
SCOUTS SHOW UP HUN WORK

The black walnut census which the Boy Scouts of America made for the government during the war, and which resulted in their locating 20,000,000 feet of the valuable timber which could be converted into airplane propellers and gunstocks, disclosed the alarming fact that the tracts of forest populated with these trees in years gone by are now no more. When the emergency arose the forest service was compelled to report that there were no known tracts of this particular timber.

Investigation showed that as far back as 20 years ago, and again 10 years ago, German agents toured through the country, found these tracts and paid what, at that time were considered fabulous prices for the lumber.

Little did the farmers and landowners dream that some of these very trees would be used as the stocks of German guns to be pointed by the thousand at our American and allied soldiers.

True to their slogan of preparedness, however, the army of boy scouts who took part in the recent census for the government, planted black walnut as they went along on their work, five for each tree cut down, so as to insure against any such dearth in the future.

They gathered as many of the nuts as they possibly could, and along the fences and roads and in the hollows (selecting low, moist ground), they placed the seed, breaking the hull with their heel, but not removing it, and then dropping it into a hole, which they covered level with the rest of the ground.
