

Omaha Boy Scouts Most Manly Set of Live Wires

SCOUTS COURT OF HONOR TO AWARD BADGES OF MERIT

Judge Woodrough is Presiding Officer of Body Which Will Bestow Orders on Young Patriots.

The court of honor of the local council of Boy Scouts will meet Monday afternoon in juvenile court chambers in the court house. Judge Woodrough is the presiding officer. Other members are Paul L. Martin, Dr. Irving S. Cutter, W. R. McKeen, Dr. H. A. Senter, J. W. Welch and J. A. Sunderland.

One of the important matters to be brought before the court will be applicants for merit badges. First class scouts may win merit badges by becoming proficient in any of 60 prescribed fields of usefulness, as outlined in the scout handbook. Having studied and practiced along any particular line, the scout then takes an examination before an expert in that work and appears before the court of honor for final examination and if passed by the court, he is awarded a badge of merit. Some scouts win many of these badges.

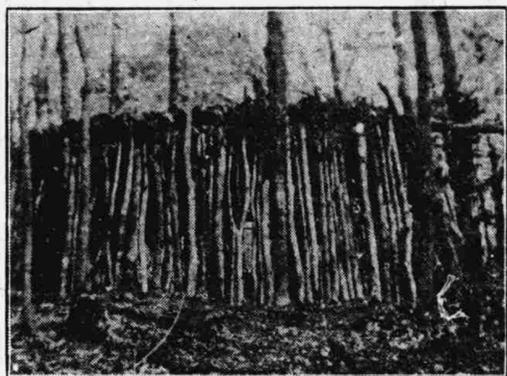
After Firemen's Badge.
Next Monday afternoon D. L. Diamond of troop No. 5 will appear before the court for a merit badge in firemanship. He studied fire fighting and steeple climbing before Chief Salter, this examination paper to be presented to the court which recognizes Omaha's fire chief as an expert in firemanship. Scout Diamond has assisted at several fires and stands ready to qualify for a merit badge as being proficient according to the following requirements of scoutcraft:

Know how to turn in an alarm of fire; how to enter a burning building; prevent panics and spread of fire; understand the use of hose, escapes, ladders, chutes and exits; improvise ropes and nets; explain what to do in case of a panic; understand fireman's lit and drag, and how to work in fumes; understand use of fire extinguishers; how to rescue animals; save property; organize bucket brigade; and how to aid the police in keeping back crowds.

These scouts, all of troop No. 5, will present themselves before the court for merit badges in firemanship; D. L. and Carl Diamond, Robert Malory, Nicholas Amos, Frank McEnery and Franklin Patterson. The requirements for this test are: Tie 12 knots quickly; lash spars properly together for scaffolding; build a bridge or derrick (each) capable of supporting 200 pounds in weight; make camp kitchen; build a shack suitable for three occupants. These scouts built a shack on a farm north of Florence, but met with bad luck when a farmer, perhaps misunderstanding its purpose, broke it to pieces. They built another shack and now believe they will all qualify Monday for pioneering merit badges. Assistant Scoutmaster W. S. Huston helped the boys with the work.

Aspire in Handicraft.
Several boys will appear for merit badges in handicraft work, which fits a boy as general utility man about his home. The requirements for this test are: Paint a door; whitewash a ceiling; repair gas fittings, sash lines, window and door fastenings; replace gas mantles, washers, and electric light bulbs; solder; hang pictures and curtains; repair blinds; fix curtains, portiere rods, or blind fixtures; lay carpets and mend clothing and upholstery; repair furniture and china; sharpen knives; repair gates; fix screens on windows and doors. There has been some unusual activity in sev-

Shack Built by Scouts North Of Florence; Not a Nail Used



eral Omaha homes during the last few weeks and other parents of scouts are wishing their boys would aspire for the handicraft merit badge.

Scoutmaster Sheldon is Booster For Athletics

W. S. Sheldon, scoutmaster of troop No. 6, which meets in the Plymouth Congregational church, is getting his boys interested in athletics. In the days gone by Mr. Sheldon was physical director of the Young Men's Christian association and even if he is "over 21" he has not forgotten the days when he could run and jump with any of the youngsters. Last Tuesday night his scouts enjoyed a new game of floor base ball, playing on canvas with rubber rings. The score was 20 to 19. Two foot ball elevens are working to get on the troop team. This troop will send 14 scouts before the court of honor in December for first-class test examinations. A recent stunt enjoyed by scouts of this troop was a mock court in which a slacker was tried. No. 6 holds one social session each month.

Boy Scout Orchestra Well Received in Concert

Troop No. 3, W. L. Hackett, scoutmaster, boasts its ability at a meeting demonstrated its ability at a meeting last Friday night in the basement of Windsor school, where this troop holds its meeting. This orchestra made its first public appearance on this occasion and was well received. The players are: Herbert Woodland, Thomas Coleman and George Holdrege, mandolins; Roland Wellman and Orlando Smith, violins; Webster Willard, piano. Robert Smith offered jokes and riddles which added to the merriment. Demonstrations of first aid and flag drills were given. The orchestra played "America," and "Over There." Roland Wellman is leader of the orchestra and also serves as scout scribe.

