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25th Year For Boy Scouts

When General Baden-Powell started the Boy Scout movement he was quietly ridiculed by many incredulous people. Today, he is regarded as a benefactor of the human race.

The Boy Scout enterprise is twenty-five years old this year and its development during those twenty-five years has been one of the most interesting on record. It was soon recognized by both boys and adults as something that deserved the interest and effort that it required to keep it alive and healthy.

Everyone is somewhat familiar with the objectives and ideals that form the activities of scouting. Primarily, it is based on the idea that is so well known about army training. A weaking can be put into the army and kept there for a few years and he will come out a reasonably strong and healthy man. It is the rigid and systematic military training that does it.

The training accorded the Boy Scout is much along the lines of that pursued in the army, tempered to the age and possibilities of young boys, with sufficient variation to appeal to the juvenile mind.

The value of the Boy Scouts as a character building agency can hardly be overestimated in its importance. We have learned to know the fine type of manhood that emerges from the ranks of the organization and to respect the great influence that is brought to bear on the boys by those in charge of the work in the elements of worthy citizenship, namely honesty, courtesy, service to others, consideration for fellow beings, and alertness in life.

Since its inauguration, there have been well over 6,000,000 members active. The movement has spread to many other countries during the past few years. International jamborees have been held from time to time. A national jamboree will be held in Washington next August in celebration of the golden anniversary.

Every town should have one or more Boy Scout troops. The surplus of enthusiasm and energy that is within every boy can escape through this beneficial training and supervised social activities to his own benefit as well as that of the community. The influence of the Boy Scouting movement will last throughout the entire life of the boy and better equip him for man's estate.

## Courtesy Pays Dividends

Courtesy is the cheapest commodity in the world, yet it is probably the least used.

It doesn't belong to any corporation, and isn't quoted in Wall Street. It is not regulated by any federal commission—there are no restrictions on it. The price of courtesy is not fixed because there are no "production costs."

Courtesy is as free as the air we breathe, and costing nothing, many view it as a worthless asset and do not make it a part of themselves.

For many, many years the commencement day orators have been telling us that courtesy is a factor to be reckoned with if we wish to succeed in life.

Some high school graduates have remembered this bit of timely advice in their efforts to get ahead in the strenuous game of life, they have made it their constant aim to be courteous to others.

Go through the list of your acquaintances and see how many have made courtesy pay. You will find the number lamentably small because they have been too busy with the small perplexities of life to take time for little courtesies that make the brief stay here more pleasant.

Courtesy pays big dividends in what we generally term success. It likewise creates within the individual a certain sense of satisfaction in the thought that he makes friends by treating others courteously.

And it always comes back abundantly in proportion to the way it is extended to others.

## Common Topic --- The Weather

Probably nothing occupies so much comment and discussion as does the weather. It requires a sudden change in temperature or some freakish pranks of the weather to call attention anew to its importance in the daily life of every individual.

To quote from the poet —

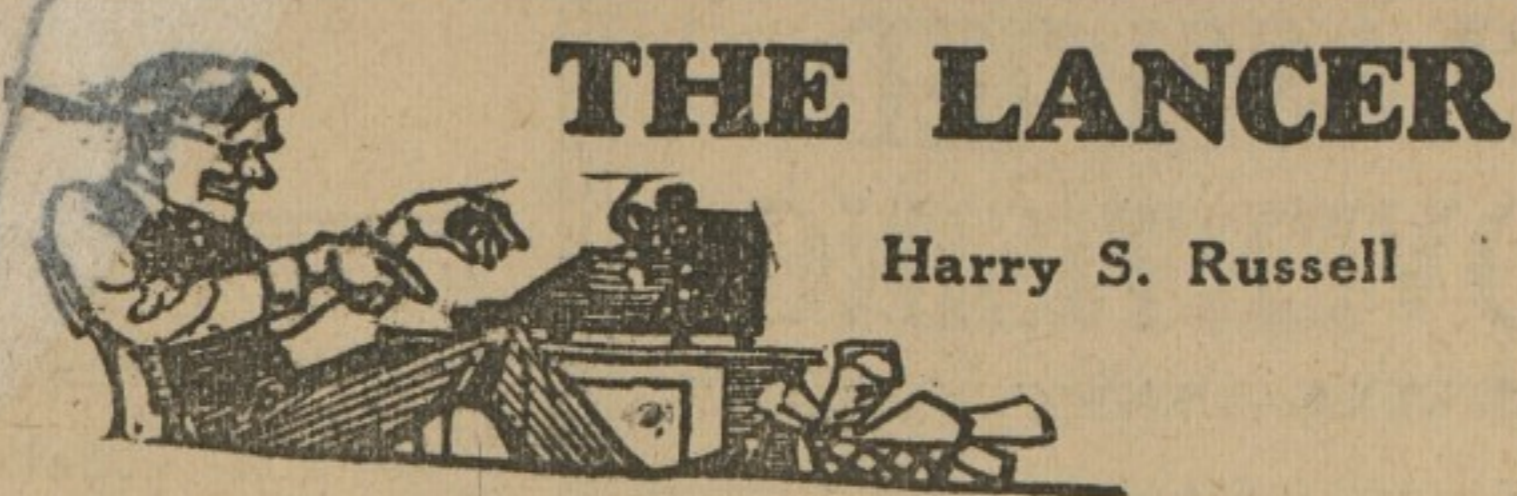
"For whether it blow or whether it snow,  
We must have weather, whether or no."

