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An Example Court of Honour Meeting

PATROL Leaders and Seconds seated about table, Scoutmaster at head.

Scoutmaster: "The Twenty-second Court of Honour of the 1st Maplewood Troop is now open. The Scribe will read the minutes of the last meeting."

Minutes read by the Scribe, standing.

Scoutmaster: "Are these minutes correct? Shall we accept them as read?"

Minutes accepted as read.

"Next, unfinished business. There was the question of the troop doing something of a practical nature to show that it appreciates the cooperation it is receiving from the minister and the other organizations of the church. Jack had suggested a new pulpit Bible, and Chuck a wall clock for the Sunday-school. Billy said the ladies needed another cupboard in the kitchen, and thought we could buy or make one. Dick spoke of our permanently taking on the job of fixing broken chairs in the Sunday-school room, and of generally working with the Temporal Committee of the church to keep things in repair. You probably have some more suggestions now?"

Various suggestions discussed. Vote taken to decide between the wall clock and the Bible. Dick appointed a committee of one to call on the Temporal Committee, and offer the troop's services in taking care of all minor repairs in the church building. Billy appointed a committee of one to interview the President of the Ladies' Aid regarding the new cupboard.

Scoutmaster: "Next, Reports. The Christmas toy repair shop. Charlie?"

Charlie, standing: "I saw Mr. Johnson, and he said we could use one side of his feed store, with the window. There is a shed in the back, with a stove, and a long table, where we can do the repair work. We can have it any time."

Scoutmaster: "Good. Publicity. Are you ready to report, Billy?"

Billy, rising: "Yes, sir. Mr. Gilmore of the Star said he would give us all the mention he could. If we have a good picture taken, such as the boys at work repairing toys, he said he would publish that. I told him we expected to pay for an advertisement of the toy shop, to run three or four times. We have permission to announce it in the schools, in all the senior rooms. I haven't seen about all the Sunday-schools yet, I'll report on that next week."

Various other reports made and noted by Scribe.

Scoutmaster: "New business next."

Jack: "We had a meeting of our patrol in council at my place last night, and we were talking about staves. About half the fellows in the troop have 'broom stick' staves yet. Two of our own fellows have. We think all the troop ought to be given a week to get a natural wood staff, and if they don't they ought to lose a competition point to their patrol. We told our two fellows they had to get them, and they said they would."

Scoutmaster: "I am glad you brought this matter up, Jack. I've just been waiting for it. Now what do the rest of you think?"

A general discussion; difference of opinion as to the possibility of finding suitable small trees which may be cut or larger trees whose branches would supply straight staves. Suggestions and information exchanged

regarding places where trees may be found. Question of a time limit for producing natural wood staves put to ballot.

Other new business.

Scoutmaster: "Next, application to join the troop."

P.L. of Crows, rising: "I have one, sir. I think he is outside now."

Scoutmaster: "Bring him in."

Patrol Leader exits and re-appears with applicant, whom he stands at the end of the table facing the Scoutmaster. "This is George Mason, sir. I wish to join the troop." Patrol Leader resumes his place at the table.

Scoutmaster: "You wish to make formal application to join the troop?"

Applicant: "Yes."

Scoutmaster: "Scouts always say 'yes, sir,' to their Scoutmaster, and to all other older men. It is a matter of courtesy; and one of the Scout Laws is that a Scout is courteous. If you want to be one of us, George, it would

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A New Year's Message

Dear Scoutmasters and Cubmasters:—

The New Year season has become, by custom and its intrinsic suitability, a time for looking backward, for looking forward and for messages of goodwill and good wishes to others. At the Editor's request, I readily fall in with the practice.

Looking backward, we have good reason to be gratified, but not satisfied, with the progress of Scouting and Cubbing throughout Canada. We all need to remind ourselves frequently that Scouting and Cubbing are educational movements for the training and development of boys by a wise use of their otherwise free time. We should not let ourselves forget that they should not conflict or compete with the home, the school and the church in their claim or appeal for time and attention from boys. Our work supplements and supports the best they can do in the promotion of honour, responsibility for doing one's duty, practical ability, health, goodwill and helpfulness to others—all of which may be summed up as included in the characteristics of a good Scout. Never before have Scouting and Cubbing had a better harvest in the quantity and quality of its best product—good character, good spirit and good conduct in its boys.

Looking forward, we have good reason for confidence and hope. Our Movement is becoming better understood by Scoutmasters and Cubmasters themselves and by forward-looking men and women generally. We are becoming better able to furnish help by means of training courses, publications and field work. We expect great things from the Dominion Registration plan. Particularly we expect much from the conscious, intelligent and willing participation of the Scoutmasters and Scouts in this missionary enterprise for the extension and improvement of field work.

Looking backward, forward, and all around, I wish you all a Good New Year.

Faithfully yours,

Ottawa, Christmas Day, 1925.

JAS. W. ROBERTSON,
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Our New Scout Registration Certificate

SCOUTMASTERS will look forward with interest to receiving sample copies of the new Canadian Scout Registration Certificate, which are being sent out this month by the Chief Commissioner. The card is of three leaves, folding to a size of $2\frac{3}{8} \times 3\frac{3}{4}$ ", and is printed in five colors.

The front cover carries a picture of a King's Scout on the hike, somewhat similar to that on the cover of the Canadian Scout Diary. The back cover presents an artistic composition of small pictures illustrating various Scouting activities, combined with the Union Jack, the Scout crest, maple leaves and the reminder, "Do a good turn every day." The activities illustrated include kindness to animals, hunting with a camera, camp cooking, kindness to old people, winter hiking, and rescue from drowning.

The inside pages contain the Scout Promise and Law, a record of the owner's progress in Scouting, a certificate of his membership and good standing, signed by the Scoutmaster; age, height, weight, and address, and the Scout's own signature. The fifth page bears the certificate of registration at Dominion Headquarters, with spaces for signature by the Chief Scout for Canada, the Chief Commissioner and the Provincial Commissioner.

There will be general agreement, it is believed, that the card is a creditable piece of work, artistic and practical; and that the Scout owner will take much pride in its possession. Its usefulness as a means of identification, and as a distinct asset to any boy seeking a position, will readily be recognized.

