

# Personally Speaking

## Two Good Turn Stories

A LOT OF HEART-WARMING THINGS HAPPENED in the "Get-Out-the-Vote" effort. Take these two, for example:

In Sandwich, Ill., 8-year-old Gary Jennings was all set to go out with Pack 343 to deliver the door knob hangers.

When the morning came, Gary's father forgot and drove off for the day with the family car. Which would normally be all right, but for the fact that Gary was born a cripple, with only one leg.

Gary is not only a very happy little boy; he is also very determined to carry his own share of the load. So he worked on his mother until he got her permission, put on his Cub Scout uniform, and on his crutches walked more than a mile to his Den Mother's house, picked up his supply of hangers, walked to another fairly distant part of town to cover his assigned area, and trudged home, a very tired but very proud little Cub Scout.

Before he left home that morning, his mother asked if he was sure he could do it, and his answer was, "Someday I'm going to be a Boy Scout and they go on hikes. I will, too!"

The other story comes from the Troop in Port Washington, Ohio (population about 500). The Troop and its sponsor, the Kiwanis Club, felt that there was a great need to give complete coverage to Coshocton County, even though some of the homes were remote and difficult to reach. A Cub Scout and an Explorer mounted horses and rode up through some of the draws where other types of transportation could not traverse. They finally saw an elderly lady in the distance who was native to the hills. As they approached her she cried with joy. She explained she had heard on her little radio set the night before, that Scouts were calling at all homes in America with their Get-Out-the-Vote reminders, but she never dreamed this announcement included an old woman living out in God's nowhere. She said she felt more like an American citizen now. She took a little pouch from a pocket in her apron, and took a few small coins from it, offering them to the Scouts. They told her they could not accept pay—all they wanted her to do was to vote. She promised them she would. The youthful knights rode away on their chargers, happy in the knowledge they had done their duty. One last glance back at the little old lady was reward enough. She was waving the Liberty Bell with one hand and wafting kisses at them with the other.

What an inspiring book could be written if we could gather together all the stories of incidents that occurred when our Scouts did their national Good Turn at 30 million homes!

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Millions of American homes are stronger, and America is stronger, because of Sammy Tyler (pictured here with his parents) and his three million buddies. See pp. 2-3.





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