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Xmas Good Turn Suggestions

Open a Scout Toy Repair Shop

TO REPAIR or brighten up with paint, toys of all kinds, books, etc., as gifts for children of poor families. Where there are several troops a joint Shop may be established, perhaps in a vacant down-town store. If desired, the shop may be made a general Scout Christmas Headquarters, with Scouts on duty all day and evening to respond to calls for service.

The work of collecting toys, books, etc., should not be done haphazard, but should be thoroughly organized. The boys themselves will produce many, but these will not be sufficient. An appeal may be made in church calendars or from pulpits, and by announcement at school. An ad. in the local papers like the following will bring good results:

WANTED: Old or unused dolls, doll carriages, toys, picture books, etc., to repair for distribution where they will again make some children happy. Leave at

Scout Toy Repair Shop,
No. 1 Good Turn Street,
or 'phone Santa 1924.

The cooperation of Girl Guides should be secured, to take care of the redressing of the dolls.

"Xmas Cheer" Activities

Assist the Salvation Army and other local welfare and service club committees in their Xmas Cheer work. Volunteer your troop's services at an early date, and offer to assign a P.L., Second or other older Scout to each special Xmas committee.

You can cooperate by:

Assisting in a survey of needy families.

Organizing a Scout Xmas Good Cheer free delivery system.

Contributing Good Cheer baskets from the troop as a whole, or by patrol—"Patrol Baskets." Money for these baskets may be provided, or the grocery and other items may be provided by the individual boys as offered or arranged. Probably the Patrol Basket is the better plan; the matter being left entirely to the boys themselves, except for a report from the P. L.

Provide Xmas Trees

For families not able to purchase or procure them.

For Sunday-schools or day schools.

Visit and Entertain

War veterans in hospitals or sanitariums.

Sick children, especially boys in hospitals and sanitariums.

Children at orphanages.

Inmates of Old Folks' Homes, Country Homes, etc. Visits to institutions of this kind, especially County Homes, will be appreciated, and the presentation if possible of some small remembrance, nicely wrapped. Also an entertainment program, which should include the singing of some of the old songs found in the Canadian Scout Song Book.

At an orphanage some lively Cub or Scout games should be a program feature.



A
Merry Xmas
of
Many Merry
Good Turns

If you have any of the above institutions in your district take up the matter of a Xmas Good Turn visit at once with your Court of Honour, then the whole troop; and at an early date get in touch with the institution heads. The troop may be allotted a special evening or afternoon, which will have to be allowed for in your general Xmas Good Turn program.

Books

A special drive for books and magazines to present to inmates of various institutions will usually get good results, and the reading matter prove a most acceptable gift.

Decorate

Church and Sunday-school for Xmas services.

Regular Good Turns

Meantime don't overlook a special effort at the "regular" homely jobs of clearing sidewalks, cutting wood, removing ashes, etc., etc., for invalids, old people, and homes where there are no men folks.

And finally—leave as much to your P.L.s. as possible. Remember, your best role is guiding and suggesting where necessary.

A Community Xmas Tree

DOES your town hold an out-door Community Xmas Tree?

If not, let us suggest that you introduce it this year. In a number of places it has become one of the big annual Xmas events, and the gathering about the tree for the singing of hymns and carols of members of all Christian denominations has proved a distinct contribution to community neighborliness and understanding. This undenominational aspect of the celebration makes it one for which Scouting is peculiarly fitted to give leadership.

If your town is small, you and your troop may be able to handle the event yourselves. In larger places the best success will be secured by presenting the suggestion in the proper quarter, the troop making such contribution as is possible, along with other local bodies.

Briefly, the usual Community Xmas Tree program includes the erection of a large Xmas tree at some central point; its decoration; a children's service of carol singing and the presentation of gifts in the afternoon, and a service for grown-ups, led by a composite choir, early in the evening (when the tree is first lighted), following which the various choir groups separate and sing carols in different sections of the community.

In larger places the organization usually includes a General Committee, headed by the mayor, a small Executive Committee, and five sub-committees: Tree and Decorations, Program, Caroling, Gifts and Finance. The General Committee should include in its membership clergymen and choir leaders of all denominations. In smaller places the organization would be simpler.

The Tree—The tree should be the largest procurable—literally the larger the better, up to 75 or 80 feet. The size will have a good deal to do with the success of the event, particularly as a publicity feature. The bigger it is the more will the event be talked about.

If the tree is secured within a reasonably short distance of town, a very jolly occasion can be made by having it drawn in to its place on bobs, pulled by several hundred school children, under the direction of the Scouts. Care would be taken that some of the liveliest spirits did not climb upon the tree and break some of its branches.

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The Missionary Spirit in Scouting

FROM time to time one rejoices to hear of a Scout troop bringing about the organization of another troop in a neighboring community. Boys readily respond to an appeal to "pass on a good thing," and take much pride in the results.

While some knowledge of the good-citizenship gospel of Scouting is spread through many channels, the information necessary to proper organization under suitable leadership can be provided best through field organizers. The cost of this work, particularly the travelling expenses, is one of the heavy drains upon the limited revenue of the Canadian General Council; so heavy indeed that the Executive Committee has been forced to consider the necessity of reducing the work, or of finding another dependable source of income.

In reviewing the whole situation in an effort to solve the difficulty, the helping-others missionary spirit of Scout troops above referred to suggested a possible answer. This was that each Canadian Scout contribute 50 cents a year, in the form of a registration fee, all of which beyond registration expenses, should go to sustain Scout field work in the troop's own province, or in other provinces if desired.