It's a time honored jest that when all other subjects of conversation fail, we may turn to the weather. Whether hot or cold, it assumes first place in more conversations than any other one subject.

We may be interested in our every day tasks, the latest movie, tax reduction, politics or whatnot, but let an overnight change in the weather come and we rush to the thermometer to see what the mercury shows.

Icy blasts freeze the marrow of the bone and the sun's hot rays bring human frailty to the melting point. The ability of the body to resist extremes of hot or cold is the thing that really counts, but the human being is only vaguely aware of that fact, because he believes that his comfort depends largely upon what the thermometer shows.

And the more we watch the thermometer, the more we discuss the weather and point out its queer antics. Yet, the weather is not such a fickle old fool as most of us imagine. Sometimes there is a warm day in the midst of winter in northern climes when one can shed the overcoat and imagine spring has come—and occasionally southern climes are visited with icy blasts, snow and unusually low temperatures for a period of time, but if you will consult a weather code anywhere, you will find that temperatures average up about the same in cycles of years. We forget from one season to the next but all are about the same on an average in regards to the weather.



## 'T WAS EVER SLOW

by A. B. Chapin



## The Book

By Bruce Barton

### JUDAS MACCABAEUS

Judas Maccabaeus' record falls between the Old and the New Testaments and is told in detail in the books which formerly were printed in the Bible in slightly smaller type and called the Apocrypha.

Alexander the Great was kind enough to conquer the world at one of the earliest of all dates to remember, 333 B. C. When he was asked, "To whom do you leave your kingdom?" he answered, "To the strongest." In the division which followed, Palestine was under the domination of Ptolemy, who ruled Egypt. He caused the Old Testament to be translated into Greek. The ancient Hebrew was no longer a spoken language and most of the Jews who could read at all read Greek.

In the subsequent redistributions of authority, Palestine passed under the domination of a Greco-Syrian dynasty. Antiochus Epiphanes endeavored to unify his little empire by instituting a kind of emperor-worship, or worship of the state.

Many thousands of Jews accepted this bastard form of idolatry, including most of the priests. But there was one aged priest, Mattathias, who revolted and withdrew from Jerusalem, taking with him his five sons, Jochanan, Simon Judas, Eleazer and Jonathan. Even that retired country village was not secure from the invasion of the new paganism. To his horror, the old priest saw one of his summer neighbors come to render the detested worship, a priest of God leading him in the new idolatry. Full of wrath, the old man killed both the idolator and the priest, and he and his sons fled to the mountains. There they rallied a band of revolutionists. The gathered strength till they were able to meet the armies of Antiochus in open battle, at first with no faintest hope of winning but only with the determination to die fighting for God and their country.

Never was a truly noble cause more valiantly defended. In 166 B. C., Mattathias died, but not until he had seen the struggle on the high road to success. He counseled his sons to make Simon their political leader and Judas their captain, and they did so.

What followed is brilliant indeed. In 164 B. C., Judas actually defeated the imperial armies and captured Jerusalem. The Temple was cleansed and rededicated, and the worship of God reestablished. For more than thirty years the brothers fought their good fight, establishing again a Jewish dynasty in Jerusalem and making it possible for Jesus to come to a people who still worshipped the God of Abraham. Judas was killed in battle in 161 B. S.

## 20 Years Ago In The Enterprise

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24, 1915

Going at a speed that was close to a 40-mile clip the auto driven by Capt. Joe Robinson, with Misses Anna Mae Ayres and Olivia Clayton, and Messrs. W. O. Bringman and J. E. Blackway as passengers, went over an embankment and into the marsh at Brice's mill. None of the occupants were badly hurt.

