

For the Children

Boy Scouts Enjoying a
Melon Feast in Camp.



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Reports to national headquarters show that thousands of the Boy Scouts of America now are in camp in various parts of the country. The encampments vary from a troop of twenty-four to a thousand boys. The leaders of the Boy Scouts of America appreciate the danger of large encampments and for that reason announced some months ago that they would have no national encampment. They pointed out that it is much wiser for the boys to get their first experience in camping in small groups. They also have sent out bulletins to the scout masters of the extreme necessity of using all sanitary precautions in camping and warning the scout masters not thoroughly versed in methods of having camps sanitary against taking the boys into camps of more than two or three days. The illustration shows a couple of New York boy scouts enjoying a feast of watermelon beside their tent.

Magnetic Currents.

Procure a gold ring, the more massive the better, and attach it to a silk thread about a dozen inches long. Fasten the other end of the thread around the nail joint of the forefinger of the right hand. Rest your elbow on the table to steady your hand and hold the thread in such a position, as to allow the ring to hang about half an inch above the surface of the table. Hold your finger out straight and throw back your thumb as far as possible. So long as there is nothing on the table the ring will remain stationary.

Place some silver coin immediately below it, when the ring will begin to oscillate back and forth, and to and from you. If you bring your thumb in contact with your forefinger the oscillations will become transverse to their former swing. This may also be effected by allowing some one to take hold of your disengaged hand. These effects are produced by the animal magnetic currents given forth by the hands of the experimenters.

Tree Puzzles.

- The tree used in kissing? Tulip.
- The level tree? Plane.
- The tree used in a bottle? Cork.
- The fisherman's tree? Basswood.
- The tree that belongs to the sea? Bay.
- An immortal tree? Arbor Vitae.
- A tree worn in oriental countries? Sandal.
- A tree used in battle? Bayonet.
- A tree used in drawing an accurate line? Plum.
- A tree used to describe pretty girls? Peach.
- An emblem of grief? Weeping Willow.
- A personal-pronoun tree? Yew.
- The sweetest tree? Maple.

Old Proverbs.

- It is difficult to tame the proud.
- The end of a feast is better than the beginning of a quarrel.
- A cat may look at a king.
- Without treasure, without friends.
- Wine is sweet, to pay for it is bitter.
- Character is better than wealth.
- No man is wise at all times.
- Not every flatterer is a friend.
- Sleep is the image of death.
- Enough is a feast.

Nursery Rhymes.

"Three Blind Mice" is in a music book of 1609, and must have been familiar to the early English settlers of our country. "Old Mother Hubbard" and "Goosey, Goosey, Gander," date back to the sixteenth century.

Health Alphabet.

- A is for Adenoids, which no child should own.
 - B for right Breathing to give the lungs tone.
 - C is for Cough, which we should not neglect.
 - D for the Dentist, who finds tooth defect.
 - E is for Evils of foul air and dirt.
 - F is for Fresh air—too much cannot hurt.
 - G is for Gardens, where boys and girls play.
 - H is for Hardness gained in that way.
 - I is for Infection from foul drinking cups.
 - J is for Joy in the bubbling taps.
 - K is for Knowledge of rules of good health.
 - L is for Lungs, whose soundness is wealth.
 - M is for Milk; it must be quite pure.
 - N is for Nurses, your health to insure.
 - O is for Oxygen, not found in a crowd.
 - P is for Pencils—in mouths not allowed.
 - Q is for Quiet, which sick people need.
 - R is for Rest, as part of our creed.
 - S is for Sunshine to drive germs away.
 - T is for Toothbrush, used three times a day.
 - U is for Useful health rules in the school.
 - V is the Value of learning these rules.
 - W is for Worry, which always does harm.
 - X is for Xcess—indulge in no form.
 - Y is for Youth, the time to grow strong.
 - Z is for Zest. Help the good work along.
- Chicago Tuberculosis Nurse in Survey.

