

AMONG THE BOY SCOUTS

RURAL SCOUTING

By HORACIO OCHANGCO *

Boys of the country must be good citizens just as well as boys of the town. Boys of the country need guidance, fun, character, self-reliance, caution, strong bodies, and willing hands and hearts as much as those of the city. Well, Scouting is for the country or rural boy just as much as for the town boy. Its program fits the needs of the country boy to the highest degree. Boys are boys. They need companionship and steering.

A lone country boy can have this through the Lone Scout plan, by which he chooses some man in his neighborhood as his Counselor and then he begins his romp into the field of Scouting.

Every Lone Scout is asked to select as much as possible one of the most outstanding and finest men to be his "Friend and Counselor." It is because we want him to get help from this man, first in passing



his tests, such as Tenderfoot, Second and First Class, and to sign his papers for the application for Merit Badge Examination, and also to have the help of this man to set up a community committee of three men to be in charge of the work of Merit Badge requirements.

The farm boy does not need an outing, but he does need to have his eyes opened to the advantages which he has as a resident of the farm.

He needs to see that in working with soil, plant, and animal he is co-operating with the forces of Nature and that such a combination is what resulted in the marvelous products developed by Burbank or the mighty inventions of Edison.

First Aid to man and beast in a section where medical or surgical help is scarce should be an appealing field to any live, wide-awake farm boy.

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THE SCOUT OATH

By RICARDO DE LA CRUZ *

"On my honor, I will do my best:—

1. To do my duty to God and my Country and to obey the Scout Law;
2. To help other people at all times;
3. To keep myself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight."

Above is the Scout Oath, one of the main foundations of the Scouting Movement. Before any boy can be registered as a Scout, he has to take this Oath,—and he promises to live true to it throughout his life.

In the Scout Oath the three important duties of a Boy Scout are clearly outlined namely; his duty to God and to his country, his duty to others, and his duty to himself. This embraces all that there is for a man to do,—if he is to be *what a real man ought to be*.

When a boy is being initiated into the greatest man-boy organization in the world, he makes the Scout Sign and then recites this Oath. But he does not merely *recite* it. He repeats it slowly, letting each word sink into his heart, there to remain forever.

And when on certain occasions, he is tempted to do wrong, he cannot help but pause and ask himself: "Am I living true to my Oath?"

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The farm boy probably has little leisure time, but Scouting can tell him to save time in doing the farm work which he has to do.

The Merit Badge Work covers all kinds of farm crops and activities, from raising chickens to landscape gardening, barn-building, dairying, and innumerable other subjects.

Rural Scouting plans for Lone Scouts getting together for organization of Tribes, Farm Patrols and even for Rural Troops. It covers every need. So to you, Mothers and Fathers of the farm or rural sections—if you are interested in good citizenship and in your own boy,—give him a chance to be a

Emilio Jacinto

(His birthday comes on Dec. 15)

Music by Prof. Nicanor Abelardo.
Words by Mr. Francisco Carballo.

1. "Awake, O men, and heed the cry!"
The clarion pealed when dawn was nigh,
And men did come with brawn and might
To fight and die for country's right.

"Advance, O men, for here am I!"
A youthful man made firm reply,
With sword and pen he joined the fray
And warriors' hearts his words did sway.

CHORUS

We hail you, soldier brave of everlasting fame,
Your soul gives brighter glow to Freedom's
glorious flame,
Undying praise be yours, O immortal hero,
KATIPUNAN BRAIN, EMILIO JACINTO!

2. "Awake, O men, and heed the cry!"
The clarion pealed when dawn was nigh:
Jacinto wrote sweet praises grand
And sterling love for native land.

"Advance, O men, for here am I!"
A youthful man made firm reply,
Who fought and died to make men free
And ours the land of LIBERTY.

CHORUS

We hail you, etc.,

Lone Scout. To Boy Scouts who may be reading this,—be proud of your being a Boy Scout, and make the Boy Scout Movement proud of you!

(Note: The Philippine Council, B. S. A. has been found to have the largest Lone Scout membership in the world.)

MONTHLY ROLL OF HONOR

Beginning this issue, we are going to publish a monthly Roll of Honor. The troops getting the most number of points based on Scout advancement will be placed in the Roll.

The latest results are as follows:

Troops 113 and 139	69 points
Troop 265	64 "
Troop 63	49 "

Come on, Scouts! Get your troop in the Roll!

COMMONWEALTH ANNIVERSARY HYMN

Mabuhay, Filipinas, hail!
To thee we homage pay,
In triumph gay our voices ring
On this thy glorious day.
For freedom's cause thy heroes bled
With faith that n'er shall die,
In peace we've won another goal—
Redemption day is nigh.
To those who fought for thy dear sake
And suffered pains untold,
Our praises peal in grateful song,
Their deeds are writ in gold.
Their spirits live and spur us on
To strive with burning zeal
For liberty and country's flag,
For law and common weal.
All praise be Thine Bathala Great,
To Thee we bow in pray'r:
We thank Thee for sweet blessings shed
On Filipinas fair:
Inspire us with a stronger faith,
Unswerving loyalty,
And guide our nation's onward way,
Preserve our Liberty.

—Francisco Carballo
Formerly Principal, City Schools

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