During a recent trip of the Assistant Chief Commissioner to the Pacific coast, and a later trip to the East, the tentative suggestion received ready sympathetic support. In some quarters it was suggested that the plan be put into effect with the new year. It is felt by the Executive, however, that such a scheme should be initiated only with the full understanding and support of Scoutmasters throughout the Dominion. It is anticipated that this will readily be given.

Scout leaders better than their boys will appreciate the substantial benefits which would result from an extension of our field work so as to make Scouting available to boys in the countless small communities now untouched, and where some practical character-building activity is sorely needed. The value of Scouting for giving the Canadian viewpoint to boys of foreign parentage will be especially appreciated.

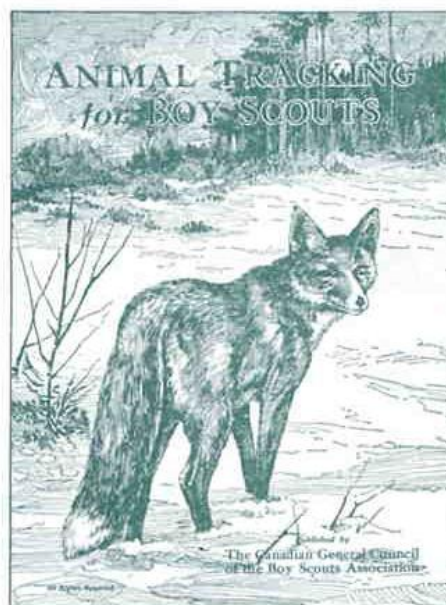
For themselves Scoutmasters in all but the larger centres will recognize the advantage of more frequent visits from headquarters field men. To the question, "What can we do to help

you?" one of the invariable responses has been, "Come and visit us once in a while." With adequate funds these visits would be possible.

The general opinion of Scout leaders seems to be also that Scouts themselves would prize the possession of a suitable membership card issued from Headquarters. It would be a constant reminder to the boys of their standing and active participation in the work of the great nation-wide Scout organization.

An expression of opinion by Scout leaders would be welcomed. The space limitations of the *Scout Leader* do not permit publication of individual letters, but the substance of comments and suggestions can be presented.

The Canadian Scout and Wolf Cub Diary for 1925, now out, also contains matter of interest to Rovers and Sea Scouts.



THE above book, just off the press, will be welcomed by every Scoutmaster and older Scout in Canada. It contains a talk by the Dominion Camp Chief on the principles of tracking, and reproduces in life size the tracks of nearly every Canadian wild animal, from a field mouse to a moose. In addition to the tracks are shown full figures, typical heads or characteristic silhouettes, and a succession of typical tracks in miniature.

The splendid drawings are by Mr. Leonard Rossell, and represent more than three months of research and studio work by the artist and the Camp Chief. Much of the work was done at the Victoria Memorial Museum, Ottawa, where every facility was placed at the service of the Boy Scouts Association, in order that the results might be of the high standard desired.

The book is 10½ x 13 in. in size, printed on heavy paper, and bound in a stout kraft cover which permits of its being folded once lengthwise to go in the pocket.

The publication of *Animal Tracking for Boy Scouts* should give a new impetus to one of the most fascinating



At a recent convention of Western Ontario school teachers Prof. Dorland of Western University, speaking on "Educational Aims," urged teachers to support Scouting, as one of the most effective character-building programs.

The James MacLaren Co. Ltd., of Buckingham, Que., is erecting a headquarters building for the local Scout troop. The building is of a type which the firm can itself use, should the Scouts relinquish it.

By the first copy of the new *Canadian Mentor* we note that Field Secretary Earle Davison of Manitoba, formerly of the Ontario staff, found a scoutly Good Turn opportunity at the Pelican Lake Tuxis Leaders' Training Camp last summer. He lectured on camcraft.

Ontario Scoutmasters should not fail to draw the attention of Scout artists to the Ontario Safety League's drawing contest for school children, with its \$1.00 to \$20.00 cash prizes. Particulars may be had from Ontario Safety League, Toronto.

For Scouts working on the Public Health Man's badge Scoutmasters may secure an excellent new pamphlet on "Small-pox and Vaccination," by Dr. J. J. Heagerty, a well known Government health expert. Address Department of Health, Ottawa.

The Dominion Camp Chief may now also be referred to as Skwilaah—"The Whirlwind." The name was conferred during the past summer, at a campfire of much feasting and dancing, by the Colville tribe of the Columbia Indians, near Spokane. With the name went a red stone pipe, a pouch and a beautiful horsehair belt. At the Red Deer Gillwell the C.C. was presented with the eagle plume bonnet of a Blackfoot chief and a finely-beaded "medicine bag."

The vote in the recent presidential election in the U. S. was the largest on record. This was in part credited to the work of American Scouts in the campaign to get out "vote slackers." The efforts of the Scouts created no offense to any group or party, since it was made clear that the boys were not concerned in the way a man voted, but only that he should fulfill the duty as a citizen to go to the polls. National service like this counts—and probably most of all for the Scout himself.

and worthwhile outdoor Scout activities, and one which offers the maximum mental profit in exercising the faculties of observation and deduction and arousing a discriminating interest in the everyday life of our Canadian wild folk.

The book is sold at 75c and can be had from the Dominion Headquarters Stores Department.

The Community Xmas Tree

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Where a hole cannot be dug to take the tree, the butt may be placed in a large, stout box and packed with sand or gravel, and the tree braced with guy wires.

Decorations—Red, white and green electric lights, with a large white star at the top. If colored bulbs are available in sufficient quantity, no other decoration need be added. Otherwise, red and tinsel rope and other similar decorations may be used.

The lights are turned on at a suitable point of the singing on the "opening night," and thereafter each night during the remainder of Xmas week. The bulbs may be turned on in various ways but probably the most striking effect is secured by lighting the Star first, then, after a brief interval, the entire tree. The Star may effectively be kept burning day and night until the tree is dismantled.

