

BOY SCOUTS



(Conducted by National Council of the Boy Scouts of America.)

THE MEANING OF SCOUTING

A Veteran Scout, going a lone highway, Will come in the evening, cold and gray. To a chasm vast and deep and wide, The old scout will cross in the twilight dim.

The sullen stream holds no fears for him: But he'll turn when safe on the other side And build a bridge to span the tide.

"Veteran Scout," says a pilgrim near, "You are wasting your strength with building here; Your journey will end with the ending day. You never again will pass this way. Why build you this bridge with time so dear?"

The builder will lift his old gray head. He will point o'er the trail where his journey led— "Good friend, in the path I have come," he will say. "There followeth after me today A tenderfoot scout who must pass this way."

This gulf that has been as naught to me To a fair-haired youth may a pitfall be; He, too, must cross in the twilight dim. The Boy Scout movement has built for me. And I am building this bridge for him." —W. G. Quaff.

The Boy Scout movement means honorable citizenship, character and efficiency. It means men, physically strong, mentally awake and morally straight. This is the fundamental need of our country today. The whole movement is much broader than the conception some have of it. It is nature's way of bringing about the things that the church, home and school are striving for.

The Boy Scout movement is not dominated by a class spirit, and it is not a mere boys' club. It has no barriers of cast, wealth and sect, and because of its democratic spirit it is here to stay. It is not a fad and it is not an accident. Owing to the intrinsic merits of the movement, it is bound to live.

First, the boy likes it. It appeals to his manhood and to his sense of romance and adventure; it gives him self respect and respect of others; it is a challenge to the sturdy elements of his character which he cannot reject.

Second, it is a school of training and development he cannot receive otherwise. There is an undeniable discipline in it which the boy needs. It trains his sense of honor and conscientiousness for service. In being a Boy Scout he will be a better boy and a better man.

The movement is the keynote to true American preparedness, and is worth the emulation of every man and woman in the United States; for every boy's home training is strengthened by the scout organization.

The bird leaves its nest before it can fly; the cub must leave its den in order to become the king of the jungles, so must the boy mingle with his fellows, under proper leadership, before he can develop the strongest character. It is a Boy Scout's business to help to save; but it may be added that if the need should arise, the training a Boy Scout receives will help him when he is a man to be a good defender of the country and one who will be 100 per cent physically strong and mentally awake.

FRENCH SCOUT THANKS U. S.

An amazing letter from one of Les Eclaireurs de France, or French Boy Scouts, fighting in the trenches, has been received by a New York Scout, Sidney Polacsek, of 501 East One Hundred and Fortieth street. As translated it is as follows:

"Dear Friends of France: "I am a cousin to M. Oubringer Marcel. As he receives a great many letters from America and cannot answer them all, he has given me your address.

"I am a young (poulu) soldier of France of the class of 1917, consequently I am hardly twenty years old. I am in the trenches about 40 meters from the (Boches) Germans. Because I am so young I am often lonely and even more so because I have only an aunt left in France. My parents are civil prisoners in Germany, and perhaps they are dead, for I have heard no news of them since September, 1914. I am here to avenge them and will avenge them.

"It is with pleasure that we have learned in France that America has joined the side of the allies to fight the savage Teutons, so I assure you that victory is certain for the allies, who are struggling for human civilization. Long live America! and long live France!

"From one who would like a companion to dispel his sorrow, I am your humble servant, "MAXIME COUQUERET."

AMONG THE SCOUTS.

Charity begins at home; also patriotism. The Troop 3 Boy Scouts of Lynbrook, N. Y., have recognized the fact that there is work right at hand, and they have offered to care for Clive park, cutting the grass and raking the walks.

There is a limit to a boy's endurance, even though he is a trained Scout. He must have time to eat, to sleep, to play. Ninety-nine times out of a hundred, though, the Scout will run the scoutmaster off his legs.

FALSE SCHOOL OF HUMOR.

