

Boy Scouts

SCOUTS SERVE AS USHERS

Seventy Scouts of the north shore started regular volunteer usher service for all the home football games at Northwestern at Dyche stadium last Saturday when Northwestern opened its season with Missouri. The Scouts are working with Evanston Scouts and do all the ushering for the stadium. This is the fourth year that north shore Scouts have taken part in this service and each year have done an excellent job at their task.

MORE FOUR YEAR CAMPERS

Last week a list was published of seven boys who had attended each of the four years at Camp Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan. Through an error two boys from Lake Forest were omitted, namely, Dave Tibbetts, Troop 45 and Ian McPherson, Sea Scout Ship 62. Both of these boys started Scouting together in Troop 45. McPherson later becoming a Sea Scout in the Lake Forest ship. They have proven themselves real campers and certainly should not be left from that honor list.

PRESIDENT HOOVER TO MAKE AWARD

President Hoover, in cooperation with the Boy Scouts of America's "Ten Year Program of Growth" is making available an award to be presented to all Scouting units reaching a certain standard of growth. The "Ten Year Expansion Program" had its original impulse from President Hoover himself when he said a few years ago that there is material in America for 10,000,000 Scouts. The award will be in the form of a president's stremmer suitable for attachment to the troop's flag staff. Already 27 local units, including Cub packs, Sea Scout ships and Scout troops have reached the standard for the award and providing they can continue to hold their standard for the rest of the year will be presented the President Hoover award. The basis for the award are as follows:

1. To each troop (including Sea Scout ship, and Cub Pack, duly registered and in good standing.
1. which, according to the certification of local council has formally indicated that it has thoroughly familiarized itself with the Ten Year Program of Growth as set forth in the pamphlet issued by the National council and has agreed to cooperate with the local council in making that program effective, and.
 - a. Which, according to the certification of council has maintained a satisfactory schedule of meetings with reasonable progress in achievement during 1932, and.
 - (c) Which, on December 31, 1932, shows that it has a duly registered membership in excess of its registered membership on December 31, 1931, according to the records of the national office, will be awarded a President's stremmer.

SCOUTS TO SWIM SATURDAY MORNINGS

Last Saturday morning the regular weekly swim classes of the North Shore Area council were started at the Deerfield-Shields high school tank. The camp waterfront director, Fenton Hopkins, with assistants, Cal Gartley and Dick Wichman, also of the camp staff, will be in charge of these classes. The pool is available to all North Shore Area Scouts wishing to get instruction in or pass their first class swimming requirements or swimming and life saving Merit badge. The Saturday morning period is organized as follows: From 9:00 to 10:00 instruction and test passing for swimming Merit badge, Life Saving Merit badge and Junior Red Cross life saving. From 10:00 to 10:30 instruction and test passing in first class swimming requirements. Scouts should come only for the period of instruction that they need. Remember this continues every Saturday throughout the winter. Get in the swim!

SEA SCOUT LAND CRUISE

Region 7, according to the announcement of Harry C. Good, regional commodore, announces an entirely new program for Sea Scout training. It is a "Land Cruise" at the Great Lakes Naval training station to give the boy leader of every Sea Scout ship and patrol an opportunity to receive special training from a corps of officers experienced in practical seamanship. The entire facilities of the Great Lakes Naval training station and much of its equipment and personnel will be at their disposal. This course will start at 3 o'clock Saturday, October 22 and terminate Sunday, October 23, 1932. Only four representatives will be allowed from each registered ship. They must be accompanied with an adult leader, either mate, skipper or ship committeeman. National Sea Scout Director, Thos. J. Keane, will head the faculty of this course and will have as a staff the most experienced Sea Scout officers of the region and a select group of regional officers. Only 200 Sea Scouts can come and first come first serve. Register with council headquarters immediately!

REPORTS PROGRESS

At a board of review held September 22 Carl E. Bates received merit badges in marksmanship and bird study. The Order of the Arrow was awarded Ray Dobbins and C. W. Boyle.

INVITE SCOUTS TO ILLINOIS GAME

The Athletic Association of the University of Illinois takes pleasure in inviting the Boy Scouts of the State of Illinois and nearby Indiana to attend the Bardley-University of Illinois football game, October 8 at 2:30 in the Stadium, as the guests of the association.

Troops should report at the Armory and register immediately after arrival. Special guides will be provided for inspection tours around the university from 9:00 until 11:00 a.m. Saturday morning.

Scout troops desiring to come Friday night and stay over may camp in the Armory or on the parade grounds. The same arrangement is also possible for Saturday night. Scouts and troops spending the night here must provide their own sleeping equipment. Cots cannot be provided by the university.

Saturday morning the Scouts will have the privilege of swimming in the pool at the old gym and a trip around the university, including a trip to the top of the Armory. The program for the afternoon is as follows: 1:00 p.m.—Scout troops assemble at the University Armory. 1:30 p.m.—Parade to the Stadium. 2:00 p.m.—Parade on the Stadium field, followed by flag ceremony.

2:30 p.m. Illinois—Bradley game.

HAVE YOU READ THESE STORIES?

Have you read "Around the Blue Gum" by James E. West in the September issue of Boys' Life? It is taken from Dr. West's new book "He-Who-Sees-in-the-Dark," a book that is going to have a thrilling appeal for all boys.

Dr. West, in collaboration with Peter Lamb, has used the adventures of the old-time Scout Frederick Burnham to illustrate the underlying principles of the Boy Scout Movement. Dr. West gives us the reason why important activities are part of the program, and it will be in valuable book of reference for all Scout executives, Scoutmasters and Scouts desiring to know the "why" of so many matters in Scouting.

Dr. West's two books already published have been immensely popular. The "Lone Scouts of the Sky" has to date sold 250,000 copies. "The Boys' Book of Honor" has had a most gratifying reception and is still in demand.

TO YOUTH

By Bruce Varton
We reprint through the courtesy of the New York Herald Tribune, and upon the suggestion of the National council, the following:

"A number of young people have written me to this effect:
"We have prepared ourselves for life, and life has no place for us. We have finished our course in college. We were told the world 'needed trained minds.' It doesn't seem to need us. What shall we do?"

I make three suggestions:
First, if you can possibly do it, go on with a year of post-graduate work. Enter one of the graduate schools of business. Take a year of law, or of art or of music, never mind what so long as it keeps you busy and provides an extra tool in your equipment. A few hundred dollars and your own hand work ought to make such a year possible. You will be adding to your strength and heightening your morale against the time when the world is ready for you.

Second, if you can not go on with school, try to use these few months to gain some new and different experience. Right now a year seems to you dreadfully important; it is not very important viewed over the stretch of a lifetime. Soon enough you will be bolted down to a desk or held tight by children's hands. Take a bicycling trip abroad. Volunteer your services in the work of relief. Get a job of manual labor. Go on a farm. Do something that will give you a wider knowledge of the world and of your fellow men.

Third, if neither of these suggestions be feasible, then learn a new language or lay out some course of reading and stick to it. I remember when Coolidge went to Washington as Vice-President a friend commiserated with him. "It's a dull job," the friend said. Coolidge answered: "I am looking forward to it. I haven't had much time to read for the past few years. The Vice-President has few duties; I can catch up with my reading."

Your time for reading will be limited later on. Make the most of your opportunity now.

Finally, whatever you do, keep the faith. This is not the end of the world; it is merely a great period of transition, a period of overthrow in preparation for rebuilding.

Don't be one of those who is shell-shocked. Don't lose your morale or your health. Don't be idle; don't be too important. Keep busy and believe!

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