

Scouts Mark Year's Achievement



Tops in Scouting activity in Willamina this year was Joe Matocha Jr. (center) voted the outstanding scout by Troop 254. Scoutmaster J.A. Jensen Jr. (right) and his assistants, Jack Shetterly (left) and Vern Huddleston, (picture not available) added Scouting activities to their other many duties. All take an active part in community affairs besides working hard at their regular vocations. Jensen is in business with his father at the Willamina Machine Shop; Shetterly is bookkeeper and office manager at the Garrabrant Mills and Huddleston operates a gun shop. He has made an outstanding reputation through this area as a gunsmith.

Willamina Boy Scouts and Their Leaders Show Fine Year's Record

Willamina's Boy Scout troop presents a record of achievement for the past year that the town may well be proud of. Not only have they increased their personal advancement in Scout work but they have won outside recognition for the troop as a whole by placing first in the county in first aid demonstrations, thereby winning the privilege of representing Yamhill County in Portland when further contests are held.

Each year the outstanding scout of each troop is chosen on the basis of attendance record and proficiency in scouting skills. Top honors went this year to Joe Matocha Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Matocha of Willamina.

Much of the credit for the fine work done by the local troop is due to their leadership, J. A. Jensen Jr., Scoutmaster, and his assistants, Jack Shetterly and Vern Huddleston, have given a great deal of time to Scout work and are to be congratulated upon the results.

The Times has asked Mr. Jensen for a detailed report on the Troop's achievements for 1947 and it appears here:

A YEAR'S REPORT OF SCOUT ACTIVITIES

by J. A. Jensen Jr., Scout Master

During the year of 1947 the Boy Scouts of America, represented in Willamina by Troop 254, with an enrollment of twenty eight boys and three leaders, conducted the following

ing Scout work and advancement.

In the first four months of the year four local troop Honor Courts were held in the Christian Church basement where the troop meets each Monday night. During the Courts Jim Edwards received his First Class Badge.

Ross Bailey, Leroy Zembrick and Joe Matocha were awarded Second Class badges.

Numerous Merit badges were also awarded.

The boys held their annual four day hike at Hebo Mt. and several other advancement hikes and evening campfires were also enjoyed.

The Troop took part in County activities and received first place in county first aid contests held at Sheridan and are to represent the county in a meet to be held in Portland in February.

During the coming year an expanding program is being planned for the troop.

New examiners for Merit badges are being sought to help the boys in advancing along the Scout trail.

At present Mr. Newby is our only qualified examiner for required Merit badges.

K. E. Shetterly is local chairman. J. A. Jensen Sr., H. A. Parrett and Albert Endres make up the Scout Committee. J. A. Jensen Jr. is Scoutmaster, Vern Huddleston and Jack Shetterly are assistant leaders.

During the year Joe Matocha, a Second Class Scout, has been awarded

ed our troop's "outstanding scout award" through his attendance each meeting, his proficiency in camping and scout skills.

The Troop has just completed reregistering for the 1948 year under the sponsorship of the Kiwanis Club of Willamina.

The Plywood and Veneer Workers Union has through a generous cash donation made it possible for the troop to be a 100 per cent Boys Life Troop. This means the boys will each receive twelve issues of the National Scouting magazine which will be of great value to the troop.

All the Troop will need for a swell year will be support by the

fathers, mothers and friends of Scouting. We must all have an interest in some boy—yours or the neighbors — start him along the trail of Scouting. Help him up—the ladder to good sound American citizenship.

These are our Scout Laws and the foundations of the Scout movement. A Scout is trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind,

obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean and reverent. The boys after repeating these at Monday night meetings always add "hungry."

Clay Larkins spent Christmas at Marquam, Oregon with his sister, Mrs. William McPherson. It was a real home coming for Mr. Larkins for Marquam was his boyhood home.

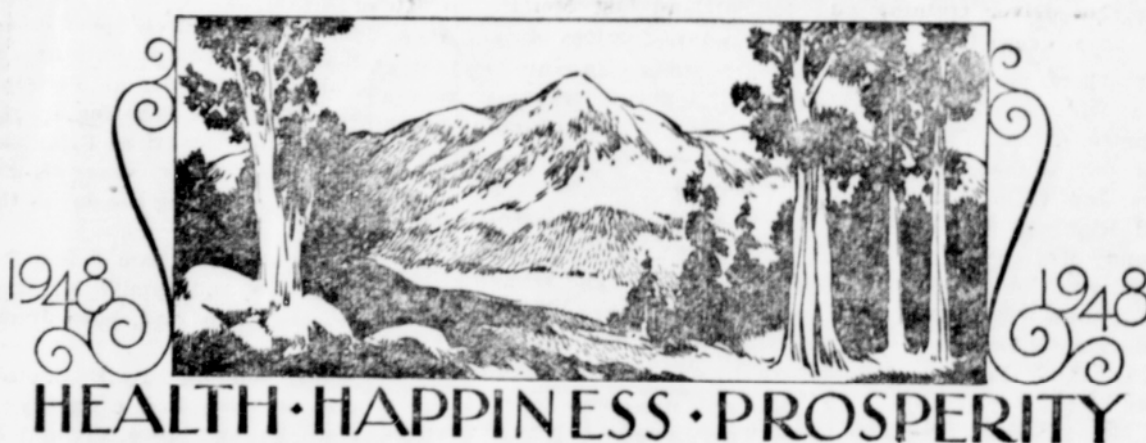


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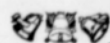
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