

A SCOUT IS REVERENT!

An Editorial



The tragic increase in juvenile delinquency has become a national problem of the utmost importance — and a solution is beset on every hand with complexities and difficulties.

This fact alone gives high significance to "Boy Scout Week", which is to be observed during the period of February 6-12. The theme of this week is "Scouting Rounds You Out".

A head of the national scouting organization says, "The Boy Scouts of America for 56 years has enjoyed success and public acclaim for its part in the training of American youth in character values, citizenship, skills and attitudes, as well as physical fitness. Over these years we have grown and flourished because each of us involved has had a deep conviction of the worth of Scouting to boys and to America because we resolved to act upon our convictions."

All manner of activities will mark this Week. Churches of every denomination will develop the theme in their service. Newspapers, radio and TV will give this week the notice it so richly deserves. Schools and civic groups will participate. Patriotic organizations will play their important part. The goal is to bring home to everyone the American principle and ideals which are eternal and which the Scouts are pledged to sustain.

Beyond these — the hope is that the publicity and notice created will encourage more and more boys to join their local Boy Scout Organization, and additionally will lead their elders to do whatever they can to advance the work and the ideals that Scouting stands for. Hardly does a Boy Scout become delinquent!

Here locally, "Boy Scout Week" will have an auspicious finale when the twelfth point of the Scout Law will be observed as the Scouts attend their respective Churches in a group on February 12th "Scout Sunday."

This 12th point of the Scout Law, "A Scout is Reverent," recognizes the place in religion in one's life. A part of Scouting is to live a worthy, religious life.

Let's also give a great deal of credit to the grown-ups — both men and women that donate their time and energy for this worth while cause.

In all of our years association with the Scout Program we firmly believe that it is a wonderful program and deserves the support of everyone that has any spare time or spare money that can be devoted to it.

With the high ideals and practices in the Scout Program, it is one of the biggest single factors that successfully helps combat Juvenile Delinquency!

Let's do everything we can to make the Scout Program a big success here in Andover!



50 YEARS AGO

Feb. 2, 1917

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Rev. Arthur Stewart Wahl of Betteville, Pa., has accepted a call to the First Baptist Church of Andover to become their pastor.

Mrs. Elizabeth Phillips, 79, one of Andover's eldest residents, died at her home on Hill Street Wednesday, January 31st, after a long illness. Interment was in Hillside Cemetery.

A large company of friends and relatives gathered at the home of R. A. Clarke of Independence Monday to help him celebrate his birthday.

Mrs. Frank Dean is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Shine of Wellsville this week.

Oliver Baker went to Driftwood, Pa., Thursday for a week's visit with relatives.

Mrs. T. K. Regan was in Salamanca the first of the week guest of her brother, P. J. Dougherty.

Atty and Mrs. Jesse Phillips of Hornell were called to Andover this week by the death of his mother.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Deming were called to Friendship this week on account of the serious condition of his brother, Dr. C. C. Deming.

Will Baker of Belvidere is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Newell Baker and assisting his brother in building a new barn on the home farm.

Mrs. Armstrong of Hornell was a week end guest of Miss Ret. Stearns.

David P. Corwin had the misfortune to fall on the ice and broke his hip Monday while visiting at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Geo. McAndrew.

40 YEARS AGO

Feb. 4, 1927

J. H. Backus & Son, Publishers. Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Snyder and family, of a son, born Tuesday, February 1st.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Cronk are the parents of a son, born Tuesday, February 1st.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward D. Han are the parents of a son, born last week.

Mrs. Maude Clarke of Independence is visiting her daughter Mrs. Vincent Axford at Knoxville, Tenn.

About thirty five relatives and friends gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Clarke of Independence Saturday evening to help them celebrate their 20th wedding anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Clair Updyke are the parents of a daughter, born Saturday January 29th.

Miss Gertrude Beebe was home from Genesee Normal over the week end.

Richard Harder came down from Rochester to pass the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Harder.

Earl Bullard has moved his family to Belmont where he will be employed in the machine shop at Laidlaw, Inc.

Mrs. A. C. McPetridge is in Buffalo this week visiting at the home of her mother, Mrs. Olmstead.

Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Rogers and family attended the funeral of S. S. White in Whitesville last Thursday.

Miss Laura Slocum spent the week-end guest of her aunt, Mrs. Frances Pollard of Belmont.

30 YEARS AGO

Jan. 29, 1937

J. H. Backus & Son, Publishers. Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Scott of Cuba passed Thursday and Friday at the home of his mother, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ingraham.

Mrs. C. L. Jones passed Friday afternoon and night at the home of her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Pebbles in Hornell.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Griswold and family of Hornell passed Friday with her mother, Mrs. P. J. Dougherty.

Miss Roberta Church of the Bath Collegiate Center passed the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Church.

Mrs. Margaret Cable and sons

Albany Insight

by Johannes Loursen



HEALTH AND MEDICAID

Perhaps the most controversial bill last year was the establishing medical assistance for needy persons (Medicaid). It ran into very strong opposition, particularly upstate, on grounds of the high cost of the program. At least one Democratic legislator, Senator Bertrand Hoak, of Buffalo, ascribed his defeat in the June primary directly to voter dissatisfaction with Medicaid. After the primary, several modifying amendments passed the Legislature and were signed into law.

