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## EDITORIALS

### BOY SCOUTS' WEEK

While the nation's industrial machine labors at an ever-increasing pace to arm us, other important factors must not be overlooked. Building and maintaining the country's morale is as important to national defense as expanding production.

That is why it is encouraging to note that the theme for Boy Scout Week is "Strengthening and Invigorating Democracy." Positive measures are the order of the day. The million and one half boys and men who make up the American Scout Movement are pursuing a nation-wide program of action to make Scouting a signal and effective asset to our country in this national emergency. By emphasizing doubly their regular program of education and energetic activity the members of the Boy Scouts of America hope to perform an important part in the task of revitalizing the ideals and practices of American democracy.

In the week of February 7-13, 1941, the public will be able to judge the results so far of intensive intra-organizational activity which the Boy Scouts have carried on calmly since early in September. A nation-wide roll call and inventory, completed in December in every one of the forty seven thousand Scout units, is the basis of an extensive plan designed to make Scouting more effective with those already enrolled as Scouts and to extend the benefits of Scout Training to the thousands and thousands of boys who are eager to be better equipped to serve their fellow men and their country.

In many communities older Scouts are making ready to act in Emergency Service Corps, trained to apply Scout training in assisting the Red Cross and other existing agencies in times of disaster. In many of the 545 Local Councils, too, plans for rapid and efficient concentration of Scout units for community service on short notice have been adopted and put into practice. In countless minor ways, members of the Boy Scouts are helping to make democracy a living, vital creed.

The Boy Scout Motto is "Be Prepared." It is a healthy sign, one that bodes well for the future of our nation and the Scout Movement, that they are living up to it in every sense of the phrase.

### THREE PARTNERS

The defense program will furnish the acid test of our government, our industries and our workers. There can be no alibis for future. There can be no excuse for waste of time and effort. This year, which is perhaps the most critical year in our history as a democracy, may tell whether free individual enterprise is to survive—or whether it is to be replaced by another system, in which government is the dominant factor in all our lives.

In the problem our nation faces, there are three partners. Each has vast responsibilities, for failure of either could destroy the others. One partner is industry, to which we turn for the means of defense and other implements of peace—the factories, farms, and mines, the power plants which motivate the machines, the transportation systems which haul the raw materials and the finished goods—these are the backbone of America. Private industry must do a greater job than it ever did before to demonstrate its production and service superiority as its reason for existence.

The second partner is labor—the men who operate the machines and build the weapons of defense and the necessities and luxuries of peace. The responsibility of labor is crystal clear. It must work harder, and produce more. It must outlaw strikes and settle grievances between it and industry, over the arbitration table. It must put aside petty jealousies and internal differences for the duration of the emergency. If it wishes to hold public sympathy and good will.

The third partner is government. Its financial strength depends upon

taxes taken from the earnings of private industry. The duty of government now is to adopt a policy of friendly cooperation with industry, and thus help it meet the extraordinarily difficult problems it faces in order to supply the emergency needs of government.

So it's up to the three partners now. Walter Lippmann recently wrote, "American industry will not fail in the test.... The world will see this year the proof that this young continent possesses the energy which, throttled down in these ten years of depression and confusion, will pour forth to astound the world."

## Trip By Ship To Africa Told

Continued from Last Week

Well, the town of Freetown, nestling at the foothills among green trees and shrubs had looked absolutely beautiful in the sunset of the night before and the bright roofs of the houses looked so clean and inviting. But not so when you arrive on shore. We pulled up to the pier and climbed the stairs from the boat landing up to the floor level of the pier and in all my life I have never smelled anything quite as foul and awful. The stench was so terrible you could hardly get your breath, there were broken sacks of potatoes, onions and other vegetables laying all around and they were left to rot. Natives, unspeakably filthy, were handling them and sorting them over to see if there was anything edible left in the bunch. Most of the natives are very poor and they, the poorer class, dress in rags which are never washed. Some will have a man's shirt on which hangs almost to his knees and nothing else, some have shorts and shirt, all completely black or dirt color from not being washed and all are torn and tied together. The officials and few of the others wear clean clothing of either the customary white shorts and shirt or a white linen suit with long pants but the majority is of the poorer class, especially the ones that hang around the piers. They throw absolutely nothing away, tin cans, string, bits of scrap paper, small pieces of cloth and such. They even take small canoes and row around the ships to pick up bits of soaked bread or other things that have been thrown away as garbage by the ship's kitchen. They are barefooted and the soles of their feet are as thick as leather.

Well, anyway, we toured the town and took in the sights. When we got up on the main street we saw women, draped usually in bright calico, carrying great loads on their heads either in baskets or boxes, and selling their wares in the street. It was all new and very interesting to us. If they had a baby it was staddle of the mother's hips and tied to her back with just its head bobbing in the tropical sun. It was bound so tight it couldn't cry if it wanted to so that way she was sure she wouldn't be annoyed in carrying on her selling for the day. We stopped at the bank and with the aid of Jim Skuder got some money changed. Some white people work in the bank.

There are a few modern buildings, such as a garage, some office buildings and the like but most rather old, run down wooden or stucco buildings. The streets are paved only in the center and there are no sidewalks so everyone walks up and down the center of the street. If a car comes along (driven on the left side of the street and there are only a few of them) they just move over a bit. There are also a few bicycles in the town. A ditch runs along on either side of the paving and this is the sewer system. They have running water in the town but have no sanitary system. The office had modern equipment, typewriter and adding machines, and have native help only. They have electric lights and dial telephone system. We bought some sewing machine needles at a tailor shop and did the town.

