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Christmas Toy Shop for 1926



A busy evening at the Ottawa Toy Shop of 1925.

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

Scout Toy Repair Shop,
No. 1 Good Turn Street,
or 'phone Santa 1926.



A
Merry Xmas
of

Many Merry
Good Turns

AGAIN the year brings around our biggest and best annual Good Turn—the Scout Christmas Toy Shop—with its output of happiness for a large number of children who otherwise would face the pathetic Christmas tragedy of the "empty stocking"; also with its helpful experience and happiness for the Scouts and Cubs who participate. The toy shops of Christmas, 1925, provided gifts for fully 10,000 children. The indications are that the number this year will be considerably increased by the addition to the toy shop chain of New Glasgow, Saint John, Montreal, Peterborough, Hamilton, Kincardine, Winnipeg, Moose Jaw, and other centres. The shops or toy-collection points of which word was received last year included Halifax, Three Rivers, Sherbrooke, Ottawa, Perth, Chatham, Owen Sound, Calgary, Strathmore, and Carstairs, Alta., and Banff, Golden, and Vancouver, B.C.

The Toy Shop Plan

A vacant store is secured in a suitable downtown location (invariably free), and a large sign is put up, inviting donations of old, broken and

discarded toys, dolls, books, skates, etc. Arrangements are made for publicity through the local papers, and if possible through the churches, Sunday-schools and day schools. Where there are service clubs, permission is secured for a Scout representative to attend a luncheon, make an announcement regarding the Toy Shop, and invite the club's co-operation. A telephone is installed in the shop, or an arrangement is made with a newspaper, or a neighboring store to receive 'phoned requests to call for toys, the list of calls being collected from time to time by a Scout.

Collection.—For toy collection purposes the city or town is divided into districts. Requests to call are listed, and when sufficient have been received Scouts are sent out,—with sleighs, toboggans, trek carts, or cars provided by service clubs.

Shop Organization.—In the case of a district, the Toy Shop activities are directed by a Toy Shop Committee of Scout leaders; in the case of the single troop by the Court of Honour.

The toy shop provides the year's big opportunity for using your Rovers. They may be designated as the heads of various departments, placed in charge of the shop on certain evenings and afternoons, and given the direction of collection and distribution.

The shop is divided into "departments"—for the carpenters, the painters, the mechanical experts, the doll surgeons, the bookbinders, etc. Dolls, after the replacement of limbs, eyes, wigs, etc., usually are turned over to a group of Girl Guides for dressing.

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Repaired and repainted and ready for a "run on Christmas happiness" at the old Merchants Bank,—the Finished Department of last year's Calgary Toy Shop.

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Keep on Keeping On!

AS with all other workers in "the Lord's vineyard," Scoutmasters and Cubmasters from time to time become discouraged—whether because of matters concerning the troop, or because of outside or private considerations.

Should this ever be your situation, and particularly if yours is a small town or village troop, let us remind you of the difficulty usually presented in the re-starting of a troop. The visit of an organizer probably will be necessary, and this may mean an expensive trip; and one which may not be possible within a year.

And if you are a good Scoutmaster or Cubmaster, and if you are considering passing the work on to a new man,—do not forget that it will be a difficult task to fill your shoes.

So, for the community's sake, and for the contribution which you can continue to make in building the good character of a number of young future citizens of Canada,—keep on keeping on.

Lone Scouting for Country Boys Only

THERE appear to have been a number of recent cases of boys in town troops applying for membership in the Lone Scouts of America,—now a branch of the Boy Scouts of America. Scoutmasters knowing of boys contemplating such a move should inform them that the Lone Scout programme is for the boy in the country,—the boy who is too far from any centre to become a member of a Scout Patrol or Troop. It may also be mentioned that the present Lone Scout registration fee of 15 cents will shortly be raised by the Boy Scouts of America to 50 cents.

The Promise for Buddhist Scouts

IN response to an inquiry from British Columbia in connection with the organization of a Japanese Scout troop, the ruling was made that boys of the Buddhist faith may take the first part of the Scout Promise in the following form:

"On my honour, I promise that I will do my best,

To do my duty to my Religion, King and Country."

This is in accordance with the practice in India.

Armistice Day

MANY newspaper clippings told of the participation of Scouts and Cubs in Memorial Sunday and Armistice Day services. In a number of cases Scouts headed processions of school children and other bodies, to take part in church or Cenotaph services or memorial unveilings. A party of Border Cities Scouts took part in the Armistice parade and services in Detroit.

Probably the most unique incident was the placing of a wreath at the Montreal Cenotaph by four crippled Scouts of the 113th Montreal (Shriners' Memorial Hospital) Troop,—one of the boys borne on a stretcher. Inscribed on the wreath were the words, "Inspired by your glorious example, and impelled by the teaching and guidance of the Boy Scout Law, we determine to carry on." Two of the crippled Scouts were Canadians and two Americans.

To Earn Their Registration Fee

THE question of the new Dominion Troop Registration plan was dealt with, and the facts explained thoroughly to the boys (of the 1st Welland, Ont.). They all agreed that they would earn their fifty cents for this fee. We want to be the first troop in the city to register."



THIS Toy Shop of the 6th Vancouver provided toys for 58 poor children and some for a Christmas tree and distribution by Girl Guides.

For Local Toy Shop Publicity

NEWSPAPER mats of Scout Toy Shop pictures for use in local newspaper will be furnished free on application to *The Scout Leader*. Invariably papers are glad to run such pictures; and their publication will help materially in attracting attention to Toy Shop activities.

N. S. Scouts in Wallace Nesbitt Jr.

NOVA Scotia Scout First Aid teams made an excellent showing in their first provincial Wallace Nesbitt Junior competition, of this year. With eight teams competing, the 1st Sydney took first place, with 275 points, the 18th Halifax second with 268, and the 8th Halifax third with 258. Cadet teams took fourth and fifth places, the 1st Glace Bay Troop divided sixth place with a third cadet unit, and the 17th and 2nd Halifax followed in order. With this year's experience, it is hoped to see a strong Nova Scotia Scout team in the contest for next year's Nesbitt Junior Dominion Championship.



District Scoutmaster R. E. Butchart, of the 7th Aberdeen Troop, Scotland was a recent visitor to Hamilton troops.

Are you entering a team in the Provincial Wallace Nesbitt Junior for 1927? If not, discuss it with your Court of Honour.

Records show that in two years 45 boys of the Shaarey-Zedek Wolf Cub Pack of Winnipeg have gone up and are active in Scout troops.

Mr. Alex. Officer, for many years prominent in Winnipeg Scouting as Scoutmaster and District Commissioner, has been made Assistant Provincial Commissioner for the province.

Troop registration at Dominion Headquarters assists field work in your province, and provides each Scout with a "character" card that sooner or later may be of important value to him.

Older Hamilton Scouts are being urged to take the Senior St. John's Ambulance course this winter, in order that they may fully qualify as first aid instructors in their troops.

Entries are now being made in the Wallace Nesbitt Junior first aid competitions for 1927. Don't fail to enter a team if you possibly can. Participation is of value to a troop in many ways.

Scoutmaster Sidney Lightfoot, for some sixteen years head of one of Manitoba's model troops, the 1st Souris, has been made Commissioner of District No. 1, the southwest corner of the province.

