

IN MEMORIAM

Since the last meeting of the National Council, five men who have been intimately associated with Scouting for many years, have passed away. Two of these were in the professional service. Harvey Gordon, national director of engineering, died on December 15, 1938. Mr. Gordon had been a Scoutmaster and had held numerous local council positions before he came into Scouting professionally in 1917. He was for 10 years camp chief of the Greater New York City camps. He joined the national staff as camp engineer in 1930. His great achievement was his magnificent work as Director of Physical Arrangements for our National Jamboree and also for the Fifth World Jamboree in Holland.

Ralph H. Nodine, who passed away on August 22, was at the time of his death scout executive of the Chicago Council. He had served for 10 years as regional executive of region I. He was known and loved throughout the country. He had gone into the Scouting field as a Tenderfoot and was regarded as one of the most able leaders in the movement.

Barron Collier, member of the executive board since 1923 and for many years chairman of the committee on public relations and vice chairman of the health and safety committee, member of many other national committees, died unexpectedly on March 13, 1939. He was vice president of the Boy Scout Foundation of Greater New York, a position he had held continuously since 1922, except between 1932 and 1937 when he served as acting president, succeeding the Hon. Franklin D. Roosevelt. The Royal Palm Council at Fort Myers, Fla., elected Mr. Collier as its honorary president in 1929. In 1931 he was one of the delegates of the Boy Scouts of America to the sixth national Boy Scout conference. In 1932 he received the silver buffalo award for distinguished service to boyhood. The citation accompanying the award outlined Mr. Collier's record of service and concluded, "His generosity, self-reliance, and active cooperation have made possible the education of a wide public to the objectives of Scouting and have helped to enlist public support for the movement."

In the death of Hubert S. Martin, director of the Boy Scout International Bureau in London, the Boy Scouts of America and Scouting throughout the world suffered a severe loss on November 17. Mr. Martin had been identified with the Scout movement since 1909. In 1927 he was awarded the silver buffalo for distinguished service to boyhood. In 1928 he participated in the fifth national training conference for Scout executives and made a tour of Scout camps throughout the country. He had hosts of friends among the Boy Scouts of America, who mourn his passing.

Armstrong Perry passed away on July 5. Although not active in Scouting at the time of his death, Mr. Perry will be remembered by many old-timers in Scouting for his connection with Boys' Life from 1915 to 1919 and later with the old pioneer scout division, which afterwards became the Lone Scout division.

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