

Appendix 5C to
THE HISTORY OF SCOUTING IN SOUTH GEORGIA

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**Photos of Past Council Executives of
Chehaw Council**



Welty Y. Compton

Welty Y. Compton was the 1st Council Executive of Chehaw Council. He was hired in May 1939 and he served through September 1944. He left to take a position in the Pee Dee Area Council of South Carolina. In 1955 he was Scout Executive of the council in Tampa, Florida.¹ Prior to coming to Chehaw Council, he had been a professional in the Augusta Council.



Heidt Stokes Swearingen

Heidt Stokes Swearingen was the 2nd Scout Executive of Chehaw Council, serving from October 1944 until March 1949. Prior to coming to Chehaw Council, he was Assistant Council Executive at the Piedmont Area Council in Raleigh, North Carolina. He resigned to return to Durham, North Carolina and employment at the Herald-Sun Newspaper.² He died in May 1979 in Nova Scotia, Canada his wife's home.

¹ "Scout Council Banquet," *Americus Times-Recorder*, February 10, 1955.

² "Swearingen, Executive of Scout Council, Resigns," *Americus Times-Recorder*, March 9, 1949.



William E. Nexsen

William (Bill) E. Nexsen was the 3rd Scout Executive of Chehaw Council, serving from April 1949 through 1962. He became Scout Executive of Northeast Georgia Council after leaving Chehaw Council. He had been the Assistant Scout Executive for Gulf Stream Council in West Palm Beach, Florida.³ He died in 1978 in Athens, Georgia.⁴



James Minter (Josh) Molder

Josh Molder was the 4th Scout Executive of Chehaw Council, serving from January 1, 1963 to March, 1971. Prior to coming to Chehaw Council he was Council Executive for Northeast Georgia Council from 1948 until 1963. He first took a position in the Flint River Council before moving to Northeast Georgia Council. He died in 1997 in Albany.



Wofford Evans Malphrus

Wofford E. Malphrus was the 5th Scout Executive of Chehaw Council, serving from April, 1971 to December 1, 1979. Wofford entered scouting in Charleston, S.C., in 1954, and served in various capacities until 1964, when he was promoted to scout executive of the Cherokee Council at Reidsville, N.C. In 1971, Malphrus became scout executive of the Chehaw Council in Albany. In 1979, Malphrus was selected as scout executive of the Coastal Empire Council, headquartered in Savannah. He retired as Coastal Empire Council Scout Executive in 1991 after 37 years of service to scouting. He died August 24th, 2018 in Ridgeland, South Carolina.

³ "Chehaw Council Employs a New Executive," *Americus Times-Recorder*, March 18, 1949.

⁴ U. S. Social Security death records.



Ledley B. (Bud) Symmes, Jr.

Ledley B. (Bud) Symmes, Jr. was the 6th Scout Executive of Chehaw Council, serving from December, 1979, to November 1, 1983. He then worked with the Boy Scouts of America for 25 years and retired as their Financial Director. He passed away in 2008 in Orange Park, Florida.⁵



Tom J. Dugger

Tom Dugger was the 7th Scout Executive of Chehaw Council and the first Scout Executive of Southwest Georgia Council, serving from November, 1983, to January 1987. Tom is an Eagle Scout from Hueytown, Alabama.

For eight years, Tom served as a member of the National Staff of BSA. From 1990-1992, he was a loaned executive to the World Scout Bureau in Geneva, Switzerland. On this assignment, Tom served as the Executive Assistant to the Director General of the World Scout Foundation and worked closely with His Majesty King Karl 16th Gustav of Sweden, the Patron and Honorary President of the World Scout Foundation. As a result of this experience, he was awarded the Baden-Powell World Fellowship and a special commendation from the World Scout Movement.

Tom has served as Scout Executive/Chief Executive Officer for councils in Albany, Georgia; Raleigh, North Carolina; and, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Tom Dugger retired from scouting and Dean Beard Council in December, 2019 a position he held since January 1, 2010. He had been a member of the Boy Scouts for fifty-five years the last forty-three years in the professional service of the Scout movement.

⁵ *The Florida Times Union of Jacksonville, FL, September 20, 2008.*

**From 1994 until 2006 the council was known as
Southwest Georgia Council.**

**CHEHAW COUNCIL (AGAIN)
COUNCIL EXECUTIVES**



David L. Foil

The 8th CE of the Chehaw Council



Ray Allen

The 9th CE of the Chehaw Council serving from 2006 to the January 14, 2012. He came to Chehaw Council from a Florida Council where he was in charge of several districts. He left to return to Florida to work in fund raising for the University of Central Florida.