

TROOP SEVEN TO ORGANIZE TEAM

Doughty Scouts Will Play Basketball; Hay Receives Ace Medal

The first scout in Troop 7 to receive an ace medal for selling War Saving Stamps is James Hay. So far, just three scouts have received achievement buttons.

At the last meeting of the troop a committee was appointed consisting of Paul Heming, Lloyd Gotwalt and Dad Ridiger to consider the possibility of maintaining a basketball team.

The troop merit system was put into effect last week. It is hoped that it will stimulate interest of better attendance. A suitable reward will be given to the scout or scouts getting the highest number of points.

Starting this evening the patrols

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will take turns in furnishing the troop with some stunts or extra programs. The first aid patrol, Carl Gingrich senior patrol leader, promises to have a new stunt. Every scout of the troop wants to see it.

Troop 26 Elects Scout Balmer as Treasurer

At our meeting Monday evening, H. Kinnear McCleary was sworn into the tenderfoot rank and applications from two candidates for membership were received. The office of treasurer has been made vacant through Scout Herman Jones moving to Scranton, and Scout Ben Balmer was elected to fill the vacancy. We elected new patrol leaders and reorganized the patrols. Those elected were Scout Jones, Flying Eagle; Scout Hoesler, Stag; Scout Zimmerman, Heaver; Scout Singleton, Eagle.

All the tenderfoot scouts are studying signaling for a test in the near future and hope to pass the second class examination early in the new year. An entertainment is being planned to be given in the church for the benefit of the troop. We have some talented Scouts and expect to put on a good show. The Scouts are being well versed in the Scout laws, and are keeping mentally awake for opportunities to do good turns. We want all Scouts to be present at our meeting next Monday night, which will be the last meeting of the old year.

PAUL WARFIELD, Scribe.

Troop 16 Has Interesting and Very Busy Month

The month of November was a busy one for Troop 16. Five indoor meetings and four outdoor meetings were held. The troop is taking up under the leadership of Assistant Scoutmaster George S. Spangler, map making and other details of second-class work. Two new scouts, John Essick and Henry Delaney, have been added to the troop, which now numbers twenty-seven. Besides this there are twelve Wolf Cubs under the paternal care of the troop. Troop No. 16 has responded to every appeal for service that has been made thus far, and ranks one hundred percent. in civic efficiency.

WORK FOR RED CROSS

Saturday morning will be a busy time for the scouts of the city. Each troop will distribute to every house in its district a pamphlet in the interest of the Christmas membership drive of the Red Cross. It is a big "good turn," and one worth while.

NEWS AND NOTES OF THE BOY SCOUTS

TROOP STUDIES IN FIRST AID

Scouts of City Invited to Participate in Course With Troop Twenty-six

Troop 26 has started a winter course in first aid covering a month or six weeks under the direction of their new assistant scoutmaster, Paul Kohlhaas, who is captain of the Bethlehem Steel Company's first aid team.

Mr. Kohlhaas is considered one of the best first aid men in this territory and will take the scouts through first aid up to the most advanced work. After the course is finished Mr. Kohlhaas will select a first aid team from among the scouts of the troop and will train them to compete with any first aid team in Harrisburg.

An invitation is extended to the Scouts of other troops in Harrisburg to attend this course, which will be held each Monday evening at the Stevens Memorial Methodist Church, Thirtieth and Vernon streets, at 7:30. Scouts wishing information on any points of advanced first aid for their first class test will be given any assistance they desire by applying to Mr. Kohlhaas after the close of the regular Monday night troop meeting.

Troop Twenty's Business Meeting to Be Tonight

The business meeting of Troop 20 for December will be held tonight. The Red Cross Christmas honor roll will be explained. A teacher has been secured to teach the bugle corps. All buglers are requested to bring their instruments to take their first lesson. After the meeting, tenderfoot examinations will be held. A number of members of the troop will soon be ready to take examinations at headquarters.

HENRY A. BAER, Scribe.

THE WOLF

By Scout Robert Keller

Our friends the dogs should lead the list by right of their advancement, but it will be better first to examine some of their wild prototypes, especially the wolves, the most typical and powerful of the canine race.

