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**The Camp Fire Girls**

How beautiful the thought  
The Camp Fire Girls is an organization of girls and women to develop the home spirit and make it dominate the whole community.

What should the home spirit be? It should be pure minded, harmonious, friendly, and above all filled with love. What a duty these girls have to do. What a mission is before them. They are to cultivate these qualities and make them dominate the whole community.

Littleness, jealousy and scandalizing would be driven from the community if the Camp Fire girls could do all they have outlined in the above statement of principles.

Can this be done? It is a big task but it is worth the effort. If the girls can do half what they are trying to do they will have done much. By their examples others will learn to do as they do, and every life is open to the benefit of pure thoughts and right action.

We are, to a great extent, like the company we keep. If we associate with the good and pure we become good and pure. Natural causes bring natural results. Teaching brings learning and learning broadens the vision and makes us see the beautiful, the good and the best in nature and nature's laws. A girl is as her thoughts. If she thinks constructive thoughts she becomes constructive and broad minded. If she thinks small, narrow, perverted thoughts she becomes and is small, narrow and perverse.

The Camp Fire girls are planning along right lines and they will become a power for good if they endeavor to do what they plan doing as outlined in their general principles quoted above. When you think how many Camp Fire girls there are and what this army of girls are doing then you cannot but realize the immense possibilities of good in this organization of home spirit development girls.

**The Slacker**

Portland, Or., June 19.—Federal authorities are getting ready to institute a merciless campaign to run down and punish a new form of draft slacker.

This new slacker is the draft registrant who was granted deferred classification at the time of his registration, but whose status since has so changed that he no longer is entitled to exemption, yet who remains silent about this change in the hope it will be overlooked.

There are estimated to be hundreds of these cases in Oregon, and thousands of them in the United States. Suspicion particularly has been directed against a great many of the deferred classifications granted for industrial reasons.

It now appears that the status of many of these men is not the same as when they were granted deferred classification. Yet they have failed to notify their local boards and continue to enjoy exemption from military service. In some cases, also, the original classification was not justified.

Many cases where deferred classification was granted for dependency also have changed in status, but the registrant has not notified his local board.

With the time at hand when the need for man power is so urgent that every available man must either "work or fight," and when lower classifications are to be revised in order to make more men available for class 1, this form of evading military service will not be tolerated.

The draft regulations are very plain and blunt in prescribing the

penalty for failure on the part of a man granted deferred classification to notify his local board at once if his status is changed.

Every registrant shall, within five days after the happening thereof, report to his local board any fact, which might change or affect his classification, says section 116 of the Regulations.

Failure to report change of status as herein required or making a false report thereof, is a misdemeanor punishable by one year's imprisonment.

The campaign to run down these slackers will be started very soon and it will be a rigorous campaign. Men guilty of evading military service by failure to report when they should be reclassified need look for no mercy.

Every patriotic registrant who has been granted deferred classification, but whose status has changed so that he is no longer entitled to that classification will report the change immediately to his local board, said Captain John E. Cullison, in charge of the execution of the draft law in the office of the Adjutant-General.

Those who have not the patriotism to report voluntarily will gain nothing by it. They will be found out and not only reclassified, but will be severe punishment.

If a man is in doubt as to change of status, he should see his local board about it without delay.

**BOY SCOUTS**



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

**THE BOY SCOUT OF AMERICA**

(Dedicated to Troop No. 44, Detroit.)  
Whenever I see a troop of scouts, bright-eyed and clear of skin,  
Whenever I hear their healthy shouts,  
Somehow deep down within  
The soul of me I feel a thrill of honest joy and pride.  
For these are boys that will be men ere many years have died.

There in the making are the men on whom the load must lean,  
And they shall come into their work with well-trained hands and clean,  
And they shall stand at Duty's post,  
Heads up and shoulders square,  
Prepared for all the day's commands and self-reliant there.

They shall have learned the ways of life,  
The fields and running brooks,  
And have a knowledge of the trees that wasn't gained from books;  
They shall know honor as a real, substantial gem to prize,  
And come to manhood and its cares equipped and qualified.