IMPRESSIONS OF A VISITOR

"SARATOGA OF THE SOUTH"
(Staff Correspondence Charleston News and Courier.)

Hendersonville, N. C., August 21.—Special: Hendersonville, the Saratoga of the South, is filled to the top, and then some, with visitors. From all points of the compass they have come, and still there is room for more. August marks the height of the season, when it is estimated that between 12,000 and 15,000 people from other places are visiting in and about this mountain resort.

It is no longer a secret that Asheville, the Hub of the Land of the Sky, is viewing with alarm the tremendous leaps and bounds that Hendersonville is now making in the line of progress. That settled air of condescension with which Asheville greeted in the past all references to Hendersonville's growth has given away to a feeling of apprehension. In fact Asheville is constrained to do a little "hustling" for the summer tourists' patronage. Of course, Hendersonville is all smiles over the situation, and she is not letting tourists leave her gates displeased. Her best foot is forward.

"Booster's."

To one who is perfectly familiar with the growth of Hendersonville, it does not seem extravagant to describe this town as the Saratoga of the South. Not, however, the Saratoga of "doctored" springs and "doctored" races, but the summer resort of the well-to-do Southerner. It is destined to be the great summer "play ground" of this section of the States. Once a summer is spent here a taste for the place is found to be a growing one.

Along her broad and well paved streets one sees in the course of a day thousands of visitors, all on pleasure bent. Her roadways are filled with splendid automobiles and numerous other vehicles. "Fashionable" is the word that rightly describes the place, when judged by the throngs of people summering here.

Why Hendersonville Grows.

There are two reasons here, as elsewhere, why the growth of Hendersonville is and promises to continue almost phenomenal. First, there are a group of enterprising and wide-awake boosters, as may be found anywhere. These men talk and write "Hendersonville," because they believe in it. The other reason why the town is fast growing too large for "short pants" is because outsiders have discovered that Hendersonville can "deliver the goods."

Death of "Moss Backs."

In other words, it is an attractive and convenient place at which to buy a lot and build. Until recently certain old "moss backs" of the community resented in a manner highly disagreeable the moving in of any "frank outsiders." They left no stone unturned in the efforts to keep people from other States who contemplated taking boarders from getting suitable residences. But fortunately the old "moss backs" have had their day. The land "booster" is everywhere in evidence. On trees, on hill sides, in vehicles, ubiquitous, stand forth in flaring letters the sign, "Buy a Lot." "Dirt" used to be cheap here. It is not dear yet but it will be soon. The great improvements the town is making in a civic way are having their inevitable effect. Property is increasing daily in price.

Like fairy homes there are springing up on hill sides around and about the town, clubs, where for a few dollars per week, one may rent a cottage and enjoy the great community club house.

These clubs have proven to be good investments and are always filled to their capacity. There are many prominent South Carolinians whose names are on the club rolls. Other clubs are contemplated.

A \$100,000 Hotel.

If report be true, in another year Hendersonville will boast of a splendid and costly hotel. Out at Laurel Park, called "the most beautiful natural park in America," it is proposed now to erect a \$100,000 hotel in time for next season. The small "Retreat" at Laurel Park has thus far turned away more than 400 persons because of lack of room.

Along the popular promenades, of an afternoon, one sees the faces of scores of Charlestonians and other South Carolinians. It is not unlikely that the Saratoga of the South owes much of her "hustle" and attractiveness to the fact that she is the summer home of so many South Carolinians.

Federal Highways for North Carolina.

If a bill introduced in the senate by Senator Cullom, of Illinois, becomes a law, seven great highways all originating in Washington and radiating to the various sections of the country, will be constructed by the Federal Government. These seven roads would pass through all but six states.

North Carolina would be favored, by securing two of the great highways should the bill pass congress. The Monroe National Interstate Highway would extend from Washington to Austin, Texas, via New Orleans. It is stipulated that this road should go by way of Charlottesville, Va., through North Carolina to Atlanta. The Lee National Interstate Highway is another of the proposed roads which would extend from Washington to Jacksonville and Miami, Florida. The bill provides that this road shall extend by the most direct route through Virginia via Richmond, North Carolina via Charleston, thence to Savannah and Jacksonville.

