

approved, there are now 96 subjects badge program of the Boy Scouts of America, by the national executive board, on recommendation of the Committee on Badges and Scout Requirements. With two other Merit badges, wood turning, and zoology, recently approved, there are now 96 subjects in the Merit badge program. It is expected that the record of award of Merit badges for 1930 will far exceed that for 1929 when 511,195 badges in the scientific, vocational general subjects covered by the program, were won by Boy Scouts.

COMPASS AND FIRST-AID FEATURES

Troop 33 will meet on Saturday nights for the next two months. At our meeting on Jan. 17, the boys opened the meeting with inspection, then the scoutmaster explained the compass relay which we play between the patrols.

The compass relay consisted of two charts of the compass, with the parts unnamed. The boys were to run past the chart, down to the wall, pick up a card, run back and try to place it on the right place on the chart. The Beaver patrol won.

Mr. Anderson read us this clipping from the daily paper: "Carl Ricker, 35, father of eight children, the oldest 15 years, bled to death on the way to the hospital today after artery in his right arm had been severed when he slipped and pushed his arm through a window in his home." Mr. Anderson said that if one of those boys had been a scout, the father's life might have been saved. Then we had a first aid contest. We paired off in buddies, and the contest was on! Dick Wichman demonstrated the bandage, when one buddy would be the patient while the other tied the bandage, and then they changed around. Mr. Anderson, Dick, the scoutmaster, and Mr. Wichman judged the contests and games.

For the last five minutes, we joined in the game of "Poison," in which two newspapers were placed on the floor and everybody tried to make the others step on the "poison" paper. It was one of the best meetings the troop ever had, and we hope to have more like it. We closed by standing in a close circle and repeating the scout benediction. The big idea for next week is to be knot-tying.—Kerwyn Smith, troop 33, reporter, Lincoln school, Highland Park.

Troop 35 Pass Tests

The entire meeting last Friday, Jan. 16 was spent in passing scout tests as Mr. Walker, our scoutmaster is anxious that every fellow who is not already a second class scout become one at once. The troop did not take the hike they were planning to last Saturday, but we are taking a hike the seventeenth under the leadership of Mr. Walker. One new scout joined the troop this last meeting; he is Ed. Brizzolara.—Troop 35, Ravinia school, Scribe Art Baldauf.

STUDY FIRST AID AND INDIAN SIGNS

The regular meeting of Troop 52 was held on Friday, Jan. 16, in the basement of the Presbyterian church. We opened our meeting at 7:15 with the scout oath and law and the salute to the flag. We were led in prayer by Rev. Andrews and then adjourned to patrol corners where we made out

our weekly reports and discussed tests to be passed. We reassembled and classes were organized with Mr. Russell taking charge of the first aid, Kenneth Vetter, the Indian signs, and Joe Andrews, the candidate scouts. We closed our meeting with singing of the "Scout prayer song." —Milton Merner, Troop 52, Presbyterian church, Deerfield, Ill.

New Scoutmaster

Since Frank Harms has become the scoutmaster of the new Troop 28 of Northbrook it became necessary to get a new scoutmaster for the old Troop 61. The Northbrook Presbyterian church has selected Mr. Don. R. Boyd, as the new scoutmaster. Mr. Boyd is manager and caddy master of the University Golf club. With the experience Mr. Boyd has had with boys, Troop 61 should be able to continue the good scouting started by Frank Harms.

Treat from Committee

Troop 51 held its usual weekly meeting above the Citizen's State bank, Deerfield. The meeting was opened by Ken. Vetter, a visitor from Troop 52, with the scout oath and law.

Each patrol had a short meeting and then presented a short entertainment. A few snappy games were played. After this Mr. McKillip, a troop committeeman, treated the whole troop to ice-cream sodas. The meeting closed with the troop humming taps.—Dan Wolterding, Deerfield Rotary club, Troop 51.

Welcomes Three New Scouts

At our last meeting, Jan. 15, we welcomed two new scouts, George McKillip and Carl Bonn. A week before we welcomed Leo Tahtenen. George McKillip and Leo Tahtenen entered the Bob White patrol while Carl Bonn entered Bud Scheskie's patrol. The new scouts passed some of the tenderfoot tests. Then we closed the meeting with the scout benediction. —Raymond Rectenwald, Troop 38, Ridge school, Highland Park.

