

that allow more people to participate and secondly because the color and lighting effect can be more interestingly displayed. Preceding the parade ever store sets off several sets of firecrackers to put the people in a receptive mood. In America we respect the firecracker and keep our distance but here that fear is overcome. Fifteen or twenty small boys will be fishing out unexploded firecrackers from the live series bursting all around them many eyes and ears are no doubt lost during such demonstration. Every American takes his life in his hands when observing such a celebration because of the flying firecrackers, some exploding right in front of your face. The parade is divided into sections with several minutes intervals between each section and during which time the streets become an amalgamated mass. However the Chinese policemen are able to reform the narrow corridor to allow the next section to pass by. The both allowed is equivalent to about the width of a truck. I noticed one thing in particular that during the actual passing of the parade, everyone become quiet and respected the rules of parade formation as set down by the policemen. The U.S. trucks passing thru town help to keep a cleared pathway for the sections. Each division of the parade generally included a band section made up of clanging metal strips or metal disks and attended with vocal chanting and yelling. Other than a few truck floats they were mainly individual contraptions of swimming fish, dragons, chickens, masked personnel, lanterns gateways etc. The dragon of 10 or so men made the most interesting display both in color and movement, however many of the lamps were effectively displayed. In fact the lamps were the theme of the celebration. They are so delicately made and so colorful, especially at night when the candles emphasizes the form and color. From this great variety of demonstration I particularly enjoyed the troops of boy and girl scouts, either of them standing out as the exceptional, particularly the girl scouts in their neat black skirts and brown blouse and neckerchief. Scouting has