

SCOUTS OBSERVE 23RD BIRTHDAY

Nearly 200 Boy Scouts and their parents, together with scout leaders and executives of the Birmingham district, attended a dramatic service in Christ Church Cathedral Sunday in commemoration of the 23rd anniversary of the organization of the Boy Scouts of America.

The speaker was Rev. W. Hamilton Adair, assistant rector of the church, who talked on "Choices," emphasizing the importance which the selection of the right or wrong kind of friends, actions, books, food and work has on the individual who is forced to choose from two or more alternatives almost every moment of his life.

"Twenty years hence," he told his listeners, "I will be able to tell from your character, your bearing, your habits, whether your choices have been good or bad."

The service was concluded by the marching of the Boy Scouts to the sanctuary of the church where they repeated the scout oath, and then filed out of the church to the singing of the congregation.

ANNUAL COMMUNITY HOUSE REPORTS

(The second installment of portions of the annual reports of officers and committees of the Community House are printed below. Others will be published in early editions of The Eccentric.)

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

There have been staff changes in the last year which have complicated the program, while at the same time lowering operating costs.

Since Mrs. Trumbull's leaving the employment office there has been no paid person there save for a few weeks this past fall when Mrs. Vahcy was in charge. Various members of the staff have stepped in and taken over the work from time to time and volunteer workers have been most generous in giving time to the office.

Mrs. D. U. Bathrick worked more than two months last spring. Mrs. Kenneth Martin helped out in emergencies and Mrs. F. P. McKinney who is now managing the office, has been there since October 21st, and has received no re-

turning devotion and loyalty to the good of the cause.

As the story of the year just past unfolds itself in review—many changes present themselves. Last spring's maintenance campaign was planned and executed without outside paid help. A voluntary chairman and steering committee undertook the work and carried it to completion.

Changes in staff and routine were necessary to bring the budget under the amount of money raised. Benefits have been avoided so far as is possible. Our outstanding exception was the dance rental contributed by Miss Evelyn Smith and her pupils. The proceeds of this were used to support the Boy and Girl Scout activities.

The Commissary department serves meals to all groups making definite reservations—keeps the prices low and attempts to make a little money for the house. In the year just past \$3,000 has been cleared about \$900 with a record of 12,385 meals served, an average profit of 7 cents per plate.

The treasurer's report gives you the financial situation as it exists today. It is interesting to compare it with the situation of the house last February, Feb. 1, 1931. There remained \$3,000 of 1930 maintenance money to be collected. Tonight there remains only \$1,555.05 of 1931 maintenance pledges still to come in. Since the last annual meeting, \$1,284.50 has been paid in on 1928 land and building, 1929 maintenance pledges and 1930 maintenance. All of this money is used to reduce the notes still held at the local banks, which have been reduced by \$1,945.83 in this past year.

Our contracts payable—the furnishing contract held by the J. J. Hudson Company—are reduced by monthly payments out of our annual income which is the sum of the maintenance and plus rentals for the use of the house. This reduction has amounted to \$1,555.05 in the past year. Mortgage principal and interest payments have been met promptly and the credit on the house has been preserved. A total of \$6,004.38, not including interest, has been paid on all debts.

Since our anticipated income this year was several thousand dollars less than the promised income of 1930-31, our economies had to be effected. The apartment was rented this past fall, making it a source of income in place of an expense. Salaries have been cut, more work put on a full volunteer basis. Due to ill health our valued office secretary, Mrs. H. B. Euler, was forced to resign and Miss Carmine Code has been hired.

We are supplying Mr. Vaughn with the services of Mrs. Lynch, a trained social worker, who makes all his home investigations, she has created a set of case histories for his office as well as ours, and makes daily reports to his office. Mrs. Lynch has been hired on a half-time basis, the members should know that the press of work this fall since before Thanksgiving has been so great that she has worked full time and many evenings, at no additional recompense.

