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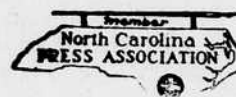
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## BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

"Boys will be boys," they say.

But we're sure you'll agree they'll be better, friendlier, happier boys if they're in the ranks of the Boy Scouts of America. For 39 years, the Boy Scouts have made an increasing contribution to a better America through a well-planned, up-to-date program to meet boy's interests.

It's program of adventure that appeals to every boy, when he knows about it. And there's the rub.

Many a boy of 12 or over still needs to be informed of the exciting activities of Scouting. Many a parent needs to discover the values of scouting for his boy. Many an adult needs to find out the enjoyment to be derived from helping boys find themselves through Scouting. Many a civic institution should look into the merits and advantages of sponsoring a Troop of Boy Scouts.

For these reasons we're taking the opportunity—during Boy Scout Week, Feb. 6-12 to fulfill our obligation as an information-medium, by reminding you of your responsibility to the boys of America—the Men of Tomorrow.

## EDISON DAY

February 11th, the birthday of Thomas Alva Edison, will be observed on a nation-wide scale, as it has in past years. The emphasis is to be placed upon community recognition of the inventor's great contributions to human betterment, and all manner of civic and service organizations will play a leading part.

The achievements of Edison are too well known to need repeating. Foremost among them were his successful experiments in the science of electricity, which provided the groundwork on which the whole vast power industry was built, and which have revolutionized the living and working habits of the American people. Edison Day thus becomes a tribute to one of the greatest public benefactors the world has ever known.

But there is more to it than this. Edison Day must also be seen as a celebration of the greatest force for progress that exists—the freedom of the individual to explore, to create, to fail and to succeed, all without coercion or domination by government. Can anyone believe that the electric industry, which is Edison's monument, would have reached its present stage of growth and public service had government controlled it from the beginning? Government takes no chances that it can avoid.

Edison was in the great tradition of this country. It is a tradition that those who are seeking to socialize and regiment our energies and resources would destroy.

## VIOLATING DRAFT LAW

Six students of an Iowa college have been sentenced to eighteen months in Federal prison after pleading guilty to charges that they failed to register for the peacetime draft.

The defense of the youths was that they acted on the basis of their "religious beliefs."

The defendants may have been entirely correct in asserting that their refusal was based upon religious conviction, but nevertheless, they violated the laws of the United States, having violated the law, they are subject to penalty. Undoubtedly, they are "fine young men," but this does not authorize them to disregard the laws of the land in which they live.

There is no use to worry about the fate of these youths. Obviously, very few nations would secure soldiers for their defense if, in time of emergency, all fighting men could secure exemption by pleading "religious convictions."

This is the time of year for the residents of McDowell County to make their plans to beautify their home surroundings. Beautifying your home will help beautify McDowell County.

Words have different meanings to different ears, so be careful how you use them.

Many a non-profit organization is run by somebody for the profit they make out of it.

## EVERY COMMUNITY NEEDS

Any community in the United States, including Marion, can make progress whenever the majority of its inhabitants are more interested in the general welfare than in envying their neighbors.

The population of any given area, united in common advantages, facing the same disadvantages and seeking methods of growth, can assess its prospects upon the basis of its average inhabitant.

It takes more than natural resources to make a prosperous people. This applies to nations, states, counties and municipalities. The spirit of the people, within certain physical boundary lines, is more important to the welfare of the people than the possession of certain assets which are often deemed advantageous.

You can give a locality an excellent climate, wonderful natural resources and an industrial set-up that is efficient but, unless you can breathe a common purpose into the life of the area, it will fall far short of becoming highly prosperous.

This does not mean that some few citizens may not be able to milk the area for their benefit and become rich. It does mean that the area as a whole and its inhabitants cannot become prosperous. Great wealth, side by side with abject poverty, does not make an ideal community.