When I behold a troop of scouts I fancy I can see  
How strong through them the years to come safeguarded well shall be,  
There will be less of selfishness and more of kindness when  
The troop is mustered into life and all the scouts are men.

—EDGAR A. GUEST.

**SCOUTS FEEDING BIRDS.**



Guest, Grain and Bread Crumbs Are

Placed in the box and on the Limbs.

**MESSAGE TO THE SCOUTS.**

How many boy scouts have looked up the meaning of the word "scout"? Probably but few know that a hidden meaning is the one most appropriate to the organization.

The word is not a newly coined one. In the old French, it was "esconter or escooter" and was used only in the military sense of the spy.

The Portuguese, Spanish and Italian forms are somewhat similar to the old French, both in form and meaning, but the Latin "auscultare" is used in the broader sense—"to hear with attention, to listen to."

In present-day English, the military meaning "to reconnoiter" is that most often applied, yet the broader meaning which has come down from the Latin is the one underlying the constructive principles of the great society of boys.

**SCOUTS RESPOND IN HURRY.**

At 8:20 o'clock in the afternoon six blasts of the fire alarm at Foxboro, Mass., sounded. This is the mobilization call in Foxboro for the boy scouts.

The scouts were widely scattered about town at the time. They were in ignorance as to the cause of the emergency call, but knew it was their duty to make all speed for home, don their scout uniform and report at headquarters.

In about 20 minutes 40 members

were ready for duty. At the scout hall the boys were asked to make a house-to-house canvass for funds for the Halifax sufferers. The boys worked from 4 to 8 p. m., and the amount of their collections was \$123.40.

**WHAT SCOUTS ARE DOING.**

Scouts in Peoria, Ill., are helping in the movement to collect funds for the Red Star society, which is for the care of horses and mules used in the war.

A campaign is on in historic Lexington, Mass., to have all old worn-out American flags removed and have them replaced with new flags. The boy scouts are the ones that are doing this.

A group of Birmingham (Ala.) scouts went on a hike to Anniston, covering the 60 miles in a day and a half.

**BOY SCOUT GOOD TURNS.**

The Richmond commission on training camp activities has made public the result of the count taken to ascertain how many soldiers from Camp Lee come to Richmond to spend Saturday night and Sunday. Through an arrangement with the boy scouts all entrances to the city were posted and a close check was kept on all visitors. It showed that 2,225 soldiers came in, and there will be an increase in the town's transportation facilities.

J. M. Stark of Eugene was an Independence visitor over Sunday.

**Big Sale of War Stamps June 28**

This is Our Day to Punch Old Caesar Bill in the Jaw. We can do it by Buying War Stamps. Lets All Hit Him One.

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Every Camp Fire girl is authorized to take subscriptions for the Western Youth. The regular price is \$1.50 for one year.	Every Boy Scout in Oregon is our representative in his community to solicit subscriptions for the Western Youth. Regular price \$1.50. Special price to Boy Scouts \$1.00 and in clubs of 10-75 cents each per year.	All Pig, Corn, Canning and other club members are authorized to take subscriptions for the Western Youth. Regular price \$1.50 per year. Special price to club solicitors \$1.00 and in clubs of 10-75 cents each per year.	Every Honor Guard girl is authorized to take subscriptions for the Western Youth. The regular price is \$1.50 for one year. Special price to Honor Guard Girl solicitors \$1.00 and in clubs of 10-75 cents each per year.

We want the news of your Club, Guard, Camp Fire and Boy Scout activities. We want boys and girls stories. Make this paper your official news organ.

INDUSTRIAL CLUBS	JUNIOR RED CROSS	THRIFT STAMPS	YOUNG FOLKS
If you have industrial clubs in your community write about it for the Western Youth. We want something that the boys and girls are doing told in this paper.	If you have a Junior Red Cross in your community tell us what it is doing. Tell who is doing the best and why they are.	If a boy or girl in your community has sold more Stamps than anyone else send a story of how he or she did so to the Western Youth. Tell about it.	There are young folks activities in your community. If it is interesting to your friends send it to the Western Youth. We want to tell every boy and girl about you.

This Paper is a Help to the Young People of the North-west and Should be in the Home

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