

WHY A BOY SCOUT TROOP IN FRANKLIN

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with life, the intimate association of boys with boys all striving for the same end, and of boys with men scoutmaster and assistant scoutmasters, who are trying to be on their mark and to set up in the boys mind a picture of what it means to be a real, red-blooded man who can stand ready to face every responsibility in life, and who will give full emphasis to right moral and social relations by an example that is above reproach. What a tremendous responsibility for every man in the community.

Scouting gives the boy something to do. A boy is much more interested in doing good than he is in being good. The Scout motto is, "Be prepared," i. e. be prepared to render aid under any and all circumstances to mankind and to beast, to help in any kind of emergency; to help the police and fire departments, the forest fire fighters, the Red Cross, and to serve in the home, church and community. Everything in the program of scouting from tying his tenderfoot knots to passing the seventy-third merit badge test increases his personal efficiency for community service. Besides the motto, "Be prepared," there is the scout habit, "Do a good turn every day," and this means that a boy will go out of his way to do a service for someone who does not expect it and has no right to demand it.

We can see what a tremendous influence for good the Scout movement exerts in the world when we think that there are millions of boys trying in every way they can to live up to the Scout oath, the law, the motto, and the habit. Think of fifty boys in our own community who every day will perform a service for someone. Think what it will mean for a Scout patrol or troop to take it upon themselves to distribute Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets to the poor and sick, to aid in every campaign for the uplift of humanity, to help clean up a town, to serve as ushers at public gatherings, etc.

So far we have stressed the working side of scouting; for many people think that the whole movement is simply to direct boys play, to give them outings, etc. The whole method of the Boy Scout movement is a game deliberately planned to give a boy an interesting program. In other words real work is made easy through play. A boy may be made to go to school and do a certain amount of studying, but a scout is a scout because he wants to be one. He comes to the meetings where he knows there will be some drill and other work simply because he wants to come. Of course there are swimming trips, hikes, camping trips, etc., but all these are merely part of a scout's education; for he learns how to do certain things on every one of these trips, such as first aid, etc., from which he derives permanent benefits. He learns the value of brotherhood and friendship, he learns to think quickly and clearly, he learns presence of mind, he learns self control, he learns many of nature's secrets, and he learns how to become closer to his Maker. In addition to this he receives military training under a competent instructor, and has the value of army methods and discipline.

The Boy Scout movement does not compete with the church, but it does cooperate with it. It is not a movement for one religion or one denomination but for all religions and all denominations. The Roman Catholic, the Jew, the Protestant can all belong to the same troop without any fear at being one bit of his respective religious teaching; for the Scout constitution emphatically forbids any religious preference being used to forward the status of the troop.

Now we have tried to tell you some of the benefits of a community having a troop of Boy Scouts, what it will do for the community and for the boy. Will you help the Franklin Troop of Boy Scouts? The boys are all interested, enthusiastic, and eager to do their part, but they must have help.

Here is the kind of help we need: First every man and elder boy in the community to be exceedingly careful of their conversation and actions when there are younger boys around, i. e. do everything in your power to set a good example by refraining from everything a scout would not do. Secondly, the cooperation of parents in seeing that their boys get to the meeting on time and that they have an opportunity to take part in the scout activities. Thirdly, we need money to pay our room rent, to build a cabin of our own, and to get Boy Scout suits. WILL YOU HELP US?

Card of Thanks

There are hours that come into the lives of some, when every impulse of the heart is buried under its weight of sorrow.

We stand there today, yet we would fain give expression to the gratitude that wells up from the depths of our hearts as we remember the kindness of those who have done so much to comfort us in our sorrow, and to brighten for us a starless sky.

Frank E. Curtis and Family.

FARM ENGINEERING WORK TO CONTINUE

Raleigh, N. C.—Aid to farmers in building better barns, in putting in local water supplies or in planning new farm homes and outbuildings will be continued by the agricultural extension service through the employment of H. H. Gordon as farm engineering specialist to succeed E. R. Raney who recently resigned.

Mr. Raney tendered his resignation effective October 15 to become associate professor of agricultural engineering at the Texas State college. He has been agricultural engineer for the extension division since January 1919 and during that time has built up such a demand for his services that it has taken much assistance to help handle the work. Mr. Raney has always made practical farm demonstrations; he has designed many plans and has supplied countless hundreds of blue prints to Tarheel farmers desiring help in their building operations. As a result of his efforts there are hundreds of new barns, homes, poultry houses, water works and other engineering constructions on North Carolina farms. The state has made progress along this line and the service rendered to farmers has been recognized as one of the best maintained in the southern states.

Mr. Raney is succeeded by H. H. Gordon, who graduated from State college with the degree of Bachelor of Science in 1919. For five years after graduation, Mr. Gordon had charge of a large livestock farm in Virginia. During 1924, he was assistant to Mr. Raney in field work and during the past year has been in farm engineering work with a large commercial concern. During all of this time, he has worked closely with Mr. Raney and is fully acquainted with the type of service rendered to farmers. Mr. Gordon will have associated with him in the engineering service, H. T. Holman who will give his time to terracing, drainage and land clearing problems. Mr. Gordon will handle the farm building, water works, and home convenience problems.

HOUSING SUGGESTIONS FOR WINTER LAYERS

Raleigh, N. C.—The successful poultryman knows that the winter eggs are the profitable eggs. He knows, too, that to secure a constant supply of eggs during winter the laying hens must be kept comfortable and warm. The condition of the poultry house at this season is therefore of great importance.

"A hen that uses up the food given her to keep her body warm cannot be expected to lay many high-priced eggs," says Prof. D. S. Weaver, of the department of agricultural engineering at State College. "We should look to the condition of the poultry house and see that there is plenty of litter on the floor; that the walls are tight to prevent drafts and that we have windows to admit light and air. These are requisite for heavy production of winter eggs."

Prof. Weaver states that the windows should open on the south side of the house and should be equipped with curtains so that they might be raised during the day to admit sunlight and air and closed at night to keep out the cold.

Longer working days for the hens may be secured by installing electric lights, states Prof. Weaver. An automatic switch may be used to turn on the lights before daylight in the morning and after sundown in the afternoon. Such a switch will save lots of trouble and add to the egg production when the proper amount of good feed is supplied.

"Nor should we forget that hens like plenty of water in winter," says Prof. Weaver. "This water should be ice cold but fresh and pure each day."

THE SPONSORS CLUB FRANKLIN TROOP OF THE BOY SCOUTS

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scout suits for each scout. Each boy will buy his own suit, but the Troop does ask that the Sponsors pay the incidental expenses and as they are able to buy certain equipment as flags, signals, etc.

In order to show that the funds of the Troop are handled in a business like way there will be a monthly statement printed of the income and expenditures, and any member of the Sponsors Club can look over the books of the treasurer any time.

Many Thanks

The Franklin Troop of the Boy Scouts of America wish to heartily thank all who have been interested in them and their work. We especially wish to thank each member of the Sponsors Club for taking charge of us. And we desire to express our gratitude for the favor and help shown and accorded us by the editor of the Franklin Press. The publicity he has given us has all been absolutely free, and from the advertisements in this weeks paper the Troop will receive around twenty-five dollars. To those who loaned the boys their automobiles last Sunday afternoon we desire to express our sincere thanks, and we wish, also, to thank every advertiser of this issue for helping to boost and make known the Boy Scouts and their work.

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