—Photo by Curt Forester

PLANS for a Boy Scout Panjandrum Apr. 12 in Barton Hall were outlined at a recent meeting of Cayuga District leaders of Louis Agassiz Fuertes Council by H. H. Benson (right), district commissioner.

Panjandrum Planned By Boy Scouts

A Scout Panjandrum will be held in Barton Hall Saturday evening, Apr. 12, Louis Agassiz Fuertes Council, Boy Scouts of America, announced today.

Twelve hundred Boy Scouts, Senior Scouts, and Cub Scouts will participate in a program of Scouting and Cubbing competitions and demonstrations. This activity will be the first of a council-wide nature since 1941, and the program will differ from previous Boy Scout shows held in Barton Hall.

Plans for the Panjandrum were disclosed for the first time at a recent meeting of leaders of Cayuga District of the council by H. H. Benson, the district's commissioner.

The activity committee of the council, James V. Davis, chairman, Lewis W. Morse of the Cayuga District, Damon Boynton of Frontenac District, Thomas McCord of Tioga District, and Paul J. Teaney of the Owasco District will be in general charge of the Panjandrum with James D Rothschild as chairman, assisted by a picked committee responsible for specific phases of the program.

Every person of more than 60 Scout Units, Packs, Troops and Senior Units in the Council will have an opportunity to participate and arrangements to seat several thousand spectators will be provided. Details of the program are now being arranged by the Committee under Rothschild's direction.

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Scout Panjandrum

BARTON DRILL HALL

Tonight at 7:45

See Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and Senior Scouts in Colorful Action — Cub Circus Acts — Dramatic Demonstrations — Scout Competitions.

4,000 Seats

Tickets 25c

Children under 12 admitted free if accompanied by parent

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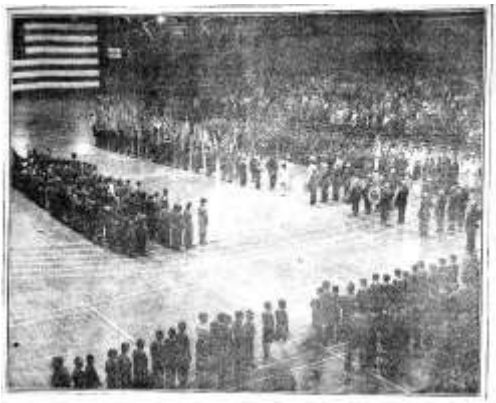

—Journal Photo by Glenn A. Smith

THE OPENING CEREMONY of the Louis Agassiz Fuertes Council's Boy Scout Panjandrum in Barton Hall Saturday night is pictured above. Scouts, their colors, and the VFW Drum and Bugle Corps participated in the Pledge of Allegiance. In lower photo (left) are the winners in the fire-by-friction event. From left are John Van Order, first; Americo Cappucci, second, and George Fletcher, third. Winners in the knot-tying event at the right below are Paul Loberg (right), first; Louis Schickel (left), second, and Gordon Dennis (center), third.

Scouts to Hold Panjandrum In Barton Hall

Inspiration and fun are dual aims of the Panjandrum, which 1,200 Cub, Boy, and Senior Scouts of Louis Agassiz Fuertes Council will stage in Barton Hall Saturday, Apr. 12.

A perview of the Boy Scouts' share in the show was given Monday evening in the auditorium of Boynton Junior High School, when about 150 Scouts, parents, and friends attended a public Court of Honor at which 43 Cayuga District Scouts received advancement awards.

Prof. J. P. Porter c. Cornell, district advancement chairman, presided and Council President Carl W. Vail presented one Life and three Star Scout badges. Scoutmasters and assistant scoutmasters made second-class, first-class, and merit-badge awards to members of their troops. Troop 44 won special commendation for having eight Scouts recognized for advancement.

Demonstrations Staged

All phases of competition in which Scouts will participate Apr. 12 were demonstrated. Troop 8 staged fire-making by friction and by flint and steel; Troop 18, semaphore and Morse code signaling; Troop 34, an equipment race; Troop 12, knot tying; Troop 7, flagpole tripod and flag raising.

Scout Executive W. F. Alder announced that about 400 Cubs will be on the floor at one time during the Panjandrum, which will open at 7:45 p.m. with a march led by the Veterans of Foreign Wars Drum Corps and a color parade.

The Cubs' circus acts or lively Cub games will open at 7:55 p.m. During the simultaneous Cub pack act, these younger boys will participate in such stunts as tumbling, balloon volley ball, balloon breaking games, clown bands, Wild west acts, and performing animal acts.

Awards Planned

Ten minutes later, Scout competitions will begin, with ribbon awards for first, second, and third places. At the same time, Senior units and Scout troops not entering competitions will present 5- to 10-minute demonstrations such as Sea Scout ship ceremonies, use of breeches buoys, Air Scout rubber-band airplane flights, Explorer Scout model camps, blindfold first aid, and tower or bridge building, with ribbon awards for participation.