The women who are running from one place of registration to another, rather than reveal their ages to the gossiping neighborhood in which they live, have been driven to it by the guffaws of those fun lovers who regard gray hairs and all other signs of wisdom and worldly experience as fit subjects for ridicule. The great heehaw school of humor loves a shining mark, and indulges in uproarious mirth over everything that should not be laughed at, says New York Herald. In the midst of the disciples of this witless cult it is funny to be married, and still funnier to remain single. It is funny to be fat and equally funny to be lean. A long-haired man is quite as funny as one who is bald. The mother-in-law, who in nine cases out of ten is the real self-sacrificing mother of her brood of grandchildren, is quite as ludicrous in the eyes of those jocose ones as the "old maid," who more than earns her keep by doing the marketing and relieving her married sister of nursery cares. Our national sense of humor is in woeful need of a reformer who will teach us the difference between sacred things and the various forms of vulgarity and pretense that should be laughed out of existence.

The amazing activity of Italian warriors in the Alps seems to continue the tradition Caesar set when in winter campaigns he defied the snow-clad mountains in order to hold or to extend the frontiers of the empire. The Caesar who bridged the Rhine was a brother-in-arms to brave Cadorna, says Philadelphia Public Ledger. The Roman legionaries who live for us in the pages of the Commentaries seem to have their reincarnation in the men who station their guns in the eagle's aerial and convey their wounded over wire ropes across yawning abysses. Who said Italians were degenerate scions of the ancient heroic stock? The war has shown the world no sturdier warriors than these. With the forces of nature herself arrayed against them, they have removed mountains, and in their prowess it is as though Caesar himself were on earth again to defy and finally subjugate the German war lord who has assumed and disgraced the name the great Italian wore who ruled the world.

The United States is short of beef and long on fish. The people of this country eat less sea food than those of any other nation which has available supplies so great as ours. The problem is to save the beef for shipment across the ocean and to consume here the fish which cannot be economically shipped. The country must conserve wheat, too, and eat instead such grains as cannot be sent to the trenches.

Like a good many business men, Uncle Sam is protecting his borrowings—the bonds issued and sold to his own people—by lending at the same rate of interest to his allies. And, to complete the endless chain, the money loaned to the allies is being largely expended in this country, so our own people will get the benefit from it.

Now we are advised that we mustn't use any more starch on our shirts, utilizing it rather for blanc mange and other so-called food products, and we have written our washerwoman asking if this oughtn't to apply also to our union suits, feeling that possibly an appeal on broad patriotic grounds may have some weight with her.

Not the least of our contribution to the allies to excite respectful attention abroad was the consignment of the great American army mule. On all sides was heard the French equivalent of the wish that he would have more power to his kick on the field.

Now someone has invented a machine gun unit, the same being a device whereby one man can control a whole battery of machine guns. More and more does war take on the form of a machine-made thing.

We have not worried about the minimum price theory so far, being confident that old Max will always get our number and the Mint will remain distant while Max is around.

When the daughter has to spend an evening at home alone—just with the family—she decides to go to bed real early and catch up on sleep.

Dispatches from Washington indicate that the crop reports are improving pretty nearly as much as the crops are.

Americans are asked to raise more sheep, and the ambitious flat dweller is looking about for a noiseless folding sheep.

If the male clothing model wishes to make a hit he should appear in khaki—with a license to wear it.

Wholesale prices are steadily going down. You might mention the fact to your grocer.

SHRINE OF THE "HOLY COAT"

Cathedral at Treves Contains One of Most Jealously Guarded Relics of the Roman Church.

At intervals of many years the old Prince Bishopric of Treves, wakens out of its half-slumbering condition and becomes the center of a great pilgrimage. Besides its numerous Roman remains, this quiet old town, claiming to be 1,300 years older than Rome, is the shrine of the "Holy Coat," one of the most jealously guarded relics in the possession of the Roman church.

The citizens of Treves are very proud of this seamless garment, and they have given it a prominent place on their coat-of-arms, says the Dundee Advertiser. It was not until 1196 that the "Holy Coat" was placed over the high altar, but it was not exposed to the public gaze for some three hundred years afterward. It was kept in a secret place of the cathedral known only to a few, and there were many who doubted its existence. A guide book of 1814 says:

"The existence of the relic at present is rather doubtful—at least, it is not visible. The attendants of the church say it is walled up." All doubts were removed in 1844, when Archbishop Arnoldi announced a centenary jubilee, at which it was exhibited to a million and a half of pilgrims from all parts of the world. The coat is a loose garment with wide sleeves, very simple in form, of coarse material, dark brown in color, probably as the result of age, and entirely without seam or decoration.

