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Foresee Greatly Enlarged Scouting Activities Here

Ambition of 80% of Boys of Scouting Age to "Belong" Can be Fulfilled During Present Year

"1940—thirtieth anniversary year of the founding of the Boy Scout movement in the United States—will witness the greatest increase in interest and enrollment ever recorded, not alone in the Arbor Lodge district (Cass, Otoe and Nemaha counties), but in all of the eighteen districts that make up the Cornhusker Council, comprising 55 southern Nebraska counties," says Bert Swalley, Nebraska City, chairman of Arbor Lodge district.

"Not only in the eight towns in our district now supporting the Boy Scout program on a restricted scale, but in every town and village in the Arbor Lodge district, will this enlarged scope of Scouting activities be carried out," continues Chairman Swalley's statement. "New troops will be organized, leadership training courses instituted in the towns to bring new adult leaders into Scouting, health and safety education intensified, camping and activities increased and advancement stressed as never before."

The entire Scouting program is based on the slogan "Building Boys is Better than Mending Men." It includes not only the troop organization existing in the district, for boys of 12 to 17, but the Cub pack organization for boys of 9 to 12, Senior Scouting for older boys, and, possibly Sea Scouting, now almost unknown outside the larger cities of the nation.

Foundation Gift Responsible

Surveys made in many towns throughout the Cornhusker Council have proven that 80%, or more, of the boys of Scouting age want to "belong." The difficulty has been the securing and training of adult leadership, and that is the first problem to be tackled, preliminary to the early establishment of additional troops in the towns now served and new troops and Cub packs throughout the three counties.

Heretofore, the shortage of executives and field men to carry on the work of organizing new troops and training adult leaders for service in the local communities has deprived many of these boys of the opportunity of coming into Scouting. That difficulty has been overcome through the gift of \$12,500 to the Cornhusker Council from the Phillips Foundation to be devoted exclusively to putting into operation this enlarged program.

With this money, it will be possible to add five new field men, the first of whom, Clyde J. Surgl, has already been hired and put to work in the Arbor Lodge, Arrowhead and Indian Cave districts. Other new men coming into this district to help with the expansion program include Walter Dixon, region 8 field executive, and C. J. Williams, national field executive. In addition to this group of trained men, Arbor Lodge district will have the benefit of greatly increased service from Willis V. Elliott, assistant Cornhusker Council executive, whose efforts to promulgate Scouting under the limited program of the past few years have been spread over too large a territory to really prove effectual. Now, thanks to Phillips Foundation aid and the increased executive personnel it has already put to work in Arbor Lodge district, the stage is set for fulfillment of the slogan, "Scouting Marches On." As predicted by Chairman Swalley, this year 1940, that marks the thirtieth anniversary of Scouting, will really bring to the boys of our district and the entire council the opportunity they desire of "belonging."

Training Courses First Step

Courses for the training of adult leaders come first in this new, enlarged program. Heretofore these courses, limited in number, have been held at centralized points, requiring extensive travel on the part of trainees. Now, under direction of Prof. A. B. Clayburn, of Peru, Arbor Lodge district Leadership Training chairman, these courses will be brought to the different towns in

the district that support Scouting and others desiring to institute the program. Mr. Elliott, the assistant council executive, will personally conduct the courses, as rapidly as arrangements and recommendations for them are made by the district Organization and Extension committee, of which Dr. C. A. Lutgen, of Auburn, is chairman. In this effectual manner it is planned to build up adult leadership in each of our towns to a point where not only new troops with greatly increased membership can be organized, but the Cubbing program for younger boys be established and the interest of older boys continued through Senior Scout activities.

Admittedly, it is a prodigious undertaking, but guided by the fact that America's future lies in its youth, it is not unreasonable to expect that the interest of enough men in each of the communities of Arbor Lodge district can be aroused to carry on the program of "Boy Scout Training for Useful Citizenship" on such an enlarged scale that EVERY boy in Plattsmouth and vicinity can have that coveted opportunity of becoming a Boy Scout.

The District Set-Up

Arbor Lodge district is now organized under the six committee plan formulated by the National organization to carry on this greatly enlarged program. The committees and their chairmen are:

Organization and Extension—Dr. C. A. Lutgen, Auburn.

