THE BOY SCOUT

Boy Scout work in Erie has come to the forefront in community activities with the selection of one of its members to be one of six scouts from all over the United States from which number one scout will be chosen to accompany Commander Byrd on his proposed trip to the south pole.

How many persons in Erie know of the work of the Erie Boy Scouts and what that work means? Hundreds of boys here are learning to be healthy citizens by following the precept of their organization, "Be Prepared." When asked what that motto meant, the originator of it said it means: "Be prepared! Be prepared for anything."

When it came to the test—Can a boy "be prepared for any old thing." 32 boys of this country stood out as capable of carrying their share of the load on an expedition to the south pole; six of these ranked above the others and from these six, one will go.

Be it to the everlasting credit of Paul Siple of Erie, a product of the Erie Boy Scouts, that he is one of the six, possibly the one to be finally chosen.

There is something in that boy's makeup which makes him stand out among his fellows and there must be something in the Boy Scout organization that brings out the best characteristics of boys that developed one of its members to the extent that he was selected to compete for this glorious opportunity.

Boy Scout work in Erie is deserving of more and better recognition. Aided in the past by only a few adults, recognized but partially by the community chest, its latest achievement brings its good work to light.

Boy Scout work builds men. Men build communities. Erie needs boys, greater than that, it needs men, men who are prepared, prepared for any old thing for which community service and community upbuilding calls.

Soon there will be a demonstration in the stadium to show what can be done by Boy Scouts.

It should be supported and patronized by the public.

When the nation appreciates the Erie Boy Scouts as it has, isn't it time Erie pays more attention to what is here for the betterment of the community?

If your boy is a scout, you know. If he is not, he should be. If you have no boy you can find one who wants to be a scout and to be prepared, as several hundred are learning to be this summer at Camp Thomas, near North Springfield.

If you could see that camp you will want to help. Today is visiting day. It's a 16-mile ride out the lake road. Why not go out, look over a slice of young America, brown as berries, happy as larks and real boys learning to be prepared.
Scouts in Race for Honor of Joining Byrd's Expedition

Commander Byrd at the Biltmore yesterday posing with the six boys of whom one is to be selected for the Antarctic trip. Left to right: Paul A. Siple, Jack Hirschmann, Clark Sparlock, Commander Byrd, Donald H. Cooper, Alden E. Snell and Sumner D. Davis.

6 Scouts Dined by Byrd; One Is to Accompany Him

Boys Here for Final Selection of Expedition Member

The six Boy Scouts of which one will be chosen to accompany Commander Richard E. Byrd to the Antarctic this fall, arrived in New York yesterday for the final elimination, and were greeted by James E. West, chief Scout executive. At noon they were guests of Commander Byrd at luncheon in the Biltmore.

Introducing the boys to Commander Byrd, Mr. West said that the one chosen for the trip would be picked on merit only and with the idea that he will render some real service to the expedition. He may even be able to serve as a substitute photographer or radio operator. The final choice will be announced within a few days.

The Scouts are Paul A. Siple, of Erie, Pa., nineteen years old; Jack Hirschmann, of Minneapolis, Minn., eighteen; Clark Sparlock, of Eugene, Ore., seventeen; Alden E. Snell, of Washington, D. C., nineteen, and Sumner D. Davis, of Birmingham, Ala., seventeen.

All are Eagle Scouts except Sparlock, the winning of twenty-five merit badges being necessary for that rank. Siple has fifty-nine merit badges.

Thomas V. Mulcahy, chief engineer for Commander Byrd, announced yesterday that the flagship City of New York, formerly called the Samson, will be ready to sail about August 20.
PAUL SIPLE—SCOUT

From among thousands and thousands of boys scouts throughout the United States one boy has been selected, after a series of the most rigid tests, to accompany Commander Byrd on his south pole trip. That one boy is Paul Siple of Erie.

In the last of his teen years, Paul Siple stands on the brink of a great adventure. He has achieved a great honor, perhaps the greatest and most distinctive honor that has ever come to a boy scout.

Paul Siple is an outstanding example of American boyhood. He comes from a family that knows hard work. He has been a good son and in school, a good student. He is ambitious. He has worked his way through one year of college. His wish is to go into the boy scout movement as his life work. He has been a scout a little more than seven years. To gain the honor that has come to him he competed with boy scouts from every section of the country. The competition eliminated all but six boys and Paul Siple was among this half a dozen. And by unanimous decision he was chosen.

To boy scout training does Paul Siple owe his present position. Today, all around the world, by radio, by cable and by telegraph, has gone the word that Paul Siple of Troop 24 of Erie is the boy scout chosen to accompany Commander Byrd. This is the boy who will fly into the frozen wastes of the antarctic as a member of a history-making expedition. That this youth will meet the great test is not to be doubted. He enters upon a great adventure; an adventure that holds tremendous possibilities for him. May the God of us all watch over him will be the fervent prayer that will be uttered as this youth goes forth into the great unknown.
$192 CASH, BINOCULARS DONATED

Total Will Be Given Paul on Eve of His Debut

Willing to Go Anywhere With Commander Byrd, Says Energetic Picked for Polar Trip

SHY, RETIRING, WITH AN INFECTIONOUS SMILE, PAUL SIPLE IS MODEL BOY SCOUT

WILL ACCOMPANY BYRD
PAUL SIPLE'S DAD AND MOTHER ARE PROUD OF SON'S DISTINCTION

FATHER IS HIGH IN PRAISE FOR HIS NOTED SON

CONFIDENCE IN BYRD EXPRESSED BY HIS MOTHER

Erie's Happiest Parents and Their Famous Child

FRAYER, SCOUT HEAD, FLATLY AS Paul's Success

Paul is Typical American Youth

Erie Scout Heads Land Siple in Air Program From WEDH

SIPLE IS GLAD TO DO WITH BYRD

FELLOW SCOUT PROMPTED SIPLE TO ENTER RANK

PAUL WAS PROMINENT IN SCHOOL ACTIVITIES
PAUL SIPLE LEAVES TONIGHT FOR NEW YORK

SCOUTS TO BID HIM BON VOYAGE

In Short Tribute Featuring His Accomplished Trip
MAN

Fund For Siple Now Totals $202

SIPLE GIVEN ROUSING FAREWELL

Guts Rousing Sent Off Here

[Image of man in uniform]
FUND OF SIPLE
NOW TOTALS $200

THE ERIE DISPATCH-KERALD

ALAN E. SIPLE

A sentimental dinner was the event of the evening in the Erie club. Paul was presented with a pair of American flags by Mayor Joseph A. Williams. A sharp and present was included in the dinner, a dinner at the Erie Chamber of Commerce, the organization which sponsored the dinner.

The dinner, held in the Erie club, was an affair.

Paul Siple Given
HOUSING FAREWELL

Paul Siple, a noted Erie newspaper man, recently retired from his position as managing editor of the Erie Dispatch, was given a dinner in his honor by the Erie Chamber of Commerce. The dinner was held at the Erie Club, and was attended by a large number of prominent citizens of the city.

The dinner was a success, and the guests wereおよび attendees were all pleased with the evening's entertainment. The speakers included MayorJoseph A. Williams, who presented Paul with a pair of American flags, and Samuel F. Brown, president of the Erie Chamber of Commerce, who made a brief speech in Paul's honor.

The dinner was followed by a dance at the Erie Club, and the guests enjoyed themselves well into the night. The dinner was a complete success, and the guests were all pleased with the evening's entertainment. The dinner was held at the Erie Club, and was attended by a large number of prominent citizens of the city.

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