



The 7th Calgary Older Scouts and Rovers are building a log cabin troop headquarters.

The Scoutmaster and Scouts of the 10th Windsor, Ont., visited the 1st Galt on Good Friday.

The Moose Jaw Boy Scouts Association is offering a prize for the best essay on the 1st Scout Law.

The 1st Yorkton Troop has worked out a program of patrol and troop spring and summer week-end camps. Has your troop?

The 1st Thorburn Troop, N.S., held a motion picture show in their club room in aid of the Sydney Miner's Relief Fund.

A Scout play given by Troop 11 of Port Huron, Mich. at Sarnia, Ont. under the auspices of the 2nd Sarnia Troop, was an enjoyable event.

During May the Patrol Leaders of the 15th Vancouver will in turn take charge of a troop meeting, each arranging the program in his own way.

Rovers Stedmond and Jamieson were appointed additional instructors of the 7th (Grace Church) Moose Jaw Troop, "to bring the new Scouts and Cubs through their training."

Red Deer, Alta., Scouts banqueted their parents—actually. The boys themselves prepared and handled the whole affair. After the supper, Scouts and parents engaged in games.

A "museum" and a "canteen" selling home cooking and novelties were successful features of an entertainment given by the St. James Salvation Army Life Saving Scout Troop of Winnipeg.

During the winter vandals destroyed most of the bird houses placed in the Rideau Island Bird Sanctuary by the 10th Calgary. The boys replaced the houses as early as possible this spring.



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## Troops With Ideas

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The four troops and two packs of Brandon, Man. contributed a 25 minute display on two evenings of the Manitoba Winter Fair and Fat Stock Show, under the direction of District Scoutmaster Robertson.

By arrangement with the local Fire Chief, Yorkton, Sask., Cubs visited the fire hall and were shown how to turn in an alarm, and what occurred at the fire hall when the alarm came through.

Each boy in each patrol of the 1st Revelstoke, B.C., is specializing on one badge subject, "so that on patrol hikes we will always have a Cook, a Handyman, a Fire Lighter, a Camp Signaller, and a Pathfinder."

The New Glasgow, N.S., Rovers opened the season with a two-days-two-nights hike. Says Old Scout in the New Glasgow News, "This patrol is coming along in good style, and should prove of value to Scouting in Pictou County."



THE crowd at the Muskoka fair thought it a real accident. These boys of the 1st Huntsville won the Globe Shield and first place in the 1925 Ontario Wallace Nesbitt Junior Competition.

Scouts Maybank and Hall, 1st Olds Troop, Alta., "gave a good three round display of boxing which took with the audience on account of the sporting spirit and good temper shown by the contestants, who gave and received some pretty hard knocks."

Suitable summer camp sites are to be chosen by the P.Ls. of the 19th Calgary, and a report submitted to the Court of Honour. The same troop voted money for the purchase of rope for lashings, spinning lariats, archery and friction fire sets.

District Commissioner Ravenhill and a party of Victoria P.Ls. have been bike-hiking, meeting Scouts from Shawinigan Lake for an afternoon of tracking and rope spinning practice. On one return trip some new knot stunts were secured from the captain of the Mill Bay ferry.

At the annual Vimy banquet of the local G.W.V.A. the 1st Galt Troop presented the veterans with a framed picture of Sir Robert Baden-Powell and a Thanks Badge, as an expression of appreciation of the practical interest shown by the veterans in the troop.



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Woodstock, Ont., Scouts were given a course of instruction in fire prevention. Two boys of the 1st Troop proved they had learned their lesson by locating and putting out a fire which had started in an accumulation of oily rags shoved behind a kitchen pantry in a dwelling house.

A party of Ashcroft, B.C., Scouts visited the local Public Library, where the librarian picked out books covering various proficiency badge subjects. The same troop entertained a Trail Ranger group at their club room, the evening being spent in games and stunts, and concluding with a council fire.

Patrol Leaders and a number of Scouts of the 1st Galt, Ont., have been attending meetings of the new Preston Troop, to help the Preston boys make a good start. Two patrols visited the Prestons on their Charter night—an occasion made much of, and which was attended by a large gathering of parents and friends of the new Scouts.

Under their new system of patrol badge work specializing, St. Vital's Troop, Winnipeg, "has the Curlews on the Pioneer badge, under Rover C. Good; the Eagles on the Missioner badge, under P.L. Toombes, and the Crows on the Carpenters badge, under P.L. Royal." The Eagles first earned the right to sew on their patrol flag the Fireman's proficiency badge, each boy having qualified.

# The Scout Leader

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## Tents for 1925 Camps

THE arrangement of previous years by which the Militia Department loaned camp equipment to Boy Scout Associations has been discontinued and for the camping season of 1925 such equipment will be supplied only on a rental basis.

The following circular of instructions on the subject has been sent out to officers commanding Military Districts:—

Will you please note a change has been made in the policy regarding loans of camp equipment to Boy Scouts and Girl Guides organizations. For the year 1925-26 all loans to Boy Scouts and Girl Guides organizations will be made on a rental basis. The rental to be charged will be as follows:—

2. For a period not exceeding 14 days.

Tents (including Bell: Kitchen Shelters: Small Wall Tents, etc.) \$1.00 each. Blankets, \$1.00 per doz. Sheets, ground W.P., \$1.00 per doz. Tents, marquee, \$5.00 each.

3. For a period exceeding 14 days and up to 28 days the rental charge will be twice that shown above, and for a period exceeding 28 days and up to 42 days the rental will be three times that shown above, etc., etc.

4. For all other articles, the regular rental rate of 5% per month, or part thereof, will be charged.

5. In addition to the rental charge, the Boy Scouts and Girl Guides organizations will be responsible for all transportation charges, and will also be responsible for the washing of blankets and any loss or abnormal depreciation.

6. District Officer Commanding will approve locally applications for loans from bona fide Boy Scouts or Girl Guides organizations. Each issue will be covered by a completed agreement on the regular rental agreement form, para. 1 (c) of which has been amended by substituting para. 2, 3 and 4 of this letter, prefaced by the words "Pay prior to issue a hiring charge."

7. The same procedure is laid down for all loans on a rental basis.

An important point to note in the above is that rental must be paid in advance.