Leadership Training—Prof. A. B. Clayburn, Peru.

Health and Safety—Edward G. Ofc, Plattsmouth.

Camping and Activities—Glen Rutledge, Nehawka.

Advancement—Rev. Walter Jackson, Nebraska City.

Finance—C. D. Damast, Nebraska City.

Besides the committee chairmen, each of the six committees is made up of one man from each of the towns in the district that support Scouting. At present there are eight towns, Nebraska City, Plattsmouth, Auburn, Peru, Syracuse, Dunbar, Nehawka and Louisville, with a total of eleven troops. Other towns in the district are becoming interested and the goal of at least thirty active troops by mid-summer along with Cub packs and Senior Scouts in some of the towns served, can be realized as a result of the aid that has come from the Phillips Foundation.

Weeping Water and Union are two Cass county towns that formerly had active troops and which are expected back into the fold this year.

New men are being brought into Scouting in every town in the district—men who will become the committee-men, merit badge counselors and Scoutmasters to help carry on this enlarged program. Next week the Journal will give its readers a partial list of those who will lend their aid to some phase of the job in this community.

HOW STORIES SPREAD

Last Saturday the community here was stirred by the report that one of the residents here had been electrocuted while at his work. The story was widely circulated, many calls were made at the homes of the relatives of the supposed victim. The affair was an example of idle gossip, or as it had first started, as a joke. Last week one day the story apparently had its origin at Murray, two of the residents conversing when one of the parties said: "Say, did you hear about So and So being electrocuted?" The other party replied "How?" The answer was that "He sat on a fruit cake and the currants got him." This was spread around and reaching here was repeated with names added to make a great deal of annoyance to the family and friends of the party named.

AN APPRECIATION

I wish to take this means of expressing to the many good friends and neighbors, my appreciation of their friendly messages, calls and floral remembrances while at the hospital. They have made the stay at the hospital much more pleasant.

MRS. HENRY TIMM.

Feed the Birds, Save Our Feathered Friends.

Rotary Speaker Tells of War on 'Gyp' Schemes

Head of Omaha Better Business Bureau Tells of Various Schemes to Defraud the Public.

The story of many schemes to defraud and deceive the buying public of the state and nation was told Thursday at the weekly luncheon of the Rotary club at the Hotel Plattsmouth.

Dwight Holmes, head of the Better Business Bureau, of Omaha, was the speaker, exposing in his remarks many of the "gyp" schemes that his organization had encountered in their campaign to crush out misrepresentation in selling to the public.

In his talk Mr. Holmes told of the methods of operation, of the checking of advertising of firms and business houses so that they would not misrepresent the value or quality of goods offered. Many instances were told by the speaker where articles of inferior makes or brands were offered for sale at prices much higher than they should be. There are two hundred firms and business houses in Omaha members of the bureau, finding in the organization a great aid in the building up of better business, eliminating the attempts of misrepresentation to the public.

Judge A. H. Duxbury was the leader of the meeting, as program chairman for January. D. R. Thornton, the chairman for the day unable to be in attendance at the meeting.

ATTEND INSTALLATION

A group of the Plattsmouth people were in attendance at the joint installation held by Canopy lodge No. 209 A. F. & A. M. and Ideal chapter O. E. S. at Elmwood.

The officers of Canopy lodge were installed by Raymond C. Cook, deputy grand custodian, assisted by William F. Evers as marshal and W. A. Robertson as chaplain.

The officers of Ideal chapter were installed by Mrs. J. R. Reeder of this city, past worthy matron, she having the pleasure of installing her sister, Mrs. Karl Schneider, as worthy matron.

Alfred Stroemer is the new master of Canopy lodge in which he has been a very active member for a great many years.

During the evening the Eastern Star quartet of Home chapter 189 of this city, was heard in several numbers. This quartet comprised Raymond Cook, Don C. York, Mrs. J. R. Reeder and Mrs. Harry Nielsen.

After the ceremonies of the evening a very delightful luncheon was served the large number in attendance at the event.

