

## BOY SCOUTS REQUIRE BIG BUSINESS SYSTEM

Details of the Methods by which Hundreds of Thousands of Boys Throughout the Country are Kept Interested in the Activities that Make for Fun, Health, Mental and Character Development.

The Boy Scout movement is a big business enterprise. It involves the expenditure of \$60,000 yearly for the maintenance of the National Headquarters of Boy Scouts of America. It necessitates the printing of hundreds of thousands of manuals, bulletins and other information concerning the movement. It requires a big business staff, at the head of which is a man trained in law, the science of philanthropic work and skilled in up-to-date business methods. It requires the thoughtful attention of many distinguished men who are devoting the greater part of their lives to philanthropic work. It has absorbed the sympathy of thousands of able business and professional men throughout the country who appreciate its great opportunities for the all-around development of boys into excellent citizens.

When one considers the thousands of Boy Scout patrols and troops throughout the country, one does not think of the tremendous business system behind the varied and scattered activities of those boys. In every city and almost every small town throughout the country, there are Boy Scouts. They are being trained physically, mentally and morally. They are having fun engaging in rival fishing expeditions and swimming contests, taking hikes in the woods, stalking animals and birds with cameras, learning to paddle a canoe, to swim and to camp out. They are doing those things first because it is fun, but they have over them Scoutmasters who see that they do those things systematically, that they do not over-exert themselves physically, but play in a manner that increases their physical strength, makes them alert in mind and fills them with the desire to be honest, upright men.

As these boys progress in the various lines of Boy Scout activities, winning merit badges, doing things that educate them and prepare them for the battle of life, there are many things that they want. They demand Scout manuals, hats, suits and shoes specially made for tramping in the woods. They may want a Scout whistle or a handy little axe. They may want to know something about the birds or the animals in the woods. They may want badges to show that they are Scouts. They want merit badges for which they are so eagerly striving.

The boys individually and collectively in many different towns and cities are constantly writing to the National Headquarters of the Boy Scouts of America. They send in hundreds of letters daily, all of which must be answered. The requests must be satisfied or the lads lose interest. If the boys in any one town are eager to engage in this activity not specified in the manual, but tending to bring out their latent good qualities, the leaders of the movement keeping in touch with the development of the boys must arrange to make that play or work an official Scout activity. There are hundreds of questions bearing pertinently on the Boy Scout movement sent in every week.

All those details must be worked out. A visit to the National Headquarters reveals how thoroughly and adequately attention is given to the boys' wants. It shows that while the Boy Scouts with their patrols and troops in every state are apparently greatly scattered, yet their interest in Scouting has headquarters, and in those headquarters a system has been worked out so that the interest of every boy is appealed to. In other words, systematic supervision of the boys' play has been devised, in a manner to suggest many and diverse lines of fun for him, but with the idea of developing self-reliance in his character. The National Headquarters has the help of 200 local councils in cities and towns throughout the country which attend to many details.

To meet the needs of the boys there are working in the national headquarters men trained in the handling of boys, others versed in the science of philanthropic work, clerks, bookkeepers, stenographers, and boy scout office boys. Right in headquarters alone there are thirty-three persons employed. They occupy six rooms on the eleventh and twelfth floors of the Fifth Avenue Building, New York. A casual visitor dropping in there during working hours will find many typewriters clicking and turning out letters about the Boy Scouts, sending instructions to Scout Masters, answering hundreds of questions that daily come in to the headquarters staff. The boys are busy sending out badges and filling orders for equipment. Other clerks are busy with the correspondence relative to the appointment of Scout Masters and the issuing of the Scout Masters Certificates. Writers are busy working out details of other activities to meet the needs of American boys. Every month more than 15,000 communications are sent out.

The head of this staff is James E. West, Executive Secretary. He is the representative of the National Council which settles the various policies of the organization, and is the "live wire," so to speak, of the Boy Scout movement. The National Council could not have selected a man more eminently fitted by circumstances and training for the position as the active head of the greatest boys' movement ever devised. Left a cripple and an orphan when a baby, West was taken to an institution in Washington. His alert active mind, compelled him as a boy of twelve to seek an opportunity to attend the public school. As he grew older he worked for reforms in the institution. Then going out into the world he soon began to earn his own living. After attending Law School he became interested in boys work and the Washington Playground Association, ob-

taining an appropriation from Congress. Knowing the sorrow of children who must be reared in an asylum he took up a campaign to obtain homes for such orphans and placed three thousand babies in childless homes throughout the country after securing an investigation of each home and making sure that every child would be well cared for. His work along these lines brought him to the attention of the Boy Scout movement and they selected him as Executive Secretary.

Since taking that position on January 1st, West has worked out energetically the present business system of the Boy Scout organization. Under his direction new Boy Scout badges have been devised, new activities worked out, new Scout oath arranged, the Scout Law revised and amplified. A conference of the leaders was held in Washington under the auspices of President Taft, where new policies of field supervision and administration were worked out. Furthermore the Boy Scout manual has been rewritten and thoroughly Americanized under the direction of an editorial board. The first manual was adopted largely from the manual of the British Boy Scouts with several chapters by Ernest Thompson Seton, but the tremendous growth of the movement in the United States necessitated its revision. As secretary to the Editorial Board, West took charge of getting the writers and interesting many men in the hand book for the boys.

