

Scouts To Hold Sale

A Cub Scout trinket sale will be held by the Benson Pack Friday morning, Sept. 29 in front of Penney's store, announced Mrs. Roy Phillips, Den mother.

Plaques, ashtrays and small trinkets made by the members will be sold and all profits will go to buy equipment for the pack.

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Ancient Knighthood No Rosy Path; Torture, No Parole, For False Step

By HAL BOYLE

NEW YORK (AP)—Ever pine to live in the days of old, when knights were bold, and the telephone was not invented? Those times seem glamorous and adventurous, as portrayed by Hollywood in such film epics as "Ivanhoe," based on Sir Walter Scott's famous tale.

But a 20th century man, suddenly removed to the heyday of this 12th-century, metal-plated Hopsalong Cassidy, would find the going a little rough for his tastes. The modern girl would miss a few comforts, too.

And as for Emily Post? . . . Shudder. . . Shudder. . . Shudder.

There were no such niceties as present day forks and spoons.

You hacked off slabs of meat with crude knives and ate by hand. Utensils were rarely washed.

A husband coming home from the grocery store today is no such beast of burden as a knight faring forth to battle.

His combat gear weighed 120 pounds, eight times the weight of the plastic body armor a Marine now wears in Korea.

And buying a horse and suit of armor then was more expensive than it is now to purchase a Rolls Royce and a tailored sport jacket.

A coat-of-mail—made by hand of tiny mesh rings—took one man

four to five months to complete. And you only got one fitting.

Being Hero Tough Task

It was hard to be a Horatio Alger hero. The best way for a poor lad to escape lifelong economic bondage was to become a priest or a knight.

To become a knight a boy had to be placed in the household of a nobleman as a page at the age of 12. At 16, if he made the grade, he became a squire, or shield-bearer to a knight. And the final honor of knighthood—at the age of 21 or later—could be conferred only by another knight, a priest, or by royal edict.

It was no job for a juvenile delinquent.

A knight found guilty of dishonorable conduct received no second chance. He sat on a raised platform, while six priests on each side intoned the "vigil of the dead." After each psalm a herald stripped away a piece of armor. Then a bucket of filthy water was poured over the ex-knight's head, and he was publicly executed.

There was no parole system for ordinary criminals either. A common form of punishment was "the judgement of God"—the pouring of molten metal into the miscreant's ear. You could get this for stealing a handkerchief.

Tax System Tough

You think taxes are tough today? In those days the tax collector assessed you not on the basis of what you said you were worth, but what your neighbors said. As they were all in the same boat, however, some of the people were real neighbors on this point.

Highways are dangerous enough now. But then they were so outlaw-infested that even a lord dare not ride from his castle at night except with an armed bodyguard.

And while the moats were a great protection against enemies they also bred a lot of typhoid.

To get your rights you couldn't call a cop. You had to fight for them under arms. But ladies, priests and persons under 21 weren't allowed to fight. They hired professional knights, known as "puggies."

Knighthood Not Easy

To be a knight wasn't easy. You were supposed to have a knowledge of music, dancing, penmanship, drawing, horsemanship, the use of all standard weapons, and a mastery of the art of carving a side of beef at a banquet. (The last requirement explains the current shortage of knights in rationed Britain.)

Medieval ladies often made vows never to undress or bathe until the lord of the manor returned from a journey. One wife kept this pledge for seven years while her knight was off on a crusade. You can see now why knighthood died out. How would you like to come home to a dame like that?

One type of extinct American elephant attained a height of 14 feet.



MR. AND MRS. JOHN FORSYTHE, new teachers at Glide School, are both graduates of Colorado State College of Education at Greeley, Colo. Forsythe, former coach at Oskdale, Wash. for four years, now lacks only 16 hours for his master's degree in physical education. He served four years and three months with the Air Corps in World War 2. As a glider pilot he saw service in North Africa, Sicily and Burma. Forsythe is the coach for the elementary grades and will also teach the eighth grade. Mrs. Jean Forsythe taught two years at Paradox, Colo. She will teach the second grade at Glide. The Forsythes are making their home at a cottage on the Selby place. (By Mrs. Arthur M. Selby)



Cigarette Burglaries Confessed By 3 Men

PORTLAND (AP)—Three men accused of a string of cigarette burglaries from Safeway Stores have confessed, police reported late Tuesday.

The three are Albert F. Davis, 31, an ex-convict serving a 180-day jail sentence; Charles Junior Emery, 27, Portland; and Alex Beck, 35, a transient.

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Azalea School Is Completed

By ILA QUIRKE

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hillicker have returned to Azalea from Empire where they have spent the summer. Mrs. Hillicker will teach the Galesville school starting Sept. 2.

Several members of the Galesville PTA have been working at the school house getting ready for the opening of school. The rooms have been painted and the floor waxed. All desks and tables have been sanded and varnished along with the organ. A flag pole has been purchased and painted white.

Visit and Travel

Mrs. Grace Horton who has been visiting at Azalea and Ashland the past two weeks, has returned to her home at Battle Ground, Wash.

Mrs. Theima Larson and Mrs. Mildred Booth attended the fair at Grants Pass.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Head and Mrs. Olive De Haven made a

business trip to Winston last week.

Roy Snyder made a business trip to Portland by train recently.

Mrs. Ed Throne and Sarah Frank spent a day last week at Roseburg shopping and on business.

Miss Marilyn Ramey is spending her vacation in Michigan where she will visit her grandparents.

Eugenia Ballard of Gardena, Calif. is visiting her friend Phyllis Oseplan of Azalea.

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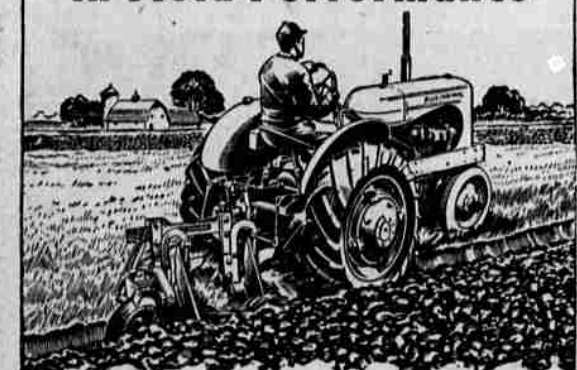


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