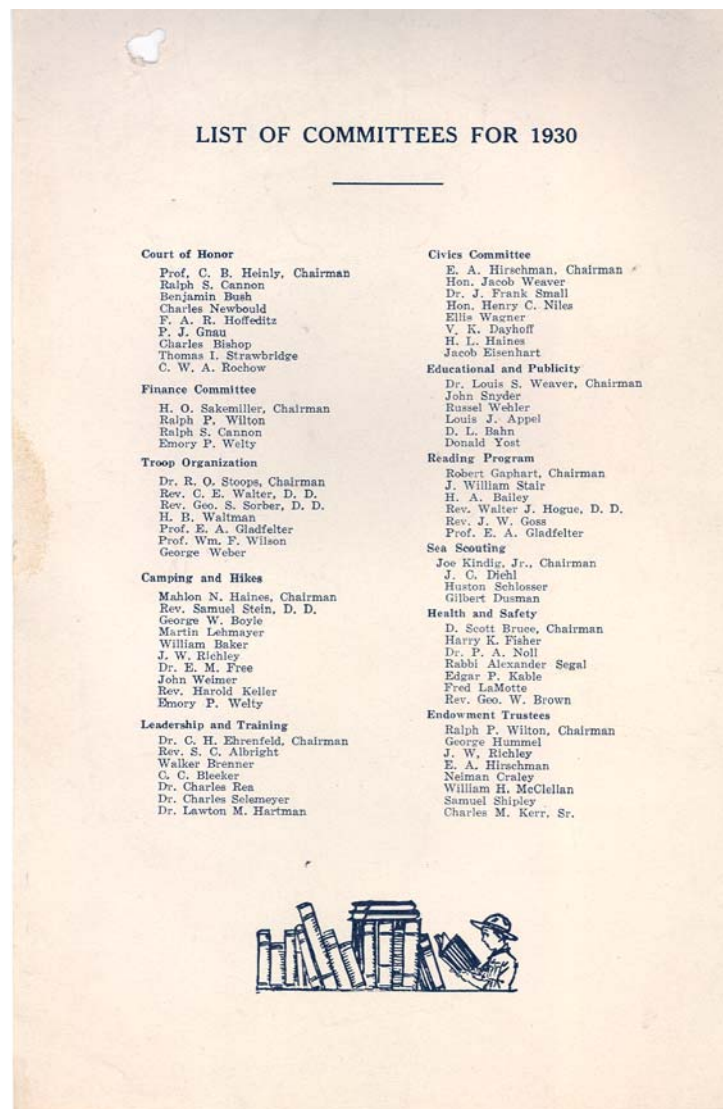


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I have searched the *Application for Renewal of Charter for Local Council* filed each year by the Council beginning in 1918 to try to find our earliest references to Sea Scouting. In 1918 our council was the “York County Council”. The 1931 *Application* refers to the “York Area Council”. The Executive Board minutes of December 1931 and January 1932 have not been located to resolve the exact date of the “annual meeting of the executive committee” cited earlier in Chapter 4 in that ambiguously-dated newspaper article as being the exact time when it was decided that, “Sea scouting will be inaugurated as a feature by the York-Adams area council”. The data in the tables of each year’s *Application for Renewal of Charter for Local Council* does make the first reference to Sea Scouts in a *List of Committees for 1930* that includes a Sea Scouting Committee under the chairmanship of Joe Kindig, Jr., a well-known local antique dealer.



