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Boy Scout Week

This is Boy Scout Week and it is essential that the public give some thought and consideration to the organization which has been of so much value in leading American boys along the better ways of life.

The Boy Scout movement is a bigger element in American life than the ordinary person would think. In the 30 years of Scouting over 9,000,000 have been engaged in the work and today over 1,300,000 boys and men are enrolled in the organization.

Commenting on Boy Scout Week, The Reidsville Review said:

"Now as never before, American adults are giving their time, energies and financial support to time-tested boys and girls organizations that help mold their children into types of citizens that will guarantee the continued existence of the United States along the pattern set by the nation's founders who gave America its democratic form of government and its precious heritage, the constitution and its bill of rights.

"Supplementing existing organizations such as the home, church and school, the Boy Scouts of America engages boys' leisure-time energies in outdoor life and activities of culture and practical values which lead boys to become dependable men.

"Every president of the United States since William Howard Taft has been an enthusiastic supporter of Scouting and every American who knows anything about Scouting's beneficial program acknowledges it as worthy of continued confidence and trust."

Every public spirited citizen should lend his influence toward promoting Scouting and should render material assistance as opportunities arise.

A Lesson In Americanism

Communist Leader Earl Browder has been sentenced to prison for four years for traveling under forger passports. He will have time, therefore, to ponder the important difference between the way things are done in the land of his origin—America—and the land he seems to think is so much better—Russia.

If the Red chief is a thoughtful man, he might well begin by pondering what would have happened to him if he had been a Russian in Moscow and had advocated that the Soviet change over to a democratic form of government based on the American patterns. Granted he was given a trial at all, it would be a political show, in which he would be prosecuted for his democratic beliefs, and be "liquidated" within 24 hours.

The trial at which he was convicted in New York City recently was of a far different order. The jury was not concerned with the point that the defendant was a Communist; the prosecutor stuck closely to proof of the fact that Browder had used American passports, illegally—in other words, that he had abused his privilege of citizenship. This was the only grounds upon which the man was convicted, and he was allowed to speak at great length in his own defense. Compared with Browder's oratorical flight and his claim of being "persecuted" for his political color, the summation of the case by the District Attorney is an object lesson in real Americanism and real justice. Here is what he had to say about Browder:

"He has made a mockery of everything we hold dear—the sacred right of passport by which the American citizen travels abroad with the protection of the United States government; the proof of citizenship in birth certificates and naturalization papers that were tampered with so that this man could visit Moscow on passports in the names of others.

"Our country is not a laughing stock. It is not to be made a joke of, nor are its passport laws to be taken into Browder's massive hands for reasons of his own selfish interests. The American people have a sense of humor, but the time has come to put a stop to this prostitution of the right of safe conduct abroad."

The Communist leader will have plenty of time to ponder the duties and obligations of American citizenship in the days that lie ahead.

HERE'S WHY

Some men are born leaders and others never can guess which way the crowd is going.—The New Castle News.

Borrowed Comment

WALK AROUND GERMANY

(Lond. News Topic)
 The Nazi government is strengthening its defense against foreign information as definitely as against foreign arms. It is almost impossible to get into the Reich a book or newspaper or letter conveying facts that the masters of Germany do not want their people to have.

New law enforcement agencies have been established to deal severely with citizens ignoring such prohibitions. The authorities have been "cracking down" especially on listening to foreign broadcasts. The Department of Justice has informed the public that imprisonment and even death sentences will be imposed on offenders.

And it isn't merely German citizens who are affected. Recently warnings have been broadcast that aliens residing in the Reich must obey the same law against listening to alien radio programs.

Considerable foreign information is probably smuggled in. Even so, Germany as a whole seems pretty well safeguarded against the entrance of truth regarding what is being done and said and thought in the free world outside. The Russians are still more isolated.

It is an almost incredible situation, at a time when the means of enlightenment are far greater than ever before. And this is perhaps the worst of all the misfortunes of the German people. Their lives and minds are darkened by masters who do not dare to let them know the truth.

SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENT

(Shelby Daily Star)

On a day when Wake Forest college was celebrating its 106th birthday by taking stock of plans for medical school hospital expansion, there came news of still more extensions in North Carolina's training and treatment facilities in connection with disease and suffering.

