



Veneta Holds Court of Honor Eagle Badge Given During Ceremonies

VENETA—A complete cycle of scouting advancement, ranging in awards from the lowest to highest ranks in scouting, was represented at a recent court of honor in the Veneta gymnasium.

Taking part in the court of honor and a special Eagle court of honor were scouts of Veneta Boy Scout Troop 96, sponsored by the Omaha Woodman Lodge.

Richard Goad received an Eagle badge, scouting's highest rank, in ceremonies conducted by Bill Scharan, assistant district commissioner for the Oregon Trail Council.

Gordon Hoover and Duane Johnson received Tenderfoot badges; David Harcombe, Francis Fath and Gene Lewis, second class badges; Tommy Lewis, first class; Bobby Roehm, Star award; and Robert Strite, Life award.

Merit badges were received by Byron Aridge, Mike Smith, Donald McCarty, Leslie Oliver, Strite, Virgin Warden and Reams.

The patrols presented their scoutmaster, Vern Goad, with a regulation serge shirt for his birthday, which was celebrated the same evening.

Guests included Jim Harpole, district field executive, Ted Baker, district chairman, and Mr. and Mrs. Scharan.

Coffee and sandwiches were served by mothers of the troop.

AWARDS FOR EVERY RANK of scouting were made during a recent court of honor and special Eagle court for Veneta Boy Scout Troop 96. Boys who received badges are (front, left to right), Duane Johnson, Gordon Hoover, tenderfoot; David Harcombe and Gene Lewis, second class; (back row, left to right), Thomas Lewis, first class; Robert Strite, Life; and Richard Goad, Eagle, scouting's highest rank. Missing from photo is Robert Boehm, who received a Star badge.

Mental Therapy Progress Claimed

enlightenment and progress in the care of mentally deficient children has been made in the 100 years than in the previous 1,000 years, Melvin Murphy, executive director of the Oregon Mental Health Assn., declared in a recent lecture before the association's local branch.

Murphy credited Dr. Irvin Hill, superintendent of Oregon's Fairweather Home for the mentally defective, and formerly of Eugene, with improving the school and attitude of state legislators and their problems.

Murphy urged his audience to be aware of how present candidates for the legislature stand on the program for the mentally deficient.

Murphy outlined the views of groups—one favoring continuation of a new home for the mentally deficient near Portland and industrial training can be emphasized more than it is now; others who are concerned with trying to establish correctional and custodial institutions; and a separate commission would be headed by trained personnel.

Murphy said Dr. Hill has twice extended 10-year expansion but the state legislature provide for only two year periods at each session.

Murphy showed two films, one on child shyness, which he said can be serious enough to require expert psychiatric diagnosis and treatment, and one entitled "Children Limited," made in Washington state institutions for the mentally deficient.

Dr. Lloyd Gillette, director of special education for Eugene School District 4, outlined Lane County facilities for care of handicapped children. He said the program includes pilot classes now being conducted as an experiment in Springfield, the Pearl Buck School for Retarded Children, The Children's Hospital School, and the Skipworth Juvenile Home, each serving a different segment of children.

Gillette said the lack of funds for salaries and facilities and the need for teachers with special training are the greatest problems in these special programs.

A third session dealing with mental health problems is scheduled for 8 p.m., March 26, at the Springfield Memorial Bldg., North A and 8th Sts. All interested persons are invited. Murphy will again be the speaker.

Will Hays Leaves \$1,700,000 Estate

SULLIVAN, Ind. (AP)—The late Will H. Hays, former movie morals czar and postmaster general, left an estate of \$1,700,000, according to his will admitted for probate Friday in Sullivan Circuit Court.

Major shares of the estate go to his widow, Mrs. Jessie H. Hays, and a son, Will H. Hays Jr., of Crawfordsville, Ind. Other bequests mostly \$5,000 and \$1,000 went to other relatives and friends.

10th Traffic Death

PORTLAND (AP)—Obal E. Wilson, 50, was killed outright Friday when he was struck by a hit-run motorist, police reported.

He was the city's 10th traffic victim this year. There were 16 such deaths at this time last year.

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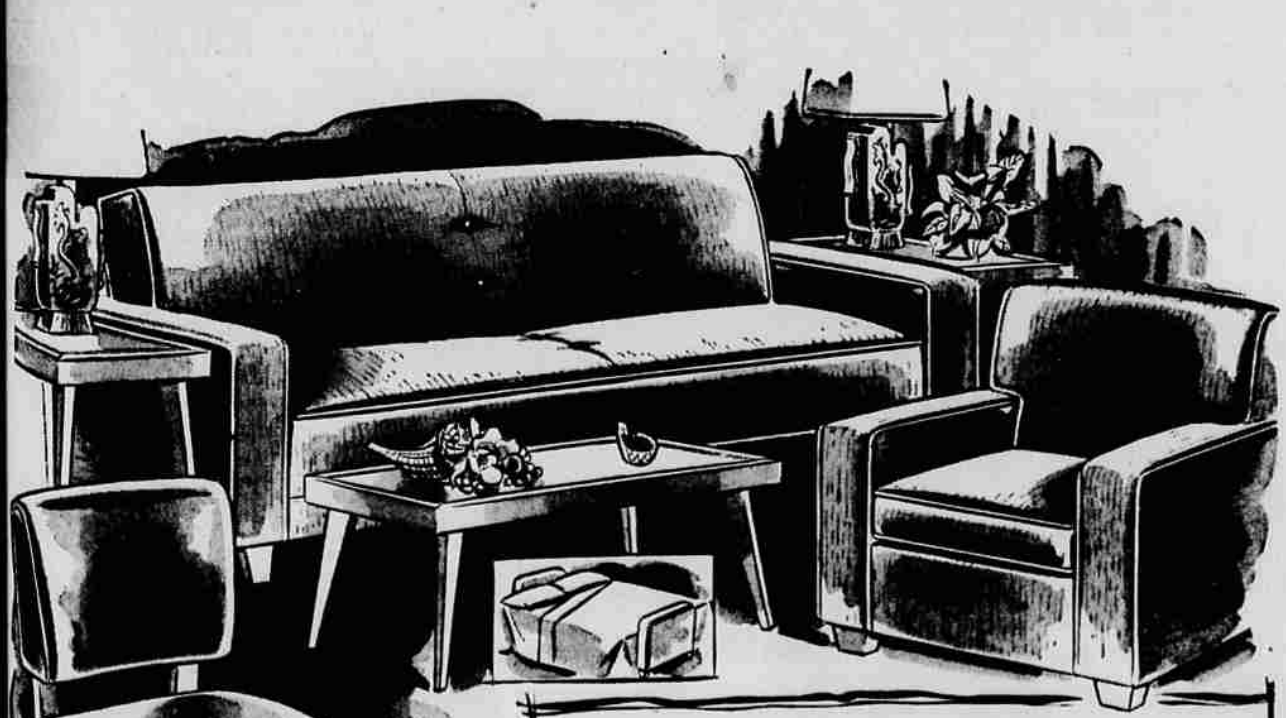
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