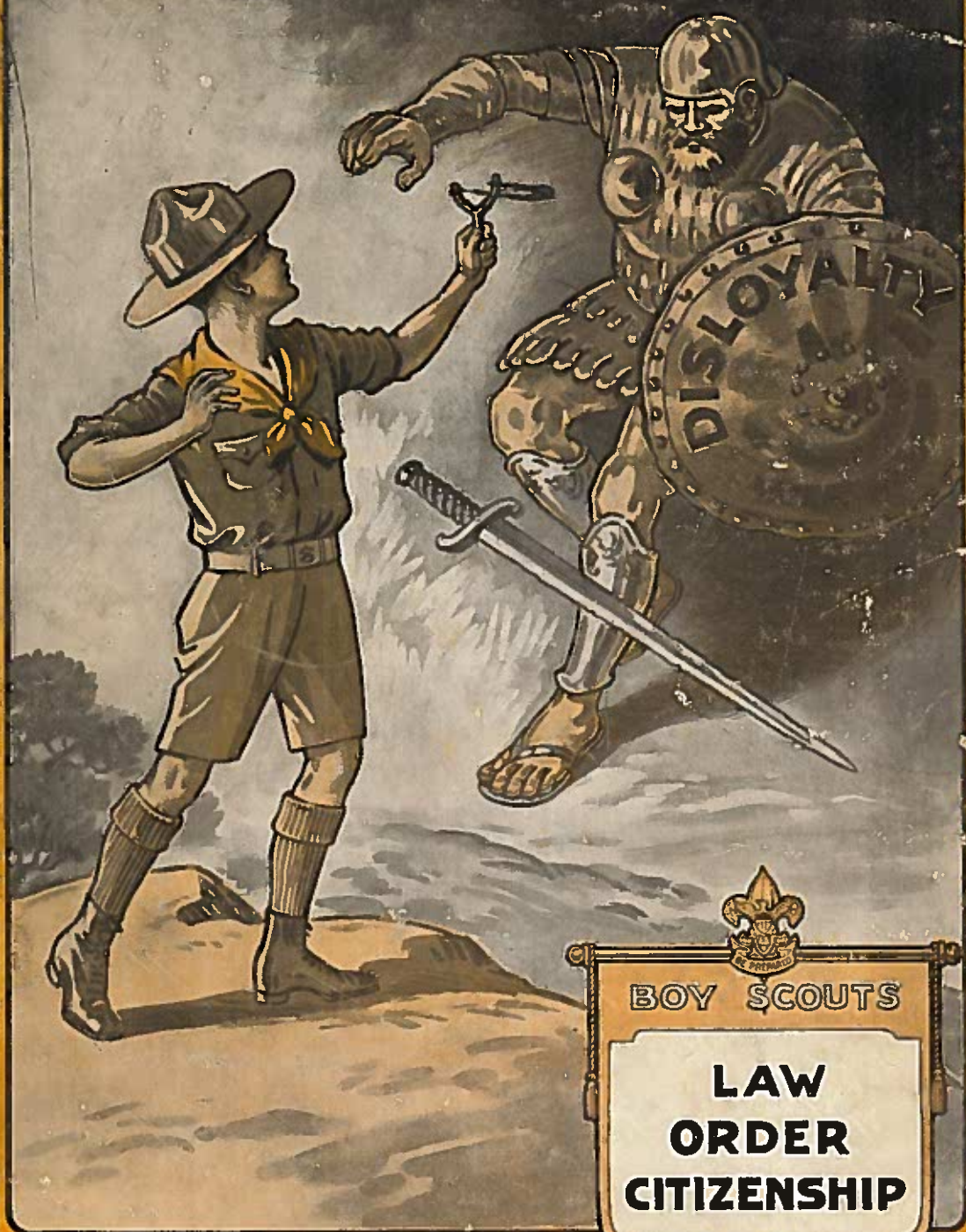


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THE EDUCATIONAL SIGNIFICANCE OF SCOUTING

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SCOUTING with its aim of supplementing existing educational agencies and promoting the ability of individuals to do things for themselves and for others, lays emphasis on the actual performance of worth-while activities rather than on simply studying or thinking about them. The Scout's interests are attracted to a real world where things of vital importance are happening. By the methods of this movement there comes to exist in the Scout an increasing ability for the Scout to do his duty to God and his country, to help other people at all times and to keep himself physically strong, mentally awake and morally straight. This is the aim of Scouting. The program of Scout activities is so attractive that on a voluntary basis it is effective. It is such a significant educational opportunity that it cannot be neglected by those who will give of themselves to train American boys. There's great fun in Scout work for both the Scoutmaster and Scouts, and the real

satisfaction to the Scoutmaster, to the Troop Committeeman, the Scout official or the member of the Council is that he is doing a helpful, buoyant piece of work that will live.

