

Appendix 52 to
THE HISTORY OF SCOUTING IN SOUTH GEORGIA

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Early Scout Photos from around Southwest Georgia



Cordele Boy Scout Troop
Fall of 1913

Top row (*left to right*): Orris Bazemore, Ned Howell, Leon Webb, A. F. Ware (Scoutmaster), Hiram Williams, Carl Cannon, Alton Hamilton, & Paul Kelly.

Middle row: John F. Fenn, Guy Cobb, Jim Coney, Pless Fenn, William Webster, & Jere Slade.

Bottom row: Walter Coney, Percy Shipp, Robley McDonald, Jim Ward, James Howell, William Hughes, & Lloyd Hill

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Reynolds, Taylor County, Georgia Scouts circa 1918

Members of the boy scouts gather for a photograph in their uniforms. Front row, left to right: Gene Johnson, Elbert Hill, Dan Beeland. Middle row: Efford Mathews, Virgil Powell, Henry Hodges, Henry Waters, Willie Ed Cooper, Holt Ruffin. Top row: J. C. Fuller, Leonard Cooper, Eldridge Mathews, Charles Seay. The photo has 1918 written in the upper right corner.

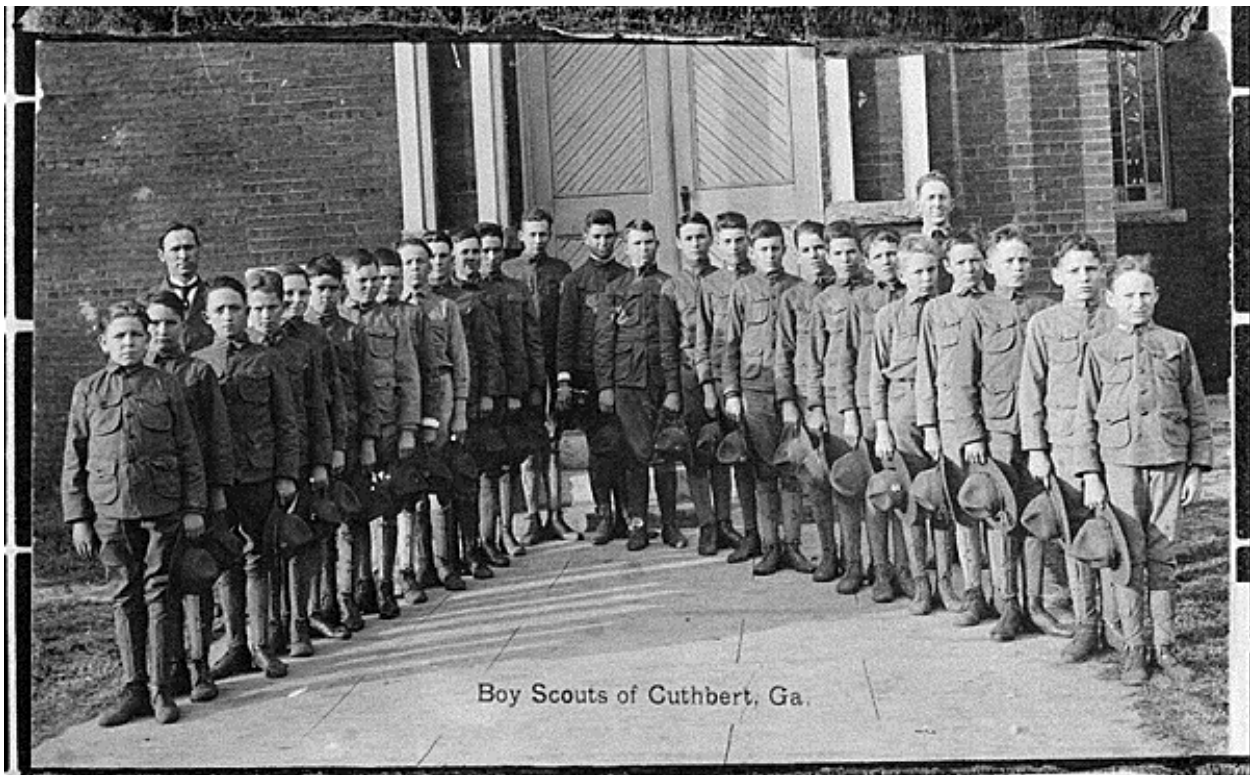
Taylor County would have been in Aumuckalee Council when the Council was formed in 1920. In 1918 the territory would have been run directly by the National Council (national office) in New York City.

