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Boy Scout Week

The Boy Scouts of America is celebrating its thirty-second birthday this week. This is an anniversary that the whole nation could well celebrate—celebrate with thanks in its heart that such an organization exists!

The aim and purpose of Scouting—character and citizenship—are the aim and purpose of every Democracy. Without these two ideal qualities Democracy becomes a sham—a dictatorship.

America was wrested from a wilderness by a determined people—people who had fine character; people who understood the responsibilities as well as the privileges of citizenship. Therefore it was only natural that the ideals of the Scout Movement, as expressed in the Scout Oath and Law, should meet with such widespread approval in this country.

Scouting builds men; it develops citizenship. Scouting is America—it is as American as Indian corn, as American as ice cream sodas. Americans accept Scouting because it is continually strengthening and invigorating democracy.

Volunteer Method

Despite criticism from some sources, the U. S. navy continues to rely on voluntary enlistments for its man power and the U. S. army continues to accept volunteers.

The volunteer method is one of the greatest phases of a democracy in periods of crisis and by all means should be retained as one of our cardinal principles.

A radio commentator last week directed some criticism at the system of receiving volunteers into the army, saying that the government should be the only voice in the matter and that men should not be accepted unless called for in the regular form of selective service.

While granting the efficient of such a system in handling manpower, we point out that the commentator failed to consider the greatest force, the morale of the soldier and his desire to serve.

It would be disastrous to tell a man that he could not enter the service until he is called. That would undermine morale of the men who must do the fighting.

Acceptable volunteers should by all means be accepted and welcomed into whatever branch of service they wish to join.

As an example of the value of the volunteer system, just consider the record of the 30,000 men with General MacArthur on the Philippines. They were pre-war volunteers. They were pre-war volunteers who joined the service because they wanted to.

They are making a record which will be known in every household in years to come. The volunteer method is best illustrated by this actual example of what happened.

A handsome young man was a law student at one of our leading universities. On a mid-winter vacation trip he saw many soldiers near army camps and came in contact with men of the navy along the coast.

After his vacation trip was finished he went to the nearest navy recruiting station and enlisted for the duration.

He did it because he wanted to do his part, to share with other young men of the nation the dangers, toils and labor of defeating the enemy.

"Every time I see a man in uniform it seems I can hear him say: 'There is nothing wrong with you. Why aren't you in uniform. Do you expect us to fight your fight while you continue your way in ease, safety and comfort? The liberty which we will fight for will benefit you just as much as me.' Those were the words of the young man when he stated his intention to volunteer.

Do we want to do away with volunteer enlistments when that method enables

eager young men to get into service of the country earlier than waiting for their draft numbers to be called?

Borrowed Comment

HOARDING

(Waynesville Mountaineer)

We are a firm believer in thrift. We consider the man who does not plan ahead for his wants and needs, is an unwise person and ordinarily would be considered shiftless not to provide at the present things that later he knows he will need.

But the tendency on the part of some American citizens at the first suggestion of food shortages to start buying wholesale, where formerly they bought retail, to us, is a mark of lack of cooperation with the present emergency.

We are told that the sugar shortage is an artificial one, and that had not persons all over the country starting hoarding this desirable commodity, there would have been no reason for rationing. This is a form of hysteria, and is not strictly speaking, thrift.

When we at home consider how our lives go on from day to day, in the most part in a normal fashion (certainly so here in Haywood county) against the life of men in the armed forces of our country, (many of whom are now actually engaged in fighting), the idea of complaining about an extra spoonful of sugar in a cup of coffee reveals a spirit we don't like to encounter.

If, in time, the government rules that we must have strict food rationing, let us look upon it as our part of "service" in the home guard that is also doing its bit to win the war. If sugar is needed for the manufacture of munitions how can any red blooded American citizen take its rationing any other way?

This war has to be won. There are things at stake for this country that are far more vital than our appetites. Things of both spiritual and material values, that we do not know how to estimate, for here in America we have enjoyed them so long, that we do not understand how it would be to exist without them.

We cannot afford to be confirmed pessimists about the emergency, but we must all become realists before we can take our place either in the armed forces or the civilian defenders as competent fighters.

So let us refrain from hoarding, but go along with the demand of the times, remember we are no better than the other fellow. If he can take it we can too.

THE TRUTH ABOUT SAN FRANCISCO

(The San Francisco Call-Bulletin)

The San Francisco Bay region and other West Coast communities are seriously concerned about the distorted conception of war conditions here, increasingly prevalent elsewhere in the country.