At a meeting of Halifax District Scout Commissioners a programme of visits to each of the twenty troops of the district was mapped out—one particular purpose being to stimulate interest in Proficiency Badge work.

The fact that he came up through the ranks of Scouting lends special interest to the appointment of Mr. A. W. E. van Someren as District Commissioner for Hamilton, Ont. Mr. van Someren started as a Tenderfoot Scout in the early days of the Movement in Alberta, later was a Scoutmaster in Brantford, Ont., whence he came to Hamilton.

Winnipeg Cubbing has lost and Edmonton gained by the transfer to the latter city of W. A. Bayley, Cubmaster of one of Winnipeg's crack Cub units, the Broadway Pack, and Assistant District Commissioner. In addition to many years' experience in Cubbing, Mr. Bayley took the Gillwell Akela course and qualified for the Akela Badge. He is credited with a large part in the splendid success of Cubbing in Winnipeg.

A Troop 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. (Freeze)* Inspection by P.L.'s. Dues collected.
- 7.35 Troop called into Horseshoe formation by T.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 (right shoe, left shoe-lace), and points marked up.
- 7.45 Lively game—Chain Tag. (Freeze)*
- 7.55 Patrol Corners—Instruction by P.L.'s as arranged by Court of Honour. (During Corners dues collected from P.L. by Troop Treasurer.) (Freeze)*
- 8.10 Hand signals by S.M.
- 8.15 Outdoors "breather" game—Scout's Pace.
- 8.20 First aid demonstration and quiz, broken finger, 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.

New heads for old,
new eyes, new
complexions, new
limbs—nothing is
impossible to
Santa's Scout
surgeons.



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Repair Equipment.—This should include two or more vices, two or more fret saws, with plenty of blades; paint brushes of various sizes, including a number of small brushes, and a blow torch and solder, for repairing metal toys. Paint and brushes are quite generally donated. The blow torch probably can be borrowed from a plumbing firm. It should be used only by older Scouts, and with all necessary precautions against fire. It may be wise to invite a plumber in for an evening or so, to take charge of the soldering. Similarly a good painter, or even a local artist, might be glad to participate, helping or directing the boys working with the dolls and on other finer paint work.

Distribution.—The method of distribution will be suited to the size of the community. In smaller places hand-sleighs and toboggans will be used; in large places team-drawn sleighs or cars. One of the most effective methods reported last year was that of the Sherbrooke Scouts—a large double-team sleigh, with Santa Claus at the reins, accompanied by a retinue of Scout "helpers." The sleigh, piled high with parcels and bundles, with bells jingling and Scouts singing and shouting, and Santa Claus handling

the reins and waving greetings to passers by, provided a memorable and happy Christmas eve spectacle as it made the rounds of the city. In many cases little children were at the windows to greet the arrival of Santa Claus with boundless surprise and delight.

On the previous Christmas eve the 1st Exeter Troop, Ont., drew their Santa Claus and his gifts around on a long toboggan, and Santa entered the house, produced a big book and carefully read the record of each little boy and girl before digging into his big bag to produce oranges, candy, nuts and a toy. This was voted a great success.

In the majority of cases the gifts have been delivered at the door, after dark, to the parents, or left on the doorstep.

The Ottawa Scouts delivered their parcels in large red cloth bags. In Sherbrooke large paper sacks were used.

Names.—The names of needy families and the number, age and sex of children usually are secured through the local charitable organizations, or a special central Christmas Welfare Bureau. In one case names were secured from the Victorian Order of Nurses.

Opening the Shop.—A number of shops already are under way. Probably the rest will open not later than Saturday, December 4th, since Christmas this year falls on a Saturday. Usually the shop is open evenings for the first week, and thereafter on afternoons, evenings and Saturdays up to Christmas eve. Schools will this year close for the Christmas holidays on Wednesday, December 22nd. This will allow of two full days for the toy work immediately before Christmas.

The time to be spent at the shop and on collection by designated Scouts, patrols or troops, will of course depend upon the size of the community and the number of Scouts available. Care should be taken that the evening studies of Scouts preparing for Christmas examinations are not interfered with by too much demand upon their mid-week evenings.

It is a good plan to work out a schedule of toy shop time for each troop, or patrol, with the maximum number notified for the last day.



Calgary Scouts used their trek carts for toy collection.

THE CAMP CHIEF'S PAGE

OUTDOORS IN DECEMBER

Saturday and Christmas Week Hikes.—See the very complete article on Winter Hikes (clothing, footwear, food, objectives, etc.) in the new Scoutmaster's First Year.

Christmas Bird Census.—Here is something for your Rovers. Call it a Bird Observation Hike, and get the big boys out Christmas morning, along with the other naturalists and bird lovers who will be abroad at the same time in all parts of Canada and the United States. Have your Rover Mate write at once to Mr. Hoyes Lloyd, Dominion Parks Branch, Ottawa, for instructions.

Dead Partridges.—Partridges have been dying this year from some as yet unidentified disease. If such dead birds are found during your hikes, kindly send in a specimen to the Wild Life Board, Parks Branch, Department of the Interior, Ottawa. A study is being made of the disease.

Ice Accidents.—If there is dangerous skating ice in your locality, post warnings, provide life guards with lariats, etc. Discuss the matter with your C. of H.

Coasting and Tobogganing.—If there are dangerous coasting hills—particularly those crossing streets, much used roads, or railroad lines—do what you can to prevent accidents.

That Twig Alphabet.—The Editor says he has not yet received that first picture of a complete Twig Alphabet, for publication in *The Leader*. We are all wondering whose live hiking troop is going to win this distinction. Now is the time to find "letters." Of course they should be cut out of town somewhere, during a hike. The more hikes represented in the completed alphabet the better. Later you can put on a patrol competition of identifying the various letters as to kind of wood, where found and when.

THE WINTER COURSES

Winter Class Courses now running: Part III-A—Winnipeg, under D. C. C. Charles A. Hill; Hamilton, Ont., under Assistant District Commissioner Wyburn Hill; Montreal, under Provincial Secretary E. Russell Paterson; Regina, Sask., under District Commissioner C. H. Goddard. Projected, Acadia College, Wolfville, N.S., Toronto and Chatham, Ont.

Part III-B—Projected, Winnipeg, Montreal.

Part II Akela running: Montreal under District Cub Commissioner H. M. Jockel; London, Ont., under Cubmaster H. B. Tyndall. Projected, Calgary.

Vestibule Courses—Held at Canso, N.S., Welland, St. Thomas, Sarnia, Ont., Edmonton, Alta.

FOR FRONTIER SCOUTMASTERS

Since the ground previously covered by correspondence with Scoutmasters of "Frontier Troops" has been fully

covered in the new publication, *The Scoutmaster's First Year*, the Frontier Troop Course has been discontinued. In its place the book above mentioned will be sent free by the Dominion Camp Chief to any "frontier Scoutmaster" applying for a copy; by "frontier Scoutmaster" being meant any isolated-community Scoutmaster who has no prospect of attending a Summer Gillwell or a Winter Training Course.

Inter-troop dispatch carrying games are again proving popular with Moose Jaw troops this fall. In a recent game the 9th Troop, with three dispatches, were allowed 20 minutes to make their plans to get the dispatches into the headquarters of the 7th Troop. The 7th boys were then sent out on the hunt for the 9th, who were required to be back at the 7th headquarters by 9 o'clock.