Gifts—The question of gifts will be decided to meet local conditions and desires. While not necessary to the success of the Community Xmas Tree from the grown-ups' viewpoint, undoubtedly gifts add greatly to the occasion for the children, even though the present be only an orange and a small bag of candy.

In some cases it is the practice to remember only the children of needy families. Gift cards are distributed through the day school teachers and the cards are presented by the children at the tree. A checking up of the cards given out indicates the number of gifts required. Where it is desired to remember all children, but to give something of particular value or usefulness to the less well-to-do, the card system may be used for all children, the teachers marking in some unobtrusive way the cards given the less fortunate ones.

Gifts may be secured in a number of ways. They may be provided by individuals, appeals being made through the schools, churches and local papers; usually merchants will donate certain items.

If a Scout Toy Repair Shop is opened, its gifts may be distributed in this way.

Children's Tree Party—This usually is held at 3 or 3.30 in the afternoon. The tree should be roped off at a suitable distance, and Scouts scattered along the rope (in uniform of course). They should also be scattered through the gathering if it is large, to prevent crowding.

The program will call for carol singing first, then the presentation of gifts. The distribution may be handled by the Scouts, or by Girl Guides, in uniform; the gift cards being collected singly and a gift brought back from the tree. Where there is a large number, the gifts should be piled beneath the tree.

Evening Tree Lighting Program—This should be set for an early hour of the evening. While there may be a few addresses, these should be very brief, the principal feature being the singing of hymns and carols by the entire gathering, lead by the massed choir. The tree lights should be

turned on at a suitable point during the singing.

At the conclusion of the exercises the various singing groups scatter to their several neighborhoods, singing carols as they go. Hospitals, old folks' homes, and similar institutions should be given particular attention.

The songs used should be those well known to all denominations, Protestant and Catholic. (For suggestions see The Canadian Scout Camp Fire Song Book.)

One of the best organized outdoor Community Xmas Trees of which the Leader was able to secure detailed information was that of Paterson, N.J., held annually since 1913. Following is the printed program for the Tree of 1920:

PROGRAM

Friday Afternoon, December 24, 1920,
5.30 o'clock

HYMN 1. "O Come All Ye Faithful" (Adeste Fideles).

INVOCATION—Rev. Anthony H. Stein, Rector of St. Joseph's Church (Roman Catholic).

PRESENTATION OF THE TREE—Mayor Frank J. Van Noort.

HYMN 2. "Joy to the World"—Watts-Handel.

SCRIPTURES—Luke 2: 8-17: "The Angels and the Shepherds"—Rev. H. J. Smith, Pastor of Park Avenue Church (Baptist).

Matthew 2: 1-11: "The Star and the Wise Men"—Rev. J. Oscar Boyd, D.D., Pastor of Church of Redeemer (Presbyterian).

HYMN 3. "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing"—Wesley-Mendelssohn.

LORD'S PRAYER—Rev. Guy H. Madara, Rector of Trinity Church (Protestant Episcopal).

HYMN 4. "Holy Night"—Mohr-Gruber. CHRISTMAS CAROL—"Angels We Have Heard on High"—Rev. W. J. Finn. St. John's Choristers and Male Choir, Mr. Arthur L. McGinnis, Musical Director.

BENEDICTIONS—High Priestly, "The Lord bless thee and keep thee" Rev. Thomas P. Vernoll, Pastor Emeritus of First Church (Reformed).

Apostolic—"The Grace of the Lord Jesus Christ" Rev. C. H. Von Glahn, Pastor of Trinity Church (Methodist Episcopal).

NOTE: If a Community Xmas Tree is held in your town kindly make a brief report to the Editor of the SCOUT LEADER on the part played by your troop, with any suggestions you can make for next year's Community Trees.



Not a Xmas dinner but they could prepare that too—these two popular padres of the '24 Manitoba Owls.

The Winter's Scout Show

THE fact that the general reputation of a Scout troop is involved in the quality of its entertainments or displays usually is appreciated. It is not so commonly realized that the standing of Scouting in general is concerned. For example, there may be in the audience persons with little or no knowledge of the Scout Movement. With these, a first class entertainment, including some efficient demonstrations of badge work, may leave a lasting impression; may result in the organization of troops elsewhere. This has happened. On the other hand, an ill-prepared or poorly arranged production may leave an entirely wrong impression as to the worthwhileness of the Scout program.

More important still, a carelessly put on entertainment means holding up to the boys concerned a harmful standard, instead of a possible excellent lesson in thoroughness.

Therefore make sure that your Scout show this winter is a strictly first class "Scout job."

This means:—

An entertainment put on exclusively by Scouts.

A carefully selected play, or carefully chosen and arranged material, if original.

An agreement with your boys that important roles shall go to those who can handle them best, Tenderfoot or King's Scout.

Rehearsals for two or three months; longer is necessary.

The business details properly organized.

Kind of Play

The first requisite of a good Scout entertainment is "something doing" from the rise of the curtain to the end. A play of this kind so well learned that the boys enjoy themselves as much as the audience, will please even habitual theatre-goers, and bring them back to see your next effort.

A number of books of Scout plays are described in the Dominion Headquarters Price List. The two Canadian plays listed (A Strenuous Afternoon, 15c, 6 copies 60c; One Day's Fun, 25c, 6 copies \$1.20) have been widely put on, and apparently with considerable success.

Songs and Singing

Try out a number of songs, and select those best suited to the musical abilities of the troop.

A Scout chorus well sung is always pleasing. If the troop lacks a really good solo voice, it is preferable to sing verses in chorus and the refrain in harmony. Whistling choruses are effective, especially two or three-part whistling.

