

WHITE ROCK BAPTIST CHURCH

## TROOP 55

July 14, 1945

Dear Parent:

This is the first of what I hope to make an annual letter from the Scoutmaster to the parents of Scouts in Troop #55. This letter come as we are about to renew our charter for 1945 -1946. Troop #55, as you know, is sponsored by White Rock Baptist Church and supported through its Community Center budget. We are very fortunate in this respect as the pastor, Rev. Miles M. Fisher, and the Church have given us full support in all projects that we have undertaken.

Last year we held several overnight hikes, a camporee, an annual parents' banquet under the leadership of our Troop Committee, Mr. J. C. Hubbard, Chairman; and a father-son wiener roast. The general expenses for all of these events were paid by White Rock Community Center. Our summer camp was cancelled last year due to the infantile paralysis epidemic. We were given five (5) drums and eleven (11) bugles by the Church at a cost of \$199.00. The Drum and Bugle Corp is under the leadership of Mr. Fred Pratt, committeeman.

We intend to carry out the same program next year, enlarging it wherever possible. We are planning some type of entertainment for mothers of the Scouts on Mother's Day.

We feel that as parents you should be acquainted with our program and we invite your criticisms or suggestions at all times. Scouting is a character-building and citizenship-training program which we feel will help your son now and later in life.

Two boys were dismissed from your group last year because of poor conduct, which we regret very much and hope to prevent in the future by a closer relationship between the parents and officers of the Troop. Speak to your boy and advise him to obey the rules of Scouting at all times lest he fall victim to the same circumstances.

Last year we continued to maintain our reputation as one of the best Troops in the Occoneechee Council. We closed the year with a membership of 34 Scouts. We have three Life Scouts in our Troop which is next to the highest rank possible in Scouting. We qualified for two national awards in scrap paper collections--War Production Board Certificate of Merit and the General Eisenhower Award--and many of the boys proudly wear medals for their part in collecting scrap paper. With your help we hope to maintain our leadership as a Troop.