To render service of this kind is one real way to happiness.



THE WATER FRONT AT TREASURE ISLAND

P R O L O G U E

BOYS MAY DO A REAL MAN'S JOB SOMETIME;
LET THEM DO A REAL BOY'S JOB ALL THE TIME

"He who knows the most, he who knows what sweets and virtues are in the ground, the waters, the plants, the heavens and how to come at these enchantments, is the rich and royal man."

EMERSON should have added: "and the fine and manly boy." For Scouting has taught us—perhaps more than anything else of the many things it has taught us—how fine a part the love of out of doors can play in the development of the growing boy.

It has been a big thing to have had the Scouts participating in the public work that the war engendered, selling bonds and war stamps, acting as messengers, delivering printed matter, marching in patriotic parades and the like. But the war is over—Glory be!—and even the finest lad can be spoiled by being made to believe that he has a man's destiny to fulfill just now.



In 1918—"Man-Size" Job—War Service Well Rendered.—How the Boy Scouts Helped the Red Cross

There's "many a lesson that you never learn at school," many a sermon in the running brooks. There are real lessons of self-control, of leadership, of community purpose; yes! of citizenship, in the everyday affairs of a Scout Troop. The Scout Manual is a wonderful volume of play, but underneath every page is an ethical precept—sugar-coated, to be sure, because your red-blooded boy does not like to have ethical principles rammed down his throat raw.

When the next emergency comes, the Scouts will be there—on the run!

In the meantime, let us leave them out of our parades, and our countless drives for funds, and all those grown-up things. Let us leave them play.

And so it has been wisely concluded both by the National Scout authorities and by those who have the Philadelphia field in charge, to go "Back to Scouting," which principally means, "Back to Nature."

There's a limitless storehouse of training and upbuilding for the growing boy in hiking, campcraft, woodsmanship, bird study, plant life, the lore of the stars.



In 1920—Boys' Play That Makes the Man. The Joy of the Out-of-Doors at Devil's Tea Table.

TREASURE ISLAND

THE CAMP OF NINETEEN - NINETEEN

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"YO HO, HO, and a bundle of fresh air, good food, comradeship and sport," says the lad, who is returning from a two weeks' trip to that summer paradise of the Philadelphia Scouts—Treasure Island. With the opening of camp on June 28th the fun started.

But let us turn back to the spring of the year, when the Council members were debating the problem of our future camp site. It was then that a friend of the movement performed a real and lasting good turn for the boys of this city, for, after having observed our real camping needs, he purchased Treasure Island, on which our lease had expired, and then most generously gave it to the Philadelphia Scouts. His name and deed will certainly mark him as a friend of the boys in the minds of all who have visited the largest Council camp in the country.

Just one week prior to the opening of the camp last summer, a party of sixty Scout leaders, many of whom were "Rookies," encamped on the island, with a view toward getting acquainted with it before bringing their troops. Then came the regulars. "What's new?" the veteran camper asks as he lands. He saw for himself; the new hospital building, with its tank for running water supply, new boats built by the Sea Scouts, the enlarged Quartermaster's build-



THE ENCHANTING ISLE

Picture if you will the hundreds of Philadelphia boys who each week during the summer months navigate this stream and land in the wooded island yonder.

ing for storing tents and the extension to the kitchen, as well as its new range. During the season the troops encamped on the island added several improvements, among which were the new signal tower, the new pulpit and addition to the chapel, the extension of the island railroad, the display signs on the banks of the island, and, of course, the Nature Den, with all of its inhabitants, snakes, turtles, mice, frogs, lizards, beetles and toads.

The next question asked is, "How is the grub?" That could be answered by pointing to the crowd of Sunday visitors, who willingly waited until after the regular mess was over just to be able to eat one of those Treasure Island dinners.

"Do you ever have any cases of homesickness," parents often ask. The answer is, "Very rarely, for the boys do not have time to get homesick."

Early in the day, after morning mess is over, they arrange their tents, clean up for inspection and then report for duty in one of the bureaus of the City Government.

Following this half hour of



CONSULTING THE DAILY BULLETINS IN "NATURE DEN,"

camp service the Scout finds opportunities awaiting him in instruction and test-passing at the training camp. Seven hundred and eight merit badges were earned in this way last season and seventy-five boys became First-class Scouts.