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In the Council’s *Application for Renewal of Charter for Local Council* filed in 1931, a table summarizing enrollment for the just-completed charter year 1930 appears substantially as follows:

1930

1930	Total for Year End	New in Year	Transfers In	Transfers Out	Net Drop in Year	Total for Year End
	12/31/1929	1930				12/31/30
Sea Scouts						0
Sea Scout Ships						0
Sea Scout Patrols						1
Scouts	852					819
Scouters						

It is not clear how a Council can have “1” Sea Scout Patrol and at the same time have “0” Sea Scouts, but this mystery is not explained in the file. Perhaps the 1930 Council Sea Scout Committee was engaged in wishful thinking. Also not explained in the file is how the council got from 852 total Scouts at the start of 1930 to 819 Scouts at the end of 1930. These entries, although entered carefully in pen, may have been in error, for the table from the following year’s *Application* states that there were “0” Sea Scout Patrols, “0” Ships, and “0” Sea Scouts in the Council as of December 31, 1930. Also, the 1931 table carried forward a total of only 772 Scouts from the prior year for the entire council, but the 1930 year-end table purported to show there had been 819 Scouts at the end of 1930. Plainly, accurate record keeping was as much a problem at the beginning of the Great Depression as it still is today.

1931

1931	Total for Year End	New in Year	Transfers In	Transfers Out	Net Drop in Year	Total for Year End
	12/31/1930	1931				12/31/31
Sea Scouts	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sea Scout Ships	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sea Scout Patrols	0	0	0	0	0	0
Scouts	772	670	8	6	340	1105
Scouters	286	167	0	0	86	367

The table for the year 1931 shows no Sea Scouts, no Sea Scout Ships, and no Sea Scout Patrols. If any start had been made at all in 1930, it obviously didn’t last into 1931. The 1932 table, however, shows 37 Sea Scouts entered Sea Scouting in the Council in 1932. Presumably 4 were direct enrollees into Sea Scouting, and 33 transferred into Sea Scouting from existing Boy Scout troops. At year-end 1932, the file shows 1 Sea Scout Ship as an independent unit (presumably SSS MATTHEW HENSON - Sea Scout Ship 11)¹ and 6 Sea Scout patrols under the umbrella of existing Boy Scout troops came into

¹ See unidentified newspaper article pen dated “Jan. 10 – 1933” reproduced in Chapter 4.

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being. Assuming the 1930 ambiguous reference to 1 Sea Scout patrol was either a clerical error or else a short-lived false start, we can definitely fix 1932 as the year Sea Scouting really began in the York-Adams Area Council.

1932

1932	Total for Year End	New in Year	Transfers In	Transfers Out	Net Drop in Year	Total for Year End
	12/31/1931	1932			1932	12/31/32
Sea Scouts	0	4	33	0	0	37
Sea Scout Ships	0	1	0	0	0	1
Sea Scout Patrols	0	6	0	0	0	6
Scouts (all classes)	1209 ²	466	92	93	492	1182
Scouters	367	168	0	0	154	381

The table for 1933 begins the interesting but short-lived practice of differentiating between “white” and “colored” youth members. It also begins evaluating various committees and does not rate the Sea Scout Committee as functioning well. Charles E. Weaver of York is listed as the District Commissioner of Sea Scouting.

1933

1933	Total for Year End	New in Year	Transfers In	Transfers Out	Net Drop in Year	Total for Year End
	12/31/1932	1933			1933	12/31/33
Sea Scouts	37 (W23,C14)	42 (W35,C7)	3 (C3)	3 (C3)	14 (W10,C4)	65 (W48,C17)
Sea Scout Ships	1	0	0	0	0	1
Sea Scout Patrols	6	5	0	0	3	8
Scouts (all classes)	1182	610	51	48	434	1361
Scouters	381	205	0	0	109	475
	No. of Members	No. of Meetings	Check if Functioning Well			
Sea Scout Committee	4	5	(no check)			
Charles E. Weaver	372 W. Jackson St. York	Dist. Comm. Of Sea Scouting				

² This beginning figure does not match the prior table’s ending figure.

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In 1934, the Sea Scout Committee expands with the addition of Arthur C. Meads from the Red Lion area. This is consistent with the newspaper reports in Chapter 4 for the same period.