Mr. J. M. James who has been spending several weeks in the city returned to his home in Wilmington yesterday. Mr. James remarked that he did not think so much of this place on passing through several times, but that since he had spent sometime here he had been forced to admit that it was a most delightful place to visit for rest, recreation, or most anything that went to make up the sum total of human happiness.

CENTRAL HIGHWAY.

It is very pleasing, indeed, to know that the people throughout the south and a great many from other sections of the country are flocking to the different resorts in western North Carolina and this season has been an unusually prosperous season with all the resorts in all that mountain country. Our own North Carolina people are recognizing more and more every day that we have the most beautiful scenery, the purest water, the finest climate in western North Carolina that can be found in any part of the United States.

For a number of years the Presbyterian church of the south has had a famous resort at Montreat, near Black Mountain. They now have something over 300 cottages, all of which are full and they report the greatest season in the history of Montreat. The Methodists are establishing a great resort near Waynesville in Haywood county. A few years ago the Baptists bought something like a thousand acres of land in Buncombe county around Terrell station which they call Blument and they now have 58 beautiful homes and cottages which are occupied by something like 500 people from eighteen different states. 1911 has been their greatest year and they haven't been able to accommodate all the people who want to go there. They are now making preparations to build a large, up-to-date hotel and a number of boarding houses, in order to accommodate the people next year, in fact, when western North Carolina builds a system of roads, which they are now doing, all that section is going to be a play ground and there will be thousands of tourists in the mountains, where they have hundreds now.

A number of people from this section are interested in Blument. It was the pleasure of the writer to attend a good roads meeting at Blument last Wednesday, and, incidentally, to look over that coming resort. Prof. Harvey B. Craven, of New Bern, a brother of Mr. E. B. Craven of Lexington, has a beautiful home at Blument and I heard it rumored that he was thinking seriously about locating there permanently. He is very much in love with the mountains. Another Davidson county man who is very much interested in that section is Mr. Ernest W. Kooz, the popular conductor on the western North Carolina railroad, running from Salisbury to Asheville. He owns about 170 acres of beautiful mountain land on the north side of the railroad adjoining the Blument property. Rev. M. L. Kesler, the popular superintendent of the Thomasville Orphanage has a beautiful cottage at Blument. In fact, all North Carolina Baptists are deeply interested in Blument.

The great Central Highway, which is now being built from Beaufort Harbor to the Tennessee line, runs via Old Fort, Round Knob, splitting E. W. Kooz's mountain farm, wide open on by Blument, Black Mountain to Asheville. This great road when completed will mean a great deal to that section, more than the people can imagine. The fact is, when the National Highway is perfected and the Central Highway completed and the Crest of the Blue Ridge Highway and western North Carolina is properly advertised, it will be dotted with hotels and magnificent homes and it will unquestionably be, in my opinion, the most prosperous section of the entire state. It is not a great farming country, but they grow the finest fruit in the world, but their greatest asset and the one that should be advertised is the beautiful scenery, the pure water and the fine climate, for with these attractions and good roads leading to them, there is no question about the prosperity of the people who live in the mountains. I am glad to say that they are making great progress along this line. The man who owns a small farm and one ox is doing more to build roads in the mountains than the ordinary man in Piedmont North Carolina who is worth \$25,000 or \$50,000. They are going to have good roads.

