

BOY SCOUTS



(Conducted by National Council of the Boy Scouts of America.)

BOY SCOUTS FOREST AIDES

An important achievement of boy scouts in every part of the country is their work in forest protection. Numerous reports of active and enthusiastic work tell of these boys' preparedness, courage and training in conserving our forests, which mean so much to scouting, as well as to all the people of this land. Pennsylvania has recently awarded 100 medals for valor and efficiency in forestry conservation to boy scouts of that state. During the summer camping season in the state of Washington a small town was saved by scouts camping nearby from a terrific forest fire that was rapidly spreading to the edge of the town. In Idaho the scouts during their vacation manned observation posts in the forest's heart and signaled to the chief forester news of any conflagrations which they detected. Talks have been made by the boys in homes, schools, theaters and before business clubs giving facts about the damage from fire. Parades have been arranged and posters and leaflets distributed. Field tests also have been conducted to show the right way to build and extinguish fires.

When it is realized that two-thirds of the original forests of the United States have already been culled, cut-over or burned; that today we are cutting more of every class of timber than we are growing, and that we are using up three and one-half times as fast as they are grown the trees too small for the sawmill, but upon which our future lumber supply depends, the significance of the scouts' work is more fully understood.

In the state of New York alone, "the scouts have already planted hundreds of acres of trees and are ready to do more to reclaim idle land and to reduce forest fire hazard," says J. A. Simmons of the New York State Forestry association.

Yonkers, N. Y., set an interesting record last spring when in a single afternoon 12 troops planted 5,000 trees on the city watershed.

In the fall on Columbus day the Albany (N. Y.) scouts planted 4,000 trees at their camp on Kinderhook lake. Another excellent piece of work was that accomplished by the 25 scouts of Malone, N. Y., who last spring planted 5,000 white pine trees in the Community forest.

BOY SCOUTS AID NEAR EAST

The Boy Scouts of America are co-operating with the Near East Relief committee in securing boy scouts to give their outgrown and cast-off uniforms, parts, and any athletic equipment they may have in the garret closet, cellar or elsewhere, sending it to the nearest Near East Relief station. Boy scouts who do not know the address of their state headquarters for the Near East Relief committee may send packages to one of the following Near East Relief stations:

157 Wright and Callender building, Los Angeles, Cal.; 19 South LaSalle street, Chicago, Ill.; 701 Scarritt building, Kansas City, Mo.; Northeast corner Broad and Locust streets, Philadelphia, Pa.; 1614 Bryan street, Dallas, Texas; 305 Oneida building, Minneapolis, Minn.; 409 Georgia Savings Bank building, Atlanta, Ga.; 1218 Little building, Boston, Mass.; 404 the 1900 Euclid building, Cleveland, Ohio; Y. M. C. A. building, Memphis, Tenn.; 722 Peyton building, Spokane, Wash.

All scout leaders are asked to assist in this attempt to save 15,000 boys of scout age, who are starving and going without the necessary clothing. Most of these 15,000 are practicing the scouting program and in many cases doing exceptional work.

SCOUTING AND SCHOOLS

Two of the latest developments worth noticing in the close relations between scouting and public schools are that the "Detroit Educational Bulletin," which is the official publication of the board of education of that city, devoted its entire issue of February to discussing in detail the official recognition that the board of education gives to scouting and the active co-operation which is given to the movement as part of the board of education work.

And in Atlanta, Georgia, another official publication of the board of education is a pamphlet entitled "Civic Course—Atlanta Public School Boy Scout Lessons." This pamphlet outlines in five lessons the citizenship training of the Boy Scouts of America, which is taught to all of the pupils of the public schools of Atlanta.

BOY SCOUTS LEARN BANKING

The Garfield Park State bank of Chicago on a recent Saturday morning placed in all its official positions picked boy scouts; through the instruction of the former officials who remained with them the scouts learned how the banking business is conducted. The privilege extended these lads is typical of the opportunities in vocational training being offered to boy scouts by broad-voiced men, heart and soul in the development of a resourceful, intelligent manhood of tomorrow.

Daddy's Evening Fairy Tale

MARY GRAHAM BONNER

ZOO NEWS

"I'm a black cobra snake, and my home used to be in South Africa," hissed one of the snakes in the zoo.

"I can spit forth a deadly poison and can almost destroy a person's eyesight if they're not careful."

"But here in the zoo they never come to fix my cage without wearing goggles, as they know about me and so I cannot hurt them."

"Of course it is impossible for me to hurt anyone who just looks at me from without, for my cage has glass in front of it."

"Oh, yes, they see to it in the zoo that no one gets hurt. I have poisonous fangs, too. In fact, I'm what you'd call a poisonous snake."

"Once one of the keepers did get some poison in his eye and he said it felt as though he had had a hot poker put to his eye."

