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this Christmas

Pawhuska is Home to Nation's First Boy Scout Troop....Scout's Honor!

Oklahoma was a brand new state when Rev. John F. Mitchell arrived on the plains of Osage County. What he found in Pawhuska were people anxious to develop the area and to welcome the world. But for all that enthusiasm, there was little interest being paid to the area's young people.

Rev. Mitchell knew just what to do about that. And what he did made history.

Mitchell was on assignment from the Church of England to Pawhuska's St. Thomas Episcopal Church. The British minister was an associate of Lord Robert Baden-Powell, who founded the Boy Scouts of England, and he had worked with Scouting while there. He felt the beautiful, yet still untamed area of northern Oklahoma offered ideal opportunities to interest young boys, while teaching them the philosophies of Scouting.

So in 1909 Mitchell founded the first Boy Scout troop in America. Nineteen Pawhuska boys between the ages of 11 and 17 joined the new troop.

"It was the first troop IN America, not OF America," points out Judy Taylor, president of the Osage County Historical Museum. "There can be some confusion about that." The Boy Scouts of America were founded in 1910, and received a Congressional Charter in 1916.

Taylor goes on to explain the troop Mitchell formed was organized under the charter of the Boy Scouts of England.

"Mitchell was the troop leader and the members wore English uniforms, used English manuals

and earned English badges," she says, adding "it was designated Troop #1."

"In fact, Ed Tinker who owned the local newspaper, bought the uniforms and paid for them to be shipped here from England. His son Alex was one of the troop members."

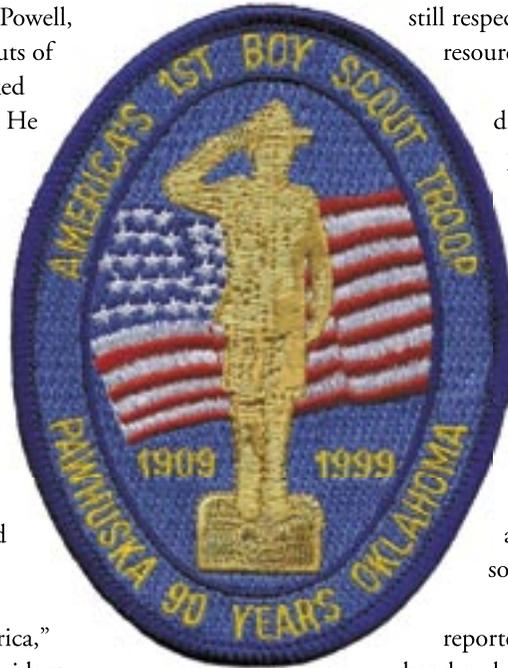
Taylor says the new Scouts did many activities Scouts still enjoy today. "They went on camping trips, learned wood crafts, survival techniques, and how to use many of the resources that could be found out in the wild, while still respecting and preserving those resources," she says.

"But they did some things differently too. For example, they sang 'God Save the Queen,'" she laughs.

Information available in the Boy Scout portion of the museum tells about the young troop making a cross-country trip to Bartlesville in March, 1910. Some boys rode their horses, some rode in a horse-drawn wagon, and some walked.

Once there, they were reportedly met by the Bartlesville band and escorted into town where they camped at a park for the duration of their stay.

The next morning there was a big parade downtown and that afternoon the Pawhuska Boy Scout troop helped organize a troop in Bartlesville. On Sunday morning the troop attended church and then began the trek back to Pawhus-



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Different Day, Same Message

by Jack Clinkscale, General Manager

By the time you read this, the 68th annual meeting of your cooperative will be over. This was our first annual meeting in the beautiful new Cleveland Event Center and I hope everyone enjoyed the refreshments, additional seating and air conditioning (or heating, as the case may be). Moving the annual meeting to a new facility requires extensive planning since the seating arrangements, stage and vendor placing and trustee election area are quite different from the old gym. David Wilson and Clara Eulert who comprise the Member Services Department at IEC and are responsible for the annual meeting, do an outstanding job. If you have attended an IEC annual meeting, you know most of our employees attend to help out. Employees from every department help set up the facility, register members, direct traffic, hand out gifts and prizes and any other job that needs to be done. I greatly appreciate their efforts to make our annual meeting the best it can be.

My message at this annual meeting was similar to the message I delivered at last year's annual meeting. At that annual meeting, I promised no rate increases in 2007, but stressed we should be ready for a

significant rate increase in 2008 and subsequent years. We were indeed able to avoid a rate increase in 2007 despite an increase in wholesale power cost from KAMO in April of this year. In April 2008, IEC will experience another significant increase from KAMO which we will not be able to absorb. We will be forced to pass some of this increase on to you.

Your Board of Trustees has retained the services of one of the top engineering firms in the country to help us conduct a cost of service study. C.H. Guernsey & Co., based in Oklahoma City, is one of the nation's top electric utility rate firms. A cost of service study examines all of IEC's wholesale power and operating costs and allocates them properly to each rate class. This helps us design rates that provide an adequate rate of return for each class. In short, it makes sure IEC recovers costs from each class fairly and equitably.