A local communication on the subject received at Provincial Headquarters, Boy Scouts Association, Toronto, contains the following additional paragraphs, which may or may not be duplicated in the Military District circulars of other provinces:

All applications must be received at this H.Q. not later than a clear fortnight before the issue of the articles is desired.

Your subsidiary organizations who desire to secure loans of this nature this year should be encouraged to submit requests to this H.Q. at once.

### For Scout Use Only

It should be noted that the equipment is to be used for Boy Scout and Girl Guide camps only. Scout leaders are trusted not to sign applications for equipment for other than Scout camps.

## This Year's "Nesbitt Junior"

WHILE complete returns of the Wallace Nesbitt Junior competitions are as yet only available for Ontario, the indications are that Scout First Aid teams have again made their usual excellent showing both in the number of teams competing and in their standing. In Saskatchewan first place was taken by the 1st Melville



OF various denominations but all roped up together in Scouting—the N. B. Gillwell "Canada Birds" of '24.

Troop, in Manitoba by the 16th (St. Lukes) Winnipeg Troop and in Ontario by "A" Team of the 1st Huntsville Troop. The latter troop's "B" Team won 5th place.

Of the 26 Ontario teams taking the final test 16 were Scouts and 5 were Girl Guides.

The winning Manitoba team made the remarkable score of 173 points out of a possible 200. "B" Team of the same troop won second place and "A" Team of the 9th Winnipeg 3rd place. The 3rd London, Ont., "A" Team won 2nd place in the Ontario competition and the 10th Toronto "B" Team 3rd.

While these results are gratifying, one cannot but feel that there should be yet more Scout teams in the finals, and that the average percentage of points scored should be higher. Apparently in the case of many troops, interest in First Aid is allowed to lapse following the conclusion of the competition, and is not again given serious attention until the following

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A new Sea Scout troop has been organized at Coal Harbour, B.C. The troop has been "adopted" by the Coal Harbour Rowing Club.

The use of older Scouts to direct traffic at day school and Sunday school street corners is under consideration at Chatham, Ont., and Vancouver, B.C.

An entertainment for the benefit of the new troop at Preeceville, Sask., was given under the auspices of a group of commercial travellers, assisted by three Yorkton Scouts.

A forestry course for Vancouver Scoutmasters and Rovers was concluded with a talk on forest fire prevention and fire fighting methods by Mr. W. O. Black of the Department of Lands.

Scouts and Cubs of the seven troops and affiliated packs of Moose Jaw attended a special Easter evening service at the Hillcrest church. District Commissioner Strachan arranged and assisted at the service.

The A and B teams of the 9th Winnipeg Troop won first and second place in the 1925 competition for the Winnipeg Relay Swimming Race Shield for Scouts, staged under the auspices of the St. John's Swimming Club. Seven teams competed.

The Vancouver Patrol Leaders' Council has been reorganized, each troop now having one representative, who will send a substitute whenever unable to attend. A small membership fee is paid. All meetings will discuss some topic of special interest to Patrol Leaders.

Prizes were presented by Col. Wm. Wood for the two best reports on the recent earthquake submitted by Quebec Scouts. Prizes also were presented for the best diary kept by members of the Quebec Scout party which visited England and France last summer.

Radio provided Scout music for the Fathers and Sons banquet of the 6th Moose Jaw. The music was furnished by the Regina Rover Scout band at Regina. As another unusual program item, Major F. M. MacNaughton, president of the Local Association, contributed some personal reminiscences of Baden-Powell.

On conclusion of the Part IIIA Gillwell course held at Moose Jaw, Sask., the Rev. Carew Hallowell of St. Thomas, Ont., who headed the course, was tendered a banquet and a review of some 200 Scouts, Cubs and Guides. He was also invited to present service badges to a group of Rovers.

The local G.W.V.A. gave the use of their building as a troop headquarters rent free to the 1st Galt, Ont., Troop only asking that the troop insure the building for \$1,000. The boys immediately set about raising the money. When application for the insurance was made to the Gore Fire Insurance Co., the agents gave their commission

and the directors presented the policy free, as a tribute and contribution to local Scouting.

The Stayner, Ont., Scout headquarters rent was raised. A member of the lodge owning the building declared that "the leaving of the boys would be a black eye to the lodge. They will be the kind of men we will want in this lodge. I am not a millionaire by any means, but I'll pay half the rent myself—or all of it, if necessary." The troop remained.

To each member of the Beaver and Bulldog patrols of the 1st Moose Jaw Troop, winners of first and second place in the year's patrol competition, a book was presented by Ven. Archdeacon Wells Johnson. Books also were presented to other members of the troop who distinguished themselves by service during the year.

A pleasing feature of Canadian Scout musical organizations is the attention given worthwhile music. At a recent concert of the Calgary Rover orchestra the program included Anitra's Dance and the Death of Asa from Grieg's Peer Gynt suite. The newest troop orchestra reported is that of the 1st Nelson, B. C.—4 violins, clarinet, cornet, piano, drums. No saxophones.

Scouting in Quebec province has taken another step forward with the organization of the new St. Maurice Valley District. The district will include Three Rivers, Shawinigan Falls, Grand Mere, La Tuque, Portneuf, Donnacona and possibly Quebec City. Organization was completed at a conference called by District Commissioner W. G. E. Aird and attended by Provincial Commissioner Ewing and a gathering of leaders and prospective Scout leaders from throughout the district. The field work for the new district will be in the experienced hands of Field Secretary Harry Lister.

1st Chinese Troop of Winnipeg gave a concert in the auditorium of the local Chinese school. A newspaper account notes the unusually high quality of the entertainment and that a quarter of the audience were Chinese. During the course of the evening the Scoutmaster, Andrew Mar, a young Chinese university student, was presented with his warrant by Assistant Provincial Commissioner Long. The program concluded with a dim camp fire scene, the audience in darkness, while a violin solo, "Dream Melody," was played amid the trees beyond the camp.

The Regina Daily Post published an interesting history of the Regina Scout Band, accompanied by photographs of the original bugle band organized in 1922, to greet the Duke of Connaught; the brass band of 1914, and the present band; also a picture of the present bandmaster, Mr. R. B. Wells. The important places in business and professional life now filled by a large number of the boys appearing in the two earlier pictures was an interesting feature of the article. Mr. E. R. Phaneuf, of the Regina Leader staff, was the original bandmaster.