## POLL TAX AND VOTING

North Carolina counties and cities impose a poll tax, but payment of that tax is not a qualification for voting in local state or national elections.

That should eliminate the confusion that apparently has developed in some quarters in discussions of President Truman's demand for a Federal anti-poll-tax law as a part of his civil rights program.

It has been repeatedly stated that only seven states would be affected by the law because in only that number is payment of our poll tax required as a qualification for voting for President, Vice President, Senators, and Representatives in Congress. North Carolina is not one of the seven.

The poll tax is nothing new in North Carolina. Our fathers and grandfathers paid it. And there was a period of years during which its payment was a legal qualification for voting.

But the law was changed years ago and payment of poll tax now has no more relation to eligibility for voting than payment of sales tax and personal property tax and is imposed for the same purpose to produce revenue for government and public services.

Perhaps the poll tax should be called by some other name in states where it has no relation to the right exercised at the polls.—Charlotte Observer.

## QUALITY, NOT QUANTITY

Americans are addicted to the philosophy of the Bigger and therefore Better. They take pride in the fact that they have more and larger schools and colleges than ever before, with larger enrollments, large stadiums—and larger classes. The President's Commission on Higher Education has even suggested that the colleges be vastly expanded to allow greatly increased numbers of students to continue beyond high school.

The Association of American Colleges has issued a warning note. They point out the danger of raising the quantity of students at the expense of the quality of their instruction and performance. Too many half-educated college graduates already bear witness to the immensity of this danger.

Yet democracy requires ready access of talent to the highest levels of education. The association therefore urges the raising of college entrance standards, together with the providing of federal scholarships for needy students of proven competence. This is a solution long advocated by some of the country's best educators, and deserves careful consideration.

It could mean that college students who profit least would be replaced by those who would profit more, and that fewer able young people would waste their talents on standard tasks. Certainly any attempt to draw a wider range of American youth into the colleges must be coupled with a vigorous effort to raise the level of entrance requirements and instruction.—Christian Science Monitor.

## RELIGION IS TAUGHT IN MANY WAYS

Not long ago an English schoolmaster—a veteran in that high service, was asked:

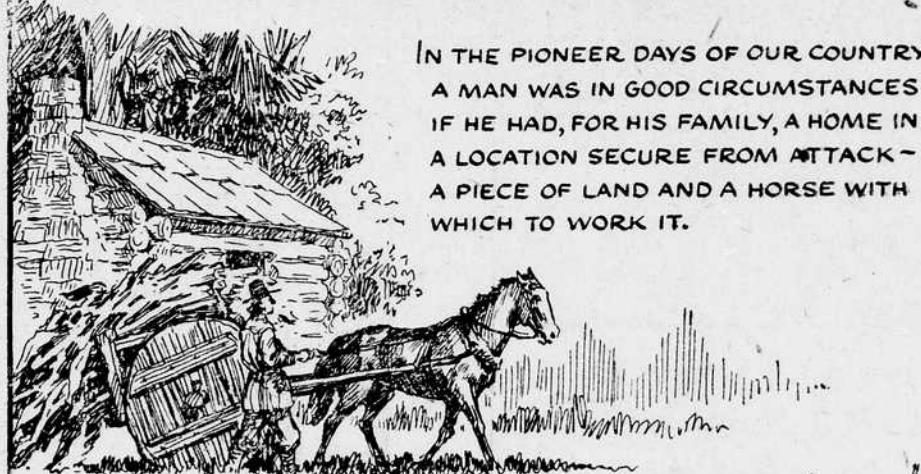
"Where in your timetable do you teach religion?" He replied:

"We teach it in arithmetic by accuracy. We teach it in language by learning to say what we mean. We teach it in history by humanity. We teach it in geography by breadths of mind. We teach it on the playground by fair play. We teach it in kindness to animals, by courtesy to servants, by good manners to one another and by truthfulness in all things. We teach it by showing the children that we, their elders, are their friends and not their enemies."  
—J. P. Jacks in The Indiana Freeman.

