Bilingual Scouts Will Visit Here

On July 7th, a group of 25 bilingual Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts from the puppet shows and general Canadian capital of O.tawa will arrive here as guests, to share knowledge and culture with their southern cousins. In turn, they will bring back to Canada a sense of family and kinship from an area so different from their own, yet so closely linked by history, ethnic and linguistic background.

Hear Choir

The group will be taken in charge of the Park Authorities for a first day of orientation, July 8th, with a possibility of visiting several playgrounds in different sections of the Parish. The following day they will be sent in pairs to different camps where they will be working for the following two weeks. In the afternoon of July 15th, they will have, together with a large number of Lafayette children, the advantage of listening to a concert given for them by the boy's Choir of Paris, arriving in Lafayette on that day. (This Choir is scheduled to sing in Our Lady of Fatima on that same day at 8:30 p.m.)

At the end of their stay, on Friday, July 19th, a special reception will be held for the Canadian youngsters at Girard Park with many people invited to a barbecue organized jointly by CODOFIL and the City Park Authorities. They will have the opportunity to meet the different people who helped them on their visit, the city authorities and the Consul General of Canada.

The Canadian Scouts have already extended an invitation to Louisiana Boy and Girl Scouts to go and share with them, next winter, the white snow of the “Canadian Wilderness”.

Found Homes

Although the Canadian boys and girls are traveling at their own expense, Scout Executive Dick Whitney and Mrs. Jackie Jones, Executive Director of the Bayou Council Girl Scouts, went ahead and found homes for them during their two-week stay in the area. The Parish Superintendent of Recreation and Parks, Albert Domingue, and Recreation Supervisor Adam Chargois Jr. gladly included them in the Parish Day Camp Program.

The Canadian scouts bring with them the folksongs, both French and English, of the United States' northern neighbor, as well as the craftsmanship of the north, the puppet shows and general knowledge and culture which they will share with their cousins. In turn, they will bring back to Canada knowledge and kinship from an area so different from their own, yet so closely linked by history, ethnic and linguistic background.