



RONNIE KORMAN ... a Scouting Wizard

OFFSET TO PACHUCO NEWS

L.B. Scout Wins Last of 114 Badges at 16

By DAVE EMERY

When teen-agers splash into newsprint as juvenile prowlers and boy gunmen, it's hard for people to keep faith in the millions of youngsters who are the youth of America.

But if you look at only the crime news you get a warped perspective. For every boy on the police blotter, there are hundreds with clean records.

For every boy that's really bad, there's somebody like Ronnie Korman.

Ronnie is a 16-year-old Long Beach boy who has conquered every challenge the Boy Scouts of America could put him up against. A wiry blond youth with a big grin, Ronnie is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Korman of 3017 Caspian Ave.

He was an Eagle Scout at the age of 14 and he since has earned every one of scouting's 114 merit badges. He will get his 114th badge—for bugling—at a Court of Honor to be held in Hughes Junior High School next month.



"Some fellows think scouting is sissy stuff," explains the young Explorer Scout who can hike up to 40 miles a day through the rugged high Sierra.

(Ronnie and a companion, Les Fosig, lashed ropes around their waists to scale the sheer 1000-foot granite face of Lilly Rock at Idyllwild, a mountain considered virtually unclimbable because of the danger involved.)

"But I've seen some of these guys — potential rowdies — just try scouting, and if they meet us halfway they don't go sour."

The young St. Anthony's High School senior, who holds the Ad Altare Dei Catholic award for scouting, first joined the Scout movement when he was 10, as a Cub, and now devotes 90 per cent of his free time to scout work.

Young Korman believes the scouting organization — Cubs, Boy Scouts, Sea Scouts, Air Scouts and Explorer Scouts—is a big counterbalance for Ameri-

ca's growing juvenile delinquency problem.

Korman holds merit badges for Citizenship in Home, Citizenship in Community, and Brotherhood.

His phenomenal accomplishment of earning all 114 Scout merit badges has made him a first-line community citizen and has given him an insight into dozens of potential careers.

He has badges in Public Health, Safety, Landscape Gardening, Plumbing, Metalwork, Farm Layout and Building Arrangement, Lifesaving, Surveying, Public Speaking and Salesmanship.

One requirement Ronnie had to meet to get his Salesmanship badge was to sell at profit something he had raised himself. He sold neighbors the corn he harvested from his corn-raising badge project.

Korman left Saturday night to return to Camp Tahquitz in the San Bernardino Mountains, a Scout retreat where he has spent all but a few days of the summer.

As Little Chief of the Tribe of Tahquitz, Korman is an organizer and leader of the camp's projects and activities.

"Scouting is fun," Ronnie says, "and it's a great outlet for guys with energy to burn."

"Besides, it's a good way of life. Take a look at the Scout Oath, and try to figure how a guy can go wrong if he plays square with it."

Fellow Scouts say that as far as the Scout Oath goes, Ronnie Korman fits the bill — "physically clean, morally straight and mentally awake."

Wins Every Merit Badge



RONNIE KORMAN . . . More to Scouting Than Badges

Eagle Scout Ronnie Korman, 17, of 3017 Caspian Ave., told the first annual Eagle Scout recognition banquet Wednesday night that winning merit badges is only a part of the idea in scouting.

Korman, a senior at St. Anthony's, should know. He's mastered the requirements to win 141 merit badges—all there are.

"Scouting means good citizenship; how to get along; learning skills and fellowship," he told the audience of 59 Eagle Scouts, accompanied by business and professional men who sponsored the boys.

"It's not just collecting

merit badges," he explained. "It's fun; it's my hobby and it's the basis for my career in later life," he said.

Principal speaker of the evening was Dr. W. Ballentine Henley, president of the College of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons, Los Angeles. He was introduced by Judge Joseph Maltby.

Others participating in the program at the Lafayette Hotel were Don Markham, Theron Freese; Scout Area Council President Richard Tobey and Scout Executive C. L. Appling.

Ronnie Korman Recommended As Boys Scout Representative

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The Explorers will stay three or four days in private homes and the balance of the time on scouting expeditions with the older scouts of the country visited.

The three groups then go to Stockholm for three or four days as guests of the Silva corporation. The Explorers will have get-togethers with scout groups of Sweden to visit the sights of that city.

Upon return to the United States they will stop in New York City for sightseeing as guests of the Silva corporation.

While in Europe the boys will make radio, television and service club appearances.

Ronnie has met all the qualifications and won the approval of his council to go on the trip. His application has been forwarded to the regional offices, along with those of 25 other boys, where the final selection will be made.

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BOY SCOUT COUNCIL NEWS

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