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DON'T EAT THE SNOW

What's the world coming to, anyway? Now they're saying it isn't safe to make snow ice cream, or to pick up a handful of snow and eat it, like we all did when we were kids back on the farm.

The U. S. Public Health Service now says that the atmosphere has become so polluted it is dangerous to eat snow. Because of chemicals in air pollution, the service points out, the white fleecy product of mother nature now contains minute particles that may irritate the digestive tract and bacteria on the ground can further make the properties of snow dangerous. Exhaust fumes in the air also add to the problem.

Kids are certainly having it rough these days, along with the advantages they have over the days of yesteryear. They don't have to bring in stovewood to feed the fire, but then they now

can't eat snow.

In years gone by, many a youngster couldn't wait to dash out into winter's first snow to bring in a big bowl full of the flakes, mix in some vanilla flavoring and sugar and gobble the stuff down. It tasted almost as good as the ice cream bought at the store. Or so the kids of long ago said.

So now the air is polluted and so is the ground, and so is the snow. We humans aren't treating nature right, and with all of our scientific knowledge and accomplishments, surely we could be better to this old world in which we live. And better to the kids of today when they want to nibble a little snow ice cream.

Now about the only thing left, when it snows, is to get out and pinch snowballs, and we'll bet a Johnson quarter more than one playful lad and lass will nibble a few bits of snow, the warning overlooked.

Boy Scout Week

What is a Boy Scout?

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BOY SCOUT WEEK FEB. 7-13

"On my honor I will do my best --

To do my duty to God and my country

and to obey the Scout Law;

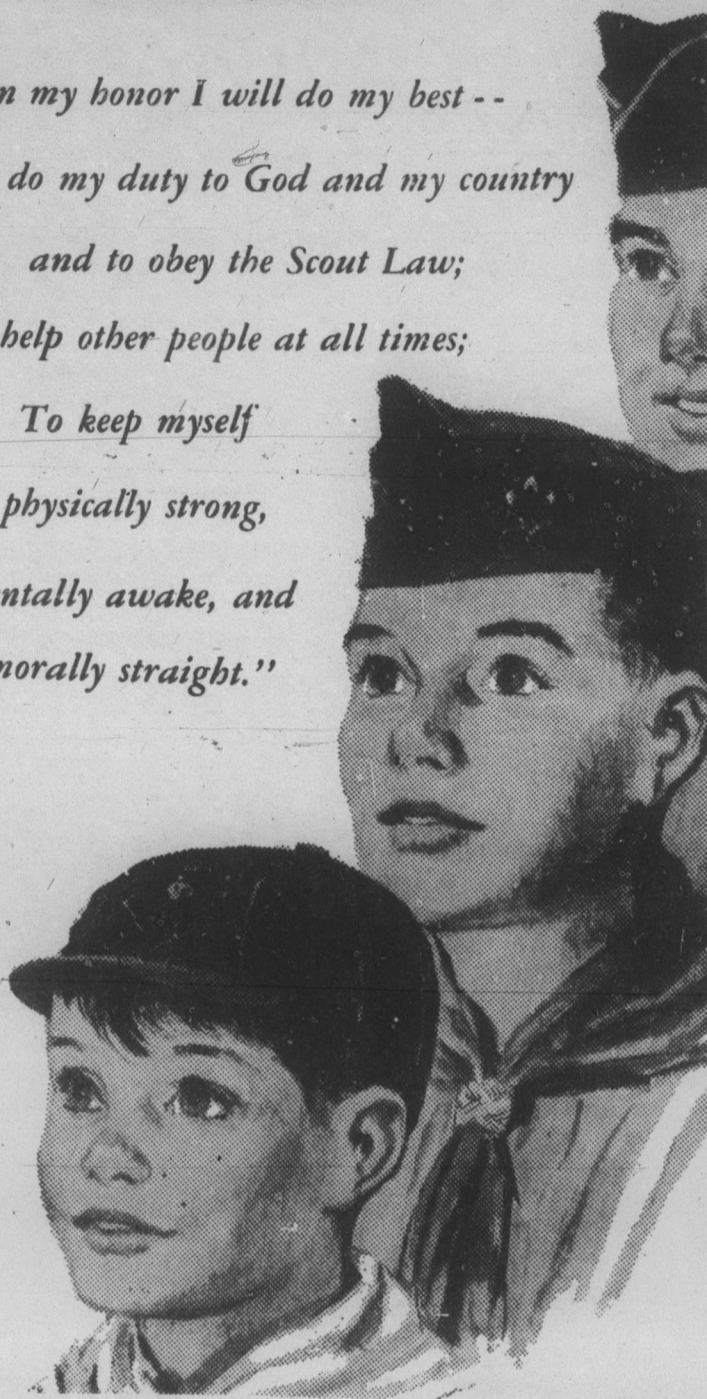
To help other people at all times;

To keep myself

physically strong,

mentally awake, and

morally straight."



HE COMES IN MANY SIZES, SHAPES, AND COLORS.

His first purpose in life seems to be to outgrow his uniform.

His deathless creed is, "Never let the Scoutmaster get away with anything!"

