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## VALUE OF SCOUTING

Eugene Register Guard

On my honor I will do my best: To do my duty to God  
and my country, and to obey the Scout Law.

The soldier peered over the lip of a foxhole. He was too weak to dig it deep enough to keep the shrapnel from spraying over him. The enemy had gone and he was the only man left. Three days and nights had passed since he was engulfed behind the enemy's lines. He suffered from wounds they had inflicted, and from the artillery fire of his own lines. But he was going to get back. He knew what to do... how to live off the berries and grass... how to survive...

To help other people at all times.

The boy leaped into the water. He swam through the swift current to the floating figure. The figure sank and the boy dived under the water. He grabbed it by the legs. Arms closed over his face. He was choking, but he knew what to do... he broke the hold, shot to the surface and began to tow his friend to shore...

To keep myself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight.

"Aw, c'mon Joe. We've all done it. You won't get caught. Don't be a sissy. It's easy. Just wait 'til the man turns his back to wait on a customer. Then slip your hand behind the counter, grab a pack of cigs, put them in your pocket and walk out. You've got to do it, Joe. The gang won't have you if you don't."

Joe didn't answer. Joe wasn't a sissy. And Joe didn't get caught. He knew what he had to do. He turned and walked away. He had other friends.

Scouting means many different things to a lot of people. These things aren't always dramatic. They may be entwined in memories of outdoor camps, a hike to the top of a favorite mountain, a conservation project, the feeling of attainment through advancement to a higher rank.

The Boy Scouts of America will be 45 years old Tuesday. Since 1910, more than 22 million boys and adult leaders have trod the Scouting pathways of adventure in the outdoors, good citizenship and clean living. The organization which had its beginning in the mind of a Britisher, Lord Baden-Powell, has grown world-wide.

In the United States today there is an active enrollment of 3,660,000 Boy Scouts Clubs, Explorers and adult leaders. Here in the Oregon Trail Council there are 11,705.

It's sometimes difficult to see through the din of an overly-active Cub Pack to the rewards at the end of the Scouting trail. But there are many testimonials to the advantages of the experience. The Boy Scout organization doesn't pretend to have a cure-all for juvenile delinquency or an answer for all the world's problems. But the ideals of Scouting which have influenced so many boys and men are reflected in those of the nation.

Many Army commanders have found they can spot men who have been Scouts. They are the men who find it a little easier to get along with others; who have found how to absorb setbacks; who can assume responsibilities in a time of need.

## MINING LAWS

Eugene Register Guard

A bulletin from the National Wildlife Federation notes that Rep. Clifford Hope of Kansas has introduced a bill to "prevent spurious mining claims and to protect surface values in the National Forests." We haven't seen a copy of Rep. Hope's bill but we would certainly expect the House delegation from Oregon to take an interest in it and if possible to help him sponsor the measure.

Certainly it is time to do something about the old 1872 Mining Laws which let a person tie up valuable forest lands by filing claims to cinder, gravel and other such common materials. Legitimate mining efforts should be adequately protected, but it is only logical that the Forest Service should be able to control the use of forests on mining claims. It is estimated that more than 350,000 acres of national forest lands are tied up in mining claims in Oregon now. If this were available for cutting on a sustained yield basis it would mean much to the economy of Oregon.

Hal Boyle

NEW YORK (AP) — Few visitors arriving in New York by ship bother to bring along their own lifeboat anymore.

But Miss Janet Jones, a young lass from Wales, did. Stepping ashore clad in a red cloak, an 18th century style Welsh dress and a high-topped black beaver hat, she took one look at busy Manhattan and exclaimed:

"Aeth a fy ngwnt i fwrdd y cyndryd mor arfym!"

This, as any Welshman would grasp instantly, meant: "It takes my breath away—everything moves so fast!"

Miss Jones—a name as common as Kim in Korea or Smith in America—won over 1,100 other contestants to become the national hostess of Wales. She is here for a 7-week, coast-to-coast goodwill tour. With her she brought a corge, a coracle, a collection of wooden love spoons, a black Bible made from a block of coal, a 5-ft. harp, and a walking stick which once belonged to the Welsh statesman, David Lloyd George.

The corge turned out to be an underslung, mystified, homesick lady dog named Ceri, and pronounced "Kerry."

"The word corge means cur or mongrel," explained Janet, who is 21, pretty, auburn-haired and blue-eyed.

"The corge has been honored in Wales since Howell the Good passed a law in 916 exempting the breed from taxes because they kept the pastures free of lurking wild animals. The corge has been adopted by the British royal family. It is now the 'Falla' of Buckingham Palace."

