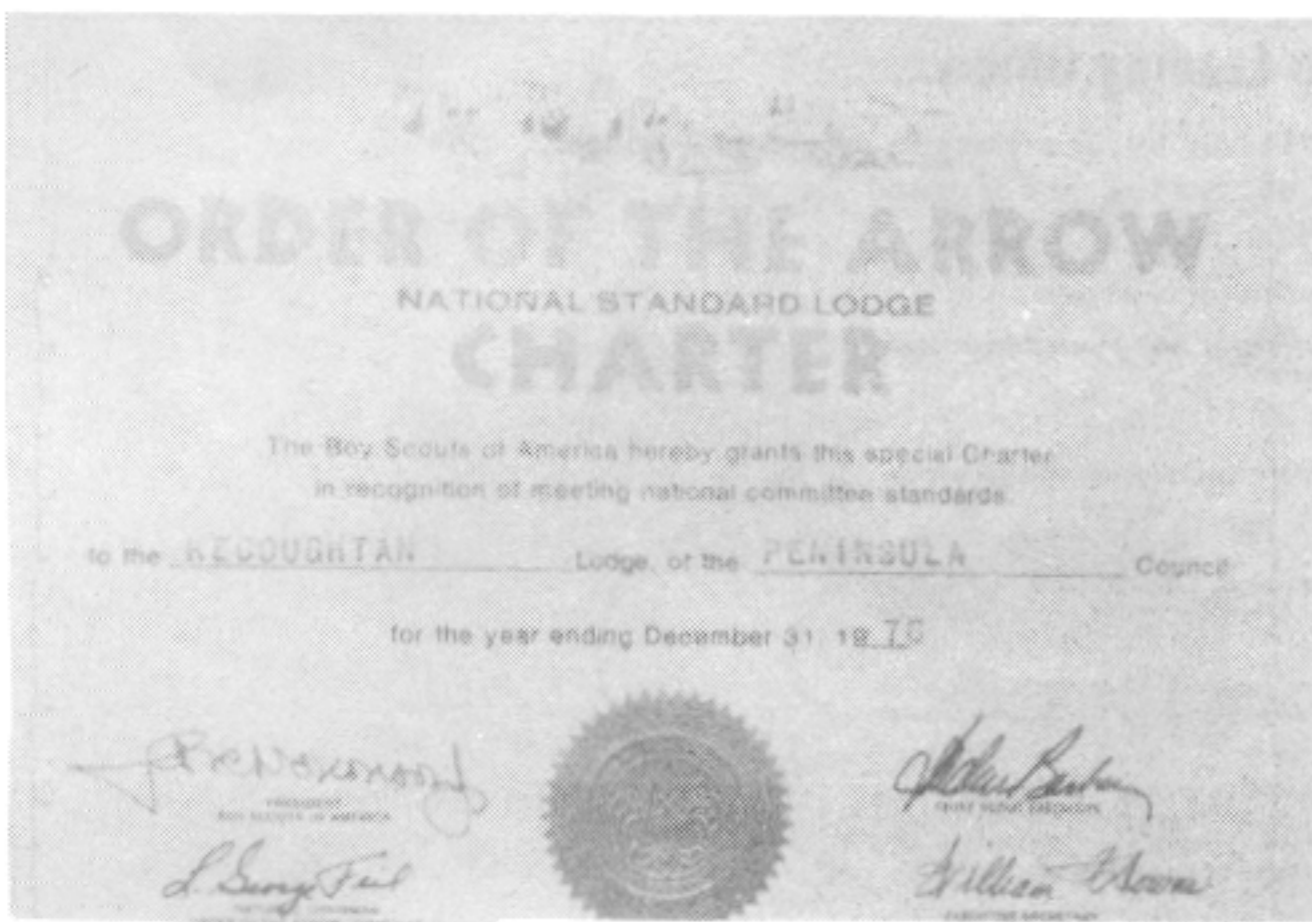
I have enough experience to do the job by working as treasurer in Hinode Goya Lodge # 489 of the Far East Council. I feel that all Arrowmen in the Lodge need to know exactly what all their money is being used for. I will try to do my best to accomplish this. However, I cant do it unless you vote for me.





NOT APPLES, NEWTON-

## FALLING ACORNS



Mr. Lew Jordan, Council Scout Executive and Supreme Chief of the Fire - Kecoughtan Lodge, takes great pride in acknowledging Kecoughtan Lodge's 8th straight year as a National Standard Lodge. "You should be pleased," Jordan said, "with your accomplishments over these eight years. I urge you to put forth the best efforts to attain this high award in the upcoming year."

