

**A WEEK WITH THE BOY SCOUTS**

**Boy Scouts of Franklin Are Doing Good Work and Should Be Encouraged By the Grown-Ups.**

If it were possible for you to change yourself into an elf or a fairy you would naturally follow the lovely and beautiful things of life. The most lovely and the most beautiful thing life consists of is service to oneself and to others. "On my honor I will do my best to do my duty to God and my country, and to obey the scout law. To help other people at all times. To keep myself physically strong, mentally awake and morally straight." The above oath which every scout must take and live up to shows just how valuable this lovely and beautiful thing of life is to the scouts.

So if you had the power to project your personality, the thing that is YOU, out into space and should follow the movements of the Franklin scouts you would behold sights that would make your heart leap with joy.

For instance on a bright early Saturday morning, the weekly holiday from school, you would see scouts on every street in town disposing of sponsor club certificates, looking for grown ups who will help them to live up to their oath and who will sponsor their great movement. Then when the time came to check up you would see every scout presenting to the scoutmasters for the treasury either a certificate or its equivalent in money. Honesty, straightforwardness and accuracy are some of the essential traits of the scout. The citizen of tomorrow, the men who will be in our banks, stores, churches, etc., are these boys who are now receiving their early training in the great things of life.

But we must keep moving if we are to follow these scouts. Watch them during the week and see if theirs is not an attitude of trustworthiness, loyalty, helpfulness, friendliness, courteousness, kindness, obedience, cheerfulness, thriftiness, bravery, cleanliness and reverence. "A scout is trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, thrifty, brave, clean and reverent." Such is the scout law.

Follow them to their scout room, the meeting place of the Boy Scouts.

A secret knock is given at the door, the pass word asked for and received. Then thirty or more boys crowd in the room reading magazines put there for that purpose and entertaining themselves in various ways until time for the opening of the meeting. While you were watching you would suddenly hear, "Boy Scouts, Attention." You would notice an instant quiet and you would see each boy in his place in the ranks waiting for further orders. These orders are given with a snap and obeyed in like manner. After the military drill you might see a regular trial, lawyers, jury, judge, etc., or you might see a debate in progress, or perhaps just routine business. Sometimes you would see Gilmer Crawford with a dozen or more boys in the middle of the floor going through all kinds of funny and tiresome motions with their bodies, doing the stoop fall and other army exercises. Do not become alarmed when you see this; for no one is going to break a back or neck. It is just Gilmer disciplining certain scouts who find it hard to keep from talking when they should be quiet.

Now if you have been following the scouts in spirit you have seen a great deal of activity, but follow them on their homeward way as they leave the scout room on a certain night. It is a cold rainy night and as the scouts comes out they begin to scatter in different directions to their respective homes. Most of the time they reach home without meeting any adventure, but on last meeting night a strange boy was found asleep on the street. The scouts, true to their training knew that all was not right and began to investigate. They found the boy without home, money, or friends, and very scantily clothed. They got him to a place of warmth, secured a good room and bed for him, gave him food, etc. In other words, as in the story of the Good Samaritan, he was taken to an Inn and taken care of. On the morning the scouts looked up Jess Conley and secured some nice, warm, clean clothes for the lad, and with the help of Mr. Conley and Mr. Jones a high-

**Why a Boy Scout Troop in Franklin**

There are more than fifty boys of scout age in Franklin, and any one who knows anything at all about boys can readily see the great importance of turning the energies of these lads into the proper channels. A man is a bundle of habits. He has worn his groove and one can usually tell what his behavior will be under most any circumstances. If he has acquired the proper habits his behavior will be good; if not his behavior will be bad. But a boy is in the making. He is a bundle of animal instincts and impulses with the capacity for heroic virtues providing these instincts and impulses are directed into the proper channel and providing he has the proper environment. It is the business of Scoutcraft to direct these instincts and impulses and to help the boy make the proper environment.

