



**Here's a Kind Word
for the Boy Who's
Called "High-Hatty"**

"Aw, I don't like that fellow! He's too high-hatty!"

How often we hear that phrase or one similar to it. And how often it is unjustly applied! It is curious to note that a boy is often criticized after he has gained the attention of many people, for the same characteristics or personal habits that were considered very admirable in him before.

Many fellows are naturally restrained or self-conscious and do not seem to care much for the revels of the others. Often it is not because they do not want to, but because they are afraid of being thought of as "crashers" or because they think they might not be wanted. All these fellows need is an invitation and a little urging and they are only too glad to be "one of the gang."

Then, too, there are others who feel tongue-tied, shy, awkward or feel that they are socially out of place because their parents do not seem to be able to give them all the things the other fellows get. Here there is a greater barrier to be overcome. A fellow here has a great opportunity to use his tact and ingenuity in bringing out and developing the social side of such a boy. It may be a slow and even tedious procedure but in the end the results will far outweigh the effort.

Therefore, don't condemn a fellow before giving him a fair trial and not only a trial but also a helping hand and a welcoming smile.

—John Ford Betak,
in Talk O' the Troops.

WRITES FROM COLORADO

John Betak, Junior Assistant Scoutmaster of Troop 22, Glencoe writes enthusiastically of the time that he is having in Colorado. "We can see a rugged old peak from our ranch, the Y L, at Pine, Colo. I have been working on some Merit Badges and expect to have them done when I return. Congratulations on the acquisition of our camp site."—John Betak.

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THE INQUIRING REPORTER

If you could have just the sort of a job you want ten years from today, what would it be?

- Paul Allen, Troop 32, Highland Park—I would be a bricklayer.
- David Canmann, Troop 35, Ravinia—a lawyer.
- Motley Bryant, Troop 23, Glencoe—a detective.
- Fred Kaumanns, Troop 26, Evanston—an aviator.
- Wm. H. Klein, Troop 3, Wilmette—a lawyer.
- Frank Kollmer, Troop 35, Ravinia—an aviator.
- John J. Kraft, Troop 35, Ravinia—a banker.
- David Morris, Troop 31, Highland Park—U. S. diplomatic service.
- Walter Robinson, Troop 4, Wilmette—mechanical engineer.
- Paul Sterner, Troop 5, Wilmette—architect.
- Thomas Stratford, Troop 32, Highland Park—carpenter.
- Peter White, Troop 35, Ravinia—scientist.

**Put Responsibility on
Patrol Leaders—Advice**

"A minimum of troop activity centering around the adult leader and a maximum of patrol activity centering around the boy leader," is a good motto for the New Year, 1928-1929.

How about holding the opening ceremony by patrols or with a different patrol in charge each week?

Wouldn't it eliminate delays to have roll call and dues collection handled by the patrol leader (or assistant) and turned over to the troop scribe?

In stationary drill it's not a bad idea to let each patrol drill by itself occasionally. This develops ability to command as well as a sense of inter patrol pride.

Patrol instruction can be handled on a sort of "seminar" basis, a supervised progress period, in charge of the Patrol Leader.

Isn't the patrol leader better able to check on the advancement of eight boys than the Scoutmaster on thirty-two? Put the responsibility on his shoulders, and then work through him. He'll grow under it and your troop advancement will be strengthened.



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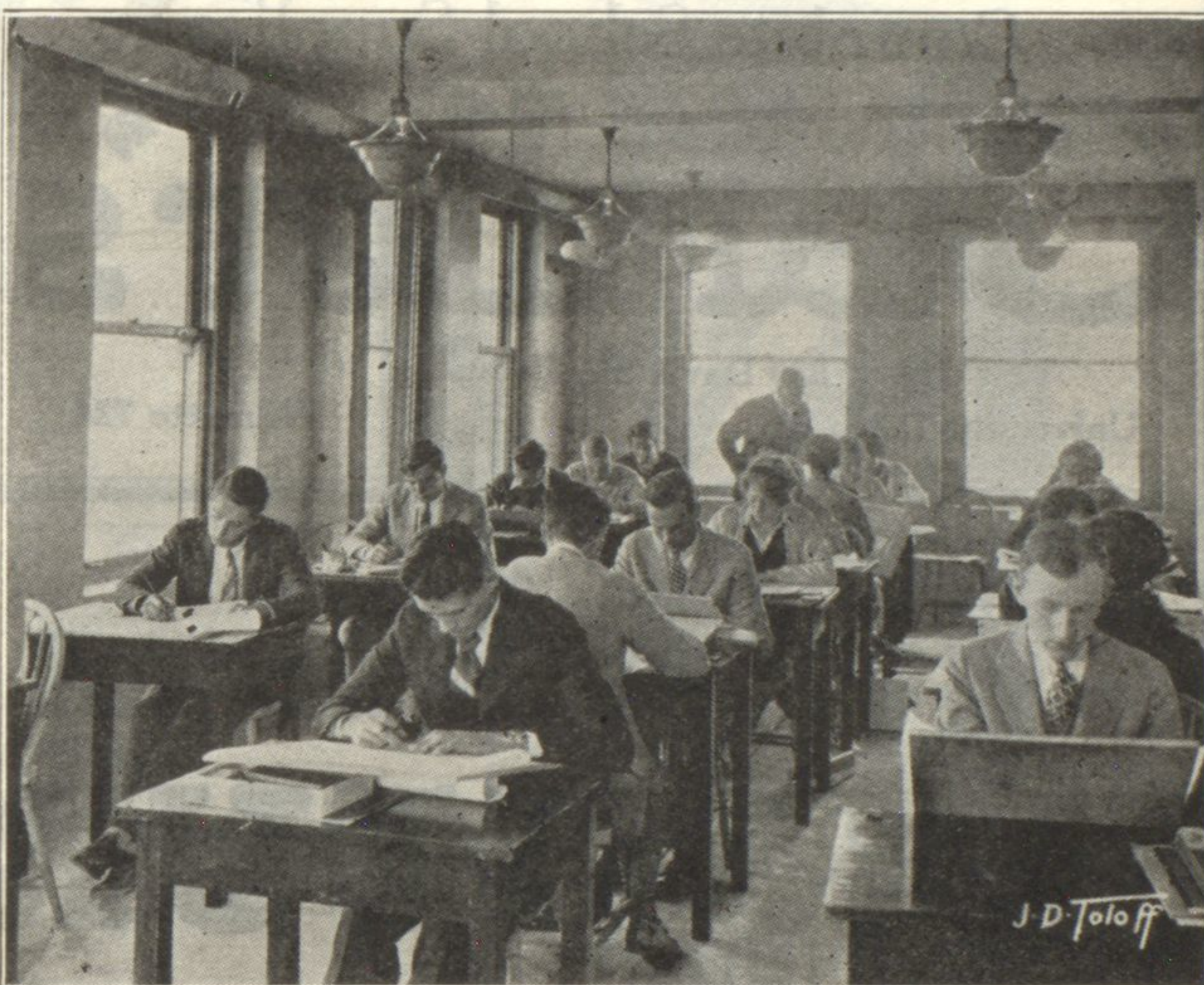
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