

Just Talks With Scouts

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Merry Christmas, boys! Don't forget to hang up your socks, because something nice is going into everyone of them, we are told. The scouts that have extra sweet dispositions are not going to receive any candy this year—it isn't necessary, and some of the fathers and mothers wish to save a little. But a mynah bird whispers through the Bulletin window that you are likely to get something useful. Do you mind, just for a change?

How many of you have read the November number of the Boys' Life? Only a few? Well, if you haven't, then hurry to headquarters and borrow Duncan's copy of the magazine, and read, for there's good stuff in it, and it is just as well for you to have something on your mind besides hair.

Now, anybody that has a bit of news for the editor, just ring up 4562 and tell it, so that the editor can dip a goose-quill in some ohelo-berry juice and scratch away at a story. Understand?

TROOP IX A LIVE WIRE

The meeting of December 15 was called to order at 7:30 o'clock by Senior Leader Kuehn. The roll was called by Scribe Chang. There were 19 scouts, three officials and three visitors at the meeting, with nine members absent.

Assistant Scoutmaster Zane of Troop XX gave a talk to the scouts in which he proposed to give a joint dance by the troops, after the New Year. Committees will be appointed by each troop to meet and discuss plans for the dance. The two troops are going to work together from now on and have friendly contests for the developing of the scouts in scouting. Regarding the proposed dance, there is to be an entertainment before the dancing takes place, and the affair is to be held before the Carnival.

The report of the treasurer was read and showed that the boys have \$15.30 in the Bank of Hawaii, with cash on hand of \$13.80, making a total of \$29.10.

Mr. Arnold, our first-aid instructor, gave an interesting lecture on first-aid, which the boys enjoyed very much. Mr. Arnold will soon receive his commission as assistant scoutmaster of Troop IX.

Scoutmaster Crane is having printed Scoutmaster Hutton's opening ceremony for the troops. We shall use the black-mark system also, after the New Year.

The patrols were reorganized last evening. The following new appointments were made:

To be junior patrol leader, 2nd class patrol leader and scribe, Chang.

To be patrol leader, 1st class assistant leader and scribe, Crane, vice Chang promoted. Second class scout, Watson, vice Ross transferred.

To be assistant leader, 1st class Scout Hall, vice Crane promoted.

Following are the patrols:

Henry, Crane, leader; Hall, assistant; Douglas D. Morgan, Shether, Stroupe, Towse.

Eagle, Chang, leader; Howitt, assistant; Reedy, W. Bindt, C. Morgan, J. Sanborne.

Lion, Parish, leader; Charlack, assistant; Woodward, Heminger, A. Bindt, Corbally, McMaster.

Wood-pigeon, Watson, leader, McGuire, assistant; Akina, Kinney, R. Douse, Chung, De Bolt.

This troop has one new candidate in Edward Lake. He will pass his tenderfoot test Thursday.

Our members wish to express their appreciation of the kindness of Mr. Gibson and Mr. Freitas in donating the use of the new scout room in the ukalani hall. We used the room for the first time on Friday night, and all are justly proud of our new scout house.

Troop IX will give an entertainment for the public on January 5. Admission will be free and all kinds of scout exhibits will be given in Liliuokalani school hall. The following named boys make up the committee of arrangements: Parish, Crane, Kuehn and Chang.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday evening instead of Friday, but this is not a permanent arrangement.

E. J. CRANE, Asst. Scribe.

TROOP VI WILL LOOK AT PICTURES

On Friday evening of this week Mr. Thomas' troop will have a jolly time in Cooke hall, Y. M. C. A. Forty slides of camping scenes among the scouts in the United States, together

with a group of comic pictures, will be shown. Then the boys will play a puzzle game and have contests. A collection is to be taken up for the purpose of purchasing flowers for a Christmas greeting to the inmates of the Japanese hospital. This will be the troop's good turn for the holiday season.