Those attending from this city were: Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Robertson, Mr. and Mrs. William F. Evers, Mr. and Mrs. Roy O. Cole, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Nielsen, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Cook and Mrs. Anna Cook, of Tacoma, Washington, Don C. York, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Reeder.

ATTEND INSPECTION

From Tuesday's Daily—Last evening Raymond C. Cook, grand master of the first vail of the grand chapter of the Royal Arch Masons of Nebraska, was at Omaha to inspect Delta chapter of the R. A. M. This was the first visitation of Mr. Cook in his official capacity as a grand chapter officer.

Accompanying Mr. Cook on the official visit was Frank A. Clويد, John E. Turner, high priest of Nebraska chapter No. 3, and L. L. McCarty.

MYNARD COMMUNITY CLUB

The Mynard Community club will meet this week on Saturday, January 27th at the community building. The east side committee will have charge. All members and friends are urged to attend.

REJOICE IN NEW SON

From Wednesday's Daily—This morning at the St. Catherine's hospital at Omaha, a fine seven and a half pound son was born to Dr. and Mrs. F. R. Molak of this city.

ARREST WANTED WOMAN

Deputy Sheriff Emery Doody was at Council Bluffs, Iowa, Monday afternoon and arrested Mrs. John Halderman, who was wanted here on a charge of forgery. The young woman was returned to this city and this morning was arraigned in the county court on the charge of forgery. She was charged in two counts, one of making a forged check and in the second of passing the check.

The defendant entered a plea of guilty to the charge and was bound over to the district court, bond being fixed at \$500.

Crushing Rock for Roads in Rock Bluff Precinct

Crusher Moved to Wheeler Farm to Crush 10,000 Cubic Yards Necessary for Work.

County Surveyor Robert M. Mann announced today that the rock crushing plant operated by Cass county and the WPA, has been moved from the quarry southwest of Nehawka, to the quarry on Joe Wheeler's farm, east of Murray.

Monday the plant began to crush the ten thousand cubic yards of rock necessary to surface about ten miles of road east of the paved highway in Rock Bluffs precinct. It is anticipated that the surfacing of these roads will be completed by the first of April.

The road surfacing to be placed will directly benefit one church, one school and thirty-two farm families. The average number to be employed in the work will be fifty.

ANOTHER \$5 CONTRIBUTION

From Wednesday's Daily—Yesterday another \$5 cash contribution was made to the Community Building Club's shoe fund, by a gentleman who does not wish his name publicized. This makes a total of \$10.50 in outright cash contributions besides the many pairs of outgrown and discarded usable shoes and over-shoes that have been turned in at the two collection points—Wescott's store and Conis Shining Parlor.

As stated in a previous article, no cash contributions are being solicited, but when volunteered are acceptable. This shoe distribution is financed from the 10 cents in weekly dues paid by members of the club, which in the present year and former years has accomplished a lot of good in the community.

Among the shoes brought in are many suitable for women and a few for men. These are being turned over to Mrs. Sundstrom, county relief officer and will also be distributed to the best possible advantage.

New demands this week are again creating a drain on the supply of used footwear and requiring the issuance of quite a few new shoe and over-shoe orders.

The splendid response on the part of the public is greatly appreciated, and will result in continuation of the program as long as weather conditions and need of footwear warrant.

BREAKS SNOW BLOCKADE

From Monday's Daily—This morning Mrs. John Albert, clerk in the office of County Superintendent Lora Lloyd Kieck, was able to reach this city from the farm home near Cedar Creek. Mrs. Albert has been snowbound on the farm since Wednesday by the roads drifting shut and which made it impossible to get out and into Plattsmouth.

Mrs. Albert is planning on remaining in the city until the weather is more settled and the danger of being snowbound is over.

RETURNS FROM HOSPITAL

Charles W. Armstrong returned home Sunday from Omaha, where he was operated on the past week for hernia. "Bill" is getting along in excellent condition and in a few days it is hoped will be entirely over the effects of the operation.

Feed the Birds, Save Our Feathered Friends.

County Board Holds Annual Meeting Monday

Approve Budget and Appropriation for County Fair and Maintaining Share of Farm Bureau.

