

BOY SCOUT WEEK
IF the boys you meet Feb. 8 seem to be raising more of a rumpus than usually, it'll be in celebration of an event very important to young America.

The Boy Scouts movement was incorporated and officially launched in our country Feb. 8, 1910, two years after Sir Robert S. Baden-Powell started the organization in England.

The general purpose of the Boy Scouts is to train lads in good citizenship, manhood and self-reliance. Its founders, displaying considerable knowledge of psychology, assured its success by adopting uniforms for the members.

Man or boy, let him wear a uniform and he'll do almost anything. Some of our big national movements that fail might be successful if an attractive uniform went with membership. Maybe that's the way to enforce prohibition—officially permit abstainers to wear something like a red coat.

Did it ever occur to you that the uniform is the first image that comes to your mind at mention of Boy Scouts?

Few of us have an accurate idea of the values the young generation gets from the Boy Scouts. A scout starts as a tenderfoot, then works up, by merit and ability, to second-class scout, finally to first-class.

To be a first-class scout, a boy has to be able to swim fifty yards. He must have at least \$2 in a savings bank. He must know how to wig-wag signals by flags. He has to be able to administer first-aid in case of accidents such as severed arteries and drowning. He must know how to read maps and make them, handle an ax, judge distances and be able to cook for campers.

The Boy Scout pledges obedience to parents, kindness to animals, courtesy to all. He has instilled into him a high code of honor and practical applications of the Golden Rule and Good Samaritanism.

The best thing done by the Boy Scouts is that it takes its members back to nature. The closer we keep to nature, the better for our nation. There is always hope for a civilization whose boys are prowling in the woods, hiking cross-country, studying birds and flowers and breathing fresh air.

In our half-mad swarming in cities, we have given the boy a raw deal, stripped him of his rightful playgrounds, caged him up like an animal and handicapped him with unhealthful environment.

For all this, the Boy Scouts movement is in the nature of an antidote.

This would be a whole lot better country to live in if the grown-ups started a similar organization to develop the same ideals of brotherhood and get us out into the open country occasionally, away from filth, poisonous air, maddening racket and nervous tension.

We need an organization of Men Scouts and Women Scouts.

SMOKE AND NOISE **M**OST of the noise in the world is unnecessary. No brains are required to make noise. No doubt thousands of people went mad hearing the tick-tock of grandfather's clock. Every time I hear a street car with a flat wheel proceeding on its thumping way I feel my reason totter. To ride in a vehicle so equated is to take years, perhaps centuries, from a life which I modestly believe to be of great value to mankind.

So says Meredith Nicholson, Indianapolis author, in a recently published dissertation on the great American twentieth century bugbear—noise.

More hospital cases of nervous breakdown than any other disease, reports Dr. Charles R. Lambert of Columbia University. He says one person in every ten is treated for this trouble at some time or other during life.

Often nervousness is mental or psychic. Mostly it is a penalty for the noise, rush, battling, worry, filth, congestion and smoke laden atmosphere of "civilization."

Once Indianapolis and other American cities have conquered the smoke nuisance no time should be lost in banishing noise.

You long for a quiet city with rubber tired street cars. That is much nearer to realization than a horseless city appeared to most minds to be thirty years ago.

PULLING OUT ALL TEETH **A** Indiana man has a letter written by his grandmother in 1830 telling about a friend who just had all her teeth pulled out to cure her of rheumatism. And here we were thinking it was a fresh blown fad by the surgeons and dentists.

The auto speedometer, in principle, is 266 years old. Back in 1657 Evelyn wrote in his diary: "I went to see Colonel Blount, who showed me the application of the 'way-wiser' to a coach, exactly measuring miles and showing them by an index as we went along. It had three circles, one pointing to the number of rods, another to the miles, by ten to 1,000, with all the subdivisions of quarters. Very pretty and useful."

A lot of things we consider new are "old as the hills." Ideas, especially.

Long Distance Airplane Flight Is From San Diego to Indianapolis

QUESTIONS ANSWERED You can get an answer to any question of interest in Indiana by writing to the Indianapolis Times, Washington Bureau, 1322 New York Ave., Washington, D. C. Unsolicited letters in stampless envelopes, letters of complaint and marriage advice cannot be given. Unsolicited letters cannot be answered, but all letters are confidential. Letters from foreign countries will be answered, if possible, to a single subject, writing more than one letter if answers on various subjects are desired. —EDITOR.