1934

1934	Total for Year End	New in Year	Transfers In	Transfers Out	Net Drop in Year	Total for Year End
	12/31/1933	1934			1934	12/31/34
Sea Scouts	65 (W48,C17)	7 (W5,C2)	11 (W7,C4)	0	41 (W34,C7)	42 (W26,C16)
Sea Scout Ships	1	1	0	0	0	2 (W1,C1)
Sea Scout Patrols	8	0	0	0	6	2
Scouts (all classes)	1361	619	16	48	626	1364
Scouters	475	201	0	0	224	452
	No. of Members	No. of Meetings	Check if Functioning Well			
Sea Scout Committee	No data given	No data given	No data given			
Charles H. Weaver	372 W. Jackson, York	Comm. Of Sea Scouting				
Arthur C. Meads	Red Lion, PA	Comm. Of Sea Scouting				

The 1935 table marks the first official appearance I have found in the Council's file of Mahlon N. Haines being specifically listed as the Council Sea Scout Commodore. The year ends with presumably SSS MATTHEW HENSON – Sea Scout Ship 11, the Council's first ship, as the sole remaining ship. The Sea Scout Committee is definitely rated as not functioning well.

1935

1935	Total for Year End	New in Year	Net Separations in Year	Total for Year End
	12/31/1934	1935	1935	12/31/35
Sea Scouts	42 (W26,C16)	2 (W0,C2)	33 (W26,C7)	11 (W0,C11)
Sea Scout Ships	2 (W1,C1)	0	1 (W1,C0)	1 (W0,C1)
Sea Scout Patrols	2	2	2	2
Scouts (all classes)	1364	585	543	1406
Scouters	452	123	144	431
	No. of Members	No. of Meetings	Check if Functioning Well	
Sea Scout Committee	5	2	"No"	
Mahlon N. Haines	231 N. George St. York	Commodore		

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Despite Commodore Haines' well-documented dynamic personality, the Sea Scout Committee is 1936 and 1937 is still not rated as functioning well. Other Senior Scouting programs such as Explorer Scouts and Rover Scouts first appear in the tables.

1936

1936	Total for Year End	New in Year	Net Separations in Year	Total for Year End
	12/31/1935	1936	1936	12/31/36
Sea Scouts	11	10	7	14
Explorer Scouts		8		8
Rover Scouts				
Sea Scout Ships	1			1
Sea Scout Patrols	2		1	1
Explorer Troops		1		1
Explorer Patrols				
Rover Crews				
Scouts (all classes)	1406	635	508	1493
Scouters	431	144	135	448
	No. of Members	No. of Meetings	Check if Functioning Well	
Sea Scout Committee	5		[unchecked]	
Mahlon N. Haines	N. George St. York	Commodore		

In 1937, local Explorers outnumber local Sea Scouts for the first time.

1937

1937	Total for Year End	New in Year	Net Separations in Year	Total for Year End
	12/31/1936	1937	1937	12/31/37
Sea Scouts	14	4	10	8
Explorer Scouts	8	11	1	18
Rover Scouts				
Sea Scout Ships	1			1
Sea Scout Patrols	2		1	1
Explorer Troops				
Explorer Patrols	1			1
Rover Crews				
Scouts (all classes)	1493	705	690	1508
Scouters	448			458
	No. of Members		Check if Functioning Well	
Sea Scout Committee	4		[unchecked]	
Mahlon N. Haines	N. George St. York	Commodore		

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In 1938, the position filled by Commodore Haines is now also shown as encompassing the responsibility for all Senior Scouting in addition to merely Sea Scouting. The year ends with no remaining independent Sea Scout ships, and only three Sea Scout patrols. There are clearly more Explorers and Explorer units than there are Sea Scouts and Sea Scout units. Committees are no longer rated on their performance.

