

# NEWS AND NOTES OF THE BOY SCOUTS

## QUERIES BOYS OF HIS TROOP

### Scoutmaster Wants to Know Who Youths Are Most Interested In

No doctor would prescribe for his patient before a careful examination had been given, neither can a scoutmaster give his best services to a scout until he knows that scout and can think and feel as he does. This is the conclusion that the scoutmaster of Troop 4 came to, prompting him to send the following list of questions to his candidates:

- "Dear Scout:—
- "It has been my practice as scoutmaster of Troop 4 to ask all new scouts the following questions so as to be in a position to work with them to the best advantage. Please, therefore, answer these questions promptly.
- Your full name, address and age is?
- Your father's name and occupation is?
- Is your health good? If not, what is wrong?
- What exercise do you take?
- What is your favorite game?
- What school do you attend?
- What is your favorite study?
- Which are you the poorest in?
- What do you read outside of school?
- What is your hobby? Are you fond of the country?
- What bad habit do you have to fight hardest?
- Do you try to keep your thoughts clean? Do you try to be absolutely honest?
- Do you try to be absolutely punctual?
- Are you kind to animals?
- Are you a Christian? What church do you attend?
- Can you save money? What is your aim in life?
- Are you willing to pay the price of success in hard work?
- How can I help you most as your scoutmaster?
- Your friend and scoutmaster, "GARFIELD McALLISTER," "Do a good turn daily."

## Seven Former Members of Troop 4 Are Ready to Fight for Nation

George Beard won the single championship in Troop 4's tennis tournament, when he defeated Geo. Favard at Reservoir Park on Wednesday. The score was 6-7, 6-4. The troop will present the winner with a handsome loving cup at an early meeting.

The following boys, now enlisted in the service of their country were former members of Troop 4: Robert F. Eugene Davis, Joseph Ogelsby, David Snavely, Geo. Fitzpatrick, Howard Seidle and Leon Mehatfle.

## TROOP 20 TO HIKE

Troop 20 will take a short hike on Saturday starting at Frogtown and hiking for about seven miles in that vicinity. The troop will ride to Frogtown via trolley and will return the same way. Scouts of this troop have been disappointed several times about the all-day hike, which was to have been taken some time ago but has been held up on account of weather conditions. It will probably be taken in about two weeks.

G. PARKER WEAVER, Acting Scribe.

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## ELIZABETHTOWN TROOP 1, JUST AFTER LONG CAMPING TRIP



The above photograph shows Boy Scouts, Troop 1, of Elizabethtown, just after it had broken camp at Manada Gap. Fifty-three members participated in the outing. Each reports a wonderful time. C. M. Heistand, assistant scoutmaster was in charge of the camp.

## APPEALS FOR SCOUTMASTERS

### Roosevelt Points Out That Nation Needs Ten-fold Increase in Boy Scouts

Colonel Theodore Roosevelt, Honorary Scout Commissioner, of Nassau county, New York, and members of the Troop Committee of the Scout Troop connected with Christ Episcopal church in Oyster Bay, pitched his tent at Mineola, Nassau county with the 1,200 Boy Scouts of America encamped there. The Boy Scouts cooked their own meals for four days and on the last day had a rally with wall-scaling, "stalking," "Cow-boy race" contest, and other Scouting activities.

Colonel Roosevelt addressed the Boy Scouts after their dress parade and lauded them for having "made the team" that is fighting Uncle Sam's battles. He urged everyone to do his duty as he found it before him. Colonel Roosevelt said: "Fellow Boy Scouts: Of course I have a right to say 'Fellow Boy Scouts' for I see here as one of your Scoutmasters the dominion under whom I sit every Sunday. I am not only proud of Nassau county for what you boys have done in organizing this body here in this county, but I congratulate with all my heart the American people on the Boy Scout movement; and I want you boys to feel this: Boys of your age ordinarily cannot feel as yet that they have done much for the country as citizens, but you boys—the Boy Scouts—are doing it. Because of the leadership given by your organization you are already doing your part."

You are on the team now—Uncle Sam's Team. You are doing your bit! And I tell you, it is worth while. I do not know a man or boy worth his salt who has not got the desire to be a part of the great counts, and to do his share in making it count. That is, what every red-blooded American has got to feel, or he is not worth being called an American. We have got 258,000 Boy Scouts of America and about 75,000 people like Scoutmaster Talmadge, Council President Earle and myself (Scout Commissioner) who are in the movement as leaders, and I won't be content until instead of 258,000 we have 2,580,000.

### Has No Use For "Harmless" Boys

I have got mighty little use for the type of good man or good boy of whom all you can say is that he is harmless. Boy Scouts I want you to count in the game of life. I want you to count now when you are boys, and I want you to count when you have grown up and become men. I believe in this movement with all my heart, and also in that constantly growing belief in this country that all of our young men between the ages of 13 and 21 shall have to have obligatory universal military training, to supplement what we are doing now. The democracy of our Government must be based fundamentally on the kind of spirit you show—the service that you are willing to give. No man is entitled to a privilege if he does not perform a duty. You can't, any of you, enjoy the privileges of a Boy Scout if you stay out and don't do any of the work.

