

# TWO PICTURES OF AMERICAN BOYHOOD

**BOY KILLS WOMAN OF 68**  
 Boy, 16, Accused as Auto Bandit Who Slew Flood  
 LAY 40 THEFTS TO PAIR OF BOYS  
 FIRE IN SCHOOL LAID TO 3 BOYS  
 BOY KIDNAPPERS ELUDE TRAP SET  
 BOY BURGALAR AMAZES COURT WITH HIS TALE  
 BOY BURGLARS CONFESS 40 ROBBERIES, SAY POLICE  
 YOUTHFUL BANDITS ROB DELIVERY WAGON  
 Charge 3 Youths with 55 Robberies  
 Police Search City for Handcuffed Boy  
 Boy Hold-Ups Get \$130 Escape in Mail Truck  
 Boy Robbers Get \$223,000 in Wall Street  
 Youth Trapped as Guggenheim Blackmailer

**TO THE LEFT—**  
 Unregulated boys under the gang spirit.

**TO THE RIGHT—**  
 Organized boys under the splendid discipline of the Boy Scout movement.

THE two pictures on this page serve to illustrate in a very striking way the contrast between Boy Scouts and some other boys who are not fortunate enough to belong to the Boy Scouts. The newspaper headlines reproduced in the pictures are the stories of actual occurrences as they have been described in the leading newspapers of the country. No stronger argument of the value

**Scout Saves Girl from Drowning in the Hudson; News of the Troop**  
**Boy Scouts Asked by President to Aid Loan**  
**Pershing Sends Warm Greeting to Boy Scouts Here**  
**Police Enlist Boy Scouts Aid in Search for Boy**  
**BOY SCOUTS TO FIND JOBS FOR SOLDIERS**  
**WILSON GIVES BOY SCOUTS**  
**MANHATTAN BOY SCOUT TROOP SAVES THE LIFE OF A YOUTH BITTEN BY POISONOUS SNAKE**  
**N. Y. Boy Scout Hero's Death in 1920**  
**SOUTH OREGON BOY SCOUTS DIS A HERO**  
**WILL PLANT TREES IN MEMORY OF ROOSEVELT**  
**BOY SCOUTS BEAR MOVEMENT**  
**War Service Camps for 707 Boy Scouts**

You don't often hear of Boy Scouts going wrong. The Boy Scout organization has stood the test of years and some of the best young men in community and world affairs today were scouts when they were boys. Your boy should be a member of the Boy Scouts.

## SALEM PEOPLE SPEAK FOR BOY SCOUTS

They Tell of the Value of the Boy Scout Movement to the Community in Many Ways—A Remarkable and Interesting Symposium

**By ELMO S. WHITE**

A tremendous proportion of the public moneys of the state are spent in care of the state's unfortunate. Witness the state hospitals for the insane, the feeble minded, reformatories for girls and for boys, state penitentiary, and various other institutions.

Right living on the part of adults in this or past generations would have prevented a very great part of all this misery and expense. The present generation must face and meet the disastrous results of lack of training or knowledge or care among many of those who have gone before.

The chief ambition of the Boy Scout movement is to help—and it does help in a marvelous degree—the fundamental and primary institutions such as the home, church and school. Once these function adequately in the lives of the boys in this community the result will be apparent in a greatly lessened population of such institutions as I have mentioned. We all accept the truism: "As the twig is bent the tree's inclined."

With that as a basis, let us consider:

About one-third of a boy's time is unorganized pleasure.

What boys do fixes their habits. Habits become chains that bind. Salem is therefore vitally concerned in giving boys a chance to do right things.

Boys naturally have the "gang spirit," loyalty to their "bunch," and love to look up to some one as a "hero." That spirit properly dealt with makes the boy's heart reachable. Hence the leadership of right-hearted men is all important to the boys and to the community. In Scouting boys are taught to do by doing, and they are taught citizenship through serving. All of this under the guidance of right-hearted men.

Readiness to serve is the working attitude demanded of those who would live in and help maintain a real democracy. Such an attitude is built by actual service. The outcome of the practice of the daily "good turn" is the daily strengthening of character, be it in the individual, the troop, or the whole body of Scouts—or in the community as a whole.

