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"Let There Be Light"

A Thought for the Thoughtful

I am not bound to win, but I am bound to be true. I am not bound to succeed, but I am bound to live up to what light I have. I must stand with anybody that stands right; stand with him while he is right, and part with him when he goes wrong.

—Abraham Lincoln.

Boy Scouts and Preparedness

To mark its 31st birthday, February 8, the Boy Scouts of America is continuing an active program to prepare the youth of this country to take its place in dealing with world conditions.

Scouting officials have drawn up an extensive emergency service program designed to make the boys of the United States of more value in times of crisis. Dr. James E. West, Chief Scout Executive, in announcing the plan said: "It is the responsibility of everyone identified with Scouting in normal times, and certainly in a period of national emergency, to be alert and vigilant to meet every opportunity for service, not only because of the obligation but because of the special training which the program of Scouting gives to boys in Patrols and Troops and through the development of qualities of leadership on the part of older boys and Scouters."

Giving new significance to the Boy Scout Motto,—"Be Prepared," the Scout Movement has begun intensive training for the boys in its membership in all things which will make them more reliable and capable in emergency situations. Scouts are being trained in observation, identification, and memory through a thorough knowledge of their home communities.

The boys are being trained in swimming, horsemanship, boating, proper methods of running messages, as well as how to travel under adverse conditions. Stressing the necessity of clean living, the program emphasizes outdoor life, giving the Scouts training in camping with and without shelter,

the preparation of food, and knowledge of woodcraft lore.

Calling to mind the long list of Scout heroes who have received medals for saving life, local Scoutmasters are teaching their boys safety methods for dealing with firearms, cutting tools, and fire, as well as instruction in methods of water rescues and first aid for the seriously injured.

Rural Scouts are playing an important part in this emergency service program through raising garden truck for food, studying the importance of food and its conservation, raising birds and animals for food, as well as fish hatching.

Although in no way advocating military training for the forty-seven thousand Scout Units throughout the country, the Scout Movement has recognized the necessity of preparing the youth of the United States for efficient and valuable service to the country in time of emergency. Scout service in times of recent crisis, such as the hurricane disasters of New England and Florida, has shown the value of the Boy Scout training in first aid, signaling, pathfinding, safety and use of knife and axe.

The Boy Scouts of America in organizing this emergency service program has joined with 16 other organizations of the Citizenship Educational Service in issuing this statement: "While recognizing the urgent necessity for military preparedness, we are deeply convinced that the paramount need in national defense is the strengthening and invigoration of democracy in the United States. This we propose to do through our respective programs of activity and education."

The Hickory Grove Low Down

In the old Sucker State, they upset the applecart at last election. The reason I am thinking about it, is on account I been reading about the inauguration of the new governor there—Mr. Green.

It was sure a funny way that Mr. Green got in—he run on a platform of economy. Imagine, getting elected to even dog-catcher, let alone governor, on Economy. But he did it. And after his inauguration he kept his word and cut the usual expense in half. He must be an oddity.

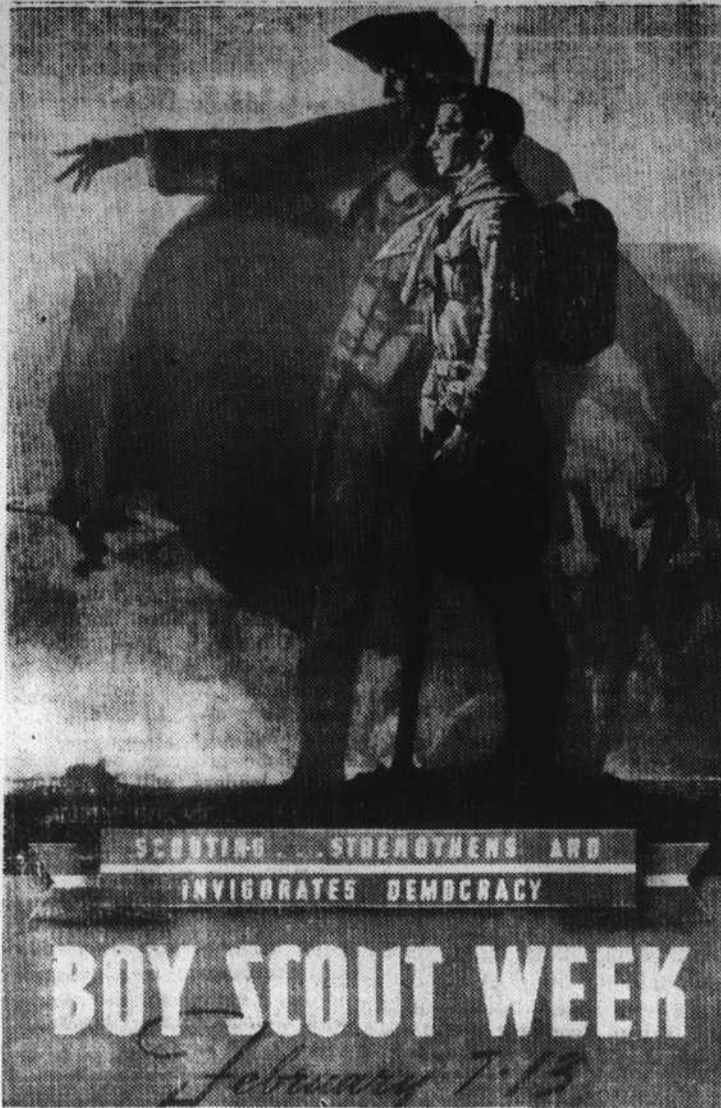
The U. S. A. elects a president who can spend with equal ease with either hand—and old Illinois goes to work and elects this young Mr. Green, on Economy.