At the annual meeting of the board of county commissioners the board was reorganized by the election of George L. Farley as chairman, H. C. Backemeyer as vice-chairman and Ray Norris as the junior member.

Dr. J. W. Brendel, of Avoca, was re-named as the county physician for the ensuing year.

Ben A. Olive, of Weeping Water, was named as a member of the soldier's relief commission, to succeed himself.

The board received the report of the Cass County Farm Bureau for the year with budget for \$2,800, for the conduct of the extension work of the bureau. The sum of \$2,800 was voted for the bureau.

The sum of \$2,000 was appropriated for the county fair.

The salaries of the various clerks at the court house will remain as of last year.

Under the new law affecting the mother's pension law, the board made the estimate of expense as \$4,000.

The budget for the year as made some time ago was adopted, being as follows:

General Fund	\$89,667
Bridge Fund	30,000
Road Fund	62,000
Poor Relief Fund (including deficit of \$15,927)	48,927
Soldiers Relief Fund	1,200
	\$231,794

ARE YOU GOING TO THE BALL?

Tuesday evening at the American Legion building in this city, the annual ball to aid the fight against infantile paralysis will be staged. This is held on the date of President Roosevelt's birthday, he himself having been a victim of this malady, since which time he has led the fight to aid other sufferers.

The funds secured from the ball will be devoted to the funds to assist in bringing back to normal activity the children and groups over the country now shattered by the malady.

It is a great privilege to help in this work and in each community there are representatives who will see that you can secure tickets for the ball and assist the good cause. The ball is not political in any sense but purely for aid of the unfortunate.

Fred Wehrlein, King Korn of 1939, is the Cass county chairman and is urging all who can to join in the good work of aiding the crippled.

SHORTED RADIO CAUSES ALARM

From Tuesday's Daily—Last evening the fire department was called to the Everett Pickens home on Oak street, where they found the house full of smoke and causing a great deal of alarm to the family. It was found that a short in a radio had started the smoke and at first the source of the trouble was undetermined.

BIRDS SEEK FOOD

Sixteen robins and one turtle dove were seen at the Virgil Perry farm recently. Hundreds of meadowlarks were also seen along the highways and motorists are requested to drop crumbs and small grain along the road. Many of the birds are dying due to cold and lack of food.

SUFFERS FROM ILLNESS

Joseph Lapidus, of the Hotel Plattsmouth, was taken ill Saturday night and has since been confined to his apartments at the hotel. He has been under medical care since that time and today was reported as somewhat easier but still far from well.

LIVINGSTON SALE FEB. 1

The postponed farm sale of B. W. Livingston & Son, will be held on Thursday, February 1st at the Dovey section near Cedar Creek.

VILLAGE SEEKS FORECLOSURE

The village of Union, following the example of a number of towns, and cities is starting a program of tax foreclosures on property in the town on which the village has the tax liens. Attorney A. L. Tidd, of this city, is appearing as the attorney for the city in the clearing up of the property.

This method in this city has resulted in the placing of a great deal of property back on the tax rolls by the business-like methods of handling the sales.

W. A. Robertson Renamed Head of Home Ass'n

All Officers Re-elected at Annual Meeting in Omaha—W. F. Evers Superintendent.

At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Nebraska Masonic Home association held at Omaha Tuesday, William A. Robertson of this city was re-elected as the president of the association.

The vice-president selected were: Herman Reimers, Omaha, first vice-president; Frank H. Woodland, Omaha, second vice-president; C. B. Nicodemus, Fremont, third vice-president.

The report of the officers was received and showed this great fraternal home as being operated in fine shape and with an excellent year just passed in point of business management and the care of the aged members of the Home.

William F. Evers, superintendent of the Home, was again chosen to fill the post in which he has so capably served. The able management of Mr. Evers has kept the Home at a high standard and serving the needs of the large number that have been residents of the Home during his regime.

There are now eighty-four residents at the Home in this city while the association is caring for forty outside of the Home in various points over the state.

One new member was named to the board of directors, James W. Adams, of Omaha, succeeding the late Dr. Kuhns.

ATTEND ANNUAL MEETING

From Tuesday's Daily—Today the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Nebraska Masonic Home association is being held at the Masonic temple in Omaha. The annual meeting brings a large group of the individual stockholders as well as the various lodges, chapters and commanderies that hold stock in the home.

