

## BOYS AND THE BOY SCOUTS

(Continued from last Sunday)

**The Boy Who Wants to Join**  
All the details about joining the Boy Scouts are to be found in the handbook which may be secured at any time at the Salem headquarters or you can ask questions about it by calling Harold L. Cook, phone 772.

The handbook has 646 pages of boy reading and 20 pages of index that helps a boy turn at once to his hobby. There are 10 chapters.

Eight of the general headings are: Scoutcraft, Woodcraft, Wild Life and Conservation, Campcraft, Signaling, Signaling, Health and Endurance, Chivalry, Prevention of Accidents and First Aid, Life Saving. The ninth chapter is on "Games" and the tenth is devoted to "Patriotism and Citizenship."

There are three divisions known in the scout organization: Tender-

foot, second class, and first class. The very first chapter of the handbook tells the aim of the scout movement, "What Scouting Means," "Things the Scout Must Know," and "How to Become a Scout." These matters are all covered by men who know about scouting and in much more detail than we can give in these articles. You can get a handbook at the Salem Boy Scout headquarters for 35 cents.

**A Scout is Taught to Make Good**  
A boy never gets through the "Tenderfoot" stage without learning that more will be expected of him than of boys who have not taken the scout oath and have not solemnly pledged themselves to live by the scout law.

That the honor which is in his hands after he has been accepted as a scout is not only his own, but that

of the thousands of other scouts is an early lesson. He becomes at once interested in how other scouts act, not only because he is now carrying their honor, but because they are carrying him.

But he is also taught most practical ways of doing things. He can kindle a fire in the forest on the wettest day and seldom uses more than one match to do it. In fact, he does not need any match at all. He has learned the secret of friction sticks, as used by the Indians, or he can start a fire with his knife blade and a piece of flint.

But he has also been taught to take care of a fire, not merely to keep it going, but to keep it from going too far. He knows the danger of forest fires and he knows how to kindle a blaze that will not spread. And when he is through with it, the scout puts it out.

**In Case of Accident**  
A scout does not run away or yell wildly for help in case an accident occurs. If a person has been cut, he knows how to stop the blood and how to gently and carefully bind up the wound. If a person has been burned, he knows how to alleviate the suffering. If anyone is dragged from the water unconscious, he knows how to set to work at once to restore respiration and circulation. He does not need to be told that time is precious. And he does not have to wait for anybody to come. Many a Boy Scout wears a medal for having saved human life under such emergencies.

**Neither Loses Himself Nor His Head**  
In a previous article we told how boys are taught to find their way, either by the arbitrary method of city life or by the signs of nature should they find themselves in a trackless wild.

The scout is also taught the value of mental equilibrium. He must not lose his head any more than his wits. His mind must track as well as his feet.

"He keeps a close guard on his tongue, for he knows that loud speech is often a cloak of ignorance, that swearing is a sign of weakness, and that untruthfulness shatters the confidence of others." (Handbook introductory, page 11.)

**In Time of Danger**  
A scout is trained not to flinch if danger comes unannounced. He is taught, even as a soldier is taught, that his own safety and that of others in a moment of danger depends on every faculty being alert. His mind is instantly in control of his body. He has been taught the proper cooperative action of both. His knees do not shake unless he can accomplish something by shaking them. He has been taught what to do in case of fire, panic, or shipwreck. But he has been taught to never seek his own safety first if there are helpless or weak people at hand who are absolutely dependent on the thought and action of others.

**The Boys' Fraternity**  
It has been shown that the oath is no "scrap of paper" to a scout. He takes it slowly and solemnly after having studied it. It is therefore only the natural result that scouts have the advantages and pleasures of the fraternity of their equals who are bound by the same oath. A friendly welcome is assured wherever there is another scout. They can communicate with each other without making a sound or they can talk by imitating a telegraph key without words that are spoken.

**The Spirit of Human Kindness**  
Not yet, however, do you know the whole of what it means to be a member of the Boy Scouts of America. In fact, no articles and no books can put you wise to it. The boy who goes into it will tell you that "the half has never yet been told." But one of the big things of which you may have just an inkling is this: The Boy Scout is trained to kindness. Not only must he be thoughtful for others, as we have just now shown in case of danger, but his thoughtfulness extends mercy to dumb animals. He has learned more about them than most folks know. He has also learned that knowledge is to be used in order to make it practical.