1938

1938	Total for Year End	New in Year	Net Separations in Year	Total for Year End
	12/31/1937	1938	1938	12/31/38
Sea Scouts	25 ³	10	12	23
Explorer Scouts	18 ⁴	32	11	39
Rover Scouts	0	11	0	11
Sea Scout Ships	1	0	1	0
Sea Scout Patrols	2 ⁵	1	0	3
Explorer Troops	0	0	0	1
Explorer Patrols	2 ⁶	2	0	4
Rover Crews	0	1	0	1
Scouts (all classes)	1508 ⁷	766	708	1566
Scouters	454	204	173	485
Sea Scout Committee Reporting Eliminated				
Mahlon N. Haines	N. George St. York	Senior Scouting and Sea Scouting Commodore		

In 1939, the number of Sea Scouts drops from 23 to 14, and the number of Sea Scout patrols drops from 3 to 2. There are no longer any independent Sea Scout Ships in the Council Squadron. An unidentified holographic note attached to a collection of early newspaper clippings concerning Sea Scouting in the York-Adams area mentions that a “troop” of Sea Scouts was organized by Commodore Haines on June 12, 1939 at St. Marks Lutheran Church, 700 East Market Street in York, and added, “Noted that this will be the only sea scout troop in York.” Stewart L. Olewiler, of 729 Wallace Street, is identified as the “Scoutmaster”.⁸ This new unit, whether it was a Ship, or a Sea Scout patrol within a land Troop, fails to appear on the Council’s report for 1939. Perhaps it did not survive more than a few months and was out of existence before the end of year statistics were compiled. In any event, the lease on the John Paul Jones sea base also terminated in 1939.

³ Table starting figure does not match prior year’s ending figure. No reason is apparent.

⁴ Table starting figure does not match prior year’s ending figure. No reason is apparent.

⁵ Table starting figure does not match prior year’s ending figure. No reason is apparent.

⁶ Table starting figure does not match prior year’s ending figure. No reason is apparent.

⁷ This starting total figure DOES match prior year’s ending figure.

⁸ Photocopy of note attached to file of copies of news articles relating to Sea Scouting received from John Seville of the York Hiking Club.

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1939

1939	Total for Year End	New in Year	Net Separations in Year	Total for Year End
	12/31/1938	1939	1939	12/31/39
Sea Scouts	23	4	13	14
Explorer Scouts	39	27	11	55
Rover Scouts	11		3	8
Sea Scout Ships				
Sea Scout Patrols	3		1	2
Explorer Troops				
Explorer Patrols	4	1		5
Rover Crews	1			1
Scouts (all classes)	1566	575	512	1737
Scouters	485	175	151	509
No Sea Scout Committee Rating				
Mahlon N. Haines	231 N. George St. York	Senior Scouting and Sea Scouting Commodore		

In 1940, in addition to the 2 existing Sea Scout patrols, a new Ship is reported as formed, and the number of actual Sea Scouts begins to climb once again, from 14 to 25. Maybe this is the result of the Senior Scouting Committee “functioning well.” Maybe this is the “troop” of Sea Scouts mentioned in the 1939 note finally being recognized. Training reports also begin to appear in the annual summaries for the first time.

1940

1940	Total for Year End	New in Year	Net Separations in Year	Total for Year End
	12/31/1939	1940	1940	12/31/40
Sea Scouts	14	12	1	25
Explorer Scouts	55	59	11	103
Rover Scouts	8	5	4	9
Sea Scout Ships		1		1
Sea Scout Patrols	2	0	0	2
Explorer Troops				
Explorer Patrols	5	4		9
Rover Crews	1			1
Scouts (all classes)	1737	733	598	1872
Scouters	509	211	100	620
COMMITTEE FUNCTIONING	No. of Members	Check Those Functioning Well	No. of Districts represented on each	
Senior Scouting	4	X	2	
Mahlon N. Haines	231 N. George St. York	Senior Scouting and Sea Scouting Commodore		
TRAINING RECORDS	No. of Courses Conducted	No. of Certificates Issued		
Elements of Sea Scout Leadership - I	0	0		
Elements of Sea Scout Leadership - II	0	0		

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Elements of Explorer Scouting	0	0		
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In 1941, the number of Sea Scout units holds its own: 1 ship and 2 patrols. The ship's skipper, whoever he was, (possibly Stewart L. Olewiler) takes either the "Skipper's Course" or the "Elements of Sea Scout Leadership I and II" course. Looking at the math in the training column, there must have been 2 mates that did not take training.