If you do not know too much about Illinois and have been thinking they call a person from Illinois a sucker because he is easy to fool, you are on the wrong foot. Illinois folks got their nickname, sucker, from the days when the pioneers were entering the country and there were no wells. To get water they sucked it from deep crawfish holes, where it was plentiful, clear and cool.

Being an Illinois Sucker beats being the other kind.

Yours with the low down,
JO SERRA

Essence of Democracy



Boy Scouts throughout the country celebrate the 31st anniversary of the movement in America during the week of February 7-13. While the slogan on the poster above emphasizes the fact that "Scouting strengthens and invigorates democracy" all America agrees that Scout membership is, in itself, the essence of democracy.

Because of Some Good Act

Let me today do something that shall take
A little sadness from the world's vast store,
And may I be so favored as to make
Of joy's too scanty sum a little more.

Let me tonight look back across the span
"Twixt dawn and dark, and to my conscience say,
Because of some good act to best or man—
The world is better that I lived today.

Citron

Citron, Feb. 5.—Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Dixon Jr. and children and Mr. and Mrs. Willard Dixon and children spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Dixon.

Mrs. Effie Pruitt has been indisposed for the past two weeks. Rev. C. H. McKnight filled his regular appointment at Pine Fork Saturday night and Sunday.

Those who attended the candy making at Mr. and Mrs. Posie Pruitt's last Saturday night were Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Roberts, Maxie Roberts, Wilma Long, Lara and Talmage Anderson, Johnnie Hamm, Ray and Cox Long, Homer Hoppers, Claude Dancy and Clifton Bowers.

Mrs. Robert Hoppers and Mrs. Levette Sheets spent Sunday afternoon with Mrs. Effie Pruitt. Robert Hoppers and Tab Williams made a business trip to North Wilkesboro on Monday.

Miss Athleen and Miss Ivy Grace Hoppers spent Sunday evening with Miss Lena Sheets.

Edwards X Roads

Edwards X Roads, Feb. 3.—Charlie Rector of Odebolt, Iowa, is spending some time back here in his home community with relatives and friends.

Mrs. Carl E. Cox of Galax is spending a few days with her mother, Mrs. Lena Gentry.

Beal McGrady of Sloan, Iowa, visited in the home of his brother, R. D. McGrady last week.

Mickey Rector, son of Willie Rector, who has been in a hospi-

tal at Winston-Salem, continues to improve. Rev. and Mrs. Strader and Miss Wilma Crouse of Sparta were dinner guests of Mrs. Gentry Sunday.

Careful drivers are survivors!

Whitehead

Whitehead, Feb. 3.—"Uncle Bill" Crouse, who has been seriously ill for several weeks, passed away last Friday morning. Funeral services were conducted at New Salem Saturday by Elders Shade Caudill and Walter Evans. Interment was in the Crouse cemetery.

Tommy Cleary, of Piney Creek, spent Thursday night with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. William Cleary.

Mrs. Winfrey Osborne and Bernice Toliver visited relatives at High Point last Sunday.

Mrs. Sallie Joiner, who has been spending the past two months in Maryland, has returned to her home here.