The New Glasgow, N.S., Patrol Leaders' conference brought together 70 Boys, including 40 from outside points of Eastern Nova Scotia. The

boys handled the entire conference themselves, and made an excellent impression by their bearing and by the keen interest taken by all in the various discussions of P.L. problems. A special Sunday Scout Service was held in St. George's Hall, clergymen of three local churches participating. The conference was organized by Dr. Andrew Love, President of the Pictou County Boy Scouts Association, with the assistance of Provincial Secretary Kaulbach and Assistant Provincial Commissioner Eaman.

### A Composite Four-Night Program

- 7.30 Patrol Corners; roll call, dues.
- 7.35 Roll Reports.\* Flag Break. Scout Silence.
- General Inspection.\*
- Special Inspection—\*
  - (a) Jackknives.
  - (b) Left hand, right shoe.
  - (c) Contents of pockets (usefulness).
  - (d) Teeth.
- Post marks on board.
- 7.45 Lively Game—(Freeze\*)
  - (a) Whip Tag.
  - (b) Elephant & Whale.\*
  - (c) Foot in Ring.\*
  - (d) Blind Boxing (glove or hat)
- 7.55 Corners—Test and Badge work as arranged by Court of Honour. (Freeze\*)
- 8.10 Quiet Game.
  - (a) Patrol Footprints.\*
  - (b) Compass Blind Man's Buff.
  - (c) Scout Law Baseball.\*
  - (d) Blind Man's Journey.\*
- 8.20 (a) Sealed message in Morse.\*
- (b) Sealed message in Semaphore.\*
- (c) Morse Relay.\*
- (d) Semaphore Relay.\*
- 8.30 (a, c) Hand Signals.\*
- (b) Tracking box problem.\*
- (d) Land Life Saving Drill.
- 8.40 (a) Inquisition Game.\*
- (b, d) Impromptu First Aid problem.\*
- (c) Scout Law Charades.\*
- 8.50 Council Fire: Songs (rounds). S.M.'s Five. Songs. Announcements. Scout Silence. O Canada King. Flag. Dismiss. Two points off for noisiness when leaving or at door. One point off for last patrol out. Court of Honour.

\* Patrol Competition.

### Notes on Four-Night Program

Whip Tag, see Leader for Feb. Elephant and Whale, April. Foot in Ring, March. Blind Boxing, Feb.. Patrol Footprints

Patrol Leaders sent out of sight. Members of each patrol make single footprint in tracking box, or within marked space on suitable nearby road. P. Ls. called in and allowed two minutes for identification of footprints of their own patrol, noting the location mentally, and pointing out when called upon by the S.M. As names called, boys confirm or declare wrong. Patrol competition point for each track identified. Footprints of different patrols should be well mixed.

Compass Blind Man's Buff, March. Scout Law Baseball, Jan., 1924. Blind Man's Journey, April, 1924. Sealed Messages and Relays, March. Hand Signals, Nov., 1924. Tracking Box, Feb., 1924. Land Life Saving Drill, see Canadian Scout Swimmer and Rescuer (20c, Stores Department). Inquisition Game, Jan., 1924. Scout Law Charades, Jan., 1924.

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### What the Clippings Say

Newspaper clippings during the month show:—

Keen interest in patrol competitions. Scattered reports of troop community good turns and of inter-troop visits. Several St. Patrick's Day "Fathers and Sons" on the famous 17th of this year.

St. George's Day widely celebrated with entertainments, banquets, and church parades on the Sunday preceding.

Excellent attendance at troop meetings generally, and a number of 100% records up to three months.

Indoor council fires frequently mentioned, and always as a popular feature, with Chinese and "pine needle" incense as a frequent realistic touch.

A gratifying increase in the number of Easter holiday hikes, overnight camps and special Easter Sunday Scout church parades and services.

Well planned Fathers and Sons and Scout and Parents banquets. One would like to see more Mothers and Sons affairs, with the boys playing host.

Quebec Eastern County troops strong on accident prevention. Seven boys of the 2nd Sherbrooke and 20 of the 1st Lennoxville, out of 26, qualified for the Accident Prevention badge.

Organization of a number of new Rover patrols, and indications of steadily growing usefulness of Rovers to Scout troops and Cub packs. A Rover patrol at Estevan, Sask., was organized under the auspices of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew.

The 4th Vancouver has offered 20 points in the patrol competition for the first patrol producing friction fire from a home made fire set. By the way, why not points to each Scout who gets fire with his own made set?

Annual entertainments and displays well attended and apparently of a good standard, on the whole. Those which are all-Scout apparently make the best impression and attract the largest audiences. They are the shows which most frequently repeat. Friction fire and lariat demonstrations or contests appearing more often. Blind-fold boxing always popular. There are still a number of so-called Scout entertainments, however, whose composite programs have little to distinguish them from any average amateur community entertainment—in other words, they are Scout entertainments only in name. We hope to see the last of these.

## Field Days

**T**HE INCREASE in the number and proportions of public Scouting demonstrations noted generally during the past year undoubtedly will find a counterpart this summer in an increased number of Scout field days. As usual many of these will be held on Victoria Day, King George's birthday or Dominion Day, as a feature of local celebrations. In other cases the field day will incidentally serve the purpose of raising funds for the local association or for troop camps. A successful example of this combination purpose field day is the big annual Montreal show, held in June, which, as the result of several years of excellently planned programs, consistently draws capacity crowds, and provides a substantial revenue for the financing of the district summer camp. For 1925 we would like again to



**T**HE Scouting demonstration of the 1st Huntsville was one of the hits emphasize the desirability of Scout field days being distinctly Scouty in character, with every possible program item a Scout demonstration or contest.

For instance the Scout's pace might well be substituted for ordinary sprint races, with suitable explanation to the audience. Or sprinting may be included as part of a contest in starting a fire and boiling a billy, etc. In this connection—always use an announcer, preferably with a megaphone, to clearly explain the details and ideas of each contest. However obvious these may appear to you, there will be a number in the crowd who do not immediately grasp the purpose or comprehend all the points of a competition.

