

“ONE HUNDRED SCOUTS”

Of any 100 boys who will become Scouts, it must be confessed that 30 will drop out in their first year. Perhaps this may be regarded as failure, but in later life all of these will remember that they had been Scouts and will speak well of the program.

Of the 100, only rarely will one ever appear before a juvenile court judge. 12 of the 100 will be from families that belong to no church. Through Scouting, these 12 and many of their families will be brought into contact with a church and will continue to be active all their lives. 6 of the 100 will become pastors.

Each of the 100 will learn something from Scouting. Almost all will develop hobbies that will add interest throughout the rest of their lives. Approximately $\frac{1}{2}$ will serve in the military, and in varying degrees, profit from their scouts training. At least 1 will use it to save another person's life, and many will credit it with saving their own.

4 of the 100 will reach Eagle rank, and at least one will later say that he valued his Eagle above his college degree. Many will find their future vocation through merit badge work and Scouting contacts. 17 of the 100 boys will later become Scout leaders and will give leadership to thousands of additional boys.

Only 1 in 4 boys in America will become Scouts, but it is interesting to know that of the leaders of this nation in business, politics, and religion, 3 out of 4 were Scouts.

This story will never end. Like the “Golden Pebble” of service dropped into the human seas it will continue to radiate in ever-widening circles, influencing the characters of men down through unending time.