The Misses Evelyn Russell, Esther Urie and Mildred Fletcher were the respective winners in the high school, intermediate and primary declamation contests held here with representatives from all Kent schools taking part.

A large crowd attended the minstrel show at the Lyceum Theatre Tuesday night. The circle was composed of Russell Wheatley, Alvin Brown, John Morris, Colin F. Dyer, Joseph Wheatley, J. W. Russell, C. M. Newcomb, Lewin Howard, Neavitt Stafford, Roy Woodland and C. M. Elliott. A playlet, "Ancient Order of Knights of Chivalry" was given after the minstrel with Robert Huey, C. N. Satterfield, Barber Bartley, Roy Barnett, James Blyman, William Embert, Frank Elburn, C. C. Jones, Albert Wheat, H. Clift and Norman Nelson in the cast.

Temperance forces of Kent county heard Dr. M. D. Banning speak in the Court House here last week. He was introduced by J. Cordray Loud.

## Today and Tomorrow

By Frank P. Stockbridge

### MOTORS

What may turn out to be the most significant news of recent years is the announcement from Germany that means have been developed for driving motor cars with illuminating gas and wood.

One type of truck now widely used, it is reported, uses gas distilled from wood. It carries wood in a rear compartment, and is said to cost 30 percent less to operate than if driven by gasoline. Other cars have been quickly and cheaply adapted to use illuminating gas instead of gasoline, a tank of gas being carried in place of the gasoline tank. Also there have been developed new types of steam-propelled automobiles, using a variety of fuels, while a new stationary motor for farm use can be operated on coal dust, vegetable dust, dried leaves or pulverized corn cobs.

There never has been any question in my mind that the problem of the future supply of petroleum was no real problem at all. The time will come, whenever it is economical to do so, when we will again get our power from vegetable products.

I heard from other sources that aviators have not abandoned the idea of steam engines instead of internal combustion motors for stratosphere flights.

I may not live to see it, but some day, I believe, men will fly around the world between sun and sun, with steam-engines propelling their planes at a height of ten miles.

### CODDLING

One of the troubles with modern youth, as I have often remarked before, is that they have too much done for them and are not thrown on their own resources early enough or emphatically enough. They grow up expecting society to provide a soft cradle for them to ease their way through life.

That is why I applaud the refusal of the New York State Commissioner of Education to order a school bus to make a half-mile detour to pick up one thirteen-year-old boy. Any boy of thirteen who is not a cripple or an invalid ought to be able to walk half a mile to the bus stop, remarked Commissioner Graves.

The first school I ever attended was more than half a mile from our house. I was under five when I began to walk to and from school. In my grade school days it was a mile walk each way; when I got to high school it was a three-mile walk. Nobody had ever thought of providing free and easy transportation for schoolchildren in those days. We didn't get even free schoolbooks. And we grew up with a pretty clear idea that anything we got out of the world had to be paid for, with money or with labor.

### INQUIRY

I would like to hear from anybody who knows of an actual instance of anybody who has received money from the Federal Government for not growing tobacco or cotton or corn or hogs or wheat, who had not previously been in the business of growing those things.

Every little while somebody tells or prints a story of some man getting a check from Uncle Sam who has never been engaged in the line of agriculture for the control of which the money was paid. Those have always seemed like fairy tales to me. I can believe almost anything about the stupidity or carelessness of Government employees, this or any other government, but these yarns have stained my credulity.

They have come to the front again by a statement made in all seriousness by an eminent historian, James Truslow Adams, who told of three such instances. Chester Davis, the AAA administrator, came out with a prompt denial. I have no doubt both men believe they are right. It would be a real public service to get at the facts.

I would like to hear from any reader of this column who can furnish the name, date, place and amount of any such payment to any individual who was not entitled to it under the law.

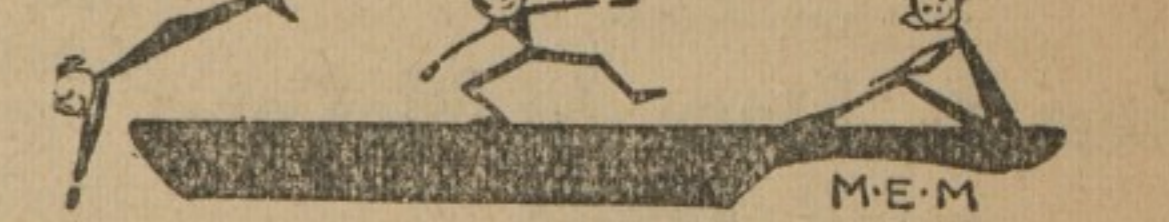
### FOOD

Costs to city folk of the principal articles of food have gone up 34 percent in the year ending last month, the Department of Commerce reports. Eggs are up 80 percent, meats 41 percent, dairy products 29 percent, and so on.

