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THEIR JOURNEY'S END

The husky lad who recently earned his first Boy Scout badge with the little Notus, Idaho, troop will never hike, nor do his kindly deed a day again. Nor will he have the chance to help the little brothers and sisters he loved. In one of the saddest tragedies that ever struck Malheur county, the Boy Scout died with his mother and five other members of his family. Only the sorrowing father Conrad Schaffer tarries.

The trivial issues and petty deeds that occupy so inconspicuously an important part in our daily existence fade into insignificance in the shadow of an occurrence so tragic as the one which took place here Saturday. The roads we travel are perilous indeed but nothing so reminds us of that fact as the death of an entire family.

As they lived, so they will rest together, side by side, with the baby in its mother's arms and the Boy Scout near.

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SPRING PLANNING TIME

When the robins return to the Snake river valley—and the first seed catalogues arrive, it is time to start planning the home beautiful campaign for 1933. Yes, it is early and we may not yet feel the urge to dig in the snow but just as sure as the robins have returned we will soon be at it, some in a small way, others in a systematic, methodical manner that bespeaks years of gardening with increasing beautiful results.

The very word Spring brings a thrill to many home lovers in Nyssa which can be seen and heard. "Yes, I'm adding a new bush here, a climber there. I'm getting new rockery plants and I may have a fish pond." These people have learned to love gardening, not alone for the beauty it brings, but for the good it does body and soul.

We've heard that the home beautiful movement will spread around the country this spring, the seed for such a pleasurable crop having been sown during the dull winter months by the Malheur County Pomona grange. Farm home beautification it will be called and it is the major project of Big Bend grange for 1933. Prizes will be given for the finest home improvements, the project will be emphasized in meetings and no doubt busy farm wives will respond to the call.

Isn't it a delight to drive along a country highway and see bright flowers. The home may be small and unpretentious but it is pleasing to the eye if plants surround it. A pretty home adds the last bright touch to the farm landscape which is among God's loveliest pictures.

INAUGURATION DAY

Saturday, March 4, is a red letter day for the nation as it will mark the inauguration of President-elect Franklin D. Roosevelt. It will be a happy day for jubilant Democrats who will flock to Washington to celebrate the fact that they are the "ins" after long years of being the "outs." A Democratic administration will begin and to it goes the responsibility of government.

The president-elect has expressed a desire for a simple inauguration ceremony. But simple as it can be it will be elaborate if compared with the first inauguration.

The ceremony at which George Washington became the first president of the land was held in New York April 30, 1789. The inaugural parade preceded the ceremony instead of following it as became the custom from the time of Andrew Jackson. The inauguration took place on the steps of the federal building in New York.

There have been many inaugurations since and none more impressive than that of Abraham Lincoln, guarded by double files of cavalry. At Lincoln's second inauguration a battalion of negro soldiers had an honorable place in the procession.

The outstanding event which will characterize the inauguration Saturday is the great radio hook-up which will carry the President's words to every corner of the land and around the world.

Our troubles may seem many but is it not a blessing to be a part of life in 1933?

FOR NOMAD YOUTHS

Military training for jobless youths appeared to be the American answer to the problem of what to do with 145,000 to 200,000 nomads, when the United States senate voted unanimously to appropriate \$22,000,000 for keeping the citizens' training camps open all year, and offering them as a refuge and school for the wanderers.

Germany's answer to the identical problem is the labor battalion, in which military discipline and work on rural development are united. Russia's answer—or one of Russia's answers—is the Children's City, outside of Odessa, where 2,500 young Communists are running a self-governing and almost self-supporting community.

Hard times brought national planning for needy youths to all three countries. They came first to Russia, then to Germany, and then to this country. Each nation, as homes broke down, saw the restless, adventurous and self-reliant boys of the country leaving families which could no longer support them, and striking out on their resources to be laborers, tramps and sometimes criminals. Each nation, recognized a problem and a menace, and now, after much publicity for the "forgotten boy," the senate has acted to care for him.

