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Boy Scout Week Is February 6 to 12

More than 2,120,000 members of the Boy Scouts of America throughout the nation will observe the 38th anniversary of the organization during Boy Scout Week which opens Friday, Feb. 6 and continues through Thursday, Feb. 12.

The anniversary will be celebrated in every city and town and most villages and hamlets throughout the nation and its possessions. It is young America's largest birthday celebration.

The theme of Boy Scout Week this year is, "The Scout Citizen at Work . . . in his home . . . in his community . . . in his nation . . . in his world." Scouting's activities for the year beginning with the birthday celebration will be related to this theme.

The nation's Boy Scouts are engaged in the program of saving and producing food to alleviate the world's food shortage. As part of their service program this year each Boy Scout is expected to "save a bushel, grow a bushel, share a bushel" of food.

Each Cub Pack, Boy Scout Troop, Senior Scout Unit, will share in a Report to the Nation that will tell of their community services last year and their program for this year. The report will be made to the President of the United States, to Congress and to the United Nations.

In addition to conserving food and natural resources, the Boy Scouts will emphasize safety and fire prevention, home repairs and personal health. Through their World Friendship Fund of voluntary gifts the Scouts have sent more than 3,000 tons of supplies to help Scout organizations overseas to rebuild. This aid is to be continued throughout 1948.

Scouting is having a rebirth in many of the countries ravaged by the war. The Boy Scouts International Bureau in London reports a world membership of 4,409,780 boys and leaders in 42 nations.

World peace and mutual understanding is an objective of Scouting. Through World Scout Jamborees and the resultant expanding interest in friendships, understanding and personal relationships through correspondence these aims are increasingly being met. The Sixth World Jamboree last summer brought 30,000 Boy Scouts and leaders together in France from 38 nations.

The Boy Scouts of America is the largest group in the World Scout Brotherhood. Its 2,120,000 Scouts and Leaders are members of 68,500 Units. They in turn come under the jurisdiction of 545 Local Boy Scout Councils which provide camping experiences, leadership training, Scoutcraft activities and Courts of Honor to mark individual growth through the grades of the various programs.

At special Boy Scout Week meetings fathers, mothers and friends will see that the Scout Unit is an example of "democracy at work." Scouts and parents alike will enjoy an evening given over to Scout games, stunts, campfire songs and skits. Each Unit will make public at these meetings its part of "The Report to the Nation," listing the community services it rendered in 1947 and its plans for this year.

Furthering Flood Control

(Twin City Sentinel)

Contrary to predictions made by John W. Clark, the group of civic, national conservation, and political leaders who assembled in Winston-Salem over the weekend to discuss the flood control project in the Yadkin Valley agreed upon plans designed to promote and speed practical plans for effecting the control of flood-

waters in the valley.

It is true that the program which has been given the green light by Federal authorities does not embrace the development of hydro-lectric power. But it does propose the construction of detention dams on the Yadkin and Reddies rivers for flood control purposes and the application of sound soil conservation measures which will tend to "control" rain water to a great extent before it reaches the larger streams.

Owing to extremely bad weather conditions, the larger meeting planned to be held at the Robert E. Lee Hotel here had to be cancelled. Hence the meeting of a small group including Congressmen John H. Folger and C. B. Deane, Homer M. Wells, chief water conservation, Soil Conservation Service, Washington; W. R. Hine, of the National Forest Service of the Department of Agriculture, Atlanta; Harry J. Krusz, general manager of the Winston-Salem Chamber of Commerce, and others, was limited largely to a discussion of some of the main points in the proposed program.

This project will be of inestimable worth to every community in and near the Yadkin Valley, and in its provision of additional wealth, of immense value likewise to the State and nation. Friends of flood control and soil conservation in the valley and elsewhere should rally to the support of this and similar projects proposed to prevent the ravages of floods and conserve the natural resources of the land. They should fight any penny-wise, pound-foolish viewpoint on Capitol Hill which might arise to defeat in the name of economy the efforts of practical men of vision to have public money wisely invested in the conservation and proper exploitation of our rich natural resources.

- THE - EVERYDAY COUNSELOR

By Rev. Herbert
Spaugh, D. D.



What are you carrying around in your hand, a handshake or a hammer? The Associated Press relates a story from Marion, Ind. where a 16-year-old boy was walking along carrying a heavy wrench. He came to railroad tracks where he saw a padlocked switch. He battered the lock off, threw the switch, then waited around to see what happened. Soon a train came along, ran into the open switch and was wrecked. The boy was apprehended by the police, and asked why he did it. He said, "I don't know. I just wanted something to do."

Many of us are like that boy. We walk along with a hammer in hand, waiting for something or someone to knock. The world is filled with wreckage caused by such an attitude.

A hammer can be a useful instrument in construction, but a vicious one in destruction. This boy's hammer, used viciously, caused a train wreck and the injury of three trainmen.

I once saw in an office this motto, "come in without knocking, and go out the same way." Some people seem to take an unholy delight in "knocking" other people. The habit is vicious and downright destructive. It destroys happiness for all concerned. Unkind criticism even brings unhappiness into the heart of the critic. It destroys homes, churches, businesses, even nations themselves.

Many of you who read this are suffering just now from the wounds inflicted by the unkind hammer blows of criticism inflicted by others. Some of you don't feel too well about those hammer blows which you yourselves inflicted.