William A. Robertson, president of the association and William F. Evers, superintendent of the Home, with Lyle L. Horton, commander of the Knights Templar and John E. Turner, high priest of Nebraska chapter, R. A. M. were in attendance.

SUFFERS FROSTED EARS

R. T. Cuthrell, who resides on the former Wiles farm southwest of the city, had a very painful experience in the keen north wind and temperature of five below zero. The car which he was driving left the road and ran into the deep snow, Mr. Cuthrell being forced to get out and battle to get the roadway cleared. The result was that both ears were frost bitten and very painful.

CARD OF THANKS

We desire to express our sincere thanks and appreciation to the many friends who rendered assistance during the illness of mother, and for the aid and sympathy given us after she passed away, and we will long remember our friends for their kindness.—Chas. Byers and Family, Lee Byers, Walter Byers.

SHOWS IMPROVEMENT

Carl Oschlager, local grocer, who was taken with a very severe heart attack at the store Saturday, was much improved today. His condition was very grave Saturday, but improved a great deal Sunday.

State Auditor Commends Work Record Keeping

Meets With County Officials Today and Praises Excellent Way County Records Kept.

State Auditor Ray C. Johnson was here this morning from Lincoln, paying a visit here to meet with all of the county officials and to report the audit made by his office of the records of the county officers and board of commissioners.

Mr. Johnson was well pleased with the efficient manner of the record keeping of the county.

The following letter was given the Journal and expresses the auditor's findings:

The Journal, Plattsmouth, Nebr., Gentlemen: In compliance with Legislative Bill No. 310 passed by the Fifty Second session of the Legislature of Nebraska, we have completed an audit of all the county officials and county commissioners of Cass county.

I believe that this is the first time in the history of Cass county that such an audit has been made by your State Auditor and it covers a period from April 1, 1938 to June 30, 1939. We have today delivered this audit in person to the county commissioners and a copy of this audit is on file with your county clerk, where we will be pleased to have anyone interested in county government inspect our work.

In this examination and audit we examined all the books and records of John E. Turner, county treasurer; George R. Sayles, county clerk; Ray F. Becker, register of deeds; A. H. Duxbury, county judge; Joe Mrasek, county sheriff; Lora Lloyd Kieck, county superintendent; and County Commissioners George L. Farley, H. C. Backemeyer, and R. E. Norris.

We are very happy to report through this medium that all the books and records of these officers of Cass county were found to be in excellent condition and very well kept and all monies properly accounted for and properly remitted to its proper office.

We wish to congratulate these officers for the splendid and efficient manner in which they are keeping the records in the various offices and meeting recent laws and statutory requirements as provided for by law.

Yours very truly,
RAY C. JOHNSON,
State Auditor.

DISTRICT COURT FILINGS

Filings made today in the office of the clerk of the district court included the following:

Norfolk Packing Co., a corporation vs. Chester Lee Kell, petition in error. The petition sets forth that the defendant was in the employ of the plaintiff company on July 26, 1938, that on that date the defendant had suffered an injury. The defendant was awarded \$9.60 for a period of ten weeks by the state compensation court, from which was to be deducted \$96 already paid by the defendant by the plaintiff. The award is claimed to be excessive.

Three suits to quiet title were filed also, Bessie Aschenbrener vs. S. N. Merriam; George W. Fornoff vs. W. D. Merriam and Emil Ptak and Keith Snyder vs. William Y. Etheredge, et al.

Judge W. W. Wilson of Nebraska City was here today to hold a session of the district court.

MEETING OF FARM BUREAU

The annual meeting of the Cass county Farm Bureau will be held at the Methodist church in Weeping Water, Friday, February 2, at 1:30 p. m. The main purpose of the meeting is for the reorganization of extension work in Cass county. Changes in the constitution and by-laws will be open for discussion.

All farm operators and their families are urged to attend. d&w

SUFFERS FROM INFECTION

James Benedict, who is at an Omaha hospital, suffering from an infection is still in quite serious condition. An infection developed in the finger has spread through his system and made his condition very critical for a number of weeks.

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