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LOCAL BOY SCOUTS VISIT STARVED ROCK

Members Troop 33 Enjoy Trip to State Park There and Explore Region

Last week scouts of Troop 33 of Highland Park held its annual three day camp at Starved Rock state park. The object was to reward those of the troop who had made an honor rating of 250 points which made them eligible for membership in the Order of Daniel Boone. This is the official method for recognizing those scouts who have made more than just ordinary use of opportunities in scouting. In order of rank they are George McLellan, Kerwyn Smith, Judson Wells, James Anderson, W. Hinn, John Brigham, Roderic Smith, George Hinn, Denton Smith, Robert Austin, James Lytle, Carl Huncke.

Interesting Explorations

The first day was used for buddy hikes to explore particular places. Saturday, the new dam and locks of the Illinois river were inspected. The water has been raised so that is is not possible to walk so far along the river since the water in Horse Shoe Canyon prevents crossing. On Saturday afternoon Mr. L. M. Davis of the *Republican Times* staff of Ottawa, very kindly took it upon himself to arrange a trip through the zinc smelter at LaSalle. The plant was originally built here to use the ore from the Galena region but now all the ore comes from near Joplin, Mo. The scouts followed the process through the plant. The concentrated ore is dried, roasted to remove sulphur, mixed with fuel and flux and fed into the smelter where the melted zinc is distilled from its impurities. Where the temperature was far from cool the molten metal was collected from the retors in a ladle and poured into molds as crude spelter. This is the metal which puts the go in the battery of a scout's flashlight.

Attend Lecture

After cooling off by a swim in the park lake the boys attended a lecture by Mr. Davis who talked about the history of Starved Rock region under the auspices of the Illinois Historical society. The troop was very glad to assist Mr. Davis by operating the lantern for the lecture. The troop adopts him as an honorary scout.

At Mr. Davis' suggestion while on the way home the troop made a pilgrimage to the grave of Mr. Wm. D. Boyce in the Ottawa cemetery. Mr. Boyce, as all scouters know, was the man who brought scouting to America from England. Without his interest in better humanity we might not now be enjoying these occasions of scouting together. Due respect was paid to his memory by repeating the Scout Oath and then saluting as the troop marched by the grave in file. The large stone was noted in the park which marks the place of one of the memorable debates between Lincoln and Douglas.

Historical Points

A stop was made at Shabbona Park north of Ottawa to view the spots of historical interest. A heavy shower came up soon after arrival which made the grass so wet that

the party started on home and stopped for supper at Plano when the rain had ceased. Mr. Dwight Davis kindly lent his motion picture camera so it was possible to preserve the events of the trip. Another feature was the initiation of the members into the order. This was carried out in the darkness of the woods. Many seeming dangers were passed through and the final ordeal made the candidates blood run cold but strangely enough they considered this the best part of the ceremony.

Closing Event

Mr. Davis and Mr. Brigham each took a load of scouts to the park and Mr. and Mrs. Wells brought back a load and lunched with the troop for the last two meals. Mrs. Wells was particularly appreciated on account of the tasty cake which each scout was permitted to share. This trip is the closing event of the scouting year for troop 33. Informal meetings and sports are the summer activities.

Examination Opens For Medical Technician

The United States civil service commission has announced that until July 19 it will accept applications for the position of medical technician (bacteriology and roentgenology) to fill vacancies in the United States public health service at Philadelphia and Pittsburgh, Pa. The entrance salary is \$1,800 a year, less \$540 a year for quarters, sustenance, and laundry when furnished. For the vacancy at Philadelphia the Treasury department wishes a man, and for the vacancy at Pittsburgh it wishes a woman.

Full information may be obtained from Arvid Magnusson, secretary of the United States Civil Service board of examiners, at the post office at Highland Park.

Deerfield Village Board Safeguards Payment for Water

At the last meeting of the Deerfield village board an ordinance was passed to safeguard the village's water receipts. It provides that renters shall be guaranteed by property owners for payment of water bills, or shall deposit sums to guarantee same, according to size of the houses affected. For six rooms or less the deposit is \$10; more than six rooms, \$15; more than eight rooms, \$25; for all others, \$20, including business premises. Total number of rooms in flats will be considered in fixing the amount of deposits. Water meters are to be read four times a year.

John Hladnick, 88 Tenth street, one of North Chicago's oldest residents died last week at his home. The deceased, who had been in ill health for some time, was 70 years of age. He had resided in North Chicago for the past 35 years.

Frank M. Daly, of 323 North West street, has been added to the highway patrol staff of Sheriff Lester T. Tiffany for the summer months to fill vacancies that will be created by vacations.



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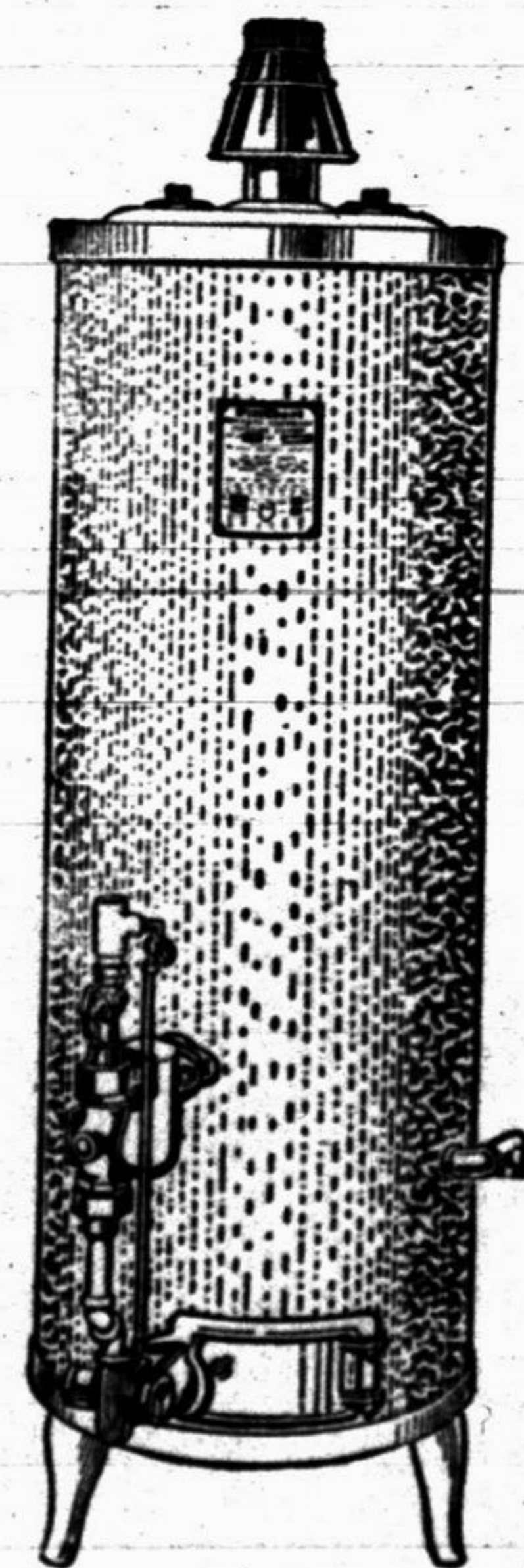
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