Boys are maturing in the community. The needs of these boys differ from the needs of adults. The kind of citizens that these boys shall be will be determined by their habits. Their habits are in formation.

The providing of things for these boys to do cannot with social safety be left to chance.

Boy wastage spells community danger.

The value of boy service to the community has been very generally underestimated. Boy scouting provides the boy good chances to participate in community life and thus trains boys to later become leaders of community activities.

Community service is always possible to the Boy Scouts here in Salem: there is always work to be done and the Boy Scouts so far organized here have always stood ready to render that service and in doing so to give overflowing good measure. They have been and are ready to be helpful to people at all times. The large number of Boy Scouts that will be possible after the conclusion of the forthcoming "drive" will make it possible for the community to receive organized service from the wonderful young boyhood now unorganized in various ways to only a few of which I now refer. For instance: (1) campaigns, such as participation in clean-up campaigns, (2) safety first campaigns, (3) civic celebrations, (4) parades, (5) cooperation in community betterment and service, (6) the removing of objectionable articles, (7) shoveling snow in time of need, (8) cooperation with churches, (9) conservation of wild life (birds and animals), (10) distribution of literature, (11) emergency service in disasters—cyclones, floods, wrecks, etc., (12) fire prevention, and fire fighting, (13) first aid service, (14) cooperation with our public fish and game commissioners, (15) life life saving (water accident), (16) messenger, guide and similar service, (17) cooperation with park, highway and library boards, (18) cooperation with the police and Red Cross, (19) relief work, (20) searching for lost persons, especially small children, (21) visiting sick in hospitals and elsewhere, (22) assisting in epidemics, such as influenza, etc., (23) collection of books and magazines, (24) assistance at auto park, (25) ridding streets and alleys of nails, glass and other injurious substances, (26) uniform tree planting, (27) conducting strangers to hotels in convention times, etc., etc. The ways in which the community can be served through proper organization of the Boy Scouts, as I have said, are altogether too numerous to itemize.

If you have read this far in this article you will have noted that although the immediately foregoing paragraph suggests the benefit to the community which will arise from the enlarged and intensified Boy Scout activities soon to occur in this community the thought runs, through this entire article that the boys are learning by doing, and that the boys are learning to be good citizens through any of the activities mentioned. Character building, citizenship training, and physical fitness for the boys is the concern of Scouting. The purpose of Scouting is to cooperate clearly with existing agencies in every possible way. Service to others is the fundamental principle in Scouting practice.

Scouting in this community offers a proved program for boys' needs. The program is national, yet it is for local use. It is organized and conducted by local men for the benefit of local boys. The Boy Scout program is fundamentally religious though nonsectarian, treating Catholic, Protestant, and Jew with "equal respect" for each other's views.

Scouting neither seeks nor desires monopoly in boys' service. The churches have endorsed and are using the program of Boy Scouting to make the church the hub of the recreational and community life of its boys.

Scouting provides the community with a wealth of social service from its boys and awakens boys to do something for the community.

The "good turn" means "going about seeking to do good," and while Salem and the community hereabouts is undoubtedly one of the cleanest in the United States and one of the highest in point of intelligence, nevertheless I am of the opinion that there are but few who will say that our community association and inter-relationship cannot be improved.

This community needs the help of the boys with their fresh viewpoint of life, fully as much as the boys need the help of the community.

With all the boys' agencies in the community in action, there are still myriad boys un-reached—there are over 1000 boys in Salem alone being un-reached by any definite boys' program.

It is to fill this need of the boy in the Salem community that the Boy Scout activities are now being carried on.

If the boys can learn true service, true citizenship, through con-

### THE SCOUT OATH

ON MY HONOR I WILL DO MY BEST:

- To do my duty to God and my country, and to obey the Scout Law;
- To help other people at all times;
- To keep myself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight.