"But he did not touch his eye, only he rushed to a water faucet and thoroughly sprayed his eye with water which saved his eyesight."

"We'll always aim directly for the eye if we can. But, as I say, they make very sure now that we can't do any harm here."

"Many of my relatives live in India, but I'm a nice six-footer from Africa."

"Others might not say I was nice but they cannot help but say that I'm six feet in length."

"I'm a yellow cobra," hissed another snake, "and I've a first cousin here with me, too."

"I've just arrived and I'm a green snake," hissed another.

"There are two of us who've just come," said a puff adder snake.

"There are five of us," said a leopard tortoise.

"I'm a ten-foot python, and that is a real size!"

And then ten spike-tail lizards and three African monitors and some other snakes all said that they had just been brought to the zoo.

"I've a good appetite," said King Cobra. "I am not against eating my own kind."

"I'm a new baby buffalo," said a buffalo baby to his mother in another part of the zoo.

"Of course I was never several months ago but I'm young now."

"Yes, dear Baby Buffalo," said his mother, "you're young now. But you were never several months ago, as you say yourself."

"They say there is a baby Russian porcupine in the zoo, but I can't see anything wonderful about that. Now a buffalo is something like."

"Something like what, Mother?" asked Baby Buffalo.

"Something like a buffalo, in fact, exactly like a buffalo," said Mother Buffalo.

"But, really, my dear," she added, "the expression means that it is something worth speaking about."

"When a creature will say: 'That is something like,' it is a saying or expression meaning that that thing is pretty fine."

"There are lots of us in the zoo," the snakes kept hissing in their house,

"and there are new ones brought here from time to time."

"Hiss-hiss, hiss, hiss, there should be plenty of snakes."

"I can't crawl into your pouch any more," said Baby Kangaroo to his mother.

"I'm getting to be a big kangaroo, now, mother."

"Yes, Kangaroo child, you're almost six months old. People say it is funny the way you stick your head into my pouch and your feet and legs stick out behind."

"I don't think it would be sensible any other way. You wouldn't want to get in feet first."

"Well, in another six months you will be entirely looking after yourself."

"Yes, then you will be able to look out for yourself."

"They say that they're going to bring a platypus here soon. It's from our country (Australia), and it has a duck's bill and hatches eggs and then cares for its children in a most affectionate way. It's an animal, too."

"Platypus is about the size of a muskrat, and is a curious mixture of bird and animal."

"Platypus has a queer cousin named echidna—a duck-billed ant eater. Echidna is covered with spines instead of fur. Oh, there are some curious creatures in our country but that makes it interesting," ended the Kangaroo.

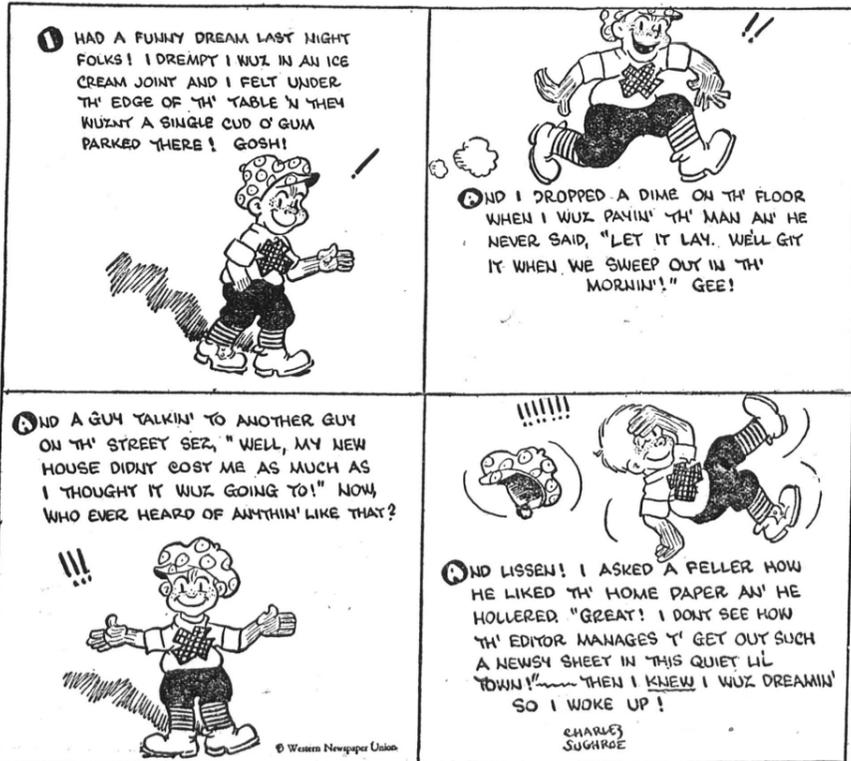
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