News of Troop 31

Great sport was had by Troop 31 when a skating outing was held last Thursday night on the Elm Place school rink which is very near our place of meeting. We are looking forward to many more of these outings which we will be able to have if the weather permits. The troops were also pleased with the visit of Mr. Boltz, the council's field executive.—Louis Schultz, Troop 31, reporter, Highland Park.

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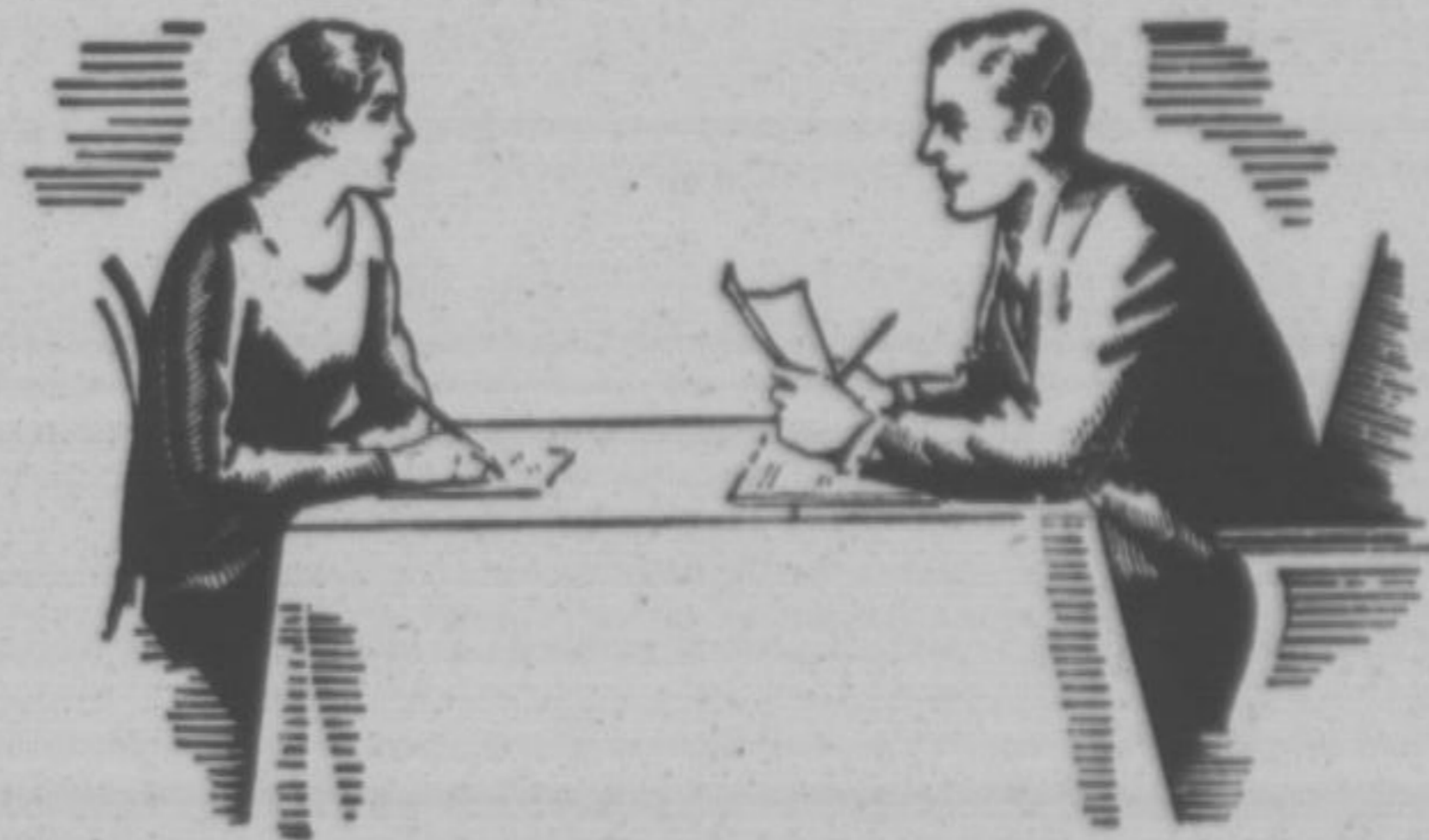
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