### THE SCOUT LAW

- A SCOUT IS TRUSTWORTHY**  
 A Scout's honor is to be trusted. If he were to violate his honor by telling a lie, or by cheating, or by not doing exactly a given task, when trusted on his honor, he may be directed to hand over his Scout badge.
- A SCOUT IS LOYAL**  
 He is loyal to all to whom loyalty is due, his Scout leader, his home and parents and country.
- A SCOUT IS HELPFUL**  
 He must be prepared at any time to save life, help injured persons, and share the home duties. He must do at least one good turn to somebody every day.
- A SCOUT IS FRIENDLY**  
 He is a friend to all and a brother to every other Scout.
- A SCOUT IS COURTEOUS**  
 He is polite to all, especially to women, children, old people and the weak and helpless. He must not take pay for being helpful or courteous.
- A SCOUT IS KIND**  
 He is a friend to animals. He will not kill nor hurt any living creature needlessly, but will strive to save and protect all harmless life.
- A SCOUT IS OBEDIENT**  
 He obeys his parents, scoutmaster, patrol leader, and all other duly constituted authorities.
- A SCOUT IS CHEERFUL**  
 He smiles whenever he can. His obedience to orders is prompt and cheery. He never shirks nor grumbles at hardships.
- A SCOUT IS THRIFTY**  
 He does not wantonly destroy property. He works faithfully, wastes nothing, and makes the best use of his opportunities. He saves his money so that he may pay his own way, be generous to those in need, and helpful to worthy objects.
- A SCOUT IS BRAVE**  
 He has the courage to face danger in spite of fear and to stand up for the right against the coaxings of friends or the jeers or threats of enemies, and defeat does not down him.
- A SCOUT IS CLEAN**  
 He keeps clean in body and thought, stands for clean speech, clean sport, clean habits and travels with a clean record.
- A SCOUT IS REVERENT**  
 He is reverent toward God. He is faithful in his religious duties, and respects the convictions of others in matters of custom and religion.

THE SCOUT MOTTO: "BE PREPARED"

The more this movement is supported the greater will be the number who will receive the benefits of it.

No one who has ever had the opportunity of observing the Boy Scouts in action can help but regret that the teachings which these boys have had could not be shared by every boy in the country.

—JOHN L. RAND,  
 Justice Supreme Court.

**Other Endorsements**

Scouting leads boys to respect age and follow the guidance of older and more experienced people, thus greatly increasing their own progress and overcoming a serious tendency in American boyhood.—Mrs. John A. Carson, President Salem Chapter American War Mothers.

A Scout is one sent out to gain tidings of an enemy; and the enemy of the Boy Scouts is anything which stands in the way of true, loyal, manly and sincere citizenship. The Boy Scouts should therefore be the examples of all that is godly and noble. I am pleased to have my Catholic boys in their ranks, and feel certain that great good will result therefrom.—J. R. Buck, Pastor of St. Joseph's Church.

The Boy Scouts of America today are the junior citizens of our great republic. From them must come inevitably the leading citizens of the future. Their habits of purity, their spirit of service, their genuine Americanism and their future meaning to the world commend them to our heartfelt moral and financial support.—WARD WILLIS LONG, Pastor First Presbyterian Church, Salem.

**SOME SCOUTS WRITE**

What Scouting Means to Me: Scouting means a lot to me in different ways. It means more friends and better friends. Loads of fun, and work too. It means a better knowledge of nature. Scouting fetches me things I should

### BRICK GARAGE IS PROJECTED

Another great improvement in the state prison activities was announced yesterday by Warden A. M. Dalrymple, after he had set a gang of convicts at work on the preliminary to the construction of a brick garage which will be 40 by 120 feet in dimensions.

Heretofore all prison trucks have been kept out in the weather, and with the completion of the new building this will be eliminated. Prisoners began to stake out the site and to dump old debris that had accumulated in the prison yards during recent years, as the site of the garage is about four feet lower than the road.

The new garage will rise at the northwest corner of the prison walls. Trucks will drive down the road leading around the walls of the institution directly into the garage, leaving the road where it makes a turn toward the east. The floor of the garage will be solid concrete while the remainder will consist of brick, made by the institution. The location of the garage will serve a double purpose, according to Warden Dalrymple. First it will take the congestion off the state road leading to the state hospital, over which many visitors drive, and second it will be under direct observation from the guard-occupying the nearest tower. People driving between the two institutions have often mistaken the old garage for a public business.

For years Warden Dalrymple has cast a disdainful eye toward the old garage. This will be remodeled, according to his present plans, and serve as sleeping quarters for guards or be rebuilt for apartment purposes, in which event the rooms will be rented to guards who have their families with them.

