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Schools Boys Enlist For Farm Service

New York, July 9.—(Special)—The young sons of wealthy and well-to-do Americans in and around this city are going to have a chance to do their bit for their country. While their fathers and older brothers are training in officers camps and their mothers and sisters are toiling for the Red Cross, they are being mobilized in rural camps and armed with hoes, as auxiliaries of the great agricultural army that Uncle Sam has called into being to help feed the Allies.

This movement, which is headed by R. Bayard Cutting of this city, is organized under the name of the School-Boys' League for Farm Service, and is affiliated with the Boys' Working Reserve. Its object, like other movements of this sort, is to help meet the needs of farmers in view of the expected labor shortage. A nominal fee will be charged the boys which will be used to help defray camp expenses. Equipment and leadership has been paid for by popular subscription. The movement has the backing of leading educational and agricultural authorities. Three camps are being established, one at Seymour, Conn., the prize peach section; one at Middletown, N. J., in the midst of the truck-garden region; and one at Holmdel, the potato center of New Jersey. The camps will be conducted under strict military discipline. The boys will work for the farmers in the vicinity of the camps, not more than five or six hours each day, and they will be paid by them what their labor is worth—probably 15 cents an hour as a maximum in view of their inexperience.

The work will consist of cultivating and harvesting garden crops, and picking and packing fruit.

Each camp will be divided into five or six groups with a supervisor or councillor responsible for each. There will be a man of experience and character in charge of each camp unit and it is hoped to secure one man with Plattsburg or Militia training in each unit to direct the military features. It is understood that the Military training will not be arduous. Ample opportunity will be afforded for recreation, although these camps are primarily for service. Boys of 16 or over will be received whether they come from boarding, private day or high schools, or from the earlier college classes. Every boy will be required to present a doctor's certificate attesting his physical fitness for the work which will be required of him, as well as a certificate of good moral character from parent or teacher.

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NATIONAL FORESTS TO SUPPLY WOOD FOR FUEL

Portland, July 9.—(Special)—To meet any possible coal shortage in the West next winter, more extensive use of fuel wood from the National Forests is urged by the Government's foresters, who are advising both ranchers and town dwellers to be forehanded in making arrangements for

the supply of their fuel needs.

The supervisors of the 153 National Forests will be instructed to afford all possible facilities to local residents wishing to obtain cordwood, which settlers may obtain free for their home use and which is sold at low rates to persons cutting and hauling in order to sell to others. Since the material thus utilized is mainly dead timber, its removal, it is explained, helps clear up the forest and thus lessens the fire menace. Timber which is insect-infested, or old and deteriorating, or otherwise damaged or undesirable from the forester's standpoint, is also disposed of for fuel purposes. The demand in the next twelve months is expected to break all records.

There is a possibility of a coal shortage because of the increased demand for coal by industrial plants and the lack of sufficient means of transportation. It is believed that it will be quite feasible and economical to utilize an increased quantity of National Forest wood for fuel next winter. When dead and down timber or other timber which is deteriorating is not available for cordwood, the cutting of mature living trees will be permitted to the extent necessary to meet demands.

While wood as a fuel is less economical to handle and use than coal, it is in many parts of the West cheaper, even at normal price levels. Stoves and furnaces, however, equipped to burn coal usually require different grates to permit of the substitution to advantage, and this is pointed out as one reason why the householder will do well to look ahead and decide beforehand how he will keep warm and what he will feed the kitchen stove next winter.

Where sawmills are operating in the woods at points within hauling distance of towns, there is a chance to obtain slabs and other material that ordinarily goes to waste.

During the last fiscal year over 30,000 permits for the free use of National Forest timber mainly in the form of fuel wood were taken out by local residents. The amount of timber involved approximated 250,000 cords. Additional supplies of cordwood were obtained from the forests at a nominal price by others who were not entitled under the law to the free use of timber.

