



WITH THE LONE SCOUTS

Lone Scout Signs.
It has very frequently been suggested, and the idea has been boosted periodically from time to time, that Lone Scouts should make a special decorative sign of their own design, bearing the words, "A Lone Scout Lives Here," and erect same in a conspicuous place outside their homes.

During the past summer a check up was made throughout Ontario, and it was found that very few Lones in this province had troubled to fall in with this idea.

This is unfortunate and it is thought that perhaps the Lone Scouts of Ontario do not fully realize the significance and importance of such signs in the communities in which they live.

Of course all Scouts know that they have a big duty to perform, not only to themselves, but to the rest of the world at large, and not only are Scouts supposed to voluntarily perform a "Good Turn" each day, but also they are intended to "be prepared" to do a good turn whenever called upon to do so.

But how can a Scout be called upon when no one knows where he lives? The making and erecting of a Lone Scout sign not only gives a boy craft training, but it also serves as an announcement to the general public, to Dominion, Provincial and County officials, the Red Cross officers, Humane Society officials and to district nurses that here is a Scout who can be called upon in case of emergency.

Scouts are expected to train themselves to "be prepared" to meet emergencies, in the case of accident, illness, flood, fire, and storm, and in the fighting of diseases and pests, to both human beings and to plants.

A Scout should have a good working knowledge of First Aid, and it is his duty to learn all he can of this subject as quickly as possible.

The following survey was taken in the United States of America by one of the staff of "The Farmer's Wife" magazine, and no doubt the same conditions prevail throughout the Dominion of Canada.

These facts serve to show how important a matter it is to have the Lone Scouts mobilized in readiness to meet emergencies.

"The average distance from rural homes to the nearest doctor is seven miles.

"The average time required by doctors to reach rural homes in America is over 30 minutes in summer and over 58 minutes in winter.

"The average distance of all rural homes to the nearest dentist is 14 1/2 miles.

"Eighteen per cent. of the rural population is more than 12 hours away from the services of a trained nurse, and 82 per cent. of the rural homes are from 2 to 12 hours away from this service.

"Average distance of nearest hospital from rural homes in America is 13 miles.

Average distance of rural homes to nearest drug store is 11 miles.

"Average amount paid by rural population during 1929 for services of a doctor was \$29.35.

"Average amount paid by farm families for doctors and specialists was \$19.23.

"Average total amount paid by rural people during the last year, due to sickness alone, was \$104.94."

The above figures will show clearly the need for an organization such as the Lone Scouts, trained to meet emergencies.

Therefore, Lones, see to it that you do your duty. That you train yourselves to be ready for any call that may be made upon you, and have your sign outside your home to let every one know where you may be found, and incidentally to inform any other Lones what may pass your way that his Brother Scout is at hand.

Christmas is drawing very near now. Have you completed your Lone Scout Toyshop arrangements? By this time you should have your list of names of the children to whom your parcels are going. If you have not yet received them write to Lone Scout Headquarters immediately.

If you are not a Lone Scout and would like to be one, write to the Lone Scout Department, Boy Scouts Association, 330 Bay Street, Toronto 2, and ask them for particulars.

Lone Scouting is designed for boys who live on farms and in country districts, and who are located in places where it is impracticable for them to join an ordinary Scout Troop.

"LONE E."



Tennis Queen Sails for Orient
Mrs. Helen Willis Moody smiles her adieu when she sailed from San Francisco for the Orient, where she will play her favorite game.

It Pays to Advertise
Montreal Information (Ind.).—While we hear complaints on all sides of the reduced volume of business, there are certain firms and certain industries who are enjoying prosperity. Why is this so? In most cases it is the result of the intensified publicity which they have employed. Many enterprises believed it had become necessary to decrease expenses, as a consequence of the depression. Contrary to all business principles, they commenced to reduce their appropriations for advertising, though this item should have been the last to be reduced. These firms may have economized a few dollars on this score, but on the other hand they have lost much more through the reduction in their turnover.

Products Prove State To Be No Arid Desert
Tonopah, Nev.—While Nevada is not classed as an agricultural state, the United States census bureau reports reveal that Nevada produces apples, apricots, cherries, figs, nectarines, peaches, pears, plums, prunes, quinces, grapes, almonds, pecans, blackberries, dewberries, currants, gooseberries, raspberries and strawberries.

In the southern part of the State many of the so-called tropical fruits and vegetables are raised in considerable quantity. In the Boulder Dam area, which includes the city of Las Vegas, there are seven pecan orchards. The Lahontan valley, under the Newlands irrigation project is famous for its Hearts of Gold cantaloupes. Apples are raised in every county in the State.