(Photo from the Georgia Archives, Vanishing Georgia Collection.)



On June 20, 1920, Americus Troop 1 left for a trip of two weeks duration to attend an unofficial general Boy Scout encampment at Lake Junalaska, North Carolina. The trip was led by Reverend Silas Johnson. George Walker went on the trip to assist Reverend Johnson. The trip was made by truck rather than train so that side trips could be made for sightseeing. The fourteen scouts who went were: John Sheffield, Carl Humber, George Ellis, Sam Lott, Benjamin McMath, Walter Stapleton, Sr., G. W. Harris, Charles Glover, Edwin Gammage, Robert Buchanan, Walter Reeves, James Furlow, and Minor Walker. The entire group returned safe after a great trip on July 3. Since the photo contains more than sixteen people, it must have scouts from other groups. Seated barefoot to the extreme left is Walter Stapleton, Sr., and in the center foreground is Charles Glover.

(The photo is the property of Walter Stapleton, Jr. and is used here with his permission. Photo caption is taken in part from the Americus Times-Recorder, December 19, 1960.)



1920 Boy Scouts of Cuthbert

1920 Boy Scouts of Cuthbert pose in 1920 for a photograph in front of the Cuthbert Baptist Church located at the corner of College and McDonald Streets. The Scoutmaster was Reverend Boswell. Some of the Scouts are: Thad Stanford, James Cox, Roe Stanford, Wilkerson Gunn, Wynn McDonald, Charles Lanier, John Gunn, Fowler, Rufus Rutland, and Oscar Taylor.

Randolph County would have been in Aumuckalee Council in 1920.







(Photo from the Georgia Archives, Vanishing Georgia Collection.)



Photo Circa 1921 of Two Americus, Georgia Eagle Scouts.

The scout on the right is John Ewing Kiker, Jr. (DOB 4/26/06) who is the first known Eagle Scout from southwest Georgia. David John Broadhurst is on the left. He earned his Eagle rank on March 15th, 1921, which made him the second Eagle Scout from southwest Georgia. Both Scouts were from Troop 1 in Americus.

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<p>Enlargement of items worn on the uniform of the David John Broadhurst (Left)</p>		<p>Enlargement of items worn on the uniform of the John Ewing Kiker, Jr (Right).</p>
	<p>Eagle Medal and WWI Paper Drive Medal</p>	
	<p>Emblems worn on Hats</p>	
	<p>(Left) merit badges on right sleeve of Broadhurst. (Right) Star rank and Assistant Patrol Leader from left sleeve. Troop number 1 from collar Kiker's collar.</p>	



1922 Summer Camp at Camp Nochaway

Camp Nochaway was in Seminole County and was the summer camp for Nochaway Council. For more details see the Appendix entitled "Nochaway Brochure."

(From the 1989 50th Anniversary Newspaper issued by Southwest Georgia Council.)



SEARCY BROTHERS FIRST EAGLE SCOUTS IN COUNTY. . .Above, left, is shown Dr. W. M. Searcy, a Cairo native and long-time Thomasville dentist, and, right, his brother, Floyd H. Searcy, Sr., also a Cairo native, and long-time businessman, whose life was snuffed out May 7 in a tragic highway mishap. These brothers made big Boy Scout history back in 1923 here when they both received the coveted Boy Scout distinction, the rank of Eagle Scout. They became not only the first two Eagle Scouts in Grady County, but the first two brothers in Georgia to gain that distinction. (The Messenger last week, in the report on the death of Floyd H. Searcy, Sr., erroneously referred to one of the pair as Floyd H. Searcy, Jr., of Cairo, the son of one and a nephew of the other.)

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1923 Photo of the Searcy Brothers

At the time Cairo was a part of Nochaway Council.

(*"Searcy Brothers First Eagle Scouts In County," Cairo Messenger, May 18, 1970.*

Article provided by William N Searcy.)