Ever since the outbreak of hostilities, residents of the Pacific coast in contact with relatives and friends in the East have been busy discounting the wildest sort of rumors and allaying baseless fears.

The first disposition here was to be amused, and then to be angered and finally to be distressed.

The great majority of people here have families in the East and West, and the unwarranted distortions and exaggerations of conditions here have tended very definitely to undermine national morale.

It should not be a difficult matter, and it should indeed be a matter of plain duty, to ascertain and tell the exact truth about the effect of the war in this region.

Casual observation would disclose, and competent analysis would confirm, that a completely normal order of life is being maintained.

Of course, there have been blackouts and preparations for civilian defense.

There have even been alarms.

But the people are going about the orderly routine of their daily living, and are performing their usual tasks, and conducting themselves in all respects as Americans SHOULD do in a time of national peril and duty.

There are relatively few departures of people to be specifically attributed to the war.

There are absolutely NO evacuations. Industrial activity is not merely thriving but booming.

And productive and profitable employment is easily beyond the peak of the national average—which is at its most wholesome lever in many years.

There is surely no malice or vindictiveness behind that false picture which has been presented.

Why should carelessness and irresponsibility be permitted to accomplish injury and wrongs of the same nature actual malice would produce?

Abnormal Absurdities

By DWIGHT NICHOLS, et al.

HE USES BLACKOUTS

It has been told that a local youth is using the blackout maneuver to his own personal advantage. Every time now when he is with his girl and hears the fire siren he rushed to turn out the lights.

NOW YOU TELL ONE

The lady who was asked by the census taker if she was unmarried said she had never been married.

And then there was the girl who was like paint. Get her stirred up and she was hard to get off your hands.

The judge told the man he was letting him off light and for him to stay out of bad company. He told the judge he'd never see him there again.

People who stay 35 or less will never live to be 100.

The husband whose wife told him that she had given him the best years of her life wanted to know if he did not make them her best years.

A COUPLE O' CHUCKLES

It is more than a century ago that Napoleon hot-footed it to Russia, got cold feet after he reached Moscow and hurried back home to France. Now we hear that Hitler, like Napoleon, is complaining about the weather in Russia. And we hear the Russians reply, "Cold? What do you mean? You ain't seen nothing yet." Which brings to mind a limerick written by Rudyard Kipling in one of his lighter moments. It ran like this: There was a young man of Quebec Who was frozen in snow to his neck. When asked, "Are you friz?" He replied, "Yes, I is. But we don't call this cold in Quebec."

So let this be a warning to Hitler and his horde to keep out of Quebec. Another country we've been hearing about lately is Thailand. Until the Far East countries got into the news, few people had heard of Thailand or knew that it was the new name for Siam who gave us the famous Siamese Twins and whose emperor came over here some years ago to have a tooth pulled or an eye fixed or something. Just why Siam changed her name to Thailand, we do not know unless she didn't like the limerick about the Siamese maiden that ran— There once was a maiden of Siam Who said to her boy friend young Kiam. "If you kiss me, of course, You will have to use force. But the Lord knows you're stronger than I am."

It looks as though we've gotten ourselves into a limerick rut. We may as well make the best of it so we'll hop over to Guam which is also much in the news these days. Guam once had a popular limerick which, brought up to date would go like this:— There once was a Jap in Guam Who said, "Now the ocean's so calm He encountered a shark. I will swim for a lark." Let us now sing the 90th Psalm. And finally, with no further comment You've heard of fat Goering in Munich. Whose appetite simply was unich "There's nothing like food." He contentedly cooed As the buttons popped off from his tunic.

Sheriff Weaned

Okmulgee, Okla.—Sheriff John Lenox says he will make no more sporting offers to his prisoners. Saturday two boys, held for transfer to the state training school as juvenile delinquents, threatened to jump off the four-story jail building unless they got their freedom.

Lenox countered with an offer of a 10-hour start if they would come down. One of the boys got as far as Durant before he was captured. The other still is making the most of his 10-hour opportunity.

CALVES

Dairy farmers can step up milk production to take advantage of good price prospects and help meet national dairy goals by breeding well developed heifers at 15 months instead of 18 to 20 months.

"Where Friends Meet—To Eat"

Genuine Homemade Mexican Chili. Regular Dinners. Oysters. Finest of Western Steaks.