Frontier Troop leaders—Scoutmaster W. R. Murdock of Anyox, B.C., his Troop Leader and A.S.M.

Scouts Asked to Send in Dead Partridges.

AN open lecture on bird life by Harrison Lewis, Chief Federal Migratory Bird Officer for Ontario and Quebec, was given in Sherbrooke, Que., under the auspices of the local Scout Association. Mr. Lewis requested that Scouts finding partridges dead from disease should send them in to the National Parks Branch, Department of the Interior, Ottawa, where investigation is being made into bird diseases.

At the annual meeting of the Halifax Scoutmasters' Troop these officers were elected: S.M., J. Watson, 4th Troop; A.S.M., M. Casey, 2nd Sea Scouts; T. L., G. Hayes, 16th Troop; Secretary, H. F. Hyland, 20th Troop.

CHRISTMAS TOY SHOPS FOR 1926

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Miscellaneous Hints.—Secure the official approval and patronage of the Mayor, and have this announced in the newspapers.

Use the members of your Troop Committee and Mothers' Auxiliary in some way. Where Girl Guides are not available, the mothers will help solve the doll-dressing problem.

If possible, secure a vacant store having plenty of wall shelves.

Use relays of boys on succeeding nights. Where boys repeat frequently, vary their work from time to time.

Maintain discipline in the shop, with one leader or Rover definitely in charge. Otherwise some of the boys will be unable to resist the temptation to play with the mechanical toys, which will delay work, and also make a poor impression upon callers.

If short of a Scout Bookbinder, endeavour to secure the advisory services of a professional. Failing this, assign the work to boys who are handy and are lovers of books.

Troops in the smaller communities may include donations of clothing in their distributions.

The possibility of taking care of children living in the surrounding country districts should not be overlooked.

Don't forget the children in the local hospitals or near-by sanatoriums if these have not been fully taken care of. Here gifts of books are especially appreciated.

Don't fail to discuss the matter fully with your Court of Honour, and give as much work as possible to your Patrol Leaders.

All collecting and distributing should be done by Scouts in uniform, if at all possible. A Scout hat and button at least should be worn.

Where a limited number of Scouts will be required for distribution, the honour may be given boys who have done notable work for the shop. Probably a better plan is to call for volunteers and have these draw lots.

Individual Troop Shops

The 6th Vancouver, Scoutmaster Wootton, last Christmas collected, repaired and distributed toys to 58 poor children. Toys left over were divided between a patrol of Guides, for distribution, and a Christmas tree at St. Paul's parish hall. The toys were repaired by the Scouts at their own homes, each patrol being responsible for a certain kind of work—mechanical, tinsmith, carpenter, etc. After the toys had been repaired they were collected, sorted, and made into parcels. Each package contained toys, candies, and a Christmas stocking. The dolls were dressed by the Scouts' sisters. The names of the needy children were secured from the Victorian Order of Nurses.

Similar individual toy work was done by the 4th Vancouver (St. Paul's), 11th (North Burnaby) Troop, and Pack, and 28th (St. Mary's).

The Three Rivers Troop, Que., shipped 50 packages of repaired toys to Rev. W. W. Smith, the Magdalene Islands.

❖ Scouting from Coast to Coast ❖

THE District Patrol Leaders' Council of the Fraser Valley, B.C., meets quarterly at various Valley points.

A feature of the weekly meetings of the 1st Parrisboro Troop, N.S., is a council fire held before the troop's cabin headquarters whenever weather permits.

The 28th Winnipeg, Scoutmaster C. A. Hill, which has grown to a membership of more than 70 boys, has been divided into two troops, one meeting on Monday and the other on Tuesday evenings. The usual Court of Honour followed the fall opening meeting.

In connection with a much enjoyed visit from Assistant District Commissioner Limbrey of Regina, Scoutmaster C. H. Ruffell of the 3rd Moose Jaw Troop extends a standing invitation to any Scout or Scoutmaster to visit their meetings,—held every Wednesday evening, 7 to 9.30 at St. John's Church parish room.

During the London, Ont., Catholic Centennial Week His Lordship Bishop Fallon presented the Carleton Medal, awarded the most proficient Scout at a summer camp, to Scout William Eadinger of the 6th Blessed Sacrament Troop, Chatham, Ont. The medal is donated each year by Mr. A. I. Jacques. Three Royal Life Saving Medals also were awarded members of the 6th Chatham Troop.

The Manitowapa Pack of Winnipeg will this winter be in charge of Miss M. Jubb, assisted by "the four Patrol Leaders of the troop, also Scout M. Davies."

A silver cup offered by Shute & Company to the Fredericton, N. B. troop having the greatest number of First Class Scouts by July 1st of this year was won by St. Anne's Troop. The trophy, which was presented by District Commissioner LeBaron Bull, will become the property of any Fredericton troop winning it two years in succession.

The 7th Moose Jaw is this fall giving special attention to first aid, signalling and master-at-arms tests.

An escort of three Nelson, B. C., Scouts accompanied the Rev. N. D. B. Larmonth to Trail when he was made rector of St. Andrew's Anglican Church at the latter place. The Scouts completed their task by assisting in installing their former Scoutmaster in the rectory.

Scouts and Guides of Parkdale and Lake Shore District held a Saturday afternoon field day at Exhibition Park, Toronto, and were reviewed and later addressed by Premier Ferguson. Brief addresses also were made by Mrs. H. D. Warren, Chief Commissioner for Girl Guides of Canada, Rev. F. Minehan and Rev. Mr. Laidlaw of Erskine United Church.

The Windsor, Ont., Fire Prevention Week programme included a demonstration in handling a fire truck, raising ladders, connecting and running lines of hose—put on by two of St. Andrew's Church troops before the week's Kiwanis luncheon at the Prince Edward Hotel. The same troops gave a similar demonstration during the provincial Scout leaders' conference at Windsor in February last. They were trained by Captain James Hyslop of the Windsor Fire Department.

The year's swimming competition of the Vancouver district for the English Cup was won by the 8th Pioneers.

The annual birthday tea of the Riverview Pack, Vancouver, was a pleasant affair of games, cake, sandwiches, etc., and the presentation of badges by the pack chaplain, Rev. J. MacDougall, and the pack secretary, Mrs. C. M. Worthington.

The fall rally and field day of Winnipeg Cubs, held at Assiniboine Park, was the usual big affair. The inter-pack athletic competition was captured by the Broadway Baptist Pack, which took six first places. St. Matthew's Pack came second. The packs competed in sprints of 100, 75, and 50 yards, a relay race, dressing race, wheelbarrow race, and a three-legged race. The contests were followed by a picnic supper, a Cub sing-song and pow-wow and presentation of awards.

Simcoe, Ont., Scouts marched at the head of the local Decoration Day parade, each Scout bearing flowers.

Boys of the 6th Edmonton held a camp golf tournament with "camp-made" clubs and balls.

The camp museum of the 1st Bracebridge, Ont., included an 18-foot bridge which would carry 12 boys. This very successful camp ran into the first week of September.

Four hundred Scouts from 20 Border Cities troops took part in a big annual Scout rally on Saturday afternoon and evening, October 2nd. On the conclusion of the afternoon's activities Scouts and Cubs cooked their supper, and this was followed by a big camp fire, which was opened by Assistant Provincial Commissioner Frank C. Irwin. A snake dance by the Cubs and a humorous skit by the 4th Troop were programme features. Addresses were given by Mr. Irwin and District Commissioner E. S. Wigle, K. C.