Our hostess is on a half time basis—Employment office and Thrift Shop have received no salaries this past year. Since last June we have had no paid janitor. Only the most pressing repairs have been made in the house. The insurance on the house was lowered this past year on account of the feeling that the replacement cost is now less than when the house was built. No new equipment has been added. We have been fortunate in needing very few replacements.

As the hostess's report shows, the daily use of the house is increased by loans and hours. As a social center for club activities it is well established. As a leader in social thought and progress it has tried to play its part in the community. The Community House belongs to the people in the village who have so generously supported it. When this difficult financial situation is behind us, there is no limit to the number of projects which can be undertaken.

HOPE F. HALGREN
Executive Director.

Food Economy at SFIRE'S

Sfire's, consistently known for the best of groceries and the best of meats at the most reasonable prices, has priced many items especially low for your week-end shopping. This large, complete market is a pleasant place to buy all your foodstuffs. There is ample parking space in the large area just to the west of the market. Use the Maple Avenue entrance!

MEATS

PORK SALE
Pork Loin . . . lb. 10c
Rib end.
Pork Tenderloin . . lb. 29c
Fresh Ham lb. 12 1/2 c
Whole or shank half.

POT ROAST
Swift's Premium Beef
13 1/2 c lb.

RIB ROAST
Swift's Premium Beef, Standing
1b. 21c
Fresh
BEEF TONGUE
1b. 19c

Swiss Cheese
DOMESTIC
29c lb.

Roasting CHICKEN
Direct from the Farm
25c lb.

LEGS-LAMB
Genuine Spring
19c lb.
Lamb Roast Shoulder . . . lb. 13c
Country Roll BUTTER
22c lb.

BACON
Genuine Canadian Back Bacon lb. 25c
Bacon, sliced lb. 19c
Bacon, pec. . lb. 14 1/2 c
SUGAR CURED.
BROOKFIELD Sausage 19c
1 lb. pkg.

Swiss Cheese
DOMESTIC
29c lb.

Store Cheese lb. 14 1/2 c
Roquefort Cheese . . lb. 49c Imported.
Philadelphia Cream Cheese 3 for 25c

FISH
A Full Selection of
FISH
Every Day!
Halibut - Smelts - Salmon - White Fish - Trout - Shrimp - Fillets - Scallops - Smoked Fish - Herrings

GROCERIES

Foods and Prices That Lighten Lenten Cooking

SKINLESS - BONELESS SARDINES
Imported
LARGE CANS 2 for 35c
SMALL CANS 2 for 25c

IMPORTED NORWEGIAN SARDINES
2 Cans 19c

WEIDEMAN BOY BRAND LOBSTER
SMALL CANS 29c
LARGE CANS 57c

Kraft Boiled Dressing . . . Pint Jar 17c
Royal Gelatin, all flavors 4 pkgs. 25c
Five Point Marmalade . . . 2 jars 29c

WEIDEMAN BOY BRAND Pure PRESERVES
2 lb., 11 oz. JAR 39c
1 lb. JAR 19c

CHRISTIANITY, TRADE COMPARED BY FORUM
Christian principles as compared to modern business ethics furnished the topic for discussion by members of the Methodist Men's Club Forum in the Community House Sunday morning.

How the two entities as well as how they diverge was pointed out in talks by Rev. R. M. Atkins, Joseph C. Hudson, 161 Pierce street, and Melvin C. Hart, Baldwin High School principal.

"The Disarmament Practical as a National Policy" will be the subject for discussion next Sunday.

HOT-HOUSE RHUBARB
2 lbs. 29c

Florida Grapefruit 5 for 19c
Temple Oranges Doz. 29c
Fresh Green Beans 2 lbs. 29c

A Little Chat About Your Health

ROOSEVELT ON HEALTH

MR. ROOSEVELT said, "There is no kind of an achievement equal to perfect health."

He knew whereof he spoke for perhaps his greatest achievement was that of acquiring health. As a boy he was weak and ailing and the robust health which characterized his later years was the result of a plan carefully laid and courageously followed.

Every one should have a health plan and nearly every one can enjoy good health simply by following certain rules and natural laws known to every physician.

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