

Personally Speaking

Feature-Filled February

There will be big doings in Washington, D. C., on February 8th. Twelve Scouts, coming from all parts of our country will deliver to President Truman a report of our Crusade's first year.

There will be big doings in Philadelphia on February 9th. These same twelve Scouts will participate in a ceremony at Independence Hall featuring the signing of our 40th Anniversary Declaration of Purpose.

In New York on February 11th these Scouts, selected to represent the Regions, will take part in a special United Nations ceremony.

In every state capital in America there will be special ceremonies inaugurating Scout Week.

That's wonderful! But here's the question that's bothering me: *what of Scout Week in Troop 1, Cross Roads?* In other words, what special occasion will mark the anniversary of this great movement for *your* boys? If you have planned special features, fine, you're well set. If by chance you haven't, *it still isn't too late*. A simple ceremony built around the Declaration of Purpose can be most effective. Do plan something special in Scout Week, won't you? The fortieth is a very special year for Scouting. Make it so for *your* Scouts.

Understanding the Jamboree

Our Troop Committee has been talking a good deal about the Jamboree. When the subject first came up the immediate comment was "we could send several Scouts to camp for that amount."

But our Scoutmaster had attended the first National Jamboree as a Scout, and he told the Committee what a tremendous experience it was. We have gradually come to realize that it shouldn't be compared with camp, nor with any other Scouting experience our boys can have. It's something super-special.

As a matter of fact, it's not exaggerating at all to say that this pilgrimage of 40,000 picked Scouts will be one of the great occasions in American life. The boys who get to go will be immeasurably lucky.

No, lucky is the wrong word. There won't be any luck in it. The ones who go will go because they are worthy of the honor, and because they have the capacity to make the most of the experience. They will go because their Unit and their sponsors *want* them to go, are willing to take unusual steps so that they may share in this unusual event. They will go because they are willing to work hard to have a part in this great event. By the way, because we know many committees and leaders may have questions about the Jamboree, we have compiled a lot of new information about it in this issue. Read it—you'll find it interesting.


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