## OUR DEMOCRACY—by Mat

### GOOD CIRCUMSTANCES—

EACH GENERATION IN AMERICA HAS HAD ITS OWN MEASURE OF WHAT CONSTITUTES "GOOD CIRCUMSTANCES."



IN THE PIONEER DAYS OF OUR COUNTRY, A MAN WAS IN GOOD CIRCUMSTANCES IF HE HAD, FOR HIS FAMILY, A HOME IN A LOCATION SECURE FROM ATTACK—A PIECE OF LAND AND A HORSE WITH WHICH TO WORK IT.

LATER ON, AS AMERICA DEVELOPED, AND THE SECURITY OF ITS HOMES BECAME ESTABLISHED, "GOOD CIRCUMSTANCES" CAME TO EMBRACE MORE HOME COMFORTS AND CONVENIENCES—GLASS WINDOW PANES, FRANKLIN STOVES, CHINA DISHES—MORE SUBSTANTIAL TOOLS TO WORK WITH.



BUT THROUGHOUT OUR HISTORY THE CONCEPT OF "GOOD CIRCUMSTANCES" HAS CENTERED AROUND THE HOME AND FAMILY. IT HAS EMBRACED THE OPPORTUNITY TO PROVIDE THE SUBSTANCE OF LIVING, TO NURTURE THE BONDS OF LOVE AND AFFECTION AND TO PLAN CONFIDENTLY TOWARD THE FAMILY'S FUTURE WELL-BEING.

## Looking Backward

From The Progress Files

### February 21, 1918

"At a meeting of the merchants Monday afternoon it was decided to change the hour of closing from 6 to 7 p. m., beginning March 1. This hour of closing will be observed throughout the summer. The six o'clock closing hour was observed in the winter in order to save fuel."

"Mrs. H. P. James and daughter, Miss Ruby, spent the week-end in Asheville."

"Virgil Ellis, of Camp Jackson, Columbia, S. C., was home on a visit during the week."

"Attorney J. W. Winborne has been appointed receiver for the Marion Novelty company."

"J. M. Lyon, of Burnsville, was a business visitor here Saturday."

"A. P. Whitener, of Hickory, a former resident of Marion, spent Tuesday in Marion. Mr. Whitener has many friends here."

### March 21, 1918

"The people of Nebo High School district met in mass meeting on Thursday night to consider the question of a \$20,000 bond issue for the purpose of erecting a new and modern school building for Nebo High school. Talks were made by Supt. N. F. Stepe, Mr. H. B. Craven, principal of the school, and a number of citizens. After a thorough discussion of the matter it was decided that a more adequate building should be built as soon as possible, and that the taxes for school purposes should be raised if the school at Nebo meets the increased demands that are being made by the people of the community and of patrons of the school all over the county. Petitions were signed by the patrons present asking for an election to determine the wishes of the people of the district upon the matter."

"The meeting was a very enthusiastic one. Every one present seemed to think that the election would be carried with little or no opposition."

"The public school at Woodlawn closed on last Friday night. The exercises were very beautiful and appropriate, reflecting much credit upon the teacher, Miss Sybie Penny, who has taken great interest in the school work at Woodlawn the past year. The children took great pride and much delight in doing their best work in the school this year and in the preparation of the closing exercises. The people showed by their high praise of the school that they are greatly interested in the cause of education."

"After the program by the school Mr. Marion Good, a very progressive and prosperous citizen of the community, introduced Supt. M. S. Giles, of the Old Fort Graded school. Mr. Giles spoke of the interest of the War Savings Stamps. The people showed by their applause and interest in the war that they are

thoroughly patriotic. Several agreed to purchase war stamps to their utmost ability."

Nebo, March 19—The weather is so favorable now for gardening that the people are very busy.

"Mrs. J. Ray Denton of Atlanta, Ga., visited her sister, Mrs. G. D. Taylor during the week."

