



SCOUTS AT WORK

Scouts of Troop No. 1 in Action

The above picture shows some of the boys of Troop No. 1, making a Scout emergency coat stretcher. This is quite a "stunt," and it takes considerable practice to accomplish it exactly right in the least possible time. The boys are becoming proficient, and can construct one in about forty seconds. However, the record is about 20 seconds, so they have quite some way to go as yet.

All that is needed to make one is two Scout staffs and four Scouts in uniform. The boys are numbered 1, 2, 3, 4 from right to left; number 1 being in command. At a given signal, the boys unbutton the first three upper buttons of their coats, and Nos. 2 and 4 drop the poles. Nos. 1 and 3 then spring forward; No. 1 grabbing hold of one end of the poles, and No. 3 grabbing hold of the other end. No. 2 then pulls the coat over the head of No. 1 while No. 4 does the same for No. 3. No. 2 then takes No. 1's place, and No. 1 pulls No. 2's coat over his head. This puts all three coats on the poles with the poles going through the sleeves and coats. No. 3 retains his position, and No. 4 takes off his coat and folds it up for a pillow. The stretcher is then turned over and laid on the ground and the boys "fall to;" buttoning the buttons, lapping the coats, and fixing the pillow. At a given signal, they rise with the stretcher—No. 1 in front, No. 3 in the rear, and Nos. 2 and 4 on each side. The stretcher is then carried to the patient, No. 1 always going to the head, and placed on his left side. Nos. 1, 2, and 3 then go to the right side of the patient, and kneel with their left knee down. No. 4 does

likewise on the left side. The three on the right then raise the patient, assisted by the boy on the left, and rest him on their right knee. No. 4 then pushes the stretcher under the patient, and the others gently lower him into it. The boys then regain their position, and at a given signal gently raise the stretcher, and carry the patient to the nearest doctor. The boys walk out of step, so as to cause the least possible jar to the patient.

The boys in the above picture compose the stretcher team of Troop No. 1. Their names are Glenn Valentine, Ralph White, Robert Colton, and Chester Hadley, with Jack Withrow acting as patient.

—C. E. SHRINER
Scoutmaster

Pythian Principles and Ideals

Pythian Knighthood had its conception in the exemplification of the life test of true friendship existing between Damon and Pythias.

Friendship, or mutual confidence, being the strongest bond of union between man and man, and only existing where honor has an abiding place, is adopted as a foundation principle.

The order of Knights of Pythias—founded in Friendship, Charity, and Benevolence, which it proclaims as its cardinal principles—strives to gather into one mighty fraternity worthy men who appreciate the true meaning of friendship; who are cautious in word and act; who love truth, who are brave in defending right; whose honor is untarnished; whose sense of justice will prevent, to the best of their ability, a personal act or word injurious to the worthy; whose loyalty to principle, to family, to friends, to their country, and to the constituted authority under which they enjoy citizenship is undoubted; and who, at all times, are prepared to do unto others as they would that others should do unto them.

"The Ranks of Knighthood," three in number—Page, Esquire, and Knight—as portrayed in the ceremonies of the order, are sublimely impressive, and appeal to the higher and finer instincts of man. Each rank is a lesson in itself, but over and above them all the chief lesson to be learned is the mission of this great fraternity among men—to inculcate and stimulate loyalty to friendship—to make the world brighter and better. No grander medium is offered to mankind to practice these virtues than within the walks of this Order.

The care and thought of those who may be unfortunate—the sacred offices needed to be performed when sickness and death have removed loved ones from the fireside and hearthstone. In every walk of life, in every calling and condition, there is work for willing hands to do. Strong, sturdy, manly men are needed to cope with affairs and conditions. The history and development of this Order is a living evidence of its worth and work. Herein lies the strength of the Order of Knights of Pythias. Men are not perfect—never can be—but the fraternal spirit dominating the affairs of man will teach him to know the value of the good and true.

How much can I help my fellow-man, and how much good in the world can I do, is the highest and noblest aspiration of mankind. Man cannot live unto himself alone, and this truism finds fruition and realization not only in the realities of life, but in the attainments thereof.

Lodge Notes

Tallasse Lodge, No. 233, K. of P., meets every Tuesday night, at 7.30. Visiting brothers welcome and wanted.

J. E. DAWKINS, C. C.
THOS. C. SHEPPARD, K. of R. & S.

Mr. Malcolm Moye, of Charleston, S. C., was a recent visitor of Mrs. Foreman.

SHE—Do you know why I won't marry you?

HE—I can't think.

SHE—You guessed it.

Catty Retort

BELLE—Did you find mistletoe so high that you could not afford to get any.

NELL—Oh, no, but I didn't need it.
—Baltimore American.

How Many Laps?

A maiden entered a crowded car

And firmly grasped a strap,

And every time they hit a bump

She sat on a different lap;

The bumps grew higher, the jolting

worse,

Till at last she gasped with a smile,

"Will somebody kindly tell me please,

How many laps to a mile?"

—Exchange