

BOYS AND THE BOY SCOUTS

(Continued from last Sunday)

The Trial of the Scout in Deeds
"Doing is learning." That is the basic principle of scouting. The instruction given rests on that, and in every possible case the lesson is demonstrated one. Youngsters are naturally "motor-minded." They want to see the wheels go round. That is the way to teach them so that the very first lesson will stick

in their minds. In learning scouting this rule is followed, and the boys remember because they have in learning followed the line of their own mental fascination.
For the "blind alley" occupations, scouting substitutes the light of day and the way of progress that always has larger things beyond no matter how far you follow it.
The Boy Scout never fears the coming of a policeman. He has no

turtive glances lest some one shall see what he is doing.
Learning by doing, he also escapes the other meaning of those "blind alley" occupations. He does not later go out as a young man to join the army of the unemployed because he has no purpose or desire keen enough to push him on. Learning by doing has been called the "help yourself" training. The scout will be more apt to help push others than to need pushing himself.

The Trial of Service
In the preceding article we said the climax of scouting had not yet been told and that it would be taken up in this one. All that has preceded leads to this. The boy is taught resourcefulness and loyalty and self-respect, all of which tend to make him later a success in whatever he undertakes. His business in life when he becomes a man will reflect these same sturdy characteristics which he has learned in the "motor-minded" way.
But he is also taught another thing that many older men have been benefited by if they had learned it as boys. That thing is service to others. No matter how busy a man may be he can find time for personal service to his neighbors and to the public interest. That is the moral and spiritual climax of scout teaching.

Do a Good Turn Every Day
The scout is taught this as he is taught other things by actual practice and demonstration. He is taught to do a good turn to somebody every day.
That does not sound so big when you read it quick. But stop a moment and think what it means. Not a day to pass without having done a good turn to somebody. How much richer would life be if everybody learned to do that!

In the city of Salem 300 boys are now learning to do a good turn to somebody every day. The number of boys is soon to be doubled when this campaign shall make Salem the first city of its size in scouting. Of that and how it is to be accomplished we will speak later.

Not With Ostentation
The scout is taught to do his good turn to somebody every day, but to do it quietly and without ostentation. It is not to be a matter of the scout bragging about these good turns that he does.

By that principle will he differ from some men when later he comes into the larger activities of manhood. You of course remember the story of how Lincoln described one public individual. He said that the man reminded him of the steamboat on the Mississippi that had a ten-foot boiler and a ten-foot whistle, and every time they blew the whistle they had to stop the boat. Perhaps nobody ever heard who the man was that Lincoln described that way, but everybody knows his type. He is always with us and always obnoxious. But the scout is trained to do his good turns without boasting.

And Without Pay
The scout is taught that this good turn must be done without pay. He is not doing it for his own benefit. He must not take a tip of any kind for doing it. If he should it would not count for his good turn that day.

This does not mean that the scout is trained to do everything without remuneration. On the contrary, he is taught to do work that will bring a just and honest return. He is taught to earn the money that will pay his own way, that will buy his own uniform, that will make him, as far as possible, a self-supporting unit of society. But that is business training.

Beyond that comes the doing of the good turn every day to somebody. That is another thing entirely. The daily good turn is his training for service of an altruistic kind that will make him later a good neighbor and a good citizen.

He Is Taught to Remember
Until the scout gets thoroughly in the habit of doing a good turn every day it is easy for him to forget. He is only a boy and a very human boy. He makes mistakes just like other boys. Scouting does not transfer him by taking the boy out of him. It does not make him an angel with both wings sprouting all at once. It trains him to keep the "boy" in him but to direct it and not to be "steered wrong" by it.

So by very simple methods he is taught to remember about that good turn until he gets the habit of doing it firmly fixed. For instance, some scouts are taught that when they get up in the morning they are to knot their ties and leave the end flowing loose outside the vest or coat until they have done that daily good turn. Others are taught to put their scout badges on reversed in the morning until the doing of that turn shall entitle them to put it on right.

Later on the scout gets the daily turn so firmly fixed in his mind that he does not need these things. Even business men are quite used to having "ticklers" to remind themselves of things that must be done. The scout is just human after all. But his "motor-minded" training will make a better human out of him.

As later the scout gets to where he does not need his "tickler" for the daily good turn; so later on also when he comes to manhood he will have this habit of doing a good turn to somebody every day, without ostentation or desire for remuneration, so firmly fixed that all his life he will continue the practice of it. The result of thousands of scout-trained men in a community will be of untold and immeasurable beneficence to that community.

Every effort and every dollar given to make the scout movement a success is an investment in human futures bound to pay large dividends.
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SNYDER CHAMPION SHOT

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Feb. 12.—Harry Snyder of Kansas City won the national amateur wing shot championship, the principal event on today's program of the sixteenth annual interstate trap shooting tournament here. Among the scores made in the individual target contest were: F. M. Troch, Vancouver, Wash., 88.

BIG FIGHT LOOMS ON CANAL ISSUE

Development of St. Lawrence Expected to Entail Opposition

New York, Feb. 13.—A stubborn fight between great opposing interests, involving a score of states, municipalities and railroad and mining corporations is promised before the international joint commission on waterways over the proposed development of the St. Lawrence between Montreal and Lake Ontario, it was learned when the commission adjourned its sessions here tonight. It will meet again March 1 in Buffalo for its first public hearing.

The principals in the campaign to procure St. Lawrence development are fourteen northwestern states, the "prairie" provinces of Canada, northwestern Canadian cities and ports and shipping interests on the Great Lakes.
Opposed to them will be the state of New York, the city of Montreal, eastern railroads of the United States and the coal interests which are now selling Canada most of its fuel.

Proposed development of the St. Lawrence includes welding the connecting link in the chain of deep water transportation from the Great Lake to the Atlantic and utilizing approximately 2,000,000 horsepower of potential waterpower at a cost estimated in the hundreds of millions of dollars.

Hopeless Diseases Can Not Be Cured by Doctors or Medicine

There are some diseases which are absolutely hopeless and past cure by any physician or medicine, but they may yet be palliated and a medicine if it can not help in one case it may help in another. To anyone suffering from a disease a remission is a degree of health and a medicine that relieves or palliates a disease is of great benefit. We cannot guarantee to cure any disease with Number 40 For The Blood, but we quote word for word what the ingredients in 40 are recommended for in the U. S. Dispensary and New American Materia Medica. In the treatment of blood poison, an acknowledged specific among all schools of physicians, removes the causes of disease and stimulates the removal of waste, thus indirectly encouraging nutrition. Disorders of the nervous system demand this remedy, such as neuritis, chronic rheumatism, gouty conditions, mal-nutrition auto-toxication, constipation. Used with phenomenal success in eczema and skin diseases, lumbago, glandular swellings, ulcerations of mucous membranes and in general disorders of the stomach, liver, kidneys and spleen. Prepared by J. C. Mendenhall Evansville, Ind., 40 years a druggist. Sold by Perry's drug store.

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