Duke university will add a department of psychiatry and mental hygiene dedicated to the alleviation of mental disease; Duke will also build an addition to its stately hospital, an institution already famed for its exemplary service in spite of its comparatively few years of existence. The addition will provide 117 more beds.

The Duke announcements are particularly significant in view of increased emphasis on the state of mind as a factor in physician disease. Doctors come more and more to link the science of the mind to medical science. Medicine stresses more and more in its diagnosis and treatment the matter of mental makeups.

Significance of the Duke purpose in psychiatry and mental hygiene has already been recognized in the Rockefeller foundation's grant of \$175,000 to support a full range of activities. Like the forerunning Duke hospital and medical school, the psychiatry-mental hygiene department and related program will be in a position to render fine service both from the standpoint of student training and psychiatric unit-out-patient service, admirably supplementing the now existent psychology and neurotic work.

The past record of achievement of the Durham institution's medical service augurs well for the success of the latest endeavor. Progress in Tarheel institutions truly marches on—and marches firmly and serviceably.

BE COURTEOUS TO CENSUS-TAKERS

(Mecklenburg Times)

Census-takers are beginning to get around—for the business census at this time and in the immediate future and for the population count a little later.

The gathering of information is a decennial census is such a public service that probably few citizens think otherwise than of wishing to be helpful in the undertaking. Yet the director of the census William L. Austin, has issued a memorandum pointing out that a person may be fined up to \$100 or sentenced to 60 days in jail for refusal to answer a census question, or may pay a still higher penalty for giving intentionally incorrect information. At the same time census employees are strictly required to keep such information confidential. A fine of \$1,000 or two years imprisonment or both might follow the divulging of personal data to an outsider.

Under these conditions it is not worth the price to try to keep a secret from the census taker. Better meet him or her courteously and answer all questions asked honestly and with no attempt to withhold the information desired.

LEAVE WOMEN ALONE

Day by day there seems to be fewer places where a vaccination mark can hide.—The Muncie Morning Star.

ONE WAY

Another good way to be rid of all earthly troubles is to assume that the water is deep enough for a high-dive.—The Nashville Banner.

NO SUCH ANIMAL

There is no such thing as an average man—to hear them tell about it themselves. There are all above the pack.—Los Angeles Times.

MOVIES, TALKIES AND SMELLIES

In conjunction with a technicolor short of a rose garden, a rose perfume is wafted through the theatre. Luckily, this development set in after "Stablemates."—Detroit News.

Economy is on all the front pages just now. Wonder whether it will sink in, or just rub off.—Boston Globe.

Ferguson News

FERGUSON, Feb. 7.—The local school resumed work Monday after a week's discontinuance due to the heavy weather. According to the reports of many local residents we have had the coldest weather since about 1903; when the Yadkin River was frozen with six inches of ice and teams were able to walk over readily without breaking in. Such unusual weather conditions not only cause an extra amount of sickness, but freezes canned fruit, potatoes, water pipes and many other things having only ordinary protection.

Rev. and Mrs. A. J. Foster have been confined to their rooms due to a rather severe attack of flu. They are reported to be much improved. Mrs. U. G. Matherly has also had flu but is much better now. Her son, Mr. Lafayette Matherly, of Miami, Fla., has been visiting his parents for several days.

The Home Demonstration Club met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Wheeling last week. Miss Harriet McGoogan, Home Agent was present for the meeting.

Mr. Vilas Walsh happened to a rather dangerous accident some days ago when he went to crank up his car in his garage. It was a very cold morning and he closed the door to the garage while warming up his automobile. The building being very tight caused an excessive amount of gas to gather which soon caused Mr. Walsh to lapse into unconsciousness. But for the quick aid of a physician the accident might have proved fatal. However, Mr. Walsh has recovered and has returned to his usual work.

Capt. and Mrs. Geo. F. Weise, of the Patterson Industrial School at Legerwood, and Miss Frances Chester teacher and secretary of the school attended the Grange meeting last Saturday night. Capt. Weise is Superintendent of this school which is doing a great work for the boys of this and other sections of the state. In addition to the regular course of high school study, instruction is also given in Agriculture with practical experience on the large farm of the school.