Probably the most difficult piece of road on the Central Highway is a stretch of between 7 and 8 miles between Old Fort and the top of the mountain at the Buncombe county line. It is really too big a job for one township and the result is that Rev. B. W. Spillman, who is at the head of Blument, agreed the other day that they would build one mile of road from the Buncombe county line in McDowell toward Old Fort if somebody else would build a mile. A farmer out in the woods asked him if he meant business. He said that he did. Mr. Fruit, the mountaineer said he would build a mile and would commence at once. The result is he is now grading his mile of road and a number of other mountain men who are poor have agreed to contribute as much as \$200 a piece toward building this road and the result is that a poor people who have pluck and ambition are going to build the most difficult piece of road on the Central Highway and are going to do it in a short time. I am afraid some of the rich counties like Davidson, Orange, Catawba and Burke are going to fall behind that poor section of country in building the most difficult piece of road on the entire line of the Central Highway. There are no better people anywhere than these mountain people and when they decide to do a thing they do it. I wish that our folks in Davidson county who have money had some of the same kind of grit that is being displayed by these mountaineers in Old Fort township, McDowell county. If they did, we would have better roads in Davidson county and we would have them soon. Dispatch.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Tindal, Hal Tindal, and Jimmy Calmes of Greenville, motored to the city yesterday and will spend several days here. Mr. Calmes is well known in the city and other sections of the state through his athletic prowess. He was a conspicuous member of the past year at the University.

Gov. Crothers, of Maryland, On Federal Road Building.

Baltimore, Md., Aug. 23.—Governor Crothers, who is one of the most enthusiastic advocates of the good roads movement in the country and who has executive supervision over the expenditure of \$6,000,000 for the improvement of the roads in Maryland, has written a very strong letter on the question of national aid to good roads for The R. F. D. News published in the interest of the rural free delivery letter carriers of the country.

Governor Crothers said:

What France has Done.

France has appropriated \$312,000,000 in government aid to public highways, America \$14,000,000 many years ago, and this amount was only partially used and the roads and bridges made have long since fallen into decay. Millions of acres of the most fertile lands on this earth have been donated to the construction of our transcontinental railroads, and vast sums of money given to them as subsidies. Ships have been floated on government money, and the rivers have long been pensioners of the United States government. The cost of living has steadily increased, and the corporations that control the cold storage warehouses have enriched their owners with the sale of the good things of earth at fabulous prices, while the mud was drying up and the roads made navigable for the tillers of the soil. It is the vast population of our great commercial centers and overcrowded cities that demand good roads to enable the producers of this great land to supply cheaper daily the markets of the nation. Railroads are today crying for navigable roads as feeders to their lines of transportation and thus prevent shortage of cars and secure a steady flow of freight, consisting of farm products largely.

"The national government is demanding if for the transportation of the country mails now served at an annual loss of \$28,000,000. The farmers and land owners demand it and will have it as their just dues, which have been so long neglected, and trifled with by the representatives in the national congress. Every artery of the social and commercial life is demanding it, and the problem of cheaper living for the people will only be solved when the national government has risen to the emergency and met the demands of our citizens for cheaper bread by means of cheaper and reliable transportation of the food products to our market quickly every day in the year.

Four Great Highways.

"I not only indorse such national legislation, but believe that before the present democratic congress adjourns it should enact laws giving most liberal financial and moral support that will, under a democratic administration, result in the building of four great national highways from ocean to ocean and from the Canadian line to the Gulf of Mexico and the Mexican borders.

"Every rural route should be made a post road, or branch to the national highways, and thus not only save the federal government millions of money in the quick and safe delivery of the mails, but the immediate and cheap transportation of our farm products to the railroad stations. To accomplish this, the unemployed labor of

Mrs. E. V. White of Spartanburg, expected to visit friends in the city within the course of a few days.

Mr. Will Meadows, of Florence, a former well-known Davidson athlete, who has been spending several days in the city, left for Saluda yesterday to join his people who are spending the summer there.

Messrs. J. Frank Foose, editor of the News and Herald at Salisbury, and Mr. J. M. Jennings, cashier of the bank of Fairfield, passed through the city today en route to their homes after a stay of several weeks at Montreat.

The following gentlemen from Spartanburg were in the city for the week end, Messrs. S. and Montague Nichols, W. D. Burnett, Walter Pierce, G. B. Carville, W. C. Cook, W. T. Gentry, and Pink Irwin.

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