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A regular feature prepared each week by members of the Boy Scout Press Club

Troop 33

Troop 33 of Highland Park held their meeting at the lake front last Wednesday evening. After a short business meeting conducted by Scoutmaster Herbert R. Smith, the troop had a corn roast. The boys built a bonfire and roasted the corn in it, and from the different comments that have come into headquarters, it was very good.

Officers Star of Honor Given
Three Americans

For their services to boyhood extending over a period of more than fifteen years, Belgium has conferred upon G. Barrett Rich, member of the executive board and chief of the American camp at the World's Scout Jamboree, Dr. James E. West, chief scout executive of the Boy Scouts of America, and Lorne W. Barclay, executive officer of the American Jamboree Contingent L'Etoile D'Officier D'Honneur which the the Officer Star of Honor, conferred only to those who have rendered exceptional service to boyhood, according to dispatches from Europe. Each of these three Americans honored by Belgium has had a long and distinguished career in service to boyhood. Mr. Rich who was honored by being selected as the American Camp Chief at the World's Scout Jamboree has been successively a scoutmaster, scout commissioner and member of the scout council at Buffalo, N. Y., and through his splendid work won national recognition. He was one of the incorporators of the Boy Scouts of America and is now a member of the executive board of the National Council of the Boy Scouts of America. Dr. West has been the chief scout executive since the founding of the Boy Scout movement in America and has seen the organization grow from a few troops in 1910 to a membership of nearly 860,000 boys. Lorne W. Barclay, scout executive of Tampa, Florida, who is executive officer of the American contingent at the Jamboree, is internationally known for his work among boys. For many years he was director of the Department of Education of the Boy Scouts of America and at the close of the World war was decorated by the French government with the Legion of Honor for his work in the reconstruction camps of Europe. He has also been decorated by the Spanish government for his work among the Spanish speaking people in Florida. Both Mr. Rich and Dr. West possess the coveted award of the Silver Buffalo, which is the highest honor the Boy Scouts of America bestow for distinguished service to boyhood.

Japanese Scouts

A troop of Japanese Boy Scouts, all members of the Sacramento, California council of the Boy Scouts of America, are conducting a good will

tour of Japan this summer. The thirty-three scouts, led by Scoutmaster George Murray and Dr. C. B. Jones of Sacramento, will spend the summer in Japan, returning to their homes in September. One of the features of the trip is the fact that the group did not touch land until they arrived in Japan. Leaving Sacramento, they took a steamer down the Sacramento river to San Francisco, where they changed to an ocean liner in San Francisco Bay. The day before they reached their destination, a ship loaded with Japanese scouts embarked from Yokohama and greeted the tourists at sea. The boys are spending 40 days in Japan, 25 of which will be required for contemplated inland trips and the youths will then disband for 15 days in order to visit relatives. It is the first time in the history of scouting that an entire troop has made an official visit to a foreign country. The trip is in the way of a reward, the troop having done some of the best scout work in their district. There are four Eagle scouts in the troop, more than in any other scout troop in Sacramento.

Scout Heroism

In January 1925, troop No. 1 of Stafford Springs was organized with A. R. Grenier as the scoutmaster. The troop had thirty-two members. It was hard to get a scout troop started at Stafford Springs. There were not very many men who were interested in giving-time to leadership in scouting for boys but Scoutmaster Grenier kept on. He organized a troop committee and soon the troop was flourishing. In May 1927, while working on a large truck, the blocks and jack slipped and Scoutmaster Grenier was crushed beneath it. He was so seriously injured that all hope for his life was given up and it was necessary for surgeons to put his entire body in a plaster cast. For months, while he hovered between life and death, only his nearest relatives could visit him. The troop of scouts, without adequate leadership, broke up and many of the scouts drifted away. Months went by and Scoutmaster Grenier got a new hold on life. He re-registered as scoutmaster of his troop and called together a committee of the men of the town to discuss Boy Scout matters. And then, without being able to sit up in bed, he re-organized his scout troop with the help of the older boys and others of his friends. That was more than 16 months ago and they have been the busiest months in the history of the troop. Over-night hikes, parades, messenger services, guiding jobs, everything a scout could do, was carried on by the troop which now numbers thirty-one scouts, seven of which are first class and eight second rank. And all of the activities were carried on while the scoutmaster was

confined to a hospital bed. The loyalty of the scouts, his scouts, has been one of the things that has helped to give Scoutmaster Grenier a chance for life. And from the inspiration that the scoutmaster has given to the boys who served under him, Troop No. 1 of Stafford Springs has become an outstanding Boy Scout troop.

Women Form Group to
Aid Chicago's Fair

Mrs. Grace Viall Gray, of Glen Ellyn, president of the First District of the Illinois Federation of Women's clubs, is at the head of a group of professional women who are forming a club whose activities will be devoted chiefly to stimulating interest in Chicago's Century of Progress exposition.

Many artists, writers and lecturers are included in the group which is forming the club, according to a letter Mrs. Gray wrote to Rufus C. Dawes, president of the Chicago World's Fair, asking him to suggest a name for the new organization.

Clothes are said to be a large factor in success, and what some men need is to buy and wear a pair of overalls while working about their places.

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