What is the record long distance flight by airplane?

The record long distance flight is 3,660 miles made by Louis McReady and Kelly from San Diego, Cal., to Ft. Benj. Harrison, Indiana. The distance between these two points is not 2,660 miles, but these aviators traveled that distance in going over mountains, etc.

What is the meaning of the name Truitt?

Truitt is probably a derivation from the word "Trudie," a term common in the Netherlands, which means "spear maid."

What time of the day is the best physical work done?

Physical activity rises to a high point at 11 a. m., drops at noon, and then reaches another high point between 3 and 6 p. m., psychological tests show.

When and by whom were false teeth invented?

Prior to the discovery of the method of making porcelain teeth, the dentists made use of human teeth, animal

Justice Is Thwarted in American Courts Declares Jurist and Dean of Law Schools

Greed and Love of Easy Living Has Caused Moral Breakdown.

By N.Y. Service
USTIN, Texas, Feb. 5.—Greed, a love of easy living and a breakdown of moral fiber have made perjury so dominant a factor in American courts that justice is entirely thwarted.

That statement comes from Judge John C. Townes, fifteen years dean of the law school of the University of Texas and a lawyer, jurist, writer and educator of Nation-wide reputation.

And so deadly in earnest is Townes that, despite his 70 years, he has resigned his office as dean and will go back to teaching so that he will be more intimately in touch with law students—the lawyers and judges of the future.

By this and by writing and lecturing he hopes to do his bit to combat the menace he is convinced is undermining American justice.

Justice Impossible

"It is almost impossible for courts to render justice today," Townes says.

"Times was when men preferred to have their necks broken, rather than to perjure themselves. Times have changed.

"It is a well-known fact without testimony prosecution is impossible. And when men and women perjure themselves, coldly, calculatingly and cleverly, truthful testimony is impossible to get.

"It takes moral courage to tell truth, and moral courage is grievously lacking.

"Love of easy living is causing lawyers to abandon the ethics of



JUDGE JOHN O. TOWNES

their profession and the dictates of their own consciences. Even the public is in on the secret that most testimony nowadays is framed in advance by attorneys, the witnesses merely telling on the stand what their lawyers order them to say.

Result of War

"The 'hangover' from the war has left its disastrous effect. For four years the world was removed from the sphere of moral domination and was ruled by physical strength, by

brute's might. It is hard for people to recover their equilibrium.

"Take the lawyer. If any man should uphold the sovereignty of the constitutional Government, that man is a lawyer. But, instead, many lawyers have allowed themselves to be hoodwinked into being the enemies of the courts and justice by allying themselves with hooded courts.

Property Rights Sacred

"There is growing in this country a feeling that the rights of property are more sacred than the rights of life and limb. In a recent decision one of the highest courts of the land virtually declared that all such was lawful and as it should be. It is this feeling, evil and destructive, that I hate and I am going to fight against.

"We need in our courtrooms, in our public life and in our private life more of the rugged honesty which was the priceless treasure of the people thirty-five years ago."

Are We Liars?

Do we Americans tell untruths today more glibly than we did thirty-five years ago?

"Has our conception of honesty degenerated so far that the machinery of justice has been rendered useless by the rust of perjury?

Judge John C. Townes, Austin, Texas, one of America's most learned jurists, thinks so.

He says:

"It is almost impossible for courts to render justice today. We need in our courtrooms more of the rugged honesty which formerly was our priceless treasure.

"That's an indictment of the moral fabric of all American society.

Are we guilty or not guilty?

AUTHORITIES SAY LARGE DOPE RING IS REVEALED

Conviction of Woman for Shoplifting Leads to Assertion.

An extensive ring of organized dope peddlers and shoplifters working in Ohio and Indiana was revealed in the investigation in the case of Blanche Berger, 33, Toledo, Ohio, sentenced here to a term in the Indiana woman's prison, authorities said today. Mrs. Berger was found guilty in Criminal Court of stealing an imported dress from the S. B. Whitman Company, 21 N. Illinois St.

