

### New and Notes From Boy Scouts of City

**Two Scouts Get Merit Badges**  
W. A. Rhame, assistant scoutmaster, and Scout George Rhame appeared before the regular meeting of the Camden Court of Honor and received merit badges in scholarship and bookbinding. Both these scouts are member of Troop 30.

Troop 30 was formerly Troop 2 of Camden, but under the new system of numbering all troops in the Council will be numbered progressively. All troops in the Camden district are numbered from 30 to 39.

Members of the Camden Court of Honor are: John M. Villepigue, chairman, T. K. Trotter, James DeLoache Jr., J. G. Richards, Jr., and James D. Zemp.

The Court holds regular monthly meeting on the last Monday of the month.

Results from the recent specialization training program put on at Camp Jackson for scout leaders of Central South Carolina show that twenty men successfully passed the training requirements and will be awarded the American Red Cross standard first aid certificate. Among these men are Scoutmaster W. F. Nettles, Jr., and Assistant Scoutmaster W. A. Rhame, both of Troop 30.

This training required fourteen hours of instruction and practice, followed by a written examination.

The course began at 2 o'clock on Saturday and continued until supper time on Sunday. Camp was made at the administration building at Camp Jackson and the leaders slept in camp and were fed at a nearby mess hall. The instruction was directed by W. E. Vaughan-Lloyd, scout executive at Winston-Salem, and expert Red Cross instructor.

#### Fine Troop at Lugoff

The newly organized troop at Lugoff under the direction of Rev. E. V. Best is functioning in fine style. About twenty boys are ready for enrollment and all completed in fine style their tenderfoot requirements.

Commissioner John K. deLoach assisted in the organization of this troop, which operates under the Camden district.

Two Spanish flyers, Ignacio Jimenez and Francisco Iglesias, completed a non-stop flight from Seville, Spain, to the coast of Brazil, a distance of approximately 4,000 miles on Tuesday.

### Mexico Offers Varied Scenery and Customs

Just now when the revolution in Mexico is occupying much of front page newspapers over the country, the following will be of interest:

Many of the 28 states of Mexico have been mentioned in stories of the recent revolutionary outbreak, but nearly all news stories agree in the prominence of four: Sonora, Coahuila, Nueva Leon, and Vera Cruz. A bulletin from the Washington, D. C., headquarters of the National Geographic Society gives the geographic and economic background of these four states and of three key cities, Monterrey, Vera Cruz and Tampico.

"Sonora, in northwestern Mexico, which is the fountainhead of the new revolution, has points in common with our own Southwest," says the bulletin. "To many Mexicans in other states, the Sonorans are the 'Yankees of Mexico.' This is because of their alertness and activity and because contacts with Americans have shaped many of the Sonoran customs."

"Nearly every well-to-do family among the merchants and ranchers has sent its sons and daughters to schools in the United States, and it is not difficult to find natives who speak English fluently. There has been a stream of American goods into the state, and in Sonoran homes one is constantly seeing American phonographs, sewing machines, baby carriages and brass beds."

"The state is primarily a mining and cattle country. Rich silver, gold and copper mines have been operated since the coming of the Spaniards; and there are treasures, some of the rarer minerals, never yet worked commercially. In the southern end of the state lies the Valley of the Yaqui River, home of the Yaqui Indians. All Mexican governments have found these Indians an unruly lot, and sanguinary wars have been fought with them."

"Sonora has several gateway towns along the American border. At Nogales an important railway enters Mexico from the United States, striking south to the Gulf of California and thence along the Mexican west coast for 500 miles or more. Turning inland, it reaches Mexico City."

"Adjoining Sonora on the east lies Chihuahua, Mexico's biggest state, which according to the early reports, remained faithful to the Federal cause. Immediately east of Chihuahua is Coahuila, another center of revolutionary activity. Coahuila is a semi-arid region crossed by mountains and with some desert patches; but with considerable areas on which wheat can be grown and cattle pastured. It was to this state that Texas was linked when, a century ago that huge commonwealth was a part of Mexico. Saltillo, in the southern part of Coahuila, was a common capital, and to this remote town, across deserts and barren mountains, the early American colonists of Texas had to go to present their petitions."

