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"To The Unknown Scout"

AN interesting ceremony took place at Gillwell Park, England, on Sunday, July 4th, when the Prince of Wales, on behalf of the Boy Scouts of Great Britain, accepted from United States Ambassador Houghton the bronze statuette of an American bison, as an expression of goodwill and friendship from the Boy Scouts of the United States. The statuette is dedicated to "The Unknown Scout" whose Good Turn for an American tourist resulted in the extension of the Movement to the United States.

Once more the Prince of Wales has shown his close interest in the Movement by going into camp with the Boy Scouts of Wales at Llandrindod—"in Scout kit, shorts and smile included."

The great International Scout Jamboree held in Hungary was attended by some 8,000 Scouts and leaders from nearly every country in Europe, "and the whole thing was a fine exhibition of scoutly spirit and good feeling."

Whether as a result of the world congress or from the natural inclination of the boys, the interchange of visits between the Scouts of different countries (in Europe) shows continued development. This season some two hundred troops of British Scouts visited their friends across the water in the different countries, and these visits are being returned by the foreign Scouts in considerable numbers.

The International Bureau's S. O. S. Fund

CANADIAN Scout leaders who do not receive *The Scouter* may not now of the existence of the "S.O.S. Fund" of the Boy Scouts International Bureau, London. The fund is administered by the International Commissioner, Mr. Hubert Martin, who acknowledges the receipt of donations in the World-Wide Brotherhood section of *The Scouter*. The following paragraph offers an example of the circumstances in which the fund is used:

On May 25th last the small mining town of Salgotarjan, Hungary, was overwhelmed by a flood. The Scouts of the town were prompt in devoting themselves to the work of saving the property of the inhabitants, with the result that they lost everything of their own, including uniforms. The boys are all sons of miners, and in their unselfish deed they showed the real Scout spirit. Here, indeed, was a case for the S.O.S. Fund, and immediately on learning the facts we sent them ten pounds, to help refit.

The Scout League of Nations

ANOTHER convincing picture of the world dimensions of Scouting, and its possibilities for international understanding was presented by the International Scout Conference held at Kandersteg, Switzerland, in August. The gathering included delegates from thirty-two nations, and "the jolly friendliness and enthusiastic spirit was top hole from start to finish," says B.-P. in *The Scouter*. "Many interesting questions were discussed, and some delicate ones, too—delicate from the Continental political point of view. But they were readily solved, thanks to the prevailing spirit of brotherhood and scoutlike give-and-take. I do not think that such results would have been possible in any other than the Scout atmosphere."



BYNG OF VIMY
Retiring Chief Scout for Canada

IT IS unnecessary to say that with Lord Byng, on his return to England at the expiration of his term as Governor General of Canada, goes the warm regard of Scouts and Scout leaders throughout the Dominion. In line with his predecessors, Lord Byng, as Chief Scout for Canada, proved a tower of strength to the Movement, through his sympathetic and understanding interest, and in many practical ways, including public addresses which helped to an appreciation of Scouting by leading men of the country. During his frequent tours Lord Byng missed no opportunity of meeting Scouts and their leaders, and in personal talks helped Scoutmasters and Cubmasters to realize the importance of their leadership. In 1924 Lord Byng visited the Nova Scotia Gillwell Course; and it was on this occasion that he made suggestions that resulted in the crea-

tion of the winter class courses,—the first of which was held at Government House in February, 1924; the Chief Scout himself instructing two of the sessions. A memorable incident at the conclusion of this course was the induction of Lord Byng as Scoutmaster of the 1st Canada Gillwell Troop. The first Akela Part II Course also, on Lord Byng's invitation, was held at Rideau Hall.

In a word, Byng of Vimy established himself in the affections of the Scouts of Canada as "a real Scout,"—and as such he will long be remembered.

As an appropriate souvenir of Lord Byng's connection with Canadian Scouting, an album of photographs of Scout activities throughout the Dominion is being compiled at Dominion Headquarters. Scoutmasters are invited to contribute suitable pictures, preferably activity pictures of the hike and the camp.

In connection with Lord Byng's departure a postal-card roll call of the 1st Canada Gillwell Troop has been held, and to date of going to press has brought responses from 153 of the 180 members.

The *Scouter* for August brought news of the final passage by the Imperial Parliament of a bill giving protection to the Scout name, uniform and badges in the United Kingdom. It is noted that the protection was not claimed on selfish grounds, but for the protection of the public against fraudulent impersonators.

Thirteen may be an unlucky number for some folks, but it was not for the boys of the Crippled Children's Ward of the Shriners' Hospital, Montreal, when they were organized as the 113th Montreal Scout Troop, under the direction of Mr. E. W. Francis. The troop, which probably is the first Scout unit of crippled boys in Canada, already has proved itself a success, according to Mr. H. J. Elliott, K.C., chairman of the hospital board.

"Inquiry among the nursing staff of the hospital, as well as personal observation, proves that the Boy Scout Movement in the hospital has been a real success, an effective weapon against loneliness and depression," said Mr. Elliott. "It will no doubt be started in other Shriners' hospitals, of which there are fourteen in different parts of the continent. Applications have been received from a number of them asking for information regarding the success of the Montreal troop."

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A FAREWELL MESSAGE FROM PICKIE

Brother Scouts of Canada:—

I have now come to the end of a three months' visit to Canada. Continuous traveling has made it almost impossible to acknowledge in each individual case the hospitality extended to me during the tour. I therefore crave the courtesy of The Scout Leader to enable me to express my thanks for all the kindness and courtesy I have received, not only from Scout officers and Scouts of all ranks, but from public men, service clubs and all others whom I have met. It is very greatly appreciated.

It has been a great privilege to see for myself the splendid work that is being done by the self-sacrificing men and women who have devoted themselves to the noble task of helping Canadian boys to develop their citizenship on sound, clean lines. The whole future will attest their labours.

As elsewhere, there is still much to be done in Canada, but the foundation is well laid and the process of development will be speeded up when the general public realizes more fully the untold benefits that will accrue to the country from the training in citizenship which is given by the Scout Movement.

I wish each and all continued success in their splendid work.

PICKIE.

Baddeck, N.S.,
26th June, 1926.

Scouts and Canoes

ALTHOUGH Scouts were in no way concerned, as a result of the Balsalm Lake tragedy—the overturning of a large racing canoe and the drowning of 11 boys from a Toronto church organization camp—there has been some discussion regarding the continued use of canoes by Scouts.

Just as the auto. and bicycle, in spite of accidents, will continue to be used; as pleasure swimming will continue in spite of annual drownings, so will the historic Canadian canoe con-

tinue to be used for business, sport and pleasure,—and so will boys continue to use them whenever they have an opportunity. Consequently the instruction of Scouts in the safe use of canoes will continue; and Scout camps will continue to use them when desired,—with the same supervision and precautions that have in the past prevented accidents.

As a matter of fact, the Balsalm Lake tragedy has little relation to the ordinary use of the ordinary canoe. The craft concerned was a large racing war canoe—a type of craft, so far as known, never used by Scouts; further, the craft had been abandoned some years before as dangerous for use by experienced canoeists; and finally the boys were not kneeling, as is customary, but were sitting on the thwarts.

Probably the one lesson of the tragedy for Scout leaders was its emphasis on the necessity of adding to the usual canoeing precautions of Scout camps, particular cautions with reference to the waters concerned. One of the factors of the Balsalm Lake accident was the rapidity with which a heavy sea was kicked up. This is a common characteristic of shallow lakes; where the shores are high and abrupt the possibility of quick rough water is further increased.

A Proclamation!

Extract from a Proclamation published in *The Canada Gazette* of September 4th, 1926, and designating the week of October 3rd—9th as a National Fire Prevention Week:

6. Boy Scout leaders give instructions to the troops under their control as to the best means of co-operating with municipal fire departments in the prevention and extinguishment of fires, and especially as to the desirability of qualifying for the Fireman's badge.

Fake-Scout Hikers

THE growing general knowledge and standing of Scouting continues to bring in its train occasional fake-Scout travelers, usually afoot, who seek to use their supposed Scout connection as a cheap way of seeing the world—imposing both upon the general public, Scout leaders and Scouts for entertainment, and occasionally for renewals of clothing, footwear, etc.

During the past summer a boy claiming, improperly, to be the Troop Leader of a Toronto troop was reported from several points in the Canadian and American west as requesting entertainment from Scout executives and others. In early September a lad stating that he was a Newfoundland Scout reached Ottawa on what he described as a "cross-Canada endurance test hike for a hundred-pound prize offered by Sir Robert Baden-Powell." A cablegram brought a prompt denial of the "prize" story. A circular received from the Boy Scouts International Bureau warns against a Czecho-Slovakian named Martin Stojar, said to be walking around the world posing, improperly, as a Scout,

and wearing an imitation Scout uniform, with badges.

In all cases of hiking Scouts or alleged Scouts seeking entertainment or other help, credentials should be asked. It may be laid down as a rule that genuine Scouts do not tramp "around the world" or "across the continent" for "wagers" or "prizes"; and when genuine Scouts do hike, they do not call asking or expecting entertainment.

The matter provides a further argument for the new system of Scout Registration at Dominion Headquarters. The carrying of an up-to-date registration and identification certificate by each Scout in good standing will in time make fake-Scout hiking in Canada impossible.

