

TROOP AND COUNCIL BITS—

The New Hyde Park American Legion Post will sponsor a Boy Scout troop in the village. It is hoped to have the troop organized in time for the Memorial Day parade and exercises. William Suessdorf, post commander, is conducting the preliminary arrangements.

Sea Scout Ship Avocet of Valley Stream received its charter from County Director Elliott W. Mangam at special ceremonies in the Grace M. E. Church this week. Leonard Erickson was presented with the rank of Eagle Scout at the meeting.

The Valley Stream Village Board is co-operating with the local Boy Scout district in a campaign against the tent caterpillar. The Scouts of the district did a good job last year and the board members are expecting a repeat performance.

The county drive for a budget of \$44,471 will officially start with a dinner on May 18 at the Hempstead Elks Club. More than 400 team workers from 45 communities will be in attendance for instruction. The canvass will conclude on May 28. John M. Schiff of Oyster Bay is general chairman, assisted by Judge J. Dwight Rogers and former District Attorney Elvin N. Edwards. The registration of the county council membership has increased 47 percent in the past five years, according to Carl Stedman Brown, council president.

Ten advancements in rank were presented Hicksville District Scouts at the monthly court of review held Wednesday evening. Scouts reviewed by the board were Stanley Mroczkowski, first class; Peter Rohrbach, star rank; Harold Huettner, life rank; Arthur Fricke, hog and pork production; Abraham Albert, scholarship; Harold Huettner, athletics; James Cooley, woodwork; Phillip Schaff, woodwork; Francis Miller, first aid, and Peter Rohrbach, first aid. Eugene Staehle Sr. presided at the session.

Arthur Dickey is conducting the fund campaign in Syosset, and G. Emre Altmann in Central Park.

Summer camp at Camp Wauwepex, Wading River, will open for the season on July 4, it was announced today.