

# President Franklin D. Roosevelt Will Have Special Message For Boy Scouts

Thirty Years of Work By Scouts Will Be Observed All Over Nation During Next Week.

New York, Feb. 1.—The nation's 1,330,000 Cubs, Boy Scouts and their leaders will celebrate the 30th anniversary of the incorporation of the Boy Scouts of America in a week's observance beginning Thursday, February 8.

Boy Scout Week is the most important week in the Boy Scout calendar and nine million present and former Scouts and leaders will join the celebration which this year has as its theme "Scouting—The American Way".

The Scout Program with its Patrol method and other group action features is a "school for citizenship". Since Scouting provides for democratic group decisions and group action, the celebrations throughout the nation will be greatly varied. Each Troop will celebrate the birthday anniversary in accordance with its own plans.

Radio will play an important role in the Boy Scout Week celebrations linking together, if only for a short time, the Scouts in the great rural areas with those in the cities and towns.

The high point of the week's observance will be a nation-wide broadcast from the White House, Thursday evening, February 8 in which President Roosevelt, as Honorary President of the Movement and himself an active Scout leader will talk to his "fellow Scout and Scouters" as well as the millions of friends of Scouting.

Speaking also during the Presidential broadcast will be Walter W. Head, of St. Louis, President of the Boy Scouts of America, who will speak from Detroit, Mich., where he will be attending a dinner of Scout leaders. Mr. Head will speak briefly and then introduce the President of the United States and at that point the broadcast will switch to the Nation's Capital.

A feature of the White House broadcast will be the annual re-dedication by the nation's Scouts to the Scout Oath which is the guiding principle of Scouting.

At the conclusion of his address, President Roosevelt will ask the Scouts, listening in every part of the nation as well as in all of its possessions, to take the Scout Oath or Promise led by Dr. James E. West, Chief Scout Executive and Editor of "Boys' Life" who will be "cut into" the broadcast from Miami, Fla.

Sunday, February 11 will be Scout Reverence Day and in thousands of churches of every

## Ratifying Berlin-Moscow Trade Pact



Ambassador Schwarzwald, left, seated, of Soviet Russia and Foreign Minister Joachim von Ribbentrop, right, dejectedly affix their signatures to the trade pact signed on last fall. Premier Molotov of Russia is reported planning a visit to Berlin to seek German military aid against Finland.

denomination there will be Scouts attending special services. More than half of the nation's 43,368 Cub Packs, Boy Scout Troops and Senior Scout groups are sponsored by the churches and synagogues of America. Scouts of Jewish faith will hold their special services Friday evening, February 9, and Saturday.

Special emphasis will be placed upon the twelfth point of the Scout Law which reads, "A Scout is Reverent. He is reverent toward God. He is faithful in his religious duties, and respects the convictions of others in matters of custom and religion."

## Investigators To Visit All Sections In North Carolina


Raleigh, Feb. 3.—Investigators for the beer industry will visit every North Carolina county during 1940 to make certain that retail beer dealers conduct reputable places of business.

Edgar H. Bain of Goldsboro, State Director of the Brewers and North Carolina Beer Distributors committee, announced recently that the industry's "clean up or close up" campaign has resulted in the revocation of 40 licenses in 13 counties, and revocation proceedings against a score of other dealers in eight

counties. "A great majority of beer dealers conduct reputable places of business," Colonel Bain said, "but there is a minority which disregards the law and public decency. Our campaign is directed at these scattered outlets. During the next 11 months, our field representatives will check on these outlets and when necessary, we will request the county officials to revoke their licenses."

In recent months, dealers in Buncombe, Mecklenburg, Guilford, Iredell, Gaston, Columbus, Brunswick, Lenoir, Haywood,

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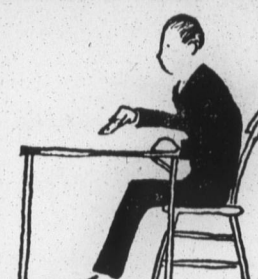
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Sub-zero temperatures . . . icy winds . . . snow and sleet . . . dark, murky skies. For days during the latter part of January vast areas of the country, particularly the South, experienced one of the worst blizzards in years.

In those frigid zones, transportation by highway was paralyzed. Busses and trucks came to a standstill in mountainous drifts on snow-blocked, icy highways. Private automobiles were abandoned. Planes were grounded. Rivers were choked with ice.

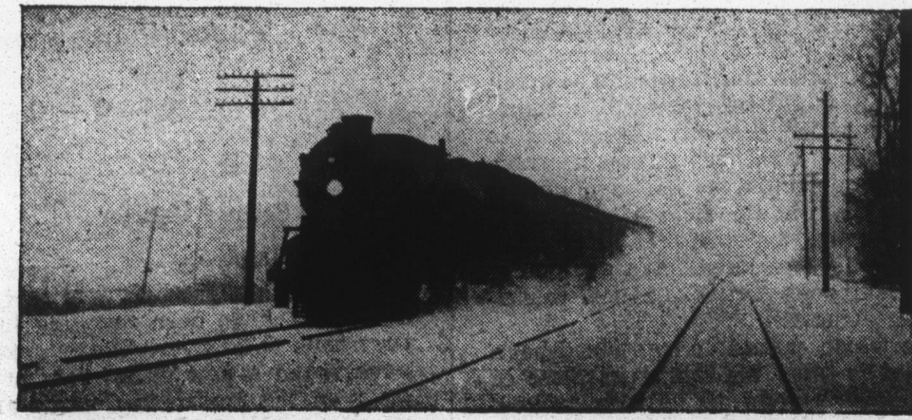
But no matter what came out of the wintry skies, thousands had to be fed and kept warm; factories had to run; raw materials had to be moved; people had to travel. In short, the life and commerce of the blizzard areas had to flow on. And it did.

For there was one—and only one—transportation agency that could and did meet the emergency—the

railroads. The trains went through. Every hour of every day and in the dead of night, through storms and bitter cold, across mountains and plains, through valleys, trains moved safely and efficiently thousands of cars of food, fuel and other vital supplies; and tens of thousands of snowbound travelers.

Throughout the entire period of extreme winter, every train of the Norfolk and Western Railway went through. Not one passenger train, not one freight train was canceled.

Thus, the railroads have again demonstrated their dependability, their adequacy and their ability to meet efficiently any transportation emergency. So, when shaping your policy on transportation matters, remember that the railroads serve you 365 days of the year; they are not merely "fair-weather" friends. You can always count on them.



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