Huntsville Scouts Dominion First Aid Champions

THE first aid team of the 1st Huntsville Troop, of Ontario, claims the proud distinction of being junior first aid champions of Canada for 1926. This title was won in a new, special competition with the provincial Wallace Nesbitt Junior competition winners of each of the other provinces—the Huntsville Scouts also having won, for the second time in succession, the Ontario competition.

Girl Guide teams shared the provincial honours with Scout teams throughout the Dominion. The provincial winners were: British Columbia, 1st Nelson Troop; Alberta, 10th Guide Company, Calgary; Saskatchewan, 1st Guide Company, Saskatoon; Manitoba, 4th Winnipeg Troop; Ontario, 1st Huntsville Troop; Quebec, 85th Montreal Troop; New Brunswick, 5th Guide Company, Saint John.

Another Year of Good Camping

THE Camp Questionnaire filled out and returned by Scoutmasters and Cubmasters, and the mention of the camps contained in newspaper clippings from practically every section of Canada,—all reflect another summer of successful Scout camping of a high average of planning, camp organization, cooking arrangements, daily programmes, and of practical results in the study and practice of campcraft, woodcraft and the teaching of swimming and water rescue. A number of camps reported every non-swimmer as having mastered the art.

A very satisfactory feature, and one which may be taken as proof of good management and discipline, is the small accident and "hospital" list reported. Beyond minor cuts and bruises and a few cases of over eating and sunburn, the list includes a broken arm in a Saskatchewan camp, a cracked collarbone in Ontario, a case of over-exertion during a 26-mile hike in British Columbia; one case of chickenpox, developed on the second day in camp; one case of measles, two cases of ivy poisoning, and six Cubs ill from eating green apples.

The universal observance of religious duties in camp is noted, and frequent mention is made of hikes to attend some nearby church service on Sunday. In the case of Catholic camps mention is made of the holding of early mass each morning. A special Sunday

evening council fire singsong, with the farm or village neighbors invited, apparently was held quite generally.

A fact emphasized in this year's reports is the increasing number of clergymen Scoutmasters who are going to camp with their boys. It seems reasonable to expect that the practice will further increase as our clergymen friends discover the inspiring and practically beneficial results of this annual holiday with their boys on the well organized plan that characterizes the properly run Scout camp.

It is satisfactory to note in the newspaper references to the camps the frequent mention of appreciation formally expressed by troops for the courtesies extended them.

The impression of the camps upon visitors generally may be summed up in a quotation from the *Listowel Standard*, Ont.—

Those who visited the camp yesterday were much impressed with the orderliness and careful supervision which prevailed and the enjoyment which the boys have been taking from their outing. No less impressed were they with the wide variety of instruction afforded the boys through the medium of Scoutcraft.

Following is a list of towns and cities from which, through the newspapers or the Questionnaire, Scouts were reported in camp. A number of important centres known to have held camps are not mentioned. If your town is not included among these, kindly do not fail to fill in and return the duplicate Questionnaire which is sent out with this issue of the *Scout Leader*, or if you have not time for the Questionnaire, address a postal to the Camp Chief, giving the number of boys in camp, and the community Good Turns done.

British Columbia.—Aldergrove, Bonnington, Cheam, Chemainus, Chilliwack, Cobble Hill, Courtenay, Duncan, East Chilliwack, Errington, Fairfield Island, Kelowna, Mara, Parksville, Rosedale, Rossland, Stewart, South Slokan, Summerland, Trail, Vancouver, Vernon, Victoria.

Alberta.—Calgary, Edmonton, Golden Centre, Medicine Hat, Red Deer, Strathmore.

Saskatchewan.—Assiniboia, Avonlea, Blenfaith, Biggar, Craik, Duck Lake, Foam Lake, Humboldt, Lebreton, Lloydminster, Melfort, Melville, Meota, Moose Jaw, Moosomin, Naseby, Radville, Regina, Renown, Richard, Saltcoats, Saskatoon, Taylorton, Weyburn, Yorkton.

Manitoba.—Brandon, Cartwright, Minniedosa, Morden, Neelin, Oak River, Rapid City, Shoal Lake, Souris, Strathclair, Winnipeg.

Ontario.—Belleville, Bracebridge, Brampton, Brockville, Caledonia, Cargill, Chatham, Cochrane, Collingwood, Cornwall, Dundalk, Elora, Espanola, Ford City, Galt, Harrow, Kenora, Kincardine, Kingston, Kitchener, Listowel, London, Markdale, McKellar, Niagara Falls, North Bay, Norwood, Ottawa, Paisley, Perth, Pickering, Port Colborne, Port Dalhousie, Port Franks, Port Hope, Portsmouth, Preston, Renfrew, Sarnia, Sault Ste. Marie, Simcoe, Southampton, St. Catharines, Stratford,

St. Thomas, Tamworth, Tillsonburg, Toronto, Walkerton, Walkerville, Wallaceburg, Windsor, Woodstock.

Quebec.—Buckingham, Lennoxville, Montreal, Sherbrooke.

New Brunswick.—Fredericton, Moncton, Newcastle, New Denmark, Saint John.

Nova Scotia.—Avonport, Glace Bay, Halifax, Hortonville, Lourdes, New Glasgow, New Waterford, Pictou, Sydney, Thorburn, Trenton, Wolfville.

The New Boy and the Scout Law

THE foundation of Scout built character is the Scout Law. It is the first thing learned by the new boy coming into the Troop; and it is the Scoutmaster's first duty toward the prospective Scout to see that he learns and understands the full meaning of every section of the Law.

Different Scoutmasters have different systems for teaching the Law. Frequently it is left to the Patrol Leader of the patrol to which the boy is to be attached. In other cases the A.S.M. has this responsibility.

In some cases a copy of the Tenderfoot Test Card is given the candidate, from which to memorize the Laws; in other cases a copy of Starting to Scout. A Manitoba troop has each new



"Hands"—at the camp of the 13th Saint John, N.B., Young Judeans. boy sit down before a wall card bearing the Laws, and make his own copy of it with pencil and paper. This looks like an excellent beginning.

The next step is the talk on the subject between the Scoutmaster and the new boy, to make quite sure that the lad understands each section. This is one of the first important contacts between the Scoutmaster and the new boy; possibly the occasion is to provide the Scoutmaster his first opportunity for gaining the confidence and regard of the new boy. Therefore it should not be called nor considered as an "examination."

Usually a boy spends a probationary period of one or two months before being formally accepted into a troop. At some convenient time during this period the Scoutmaster should quietly draw the new boy aside, "for a little talk about the Scout Law,—just to make sure, Billy, that we both have the same understanding of what it all means."

The boy would not be stood at attention before a table, of course. He should be seated beside the Scoutmaster. The latter should then himself run over the Laws, perhaps picking

them out at random, and asking the boy just what he understands by the terms.

Occasionally boys will be found to have a very hazy idea of what is meant by words and terms which are a commonplace to older people,—such as courtesy.

The boy having shown that he has an actual grasp of the meaning of every Law, may be asked to go through them in order.

Needless to say the First Law, honour, would be given especial attention.

The Indoor Scout's Own

ATTEMPTS to carry indoors some of the features and something of the atmosphere of the outdoor Scout's Own—a circle around a fire-place or an open-front stove, log seats, etc.—have been tried with some success in Canada; but probably the most common indoor form of the service is still the Sunday-school class of Scouts headed by the Scoutmaster or an Assistant Scoutmaster. Where a separate room is available, scoutly wall decorations will help to create a distinctive atmosphere. This usually is possible also where a corner of the main school-room is used.

One advantage of meeting in the main class-room is the opportunity offered for setting an example of good class discipline to the rest of the Sunday-school,—something always appreciated by the school-superintendent and the church pastor.

In all cases Scout's Owns should be held as part of the regular Sunday-school to which the troop as a whole, or patrol or other Scout group is attached. The Scoutmaster should avoid any appearance of attempting to make the Scout's Own distinct and separate from the Sunday-school organization. Where a separate class-room is used, the Scouts should join the main body of the school for the opening and closing exercises.

Similarly—with occasional special-day exceptions—the Scout's Own should follow the course of lessons taken up by the main Sunday-school. It usually is possible to develop some phase of the topic along scoutly lines,—bringing out its illustration of certain Scout Laws fulfilled or violated (the points suggested by the boys themselves, of course), or some other angle of "good" or "bad" scouting.

Whatever its form, the Scout's Own as part of a Sunday-school offers possibilities of further identifying Scouting with the churches that no Scoutmaster should overlook. The boys invariably will be found keen to be recognized in the Sunday-school as a "Scout's Own" class.

During the past summer the Editor had the pleasure of visiting a fine Scout's Own Sunday-school class of Patrol Leaders, Seconds and older Scouts. In the main Sunday-school room were several other classes of Scouts, all wearing their Scout buttons. One was struck by the bearing of the boys, and the good class discipline. It was pleasing to note also that this fine Presbyterian church troop—the 3rd Fredericton—held the district honour flag for all round good Scouting in a district comprising 11 troops.

THE CAMP CHIEF'S PAGE

THE CAMP QUESTIONNAIRE

So much valuable information regarding camping was received through the Camp Questionnaire of 1925 that a questionnaire covering further details was sent out this year, with the June Scout Leader. To the date of going to press some fifty have been received. All contain useful matter, including mention and description of popular camp games.

