REPORT ON SCOUT ACTIVITIES TO THE FOURTH QUARTERLY CONFERENCE (September 11,1951)

Boy Scout and Cub Scout activities at Duke Memorial Church are sponsored by the Board of Christian Education through a Church Council on Scouting composed of representatives of the Board of Stewards, the Adult Departments of the Sunday School, and the leaders and alumni of the scout troop. Mr. Irving Allen is president of this Church Council on Scouting. Over 100 boys have been in direct contact with the program during the past year.

The Boy Scout troop has been active in district, council, and community activities during the past year, and has received various recognitions. There are 60 members now on roll between the ages of eleven and eighteen. Professor R. N. Wilson is Scoutmaster and works with four Assistant Scoutmasters: S.M.Holton, Dewey Mims, Jr., H. Holt Thornton, and Henry B. Watkins. Junior Leaders in the troop now include four Junior Assistant Scoutmasters, a Senior Patrol Leader, Quarter Master, Scribe, and seven Patrol Leaders. The following rank awrds have been presented during the past year: two Eagle Scout Awards, three Life Scout Awards, six Star awards, fifteen First Class Badges, eighteen Second Class Badges, and twenty Tenderfoot Badges. Several hundred Merit Badges have also been awarded. Outdoor activities have been stressed; overnight camping trips have been held under adult supervision each month.

In addition to the regular program of activities within the troop, the troop has taken part in other district and council activities. At the annual District Expostion, held in the City Armory, March 9-10, Troop 13's display booth on pioneering won a first place award. On May 4,5, and 6, twenty two boys attended the annual Spring Council Camporee held at Pullen Park in Raleigh. The four patrols represented won one blue, two red, and a white ribbon in the judging on scoutcraft and pioneering displays. Twenty-three boys attended Summer camp at Camp Durant for two weeks in June.

As a climax to summer troop activities seventeen boys and two leaders spent a week at Doughton State Park on the Blue Ridge Parkway. Plans are currently being made to take part in the annual fall camporee to be held this year at the New Hope camp in Orange County on September 21-22-23; and in a council wide scout circus to be held in the Durham Athletic Park on October 20.

Boys over fourteen are organized into a special crew of Explorers. There are seventeen in this category, many of whom

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are also active in the leadership of the younger boys in the troop. The primary purpose of the crew is the development of a spirit of fellowship in worthwhile activity. Regular weekly meetings, monthly camping trips, and special hikes are held in addition to those carried on by the troop. Early in June, five of the explorers and their advisor spent eight days hiking seventy-five miles on the Appalachian Trail through the Great Smoky Mountains. During the spring, this group as one of its service projects completely repainted the scout room.

During the course of the year proper leadership training has been stressed. Three assistant scout masters completed the ten session training course for scout masters, and eight junior leaders took part in an intensive program offered by the local scout district.

Cub Pack 13, sponsored by the church for a number of years, is now under the leadership of Mr. J.V. Hoyle. There are five cub dens with a total membership of forty boys. Each den has its own program of trips, meetings and special activities under the leadership of its den mother. Awards are made at monthly pack meetings. The following awards have been made during the past year: 19 Wolf Badges, 11 Bear Badges, 6 Lion Badges, 17 Gold Arrow Points, 14 Silver Arrow Points, and one Webelos badge. In October and November, 1950, the pack was presented the council award for a large ingrease in membership. At the district exposition on March 9 and 10, Pack 13's display booth was awarded a second place red ribbon. Adult leaders in the pack have taken part in the leadership training courses offered by the district.

During Scout Week in February, Cubs, Scouts and their parents attended the regular Sunday morning church service in a body to hear a special sermon by the Pastor.

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