

### BOYS AND THE BOY SCOUTS

(Continued from Last Sunday)  
 That the Boy Scout movement is absolutely non-sectarian is shown by the action of Hon. William C. McCauley, executive chairman of the national campaign when he sent a letter to one hundred and ten thousand churches, cathedrals and synagogues and their congregations to be delivered by their own pastors, priests

and rabbis. The letter called attention to the proclamation by the President of the United States which urged all American citizens to support the Boy Scouts of America in the campaign.  
 Another Local Proof.  
 Boy Scout troops have been organized in Salem in both Protestant and Catholic churches. Both alike

### Drop Your Tobacco Money Into His Little Bank If You Love Your Boy

If you would put into your boy's savings bank every day the money spent for tobacco you would make a daily contribution to his success and happiness and to your own good health, possibly adding years to your life. Do you spend ten cents a day, or twenty-five or fifty for tobacco? Think of what your boy would have when twenty-one! For you know that tobacco is an expensive habit and that the expense is not its worst feature. It undermines health when used to excess and deadening drugs—and no one questions the hardening of the arteries, tobacco heart and other troubles almost too numerous to mention, and it benefits no one except to give him for the moment a sense of ease and comfort due to its narcotic effects—as do opium and leading drugs—and no one questions the great injury inflicted by the use of these.  
 Tobacco works with an unseen hand, steadily, gradually, but surely and disastrously. At twenty you may use it and notice no ill effects, only to realize at forty that you have hardened of the arteries, high blood pressure, headaches, indigestion, and that you are prematurely old. Save your tobacco money for your boy and when he reaches twenty-one he will have two priceless possessions—a good start in life and a father young enough to be his chum.  
 Some tobacco users who love the lure of self-indulgence, try to make themselves believe tobacco is not injurious, yet every user almost without exception at some time realizes he is using too much. How is it in your own case? Almost any doctor will tell you that too much tobacco is injurious to anyone and Dr. Hirschfeld says excessive use of tobacco after forty-five is suicidal.

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 NOTE: Ten years ago, seventy cigarettes per person met the demand in this country; last year the consumption had increased to over four hundred cigarettes per person, or nearly sixfold, to say nothing of other forms of tobacco consumption. Statistics show that heart disease is most prevalent in countries where tobacco consumption is greatest and that it increases with the increased use of tobacco. Heart trouble was second in a list of causes for rejection in our army. How much are you over-taxing your heart by the use of tobacco? If you can't answer, let Nicotol help you quit before your heart gives up the fight.

have found them profitable undertakings from a religious standpoint as well as of great benefit to the boys who were enrolled. That the Protestant churches that have troops are enthusiastic about them and endorse the idea to other Protestant churches was indicated by the typical letter published a week ago.  
 Those Catholic churches which have troops have had just the same experience, and now the Knights of Columbus, at the request of the Catholic Priest's association, have assumed the work of organizing the boys in the Catholic churches of Salem. They will issue a definite statement soon on this.

**Father Linden's Letter.**  
 Expressing his hearty commendation of the Boy Scout movement from the Catholic standpoint, Father Linden has addressed a letter to the average father of an average boy, which we gladly insert in full:  
 "Dear Dad:  
 "That is how your boy might begin if he were writing you. So as I am writing for him I will start that way. And because I am writing for him I want to say some things frankly that maybe he just couldn't say, though he might feel them inside.  
 "Some people who are not actively engaged in the ordinary pursuits of life spend a great deal of their own and other people's time imposing upon their fellow beings fads and fancies of their idle brains. Like mushrooms, these fads and fancies are born in the morning of light and die in the night of darkness because they lack the substance of intelligence and the foundation of sincerity. Somewhat, and perhaps largely because of our painful experience with such people, a good many other people are now prone to discredit almost any movement born of the brains of sincere men whose sole purpose is the physical and moral progress of the human race.  
 "Now, Dad, there is a new movement in the world. It has had to prove itself because of so many human disappointments which I have intimated above. But, Dad, it has proved itself. It is a movement for boys. And I am a boy, Dad, so you see I am interested in it. And as I know you love me, Dad, I know you will be interested in it for my sake, when you know about it.  
 "It is the Boy Scout movement. It