Since many Scoutmasters doubtless lost track of the form received in June, a duplicate is being sent out with the October Scout Leader. It is hoped that every leader who has not yet done so will now make a report, as the contribution of his experience of this year. Camp activity photographs for possible use in the Scout Leader or other headquarters publications also will be much appreciated. These pictures should be sharp and clear for halftone reproduction.

OUTDOORS IN OCTOBER

Tree Leaves.—Collect coloured leaves. Mounted collections make an attractive feature of troop headquarters decorations.

Weed Seeds.—Study the method of travel of weed and wildflower seeds and make a troop collection. Note seeds upon which birds feed.

Bird Migration.—Observe bird migration. Have the boys complete, if possible, the Bird Identification record in the Canadian Scout Diary.

A Twig Alphabet.—Don't forget a Patrol Competition hike for the collection of "natural wood letters." Then have the best alphabet mounted and framed for the troop room wall. All letters must be natural formations, merely trimmed with the knife. The Scout Leader will publish pictures of the best.

THE SUMMER COURSES

The B. C. Akela Course.—The first British Columbia Part II Akela Course was held at Camp Byng, near Vancouver, August 22nd-28th, with Mr. E. H. Milnes of Vancouver as Akela and Mr. H. T. Ravenhill of Victoria as Baloo. Several unexpected last minute cancellations reduced the camp Pack to nine, but notwithstanding this the course was a marked success. The usual fine spirit was evident "in an ascending scale" from the opening. Akela Milnes reported; all went away with good notes and particulars of many games, and "they had plenty of opportunities for asking questions." The course Pack included District Secretary Norman H. Saunders of Vancouver.

The Gillwell Courses.—Five Gillwell camps were held during the summer, with a total attendance of 79 leaders or prospective Scout leaders. Ontario's Ebor Park camp drew the largest enrolment, with a camp troop of 27. The New Brunswick camp established a record in the Maritimes with a membership of 26, this including 4 leaders from Nova Scotia and 5 from Quebec.

In the case of both camps last minute inability to report prevented the camp troops reaching the maximum of 32. Farm work again prevented a large enrolment for the western camps. These were held in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, with a total enrolment of 26. All produced substantial results.

THE WINTER COURSES

The notebooks of the Part I Gillwell and Akela Courses are already coming in in considerable number, promising another big winter season of reading for the Dominion Camp Chief's department.

For newcomers it may be explained that the Part I Gillwell is a Correspondence Course in Scoutmastership written in conjunction with the reading of Scouting for Boys, The Patrol System and Policy, Organization and Rules for Canada. Taken in addition to Part II, the summer camp course, Part I, if passed, completes study qualification for the Canadian Gillwell Badge.



Boys of the 1st Moose Jaw on a cherry knot campaign.—Ready for the bonfire.

Similarly, Part I of the Akela course in addition to the Part II Practical course, qualifies for the Akela Badge. The books read in connection with this course include The Wolf Cub's Handbook; How to Run a Pack; Character Training in the Wolf Cub Pack; The Jungle Book and Policy, Organization and Rules.

For both courses an outline of studies and a special notebook will be mailed on receipt of a registration fee of 50 cents. Applications are addressed to the Dominion Camp Chief, 203 Wellington Street, Ottawa.

Study Circles

Either Part I Gillwell or Akela courses may be taken to particular advantage in conjunction with the running of a Study Circle. These are study groups headed by a Scoutmaster or Cubmaster who has completed the Correspondence Course, and are made up of prospective assistants, committeemen, members of the Ladies' Auxiliary, or others interested in acquiring a knowledge of Scouting or Cubbing. The various sections of the courses are taken up at successive gatherings, certain members of the group being given particular items on which to lead the discussion. The Study Circles

reported upon last year apparently were a distinct success, and were much enjoyed by all taking part. Incidentally the Scoutmaster's or Cubmaster's position was much strengthened by the interest aroused and the better understanding of his work and problems.

Circles should consist of a sufficient number of persons to divide into at least two groups, for the demonstration of games. Another method is to make it a purely fireside or roundtable conference.

Full particulars will be sent any Scoutmaster or Cubmaster desiring to organize a Circle, and ample material will be provided for his lectures.

Winter Class Courses

The Winter class Gillwell and Akela courses of last winter were a distinct success. These courses are put on by Gillwell graduates. Any Gillwellian willing to conduct a class, and who can guarantee a membership sufficient for two full patrols, is invited to write the Dominion Camp Chief or to his Provincial Headquarters. Every help will be furnished leaders of such classes.

The same applies to the conducting of Akela course classes for Wolf Cub leaders or prospective leaders by holders of the Akela Badge.

The Gillwell Winter Course Part III-A may be accepted as an alternative of Part I, as a qualification for the Gillwell Badge. Most Scoutmasters prefer to take the Correspondence Course also.

No Winter Class courses should be started without notification of the Dominion Camp Chief. This rule is made to ensure maintenance throughout the Dominion of the high standard of organization and instruction required in order to qualify those taking the class courses for their certificates; also in order that the latest information may be furnished course leaders.

One of the outstanding "hike" features of the summer was the 1,000 mile trip to New York and back of six boys of the 1st Montreal Royal St. Lawrence Yacht Club Sea Scouts, in the troop's whaler. The boys, who were in charge of P. L. Brown, received a fine reception in New York, and were entertained by the New York Boy Scouts Association and given a special luncheon by the New York Canadian Club. They made an excellent impression by their bearing, and their ability to take care of themselves without an adult leader.

Another Live Community Service Troop

TO HELP raise funds for the local band and for other Old Home Week purposes, the 1st Markdale, Ont., Scouts put on a Model Camp Exhibition in the local agricultural park, September 1st. In addition to the camp there was shown a very complete museum of Scout fire-places, camp ovens, iceless refrigerators, and other camp appliances and sanitary arrangements. The exhibit was given effective publicity in a two column box ad. in the local papers. The ad. incidentally displayed the smiling Canadian Scout and the legend, "Put the Out into Scouting."

❖ Scouting from Coast to Coast ❖

DURING a three hour wait on the wharf for a delayed St. John river steamer, Scouts of St. James' Troop, of Saint John, N.B., gave an impromptu entertainment for the benefit of the other passengers. Later, on the steamer, they staged a Scout council fire programme under Scoutmaster Stagg and District Secretary Hoyt.

100 Life Saving Scouts and "Chums" of the Salvation Army camped at Sandy Hook, Lake Winnipeg. The camp has been made a permanent one, with dining and community hall for use during wet weather.

An inter-patrol field day was one of the high spots of the combined camp of the five Medicine Hat troops.

Salvation Army Scouts of London, Ont., held a special camp at Port Franks. The camp was inspected by Lt.-Col. and Mrs. D. F. McAmmond.

The 1st Wolfville Troop, N.S., put on a despatch game in which a party of eight left the camp in two canoes for the head of the lake, there hid their craft, and endeavored to scout back into camp, to deliver their despatches to Scoutmaster Patriquin. The despatches consisted of chocolate bar wrappers, and each boy delivering his despatch before noon received a chocolate bar. Three Scouts got through the line of watching Scouts and Cubs.

Other programme items of the 1st Wolfville camp included baseball and cricket, boat and canoe races and swimming and diving competitions. On Sunday morning the troop hiked to morning service at Black River and in the evening held a special council fire. The fire programme included a contest in Bible story telling, in which first prize went to Scout Billy Oliver for his story of Samson, second to Scout Sydney Wheelock for his story of Gideon, and a tie for third to Scouts Creighton and Barteau for stories of Abraham and Isaac, and the Prodigal Son.

As usual the Renfrew, Ont. Rotary Club paid a visit to the local Scout camp, and spent an afternoon of sports with the boys. The sports included archery. The camp was in charge of Rev. Fr. A. W. O'Connor.

The 32nd Winnipeg Troop duplicated the provincial Gillwell camp, on the same site, and using the same Patrol plan. In addition to the usual camp patrol competition, an individual competition was held, points being given for behaviour, voluntary work, scout work, duty work, neatness of kit and uniform and gadget handicraft. Scout Morrison won first prize, a folding kodak, with 70 points of a possible 75.

Newspaper mention of Border Cities Scout camps included that of the 1st Windsor Life Saving Scouts of the Salvation Army.

A.S.M. Jack Foan returned from the New Brunswick Gillwell to take charge of the five patrol camp of the 1st Brockville Troop, Ont. The camp was run successfully on the Patrol System, with a keen camp patrol competition. Good work was done for the Naturalist's, Camp Cook's and Swimmer's badges. Lariat throwing was given considerable attention, including the lassoing from a distance of 25 feet of

a boy who had "broken through the ice."

The fifteenth season of Camp Tamaracouta saw 130 Scouts from 19 Montreal Troops under canvas.

150 Catholic Scouts of the London, Ont. diocese camped at Port Bruce under Brother Silvin. The camp was visited by Rt. Rev. M. F. Fallon, D.D., Bishop of London, who addressed the boys.