A four-column composite picture in the Vancouver Province showed various stages of the construction this year of the headquarters' hut of the 8th Vancouver Troop, under Scoutmaster Pickles, at Camp Byng.

Patrol Leader Sydney Jones of the Winnipeg Salvation Army Citadel Life Saving Scout Troop has been named the first "General's Scout" in Western Canada. The badge, which corresponds to that of King's Scout, was presented at the Amphitheatre, Winnipeg, by Commissioner Mapp of London, England, as a feature of the "Pageant of Youth."

Chatham, Ont., Troop first aid teams will this winter compete for a special cup donated by Dr. C. C. Bell.



OVER 2,000 kiddies in more than 800 homes were remembered by the Ottawa Scout Santa Claus last year.

A very successful 150-mile canoe outing was taken by a party of older Scouts of Hamilton, under the leadership of Assistant District Commissioner Weyburn Hill. During the trip moose, bear and a wolf were seen, and wolves were heard howling at night. Indians were met on their way into town for winter supplies. Thirty-five portages were made. Altogether a most successful and interesting trip through frontier country.

Splendid backing is being given the Vancouver Boy Scouts Association by the Boys' Work Committee of the Vancouver Rotary Club in developing the district permanent camp, Camp Byng. The Rotarians are now making provision for a camp water system. During the summer a fleet of six row-boats was added to the camp equipment, through the kindness of the Rotary Club, Lions' Club, the Clark and Stuart Company Limited, the Canadian National Systems and the Restmore Manufacturing Company.

Officers of the 2nd Kitchener (St. John's) Troop motored to the Cowan farm near Dundee and presented a framed copy of "The Pathfinder" to Mr. and Mrs. Cowan and Mr. and Mrs. T. McCracken, for the courtesies shown in allowing the troop to camp on their property. Scouts were present also from Preston and Galt, and all camped on the site over night.

The Boy Scouts Association of Wolfville, N. S., is carrying out a plan to replace tents with permanent buildings at the Association's camp site on Summit Lake. This year, four small buildings, each designed to accommodate eight or ten boys, were put up. In addition the camp equipment now includes a central building of 50 x 12 feet, used as a dining and recreation hall, with a kitchen at the rear.

A feature of the week's camp of the 1st Brandon Pack under District Cubmaster J. H. Robertson was a display of Cub training before a group of visitors. Various Cubs demonstrated signalling, explained the Cub knots, repeated the Cub Promise and Law, described the make-up of the flag and showed the correct way to fly it. On another day visitors from the Little Souris school were entertained.

The Vancouver District camp was conducted in two periods and attended by some 250 boys from Vancouver, Britannia, Squamish and Anyox. The periods were divided as follows: First, for Scouts unaccompanied by Scoutmasters; second for Wolf Cubs, and third, for Scouts in charge of Scoutmasters. A special period concluded the camp, August 22 to 28, with a training course for leaders of 18 years and over.

A group picture of 14 Winnipeg Scout leaders who have completed the Gillwell course and qualified for the Gillwell Badge was published in the

Winnipeg Tribune. The group included: George Reid, 22nd Troop; E. Officer, 12th Troop; Percy Whitebread, 32nd Troop; T. A. Marshall, 43rd Troop; E. F. Mills, formerly of the 9th Troop; Alex. Officer, District Commissioner; T. E. Saul, 13th Troop; C. A. Hill, 28th Troop; E. H. Davison, Manitoba Field Scout; Rev. R. Hall, 45th Troop; J. H. Wood, 31st Troop; F. X. Jobin, 21st Troop; J. K. Sparling, 20th Troop; and W. D. Campbell, 18th Troop.

The flags of the 97th Montreal (Greenfield Park) Troop were dedicated at a special Scout service held at St. Paul's Anglican Church, the Rev. Norman Edgerton officiating. A feature of the service was the participation by members of the troop, Scoutmaster Ray Comber reading the lesson, Scout Stanley Street sounding the salute, Scouts Don and Kenneth Comber singing a duet. Scouts also acted as ushers. The collection was added to the troop fund for Christmas relief.



Court of Honour
of the
5th Moose Jaw
Troop.



Under the auspices of the 1st Caledonia Troop, Ont., the comedy, "The Arrival of Kitty," was given at the opera house for the two nights of the local fall fair.

Revelstoke, B. C., Scouts have a new hall, with separate rooms for patrols. One room is to be made a reading room and library, with a librarian in charge. It is announced that Scouts may do their school homework here, by their parents' consent. Mr. T. E. L. Taylor, a former resident, has offered a prize for the most efficient all-round Scout.

A corn roast of the 3rd Renfrew, Ont., was well planned. Some 38 boys with trek carts, met at the school yard at 7 o'clock sharp, and went at Scout's Pace to the ski club hut at the foot of the Pinnacle. On the way they visited a brother Scout who had been ill for some time. The night was very dark, and afforded a splendid opportunity for some night scouting along the bush trail. An advance party had the fire going and the corn ready for roasting. While waiting for the corn, "Message Relay" was played, then

songs sung. A party was left to put things shipshape, and the rest of the troop hiked for home, arriving about 9.30.

The district Trussler Shield competition in first aid, signalling, friction fire and questions on general Scouting was won by the 4th Sherbrooke Troop.

Under the auspices of the Boys' Work Committee of the Vancouver Rotary Club a concert was given in the Orpheum Theatre by Gertrude Huntley and the Men's Musical Club of Vancouver, in aid of development work at Camp Byng, the permanent summer camp of the Vancouver Association.

The first fall leaders' meeting of Toronto brought together some 75 Scoutmasters at Old St. Andrew's Church, Assistant District Commissioner O'Callaghan presiding. It was decided to hold a big district Scout

and Cub field day on Dominion Day next, in connection with the celebration of Canada's Diamond Jubilee.

The 32nd Winnipeg Troop, St. Michael's Church, has arranged a series of special lectures for Patrol Leaders and Seconds to be given every second Friday night, alternating with the troop's Court of Honour at the close of the regular weekly troop meeting.

When bad weather made impossible the holding of the planned-for Saint John district fall field day and council fire, Scout resourcefulness switched the afternoon to a big industrial hike. The Scouts and Cubs were shown through the big new plant of the British and Canadian Packing Company, and this was followed by a visit to the Red Head Wireless Station and an old fort nearby.

At the first meeting of the Broadway Pack of Winnipeg it was decided to cut down the membership to 30 Cubs. Three of the original Cubs of the pack are now acting as Assistant Cubmasters.

Halifax papers published striking two-column pictures of the log cabin headquarters built by the boys of the 1st Parrsboro, N.S., Troop under the direction of Scoutmaster the Rev. C. R. Harris. The cabin is of pioneer type, and the interior looks like a real boys' den. In one corner is a library. The boys went into the woods, cut and trimmed the timbers and brought them to town.

Through the local Scout news column the 1st Niagara Falls Troop, Ont., informs parents that during the winter months troop meetings will close promptly at 9.30, and that Scouts may leave earlier if necessary.

Sunday, October 10th, was Scout Sunday for the Vancouver district. Troops and Packs attended service at their various churches.

