

evening our guest will be Bob Mathias, winner of four Olympic gold medals, who will talk to us about physical fitness.

ALL The Merit Badges!

Tuesday I promised to tell you about the first Boy Scout ever to win all the merit badges, and since this is the last day of "Boy Scout Week," I'd better keep that promise now.

He is Alan Lobeck, a native of Miami, now living with his wife and three little "Scouts" at 3605 SW 60th Place.



ALAN LOBECK
Pan-Am Pilot Now

Mr. Lobeck, who began earning merit badges when he was 12, says it took him about 10 years to win the complete roster of more than 100 badges. He most enjoyed earning the badges for outdoor activities — camping, pioneering, swimming and life saving. However, he had some trouble earning the merit badge for botany. "The botany examination was designed for the North, where

all the plants have been scientifically classified," he said. "Here in Florida, there are dozens of wild plants which have never been classified." He says he spent three years earning this badge.

While in the Navy during World War II, Mr. Lobeck continued in scout work, organizing troops along the Eastern seaboard. He has organized 20 troops in all, working from Newfoundland to Bermuda to Honolulu. Now, as a pilot for Pan American World Airways, he attends Scout meetings in many parts of the world during layovers between flights.

Locally, Mr. Lobeck is a Scout counsellor and merit badge examiner, and has won the Silver Beaver award for outstanding work in over 20 years of service. But he tells this story about winning the award which thrilled him most of all:

Five Years Perfect Attendance

"At the first Scout meeting I attended, I saw the local Scout Executive award a two-years' perfect attendance medal to one of the boys. I told the Executive that I'd be getting one



of those awards some day, but he laughed and said only one boy in a thousand wins that award. Then I told him I could get perfect attendance for 5 years. I really worked — I'd come to the meetings even when I was sick — and I won that bet. I didn't miss one Scout meeting in 10 years!"

Flags And Funds Donated

Our deepest thanks go to Mrs. Pat Smith of the Delta Psi chapter of Beta Sigma Phi sorority. Mrs. Smith presented us with three beautiful American flags, donated to the sorority by Mr. Ray Drexler, of Baker Flag Company, 1454 NW 17th Ave.; Mr. LeRoy McLaughen of Pan American Flag Company, 744 Biscayne Blvd.; and Mr. Fred Wilenski, of Art Flag and Banner Company, 1166 SW 1st St.

The flags will be flown at our Fishing Club camp on Elliot Key, where "Old Glory" waves from dawn 'till dusk, every day of the year. We would also like to thank some kind people for their cash donations to the Fishing Club. They are Mrs. Marjorie Kahn, of 54 Oakvale, Highland Park, Ill.; Mrs. Rena

Civitan Heart Talk

Dr. Michael A. Cogan, a Fellow of the American College of Cardiology, will discuss "The Executive and Heart Disease" at a meeting of the North Side Civitan Club at 7 p.m. tonight in the Miami Shores Country Club.

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