It is as great to be a woman as to be a man.—Walt Whitman.

The paths of glory lead but to the grave.—Gray.

Duchess of York Attends Matinee



The Duchess of York attended the gala matinee at His Majesty's theatre in aid of the Prince of Wales' Builder Fund of Toc H, and the Toc H League of Women Helpers of which she is the patroness. Two little girls presented flowers.

Night Surveys Made In Canadian Hills
Obtaining geodetic angular measurements from the mountain peaks towering 6,000 and 8,000 feet above sea level in British Columbia is difficult and dangerous. This work, done by the Geodetic Survey of Canada, Department of the Interior, must be performed at night, when lights can be seen from distant stations.

Electric lights are placed at certain points and the angles between them measured from the observing station. The length of the lines observed varies from thirty to sixty miles. The peaks are usually rough, needle-shaped and treacherous and the observer has to exercise great care in moving around his instrument lest a small sidestep cause him to drop down a sheer precipice.

Better Times Coming
Quebec Soleil (Lib.).—There is no reason to remain pessimistic in face of the signs of economic recovery which are now manifest. Pessimism is demoralizing. And the reconstructions which are needed after these two years of trial demand the energy of our entire population; they demand the employment of all our efforts and the maintenance of a serene confidence, incompatible with the disastrous influences of pessimism. New mistakes will be made. Nervousness will provoke new conflicts and new deceptions. But the hope of better days must inspire all our initiative and direct us in the way which is opening up before us.

Revival of Earrings
A noticeable instance of how old fashions return is shown in the revival of earrings.

In Victorian days almost every girl had her ears pierced as a matter of course, until the 'nineties, when earrings suddenly went out of fashion. To-day earrings will be worn as much as ever they were.

There is in souls a sympathy with sounds.—Cowper.

"Glorious" Gloria Weds Again



Gloria Swanson and Michael Farmer were married for the second time four hours after the motion picture actress' divorce from Marquis de la Falaise became final. The ceremony took place at Yuma, Arizona. This is Miss Swanson's third matrimonial attempt.

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Submarine To Be Used by Expedition

The submarine, primarily as an instrument of war, is justifying the huge amount of research and engineering which has gone toward its development by assisting in the peaceful service of science. Rear Admiral W. R. Gherard, hydrographer of the U.S. Navy Department, announces that a submarine and tender will be part of the equipment of an expedition to study the sea floor about the Bahama Islands in 1932. This expedition, international in character, will be under the leadership of Princeton University. It will include also the Royal Society of Great Britain and a member of the Netherlands Geodetic Commission.

Besides the measurements in the intensity of gravity, investigations into the geological foundation of the Bahamas, said to differ in structure from other ocean islands, will be undertaken. While most of the other islands are known to be of volcanic origin, indications are that such is not the case with the Bahamas. The unusual characteristics of the foundation and the meaning of the structural features which account for their existence will be studied and analyzed by the experts of the expedition.

The submarine is called into the field because of the character of some of the work to be undertaken, which requires great steadiness obtainable below the surface of the sea and the necessity of submerging the instruments.

The submersible will be used in the submarine studies for a period of about two weeks. Vening Meinesz, of the Netherlands Geodetic Commission will conduct the multiple pendulum observations.

How Many of them Can Sew?
Quebec Action Catholique (Ind.). An Ontario Women's Association has asked the Government to find work for unemployed women. The problem is complicated, for the Government will have to find out what kind of work it can give these women. At the present the country has an army of white collar unemployed. There is also an army of unemployed artisans. The works voted are almost all of the pick and shovel type, the kind of work that can do the white collar man no good. He is not fitted for this work. If it is impossible to find work for an important part of our male unemployed, how are we going to find any for our women? About the only thing possible would be to start huge sewing circles to make clothes for those who had no money to buy clothes. How many of them know how to sew?

Tests Wobblemeter
Elinor Smith, girl aviator, in New York allowed her sense of equilibrium to be tested by the wobblemeter, a new instrument developed for just that purpose. It tells you whether you've had a bad night and how bad it was.

French Woman to Head Feminine Move for Peace
Paris.—A dynamic blue-eyed French woman, whose creed is "the science of peace," will be the leading feminine figure in an international mass meeting on disarmament scheduled here late this month, preceding the world disarmament conference in Geneva in February.