In connection with Fire Prevention Week, Scouts of Perth, Ont., raced with a fire reel to a street corner hydrant, made the necessary connections and ran a line of hose along the street to the scene of a supposed fire. The boys had been trained by Fire Chief Gamble and Scoutmaster R. H. Holmes.

District Scoutmaster J. H. Robertson of Brandon, Man., has been making the rounds of the district troops, speaking to the boys on the history of the Scout Movement, on the details of the Scout uniform, and on the working of the Patrol System.

Scout Arthur Steggles, formerly of the 1st Barking Troop, London, England, was given a warm welcome at the "fall round-up" of the 1st Galt Troop, Ont.

The 2nd Sherbrooke Troop, Que., has secured a new headquarters which is described thus: There is a large hall-like room on the second storey, with a fine floor, which will make an excellent parade hall, while the first storey will be found very useful for patrol dens. With all modern conveniences, light, water and heat equipment, it is expected that the new headquarters will prove very suitable. The Cubs and Scouts will renovate and furnish the headquarters, assisted by members of the Troop Committee and the Mothers' Auxiliary.

Scoutmaster C. W. Morrow of the 1st Vernon Troop, B. C., has completed fifteen years in the Movement. The occasion was marked by the receipt from Provincial Headquarters of stars signifying this service.

The new Scout hall of the 1st and 2nd Oakville Troops, Ont., had an auspicious beginning when its cornerstone was laid by Mayor W. N. Robinson, in the presence of some 300 of the towns prominent citizens, including Canon D. Russell Smith, Rev. Dr. William Wallace and Rev. J. H. McBain and Mr. W. R. Austin, representing the Local Association. The provincial office was represented by Assistant Provincial Commissioner Irwin. The headquarters will be constructed by the Scouts themselves,

under the direction of local contractors who volunteered their services. The site was leased to the Local Association by the town at a rental of \$1.00 per year.

A spectacular entertainment, "The Pageant of Youth," put on by the Salvation Army Young People at the Winnipeg Amphitheatre was participated in by some 600 performers. Salvation Army Scouts figured prominently in the opening Grand Rally. The pageant represented the evils which assail youth and the agencies which overcome them.

The story of a corn and watermelon feed on the Wharton ranch enjoyed by the 28 Scouts of the 1st Summerland, B.C. Troop, contains this hint on corn boiling: "Several large boulders had been rolled into a semi-circle, and a boiler filled with tender corn was soon suspended by means of a crowbar across the stones, so that it hung directly above the blaze."

Referring to the fact that Scoutmaster P. J. Power of the 8th Halifax (First Baptist) Troop had "little new to report" for the Scout news column, since "the 8th continues its activities through all seasons," the *Halifax Herald* comments that this year-round programme undoubtedly is one of the reasons "why the 8th is one of the crack troops of the district."

Over 100 Scouts from Sudbury, Carleton Place, Creighton, Capreol and Coniston, attended the first annual Sudbury District Boy Scout rally, held on the High School grounds at Sudbury. A programme of Scouting activities, a football game—won by Coniston—and a banquet in the basement of the Anglican Church made up a most successful programme.

Several years of consistently good Scouting has brought a move for a very considerable expansion of Scouting in Chatham, Ont. There are now seven troops in the city, and the number may be doubled. Scoutmaster Fred Buesnel, of the 1st Chatham (Rotary) Troop, who has been largely instrumental in developing local Scouting along the best lines, has been made District Commissioner. So con-

vinced were business and social leaders of the value of Mr. Buesnel's work that strong efforts were made to have him devote all his time to Scouting and to accept the position of paid Scout Executive for the county. Mr. Buesnel felt unable to take up this proposition, and the move for the further expansion of the work in the Chatham district itself resulted. Mr. Buesnel is a Gillwellian.

The 10th Ottawa (Eastview Anglican), a year-old troop of boys unable to buy uniforms, donated half of their first concert proceeds to their church, and started the new troop year with \$41.00 in their treasury.

The presentation of King's colours by the Daughters of the Empire, Troop colours by the Canadian Legion, an Investiture by District Commissioner Day and presentation of a warrant to A.S.M. Brice before a gathering of over 300 spectators marked the first birthday of the 1st Chilliwack Troop, B.C. Other participants included the Fairfield Island Troop, Guides, Rangers and Brownies, members of the I.O.D.E. and Canadian Legion. An exhibition of bridge making, first aid and a big council fire concluded the most successful event; which was given a front page column story in the *Chilliwack Progress*.

The Executive Committee of the Brandon, Man., Local Association includes a representative of each of the five combined troops and packs. The three service clubs of the city also have representatives on the executive.

The 1st Middleton Troop, N.S., held a regular camp and in addition week-end camps throughout the summer. The recently made annual report showed still on the roll 24 boys reported last year, and five new members. During the summer the boys gave valuable assistance when Scoutmaster Evans' home was burned, and helped to get in some 50 tons of hay.

The 1st Welland Troop, Ont., "sent a patrol of Scouts over to the 3rd Welland Troop's meeting to instruct in Second Class Ambulance."



Collecting the Toys in Calgary.

The Saint John district annual fall council fire was the usual hugely enjoyed affair. Troops hiked to the scene during the afternoon, at 5 o'clock lunch was prepared by the boys, at 5.30 the competitive troop inspection was held—the prize going to the 6th Troop (Edith Ave. Baptist)—the council fire was lighted, apples, candy and peanuts distributed and the programme opened. The fire was closed at 8.30.

The 10th Calgary is soon to be numbered among those fortunate troops owning a specially built headquarters. The first sod was turned on the site in Rideau Park on Saturday, Nov. 13th, by Mr. O. Kirkwold, chairman of the building committee of the Parents' Auxiliary of the troop.

One evening's business for the 2nd Sherbrooke Court of Honour: Plans for a Hallowe'en party, a Christmas Toy Repair Shop, the Scout's Own Sunday service.

One hundred and forty-five Lamp-ton County Scouts and 17 officers, representing troops from Forest, Watford, Petrolia, Bridgen and Sarnia, and 18 Scouts from Port Huron, Mich., participated in an evenings rally at St. John's Parish Hall, Sarnia, Ont. The programme of demonstrations, games and troop stunts, concluded with a lively council fire. The ladies of the church furnished refreshments, and the whole affair was declared a great success.

Victoria St. Baptist Troop of Saint John has started a Patrol Leaders' course of their own. The first session was addressed by Assistant District Commissioner F. C. Choppin.

Over one hundred Scouts and Cubs in the two troops and packs, a financial balance on the right side, excellent work being done, and excellent support being received from the leading men of the town was the very satisfactory report presented at the annual meeting of the Nelson, B.C., Local Association.

Fourteen boys of the 28th Winnipeg recently took the Pathfinder's test.

The 1st Galt, Ont., keeps its committee interested. At the close of a recent regular troop meeting a special meeting of all officers, Rovers, P.L.'s and members of the Troop Committee was held, for the discussion of miscellaneous troop matters and projects.

Presentation of colours to the 1st Prince Albert Troop, and Girl Guides, Sask., by the local chapter of the Daughters of the Empire, was made an impressive occasion before a large congregation, including representatives of the I.O.D.E., the 2nd Prince Albert Troop and Girl Guides. An impressive special sermon by the Rev. J. R. Graham stressed the spirit of religion and the spirit of Scouting as "something within, and of Christ."

The 3rd Sydney Mines Troop, N. S., contributed a social and a church parade as their welcome to the new rector of the church.