"Monterrey, capital of Nueva Leon, lies about 130 miles south of Laredo, Texas, and 500 miles north of Mexico City. It has a population of more than 100,000, and is one of the most progressive and modern cities in Mexico. Its chief importance from a military point of view lies in the fact that it is the railway 'nerve center' of the Republic. Through Monterrey passes the main railway line between Mexico City and the eastern United States, crossing the United States-Mexican border at Laredo, Texas. Two other railways from the border converge at Monterrey: one from Eagle Pass, Texas, and one from Brownsville, Texas, near the mouth of the Rio Grande."

"The spokes of the City's wheel of railways also include a line extending due west to Torreon and the Mexican Lake District, the main line south to San Luis Potosi and Mexico City, and a line southeastward to the port of Tampico. Without this rail center, it will be almost impossible for the Mexican Government to maintain railway connection with the United States."

"The state of Vera Cruz is a narrow band of territory covering the lower half of the eastern Gulf coast of Mexico. About midway of its coast line is the city of Vera Cruz, which has been the water gateway of Mexico from the days of Cortez. From Vera Cruz a railway extends inland, climbing the mountain bulwark that rims the central plateau on which the City of Mexico lies."

"Vera Cruz is for the most part a low-lying country given over to banana, sugar and rice plantations and the growth of other tropical plants. There is no north and south railway throughout the state, only relatively short stretches of track up and down the coast from the port. This situation emphasizes the importance in the affairs of the state, of the city of Vera Cruz, the sea gateway, and the city of Orizaba, 60 miles inland on the road to Mexico City. The holding of these two cities will mean control of the state."

"In recent years the port of Vera Cruz has slipped somewhat from its former dominant position among Mexican ports, while Tampico, 230 miles to the north, has grown rapidly in importance. This advance of Tampico at the expense of Vera Cruz has been due chiefly to two factors: the development of petroleum supplies in the vicinity of Tampico, and labor and employment restrictions in Vera Cruz that have discouraged importers and exporters. Since a railway has been in existence from Tampico on to the plateau at San Luis Potosi, an ever increasing stream of goods from overseas has flowed to Mexico City over this route. This geographic and economic situation is of great importance to the Federal Government at this time. With Vera Cruz and Monterrey in the hands of the revolutionists, the San Luis Potosi-Tampico route will give the City of Mexico its only avenue of intercourse with the United States."

#### WORLD'S DEEPEST WELL

Texas Excavation For Oil Now Down 8,525 Feet

To prevent the deepest hole in the world from being blown skyward, it has been found necessary to tie it down with giant chains and bolts. This harness is anchored on a heavy frame-work of steel, says a dispatch from Big Lake, Texas.

The well, which is 8,525 feet deep, is daily being more and more of a marvel, especially in the rapidly increasing volume of gas production. Its oil flow is also mounting daily. What is now feared is that the vast volume of gas may get beyond control and destroy the well.

Should the gas flow decline and the hole remain intact, as it is at present, tools will be again lowered into the well and drilling resumed. It is no small job to let down and take up the tools. On account of the great depth of the well it takes nearly an hour to run the cable to the bottom at regular rate of speed.

It is expected that the three tests which the company is preparing to drill in the same block of 194,500 acres of land owned by the University of Texas, upon which the world's deepest well is situated, will not be completed for perhaps eighteen months or two years.

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It took nearly two years to drill this record-breaking hole, and no serious obstacles were encountered. The only delays were caused by the burning of the derricks on two occasions. This deep test cost approximately \$200,000 to drill. Unless unforeseen obstacles occur, the hole will ultimately reach a depth of more than 10,000 feet.

During the last 800 feet the drilling has been in black lime. The hole is nearly full of oil which comes

from three pay sands. One of these was encountered at the 3,000-foot level, another at 4,118 feet and the third at 6,250 feet. Should no oil be found when drilling can go no further it is planned by the company to plug the hole back and give it a shot at 4,118-foot horizon, from which most of the oil and gas are now coming.

One of the Coolidge policies which Mr. Hoover is already carrying out is silence.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

The Oklahoma house of representatives last week began consideration of impeachment charges against Chief Justice Charles W. Mason of that state. It is alleged the chief justice accepted a \$4,000 automobile in return for engineering a damage suit decision in favor of two Oklahoma men, one of whom was an automobile dealer.

Seventeen motorists, unable to pay their police court fines, were sent to prisons in New York last Monday.