

minds him that he is to be ready for every emergency and every task that presents itself. The trefoil is a reminder to the Scout of his obligations to fulfil the three points of his oath, and, like that on the mariner's compass, pointing toward the north symbolizes faithfulness and steadfastness in the lines of chosen duty. The eagle superimposed upon this emphasizes his promise to serve his country. Thus in his badge a Scout has ever before him reminders of the Scout ideals, which, if constantly lived up to, will make of him a noble, self-reliant, and resourceful man.

THE RULING POLICIES

As an outgrowth of the wide-spread interest in the movement, and the consequent diversified applications to which it may be put, many policies have been evolved which serve to keep its different purposes consistent with one another and to guide those active in extending its influence. Among these policies are those regulating the lower age limit for Scouts, Scoutmasters, and assistant Scoutmasters; those controlling the mechanical operation of the movement, and those affecting its relations to other organizations interested in boys and using the Boy Scout programme.

Of the policies thus far developed there are three of special importance: the first, which affects religion; the second, dealing with militarism; and the third, concerning the conduct of Scouts as a preparation for citizenship.

SECTARIANISM AND RELIGION

The organization of the Boy Scouts of America is entirely undenominational, though strongly religious. The