1941

1941	Total for Year End	New in Year	Net Separations in Year	Total for Year End
	12/31/1940	1941	1941	12/31/41
Sea Scouts	25	0	3	22
Explorer Scouts	103	39	89	73
Rover Scouts	9	0	0	9
Sea Scout Ships	1	0	0	1
Sea Scout Patrols	2	0	0	2
Explorer Troops				
Explorer Patrols	9	2	4	7
Rover Crews	1	0	0	1
Scouts (all classes)	187	754	568	2059
Scouters	620	152	120	652
COMMITTEE FUNCTIONING	No. of Members	Check Those Functioning Well	No. of Districts represented on each	
Senior Scouting	4	X	2	
Mahlon N. Haines	231 N. George St. York	Senior Scouting and Sea Scouting Commodore		
TRAINING RECORDS	No. of Courses Conducted	No. of Certificates Issued		
Elements of Sea Scout Leadership - I				
Elements of Sea Scout Leadership - II				
TRAINING RECORDS		Number	Percent	
Completed Skipper's Course or Elements of Sea Scout Leadership I and II	Skippers	1	100	
	Mates	0	0	
	Total	1	33	
Completed Explorer Leader Training Course	Explorer Leader	0	0	
	Asst. Explorer Leader	0	0	
	Total	0	0	
Sea Scout Ships and Patrols having at least one leader with training in "Sea Scout Camping and Cruising"		0	0	

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In 1942, advancement statistics appear for the first time in the *Application* reports. No Sea Scout ranks higher than Apprentice. Air Scouts, Air Scout Patrols, and Air Squadrons make their first appearance as well. The council doesn't have any flyers yet – just spaces to report them.

1942

1942	Total for Year End	New in Year	Net Separations in Year	Total for Year End
	12/31/1941	1942	1942	12/31/42
Sea Scouts	22	7	12	17
Explorer Scouts	74	24	31	67
Rover Scouts ⁹				
Air Scouts				
Sea Scout Ships	1		1	0
Sea Scout Patrols (in Troops)	2			2
Explorer Troops				
Explorer Patrols (in Troops)	7	2	1	8
Rover Crews ¹⁰				
Air Squadrons				
Air Scout Patrols (in Troops)				
Scouts (all classes)	2059	714	699	2074 ¹¹
Scouters	654 ¹²	222	159	717
COMMITTEE FUNCTIONING	No. of Members	Check Those Functioning Well	No. of Members for 1943	
Mahlon N. Haines	231 N. George St. York	Senior Scouting and Sea Scouting Chairman		
TRAINING RECORDS	No. of Courses Conducted	No. of Certificates Issued		
Skippers' Course				
Explorer Leaders' Course				
Air Scout Leaders' Course				
Sea Scout Camping and Cruising				
ADVANCEMENT SUMMARY	Total Dec. 31, 1941	Qualified During 1942	Net Separated During 1942	Enrolled Dec. 31, 1942
Sea Scout Apprentice	22	7	12	17
Sea Scout Ordinary				
Sea Scout Able				
Sea Scout Total	22	7	12	17
Explorer 1 st Honors				
Explorer 2 nd Honors				
Explorer Total				

⁹ Where did the 9 go from the end of the prior year?

¹⁰ Where did the 1 go from the end of the prior year?

¹¹ Mathematical results – actual figure entered is illegible.

¹² Two more that prior table's year end figure.

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By 1943, the Air Scouts are literally “taking off”, number wise. In their first year, they outnumber Explorers and Sea Scouts both in individuals enrolled and in units organized.