isn't any fad or fancy of an idle brain. It isn't an insane conception of a faddist. It is just the recreation of that old saying that I have heard you quote yourself, that the boys of today will be the men of tomorrow. You know, Dad, that the man of today was not merely born. He was made. He was made by what he went through. This war, that you and I have talked so much together about, has made men of our boys. You know you said it had rejuvenated their moral and physical condition to one of real and purposeful activity. Now, Dad, isn't it true that I'm going to be a man of tomorrow, what kind of a man I am will depend on what training I get while I'm a boy. Will you study this Boy Scout movement and see if you don't think it will be a good thing for me?  
**What They Asked the Knights to Do.**  
 Then Father Linden continues by telling this average father of the average boy some conclusions that have been reached by the clergy in their study of the boy problem and what

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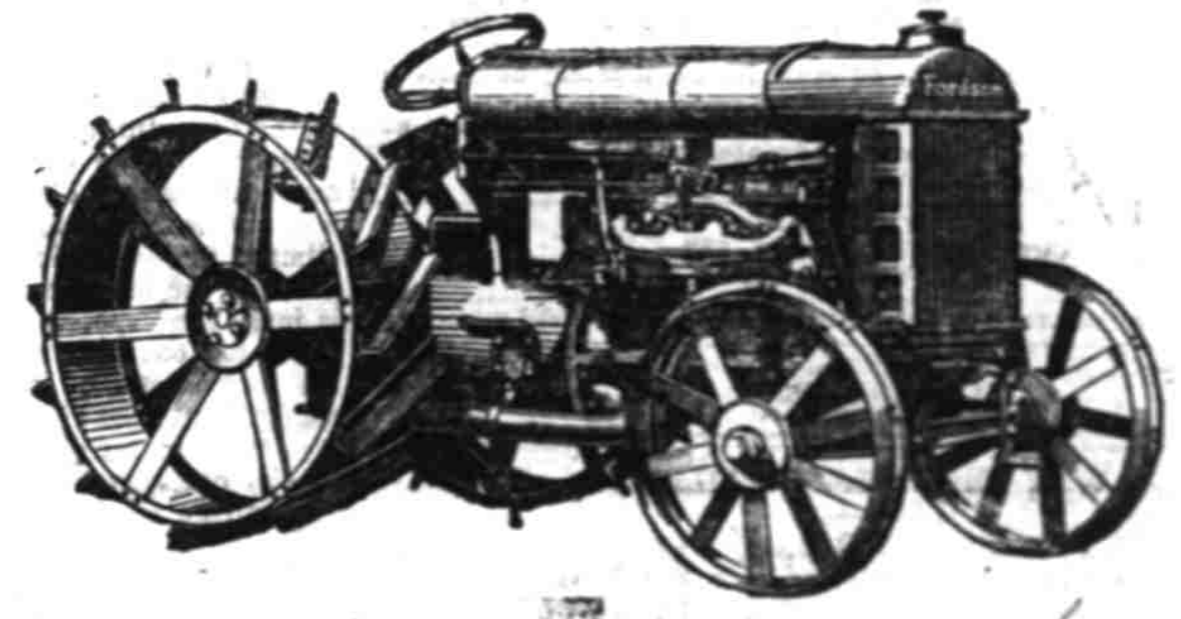


