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Boy Scout News

GEORGE WASHINGTON WAS A REAL BOY

His early maturity and sense of responsibility is partially accounted for by the fact that his associates were largely older than himself. He seems to have greatly enjoyed apprentice experiences in surveying with Schoolmaster Williams, and later with James Genn, county surveyor.

During his early teen years he spent much time with Lord Thomas Fairfax, a man of Irish background, schooled in England, yet preferring the solitude of the ever-enchanting frontier of this new world.

George seems to have been popular with the old man as a hunting companion. Often they rode fox hunting together. During his days as a surveyor, young Washington often visited this friend at Greenway court, and to the end was his loyal friend.

Washington was a dutiful, patient, loving son, by training and by inclination of heart. He was ever tender and thoughtful toward his mother, demonstrating a patience and affection seldom equalled.

Mary Ball Washington loved her boy sternly, stoically, much like a Spartan mother. She loved him tenderly, eagerly, proudly, and tried to conceal the joy and pride she felt. She did not believe in a great show of affection. Her mother love was of a still deeper kind. Like all mothers she was never quite able to perceive that her boy had grown up. To her, he was always a lad. When her gallant boy was having horses shot from under him in the early years of his military career, her heart must have ached almost to breaking point. But she soothed her fears by thinking back to days when she had watched over a coughing baby through the long hours of the night—or perhaps days when a bare-foot-lad had played on the hill sides along the Potomac.

Mary Ball Washington was always lonely for George when he was away—perhaps visiting Augustine at Wakefield, or Laurence at Mt. Vernon. Once, against her better judgment, she had grudgingly consented to her boy becoming a midshipman in the British navy. His half-brothers and Lord Fairfax had used their influence. George's chest was packed and ready to be loaded and the fourteen year old boy's happiness was almost unbounded. All his day he had seen ships sailing up and down the Potomac. He had dreamed hundreds of times of those strange lands across the sea. Now he was to go.

Then, just as he was ready to go aboard, his mother appeared and told him that he must not go—that she needed him.

It was a time to try the soul of man—let alone the heart of a boy of fourteen. The boy felt heart-broken beyond human endurance, and went off into the woods to try to ease the hurt inside his soul.

For many days he felt that all the world was against him, but gradually he became his happy boyish self again. One day a package came to his mother from England. It contained a pocket knife for George. The hurt gradually healed. New interests crowded old disappointments into the background.

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TEN YEAR PROGRAM IS ANNOUNCED

The Boy Scouts of America announce a ten-year-program which has been developed as a definite contribution toward the up-building of American citizenship.

The program provides that at least one boy in every four arriving at voting age shall have had the benefit of four years of training as a boy scout.

The plan, it was said, proposes an answer to a growing public demand for a genuinely interested body of citizens, thoroughly devoted to the promotion of the general welfare and entirely committed to the advancement of the public interest.

"It will insure more participating citizens, less violation of law, and more unselfish service to others," the announcement stated.

A copy of the program and the details of its proposed operation was received by the North Shore Area Council from Dr. James E. West, the chief scout executive. Similar communications were also received by a number of scout officials whose service it will be to put the plan into operation locally.

Dr. West's letter stated that the program carried the unqualified endorsement of President Hoover, who has not only followed the precedent of his predecessors in serving as Honorary President of the boy scouts but also upon many occasions has shown an unusual interest in the development of the organization and its activities. The president's endorsement took the form of a letter to Walter W. Head of New York, president of the national council of the Boy Scouts of America.

The president's letter said:
Mr. Walter W. Head, president
Boy Scouts of America.

My dear Mr. Head:

It was most heartening to me to receive recently from your chief scout executive the report of the activities of the Boy Scouts of America for the year 1931 and for the first part of this year, showing that you have not only maintained your strength, but actually increased it.

It is most important at this time that the activities of the Boy Scouts of America and indeed the activities of all our character building agencies, should be maintained. I hope that your local council units will, as heretofore, receive from the general public, such generous support that the splendid record you made for 1931 may be equalled in 1932.

