

**OLD HICKORY COUNCIL, BSA/CAMP RAVEN KNOB
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Annual Report of the Association Historian for the Year 2000

The year 2000 will be remembered by the members of the Historical Association as the time that more than six years of collecting and organizing local Boy Scout memorabilia and documents began to have a positive, cumulative effect on the development of a full and accurate history of the Old Hickory Council and its summer camps. A useful illustration of this cumulative effect is a brief review of the current historical status of Roy C. Flannagan, who was named the Old Hickory Council's first Scout Executive in 1919. Until the autumn of 1998, Roy Flannagan was little more than a name on the list of ancient Boy Scout officials that routinely appears in the Council's Annual Banquet program. A reference by H. Banks Newman in a letter that can be found in the **Roy Hinshaw Collection** at the **Raven Knob Boy Scout Museum** indicates that Flannagan was a native of Richmond, Virginia. Beginning with this simple account, the Association has been able to reconstruct Flannagan's life as a Boy Scout in the early 1910's, an Army pilot during World War I, a Boy Scout executive in Winston-Salem, a newspaper reporter in Atlanta and in Richmond, a minor novelist during the Southern Literary Renaissance, and a political operative in Virginia's Democratic Party from the 1920's until the 1950's. A research trip that Bruce Bradley, Marilou Bradley, Gray Martin and Ken Badgett made to Richmond in June to review Flannagan's papers at the Virginia Historical Society confirmed his connections to Scouting and revealed even more interesting information about his life. Because of the Association's work, Roy Flannagan has become more than a name on a cobwebby list of local Boy Scout bureaucrats.

Another "cumulative effect" of the Association's work this year is the exhibition of thirty enlarged Camp Raven Knob staff photographs in the new **Harry R. Vaughn, Sr. Dining Hall**. Gathering these photographs for use in a project was only possible because of ongoing research by the Association and because of the faith that donors have in the group's ability to properly protect and to display items that have been left in its care. The photos honor everyone who has served on the summer camp staffs at **Camp Raven Knob** since 1954.

At the 2000 Old Hickory Council Awards Banquet in February, Myrt Daniel was awarded the Association's third **Raven Award** for distinguished service in the preservation of Boy Scout history; Edward P. Bell of North Wilkesboro, Charles Griffin of Winston-Salem and Harold T. Murray, Jr., of Winston-Salem were presented **Roy M. Hinshaw Memorial Awards** for exceptional service in the preservation of Scouting's history.

The sixth annual patch/memorabilia Trade-O-Ree was coordinated by duWayne Amen and Tom Seaver; about 60 Scouts and Scouters attended the event, which was held at Summit School. The Raven Knob Boy Scout Museum was open on a regular schedule during the summer of 2000; Gray Martin served as Museum Director for a second year. The Museum was also open for usual **Cub Scout** and **Order of the Arrow** events at Camp Raven Knob.

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