TROOP XIII PRACTISES SIGNALING

Mr. Cannon's troop is spending most of its time these days in signaling. The boys are getting ready for their tenderfoot tests, but most of the practice is done on semaphore and Morse work.

TROOP VII HAS AN ORIGINAL SCOUT

Ever since our troop was reorganized, our regular weekly meetings have been opened promptly with the troop song, "Help Somebody Today," followed by prayer. Interesting topics on scouting are discussed, the scouts themselves taking part in the talks.

Seven candidates were lately enlisted as members, one boy was promoted to second class, one to assistant scoutmaster, and one was transferred to Troop V. He is said to be making good.

As a rule, about three-quarters of the members are present at the meetings. Last time there were present 19 out of 21. The troop is made up of boys interested in every kind of clean sport. We have a tenderfoot who challenges any other tenderfoot in fire-making and water-boiling with matches. Then too, little Ah Choy Pung challenges any other 2nd-class scout in the city, in the Honolulu crawl. As we have no 1st-class scouts, we cannot challenge anything along that line, but we have a lively indoor baseball nine willing to meet any other nine here, and last week some of our members went down to the prison and played the men there.

TAICHI, Scribe.

TROOP IV HAS SOME FUN

"Are you there, Casey?" This is what we called to each other on Tuesday afternoon this week, instead of holding a serious meeting. We played all kinds of games, diving down into a tub after apples and nickels. The water was much colder than at Wai-kiki and we were obliged to go head-first, besides. A meeting has been called for this Thursday afternoon, that the officers of the troop may arrange a program for the next six months.

HORNER, Asst. Scribe.

TROOP II TALKS SECRETS

Last meeting of Troop II was rather a quiet one. Most of the time was spent in discussing a certain plan which is not yet ready to be announced. Hong Ying, Ah Kai and Alec Perkins took their merit badges in swimming last week and are now ready for some more. Fourteen scouts and one Indian were present.

FOOK CHING, Scribe.

GOOD TURNS BY SCOUTS

See What the "Scout Idea" Does When It Gets Into the Heads of Boys

Every boy scout agrees to do at least one good turn daily. In a word where so many people spend each day looking for profit, or pleasure, or power, or revenge, it is a most hopeful sign when the boys go out each morning on the watch for opportunities for doing acts of kindness.

Some of these "little turns" are very simple little services, some mean real sacrifice. Here is a few which have been reported to National Headquarters:

"A man had a horse and it was young and it would not stand for him so he asked me if I would please get him his mail for him, so I did."

"There was a boy and he had to get out of a team to take the bars down, it was raining hard, so I took them down for him."

"There was a man and his tire on his bicycle was flat and I asked him if he wanted to take my pump, so I let him take it."

"I saw a dog that was hungry and fed him."

"As I was coming out of the post-office I met a lady, who had many bundles, so I held the door back until she had entered."

"I carried wood and water for an old lady who lives alone."

"Lifted an empty barrel up to a wagon for a man that was paralyzed in one hand."

Parents have sometimes remarked that it is more difficult to get boys and girls to be courteous at home than among strangers, but here is a report which proves that the "good turn" reaches its highest development right in the family circle:

"Sunday, Helped Mary with her Sunday school lesson. Monday I but-

tered Mar's dress, because Mamma was busy."

What boy of 10 years ago can make a report like this: "I was walking along on a road near a woods, and I had my brother with me and I said I think I hear a cry, so I went to go into the woods and saw a squirrel that had his head in an old tin can, and I picked it up and took his head out of the can and let him go." If Mr. Squirrel had canned himself before the days of the boy scout movement his adventure would have ended in a cage or a potpie.

A scout in Bryant Pond, Maine, did his good turn by mowing the library lawn during the summer.

Scouts in Elizabethtown, Pa., picked about 100 pounds of nails off the streets of the town.

Two scouts in Riverton, N. J., assisted in clearing away the wreckage from the sidewalk after a very bad thunder storm.

