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Brookings Honored By Nat'l Boy Scouts

To be chosen as a representative for a troop to some council honors is a great honor in itself for a troop of Boy Scouts. To be chosen for a council as representative in the region is still another greater honor, but to be chosen to represent the region in national Boy Scout week usually is but a dream, to a boy, his troop and his council. However, all this happened right here in Brookings—and Jimmy Vincent will represent Region XI at New York and Washington, D. C. at Boy Scout Week Festivities.

Knowing how proud his troop is of him, how glad Troop 32 can boast of this honor, it is also easy to see how proud Jimmy's parents must be of his good fortune. It is easy to see how such might affect their equilibrium. Brookings bursts at the seams with pride.

In Region XI are such troops as Spokane, Seattle, Portland, and all the larger cities. These boys, too, have scout ambitions. They are good scouts, too, and covet such a chance to make this trip.

In Curry county, Brookings has long set the pace in scoutcraft. This honor should, if properly taken, add impetus to scout work among the troops in this county. Boys of other troops should want to become proficient enough to be considered as a possible candidate for this honor.

If such a thing is possible, Brookings is as proud of Jimmy Vincent's success as he is, but has no way to show it, except in way of congratulations. Brookings hopes Jimmy will be a great ambassador to the Atlantic seaboard, and will come home knowing he has placed Brookings on the maps used in that section.

IT SEEMS TO ME:



By Dewey

doubt change the legislative picture considerably. The road situation in the state demands a lot more than the program that has been followed during the past decade or more.

To meet demands of the state it seems almost certain that a bond issue by the state will be coming out of the legislature. It is a guess, however, but that is one of the recommendations of the interim committee. Fish and game laws are due for a revision and that will bring out much controversy over the state. The eastern part of the state wishes another member on the committee, and so far the western part has asked for none.

The legislature is faced with the problem of devising ways and means of raising state funds to carry on a program which the state has dodged many years. It is certain that all expenses will be up. Governor McKay, in his message to the legislature, said: "We may as well face the facts. The financial condition of the state of Oregon not only for the

Legislature convened Monday, in what is considered one of the most important sessions of the history of the state of Oregon. Many recommendations set forth by the interim committee will no

present but for the future is precarious."

Demands of the federal government have increased, too. Gone are days when we deal in millions in budget matters. Billions are the terms now employed. Foremost in demands are those for social security and old age pensions, thus insuring people of a future when they have passed the days of productiveness.

Demands upon the state are constant for highway construction. Highway construction is not done without terrific expense. It must be paid by the people who wish these highways to travel. Demands are made of the federal government for harbors, for national aid to state highway funds—and it is the taxpayer who pays.

Advance of civilization, and the raising of living standards makes all of us unsatisfied with conditions short of the best. We actually demand the best—with no thought that it is us and us alone who will pay for these demands.

I have heard many people say, "Those were the good old days." Sometimes they may be right at that for their wants in those days were simple. People traveled by team, or walked. They used kerosene lamps, and they knew nothing of the advantages of the refrigerator and electric range.

When many of us were young an eighth grade education was sufficient. Today, even the college graduate finds difficulty in competing on the labor market for jobs which offer just more than a passing security. We have come to like the comforts of life, and we have learned that one may obtain more.

It goes back to the remark I made earlier in this column, that we must pay for what we receive—whether we know that we are paying for it or not. We pay the fiddler when we dance, be it in pleasure or government. If we want to advance (and who does wish to stand still?) we must be willing and ready to pay the cost of these advances.

The world affairs are going toward the socialistic side—and it seems there is little any of us can do to stop the movement. It seems to be the pleasure of most of us to enjoy this trend—asking the "government" to do things for us.

Medford Man Tells Of His Work For Normandy Invasion

Dal Harvey, a civil engineer, and member of Medford Rotary Club, was principal speaker on Tuesday, at the regular meeting of the local club. Mr. Harvey told of the Landing at Normandy on June 6, 1944, when he was attached to the army railroad corps as general overseer.

"People cannot realize the bigness—the magnitude—of this operation. No one man could have ever planned it, but with hundreds, each doing his share, and by the placing of these efforts in one plan, made up the final arrangements for the invasion.

"It was the plan of the supreme headquarters to have different points where the invasion might be made. Besides Normandy, the "plan" included Norway,

and through Holland by way of Antwerp. These last two, there was considerable open talk, so the Germans never knew where to expect the invasion, and thus not be able to concentrate all effort at one spot.

"Work on the invasion, people wonder, was kept so secret. This was done because each man was assigned to a specific task and he was not allowed to keep any notes, except the reports made to supreme headquarters. All the carbon copies, notes, etc., were burned every evening.

"Normandy invasion called for an enormous amount of men and materiel. Each unit made its requests, and these were filled in some manner. So well carried out was everything, and so well timed was every movement that the Germans were kept in the dark until the moment they were hit. The air corps saw to it that little or no material on the beaches were destroyed by the Germans

"The American soldier and the non-combattant troops certainly are the most ingenious of any in the world. I firmly believe that it was because of this that we won the war, more especially the

invasion." Allotted but 25 minutes to tell about the subject the speaker said at the outset that he could only touch upon a few high points—most of which would include the magnitude of operations.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Weideman and Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Akers attended the installation of officers of the Crescent City Kiwanis club last Thursday evening. The ladies night affair was in form of a choy mein dinner, with all decorations and "favors" following the Oriental motif. Fourteen new members were inducted into the club that evening.

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