Some one has said that one can never tell just what a boy will do. We think we know boys and understand them but there are always, "Ifs and Buts." Our knowledge of boys has been likened to the lady's boast of being able to always tell fresh eggs from older ones. The old lady went to get some fresh eggs and told the clerk he need not try to fool her; for she could tell in a minute what was what. The clerk asked her how she did it, and she replied, "Well you take the eggs and put them into water either hot or cold, I don't just recollect which, and the good ones will either sink or swim I don't recollect which, but you can't fool me on eggs." So it is never certain just what a boy will do, but we can be sure he will respond to his training and to his environment. A boy, whatever his parentage, if he lives long enough in the slums of New York will soon learn and acquire the slang and the actions of the street and will be on a far road to become a thug.

But a good community does not want its boys to become thugs or something worse because it realizes that the boys of today will be the citizens of tomorrow. The mayor, the banker, the editor, the merchant, the minister, the members of the Progressive club all must be chosen from the boys who play around the streets today. How important it is to the whole community that these future mayors, and bankers, etc., should have the very best environment and should have all the privileges conducive to mental, moral, and physical growth. In other words our boys should not be denied anything that will help to develop character.

Character development is the real objective of the Boy Scout movement. Every step in the program is but a means to this end, and this character development manifests itself in health efficiency, chivalry, loyalty, patriotism and good citizenship. The Scout oath and the Scout law embody all this. At every Scout meeting the boys give the sign and repeat the following oath: "On my honor I will do my best; to do my duty to God and my country and to obey the Scout law; to help other people at all times; to keep myself physically strong, mentally awake and morally straight." Then the Scout law is given, "A Scout is trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean and reverent." The beginning and end of the Scout movement is duty, to God, country, others and to himself. The Scout movement gives the opportunity to develop in the growing boy those qualities of character which make for moral and spiritual worth, and after all, character is the foundation of society. There can be no government or business of any other basis than our faith in the honor and integrity of ourselves and our fellowmen. This character development is achieved in scouting by the repetition and practice of many virtues, and by the contact of life

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ly respectable man was found. Mr. Lawrence Ramsey, who took the boy home with him and will take care of him and send him to school.

How do you like your week with the Franklin scouts? You say, "Fine good work, keep it up." "All right," the scouts reply, "but will you be a sponsor for us?"

The Press or any scout or scoutmaster will gladly bring your certificate to you when informed of your desire to become a member of the sponsors club.

**ANOTHER LARGE DEVELOPMENT**

**J. B. McCrary Company, Atlanta, Buys 1,000 Acres Near Scaly—Plan Expenditure of \$300,000.**

The J. B. McCrary company of Atlanta has purchased from Messrs. Charlie Grist and W. M. Martin 1000 acres of land, lying partly in North Carolina and partly in Georgia, and situated between Estatoa (Mud Creek) Falls and Scaly, a little hamlet of Macon county. This tract of land has an average elevation of 3500 feet and contains several small mountain streams and numerous bold springs.

According to reports reaching the Press office the new owners plan one of the greatest summer resorts in the south. Work has already started on a system of boulevards which will thoroughly cover the new development making each section readily assessable. Present plans call for the construction of 800 summer homes and cottages within the next two years at a cost of \$300,000. These houses will obtain their water supply from pure mountain springs.

A dam will be constructed just above the Estatoa Falls for power purposes. This dam will impound a lake covering approximately 20 acres. It is also planned to harness the falls on Middle Creek as an auxiliary power. Another dam impounding a lake covering 100 acres will be built above Mud Creek Falls and used as a storage reservoir and for resort purposes.

The McCrary company, according to reports, will cooperate with the national government in the expenditure of \$25,000 to improve the road from Dillard, Ga., to the site of the development, a distance of five or six miles.

**FOUR SISTERS ANNOUNCED**

**Unusual Program of Music, Songs and Sketches by Four Real Sisters at Court House November 6.**

A very clever organization, distinctive Lyceum work by reason of the fact that all of its members are sisters and all are talented in instrumental, vocal and dramatic lines, will appear at Franklin at 7:30 P. M., November 6, at the court house. This organization, the name of which is the "All Sisters" Quartet, is composed of four sisters, the Misses Hildred, Clarie Glyde and Marjorie Rouse.

