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THE BOY SCOUT MOVEMENT IN DOUGLAS CO. GAINING IMPETUS

For nearly ten years scouting was carried on in and about Roseburg under second class council arrangements, that is, there was no paid man to give his full time to the work. Much credit is due to Mr. Russell Lintott, present scoutmaster of Troop One, that the program was kept alive.

The fact that the movement was worth while and that by demonstration had proven its value in the training of our younger generation, attracted the attention of the leading men from over the county and in September, 1924, a representative group of Douglas county men met and decided that they would perfect a working organization, raise necessary funds and secure the services of a full time man for the scout program. This action would of course entitle them to apply for first class council charter for the county. Their plans were carried out, a charter was granted with officers as follows: President, V. T. Jackson; Roseburg vice-president, O. L. Johnson; Reedsport vice-president, C. McC. Johnson; Drain vice-president, C. E. Fausner; Oakland vice-president, E. G. Young, Jr.; scout commissioner, John Rungyan; treasurer, W. F. Harris; chairman camping committee, G. V. Wimbler; secretary, A. J. Geddes. The membership of the council was made up of representatives from all the various civic clubs and churches.

In November, 1924, the council selected the present executive, E. A. Britton, as scout executive of the county council. Mr. Britton, 25 years of age, a college graduate, active in athletics, came well recommended especially as to his character, ability and experience, he having had a world of experience with boys, there being over 5,000 boys who have been on hikes and in camps with him to say nothing about the large number who have been under his supervision in gymnasium classes, clubs and athletic teams. Best of all he likes boys and loves the work.

The movement has been progressing steadily. For the reason that such a large number of people do not know just what the



Upper Left: E. A. Britton, Scout Director for Douglas County. Upper Right: Scout hikers reach top of South Sister Mountain. Lower: West Twin Lake, goal of Scout hikers during last summer camp.

scout program is, much pioneering is necessary. This in itself is a handicap. Before going on to state the activities of the scouts for the year, some questions which have been answered many times over will be again answered for the information of all.

What is the purpose of the Boy Scout Movement?

The purpose is to promote, through organization, and cooperation with other agencies, the ability of boys to do things for themselves and others, to train them in scoutcraft, and to teach them patriotism, courage, self-reliance, and kindred virtues, using the methods which are now in common use by boy scouts, by placing emphasis upon the scout oath and law for character development, citizenship, training and physical fitness.

What is the boy scout motto? To be prepared.

What is the oath?

"On my honor I will do my best:

(1) to do my duty to God and my country and to obey the scout law;

(2) to help other people at all times;

(3) to keep myself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight."

What is the scout law?

A scout is trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean, reverent.

Is the Boy Scout Movement military in character?

The Boy Scout Movement is distinctly non-military. Its sponsors believe that for boys in their early teens technical military drill is of doubtful value, a position which is seconded by leading educators as well as by military authorities of the United States. Boy scouts do not drill with guns nor do they receive training in distinctly military tactics. The movement does, however, by its program, aim to inculcate and develop discipline, efficiency, precision and resourcefulness, as well as courage, loyalty and obedience and other qualities which make for manliness either in civic or military life.

What is the relation of the scout movement to parents and the home?

The scout movement does not aim to assume the responsibility of the home or the parents, but to supplement and intensify home training in character formation, in helping to develop in boys such traits as courage, kindness, cheerfulness and reliability, habits of cleanliness of mind and body, a sense of loyalty, responsibility and honor, qualities which all earnest parents desire to see implanted in their sons.

What is the relationship of the scouts to the school?

The relationship of the scout movement to the school and other educational institutions is one of closest co-operation and mutual helpfulness. Scouting is being more and more recognized as a valuable adjunct because it supplements the school curriculum and stimulates an interest and desire to excel and achieve. As one high school principal puts it: "Scouting has done what no scheme has ever done before—made the boy want to learn."

What is its relationship to the church?

The scout program provides a scheme of worthwhile, appealing recreation activities which adapts itself readily as an adjunct to the work of the church and the Sunday school and serves an important function in attracting and holding the boys of the community.