And so they go on and multiply—a hundred and fifty thousand good turns a day, more than fifty million a year, in our country alone, not to mention those done by other people as a direct result of the example furnished by the scouts.

Only a small proportion are reported, for scouts do not talk about these things unless asked.

More important than arithmetic, or grammar, or spelling, is this systematic teaching of thoughtfulness and kindness, for when selfishness is eliminated poverty and crime cannot exist.

SCOUT FIRST-AIDERS

Helping Others Develops From Their Fascinating Program

The father may consider his son's work as a second class scout just play until he discovers that the boy can dress a wound on any of the farm animals in such a way as to avoid infection, or the boy himself may consider his first aid work a game until suddenly he comes face to face with an accident and the nearest doctor is miles away. Then he realizes that first-aid is more than a game, and though his hand may shake a little and his lips grow white, if he has scout material in him he will do his work and do it well.

To become a second class scout, a tenderfoot must pass, to the satisfaction of the recognized local scout authorities, the following tests:

1. At least one month's service as a tenderfoot.

2. Elementary first-aid and bandaging; know the general directions for first-aid for injuries; know treatment for fainting, shock, fractures, bruises, sprains, injuries in which the skin is broken, burns, and scalds; demonstrate how to carry injured, the use of the triangular and roller bandages and tourniquet.

3. Elementary signaling; know the semaphore or the international Morse alphabet.

4. Track half a mile in 25 minutes; or, if in town, describe satisfactorily the contents of one store, window out of four observed for one minute each.

5. Go a mile in 12 minutes at scout's pace—about 50 steps running and 50 walking, alternately.

6. Use properly knife or hatchet.

7. Prove ability to build a fire in the open, using not more than two matches.

8. Cook a quarter of a pound of meat and two potatoes in the open without the ordinary kitchen cooking utensils.

9. Earn and deposit at least one dollar in a public bank.

10. Know the 16 principal points of the compass.

Receiving the second class badge, the scout then "goes after" the first class badge—a real distinction.

NOTICE TO TROOP V BALL PLAYERS

The indoor ball game which was to be played at the Palama hall on Friday, the 22nd, has been delayed on account of the various entertainments that are to be held in the above named hall this week.

All the Queen's Own ball players are requested not to meet at the Palama hall on Friday, December 22, as it was decided during our previous meeting.

An indoor ball game will be played at the Kakaak (hall) on Wednesday, December 27, between the Honolulu V and VII troops.

All Troop V ball players please turn out for this game.

J. HOSEA, Capt.

A CHRISTMAS GREETING FROM SPECIAL FIELD COMMISSIONER WILDER

Boston, Dec. 5, 1916.

To the Boy Scouts of Honolulu: I have wanted to write to you for some time not only as a greeting to you all in my capacity of Special Field Commissioner for Hawaii, but to encourage you to stiffen and in the slang of the day "Go to it."

The whole world is talking of Hawaii. Hawaiian music pours out of every window. Aloha Oe is the tune of the day. You can imagine how well Honolulu is known or talked of when I tell you that a patrol of boy scouts

and the hundred and one articles which a well appointed patrol comes in time to own. The care of this property is the duty of scouts and a few of the harder articles should have a long career, such as the kit cart or the tents. A very important part of the scouts' education is his respect for troop and patrol property and the assiduous and faithful preservation of the same. Our great enemies—rust, mildew and dirt, must be fought to a finish all the time. Now when personnel and materiel comes together, we get another word—practice, which is the Frenchified way of saying practise. Without practice "home economics," and this includes the most up-to-date way of shining, cleaning, storing, packing, transportation, etc., it will not be very long before this hard-earned property of ours is ground to powder, rusted into disuse and rotted by neglect. These three ideas, all working together under the scout laws and for the good old flag of our country, for knight-errantry and good turns; with preparedness all along the line, will sooner or later give us the great thing we are working for. This is another Frenchified word—morale. Morale may be good, bad or indifferent. A splendid soldier once said of the Honolulu troops that they showed good morale. That, I take it, is the thing for which we are all going to work. Morale is the behaviour of a body of men, just as morals, good and bad, are applicable to the person.

