

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following article was prepared by Henry M. Gunn, superintendent of city schools, in connection with observance of Boy Scout week.

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Learning is like growth—a continuous process. The school is but one of the many laboratories where boys have learning experiences. Woods, field, stream, factory, store and station are all classrooms for the observing. Because learning is a continuous process and because it goes on everywhere for learning to supplement the public school. Among these agencies the Boy Scouts of America furnish one of the splendid opportunities for boys to supplement school-learning experiences.

The Boy Scout organization was one of the first to capitalize on modern theories of learning. From its inception the Scout group has practiced learning by doing. Boys learn to hike by hiking; to cook by cooking; to build bridges by building bridges. This is the very essence of the modern theory of learning: make the learning experience as nearly like the real life experience as possible. The Boy Scout plan has done this.

Students of modern America have pointed out that the youth of this nation lost an opportunity for wide experiences in learning about nature when this nation grew from rural communities to urban centers. One of the fundamental purposes of Scouts is to develop close communion with nature. Those who understand and love the outdoors are usually less beset with the mental and physical disturbances that harass people living in a complex society where speed, noise and conflict are inherent. Public schools have not yet been able to take their classrooms to the woods very frequently. Scouting takes youth into forest and field with regularity. Supplementing classroom and city with camping and hiking is but one of the contributions of the Scout movement to public education.

The Boy Scout program holds the same purposes and ideals for the American citizen as is held by the public school. Certainly, Boy Scout Week should call attention to all parents of boys from nine to eighteen—that the Boy Scout movement is a fine supplement to home and school in developing the kind of men that America needs in the challenging years which lie ahead.

Race Relations Day Will Be Observed

JUNCTION CITY—Carl Mason, pastor of the Methodist church here, announces that Sunday is being observed as Race Relations day in all Methodist churches of the nation and that members of the Junction City Methodist church will donate gifts for schools for Negroes in the south. The pastor's topic Sunday will be "Don't Fence Me Out," in keeping with the observance of Race Relations day. At 8 p.m. a special service is planned with a film of a Negro school. J. D. McClure will discuss the southerner's viewpoint of the race problem and Mrs. O. Morgan will discuss the race problem as related to the Oriental race. Mrs. Morgan is a former missionary in China.

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