

SON INSTRUCTS DAD IN BOY SCOUT WORK

J. W. Welch and Merschon Put
Their Heads Together to
Learn Duties of the
Order.

"How can you find time to do so much?" was asked of J. W. Welch, commissioner of the Boy Scouts of Omaha.

He has been awarded merit badges by the Boy Scout Court of Honor for knowledge in poultry, automobilism and chemistry; is ready to qualify in handicraft and business, and is studying first aid to animals and horsemanship. Scoutcraft imposes rigid requirements for merit badges in these fields of knowledge and examinations must be held before a court of honor.

In the case of Mr. Welch he has the advantage of his son, Merschon, to help him. Scout Merschon coaches his dad, and the reverse also is true. They are like two scouts in their activities. To obtain a merit badge in horsemanship, for instance, Mr. Welch must know the principal temperamental requirements of a good horse, and point out on a live horse thirty important points. He must be able to explain how he would examine a horse for soundness and state the most common defects and blemishes, and how he would treat them. He must know ten important parts of a saddle and of a bridle.

"I find this all interesting and increases one's interest in life. I enjoy being a Boy Scout with the boys, for I feel that I am, after all, but a Boy Scout grown up," said Mr. Welch.

Speaking about his study of horsemanship, he added, jokingly: "And don't forget that when I earn that horsemanship merit badge I will be ready to trade horses with anyone who might think he is a good horse trader."

The commissioner's merit badge for handicraft indicates that he can do all sorts of interior and exterior work at home, such as hanging pictures and blinds, sharpening knives, repair and adjust screens, paint and whitewash, solder, lay carpets and a lot of other incidentals. If a knife needs sharpening at the Welch home, Commissioner Welch is summoned and the blade is made keen in a jiffy. Merschon Welch qualified last Monday afternoon before the Court of Honor for the merit badge in machinery. He visited the McKean motor car shops, where he gained much practical information along mechanical lines. He has a shop at home which he finds interesting and profitable.

Willie, the Boy Scout, Tells How Buster Learned a Lesson

Buster is an unusual dog. His folks lived in our neighborhood and when they moved away Buster continued to visit his old friends. Every evening he calls around at the houses, scratching on the kitchen doors to make himself heard. If his scratches on the door do not bring a response, he will bark. The neighbors save food for him. But what I was starting to say about Buster was an experience he had with a cat.

Buster seemed to enjoy annoying cats until a certain day. He chased Chuck Williams' cat everywhere and back again until the other evening when this cat thought it was about time to teach Buster a lesson. You should have seen that cat claw at Buster. I never saw a dog so scared in my life. It was a regular cat-and-dog fight and no mistake about it. Having a cat take a stand and show fight was a new experience for Buster and, judging by the way he yelled, I'll say he did not relish the experience.

Buster went home after that and did not show himself for several days and then what do you think happened? He met Chuck's cat again in that same alley and pussy-footed up as if he wanted to apologize. The cat arched her back and as Buster approached she held out one paw as if to shake hands.

Well, you might not believe it, but it is a fact that Buster and the cat made up and became the best of friends. Since then Buster has driven several dogs away when they teased Chuck's cat. Buster had his lesson and I guess he is through fighting cats. He had the fight taken out of him. He met his Waterloo, as pa expressed it when I told him the story and he suggested that I should write it for The Bee's Boy Scout department.

Boy Scout Orchestra of Troop No. 3 Is Manly Looking Lot of Young Talent



Back row, left to right: Orlando Smith, Willard Stewart, Roland Wellman. Front row, left to right: Herbert Woodland, George Hoagland. Boy Scout orchestra of Troop No. 3.

COURT OF HONOR AWARDS BADGES

Scout Tribunal Bestows Merit Orders on Lads Who Display Some Special Proficiency.