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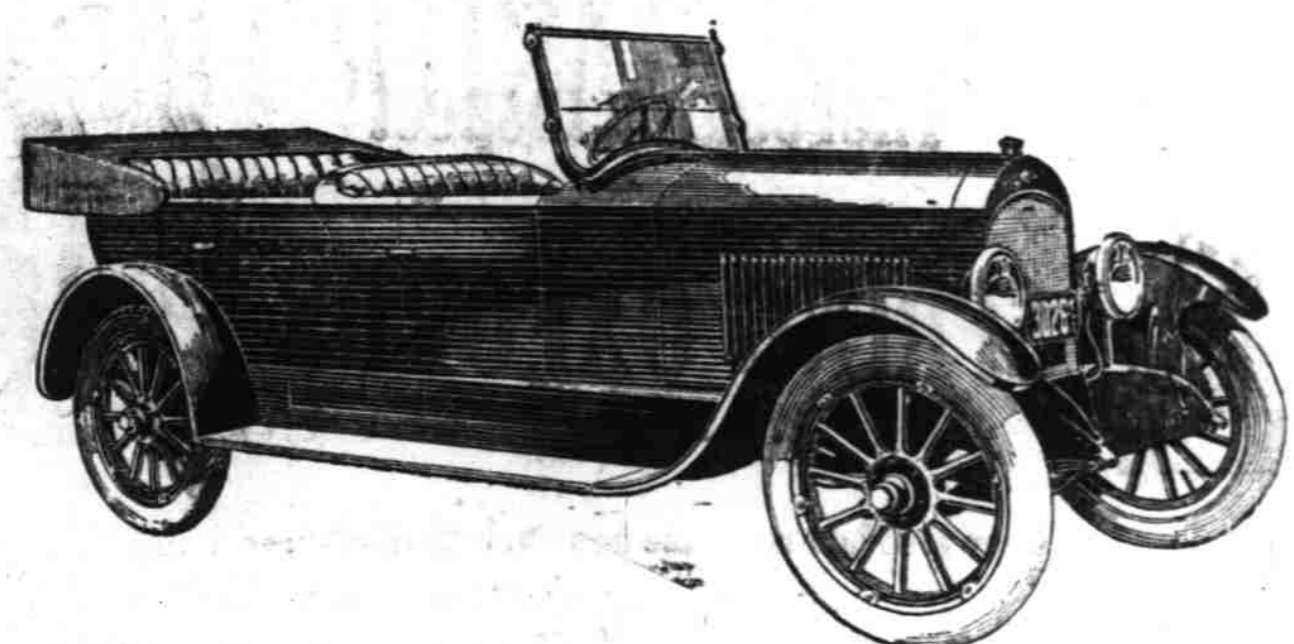
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they have done about it. What he says about this is as follows:

"We of the clergy have realized what this boy problem means. I have had thousands of boys under my immediate supervision for the last fifteen years and have learned through the school experience that the boy problem is more difficult from the standpoint of the average educator than any problem of the modern times.  
 "After thoroughly discussing the subject, we, the clergy, found a solution by offering the Knights of Columbus the proposition of taking care of the boys by organizing Boy Scout troops. The Knights immediately took cognizance of the project and are now the first in our country to organize our boys under the direct supervision of capable and efficient men.  
 "Realizing that scouting teaches the boy his relations toward God, his country, his fellow men, and himself, the four essential and cardinal principles necessary to make men out of boys, we, the clergy, are now assured of the progress and advancement of our boys along moral and physical lines.  
 "Scouting is not a fad. Scouting is built on the foundations of sincerity and of interest in our American boys. The scouting issue is a help to any issue of religion and government and must be solved by the men of today. The retrogression of the American boy in his moral and physical development, when it does take place, is due to the fact that most of us do not understand the boy, nor do we employ the necessary means to counteract the evil influences with which he is daily surrounded.  
 "Scouting must and will solve this problem, because through it the boy will understand himself through initiative, self-reliance and resourcefulness. Following the scouting laws the boy will always be in constant communication with nature, in direct touch with his fellowmen through his active service for them, always obedient to the laws of God and man, progressive and never retrogressive.  
 "Boys ought to be men, but how many of us have given the average boy a chance to become a man?"  
 After this strong presentation of the scout movement from his own standpoint as a clergyman and the evidence that he is speaking for the other Catholic clergymen by the action they have together taken, Father Linden concludes by again taking the boy's angle of it, as follows:  
 "Say, Dad, what are you going to do for your boy? You are now a man through long years of sad experience with the world and after many years. Do you want your boy to be a man after he is fifty years of age and only then? Don't you think you can help your boy become a real man by the time he is twenty? Won't you help him to have that other thirty years guided by his early experience along line of true progress? Won't you do this for his own personal advantage, for that of his future family, the church, the state, and for humanity in general?  
 "Dad, if you want your boy to be a man at the earliest and best moment, let him join the Boy Scouts.  
 "Now, Dad, you have always said,

and you still insist today, that you will give your boy every opportunity of education not afforded you in your youthful days. So, Dad, give him this one, great and best chance of his life to be a scout and after that a man.

"You know, Dad, Salem has a

scout council of thirty or more representative men, all known to you to be successful professional and business men, men of executive and constructive ability, men who have boys and know boys, all leaders in this man.  
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