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In the week of Feb. 7-13, 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 47,000 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.

It's An Ill Wind--

While the high wind Wednesday evening left considerable damage in its wake it brought to light weaknesses in construction that might have saved property owners extensive loss. Unprepared for wind of such velocity as that which swept over the valley for no less than 10 hours, roofs of buildings, glass fronts, signs, telephone and electric light poles suffered no little damage.

Perhaps property owners have dwelt under the somewhat false belief that "it can't happen here" and have not been as particular as they might in construction work. The wind has brought these defects to public attention in a forcible manner and it is to be expected that more care will be exercised in making repairs and replacements.

Regions east of the Cascade mountains would not be unduly disturbed by a windstorm such as visited this vicinity Wednesday, as such blows are expected around this time of year and are looked upon as the break-up of winter. To them it is the "chinook" and more often than not it is welcomed as a relief from the rigors of winter. Occasionally the chinook strikes with violence and leaves a trail of destruction behind, but such a storm is accepted more in the light of a novelty than a disaster and repairs are made without complaint. That seems to be the spirit in which Wednesday's storm was taken here—something like the manner the British accept Hitler's daily bombing raids.

This paper was inclined to disagree with Governor Charles A. Sprague in his contention for larger trucks until seeing one day this week an army air corps supply transport pass through Ashland. The length of this outfit must have been in excess of the limit prescribed by Oregon law, but whether or not that was the case, it demonstrated the necessity for moving large quantities of army supplies at the greatest possible speed. Neighboring states already have a higher load limit than Oregon and in case of national necessity it is not likely that cargoes being shipped from one of these states to another, across Oregon, would go to the trouble of reloading into smaller trucks to meet this state's limit requirements. As much as The Miner regrets to see further usurpation of the highways by the trucks, it appears inevitable in view of the course national affairs are taking. Perhaps the governor views the situation in this light and is not to be criticized too harshly for his stand.

NEWS FROM

Washington School

By SCHOOL STUDENTS
Room 1
Nancy Graber and Harold Fowler are celebrating their birthdays this week.

Jimmy Layton from the Lincoln school entered our room Monday. We are glad to have Jimmy with us.

The Grocery Store

Tuesday morning 10 second grade went with Mrs. Willits to visit a grocery store. Sherman's father had invited them to come to his store. In the store they saw milk, fresh vegetables, canned goods, groceries, candy and nuts. There were many other things, too. The children guessed about the weight of a big sweet potato. Mr. Moseley weighed it on his scales. It weighed a little over two pounds. Mr. Moseley gave each of the children a candy bar and some pecans. Everyone had a good time.

Room 5 had a class meeting Tuesday, Feb. 4. The password was to explain the word "serape." Charles Adams was elected newspaper reporter. The program was: Tap dance, Jeanette Hannah; accordion solo, Thelma Winkleman; God Bless America, Marlys Wilcox; Jacque Donne Lowe; "America" was sung by all of the boys and girls.

Norma June Simmonds of Room 6 made a trip to Crescent City Sunday. She enjoyed the aquarium and the beach.

Drill Team

The Washington drill team has been learning some new drills. We are trying to learn some that we saw the high school girls do.

Room 5

We visited the Ashland public library this morning. Miss Mason told us that Andrew Carnegie gave the city of Ashland \$17,000 to build our library. We played a good book game. She taught us how to find titles and books in the card catalogue and on the book shelves.

Junior Safety Volunteer Club

The Washington school is going to start a junior safety volunteer patrol as soon as they get the uniforms. The officers will wear yellow helmets and yellow belts. Mr. Corthell will choose about 12 boys from the fifth and sixth grades to become safety officers.—Roger Flaharty.

Room 4

We drew names Tuesday for Valentine day. For each name drawn a valentine will be made by the pupil who drew the name. Then everyone will get a valentine. Mr. Bishop put his name in the hat and we let him draw a name, so that he would get one, too. We are going to have a pretty valentine box.

Karna Henson is absent from school. She has the measles. Joanne Brown and Virginia Lilly both have had colds and have been gone for a few days. We hope all three will be well soon for we miss them at school very much.

Rooms five and six plan to remember February birthdays with a combined program. Geraldine Lathrop, Carmela Daly and Paul Morris were appointed by Room 5 president, Edith Turnbull, to work with Jacque Donne Lowe, Roger Flaharty and Thelma Winkleman, appointed by Room 5 president, Marlys Wilcox.

A small group of violins played at a joint meeting of the P-TA of Ashland Wednesday afternoon, Feb. 5, at the Civic club house. Those playing were Bonnie Frohreich, Mary Margaret White, Orville Renzema, Ronald Scofield and Dwight Schneider. They played "Lightly Row," "London Bridge," "Auld Lang Syne" and "Merrily We Roll Along." Miss Hager directed them, with Mrs. Willits accompanying at the piano.

The Chickagami Camp Fire group of Washington school elected officers at their meeting last week. Results of the election were as follows: President, Marlys Wilcox; vice president, Jacque Donne Lowe; secretary, Marjorie Messenger; treasurer, Norma Simmonds; scribe, Joyce Reinbold, and song leaders, Ruth Ager and Edith Turnbull.

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NEWS FROM

Lincoln School

By SCHOOL STUDENTS

Room 5
Miss Rose, a student teacher of the fourth grade, made a beautiful valentine box of red and white crepe paper. The boys and girls are going to open it on Valentine's day.

Lolita Moore from Washington school entered the fourth grade of Lincoln school Monday morning, Feb. 3. The children of the fourth grade hope that Lolita will like Lincoln school.

The fourth grade of Lincoln school is studying about Eskimos. They have some interesting pictures showing the ways they live. The boys and girls plan to have a good time making things.

Room 6
The Home club of Lincoln school is going to make models of houses. They also are going to furnish them with tiny furniture. Most of the houses are going to be made of stucco. The girls are making their plans now.

Pupils of Room 6 chose a committee to make a Valentine box. The chairman is Elmer Blunck. Helpers are Carl Surber, Ronald Nance, Dorothy Kiser and Maxine Riley.

James Rose went to Crescent City to visit his cousins over the week-end. He went on Saturday and stayed until Monday, Feb. 3.

The boys and girls of Room 6 have some signs of spring. They are pussy willows, cat tails and violets.

Room 6 elected a new president, vice president and secretary. The names of the officers are Edward Beare, president; Carl Surber, vice president, and Rena Russell, secretary. These officers will have a term of six weeks.

Leroy Moore came back to Lincoln

Room 7

Tuesday, Room 7 went over to the high school to see two pictures. The name of one was "People of Mexico" and the other was "Cattleman." The picture of Mexico was interesting to the children because they are studying about that country. The picture of the Cattleman was interesting to them too because they had been studying about the western states.

Room 8

Tuesday, Jan. 28, the sixth grade went to the library. Miss Mason, librarian, showed the children how to use the catalogs, and how to find books on the shelves.

The members of the Electricians' club went to the telegraph office Jan. 31. They saw how the operator receives and sends messages with the Morse code. He also showed them a naval observatory time clock and told them how it worked.

EXAMINER COMING

A traveling examiner of operators and chauffeurs will be at the Ashland city hall between the hours of 1 p. m. and 5 p. m. Friday, Feb. 14. All those wishing permits or licenses to drive cars are asked to get in touch with the examiner during these hours.

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