"Rev. T. A. Drake attended the pastors school at Asheville last week."

"Mrs. J. E. Sigmon and daughter, Georgia, spent the week-end with the former's daughter, Mrs. R. A. Hemphill at the Southern power camps."

"Miss Tracy Sigmon of East Marion spent the week-end with home-folks."

"Miss Lillie Landis spent the week-end with home-folks at Dysartsville."

"Rev. J. A. Fry attended the quarterly meeting at Pleasant Hill Saturday and Sunday."

"Miss Lona Goforth, of Marion, spent the week-end with her sister, Mrs. G. D. Taylor."

"Mrs. C. H. Hunter spent a few days last week with her daughter at Morganton."

"Miss Estelle Wilson was shopping in Marion Saturday."

"J. L. Spratt of Dysartsville was here on business last week."

"Mrs. G. A. Masters has returned here as matron of the dormitory."

"J. L. Padgett has returned from a hospital at Asheville where he underwent an operation, having his tonsils removed."

"S. M. McCall, of Ashford, spent Saturday in Marion."

"Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Stepe spent Tuesday in Asheville."

"Mrs. W. C. Gray has accepted a position with McCall Bros."

"Misses Jessie and Sue Conley are visiting relatives near Morganton."

"Mrs. B. S. Lassiter spent the first of the week with her daughter in Asheville."

"The Twentieth Club will meet with Mrs. P. A. Reid Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock."

"Frank Holler, of Camp Sevier, Greenville, S. C., spent the week with home-folks here."

"Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Hewitt, of Hickory, visited relatives and friends

## Smokey Says:

YOU SHOULDN'T GO THROUGH LIFE LOOKIN' FOR SOMETHIN' SOFT—YOU MIGHT FIND IT UNDER YA HAT!



Before you put the torch to your woods—think twice!—fire kills growing timber.

here during the week.

"Mrs. M. F. Kirby and daughter, Miss Mary, of Charlotte, are visiting the former's daughter, Mrs. W. K. M. Gilkey."

"W. J. Atwell, of Memphis, Tenn., succeeds his father, W. C. Atwell, deceased, as superintendent of the Marion Light & Power company. Mr. Atwell has held a position as electrician for the Southern Railway for several years and has had wide experience in the business. Mr. Atwell arrived Monday morning and has assumed the duties of his new position."

## Health and Beauty...

Dr. Sophia Brunson

### Keeping Young and Happy

Professor Palmer, who is in his 88th year, has written an article on "Growing Old." He has been lecturing to students for 40 years. His article was not so much about growing old as keeping young. He is evidently making the most out of the remnant of his life.

However, he doesn't deal with the deep, underlying sources of his spiritual strength; he writes about underclothes, exercise, food and drink. He seems never to have a night of unbroken sleep. He does not touch stimulants of any kind, including tobacco, tea or coffee. Some folks had rather not live so long and indulge more in what they call the good things of life.

In this article we are not so much concerned about the mere adding of years to one's existence, but how to spend a contented and happy old age.

We all know old people who are cynical, grouchy and miserable. They are at cross purposes with the world; they find fault with the younger generation, with everything, especially the young people. They think that the younger generation is going right straight to the "bowwows."

As a natural consequence they do not attract new friends, succeed in driving away the old ones. No one likes a cynical, disagreeable person, who is forever finding fault and harping on the shortcomings of others.

Old age is dreary enough at best, unless the aged keep up an active interest in work or are interested in hobbies of one kind or another. If the spirit is sour, rebellious, and out of tune with the times, a person is thrown back upon himself. He has no resources upon which to draw for happiness.

Disagreeable old people allow themselves to become selfish and exacting. They make their decrepitude an excuse for their unreasonable demands upon younger people, many of whom are toiling in life's vineyard and bearing the heat and burden of the day.

(To be continued)

## Beware Coughs From Common Colds That HANG ON

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