The coracle turned out to be an ancient type Welsh boat made of wicker and cowhide, so light even

a girl could pack it on her back. This is believed to be the first coracle ever brought to the United States.

Now about those wooden love spoons?

"In the old time," said Janet, "instead of giving the girl of his choice an engagement ring, a Welsh boy would come to her with a spoon he had carved. The more beautiful the carving, the more he loved her."

"If she accepted the spoon, they were engaged. That is where the term 'spooning' came from. If she turned down the spoon, it was love's labor lost."

"Very occasionally the old custom is still followed. It is much easier today to buy an engagement ring. But I'd much rather have a love spoon myself."

However, Janet made it quite clear she expects no love spoon on this trip.

"I'll be much too busy to look for a husband," she said, "and it's him that should be doing the looking anyway."

Miss Jones, daughter of a Presbyterian minister, comes from a tiny Welsh village only 30 miles from the town with the longest name in the world. It is—here we go, kids, look out for the vowels: Llanfairpwllgwyngyllgogerych-

## Those Periodic Crossbreeds Are Here Again



Bruce Biassat

WASHINGTON (NEA) — In an effort to brief new congressmen on the situation in the Middle East, the U. S. State Department set up a background briefing session for one of its experts to tell the freshman law-makers what it was all about. The meeting was scheduled to last one hour.

When the State Department man came to a discussion of relief for the Arab refugees, however, one woman who came in with the congressmen arose and proceeded to harangue the speaker for 22 minutes. No one dared to interrupt, thinking this might be one of the new congresswomen. The State Department expert took his heckling with the best grace possible.

After the session was over, however, the new congressmen themselves got to inquiring why this woman was who dared to criticize State Department policy so openly.

The check-up revealed she was Mrs. Emanuel Celler, wife of the Democratic congressman from Brooklyn and a leading Zionist. She had slipped into the meeting, unnoticed.

JUST HOW MUCH interest the United States has in Chiang Kai-shek's Republic of China government on Formosa is indicated by a Nationalist Chinese news release saying that 460 high American officials had visited the island in the past year. Among them were Vice President Nixon, Secretaries of State Dulles, Defense Wilson, and Army Stevens; foreign aid chief Stassen; Admirals Radford, Stump and Priddy; Generals Clark, Hull, Taylor and Bolle.

This average of more than one visiting U. S. official a day to Formosa is reminiscent of all the good will missions Washington used to send to South America in the days before World War II. There was some special American envoy on every island or boat that landed. As one Latin diplomat declared at the time:

"One more good will mission you send us, and we declare war against you."

THERE HAS BEEN a big delay in getting the 14 task force reports to Congress from ex-President Herbert Hoover's second Commission on Organization of the Executive Branch of the Federal Government. The first report, on the handling of government paper work, was scheduled for Jan. 10. It won't go up till mid-February.

Inability to get congressional members to go over its reports is given as one of the main reasons for the delay. The congressmen have all been too busy on getting their own organization in shape.

With this initial delay, the Hoover Commission will have to send to Congress one report a week in order to complete its job by May 31, scheduled date for it to go out of business. An extension of time will probably have to be asked for.

VICE PRESIDENT Richard M. Nixon now has a trophy room in the Capitol. This is in addition to his vice presidential suite back of the Senate Chamber rostrum, and the suite he has assigned to him for his staff in the Senate Office Building.

The trophy room is P-31, the hard-to-find big room on the second floor of the Capitol, reserved to the "vice floor." Into this room the Vice President has put some of the trophies of his trip around the world.

There is a set of gold spoons from Sydney, Australia, a silver vase from Iran, a set of model wryndrobwillantysilllogogoch.

Miss Jones, believe it or not, can pronounce this in less than five seconds from a standing start.

"In English," she said, "it means 'St. Mary's Church, in a hollow of white hazel, close to a rapid whirlpool and St. Tysilio's church, and near red cave.'"

"But the people who live there simply call it Llanfair, P.G."

Even so, after all these centuries, the town still has a population of only 1,200.

Indonesian houses in silver filigree, a set of ceremonial gavel mounted on the wall, and a number of original cartoons on his career — the nice cartoons, that is.

## Congress Chat

By HARRIS ELLSWORTH, M. C., 4th Oregon District

There will be a lull in activity for a while so far as the House is concerned. Both the Lincoln and Washington birthday observances will call members to various parts of the country to make speeches. Furthermore, there is little or no legislation through Committee and ready for floor action. The lull will not be a formal recess. Committees will continue their work but there will be no voting on important legislation for about two weeks.