A page of suggestions for Scout field day events will be found in the May number of the *Leader*, 1924. See also "Some Scoutercraft Exhibition Ideas," *Scout Leader*, Nov., 1923; "Vancouver's Annual District Display," May, 1924; "The '24 Winnipeg Display," Jan., 1925.

An original feature of the Montreal field day of last year, which may be found effective elsewhere, was "Unorganized and Organized Games." A large number of boys appeared on the field dressed as street roughs, and proceeded to play various impromptu games. One large group started a football match with a big tin can. Another group played baseball with improvised bat and ball. Some kicked and threw about the hats of smaller boys. Here and there six or eight boys dropped to the ground to play cards or throw dice. The whole was accompanied by much noise and squabbling, and frequent fights. Finally

a party of Scouts appeared, gathered the ragamuffins together in groups, and soon had them playing various healthy organized games, with laughter and general good sportsmanship prevailing in place of the previous rioting.

It is expected this year that lariat spinning and throwing, individual and inter-patrol and inter-troop archery, and friction fire contests will be given increased prominence.

## A Comprehensive Troop Display

**A**N EASTER week-end display put on by the 10th Calgary at their troop headquarters was a marked success, according to the *Calgary Boys' Herald*.

Every available space was occupied. On entering, the first thing that caught the eye was a realistic model camp. The details comprised a pup tent and an inviting couch of spruce boughs, a camp kitchen, with its accompanying gadgets of pot hooks, birch brooms, a rustic table, etc., lanterns and candle holders, axes, pack sacks.

The Scouter's Den and Court of Honour room came next, and here the various intimate trophies and possessions of the troop were on display. Photos of camping scenes, the cherished troop flags, and the picture of one of their comrades "called to a higher service" were also on view. This room was furnished with an attractive log fireplace, the mantle shelf of which was crowded with examples of carvings in bone and wood. A signed photograph of the Chief Scout hung in the place of honor. A fine troop library was also housed in the den.

Entering the main hall, the display of bird houses attracted much attention, and there was keen competition for the reference book on birds offered as a patrol prize by a gentleman interested in bird preservation.

## Unique Radio Display

The radio exhibit included receiving sets of all types from the crystal to the 6-tube. A feature was an invention of Rover Rogers, which converted a head phone into a crystal set loud speaker. During the evening distant stations were brought in, and provided a good concert. Silent intervals on the air were filled in by a "megaphone broadcasting station" in the basement with various announcements from "Station CROW, 10th Calgary Troop, Calgary, Canada."

The proficiency badge displays were too numerous to describe in detail. Among them were noted the Laundry Man, Camp Cook, Naturalist, Clerk, Typist, Cyclist, Ambulance Man, Basket Worker, Leather Worker, Forester, Gardener, Handy Man. Notable displays by individual Scouts were made in connection with the Miner's, Blacksmith's and Fisherman's badges. There were also excellent displays of carpentry, both plain and cabinet work, and of drawings and water colors.

The east side of the hall had been turned into a museum of interesting relics and souvenirs brought from the several boys' homes. The collection included firearms used by pioneer

settlers, relics of the Riel rebellion, the South African war and the World war; newspapers and various documents of early days, a spinning wheel, and a fine Indian exhibit, including a collection of buckskin and beaded work.

Several stalls displayed burnt and painted leather work, baskets and bird houses for sale. The latter were sold out quickly, and orders were received for additional boxes sufficient to keep the troop busy for several days.

The Rover den had been turned over to the Girl Guides of the 2nd Company, who are associated with the 10th Troop. Here an attractive display of Guide handicraft was shown, and tea and ice cream sold during the afternoon and evening.

## Local Displays and Jamborees

**S**coutmaster visitors to such jamborees or displays as have been held during the last six months in Winnipeg, Calgary, Montreal, Halifax and other of the larger centers, usually return home with the impulse to plan a local display immediately.

While much good may come from these exhibitions of Scouting—where thoroughly prepared for—there may also be disadvantages. On the one side, the jamboree or display draws the attention of the general public to Scouting and its methods, makes known to the man on the street the difference, say, between Scouts and Cadets, etc. It increases the interest of parents of Scouts and Cubs in the two programs. It generally stimulates the local organization and its auxiliaries. As a means of raising necessary district funds it is much preferable to direct solicitation. For the boys themselves it greatly stimulates



of last fall's Muskoka Fair.

interest in proficiency badge work, and for many boys the experience of teamwork on a large scale is valuable.

Probably the chief possible disadvantage is the disruption of the regular Scouting program of each troop concerned; another is the possible encouraging of a wrong sense of values in individual boys.

Therefore one of the first questions to decide would be whether a display or jamboree can be properly and thoroughly prepared for without disrupting regular Scouting activities.

This having been decided as possible, the next matter to establish is the attendance that may reasonably be expected, and the probable total receipts. Expenditures should be worked out on this basis, with a reasonable safety margin. Not infrequently the pyramid is reversed; that is, an expensive and pretentious exhibition is planned on the venture that attend-

ance and receipts will result in proportion. This does not always follow, with the result that the local organization finds itself under a further financial handicap instead of being ahead, and with in addition the reputation of biting off more than it can handle.

Plenty of time must be taken both for planning and for active preparation. Under no circumstances should a display or jamboree be rushed into.

One important hint—each troop, pack or other group participating should be called up regularly by the Secretary or Business Manager regarding its progress with models, side show or other activity assigned to it—"Have you done this or that?" "Are your costumes ready?" "How many models have your boys completed?" "When will they have the balance finished?" Etc., etc.

The organization of the Montreal Jamboree as outlined in this issue may be considered a very good example, and may be used, with the necessary modifications, to suit a display of any size or duration.

The importance of the publicity end should never be overlooked. (See paragraphs "Publicity Committee," and "Publicity," in article, *The Winter's Scout Show*, *Scout Leader*, December, 1924.)

### The Going Up Ceremony

THE following suggestions in regard to a Wolf Cub Going Up Ceremony were outlined for use in the Montreal District by the Hon. Organizing Secretary for the district, H. M. Jockel.

The best way in which to emphasize the Going Up ceremony with Wolf Cubs is to refer frequently to the time when they shall be Scouts. Make occasional mention of the things the boys in the Scout Troop are doing but which the Cubs may not do until they are Scouts. For example, the fourteen mile Journey. Have every Cub present at every such ceremony. Always invite parents of the Cubs "going up."

