

### With the Alert Boy Scouts of Maui

(Contributed by W. H. Hutton)

The Boy Scouts of America is founded on the same principle, the same theory, on which the United States is based. It is that of the inherent goodness of human nature. That principle may be right or it may be wrong but no man can accomplish anything that is worth doing in human life who does not believe in it. The leaders are a body of men who have faith that boys can be made better than boys habitually are, and I am sure that any one who has to do with boys or youths cannot fail to realize the possibilities that underlie the ordinary boy or young man.

The heroism of the boy and the idealism that are latent in every good, normal boy or normal young man we sometimes fail to see until we are brought into a crisis, and then it is to them that we naturally turn, and then they will never disappoint us.

The real difficulty in life with young men and with boys, consists in bringing out those qualities when there is no natural crisis to evoke them. What we are striving to do in the Scout movement is to teach the boys and young men to live up to their own possibilities.

There are three things about the Boy Scout movement that are of particular interest.

#### Nature's Laws Unchangeable

Wailuku is neither a city nor a country town, but has some of the characteristics of both. Unfortunately the boy leans towards the life of the pavement, is continually on the streets rather than in the hills, he fails to learn the lessons taught by the country. By that I mean being brought up against the inexorable laws of nature, which have a discipline for the boy which almost nothing else will replace. The boy who lives in the country and tries to work against the laws of nature in the animal and vegetable world very soon finds himself a failure, and gets an education which he will not soon forget.

The boy who went to sea and tried to beat a boat out in a calm against a tide found that he had made a mistake; and the boy who did not know the difference between a slip-noose and a bow-line found himself greatly handicapped.

In the city we get very little of that. In the city we deal mostly with other men and boys, and they are dif-

ferent than the inexorable laws of nature.

The ordinary boy has a feeling that if one is smart enough he need not know very much about anything. The Scout movement is teaching them the sort of thing which the boy in the country or at the seaside learned for himself.

#### Seeking the Forbidden

The important thing is that the boy is learning that there is something worth living for in life besides the attempt to discover something or other which he ought not to do. The attempt of the ordinary hoodlum to find out something which is forbidden and therefore he wants to commit, is one of the most useless things and most helpless attempts to pursue than can possibly be found. Find out what a boy wants to do and then forbid it. For instance, forbid a boy to sit on your fence. The boys find it very easy to discover things that are forbidden, and then do them, with no end of slight friction.

The Scout movement has taught the boys that there is something in life worth doing besides what is forbidden. They are learning that self-discipline and cooperation with others brings a great deal more pleasure and opens the door to opportunity in a way that mere pleasure seeking will never do.

A third thing which it brings to the boy is the sort of chivalry that is the salt of civilization. It is the thing, perhaps, which we can have in our daily intercourse with one another which elevates and ennobles and sweetens life.

This is what Scouting is going to do for the Maui boy, and to accomplish this high standard we need the help of the best men it is possible to get. What is your answer to this call of your country? Who will volunteer for this great service? Get in touch with headquarters at Wailuku and enroll at once.

#### WITH THE TROOPS

**Lahaina.** In Mr. C. L. Baker, the welfare worker at Lahaina, the commissioner has made a valuable find for Scouting. Mr. Bowker is more than an Eagle Scout, as he has many Merit badges to his credit having put in a great many years in Scouting, not only as a Scout but as an official. He has served as Scoutmaster, Commissioner and Executive. It is needless to say this means a big uplift not only to Lahaina but to the whole island of Maui.

Men of real Scout experience are hard to find and when we are so fortunate as to get hold of a man of this caliber we are going to use him to the limit. Look out for the Lahaina Scouts, boys, they are sure to make things hum. In all probability at least three troops will be organized at Lahaina.

**Puunene.** A live wire bunch that has made a record as garden producers, means that they will show up in the foreground in real Scouting. There is a splendid opportunity for a live wire troop here and from the looks of the material now on hand Puunene is going to be heard from, and that in no uncertain way.