The card was the result of the combined suggestions of the Chief Commissioner and the Commissioners of the various provinces, all of whom received proof copies of the design first outlined, and returned this with comments, suggestions and "O.K.s."

Scouts Lead in Every Province

IN the December Leader it was stated that first place in the 1925 Nesbitt Junior first aid competitions was taken by a Scout team in every province save one. This was an error. Scout teams won in every province competing, the winning team for Alberta being that of the 1st Pincher Creek Troop.

Canadian Scouting's Tribute to the Queen Mother

Scout news columns from Halifax to Victoria recorded the paying of affectionate tribute by Scouts, Cubs and leaders to the memory of the late Queen Mother — by the minute of silence, with bowed heads; by the lowering of troop and pack flags to half-mast, by elimination of the weekly meeting sing-song, by brief eulogies, and appreciative references to the Queen's warm and constant interest in Scouting. The Scout column of the New Glasgow News carried at its head a black-bordered tribute with the caption, "Lest We Forget." Following the minute's silence at a large gathering of Montreal Scouts, the Vicker's Scout Band played the hymn, "Nearer My God to Thee."

BE THE BEST, WHATEVER YOU ARE!

*If you can't be the pine on the top
of the hill,*

*Be a scrub in the valley—but be
The best little scrub by the side of
the rill;*

Be a bush if you can't be a tree.

*If you can't be a bush be a bit of
the grass*

And some highway happier make.

*If you can't be a "muskie" then just
be a bass,*

But the liveliest bass in the lake.

*We can't all be captains, some
have to be crew,*

*There's something for all of us
here;*

*There's work to be done, and we've
all got to do*

Our part in a way that's sincere.

*If you can't be a highway, then just
be a trail;*

*If you can't be the sun, be a star;
It isn't by size that you win or you
fail;*

Be the best of whatever you are.

—Little Leads to Leadership.

His Honour Lt. Gov. W. C. Nichol, Honorary Patron, presented a beautiful Boy Scout Empire banner to the Victoria, B.C., Association, as a challenge banner, to be awarded "for effort."

A Scout display put on before a large and representative audience by the Saint John district in honour of the Chief Commissioner, Dr. James W. Robertson, was declared one of the best in local Scout history. The Chief Commissioner expressed himself as greatly pleased and impressed with the quality of the work demonstrated. The occasion was marked by the presentation by the Chief Commissioner of the Silver Cross for life saving to Scouts John Peacock and Harry Jones, and the awarding to the East Saint John Industrial School Troop of the Allison First Aid Trophy.

ALONG the TRAIL



Keep the OUT
in Scouting

A Happy New Year of good Scouting.

The 107th Montreal Troop has been organized.

Western University, London, Ont., now has its Old Scouts' Club.

The Winnipeg Jamboree netted \$1,300 for the funds of the local association.

Some 20 leaders attended the First Annual Sea Scout Conference for B.C.

To produce leaders for Rover patrols, a Headquarters Rover Training Troop is being organized in Saint John, N.B.

The wide-spread activity among Scout first aid teams promises well for the Nesbitt Junior competitions of 1926.

Frequent mention is being made of plans for father and son banquets on the Chief Scout's birthday, February 22nd.

The Governor General's Medal for Grade XI students in Saskatchewan Continuation Schools was won by Patrol Leader John Paul of the Canora Troop.

Through the activities of the Medicine Hat Rotary Club ten prospective Scout leaders were secured and given a short course, and four troops organized.

The Chief Commissioner returned from a visit to the Maritime Provinces much pleased with the quality of Scouting seen and with the prospects for the future.

The Wolf Cub leaders of Winnipeg have organized as an "Old Wolf Pack," of 49 Cubmasters, divided into Sixes. The Sixers are known as "Grey Wolf," "Black Wolf," etc. Cub Commissioner Frank W. Thompson is Akela.

Scouting, which suffered severely through the dissipation of Scouts and leaders following the great Haileybury fire of 1922, has been revived under excellent leadership in that energetic Northern Ontario town, with two full troops.

Ideas are being gathered from everywhere in order to make the 15th Annual Meeting and Provincial Scout Leaders' Conference for Ontario another "best yet." It is to be held at Windsor, and a record gathering of Scout and Cub leaders is indicated.

Although no accidents among Manitoba Scouts have been recorded for six years, it has been decided by the Winnipeg Association to take out group indemnity accident insurance covering all provincial members of the organization, with compensation up to £500.

During a raid of Vancouver police upon a Chinese gambling resort valuable assistance was rendered by a young Chinese Scout. "We are making real headway," the police sergeant was quoted, "when Chinese Boy Scouts are on the job to help us."

AN EXAMPLE COURT OF HONOUR

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be a good plan to get the habit now of saying 'yes, sir' and 'no, sir'."

Applicant: "Yes, sir."

Scoutmaster: "You understand that your application will be voted upon, and that if you are accepted it will be as a candidate Tenderfoot on probation for two months?"

Applicant: "Yes, sir."

Scoutmaster: "Very well. Kindly step outside until you are called."

Exit applicant.

Scoutmaster: "Do you all know this lad?"

Two reply in the negative.

Scoutmaster to P. L. of Crows: "Tell us something about him Jack."

Jack: "I think he'll make good, sir. He's had a little trouble at school, but nothing very serious. I don't think he has had a real show at home. It's a big family, and his father doesn't have work all the time. He isn't so very tidy sometimes at school, but you noticed he's all polished up tonight. And I didn't tell him to do that. He's good at football and baseball and hockey. He loses his temper, sometimes, but I think being a Scout will help him there. He's really a good sport, I think. He plays a good hard game, and takes his knocks, except when some of the other fellows get a little too dirty. Then he tears in and hands it back to them. I think he'll be all right."

Scoutmaster: "Any one else any questions about him? . . . Very well. Pass around the ballots (addressing the Scribe)."

Ballots passed, marked, returned folded to the Scribe's hat. Scribe and Scoutmaster count ballots, and report applicant accepted. Applicant recalled.

