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SHEAROD CRUMPLER GIVEN SILVER BEAVER AWARD AT EAST CAROLINA COUNCIL

Local Scouters Again Win Attendance Banner There

S. H. Crumpler, Chairman of Halifax District Advancement Committee, was honored at the recent annual meeting of the East Carolina Council of The Boy Scouts of America, which was held in Wilson. Mr. Crumpler was awarded the "Silver Beaver," before an estimated crowd of more than two hundred-twenty-nine. Local Scouters of Ladies were present, and witnessed the "Silver Beaver" presentation.

The Silver Beaver is the highest recognition and award that can be given to scouters of this council. Although the Council has previously given only two Silver Beavers each year, this year they awarded three. Wheeler Martin of Martin District, R. E. King of Washington, and S. H. Crumpler of this city, received the awards.

Each year a secret committee is appointed by the President of the Council, their responsibility being to select from the entire Council, which is composed of twenty counties, the names of three men who have done most for boys during the past year. Names of the selected three are not revealed until the Annual Meeting, at which time presentations are made.

In making the presentation to S. H. Crumpler, Ben Eagles of Crist, said "In recognition of service rendered in a voluntary capacity, to boys of these twenty counties, which comprise the East Carolina Council, not only in the form of Scouting but for the valuable service rendered in Red Cross First Aid, Life Saving, and similar voluntary work; In recognition of your services as District Advancement Chairman of the Advancement program, and Court of Honor procedures, and the recognition of the time, energy, and sacrifices you have given in a voluntary nature, for the improvement of the youth of your Council, I present you with this Silver Beaver." Mr. Eagles then called Mrs. S. H. Crumpler to the speakers stand, and said, "As it has been called to my attention that you are the guiding light behind the wheel, and for your unselfish service, both in aiding your husband, and in certain voluntary capacities of your own, of which there is much high praise, and because I am told that of the two, you are the better scouter, it is a pleasure to ask you to pin this Silver Beaver upon the coat of your husband—A fine Scouting team."

This is the second time a local scouter has been honored at the Annual Meeting of the East Carolina Council. Howard Pruden was awarded the Silver Beaver two years ago, at the annual meeting. Last year at the annual meeting, W. H. Mincher, Scoutmaster of Troop 144, was presented the Eagle award and the Scoutmaster's Key, the highest Training award given voluntary men.

Local Scouters were further honored in returning with the attendance banner, awarded to the District that has the largest number and miles traveled. This is the second time the Halifax District has been awarded the attendance banner.

Although Albemarle District was awarded the membership trophy for having the largest percentage of increase in membership in the Council during the month of November, Halifax again received recognition when it was announced that they had recruited more



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scouts and Cubs during the month than any other district. The November recruiting campaign brought the number of scouts in the District to well over 500 and the number in this city to well over the 300 mark, an all time high for Scouting in the city.

Among those attending the banquet were: Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Liske, Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Crumpler, Mr. and Mrs. Mac Rae Faison, Mr. and Mrs. Don Tillar, Mr. and

MORE PUPILS NOW ELIGIBLE FOR THE NAVY

Thousands of additional high school graduates and seniors, 17 and 18 years of age, were made eligible today for Naval Aviation Cadet Training next year by the Navy's decision to open enlistments in its V-5 Flight Training program to 17-year-old seniors who will graduate by July 1, 1944, and to 18-year-old seniors who will graduate by March 1, 1944.

The V-5 program was hitherto limited to 17-year-old seniors who would graduate by March 1, 1944. Because few southern schools have mid-year graduation, many current seniors in this area were ineligible for enlistment until the new policy was adopted today, opening V-5 to next June's graduates.

Announcement of the new enlistment plan was made by Rear Admiral William H. Allen, Director of Naval Office Procurement, in Atlanta, who said the only age limitations will concern 17-year-old seniors who will reach their 18th birthday prior to January 1, 1944. They will become eligible, he said, as soon as they enter

Mrs. Howard Pruden, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Akers, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Scrivener, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Rhoden, D. C. Bennett, Graham Shell, Singletary, Clary, Theron Bullock, Robert Howell, and Scoutmasters Ben Richardson of Weldon, R. J. Waters, Dorsey Neathery, Tommie Jenkins and Ralph Baird.

their final school semester.

Admiral Allen's announcement was made through Chief J. W. Brown, of the U. S. Navy Recruiting Station at Elizabeth City, who said all schools in this area are being contacted to acquaint seniors with details of the V-5 program which calls for intensive flight, ground school, and physical training, qualifying successful cadets for their Navy Wings of Gold and commissions as Ensigns in the Naval Reserve, or Second Lieutenants in the Marine Corps Reserve.

Brown pointed out that high school seniors may enlist now and will not be called for training until after their graduation, which is a prerequisite for V-5 instruction.

There are many openings in Ground Aviation for those who cannot qualify for Aviation Cadets, Brown said. The Aviation Ground schools include Aviation Machinist, Aviation Radioman, Aviation Electrician, Aerographer, Parachute Rigger, Aerial Gunnery, Bombardier and Aerial Photographer.

Brown stated that in general service he could take an unlimited number of both white and colored boys which would be given an opportunity to choose one of the 57 great trade schools offered by the Navy.

The Women's Reserve of the Navy needs thousands of "Waves" to fill the ever increasing shore jobs as our great Navy expands and to fill the jobs now being held by experienced seagoing Navy personnel who are on shore duty not because they want shore duty but because until some one is trained to fill their jobs they have to remain on shore duty. In this way women enlisting in the Waves can release our fighting men immediately for sea duty thereby increasing the striking power of our

Navy now when it is so urgently needed on the seven seas, Brown said. Women enlisting in the Waves will be given the same opportunity as the men in the Navy. They will be allowed to attend the trade schools and will learn trades that will help them in civilian life after we have won a glorious victory.

Brown will be in Roanoke Rapids at the Radio Station on Friday and Saturday, December 17 and 18, and urges all young men of 17 and women between the ages of 20 and 36 to call by to see him while he is here.

W. L. Winstead Dies At Enfield

Enfield.—Funeral services for Walter L. Winstead, were held Thursday afternoon at three o'clock from his home here. Rev. Ross Cadle, pastor of the Enfield Baptist Church, assisted by a former pastor, Rev. H. B. Anderson, of Durham, conducted the services, and interment followed in the family plot in Elmwood Cemetery.

Mr. Winstead, one of Enfield's oldest residents, 84 years of age, died in his home Tuesday, at 6:30 p. m. He had been in feeble health for some time and confined to his bed for two weeks. He was a deacon and faithful member of the Baptist Church.

Survivors are three daughters, Mrs. Stella Broach, Miss Clyde Winstead, and Miss Ethel Winstead, of Enfield, one son, Leon Winstead, of Philadelphia, one foster daughter, Mrs. K. F. McLin, of Norfolk, four grandchildren, and one great grandchild.

Mrs. C. E. Matthews, Mrs. M. H. Hedgepeth, Mrs. W. G. Bunch and Miss Doris Hedgepeth were visitors in Rocky Mount, Wednesday.

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