The scout "knows that horses, dogs and cats have their rights and he respects them" (Handbook, introductory, page 11). This one fact alone proves the character reflected which shows the developing power of scout membership in making the men of tomorrow.

Nor yet have we reached the climax of scout instruction. But as space is limited we will tell you of that in the next article.

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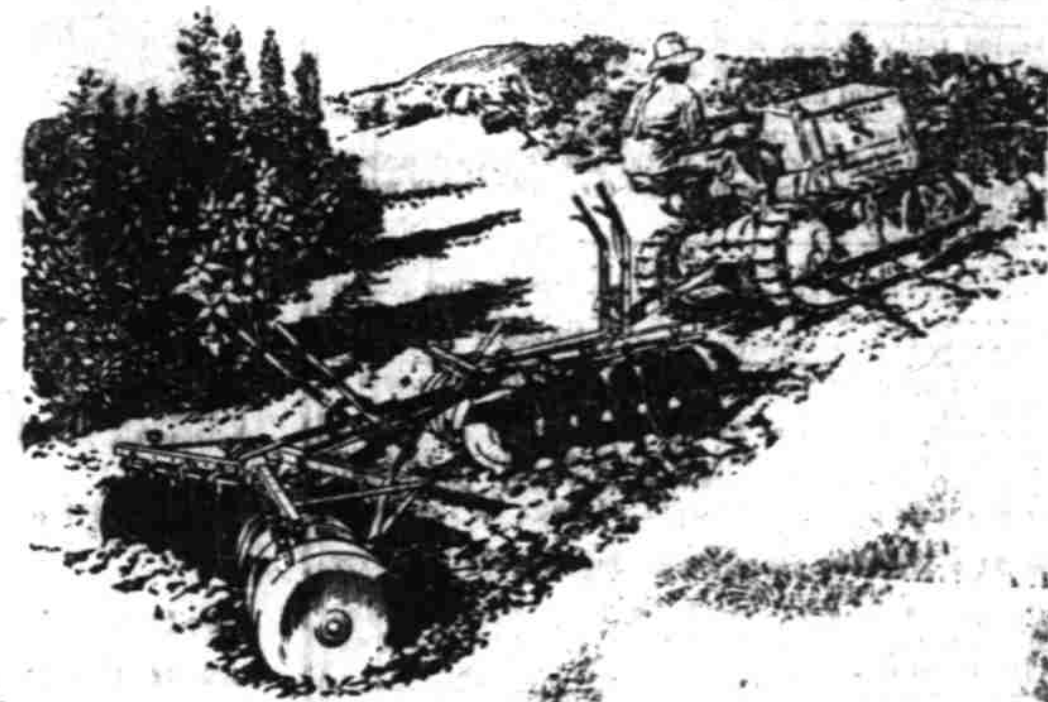
Florence Rockwell as Athana, in "The Bird of Paradise."

Florence Rockwell, the new Luau, in Richard Walton Tully's "The Bird of Paradise," which comes to the Grand Opera house February 18 is a native of St. Louis, Mo., and began her professional career under the direction of James O'Neill when she was but 14 years old. At the age of 16 she was playing stellar roles in classic productions, and at the time was the youngest leading woman on the American stage. Her first characters embraced those of Ophelia in "Hamlet," Desdemona in "Othello," Virginia in "Virginia," Mercedes in "Monte Cristo," Julia in "The Lyons Maid," and many others of equal importance.

Concluding this great experience, Miss Rockwell has since appeared as leading woman with Richard Mansfield, Sol. Smith Russell, Stuart Robson, Henry Miller, Nat Goodwin, Guy Bates Post, with Robert B. Mantell in his Shakespearean repertoire, and in several metropolitan productions, notably in "The Round Up" with Macklyn Arbuckle, in "The Harrier" with Theodore Roberts and W. S. Hart. Two years ago she toured in Australia at the head of her company, under the management of J. C. Williamson.

### Ban Lifted From Public Gatherings at Berkeley

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