The great gray wolf, still more or less prevalent throughout almost the whole of northern hemisphere, measures in its largest subarctic form about three and a half feet long, exclusive of the somewhat bushy tail, which hangs to the hocks, and weighs one hundred and fifty pounds or thereabout. This northern wolf has an under fur of slategray not found in southern examples, and is usually a distinct specter; as also are the ones more or less grizzled, while the under parts are whitish, and the tail is often tipped with black. These hues are paler in northern than in southern specimens, and the latter are also inclined to be smaller; in many warm regions totally black races are known, and the black wolf of Florida is considered by Merriam a distinct species; as also are the great pure white wolf of our Arctic coast and the wolf of Japan. In general the animal is a creature of wooded mountains—a "timber" wolf.

In summer a pair will retire to some cavern or convenient shelter, often dug by the mother herself, and there six to ten whelps are born, but usually only two or three survive to full age. At this season small games is numerous everywhere, and the animals, wandering about alone by day as well as by night, pick up a good living with little trouble, and grow fat, intemperate, and cowardly, or at any rate peaceful. As the summer closes and as the whelps grow the parents take them out with them and show them what is good to eat and how to hunt for it, while the onset of winter, times become harder, and then the wolves must arouse their strength and intelligence to outwit and overcome the larger animals—the wild cattle, deer, antelope, and the like upon which they prey.

The peaceful disposition of summer changes the tone, and the forests, the cold gales moan through the trees, and the long, dark nights enshroud an almost dead world, into hungry ferocity and a force of craft and caution born of the direst need, breeding a daring which at last makes the animal formidable to man himself. Much exaggeration has crept into the popular history of wolves from the superstitious tales of old; but basis enough remains to make it certain that travelers through the wintry wilderness of Canada or Russia have more than once been attacked and killed by the direst need, and these beasts, whose boldness, endurance, and persistence in pursuit when crazed by famine, are almost boundless. Nevertheless more than once have been scared than hurt; and that mainly by the terrific howling which multiplies itself by its rapid, echoing volume, until it seems as though a dozen wolves were clamoring in concert.

It is in winter, mainly, when the larger animals must be depended upon, that the wolves form themselves into packs and assist one another. To this class of animals hunting is truly "the chase." For their method is, having found their quarry in which the good nose for a trail and the keen hearing assist them, to keep it in sight and run it down. The endurance of their gallop is astonishing, yet most deer, antelope, and horses can outspeed and outswim them, and would usually escape a single wolf. Therefore they, or sometimes many, unite, and by relieving one another, cutting across corners, surrounding a pond in which some animal victim has sought safety, or by other means, they will exhaust and pull down an animal enough to furnish a meal for all—if the later ones are not to slow in arriving. A band of Arctic wolves will cooperate a district of reindeer in one winter; only the polar bear and the musk ox can hold their own against them. Very pretty tactics are often employed, especially by the coyotes, whose work must be doubly strategic because done in the open. Plainmen still call a particularly big old gray wolf a "buffalo runner," recalling the time when the principal prey of those the West was the bison. The wolves seldom molested the buffaloes unless they were disabled by wounds or sickness. The young calves were what they sought, and they stalked through the herd, dodging the old bulls and angry cow buffaloes in the tall bunch grass of the plains.

Dwellers on the frontier, or in thinly settled and mountainous districts, suffer from the depredations of the bigger wolves which maim more than they kill and eat, when famine, or the lesson from some previous success, leads them to attack domestic animals. This destructive, and the value of their pelts, have led to their extermination throughout the more thickly settled parts of both the United States and Canada, and even in the far West they become the "scarecrows" of the appearance of bison, elk, and black tail. A black variety still haunts the recesses of the Florida Everglades. In the ranching districts, however, cubs are sheen kept in many bands alive wherever there are rocky fastnesses to which they may retire, in spite of the traps, poisons, and guns which they understand so much better than their creators; but they are not as adaptable, clever, and safe as the coyotes. In Europe, they still persist on the continent even in France and Spain, wherever a rough country gives them a harbor, whence they may race forth on winter nights to ravage the farms and pastures; and official returns show that more than half a million head of cattle and smaller livestock are annually destroyed by wolves in European Russia alone.