The 2nd Sherbrooke Pack has a Mothers' Auxiliary and a Pack Committee of fathers of Cubs. A Hallowe'en party brought all together for an enjoyable evening of games, stories and refreshments.

The annual Cenotaph service at Fredericton, N.B., was made the occasion of presenting the Silver Cross for life saving to Assistant Scoutmaster Alex MacRae. One hundred Scouts and 75 Cubs took part in the Cenotaph service, then proceeded with the veterans to the cemetery and participated in the decoration of graves.

At a recent meeting of the Chatham, Ont., Scoutmaster's Club, a cheque for \$25.00 from the Masonic Order was accepted and turned over to the treasurer for Scout work in the district.

District Commissioner A.C. Wade of Medicine Hat, Alta., through the Scout column of the Medicine Hat News has issued a warning against Scouts carry-

At the annual meeting of the Moosomin, Sask., Local Association it was reported that over one-third of the building fund loan had been paid back by the boys.

As the first section of a Scout department which frequently fills three columns of the Saint John papers District Scoutmaster O. J. Lawson has been issuing "talks" to the Scouts of the district, on both practical and inspirational lines.

Twenty-three Scoutmasters attended the November meeting of the Chatham Scoutmaster's Club and heard addresses on "The Correct Influence of a Scoutmaster over the Boys of his Troop," by Rev. Brother Silvin, and "Teaching the Boys to Play Fair," by Rev. Canon Perkins. The meeting was held in Christ Church Sunday-school hall and followed a banquet provided by the ladies' auxiliary of the 1st Troop. A demonstration of Scouting games also was given. The 2nd Troop will be hosts to the Scoutmasters for the December meeting.



Some Winnipeg Scout Clowns rehearsing for their annual Jamboree.



ing firearms except by permission both of their parents and their Scoutmaster.

Dedication of the colours of the 111th Montreal Scout Troop of Greek boys was made an impressive Sunday occasion at the Canadian Grenadier Guards Armory. The dedication was performed by Bishop Farthing assisted by Fr. Gourgouris of the Greek church and Rev. Abbe Abou Hatab of the Syrian Orthodox church. Addresses were made by Alderman Theodore Morgan, representing Mayor Martin, Louis G. A. Cresse, K.C., Consul General for Guatemala, and District Commissioner T. H. Wardleworth.

Fifteen Scouts of the 1st Digby, N.S., Troop did a 7-mile test passing hike, the tests including cooking.

The 1st Niagara Falls (All Saints') has joined the "bird" troops. During the winter both Scouts and Cubs will make and maintain feeding places for birds. Also during the winter they will build bird houses for putting up in the spring. A prize is offered for the most serviceable house.

The 90 odd Scouts, Cubs and guests of the Smithers, B.C., Scout Hallowe'en party were divided into four groups, for "patrol competition" in the various games.

The Montreal Western District Patrol Leaders' Council met in Cavalry Church Hall, Westmount, to organize for the winter's activities. The council did some excellent work last season, and was particularly helpful to the new Patrol Leaders.

What is said to have been the first Canadian conference of Rover Scouts was held at St. John's Church Moose Jaw, Nov. 8th, with Rovers present from Regina and a number of other southern Saskatchewan points. The opening proceedings, which included an address of welcome by Ven. Archdeacon F. Wells-Johnson, D. D., was broadcast by radio station 10AE. Luncheon was served by the Ladies' Aid of the church. The long list of papers read covered a wide field of Rover activities, and it is anticipated that the conference will both stimulate and help to standardize Rovering in the province.

Installation of a Senior Sixer

THE following ceremony for the installation of a Wolf Cub Pack Senior Sixer has been found very effective with the 2nd Kelowna, B.C., Pack. Carefully prepared and not allowed to drag, it will impress the boy concerned with the fact that he is taking up a responsibility, and will enhance his standing with his fellow Cubs.

The pack has previously selected by vote the boy to be promoted, out of three suggested by the Cubmaster.

The Ceremony

Fall in the pack in Parade Circle, the boy to be promoted standing in his usual place with his Six. The Cubmaster will then address the boy selected, in a short talk on what is expected of a Senior Sixer, reminding him of the Promise which he took when he became a Cub, recounting his record in the pack, and finally referring to the faith the other boys have placed in him by choosing him for the position. This talk should be very short, or the boys will become restless.

The Six leading in the Six Competition will then leave the Circle, and the Sixer will procure the Totem Pole, the Second the Pack Flag and another boy the Union Jack. (If the pack does not possess a Totem Pole or Pack Flag, a Union Jack may be borrowed; the Sixer will carry this.)

With the flags on either side of the Totem Pole and the three remaining boys walking behind as a guard, the Six will then return to the Circle. On reaching their former places in the Circle the three guards will halt, and the boys carrying the flags and the Totem Pole will continue to the middle of the Circle. There they will present flags and Totem to the Cubmaster, who will fix them in their stands in the middle of the Circle. The Cubmaster and the color party will salute each other and retire to their places.

Caps will be removed and placed on the floor at their owner's feet. The Cubmaster will call the chosen Sixer forward, make a few additional remarks, have him repeat the Cub Promise, and present him with a scroll (a certificate, rolled and tied with a ribbon, to the effect that he has been chosen by the pack as its Senior Sixer; also a written list of his duties). The Cubmaster and Senior Sixer will then shake hands. The boys will replace their caps, and the new Senior Sixer will give the signal for the Grand Howl.

The Senior Sixer need not return to his old place unless he is to retain a Six of his own, as his proper position is in the centre of the Circle. It is sometimes advisable to have him continue to lead his old Six, particularly in the case of a small pack.

On the conclusion of the Grand Howl the Cubmaster will ask the boys to give their new leader their full support, and they will reply as loudly as possible, "We'll Dob, Dob, Dob, Dob!" Cheers then also may be given.

Again, do not let the ceremony drag!

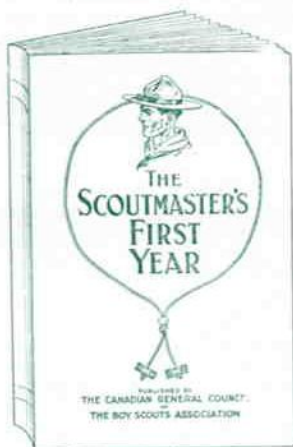
With slight modifications the same ceremony may be used for the installation of a Sixer.

—W. A. Morrison,
A.S.M. 17th Vancouver Troop.

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A Cub Toy Shop Game Talk

HERE is another game for you, only this week it is quite a different kind of game, and you can play it by yourself, and during any old time you have a few moments to spare for the next two weeks. It is called "Helping Santa" and this is how you play it:

Possibly you know lots of people who will have toys and books and dolls and games and scooters and sleighs and all kinds of things that little kiddies play with, that have been broken or that are not being used any more. They will be stored away in the basement or the attic, and nobody is getting any fun out of them.

Now there are lots and lots of little folks who are looking forward to Santa bringing them a present this Christmas who may be disappointed if you don't play this game and help Santa, because it is possible there will not be enough toys to go around.

It is on this account that your big brothers the Scouts have offered to help Santa by mending and painting and making look like new all these toys that would otherwise be thrown

away. And the more toys the Scouts have to repair, the more Santa will have to give away.

So here is how you can play this game and feel that you are doing a jolly good turn.

