

## **William H. MacMillan, Charter Member Burholme Troop 160, OA Vigil Member**

Bill "**Mickey**" MacMillan became one of the Charter Members of Burholme Troop 160 back in 1924. He was the Troop Scribe and a member of the Troop's Drum and Bugle Corps, as well as their "Harmonica Band".

Scouting got into his blood early and his summer visits with 160 to T.I. instilled a lifelong love of the "Island" in him.

As a young man, he served on Treasure Island Summer Staff in 1927 and 1928 and he relished taking regular hikes up to the Devil's Tea Table. While at college he enjoyed a day out with Dan Beard on a rattlesnake hunt near the Lehigh Gap.

Upon college graduation, Mickey began serving as the Scout Executive of the Louisville Area Council, BSA. While at Louisville, he organized and took many trips to the western U.S. with Senior Scouts to expose them to High Adventure treks.

In 1937, he was recruited to serve as the Head of Signaling at the First National Jamboree in Washington, DC.

Mickey became a Vigil Member of the Order of the Arrow in 1949 and, for a period of years, he and his younger brother, Butts, held the distinction of being the only two brothers who were Vigil members in the United States. Much of what is known of the early days and activities of the "Boys of 160" can be attributed to Mickey and his dedication in recording these adventures as Troop Scribe.