The big district camp of Moose Jaw, with an attendance of some 200 Scouts under District Commissioner A. K. Strachan, repeated its success of last year. A varied and scouty programme kept the boys interested from morning till night. Breakfast and supper were prepared by a camp cook and the boys prepared their own mid-day meal by patrols. In the camp competitions P.L. Gordon Botting, of the 6th Troop, made the best collection of wild flowers, P.L. Frank Brooks of the 5th Troop and Scout Wilbert Haigh of the 3rd Troop kept the best diaries, and P.L. Bert McDougall of the 1st Troop carved the best Scout staff. The Moose Patrol of the 5th Troop kept the best tent during camp.



The despatch gets through to S.M. Good of the 18th Winnipeg.

Welland, Ont., Scouts camped on a site placed at their disposal by the International Nickel Company of Port Colborne.

Forty Souris, Man., Cubs camped for two weeks under Cubmaster Sidney Lightfoot at their "permanent summer home" on the Souris river. They had the 5th Brandon Troop as neighbors.

The 5th annual camp of the Craik, Sask. Wolf Cub Pack was set up by business men of the town under the direction of Scoutmaster A. W. Stronach and Rovermaster H. J. Reid. For each of the four days of the outing two ladies went out from Craik to do the cooking.

At the Sunday service of the Simcoe, Ont., Scout camp at Turkey Point, Rev. C. A. Bridgeman, M.A., of Sze-Chuan, China, spoke on "The Boys of China." The camp was in charge of Rev. W. L. Davidson.

Eight boys of the 7th Winnipeg took their First Class Journey during camp. At a mock trial the "fat" boy of the troop was accused of having taken

reducing P.T. without permission, was found guilty and sentenced to three hours' hard labour.

A new site on an island in McGregor Lake, Que., was the scene of the highly successful outing of the Ottawa District Scouts under Secretary Norman Leach. The camp was held in two periods, the first being given up to the French speaking troops and the second to the English speaking, Italian and Jewish troops. It is planned next year to hold a simultaneous combined camp, each troop on its own site.

The 1st Rossland Troop, B.C., held a week-end camp of leaders prior to the summer camp.

A big field day was held at the Port Credit Scouts' Grandview camp on Civic Holiday, all the Scouts of the district and visiting Scouts being invited.

The Radville Star, Sask., carried a full day-to-day account of the doings at the joint camp of the Radville and Weyburn troops held at Trossachs under District Commissioner E. B. MacKay of Weyburn, Sask.

A party of 25 camping Toronto Scouts hiked into Meaford for Sunday morning service at the Baptist church.

Scouts and Girl Guides of Armstrong, B.C., camping at opposite ends of Mara Lake, held a largely attended neighborhood Sunday service under Scoutmaster the Rev. L. A. Morratt.

A published notice regarding the camp of the Listowel, Ont., Scouts stated: "Parents are not allowed to send food to any especial boys, but supplies are always accepted when sent to the whole camp."

The camp announcement of St. George's Troop, Saint John, N.B., stated that the camp would be run on Gillwell lines, using the Patrol System.

All but two of the 35 boys of the 60th Toronto Troop, Scoutmaster James Montagnes, passed the Scout swimming test during camp. Six members of the troop passed the Royal Life Saving Society test.

The combined camp of Scouts from East Chilliwack, Rosedale and Cheam, B.C., was held at Cultus Lake, under the direction of Rev. Mr. Ogston.

Scouts of the 3rd Port Arthur Troop, under Scoutmaster H. W. Ellard, built a boat for use at their camp. You will not be astonished to learn that the craft was christened, "The Scout."

Visitors to the camp (3rd Port Arthur Troop) Saturday and Sunday were impressed with the manly, typical Boy Scouts who made up the group. They were amazed at the ingenuity of the boys in improvising clothes racks, candle sticks, beds, etc.—Port Arthur News Chronicle.

Some 1,500 Winnipeg Scouts attended regular camps this year, and about half that number organized week-end camps which were visited regularly during the holidays.

A compass, a sun dial, various Scout emblems designed on the sand with shells, and a miniature model camp constructed on an old tree stump were museum items of the combined camp of the troops from Parksville, Duncan, Errington and Chemainus, B.C. Baseball and quoits competitions were held

in addition to Scouting games. On Sunday the boys hiked to church service at St. Anne's, French Creek, and heard an excellent special sermon by Rev. A. Bischlager on "Playing the Game." On August 4th the anniversary of the outbreak of the Great War was commemorated, and honour paid to the memory of the fallen.

Visitors' Day programme of the combined camp of Miniota, Strathclair and Shoal Lake troops, Man., included a fire-lighting race, a night stalking competition, a demonstration of the Scout transporter method of crossing a stream, and a museum of gadgets. The Scoutmasters in camp included Rev. W. F. Bushe, Shoal Lake, and Rev. M. Moffat of Miniota.

Christ Church Troop of Belleville, Ont., under Rev. C. E. Clarke, passed 2 Scouts as Swimmers, 1 as a Rescuer, and 3 on both the Swimmer and Rescuer tests.

The first day's activities of the well planned camp of the 1st Courtney Troop, B.C., under Scoutmaster Stubbs, following flag raising, was a talk and demonstration on the use of the axe. The varied and scouty programme of the camp closed with a special prize of show tickets to the patrol making the best job of cleaning up their camp site.

A practical night scouting test came to the 1st Brampton ("Optimist") Troop, Ont., in the call to locate two hiking Toronto Scouts supposed to be somewhere in the district. The Optimists threw their net over several square miles of country, and in something less than two hours located the two hikers safely tucked in bed under the stars in a river-side bivouac. Throughout the well organized search the different parties kept in touch with camp by the use of Lucas lamps and flashlights, using the Morse code.

On Sunday morning, following flag break, at the Waterloo County, Ont., Camp, a Scout's Own service was held by Assistant District Commissioner Nichols of the Border Cities, a member of 1926 Gillwell staff at Ebor Park.

An all day treasure hike provided a busy day at the United Cape Breton Camp, for the boys of the 1st Glace Bay and 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th Sydney troops. The camp programme was laid out by the Camp Court of Honour.

Several "county" Scout camps were held in Ontario. One of the largest was that of Bruce and South Grey, with boys from Cargill, Southampton, Kincardine, Walkerton, Markdale and Paisley. Troops from Galt, Kitchener and Preston attended the Waterloo County camp. Both were in charge of Gillwellians—J. S. Smith and Leonard Wheeler. The good camping competition of the first camp was taken in a close contest by the 1st Markdale Troop.

Niagara Falls Scouts camped near historic Niagara-on-the-Lake, and spent some time visiting spots of notable interest. Their camp was visited by the Lions Club of Niagara Falls, and was inspected by Major Timmis of the Royal Canadian Dragoons,—who pronounced it excellently organized.

The use of Rovers as camp S.M.'s and A.S.M.'s in lieu of Scoutmasters who could not attend was a distinct

success in the Fredericton, N.B. camp—which was reported one of the best in organization, layout and programme ever held in the district. The camp was divided into three special camp troops known as the Mohawks, Micmacs and Maliseets, and was in charge of Gillwellian Andrew Douglass of the 3rd Fredericton, assisted by Gillwellians Fred Barnes and Rev. Alban Bate.

Pictou County, N.S., held its usual successful district camp, with troops present from New Glasgow, Pictou, Lourdes, Thorburn and Trenton. The camp was in charge of Gillwellian Cecil Barrett of Truro, assisted by a staff which included Gillwellians Stephen Bouchie and Anthony MacLean. The camp was organized as three independent troops. For the camp Field Day some 250 relatives and friends were entertained.

Visitors described as an excellent piece of engineering a dam across Carp Creek constructed by Sault Ste. Marie Scouts in order to make a satisfactory "swimmin' hole." This troop indulged in both day and night scouting, and entertained numerous visitors at a council fire weiner roast. The boys took in and helped stack eight loads of hay for the owner of



Boys of the 2nd Red Deer, Alberta, surveying a camp site.

the camp grounds as a good turn, and further expressed their appreciation by the presentation to the owner and his wife of a casserole and a birch bark address at the last council fire.

A camp first aid kit was given the Craik, Sask., Troop by Dr. A. S. Gibson and the Owl Drug Store. It was necessary to use the kit only for "minor ailments."

Very successful combined camps were held by the 7th, 12th, 13th, 14th and 15th troops of Sacred Heart Parish, Sydney. Early morning mass was held each day. Aquatic sports were a feature of the larger camp, which was attended by more than 90 boys.

At the big Waterloo County, Ont., camp the camp bank system was used, and the boys allowed to spend but ten cents a day at the canteen.

The 1st Hortonville and Avonport Troop, N.S., under Scoutmaster H. S. Watson, and the 1st Gaspereau, under Rev. G. W. Guio, held a highly enjoyable camp on the beautiful Gaspereau Lakes of Nova Scotia.

Belleville, Ont., Scouts camped under the guidance of Rev. Dr. Malott.

The camp hikes of the 1st Morden Troop, Man., under Rev. F. J. Vincent, included two excursions across the

boundary line into the United States. Rugby was one of the favorite camp games.

Aldergrove, B.C., Scouts enjoyed an excellent camp under Scoutmaster Rev. J. A. H. Warr.

During their camp at Grimsby, Ont., the 1st Kitcheners, under Scoutmaster William Cooper, built a bridge approximately 50 feet long. Rain fell on 10 of the 14 days, but the boys declared that this made no difference, and those who were ready took the First Class hike just the same. The troop was transported free to camp by buses of the Toronto, Kitchener and London Coach Lines, and brought back in cars provided by the Dominion Tire Company.