The Boy Scout court of honor last Monday afternoon at a regular meeting in the juvenile court chambers awarded first-class scout certificates to the following:

- Virl King, troop No. 28.
- William O'Connor, troop No. 28.
- Howard Buffett, troop No. 5.
- Clayton Midlam, troop No. 5.
- Page Christie, troop No. 5.
- Richard Holmes, troop No. 5.
- Jack Fettes, troop No. 5.

Merit badge applications were approved as follows:

- Louis Smetana, troop No. 1, swimming.
- Franklin Patterson, troop No. 5, pioneering.
- Frank McAnany, troop No. 5, pioneering.
- Nicholas Amos, troop No. 5, pioneering.
- Scotfield Delong, troop No. 5, life-saving.

Here's the Oath a Boy Scout Takes When He is Sworn In

On my honor, I will do my best—
1. To do my duty to my 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.

Boy Scouts, The Bee Wants You to Help This Department

Boy Scouts of Omaha are invited to send suggestions and letters to this department. Address them to The Boy Scout Editor. Tell us of your observations, experiences and activities. Write some interesting stories of animals, birds, trees; tell us what you and your Scout friends are doing to make the world safe for democracy. If you are too modest to write about yourself, write of the doings of other Scouts. Tell your Scout friends how you earned money for Christmas.

Perhaps some of the Scouts write poetry. Who can write a short story? Who can tell an original joke? Get busy and help make this department interesting.

Boy Scout Orchestra Plays "Star-Spangled Banner"

At Friday night's meeting of Troop No. 3, at Windsor school, the Scout orchestra of Omaha played "America," "Star-Spangled Banner" and "Good Bye, Broadway; Hello, France." A stretcher drill was presented by Harry Leavitt, Samuel Savage, Floyd Stryker, George Hoagland and Alva Redenbaugh. Tenderfoot drill was demonstrated by Harry Leavitt and a blackface skit was given by George Hoagland. Pictures of western states were shown by Roland Wellman. New members of this troop are: Willard Stewart, Robert Smith, George Hoagland, Eugene Clark. Foot ball teams of other troops wishing games are requested to notify Roland Wellman, telephone Harney 810.

What the Omaha Scouts Are Doing

Troop No. 5 of the Boy Scouts is now meeting in the Grace Lutheran church, Twenty-sixth and Poppleton avenue.

Philadelphia Boy Scouts Start Campaign for \$125,000

Yesterday Boy Scouts of Philadelphia held a parade to start a campaign to raise \$125,000 to carry the work on in the Quaker City for three years. "Headquarters Bulletin," official publication of the Philadelphia Boy Scouts, had this comment: "When next week's Bulletin comes out we shall be on the threshold of our campaign for \$125,000 for three years. After an opening bang in the parade on Saturday, and mention in the city churches on Sunday, the campaign of actual solicitation will start on Monday, December 3, and last through Thursday, December 6. The goal is high, but if any official in the city who doubts the ability of the leaders in the campaign to raise the fund, let him sit at headquarters and hear the comments of the big men of the city on the movement."

Scouts Teach Profitable Use of Leisure and Idle Time

One of the teachings of the Boy Scout organization is the profitable use of leisure time. The leaders of the scout movement contend that by filling a boy's life with interesting and useful activities, the danger of falling into mischievous ways is minimized. Omaha scouts are engaged in many wholesome and profitable activities, some leading to the serious business of life. Troop No. 3, under the leadership of W. L. Hackett, has an orchestra which is attracting attention in the Windsor school neighborhood. They played two weeks ago for the first time in public and expect to be heard many times during the winter. Some of the other troops expect to extend invitations to them to visit their meetings.

Boy Scouts Sold Liberty Bonds Worth \$101,133,600

New York, Dec. 1.—Certified figures issued here today regarding the Boy Scouts of America campaign on behalf of the second Liberty loan show that the boys obtained 325,527 subscriptions, totaling \$101,133,600. In the first campaign about \$23,000,000 was raised.



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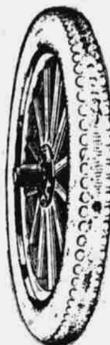
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