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Deaths

REEVES

Doctor C. A. Reeves of Sparta, suffered a stroke in his office on Monday, January 27, and was taken in an unconscious condition to Davis Hospital in Statesville. He regained consciousness only for short periods, and passed away very early Sunday morning, February 2, at the age of 69. Funeral services were held at his home in Sparta on Monday at 3 o'clock by Rev. V. W. Sears, and Dr. Reeves' brother, Rev. Mr. Reeves of South Carolina, added a few well chosen remarks. Dr. Reeves was born in Ashe County but had resided long in Sparta. He leaves a wife and two daughters, Mrs. Dr. Burgess of Sparta and Mrs. Dr. Choate of Salisbury. Burial was in the Sparta Cemetery.

CROUSE

Uncle Bill Crouse of Whitehead passed away last Friday morning, January 31st, at his home, at the age of 83 years, following a serious illness of several weeks. Funeral services were conducted at New Salem church on Saturday at 3 o'clock by Elders Shade Caudill, Charlie Wooten, and Walter Evans, and interment was in the family cemetery near the home.

PUGH

Mrs. Maude Pugh, age 55, well-known citizen of the Grassy Creek community in Ashe county, died early last Wednesday, January 29th, at the Wilkes hospital in North Wilkesboro, where she had been a patient since the previous Friday.

Mrs. Pugh was the widow of the late Claude A. Pugh, of Mouth of Wilson, Va., who died about 24 years ago. She leaves one daughter, Mrs. Oren E. Porter, of Grassy Creek, and one son, Ralph C. Pugh, of Galax. Also surviving are two brothers and three sisters: Edd C. Phipps, of Grassy Creek; W. F. Phipps, of Galax; Mrs. Carrie Phipps, of

Galax; Mrs. R. C. Brown, of Weavers Ford, and Mrs. B. E. Sturgill, of Roanoke.

BRYANT

David Bryant, who lived near the Reynolds Estate at Devotion, and had taught in the colored schools of the county for many years, passed away at his home on Wednesday, January 29th. He was only 43 years of age at the time of death, but had been suffering with emphysema. He leaves a wife and one daughter. Funeral services were held at Devotion Church on Friday, January 31st, and interment was in the family lot near his home.

BEEKER

Charlie T. Beeker, father of Mrs. Leff Choate, who has been seriously ill for some little time, passed away Tuesday night, February 4, at 8 o'clock. More details later.

Stratford

Stratford, Feb. 4.—Mrs. Polly Cox, of Stratford, and son, Coy, of Fries, visited Mrs. Cox's old home at Wagoner, N. C., on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Coy Cox, of Fries, spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Cox, of this place.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Reeves and children, Kenneth and Lawrence, of Twin Oaks, came to spend the night with Mrs. Reeves' parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Cox Friday, January 31, and were taken with "flu." They returned home Saturday however.

Rex Hines and Franklin Hendrix from the CCC camp at Laurel Springs spent the week-end with homefolks here.

Rheba Lee Hines spent Monday night with Fannie Hendrix.

Mr. and Mrs. George Mc. Irwin and Mrs. Lester Irwin and little Mary Ellen and Carroll Sue Lee spent Sunday with Mrs. S. Jane Sanders at the home of W. G. Richardson.

W. G. Richardson went last

Sunday to visit his sister-in-law, Mrs. Monroe Richardson at Ennice, who has had a stroke and is very sick.

Mrs. J. R. Watson is recovering from a recent illness and is spending a few days with her father, Wm. Irwin.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hines and Mrs. David Osborne spent Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Lyons, of Sparta.

Mr. and Mrs. G. O. Edwards and daughter, Edith, of Hillsville, spent the week-end with relatives here and were accompanied home Sunday evening by Mrs. I. B. Richardson, who is going from there to Maryland where she has a position.

Charles Sanders and Mrs. Johnson Sanders and little daughter, and Mrs. Lucile Bumgarner, of Wilkesboro, spent Monday night with Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Sanders.

Vox

Vox, Feb. 3.—Mr. and Mrs. Carl Moxley and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Moxley, of Coalwood, W. Va., spent the week-end with friends and relatives here.

Mrs. C. C. Choate and Mrs. Paul Crouse were shopping in Galax Friday.

Miss Helen Truitt visited Mrs. Eugene Edwards, of Sparta, Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Caudill visited Bert Nichols Sunday. Mrs. Nichols has pneumonia and "flu." Mr. and Mrs. Kennie Truitt visited Mr. and Mrs. Parley Truitt Sunday.

John McLean and children, Vergie, Carl and Junior, were in Galax Saturday.

Miss Violet Caudill spent Thursday night with Miss Hazel Maines.

Miss Gladys McLean, of Galax, spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John McLean.

Leff Reeves visited R. K. Fortners Sunday.

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