Scoutmaster: "George, I am glad to say that the Court of Honour of the 1st Maplewood Troop has voted to accept your application. You are now a Tenderfoot probationer attached to the Crow Patrol. We will all watch to see how you get along and carry yourself, both during troop meetings and outside during the week. You are not a Scout yet,—in fact you will not actually be a Scout until you have been voted on and accepted by the Court of Honour after two months, and have passed the Tenderfoot tests and taken the Scout Promise and been invested. But meantime we will expect you to do your best to live up to the Scout Law,—which Jack will teach you. Some people, because you come regularly to the Scout meeting, will think you already are a Scout, so you must be careful not to let us down. You'll remember, won't you?"

"Yes, sir."

Scoutmaster to Scribe: "Take down his name, et cetera, Billy, and give him the membership application form to take home to his parents."

Scoutmaster then shakes hands (right hand) with the probationer, expresses his pleasure at receiving his application, hopes he will enjoy the meetings, and that he will make good and finally become one of them. Wishes him good evening.

Scoutmaster returns to his place. "Now for Saturday's hike."

A Pack Programme

- 6.45 Grand Howl. Flag. National Anthem. Pack call by Sixers, supervised by Baloo. Inspection by Akela. Announcements.
- 7.00 Jungle Dances.
- 7.15 Circle. Talk by Akela on Good Turns at Home.
- 7.20 Games, in charge Baloo.
- 7.40 Corners: Sixers instructing in Star work. Baloo with Tenderpads. Akela on tests.
- 7.55 Game.
- 8.05 Circle: Songs, Story.
- 8.15 Grand Howl. Repeat Announcements. Dismiss.

A Composite Four-Night Troop Programme

- 7.30 Patrol Corners; roll call, dues.
- 7.35 Roll Reports.* Flag Break. Scout Silence.
- General Inspection.*
- Special Inspection—*
 - (a) Neckscarves.
 - (b) Left hand, right ear.
 - (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) Sleeping Pirate.*
 - (b) Hoop Relay.*
 - (c) Scout Law Baseball.*
 - (d) Spies.
- 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) Snow Track'g Problem*
- (d) Ice accident 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.

Hoop Relay.—Patrols in Indian file. P. L's given a rope hoop about 2 ft. diameter. At "Go!" P.L's pass hoop down over body, hand to next boy. Last boy runs to head of line, goes through hoop, passes it. Game ends when P.L's again in front. Patrol competition.

Hike discussed and planned—objective, details of preparation, time and place of meeting, etc.

Scoutmaster: "And now next week's troop meeting programme."

Discussed in detail, games, patrol corner instruction for each patrol (each P. L. making notes of his own particular corner programme), council fire songs, stunts, stories, etc.

Scoutmaster: "Anything further? . . . The Court of Honour is adjourned."

Reaffirming the Promise

FROM time to time it may prove helpful, following an Investiture, to "reaffirm" old Scouts in their Promise. This reaffirmation should be invited only when the Scoutmaster feels that the occasion is ripe for it; usually following an especially effective Investiture. The invitation should be extended immediately after the actual investing, and before calling for cheers for the new Scouts.

Reaffirmation may be made individually, as the boys come up, or by patrols. The latter is very likely to happen—the patrol coming up in a body. In this case, the patrol will stand in line before the Scoutmaster, and each boy will place his left hand on the flag. After replying individually to the query, "You wish to reaffirm your Scout Promise, Harry? Jack? Billy?" the patrol will repeat the Promise in unison after the Scoutmaster. The latter may then shake each boy by the hand, and express his pleasure at their action—"the renewal of your promise to do your best to be all that we mean by good Scouts. I know you will try harder than ever to live up to it all." Or other suitable or more particular remarks.

Scoutmasters who have never invited a reaffirmation might well give the matter some thought—thought of the serious kind. A reaffirmation should never be invited off hand, for the experience is one that will not soon be forgotten. Probably you will have your oldest patrol—boys you have worked and chummed with for several years—line up before you, very quiet and very serious; and if you get through without swallowing hard you will be lucky. But you will feel it has been worth while.

Needless to say, reaffirmation of the Scout Promise would never be invited on a public occasion—should you for some unusual reason be making a public demonstration of an Investiture. As a matter of fact your invitation probably would get no response; certainly not from your older Scouts.

The Chief Scout has said, and repeated it on many occasions, that no boy can consider himself a proper Scout until he has been to camp, and this idea has been emphasized in our latest Indian rules, where a minimum of seven days in camp is required in the qualification of a First Class Scout. It has been said that the ideal Scout should be able to find his living on a desert island with no other equipment than a penknife and a tomahawk.

—The Scout Brother, Meerut.

THE CAMP CHIEF'S PAGE

PICKIE MAY COME

Scout leaders throughout Canada will be interested to learn that there is substantial prospect of a visit early next summer from Sir Alfred Pickford, Commissioner for Overseas Scouts and Migration. In India, Australia and South Africa, as well as at home, Sir Alfred is more generally known as "Pickie,"—which sufficiently suggests his popularity.

HELP WANTED!

A new short course in Scouting, the "Vestibule Course"—an explanatory "bite" of Gillwell training for the benefit of old Scoutmasters with little time, for new Scoutmasters, and for troop committeemen and others interested in learning "just what 'Scouting for Boys' means"—has been tried with marked success. It is desired now to make the course as widely available as possible, and to this end Gillwell graduates are invited to volunteer to conduct such brief courses. Full instruction and comprehensive help will be provided on application to Provincial Headquarters.

FIRST CANADIAN AKELA COURSE, WESTERN SECTION

One of the year's events in Canadian Cubbing is the holding of the long-planned Western Section of the First Canadian Akela Gillwell Course, January 25-30, at the Provincial Parliament Buildings, Winnipeg. The course will be in charge of Frank W. Thompson, Assistant Provincial Commissioner for Wolf Cubs of Manitoba, and the course pack will include two Cub leaders each from British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Northern Ontario, and a number from Manitoba. The Eastern Section of the First Canadian Akela Gillwell was held at Ottawa, November 25-29, 1924, under the then Dominion Camp Chief Rodney Wood, Mr. Thompson acting as Senior Sixer.

