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Our Motto "Be Prepared"

THE SLUGGARD.

Oh! you may be a thief, you may be a murderer, you may be sullen, you may be obstinate, but whatever you do, don't be lazy—that is if you want to be known in this world. A thief and a murderer have their notoriety, but a sluggard has nothing. He that steals has his picture in the newspapers, but, alas, no sign of him that loafs on the street corners, smoking the cigarette stubs that others drop into the gutter. He is practically unknown to the world; his name never enters the minds of a progressive people.

The countries of the world have reached the point—especially the United States—that they have no regard for the man who makes a public exhibition of his laziness. Most Americans have a better sensation about them when they shake the hand of a low reputed man than when they squeeze the delicate hand of a sluggard. They have a deep contempt for the man that knows not work.

Of course, we all have a streak of laziness somewhere (in my case it's almost everywhere), but the thing to do is to keep this lazy bird caged. Boys, when you think that all the world is sitting by the wayside in idleness, and comfort, and your beautiful bird of luxury flits up before you and asks for permission to sing, just tell him no, there's one more job that you yourself must do ere you will listen to his song and take his view of life. And when he calls again to you, close your ears from his way, and listen to the welcoming, "Come, my worker, lead the day."

—By Nady Cates.

If the city will give her Scouts a chance, they will prove their make.

WAKE UP BOYS, CAESAR IS COME

Dear Boys:

Have you ever stopped to consider what we should do this year as a Scout organization? Nearly everything else in the way of an organization is planning for bigger things in the near future. I think we should do likewise, and that right early. We have a fine opportunity to strike a blow in High Point which will count for a great deal.

We have two fairly well organized troops of Scouts in the city. They are not as large as they should be, neither are they doing the type of work they should do. I am confident that none of you are satisfied with what is being done. Therefore, I wish to propose the following program for the year, which is just beginning.

1. Make every effort to organize the Local Council on a solid basis, consisting of five or six members with Mr. Wishart as Scout Commissioner. In this way we can have a set of men always accessible and no doubt always interested in our welfare in the city.

2. Fill our troops to the maximum number of 32 and then organize an additional troop. This will increase our membership to 80 or 90.

3. Work for at least 48 First Class Scouts by June 1, 1920, and see that the remaining number consists entirely of Second Class Scouts by the same time.

4. Work for an excellent corps of signalmen, well versed in wig-wag, semaphore and trick signals.

5. Learn and execute the staff drill perfectly.

6. Learn and become proficient in the regular close order drill. This one thing will go far to arouse the people to the good work we are doing and can do.

7. As far as we can let us study the principles of wireless and install several inexpensive stations throughout the city. This will create interest among the boys and adults which will be profitable.

8. Every Scout, as far as he is able, should secure the Scout uniform. We shall make every effort to hold frequent inspection so as to keep every Scout awake and on the alert as to the importance of neatness and the gentlemanly bearing.

9. Above all things every Scout must realize the importance of a

clean life, well ordered life in the school life. It is there where we are judged and often times judged harshly. Since we stand for so much that is upright, clean and wholesome we must show our associates and teachers that we can be depended upon.

10. Let us enlarge and make better the High Point Scout. We must let the people know what we are doing.

I am glad to state that the Consistory of the First Reformed church, in session October 19, granted to us the use of the recreational hall in the basement of the church. It is needless to say that we appreciate this good turn very much. Here we shall have an opportunity to hold regular meetings every Friday evening without the inconveniences of the past. I shall hold regular classes in Scoutcraft along lines which can be developed indoors. Athletic exercises will be held regularly. The first regular meeting was held Friday evening, October 24, at 7.30.

What do you say, boys?

W. M. MARR, S. M.

STAY BEHIND, YOU SLEEPY KIND

Waken, boys and girlies gay,
O'er the city peeps the sun;
Rise and meet the dawning day,
Rise and see your work well done.

But, you sleeper, stay behind,
In the busy streets and drives
Are no places for your kind.
We are after boys who rise.

Stay behind, you sleepy kind,
In this work we pass you by.
In destruction is your sign,
While to labor we do rise.

—By Nady Cates.

It's Sneezy Guess

First Scout—What's the difference between a cold in the nose and a street car conductor?

Second Scout—A cold stops the nose and conductor knows the stops.
—Boys' Life.

It seems that along with the many other things being aroused in High Point, the Boy Scouts should be recognized.

A BUSY BUSINESS.

Mr. Jiggs—"I attend to my business and let other people's alone."

Mr. Briggs—"Then your business is meddling into other people's affairs."