Committee activity attracting the most attention now is the series of hearings being conducted by the House Committee on Ways and Means on the bill known as "H.R. 1" which would extend the Trade Agreements Act. The bill which is sponsored by the Administration includes far more than simply the extension of the Reciprocity Trade program. If it is passed in its present form without amendment it will give the President far more authority over import duty rates than any President has ever had. Strenuous objections are being made to the Committee by nut growers, cherry growers, fishing interests, pottery and numerous other manufacturers. The committee is hearing numerous witnesses both for and against the bill.

Those who are served by city mail carriers will soon notice that their mail boxes are no longer cluttered with "junk mail," as it has been called. A year ago the Post Office Department got the brilliant idea that advertising or circular letter mail could be delivered by city carriers without being addressed. In other words, the mail carriers became what we used to call bill peddlers. Maybe it was a good business proposition for the Post Office Department but it is an awful nuisance to most everyone who receives the stuff and it certainly is a terrific burden on carriers. I made several protests to the Department last year and took the subject up with the House Post Office Committee. I expect dozens of Congressmen did the same thing. Finally the Department rescinded the order effective March 31st—in my opinion a most sensible action.

There is considerable government-owned surplus wheat stored in Northwest warehouses. Meanwhile our Oregon livestock and poultry industries have been declining because of competition from the mid-west where cheap corn is available for feed. I have asked the Commodity Stabilization Service to consider selling the surplus wheat stored in our warehouses to dairy and livestock farmers for feed at prices equal to the cost of corn in Iowa. If this is done, farmers can sell their products at lower prices and both farmers and consumers will benefit.

Speaking of farmers, I have also endeavored to help our wool growers by urging the Department of Agriculture to permit a wool producer to borrow money on certain government payments due him after he sells his wool clip. Unless this is done the grower must wait nearly a year for the payments to be made, thus in many cases causing financial hardship.

The circumference of the planet Jupiter is 88,700 miles.

## In The Day's News

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at his press conference, he was speaking softly.

The huge American 7th fleet, deployed in the Formosa straits, is the big stick.

In Washington, two senators speak up to dispute the Russian claims of atomic supremacy. Senator Henry Jackson of Washington and Senator Bourke Hickenlooper of Iowa both said they believe the U.S. is well out in front in the field of atomic weapons.

In this connection, I'd like to quote a bit of valuable advice given to me in my younger and more hair-trigger days by a wise and blunt-spoken old gentleman:

"Keep your shirt on, kid. NEVER ENGAGE IN A POLLUTION CONTEST WITH A SKUNK."

I commend his counsel to Senators Jackson and Hickenlooper.

When Malenkov (he's supposed to pronounce it MA-yen-koff) resigned as Soviet premier, he said he would be given another job. As it turns out, he has been assigned two jobs — deputy premier and minister of power stations.

I wouldn't be surprised if the undertaker (if they have such things in Russia) gets another job soon. People who lose out in a Kremlin ruckus never seem to live long.

Oregon's Senator Neuberger, who is a member of the senate sub-committee on roads, announces in Washington that he opposes the toll road financing features of President Eisenhower's 101 billion dollar highway program.

He says the toll road provisions of the bill discriminate against large, thinly populated states such as Oregon. He adds that Oregon might be tempted to take the economic risk involved in building a toll road in order to be able to qualify for a federal highway grant to be used elsewhere in the state.

Well! Well! On this point, at least in Washington that he opposes agreement with Senator Neuberger.

In this world, you never can tell what will happen.

## Douglas Co. Mounted Schedules Gymkhana

The Douglas County Mounted has scheduled the first gymkhana in the recent history of Roseburg this year.

The event is scheduled June 20, a Sunday. A gymkhana is a series of contests on horseback, mainly racing. Races already scheduled are pole bending, baton racing and scurry racing. Other races will be added later.

Henry Cook, committee member, reports three trophies will be given for the top riders at the event at the Douglas County Fairgrounds. A trophy will go for the team making the most points, and individual trophies will be given to the best junior and senior rider. First, second and third-place ribbons will be awarded in each event.

Cook said the gymkhana is open to anyone in the county owning a horse. He said all saddle clubs in the county have already been invited. No pre-registration is necessary.

## Suit Filed To Recover Auto Accident Damages

A suit for recovery of \$76,385.55 of damages claimed in injuries suffered in an automobile accident has been filed against Pacific Western Lumber Co. and James Cook Crumacker by Inez Cratty, Roseburg.

Mrs. Cratty accuses Crumacker, in her circuit court complaint, of negligence while driving his company's car. The car struck Mrs. Cratty's parked automobile, beside which she was standing.

She asks \$75,000 general and \$1,385.55 special damages.

## PEERY MEDICALS

BY W.K. PEERY

How many of our local citizens are aware that our sister county immediately to the north, was named after one of Douglas County's illustrious citizens, General Joseph Lane? At the same time how many realize that this was the same man who served as Oregon's first territorial governor?