The camp of the Craik Scouts, Sask., was visited by Craik Masons and their wives and families to the number of a hundred. The Scouts defeated the lodge members in a game of soft ball.

Fifteen boys of the 1st St. John's Troop were guests of the 1st Lennoxville in their camp at Round Bay, Que.

At the council fire of a week-end camp of the 16th and 43rd Winnipeg Troops held on his farm at Headingly, Sir James Aikins, Provincial Commissioner for Manitoba, entertained the boys with stories of his boyhood day experiences.

A composite picture in the *Vancouver Sun* showed several interesting groups of Salvation Army Boy Scouts and Girl Guards in camp.

The Red Wolves, a pack of West Side Winnipeg Cub leaders, held a picnic at Matlock Beach, Lake Winnipeg, and enjoyed an afternoon of Cub sports.

The 6th Edmonton Troop had Scouts on duty every day of the Northern Alberta Fair, and added to their laurels by the rapidity with which they found lost children. "The familiar red and blue neckerchief was to be found in all parts of the grounds."

The 17th Halifax Troop won the annual general efficiency competition and the keeping of the Halifax Rotary Club Scout Cup.

The 1st Darlingford Troop, Man., presented P. L. Jack Crosby with an engraved Scout ring and made him a permanent honorary member of the troop on his departure for a new home in the east.

Only 2nd and 1st Class Scouts are allowed to take part in the week-end camps of the Hamilton, Ont. district.

The 97th Montreal (Greenfield Park) Troop held a special Scout service at St. Paul's on September 5th, the Scouts supplying ushers and choristers.

After other efforts of several hours had failed to locate a lost child, Fredericton, N.B., Scouts were appealed to. The Cathedral Troop was called out, and in a very short time had located and returned the little fellow to his parents.

The 6th annual field day of the 3rd Toronto Troop, Church of the Epiphany, Parkdale, was participated in by members of the 33rd, 58th, 85th, 109th and 110th Torontos.

The Regina Scout Band provided the music at the unveiling of the 28th Battalion Memorial on the Parliament Building grounds at Regina.

The 16th Winnipeg Troop entertained the Children's Aid Society wards, the Khaki Club and inmates of the Convalescent Hospital.

On his birthday, Scoutmaster Henry Watson of the 1st Hortonville Troop, N.S., was called to the door to discover his Scouts in horseshoe formation, and to receive a handsome painting and an address of appreciation.

The well known 10th Calgary Troop and their affiliated Cub Pack and Rover Patrol suffered a serious loss late in August when the building in which their rooms were located was gutted by fire of supposed incendiary origin. The troop library, built up during ten years by the contributions of the boys, was a total loss. Considerable miscellaneous troop equipment was heavily damaged by fire and water.

Visiting Scouts entertained by Toronto Scouts at the Canadian National Exhibition included Scoutmaster Leslie Thomson and crew of the Jellicoe of Montreal, and Commissioner Miller and crew of American Sea Scouts from Flint, Michigan.

The Victoria Gyro Club, B.C., held a picnic luncheon with the local Wolf Cubs. The Cubs entertained with a demonstration of Cub work and games.

Halifax Scout troops were busy during the summer in clearing camp sites and building huts on the 3,000 acres placed at their disposal by the Provincial Government, as a reforestation project. In addition to the larger acreage, the Halifax Association has leased an eight-acre island in the centre of Miller's Lake, to serve as a recreational centre and to provide suitable camping grounds for visitors. Mr. Otto Schierbeck, Provincial Government Forestry Expert, and Mr. J. O. Kaulbach, Provincial Field Commissioner of the Boy Scouts Association, spent some time in blazing trails to mark boundaries and routes to different sections of the property.

The big mid-summer meeting of the Anglican Laymen's Association of Essex County, Ont., was participated in by Scouts camping in the vicinity.

All Saints' Troop, Niagara Falls, Ont., started its fall activities with a Commercial Hike programme which included visits to hydro power stations on both sides of the international boundary.

The recently organized 113th Montreal (Shriners' Crippled Children's Hospital) Troop was entertained by the band of the 53rd Montreal (Vicars').

Following the widely regretted death by drowning of Mr. Jack Carmichael, for several years head of the large Christie Lake camp for underprivileged boys of Ottawa, a local memorial fund campaign for the benefit of his wife and two young children was organized under the direction of District Scout Secretary Norman Leach. Eight thousand dollars was raised. A number of Ottawa King's Scouts and Patrol Leaders have assisted Mr. Carmichael each year at the Christie Lake Camp.

Scouts of the 1st Chilliwack and Fairfield Island Troops, B.C., held a joint evening of games, including a treasure hunt, followed by a swim, a council fire,—and eats.

Some 50 Scouts from the Hamilton district camp participated in a field day of the 1st Dunnville Troop and an evening's entertainment in the town park.

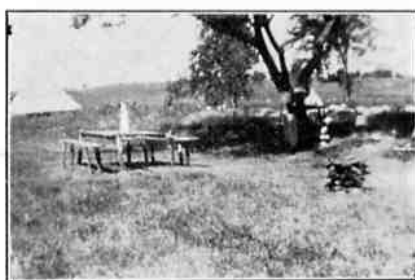
Chatham, Ont., Scouts have a team in the Senior Industrial Soft Ball League.

Reports on the organization of local troop associations made to Provincial Commissioner A. H. Ball of Saskatchewan indicate that troops in that province are receiving encouraging local support. Five of the Moose Jaw troops reported association memberships of 10 each, the 3rd Troop 17, and the 1st Troop 20. The Grenfell Troop reported an association of 26 members, Kinistino 28, the 3rd Saskatoon 33, Wynyard 43, and Craik 54. Preeceville reported the remarkable membership of 71.

Camp was used as a means of organizing the new "Pukwana" Troop at Cornwall, Ont. Eight boys were taken to camp, and from these on their return Patrol Leaders were chosen, and are building up the troop personnel.

The 60th Toronto Troop has added to its staff of leaders A.S.M. Fred Spanjaard, late of the 15th Amsterdam Troop, Holland.

In addition to camping items, newspaper clippings throughout the summer make frequent references to Scout



Model patrol site of the Beavers, of the 1st Galt Troop, Ont.

hikes, by troops, patrols and smaller groups, afoot, by bicycle, canoe, and in one case horseback.

The Soongay-Tay-Ay Wolf Cub Pack, Winnipeg, had the Tuxedo Pack of the Children's Home as guests at their annual picnic at Assiniboine Park. The inter-pack games included wild-horse racing and "broncho busting," and the day was closed with a council fire. The following week the Tuxedo Pack entertained the Soongay-Tay-Ays at the Home.

For the eighth year the Scouts of Lennoxville and Sherbrooke were called upon by the directors to usher at the grand stand of the Eastern Canada Fair.

The various Rover groups of Moose Jaw have decided to combine as the 1st Moose Jaw Rover Troop and to take the name of "Sir Alfred Pickford's Own."

A longboat that was formerly part of the equipment of the S.S. Empress of Japan was the valuable and interesting gift of the Vancouver Lions Club to the 2nd B.C. Sea Scouts.

The Sea Scouts of Mt. Clemens, Mich., were entertained over July 4th by the Scouts and Rovers of Chatham, Ont. The Scout hut of the 1st Chatham Troop was made the head-

quarters of the visiting American Scouts.

A camp circus and a mock trial were held during the tenth annual camp of the 2nd Sherbrooke Scouts and Cubs, under District Scoutmaster Wm. Gioveti. Numerous nature hikes were held, and 30 Scout badge tests passed. The Cubs camped separately.

Caledonia, Ont., Scouts presented a gold Scoutmaster's ring and a pair of air cushions respectively to Scoutmaster and Mrs. H. J. Gibson, on the occasion of their leaving to take up missionary work in India.

All Saints' Troop of Niagara Falls, Ont., attended divine service at St. Peter's Church, Niagara Falls, N.Y., a special sermon being preached by the rector, Rev. P. W. Mosher, D.D.

Yorkton, Sask., Scouts participated in the local Decoration Day services held in memory of those who gave their lives in the Great War.

The Scouts of Keremeos, B.C., collected flags and bunting, procured and erected flag poles, and decorated the main street of Keremeos for Empire Day, and otherwise assisted in the local celebration.

Collingwood Scouts and Cubs held a Civic Holiday field day at the local exhibition grounds. The scout programme included first aid, knot tying and equipment racing, a verbal relay race and a Morse signalling competition.

The 1st Glenwood Mounted Troop, Alta., under Scoutmaster Ivan Nelson, took a ten day saddle and pack horse outing in the mountains.

Plans of the 2nd Sherbrooke Wolf Cub Pack include the organization of a Pack Committee of parents of Cubs. It is hoped that the committee will look after all details other than the actual pack meeting work.

The Town Council of Oakville, Ont., has leased to the local Scout troop, at the nominal rental of \$1.00 per year, a site upon which to build a headquarters' hut. Erection will be begun immediately.

It is becoming the usual thing to call out the local Scouts when anyone disappears. Bracebridge, Ont., Scouts were added to the list so called out when in August they were asked to search for an elderly man presumably lost in the bush east or north of the town.

The Ladies' Auxiliary of the 1st Moose Jaw Troop presented the troop with a hike tent,—for which a formal vote of thanks was passed at the Court of Honour.