In Saxon times wolves were very abundant. Aelian added to his marvels and asserted that the wolf cannot be tamed, and should be kept on tread on the flower of the squill it at once becomes torpid. So the wily fox, fearing his more powerful enemy, takes care to strew his path with squills. The conversion of men into wolves was a well-known superstition, dated from Grecian and Roman times; it formed the basis of much of the witchcraft persecutions of the middle ages and onward, and has left its mark in folklore.

After other business the troop adjourned by holding the regular exercises which was formed by reciting the Scout Law, singing the "Star Spangled Banner" and saying the Lord's Prayer. After these exercises, the two troops adjourned to the gymnasium where games were competed by running them off by patrols. Troop Thirteen won half of the games played while Troop Eleven showed up fine also in the games played. No one had gym shoes on and the games were run under difficulty because of the slippery floors. After a successful good time, both organizations suspended to the first floor where both troops enjoyed the trophies and the pictures. The pictures, the two troops beat it for home. This was the first time this part of the year that any troop visited Troop Thirteen and as this union meeting between the troops can be called a success, many more troops who are situated close to Troop Thirteen's place of meeting are expected to come and have a good time. Last year the troop enjoyed the fellowship of other troops who visited them and held a union meeting together.

Among the things of interest during the meeting was when Scoutmaster Karl Mooslein was given his achievement button which he won. Although the troop has not yet captured any Age Medals, she has to her credit at least seven buttons.

All Scouts are urged to come in uniform and set in Fahnstock Hall in a body.

SCOUT HAMER IS TEAM MANAGER

Troop Nineteen Calls For Games and Challenges All Teams of City

Scout Hamer was elected manager of Troop 19's basketball team and called for candidates on December 17, at St. Paul's floor, Second and Emerald streets. Scout Callen was elected assistant manager.

The following are requested to report: Hamer, Hummel, Hoffman, Eissner, Taylor, Daly McCarvel, Paul, Yeffer, Welsh, Faunce K. Moyer, C. Moyer, Townsend and Wells. Troop 19 issues challenges to any scout team in the city or out of the city. Please notify for game, Robert Hamer, 1100 North Second street, Harrisburg, Pa.

Troops Eleven and Thirteen Hold a Union Meeting

Troop No. 13 has an advantage over other troops by having use of the gymnasium and other parts of the Boyd Memorial building. In accordance of this advantage, Troop 13 has arranged to have various troops of the city enjoy the use of the building by holding union meetings together and then play games on the gym floor. The meeting started off with the regular exercises which was the repeating the Scout oath, singing a verse of "America" and saying sentence prayers. In this way the meeting was begun. The meeting was short and after the report on good turns were given by the patrols the troop arranged itself for a talk which was given by the Assistant Scoutmaster Hazan of Troop 13. The talk itself was of vast importance to the boy and was enjoyed by all those present.

At every meeting the troop holds, some scout helps to make it interesting by giving a talk of something that is sure to hold the scouts interested and that is beneficial at the same time. Scout Robert Keller volunteered this week to give a talk and his subject was on that of the "Wolf." The talk was interesting from the start to the finish and told of the haunts of this animal.

Troop 26 held its regular weekly meeting Monday night and welcomed its new assistant scoutmaster, Paul Kohlhaas. He will take over the instruction of first aid, etc., and hopes to get up a first aid team from among the troop that will beat any Scout first aid team in Harrisburg. Mr. Kohlhaas instructed the troop in the proper tying of the knot to be used in applying a bandage and how to bandage an injured or infected eye, the proper way to handle the dressing to apply to the wound and the proper method of applying a head bandage. "Andy" was used as the patient and made quite a "victim" in his long pants.

We are getting considerable equipment on hand and when the merit system goes into effect we hope to have a pretty good average.

H. T. COLLECTOR, Scout.

Approved, L. E. Vananan, S. M.

The New Officers

By Scout Executive Virgin

Some of the busiest and best men of the city are back of the scout movement. That was clearly shown at the annual meeting of the local council last Tuesday evening. The members of the council expressed their pride in the scouts of the city, and in more than one way showed that they were glad to give of their experience and time to the direction of the boys. J. William Bowman, the new president, will carry on the high standard set by George S. Reinohl, the retiring president, and the scouts will build up on the basis already laid.

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