

Boy Scout Week

Boy Scout Week, served to remind us of some of the happier aspects of life in America today. There are men and women, and young people, who have high aspirations and motivations which tend to keep alive the best ideals and traditions of the founders of the nation. News media devote more attention to one offender than to the ninety and nine, whose behaviour is correct. Scouting has been a powerful influence in moulding the character of millions of

boys, who have grown up to provide the leadership of a constructive sort, in Church, State, and Nation. In addition, it has enlisted the interest and activities of boys at the formative period of life in entertainment of the finest and best sort. Thousands of men today look back upon their scouting days with happy memories and some of life's deepest satisfaction. Any community can make no better investment than in the local Scout Troops.

Knowledge Of History Helpful

Few people read history, and fewer still understand, or profit by, its message to the present and the future. Unless we do know the past, we cannot evaluate the present, or move towards the future successfully. History can afford us some hope and optimism towards the present and the future. Read carefully the social and political conditions under the idea of the Divine Right of Kings, the system of Feudalism, when Barons and landlords made vassals of the mass of people; and such undertak-

ings as the Crusades, when terrible crimes were committed in the Name of God.

Things could be a lot better today if we choose to make them better, but, after all, conditions today are far, far better than in previous times. Rightly, millions live today; but ideals and forces do do lament the conditions under which are being unleashed today to improve their lot, and, on the whole, more people are living better today than at any time in human history.

Those Open Hearings

The more we listened to the open hearings, the more we were convinced that our first impressions were correct. Most of the questions were of a negative character, which, indeed, was characteristic of the whole business. The critics offered no positive, constructive alternative to what is being done. The hearings gave the Communist world an opportunity to know how Americans were thinking, and to plan accordingly. A few members of the congress had opportunity to satisfy their inflated egos, but it was an exposure which, to our way of thinking, gave much aid and comfort to the enemies.

Not once did they lose their tempers, and it must have been difficult to refrain from angry outbursts. But not once did they lose poise, but were calm, collected throughout. Dean Rusk scored heavily when he challenged the congress to vote on the matter.

As we have frequently stated, we are no expert on the matters involved. If it was a mistake to go in, we have to realize that we are in. Once the first step was taken, under Mr. Eisenhower, more steps, of necessity, arose. Let the critics come up with some definite, constructive alternative to what we ought to do, and let the congress vote its share of responsibility. It is always easy for the onlookers to say something is wrong, but if he had the responsibility to decide he would sing a different tune. Some of the questions asked should have been asked seventy five years ago. Had they been asked and answered then, we would not be under the necessity of asking them now. Our treatment of Orientals does not make a happy page in our history.

Whom Do We Protect?

We have not been able to get excited over the Speaker Ban law. Our private opinion is that it was a mistake, as we have too much faith in our young people to believe that they could be easily convinced by a Communist speaker. We think that the opposite would be true, and that the college students would ask the speakers some most embarrassing questions. What does worry us is the apathy and indifference of those who believe in Democracy, and in the principles embodied in the Bible, especially in the teachings of Christianity. Apathy and indifference can be more deadly than any left, or right, wingers. Many protests have been lodged against the Supreme Court's decision taking the Bible out of the public schools; yet generally, the people took it out of wider areas than the schools by their apathy towards it, and their ignorance of it. Atheists and Communists can not do greater harm to religion than those who profess to believe, and then deny its application to daily living, and in all human relationships. We have had the spectacle of left-wingers and right-wingers defying congressional committees, and taking refuge in the fifth amendment. Add to this a large criminal element, employing legal talent, using the

amendment to protect them in their illegal practices. They seem not to realize that they are destroying the liberty which they pretend to uphold. If more of us stood up, and stood out, for the principles in which we profess to believe the Communists and other subversives would find no standing place.

Religion In The Here And Now

"Lord, to whom shall we go? Thou hast the words of eternal life." John 6-68.

WHEN JESUS CAME TO GALLILEE. The common people heard Him gladly, Down there in Galilee; He did not make them cringe and crawl Before His majesty. In His humble coming down to them, With life's cup filled to the brim, They knew within their souls a power To move straight up to Him.

He placed His own life close to theirs, A life with cant or sham, That He might make them see that they Were sons of Abraham. And higher still He lifted them, With love, not chastening rod; And in His presence all men knew That they were sons of God.

All those who saw themselves in Him, Knew how high life could be; And they were glad that Jesus came To them in Galilee. In Him they saw that life had purpose, And that life was good; Henceforth there was no standing place, Save where the Master stood.

The sinner folks were drawn to Him, The sick and sorrowing came, That they might know His forgiving love, And healing in His name. The great of the earth took the Lord of life, And nailed Him to a tree But the common people heard Him gladly, When He came to Galilee.

ROCKINGHAM RACES

ROCKINGHAM, N. C. -- "High speeds are taking the fun out of racing," stock car's racing most successful driver said this week. "Driving a race car use to be all thrills," commented Ford's Fred Lorenzen. But now it is 75 per cent business and probably because the speeds have gone up so much. The winner of more than \$250,000.00 the last four years paused to sign an entry blank for the March 13th Peach Blossom 500-miler at Rockingham's North Carolina Motor Speedway and then added:

"One mile tracks like at Rockingham, they are much more fun to drive. Its fast enough to still be exciting for the fans, and it's tricky enough to present a real driving challenge to the driver."

"A track like this is more competitive because it is how you set-up a chassis and no horsepower that's most important. Rockingham is like Darlington, an all-chassis track."

The March 13th Peach Blossom 500 certainly will be a personal challenge for Lorenzen, North Carolina Motor Speedway is the only superspeedway that the Ford Flyer has not conquered.

"Not only that," remembered Lorenzen "but I have never even led a single lap of the race there. I didn't do much in the American 500 but I plan to lead this next one."

In his brilliant but short career on NASCAR's Grand National Circuit -- he joined Holman - Moody Ford forces in 1961. Lorenzen has been involved in just two serious wrecks.

He slightly injured his back in a preliminary to the 1964 Daytona 400. And only the driver and cockpit remained intact after a sensational end-over-end mishap during practice for the 1966 Riverside 500.

Lorenzen walked unhurt away from the Riverside wreck, but he freely admits that it had an effect on him.

"Racing is just a good business," he said. "And Riverside took a lot of steam out of me."

The man who has become a fable in four years could retire at any moment. He has invested his money wisely. But he is also a competitor, maybe the best, and he still hasn't conquered North Carolina Motor Speedway.

I feel sorry for the obedient young men who must live out their lives with these disobedient young girls.

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