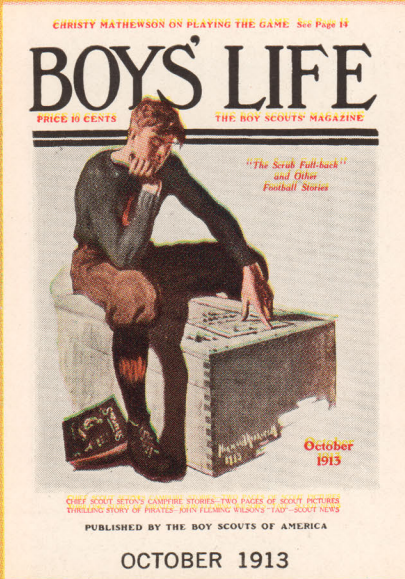


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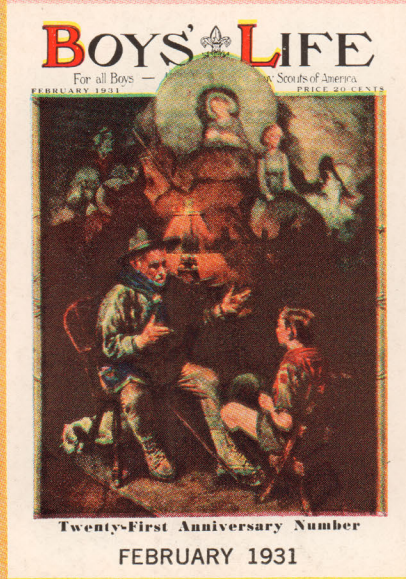
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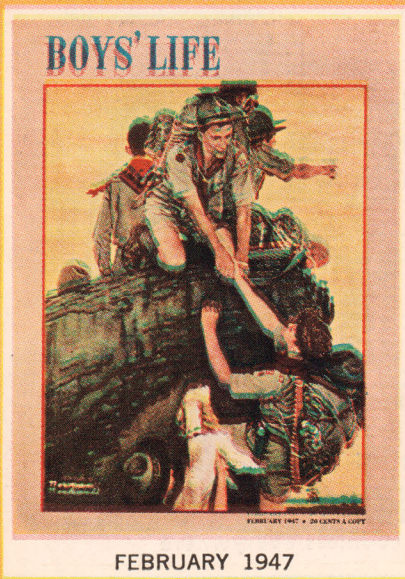
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CODE OF THE ROAD

By JOHN FARELL



CHANCES ARE you've seen truck drivers on the highways blink their lights as they pass each other in the night. And you may have wondered why.

It's a code that the drivers use to say a great deal to each other. Once you understand the code—it's not secret—you'll find that it's merely a set of signals truckers use with the safety of fellow drivers in mind.

This is how the code works:

A driver blinks his headlights once when approaching another truck head on. This is a greeting—like saying "Good Evening," but it also means "highway clear behind me; proceed with safety."

Blinking the headlights twice warns an oncoming driver to be careful.

Headlights blinked three times are a distress signal, meaning: "Stop. Emergency ahead."

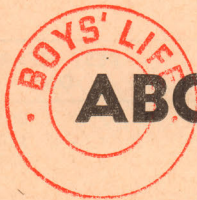
Four blinks tell an approach-

ing truck to slow down because there is an accident, bad stretch of highway, or some obstruction on the road.

When a driver wants to pass a slower one, he blinks his headlights once. Then he waits for an answer from the "marker" or direction lights on the side of the truck ahead. If the answer is one blink, it means "Okay to pass; all clear ahead. If there's no answering blink, there's still a message: "Unsafe to pass; keep following until I signal all-clear."

When the truck ahead gives the signal to pass, it is sometimes difficult for the passing driver to judge whether the rear of his truck is clear of the slower vehicle. There's a signal for that, too. One blink by the driver behind means: "Okay. You will clear me."

When you are on the highway at night, watch for these signals. They carry important messages.



ABOUT STAMPS

By W. ARTHUR MCKINNEY

Boy Scout 50th Anniversary Stamp. The United States Post Office Department has announced that a special commemorative Boy Scout stamp will be issued on February eighth to honor the fiftieth anniversary of the founding of the Boy Scouts of America. This exciting news marks the second time Scouting has been so honored; ten years ago a stamp was issued commemorating our Second National Jamboree.