This session there seems to be little drive to reverse the Medicaid program which many sceptics see as basically sound if it could be modified somewhat and its cost controlled. One amendment enacted last July introduced a one per cent deductible, requiring eligible persons to pay medical bills up to 1 per cent of their annual gross income before using Medicaid. This year there are proposals to raise this to 2 per cent, but on the other hand, there are also suggestions that the deductible feature be abolished, partly because of administrative difficulties.

WHAT CONGRESS DOES

The Medicaid program depends on interaction with Congress. There are proposals in Congress which cast a shadow over the system, and Governor Nelson Rockefeller, in his message to the Legislature January 4th took occasion to ask for support and co-operation in resisting any discriminatory limitations so that New York may continue to receive its fair share of Federal aid under this program.

There is considerable feeling in Albany that Congressional critics do not quite understand New York's situation and that the State has had a medical indigency program since 1929. This year before Medicaid, any family of four with a net income of \$5,500 was entitled to complete hospitalization for free, with the State paying 50% of the cost and the locality the other 50%.

COMPULSORY INSURANCE

The most far-reaching proposal being aired in Albany is one that would institute compulsory health insurance. It is being considered in the departments concerned and the Chairman of the Joint Legislative Committee on Health and Medicaid, Senator Norman Lent expects to introduce a bill dealing with this mammoth question shortly.

Senator Lent thinks that the idea will be well received in most quarters. It will supersede Medicaid for those who come under the new program. On the other hand they already have the 1 per cent deductible to contend with, and the State would be required to contribute to the new program.

OTHER MEASURES

Several other bills in the important health field are up for consideration.

Francis and Elbert of Kenmore visited relatives and friends in town from Friday until Sunday.

Miss Eva Rennells of Tip Top has resumed her studies at the Commercial Business School in Hornell.

Miss Mary O'Boyle, who is teaching in Medina, N. Y., was a week-end guest of her mother, Mrs. Mary O'Boyle.

Mr. and Mrs. Darwin Sutherland and family of Richburg, James Nobles and daughters, Marion and Vergiline of Hornell spent the week-end at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Nobles in Shovel Hollow.

Several of the West Greenwood residents have been plowing the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy VanSchaick and son of Voorhees Hill, passed Sunday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Hawks.

consideration. Action to relieve the serious shortage of nurses is high on the priority list. There can also be expected new action in the narcotics field. A bill that would prevent the sale of narcotic cough syrups without a prescription is co-sponsored by Republican Senator Lent and the Assembly's Democratic majority leader Moses Weinstein and should therefore have good prospects.

Democratic Assemblyman Albert Blumenthal, who heads the Assembly's Committee on Health, has introduced a bill to liberalize the State's abortion laws. It is introduced in the Senate by Republican Clinton Dominick III. However, it has determined Catholic opposition and Senate majority leader Earl Grydges has expressed strong reservations. Only limited modifications of the existing law are thought to be feasible this year.

LOTTERY PLANS PROGRESS

Things have moved fast in the lottery field since last week's column was written. Most significant development was an indication that top Republican leaders Governor Rockefeller and Senator Grydges are taking exception to the idea of a lottery based on harness racing. They would favor a straight drawing, but than have the problem of getting around paying a 10 per cent Federal tax. Four events a year and two-dollar tickets seem to be the choice.

New Resources Offered For Rural Poverty War

Additional and much needed resources for hard-pressed, low income New York rural people desiring to improve their farm income or start small businesses will be provided through an amendment to Title III of the Economic Act recently signed by President John F. Kennedy.

This fact was pointed out recently by Bartley L. Beach, Farmers Home Administration director for New York State with offices at the Midtown Plaza, Syracuse, N. Y.

"This important Economic Opportunity Act amendment increases from \$2,500 to \$3,500 the maximum war on-poverty loans that the USDA Farmers Home Administration can make to individual New York farmers or other rural residents," Director Beach said.

This amendment also authorizes additional credit to borrowers as long as their outstanding indebtedness for an economic opportunity loan does not exceed \$35,000.

"The new economic opportunity loan provisions will more adequately cover the financing of needed land, working quarters and equipment needed to establish many New York State economic opportunity individual enterprises on a sound basis," Director Beach explained. "Another important point is that the program can now supplement original loans with necessary capital for improvements or expansion."

Since this Office of Economic Opportunity Loan program started in January, 1965, the Farmers Home Administration has extended \$362,506 in credit to some 538 New York State families and \$52 million in loans to over 30,000 families throughout the United States, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.

Economic opportunity borrowers throughout the nation are operating more than 400 different kinds of nonagricultural enterprises — addition to farming — as a result of credit extended through this program. New York State loans average \$2,500.

Allegany and Steuben County residents may make application for these loans at the Farmers Home Administration office located in the Post Office Building, Wellsville, New York.

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