He likes dirt, rocks, snakes, sticks, trees, noise, campfires, ghost stories, men, swimming, hiking, cooking outdoors, camping, and more camping.

He doesn't care much for rainy weather, lectures, homework, washing, fires that won't burn, and Girl Scouts.

He's many different things to different people:

To mother he's a uniform that must be washed and ironed each week, badges to be sewn on, lunches to be packed, mess kits that need to be scrubbed, and a lump in her throat when he marches by on parade.

To dad he's a source of pride, a pack of trouble, a constant stream of information—a chip off the old block.

To the troop committee he's the boy who has trouble with his code, can't seem to tie a clove hitch, constantly needs transportation, money, and time.

To the Scoutmaster a Boy Scout is a headache and a heartache, a problem and a prize, a conscience and a stern taskmaster, a bundle of questions—always predictable yet a constant surprise.

To the community a Boy Scout is an idea—the picture of a clean-cut youngster helping an old lady across the street, saving lives, helping in emergencies, finding a lost child, and administering first aid.

He's hope with a hand-carved neckerchief slide,

Joy with a pack on his back, Determination with a wet match.

Courage with a flashlight.

Our hope for tomorrow—this Boy Scout of today!

—Scoutmaster RONALD TITUS
Nemburyport, Mont.

SCOUTING IN YANCEY

COUNTY

Man Writes

Own Obituary

Troop No. 509, Boy Scouts of Micaville, was organized about two years ago. Under the leadership of Scout Master Max Hughes, and the sponsorship of the Micaville Presbyterian Church, this is an active, interested and fast growing troop, with an enrollment of 26. They meet every Thursday night in the basement of the church.

This troop will hold their Family Night meeting Thursday, Feb. 10th, at 7:00 p. m. at the Presbyterian Church. All parents and others interested are urged to attend.

Special services will be held Sunday night, Feb. 12, honoring Boy Scouts at the Micaville Presbyterian Church. The boys of Troop 509 will have charge of the evening service.

Editor, Yancey Record
Burnsville, North Carolina

I would like to express the appreciation of the Extension Office for the publicity you gave our Annual Narrative Report.

We have found that we can reach many more people by cooperating with those in the communications field than we can otherwise.

Thanks again for the fine publicity. Maybe if we all coordinate our efforts we can continue to make Yancey County a pleasant and profitable place to live.

Sincerely yours,
E. L. Dillingham,
County Extension Chmn.

Boy Scouting in the Burnsville area is carried out by twenty-five boys who enjoy the out-of doors and do not mind turning their hand to work.

Twenty-one of these boys, fully 84% of the Scouts in local Troop 502, passed to their Second Class rank in January.

Four months of work culminated in a Board of Review where each Scout made a presentation and was asked questions about his progress toward the Second Class rating.

The Board of Review was moderated by Bill Banks, Bill Riddle, and Paul Wooten, three of the six members on the local Boy Scout Committee.

Each of the twenty-one boys who has shown his metal will receive his Second Class badge at a court of honor to be held during the next meeting of the Burnsville Men's Club on February 28.

In addition to their work, the Scouts of Troop 502 went on a camping trip to Ogle Meadows in October, and also participated in the dedication ceremony of the Court House and marched in the Christmas Parade.

The troop meets regularly on Tuesday afternoons in the Scout Building on Glen Raven Circle under the leadership of Art Meece and Woodward Finley.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letter To The Editor:

It is imperative that the Burnsville Men's Club express its appreciation for the remarkable cooperation it received from numerous individuals and organizations in the county-wide effort to pay for the out-door lighting on the Burnsville Elementary School Field.

The installation of the lighting equipment, and the payment of its cost of \$847.00 was made possible not by any one group, but, in fact, by countless individuals who made the project a reality.

Last summer, it was the hard work of men from the French Broad Electric Membership Corporation, the Westco Telephone Company, and the Yancey County Board of Education, that set up the equipment that worked so well to light the two months of softball play.

In the fall of 1965, a donation of one hundred dollars by the Earl Horton Post 122, and proceeds from a Men's Club fund-raising project, began to pay the bill on the lights.

The full bill was finally paid this past week through the kindness of numerous individuals and business places throughout Yancey County who participated in the drawing held on the Burnsville square on Saturday.

The lights, which Yancey

County can now call its own, brought a great deal of pleasure to hundreds of soft ball players and fans alike this past summer. Now that the lights are paid for, we can consider them an investment that will continue to be used for years to come.

Reece McIntosh, President,
Burnsville Men's Club

Yancey Record

Dear Staff:

I am a native of Yancey County, now in Williston, S. C. Would enjoy my home news in the YANCEY RECORD. Am inclosing a check for \$2.50 for one year's subscription.

I am the daughter of Roscoe Westall of Route 5, Burnsville.

I have just returned home from Orlando, Fla., where I had the privilege of reading the Yancey Record each week. It was very exciting to read about the snow in Yancey County. I spent twenty-four nice days in Florida. Our weather was typical May weather in N. C. I visited my brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Westall, and other friends and relatives in Orlando. We all looked forward to the YANCEY RECORD each week and I will be looking forward to receiving my copy each week.

Thank you,
Muriel W. Johnson
Route 2, Pox 217-B
Williston, S. C.