Then, all in for the morning swim! What a sight to see three hundred in the water, some around the raft, the beginners learning in shallow water, and all under the ever-watchful eye of the supervisor and his assistants in the boats. Twice each day, hot or cold, you will find a crowd ready for the plunge when the whistle is blown.

The Log Book, a record of events kept by the City Recorder, reminds you of the Indians' victory over the Scouts, the Snipe Hunt, the canoe trips to Easton, Treasure hunts, the Town Fair, the Circus, Athletic meets, Aquatic meets, Boat-



A CORNER OF THE NEW HOSPITAL, TREASURE ISLAND

ing, Camp fires, Night games, Hikes, Ceremonials, Elections, and a host of other activities.

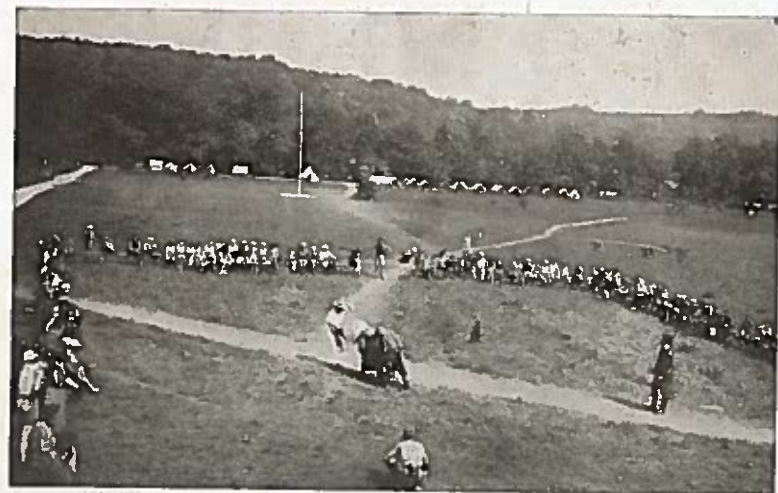
The camp was honored by visits from the donor, Mr. Edward Bok, Council members and Scout Executives from Alabama, Wisconsin and other Scout centers. A few days before the

close of the season, Captain and Madam Lambeke, head of the Boy Scouts of Denmark, inspected the camp and were greatly pleased with it.

The problem of the future will be to provide facilities to care for all who desire to come to camp. During last year's season of nine weeks, 1332 different boys and leaders camped on the island for a total of 2355 individual weeks.

Who wouldn't like to be a boy again, if he could go to Treasure Island. Probably you would like to join them as they sing the last stanza of their camp song:

*Linger yet around the fire,
Catch its last bright glow.
Let us learn its ready message
Just before we go;
Let the warmth of Scout and brother
Dwell in rank and file,
Still abiding when we leave thee,
Dear Old Treasure Isle.*



Exciting Moment in "Ye Old Towne Fair," Treasure Island, 1919



1. The popular sliding board.
2. Burying the "Camp Spirit" at the close of the season.
3. A pie eating contest at "Ye Towne Fair."
4. "Two Little Savages" from the Camp Circus.

CITIZENSHIP TRAINING IN THE CITY OF TREASURE ISLAND

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ACTIVITIES HEADQUARTERS, TREASURE ISLAND, 1919

WITH the beginning of every week there begins a new administration of civic affairs in the City of Treasure Island. Saturday is moving day. Troops whose stay is at an end are leaving, and others are coming to take the places which they have vacated.

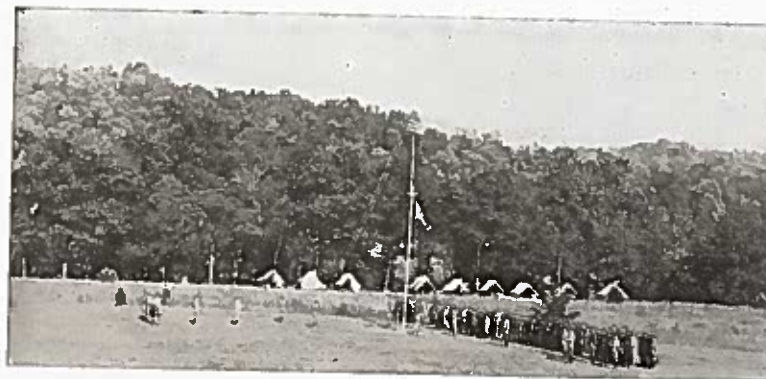
On Saturday night there is a general election in the Mess Hall, in which every Scout citizen of the Island has the right to vote, and at which there are chosen from the body of Scouts on the Island a Mayor, a Judge and a Town Clerk, who hold office for the ensuing week. The Mayor having been elected, remains up after taps on Saturday night to determine on, and make, his appointments of heads of departments.

