

THE BEGINNINGS OF BOY SCOUT TROOP 5

Troop 5 was chartered in 1931 by the **Norman McLeod Post 26 of the American Legion**

There were other troops in Plant City area, for example Troop 1 and Troop 4

First Scoutmaster: **Oscar E. Baynard**

Renowned naturalist and bird expert

Planned/developed Hillsborough River, Myakka River, and Highlands Hammock State Parks

First park superintendent of Hillsborough River and Myakka River State Parks

First Assistant Scoutmaster: **Mike E. Sansone**

WWI and WWII veteran

Served in WWI with Norman McLeod, Plant City's 1st WWI casualty

Assisted in organization of American Legion Post 26 in 1919

Long time Plant City Barber

Deeply involved in scouting and the American Legion

Plant City's first recipient of Citizen of the Year Award in the 1950's

Sansone park named in his honor for his life dedicated to youth

Other early adult leaders:

Edgar Hull, Lenny Cason, Bill Taylor, "Bub" Whitney, Carney Walden, E. E. Hill

Reverend Larrick, First Presbyterian Church minister, held camp services for the Troop

In 1933 Troop 5 became an all Eagle Scout troop of 35 with advancement of 13 boys (see photo)

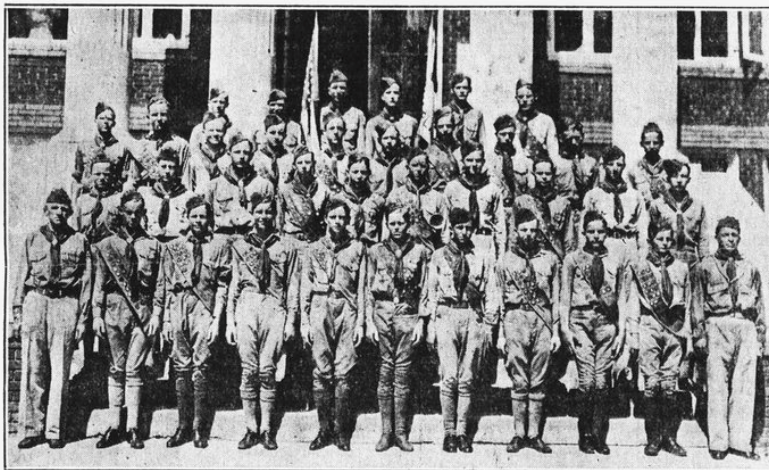
Possibly the only, or at least largest, all Eagle Scout troop

Nearly all 35 Eagles from 1933 served in WWII, at least one was killed and one taken prisoner

Grew to more than 65 members in the earliest years

Scouts developed their own "Master Camper" program with exceptional skill requirements

Plant City Troop Made Up Entirely of Eagle Boy Scouts



1933 — Photo by Leavitt, Plant City.

Troop No. 5, Boy Scouts, of Plant City, became an Eagle Scout troop with the advancement of 13 boys to Eagle Scout on Monday night. They are, left to right, front row: Scoutmaster O. E. Baynard, Aaron Wheeler, Dan Clark, Robert White, Moring Clark, George Garrett, Paul Lanier, Frank Schille, Billy Taylor, Alex Sanchez, Assistant Scoutmaster Mike E. Sansone. Second row: Roy Hurst, Douglass Harwell, Carl Crawford, Madison Kizore, Craig Mills, Joe Martin, E. J. DeVane, John Park, Bill Floyd, Bernice Davis. Third row: Whit Merrin, DeWitt Carlton, George Higgins, Jack Duncan, Sid Johnson, Heyward Davis, Marvin Abbott, Kenneth Cason, Jason Scarborough, David Carlton. Fourth row: Edwin Harwell, S. Lenny Cason, Asa R. Larrick, Bob Mack, Victor Smith, T. B. Mack. The troop is sponsored by the Norman McLeod post of the American Legion.