Jokes and Stories

Jokes and stories should be chosen or approved by the Scoutmaster, with regard to their appreciation by grown-ups. The boys' sense of humor is not to be depended upon for a grown-up audience.

The telling of jokes should be practiced as carefully as other lines. To

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Obviously the architect of this nest, a Bluenosed W. T. Sparrow, had built many such before. Specifications:—Crotch legs, bough "spring", an 18 in. spruce mattress

More '24 Gillwell Notes

DESIGNS in sand and stones before patrol tents and in the council fire enclosure were features of the Southern Alberta patrol competition. The Wolves finally capped the contest by producing a Union Jack in sand and colored pebbles.

One of the 1924 camps boasted a "daily paper," the Northern Alberta "Kudoo," and the East Ont.-Quebec course, held at Black Rapids, produced a chronicler of ancient style who read highly entertaining chapters from "The Book of Blackfliebus."

Judging from the photos of "before" and "after" and "half way through," the construction of the Manitoba bridge was a lot of fun and good swimming. The Office Cub suggested it was a new combination test for the Pioneer's and Swimmer's badges.

Table cloths would have gone out of fashion in N. S. had wives been guests at a camp meal after the first day. It probably was a revelation to many on the course just what sand, soap, elbow grease and a scrubbing brush will do to the top of an army mess table.

The B. C. Gillwell, at Colwood, was laid out by A. S. M. Myddleton MacKenzie, Victoria, of last year's camp. A. S. M. MacKenzie, who suffers from a severely crippled arm, recently asked permission to write off Part 1 of the Gillwell Course by dictation. This might be noted by other Gillwell camp men who have not yet applied for Part 1 papers.

Patrol totem poles carved by nature were a Manitoba innovation. At the council fire each night they were notched for the day's showing in patrol efficiency. With due ceremony a Duck Totem was presented H. Q.—the camp bugle-substitute being a duck squawk.

With several experienced woodsmen in the patrols, and plenty of birch bark, the N. S. camp gadget contest was something to remember. The S. M. and his assistants were fain to turn to the Book of Solomon for aid. A burnt match on a tent floor had to decide one morning's patrol site inspection.

Only one thing prevented the N.B. Course distinguishing itself in a forest fire fight. When they got there—

several miles away, in farm wagons, armed with spades, axes, etc.—there wasn't any. The report alleged a fire started by Scouts. Dame Rumor picked the wrong victims—particularly in N.B., where as a result of proved dependability Scouts are exempt from forest camping permits.

One of the noteworthy Bluenose inventions was a plate rack at the end of the mess table, with a rainy weather covering (tent bag) which was raised and lowered by a lever. A somewhat similar arrangement lowered the provisions basket from the peak of the shelter—where it was out of the way of ants and such. These were productions of the White Throated Sparrows.

The effectiveness of concealment by freezing, even with little cover, was demonstrated by the Manitoba camp S. M. and his assistants when several Scouts, returning from the Journey, passed, unseeing, within inches of them. One Scout actually stumbled over a bow, and failed to discover the owner through a small bush, frozen against a rock. The Camp Chief gave a similar lesson at the Southern Alberta camp.

The Red Deer camp had a general alarm call—against the possibility of



The Manitobans' bridge was built to carry 8 chevaux ou 40 hommes.

attack by Indians, wolves or gophers. The call was sounded during a spare time activity period. The Crows, conscientiously busy in their dining shelter, were the first to respond. Armed with staves, they rushed to the scene. Instead of an advancing wave of ferocious gophers they faced a troop of Red Deer Scouts. Explanations developed that the Scouts' rally call was similar to the Gillwell camp's distress call. The Crows flew back to their spare time activity.

Two Manitoba Crows will emphasize map reading "back home." During the Journey they left their patrol, arranging to rejoin them at a certain point, by map. Someone moved the point, or something, and they did an extra ten miles. Which drives another peg in the Gillwell argument that every Scoutmaster should know from experience what a First Class Journey means—its possibilities of adventure and misadventure, and the preparation necessary. Which in turn means realization that it is not a small boy's job.

Through an odd and uncaught error in proof reading (which at least indicated some knowledge of the Bible, according to one kind critic), the October Leader credited a feat of unusually good stalking at the N. B. Gill-

well to "Rev. Fr. Jacobs," instead of Rev. Fr. MacIsaac. We much regret the slip. But—to make the best of things, Scout fashion—perhaps the second reference will serve to emphasize the point we had in mind. Namely, that there are no keener scouts than our clerical friends, when we get them out of their studies and make them a "Crow" or an "Owl" or a "Wolf" in one of our Gillwell camps. The topnotch patrol invariably claims one or two padres. And don't they enjoy it!

One of the most important points in Archery is correct position. The Scout Diary for 1925 contains a picture of the Camp Chief illustrating this.

THE SIXTH SCOUT LAW

(Continued from November)

"Here is a story of another kind, and I am glad to say that Scouts were not concerned. The story is from the Scout page of the "Vancouver Province," and was told by a member of a camping party, in part as follows:

A Different Story

"That morning a motor drove down to our beach, and a family consisting of father, mother and two boys quickly dug themselves in . . . Next morning the father and boys were up early and out for "sport," which consisted in shooting with catapults at our friends the chipmunks. The small boys who were with us were watching them with much indignation, and brought us the sad news. I did not like to interfere, until the youngest member of our party came to me in a flood of tears and begged me to try and save a chipmunk they had actually brought down. They had it tied by a short string to a stake in front of their breakfast table, and it was crawling backwards and forward, more dead than alive.