THE WINTER COURSES

Since the issue of the December Leader five Scoutmasters' Part III (a) courses have been completed,—those held in Saint John, N.B., Montreal, Toronto University, London, and Chatham, Ont. All were highly successful. A gratifying feature was the fact that, with the exception of the University course, all were put on by local Gillwellians. One of the outstanding courses, that of Saint John, was held in two periods of five consecutive evenings, broken by one week's intermission. The Toronto University course was held on two successive evenings of two weeks, followed by a week-end camp. This will suggest the adaptability of the winter courses to varying conditions.

Two Part II Akela courses, those for Montreal and Hamilton, were completed. Both were well attended and very successful.

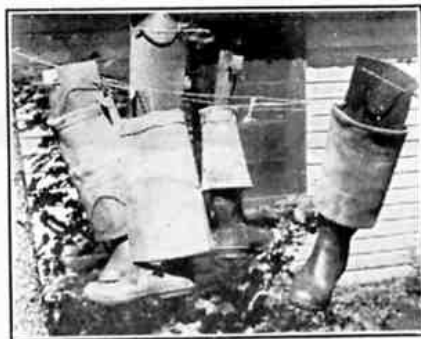
Scoutmasters' courses now running are those for Winnipeg, Man., and Oshawa, Ont. For the latter the Oshawa Rotary Club is bringing in men from a number of outside points.

Part III (a) courses projected: Vancouver, Windsor, Ont., Montreal (second), Three Rivers, Que., Fredericton and Moncton, N.B., and Charlottetown, P.E.I.

Akela Study Circles are running in Victoria (2), Vancouver and South Vancouver; and Scouting Study Circles in Penticton, B.C.; Red Deer, Alta.; Owen Sound and Peterboro, Ont., and Sydney, N.S.

MODEL TROOP OF KIWANISANS

A large number of members of the Calgary Kiwanis Club have volunteered to take an active part in Scout leadership in that city. For their benefit and others interested they were organized as a troop and put through a model troop evening programme at the regular monthly meeting of the Scoutmasters' and Cubmasters' Council.



THE JANUARY STARS

Let us give particular attention to Orion,—in the southeastern heavens, and the most beautiful of all our constellations. He is easily picked out by his belt and dagger, which look like a figure 7 written backwards. The three stars which mark the belt are of especial interest, since the belt is exactly three degrees across.

Above the belt is Betelgeuse, a gorgeous red star, marking the right shoulder of Orion; and diagonally opposite, marking the left ankle, is a blue-white star, Rigel.

Do not omit to speak of the size of Betelgeuse. Our Sun measures 865,000 miles across,—Betelgeuse measures 215,000,000 miles.

Above and slightly west of Orion is a bright red star, Aldebaran, which forms the big right eye of Taurus the Bull.

Draw a line through Orion's belt eastward, and you come to Sirius, the great Dog star, which is our most brilliant star.

Draw a line through the hind leg of the Great Bear and you will find Regulus, the great heart star of the constellation of the Lion. Get your boys to trace out the sickle, which is his head, and then line in the rest of his body.

—A.S.M.

OUTDOORS IN JANUARY

This is the month for making a serious start on snow tracking, one of the most fascinating and valuable Scouting games. Even in town tracks to provide interesting study will be found—tracks of dogs, cats, birds; and human tracks offer an almost inexhaustible field of study. In the woods and fields every fresh fall of snow will provide a new "story book" of wild life adventures, written by the adventurers themselves. Don't overlook the little tracks. And in case you have forgotten,—we publish a book, "Animal Tracking," at 75 cents postpaid, containing the life-size tracks of Canadian animals.

Upon what are the birds and wild animals of your vicinity feeding? Ask your boys.

About Boots and Shoes

THE practical care of boots and shoes should be understood by all Scouts, especially in winter and spring. Do you know how to dry out rubber or high-topped leather boots? Sun and fire do not themselves dry things. What really takes up moisture is warm, moving air. Hence, one of the best ways in which to dry out sodden boots is to insert in them "chimney-making" strips of bark, as shown in the accompanying photograph. The bark, which is thrust down to within two or three inches of the sole, makes a double flue, down one side of which the air is drawn, to come up on the other side.

In warm air, boots or shoes so treated will dry so that they may be worn within an hour; in half a day the leather will be entirely free from dampness. Hang on a line, and the gentle swinging of the boots will help to keep the interior currents of air moving.

Wetting does not harm leather shoes or boots as much as many folks believe. Once wet, however, the leather should not be dried rapidly, especially near a hot stove.

One of the best ways to soften a stiff leather shoe or boot is to wet it just as you are ready to wear it. Then wear it dry, and you have a shoe that fits your foot perfectly. It has stretched where needed and contracted where loose.

The best oil dressing for "bad weather" shoes is olive oil. You do not need to heat it to send it clear into the pores of the leather. Simply rub it on the dry shoe with your hand. You will be surprised at the amount of this oil the leather will absorb.

Once saturated with the oil, you should add a heavier coating of grease or dubbing. Pitch and deer fat or tallow melted together half and half will make a dubbing that will cling well and keep the leather as nearly waterproof as possible to keep it.

You need not worry over wet shoes and boots so long as you are moving (unless they start to blister), but once you stop going, get them off at once. As long as your circulation and exercise are protecting you there is no danger from wet shoes. Oxide of zinc tape should be handy for use in covering tender or blistered parts of the foot, for wet foot-wear will more likely make blisters than dry.

❖ Scouty Ideas from Coast to Coast ❖

AT 18th Winnipeg Headquarters (Point Douglas Church) "patrol lockers are making their appearance."

The 2nd Ottawa (Glashan School) Troop is backed by the Glashan Home and School Club.

The 1st Edmonton Troop has been presented with a fox cub as a troop mascot.

A regular boxing class is one of the weekly activities of the two Haileybury, Ont., troops.

The Chatham, Ont., district is planning a big Scout field day for the 24th of May next.

Kerrobert, Sask., Scouts entertained some 40 of their sister Guides and Rangers, and members of their Troop Committee.

At a visitors' night of the 2nd Calgary a special feature was a Scout play demonstration of the Scout Laws.

Scouts acted as Sixers and Instructors of the 21st Saint John Pack until the Cub Sixers were capable of taking over their Sixes.

Scouts of the 1st Cut Knife Troop, Sask., donated \$10 to the local hospital fund and organized a hockey team.

