

Personally Speaking

Mother to Many

A LETTER RECENTLY RECEIVED from a Scouter friend in Idaho is surely worth sharing. Because enclosed in it was another letter, one which came from a little gray-haired lady who had never been married, but whom every kid in a little town in Idaho will have cause to thank for years to come.

Here is her letter:

"I want to write to you about our Boy Scout Troop. You know how hard we have tried to get some leadership, but there did not seem to be any. Finally we got a school teacher here who said he would take the Troop, but during the summer when he was most needed" (*— make note of that, you folks who plan on folding up in the summer*) "he would be gone. A young man in our office agreed to help, but said he knew nothing about Scouting, so I got out my Scout Handbook and let him read it.

"It was pretty hard for him at first, but now things are going well. They have a camp out in the woods where they have cleaned up the grounds and built shelters, and are getting permission to open the creek for fishing for boys of Scout age.

"Last week they got together and cleaned up the town of trash, bottles, etc. Most of them are earning money, too, so they can go to summer camp.

"One of the other men in our office is on the Troop Committee. Both of them are enthusiastic now. As one of them said, 'I'm getting as much out of it as the kids are.'

"Well, I was so glad to have Scouting going again, I had to tell somebody, and I knew you would be interested."

That from a lady who has no children of her own, no personal reason to be concerned about Scouting's success or failure.

Most of the boys to whom she helped give Scouting will never know about the part she played, but she is happy. She knows that because of her interest they do have Scouting and they are getting the experiences that help guarantee good citizens tomorrow.

Our hats are off to you, little lady in Idaho, and to all the others like you who work behind the scenes, prodding consciences and encouraging men to do the job that you know needs to be done. The job that means so much to your community, to your America.


Editor.

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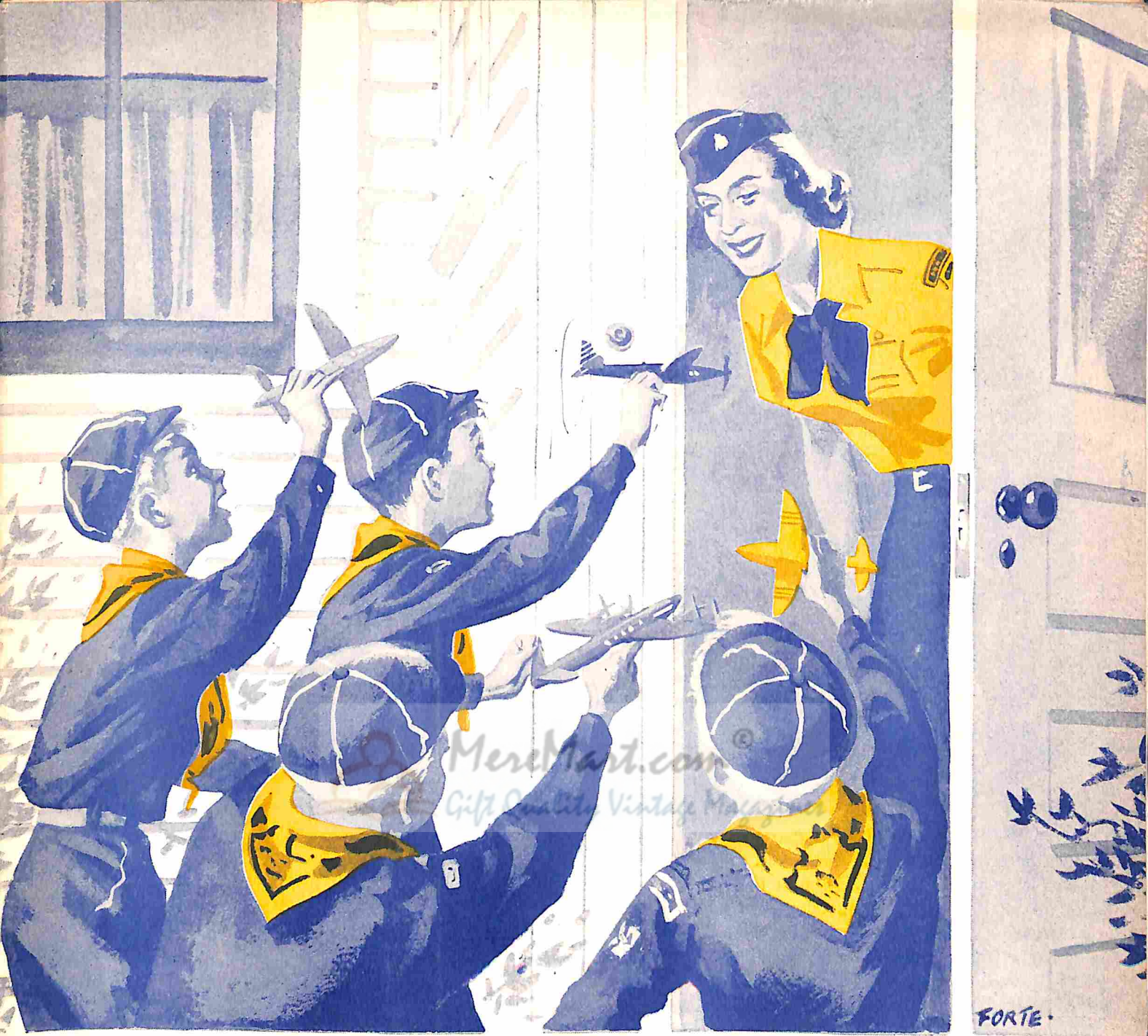
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