1943

1943	Total for Year End	New in Year	Net Separations in Year	Transfers	Total for Year End
	12/31/1942	1943	1943		12/31/43
Sea Scouts	17	10	14		13
Explorer Scouts	67	22	68		21
Rover Scouts					
Air Scouts		26			26
Senior Scouts in Troop		7			7
Sea Scout Ships					
Sea Scout Patrols (in Troops)	2		1		1
Explorer Troops					
Explorer Patrols (in Troops)	8	2	6		4
Rover Crews					
Air Squadrons					
Air Scout Patrols (in Troops)		5			5
Scouts (all classes)	2039 ¹³	1080	894	-23	2202
Scouters	717	275	241	-12	739
COMMITTEE FUNCTIONING	No. of Members	Check Those Functioning Well	No. of Members for 1943		
Mahlon N. Haines	231 N. George St. York	Member at Large			
TRAINING RECORDS	No. of Courses Conducted	No. of Certificates Issued			
Skippers' Course					
Explorer Leaders' Course					
Air Scout Leaders' Course					
Sea Scout Camping and Cruising					
ADVANCEMENT SUMMARY	Total Dec. 31, 1941	Qualified During 1942	Net Separated During 1942	Enrolled Dec. 31, 1942	
Sea Scout Apprentice	17	10	14	13	
Sea Scout Ordinary					
Sea Scout Able					
Sea Scout Total	22	7	12	13	
Air Scout Apprentice		26		26	
Air Scout Observer					

¹³ Does not match computed year end figure from prior table.

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Air Scout Craftsman					
Air Scout Total		26		26	
Total Scouts	2039	1671	1508	2202	

1944 sees the continuing ascendancy of Air Scouting, with yet more Air Scouts than Sea Scouts or Explorers, and more Air Scout units than Sea Scout or Explorer Scout units. There is no Sea Scout rank advancement, nor, for that matter, any Explorer Scout or Air Scout rank advancement. There are a total of 107 boys enrolled in some form of Senior Scouting, compared to 2,513 “regular” Scouts. In other words, Senior Scouts (Sea, Air, Explorer, and Rover Scouts) make up less than 5% of the combined local Boy Scout/Senior Scout community.

1944

1944	Total for Year End	New in Year	Net Separations in Year	Transfers	Total for Year End
	12/31/1943	1944	1944		12/31/44
Sea Scouts	13	5			18
Explorer Scouts	21	11	6		26
Rover Scouts					
Air Scouts	26	16	3		39
Senior Scouts in Troop	7	17			24
Sea Scout Ships					
Sea Scout Patrols (in Troops)	1	1			2
Explorer Troops					
Explorer Patrols (in Troops)	4				4
Rover Crews					
Air Squadrons		1			1
Air Scout Patrols (in Troops)	5		1		4
Scouts (all classes)	2202	1220	909		2513
Scouters	739	364	159		944
COMMITTEE FUNCTIONING	No. of Members	Check Those Functioning Well	No. of Members for 1943		
Mahlon N. Haines	231 N. George St. York	Member Executive Board			
TRAINING RECORDS	No. of Courses Conducted	No. of Certificates Issued			
Skippers' Course					
Explorer Leaders' Course					
Air Scout Leaders' Course					
Sea Scout Camping and Cruising					
ADVANCEMENT SUMMARY	Qualified During 1944	Enrolled Dec. 31, 1944			

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Sea Scout Apprentice	5	18			
Sea Scout Ordinary					
Sea Scout Able					
Explorer Apprentice	11	26			
Explorer Woodsman					
Explorer Craftsman					
Explorer Frontiersman					
Air Scout Apprentice	16	39			
Air Scout Observer					
Air Scout Craftsman					
Total Scouts	1770	2513			

In 1945 there is a sudden and dramatic reversal in fortune. Air Scouting crashes in numbers by more than 50%, and Explorer Scouting shows a significant increase. Carl Van Hyning, an early York-Adams Area Air Scout, attributed this to the discovery by Air Scouts that while Sea Scouts could go out to sea in boats, and Explorer Scouts could go canoeing and camping, Air Scouts could only build model airplanes and watch real planes take off and land at the local airport – not as much fun by comparison. The first independent Explorer Post in the Council comes into being.

