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May 18 Set as "I Am An American Day"

According to a bulletin just received by Rex Putnam, Superintendent of Public Instruction, from J. W. Studebaker, U S Commissioner

of Education, May 18 has been designated "I Am An American Day." Schools throughout the nation are planning to dramatize and celebrate American citizenship. The spotlight of attention is to be turned on the contributions of various races and nationalities to the American way of life.

The days preceding May 18 ought to feature the contributions of leading immigrants — Czechoslovakian, Polish, Greek, Chinese, Japanese, German, Austrian, French, Italian, Serbian, Negro, Spanish, Scandinavian, and all other — to science, literature, industry, education — in a

word, to American Democracy. The educational forces are endeavoring to knit more closely than ever the strands of Americanism representing people from every part of the world. They wish to take advantage of the devotion of those who have an unusual appreciation of what it means to be an American since they came to our shores to escape oppression abroad. In stressing the fact that this is a time for rededication to that great phase "irrespective of race or religion," they are building national unity.

National Boy Scout Council Meets Friday and Saturday

"Physically Strong, Mentally A wake and Morally Straight" will be the theme of the 31st Annual National Council meeting of the Boy Scouts of America this Friday and Saturday, May 16 and 17 at the Willard Hotel, Washington, D. C., the scene of its first annual meeting in 1911.

Exhibits reflecting this emphasis and portraying activities, growth and scope of the movement will be on display in the hotel lobbies and meeting rooms.

Now comprising over 2,000 men who represent the 545 Local Councils administering the program of the movement, the National Council is the controlling body of the Boy Scouts of America which operates under a Federal Charter granted by the Congress of the United States.

The delegates, most of them leaders in the life of their home communities, are business men, educat-

ors, churchmen, doctors, lawyers, public officials. They are coming together at the nation's capital because of their common interest in American boyhood.

At the legislative meeting of the National Council, the delegates will elect officers, approve new policies and hear annual reports. The Washington gathering will also provide inspiration to the delegates. Methods of promoting the program of the Boy Scouts of America locally, keeping in mind the varying conditions throughout America, will be discussed. An exchange of ideas is made possible through speakers and conferences.

At the annual banquet of the National Council Friday evening six Silver Buffalo Awards "for distinguished service to boyhood" on a national and international basis, will be made to recipients to be disclosed at the dinner. A new trophy, the Lorillard Spencer Award, will be presented to the Scout Region making the greatest percentage gain in membership

Fur Farming Now Large Industry Throughout State

Fur-farming in Oregon has been accounting for an annual income of more than a half million dollars and is increasing in importance despite declining pelt prices and large imports, according to a report in the April issue of the agricultural situation and outlook released by the Oregon State college extension service. More than 600 different fur farms are now operating in Oregon.

Most of the recent development in raising fur-bearing animals in captivity has come through the expansion of the mink industry in the lower Columbia and coast counties. Many mink farms are also now found in the Willamette valley and several large units are located in eastern Oregon Silver fox operations, on the other hand, have been curtailed to some extent during the past five years.

Prices for the two most important products, mink and fox pelts, declined between 1936 and 1939 but improved in 1940. Ranch-raised mink pelts taken last season brought Oregon farmers an average of a-

bout \$12 each compared to \$9.60 in 1939 and \$20 each in 1936. Silver fox pelt prices in 1940 were about 20 per cent above the 1939 average of \$26 each after declining from \$40 in 1936.

Imports of mink pelts have been large and are increasing but exports declined last year. Returns from Oregon's ranch raised mink are only about one-tenth the value of imports. Nearly 150,000 silver fox pelts valued at two and one-half million dollars came into this country during the 1939-1940 season but imports are now on a quota basis.

Karakul sheep are among the newer fur-bearers on Oregon farms. Large imports and moderate to low prices for the lambskin fur are against the profitable development of the karakul sheep industry in this country, according to the report.

A few nutria or South American beaver, skunk, muskrat, and fitch are being kept in this state, but none of these animals is important economically in the Oregon fur farming enterprise at present.

The complete report is available at county agent offices.

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"A DAM AND FALLEN MAN" was the subject of the Lesson-Sermon in all Churches of Christ, Scientist, on Sunday, May 11.

The Golden Text was, "If by one man's offence death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ" (Romans 5: 17).

Among the citations which comprised the Lesson-Sermon was the following from the Bible: "Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. But there went up a mist from the earth, and watered the whole face of the ground Cease ye from man, whose breath is in his nostrils: for wherein is he to be accounted of?" (Gen. 2:1,6; Isa. 2:22).

The Lesson-Sermon also included the following correlative passages from the Christian Science textbook, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy: "With a single command, Mind had made man, both male and female. How then could a material organization become the basis of man? . . . Does Spirit enter dust, and lose therein the divine nature and omnipotence? Does Mind, God, enter matter to become there a mortal sinner, animated by the breath of God? In this narrative, the validity of matter is opposed, not the validity of Spirit or Spirit's creation. Man reflects God; mankind represents the Adamic race, and is a human, not a divine, creation" (p.524).

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