Got back to the ship about 1:30 P.M., without lunch, as there is a food shortage in the town and you cannot secure a meal unless you have a ticket saying you are entitled to be fed ashore. They had finished discharging cargo, had taken on some and all we lacked was supply of water for the boilers to be brought on board. However we didn't get sailing orders and had to stay in port for another black out night. Went to bed early as we were tired from our tramping in the sun in spite of the fact that we had initiated our helmet for the first time and had worn them all the while we were out in the sun. The shops close during the heat of the day and are only open usually in the mornings and late afternoons.

To Be Continued.

## To Our Navy Mothers

To the Mothers of Navy Men, who have banded themselves together to form an association called the Navy Mothers Club of America.

This is addressed to the Mothers of Navy Men. The Mothers who have sons in the U.S. Navy, some who are far away from home, some who are on various ships in the Fleet. The men who serve their country.

Some of you Mothers may have not heard from your sons for some time. Perhaps your sons have run away and enlisted. Perhaps they have enlisted without your consent. But wherever they may be, they can be assured that you are remembering them in your prayers. For if you had forgotten them you would not have thought of joining this organization.

Some of you mothers think that your sons are not being well taken care of. Some of you probably think

that the U. S. Navy is an organization which will tend to corrupt the morals of your sons.

Such however is not the case. The Navy takes good care of your sons. It gives them every opportunity for bettering themselves. An opportunity which puts it up to them whether to take advantage of it or not.

Some men will take advantage of these opportunities which the Navy offers. Some of them will not. There is an old saying very popular with the people who live on the shore that the Navy will either make a man of my son or they will break him. This in most cases is quite true. For if your sons have really good character and good sense, the Navy will make a man of him. If on the other hand he has not he will probably take the easier side of life. And the Navy will break him. I will leave it up to you. Don't you think that if your son has good stuff in him that it is better to find out now than later.

The modern Navy is not as most of you think a rough tough organization. It is an organization which will enlist only the smartest and cleanest men. For without the men to run its machinery such as its engines and its guns the modern Navy would be indeed lost.

You mothers who have sons in the Navy should be proud to be an important part in the defense of your country.

Your country at the present time is in need of Patriotic Organizations the same as the Military Forces of the U.S. is in need of men.

It is my belief that there is no finer or more patriotic organization than a band of Mothers of Navy Men.

The Mothers Navy Clubs of America has a job to do the same as your sons. A duty which you owe to your country. Your job is by far greater than that of many other organizations. It is to promote a better

understanding, a better sense of responsibility, between the Mothers of Navy men no matter what their race color or creed. For if all the Mothers of Navy Men in the United States were banded together under the same ideals, the same sense of their responsibility and patriotism to their country. Then they could be assured that they would have a great bit to say about the policies and government of their sons, relative to the Navy.

The N.M.C.A. at the present time is just beginning, but as times goes on and more and more citizens of the U.S. see what your purpose is, you will find that your memberships will grow by leaps and bounds. You have not yet scratched the possibilities of the Navy Mothers Clubs.

Some of the ideals of your sons are loyalty, protection and service. Loyalty to their flag, protection to their country, and service to their government. So should your ideals be, loyalty to your country. And protection and service to your sons.

L. A. Redding, R.M.C.,  
USS Augusta.

## Youth of Nation Our Greatest Wealth

By Col. Theodore Roosevelt  
Vice-President of the Boy Scouts of America

The forward march of our civilization is kept moving by our youth. Perhaps no country on earth is so blessed with its youth as is our country—America. While we have gained many advantages by our enterprise, our industry, our natural resources and our fearlessness, I am convinced that our real, our most genuine, and our greatest wealth is in our boys and girls.

There you have the premise on which the Boy Scouts of America works. It believes with a burning

conviction that all the future holds for our country is in the hands of the boys and girls. That is why it stresses its character building and citizenship program; that is why it emphasizes the value of service to others; that is why it is so very careful in the selection of its leadership.

Those who come within the influence of Scouting are strengthened in soul and body and they become better citizens of the great republic for it. Where you see a Boy Scout you may be sure that he is dependable, upright, manly. The greater his numbers, the more secure our country will be!

## Table Rock Couple Married Saturday

Miss Lucile Brennessoltz, daughter of Mrs. Florence Brennessoltz, of the Table Rock district, and Morris L. Frink of Beagle, son of Mrs. Sadie L. Frink, were married Saturday in a simple evening ceremony held in the home of the officiating minister, Dr. D. E. Millard, at Shady Cove.

## Legal Notices

NOTICE  
IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR JACKSON COUNTY  
In the Matter of the Estate of George Elfers, deceased.  
Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has filed her Final Account

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In the above entitled matter, and the above entitled Court has fixed February 27th, 1941, at 10 o'clock A.M., in the County Court Room, in the Court House in Medford, Oregon, as the time and place for hearing objections to said Final Account, and for the settlement thereof.

BERTHA ELPERS TETHEROW, Executrix.  
18—Jan. 16, 23, 30, Feb. 6

## FINAL NOTICE

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR JACKSON COUNTY  
In the Matter of the Estate of JAMES GREGG HUITT, Deceased.  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has filed his Final Report and Account in the above entitled estate, and that the above entitled Court has fixed the 7th day of February, A.D. 1941, at the hour of 2:00 o'clock P.M., in the County court room, in the Courthouse, in Medford, Oregon, as the time and place for hearing objections to said Final Account and the settlement thereof.  
JAMES R. W. GREGG, Administrator of the Estate of James Gregg Huitt, Deceased.  
21—Jan. 16, 23, 30, Feb. 6.

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County Clerk

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