Operatives of the Quigley-Hyland Agency investigated for the Stores Mutual Protective Association. Confessions were obtained, they said, that headquarters of the gang centered in Toledo in a man who transported narcotics from Canada in a special contrivance under the hood of his automobile.

Mrs. Berger admitted on the witness stand that she had served time in a Federal penitentiary for attempting to smuggle drugs to her sick husband.

MRS. MARY HEARN DEAD

Burial at Mattoon, Ill.—Three Children Survive.

Funeral services for Mrs. Mary Hearn, 88, who died Saturday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. W. H. Spencer, 29, N. Oriental St., were to be held at the home at 9:30 a. m. today. Burial was to be at Mattoon, Ill., where she was born.

Mrs. Hearn had lived here twelve years. Beside Mrs. Spencer, another daughter, Mrs. L. M. Price of Sherville, and a son, W. E. Hearn of Mattoon, survive.

Rite Plans Large Class

A large class of Master Masons is assured as candidates for the convocation and reunion of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Free Masonry March 20-23. The time limit for petitions is Feb. 14. Hundreds of Masons of high degree will attend the council of deliberation meeting on March 19.

DEFINITION

The practice of Chiropractic consists of the adjustment, with the hands, of the movable joints of the spine and other column to normal position for the purpose of removing the cause of the disease.

CHIROPRACTIC ADJUSTMENTS

The Old and New

Who would wish to go back to the old days of the tallow candle, the horse street car, the farm plow drawn by a yoke of oxen, the days when the telephone and telegraph were unknown, the days when, instead of riding in a train, the only locomotion, in certain in the west, was a prairie schooner?

We talk about "good old days," but very few would wish to do without the modern conveniences of the Twentieth Century. Why not keep pace with the times and, instead of clinging to the "Indian Medicine Man" superstition, investigate the DRUGLESS HEALTH SCIENCE OF CHIROPRACTIC?

An open-minded investigation will surprise you.

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Practitioners of Straight Chiropractic.

A New Message Here Every Monday.

WORTHY LIFE IS BEST MONUMENT, DECLARES PASTOR

Subject of Sermon Is 'Preparing for Your Funeral.'

Declaring that "a good life is man's best monument" Rev. W. E. Cissna, pastor of the W. Washington St. M. E. Church, in a sermon Sunday on "Preparing For Your Funeral," urged all to live so that when people "view you in the casket they will think of your good deeds and not of your meanness."

"Many a man has died without making a will or making some disposal of his property," Rev. Cissna said. "Law suits follow and the good family spirit is broken and children often become enemies and separated for life. All business affairs should be ready like a cashier's book for audit at any moment. Also every man who believes in his church and wishes it to continue should make some provision for the same in the disposal of his property. It is the greatest sin of a man's life to be wealthy and die and leave nothing for the great benevolent causes of the church."

"Everybody likes to know when we go if we left any testimony as to our hope of the future life. A man's life is one comforting blessing. If men only knew the joy and blessedness it would give their mothers, wives, children and friends for them to make a confession of their Savior and live a Christian life, they would certainly do so."

"The way some men live is painful to many sad hearts who love them."

"Every funeral is sad, but for a man to die and leave no life testimony and no word of hope, makes every funeral doubly sad. It is pathetic to hear the words of loved ones to ministers who are trying to put the best side to the departed's life by telling about his going to some church Sunday school when a boy or dig up some old facts about one time when he belonged to a church. Every man should leave a clear testimony behind him that he was prepared to die."

"Live so that when men view you in your casket they will think of your good deeds and not of your meanness," he said.

Chief Rides in Coupe

A porch climber operated Sunday night. Saul Oppenheim, 3416 Broadway, reported the thief entered his home by climbing the front porch. A coupe was used by the burglar in escaping.

Man Robbed Near Home

Detectors are searching for two colored men who robbed J. H. Forte, 2351 Martindale Ave., of \$8, Sunday night. He was near his home.

Discuss Traffic

City councilmen who discussed the proposed traffic ordinance at a meeting Saturday without making a decision will hold another meeting.

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