At morning colors on Sunday there is made a public announcement of the names of those who will constitute the Cabinet of the Mayor during the week, and share with him the responsibilities of leadership for a just and capable administration.

At evening colors on Sunday some member of the Staff of the Island, selected for the purpose, conducts an inauguration ceremony, administering an oath of office to the Judge, who in turn administers the oath to the Mayor and the Town Clerk. The Mayor then proceeds to swear in those who have been chosen as the members of his Cabinet. The Staff Officer in charge decorates each of the elected and appointed officials with the badge of his office, and then addresses the whole Scout body upon the civic opportunities and responsibilities of the whole body of citizens, as they are to be guided and directed by those who have been properly selected to administer affairs as their representatives.

Each Cabinet Officer, when appointed, selects from the Troop with which he is connected the requisite number of Scouts to administer under his direction the affairs of his department. Some of these departments begin functioning immediately, but it is on Monday morning, and at fatigue call, and at the same hour on each succeeding day of the week, that all are found actively at work.

The Department of Wharves, Docks and Ferries, in cleaning up the boats, canoes and other aquatic equipment of the Island, is favored, in that those who do its work have one more swim every day than those of their less favored brethren who constitute the rest of the citizen body of the Island.



"RETREAT"—JUST AS THE SUN SETS ON TREASURE ISLAND

A striking contrast is presented in the work of the Department of Health and Sanitation, which is busily, if not so pleasantly, engaged in removing all possible sources of interference with the general good health of those who for the time being are making the Island their home.

The Department of Transportation can be seen on any morning shortly after fatigue call removing from the dock on the Jersey Shore of the Island, to the Mess Hall and elsewhere on the Island the food and other supplies necessary to feed, house, instruct and entertain a boy population varying from two hundred to possibly four hundred in number.

Those who are at work under the direction of the Department of Streets and Highways keep the streets clean, dig drainage ditches, fill in holes which constitute an obstruction to travel; and where necessary employ their time in making new streets, which serve to give an additional civic dignity to the Island.

The Fire Department is always engaged at fatigue call either in a fire drill, which is merely formal in its character, putting out an imaginary fire, or one of a more useful sort, which is flooding the floor of the Mess Hall with water for use in the Commissary Department for cleaning purposes.

The Quartermaster's Department is replacing broken ropes, repairing tents, and reclaiming stakes, hoes, rakes, shovels and other portions of the Island equipment that have been in use here and there over the Island.

At the same time all of the other departments of the well-organized civic government are likewise at work, and the Scouts who have no specific work assigned to them constitute a Department of Public Welfare, with its City Beautiful Squad, whose duty it is to perform whatever tasks the day provides, for which no other provision is made, to make the Island a thorough homelike, modern, and well-administered municipal enterprise.

At Officers' call, the Mayor and his Cabinet assemble for the purpose of making and hearing reports upon the work which has been done in the preceding morning, and for a conference in regard to plans looking to the betterment of civic conditions on the Island.

The Town Clerk all the while is keeping a record of happenings of interest from day to day in the administration of the affairs of the Island, which record he reads at Camp Fire on Friday night.

Those who are accused, as sometimes happens, of violations of express or implied regulations necessary for the maintenance of good order on the Island, are taken into custody by the

Chief of Police, and given a trial at a time appointed, before the Judge, who is duly elected to preside on such occasions.