The Blue Circle

All American Drama At The Liberty



Robert Young is surrounded by two other "spectant fathers" in this scene from "Joe Smith, American," M-G-M's drama of a typical American family, at the Liberty Thursday and Friday. In order to avoid the jitters, the to-be-daddy on the right is producing some card tricks to calm his nerves until that heir arrives!

Action, suspense and excitement are adroitly mixed in "Joe Smith, American," with Robert Young giving a powerful performance as a man who outwits a gang of thugs in an unexpected climax as has been seen on the screen in some time.

The story is as timely as this morning's front page. Young has the title role as a steady, unassuming worker in an aircraft factory. Marsha Hunt is his wife, and ten-year-old Darryl Hickman portrays their son.

They are symbolic of the average young American family. Young is detailed to work on a secret bomb sight which draws the attention of four enemy agents. He is kidnaped and tormented, but refuses to divulge the secret mechanism. His escape by a dramatic ruse is logical and his swift memory serves to capture the gang in a brilliant climax.

Cuba Sugar Mill Activity Soars

Havana, Feb. 1.—Sugar is again king in Cuba. One hundred and fifty of a total of 158 mills were grinding today at full capacity, manufacturing the largest sugar output in Cuba since 1917—4,500,000 tons. The remaining seven mills will start grinding before the end of next week.

The mills will grind day and night, seven days a week until the allotted amount or quota for each mill is completed.

Four million tons of the sugar already has been bought by the United States at a fixed price of 3.74 cents per pound. An additional increase in this price, represented by a reduction in duty of 15 points—from 90 cents per hundredweight to 75 cents per 100 pounds—will be enjoyed by all Cuban sugar entering American ports under the new tariff as a result of the recently negotiated sugar purchasing pact between Cuba and the United States.

Workers Needed

This column will carry a list of local, intrastate, and interstate openings. For further information concerning these openings, apply to your local office of the United States Employment Service between the hours of 8:30 a. m. and 1:00 p. m., located over the Duke Power Company.

Maid, Tenant Farmers, Farm Hands, Tool Grinder Operators Automobile Mechanics, Airplane Mechanics, Water Plant Attendant, Radio Mechanics, Bench Tool Makers, Jig and Fixture Tool Makers, Loggers, Industrial Engineers, Dairymen, Women's Garment Salesperson, Wood Patternmaker, Male and Female Stenographers, Female Typists, Powder and Explosive Inspectors, Motor Transport Assistant Instructors, Gas Plant Operator, Assemblymen, Helper, Trainees—wood working machine, metal working machine,athe, punch press, drill presses, stamping presses, boring mill, arc welding, blacksmith, sheet metal, foundry and pipe fitting.

Mountain View School Reports

In our senior Sociology classes we have a group of books from the Library of the State University in order to extend our study in Civic Sociology.

We are reading Shakespeare's famous play "Macbeth" in the eleventh grade English class.

The floors in both the high school and elementary school buildings have been recently oiled. Mr. Frank Spencer of the Winston-Salem Journal and Sentinel was out at Mountain View and took the pictures of the boys and girls basketball teams and also the class officers of each grade in high school.

Last week we had a fire drill in high school. We all got out of the school building properly, considering the fact that we had never before had a fire drill.

On Thursday, January 29, the Mountain View school purchased a twenty-five dollar defense bond. Mr. Halfacre, vice president of the Bank of North Wilkesboro, was present at the assembly exercises and gave a speech which was enjoyed very much by the student body. We all feel that we have been patriotic to our country now that we have contributed a small part toward this bond.

The tenth grade are now practicing their junior play which is to be given March 13. The name of the play is "Trouble in Paradise". The tenth grade have improved the appearance of their home room by putting patriotic pictures on the bulletin board.

SCRAP

To aid the war program, 4-H Club members of Sampson county are collecting scrap metal as a club project. reports J.P. Stovall, assistant farm agent.

Beware Coughs from common colds That Hang On

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REMINDERS by Reddy Kilowatt

The inventive genius of man has made it possible for me to perform all sorts of household tasks as well as industrial operations.

My job in the home a good many years ago was simply to furnish light—and it was glaring, un-diffused light at that. Today I do all sorts of jobs—operate your radio, cook your food, refrigerate your food, sweep your floors, wash and iron your clothes, keep you warm or keep you cool, curl your hair, light your cigarette, and perform a host of other tasks.

And I do all of these jobs so cheaply that I can literally say: "I CERTAINLY CUT THE COST OF BETTER LIVING."

Your Servant,
Reddy Kilowatt