The proposal for training jobless youths in the citizens' camps was made by Senator David A. Reed, Republican, of Pennsylvania, during a debate on the \$370,000,000 army appropriation bill. Senator Jas. Couzens, Republican, of Michigan, offered an amendment providing that the regular army posts should be refuges, but this proposal met the objection that it would demoralize the army posts, since under the amendment the youths to be cared for would not work, but merely take setting up drills and subject themselves to discipline.

Such a proposal, it was contended, would have led thousands of youths to avoid work deliberately for six months in order to loaf in a camp where free food, bedding and clothing would be available. Then Senator Reed made his proposal; Senator Couzens accepted it, and the measure was quickly passed.

Under Couzens amendment, if it passes the house and is signed by the president, \$5,000,000 will be made available immediately, and \$17,000,000 in the next fiscal year. Under the law, any youth between the ages of 15 and 21, who has been jobless for six months, may apply for entry into the training camps if an American citizen, sound of mind and body. Once admitted, he will receive the same training as has been given each summer to volunteers since the camps were started.

COMMENTS BY CLARK WOOD

It has been discovered that thousands of government workers in Washington work it to a frazzle.

We will be disposed to hail an elegant but inexpensive inaugural as the first Democratic miracle.

Extravagance isn't impossible everywhere, \$1800 being the latest market quotation on wives in the Solomon Islands.

Around the Country

Sheriff Schermerhorn of Medford and John Glenn were arrested last week by Coroner Frank Perl, the only man empowered to arrest a sheriff, as the latest development in the political war of Medford. The sheriff is accused of stealing and burning ballot boxes to prevent a recount.

Tip, the mountain lion in Julia Davis park at Boise, attacked her keeper George Leppert Sunday ending 14 years of friendship. Three visitors in the park saved his life, one of them surprising the cat by tossing a bucket full of water into its face. In 45 seconds Leppert was rescued from the cage.

Campbell, racer who set the new record of 272 miles an hour at a Florida beach, left for his home in England last week. Never before has man traveled that fast in an automobile but Campbell longs to set a record of 300 miles per hour.

Loans authorized by the R. F. C. now total in excess of \$2,000,000,000 or \$18 for every person in the U. S.

The new bank control bill was signed by President Hoover Saturday. It gives the president great powers over national banks for one year in order to help tide large banks over emergencies. The power is actually given the comptroller of the currency but he may not act only with approval of the secretary of the treasury, who in this case would simply be the president's agent.

Betty Lemaster, 18, Athens, O., girl saved her younger sister from the wheels of a train but lost seven of her fingers. She rushed the child to safety as the train started but failed to get quite clear herself.

It's Tuesday That's Unlucky. Spanish and Latin-American residents laugh at this theory that Friday the 13th is unlucky. Now it this were Tuesday the 13th! A Spanish proverb warns: "On Tuesday, neither marry nor travel." Tuesday is poison to the Spanish and to them Friday is just another day. But 13, that's unlucky in any language.

"I am mighty glad it was me instead of you," said Mayor Cernak of Chicago to President-elect Roosevelt when the latter called at the hospital where the mayor was taken after being shot by the assassin who intended to kill the president-elect. Cernak added: "I wish you would be careful. The country needs you." Chicago ought to live down some of its ill-repute with such a mayor, and hope for his recovery is probably almost as general as it would have been had the next president himself been wounded.

A great part of our troubles ought to be ended. Listen! "Bill Provides for Longer Course in Cosmetic Therapy"! Yes, it has the favor of our law-making body at Salem.

Gold to the value of \$400,000,000 has come out of India in 18 months, going to London and from there to bolster international trade on a yellow metal basis.

"The suggestion prevails that the world's great surplus of wheat was practically at an end," is the expression of a market page writer for the Oregon Journal.

Ex-Gov. Pierce will have suite 224 in the old house office building, Washington, D. C. as will Oregon's junior congressman, James W. Mott, while Martin moves into the new office building.

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