1945

1945	Total for Year End	New in Year	Net Separations in Year	Transfers	Total for Year End
	12/31/1944	1945	1945		12/31/45
Sea Scouts	18	9	7		20
Explorer Scouts	26	41	22		45
Rover Scouts					
Air Scouts	39	8	29		18
Senior Scouts in Troop	107 ¹⁴	99	81		127
Sea Scout Ships					
Sea Scout Patrols (in Troops)	2	0	0		2
Explorer Troops Post	0	1	0		1
Explorer Patrols (in Troops)	4	3	1		6
Rover Crews					
Air Squadrons	1				1
Air Scout Patrols (in Troops)	4		3		1
Scouts (all classes)	2513	884	990	+51 -51	2412
Scouters	944	295	280		959
COMMITTEE FUNCTIONING	No. of Members	Check Those Functioning Well			
Senior Scouting	1				
Mahlon N. Haines	231 N. George St. York	Member Executive Board			
TRAINING RECORDS	No. of Courses Conducted	No. of Certificates Issued			
Skippers' Course					
Explorer Leaders'					

¹⁴ Doesn't match prior table end of year value.

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Course					
Air Scout Leaders' Course					
Sea Scout Camping and Cruising					
ADVANCEMENT SUMMARY	Qualified During 1945	Enrolled Dec. 31, 1945			
Sea Scout Apprentice	9	20			
Sea Scout Ordinary					
Sea Scout Able					
Explorer Apprentice	41	45			
Explorer Woodsman					
Explorer Craftsman					
Explorer Frontiersman					
Air Scout Apprentice	8	18			
Air Scout Observer					
Air Scout Craftsman					
Total Scouts	1727	2392			

In 1946, the last year of *Applications* studied, 1 Sea Scout has finally advanced to Ordinary and 6 Explorer Scouts have advanced from Apprentice to Woodsman. Air Scouts, for all practical purposes, have ceased to exist in the Council. The big news on the Sea Scout front is that Ships 17 and 37 have finally gotten under way, and they will go on to serve as the ever-reliable flagships for Sea Scouting in our Council for decades to come. The Great Depression is over. The Second World War is over. The larger story of Sea Scouting in the York-Adams Area Council Squadron is now ready to be written.

1946

1946	Total for Year End	New in Year	Net Separations in Year	Transfers	Total for Year End
	12/31/1945	1946	1946		12/31/46
Sea Scouts	20	xxx	xxx		17
Explorer Scouts	45	xxx	xxx		50
Rover Scouts		xxx	xxx		
Air Scouts	18	xxx	xxx		0
Senior Outfit Scouts	0	xxx	xxx		18
Sea Scout Ships		xxx	xxx		2
Explorer Scout Posts	1	xxx	xxx		1
Rover Crews					
Air Squadrons	1				
Boy Scouts	2392	680	835		2237
Troop Scouters	959	223	268		914
Senior Scouters		38	4		34
COMMITTEE FUNCTIONING	No. of Members	Check Those Functioning Well			
Mahlon N. Haines	231 N. George St. York	Member Executive Board			
TRAINING RECORDS	No. of Courses Conducted	No. of Certificates Issued			

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Skippers' Course					
Explorer Leaders' Course					
Air Scout Leaders' Course					
Sea Scout Camping and Cruising					
ADVANCEMENT SUMMARY	Qualified During 1946	Enrolled Dec. 31, 1946			
Sea Scout Apprentice	10	16			
Sea Scout Ordinary	1	1			
Sea Scout Able	0	0			
Sea Scout Quartermaster	0	0			
Explorer Apprentice	75	62			
Explorer Woodsman	6	6			
Explorer Craftsman	0	0			
Explorer Frontiersman	0	0			
Air Scout Apprentice	0	0			
Air Scout Observer	0	0			
Air Scout Craftsman	0	0			
Total Boy Scouts	1164	2237			