In the headquarters are many interesting persons. John L. Alexander, formerly managing secretary of the organization and an expert in working among boys is engaged in writing a Scoutmasters' Manual. S. A. Moffat is business secretary and has at his finger tips the thousands of details connected with such a business enterprise. Preston G. Orwig is field secretary, spending part of his time at headquarters and the remainder traveling through the council local councils and troops and meeting the boys face to face.

While Secretary West is the "live wire" of the movement he has behind him hundreds of business and professional men who believe in the Boy Scout idea. Many of them are ready to give money and others their brains to the development of the organization throughout the country.

William H. Taft, President of the United States, is Honorary President of the organization. Colonel Theodore Roosevelt, former President of the United States, is Honorary Vice-President. Men of all religions are backing the organization. Colin H. Livingstone, banker of Washington, D. C. is chairman of the executive board, and Ernest Thompson Seton whose writings appeal to the boys is Chief Scout. Daniel Carter Beard, favorite of the boys and artist, is National Scout Commissioner, as also are William Verbeck, Adjutant General of New York state, and Colonel Peter S. Bonus, of New York City. George D. Pratt, who is head of the Pratt Institute in Brooklyn, is treasurer of the organization. Among the vice presidents are B. L. Dunlavy, of Bristol, Tennessee, Professor D. S. Jordan, of Stamford University of California. William D. Murray is an active worker on the Editorial Board, and had charge of the Scout manual. Mortimer L. Schiff, of Kuhn, Loeb & Co., bankers; August Belmont, banker; Henry Rogers Winthrop, William Sloan, Charles D. Stickney and many others who are interested in the work. Many governors of the states have shown their enthusiasm over the movement. The interest of so many prominent men is proof of their intense conviction that no boys' movement previously devised had the great qualities of good that the Boy Scout organization has.

The rapid growth of the organization is proof that the boys themselves find opportunities for wholesome fun and physical development. It is the belief of the leaders of the movement that under such supervision as the boys have they will develop into fine wholesome citizens.

### Electricia Not in It.

J. W. Wiatt had an experience last Sunday that he will not soon forget. About 7 o'clock, and while it was raining, he was taking his cow to pasture and near the residence of William Buck, slipped, and to catch himself took hold of a ground wire on an electric light pole. The dampness had somehow charged the wire and Mr. Wiatt could not let loose. It was then he discovered that though he was fastened to the wire, he could still use his lungs—so he began calling for help. Being Sunday and a rainy morning too, not so many of the neighbors were up, so it seemed to Mr. W. a century before anyone would get to his aid, so he continued his calling, getting louder each second. But finally they began to arrive—some in bare feet, some only half-dressed, and everyone more excited than if a fire had broken out at that time of day. From Milltown avenue came Frank Towus, Louis Stubbs, and others running over each other, and Jim Walker from Allen Park; A. N. Cave from Roleke Park, and all the close neighbors arrived about the same time. Frank Slinger was a little late getting there from the power house, though he heard the cry of distress, and by this time one of the neighbors had cut the wire and Mr. Wiatt was again a free man. After it was all over, it may have seemed a little funny to some of the spectators, but J. W. doesn't see it that way. He is sure he can tell Electricia, who was here during the carnival, more about being charged with electricity, than she ever dreamed about.—Bethany Clipper.



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The sorrowing parents need not mourn as those who have no hope, for the scripture says and the minister at the services quoted the words: "Except ye become as a little child, ye can in no wise enter the kingdom of heaven." She can not return, but we can go to her in a world where partings and heartaches are unknown.

Mary Elnora, youngest child and only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Ryan, was born October 24, 1910, thus being 9 months of age lacking 4 days. The little one was not thought to be dangerously ill, yet the parents and physician were doing all that loving attention and medical skill could do to aid her in regaining her usual health, but the grim reaper who stands ever ready to cut down both old and young came and at seven o'clock Thursday evening claimed her for his own.

On Saturday morning the funeral services were held at the home, conducted by Rev. Vanatta, pastor of the M. E. church at Decatur City. After the home services the mortal remains were tenderly borne to the Elk Chapel cemetery where they were laid to rest until the final resurrection. The immediate relatives left to mourn the departure of this fair blossom are, father, mother and three brothers, besides many near relatives. The sorrowing family have the sympathy of all in this, their hour of affliction and bereavement. N. K. C.

### Silos and Alfalfa.

Iowa farmers who are thinking hard about the forage problem these dry days will find information to help them in two bulletins just issued by the Iowa Agricultural Experiment Station at Ames. One deals with the problem of filling the silo for the first time, with which thousands of beef producers and dairymen are confronted this year. The other deals with the alfalfa question.

The bulletin on filling the silo was written by Prof. W. J. Kennedy of the animal husbandry department of the state college and it is based on eight years' experience with the silos at the experiment farm and a wide investigation among silo users. It is intensely practical and tells how to cut corn, put it in, and every other step in the preparation of silage.

The bulletin on alfalfa sets forth the value of this crop, which has been a god send to thousands of farmers this season, for where carefully cultivated it is producing as much as 5 or more tons per acre. The bulletin is timely for the alfalfa seeding time runs from the first week in August until the 20th. The bulletin was written by Prof. H. D. Hughes of the farm crops department.

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