

# THE P. B. C. YEAR BOOK

## SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES

The following persons have returned from a vacation with P.B.C. at Kamp Kiamesha this summer:

Anthony Battaglino	Jesse James Todd
Jack Chesney	Anthony Adamo
Joseph Chesney	Eugene Adamo
Robert Conn	Robert Chirmside
Robert Hayner	Tom Beaton
Gary Webers	Paul Hartkos
Ronald Boyle	William Fyfe
Lcc Bonannella	Dan Rodola

About twenty-five members of the P. B. C. spent Memorial Day in canoes on the Pompton River led by Donald Robertson. They paddled up rapids and roasted back down. It was reported that swimming was excellent.

The annual father and son banquet was a smorgasbord run on May 17th by the P. B. C. Ladies' Auxiliary. (See picture in center of book.) Dinner music was furnished by the Velvatone.s Orchestra. Jack Shulman, a hypnotist, was the entertainer.

We are grateful to the Newark YM.YW.CA for the use of their pool on the second Saturday of each month. On holidays and on many other days when school was not in session we also swam in the pool at St. George Hotel in Brooklyn. Several times we visited Chinatown in Manhattan after these swims.

The Ringling Bros. Circus at Madison Square Garden and the Motor Boat Show for our Sea Scouts were enjoyed by groups of about a dozen club members.

About 3 times a week the club rents the rifle range at the First Methodist Church. We know that sooner or later every boy will have his hands on a gun. The purpose of the range is to teach them the safe and accurate handling of rifles now and thus prevent accident. There are medals and diplomas to be won on the range, also prizes for the turkey shoot. Faster rabbit shoot, and novelty match. The U. S. Government furnish some rifles, targets, and ammunition free. Fathers of the boys and men who have been trained in the Armed Forces are in charge of the rifle instruction.

The annual carnival was held the Friday and Saturday evenings after Thanksgiving. As usual some two dozen amusements and other concessions were set up to furnish plenty of fun for old and young. From start to finish the affair was literally a howling success.

About one hundred children attended the annual P. B. C. Hallowe'en party held the last week in October 1961. They had a costume parade (prizes for best, funniest, and most original costumes), balloons, a treasure hunt, peanut scramble, technicolor movie, and refreshments.

Football teams of the P. B. C. took part in the Kearny Unified Recreation League held on Saturday mornings last fall. This activity involved about sixty of our boys.

A Church Basketball League was operated by the P. B. C. on Saturday mornings and afternoons in the gym during December, January, and February. There were about a hundred boys

in the League. Teams from various Churches were enrolled.

The Church and Sunday School Baseball League, the oldest of our organized athletic leagues (established in 1928) continues to survive in spite of commercial institutions who sponsor other leagues. We had about 50 boys in this league. Games were played on Gunnel Field and on Sacred Heart Field on Saturdays during April, May, and June. Our champion P. B. C. junior team is shown on page 23. The picture of a baseball team on the cover de-sign represents th-\* P. B. C. Junior team which placed second.

On certain Wednesday nights George Cassidy got out the P. B. C. enlarging machine and ran a camera club for the benefit of boys who wanted to print and develop their own films.

The Fithian Choristers, shown on the No. 18 page, sang at the First Presbyterian Church on Sunday May 6, in addition to their annual concert at Schuyler School on April 26th. We are indebted to the First Baptist Church for the use of their rooms for rehearsals of choristers and dramatic company, and for our Cub Pack 13 meetings.

The bowling alleys of the First Presbyterian Church were rented from the Men's Club on Saturday afternoons in December, January, February, and March. A picture of George Koerner, Jr. on the alleys is shown in the bottom of the cover design.

There are many unusual games in the club room. A game of sticks shown at the left in the cover design, has long been popular. Recently an electric bowling game was donated by Frank Bennett. (See photo on page 21.)

Besides the 3 pool tables, a ping pong table, and a television, the club room contains 4 trainer bikes, 2 pin ball games, 2 strength testing machines, a gun shooting "Wild West" game, a library, a coke machine, and many trophy cases filled with over a half century of winnings. The craft shop is stocked with models and machinery to make models of one's own design. The movies are mostly held in the craft shop on Fridays and Saturdays in order to leave the gym available for athletics.

One of the big features of the tumbling and trampoline teams this year was the 2 day trip to Pittsfield, Mass. The chartered bus stopped at Bear Mt. on the way. At Newburgh the boys saw Washington's headquarters and ate their lunches. The party arrived at Berkshire Farm for Boys at 3 pm. There they rehearsed, saw the animals, and had supper. After supper Jim Stephens taught a Sunday School lesson. Then the boys gave their exhibition in the new half million dollar auditorium and school building for the entire personnel of the Farm.

After the exhibitions the P. B. C. party went to Pittsfield where they were comfortably quartered in the Wendell-Sherwood Hotel. They arrived home the next night having been away from home 36 hours.

The annual trip to Florida is in progress as we go to press. Don Robertson has about 6 boys with him and they stay two weeks at his parents'

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