The ceremony here outlined is not laid down as the only form to be used. It is offered as a suggestion. The essentials necessary to securing the spirit of the occasion should be adhered to, however. Preferably the ceremony should be quite simple; and both Cubs and Scouts should be carefully prepared for it, especially with regard to their mental attitude at the time of the ceremony.

On the appointed night—which may be parents' night—put on some miscellaneous Cub work, including Jungle dances, etc. As the concluding item of the evening announce that you are now going to perform the important ceremony of passing certain Wolf Cubs into the Scout troop. The Scout troop, if not present previously, will then be brought in. On the proper signals the Cub Pack will form Pack Council Circle, and the Scout Troop the Horse-shoe, with the opening toward the Circle. A chalk line may be drawn on the floor between the two formations.

With all in readiness, the Cubmaster begins: "We are paraded this evening to send Cub Jones up into the Troop."

Cub Jones, attended by his Sixer, then forward and stands before the

Cubmaster in the center of the circle, while the pack goes down and gives the Grand Howl. The Cub, not Akela, acknowledges the Howl, with the Cub salute. The Cubmaster then takes a few minutes to tell what a good Cub Jones has been, how useful, and what a loss his going will be to the Pack; what stars and badges he has gained.

The Cubmaster then accompanies Cub Jones to the joining (not dividing) line, where the Scoutmaster is standing to receive him.

Akela. "Scoutmaster Brown, I am bringing up to you Cub Jones. He has been a splendid Cub, and we are sorry to lose him, but he is now of Scout age, and we know he will make a good Scout. I hope you will accept him into your troop."

The Scoutmaster will respond in similar terms, and greet the Cub with a right hand shake. Turning to the troop he will say, "Who will take Cub Jones into their patrol?" According to previous understanding, one of the Patrol Leaders will call out, for example, "The Owls, sir."

Scoutmaster: "Can I trust the Owls to receive him and make him one of themselves, and to help him to be a good Scout?" To which the Owls reply in chorus, "Yes, sir."

Scoutmaster: "Good! Cubmaster Johnson, this troop pledges its honour that it will do its best to help Cub Jones to become a good Scout."

The Owl Patrol Leader will then step forward and take Cub Jones to his patrol. The troop should then give its yell, and cheers for Cub Jones.

Throughout the ceremony Cubmaster and Scoutmaster should bear themselves quite naturally, exhibiting every possible kindness and mark of consideration for Cub Jones, who may be feeling quite blue at the thought of leaving the pack. Every effort should be made to show him that he is not leaving friends and going among the unknown, but is simply entering another group of friends.

In order that the ceremony may not lose any of its impressiveness it is better not to pass up more than two or three Cubs on one evening.

Finally, if the parents are present, take a few minutes to explain just what the ceremony means.

The question as to whether Cub

Jones should continue wearing Cub uniform for one month in the Scouts, or for one month should wear Scout uniform in the Cubs, will be decided between the Scoutmaster and the Cubmaster. It would seem advisable, however, that the Cub retain his Cub uniform until he has passed his Scout Tenderfoot tests and is ready for the Scout Investiture.

### The Registration Questionnaire

IN ORDER not to cause any confusing of the registration question with the Ontario quota arrangements for the current year, the Registration Questionnaire was sent Ontario Scoutmasters at a later date than those mailed other provinces. The replies are now coming in. As in the case of replies from the other provinces, well over 90 per cent. are marked "Yes." The comments also are similar. A few scattering examples:—

"The Court of Honour has decided to raise the dues from 5 cents to 6 cents per week, one cent to be set aside for registration. The boys think it's the real stuff."—P.P. Stelling, 22nd Hamilton.

"Boys all think it's a splendid idea."—F. A. Box, 9th Brantford.

"Certainly in favor of such a move as this, especially if it will be the means of supplying field men to teach Scouting to the boys in outlying districts."—C. A. Johnson, 7th Toronto.

"Parents should be given to understand that they are reaping the harvest of the good seed of Character sown in Scouting. The day is past when parents must be let think they confer a favor on Scoutmasters by allowing them to train their boys for good citizenship."—Brother Silvin, 10th London, and Diocesan Director of Catholic Scouts in Western Ontario.

"I think the boys would feel a responsibility if registered at Dominion Headquarters, and paying for that privilege."—F. W. Gervan, 2nd Ottawa.

The five negative or doubtful replies to date all present the difficulty of troops of limited financial resources. One, District Commissioner Vonton of Espanola, who has done much valuable field work at his own expense, added the personal opinion that the scheme "in so far as it would help Field Work would be invaluable."

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SCOUTS of the 1st and 2nd Kingsville, (Ont.) troops spent the Easter holidays making their town "cleaner than ever before." They made

## A Four-Day Jamboree

IN OCTOBER of last year the Montreal Scoutmasters' Club appointed committees to plan for the holding of an indoor Jamboree on April 15-18, this spring. During the fall and winter the sub-committees met weekly or fortnightly to discuss plans and report progress, and once monthly a meeting of all committees was held.

The result of this careful planning and preparation was a four days' Scout Display (or an Indoor Street Fair, it might have been called), of a magnitude and excellence seldom realized by any similar organization, and which attracted an attendance of over 17,000 people, including the Chief Scout for Canada, His Excellency Lord Byng.

The scene of the Jamboree was the fifth floor of the Morgan building, one of the largest departmental stores in Montreal. The floor comprises 35,000 square feet of space; and this was entirely filled with streets and blocks of proficiency badge and other Scout demonstration booths, selling booths and sideshows. Each booth was 12 by 20 feet, or larger, railed off; and each decorated attractively.

### Like a Midway

During the busy hours the scene was reminiscent of a provincial fair midway. The streets were packed; there was a din of side show barkers, and hawkers crying peanuts, ice-cream cones, hot dogs, hard tack and lime juice; alarm gongs clanged in the Fireman's Booth, the ship's bells of the Sea Scouts sang musically; Indians in war paint and feathers wormed their way through the crowd, thumping a drum and whooping the artistic virtues of scalp dances; strange beings from the Circus Freak Show caterwalled for attention; clean limbed, fresh faced young boxers or fencers, in white gymn costumes, came and went in the direction of the Assault-at-Arms; very dark gentlemen in very high collars and hats stalked about telling the world of the greatest minstrel show on earth. And in each of the 50-odd Scout Proficiency Badge booths, groups of uniformed Scouts went busily about their several occupations and demonstrations.

