

What is a Boy Scout?

A SCOUT! What fun he finds in hiking into the woods! He tells North from South by the moss on the trees, or East from West by the shadows.

He can talk to a brother Scout across a river by signalling. He knows the principal trees and birds and animals that he meets; he knows which are poisonous weeds or reptiles; he can find his way by stars as did the Indians and pioneers before him.

If matches are forgotten, he laughs and proceeds to kindle fire by rubbing sticks together or by striking steel on flint. The fire once started, what good things he can cook out there in the open! He keeps himself physically fit, he avoids poisons of alcohol or tobacco; he guards his tongue from loose speech or boasting or sacrilege. When he speaks of anyone, he tries to speak well of him.

His Scout "Good Turns" to someone each day make him many friends—for the way to have friends is to first BE one. His motto is "Be Prepared" and he thinks through in advance what he would do in fire or storm. When someone is injured he is "ready" to help him with his First Aid knowledge.

He always tries to be a useful citizen. He helps his community.

Another big thing a Scout enjoys is camping—there he finds fun in game or swim—finds new friends in woods and other fellows—and there among the trees, or under God's silent stars, or by the campfire's ruddy embers, he dreams out his great TOMORROW.

—Handbook for Boys.

The Scout



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Through the Year

Looking backward over the past year, we find the early stages of the organization of a new troop, Troop 2. From the time of the beginning of that small and insignificant spark up till today when that same spark has grown into a huge blaze of progress, the same six or seven members who stood firm on the ground that there should and would be a troop in the form of Troop 2, have seen their dreams come true. Through all this time these members have had but one thing in common; that is, a good troop. Although Troop 2 is one of the younger troops of the council, it has the reputation of being one of the best.

The first patrol of the troop was the Flaming Arrow, which has proved its worth many times. Especially did it prove it at the field meet at Boca Grande. Next came the Flying Eagle Patrol, the namesake of the old Flying Eagle Patrol of Troop 24, which furnished most of the nucleus of Troop 2, and is now the "heart of the flame". Due to the increase in membership, the Raven Patrol was next organized. Last but not least came the Panther Patrol.

From time to time, since the first meeting, which was just a little group gathered around a little table, and presided over by Rev. L. C. Bailey, Scoutmaster, the troop has grown and adopted more complicated formations. Since the beginning the troop has produced two Eagle Scouts, and there should be more soon. That founding group, which kindled the spark into a blazing beacon, is composed of Billy Ebersole, Edward Davis, Weyman Whitlock, Billy Ford, Bill Gamage, Tommy Parker, and Rev. L. C. Bailey.

In the closing summary, we find that the troop has done much, and certainly hasn't done anything detrimental to the slogan: "Scouting Marches On"; therefore, we dedicate the first issue of this new paper to Troop 2, Boy Scouts of America.

THE DIRT???

We wonder why Edward Davis doesn't have a girl now? Hmmm.

Bobby Brice is rather jealous because Marie Dozier was seen wearing Danny Ebersole's Life Badge. "Her heart belonged to Danny."

Billy Smith seemed to enjoy holding hands with Janis Whitlock the other night.

We wonder why Weyman Whitlock didn't have a good time at the Wauchula game? Was it because Mary Ann wasn't there?

Bill Gamage is seen quite often with Inez Hughes. Some romance!

Harry Sandusky seems to be beating Jack Summitt's time with Rose Marie B. He has her for a dancing partner.

Danny Ebersole has been seen making "goo goo" eyes at Marie Dozier.

In the majorette contest Emma Marie Vance was seen wearing a badge of rank of one of our troop officers. Whose could it have been?

Janis Whitlock still carries her former boy friend's picture with her. Guess who!

NOTICE!

As you know, the "Dirt" Column is made up of contributions by various members of the Troop. If you do not do your part of the contributing, there won't be much to print. Make use of that box! --The Staff.

SPORTS

The High School started training for basketball and boxing last Monday. The basketball team for the girls is being coached by Miss Lettie V. Backus, and the boys' team is coached by Coach Ben Porch, Coach Ken Willis, and Mr. Alton Brown. The boxing team is being instructed by Coach Ben Porch. There has been no basketball team for several years, but demand has caused it to be started again. It is too early to say what the prospects are, but there ought to be some really good games.

Junior High Football

The Junior High went into their last week of practice last Monday, preparing for a hard game with Winter Haven, which took place last night. A game last week was called off because the opponents had a previous engagement, or sumpin. This was the first season the Junior High boys have had a team, but some real talent was revealed, and the experience should prove valuable when these boys get into high school.

THE SCOUTMASTER SAYS:

Three cheers for this first issue of THE SCOUT, and for the members of the staff who have worked so hard to get it out. It was delayed a week because of the fact that all of the staff took to their several and individual beds at the same time with flu, but here it is, and a very fine issue, too. It is a credit to those members who have done the work, and to the troop as a whole. Let's have a larger number cooperating to get out the next issue!

It would not do to let this December issue pass without a word of greeting. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all of you!

-- LEONARD C. BAILEY

Seasonal Activities

Christmas season is here again, bringing our Christmas vacation. There are so many things to do and so many that we want to do during our vacation. One thing we wanted to do was to camp at Horse Creek, but we had to call off that trip because of the fact that so many have just had the flu. But there will be other things to do during the holidays.

This year the troop will again have its sale of Christmas trees to raise money for the treasury. We need to build it up, so let's all work together and each do his share of the work. Don't put the whole load on two or three members—we all get the benefit of it.

It looks probable that the troop will help to distribute toys and baskets to needy families this Christmas. There will be more information about that later. Watch the bulletin board. And let's make it really a troop good turn.

And of course there will be our troop Christmas party. We will have it this year on the Friday after Christmas, December 29. No present is to cost more than 15¢. Names will be drawn at the meeting tonight.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

On the first Wednesday after Christmas all the Scouts in the county are asked to meet to clean up the Scout property over by the "big tree". All who can come are asked to be there to help. There will be a feed furnished by the District Committee at noon.

Don't forget the Quartermaster's List posted on the bulletin board. Clean up when it is your time.

JACK'S JOKES

A Little Lovin'

Pretty Blonde: I want a little oven.
Hardware Clerk (Could it have been Edward Davis?) Sorry, lady, but the boss is strict about that stuff during working hours.

A Question of Length

Allan Gibson: My camp cot is too short.
Mr. Bailey: That's because you sleep too long in it.

Caught

Q.: What is a net?
A.: Holes tied together with strings.

Dick H.: I hear the S.P.L. called you a blockhead.
Billy Ralls: No, he didn't make it that strong.
Dick H.: What did he actually say?
Billy Ralls: "Put on your hat; here comes a woodpecker."

WANTED:

Man with wooden leg to mash potatoes.
Woman with hollow tooth to bite holes in doughnuts.

A certain soft drink concern features the slogan, "The Pause That Refreshes". The way some people drape themselves over a drug store soda fountain, the sign should read;; "The POSE that Refreshes"!

(NOTE: The empty space immediately above contains all the funny things the staff has heard members of the Troop say lately.)