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than they do. It is curious that a name which is on every tongue for four years or more is so quickly and easily forgotten. Perhaps it is because we live so much in the present and the future and so little in the past.

**Hoover Thirty-First**

Thirty men have held the high office of President of the United States. Hoover is frequently called the thirty-first President, but to substantiate that result one must count Grover Cleveland twice. There is little reason for this, but for some inexplicable reason it is generally done because he is the only President to have served two non-consecutive terms. Of course, if one desires to be literal, he may also count Senator Atchison of Kansas, who always maintained that he was President for a day. The day in question was Sunday, March 4, 1849. Old "Rough and Ready" Zachary Taylor, elected President in the preceding year, refused to take his oath of office on Sunday. Atchison was President and Vice President.

Of the thirty—or thirty-one—or thirty-two Presidents (as you may prefer) we have had only twenty-three ex-Presidents (not counting the insistent Atchison). Three Presidents—Lincoln, Garfield and McKinley—have been assassinated, and three—William Henry Harrison, Taylor and Harding—have died in office of natural diseases. Thomas Jefferson is the only man who ever "resigned" the Presidency. He did not do so officially but he went home in disgust in the winter of 1809, several weeks before his successor, Madison, was inaugurated.

**And Now They Plan to "Doll Up" Father; It's a Tough World**

Although they refuse to call all the fancy things barbers do for them, "beauty treatments," men are spending more and more on their looks, according to Helen Rawson Cades, feminine beauty expert, in Woman's Home Companion. A man's average barber shop check is now ninety-two cents, whereas women's average checks are two dollars and thirty-four cents. Facial treatments now account for much of the increase in men's barber bills.

Time was, says Miss Cades, when whiskers were an achievement. But that was before Father became Dad. There may be less hair on men's faces now, she adds, but there is considerably more on the top of heads. The jokes about bald headed row hardly get a laugh now.

"Men have been more active about saving their hair than about other aspects of good grooming for the reason that baldness is more obvious than blackheads or a bad shave," the article says, "and that hair tonic to the ordinary male sounds less effete than, say, cold cream. It has to him a fairly medical sound. He gets it at the barbershop or drug store instead of at the toilet goods counters. He would rather go through fire than to approach a toilet goods counter with a question.

"There's been more activity in hair than faces among men heretofore, but that's all changing now."

**Cabin in the Woods**

What better way to start off the fall program for the troop than to have an overnight hike? And what better place than the Cabin in the Woods for such a hike! Make your reservations for use of the Cabin at the council headquarters by letter or by phone, Highland Park 2431. The headquarters will issue you a permit which you are to present to the custodian, Mr. John Koelling, on arrival at the Cabin. Make your reservations early as the use of the cabin is sometimes spoken for as far ahead as six weeks. And plan to go early while it is yet daylight for fuel is scarce and hard to find after dark.

**New Addition to Staff**

Mr. Walter Piplinger, regional scout executive for Region Seven, Boy Scouts of America, comprising the four states of Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana and Michigan, announces that Mr. Bruno G. Andrews has been added to the Regional staff. Mr. Andrews will have charge of the organization and further promotion of additional Sea Scout units within the Region.

Mr. Andrews first assignment will be with the North Shore Area council. During the first, second and third weeks of September he will co-operate with the council executive, Myron C. Rybolt, in securing the organization of Sea Scout Ships in several of the towns comprising the North Shore council.

The Sea Scout organization has

made tremendous progress within the last two or three years. Sea Scouting appeals to the older boys, in fact the age requirement is 15 years.

Within the very near future a large training ship will be available for the use of Sea Scouts within the Region and it is expected that summer cruises will be made on the lake by the different units.

**Message to Scoutmasters**

To you, scoutmasters, is given the opportunity to mould and form in a new and wonderful way the young manhood of America. Your work is with material more easily colored than canvas, more plastic than clay, more durable than marble, for it is invested with possibilities for growth and development only short of Divine. Great satisfaction must be yours as a result of this service. Scoutmasters remain young in thought and in body. They possess a continuously renewed outlook on life because of their contact with growing boys.

