

# Museum Discoveries

The Raven Knob Boy Scout Museum is  
operated by the Old Hickory Council/BSA  
Camp Raven Knob Historical Association

## **Roy, Sam, Skipper, Court, Roscoe, Ted, Wallace, Don, Hal and now Mike**

Mike Butler's name has been added to the list of Scout Executives who have served the youth and adult members of the Boy Scout program in the Old Hickory Council since 1919. He is the tenth person to hold the position. Mr. Butler was selected in September by the Old Hickory Council's governing executive board from a list of professional Scouters recommended and commissioned by the national office of the Boy Scouts of America.

Mike is now the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Old Hickory Council and has "general direction over the administrative work of the corporation, subject to the authority of the executive board... [and is] responsible for the administration of the Scouting program within the territory of the corporation and for making effective within such territory the policies and programs of the corporation in accordance with the policies of the Boy Scouts of America as from time to time announced by it." (See the Bylaws of the Old Hickory Council, Inc., for a myriad of additional details.) In other words, if a Scoutmaster from Winston-Salem attempts to use one of the restrooms with a flush toilet on the old parade ground beside the old dining hall at Camp Raven Knob and cannot locate toilet paper or find a plunger, he or she knows where to place the blame. Is there any doubt that Mr. Butler would accept responsibility with political tact and social grace afforded by years of experience with dedicated volunteers?

Scout Executive Butler's resume includes ample evidence of experience in locating funds for unit and council operations. In Georgia's Atlanta Area Council, according to an article in *The Raven* last month, he held major finance-related positions. Of course, one wonders how Mr. Butler will influence funding issues here, with Old Hickory in the initial stages of a new capital campaign while also involved in social controversies of various sorts.

Readers might note that Roy Flannagan was employed as the council's first Scout Executive in 1919 at least in part because of the fact that he had helped to raise \$15,000 in donations and pledges to fund the first three years of the council's operation. In 1922 Sam Matthews, Scout Executive number two, had to remind delinquent supporters that their pledges were truly needed. W. E. "Skipper" Vaughan-Lloyd struggled to find resources for then new Camp Lasater in the middle and late 1920s, participated in the development of the Winston-Salem Community Chest (now the United Fund of Forsyth County) and found himself in ultimately unsuccessful negotiations with members of the R. J. Reynolds family for summer camp property in Surry County before retiring in 1952.

Courtland Baker, Roscoe Stevens, Wallace Potts and Don Hamrick spent about thirty years from 1954 to 1985 building, repairing and remodeling Camp Raven Knob. However, Hal Murray's ability to focus the attention of potential donors on projects ranging from the new Wachovia Scouting Center in Winston-Salem to the new Harry R. Vaughn, Jr. Dining Hall at Raven Knob was remarkable in comparison to his predecessors and is already legendary. Whether or not Mike Butler will appreciate Hal's addition of at least a dozen new flush toilets in the new buildings at old Raven Knob remains to be seen!

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