1925 BSA Camp near Thomasville, Georgia

Boy Scout camp near Thomas County, Georgia is the caption from the *Georgia Archives, Vanishing Georgia Collection*. However, the photo may be one of the two locations of Nochaway Council's Camp Nochaway in 1925, one of which was held outside Tallahassee at Lake Bradford.

But, Daniel Huntley Redfearn took a group of scouts from Albany camping at Miller Springs in Thomas County in the summers of 1911, 1912 and 1914 and Scouts could have gone camping there again on local campouts. Thomas County and Thomasville were part of Nochaway Council in 1925. This photograph may be Miller Springs.

(Photo from the Georgia Archives, Vanishing Georgia Collection.)



George Lee Markey, circa 1942.
A well-equipped scout from Troop 1, Albany.

(Photo from Bill Huggins. Used with permission.)



Bill Huggin's Eagle Presentation in 1945

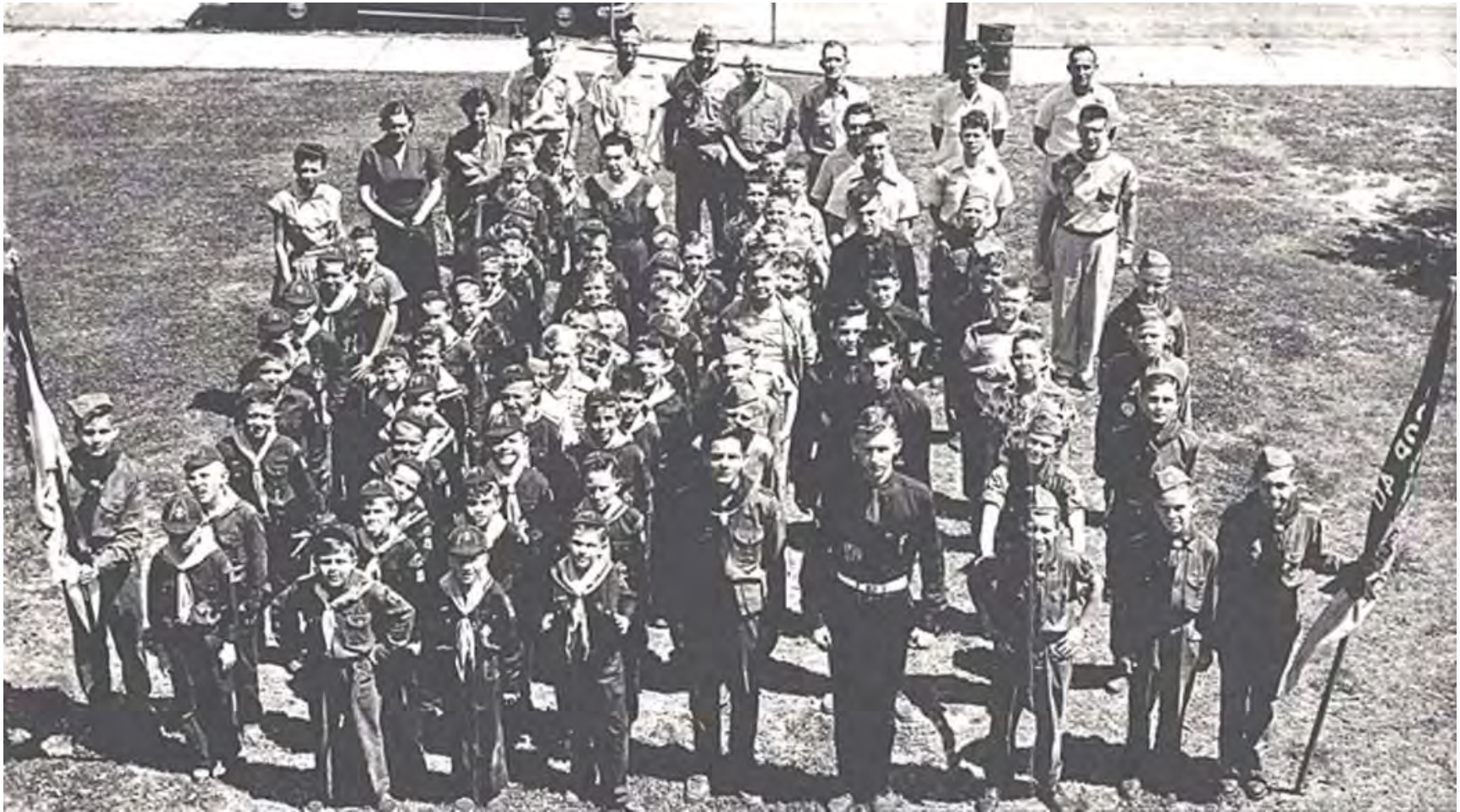
Bill Huggin's Eagle Date is November 5, 1945 from Troop 1 in Albany, Georgia. Bill Huggin's dad is the big man in the foreground. His mother is in the center. The other two people are believed to be Vic Marget and Motie Wiggins.