Troop No. 5 Holds Father And Mother Night at Church

Scoutmaster Vincent Haskell of troop No. 5 held a successful father and mother night for his boys in the First Christian church. There were more than 50 parents present and they enjoyed a program offered by the sons. Eight scouts of this troop will appear before the court of honor next Monday afternoon to qualify for first-class scout certificates. There are now 15 first-class scouts in the troop.

What Omaha Scouts Are Doing

At a meeting of scoutmasters of Greater Omaha last Thursday night, the matter of standardizing scout tests was discussed and satisfactory headway made. Scoutmasters have in instances placed their own interpretations on the requirements as outlined in the official handbook. All agree that it will be better to have a uniform understanding.

The following scoutmasters have entered the army or navy service: W. B. Horner, J. Morley Young, A. D. Barre, Harry Haffner, Earl W. Porter, Ernest Schreiber, J. P. Sullivan and H. L. Montgomery. H. M. Hundley, jr., head of troop No. 31, expects to enter military service soon.

Troop No. 28, which won the local food conservation prize, will go on a hike on November 30, when first-class tests will be given. Wolf patrol of this troop recently presented a tableau, "The Landing of Columbus." Scoutmaster C. R. Stewart anticipates an interesting winter for his boys.

This Thanksgiving thought has been issued at headquarters for consideration of all Boy Scouts: "The scouts have a big chance to create thankfulness on Thanksgiving day, serving as messengers to needy homes and needy lives, and doing deeds that will make the day a day of thanksgiving to someone who otherwise might be left unthought of and alone."

Neat service bars bearing the words, "Omaha Scout Food Conservation," will be distributed to scouts who obtained five or more signed food conservation pledge cards during the recent campaign. The boys will fasten these bars to their staffs and when they win other service bars they will fasten them in a manner which will mark six-inch spaces on their staffs, thus adding utility to honor.

Omaha Boy Scouts will assist the Red Cross society this year in the sale of Christmas seals to help in the work of cure and prevention of tuberculosis.

Troop No. 5, of which Vincent Haskell is scoutmaster, has voted to change its meeting place to Grace Lutheran church, Twenty-sixth street and Poppleton avenue.

SCOUTS FIGURE IN MANY CAMPAIGNS

Lads Gain Practical Experience in Affairs of Life and Get Healthful Training.

Boy Scouts of Omaha have participated in six campaigns this year. The first was the annual spring cleanup, when they made a preliminary house-to-house survey, followed by a second canvass of the city. They accomplished much good in this work and expect to be in the service next spring.

The next campaign was the Red Cross pledges and then these activities were undertaken by the boys: First Liberty loan, Red Cross fund campaign, second Liberty loan and the food conservation pledge campaign.

The boys gained much practical experience of the stern affairs of life and were brought to an appreciation of what this war means to them. "Outside of the actual results obtained by the boys, these activities were worth much in healthful training of mind and body, because when a boy is engaged in a wholesome activity he does not have time or inclination for things which do not make for manhood," said Chief Scoutmaster English.

Scouts Played Big Part in Liberty Loan Campaign

The News Bulletin of the Boy Scouts of America has this comment on Thanksgiving: "The Boy Scouts of America are thankful that they had a share in the patriotic work of transferring dollars from private pockets to a place where the government could use them. Incomplete returns up to November 10, 1917, show a total of 489,575 subscriptions, amounting to \$93,561,150, obtained through the Boy Scouts' special Liberty Loan campaign."

"It will undoubtedly be more than \$100,000,000. It is sincerely hoped that by December 1, and certainly not later than December 15, official announcement may be made of all who have earned the war service emblems, of the troop in each state which has earned for itself the president's flag, and the city which wins Secretary McAdoo's prize, and also announcement of the boys who have earned the Livingstone medals."

serve as associate scoutmaster of troop No. 4.

Captain Bert Corliss of troop No. 5's foot ball team would like to hear from other scout gridiron aggregations.

Troop No. 21, which meets at the Oak Street Methodist Episcopal church, is saving old newspapers to sell for the benefit of its fund. They have 1,000 pounds and will accept contributions of papers. P. T. Hill is scoutmaster.

Chief Scoutmaster English was busy last week getting the Khaki club started off on the right foot.

Scoutmaster Hackett does not have to ask "What time is it?" His boys gave him a watch, of which he is proud.

Executive Board Adopts War Service Policy

The executive board of the Boy Scouts of America at its last meeting adopted the following resolution concerning the war service of the Boy Scouts of America:

"Resolved, that the Boy Scouts of America adopt a policy of giving leadership and approval to services by

Boy Scouts only when such service is in connection with the program of the national government in its undertakings incident to the war, and that the local scout officials be urged to exercise the greatest care in assigning scouts for any other service, so as to reduce to a minimum interference with their full strength and energy for the most efficient effort in carrying out the work officially undertaken by

the Boy Scouts of America, through its national council as a service to our country."

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