These young ladies reside at New Hampton, Iowa, near the "Little Brown Church in the Vale," and it is interesting to note that this song has been used on their programs. Their vocal work consists of solos, duets and quartets, both ballads and lighter numbers, while the instrumental work featured by this company is the saxophone ensemble, some splendid effects being obtained. Standard selections are used as well as popular numbers.

For the past four years the "All Sisters" Quartet has travelled over the leading Chauauqua and Lyceum Circuits, this year being on a Southern Tour under the exclusive direction of The Piedmont Bureau of Asheville, North Carolina. A large crowd of people is expected to attend the entertainment, which will no doubt be one of the most enjoyable of its kind that has been to Franklin for some time.

It should be understood that the Lyceum course at Franklin is not a money making scheme. It is solely a community affair and its educational and broadening influence cannot be overestimated. It is therefore hoped that the county and town will make every effort to attend the various entertainments. On the success of this season's course depends the future of such attractions at Franklin.

**The Sponsors Club Franklin Troop of the Boy Scouts**

Up to, about two weeks ago the Franklin Troop of Boy Scouts was an orphan troop, but now it is blessed with a family of sponsors who will watch and take care of it. Before the organization of the sponsors club there were a group of public spirited men who were serving in an official capacity for the troop, but these men could not take over the responsibility for the nurture and upkeep of the troop. Therefore it became a question of disbandment or of finding some person or persons who would adopt the troop as its own. After careful consideration the Scoutleaders decided to organize a Sponsors Club. With this end in view they went to the editor of the Franklin Press and asked him about it. Major Harris very enthusiastically endorsed the movement and said, "Put me down as a member with a years paid up membership, and call upon me for any other help when you need me."

The Major was called upon immediately to help plan and carry out the idea of the Sponsors Club. It was decided that it was necessary for the people of the town to know about the need of a Sponsors Club, and the Major kindly offered to give all the necessary publicity through his valuable paper absolutely gratis. This not only meant the articles, comments etc., but it also meant the advertising space. In addition to this the Major offered to furnish absolutely free five hundred printed certificates which the Boy Scouts were to take out and try to get the men and women of Franklin to accept.

These certificates indicated that one became a member of the Sponsors Club by accepting the certificate and paying a monthly due of ten cents or a yearly due of one dollar.

The following are already enrolled as members of the Sponsors Club.

Major S. A. Harris, Mr. Shields, Miss Mae Hunnicutt, Mrs. McNeal, Mrs. Phipps, E. S. Hunnicutt, H. T. Sloan, Lee Crawford, H. W. Cabé, W. N. Sloan, Mrs. W. W. Sloan, Chas. Morgan, Dr. F. T. Smith, Dr. H. T. Horsley, J. V. Arrendale, Mrs. McCollum, Mrs. W. J. Zachary, Mrs. Smith Harris, J. W. Street, Mrs. A. W. Mangum.

The above names are the members who have paid a year's dues in advance.

The following are the names of members who pay monthly, quarterly or semi-annually:

Mrs. Tom Porter, Mrs. Dr. Rogers, Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Sloan, Dr. and Mrs. Baird, Mr. C. H. Hames, Mrs. Arty, Tim Crawford, Mrs. Pipes, Mrs. W. G. Wilkie, Mrs. Gabriels, Miss Betty Sloan, Geo. Sloan, Mrs. Ferguson, Dr. Fouts, Mrs. W. W. McConnell, Mrs. H. W. Cabe, T. W. Porter, G. S. Stuart, Thos. Angel, Jr., J. F. Ray, Alvah Pearce, Dr. W. B. Castleberry, H. J. Hurst, Floyd Welch, J. H. Mashburn, C. T. Blaine, Mrs. Parrish, F. E. Curtis.

Several certificates were sold for which we have no names. If you held a certificate as a member of the Sponsors Club and your name is not on the list please see Mr. Pipes or Mr. Crawford in order that the list hanging in the Scout room may be corrected.