"Swallowing my indignation as well as I could, I talked to the mother and boys and begged them to give us the poor little beast, to set free . . . We put it on the nearest safe tree out of the boys' reach, but the poor chipmunk was too far gone to hang on, so we took it to the tent, made it comfortable in a nest of bracken in a little box, washed the blood from its mouth, put bread and water beside it, and left it for some hours. When we looked again the chipmunk had so far recovered as to be able to go away. back, we hoped, to its rejoicing family."



The lair of the Southern Alberta Wolves. Presumably the Timber Variety.

Hints for New Cubmasters

(Continued from November)

Good Turns

Good turns should be kept in mind, and each boy questioned from time to time regarding his good turn for that particular day. Six or Pack good turns should be encouraged at Christmas, the details being discussed by the Sixer Council. For instance, each Six may provide a Christmas basket for some needy family.

Care of Pack Equipment

Where pack equipment must be put away between meetings it is a good plan to provide each Six with a box, and to place these in charge of a designated Sixer. It will be this Sixer's duty to be on hand and have the boxes in place a few minutes before meeting time, and to see that all Six property is collected and returned to the boxes, and the boxes put away after the meeting.

Hikes

A hike every other Saturday practically the year round, weather permitting, is the rule of some successful Cubmasters. The objective should be within comfortable walking distance for the youngest Cub, and as a rule the half-day hike is to be preferred. In the winter this should be shortened to two and a half or three hours, with hot drinks at some point during the tramp. In summer the boys should be home at 8 o'clock, and in the winter not later than 7.30, preferably earlier.

Each hike should include in its program badge instruction or tests in signalling, observing, collecting, or athletics.

On the road the pace should be adjusted to that of the smallest Cubs, and the pack should hold loosely to its Six formation, each Sixer having each boy of his Six within sight at all times. With two Assistants, the Cubmaster should be in the centre, one A. C. M. leading and one bringing up the rear. Otherwise the Cubmaster should bring up the rear.

Be Explicit

In the case of all instructions regarding hikes, change of meeting time, etc., it is necessary to be very explicit, particularly with the younger Cubs. Explain, repeat, then question, to make sure that you are understood. The same rule applies to badge instruction, particularly First Aid. Some amusing stories are told of answers given by Cubs taking their First Aider tests.

Meeting the Parents

An important item in success with a pack is the meeting of the Cubmaster and the parents of the boys. An excellent way of bringing this about, and of "checking up" in the matter, has been developed by Cub Commissioner Thompson of Winnipeg. From time to time, when displays or other special programs are put on, a formal invitation card is mailed to parents. The Cubmaster is at the door to meet and speak with them, and the invitation cards are collected. The Cubmaster then makes it a point

to call upon those parents who, as shown by the absence of cards, were not present.

Finally

Stick to real Cubbing. However keen and advanced your pack may become, do not take up any indoor or outdoor activity which properly belongs to the Scouting program. One of your aims should be to pass your boys on to Scouting, so that your work of good-citizen making may be completed. The interest in Scouting for the ex-Cub will be greatly weakened if you make it commonplace for him before he has reached Scout age. There have been cases of a large loss to troops of ex-Cub Scouts, due apparently to Scouting rather than Cubbing making up the program of the packs from which they came.

Where the Cub program is properly studied there is no necessity of encroaching upon Scout work in order to hold boys. The solution is Cub games, and more Cub games—and reading and re-reading of The Wolf Cub's Handbook, Cubbing, etc.

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know
there
were
such
gardens
owned
by
such
Rovers
in
Northern
Alberta?



THE WINTER'S SCOUT SHOW

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"go over" effectively each joke must be told in a certain exact way, and in just so many words. If not cautioned boys may attempt to expand the wording of a good joke, to "make it last longer," and kill it.

Assigning Parts

The presence of two or three "natural actors" in a troop usually makes the assigning of leading roles easy. The greater difficulty is the distribution of minor roles, so that if possible every boy may participate. The ability to put over speaking parts so as to be heard in every section of the auditorium will be a factor in selection.

If a Scoutmaster has had little experience of stagecraft he would do well to secure the advisory services of some experienced local entertainer.

Badge Work Demonstration

A certain amount of Scout training demonstration is always expected, and should be given. It should be well

and rapidly done, and should not last longer than 5 minutes on any one subject.

Miscellaneous Program Suggestions

Lariat spinning.

Friction-fire contest.

Shadowgraph show—Dr. Sawbone's operation room shown in shadow on a screen; preparations and operation accompanied by sharpening of saws and axes, hammering, etc.; extraction of all manner of ridiculous articles.

Circus act—Trained donkey or elephant, or Spark Plug (two boys inside a suitable make-up) and a trainer.

A Beauty Parade—Take-off representing Spring, Summer, Autumn, Winter, Miss Vancouver, Miss Toronto, Miss Halifax, etc.

A Parade of the Funnies—Characters from the newspaper funny page.

Free distribution of balloons by clowns to kiddies in the audience.

Throwing or blowing large balloons about by audience during intermission.

Throwing of spiral confetti just before the conclusion of the entertainment.

(The last three ideas will be found excellent for getting everyone "into the fun of it.")

See "Recent Entertainment Ideas," Scout Leader, April, 1924.

The Business End

You can add materially to the value of the experience for your boys, and very likely to the financial success of the project, by handling your production through a duly organized Show Committee, with a chairman, a secretary, a treasurer, and sub-committees; yourself, as in all Scout work, simply overseeing and advising. The sub-committees, consisting of a chairman and two or more others, would include:

Ticket Committee, in charge of the printing, distribution and sale of tickets.

Decorations Committee, in charge of decorations of the hall or auditorium.

Stage Property Committee, responsible for securing of all necessary stage equipment.