During the leaders' Winter Training Course sessions a number of Saint John troops carried on successfully under their Troop Leaders.

The 17th Saint John, (Trinity) listened to an educational talk on New Brunswick apples, then graciously sampled some.

Older boys of the 4th Winnipeg Troop and of the Salvation Army Scouts are taking the Senior St. John Ambulance course.

First aid classes for the 1st Fernie, B.C., Troop are conducted at the Mine Rescue Station, two evenings a week.

P.L.'s of the 6th Edmonton have been taking their patrols out for Saturday afternoon hikes. The Red Wings did a winter over-night hike.

The Executive Committee of the London, Ont., Association for the current year includes a representative each from the Rotary, Kiwanis and Lions clubs.

Forty Scouts of the 1st Huntsville Troop visited and participated in an entertainment given by the Scouts of the neighboring town of Utterson.

Debating teams of the 21st Saint John Troop, discussed the subject, "Resolved, that horses are more useful to man than motor vehicles."

The Fox First Aid Cup recently presented to the 1st Edmonton (All Saints') Troop will be competed for twice a year by individual Scouts.

The Scout column of the Kingston Standard Junior notes the separate weekly meetings of several of the local patrols at the homes of members.

At a joint rally of Winnipeg west-end troops the evening's programme included a troop competition in Tenderfoot tests and a big camp fire sing-song.

An Investiture of several Scouts of the 10th Calgary was held around the indoor Council Fire, in the presence of parents and friends.

"One end of the clubroom is now finished off rustic fashion with fireplace and ornamental hearth, and decorated with Scout pictures and trophies."—1st Edmonton.

A demonstration of proficiency badge work and the presentation of a large number of proficiency badges made a very effective parents' night for the 1st Buckingham, Que.

An official-type rucksack is to be awarded the Scout of the 2nd Portage la Prairie passing the most tests each month for the greatest number of months.

"The boys (of the new Broadway United Pack, Winnipeg) heard the story of Kaa's Hunger Dance and what happened to the monkeys, afterwards playing the game with great glee."

A Patrol Leaders' and Seconds' Conference, "to assist in training the boys in their respective patrols at troop meetings," is held every second Tuesday by the 2nd Sherbrooke.

During the absence of their Scoutmaster the 1st Ottawa Troop, in charge of the T.L., was given an interesting meeting "under sealed orders," these signed by District Commissioner C. H. Maclaren.

A day's activities at a Scout camp, beginning with the bird chorus at daybreak, was a demonstration given before friends and parents by the 1st Simcoe, Ont., Troop and 2nd Cub Pack.

The number of packs and troops holding parents' and friends' nights and entertaining with their regular programme is interesting, as showing the quality of regular programmes.

The 2nd B.C. Sea Scouts demonstrated that they could also operate on land by turning in the alarm for a fire in a brass works plant, then holding back the crowd and helping in other ways.

The Scribe of the 1st Red Deer Troop tells of a patrol corners impromptu Kim's Game the objects for which were produced from the pockets of the boys. The collection was "one to remember."

Representatives of troops from all parts of Halifax gathered at All Saints' when Archbishop Worrell presented the Silver Cross, his third medal for life saving, to Scout D. A. Y. Merrick, formerly of the 1st Regina, Sask., (St. Paul's) Troop.

Assistant Commissioner Hardman of the American Boy Scouts, Niagara Falls, has presented the 1st Port Dalhousie Troop, Ont., with a first aid kit and a silver cup for patrol competition.

Rovers of 2nd Calgary were hosts at a "student dance" in their headquarters to some 70 couples. During

the evening the troop was presented with a splendid framed portrait of Sir Robert Baden-Powell.

The Local Association of Broadview, Sask., with Mayor Gill as president, will meet monthly to receive reports of the work done, and to be done by the local troops.

At the annual banquet of Belleville, Ont., Scouts, held in the Bridge St. United Church, Mayor Mikel addressed the boys on the history of their town from the coming of Champlain in 1615.

"The Totem Fund is rising toward the objective. So far we have \$4.70 and a week to go. Let every Cub who hasn't done his 'totem job' get right busy. We want every fellow to have a hand in this."—1st Kincardine Pack.

The 1st Edmonton, of All Saints', held a regular troop meeting at St. Mark's, and assisted in the reorganization of the troop of that church. The two troops formed a horseshoe within which Cubs of the new pack were invested.

The Wolf Cubs had the assistance of one of the Rovers in learning a number of new games, and in rehearsing the programme they intend putting on when they entertain the Cubs of the 12th Pack next week—10th Calgary.

"We are limiting our membership until our present enrolment has made a certain amount of progress in real Cub work. Then we will be in a position to take in more boys, and give them the attention they require."—21st Saint John Pack.

The Scout column of the Moose Jaw Times is carrying a series of excellent "First Aid Hints for Scouts." The matter is interesting also to other readers, and incidentally informs the general public regarding one of the most important subjects of Scout instruction.

The 8th Calgary Rover patrol held an evening of impromptu lecturing, when each Rover spoke and demonstrated on a subject drawn from a hat. Some of the subjects were: "Tracking," "Why I am a Scout," "Signalling," "Camp Cooking" and "Hiking."

Reports of examinations in Montreal Scout news columns indicate that Montreal Scouts are earning their proficiency badges. A number of applicants for Fireman, Cyclist, and Ambulance Man were turned back because of failure to meet the standard required.

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Sabbath morning service, 13th (Young Judaeans) Saint John, N.B., Troop.

❖ The Scoutmaster's Five Minutes ❖

Gallantry Awards

April 1st—Dec. 31st, 1925.

CERTIFICATE OF MERIT

Scout Wallace Howe, 1st North Regina Troop, 13, for the rescue from drowning of an eight year old girl who had fallen into about 6 feet of water under a foot bridge.

Scout Basil Pembroke, 6th Chatham Troop, Ont., for assisting Scout Vanee Needham in rescuing a boy who was seized with an epileptic fit in the Thames river.

Scout Wilbert Hardie, 16, 1st Brownsburg Troop, Que., for rescuing Gaitan Guilbert from drowning. Scout Hardie was just beginning his swimming test when he changed his course, rescued the boy who was about 25 feet from shore, then finished the distance required for the test.