Unquestionably the average visitor left the Jamboree with a new realization of the practical educational value of Scouting—and of the high quality of Scout leadership in Montreal. The Scoutmaster visitor was impressed with the thought that Scouting is a big enough job for any big man; that no man in any city or town is too "important" to find suitable play for his talents and ability in some of Scouting's various activities.

### Effect on the Boys

As to the Scouts themselves, one could not miss the pride they took in their participation in something so substantially worth while. The value set by them upon their Scout connection obviously had been greatly enhanced. The many parents present must have been further convinced of the practical value of Scouting; and thousands of visitors new to Scouting must have gone away with a similar impression of its possibilities for the boys of any community.

## Fifty-four Booths

In all there was 54 booths and 14 sideshow features, as follows:

**Active Booths**—Airman Proficiency Badge, Ambulance Man, Artist, Basket Worker, Canoe man, Carpenter, Clerk, Cook, Cyclist, Electrician, Fireman, Handyman, Knotting, Laundryman, Leatherworker, Missioner, Photographer, Pioneer, Printer, Rescuer, Signaller, Tailor, Telegrapher, Wire-less Operator.

**Display Booths**—Accident Prevention, Carpenter Models, Camp Cook, Camp Models, Forester, Marksman, Naturalist, Pioneer, Pathfinder, Plumber, Public Healthman, Surveyor.

**Special Booths**—Sea Scouts, Rover Scout Spare Time Activities, Trophies and Troop and Pack Colors.

**Selling Booths**—Candy, Fancy Work, Fish Pond, Home Cooking and Cake, Ice Cream and Soft Drinks, Peanuts, Hot Frankfurters.

The Wolf Cub Section comprised seven extra large display and demonstration booths:—Artist, Collector, First Aider, House Orderly, Weaver, Woodworker, and Misc. Models.

### Side Shows

The Side Shows, each put on by a separate troop, with the exception of the Assault-at-Arms and Model Camp, comprised these:—

Art Gallery, Assault-at-Arms, Circus Freaks, Correct Height and Weight, Country Fair, Hit the Nigger, Indian Dances, Minstrel Show, Model Camp, Pyramids, Robin Hood (archery for prizes), Suspension Bridge, Trestle Bridge, Wolf Cub Pageant and Dances.



ANOTHER of those Gillwell Journey "expeditions" — some Maritime Crows of 1923.

In addition to the Scout and Cub booths there were a number of concessions for which commercial firms had paid \$100 each.

In connection with this detail it is gratifying to mention that one of the largest and best located sections in the building was placed at the disposal of the Dominion Headquarters, Stores Department, free. A very effective and complete showing of equipment was made by Quartermaster George Ferguson.

Necessarily space limitations permit mention of only a few of the badge booths whose activities may contain a suggestion for use elsewhere.

### Flags and Trophies

Appropriately, on entering the huge armory-like room, one faced, across the first wide street, a rich banking of Union Jacks, troop and pack colors

and totem poles. These were arranged in two fan-like groupings to right and left; and in the center was a fine collection of silver Scout competition trophies. Above the table of trophies, and immediately below the arch of flags, was the famous Tait McKenzie statuette, "The Boy Scout," presented to the Montreal Association in 1919 by the Scout Council of Philadelphia.

### Booth Activities

The first proficiency badge booth was that of the "Scout Fireman," in charge of St. Anne de Bellevue troop. This booth was equipped as a museum of fire hazards, with a most complete collection of "bad examples." These ranged from celluloid dolls to an old fashioned kitchen stove overhung by a line of wet clothing. Few visitors but paused for five or ten minutes to study the collection and to listen to the explanations of the Scoutmaster and his able young demonstrators. (More regarding this display in a later article.) It is worth while noting, as illustrating the thought given every detail of the Jamboree, that the Fireman's Booth was allotted the most effective location in the hall—where its practical warnings would secure the attention of every visitor almost immediately upon entering, and while their minds were fresh to impressions.

**Missioners Badge Booth.**—This booth represented a sick room, with a uniformed nurse in charge, and a small group of boys of the 87th Troop going through various details of the care of a "sick" Scout. The demonstration included the making of the bed, taking of temperature, preparing broths, preparing and applying a hot compress to an injured knee, etc.

**Laundryman's Booth.**—Here boys of the 33rd scrubbed and rinsed and ironed in most hearty and capable fashion. As with practically all the demonstrations, one was struck by the serious, absorbed attention of the lads in their work.

**Ambulance Man.**—Across the aisle first aid teams of the 41st Troop put on "senior" and "junior" first aid bandaging demonstrations at short intervals, a blackboard announcing the particular problem being handled.

**Handyman.**—This was a very attractive booth, put on by the 6th Troop. A half dozen Scouts were engaged in such "handy" jobs as painting shutters, glazing, repairing a broken ladder, putting up wall paper, repairing a door bell, etc. The accompanying display included numerous articles that had been repaired.

**Rovers Booth.**—Members of five Montreal district Rover patrols in turn occupied this booth, and engaged in various Gillwell "spare time activities." On the occasion of the Leader's visit a heavy canvas kitbag, ax handles and paper mache plaques were being manufactured. The walls of the booth bore an interesting collection of work previously done.

**Basket Workers.**—This was another booth—run by the 20th—that drew much attention and approval. The entire operation of basket weaving was shown, from the preparatory soaking

of the withes to the finishing touches with the varnish brush. Serving trays with basket borders and handles attracted the particular notice of the ladies.

**Leather Workers.**—Here the boys of the 82nd Troop struck a most practical note with their shoe-repairing. An array of shoes half-soled by the amateur shoemakers would have done credit to any average shoe repair shop window. The exhibit of finished work included moccasins and Basuto cowhide sandals, for camp wear. The booth decorations covered practically every form of leather work.

**Pioneers.**—The 20th Troop was in charge of this scouty exhibit. It showed various types of lashings, and completed bridge models of a half dozen types, including a solid metal model of the great Quebec bridge. Several well done models of prairie schooners also were shown.