Go around and ask all the people you know whether they have any old toys, and tell them what you want them for, and you will find they will gladly give them to you. Then take them along to the next Cub meeting, and Akela will arrange for the Scouts to take them to the big Scout toy repair shop, where they will be made to look like new for Santa to give away.

It wouldn't be very nice if you woke up on Christmas morning and found that there was no present for you, would it? So think of how you would feel, and then I know you will go out and play the game of "Helping Santa" for all you know.

—F.L.S.

The Chester Corporation, England, voted 30 pounds to provide meals for some 2,000 Scouts and Cubs gathered from the surrounding districts to meet the Prince of Wales on October 20th.

Indian Costume for the Display or Entertainment

Shirt.—Any bright colored one will do.

Vest.—Can't you dig up an old black one and decorate it with buttons or beads? No expense at all.

Wigs.—Make your own for a few cents. Take a crown from a derby, or old Scout hat—anything that fits your head. Comb out a piece of rope hemp about 4 feet long, and sew it through the middle on the skull cap,—like the part in your hair.

Now get a dime's worth of cotton dye and dip the whole works into that. If you let it dry in the sun it will be glossy, just like the real thing. Braid each side when dry, and tie ribbons on the ends, and a feather in the back.

Loin cloth.—Preferably a piece of dark cloth. Cut it as long as you can reach with both arms. The ends—the outside thirds—may be of better material; the middle third will not show when you are wearing it. When worn, the cloth hangs down in front and back, the middle passing between the legs. A belt is used to keep it on. Decorate with paint or beads.

Trousers.—An old pair, tan or black. Dig around in the garage and find an old inner tube. Sew it down the seam of the trousers, then cut into a fringe. You now have some real Indian-like looking trousers at practically no cost.

Jewelry.—Anything you can think of,—a brass band around one arm, a beaded head-band, necklace, etc. Use your originality.

Make-up.—Stein's American Indian grease paint is perhaps the best. It costs about thirty cents, and one stick will make up a troop. Remove with cold cream.

Rattles.—Turtle shells with pebbles in them, and a handle. Decorate with small feathers. Dry gourds are also fine, and can be painted with Indian designs.

—Omaha Scout News.

❖ The Scoutmaster's Five Minutes ❖

The Story of a Toy Shop

WITH an objective of 2,000 toys passed nearly a week before Christmas, Calgary Scouts, with the splendid assistance of their sisters, the Guides, were able to distribute about twenty-seven hundred toys, dolls, kiddie cars, games, etc., to needy kiddies on Christmas eve and morning. Many of the re-creations were real works of art, and everything that was despatched from the Sunshine Scout toy shop was as good as new, and in the opinion of a gentleman interested in the toy trade, the collection assembled on Christmas eve "could not be purchased for a thousand dollars."

Work for the Pathfinders and Clerks

Apart from the assistance given by members of the Kiwanis Club, who supplied the cars for transporting the toys to the various homes in the outskirts of the city, the whole work was done by Scouts. The "Pathfinder's" badge held by one Patrol Leader enabled him to work out a routing list for the cars that would do credit to an expert constantly used to this work, while the writing of individual letters to children in hospitals and out of town who had written to Santa Claus asking for a specific toy, found scope for the holders of the "Clerk's" badge.

Delivery System Perfect

During the morning of Christmas, the preparation of the toys and the assigning of the various routes proceeded apace, and within little over half an hour, when the trucks drew up outside the Merchants Bank Building at 1 p.m., the large cartons and boxes of toys were loaded and the cars all away on their deliveries. With each car went three Scouts, under their Patrol Leaders, and the toys were personally delivered to the little tots by the Scouts, who said they were delivering for Santa Claus, and had a friendly word and a greeting for each child as well.

Not a Kiddie Overlooked

With the trucks away, the remainder of the Toy Shop staff bent their energies to the preparing of packages for a few late calls for out-of-town, and for the children in the local institutions and hospitals, so that as far as possible there would not be a single kiddie in the city who would not be remembered on Christmas morning.

For the hospitals, arrangements had been made with the matrons for Scouts to visit on Christmas morning, and boxes of toys were taken to the quarters of the troops nearest the respective hospitals on Christmas eve, and delivered personally next day.

Letters to Children in Hospitals

To each kiddie in hospital went a special letter, written to meet the age and circumstance of the child's illness. A letter taken at random from the files reads:

"Dear Evelyn:—You have heard that the Scouts are helping Santa Claus this year, because he has so

many little boys and girls to look after, and he doesn't want to miss anyone.

"So he has asked us to write to you and say how sorry he is to hear you have hurt your arm, and he hopes it will soon be better and that you will be able to go home to daddy and mummy on the farm.

"We are sending you a dolly which was made specially for you, Evelyn, and which one of the Girl Guides dressed. And Santa wants you to have a book about Alice in Wonderland and a bed for dolly. You'll find them all in the same parcel.

"We send you our very best wishes and love, and hope you will have a nice Christmas after all.

"Santa Claus-Boy Scout Toy Shop."

Ten Miles to Reach One Kiddie

The General Hospital was visited by the Eighth Rovers, the Holy Cross Hospital by the Tenth Troop, and the Salvation Army Children's Home by the Thirteenth Troop. One little child in the Central Alberta Sanatorium, at Keith, was the sole juvenile case at that institution, ten miles out of the city, but a special messenger from the Tenth Rovers saw to it that she was not forgotten on Christmas morning.

The balance of the toys were taken to the Board of Public Welfare and to the Red Cross, and to similar agencies who could find a use for them. One of the Guide companies asked for toys for fifty poor children whom they were entertaining on Saturday to a supper party, and a well-filled Christmas tree was supplied to them.

A Great Joy

If a thousand dollars worth of toys were put in commission to do another period of usefulness, the workers at the Scout Toy Shop experienced a greater share of the joy of giving than if they had been able to contribute double the amount in cash for the mere purchase of new toys.

Situated in the centre of the city, the Toy Shop was visited by a large number of interested citizens, and particularly by members of the Rotary Club, at the direct invitation of their president.

The splendid response of the citizens of Calgary, and out of town troops of Scouts, in contributing discarded toys, was very much appreciated, and the committee of the Sunshine-Scout Toy Shop are already planning for a bigger campaign next Christmas.

—The Calgary Herald.
December 31st, 1925.

Other '25 Christmas Good Turns

EAST Saint John Scouts assisted in decorating the county hospital.

The 2nd London Troop, Ont., outfitted a needy boy with clothes and shoes.

The 6th Edmonton Troop delivered parcels for the Edmonton Journal Sunshine Club.

Saint John, N. B., Scouts delivered Christmas stockings for the Times-Star.

A Montreal troop collected illustrated and comic sections for a children's institution.

The Scouts of Carstairs, Alta., organized their own Sunshine Club and collected clothing and other articles for needy families.

The 1st Prescott, Ont., Cub Pack provided a Christmas tree, decorations and gifts for a needy family of six. It was the boys' own idea.

Red Deer Scouts, Alta., each contributed at least one toy to the local Welfare Board for distribution amongst less fortunate boys.

Winnipeg Cubs, Scouts and Rovers handled the big task of packing and delivering parcels for the Tribune Readers' Empty Stocking Fund.

The West Grand Forks Troop, B.C., ran a Free Christmas Parcel Delivery System, with Headquarters in a vacant store. The service was advertised in the local paper and by hand-made posters.

