



LOCAL NEWS of TROOP ACTIVITIES of INTEREST to SCOUTS and SCOUTERS

The postponement of the December Court Of Honor was decided on, after attempts to locate a suitable speaker had fallen through. Plans had been completed for the Court, but last minute interruptions forced the District Advancement Chairman to postpone it. Plans are now being completed to hold the Court of Honor during the middle of January. It is the hope of the District committee that the Court held in a downtown church during the morning devotional hour. It has definitely been decided that the Court will not be held until after the next Board of Review, scheduled to be held the first Wednesday in January. It is hoped that those Scouts who have not met the requirements for advancement will be able to do so at the next Board of Review. Make plans now to attend the Court of Honor and January Board of Review.

It is a real loss to scouts and scouters of this district in having Don P. Tillar, Vice Chairman of Halifax District and member of the Camping and Activity committee, transferred to New York City, on a temporary assignment. It is understood that Vice Chairman Tillar will be located in New York for the next several months. Mr. Tillar has been one of the most active scouters of this district, and it is hoped that his du-

ties in New York will be such that he will soon be able to return to the city.

The City-wide scrap paper drive scheduled for December 23, is receiving city wide publicity. Roanoke Rapids has not done as much about the shortage of scrap paper as it could or should. It is hoped efforts of the Salvage Committee will meet with success in the scheduled drive. Plans call for Scouts to ride the city trucks and load paper. Trucks will leave the Municipal building at one o'clock and canvass the town. Scouts are asked to assist people in tying and placing the paper on sidewalks, where trucks will pick it up. This is the first of regular monthly scrap drives which will be conducted in the city.

As Christmas draws near, and the end of another year is rapidly drawing to a close, it is proper that we have a message from the Council office. Following is a message from Scout Executive Gaskins, of Wilson:

GREETINGS FROM THE COUNCIL OFFICE

As we draw toward the close of another year, as once again the Christmas Star sends its message of hope throughout a weary and war-torn world, it is well that we who are Scouts should pause and think a bit on things which lie very close to the entire body and

Spirit of Scouting.

Never before in the history of the world have those factors of the Scout Oath taken on so significant a meaning. Remember how we promised, in those early Tenderfoot days: to do our best, to do our duty to God and our Country; to help other people at all times; to keep ourselves physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight? And, isn't it true that in every Scout meeting we renew our pledge to that Oath, and promise to keep its truths alive throughout our entire existence?

The Scout of today is the Man of Tomorrow, and tomorrow the whole wide-world is going to need men who live and practice the ideals of the Scout Oath and Law, and whose motto is "Be Prepared." Your Scout training is "preparedness" in its broadest sense, preparation to serve others and to play your part in the great game of life.

Saturday, we celebrate another Christmas, the birthday of the Prince of Peace. For many of us who have not felt the press of war it is a time of merriment and laughter. For many others it is a time of sadness, and wonder that such things should be. Fathers, brothers and loved ones are fighting in foreign fields. Many have given their lives, many have been maimed for life, that we who today are free may have that heritage of freedom which is ours.

Today millions of Scouts and former Scouts are in active service on many fronts. On the land, on the sea, and in the air, they are Doing Their Duty to God and Their Country. Are we doing our part? Are we keeping the Faith with our old comrades of campfire and hike? We, who have not heard the steady roar of bombers overhead, who have not listened for the clank of tanks, and the tread of marching feet, who do not know the rain and the mud and the stretch of the battlefield? Let us ask ourselves these questions, honestly, as Scouts should. Then let us highly resolve to enter into the coming year with a full determination to Play the Game to its fullest; to enter into whatever asks we are called upon to do in the True Spirit of Scouting, to back up our comrades in the battlefield with all that is in us.

Let us moreover, in the true Spirit of Christmas, come to a full realization that the World of Tomorrow will be a better world in which to live IF we use the blessings which are ours today to make us fully prepared to carry out our duties in that world.

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There'll always be a Christmas



Barbarians from across the seas would, if they could, banish Christmas forever from the earth. But there'll always be a Christmas! May the Christmas season of 1943 find you in the midst of a good old-fashioned Yule celebration.

Merry Christmas from all of us to all of you.

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WE PAUSE, on the Eve of Christmas, 1943, to contemplate how much we owe the perennial character of our customers. With gratitude and pride we scan the list. Some of these customers have been with us for more than a quarter of a century.

To these old customers, to new ones, and to potential ones every member of this organization now joins in wishing "Merry Christmas."

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