Publicity Committee.

The work of the Ticket and Publicity committees is of particular importance, and the chairman of these should be boys of notable energy and ability. Regular meetings of the entire Show Committee should be held, to report progress. A good beginning is a meeting of the entire troop and a call for suggestions of all kinds regarding program, decorations, disposal of tickets, publicity, etc., it being understood that the committees will be free to use such suggestions as appear practical.

Publicity

This is something too frequently overlooked. Providing that your show is to be of real Scout quality, too much publicity cannot be secured. It should be definitely planned so that the strongest feature will come just before the show date. The first step should be an arrangement with the local paper or papers for advertising display space (and pay for it, don't beg it—you are Scouts!) and the accompanying privilege of contributing news

❖ The Scoutmaster's Five Minutes ❖

Some Christmas Good Turns

*"Twice thoughtful is he
Who is thoughtful in season."*

—Anon.

HERE are a few stories of Good Turn doings of Scouts last Xmas. At the Editor's request they were reported to the Scout Leader, to be offered as suggestions for other troops this coming Xmas.

A Western Ontario troop: "We assisted the local Xmas Cheer Club in filling cheer boxes, and in delivering them the next day. The troop itself provided a Xmas dinner for seven needy families, also clothing for one of the seven. A large box of wood was gathered and delivered to a needy family. These were troop Good Turns. In addition many individual special Xmas Good Turns were done."

A Quebec troop: "We provided several needy families with baskets of good things. Assisted in decorating the Anglican church and in preparing the Sunday-school Xmas tree. Assisted in procuring Xmas trees for families without them. Helped in various ways at a function given for returned soldiers and their families."

A New Brunswick troop: "Assisted in decorating the church. Found one Good Turn not on the Leader's list. While everybody was busy with preparations for Xmas it was difficult to secure collectors for the Bible Society, and after a fruitless search elsewhere I turned to my troop, and one of the P.L.s. collected in one section."

An Eastern Ontario troop: "In addition to the usual individual Good Turns, we subscribed from our troop funds for two Salvation Army good cheer baskets for needy families. We collected 80 boys' story books and took them to the boys' ward of a sanitarium. We made up a bundle of outgrown but good clothes and shoes and took them to a needy family, so the children could go to school. We presented a box of tobacco and a pipe to the janitor of the school where we hold our troop meetings."

A Western Ontario troop: "Again our Special Good Turn Day has come and gone, this time being better than ever. The boys entered whole-heartedly into the spirit of the thing, and put it over with a bang. They all met at the Public Library at 9 o'clock Monday morning."

"We worked on the Patrol System. The boys went about seeking Good Turn adventures in pairs, but the patrol, not the individual by name, received the credit for the deeds done."

"The day's report included side-walks cleaned, ashes dumped, wood split, etc. One boy helped a lady in her store, another became a messenger, and another helped prepare a fowl for a Xmas dinner."

"The climax of the big day was a greater success than in past years—the Xmas Eve tour of Santa Claus."

"Mounted on his long toboggan, loaded down with toys, candies,

oranges, apples, nuts and other things calculated to bring joy to unfortunate children, Santa Claus, in his great fur coat, over which hung his snowy beard, was drawn through the streets by a dozen or so hooting, yelping and screeching Owls, Foxes and Eagles. About \$15.00 worth of 'polar stores' was distributed. The greater part of this money was earned by the Scouts themselves."

"The children in most cases saw Santa Claus in person. Producing a great book, he first carefully read the record of that little boy or girl. Then digging deep into his big bag he produced oranges, apples, candies, nuts, etc., and a toy."

"In one house visited conditions were wretched—no fuel, and the children in bed with their clothes on to keep warm. Jimmy and Gordon looked over the side of their cot to welcome Santa unbelievably, and Jimmy let out a whoop of delight when to oranges and candy was added a toy gun, and for Gordon a trumpet."

"Mothers were given jars of fruit, wondering from whence came the unexpected Santa Claus, who left no clue as to his identity."

"A little girl awoke in one home to find Santa at her bedside. Not in the least frightened she chose a pretty little doll dressed in red, with curly golden hair, from the open sack."

"The Scouts completed their tour about 1.30 Tuesday morning, tired, but immensely happy that Santa Claus had visited many little ones who otherwise would have awakened to find empty stockings."

The "Rotary Troop" of another Western Ontario town gave an entertainment in their headquarters hut to boys from the Children's Shelter. A local newspaper, after describing the banquet, gave these particulars of the program:

Scoutmaster Fred Buesnell presided over the program and gave every young visitor a chance to take part in the games provided. The biscuit-eating contest, in which the participants had to eat four dry soda-biscuits and then whistle, proved to be a mirth-provoker. The "stepping-stone" game, which required a good deal of skill, was another laugh producer. Chalk-marks on the floor represented the stones and the boys, on tip-toe, tried to walk over the stones while balancing a ball on a book. Tom Andrus, who was the only one to reach the sixteenth stone, won the prize, a box of chocolates.

Other games of the evening included "stick in the ring" and "farm-yard". Both games, which resulted in much fun and noise, were indulged in by practically every boy in the hut.

Frank Appleyard expressed the thanks of the Children's Aid Society for entertaining the boys from the Shelter. The boy visitors gave three cheers and a tiger in honour of their hosts for the splendid time given them throughout the evening.

Scouts and Guides of Regina pro-

vided Xmas tree gifts for the foreign born children of a school in the northern part of the province—"the first Xmas tree and the first Santa Claus they had ever seen," according to a brief newspaper paragraph.