Through a wide variety of Christmas Good Turns performed by Montreal Scouts the policy was observed that the boys should personally visit the families or institutions they were helping—for the benefit of the personal experience. This was particularly emphasized in the case of poor families.

A notable Good Turn was the Community Christmas Tree of the 1st Port Colborne, Ont., Troop under Scoutmaster Norman Sagert. A large Christmas tree was erected in the Market Square, and decorated with red and green electric lights, and some 300 Christmas stockings of the 500 which had been made up by the troop. In the presence of a large gathering of both children and adults, the tree was formally opened at 7.30 on Christmas eve by Rev. J. F. Wedderburn of the First Presbyterian Church, after which Deputy Reeve John More, as Santa Claus, distributed gifts. On the following Monday evening the 200 remaining stockings were distributed to children of the foreign section of the town. In addition to the stockings, the troop presented hampers of food and fruit to two poor families. The expense of the tree, nearly \$75.00, was met by donations from local business men. The tree was counted a great success.

A Scout's Own Talk

THE following talk, in substance as given by the Rev. E. E. Annand, A.S.M. of the 1st Dundalk Troop, Ont., at a council fire of Scout Grey County troops, is offered as an excellent example of the use of illustrations in a Scout's Own talk:

"About the year 1835 there was an auction sale at which a shabby old violin was put under the hammer. For a long time bids were few and small. Then a very old man was seen pressing through the crowd, and asked to handle the violin. Bids came a little more freely, and finally the violin was purchased by the old man for twenty pounds. Later in the day, the old man, who was none other than the

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Scouty Remembrances

Make a Scouty Xmas

Mr. Cubmaster!

ME—BELOW—Yes, I'm the Wolf Cub Christmas and New Year's card. I haven't much breath to say more—except that I'm in five colours. But I'll bet every one of your Cubs will be tickled to see me Christmas morning.



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We think you will agree that more suitable subjects for Christmas greetings could not be chosen.

No. 1 is a beautiful reproduction of the well known picture "RAW MATERIAL," by the late E. S. Carlos, and No. 3, "THE PATHFINDER" by the same artist.



No. 4—Size $5\frac{1}{2} \times 7$

Don't forget ME—No. 4—Mr. Cubmaster! when choosing your remembrance card. I am a picture of a Wolf Cub and his namesake, in three colours, by a well known Artist. Any Cub would be delighted to receive me on Christmas morning.



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An Ontario Pack Programme

- 7.00 Grand Howl.
7.05 Attendance. Dues.
7.15 Games—Hiding the Pins.
 Jumping the Bag.
 Do This—Do That.
7.35 Talk on Swimming, taken from Cub Handbook, page 200.
7.45 Sing Song, with song sheet for each Cub. The following songs to be rendered during this period:
1. The Maple Leaf.
2. O Canada.
3. Gone are the Days (Old Black Joe).
4. Pack Up Your Troubles in Your Old Kit Bag.
5. Mother Machree.
6. The Bells of St. Mary's.
8.05 Grand Howl. Final Address or talk before breaking away.

An Inter-troop Headquarters Game

“ON Saturday afternoon, October 23rd, 2.30 p.m., a stranger to the ways of Scouts would have been puzzled to see fourteen Scouts and a Scoutmaster closely examining a ‘scrap of paper’ in the Alex Taylor school yard, and would have wondered what it was all about. The paper bore instructions on how to locate the 6th Edmonton Scouts, who were in the same situation on the south side of the river with a paper giving instructions on how to locate the Scouts of the 5th Troop (with the object of preventing them reaching their own headquarters).”

“To make a long, bright, cheery afternoon’s story short, the 6th proved better adepts at ‘sighting’ than the 5th, and while we got four men home, they got twelve.”

—5th Troop in *Edmonton Journal*.

Dramatization of Bible Stories

AT the Fall Rally and Council Fire of South Grey County (Ont.) Troops the Dundalk Troop “stunt” was a dramatization of the story of Gideon, under the title of, “An Old Time Scout.” The story was put on in three acts, after which the other troops were invited to identify and tell the story.

A SCOUT'S OWN TALK

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great Paganini, stirred the hearts of thousands of people with the same shabby violin. It was in the hands of a master. When an instrument is played by a real master, the instrument becomes worth something. Boys, each of us is a wonderful instrument—but we are not at our best unless in the hands of the Great Master who made us; and in His hands we can become truly wonderful.”

A LOST SCOUT

About August 20th last Scout William Val Nuttall, of the 1st Willowdale Troop, Ont., left Toronto on a harvester’s excursion for the west. Since then no word has been received from him. Will western Scout leaders pass out a general inquiry through the Scouts of their district, and communicate any information received to Mr. C. N. Palmer, Trinity College, Toronto 5.

Description—Age 15 in December; height, about 5 ft. 9 in.; slight build, erect carriage; fair complexion, medium fair hair; may be wearing cap and sweater under coat. May be known by the name “Bill Hartley.”

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“IN June last all the Patrol Leaders of the 1st New Westminster Troop, B.C., were taken from their places to form a Rover Patrol under Rover Mate L. C. Barrah. This made it necessary to make promotions in all patrols. The vacancies created were filled immediately, and the waiting list is still in existence. The Rover Patrol is doing great work. All its members are actively connected with some troop, as officers, acting officers, secretaries or instructors.”

Advertising for Community Service

“THE Scoutmaster of the 1st Melfort Troop wishes to make it known that the boys will gladly help any church or other organization in town working for the benefit of others. If anyone needing help in preparing rooms or cleaning up after any function, or in ushering, will let the Scoutmaster know, he can guarantee the Scouts will be chosen who will do the work as a Good Turn gladly and well.”

—From the Melfort Moon, Sask.

Recruits for the Jungle Trail

AS WE are starting a new Six, all Cubs are expected to prow around for new members. Most boys have a number of playfulness germs inside them, which is all to the good, but when germs begin to multiply, things usually go wrong.

Probably you know of someone who does nothing else but play. They have nothing to do, and their playfulness sometimes develops into some foolish prank.

Why not get that playful pal of yours interested in Cubbing, bring him along, and start him on the Jungle Trail?

—1st Rossland Pack, in *The Rossland Miner*, B.C.

Rev. Fr. H. D. J. Brousseau, professor of History at Ottawa College, addressing the service clubs of the Capital, declared Scouting to be, “the most serious step in pedagogy that has been taken for a hundred years.”

Scout Dates December

- 1st—Every Scout and Cub reminded to order his 1927 Canadian Scout and Cub Diary.
4th—Saturday. Open and organize Toy Shop, Collection and Repair Work.
11th, 18th, 23rd, 24th—Toy Shop all day.
20th-24th—Help decorate Church and Sunday-school.
Christmas Eve—The year’s jolliest Good Turn—Scout Santa Claus makes his rounds.
25th—Christmas.
Bird Census Hike in morning.

Christmas Week

Visit boys in hospitals, Old Folks’ Homes, etc.
Hikes, and maybe a Winter Camp. (See “Winter Hikes,” *The Scoutmaster’s First Year*, page 112.)

During December

At each pre-Xmas Troop Meeting discuss Toy Shop activities and progress.

Give some special instruction re ice accidents. (See “Scouts and Ice Accidents,” *Leader*, January, 1924.)