

LETTER FROM DOCTOR ROBERT L. STOKES TO MR. HARRY H. STRAUS

The following letter from Doctor Robert L. Stokes, who for the past five years has given much of his time to service in the Medical Department at Ecusta, has been received by Mr. Harry H. Straus.

"Dear Mr. Straus:

Just a few moments of your time to hear how, we in Transylvania County appreciate your choice in locating such a nice plant in our territory.

I wish to thank you personally for the privilege of working with you long enough to be in the five year club and for the offer for full time work when I began. However the people of this section whom we came to help made it impossible for me to do so and leave them, with the help that I have always rendered being taken away.

I think it very fortunate that you have secured the service of Dr. Gasque to take up the work which is necessary to help the workers of Ecusta and to be of valuable service to the people of this section.

This morning, I was astonished to receive a fine medical bag that I can use when I am visiting the Ecusta workers in their homes in the future. To all these in the Plant who I have cared for and to the company, and especially the Nurses, I wish to thank you from the bottom of my heart for the consideration given me to make my work a success and a pleasure.

Let me ask you in conclusion to give Dr. Gasque the same kindness.

Yours truly,

Robert L. Stokes, M.D."

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Scouts in that area. He states that there is no country in the world like Transylvania County for outdoor activities; it is a Scouter's paradise.

In 1918, when Mr. Hay signed up with the Armed Services as Chaplain, Captain Fred Miller took over the troop and served as Scoutmaster until 1933. The troop made great progress during those years, and Capt. Miller's sons, Fred and Jack, were the first two Eagle Scouts in the county. His other son, Henry, later became an Eagle Scout. Jack, who played football for Navy, and Fred, who went to West Point, were the first two North Carolina brothers to graduate from the Academies the same year—both lost their lives in World War II.

Under the leadership of Capt. Miller the boys continued to go camping and take trips to various parts of the State. In 1929 Mr. Henry Carrier loaned the boys a truck, and the entire troop went to the State Fair, visiting the Governor and the State Capitol.

There were 32 boys in Capt. Miller's troop. Today there are 168 Scouts in the Transylvania District, with more boys joining every month. There are nine active Scout Troops and five Cub Dens. Charlie Dunlop is the Scoutmaster of Brevard Troop No. 1, and this troop, organized by Mr. Hay, is the oldest in the Daniel Boone Council.

Many Ecustans and other citizens of the county are willingly and unselfishly giving much time and effort to the Scouting program—dealing in character building—preparing the boys of today for leaders tomorrow.

ORIGIN OF "SAFETY FIRST"

"Safety First" is a common slogan but few know how it originated.

According to George S. Rice, formerly of the Bureau of Mines, the slogan was born on October 31, 1911 when that organization staged its first aid contest in Pittsburg on that day. As the various teams paraded around the field, Dr. Joseph A. Holmes, noted that one team carried a banner which read—"Safety is Our First Consideration".

Dr. Holmes commented that if that slogan were abbreviated it would make a fine national slogan.

First Shopper: "You seem to be busy."

Second Shopper: "Yes, I'm trying to get something for my husband."

First Shopper: "Have you had any offers yet?"

Voter: "I wouldn't vote for you if you were St. Peter himself."

Candidate: "If I were St. Peter you couldn't vote for me. You wouldn't be in my district."