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Sanders has pneumonia and was taken to a hospital in Lenoir for treatment. Very little improvement is reported in the child's condition as yet.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Shepherd went to Wilkesboro last week where they met Mrs. Shepherd's father, Mr. Eugene Ballou and made a trip to Ashe county where Mr. Ballou formerly made his home.

The children of Mr. and Mrs. Roby Bishop have been sick for several days but will probably be able to return to school right away.

Miss Blanche K. Ferguson went to Richmond last week where she is visiting her brother, W. H. Ferguson, for several days.

Mr. and Mrs. Hub Minton have moved to Norfolk, Va., which is the home of Mrs. Minton's parents. Mr. and Mrs. John Setzer, former residents of this community. Mr. and Mrs. Warren Hamby now occupy the home vacated by Mr. and Mrs. Minton on Beaver Creek.

"Gus," said Bill, as he caught up with Gus on the way back to camp, "are all the rest of the boys out of the woods yet?"

"Yes," said Gus.
 "All six of them?"
 "Yes, all six of them?"
 "And they're all safe?"
 "Yep," answered Gus, "they're all safe."
 "Then," said Bill, his chest swelling, "I've shot a deer."

NOTICE OF APPLICATION TO OPERATE MOTOR VEHICLE CARRIER AND DATE OF HEARING THEREON

As required by Section 3, Chapter 136, Public Laws of 1927, notice is hereby given that application has been made by S. & E. Transfer Company, for a Franchise Certificate, authorizing the operation of motor vehicles for transporting freight between Elkin and North Wilkesboro over the public highways via the intervening towns of N. C. 468, via Ronda and Roaring River, and that the Utilities Commission will hold a hearing on the said application in State Depts. Bldg., at Raleigh, on Tuesday, 19th, March, 1940, at 10:30 o'clock a. m. N. C. UTILITIES COMMISSION. By R. O. SELF, Chief Clerk. 8-12-16

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Written Announces For Governor On The G.O.P. Ticket

WITTEN, Feb. 7.—Dr. Witten, of Salisbury, today announced that he is a candidate for the Republican nomination for governor of North Carolina, subject to the party's primary.

Dr. Witten's announcement comes as the first since the Republican party recently declared its intention of holding a state-wide primary for the nomination of candidates. Another candidate expected to announce presently is John R. Hoffmann, Burlington attorney, who is a native of Guilford county.

Already there are six candidates in the field for the Democratic nomination.

Dr. Witten seeks the G. O. P. nomination on a platform including: Elimination of the state sales tax, lower taxes on automobiles and their operation, revision of election laws, a state referendum on liquor stores, and a civil service law for state employees.

Dr. Witten is a native of Ohio who has lived in North Carolina for some years. He has participated in past Republican campaigns in the state as a speaker. He is a graduate of West Virginia Wesleyan college and Drew university in New Jersey.

During the world war he was chief engineer of the government power plant at Nitro, W. Va. He has served three years as government agent, school superintendent and doctor on the Annette Island Indian reservation in Metlakatla, Alaska, is a former Chautauqua lecturer, and has taken part in national Republican campaigns as a member of the speakers bureau of the Republican national committee.

Double Creek School News

Most schools in this section were closed for a few days because of bad weather and road conditions, but our school has not closed yet, and we are hoping not to.

Our attendance has been a little low, but is gaining again. The fifth, sixth and seventh grades have been averaging about 38. The lower grades have been averaging about 65. When we are all here we have 115.

The fifth, sixth and seventh grades are having a nice time making a healthy scrapbook. The ones who have the nicest are going to get a prize.

JEAN R. BREWER,
 EVELYN L. SIDEN.

REAL EVIDENCE

Father came downstairs carrying his jacket over his arm. He looked hard at his wife and then at his son.

"That boy has taken money from my pocket," he stormed.
 "Henry," she ejaculated, "how can you say that? Why, it might have been me."
 Father shook his head.
 "No, my dear," he replied, "it wasn't you. There was some left."

"You see, I'm buying this fountain pen for my wife."
 "A surprise, eh?"
 "I'll say so. She's expecting a Packard."

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