**Pala.** Your Commissioner will not soon forget the sight that greeted him on entering the splendid tennis court at the Pala Mill on Friday night. A brightly lighted court, with grand stand and bleachers occupied with spectators. A fine troop of Scouts going through military drill, and a small group of "awkwards" over in one corner sweating over the intricate mazes of mixed right and left legs. Then all squatted down on the paving under the bright electric lights for a talk on Real Scouting by the Commissioner, then a demonstration on knot tying. After the meeting a jolly game of indoor baseball with Leland C. Lewis, physical director of Alexander House, officiating as umpire.

Pala is fortunate in having two lively men as Scoutmasters and a number of energetic young graduates from Kam School as drill masters. We are expecting great things from Pala. Wailuku No. 1.

If you think Scouting does not hold the interest of a gang of live wriggling chatter-boxes, just drop in and see this bunch of greenhorns tie knots. After a short talk on what real scouting stands for, the boys all gathered

### MAUI TWENTY YEARS AGO

(From Maui News, Nov. 3, 1900.)

Complaint is voiced that High Sheriff Brown has ordered all long term prisoners in the Maui county jail sent to Honolulu and that the labor of such prisoners is much needed in Maui.

D. P. Eldridge, candidate for representative on the Democratic ticket, died suddenly at his home in Makawao Sunday evening.

James Smith of Kibel will go to Wailuku Cantonment as a luna soon.

The site for the new hotel at Kahului has been leveled and graded.

Wind storms have been unusually severe on Maui lately and numbers of trees have been blown down at Lahaina.

Latest prices quoted at the White House in Honolulu are: Satin Parisienne 35 cents, organdies 35 cents, white dimities 25 cents and 12 1/2 cents, zephyre 15 cents, gingham 10 cents, gingham prints 8 1/2 cents and calicoes 15 yards for a dollar.

A Japanese while attempting to kill fish with dynamite at Molokai was blown to pieces.

It is reported there is a very severe potato blight in Kula and that numbers of fields have been destroyed.

The old wharf at Kahului has been extended 40 feet and new piles put down under the old portion.

H. P. Baldwin, S. E. Kalua and William White are elected to the senate from the second district. The entire independent ticket for representatives was elected with the exception of Dickey, republican.

in a circle and on being presented with a piece of rope four feet long, took their first lesson in whipping and then knot-tying. Say, that is some nifty bunch, for at the end of the class period every boy present could tie an over-hand knot, two half hitches, square or reef knot, fisherman's knot, timber-hitch, sheep-shank and dove-hitch. This troop is bound to be heard from.

#### Wailuku No. 3.

Wailuku No. 3 is hard at reorganizing. This is a fine troop of older boys and will take up special work under the direction of the Commissioner so as to act as special instructors of new troops. The way they tackled the knot-tying work on Wednesday night showed what they were made of. Fourteen boys in charge of Assistant Scoutmaster A. T. Kam were present and will form the nucleus of the new troop. There will be an important meeting next Wednesday night. All boys over 14 years of age interested in Scouting are invited to attend the meeting at 7 p. m., at the Alexander House Kindergarten building.

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The Pall Mall Gazette publishes a dispatch from Ichow telling of heavy fighting in the mountains on the Shanai boundary resulting in a victory for the Analo-German forces.

Don Carlos, the Spanish pretender, says that the present uprising is without his authorization or sanction and will retard instead of promoting his efforts to secure his rights.

In competition with European manufacturers an American steel company has secured an order for \$5,000,000 of rolling stock for South African railroads. The Pressed Steel Car Company not only made its bid a third lower than European competitors but agreed to deliver eight months sooner.

As finally adopted the United States naval increase program for next year calls for 32 vessels of 151,600 tons displacement.

Gold in the United States treasury amounts to \$451,477,404, the highest mark ever reached in the history of the government.

Oam Paul will appeal to the powers to intervene in South Africa.

At Summer, Washington, the Japanese railroad employees were driven out by the whites.

Advices from Dawson give details of another big gold strike at Goring creek. The whole creek has been staked.

A despatch from Washington says the United States government is opposed to the establishment by Germany of cooling stations in the Western hemisphere and will enforce the Monroe doctrine.

#### ALOHA LODGE NO. 3 KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS.



Regular meetings will be held at the Knights of Pythias Hall, Wailuku, on the second and fourth Friday of each month, at 8 p. m.

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