Although scouting will move along, it is like an aeroplane. You have to work it up slowly. Coming down with a crash and bumping is very easy. There are four interesting words that may be used in scouting, the first of which is, personnel. This means the men and the boys, their health, happiness, harmony, all the attributes of good men and boys, which includes physical well being, mental alertness, and the soul. It also means what the boy uses to keep himself warm and dry. What he wears on his back is part of his person and he is proud to be able to earn this. Scouts are not like our soldiers, who get their equipment all at once. The scout gets his piecemeal, beginning with the hat and ending up with shoes. Personnel is a Frenchified word meaning persons just as materiel, the second word, stands for all the materials, the tools, the kit cart, the ropes, the cooking kit

With aloha to every scout in Hawaii, meaning only those in good standing, registered and regular, yours for good scouting.

JAMES A. WILDER.
December 5, 1916.

Impeachment charges were filed in the Knox circuit court against Mayor James M. House of Vincennes, Ind. According to the affidavit, the mayor has been guilty of oppression, malfeasance and misconduct in office.

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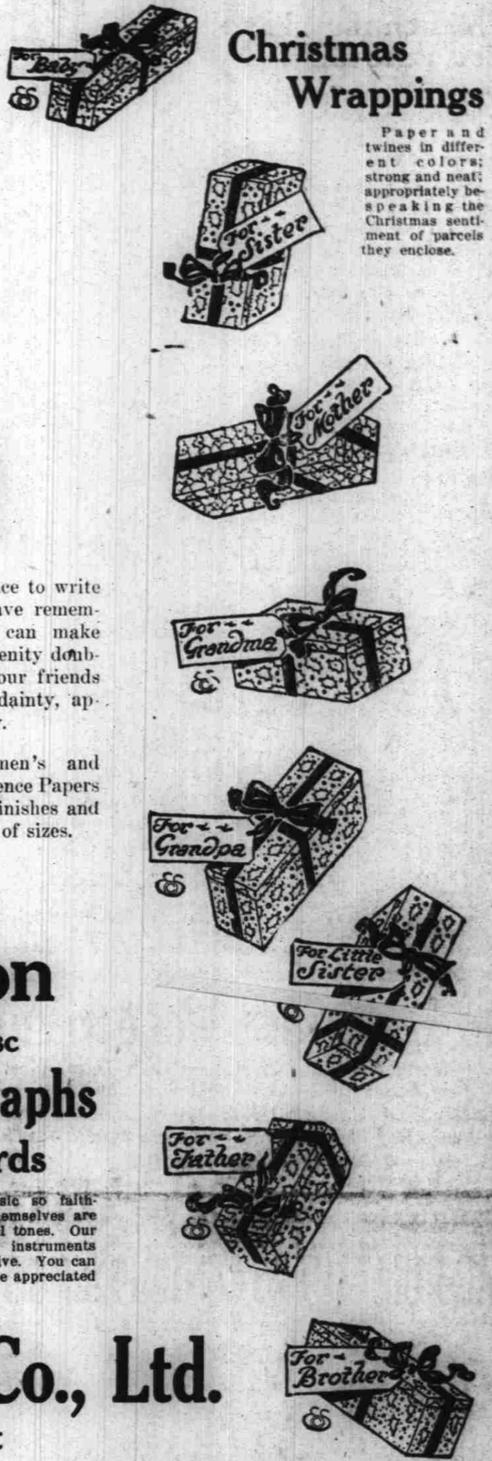
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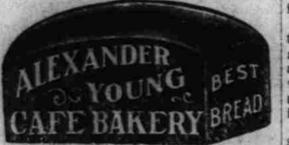
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