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It is gratifying to learn that the challenge which I gave to your organization on the occasion of the Washington meeting has resulted in the development and adoption by your national council of a comprehensive program of growth covering the next ten years. This will not only bring to thousands of additional boys the joys and satisfactions of the Game of Scouting, but make the character-building and citizenship results a vital factor in advancing our democracy.

I sincerely hope that every scout and scouter in your organization will heartily co-operate in making your plans effective.

Yours faithfully,

(signed) Herbert Hoover.
President Hoover's challenge to which he referred was given at the twentieth anniversary dinner of the Boy Scouts of America in Washington when he pointed to many failures in citizenship and betrayals of leadership in America and called attention to the fact that there were about one million boy scouts in the United States and "raw material for ten million more."

Because of the evident interest of the President, Dr. West announced the establishment of a President's Award of a streamer or metal marker for the troop colors of each boy scout troop and cub pack (cubs are members of a movement for boys under scout age) which attains to a very high standard in the development of the program of citizenship growth.)

A similar award, Dr. West said, will be made available for the North Shore Area Council in the event that it reaches a high standard of progress in relation to the program of citizenship growth. Still other awards will be available to groups of councils and to each one of the twelve scout regions in the United States having a majority of its council win an award. Mr. Henry Fowler, president of the North Shore Area Council, said he was certain that this council would be a strong contender for council honors and that Region Seven would make a vigorous effort to attain leadership in respect of the plan.

Writing to Mr. Fowler concerning the program of citizenship growth, Dr. West said:

"It will mean a better community, a better state, a better nation. It will be a definite contribution of the Boy Scouts of America to our country.

"It was but natural that such a development should take place at this period in our history and it seems providential that it should take place at this particular time when economic conditions have added so much to the problems of the nations and the world. To me, it is inspiring to realize that everyone in scouting has an opportunity through a proven program, to make a definite contribution for the improvement of society.