MESSAGES FLOAT FOR YEARS

United States Hydrographic Office Tells of Finding of Bottle Set Adrift in 1914.

Several instances of messages in bottles having floated about the Pacific for years before being recovered have been announced by the United States hydrographic office.

A bottle was set adrift by Capt. S. Nagahue of the Tamba Maru, Japanese, August 17, 1915, 900 miles east of Kamchatka, was recovered May 15 last near Moelips, Wash. Another bottle, set adrift in December, 1914, off Cape Corrientes, Mex., was found February 22 last 240 miles north of Christmas Island, in the latitude of the Hawaiian Islands.

A third bottle, tossed from the schooner W. H. Marsten by Capt. W. Wann February 14, 1915, 2,040 miles east of Chile and 660 miles south of Easter Island, was picked up January 21 last four miles south of Wanganui Island, New Zealand.

Clock Dials for Summer.

Instead of moving the hands of the clock forward and back at the time of changing from standard to summer time, and vice versa, a plan recently proposed in England is to have clocks provided with an adjustable dial. The circular disk of the dial would be put in place by screws in curved slots, and the dial would be rotated through one hour space at the time of making the change, leaving the hands untouched.

It is claimed that this plan is especially desirable in the case of striking-clocks, the hands of which cannot be moved back. The position of the dial would also indicate whether the clock was keeping summer or normal time. The objection to this procedure, of course, is that practically everybody tells time from position of the hands, without any attention to the figures on the dial.

Solves Problem of Stray Whale.

Monterey, Cal., has solved the question of what to do with a stray whale that is washed up on shore. After disposing of the flesh and oil to a refinery, the bones may be mounted on shore and kept as a permanent natural history exhibit.

That is what the city officials did with a whale which was washed ashore there, according to the Popular Science Monthly. It was welcomed with open arms and the bones were saved as an educational feature for the benefit of the school children of the city and for interested adults.

Since there was no building available large enough to accommodate it, it was set up in an open lot and fenced in.

Steel Shortage in Australia.

Stocks of steel plates, tin plate and galvanized iron are low throughout Australia, and the demand is acute, according to consular advices from Melbourne. There is at present very little prospect of outside relief, and an effort is being made to manufacture these goods in Australia. Recently representatives of a company in Newcastle and one in Melbourne were sent to the United States to purchase machinery for making steel. The high freights and shortage of supply offer a great incentive to the manufacture of lines that would have been considered impossible to produce before the war.

Never Without It.

"Your threat to slap Reggie on the wrist was merely a bit of sarcasm, I suppose?"

"Perhaps."

"You couldn't have done much damage that way."

"Oh, I don't know. I might have smashed his wrist watch."

The Conceited One.

"I can't bear that young leading man; he's so conceited. How do you manage to get along with him?"

"I always talk to him about himself for a while, and then he talks to me about himself."—Life.

CITATION

State of South Carolina / Court of County of Edgefield. / Common Pleas.

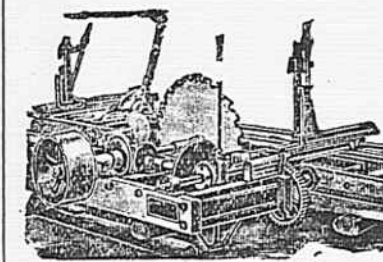
W. M. Rowland, Plaintiff, vs. Lucy Philpot, Defendant.

Notice to Creditors to file and prove claims.

All persons having claims against the Estate of Charity Philpot, Jr., will please take notice that they are required by Order of Court in above cause to file and prove same before me on or before the 1st day of October next, (1917), or their claims will be forever barred thereafter as provided in said Decree, as to any and all funds now in my hands as Master in re the above stated cause.

J. H. Cantelon,
Master for Edgefield County.

Dated July 13, 1917.



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