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Cove News Notes

Cove, Ore., July 9.—(Special)—Fair weather and the Fourth of July have been unknown companions in Cove for several years, but this year they seemed to enjoy each other's company and our good townspeople turned out en masse to participate in a patriotic, but quiet, celebration and visitors from surrounding towns added to the pleasures of the day.

A new flag pole 104 feet in length had been raised in the center of town. In the large gilded globe on top of the pole were placed documents and data which will probably be "discovered" by future generations.

A large flag of unusual historic interest was donated to the City of Cove by Mrs. Roscoe Bonnewitz which had been in her possession for thirty years and proudly waved its colors throughout the Spanish-American war. While it showed the effects of shot and shell and honest wear it is in splendid condition and bears silent witness to the good care bestowed upon it by its stewardess. Mrs. Bonnewitz in a fitting speech gave a brief history of the birth of the American flag which was then hoisted to the breeze to wave its protecting influence as a benediction of good will to all who embrace its creed.

Rev. C. C. Pratt representing the city responded in a speech of acceptance appropriate to the occasion.

A very beautiful and impressive scene was produced when the entire assembly, with uncovered heads and hands uplifted, pledged allegiance to the flag. A selected chorus then rendered "A Salute to the Flag" after which all marched to the grove where the contents of lunch baskets were spread on tables at which all partook until they could say with the psalmist "They filled me till I want no more."

The afternoon program consisted of music, speeches and sports. Miss Davis, of Union, rendered the British, French and American National hymns with the flag of each country unfurled as she sang which received loud and long applause. Rev. G. L. Clark, of La Grande, made a patriotic address which was most fitting to the occasion. The Rev. Mr. Clark has spoken to Cove audiences on several occasions and each time creates a desire on the part of his hearers to hear him again.

Miss Ida Roberts read the Declaration of Independence. Mrs. Kemp, of the La Grande W. C. T. U. told what they were doing for the soldier boys who have enlisted in the service for their country and what can still be done for them giving specifications for making wearing apparel and other necessities for the soldiers.

After the program those athletically inclined entered into the sports which closed the program for the day. We are pleased to note no casualties

or accidents occurred, no violations of the law and no arrests were made. was the probable result of Cove being bone-dry.

Miss Velma Selders, of Portland, is visiting old school mates and friends in Cove and vicinity.

Dr. and Mrs. McCown motored to Baker Wednesday.

Marie Houx returned home Saturday evening from Milton where she has been visiting relatives.

Miss June Chadwick with a party of young people from Lower Cove, is spending the week on the Minam.

Lester Johnson and family spent Sunday in La Grande.

T. B. Johnson and family were over from La Grande Wednesday. Mr. Johnson has been in California buying cattle.

The farmers have commenced cutting alfalfa hay.

Harry and Clarence Becker have returned from Portland where they attended the gun tournament. Harry won the gold medal.

Geo. Jasper and family are visiting Mrs. Jasper's parents, Mr. and Mrs. David Boswell. Mr. Jasper came over to attend the funeral of his nephew, Glen Morton who was buried in Summerville.

J. A. White, of Baker, spent the Fourth in Cove.

Mrs. J. A. White is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Ben Miller. She will return to her home in Baker in about a week.

Paul Houx motored to Baker where he spent the Fourth. Hattie White returned to her home with him.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Houx, Mrs. F. E. Bell and son Lang returned from Boise July 2, where they have been attending the Seventh Day Adventist Camp meeting. Many of the prominent preachers of the church were present among whom were Elder Anderson who has been a missionary in Africa for the past 22 years and Elder Daniels a foreign missionary who has twice traveled around the world. Fifty converts were baptized Sunday July 21.

Mrs. Lou Paine is entertaining her son Edwin Paine and family of Walla Walla.

Ray Baker is attending the state university at Eugene.

THE FORUM

A Long Way From America.

It's a long way from America
To show the Germans fight
It's a long way from America
To wave the Stars and Stripes.
They thought that we were buffin'
But we'll show them we can fight.