Scouting does not specifically teach religion but it does, "both directly and indirectly, inculcate those ideals which will help boys to put in practice in their daily lives whatever religious faith may be theirs. By his oath and by his scout training, under the scout law, every boy who enters the movement dedicates himself to right living, to the service of God and the brotherhood of man."

Troop Organization.

Russell Lintott, scoutmaster; Rev. Jos. Kuottis, P. H. Churchill, H. E. Sherry, troop committeemen. This troop is ten years old. Troop Two, R. E. Crawford, scoutmaster; B. W. Strong, O. L. Johnson, Jr. G. C. Finlay, J. F. Byrd, J. W. Perkins, troop committeemen. Troop three, Rev. H. E. Mow, scoutmaster; R. A. Wilson, H. A. Church, Charles Stanton, troop committeemen. Troop is not quite a year old.

Drain organized a troop last April with Lyman W. Patton as scoutmaster and C. S. Fausner, J. F. Hanson and Dr. T. M. White as troop committeemen.

For lack of some one to volunteer as scoutmaster, Glendale does not hold troop meetings. There are thirteen registered scouts there but without leadership. The troop committee is composed of J. E. Clark, W. H. Dyer and Geo. A. Humphreys. James McGee, who was scoutmaster there, moved away.

Melrose is looked to as having the heaviest troop of scouts on the Pacific coast. They are a rabble of huckees. Wm. Sandstrom is scoutmaster with John Busenbark as assistant scoutmaster. J. B. Busenbark, H. P. Conn, C. E. Frederickson and Roscoe Conn make up the committee in charge.

Reedsport has taken a lively interest in scouting. There they have a district organization. The movement is sponsored by both the American Legion and Kiwanis club. Rev. H. E. Clark is chairman with H. L. Chapla as secretary of the district. George Staples is scout commissioner. C. McC. Johnson, H. D. Lovelace and Carl Stode, finance committee and Wallace Benson, Roy Cairns and S. D. Chaplin, scoutmasters. Reedsport contributed \$400 to the county budget as their share of the expense.

D. O. Durham of Yoncalla is scoutmaster of the troop there with J. R. Benton, H. L. Stonaker, W. E. Sachwell and W. F. Rupprecht, committeemen supporting him. The troop there was registered only last July and has two first class scouts already.

The scouts were presented with near-by camp ground by the Roseburg Kiwanis Club. During last winter and spring many hikes were

taken there. All kinds of scout tests were given and a lot of good clean fun enjoyed. Early in the summer the scouts cooked and served a meal there for the Kiwanis.

Last February marked the fifteenth anniversary of the scouts in the United States. A rally was held at the Roseburg armory. Demonstrations and contests were held in which a large number of scouts took part. This meeting was enjoyed by a good crowd of parents and friends.

Last spring the Umpqua Chiefs held the annual strawberry carnival for three days. The scouts were on the job to see that the various amusements, Troop One constructed a "model" camp just back of the Umpqua Hotel. In this camp various trail signs, different kinds of campfires, etc., were shown. It was an up-to-the-minute model and proved educational to numbers of people other than scouts.

In June a party of scouts made up of Elton Jackson, Ira Byrd, Russell Laughman, George Weber and Mr. Britton with Professor Tanner, of the U. of O., attempted to climb the Middle Sister mountain, but because of freshly frozen snow and a severe fog a mile an hour gate were forced to quit when only 150 feet of the top.

Just as soon as school was out a scout school was held. This was for the purpose of assisting scouts who had been very busy in school to pass delayed tests. The swimming classes were well attended and several passed the swimmers tests.

On July 21st the summer camp opened at Wolf creek, thirty miles east of Roseburg on the Little River road. The camp site was procured through the efforts of the Roseburg Rotary club. The camp was held for a period of four weeks. During the first two weeks 51 boys attended and during the last two 24 attended. There were close to 200 visitors at camp this year. While a regular scout camp program was maintained, the motto, if any, was broken up by feature events, such as baseball games, horse races, snipe hunts, animal stalking, raids, climbs, hikes and Sunday morning services.

