

## TROOP HISTORY

Bayport's first Scout Troop was organized in 1917 and the first Scoutmaster was Rev. Carl Schaufuss, a student minister supplying the Bayport Congregational Church. The first Troop Committee was formed in 1918 and included Mr. Herbert J. Andersen, Chairman, George Lennartson and Harold Rothschild. The Troop was first registered at National Hdqts. in March 1922 under the sponsorship of the Bayport Public School and the Bayport Troop is now officially a 46 year Troop.

Early history tells us the school principal, Mr. Halvorsen, was Scoutmaster in 1922 and was succeeded that same same year by Ray Cummings the new principal, who continued as Scoutmaster for the next eight years.

In 1927 the Troop was registered under the St. Paul AREA Council as Troop No. 98 and the Troop Committee included Harold Rothschild, Chrmn, George Lennartson and James D. Rowland. Eight scouts were registered that year. In 1929 the American Legion Post No. 491 assumed the sponsorship and in 1930 the Troop Number was changed to 113.

Membership and general activity increased rapidly until in 1937 the peak year was reached; 62 scouts were registered. Marvin Moen was Scoutmaster and he had Carmen Acklin and Tom Serier as assistants. Roy Sakrison was Chairman of the Troop Committee. Also that year three members of the Troop attended the National Jamboree at Washington D.C. they were Eugene Butler, Robert Berg and Donald Wilson, Jr.

Since 1937 the roster of those who have worked in the scouting program has grown to great proportions and it would be an endless chore to attempt to list them all. Special mention should however, be made of the select few who unselfishly gave of their time, financial contributions and efforts and ultimately were recognized for their contributions by being awarded one of the highest scouting awards. This of course is the Silver Beaver Award and our Troop can point with pride to Mr. F. C. Andersen, Mr. A. D. Hulings, Mr. Marvin Moen, Mr. Harold Rothschild, Mr. Richard Simonson and the late Mr. Frank Slaughter and say we are extremely fortunate to have or have had such dedicated people working with and for us.

An important factor in the success of Scouting in Bayport has been the generous public support and particularly the enthusiastic and unselfish service of the Troop Committeemen.

Last, but not to be forgotten is the generosity and understanding of our sponsoring institution, American Legion Post #491, who has given not only financial and moral support but many fine leaders who are also active in Legion affairs.

Looking forward to scouting here in Bayport one can see the continuance of this wonderfull fellowship and accomplishment. We also sincerely hope that those who have not had the opportunity to work with this select group of American boys will soon join our ranks and find out what a rewarding experience this can be.