

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.

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The Staff is grateful for all the compliments on our first issue. While we have a lot of fun getting it out, our real purpose is to give you fun in reading it. This month we have added four pages and have made many improvements in the regular departments, and added a few new ones. This means the cost has increased, and so from now on the price will be five cents a copy. We sincerely believe that the improvement in this issue makes it well worth the increased cost. Don't you?

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WE WON THE CUP!

Mr. Gaskin announced at the last Court of Honor that Troop 2 has won the Nickell Advancement Trophy for leading the entire Council in advancement during the past year. During the year 1939 we had 18 Tenderfeet, 22 Second Class, 18 First Class, 10 Star, 7 Life, 2 Eagle, 1 Bronze Palm, and 167 Merit Badges. Didn't some other troop in this vicinity tell us way last spring to watch out for them? We're still watching— through the rear window, with a telescope.

EDITORIAL

THIRTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF SCOUTING

Next month we will celebrate the anniversary of one of the greatest movements in the world, the Boy Scouts. Everybody who is connected with the organization should plan to participate in all Boy Scout Week plans and activities. Through three decades the movement has maintained a high standard for boys who want to do something and be something worthwhile; that is, it has tried to inculcate in the boys an ambition to be Real Men. The Boy Scouts of America is no organization for slackers, but an organization for boys who want to do something and do their part.

The Boy Scout movement is one of the three chartered by Congress, which shows that it is held in high esteem by all. Every boy should feel honored to belong to such an organization where no political or commercial entanglements are tolerated, where every boy is allowed to express his own ideals and ideas, and where preparedness for life is taught on every other page of the daily book.

Hail Scouting!

Now that the Advancement Cup is almost in our possession, let's start in to keep it during 1941. We will have to work harder this year to equal our last year's record, but we can.

BOY SCOUT WEEK PLANS

Last year Troop 2 had the high honor of having the best all-around Boy Scout Week program in the Sunny Land Council. The preliminary plans for 1940 indicate that other troops will have to go some to get ahead of us this year.

The week begins officially on the eighth, but on Tuesday the sixth we will have our February Court of Honor, so that really begins our activities.

Thursday, Feb. 8, is Scout Dedication Day, the thirtieth birthday of the Boy Scouts of America. We will have our troop meeting that night at 7:30, and rededicate ourselves to the Scout Oath and Law.

Friday is the day of the annual Scout banquet in Fort Myers. We will be there in full force to receive the Nickell Trophy and let others see what we have grown to during the year since we were last there.

Saturday we will spend the day at Horse Creek if the weather is good, with preliminary contests looking toward the Boca Grande Field Meet.

Sunday is Scout Sunday. Troop 2 is invited to attend in a body at the regular evening service of St. Edmund's Church at 7:45. Parents and families are invited, of course.

Plans for Monday, as well as Tuesday, are still incomplete. There may be a district Camporee Monday night at the Tourist Camp.

Wednesday is Valentine's Day, and that means a party at the Parish House. And thus ends the week, which should be something to look back on.

Plans are being made to have a big window display downtown, and Troop 2 will no doubt have a very prominent part in that.

The mothers of the troop have said something about a supper, and that may very likely take place on Tuesday, February thirteenth.

TROOP NEWS

Work has been started finally on the bridge across Jordan's ranch. What remains to be done is to brace the logs and put down the floor and build the hand rails. In a few weeks there should be something definite to bring credit to the troop and improve the park.

Many of the members joined with members of other troops to help clean up the El Portal property, on which the "big tree" is located.

The Flying Eagles still have possession of the Honor pennant, and so far no one seems likely to take it away soon.

Several new Constitutional amendments will be voted on next week. One provides that officers shall serve a term of six months, instead of a year; another that the Troop Leaders' Council need not meet every week. A third proposed a change in the present Squadron set-up.

COURT OF HONOR

The January Court of Honor was a very important one for our troop. In the first place, Mr. Gaskin presented our charter, and Weyman Whitlock received it on behalf of the troop. In the next place, the 2900 points we earned there were what finally cinched our claims to the Nickell Advancement Trophy. All but one of the badges awarded went to members of Troop 2. This was the first real Court of Honor under the new system, and it met with general favor. Mr. T. M. Johns made a very interesting talk on the boyhoods of Hitler and Stalin, and how they have affected the world.