Week-end cruises throughout the summer and a two-week's cruise up the Ottawa river kept the boys of the 1st Ottawa Sea Scouts busy. The Scouts' "pirate" craft took first prize in the decorated boat parade on Venetian Night of the Ottawa Centennial.

Toronto Scouts played their usual active part at the Canadian National Exhibition. Their 25-tent camp, with its kitchen and dining shelters, presented a business-like picture. The camp entertained a large number of visiting Scouts, including troops and groups from the United States.

The Winnipeg Tribune of July 17th carried a three column picture of seven Scouts of the 7th Winnipeg Troop about to set out on their First Class Journey.

In appreciation of the good work they are doing, the local Rotary Club made a contribution of \$25.00 each to the funds of the 2nd and 4th Sherbrooke Troops. Rotarian H. G. Munro, who formerly was connected with Scouting in Alberta, presented a complete set of new uniforms to the lacrosse team of the 4th Sherbrooke Troop.

At the 5th Annual Field Day of the Etobicoke Amusement Association, attended by 5,000 people, the New Toronto Scout Troop under Scoutmaster Ellard carried off the Major Streight Cup.

A meeting of the Chatham, Ont., Scoutmaster's Club was held August 24th to organize fall and winter activities.

The 1st Strathmore Troop, Alta., equipped themselves with hoes and rakes, and cleared away the weeds and otherwise tidied up the surroundings of Strathmore Memorial Hall.

During the Central Fair at Ottawa Scouts ran the Information Booth and the Lost Children Department. Notable service was given by the 41st French Canadian Troop, under Scoutmaster Currier, which had boys on duty day and night throughout the entire week.

The 1st New Toronto Troop participated in the decoration services at Park Lawn Cemetery of West Point Lodge I.O.O.F. The Scouts stood at attention at each grave, with a Union Jack at either side of the headstone and the troop colors in the centre, while the services were read. The ceremony attracted a large number of visitors.

An energetic and systematic campaign to increase the number of Salvation Army Scouts in Winnipeg was started in September under Adjutant H. Booth Greenaway. Several recruiting parades of Scouts and Girl Guards were held in different sections of the city, followed by a sports programme, a pow-wow and recruiting. It is hoped to materially increase the present membership of 450.

With spirits undamped by a drizzling rain, some 2,500 Scouts and Cubs took part in the annual parade at the Toronto Exhibition. Out-of-town troops participating included four from the Border Cities, detachments from Brampton, Kingston and Gananoque, and American Scouts from Painesville, Ohio, Buffalo, and Niagara Falls, N.Y. The parade was reviewed by District Commissioner John G. Kent—the General Manager of the Exhibition.

The newly elected membership of the troop association of the 1st Regina (St. Paul's) Troop includes Ven. Archdeacon Davidson, and Mr. Justice Biglow, K.C., the latter President.

Scouts of the 4th Oshawa Troop, Ont., rendered good service at a big local picnic, particularly in finding and restoring lost children to their parents. During the afternoon and evening some 50 such lost little ones were taken care of. "The boys presented a manly appearance, and carried out their duties in a very efficient manner," stated the *Oshawa Reformer*.

When the burning of a large barn and outbuildings threatened the village

of Thamesford, which was without fire protection, Brother Silvin and three boys of the 10th London Troop, who were passing through, organized a bucket brigade and did excellent work in checking the blaze until assistance arrived from London.

After four months of preparation the 1st Vernon Troop, B.C., very successfully staged Sir Arthur Pinero's comedy, "Dandy Dick." The costumes were given great care and were exceptionally good. Crowded houses rewarded the boys, and a substantial sum was cleared toward their summer camp. A two-column cut of those taking the principal roles appeared in the *Vancouver Province*.

When Wilfred Simpson of Renfrew, Ont., was severely burned, and volunteers were called for to provide cuticle for skin grafting, a number of Scouts at once offered. When the choice was narrowed to three, and it was then decided that only two volunteers would be used, the three Scouts drew lots, and Scout Austin, who lost, endeavoured to purchase the honour from one of the others. Neither would sell. The grafting operation was successfully performed.

Vancouver Scouts helped in many ways during the big Dominion Day



A sun clock marked the camping hours of the 6th Vancouver.

celebrations. For the morning parade they assisted the police in handling the crowd, each troop being made responsible for one block of the parade route. In the afternoon, at the request of the Police Department, Scouts assisted in running off a programme for children at the Ceperley Playgrounds, Stanley Park.

Patrol Leaders Sabo, Tuba, Sandberg and Mellow spoke for their patrols at a farewell gathering for A.S.M. Waggoner and Troop Leader Playfair of the 1st Whitewood Troop, Sask.

Georgetown, Ont., Scouts visited Brampton to participate in the annual Scout and Cub service at St. Paul's United Church. The parade of 100 Scouts and Cubs was headed by the Salvation Army band. Dr. W. J. Smith took the Scout Law as his text, and showed how the various points of the law are evidenced in the teachings of Christ.

The first aid team of the 6th Edmonton Troop took second place in the competition for the John A. McDougall Cup, emblematic of the Junior First Aid Championship of Northern Alberta, conducted by the Canadian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy. In their Scout news column in the *Edmonton*

Journal the 6th Troop team congratulated the C.N.R. Mascots, who took first prize. As runners-up the 6th team was presented with bronze medals. This brought to four the number of first aid medals owned by most members of the team.

Scouts contributed their part when 100 boys and girls from the rural schools of Haliburton County, Ont., were taken to Toronto by Public School Inspector G. F. Pentland of Fenelon Falls. The Rotary Club showed the children something of the city, Duncan Ave. United Church and St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church entertained them over night, and the Scouts—one to each five visitors—showed them about the big fair.

In seeking permission to move to a new site owned by the city the hut given the 1st Moose Jaw Troop by the Robin Hood Mills, Ven. Archdeacon Wells Johnson stressed the character-building value of the Scout training. He mentioned that last Hallowe'en was the first on which no damage had been done to the Robin Hood Mill premises by prank players.

The Hawk Patrol of the 3rd St. Thomas Troop, Ont., solved its camping problem by selling sufficient home-made bread to purchase a patrol tent.

The 1st and 2nd Portage la Prairie Troops contributed programme numbers toward the Dominion Day celebration held on the local race track. The 2nd Troop constructed a 15-foot signal tower in 20 minutes, and the 1st Troop, when one of their number attempted to climb the tower, and "fell," gave a demonstration of binding numerous fractures and improvising a stretcher. Meantime the 2nd had established other signal stations, and a message was flagged in and delivered, reading, "To the Merchants of Portage la Prairie: We want a bigger and better Victoria Day in 1927."

Firmin Sauve, formerly of the 6th Ottawa (All Saints'), and now a student at the Canadian Bible Institute, spent the summer in missionary work among the mining and lumber camps of Northern Ontario, for the Shantymen's Christian Missionary Association.

The Expansion of The Scout Leader

THE extent to which Scouting in Canada has been developing during recent years, particularly in the quality of its activities, including community service, has not been realized by many in the Movement. To present a monthly picture of these activities, it was decided to add four pages to *The Scout Leader*, these to be given up chiefly to news of Troop and Pack doings from the Atlantic to the Pacific. Incidentally these news paragraphs will add to the fund of "ideas" which the *Leader* has carried in the past.

Matter for Local Scout News Columns

A further plan is to place matter from this department and from other sections of the *Leader* at the disposal of Scoutmasters for use, if desired, in their local Scout News columns. For this purpose Scoutmasters will on request be sent an extra section or extra copy of the *Leader* each month, for clipping. Address the Editor.

❖ The Scoutmaster's Five Minutes ❖

Wild Bees and Their Ways

OF all the creatures with which man has surrounded himself, there is none that seems so much like a product of civilization as the honey-bee. A colony of bees, with their division of labor, their love of gain and their neatness and love of order, seems as far removed from a condition of rude nature as does the automobile from the Indian pack-horse, yet the fact remains that the honey-bee is essentially a wild creature and never has been and never will be thoroughly domesticated. Its proper home is the woods, and thither every new swarm counts on going—and thither many do go in spite of the care and watchfulness of the bee-keeper. If the woods in any given locality are deficient in trees with suitable cavities, the bees resort to all sorts of makeshifts; they go into barns, into chimneys, under stones, into rocks, and so forth. Several chimneys in my locality are taken possession of by colonies of bees nearly every season. One day while bee hunting, I developed a line that went toward a farm-house where I had reason to believe no bees were kept. I followed it up and questioned the farmer about his bees. He said he kept no bees, but that a swarm had taken possession of his chimney, and another had gone under the clapboards in the gable end of his house. He had taken a large lot of honey out of both places the year before. Another farmer had told me that his family had seen a number of bees examining a knot-hole in the side of his house. The next day as they were sitting down to dinner, their attention was attracted by a loud humming noise, when they discovered a swarm of bees settling on the side of the house and pouring into the knot-hole.

It is a well-known fact among bee authorities that every swarm of bees, before it leaves the parent hive, sends out exploring parties to look up the future home. The woods and groves are searched through and through, and no doubt the privacy of many a squirrel and many a wood mouse is intruded upon.

Bees as a rule will find a home in the woods that will be cozy and will be much cooler in the summer and, in many cases, warmer in the winter.