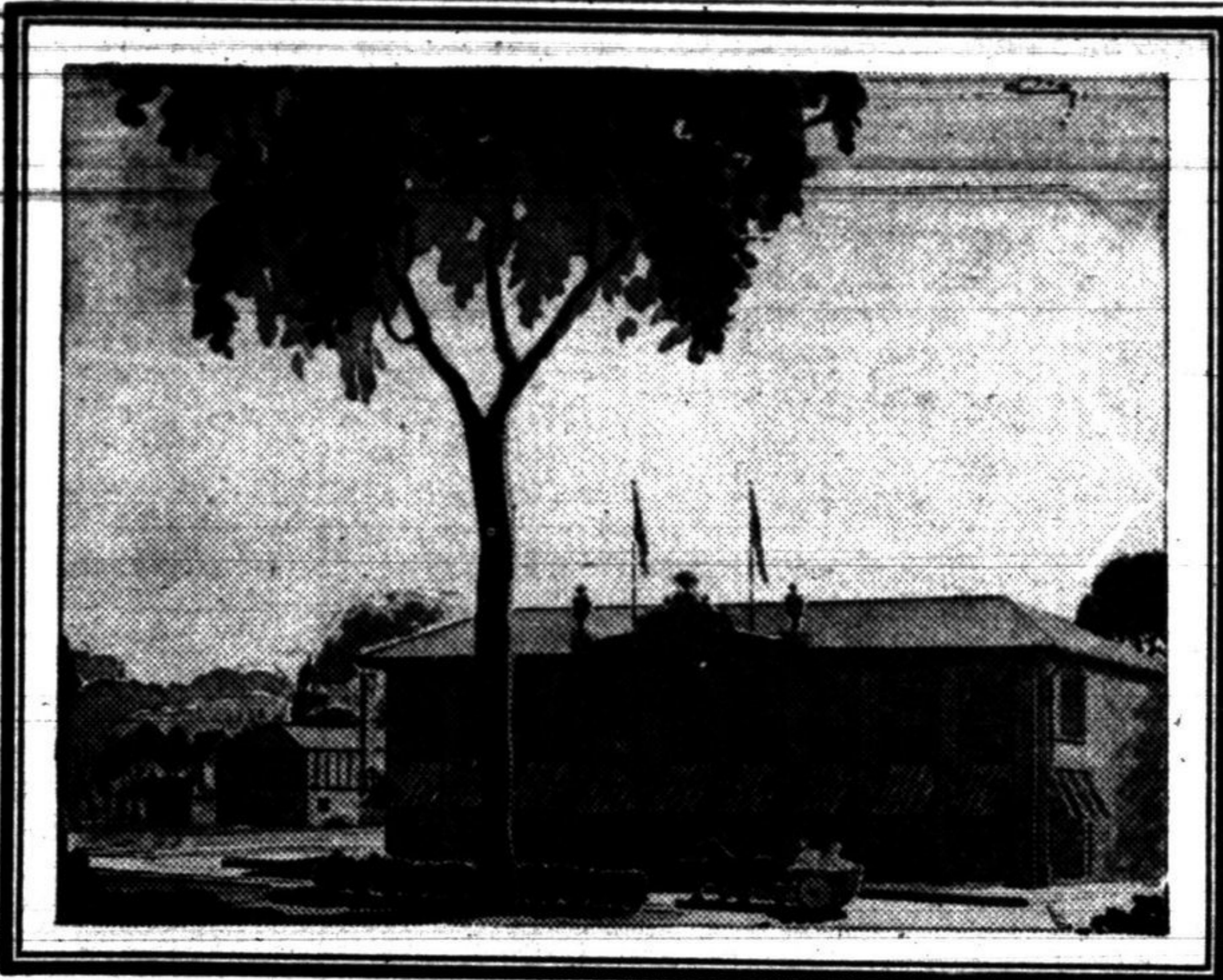
"It aims to definitize in a dramatic way the consensus of opinion of the leadership of scouting, that following the period of organization expansion, during the period of our earlier years, there should now be an emphasis upon a program of intensive development to the end that the actual realization of the ultimate purpose of scouting 'the development of men of character trained for participating citizenship,' may be definitely sought within a specific period of time."

Deerfield School Enrolls 380 Pupils On Opening Day

The Deerfield grammar school opened on Monday, Sept. 12, with an enrollment of 380 pupils, which is 30 less than the previous term. Noticeable difference in the kindergarten was marked, so that there will be but one class in the morning and none in the afternoon. Principal Bates expects the enrollment to reach 390 before long. Fourteen children have dropped to attend St. Norbert's Catholic school in Techny.

The faculty remains the same: Kindergarten, Marian Mereness; grade 1, Christine Knaak; grade 2, Genevieve Card and Dorothy Lidgerwood; grade 3, Mildred Newton; grade 4, Mabel Ablard; grade 5, Irene Evenson; grade 6, Margaret Hunt and Frances Brown; grade 7, Nina Anderson and Leta Toll; grade 8, Grace Ronningen and Hazel Miller; principal, Carl E. Bates; school nurse, Miriam Stryker Easton; school board, C. W. Boyle, George Engstrom, and William Galloway.

Four cents a voter is enough for congressional candidates to spend, says an investigating committee. Heck, why not make it a nickel and let 'em buy an ice cream cone? — Boston Herald.



ANNOUNCING
the opening of our
New and Enlarged
APPAREL
SECTION

The Lake Forest Store has opened a new and larger Apparel Section for Misses and Women in the space formerly occupied by the Public Service Company

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g polo stars from the and Uptown sectors in action Sunday afternoon, at the Oak Brook stadium, York road and ad street when the fa-Horse troop and Chica-ters clash. The game 3:30 o'clock, and is ex-w a record throng, not it is certain to be a spectacular battle, but special attractions ranged to enliven the

d features will include with music furnished by community Girls' band, girls' band in the Unit-ween periods of the race for women driv-midget one-cylinder will be staged during intermission of the At the wheels will be tiety matrons and debs.