FASTEST ADVANCERS:

Billy Ebersole Danny Ebersole George Leitner Allen Gibson

--- THE DIRT ---

RED PARKER seems to show quite a bit of interest in Nell Read.

DANNY EBERSOLE is still fishing for Marie Dozier.

BILL GAMAGE sure likes Bert Johnson a lot. She writes to him all the time, and he writes nice cozy slimy letters to her.

BOBBY BRICE seems to have found a new interest in West Palm Beach.

BILLY EBERSOLE seems to enjoy dancing with Nell Read very much. What is the matter with Janis? Losing her grip?

DOUG TREADWELL seems to be losing interest in B.L.K.

Who is the other gal, Doug

Why doesn't Nedra Hansen give SONNY HAYS a break?

JACK SUMMITT is trying to take Harry Sandusky's dancing partner from him.

Here is something new! DUANE CARLTON has a girl!

JACK KEMP has been seen courting Carol Carlton lately.

Does EDWARD DAVIS still long for that Georgia gal? We wonder.

LITTLE BILLY was seen making eyes at Weyman's smallest sister. Now, now, Billy.

We understand that TOMMY PARKER and E.M.V. are still going strong. She still has his Life Badge.

BILLY FORD seems to have to go to Cava's Cafe a lot.

Could it be Fanny Manos?

Nell Read sure cut DANNY E.'s water off at her party.

Does JUNIOR PENUEL still like Ione Cross?

We wonder if this is a love affair between DON

SHEROUSE and Patty Sue Robbins.

We wonder why Betty Stubblefield is always coming over to see R. E. MOYE.

What's this we hear about Bobby Lee Kistler and BILLY SMITH?

--- MORE DIRT ---

The editor of this paper received the following note in the Dirt Box:

"T.M.P., please keep courting out of church." We wonder what the writer of the note finds interesting in that certain feminine section.

Another note was also found, viz. and to wit:

"WANTED: A wife for Mr. Bailey." The question is, what does the writer want out of the arrangement? What would happen, to the Parish House if the Scoutmaster had to stay home and wipe the dishes, instead of coming to Scout meeting? Or does he think there might be frequent free meals for the troop? May- be she couldn't cook.

WEYMAN WHITLOCK was so anxious to know what was to go in the "DIRT" that we are wondering if he has a guilty conscience.

DONALD FOWLER seems to have taken a new lease on life since Jane Bankston has returned to town.

It is said that ALLEN GIBSON has a new interest. Who is she?

Marie Dozier and DICKY HOLTZENDORF seem to have had something come between them. Is it GEORGE LEITNER, by any chance?

Is it true that HARRY SANDUSKY is jealous because Billy Ford talks so much to Rose-Marie Bullock in study hall? Maybe CHARLES GIBSON thinks no one has any dirt on him.

Guess again, Charles.

Tall Stories

Can you believe this one?

A Scotchman stood on a street corner throwing away five dollar bills. Now, try believing the next installment:

A Jew was picking them up and bringing them back to the Scotchman.

SENIOR SCOUTING

THE SCOUTMASTER SAYS:

First, to all those who by their advancement helped the troop to win the Nickell Trophy, thanks and congratulations! Thanks, for your help to the troop; congratulations, because you won honors and skills and increased knowledge for yourselves.

Second, to the new Explorer Patrol, greetings and best wishes. May you soon carry Troop 2's colors to leadership in the Senior Scouting field, and in doing so may you have many experiences which you will cherish for years to come as marking rich happiness and real progress.

Third, to all the members of the troop, success during 1940! Mr. Gaskin describes us as young in age but old in experience. By January, 1941, let us make our experience fuller and more complete. We have done much, but there is much to be done. During this coming year we must not only maintain leadership in the District and in the Council, but look abroad to wider fields. What is to stop us from winning honors in the Sixth Region?

Finally, to the readers of THE SCOUT, may you enjoy this magazine and find in it half the pleasure the staff had in getting it ready for you.