A glance at this list of Sponsors shows that we may expect a revenue of about fifty dollars a year. Out of this we must pay seven dollars a month room rent, lights, fuel, and other incidental expenses. In other words without additional help there will be quite a large deficit at the end of each year. We expect to earn some money as we have already done. The Lake Emory company through Mr. Conell, owes us for nearly half a days work, and we expect to find other opportunities of earning money. But at the beginning of each year we ought to be assured of enough money to carry us through that year. Many towns and cities spend several thousand dollars on their Boy Scout Troop each year. The Rotary Club of Albany, Ga., appropriates a thousand dollars a year for the Scout Troop. We do not need any sums as these, but we do need more than fifty dollars a year to pay even our running expenses. How about it, shall the ones who are giving their time and thought to the Troop and the ones who have already accepted membership in the Sponsors Club take on an additional burden of supporting the Troop or shall we enlarge the membership of our Sponsors Club. The latter suggestion seems the more fair and the easier of the two. You can secure your certificates from any boy scout or from the Press office.

The Troop does not ask that the members of the Sponsors Club buy

**ACCIDENT TAKES FRANKLIN SCOUT**

**Thomas Curtis Accidentally Killed at Brown's Camp on Wayah Bald—Scouts Honorary Escort at Funeral.**

One of the greatest tragedies that has ever taken place in Macon county occurred last Saturday at 11 A. M., at Brown's Camp on Wayah Bald, when Thomas Edison Curtis, 16, a charter member of the local troop of the Boy Scouts of America was accidentally killed with a 22 calibre rifle. According to the coroner's inquest the deceased youth met death with a rifle held in his own hands.

The day before the accident Thomas with Chas. Davis, Eugene Welch and C. D. Baird, Jr., all boys of Franklin had gone to Wayah Bald on an outing. Saturday morning it seems that the boys went hunting. Thomas returned to the cabin first and when Chas. Davis and Eugene Welch entered the building Thomas, in a spirit of fun called "hands up" or "Halt." About that time a rifle was discharged the ball entering the body of Thomas just above the heart. Chas. and Eugene then went to the nearest telephone and called town stating that Thomas had been shot. Mr. Frank Curtis, the boy's father, with Dr. Horsley immediately proceeded to the camp and found the boy dead on their arrival. From the nature of the wound it is believed that death was instantaneous.

The body was brought to Franklin and buried at three o'clock Sunday. Six boy scouts, Bill Higdon, Jr., C. D. Baird, Jr., John Arrendale, Jr., Phil McCollum, George Anderson and Howard Shook, acted as pall bearers while the remainder of the local troop acted as honorary escort.

Rev. E. J. Pipes, the scoutmaster and Rev. J. Q. Wallace conducted the funeral exercises at the Methodist church where hundreds had assembled to pay a tribute of deserved respect to the departed youth.

Thomas was a senior patrol leader of the scouts and manfully lived up to every precept of the scout teachings. His example along that line is one well worthy of emulation by every scout in Franklin.

One of the most impressive features of the funeral services took place at the grave when more than 40 scout companions of the dead boy, though deeply grieved at the loss of their comrade, snapped to attention, came to the scout salute and repeated the scout oath, thus honoring the spirit of their departed brother.

The trip to Wayah Bald was not made under the direction or by consent of the local scout authorities.

Besides his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Curtis, the deceased youth leaves the following sisters and brothers: Mrs. Fred Parrish, Misses Emma Sue and Annie Lee Curtis, Hugh Edwin and Frank Smith Curtis.

**ROBERT PATTON BUYS PROPERTY**

**Deal Closed With Mr. Norman Barnard For 15 Acres Adjoining City Limits On Georgia Road.**

Mr. Bob Patton has purchased from Mr. Norman Barnard approximately 15 acres of land, this property being a part of Mr. Barnard's home place located at the city limits on the Georgia road. The land in question lies on a ridge from which beautiful views of the Cowees and Nantahalas may be obtained. For a small development there is, perhaps, nothing to equal this tract in or near Franklin. City water is already on the property and Mr. Patton plans to begin development work at once. He will build streets and set out shade trees. Mr. Patton will sub-divide his new holdings into large building lots and place these lots on sale next spring.

Col. R. E. A. Hamby has figured that the route from Atlanta to Asheville is something like fifty miles nearer by way of Cornelia, Clayton and Franklin than any other route yet proposed and just as soon as the Hahersham and Rabun county roads have been completed there will be more traffic on this route than most folks have even dreamed of—Clayton Tribune.