The first group of scouts enjoyed a hike up Little River trail to Snowbird camp, then around to Look-out mountain and back down the Emile trail to camp. The second bunch, with the aid of pack horses made a trip through Snowbird to

Twin lakes and return. Both hikes were full of all kinds of events, from blisters on the feet to talking in sleep. However, many lessons were learned and lessons, too, that will never be forgotten.

During the camping period two hours each day were spent in preparation for scout advancement. There were 79 merit badges, 7 first class and 12 second class tests passed in addition to the 293 tests applying to the first and second class ranks of scouting.

The scouts of the west are mighty fortunate in having available so many good locations for camping. A good many scouts from the east would be tickled if they could have for their camp sites locations such as ours. Yes, they would be pleased to secure places such as we here, would not even consider for an over-night stopping place.

While the scouts were at Wolf creek camp, the Kiwanis club was on the job in Roseburg by holding an "auto-polo" meet. The profits of the meet went to the scout fund for building a cabin on the week-end camp ground.

In August, soon after camp, Troop One of Roseburg celebrated its tenth birthday. The event was observed at the First M. E. church in the form of a dinner party. The scouts of the troop, their parents and invited guests, totaled an attendance of 56. During the course of the evening a special program was enjoyed by all. The history of the troop was given from the beginning in a very acceptable manner. Impersonations, chalk talks, speeches and songs made up a real good scout program.

On Labor Day several Roseburg scouts joined with the Eugene scouts on a Lads and Dads hike and mountain climb. On the day preceding, Mr. Britton with three of the Roseburg scouts climbed the South Sister mountain. That proved to be a most interesting climb. The crater lake on top (elevation 10,233 feet), the live glaciers observed and the hundred or more lakes seen from the top of the mountain made the trip well worth while. The long snow abides down the steep slopes and the fresh cold swim in a water hole provided for to get the party back to camp. On Labor Day Mr. Britton guided the Eugene scouts and their fathers up the Middle Sister mountain. This party enjoyed a good climb, much good scenery, lots of snow sliding and a trip over Collier glacier, the largest in the region.

Probably one of the most impor-

tant departments of the scouts program is the court of honor which is the vehicle through which the local community gives articulate approval to scouts who have made progress. It exists primarily to encourage and stimulate, to stand aside and interpret, to recognize and reward the boys' efforts to advance and make progress through the scout rank and tests.

Scouting, however, is something infinitely more than the passing of tests and the meeting of requirements. These are the machinery of certain activities; the character building influence of the companionship with fine qualified men and other boys while doing these later-out-gripping activities—these associations are the big and real and vital character-building things.

Judge George Quine, Dr. G. C. Finlay, Fred G. Haines and Scout Commissioner John Runyan compose the Roseburg court of honor and give wonderfully fine leadership to the work.

What is the live American boy worth? Especially if he happens to be yours? Boys are the most valuable asset of a nation. We know that but do we believe it. Here is the proof: 92.5 per cent of the government's appropriations are for war—past, present and future; 3 per cent for public works; 25 for primary governmental functions. In four years our government spent \$1,000,000,000 for the improvement of rivers, \$100,000,000 for experimental plant industry; \$7,000,000 for experimental animal industry; \$4,000,000 to combat hoof and mouth disease; \$5,000,000 for the maintenance of reform schools. Here is where the boy comes in. Education is only as appreciated.

Education, research and development, less than one million for the protection of child life. Yet we have 250,000 men and boys confined in prisons, with a crime bill of \$5,000,000,000 a year of your money and mine. And there are in America 2,000,000 critically underprivileged children, of which at least one-half are boys. Our government spends 3 cents a year per capita for them. What is one live, potential, unspoiled American boy worth, if you want dividends, invest in boys.

The boy scout council of Douglas county, feels that the great need of the county (and to our nation as well) today, above all others, is an individual moral and spiritual responsibility, and by the same

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