

NEW VALLEY FORGE IS NOTED BY SCOUTS

Evidences of the World's Advance Seen in Washington's Birthday Celebration

AUTOS, TRAINS AND SMOKE

What once had been and what was to be seen yesterday in and about the snow-piled lanes and billowing hills of Valley Forge were brought sharply into contrast in the ninth annual celebration by the Boy Scouts of Delaware and Montgomery counties, commemorating the birthday of George Washington.

Four hundred youngsters in khaki and sweaters, members of nearly two-score different scout troops, observed with fitting ceremonies, as well as with exuberant juvenile versions of soldier life in the open, the natal day of the great Virginian who, with a Prussian general as his right-hand man, wrested the final victory from Great Britain.

Yesterday sturdy lads gathered there in hundreds, by train and trolley, a study in what the centuries have done for America since 1777. The valley of the Schuylkill, then so often blanketed in a warm glow of universal sunshine. Factory chimneys down Port Kennedy way broke the open white of the fields with their frequent columns of smoke. Railroad trains smoke the echoes by the silver-green river, where once the pioneers of Pennsylvania patriotism had stumbled a few hard miles at a time from bivouac to bivouac.

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Chapel, with its groined arches and softly colored stained-glass windows, automobiles, not even so much as imagined in Washington's day, were parked while their owners attended the special services.

White flakes that eddied down in millions early in the morning yielded to the drift of wind and the strength of the sun before 10 o'clock, and when camp fires finally were crackling on the hillside opposite the Waterman monument the figures in khaki that crouched about them were but faint reminders of the misery that waited on the Colonials in that white, ghastly winter of so long ago.

Assistant Scoutmaster Ernest Schultz made this unusual celebration accessible to the public. Autos were provided in plenty. Executive Edward A. Carlson

had his troubles with field maneuvers, and the numerous details of rollcalls and reports, but the program was run off without a hitch, even to the sham battle in which the Reds and Blues shared honors.

Even the candied apples that the good wife of Sexton Samuel Glenn purveyed to hungry boys by scores, ought to be mentioned in the story of a real day at Valley Forge where Young America and Old Man Tradition tramped side by side along historic paths.

No. 1, Pennsylvania No. 1, Brookline No. 1, Narberth No. 1, Bridgeport No. 1. Incidentally, there's a little story to be told of how Sunflower Troop 1, Girl Scouts, of Bridgeport, made their way to the chapel to see their heroes perform. It is said that it won't be let happen any more. Perhaps because, while they may do very well as scouts in uniform, miles apart, when brought together, the lore of scoutcraft is lost sight of in a game at which even General Washington is said to have been puzzled to win every time he tried to play it.

plumber was using in repairing some pipes in the cellar of the Cannon home. The torch exploded and a piece of metal entered the boy's head. He was taken to Mount Sinai Hospital, where it was found he had a fractured skull.

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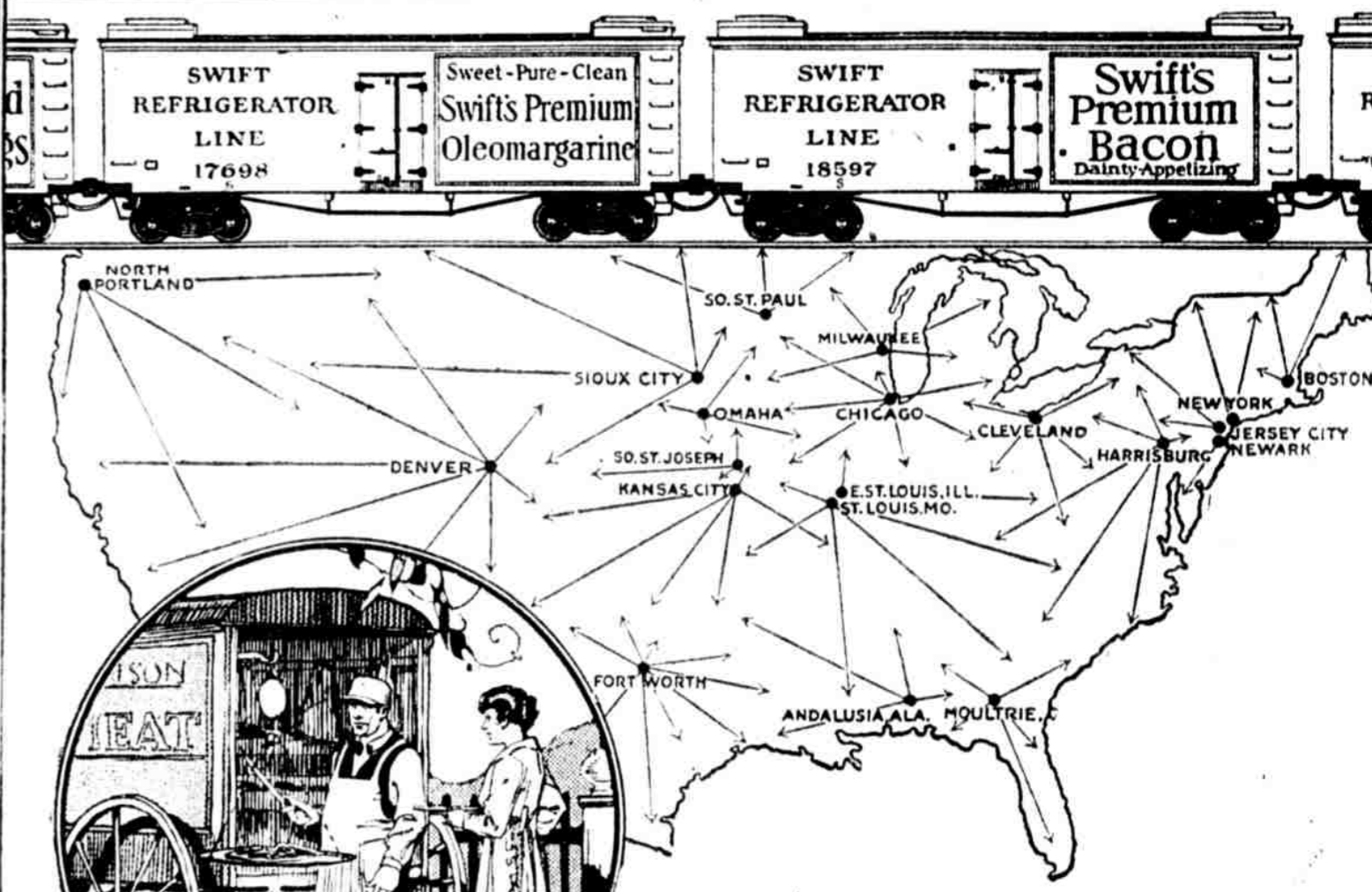
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