

Boy Scout News

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TROOP 52 DOES GOOD TURN

Food was collected for the baskets which Troop 52 of Deerfield prepared to give to needy families of Deerfield. In order to be sure that too many things of the same kind were not brought in, patrol leaders were told to have each scout in his patrol bring something different. Therefore a large collection of different things was brought.

Rope work was taken up in the instruction period of the meeting, the scouts first made fids, small tools used in the splicing of ropes. They next made an endless rope ring called gromlets, in the construction of which fids were used. The meeting closed with the scout benediction.—Milton Merner, Troop 52, Deerfield Presbyterian church.

A SCOUTS' RESOLUTION FOR YEAR 1933

Resolved—"That during 1933 I will do my best to bring other boys into Scouting." (signed) Jim McNulty, Troop 24, Hubbard Woods.

THE REAL SCOUT SPIRIT

We came across a little story the other day which we believe shows the real scout spirit. During the period that a troop was conducting an scout exhibit in a vacant store, it was necessary that one or more scouts be in attendance every evening.

Unfortunately, one scout had to be in charge on the evening of a council get-together in a local high school. This boy in particular was anxious to go to the get-together, however, he was willing to serve his turn in the store.

The senior patrol leader of the troop heard about the scout's desire to go, so he called the boy up and told him that he could go to the council and he, the senior patrol leader, would secure another boy to take charge that evening.

The scout went to the get-together and a fine time, while the senior patrol leader reported to the store to take the scout's place. Someone asked the senior patrol leader why he hadn't told the scout he was the one who was going to take his place. He answered, "What's the use; if I had told him, he wouldn't have gone."—Good Turn Weekly.

ATTENTION CALLED TO JANUARY BOYS' LIFE

Dear Scouts and Scouters:

The January issue of Boy's Life, which is now out, marks more than the start of a new volume-number. It brings into actual appearance some of the projects which were planned when we reduced the price of our magazine last October.

Among the first of these, let me call your attention to "Swamp Night." This short story is developed around a plot involving troop scouting. It is one of a number of short stories about scouts that will be presented from time to time. Indeed it is our hope to have some good scouting fiction in every issue of Boy's Life from now on.

You will recall that in my editorial in the October issue I emphasized the definite appeal that the magazine would have to scouts. The inauguration of Green Bar Bill's pages has met with instant success. He has received a host of letters from boys who declare that it is the first thing they read in the magazine.

And of equal value is the second of the series of articles entitled "How to Get a Job." Again the appeal is make a boy think of his future. For some of our readers this series is going to have a far-reaching effect.

At this season, may I, on behalf of the entire staff, thank you for your co-operation in stimulating good reading among more boys.

Sincerely and cordially yours, Boy Scouts of America, James E. West, chief scout executive and editor of Boys' Life.

SEA SCOUTING

(Note: The following is an editorial from the New York Evening Post of Dec. 20, 1932)

One of the oldest and most encouraging happenings that we know of in these gloomy days is the fact that more young American boys are becoming sea scouts than ever before. Absolutely unchecked by the depression, membership in the sea scouts has gone up this year by 40 per cent more than the marked increase of last year. There is every indication that by January 1 a total of 14,000 will have been reached. When there is added to this the 5600 "leaders" we find the sea scouts at a total close to the 20,000, which was the objective set up a few years ago.

In this picture the elements important

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for the country are: first, that the scout training is being given to older boys in a crisis which specially needs them, and, second, that there is being trained up for the future a band of young Americans who will have the sense of the sea.

PACKS, TROOPS, AND SHIPS, REGISTER FOR 1933

Scout headquarters is being flooded at this time of the year with re-registration papers for ever yeub pack, scout troop and sea scout ship in the council. As soon as the applications for re-registration arrive in the Highland Park headquarters they are completely checked, recorded, and finally sent with the fees to the national headquarters in New York.

This re-registration is not only for the scouts, but also for the scouters. It means that every adult scout leader registers as well. Those leaders affiliated with troops, register with the troops. Others, including district commitment, commissioners, executive board members register individually.

The honor packs, troops, and ships, whose complete re-registrations were first in are as follows: Troop 37 of Highwood leads them all. Here are the rest by Districts: Wilmette sub packs 56, 63; Troops 1, 3, 10, 11, 5. Kenilworth cub pack 60. Winnetka, troops 15, 24 Highland Park, cub pack 96; troops 33, 35, 38; ship 39. Lake Forest, troops 46, 48 Deerfield, pack 80, troops 51, 52. Libertyville, packs 41, 76; troops 59, 71, 72, 81.



Girl Reserve News

OAK TERRACE GROUPS HOLD OPEN MEETINGS

The Makios and Makiolets of Oak Terrace school, Highwood, are not having school during the month of January but their weekly Girl Reserve meetings will continue in the YWCA however, and the meetings will be at two o'clock in the afternoon. All girls of Oak Terrace school are invited to these meetings, regardless of whether they are Girl Reserves. They will be in the form of playdays, having in addition to the regular Girl Reserve program a time for games and recreation. The Makios will meet on Wednesday at two o'clock and the Makiolets on Tuesday at the same hour.

GIRL RESERVE MEETINGS BEGIN JANUARY 9TH

Girl Reserves of Highland Park, Deerfield, and also the Sunshiners, will begin regular meetings the week of January 9th. Janu-

ary is going to be a winter of the semester; honor tests will be passed; and awards will be made at a meeting the last of the month. All Girl Reserves should be at their meetings this week to help plan club activities.

CHRISTMAS CARDS FOR HOSPITALS

Now that the Girl Reserves have completed the Scrap Books, which they made for Cook county hospital, they are asking their many friends for their Christmas cards. These are to be taken to the contagious wards of the hospital where the children receive a great deal of pleasure from them.

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