**Sea Scouts.**—This extra large booth, in charge of the Sea Scouts, was one of the most elaborate attractions of the show. The display included all manner of boat and yacht fittings, a ship's bell (which duly clanged out the half hours), and a fine fleet of model yachts. The young Scout seamen were busying themselves variously at sand-papering the bottom of a dinghy, polishing brasswork, fashioning grommets and other rope work. An amusing feature was the sale at one corner of "the lime juice and hardtack that made the Empire," or "as much hardtack as you can eat for ten cents"—loudly proclaimed by a couple of leather-lunged young Scout seadogs.

**Accident Prevention.**—The chief activity of this booth, run by the 57th Troop, was the writing on a blackboard of numerous bits of advice along Safety First lines. Occasionally one such as the following was inscribed: "The wife of a careless man is almost a widow."

**Camper.**—This booth displayed a large collection of miniature models of various types of camps mounted on boards. A number were most realistic, with their forest background, their grassy slopes and playing fields, and their adjacent river or lake (of looking glass). All types of tents and brush shelters were shown, and miniature camp kitchens, complete.

**Signalling.**—The operating models and humming buzzers of this exhibit, in charge of the 24th, attracted much attention. A striking skyline background represented a fleet of warships at night, their masthead blinker lights winking backwards and forwards in dot and dash—as worked by the young wireless men below. The wall decorations included several pictures recording the "Romance of the History of Signalling," and a picture table of the Indian Signs of the Months. Mounted on boards were full-size trail signs of every description, Scout and Indian—in grass, in stones, bent limbs, etc.

**Carpenters.**—The Carpenters (of the 89th Troop) were a busy lot, with hammer, saw, planes and glue pot. One item noted was a Patrol Corners property box almost completed. Finished work, which numbered some 200 pieces, included such things as picture frames, tie racks, a match box

which on pressing down delivered a match, weather vanes, model ice boats, a Chinese fiddle.

**Cyclists.**—The 44th Troop cyclists demonstrated in a practical way what they knew of bicycles by taking apart, cleaning and generally renovating wheels brought in to them.

Naturally the Model Camp was given extra space. It was in charge of the 17th and 92nd troops. A three-sided background of spruce and a full-sized tent made a realistic set. Over a typical kitchen fire a kettle of real hunter's stew was brewing fragrantly. About were all the incidentals of a well regulated Gillwell kitchen, except of course the grease pit. A flag flew from a flagstaff of spliced Scout staves.

The whole effect was made complete by a distinct odor of spruce needles.

#### The Cub Booths

The several Wolf Cub booths were not in operation at the time of the Scout Leader's visit, the small demonstrators presumably having been sent home at 9 o'clock. There were many



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signs of their busy doings, however, notably in the extra large booth labeled "House Orderly." On one kitchen table were newly peeled potatoes, on another a dish pan and signs of recent dish-washing. Some cooking had been done at an electric stove, a window had been cleaned, boots cleaned and blackened, and a "baby brother" had been looked after. In an other booth the Weavers also had been busy, contriving baskets and other similar articles. The very large displays of the Collectors, Artists and Wood Workers were most interesting, and many of the exhibits of a surprising excellence. Undoubtedly the Cub section was one of the most popular with the crowd when the junior Scouts were at their several busy tasks.

#### The Side Shows

All the side shows were well patronized. For the Assault-at-Arms, which was notably popular, a program of preliminary boxing and fencing bouts was so arranged as to provide an almost continuous program, culminating in the final bouts of the Saturday night climax.

The Indian pow-wow put on by the 20th Troop opened with the intoning of the Omaha tribal prayer, followed by the Iroquois Peace Pipe ceremony. A Cahulla bird dance was very well

done, then an excellent demonstration of rope spinning by Chief Beaver Wolf, in ordinary Scout life P.L. Don Williams of the 23rd Ottawa Troop. This was followed by the Chippewa scalp dance, then the singing of what is said to be the oldest Indian song known, the Muije Mukesin, and the stepping of the White Caribou dance. A repetition of the Omaha prayer concluded a performance which was always heartily applauded. An interesting feature was a brief description, by the "Chief," of each dance or ceremony and of the Indian tribe with which it originated, their present numbers and location.

Early each evening Wolf Cubs put on a show illustrating the various adventures of Mowgli and other Jungle Book characters, and these were always much enjoyed.

The correct-weight machine, run by the 83rd, and the Robin Hood prize archery booth of the 24th were well patronized.

#### Selling Booths

The selling booths included these: Home Made Candy, sold by Girl Guide officers. Fancy Work, Notre Dame de Grace Women's Club. Fish Pond, Outremont and North End Womens' Club. Home Cooking and Cake, Montreal West Womens' Club. Ice Cream and Soft Drinks, 69th Troop. Hot Frankfurters, Scouts of the Verdun district. These latter delicacies—vociferously announced as "Hot Dogs," of course—found a surprising sale, 600 being disposed of on Thursday, and 1,500 on Saturday.

The peanuts (salted, in waxed-paper bags only) were tacked to boards, shingle fashion, and hawked about the aisles.

#### The Chief Scout's Visit.

For Friday night, the evening of Lord Byng's visit, an admission fee of \$1.00 was charged, as a means of keeping the attendance down to a point which would not interfere with the enjoyment of his visit by the Chief Scout for Canada. Lord Byng made a leisurely and complete round of the show, and expressed himself as surprised and much pleased with its proportions and the quality of the various exhibits and demonstrations.

#### Organization

Eleven sub-committees made up the General Jamboree Committee. They were: Tickets, Active Booths, Selling Booths, Commercial Booths, Side Shows, Publicity, Ceremonial, Wolf Cub Display, Assault-at-Arms and Guard of Honour. A general director or business manager completed the organization.

To mention all those responsible for the splendid success of the Montreal Jamboree would call the roll of the Montreal Scoutmasters' Club. It was a Scout's job, in which everyone played a Scout's part. The responsibility of heading the enterprise rested upon the shoulders of Mr. W. J. Thistlethwaite, President of the Montreal Scoutmasters' Club, and Mr. H. M. Eldson, the Jamboree's business manager. The vitally important publicity work, without which all other planning would have been bootless, was looked after by Mr. E. R. Pater-son, Executive Secretary of the Local Association.

