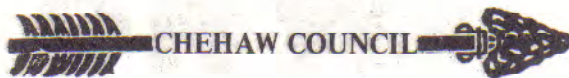




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Jambo Scouts Meet OA Founder, Carroll Edson



Carroll Edson, co-founder of ORDER of the ARROW talks with some of 353 members at National Scout Jamboree held at Moraine State Park in Pennsylvania this past summer. L-R are Edson, Leon Jones, James Royal and Mike Strickland, all members of Troop 578, Chehaw contingent troop.

If you were fortunate to go to the 1977 National Scout Jamboree in Moraine State Park, Pa.; and camped with Troop 578 from Chehaw Council you probably got to see Col. Carroll A. Edson. Most people would say, "Who is Carrol A." Well, it just so happens that Edson is one of the co-founders of the Order of the Arrow.

Col. Carroll A. Edson, who joined Dr. E. Urner Goodman in founding of the Order of the Arrow, has spent 67 of his 86 years serving Scouting and his country.

Col. Edson was born September 29, 1891, in Worchester Ma., and his scouting career began nineteen-years later in 1910 when he became an assistant scoutmaster in the Manhattan council of the Boy Scouts of America.

Five years later he became a field executive in the Philadelphia Council. There, he assisted Dr. Goodman in founding the order of the Arrow at Treasure Island Scout Camp on July 16, 1915. A year later he became Assistant to the Director of Records at the national office of the Boy Scouts of America in New York City.

In May of 1917, Col. Edson began his officer's career at officer's camp after which he was commissioned in the 77th Division. In December 1918, he took a commission as Captain in the Reserve

Corps. He served during World War I on the faculty of the command and General Staff School and on field duty. At the close of World I, he served as Commandant of the Reserve School at Syracuse, New York, and retired as full Colonel at the age of 60 in 1951.

Then Carrol resumed professional scouting in the national office assignment after World War I. In January of 1921, he joined the Chicago Council Staff, and in the summer of 1927 he became Scout Executive at Jersey City, New Jersey. He served there until 1931, when he left the profession.

For several years Edson served as District of the Civilian Conservation Corps in Atlanta, Georgia. December 1936, he joined the Social Security Administration, opening the Birmingham, New York Office. In April of 1937 he became the manager of the Syracuse, New York office of the Boy Scouts of America. He remained there until he retired at the age of 70 in December of 1961.

Throughout his life, Edson has been active in many organizations including Kiwanis International, Blue Cross, Red Cross, Reserve Officers Association, the National Guard, Various Veterans, and retired officers groups, and community chest endeavors.

Area 5 Conclave at Camp Rainey Mountain, NE Georgia Council - April 21 thru 23.

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Lodge Represented At National Conference

This summer 6 members of IMMOKALEE LODGE were able to go to the National Order of the Arrow Conference at Knoxville, Tennessee. We were particularly lucky in that this was the first time that the NOAC was held in the Southeastern Region. Everyone seemed to have a good time during the conference which lasted from August 23 through 27. Although the NOAC is basically a training seminar there was everything to do from trading patches to trading "bubble gum cards" with pictures of all the big people in the national OA scene. Ask anyone who went next time you see them if they got a complete set. At the conference there was also a chance to see such people as Chris Boswell, National Chief, Rick Burton, National Vice-Chief, William F. Downs, National Executive Secretary, Dr. E. Urner Goodman and Col. Carol A. Edson, co-founders of the OA, as well as the US NAVY STEEL DRUM BAND. (the what?, well you had to be there). But that's the way it was for most of the '77 NOAC, you should have been there.

353 Accepts New Pre-Ordeal Ceremony

Members of our lodge, who went to the NOAC this year were able to see the new Pre-Ordeal Ceremony that was approved by the National Order of the Arrow Committee in December 1976. It being the first major revision of the pre-ordeal ceremony since 1948, was proposed for optional use in all Lodges for a trial period of two years. Some of the major assets of the ceremony are:

1. It provides each member of the team with a distinct and important role, defined by the four tests of the Ordeal and their related symbols.
2. It is performed at a single site, eliminating the time it takes at present to move large numbers of candidates from site to site. The parts are written in a poetic manner for easier memorization. At present the bow is "tested" after the shooting of the arrow. In this ceremony the stringing and testing of the bow are preparations for shooting the arrow. The major disadvantage the members of our lodge could find in the new ceremony was that it did not correspond with the Brotherhood Questionnaire but this would of course be changed in the case that this new ceremony is adopted.



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LODGE CALENDAR

Election Reports Due	April 14, 1978
Area 5 Conclave	April 21-23, 1978
Spring District Camporee and Tap Out	May 5-7, 1978
Ordeal, Summer Fellowship	June 9-11, 1978
NESA Meeting	August 5, 1978
'78 Fall Fellowship	October 27-28, 1978
'78 Lodge Banquet	December 8, 1978

1978 NATIONAL INDIAN SEMINAR

Once again the ORDER OF THE ARROW is offering an intensive six day seminar dealing with native American culture and crafts. The program will commence with supper on August 13, and end with lunch on August 19. The location, Camp George Thomas in Lawton, Oklahoma, was chosen because of its central location for all the nation and the availability of American Indian resources. Price for the seminar, as now projected, will be between \$80 and \$90 and includes all the basic costs (room, board, and course materials). Topics will include: (1) Dancing (2) Singing (3) Fancy Dance (4) Old-time (5) Straight Dance (6) Silverwork (7) Featherwork (8) Beadwork (9) Drum-making (10) Indian Food and Games (11) Indian Culture (12) Ethnology (13) Beginning and running a dance team (14) Beginning and running a Ceremony team. Instruction will be by Indian and Non-Indian experts!

There will be a ratio of 3 boys to every 1 adult. Although Immokalee has no group going that we know of at the moment, we hope that someone interested will contact the Scout Office in Albany for more information. Your deposit of \$5 needs to be sent in.

OWL DROPPINGS

All arrowmen who are eligible for Brotherhood should come to the Summer Ordeal prepared to take the Brotherhood Questionnaire.



All Eagle Scouts in the Order of the Arrow are urged to contact one of the following: Wayne Woodward, Ben Andrews, Frank Davis, or Leon Jones.



Ben doesn't know this is being put in the OWL HOOT but everyone in The Ceremony needs to have their part memorized for the Summer Ordeal. Please contact Ben (924-3098) you would like to be responsible for knowing a part!



In case you are really behind in the news, all lodge flaps cost \$1.25 and "Blue-borders" without the fleur-de-lis can no longer be bought, seeing as there are no more.

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