The new stamp has been designed by Norman Rockwell, the

artist who is responsible for the illustrations on the Boy Scout calendars for many years. It will be a four-cent denomination, with the first day of issue at Washington, D. C.

First day covers of this stamp may be secured by sending a reasonable number of self addressed envelopes to the Postmaster, Washington, D. C., along with money order sufficient to cover the cost of the stamps to be affixed. Place in the envelope an enclosure of postal card weight

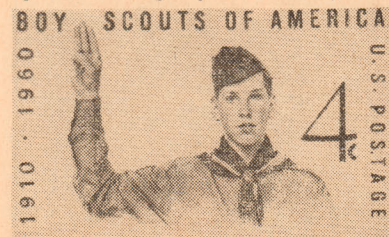
and either seal or tuck in the flap. The outside envelope to the Postmaster should be inscribed "First Day Cover Boy Scout Stamp."

Most collectors will desire specially printed envelopes for their covers. The Boy Scouts of America have authorized the Fleetwood Cover Service of Pleasantville, New York, to produce the only Official First Day Cover envelope.

An advertisement by the Fleetwood Cover Service appears on the stamp advertising page of this issue of BOYS' LIFE. First day covers will be completely serviced by the company at twenty-five

cents each or five for one dollar. This means that they will address the envelope, affix the stamp, and mail it from Washington on the first day of issue. When five or more covers are ordered, they will send the covers postmarked "First Day of Issue" but unaddressed, in a single package to the person ordering them.

For "do-it-yourself" collectors, the company will furnish four envelopes for thirty cents or twenty for a dollar and the collector can send his order directly to Washington. In preparing first day covers, collectors are warned to place their names and address well down in the lower right hand corner of the envelope to interfere as little as possible with the cancellation. It is important that all orders be placed at once as they must be in the post office in advance of the date of issue (February 8).



SLIDE OF THE MONTH

BLOCK HOUSE

This is an exacting rather than a tricky slide to make, but if the block is cut out correctly the rest is comparatively easy. $\frac{3}{8}$ " dowel rod was used for the logs. The drawings show the construction. Any fast setting glue or cement can

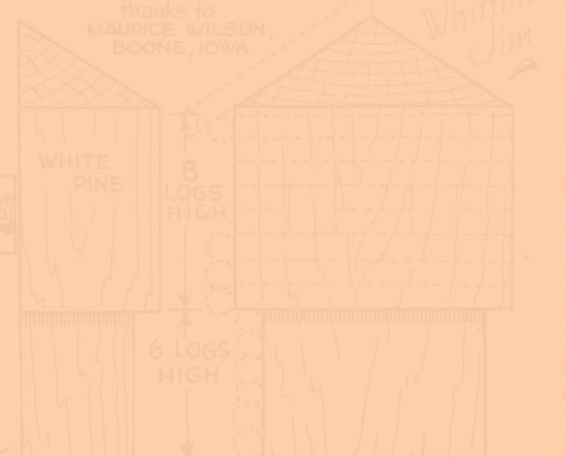
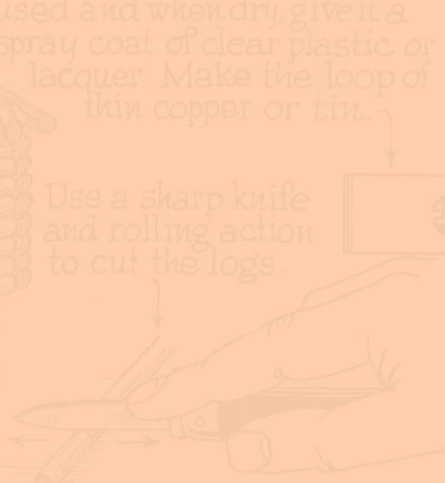
be used and when dry give it a spray coat of clear plastic or lacquer. Make the loop of thin copper or tin.

Use a sharp knife and rolling action to cut the logs.



ROOF PARTLY FINISHED.

Drawings are actual size.



SIDE AND FRONT OF BLOCK

thanks to MAURICE WILSON, BOONE, IOWA.

Whittin Jim