Note to S.M.s.: If the above suggestions, and those offered elsewhere in this number, prove of value to your troop, do not overlook the reciprocal Good Turn of sending in a brief account of your troops' Xmas doings. These accounts are of real value, not only for their suggestions, but as an encouragement to other troops to make the most of their Xmas Good Turn opportunities. The accounts given above were the only stories received in response to last year's request, although it is known that special Xmas Good Turns were a feature of the Xmas activities of troops in every part of Canada.

THE WINTER'S SCOUT SHOW

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items concerning the entertainment. The news items would begin at once; the display advertising would begin a month before the show, in the case of weeklies, and a week in the case of dailies.

A definite program of news ideas should be sketched out to cover every issue of a weekly, and to occur two or three times a week up to the last week in a daily, then every day; and a good write-up of the first performance by a member of the newspaper staff if the entertainment is given more than one night.

News items need not always refer directly to the coming entertainment. They may recount some other activity of the troop, with an added line at the end, perhaps to the effect that "the boys of the troop are still busy preparing for their big winter's show, to be given at the — Hall on the evenings of Feb. 30 and 31."

The newspaper publicity should be handled exclusively by one boy, and other than the chairman of the Publicity Committee.

Other forms of publicity may include street and shop window signs (these done by the artists or sign painters of the troop, under the direction of the publicity chairman).

Announcements in schools, churches, Sunday-schools.

A "Scout Special" sundae at local soda fountains, each store being provided with a lettered window-strip, reading perhaps, "Try a Scout Show Sundae."

Scout-work window displays in one or several large stores (see the head window dresser personally).

Street Parade with a few characters in show costumes.

Auto windshield cards or stickers. Truck and delivery wagon streamers or placards.

Winding Up

Expense bills O. K'd by committee chairmen and handed in to the Show Treasurer for payment.



Scouty Remembrances Make a Scouty Xmas

SAYS Old Scout Santa: "Permit me to introduce three new friends. First, new Scout Calendar."

"How do you do! Awfully glad to know you! Thanks, same to you. And Happy New Year! That's my special wish. You see, I'm the new **Scout Calendar for 1925**. There wasn't room for my picture, so I'll have to boost myself. I am 10½ x 5¾ inches in size, with a large colored figure of a Scout in full uniform, and a complete calendar.

"I'm just the thing for your troop headquarters, or to be hung up in any Scout's home."

"My price is only 25c. So long! Now don't forget to order me!"

MR. CUBMASTER !

ME—BELOW—I'm the new Wolf Cub Xmas Card! I've a real Cub grin haven't I? Let me show every boy of your pack how to do it by paying him a Xmas morning visit.

I cost, complete with envelopes:—

In lots of 1 dozen	-----	\$.60
" 2 "	-----	1.10
" 3 "	-----	1.50
" 4 "	-----	1.70
" 5 "	-----	1.80



AND MR. SCOUTMASTER, don't forget me! I want to meet and say Merry Xmas to every one of your fellows by the Xmas morning mail.

I am entirely new, and in four bright jolly colors.

I come complete with envelopes

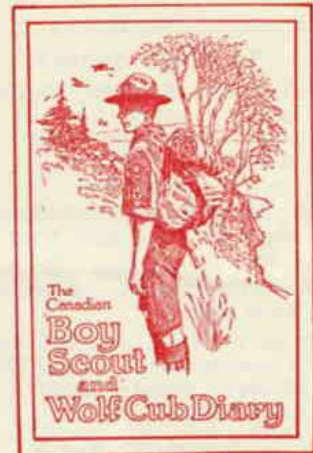
In lots of 1 dozen	-----	\$.65
" 2 "	-----	1.15
" 3 "	-----	1.55
" 4 "	-----	1.75
" 5 "	-----	1.85

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DON'T forget me when making out your Christmas list.

I am without a doubt the most useful little gift you can give to a boy, no matter whether a Scout, a Wolf Cub or one of a thousand other boys who will eventually become Scouts or Cubs.

I always find a ready welcome. And no wonder! For I consist of 200 pages brimful of the interesting and instructive matter that every boy is just craving for. Remember I am good for 365 days; and if I were to count the number of times per day that I am referred to you would not wonder why they put me in such a strong pliable linen cover.

I really am a combination of a Scout's Handbook, a Record Book and a Note-book, but my official title is:—

THE CANADIAN BOY SCOUT AND WOLF CUB DIARY FOR 1925

I can be purchased for a very small sum, and the more copies you buy of me the cheaper I get—that's fair enough, isn't it?

So whatever else you decide upon as a gift, be sure and include me. I am **INDISPENSABLE**.

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Single copy	-----	\$.25
12 copies	-----	2.76
24 "	-----	5.28
36 "	-----	7.56
48 "	-----	9.60

If short of time, telegraph for us, and we'll come C. O. D.

A page of helpful ideas from wherever and whomsoever we can obtain them

THE DUFFEL BAG

If you have a good one worked out with your own Troop, please send it in

Ye Scout Almanack

November 30th—St. Andrew's Day. A good time to talk about the history of the Union Jack.

December

1st—Every Scout and Cub orders his 1925 Scout and Wolf Cub Diary.

24th—The Year's biggest Good Turn Day.

Xmas Week—Hikes, and maybe a winter camp. (See "Winter Hikes," Scout Leader, January, 1924.)

During the Month

At first troop meeting discuss and plan Xmas Good Turns.

Arrange special instruction regarding ice accidents. (See "Scouts and Ice Accidents," Scout Leader, January, 1924.)

Has Your Troop Started It?

Says the Scribe of the 19th St. John Troop, N. B., in the District Scout News: "A Troop Log has been started which will contain a detailed account of every meeting, hike and other troop activity, also snapshots of the members of the troop and their Scouting activities. The Secretary is in charge of the Log."

Are You Holding One This Winter?