(Photo from Bill Huggins)



September 10, 1947, Eagle Court of Honor of Henry Holton,
Wallace Binns, and Luther Wood *(left to right)*.

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The caption on the original photo says it is Troop 40, but it is actually all the Boy Scout organizations in Cordele at the time. Also, the caption says 1948, but it is actually about 1951.

The people identified from Explorer Post 40 (third full row from the right): 1st -- Bill Comer, 2nd -- Bobby Barton, 3rd -- Herb Ryals. 4th-- Don't know, 5th -- Larry Hawley, 6th -- Reuel Hamilton. Others are Fred Pollette (Postmaster, Post 40, next to last row on far right); Joel Haley (Scoutmaster Troop 40, 2nd from right on next to last row); and Bill Nexsen (Chehaw Council Professional, in the middle of last row).

(Thanks to William Cromer for the photo and the identifications)



Edgar W. Duskin
Troop 70, Dawson, Georgia
(Second Class emblem affixed to his hat)

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TREE PLANTING CEREMONY: The 93rd birthday of the late Gov. Chase S. Osborn of Michigan, and longtime resident of Poulan, was observed recently at the Poulan School as three Magnolia trees were planted, one in his honor, one for John G. McPhaul, founder of Poulan, and the last in memory of the late Rev. William Clifford Smith, pastor of the Poulan and Sylvester Presbyterian Churches. Taking part in the ceremonies were (left to right, front row), Tray West, Cub Scout Randy Folsom and Eagle Scout Clint Sumner. In the back row (left to right), Dr. Gordon S. Sumner, Mrs. Lera Fletcher, Col. Robert B. Williamson, Poulan Principal Dewey T. Ashby, and Mrs. Chase S. Osborn.

The February 1953 tree planting ceremony in honor of what would have been Chase S. Osborn's 93rd birthday. Shown in the photo is Mrs. Chase S. Osborn.

("Tree Planting Ceremony," The Albany Herald, February 4, 1953. Used by permission of The Albany Herald.)



Photo is of the Eagle Scout Court-of-Honor for Sumter Bradwell, Carlton Elkins, and Howard Barnard in 1959. The arm holding the hawk is that of Jim Fowler of television's Mutual of Omaha's Wild Kingdom.

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1960s BSA Swim Team at Turner AFB in Albany

Back Row L to R: Unknown Adult w/hat, D. Barrington, Russell Allen,
Huddy Hudgens, Jr. Thad Joiner, Allen Bitterman

Middle Row L to R: Roland Stetson, Bill Stanley, Dick Gilberg, Bruce Bitterman,
David Prisant, Jessie Hill, John Martin, SM J. B. Tyree w/hat

Front Row L to R: Villareal, ?, Wayne Hill, ?, ?, ?, ?



In the 1950s and 1960s Turner AFB had an officer assigned as the Boy Scout Liaison Officer. He planned events each month for the scouts. The TAFB '54 Rocker represented "Turner Air Force Base 1954" and went with the round Chehaw Council patch.

*(Photo from Huddy Hudgens. Used with permission).
(Rocker from the collection of Estol Belfolwer)*



1969 Webelos Pack 21 Americus, Georgia

Bill Wages and James Gaston (*adults, left to right*)
George Daniels, David Reeves, Johnny Wall, Ben Andrews, Tim Johnson,
Billy King, Allen Thomas, Mike Greene, William Carlan (*left to right*)



The photo is a postcard of Well's Mill Pond from 1915.
The Americus Scouts held their first annual long-term summer camp there.

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