

Cabin In Woods Is Week-End Camp Site

One of the most popular week-end camp sites for North Shore Scouts is the Cabin-in-the-Woods, located about two miles west of Glencoe in the Forest Preserve. There is a fine log cabin there operated by the North Shore Area Council and fully equipped to care for as many as sixty boys. They sleep in a large room on double deck, spring canvas, steel cots. In this room there is a fire place at one end with a heating stove at the other. There is another smaller sleeping room for eight. A kitchen with a range and adequate equipment for cooking inside is available for those who wish. Most Scouts cook outside and many bring pup tents and sleep outside.

Eagle Scout Harold Huhn is at the Cabin any time it is being used and helps keep the place in order. Mr. John Koelling, a deputy forest preserve warden living near the camp, watches the property during the week. Arrangements for use of the Cabin are made through the North Shore Area Council in Highland Park, phone Highland Park 629 or Winnetka 629.

What Scouts Have Done

- 1—Boy Scouts were first on the scene to relieve distress when the cyclone struck counties in southern Illinois in 1925.
- 2—Boy Scouts were first to arrive on the scene with the Red Cross in the Florida disaster in 1926.
- 3—Boy Scouts were on continuous duty immediately following the Pueblo Flood, also the more recent Mississippi and New England Floods.
- 4—Boy Scouts rendered service at great hazard in the Santa Barbara earthquake disaster and in other hurricanes and tornadoes.
- 5—Boy Scouts have rescued men, women and children who otherwise would have drowned.
- 6—Boy Scouts have performed hundred of thousands of "Good turns" day by day since the organization in 1906 of this greatest Boy Movement in the world.
- 7—Boy Scout training made it possible for Scouts to become active serviceable members of the Martin John African Expedition, others to be chosen for the Borden Field Sea Expeditions and still another Eagle Scout of distinction to be selected as Commander Byrd's aide on the Antarctic Expedition.

R. Arthur Wood, chairman of the Central committee of the Scout campaign, yesterday announced the following initial donations: Albert P. Snite, Highland Park, \$500; Henry Fowler, Wilmette, \$500; R. E. Wood, Highland Park, \$500; Clarence T. MacNeille, Glencoe, \$250. Further announcements will be available for next week's issue, according to campaign headquarters.

The trouble with an era of low prices is that few people outside the wealthy, have the money to take advantage of the low prices. Prosperity and rising prices always seem to go together.

Twelve Reasons

- 1—It provides a code of ethics which a boy can understand and master, namely the Scout Oath and Law.
- 2—It constructively employs the boy's leisure time.
- 3—It means clean, wholesome association with other boys and men.
- 4—It is highly religious, although non-sectarian.
- 5—It is truly patriotic, although non-militaristic.
- 6—It teaches service through the "daily good turn."
- 7—It teaches good citizenship thru practice.
- 8—Its wide variety of progressive activities enlarges the boy's outlook on life and provides vocational guidance.
- 9—It develops character through fellowship with men of character.
- 10—It trains for leadership by giving practice in leadership.
- 11—It guides his recreational reading.
- 12—It is a bulwark against Communism and other sinister influences.

SCOUT CAMPING

When a boy first goes to summer scout camp he is what athletic coaches call "green material." In fact, he is new to every phase of camp life and is consequently dubbed a "greenhorn" by his more experienced campmates.

As the days go by and he gets used to the routine of the camp and begins to realize the good that he is going to get out of his camping life, he shares in the other boys' activities and begins to have a sort of brotherly companionship with them.

Two weeks of camping always brings out just what type of scout you really are. The sort of "back to nature" routing shows his character up clearly. A boy soon realizes that he therefore tries to favorably impress his companions by doing the finer, more manly things. After a boy goes home from camp he knows that he carries away with him something that other boys do not have, mainly, a new outlook on his future life, new companions and friends, new knowledge in crafts and also a knowledge that he can say that he has been to scout camp and is now a veteran. —Scout Jack Osborn, troop 71, Libertyville, Ill.



AND SUCH HOURS "TWENTY-FOUR HOURS"

By Louis Bromfield.
Frederick A. Stokes Co.

It is hard to say why Louis Bromfield wrote "Twenty-four Hours." It seems to me trite and stereotyped, a collection of puppets dressed up skillfully—for Mr. Bromfield has skill—as are the puppets in expensive shop windows, to look like humans, but who so far fail in their part as not to arouse a single spark of enthusiasm for themselves from the first to the last page of the book.

A drearier crowd of so-called "fashionable people" could scarcely be imagined. Old Hester Champion, white and puffy and repulsive who gives the dinner party at which we meet the others; Sabina, the over-fat, frustrated woman; Fanny Towner, jealous and petty jealously watching her lover David Melbourn, the hard-bitten financier to keep him away from the adventuress Mrs. Wintringham, but not noticing her husband who is completely drunk, and lastly Phillip, Hector's nephew, who might be dismissed as "beautiful but dumb." We have, fortunately, only twenty-four hours of their lives to go through, yet this so popular literary device causes us to have to listen to a good deal of their history told by themselves to each other.

On this particular night much happens in the way of people going home with other people's wives and it ends in Towner being implicated in a murder mystery. If only one of them would become human for a moment, make us care a whit what happens to them, but since they are only china, what's the odds? Perhaps old Sabina has at the end a human tremor, but it

is not soon enough or convincing enough.

THE NEAR EAST "ORIENTAL MEMORIES OF A GERMAN DIPLOMAT"

By Frederick Rosen
E. P. Dutton

There is something rather charming in this book "Oriental Memories of a German Diplomat" which is completely without pretensions. The author, Dr. Frederick Rosen, says modestly "Of course I make no pretensions to any literary style, no man can write in another language as in his own. My ambition does not soar beyond the desire to make myself understood." Dr. Rosen further says in his preface, concerning the reason for writing the book: "I have not intended to write an autobiography, but have merely tried to give a picture of those countries as I saw them at a time when the influx of European ways and ideas had not yet obliterated much of their original character. . . . If I succeed in giving a true and unbiased picture of bygone years, I hope to have made a step on the road which may lead to the removal of the evil effects of the War and of propaganda which has poisoned the relationship of two nations between whom an armed conflict ought never have been considered possible."

Whether or not Dr. Rosen's book will do anything toward this latter purpose it is difficult to say, but as to the former, giving a picture of those years before European influence came to the Near East, he has done much. The picture of his boyhood home in Jerusalem, from the terrace of which could be seen the Mount of Olives, and only one street removed

from the Via Dolorosa, gives a strange blinding of old and new.

In Dr. Rosen's later life he took up the diplomatic profession and one time returned to Jerusalem to be consul as his father had been before him. There are interesting stories of diplomacy, and still more are there interesting bits of far off countries, old doorways, strange customs, queer streets, teeming with people. If you like such things you will like this simply told story.

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