

B. H. Perry Is Speaker At Annual Boy Scout Dinner

Brooks Langston, Dewey Wells Get Eagle Scout Award

"Scouting takes character and life when it is but partly formed and with skilled care and certainty, molds it, shapes it, develops it into something of a full, strong, beautiful and good," Bennett H. Perry declared in an address at the annual banquet of the Vance district of the Occaneechee Boy Scout Council held last night at the First Presbyterian church.

During the time of a boy's adolescence, Scouting reaches out its strong arms and offers the appeal that youth yearns for, the out-of-door, new paths, Mr. Perry stated. It forms a bond between childhood and youth. Scouting is so organized and so planned that youth may cross this chasm in a safe way, he said.

Mr. Perry, early leader of the Scout movement in Henderson, spoke in absence of J. Melville Broughton, who was unable to make the trip from Raleigh because of hazardous highways.

At a special Court of Honor held following the dinner, Brooks Langston and Dewey Wells received their Eagle rank awards. R. C. Young, Eagle Scout, presented the awards to the mothers of the Scouts, Mrs. J. H. Langston and Mrs. B. C. Wells, and they in turn pinned on the awards. The Eagle Scouts then presented corsages of roses to their mothers.

Others taking part in the ceremony were Rev. E. Norfleet Gardner, district chairman; Claud Hammonds, executive officer of the Occaneechee council; Cecil W. Webb, first scout executive; R. W. Ernst, district commissioner; and Edwin Moran, Alex Watkins, Jr., and Hau-ell Crowder, Eagle Scouts.

About 100 Scouts and Scouts were served a turkey dinner by members of the Couples club of the First Presbyterian church. Table decorations of sprucehina berries and tapers were used. Centerpiece for the speaker's table was composed of white spray ruyasanthus interspersed with burning red tapers of varying lengths to resemble a miniature Christmas tree.

The program was opened with the advancement of colors by Eagle Scout Ed Moran, Scout James McInnis and Cub Scout Bobby Noel. Music during the evening was furnished by a Boy Scout band directed by W. T. Hearn, music badge counselor in music and singing.

District Chairman Rev. E. Norfleet Gardner was presiding officer and recognized a number of outstanding Scouts. Reports of the district operating committee were presented by the chairman as follows: Advancement, Clement A. Rodwell; camping and activities, James M. Prosser; finance, W. B. Shearer; health and safety, Dr. J. H. Wheeler; leadership training, Father James H. King; organization, B. Pittis Terrell.

New district officers nominated were C. O. Seltzer, district chairman; C. E. Greene, vice-chairman; and Eugene Patterson, district commissioner, presented by a nominating committee composed of R. W. Ernst, J. M. Prosser and R. E. Chambers. All of the officers were unanimously elected.

An outstanding feature of the program was an aerobatics act demonstrated by members of Boy Scout Troop 31, under direction of E. C. Loughlin, scoutmaster, and Tom Eass, assistant.

Retirement of colors and prayer by Rev. Ray Holder, concluded the program.

WAR DADS CANCEL DECEMBER MEETING

The monthly meeting of the local chapter of the American War Dads will not be held this evening, as scheduled, but has been postponed until the first Friday night in January. It was announced today by Dr. A. D. Gregg, president of the chapter. The postponement was decided upon on account of several conflicts.

OXFORD SCHOOLS CLOSE FOR CHRISTMAS TODAY

Oxford, Dec. 14.—Oxford schools began their Christmas holidays today and schools in the county system a week later, Dec. 21, officials announced today.

Santa Claus, riding one of the city's fire trucks, will pay a visit to the city Friday afternoon at school closing time, escorted by the school band. Santa will make his first stop at Oxford Orphanage and is to arrive at the court house at 2:30. Bandmaster A. J. Wagner said.

Local merchants will be closed on Christmas day and the day following, the Chamber of Commerce has announced.

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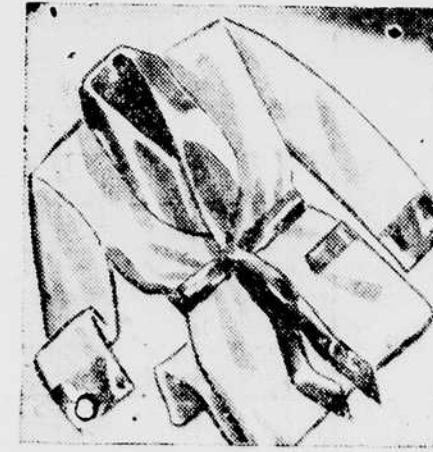
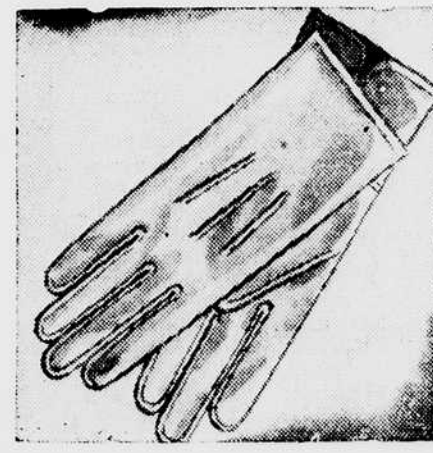
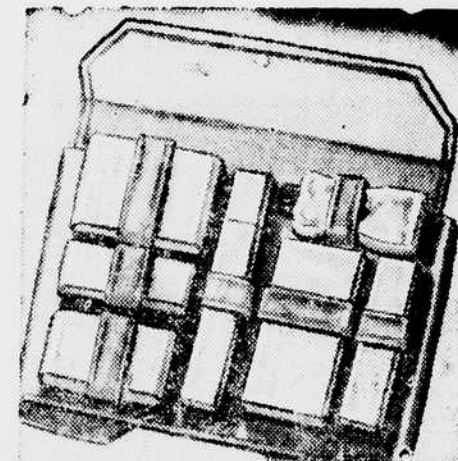
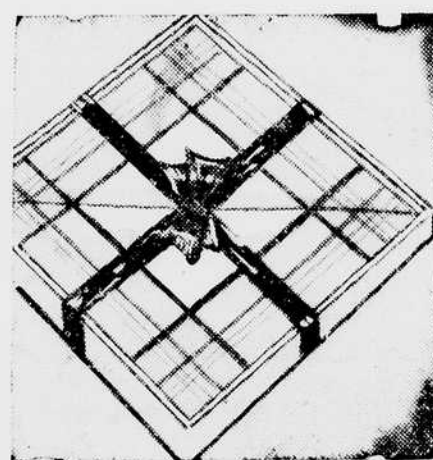
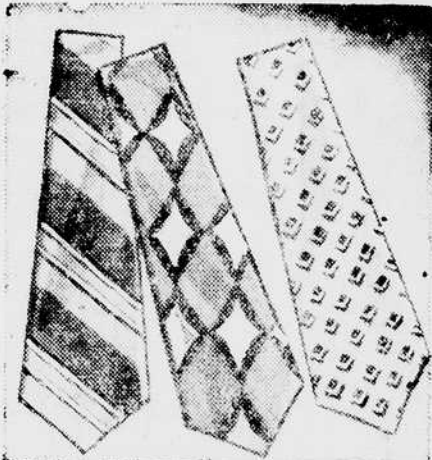
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