The 1976 year is the last year of the National Standard program. Kecoughtan has shown its support for the Boy-power '76 program to date: we have completed the stringent requirements for NSL every year since the inception of the program. Only four Lodges in the Order of the Arrow hold this CHARTER National Standard Lodge status. Let us be one of the few to remain in that position during 1976!



There are still openings for the first Southeast Region Training Conference, to be held July 30 - August 1 in Raleigh, North Carolina on the campus of Meredith College.

Anyone interested in attending this most unique event should contact the Lodge Chief, Rone Baldwin, as soon as possible. The registration fee of \$25 covers all costs except transportation (which will be provided by private cars.). The Conference will highlight training sessions on Order of the Arrow topics along with much fellowship.



In March, four Lodge Brothers traveled to Penny Farms, Florida and had a delightful visit with the founder of the Order of the Arrow, Dr. E. Urner Goodman. Dr. Goodman, who is recovering nicely from an accident which broke his leg 6 months ago, entertained the Kecoughtan representatives in his home, and obliged their wishes by making several taped messages and by signing sashes.

Dr. Goodman was delighted to hear about the Lodge's plans for the 25th Anniversary, and expressed on several occasions his regret for not being able to attend.

Rone Baldwin, Lodge Chief headed the delegation which included Mr. Lew Andrews, past Lodge Chief and 25th Anniversary Committee Advisor; Peter Holman, currently a college reserve member of the Lodge and a past camping promotions committee Chairman; and Sam Fairchild, Past Lodge Chief and current Newsletter Committee Advisor.

Amidst much picture-taking and taping, the brothers were able to hear several of the many interesting stories Dr Goodman often relates to his guests. They were most surprised to find that much of the planning for the Order of the Arrow took place in Independence Hall in Philadelphia, Pa. The Boy Scout Headquarters were located in the historic shelter for the Liberty Bell, and this, in the words of the founder adds a special significance to the Bicentennial of USA.

WITAWEMATPANNI



GEGEYJUMHET

### You Must See the Arrow, Before Leading Others...

My Brothers: I pass along to you an editorial written by Wes Morgan, Wahissa Lodge # 118, under the title printed above. Read this editorial and reread it until you understand what "You must see the Arrow" really means.

How many of us really understand the true mission of the Order of the Arrow?

Recently, it has become increasingly clear that the OA really goes much deeper than many of us--as present or past administrators--have often thought!

Where does the OA really happen?

In the outdoors--Where a Scout can put himself to the test, learn self reliance, and get a little closer to his Creator;

In the life of the individual--when he views Cheerful Service as a life purpose...not just as individual acts of kindness or generosity...and thus becomes a living example of the Scout Law in action;

In the heart of the individual--as his thinking matures, his own vision takes shape, he becomes secure in who he is and what he stands for...and then begins experiencing the greater beauty in a life of Cheerful Service.

A fellow usually must discover these things for himself, and catch a glimpse of his higher vision during his induction into the Order--or else he won't at all. Some guys do; some guys don't--it's always easy to tell who is who. It's our job to keep the quality of inductions at a constant peak so the full potential for inspiring new members can be truly realized.

A lot of good thought and effort are now going into devising ways of enriching the induction process. This enables it to reach more of the candidates who--up to now--may have just been going through the motions.

"Foundations for the Future" was a good theme for our last conference. All our programs, work, and efforts of past years is just that--foundations. The cornerstones are even older--the timeless ideals of brotherhood...cheerfulness...service. Let's meet head-on the immediate challenge of the future of the Order of the Arrow with the arrow aimed upward as our guide.

Take these words to heart, Brothers! The Order needs inspired leadership today as never before; you're the individuals who can truly make the difference.

Have you seen the Arrow? Are you worthy of the responsibilities of Leadership? Do you feel put upon when you serve and see others who, in your opinion, are not doing their share? If you feel sorry for yourself in such circumstances, do not be critical of your brother. He may be doing what he thinks is the right thing to do and he just may be right in spite of what you think. So instead, look inward and examine your own reactions. You will know what is right when you see the Arrow!

  
 Ralph J. Hanchin  
 Lodge Advisor

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 THE 25th ANNIVERSARY  
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