The thousands of scout troops throughout the country will annually "turn out" almost one hundred thousand boys, trained in character and citizenship—By You. In ten years this number will reach a million young men or more, distributed throughout every walk and activity of life. The youth of America, if poorly trained, misguided, and improperly educated, may in later years become a great menace, but if properly trained, they will become the most valuable resource possessed by this great Republic.

**Fishing at Camp**

The fishing at Camp Makajawan this year has been good. The boys were allowed to go fishing every day if they cared to. The fellows who were not allowed to go in boats were taken out to the diving raft where they could still fish, and the boys that were allowed to go out in boats usually casted. At the first of the year fishing was not very good. Nobody caught anything casting and few fish were caught still fishing. As the season got well on its way everybody thought that still fishing was the best and we could hardly take care of the bunch in the raft. Toward the end of the season someone went casting and got 12 nice pike. After this casting was popular and some other fish were caught that way. After camp was closed several nice fish were caught by the fellows who stayed up there to clean up.

Next year we will have a large raft for fishing only. All the boys that are going to still fish will be put on the raft and boats will be used by the boys who are interested in catching fish other ways.

The lake is an ideal place to fish, the south end is rocky and deep which makes it a fine place for casting and trailing for Walleye-Pike which seems to be the most plentiful. There are a few pickerel in the lake,

but there are no bass nor muskie as they live in larger lakes, but there are plenty of pike and they are far the best eating anyway, half of the fun of catching them is eating them. —John Fowler, Troop 4 Wilmette.

**NOTED LEADERS TO TALK TO TEACHERS**

**Soldiers, Poets and Educators to Speak at State Meetings; Dates**

Soldiers, poets and educators, including some of the nation's outstanding lecturers, have been obtained for divisional meetings of the state teachers association, it is shown by programs sent to state headquarters here.

Carl Sandburg, native Illinois poet; Sergeant Alvin York of World War fame; Tom Skeyhill, the Australian soldier and lecturer, and a host of nationally known lecturers have been engaged.

**Elaborate Program**

Probably the most elaborate program has been provided for the eastern division meeting at Charleston, October 12. Sergeant York of Tennessee is the featured speaker, with the story of his life as his subject. Other speakers are Miss Annie Moore and Miss Fannie Dunn of Columbia university; Howard C. Hill, Dr. W.

C. Alee, Dr. A. O. Cravens, and Dr. R. L. Layman of the university of Chicago; and W. T. Bawden, editor of the Industrial Education Magazine.

Sandburg is headlined for the Northwestern Divisional meeting to be held at Freeport, October 25. On the program with Sandburg is Dr. Walter Rollo Brown, Cambridge author and lecturer. Other speakers are Prof. Peter W. Dykema, Columbia university; and Dean Ralph Dennis of the school of speech of Northwestern university.

**Valley Division**

The Illinois Valley division will hold its annual meeting at Alton on October 10 and 11. Tom Skeyhill, the Australian soldier and poet, is the principal speaker. F. D. Bawnton, superintendent of schools at Ithaca, New York, has also been engaged for the Alton meeting.

The Rock River division, formed from parts of other districts, will hold its first meeting this year, at DeKalb, October 18. Skeyhill is on this program, with Dr. Elbert C. Fretwill, of Columbia university, and Dr. J. C. Brown, president of the state teachers college at DeKalb.

Another new division, the DuPage

Valley, will hold its first meeting American ex-President is a figure which has been sadly neglected by historians and biographers. This has been largely due to the fact that none of them has ever accomplished much of note after his retirement. Taft is an exception. No other ex-President has served on the Supreme Court, say nothing of becoming Chief Justice. Taft has probably been of greater service to his country as Chief Justice than as President, but his is an extraordinary career. It is a surprising fact that only two ex-Presidents have become members of Congress: John Quincy Adams and Andrew Johnson.

The others appear to have completely severed their active connection with the federal government on the day that they left the Presidency. None has ever deigned to become a member of the cabinet of another President. The non-political life of the ex-Presidents has been equally devoid of spectacular achievements. Perhaps this is the reason that the biographers of our Presidents have been content to cover their lives as ex-Presidents in a paragraph or two, as a rule. But even at that, one would know more about their ex-Presidents