GILT CROSS

Scout John Henry Wood, 14, 4th Chatham Troop, Ont., for rescuing Charles Mahler, 12, who had become exhausted while swimming in the Thames river 50 feet from shore. Scout Wood was grasped round the neck but was able to break the hold.

Cub Donald McCaul, 10, 1st Stratford Pack, Ont., for rescuing a 6 year old boy named Skowby who fell from a boathouse platform into 12 feet of water. Cub McCaul and another boy lay down on the platform and reached out and caught Skowby, who was entirely submerged, and pulled him out. While Cub McCaul took care of the boy he sent his chum to the nearest doctor.

Scout Clifford Richard John Smith, 15, 1st Port Dalhousie Troop, Ont., for rescuing James Cain, 14, when his boat upset. Scout Smith went to the rescue in a canoe. The water was choppy and ice cold but he managed to get the boy into his canoe and to shore.

1st Wolseley Boy Scout Troop, Sask., for good service in carrying away bricks, lumber and removing the wreckage when a cyclone blew the roof off the Leland Hotel, managed by a lady whose husband was in the hospital. The boys worked all day, under the direction of their Patrol Leaders, thus greatly reducing the cost of effecting repairs.

Scout C. Abrahams, 18, 2nd Regina Troop, Sask., for rescuing Ed Malone, 26, from drowning in Mission Lake, Lebre. Malone was a long way out from shore and when he cried for help, Father Grant, who was farther out, at once swam back, while Scout Abrahams, who was on shore, immediately undressed and swam out and reached Malone just ahead of Father Grant, who continued to swim close behind while Abrahams towed Malone to shore.

Scout Vanee Needham, 14, 1st Chatham Troop, Ont., for rescuing another boy, aged 15, from drowning in the Thames river when he was seized with an epileptic fit. Scout Needham jumped in with his clothes on.

Cub Erkwood Thompson, 10, 1st Princeton Pack, Ont., for presence of mind and resourcefulness when his mother fell from a bridge to some rocks below and fractured her skull.

Cub Thompson was in his bathing suit in the creek. He at once ran to his mother, raised her head out of the water and supported it on his knee. He then sent his two little brothers and his sister in different directions for help. For three-quarters of an hour Cub Thompson held his mother's head out of the water, but on being removed she expired.

Scout John Religa, 15, 1st New Toronto Troop, Ont., for rescuing Murray Watson, 5, from under a truck. The front wheels had passed over the boy, but Scout Religa pulled him clear of the rear wheels.

Scout Kenneth Watts, 16, 4th St. Thomas Troop, Ont., for rescuing Edward Brocks, 12, from drowning in Union Pond. Brocks was sliding down the clay bank when he lost his balance and fell into deep water. He was unconscious when brought ashore.

Cub Albert Carey, 9, 9th Brantford Pack, Ont., for rescuing Bob Gilmore, 11, when he fell into the Grand River, and was clinging to the ice which edged the shore. Cub Carey secured a hold on his coat, and with the help of other boys dragged Gilmore out.

Scout John A. Fowler, 16, 2nd Fredericton Troop, N.B., for rescuing an eight year old girl from drowning when she fell from the wharf at the Automobile and Boat Club. The little girl was floating down the river when Scout Fowler jumped in and brought her ashore.

Patrol Leader Jack Kemp, 17; Scout Herbert Stafford, 15; Scout Anthony Harrison, 13, all of the 1st Rutland Troop, B.C., for rescuing Scout Stanley Howes, who was on a raft with Scout Harrison when he lost his balance and fell in. Scout Harrison could swim a little, and at once jumped in and held Scout Howes up. Their cries for help brought Kemp and Stafford, fully clothed, who jumped in and helped to bring the exhausted boy to shore.

SILVER CROSS

Scout Harry Jones, 15, 6th Saint John Troop, N.B., for rescuing 18 year old Marjorie Jollimore from drowning when she took cramps and grasped a companion round the neck. Scout Jones jumped in fully clothed, separated the girls, and brought Marjorie to shore.

Scout Rowland Hamilton Jordan, 15, 1st Nakusp Troop, B.C., for rescuing two girls who became exhausted in attempting to swim out to a raft on Upper Arrow Lake. Rowland jumped in with his clothes on and brought one girl ashore while a man in a boat rescued the other.

Scoutmaster John Cameron, 9th Hamilton Troop, Ont., for rescuing Grace Temple, 15, when she got into difficulty and disappeared while swimming in the Grand River near Port Maitland, about 100 feet from shore. Scoutmaster Cameron dived in and towed the girl to within a few feet of the shore, where another man helped him to bring the girl to safety.

Scout David Arthur Young Merrick, 12, 1st Regina Troop, Sask., for rescuing Sydney Silverman, 8, from drowning when he fell from the top of a

dam at Wascana Lake. Scout Merrick had to bring the boy up a four-foot cement wall in order to complete the rescue.

'Twas a Jolly Christmas

NEWSPAPER reports indicate that

Christmas, 1925, was another splendid Christmas of Scout and Cub thought for others. Mention of four individual troop Toy Repair Shops in Vancouver made complete the coast-to-coast chain of this important and especially appropriate Scout activity. The names of eight new Toy Shop centres were added to those reported last year; and all of the latter were repeated on an enlarged scale. As a new feature, toys came in to the Calgary "Sunshine Headquarters" from four outside points, — Strathmore, Claresholm and Banff, Alta., and Golden, B.C.; and in turn toys were distributed among the children of needy families of outside and country places. An Ontario troop held a Community Christmas Tree in the Town Square, and a Quebec troop assisted at a Community Tree of the Kinsmen's Club. Scouts and Cubs of Winnipeg, and of Saint John, N.B., provided a delivery service for the "Empty Stocking" funds of the *Tribune* and *Times*, respectively. Other activities mentioned were the packing and distribution of Christmas cheer for many welfare and church organizations, the decorating of Sunday-schools, churches, hospitals and other public institutions. In many cases hampers were provided by troops and packs. An Ontario pack furnished a Christmas tree complete with gifts for a family of five children. Two troops provided a needy boy with new clothing and shoes. The boys of another troop on their own initiative turned over a banquet fund to the local Christmas Cheer Committee. The boys of an Alberta troop each contributed at least one toy to the local welfare bureau.