OTTAWA District Scouts will this winter compete in bird house building for prizes offered by Her Excellency Lady Byng. The winning houses will be placed in trees in the Rideau Hall grounds, which are so far as possible being made a bird sanctuary.

In inaugurating the competition the Scouts of the district were addressed by Mr. Hoyes Lloyd, the bird expert of the National Parks Branch, and to each boy was given a copy of "Bird Houses and How to Build Them."

Any Scoutmaster or Cubmaster or older Scout desiring a copy of this book can secure one by writing the National Parks Branch, Bryson Bldg., Ottawa.

There is no more scouty winter activity than the building of bird houses. If you have not already done so, plan a bird house competition for your troop.

Re Leader for A.S.Ms.

SINCE the first appearance of the Scout Leader numerous requests have been received from A. S. Ms. and A. C. Ms. that their names be placed on the free mailing list. It has been explained that to do so would more than double the printing, and necessitate additions to our clerical staff, which was not possible in our present financial situation.

A suggestion volunteered in many quarters during the recent trip east and west of the Assistant Chief Commissioner was that a subscription price be charged for the Leader, and that it then be sent to all subscribing.

The desire to ensure prompt and regular receipt of the magazine by every Scoutmaster and Cubmaster, but especially leaders new to the work, has decided the Executive to make no change in its free-subscription policy at this time. It has been decided, however, with the new year, to make a subscription price of 50 cents a year to all other than Scoutmasters, Cubmasters, District Commissioners and Secretaries, and to accept subscriptions from all A.S.Ms. and A.C.Ms. desiring the monthly. To properly cover the cost of special handling and mailing it has also been decided to charge 5 cents per copy for back numbers.

WOULDN'T it add greatly to your pride in your troop, to the value set by boys upon membership, to the availability of the troop for public service throughout the winter, if every boy were habitually attired in the same special every-day winter uniform?

Enclosed in this number of the "Leader" is a circular again drawing attention to the Canadian Official Scout Winter Uniform as a first class bargain "buy" for parents. Since a similar, comfortable every-day winter suit cannot be bought elsewhere for anything like so reasonable a figure, to draw the uniform to the attention of parents may be regarded as a genuine good turn; one which will save dollars on the family's winter clothing outlay.

We suggest therefore that you send a copy of this circular to your boys' parents. If you will do this, address a request card to the Stores Department, Dominion Headquarters, 203 Wellington Street, Ottawa, and you will receive the number asked by return mail.

World Brotherhood

SCOUT representatives of many countries gathered about Scouting's Round Table at the recent International Scout Conference at Copenhagen passed the following reaffirmation of principles and policies:

That the Boy Scout Movement is National, International and Universal in character: National, as aiming through national organization to endow every nation with healthy citizens; International, as recognizing no international barrier in Scout comradeship; Universal as insisting upon universal fraternity between all Scouts of every nation, class and creed.

The Canadian Scout and Cub Diary is the ideal individual prize for Patrol or Six competition.

Digging Out Clubrooms and Ideas

WE ARE beginning to dig out a clubroom or Troop H. Q. under the church. It means a lot of work, but the troop is 100% enthusiastic.

Have also recently formed a Patrol Leaders' Club, meeting from house to house once a month for business and recreation. Last Monday the P. L. decided we were not working on a sufficiently regular plan, and hinted too many interruptions in patrol corners. I welcomed most of their suggestions, and told them frankly it was what I wanted, but hadn't thought they could "measure up to it."

They wanted 20 minutes of their own in corners, each P.L. to hand me a slip containing a list of what he proposed to take up that night. Meanwhile I would be free to pass tests, etc.

—J. B. WEST,
S.M. 12th London, Ont.

Good Wishes!

The Editor is sure the readers of the Scout Leader will join the Chief Commissioner of the Boy Scouts Association and himself in extending hearty good wishes to the new monthly published for leaders of the C. S. E. T. program, The Canadian Mentor. Judging by its initial number the new publication will be of great value, inspirationally and practically—in other words, "another good tool for the big task in the Lord's big garden of boys," to quote an expression of the Assistant Chief Commissioner. The Mentor is printed in Winnipeg, under the capable editorship of Spencer L. Rodway.

Substitute the Name of Your Town

Let us get together and do our best to promote a better Scout Spirit in St. John. We can do this by visiting other troops and asking them to visit us; by asking other troops to join us on some of our Saturday hikes. At the hike destination we can compete with them in various scouty games.

—Scout News, St. John, N.B.

Program Outlined by P. Ls. of 12th London

- 7.30 Patrol Corners: Fees, etc.
- 7.35 Formal opening, inspection, etc.
- 7.45 Troop work as a whole, under S.M. and A.S.M.
- 8.00 Patrol Corners work.
- 8.20 Games under T.L., S.M., A.S.M.
- 8.25 Special stunts.
- 8.35 Games by P. Ls.
- 9.00 S.M.'s announcements, etc.
- 9.15 Dismissal; last out, one point off for Patrol.
- Court of Honour if necessary.

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"PROOF AGAINST WINTER'S BITTEREST DAYS"

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Breeches, Blue Serge, Sizes 26 to 30	2.50
Breeches, Blue Serge, Sizes 31 to 34	3.00
Breeches, Blue Serge, Sizes 35 to 36	3.50
Breeches, Khaki Wool, Sizes 26 to 30	2.60
Breeches, Khaki Wool, Sizes 31 to 34	3.10
Breeches, Khaki Wool, Sizes 35 to 36	3.60
Stockings, Khaki Tops, Grade 1	1.00
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2. Put together so well that every thread and seam can be depended upon.
3. Splendidly modeled; dresses you with an unusually effective appearance.
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