Nine times out of every ten the bee is honest, and prefers to do a legitimate business, and is never an outlaw until her sources of supply fail. She will not touch honey as long as honey-yielding plants can be found, as she dislikes to take her sweets at second hand.

The bee is a simple-minded creature and can be imposed upon by almost any bee-keeper, but there are very few bee-keepers that can trail and find a bee-tree. The sportsman may track his game to its retreat by the aid of his dog, but in hunting the honey-bee one must be his own dog, and track his game through an element in which it leaves no trail. It is a task for a sharp, quick eye, and will test the resources of the best woodcraft. One autumn when I devoted much time to this pursuit, as the best means of get-

ting at Nature and the open air, my eyes became so thoroughly trained that bees became almost as easily trailed through the air as birds. One day, standing on a street corner in one of our large towns of north Missouri, I saw above the trucks and traffic a line of bees carrying off sweets from a grocery store.

You will look upon the woods with a new interest when you once know the delights and pleasures of bee-hunting. September and October are considered by naturalists as the golden season of the year, and any pursuit that will take you abroad over the hills and through the woods and along the streams, will be a pleasure that you will long remember.

There are many curious facts and freaks about bees that very few people know. It is a well-known fact among bee hunters that you will get track of a bee-tree sooner when you are half a mile from it than when you are only a few yards. Bees, like many other inhabitants of the woods, show great skill in visiting their homes secretly, that is, without being seen. Bees, like the human being, have little faith in the near-at-hand, and expect to make their fortune in a distant land, and sometimes overlook the flowers at their very door. On one occasion I set a box filled with sweets within a few paces of a bee-tree without it being noticed, when by removing it to a distant field, the bees almost immediately found it. I have observed that when bees leave the hive or the bee-tree, unless there is some special attraction in some other direction, they generally go against the wind. They would thus have the wind with them when they return home heavily laden, and with a load of wax or honey the difference would be an important one. The Roman bee authority, Virgil, claims that bees carry gravel stones as ballast, but this has long since been found to be a fallacy, as their only ballast is their honey bag. If fresh and empty-handed, the bees will face the strongest wind with ease, but with a full cargo of honey they sometimes have great difficulty.

Bees, especially in a dry time, like to be near a spring or stream of water, so that they may water their honey. This accounts for the reason that old bee-hunters always look for bee-trees along creeks and near springs in the woods. I once found a tree a long distance from any water and the honey had a peculiar, bitter flavor imparted to it, and I was fully convinced that the bees sucked the rain water from the decayed and spongy hemlock tree, in which the swarm was found. I cut into the tree and found that the north side of it was saturated with water like a spring, which ran out in big drops, and had a bitter flavor. The bees had thus found a spring or cistern in their own house.

Bees are exposed to many hardships and dangers. Winds and storms prove disastrous to them. Spiders lie in wait for them, as do brigands for travelers. One day as I was looking for bees amid some goldenrod, I spied one partly concealed under a leaf. It was loaded

with pollen and yet did not move. On lifting up the leaf I discovered that a hairy spider was ambushed there and had the bee by the throat. The spider was evidently afraid of the bee's sting, and was holding it by the throat till quite sure of its death.

It is very interesting and curious as well, to watch bees bringing pollen to the hive. They will advance to the cell, in which the honey is to be deposited and kick off the honey as one might his overalls or rubber boots, making one foot help the other; then they will walk off without ever looking behind them. Other bees, who act as indoor hands, come along and ram it down with their heads and pack it onto the cells, as the dairy maid packs butter in the firkin.

Bees will accommodate themselves to almost any quarters, yet no hive seems to please them so well as a section of a hollow tree—"gums," as they are called in the South and West, where the sweet gum grows. In some European countries the hive is always made from the trunk of a tree, a suitable cavity being formed by boring.

—Edward A. Williams,
In Our Dumb Animals.

According to the local press, London, Ont. Scouts rendered exceptionally valuable service during the city's Centennial celebration in August. The boys supplied a day and night messenger service throughout the week, assisted the police during parades, and at other times when the streets were crowded, and conducted two first aid stations at which they took care of all accidents occurring in their territory—over 60 in number.

Four troops, the 2nd, 12th, 15th and 16th, were on duty throughout the 24 hours each day, while six other troops, the 1st, 3rd, 4th, 7th, 8th and 9th, worked during rush hours.

The "remarkable spirit" of the boys, although often forced to remain on duty until 2 and 3 a.m. was commented upon by the *London Free Press*, and the small number of accidents which occurred during the week was in part credited to the excellent work of the Scouts.

The special committee of Scout leaders which organized and directed the work included District Commissioner Rev. A. S. H. Cree, Assistant District Commissioner Frank Gray and Scoutmaster Henry Wolfe of the 2nd Troop. Scoutmaster Frank Ross of the 16th and A.S.M. Jack Wheatley of the 9th were in charge of the first aid stations. First aid supplies were furnished the Scouts free by various drug stores.

Throughout the summer, Brampton, Ont., Scouts held hikes and bicycle trips, "and it is now quite an ordinary thing to see the boys on the road with their kit," according to the *Brampton Conservator*. One of the cycling excursions took several of the boys to the Ontario Agricultural College at Guelph. A cycle section also was sent to the Toronto Exhibition, to participate in the Scout parade on Manufacturer's Day.

A Meeting Programme

- 7.10 Headquarters opened by Troop Leader or A.S.M.
- 7.15 Duty Patrol arrives and makes room ready, including preparation by Patrol Leader of Union Jack for breaking.
- Scoutmaster arrives.
- 7.25 Balance of Troop arrives.
- 7.30 Patrols rally in Corners. Patrol roll call. Inspection by P.L.'s.
- Dues collected.
- (Freeze)*
- 7.35 Troop called into Horseshoe formation by P.L. or A.S.M. S.M. takes over parade. Flag break. Scout Silence. T.L. makes attendance report. General inspection, and points marked up on board. Special inspection (pocket handkerchiefs), and points marked up.
- 7.45 Lively game—Poison Circle.
- (Freeze)*
- 7.55 Patrol Corners—(Instruction by P.L.'s.)
- Morse alphabet.
- Tenderfoot knots.
- Whipping rope ends.
- Composition of the flag.
- (During Corners dues collected from P.L.'s by Troop Treasurer.)
- (Freeze)*
- 8.10 Hand signals by S.M.
- 8.15 Lively game—Chain Tag.
- 8.20 First aid demonstration and quizz, cut in the foot, by Scoutmaster. Bandage demonstration by each patrol.
- (Freeze)*
- 8.40 Council fire. O Canada. Songs from Canadian Scout Camp Fire Song Book, as suggested. Scoutmaster's "Five Minutes." More songs. Few words regarding Good Turns. National Anthem. Prayers or Scout Silence. Lower flag. Name next week's Duty Patrol. Dismiss. Court of Honour.

*Patrol Competition.

A Quebec Pack's Saturday Hike

Meet 2 p.m. at H. Q. Uniform. Car to Cote de Neiges Road. Walk up steps to Mountain. "Everybody count steps." "Candy for the first boy who sees a chipmunk." Walk along path. "Who knows compass directions?" Show how directions found by the watch. Arrive at suitable level grassy spot. Council circle, Grand Howl. "Hands up, all who saw the flower bed arranged as the 'Union Jack' . . . Only six? Very poor! Show the others on the way home." Sixes sent out to pick up as many different kinds of leaves as possible. To come in on the whistle. Come in. Arrange leaves. Those boys who know the names show the others.

Green Six one candy each for finding most kinds.

Feed. (Always must be a feed. Boys bring it themselves. Cubmaster can add something special.)

Game, Settlers and Indians. One Six out to suitable place, supposed to be a log cabin. Fix boundary line. Others are Indians, and must stalk Settlers. (Lots of cover.) Indians seen and name called out are out of game.

Firm talk of playing game fair.

One candy to every Indian reaching boundary line without being seen.

Call together. Grand Howl. Off home.

Poison Circle.—An old but excellent P. T. game. A three-foot circle is drawn on the floor or ground. The players, holding hands, make a ring, with the circle as the centre. Without freeing hands, they endeavor to force one another to step into the "poison circle." Each one forced into the circle is out of the game, and the ring closes. When two are left these decide the victor with one hand gripped across the circle. May be made a competition between two patrols, with members at the start placed alternately in the ring. Scoutmaster's whistle stops game whenever ring is broken. Poison Circle may be used to select IT for another game, IT being the first to step into the circle.

A Pack Programme

- 6.45 Roll call. Dues.
- 7.00 Akela arrives officially. Grand Howl. Prayers. Horse shoe formation for inspection.
- Mark board.
- 7.10 Game—Jumping staves.
- 7.20 Instruction—
- Sr. Sixer with Tenderpads.
- Baloo, class in Semaphore.
- Akela, class in Knotting.
- 7.30 Game—Storekeeper.
- 7.40 Game—Baseball on Tenderpad Tests.
- 7.50 Talk or story.
- 8.00 Investiture.
- 8.15 Grand Howl.
- Dismiss.

