

# BOY SCOUTS CLEAN THEIR OWN LITTER

Two Thousand Youngsters,  
After Rally, Leave Park Meadows as They Found Them.

## FIVETHOUSAND SPECTATORS

Cablegrams Exchanged with Queens  
Rally of 10,000 Boy Scouts  
in London.

The boys who took part in the third annual rally of the New York Council of Boy Scouts of America in Central Park yesterday set a fine example of how to keep a park clean.

As is their custom when they use a public place for meeting or drilling, they ended their exercises by forming a line, sweeping across the meadows, and picking up every scrap of paper and trash. It took only five minutes, and when it was done the park was as clean as when they began their drill.

Nearly 2,000 youngsters, including more than 600 visiting troops from up-State, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Connecticut, were on the field, all in khaki uniform. In spirit and appearance, they resembled a diminutive army of regulars, but the Boy Scouts, who assume only such military virtues as honor, patriotism, and obedience, with their drill poles and other accessories, did a lot of things that Uncle Sam's soldiers are not required to do.

Their movements and contests were witnessed by more than 5,000 spectators, for the most part mothers, fathers, and relatives, occupying park benches on all sides of the field. Their evolutions were watched also by local and national Scout officials from a grand stand in the centre of the meadow.

The various Scout organizations were assembled a little after noon in the Seventh Regiment Armory, Park Avenue and Sixty-sixth Street, and paraded from there to the Central Park Meadow.

The 2,000 Scouts were organized in four divisions, each designated by separate colors. The first division was commanded by Deputy Scout Commissioner A. C. Charles, the second by Deputy Scout Commissioner Pirie McDonald of Norwalk, Conn.; the third by Deputy Scout Commissioner Jules Dierckx, and the fourth by Deputy Scout Commissioner A. T. Newman. They completely surrounded the reviewing stand, and then formed about it in a huge square, each division making a side. They were in that position when the chief trumpeter in the stand sounded "First Call" and brought the scores of Scoutmasters from their troops to the grand stand, where they received instructions for the afternoon's events from Scout Commissioner Lorillard Spencer.

In the grand stand with Commissioner Spencer were Colin H. Livingstone, Vice President of the American National Bank of Washington, D. C., President of the National Council of Boy Scouts; James E. West, Chief Scout Executive; Samuel A. Mofatt, National Field Scout Commissioner; Frederick M. Cooke, Jr., Secretary of the Committee on Scout Equipment; F. W. Atkin, Scout Commissioner of Dayton, Ohio; Dr. Frits Holm, Major in the Danish Army, and Special Field Scout Commissioner Capt. Watson, U. S. A.; Father Francis X. Sullivan, Spiritual Adviser of the Catholic Boy Scouts in America, by appointment of the Pope; Park Commissioner Cabot Ward, and Dr. Charles G. Pease, President of the Anti-Smokers' League of America. Dr. Pease kept the field clear of smokers.

While the Scouts were executing their drills, a messenger boy ran to the grand stand and presented to the National President, Mr. Livingstone, this message:

London, June 13, 1914.

Boy Scouts of America, 200 Fifth Avenue,  
New York:

Queen Alexandra's rally of 10,000 Boy Scouts sends greetings to their American brothers.

Straightway President Livingstone sent this reply:

New York, June 13, 1914.

Lieut. Gen. Sir Robert Baden-Powell, London, England:

New York Scout rally in Central Park thanks English brother Scouts for greeting just received and heartily reciprocates. Hope soon to arrange for English and American rally.

While formed in the square about the grandstand the Scouts broke ranks and started the performances with which they entertained their elders until nearly dark. At a bugle call they changed to opposite sides of the field, where they began their performances all over again.

One feature in which the spectators were particularly interested was a field wireless apparatus, built and operated by Scout Troops 155 and 177, St. Mary's, Staten Island. Under command of Scoutmaster E. Elmore-Smith, the Staten Island lads ran to either side of the broad space of ground, unstrapped some little bundles, quickly ran up some tall, slender poles made of a dozen joints, from which it soon appeared that wireless antennae were supported. Other members unwrapped dry batteries, connected them with miniature sending and receiving instruments and sent wireless messages back and forth across the meadow to the great delight of the crowd.

Scout Troop 133, with headquarters at Fifty-fourth Street, between First and Second Avenues, gave a fine show of signaling with flags. This troop was commanded by Scoutmaster Fred Reinach.

How to scale ladders and carry wounded comrades was shown by Troop 78, Twenty-sixth Street, between First and Second Avenues, commanded by Scoutmaster Samuel Stewart.

One of the newest organizations was the Greek Boy Scouts, commanded by Major P. Sioris, who was an officer of the Red Coat Regiment of the Greek Army, and fought with it in the war against the Turks in 1897, in the Balkan War in 1912, and in the war against the Bulgarians in 1913. The Greek Boy Scouts already number forty-seven, though organized only a month ago, under the auspices of the Greek Orthodox Church.

Following the evolutions there were contests in wall-scaling, won by Troop 3, of Mt. Vernon; antelope race, won by Troop 4, of Albany; Paul Revere race, won by Troop 55, colored, Brooklyn, and rescue race, won by Troop 177, Staten Island. After the contests the boys made the "Scout spiral," winding in single column around the grand stand, where they stood and sang "America." Then they policed the field in five minutes, picked up every scrap of paper and trash, and left the meadow as spotless as they found it.

Services for the Catholic Boy Scouts will be held this morning at St. Patrick's Cathedral, and for the Protestant Scouts at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine. During the day they will be taken to the twenty-fifth floor of the Municipal Building, to be opened for them by special order of the Mayor, and there they will get a bird's-eye view of the city. In the afternoon they will make a trip to the Brooklyn Navy Yard.

## Capt. Greenhut to Entertain Scouts.

The Boy Scout Band of Lewiston, Penn., which was a feature of the inauguration parade in Washington, has been invited to spend a week here by Capt. J. B. Greenhut, who will pay all its members' expenses while they are seeing the city from June 14 to 21.

These young musicians of the Boy Scout army have played in a number of cities and have been praised for their ability. As an appreciation of Capt. Greenhut's generosity in providing for the trip, the boys have offered to play a series of concerts every afternoon this week in the Greenhut store from 2:30 to 4:30 P. M. Their host invites the boys and girls to visit his store and hear the band.