Throw that hammer away! It represents jealousy, bitterness, hate. It will contaminate you as well as injure those against whom you use it. As long as you carry it, you're going to be tempted to use it. If you aren't careful, you're going to use it on those whom you really love—your wife, your husband, your children, your friends, your minister. You are going to wound those who are most ready to help you. You're going to need that help badly sometime, if you don't need it now. You may even find that the helper whom you desperately need has been driven away by blows of that hammer.

Throw that hammer away. Then extend that hand in greeting, friendship, encouragement. Remember that love is the most powerful force in the world—even stronger than hate.

ABNORMAL ABSURDITIES

By
DWIGHT
NICHOLS
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LOCAL CHAPTER—

Lash LaRue, heap he-man of western bang bangs and who was here for a personal appearance at the Liberty January 26, returned Sunday to see the girl he dated while here . . . Yes, we're heard that Billy Southworth doesn't manage the Phillies, as stated on your sports page Monday . . . Local people like the way the city and highway forces have been disposing of snow on Main street. When you haul it away it's out of the way . . . One young Miss says she would like the opposite of lower dresses and higher prices . . . And another says, she never allows her beau to kiss her while driving. If he can drive safely while kissing, she said, there's too much attention being given to driving . . . There is one occupation that requires no talent, no training, no technique, no self-denial, no brains, no character and no intelligence. We refer to fault-finding.

ALL THE DATA—

A tourist was on his first visit to Niagara Falls. A guide was trying to impress him with the sight.
"Grand?" hinted the guide.
The tourist did not answer.
"Millions of gallons a minute," continued the guide.
"Ummph," said the visitor.
"Billions and billions of gallons a day," enthused the guide.
"Runs all night too, I suppose," yawned the visitor.

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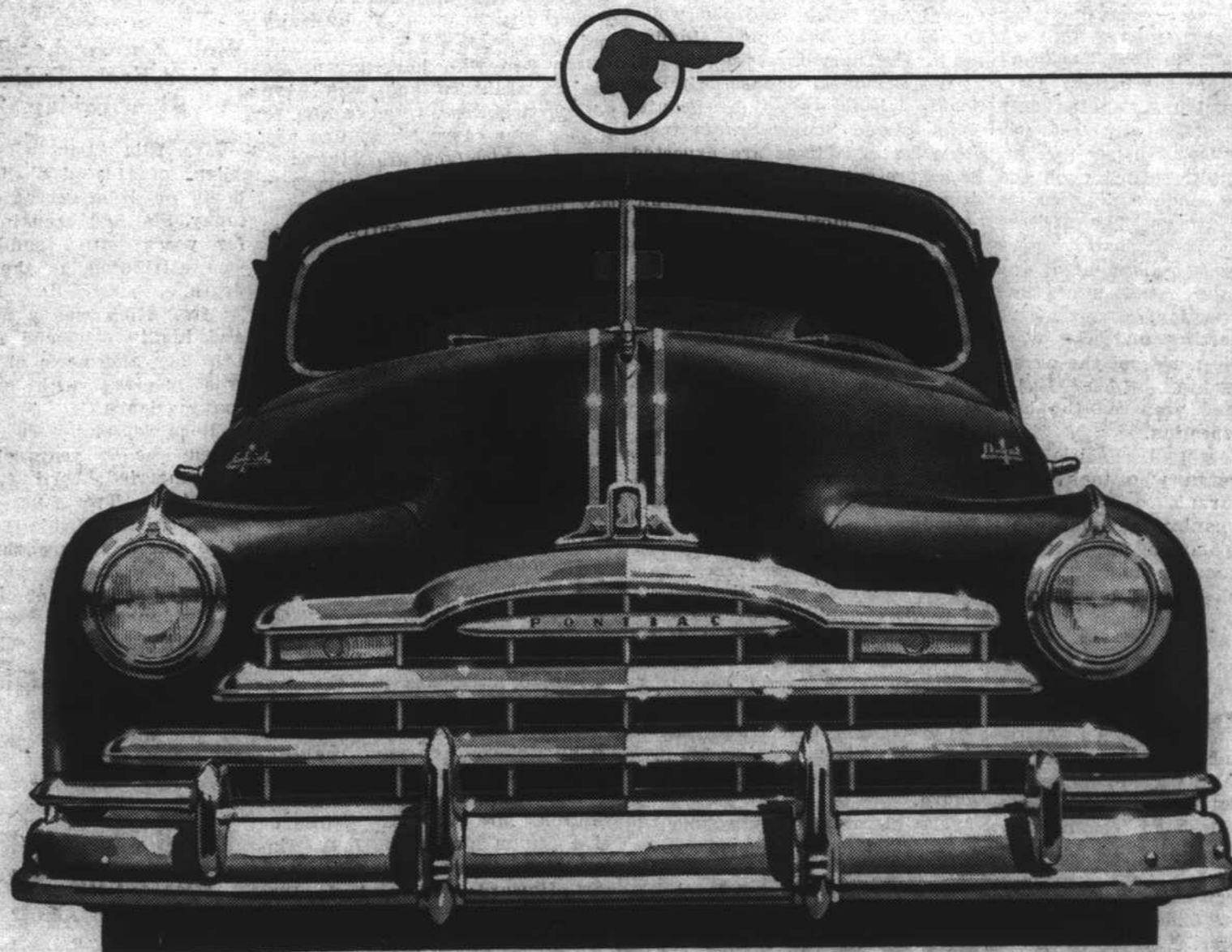
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