At 9:05 p.m. will occur the final event of the competition—flag pole raising—and the most dramatic demonstrations, together with some surprises promised by the Panjandrum committee under the chairmanship of James Rothschild. Taps will be sounded at 9:15 p.m.

Alder stressed today that the time remaining before Apr. 12 should be jammed with practice and preparations for the big show, in which, he said, "every Cub, Scout and Senior Scout of the registered 64 units of Louis Agassiz Fuertes Council should play an important role."

Morse to Handle Arrangements

He added that "a loose definition of the word 'Panjandrum' might be 'Everything that will arouse enthusiasm for Scouting,' and that is what we want to make this affair on the second Saturday of April."

Prof. Maurice C. Bond is in charge of entries for the Panjandrum program, with Joe Lockwood heading up the Cub act; Tom McCord, competition; Ed Hile, demonstrations, and Carl Vail looking after the awards. Lewis Morse is generally in charge of arrangements, and Ernie Dahmen, tickets.

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Reports on Scout Panjandrum Heard

The steering committee for the Boy Scout Panjandrum in Barton Hall Saturday, Apr. 12, met Friday with James Rothschild, chairman, in charge.

Reports were received from Ernest Dahmen, tickets chairman; Prof. Lewis W. Morse, arrangements; H. H. Benson, safety and protection, and Edward I. Pierce, promotion.

Commissioners of Louis Agassiz Fuertes Council will meet Wednesday to check on participation of the units and the art directors will meet with the activities committee of the council on Mar. 19 to arrange cues and details.

A demonstration of the Scouting competitions which will be part of the Panjandrum will be given at the Court of Honor Monday evening at the Boynton Junior High School. Troop 12 of the Knights of Columbus will demonstrate team knot-tying and individual knot-tying; Troop 8 of Forest Home will demonstrate fire by friction and flint and steel, Troop 7 of the Methodist Church the flag-pole raising event, Troop 34 of Newfield the equipment race, and Troop 18 of the Presbyterian Church Morse and Semaphore signaling.

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Scouts to Plan For Panjandrum

Full participation of the 65 Scout units of the Louis Agassiz Fuertes Council in the Panjandrum in Barton Hall Saturday, Apr. 12, was indicated at a commissioners' meeting Wednesday. Franklin Clark, commissioner of Tioga District, presided, and a roll of the units was called by H. H. Benson, Cayuga district commissioner. Reports were given by the 15 men in attendance.

Five thousand tickets for this Scout, Cub and Senior Scout Demonstration and competition were given to the commissioners for distribution to units. Ticket sales will begin on Monday, Mar. 17, Benson stated that returns are to be made to Ernest Dahmen in his office in the Savinga Bank Building by Wednesday, Apr. 9. Dahmen is a member of the Panjandrum Committee in charge of tickets and is assisted by a committee from the Junior Chamber of Commerce. James Rothschild is general chairman.

Four prizes of a weekend at Camp Barton or its equivalent in Scout equipment is being offered to the Scout, Cub, or Senior Scout selling the most tickets in each of the four districts.

An early start on summer camp was also emphasized at the meeting. The 1947 Camp Barton folders were distributed by David Tyler, field executive and camp director.

Clark led a discussion on "Commissioners as Program Promoters." W. F. Alder, Scout executive, offered the suggestion of using a new national plan of "On the Spot Training" to augment the formal training courses with the commissioners taking the material directly to new leaders. The plan was accepted by the commissioners.

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Panjandrum Events Seen by 2,500

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An estimated 2,500 persons witnessed the Louis Agassiz Fuertes Council's Boy Scout Panjandrum in Barton Hall Saturday night—a revival of Scout jamborees of earlier years.

Opening with a parade and demonstration by the VFW Drum and Bugle Corps of Finger Lakes Post 961, and a fanfare by the buglers, lines moved from all directions toward the center of the hall where the colors were massed and the scouts—close to 1,200 of them—repeated the pledge of allegiance.

It was the first time in 6 years that the entire scout council family was together for an evening of fun, competition, and demonstrations. As Cub Scouts took their places for the opening acts, the announcers asked spectators to "look behind the scenes of activities about to be presented to the hours of preparation."

Cub Units Perform

Comparable only to a 15-ring circus with members of each Cub unit performing in their own fashion and at the same time, the first 8 minutes of the Panjandrum was a busy one for the spectaters. This was concluded with the Cub Howl, led by Joseph B. Lockwood, council Cubbing chairman.