Let us do all in our power to keep this splendid spirit alive throughout the year. It can be encouraged by a frequent reference to the *Daily Good Turn* and by making community service in some form a weekly subject.

Nesbitt Junior—1926

INTEREST in the Wallace Nesbitt

Junior competitions of the St. John Ambulance Association for 1926 has been added to by the offering of a trophy for Dominion-wide competition, to decide the best junior ambulance team in Canada. Competitors will be the first prize winners of the various provincial competitions. Examinations of teams competing for the Dominion trophy will be made by one special examiner.

The Moose Jaw district Scout Ambulance Corps has been placed at the service of the public by newspaper announcement. All organizations holding sport field days, games or other occasions on which accidents may happen, are invited to apply for the attendance of a Scout Ambulance unit, giving a week's notice, with full particulars of place, date and time.

SCOUTY IDEAS FROM COAST TO COAST

(Continued from page 29)

Tables in "horseshoe" formation, and attractively decorated welcomed the 1st Sutton, Que., Scouts for their annual father and son banquet in Parish Hall. The good things were provided by the ladies of the church and served by the Girl Guides.

A banquet given under the auspices of the Patrol Leaders of the New Westminster District Council was attended by over 60 Scout and Cub leaders from different points in Southern British Columbia. Burnaby Girl Guides provided and served the banquet. The guests included Mayor Annadale and Rev. Canon d'Easum.

Eleven troops were represented at the year's business meeting of the Vancouver Patrol Leaders' Council. A representative of the Forestry Branch gave the boys a talk on logging operations, as a contribution to their study of the Forester's badge.

Magog, Que., has a clubroom for Scout and Cub leaders and Rovers. An "Old Time Barn Dance" given by the troop orchestra proved a big success, with some 250 people present. Two old time fiddlers assisted.

Twenty-three Cubs of the 21st Saint John Pack (St. George's) were invested in the presence of the 7th Pack (Stone Church) and a large number of parents. The invested Cubs had been trained by a staff of 7 Scout instructors.

An early winter local drowning tragedy was made the text of talks on Ice Accidents by several Calgary Scoutmasters. (See "Scouts and Ice Accidents," Scout Leader, Jan., 1924.)

The Saint John district organization includes a Lecture Committee for arranging vocational-guidance talks before groups of two or three troops. The talks are given by the city's most capable men in their various trades, business and professions.

"The Indian Council Fire came next on the programme, and after the Keeper-of-the-Fire had made fire with the bow and drill, Grey Beaver formally opened the Council Fire. After some songs, the First Aid team demonstrated the work they were doing, which was criticized by Grey Fox."—1st Edmonton.

The 2nd Calgary held a mock trial, the sentence by "His Lordship" being that both prisoner and complainant roll a peanut the length of the court with their nose. The sentence, which was highly approved by the "court room," was duly carried out. The trial was put on in suitable costume, and was a great success.

A Rovermaster's Committee is in charge of the work of the half dozen Rover troops now active in Winnipeg. The committee has arranged a programme of winter activities and a series of lectures by prominent citizens, representing various walks of life.

With their life on the ocean wave curtailed by the freezing of their ocean, the 1st Ottawa Sea Scouts demonstrated that they had not forgotten land service by taking a stiff exam on the Missioner's badge. The crew then took a make-believe sail down the Ottawa river, encountering jammed tackle, wrecks, life saving, etc.

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Following a discussion of the relative importance of badges for Sea Scouts, the First B.C. Sea Scouts' Conference recommended that particular attention be given badges in this order: Boatman, Signaller, Coast Watchman, Pilot. Commander A. H. Reed was chairman of the conference.

One of the last of the 8th Vancouver series of observation and memory tests was the surprise question, "Name the boats that visit Vancouver Harbor regularly." Thirteen-year-old Scout John Hoosen named 52 ships, not including tugs or ferries.

At the annual meeting of the Eastern Townships Scouts' and Officers' Association it was suggested that week-end rallies at different points throughout the district be held, all pointing up to the big Eastern Townships' rally to be held in Sherbrooke on Dominion Day. Such rallies have been found helpful in creating local interest and an understanding of Scouting.

As a contribution to the local realization of the 4th Scout Law, the 1st Moose Jaw Troop is staging a Camp Fire Sing Song on the last Monday in each month, and inviting other troops to participate. "The first of these was held Monday night, St. Michael's and St. Luke's boys being the guests of honour." Seventy were present. The programme included brief addresses by prominent local men.

A "silver afternoon tea" held by the Parents' Committee of the Sydney, B.C., Wolf Cub Pack was very successful, "socially and financially." There was a programme of music, fortune telling, and a sale of home-made candy. The guests included Lt.-Gov. Nichol. The Cubs were present in uniform.

At a general sports field day which included a Tenderfoot knot-tying competition for Scouts, with contestants from all parts of Pictou County, first place was taken by Scout Henry Anderson. He tied the knots in 29½ seconds. In the open athletic contests the relay race was taken easily by the team of the 1st Trenton Troop. The outstanding individual winner at the meet was A.S.M. (and Gillwellian) Anthony McLean of the 1st Lourdes Troop, who won the Grand Aggregate Cup and seven medals.

Kincardine Scouts delivered envelopes to every home in Kincardine on behalf of the local branch of the Canada Bible Society. The distribution was made by patrols under the direction of their leaders. In connection with mention of the distribution in the Kincardine Review-Reporter it is noted that such service is rendered only to the community charitable and similar organizations, and in no case in behalf of any private interests.

An interesting and sportsmanlike idea was demonstrated on the occasion of the presentation to Montreal troops of the trophies competed for in the summer's district field day. In each case the emblem of victory was handed to the winners by a representative of the troop which had previously held the trophy, congratulations and a hand shake accompanying the transfer, together with the promise of a close competition when the trophy should next be contested for.

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.

Cub First Aid

"WE chose accidents that were likely to happen when out on hikes,"—a damaged eye, broken wrist, injured knee and cut finger. Instruction was given by a former nurse.