— LEONARD C. BAILEY.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (others found on page 9)
The January Board of Review will be held on the 30th, with Court of Honor February 6. According to the Troop By-Laws, all badges must be earned at least two days before the Board of Review.

The Three Bar Council will meet at 6:15 next Friday, January 19.

Troop meetings on Fridays hereafter, basketball or not.

EXPLORER PATROL

Senior Scouting is advanced Scouting for boys 15 years of age and older, who are at least First Class Scouts. The program has three phases: Sea Scouting, Explorer Scouting, and Rover Scouting.

The older boys of Troop 2 became interested in Senior Scouting, and after investigating all these types decided to organize an Explorer Scout Patrol.

Explorer Scouting is advanced camping and outdoor life for older boys who can take better care of themselves in the woods. It has an advancement program specially designed for older boys with wider interests and increased ability and knowledge.

The boys in the Explorer Patrol can still hold regular troop offices and participate in all troop activities. The present members of the patrol are as follows: Billy Ebersole, Allen Gibson, Tommy Parker, Jack Summitt, and Weyman Whitlock. Several others will soon be of age and will be able to join if voted in by the patrol.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CLEANER-UPPERS for the month:

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| Week ending January 20: | George Leitner, Joe Ed Moye |
| " " " 27: | R. E. Moye and Tommy Parker |
| " " February 3: | Billy Parker, Junior Penuel |
| " " " 10: | Billy Ralls and Harry Sandusky |
| " " " 17: | Billy Smith and Bobby Brice. |

KEEP TRACK OF YOUR TIME, and HELP THE TROOP HAVE A CLEAN RECORD. If you can't come, notify the Quartermaster in time so that he can get a substitute.

THESE CONTESTS END IN BOY SCOUT WEEK, SO GET BUSY:
Scrapbook contest and Patrol corner decoration contest.

SPORTS

BASKETBALL

In the last week there have been four basketball games held in the DeSoto County High School recreation building. Two, Tuesday night, one between the Arcadia and Palmetto girls, and one between the Arcadia and Palmetto boys, and two Friday night, one between the Arcadia and Punta Gorda girls, and one between the Arcadia and Punta Gorda boys. For several good reasons we won't print the scores of any of these games. However, we will go so far as to say that the Bulldogs came out on the little end of the deal.

JUNIOR HIGH

Mr. Wakefield asked the question, "What does the high school have that the junior high doesn't have?" Since no one answered him, he organized a junior high basketball team. After a few days of practice it seems to be no joke, and still no one can answer the question.

RODEO

Florida's all-round champion cowboys' rodeo will be held in Arcadia on January 25, 26, and 27. Although several thousand dollars go through the office each year, no one has made any personal profit out of the rodeo. All of the gate receipts or more goes back into improving the grounds. A better show than ever before is promised by the management this year. It is the festival season for Arcadia, when crowds come from all over the state. Plans are being made to decorate the streets and store windows, and the result should prove that Arcadia is still the real capital of the cow country of Florida.

JACK'S JOKES

Loud Mouth

Doug Treadwell: I haven't spoken to my girl in six months.
Bobby Brice: Why?
Doug: I don't want to interrupt her.

Dummy?

Mr. Bailey: Does your son go to school?
Troop Committeeman: Yes.
Mr. Bailey: What is he going to be when he gets out?
T.C.: An old man, at the rate he's going.

Correct

Teacher: If you had \$10 in one pocket and \$15 in the other, what would you have?
Billy Ebersole: The wrong pants.

Squelched

Squelcher: Haven't I seen you somewhere through a microscope?

Saying it with Flowers

This is the way to write a thoroughly angry business letter:

Sir:

My typist, being a lady, can not take down what I think of you. I, being a gentleman, can not write it. You, being neither, can doubtless guess it.

Yours truly,

On Equal Terms

Allen Gibson: I put a tack in the teacher's chair yesterday.
Charles: Did you? I'll bet she won't sit down in a hurry now.
Allen: Neither will I.

This Synthetic Age

Barber: Do you want your hair cut or the oil changed?