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## SETTLE DOWN TO SOLID WORK

### Troop 6 Enjoyed Pleasant Summer; Will Make Good Showing at Rally

Troop 6 has settled down to solid work after a summer vacation which ended with two happy weeks of camping at Camp Sagamokan. The Scout meeting has been changed from Wednesday to Friday night. Wednesday night is now taken up by a patrol leaders' school conducted by Scoutmaster Huntsberger.

Last Wednesday night the senior patrol leader, six patrol leaders and assistants were put through a drill by Assistant Scoutmaster Craven. Mr. Huntsberger conducted a staff exercise and gave a blackboard talk on "Signs and Signals." The following subjects have been assigned to scouts for a three-minute talk next Wednesday night: "My Eagle Patrol"—Fred Haschlein (Bent Arrow), Will Heagy (Black Star), Silver Fox—Charles Peters (Osceola); Gray Beaver—William Richards (Yellow Owl). ROY A. REEL, Scoutmaster.

## CARE OF CORN AFTER SELECTION

### Farm Agent Tells How to Handle Seed to Keep It For Planting

Following up his recent article on the field selection of seed corn, H. G. Niesley tells how to care for the seed after selection. His statement follows: "The first requisite in storing seed corn is to see that the storage is dry and has free circulation. Corn will dry most rapidly under such conditions. Be sure that your corn is thoroughly dry, if not when freezing weather comes the viability will be sure to be affected."

On Tuesday, September 25, the troop will hold a marshmallow toast with the Susquehanna Circle of Camp Fire Girls. The Scouts are displaying marked enthusiasm in the matter of the Scout rally and expect to make a good showing. "The tying together of the ears with strings." "The arranging of ears on racks so that mice and rats cannot reach them." "The driving of nails into a post or side of a building on which the individual ears can be placed." "When the seed ears have been thoroughly dried, they may be stored in sacks, barrels, or placed in a mouse-proof room until planting time the following spring."

## Days on the Open Road

By Red Cloud and Lone Star

New strength, new characteristics which we never knew existed are brought out on the faces of the boy when in the heart of the strange wood. Hope and imagination draw for him the wonderful pictures that come and go in the flickering light of the campfire.

So it was to us that first night spent under the diamond-sprinkled canopy of Heaven. One by one with serious faces we sought our resting place with thoughts and fancies jealously guarded, fell off to sleep.

Awake with the first gray light of dawn, we performed our morning toilet in the cool waters of a nearby creek and with the fresh sweet breath of the new day filling our lungs, we packed our traps and mounted higher in the east and a rosy blush along the hill tops heralded the coming of the sun. Radiant shafts of golden light shot up to the zenith, and were reflected by the sparkling drops of dew on every leaf and every blade of grass.

The bob-white in the meadows greeted us with his morning call. The star faded in the west, the crescent moon grew pale against the brightening sky and soon the sun a great, blood-red ball seemed to fairly leap into the eastern sky. Breakfast at seven o'clock in an open field was devoured with a relish equalled only by that of the evening before. After the meal we entered a bottom land along a narrow creek and rested there until after the heat of the day had passed and the cool of evening once again invited us to take the road. Tired, dirty and hungry we reached the end of our road with the firm determination that our first experiment was by no means our last.

## TROOP 12 MAKES RAPID STRIDES

### Less Than Six Months Old but Growing and Learning Fast

Troop 12, of the Memorial Lutheran Church, Harrisburg Boy Scouts of America, was organized in May, 1917, with about twenty-four

boys. Meetings were held every Tuesday evening from 7 to 9 o'clock. The troop gradually grew until at the present time there are thirty boys registered; all past the tenderfoot tests with the exception of one who was just taken into the troop. Many of the Scouts of this troop have passed their second-class examinations and are about to be made first-class Scouts. This on a whole, we feel is a fairly good record considering the fact that we have just passed through the summer months when some of the boys were absent from the city on vacations. The greater part of the Scouts of No. 12 Troop are uniformed, a few of course are not as yet. We have held outdoor meetings during the summer—been on a

number of swimming and fishing trips, and overnight hikes. The boys are well advanced in scouting and only recently at an entertainment we surprised the audience by springing upon it some of the many things we have learned since our organization. We had a large attendance at this meeting and it was a rousing success. In the future, now that the colder weather is appearing, we will take up the work more energetically in the hope of making a list of first-class Scouts. On this coming Saturday night we have arranged for the whole troop to take an overnight hike starting about 8 P. M., and returning the following morning. This hike will give us an opportunity to pass some tests for the coming

examinations and also give us an opportunity to do a little practicing for the Scout Rally of Harrisburg to be held October 12th. The future work of this troop will appear in their column from time to time.

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