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BOY SCOUTS

(Conducted by National Council of the Boy Scouts of America.)

SCOUT PRINCIPLES

First of all, a boy who becomes a member of the Boy Scouts of America must take an oath. That's a perfectly natural thing. The Knights of the Round Table swore an oath and so did the pirates that sailed the Spanish Main! So the Boy Scout pledges himself:

1. To do my duty to God and my country and obey the Scout Law.
2. To help other people at all times.
3. To keep myself physically strong, mentally awake and morally straight.

The Scout Law referred to in the oath covers twelve points: A Scout is Trustworthy, Loyal, Helpful, Friendly, Courteous, Kind, Obedient, Cheerful, Thrifty, Brave, Clean and Reverent.

There are virtues that appeal to the spirit of chivalry that lives in the heart of every boy, and when enhanced by the sacredness of a solemn boyish oath they have a gripping appeal that works wonders in the growing character. With these virtues firmly planted in a boy's mind and a habit of his daily life during his formative years, there is little danger of his forsaking them entirely in a later life.

These virtues are made vital by a program of activities which gives a boy an opportunity to put them into actual practice. He is given commissions to perform and is trusted "on his honor as a scout" to carry them into effect. The feature of service to others is emphasized by encouraging scouts to do "a good turn" to somebody every day. This "good turn" idea is taken very seriously. It has inspired thousands of boys to the point where they volunteer to wash dishes and tend babies. And there can be no severer test than that! The idea of thrift is driven home by requiring a scout to earn and deposit money in a bank before he can advance from the rank of Tenderfoot to that of Second Class Scout and from the latter to the coveted position of First Class Scout. Bravery is expected of scouts as a matter of course—moral bravery as well as bravery of spirit.

The scout principles are made interesting by hiking, camping, first aid, knot tying, woodcraft, handicraft, pioneering, and all the other things of the same character that boys like to do. But no activity is included in the Boy Scout program without a good reason; each must serve its purpose in contributing something to the character development of the boy. Scout activities and the scout oath and law are so closely interwoven that it is impossible to separate them.

FILLING A REAL NEED.

Whenever a real need exists, sooner or later something is found to meet it. A real need existed for something to fill with wholesome activity the spare time of boys—and the Boy Scout movement developed to meet it. This organization which has spread so amazingly during the last few years, has many claims to consider, but none are so fundamental as this basic principle of keeping the boys so busy doing useful things that there will be no time for them to engage in harmful activities.

The thing about the Boy Scout movement that has surprised many people is the fact that it works. People had become accustomed to consider boys as being naturally mischievous and destructive, to look upon the period of adolescence as a time of tribulation, like the teething age of babies, which must be borne with patience and resignation. "What!" they exclaimed. "Make boys want to do useful things? It just can't be done!" Then the Boy Scout movement came along and did it.

SCOUT SERVICE SAVES \$6,500.

Cabot Ward, New York park commissioner, states that boys, members of the Boy Scouts of America, who have assisted in taking care of Central park saved the park commission at least \$6,500 during the year 1916. In one day, when both Scouts and police were removed because of the press of other duties, nearly \$2,000 worth of damage was done by trespassers.

TIPS FOR SCOUTS.

Who will be the first to carry the hoe into battle for supremacy over starvation?

Arrange for a Scout hoe parade. Arouse the patriotism of others and dignify the business of farming.

Plant a patrol garden. Get a vacant lot or acre of idle farm land at once. All of the suggestions to the individual scout are applicable to the patrol. Do it now. Show your leadership by example.

Organize for lectures to parents on the preservation of by-products, canning, etc. This can be accomplished later. Another S. O. B. call from this office will warn you. Plant a garden today.

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Horticultural Points

FIGHT WOOLLY APHIS PEST

Young Trees Are Particularly Susceptible to Injury—Kerosene Emulsion is Best Remedy.

The woolly aphis is worse in some parts of the country than in others. It attacks both the branches and the roots, and either dwarfs or destroys the tree. Young trees in nursery or orchard are particularly susceptible to injury. Kerosene emulsion is the best remedy so far offered.

Take one-half pound of laundry soap, two gallons of kerosene and one gallon of water. Dissolve the soap in the full amount of water, and when this solution is boiling hot, remove from the fire and add the kerosene. Stir the mixture violently by driving it through a force pump back into the vessel until it becomes a creamy mass that will not separate. This requires from five to ten minutes.

This stock solution is diluted with nine parts of water for spraying. When the aphis attacks the roots, the earth should be scraped away to a depth of several inches around the tree, and kerosene emulsion used liberally diluted with 12 parts of water. Another excellent remedy for the root form is tobacco. Spread the stems thick over the roots and cover with earth.

PICK FRUIT FROM TALL TREE

Illinois Man Uses Long Cutter-Pole With Set of Knife Blades Arranged Near Top.

Instead of wasting time in climbing trees to pick fruit, George J. Falkin of San Jose, Ill., gathers his fruit while standing on the ground. He simply uses a long cutter-pole having a metal cup mounted on its end. A set of knife blades are arranged near the top of the cup. The pole is brought up to the fruit in the tree until the fruit is



Fruit Picker.

well inside the cup. A string is then pulled. This causes the sharp cutting blades to sever the stem of the fruit. The fruit falls into the cup, the bottom of which opens out under the weight of the fruit and allows it to drop down through an opening and into a long cloth sleeve. When the sleeve is filled up, the fruit is dumped into a pail or basket. By this method there is no danger of bursting choice fruit and thus decreasing its market value and keeping quality.—Popular Science Monthly.

CLEAR WEATHER FOR FRUITS

If Conditions Are Right Bees Are Active and Cross-Pollination Proceeds Rapidly.

It is a well-known fact among the best fruit growers that the weather conditions during fruit bloom has much to do with the setting of the fruit. If the weather is clear and warm at blooming time the bees are active and cross-pollination proceeds rapidly, while if the weather conditions are wet, cloudy and cold the insects are not active and usually a poor set of fruit is secured. Strong cold winds may often prevent the bees from cross-pollinating one side of the apple trees and this may account for the set of fruit on only one side of the trees.

BRACE IN CHERRY BRANCHES

Before Picking Set Ladders Straight as Possible and Place Gas Pipe for Rest.

Branches of old cherry trees are very brittle and break easily if a little extra load is put upon them. Before setting the picking ladders lash the larger branches together with ropes. Set the ladders as straight as possible and place a piece of gas pipe between two or more branches for the ladder to rest against.

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