The next competition is a Christmas picture, to be judged by someone who paints. For next month we are trying to get someone to give "Circle talks." Last month the Mayor gave them a talk on citizenship. This month I have arranged with a well-known and much travelled engineer to give them a talk on stalking lions . . . Mr. Mason of the Prescott Journal is going to tell about the wild birds which use the bay here for sanctuary every year.—1st Prescott Pack.

English Scouts Welcomed

A party of 26 English Scouts on their way to take a five months' course in farming at the Provincial Government Agricultural School at Vermilion, Alta., were met enroute at Moose Jaw and given a welcome on behalf of the local Scouts by District Commissioner A. K. Strachan. Reports were not received of their having been met elsewhere.

These Old Country boys were not brought over as Scouts, and no advance word had been received of their coming. Otherwise, they would have been welcomed by Canadian Scouts wherever possible.

A Patrol System Conference

"THE true spirit of Scouting as fundamental to the welfare of the troop" was the emphasized thought of the Sixth International Patrol Leaders' Conference of the Pacific Northwest, held at Wenatchee, Wash., Nov. 27-29. Delegates from New Westminster, Penticton and Vancouver were among the 175 young leaders present. Topics discussed included: "When the Scoutmaster Leaves," "How to Lead and Not Boss," "Shouldering Responsibility on the Hike," and "Successful Patrol Projects." The organization of the conference on the Patrol System—patrols of eight, no two Scouts from one place—was a great success. Topics were discussed by patrols throughout one day.

A Cub Game Talk

ONE day there was a white wolf and a grey wolf trotting along the prairie, and they both wanted to scratch their backs, but as there was not a fence post around they sat down to think how to do it.

"I know," said the white wolf, "let's both put our backs up against each other and scratch that way." "Right 'o," said the grey wolf, so they got up on their hind legs and had a lovely scratch.

Presently the white wolf said, "Say, you're pushing too hard; if I pushed, like I could if I tried, I could shove you over." "Try it on," said the grey wolf, "why, I could push you all over the prairie if I tried." So, to cut a long story short, they had a real good

tussle, and got lots of fun out of it, but I'm not going to tell you who won. After a while the other wolves began to challenge each other, and then regular rules for the game were made at the Council Rock, and back wrestling matches were held between the different packs.

This is how you play it according to the rules of the pack: First you mark out a circle about eight feet across, in the snow, or on the floor with chalk. Then two Cubs from different sixes stand in the centre of the circle with their arms folded, and on the word "Push," both try to shove the other out of the circle with their backs. You must keep your arms folded all the time, and only push with your back; you must not charge or bunt, because that is not in the rules. The Cub that pushes the other out of the circle gains two points for his six, but if he pushes so hard that in doing so he steps over the circle, then the loser gets one point for his six.

Ye Scout Almanack

January

1st—New Year's Day. Every Scout starts his 1926 Scout Diary with the Good Turn checked off.

2nd—Saturday. One of the following hikes:—

A Ski hike.

A Snowshoe hike.

A bird observation hike.

An animal tracking hike.

A tree identification hike.

A summer-camp locating hike.

An over-night hike or winter camp for older Scouts (See Winter Hikes, Scout Leader, Jan. 1924.)

4th—Schools reopen.

6th—Epiphany, or Little Christmas.

During January—Complete plans for Father and Son Banquet or other observance of Baden-Powell's birthday, Feb. 22nd.

The Cub who is the winner is allowed to challenge whoever he likes for the next wrestle. Of course, it will not be a Cub from his own six if the game is for points.

And if it is a cold day, your backs and all over you will get lovely and warm with this kind of wrestle. You try it and see. —AKELA.

A Freeze Game

A simple but effective game of "Freeze" is played by the 1st Red Deer, Alta., Troop, as an outdoor break during an evening meeting. The boys are taken outside, formed into a large circle, set running, and given the freeze signal at short intervals.

Don't forget to suggest to your boys that they stick up their Christmas trees in the back yard, as shelters and feeding places for the birds. Suet tied to the branches is the best idea.

A Camp Bank

A Scout Camp Book has been opened at the Vancouver district office for the benefit of all Scouts and Cubs of Greater Vancouver. The amount saved will be credited to each boy's camp fee at either his troop camp or the district camp. To ensure all Scouts an opportunity of participating, each troop or pack will be asked to appoint a Scout to receive the savings for the bank. An incidental purpose is the encouragement of thrift and the qualifying of Scouts for the passing of the savings section of the Second Class tests.

The Patrol System, Business End

1st St. Vital's Troop of Winnipeg has provided a good demonstration of the effectiveness of the Patrol System. It was organized in the fall of 1924, now numbers 30 boys—five patrols of six boys each; and during the year lost but one boy, by "transfer to another province." The boys have practically taken care of their own troop finances, and the year's accounting shows receipts of \$131.41, expenditures of \$122.89, and a balance on hand of \$8.52. The expenditures included the purchase of five tents at \$11 each, Badges and Equipment \$58.99. Dues produced \$43.63, a concert \$28.24 and a candy sale \$14.75.

An Idea Pow-Wow

"NEXT Wednesday evening a Pow-Wow for Scoutmasters and Assistants will be held at Scout Headquarters at 8 o'clock, when the officers will exchange suggestions of new games and competitions. Every troop should be represented, but only by adults." —Montreal Scout News.

One of Those Industrial Hikes

ABOARD a special train, some fifty Scouts and Wolf Cubs of the 1st Port Dalhousie Troop were shown over the Welland Ship Canal by four of the canal officials. The powerful steam shovels busy at excavation work were first visited, and the train halted so that the boys might watch the operation. Next the train was stopped alongside a great battery of stone crushing machines, and the boys tumbled off to listen to a detailed explanation of the process of grinding and the mixing of cement. The interesting tour wound up with an inspection of the twin locks at Thorold.

Before starting, Mr. J. Milne, one of the canal officials, announced that a prize would be given the Scout or Cub who later sent in the best essay on the trip.

Items like the above are offered not merely as a suggestion, but that they may if necessary be referred to by Scoutmasters as examples of the courtesies extended Scouts elsewhere. —Ed.

The Executive Committee of the Boy Scouts Association of Victoria, B.C., includes five ladies.