At one end of the hall Cubs of Pack 3 of Trumansburg, under the leadership of Francis Schaefer, ran relays. Members of Pack 4 of the Cayuga Heights School under the leadership of J. H. Bruckner, playing a cup game, and in another area, Cubs of Pack 5 sponsored by the Fall Creek PTA played another set of games.

Kiwanians Give Panjandrum Aid

Members of the Kiwanis Club, who also are owners of trucks, will assist Boy Scouts of Louis Agassiz Fuertes Council in the Panjandrum in Barton Hall on Apr. 12, Langford Baker, unit co-ordinator of the Kiwanis - sponsored (with the Knights of Pythias) scout units, asked for volunteers at the last meeting.

This week 500 cars and truck bumper signs publicizing the show are making their appearance throughout the council area through the efforts of the Kiwanis Club members, scouters, and Edward I. Pierce of the Panjandrum committee. The bumper cards were designed by Pierce.

In answer to many inquiries regarding the meaning of the name "Panjandrum," Scout Executive W. F. Alder said today that a loose definition might be "everything that will arouse interest in scouting," the name having been based on the words Pan, meaning everything, drum for attracting attention, and jan from the scout term Jamboree meaning a gathering.

Members of the recently chartered Troop 17 of Spencer will participate. The new troop is sponsored by the Ro-Ki Club of Spencer, with Joseph G. Wild as scoutmaster, Durland E. Brock, assistant, and a committee composed of John E. Bills, chairman; Frank Masters, Charles A. Seely, Henry F. Zimmer, A. Max Fisher, John E. Decker and Marvin L. Fisher.

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Cubs of Pack 7 of the First Methodist Church staged a bull fight in another area, and at times the music of a band of Cubs of Pack 15 could be heard above the din. Attracting considerable attention was the dog act put on by Cub David Hanselman of Pack 18.

Indian Act Presented

Then there were the Indians and the covered wagons presented by the West Hill Cubs sponsored by the VFW, with Elmer Testut in charge, and the boys of Pack 38 of Newark Valley who operated 3 rings of boxing, tumbling, and an animal act.

The dragon and horse act was presented by Pack 6 of South Hill, and another dog act by Cubs of Pack 47 of Owego, an animal act by Cubs of Pack 53 of Owego, and a relay of games by Pack 35, also of Owego.

In the first of the scout competition, the art of knot-tying was demonstrated. First award went to the team of Troop 19, Belle Sherman School, with a time of 1:30. Second place went to Troop 44 of Slaterville, and third to Troop 3 of Trumansburg.

Loberg Wins Knot-Tying

In the individual knot-tying, Life Scout Paul Loberg of Troop 22 was first, Life Scout Louis Schickel of Troop 18 second, and Star Scout Gordon Dennis of Troop 8 third.

Fire by friction provided its usual share of the entertainment, with Tenderfoot John Van Order of Troop 6 leading the field by producing fire in 38 seconds. Finishing second was First Class Scout Americo Cappucci of Troop 12. Third was Second Class Scout George Fletcher of Troop 4.

Fire by flint and steel provided a problem for the judges when they found that the winner had used a device other than the kind approved for the event. The apparent winner was disqualified, and first award went to First Class Scout Arthur Dermady of Troop 12 and second place to Tenderfoot Laverne Davis of Troop 40.

The council office said today that officials took upon themselves the blame for the incident because the use of prepared flints was not anticipated.

The council president, Carl W. Vail, said that the incident in no way reflected on the Scout or the troop involved.

Equipment Race Staged

The equipment race was won by Star Scout Gordon Dennis of Troop 8, who required only 2:08 minutes to remove his clothing piece by piece, put them back on again, and make himself presentable to the judges. Second place went to Tenderfoot Jack Miller of Troop 19 and third place to Second Class Scout Robert Coyer of Troop 21.

Signaling by semaphore and Morse code followed. Troop 1 of the Lutheran Church took first place in semaphore, with Troop 37 of Owego second and Troop 18 of the First Presbyterian Church third. The score was 192. Troop 7, 19, and 18 finished in that order in the Morse code sending.

First place in the flag raising event went to Troop 18, second place to Troop 40, and third place to Troop 3.

Demonstrations Given

Intermingled with the competitive events were demonstrations of various kinds for which no awards were presented. Scouts of Explorer Post 49 demonstrated types of packs used on Adirondack trips, scouts of Post and Squadron 600 demonstrated various carries used in first aid and emergency service and Sea Scout Ship 25 demonstrated a ship layout, including an abandon ship drill.

While the flag raising event was being held, members of Troop 21 of Interlaken began to erect a log signal tower which was the main setting for the finale of the program, members of Ship 12 demonstrated a model of the breeches buoy, and winners in the knot tying event gave a demonstration of their speed and accuracy in the art.

Members of Squadron 42 had an exhibit of model airplanes and gliders at the northwest corner of the hall.

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Baden-Powell Council will do it again!
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