It's a long, long way from America
But Liberty right.

It's a long way from America
But we are come to help the sick
It's a long way from America
They sank our Merchant ships.
They killed our women and children
And thought it only fun.

It's a long, long way from America
Where Liberty they have none.

It's a long way from America
But the Britons they are true
It's a long way from America
Where the people are starving too
The Belgians they will greet us
For we'll give them half we've got.

It's a long, long way from America
But we don't mind the trot.

It's a long way from America
For boys that have never been,
It's a long way from America
But Uncle Sam's not green.
It took some time to start him
But we'll see the battle through.

It's a long, long way from America
But they shall have freedom too.
It's a long way from America
But the Canadians they are there
It's a long way from America
But they are doing quite their share
And when the World's at Peace
Old Glory will fly around.

It's a long, long way from America
The Star-Spangled Banner will be sung.

—MISS F. JONES.

The Idea of a Layman.

La Grande, Ore., July 7.—(To the Editor of The Observer)—I have noted with some interest, the sermons, articles and answering articles, of Rev. Gibbs and Mr. Ford, as to "Baptism" and as to the origin and meaning of the word, and as to its application to religion, and to the saving of the soul of mankind. And each has traversed the statements of the other, and each would have mankind saved by his particular method of baptism, or not at all.

Now my intentions are not to enter into any discussion as to the root of the word, nor its historical meaning or application, as I am not a student of the Greek and thus not versed in the fine points to which they refer, but I wish only to bring forth the idea of a layman and I believe that I express the sentiment and thought of the largest percentage of the laymen, both inside and outside the church, when I say that when our ministers will discuss and preach the fundamental doctrines of true Christian living, when they will discourse on the application of the Golden Rule, to life as it is in this twentieth century, when they will become big enough and broad enough to lay aside the petty

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bickerings over the method on the outward expression that which is within the heart of mankind, then, and then only, will the Spirit of the Nazarene enter into the hearts and the lives of men, and then, and then only, will the Church of the Living God find its way into the innermost heart of the peoples of the earth. A man may be baptized by all the methods of sprinkling, and immersing or any other method known to mankind, and except that his heart is right, the outward symbolism of baptism is a delusion and snare; and for the sake of Christianity, for the sake of the power of the Son of God, and for the sake of all mankind, let our ministers put

aside their discussion of the outward expression, and concern themselves with the hearts of men and women.
A CONSTANT READER.

Winter Wheat Does Well.

A sample of winter wheat, 5 feet 9 inches tall from the farm of W. M. Sanderson, of Summerville, was brought into The Observer office today by Mr. Anderson, of the Maxwell agency. The wheat looks fine and is well headed out. Mr. Sanderson has five hundred acres of wheat in good condition.

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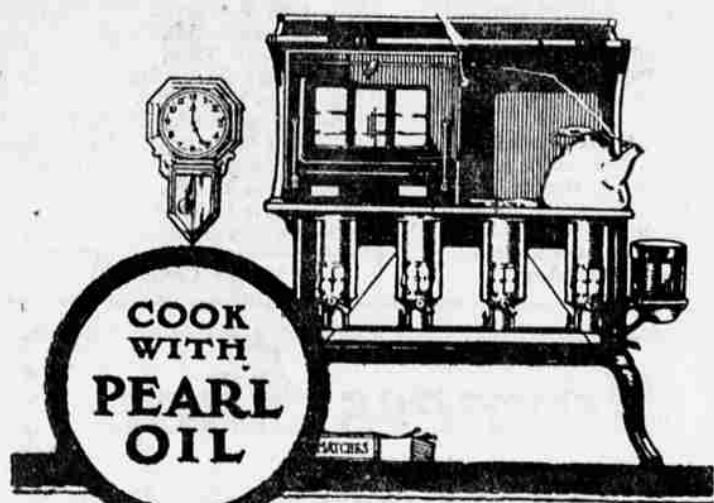
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