Lane, who captured the sword of General Santa Anna, whose brilliant personality flashed across the American political scene like a glowing meteor, was destined to become Oregon's forgotten man. He died in Douglas County in comparative obscurity.

In Lane's life we find an instance of a man's destiny controlled by the mere accidents of time and place. Had he remained in the environment of the deep South, where he was born and absorbed the deep convictions of that place, we would doubtless be enshrined in the folk lore of his people as a glowing personality who championed a lost cause.

But Lane had driven his claim stakes in the state of Oregon, where southern sympathizers were in the minority. Here he championed the cause of slavery, a thing not unusual, so long as no crisis arose involving that particular question. But when the time of decision came, Lane threw in his lot with secession. In addition he had aroused the fanatical enmity of Jesse Applegate, whose fine mind was beginning to show the shadows of the unkind cloud that was to envelop his later years.

With the increasing tempo of the civil war, its hatreds and unreasoning emotions, Lane became the focus of all the rancor and animosities of an outraged citizenry. The Catholic balters among the more fanatical element of the Methodist church claimed his sole allegiance was to the Church of Rome. The ultra patriots among Oregon's politicians, men who had felt the sting and rapier thrusts of Lane's oratory, made him out a traitor, and a plotter to build up a slave empire on the Pacific coast.

The end of the war did not end the persecution of Lane. There is always a veteran's organization to keep before the public mind the things they fought against. In the state of Oregon, not the least of these was Lane. The G.A.R. kept alive old hatreds. At every memorial day exercise in city or remote country cemetery, the veterans were there to read Lincoln's Gettysburg Address following which the orator of the day would proceed to open up old wounds.

In the face of these conditions the man who had ushered the state of Oregon into the Federal union, had been its first representative in the congress of the United States, but who had dared to stand by his honest convictions, was denied his rightful place in the historical archives of the state he had grown to love.

Some historian of the future will find in Lane a subject well worth his efforts. It will make an interesting book. But for the benefit of the readers of the News-Review, we shall attempt to give some of the high points in the life of Oregon's forgotten man.

The Dictionary of American Biography gives the birthplace of General Joseph Lane as Buncombe County, North Carolina. The date was Dec. 14, 1801. He died in Douglas County, Oregon, April 19, 1881.

Lane's family moved to Kentucky when he was a child, and he grew to young manhood in that state.

He attended common school, and at the same time worked for the Clerk of the County Court. He was then fifteen years old. It was his connection with the political leaders of the county in his early years that doubtless gave him the urge for political activities.

The Lane family was of Irish and English extraction and the younger Lane's forebears had played an important role in the American revolution and in public affairs in the south. From his earliest years Lane had shown interest in military affairs. He fought in the Indian wars and in these campaigns may have met Abraham Lincoln, whose political success in later life spelled tragedy for Lane.

Lane's interest in public affairs as a youth was fully noticed by his elders and the prediction was made that he would carve for himself a place high in American history. When he was nineteen years old he married the widow of his cousin, Polly Pierre. Lane's family history was obscure. She had been found as a small girl lying unconscious in a boat that had drifted down the Mississippi river. Her people had been massacred by the Indians, and their settler's home had been burned. How she was put adrift in a boat was never learned.

That Polly Pierre's people were French Canadian in origin is beyond doubt. Many French families

## Glass Co. Will Build Portland Factory Soon

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — The Owens-Illinois Glass Co. plans to build a factory at Portland soon. H. S. Wade, the firm's Pacific Coast manager, announced Wednesday night the plant will be built on a 70-acre site in the Parkrose area of Portland.

He said there will be a two-furnace glass container plant and separate buildings for a warehouse, batch house and a compressor.

The firm has 28 plants in the country. The only ones on the West Coast are at Oakland and Los Angeles.

## PHYSICAL ED. NIGHT

A physical education night will be held at the Green school Feb. 12 at 7 p.m., when Green, Winchester, Melrose and Wilbur schools will take part in basketball, volleyball, tumbling and rhythms. Fourth, fifth and sixth grades will participate. There will be a small admission charge, the proceeds of which will go towards the physical education activities of the schools. All parents and interested persons are invited to attend.

drifted southward along the waterway of the Mississippi, some as trappers, others as settlers along the rich lands of the river's tributaries. Polly was raised by an uncle of General Lane, but young as she was, the family discerned she had been raised in the Roman Catholic faith. It was this early influence doubtless that led her into the Catholic Church in later years, and influenced her husband to follow suit. The records of the Catholic Church in Oregon show that Lane joined that church after he had settled in Douglas county.

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