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

# THE DUFFEL BAG

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

## A Lost Scout

**A**N APPEAL has been broadcast for word of the whereabouts of Scout Benjamin Freed, 15 years of age, of the 49th Hebrew Free School Troop, Winnipeg, who disappeared on Thursday night, April 2nd. He is described as 5 feet 8 inches in height, with blue eyes and brown hair, and when last seen was wearing a grey top coat and knicker suit. He is believed to have been carrying a parcel which contained long trousers. Word of his whereabouts may be telegraphed to Provincial Scout Headquarters, Sterling Bank Bldg., Winnipeg.

## N.B. Leaders' "Practical Night"

**A**T A RECENT "Practical Night" of the St. John, N.B., Scoutmasters and Cubmasters, Dr. Wm. McIntosh, curator of the St. John Museum, and one of the province's outdoor authorities, talked on camp sites and hike objectives on the St. John and Kennebecasis rivers within reach of the St. John district. Demonstrations taken up included carrying of the injured, camp signalling and rope splicing.

It was decided in future to hold a monthly leaders' meeting at various troop headquarters, the troop ladies' auxiliaries being invited to provide a supper, for which the leaders will pay—the funds going into the troop treasury.

## A Visiting S.M.

**S**coutmaster J. Brown, who recently arrived in Vancouver from Montreal, took charge of the 4th Pathfinders for an interesting evening. An opening feature of his program was the reading to the boys before inspection of a message which was later written and handed in. The message ran: "From the Chief of the Iroquois to the Chief of the Pale Faces: Beware how you enter our hunting grounds, or it will mean death to you and your braves."

As another program item each patrol was given a map with the route of a travelling Scout traced upon it. The patrols were directed to fill in the trail signs which the Scout was supposed to have followed.

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winter, in preparation for the next competition.

This should not be the case. First Aid is one of the most important Scout activities; it is a knowledge that is expected of Scouts by the general public.

How can interest be maintained? Here are some suggestions:—

Make your First Aid team one of the prize groups in your troop, membership in which is a distinction and a privilege. If the team wins a high standing in the provincial competition, make a fuss over them; give them a banquet, with "speeches and everything."

Have them demonstrate before the troop regularly, once or twice a month throughout the year.

Make the individual members special instructors on the subject.

Give patrol competition points for each Scout making the team.

Have the team's picture taken, framed and put up in the troop room.

If your troop team must travel to some other point to take the examination, invite your local citizens to subscribe money to cover their expenses, if necessary. Get the whole town interested in them. This was done for the Melville, Sask., team which had to journey to Saskatoon for the examination. You can be sure that every person in Melville now knows of the troop and its First Aid Team. And every boy in that troop is hoping that he will some day qualify for the team.

## Ye Scout Almanack

### May

1st—May Day.

2nd—Saturday and a May Day hike.

10th—Sunday. Remember Mother's Day.

17th—Rogation Sunday.

21st—Ascension Day.

24th—Victoria Day. Troop and Inter-Troop field day with Scouting competitions.

26th—Queen Mary's Birthday.

29th—Day of Pentecost.

31st—Whit Sunday.

During May—Finish spring "clean ups." Talk camp and camp funds and get in some real good practice hikes. Candidates for the Gardener's badge should be busy in their 12 x 12 plots.

## Gillwell Camp Dates

Dates for the following 1925 summer Gillwell training camps have been fixed:

Nova Scotia, June 30—July 10.

Saskatchewan, July 7—17.

Ontario, July 7—17.

New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island, July 14—24.

Alberta, July 21—31.

Quebec, August 4—14.

**YOUR OPINION ON THE REGISTRATION PLAN IS DESIRED. KINDLY FILL IN AND RETURN THE QUESTIONNAIRE.**

"Excellent idea if boys thoroughly understand that the money is for field work."—C. A. Taylor, Windsor.

"This idea looks to me like a splendid one, and the Scouts of my troop seem very enthusiastic and are ready to assist in any way possible."—J. Hanley, 4th Kenora.

"Should have been done long ago. Canada is the home of independence, and Scouting has not been greatly helped by being cheap. Canadian boys like to pay fees."—A. J. Mitchell, 1st Wilmet.

## A Fine Public Service Idea

**T**HE 1st BONNINGTON Troop, B.C., Scoutmaster W. C. Motley, is located in a district ten miles from a doctor. This fact suggested First Aid as a subject which should be given special attention by the troop, and on arrangement with the provincial office the troop has been carrying on advanced First Aid study, and has equipped itself with a special First Aid kit.

## This is Real Rovering

**T**HE London (England) Rover Committee has organized a Blood Transfusion Service. In addition to the Rovers themselves, a number of their parents, wives and friends have enrolled. Since June, 1924, over 40 Rovers have given of their blood for the benefit of serious hospital cases, and a number of lives have been saved. Any qualified hospital surgeon may obtain the service for a patient at any time, and without charge.

## Who Has a Spare Radio Set?

**T**HE "farthest-west Lone Patrol," located in a small lighthouse settlement on Clayoquot Sound, three miles from the open Pacific, with headquarters in an old chicken house, wonders whether some brother Scouts elsewhere in Canada could spare them "an old discarded radio set." Only occasional intercourse is had with the outside world, and the patrol's opportunities for earning money are very few. Any troop which can meet this good turn opportunity should write Provincial Secretary Anthony, Boy Scouts Association, 1216 Broad St., Victoria, for information of the best way and time for shipping the set.

His Majesty the King, has stated that he reads a portion of God's Word every day. The world's greatest and best men have observed the same practice. The Boy Scouts' Scripture Union encourages boys to follow in their footsteps.

## A Parents Night

**A** PARENTS' Night program of the 15th Vancouver Troop, Scoutmaster Morrison, brought out "all the mothers of the boys, and some of the dads." The meeting opened in the usual way at 7.30, following which the patrol competition figures for February were read, and the Unger Shield was presented to the Buffalo Patrol, as winners. Badges and Service Stars were presented and a nouncement made of several promotions. Twenty minutes was then spent in Patrol Corners, the guests visiting each patrol in turn, to observe its activities. After ten minutes of troop instruction, a Scout Law charade was put on by the Buffalos, and a number of lively Scouting games were played, including Blind Boxing. The evening concluded with parent-guests and Scouts singing songs about the council fire, and finally the repetition of the Scout Promise and the lowering of the flag.