She is Miss Louise Weiss, managing editor of the international magazine "L'Europe Nouvelle." Since the days when she worked as a nurse of World War prisoners she has delved untiringly into the study of international politics—to her "the sole means by which nations may master the science of peace and the prevention of wars."

"Disarmament is an international matter, which can be settled only through international understanding," says Miss Weiss. "True security can never be found in competitive armaments."

Youth Hostels In Britain Prove Popular

Arrangements Between Britain, Norway, Austria and Denmark Permit Travel at Low Cost
Birmingham, Eng.—The value of the British Youth Hostels Association as an instrument for promoting international understanding was stressed by E. St. John Catchpool, national secretary of the association, at a conference of the Midland Group, held at an old mill at Kilkwydd, on the borders of England and Wales, writes a correspondent of The Christian Science Monitor.

"For the first time," he said, "it becomes possible for many young people from the continent to come over and see something of England in the best possible way—by walking in it."

"Costs have been too high for youth to come before or since the war in any numbers. Now, with our hostel charge of 1s. a night, and with an increasing number of reciprocal arrangements with the Youth Hostels Associations of other countries, their coming is made much easier. In this way, international understanding is fostered."

"We can do almost anything with this movement, if we keep it on the right lines. It is completely democratic; the son of a millionaire may find himself sharing a small stove with a boy from a slum district."

"Another valuable service of the movement is that it encourages young people of 13 to 16 to do their own holiday budgeting, and that has the effect of encouraging economy and self-reliance."

Mr. Catchpool added that so far reciprocal arrangements as to the use of hostels had been completed between Britain, Norway, Austria and Denmark. Negotiations with Holland and Germany were nearing completion.

The British Youth Hostels Association, he said, now had a total membership of 10,000. Of this number, London had 1,500, Merseyside, 1,500; Oxford and Cambridge, about 1,000 each; Bristol about 700, and Birmingham about 500.

IMAGINATION
There is a distinction between the fancy and the imagination; the former gives us airy shapes, the latter gives us likenesses; fancy is concerned with trivial objects, imagination with grand, spiritual, eternal things. In long settled countries, where multitudes are reared in coal pits or confined to ditches, or factories, or rarely pass beyond the walls of their native city, or, if they do, it is to visit some thickly populated graveyard or some forsaken castle, the fancy may be vigorous; but in the forest of the new world there is out little chance for hobbyhorns and apparitions. Man walks abroad freely amid the works of God—works in all the wild magnificence of nature. He is in the midst of broad plains, majestic streams; on every hand he meets with some object fitted to furnish him with elevated ideas, and to arouse into healthful and vigorous action the best powers of his mind; withal, he is not so hampered but that he can allow his mind free scope in depicting his own creations. It was under these circumstances that the grandest poetry of the world was produced.—Bishop Thomson.

CHEAPER FOR HIM
She was frowning when she returned from her shopping expedition. "Henry," she said to her diminutive husband, "I've just found out that the woman next door has a gown exactly the same as mine."

Henry looked up from his banking account, which he had been trying hard to balance.

"Well, my dear," he said, "I suppose you'll want me to buy you a new gown?"

"That'll be cheaper than moving, won't it?" she returned.

A Little Help
A man was charged with kissing a girl against her will. During the court proceedings the girl went into the witness-box to give her evidence.

"Now," said counsel for defence, "you say that the defendant took you by surprise, and that you gave him no encouragement whatever?"

"That is perfectly correct," replied the girl.

"Very well, then," went on counsel. "But doesn't it strike you as strange that he should have managed to kiss you, when you say you were unwilling, and considering that you are almost two feet taller than defendant?"

The girl returned a very indignant stare.

"Well, what of it?" she retorted. "I can stoop, can't I?"

Easily Explained
The two lads of the village met. One of them had a black eye.

"How'd you get that?" asked Tony.

Joe held the painful spot.

"You know that smart girl who lives in that cottage at the end of the lane, whose sailor sweetheart is in China?" he asked.

"Who, yes," returned the puzzled Tony.

"Well, he isn't," Joe informed him.

Translations from the Chinese
(From the Saturday Review of Literature)

When You're Writing
Remember, when you're writing about New York,
Faces are as important as buildings.
Dive deep into the subway, that gallery of portraiture;
Bathe your eyes in that flood of bitter truth.
It is not lovely, it proves no theorems,
But there is no weariness it cannot heal.

Generalizers on human trouble,
Have you courage to face those faces?
You, and you, and you, see only once,
Goodbye, forever, and good luck.

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