The old triangular space, now occupied by trucks, will be enclosed with a low retaining wall, filled with good dirt and planted to shrubbery.

### Many Steelheads Caught

GRANTS PASS, Feb. 13.—Steelhead fishing with bait is now the favorite pastime of many local fishermen who are taking out the big fellows in large numbers. There seems to be a new run of fish in the river as they are bright and in excellent condition. Large numbers of newcomers are getting their first taste of Rogue fishing and are having good luck.

### Legion Supports Scouts

The American Legion is pledged to foster and perpetuate a 100 per cent Americanism and to safeguard and transmit to posterity the principles of Justice, Freedom and Democracy.

The Boy Scouts are organized, like the Legion, for the betterment of America and American Citizenship and their organization furnishes an inspiration to better Americanism.

In view of the similarity of purposes and ideals of the two organizations, it is but natural that the American Legion should lend its cooperation to a movement fostering these ideals in the younger generation.

The Legion has heartily supported the Boy Scout Movement for several years by encouraging the organization of its own troops, adopting thousands of scoutmasters. It will have our earnest support in the future.

—GEORGE P. GRIFFITH.

### From Judge Rand

The Boy Scout movement is worthy of the support of every man who has the welfare of his state and nation at heart. This is so because it is training a large number of boys in those things which are essential to their future usefulness as citizens of our country.

In my judgment it gives them instruction upon matters which are not available to the boy in the ordinary home or in the schools. It teaches them things which will not only make them useful as men but will make them better citizens.

### What Scouting Means to Me

Many people believe Scouts are queer beings who wear khaki uniforms, tie the knots, and march in parades, but to those who know about the real purposes of the organization there is a much deeper and more useful meaning. To me, Scouting is an opportunity to enjoy the woods and fields and to learn more about nature. Camping and hiking are the best methods known for developing a boy's self-reliance because in the country he must do for himself what others do for him in town. Sensible camping and hiking will also insure good physical development. And last, but far from least, is the training in working efficiently with others for a common purpose.

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### Extracts From Annual Report of Our Scout Executive to National Council

Furnished all the guides and ushers for the largest State Christian Endeavor convention ever held in Oregon. Scouts on duty throughout the convention guiding delegates over the city, ushering, taking charge of lost and found department, carrying hand baggage of delegates many of whom were young ladies.

Memorial day, provided tent for first aid station at cemetery for the accommodation of old soldiers, keeping ice water, cots and first aid material ready for emergencies. Treated several cases of fainting during the day.

Thousands of posters were distributed for the following organizations—Tubercular seal sale, Red Cross roll call, Willamette University endowment campaign; forestry service, Commercial Club clean up campaign, Near East Relief, Associated Charities.

Cooperated with American Legion in Americanization Day program.

Service at Commercial Club each Monday serving noon luncheon.

Participated in traffic day on two different circus days with not a single accident or petty thievery reported to police.

Served on traffic duty on Blossom day when 5000 automobiles passed through the city. No accidents. Perfect harmony between drivers and Scouts. Won recognition of civic bodies and police department.

Had charge of ushering in a large community sing, a job which was thought impossible for Scouts to accomplish. Won approval of committee.

Served on other traffic duty at different times.

Helped place flags on old soldiers' graves and helped decorate same on Decoration Day.

Put on program exhibiting and demonstrating proper flag etiquette.

Collected old wind whipped flags from old soldiers' graves.

Held public ceremony of burning the flags, which has been requested to be repeated annually.

Helped in organization of Decoration day and Armistice day parades. Not participation but service was our motive. Served reviewing stand, decorated same and removed it following the parades.

Helped charity organizations in Christmas good cheer work.

### Benton County Tax

CORVALLIS, Feb. 13.—Benton county's total tax, including the special road and district taxes and the county high school tax will be \$22 million, according to Assessor C. L. Tallman, who today extended the tax on the rolls. Corvallis millage will be 52.02 mills. Philomath will be 57.76. Monroe will be 44.71.

The total amount of state and county taxes levied in Benton county for all purposes totals \$504,462.03. This includes special taxes of all kinds, state, county, school, library, market roads, interest on bonds, road and high school tuition. The amount to be collected in the county is less than last year.



Salem Camp of the Boy Scouts, at Cascadia, 1923.