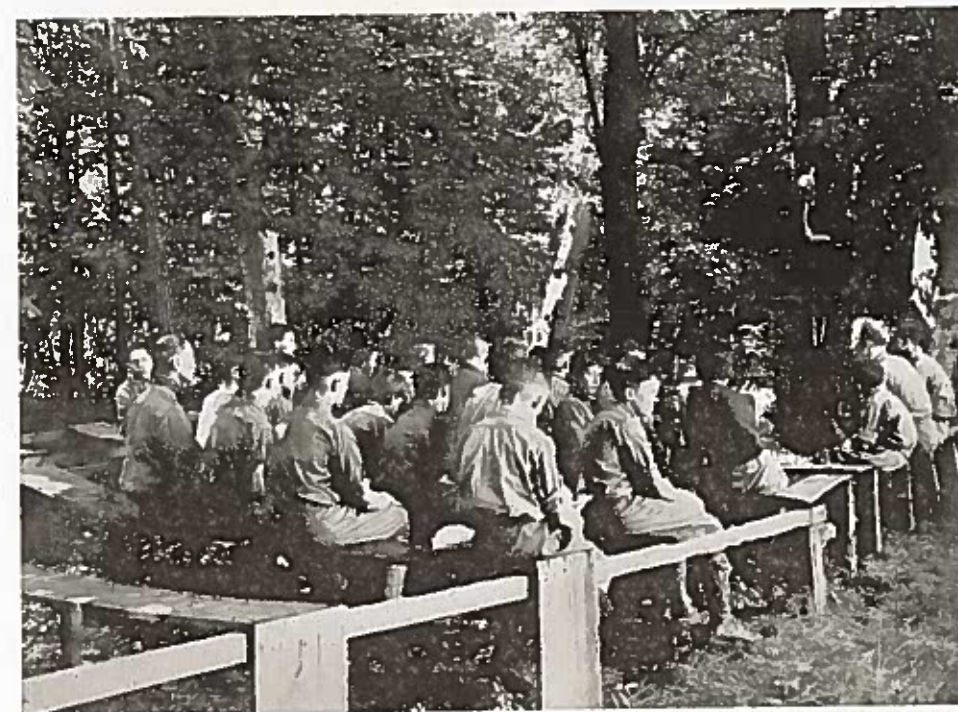
It is thus that the Boy Scout, whose home for the time being is on the Island, learns to rule and be ruled, has inculcated habits which make for industry and civic good order, learns something, as it is hoped, of practical politics of the better sort, and has his vision broadened along the lines of what is involved in the administration of the affairs of a well-ordered municipal government.



NATURE STUDY AT TREASURE ISLAND



STORY HOUR AT "ACTIVITIES CABIN"



THE CHAPEL IN THE WOODS

HELPING THE NEW TROOP AND ITS LEADER

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IT IS THE FUNCTION of the Extension Department to foster and encourage the new troops, and to this end the department invites Scoutmasters to call on it and make known the needs of their units.

We take the boy at an age when he must be trying out his new found strength on anything with which he comes in contact, whether it be his fellows or the furniture in the troop meeting place. A kindly word, "on the quiet," or a stern look will almost always bring the unruly boy to a realization of the fact that "there is a time and a place for everything," and this is the time for business. Furnish the boys with Lefax Forms on Knots (procurable at Scout Headquarters) and a piece of rope, and in a surprisingly short time they will have mastered one, two, three, seven, eight, nine different knots. They then begin to feel that they have done something worth while; they are proud of the progress they have made and are anxious to take up the next requirement of the Tenderfoot Class, but here let us say, we must not cover the ground too quickly, it's time for a good Scout game. These also are provided in Lefax Form.

There are in each district a staff of experts and specialists in all the various branches of Scouting. These men will very kindly give their services to new troops and they may be reached through the Field Executive of the district. After the game, an interesting and instructive talk by one of these men, or occasionally meeting with the boys' parents addressed by one of the lecturers from Headquarters, who will give a beautifully illustrated lecture on one of the many subjects relating to Scouting are in order. For this, the Headquarters Lecture Bureau is fully equipped and awaits only your invitation.

Our Activities Department is "up to the minute," and will be glad to help you make your plans for indoor or outdoor activities.

There is in each district a Round Table, composed of all commissioned officials of the district, whose function it is to promote friendly intercourse and co-operation among Scoutmasters and Assistants of the district, and this, if attended regularly, will no doubt enlighten the new Scoutmaster to such an extent that he will soon be able to grapple with any and all problems that may arise.



"EATS!"—ON THE FIRST HIKE

THE WIMACHTENDIENK

FOUNDED five years ago, in the Scouts' summer paradise. Treasure Island, as an honor fraternity to which might be elected those Scouts who had contributed most to the welfare of their troop or the camp during their sojourn on the Island, the Wimachtendienk now numbers some 250 members. The Order has done much to crystalize those high ideals of Scouting, particularly as they are manifested in the fellowship of camp life, and to perpetuate them among older and graduate members of the Scout body. Best testimony of this perhaps is found in the fact that several other large Council camps throughout the country are adopting the plan.

The name is *not* in any sense of German derivation, but traces its origin back to the real Americans who one day occupied the soil. The membership of the body now includes a splendid list of those worthy Scouts and true, who have been designated by their fellows for this particular honor. Their names, engraved on the totem poles on Treasure Island serve as a constant incentive to those Scouts who follow after them to likewise measure up to that which is noblest and best. *The spirit of the camp* is in the custody of the Order, and this heritage passed on from season to season is indeed a sacred trust.



CEREMONIAL COUNCIL FIRE AT TREASURE ISLAND