I don't know how much of this increase has filtered back to the farmers who produce the food-stuffs, and how much has been absorbed by middlemen on the way from farm to consumer, but I feel certain the city people won't tolerate much longer

## OUT OF THE FRYING PAN

Nell C. Westcott



Either old Dame Rumor of our sister county is getting to be a dreadfully crochety old thing or maybe she thinks that now Spring is here her little columnists in Kent all need a dose of sulphur and molasses and she proceeds to administer it in small doses. The little columnists have to take it and like it like the good little children that they are.

Out of our High Street window the other day we saw a huge box of jonquils or daffodils unpacked and placed in a big pan in front of the A. & P. store. That must have been around 10:00 or 10:30 in the morning. By noon we were just lucky enough to get the last lot, all of which shows how hungry people are for something tangible of real springtime—soul hungry, I mean, lest you think they were concocting daffodil salads or something!

Have you seen the new Chevy—it's a honey!

Unless you are a parent of a high school student or a friend of such a parent you probably were not at the high school play last Friday night. More than one of that audience went expecting to be bored to tears and were agreeably surprised to find they were anything but bored. Not only did the cast do remarkably well but the High School Hillbillies added a lot of fun. There's a group for you! Musicians on guitars, three of them, harmonicas and a glorified jewsharp with a horn arrangement—and could those youngsters play? They can and they did and I prophesy that some day they will be going for a radio audition. That a string broke on one of the guitars seemed to be of no consequence whatever and the player continued as much as to say "What's a string more or less between us Hillbillies?"

If you have wondered, as I often have, where the money comes from to operate the gorgeous homes in certain sections of any cities and their suburbs perhaps the following figures will make you wonder still more. As a rule I find statistics rather dull but certain parts of the studies made by the Brookings Institution under the Falk Foundation strike me as most interesting:

"Nearly 6 million families, or more than 21 per cent of the total, had incomes less than \$1000.

"About 12 million families, or more than 42 per cent, had incomes less than \$1500.

"Nearly 20 million families, or 71 per cent, had incomes less than \$2500.

"Only a little more than 2 million families, or 8 per cent, had incomes in excess of \$5000.

"About 600,000 families, or 2.3 per cent, had incomes in excess of \$10,000."

The digest of the studies is full of equally interesting information and is entitled "America's Capacity to Consume," but the statements quoted above leave me still guessing how so many extremely high priced apartments are rented on Riverside Drive in New York and gorgeous homes keep going. A drive out North Charles Street from Baltimore to Towson is one example. Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania is another. More power to those who can do it.

Extra good movies in Chestertown this week. "Roberta" will undoubtedly repeat the full houses that "The Little Colonel" brought out. While not being able to attend matinees, myself, I would if I could, and the occasional afternoon shows that the New Lyceum puts on certainly make a strong appeal if crowds are a good barometer.

Jobs are a little more plentiful for which the Re-employment Office is thankful. Good farm help, white and colored is in demand and the same lack of good middle-aged white houseworkers is still giving the N. R. Service a lot of difficulty. Wages offered are not very high, to be sure, but it does, in most cases, mean a good home and some money besides.

One good fish story deserves another, but they seldom get better—only bigger.

It takes more than a loud hat to keep some people's brain awake.

Some men employ efficiency experts to straighten out their affairs, when any of their neighbors could qualify.

Expecting the road to success to be paved with gold is the reason most of us generally land on a detour.

Heroes are born, not made, it is said, but when a man walks the floor all night with his young hopeful, he is inclined to doubt it.

prices. Salaries and wages for the general run of city dwellers have not increased in anything like that ratio, many not at all.

If Government would turn its attention to the cost of distribution of food products the cost of living might not rise so fast.

### ENCOURAGEMENT

I think the most encouraging news of the past fortnight has been the announcement that two great corporations, Swift & Company and the Pacific Gas & Electric Company, are about to offer to investors more than \$100,000,000 of new securities, to provide additional capital and retire higher-cost bond issues.

This is a clear sign that some, at least, of the big industrialists have got over some of their fear of the future. If these new issues are readily sold, it will indicate that capital is beginning to come out of hiding. If that sets in motion a general movement of capital into industry, then it will be safe to say that the backbone of the depression has been broken.

It takes more money than the Government can raise to set the wheels of industry running and keep them oiled. The money is assured of a chance of