Shopkeeper.—(Cub game.) A half circle of chairs or benches forms a "shop" at one end of the room. A race to the shop establishes the first proprietor. The rest of the Pack returns to the other end of the room. The shopkeeper announces that he is a butcher (or grocer, etc.), and requires an assistant. This is the signal for another race, and the first boy in the store gets the job. The remainder sit down outside to watch. The employer tells his new assistant to go to work, giving him various jobs, such as, "Cut some steaks off this round of beef." The assistant follows directions, in pantomime, imitating the sawing, etc. After several jobs have been done, the proprietor informs the assistant that he is unsatisfactory, and proceeds to put him out of the shop. The assistant resists. If he succeeds in putting the owner out, he becomes

the proprietor; if the proprietor wins, he remains in possession. The remainder of the Pack again returns to the far end of the room, and the shop keeper again announces that he wants a boy. A new kind of shop usually is announced each time.

A Cub Knot Story-Game

THE following is taken from the Scout Column of *The Red Deer News*—one of the model Scout columns of the Dominion:—

Cubs are asked to fill in the names of the knots referred to in the following story, and to practice making the knots as well.

Jack and his father were preparing to go on a vacation. As they were going to spend some time in the "bush," they were putting their kits into bundles to be carried on pack ponies. Jack wanted to tie the bundles up, as he was good at knots. He told his dad he learned to make them in the Wolf Cubs. "All right," said his dad, "but mind you tie them securely." "Sure I will," said Jack, and he started to tie a light rope around a bundle of bedding. "I'll tie this by a _____ knot," he said, "that's the best knot to use for that purpose." "Why?" asked his dad. "Because it is _____," said Jack. "We have lots of rope," said Jack's dad, "but it is in short lengths of different thickness." "That's all right," said Jack, "we can tie the light rope to the thicker one by a _____ knot, that will hold them." Soon they had everything ready to pack on the ponies, which were in the corral, and Jack went to get them. He brought them to where the packs were lying, and fastened them to a hitching post by a _____. "Why do you use that ____?" said his dad to Jack. "Because it is _____ and _____," said Jack, "and holds a horse _____."

So they proceeded to pack the ponies, and when the packs were on his dad said to Jack, "You seem to know all about knots; tell me how I should secure the loads on the ponies now." "I know," said Jack, "by the D _____ H _____." "Good for you, Sonnie," said his dad, "you sure learned something in the Wolf Cubs, and you will be useful on this trip." As Jack looked around to see if they had forgotten anything, his glance fell on a short length of rope, and rather than leave it, he fastened it to a loop of rope on the packs by a _____. "What will that be handy for?" said his dad. "To hold on to if I get tired and need a little help," said Jack.

An impressive service was made of the blessing of the flags of the Cub Pack connected with Holy Trinity Church, Medicine Hat, on Sunday, August 22nd, on the return of the boys from camp. Preceding the service the boys marched in a body to the church to attend Choral Eucharist. An additional and also impressive feature of the service was the presentation of charters and warrants to Scoutmaster Harding, Assistant Scoutmasters Harding and Castle and Cubmaster Allen. Rev. H. W. Browne, who preached an eloquent Scout sermon, is chaplain of the troop and pack.

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A Good Fall Beginning

THE 1st Melfort Troop (Sask.) will re-open their weekly meetings on Wednesday week, Sept. 1st, at 7 p.m., in the Church Hall. There will be a Court of Honour on Tuesday afternoon at 4.30. Any boys wishing to join the Scouts should make application to the Scoutmaster before Tuesday, August 31st. Any applications will be voted upon at the Court of Honour meeting."

—Melfort Journal.

A Camp or Hike First Aid Game

Scoutmaster S. L. Brice of the 1st Chilliwack Troop, B.C., put on an original camp first aid test. Each patrol was sent out to a given spot with sealed orders. The orders revealed that one of the party had "met with an accident, breaking his thigh"; the remainder of the patrol was to give proper first aid, and bring the injured boy into camp on an improvised stretcher.

For a Patrol Competition Tie

THE year's first three months' patrol competition of the 1st Welland Troop, Ont., ended with two patrols tied for first place. The problem was placed before the Court of Honour, and it was decided that the matter should be settled by a Tenderfoot Test baseball game. "It was a real battle, and the boys enjoyed it."

A MONTHLY bulletin issued by the 3rd St. Thomas, Ont., Troop, of Knox Church, is placed in the church pews. The 4½x6 four-page leaflet contains brief news paragraphs regarding the troop's activities and future plans, and on the outside back cover the Scout Law. The bulletin apparently has been most effective in securing the understanding support of the congregation. Scoutmaster H. Anthony was the originator of the idea.

Cubs—Scouts—Rovers

THE one and only method that I employ to ensure co-operation between Cubs, Scouts and Rovers is the continual emphasizing of the brotherhood in Scouting. I have four Scouts, P.L.'s, who give wonderful service as Cub Instructors. I cannot speak too highly of their interest and loyalty to my Pack and myself. One of these P.L.'s has come up from a Cub, the others are Scouts who have been transferred from other troops, but all of them are splendid, and I am certain that their working with the Cubs makes for the very best co-operation. When the time comes for a Cub to "go up," the P.L.'s have it all arranged whose patrol he shall enter. The Cub knows he is not going among a strange lot of Scouts; he feels he is with real brothers. We have no Rovers, but our S.M.'s are splendid about dropping

in on our pack meetings. I wish you could see us! Sometimes Akela has nothing to do but trot around and see how everything is going. One or two brother Scouts are working away with a group of Cubs. (I really think they like Cubs almost as well as their own Scouts.) Cub Instructors and Baloo are busy upstairs with 2nd Star work. Sixers are carrying on with most energetic leap-frogs and somersaults, etc., etc.

I don't know much about Cubbing anywhere else, but truly, we do have a happy time in our pack. I always refer to it as one, but we really are two, meeting on separate days and never together except for a display or district parade. So all this extra service given by my Cub Instructors is doubly given. When Akela goes to camp with the Cubs, the Cub Instructors always arrange that one or two of them can go along, to help.

—From a B.C. Akela Course Notebook.

Scout Dates

October

Five Saturdays, and one of the best hike months.

2nd—Bird migration observation hike.

3rd-9th—Participate in Fire Prevention Week activities.

9th—Colored leaf hike. Stalking games.

16th—Weed seed hike. Tracking games.

23rd—Scout's Pace tests. Water boiling and cooking; fires made by friction.

30th—Hare and Hounds tracking hike. Big Hallowe'en party. Good Turns instead of pranks.

Annual Scout Census.

Memorial Giving

IN connection with the recent death of Arthur de B. Tremaine, one of the most active members of the 6th Ottawa Troop Committee, and also of the Local Scout Association Executive, a recently developed practice amongst thoughtful men of the Capital was brought to the attention of the District Scout office. A letter was received enclosing \$5.00 as a "memorial contribution to The Boy Scouts Association, in which Mr. Tremaine was so deeply interested," and it was explained that this was sent in lieu of flowers. It is said that a well known member of the Ottawa District Scout Executive makes a practice of writing a letter of condolence in the case of deaths amongst friends, and of stating that instead of sending flowers he is sending a memorial contribution to some certain organization or charitable institution in which the deceased was interested.

The Scout Leader is sent free to Scoutmasters, Cubmasters, Commissioners and District Secretaries. To all others the subscription rate is 50 cents per current publishing year.

A Caution for Your Scouts

WITHIN the week of August 23 to 31 three Toronto boys were electrocuted as the result of climbing electric power poles, two while endeavouring to free a kite and one while rescuing a cat. Scouts should be warned against climbing any type of wire-carrying poles, as even telegraph and telephone wires, becoming crossed with power lines can carry a current that will kill. Boys should also be warned against touching fallen wires; whenever fallen wires are discovered the police should be notified.

Another Fund-Raising Idea

THE 1st Chatham Troop, Ont., discovered an original method for raising camp funds. From the famous cooks of the city they secured favorite recipes, and published these in a 72-page book. The book was bound in a stout yellow-paper cover, and bears the title, "BOY SCOUT HOME COOKING RECIPES — Obtained from Parents and Friends of the Boys." Advertisements from business houses paid the cost of publication, and the 25 cents received for each copy was net profit. About 1,000 copies of the book were sold prior to camp.

A Good Turn Concert Company

UNDER District Scoutmaster Loke of the 1st Lennoxville Troop a Scout concert company has been organized. The object is to promote Scouting in the Eastern Townships of Quebec, both financially and by helping in the organization and work of troops in the Townships.

Ottawa Rovers and Sea Scouts have for several years carried out a similar Good Turn entertainment programme for the benefit of other troops of the Ottawa district. At the concluding entertainment of last season's "book-ling," \$45.00 was handed over to the newly re-organized 9th Troop, for equipment.

Entertainment and Field Day Ideas

AN original and scouty programme given in connection with a banquet by the 12th St. John Troop (Victoria Baptist) included a debate on the "resolution" that the lariat was more useful than the staff. The lariat won. Other items included a demonstration of intricate knot tying, a talk and demonstration on how to extinguish burning garments upon a person, to carry an injured man, and human signal tower.

The annual field day of the Drumheller, Alta., Scouts and Cubs included a number of short bicycle races, a 200 yards tricycle race for small boys and a ¼ mile bicycle race for girls. In the evening a community council fire was held at Athletic Park. The programme included an investiture, tent pitching, bridge building and the construction of lean-to shelters, lighting fires with and without matches and first aid. Electric lights were used to supplement the light of the council fire.