Even with these upcoming rate increases, IEC rates will remain competitive. Oklahoma has average residential rates lower than any of the surrounding states. While this increase will close the gap, Oklahoma and IEC rates will remain some of the lowest in

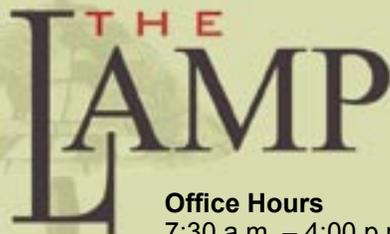
the region.

It may seem I dwell too much on this negative message, but I want every member to know what is coming. No member of IEC will have to play the Russian roulette game we play at the gas pump, never knowing what the cost will be from day to day. At IEC, we believe in the cooperative difference. The cooperative difference defines who we are and what we can achieve while looking out for our members' best interests.

Offices Close Three Days in November

IEC offices in Cleveland and Fairfax will be closed Monday, Nov. 12, and Thursday, Nov. 22 and Friday, Nov. 23.

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ka, with the last of the troop arriving home four days after leaving Pawhuska.

Mitchell taught the young boys principles of Scouting, which they used throughout their lives, says Taylor.

“Those boys all grew up to be contributing citizens to the town and state,” she says. “Walter Johnson owned the local funeral home and served on the town council, and Joe McGuire owned an insurance and real estate business and was very active in numerous civic affairs. He was also on the first board of directors for the museum.” She says many also served their country through military service.

Taylor says when the Cherokee Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America was formed in Bartlesville, the Pawhuska troop became Troop #33, and is a continuance of that first troop.

“The Pawhuska troop has produced several Eagle Scouts throughout the years too,” she adds. Eagle Scout is the highest rank a Boy Scout can achieve. It is a performance-based achievement earned through leadership, service and outdoor skills. According to a Boy Scouts of America fact sheet, only about 5% of all Scouts become Eagle Scouts.

To commemorate the nation’s first Boy Scout troop, a life-size bronze statue of a Boy Scout wearing the English uniform stands at the front of the museum. It was created by Pawhuska artist and sculptor Bill Sowell.

Another famed Pawhuska sculptor Jim Hamilton created a life-size three-person sculpture of a Scout leader and two young Scouts around a campfire which sits in a grassy area to the south of the museum building.

Rev. Mitchell continued to be the leader of Troop #1 until 1911 when he was assigned to a church in New York. While he made his home in the capital of the Osage Nation, he succeeded in living the Boy Scout slogan of ‘doing a good turn’ whenever he had the opportunity. But his best ‘good turn’ was teaching Scouting principles of good character, citizenship and personal fitness to young boys on the rolling plains of northern Oklahoma.



RECIPE



Pumpkin-Chocolate Chip Loaf Cake

- 1 3/4 cups unbleached all purpose flour
- 1 1/2 tsp. pumpkin pie spice
- 1 tsp. baking soda
- 1 tsp. baking powder
- 3/4 tsp. salt
- 1/2 cup (1 stick) unsalted butter, room temperature
- 1 1/4 cups sugar
- 3 large eggs
- 1 cup canned pure pumpkin
- 1 tsp. vanilla extract
- 1/3 cup whole milk
- 3/4 cup miniature semi-sweet chocolate chips
- 3/4 cup chopped walnuts

Preheat oven to 350°F. Butter and flour 9x5x2&1/2-inch metal loaf pan. Sift first 5 ingredients into medium bowl. Using electric mixer, beat butter in large bowl until smooth. Gradually beat in sugar, then beat in eggs one at a time. Beat in pumpkin and vanilla. Beat dry ingredients into pumpkin mixture alternately with milk. Stir in chocolate chips and nuts. Transfer batter to prepared pan. Bake loaf cake until tester inserted into center comes out clean, about 55 minutes. Cool in pan on rack 15 minutes. Turn cake out onto rack; cool completely. (Can be made 2 days ahead. Wrap in plastic; store at room temperature.)
YIELD: 12 servings.

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Angel Tree

IEC Again Helps the Salvation Army Grant Holiday Wishes

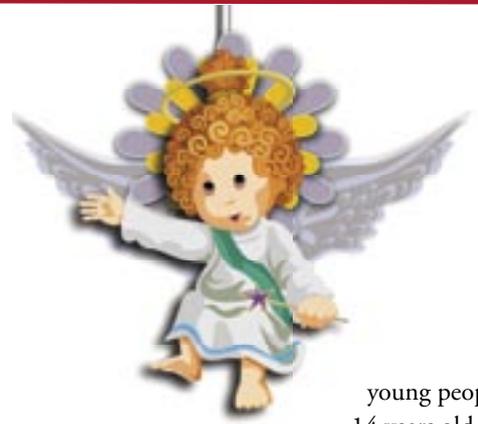
The Christmas holiday season unofficially begins as the last of the Thanksgiving turkey and pumpkin pie are cleared from the dinner table.

That's also when you can come to IEC and select an angel from the Salvation

Army Angel Tree.

"Angels will be available Monday, November 26," says IEC Member Services Representative Clara Eulert, adding this is the co-op's third year to sponsor an Angel Tree.

She goes on to say all of the angels are



young people 14 years old or younger.

Eulert says gifts for the Angels need to be returned to the co-op by Wednesday, December 12.