



Brothers All—Under the Scout Flag

IT seems appropriate in connection with our beloved Chief's natal anniversary to publish herewith two of his outstanding addresses at the recent Fourth International Scout Conference, at Kandersteg, Switzerland; addresses which previously have not been available to many of our Canadian leaders. Their world vision, their reflection of the splendid world-proportions and world service of the Scout Movement make them very suitable and inspiring birthday messages.

His Address to the Delegates

Since the War there have been numbers of international conferences of many kinds, but I think that we can justly claim that ours is unique in at least two particulars.

First, we aim to teach, in a definite and practical way, brotherhood between the oncoming citizens of the different countries.

Secondly, we teach not so much by precept and instruction as by personal leadership and example.

People tell us that character and behaviour are entirely matters of heredity. But experience tells some of us that this is not altogether the case, and that boys largely follow the lead given by their elders.

In one country they watch with admiration the prowess of their fathers and elder brothers in the ball game, and in their turn they become ball players.

In another if they see their fathers adept in thieving, or brave as soldiers, they will themselves shape their careers in similar directions.

We are told "they have it in their blood," but I think they gain the example equally through the eye.

And that is why and where we make our success with Scouts.

What the Scoutmaster does his boys will do. The Scoutmaster is reflected in his Scouts.

From the self sacrifice and patriotism of their Scoutmaster in working tary self-sacrifice and patriotic ser-Scouts inherit the practice of voluntary self sacrifice and patriotic service.

In a similar way it follows that what the heads of the Movement do, their Scoutmasters will do. So there comes a grave responsibility on us who are the representatives here of our respective branches of the Movement. We are watched and followed by our Scoutmasters.

Let us, therefore, be careful how we go. As a first step let us be clear in our mind as to what exactly is our aim and what we are here for.

The great aim of our International Association I take it is to produce better mutual understanding and friendship between the future men of the different countries; in one word, the development of a broader patriotism through **Brotherhood**.

Through the brotherhood we are endeavouring to substitute love and goodwill for the too-prevalent narrow self-interest and jealousy in the world.

We are gathered here to consider ways and means of developing our

THE WORLD CHIEF SCOUT

Born February 22, 1857.



"B.P.—founder of Boyhood's League of Nations, The Boy Scouts! May he enjoy yet many more years of health, happiness and service!"

Movement on the most practical lines to that end. It is incumbent on us, therefore, in our deliberations, to ourselves extend that mutual goodwill and consideration towards one another which we would wish our Scoutmasters and Scouts in their turn to practice.

On the whole, the progress during the last two years which have already elapsed since our last meeting at Copenhagen has been entirely satisfactory. Our director, Mr. Hubert Martin, will no doubt comment on

this in fuller detail in his report. The remarkable increase of over three hundred thousand in our numbers in that period speaks of our successful progress.

I should like, however, to emphasize one or two points for your consideration.

Our hostel at Kandersteg has come into fuller use; some fourteen hundred Scouts of many different nationalities having camped there during the past year.

The mutual visits between Scouts of different countries has increased in a most gratifying way, and forms one of the most practical and popular developments of our training.

Similarly interchange of correspondence has increased. But not as yet to the extent that will bring about the wide-spread spirit of friendship that one hopes for. I trust the delegates will think out and encourage as far as possible a definite line of progress to this end.

Reply to Address of Welcome by President Haberlin of the Swiss Confederation

Speaking on behalf of the international body of Boy Scouts, I may say that we feel it a great honour that within the space of three months the Presidents of two republics have considered it worth while to give considered pronouncement of a favourable nature on our ideals and methods. In May, President Calvin Coolidge, of the United States of America, spoke to that effect, and now Dr. Haberlin, President of the Swiss Confederation. Such appreciation, coming as it does from men especially capable of judging, cannot fail to give the very highest encouragement to our workers, as well as to the boys, in their efforts to improve their standards and numbers as true citizens. By good citizens I mean men who are of a reliable character, loyal to their country and helpful to others. This is necessarily a matter of education, although not solely of scholastic education. It is here that we, both in the Scout and Girl Guide Movements, are endeavouring to assist teachers, pastors and parents. The method by which we carry it out, namely, learning through games and outdoor activities, has proved itself attractive to the young people, and effective in its results on them, physically, morally and mentally. Thus the system has commended itself to patriotic men in countries other than that of its origin. So it comes about that we see here gathered at our biennial conference the representatives of thirty-two different nations which have

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Lord Byng's Album

IN response to a suggestion in the October *Scout Leader*, a little over 400 photographs of Scouting activities were contributed by Scoutmasters and Cubmasters for Lord Byng's album. The pictures were arranged by provinces; and the big leather-bound volume went to our former Chief Scout at Christmas. The acknowledgement following was received by the Assistant Chief Commissioner.

The letter also brings a message that will be greeted with great pleasure by all Canadian Gillwellians. This is word of Lord Byng's acceptance of the permanent Honorary Scoutmastership of the 1st Canadian Gillwell Troop, of which he was Scoutmaster during his stay in Canada.

The letters and a special message to all members of the 1st Canadian Gillwell Troop follow:

Thorpe Hall,
Thorpe-le-Soken,
Essex,
December 30th, 1926.

My dear Stiles:—

Will you please convey to all concerned my most deep appreciation of the album of Scouting photographs.

Not only do I value it as a very complete series of Scouting pictures, but as a reminder of friendships formed with all who are connected with the Movement.

Need I tell you how gladly will I accept the post of Honorary Scoutmaster of the First Canadian Gillwell Troop, and enclose a very brief message to the members.

Wishing you every possible happiness in 1927 and many years after it.

Yours sincerely,
Byng of Vimy.

Lord Byng Honorary Scoutmaster
1st Canadian Gillwell Troop

To All Members of the
First Canadian Gillwell Troop:

In accepting the position of Honorary Scoutmaster of the Troop I am desirous of telling all its members what pride and happiness the title conveys.

The Gillwell Training is the consummation of Scouting, only undertaken by men who see the great ethics of the Movement, only achieved by men whose hearts are in their enterprise.

I wish all the Troop every happiness for 1927 and for many years after, and hope that their Scouting will prove the same impulse to the joy of life that it has so repeatedly rendered to me.

Byng of Vimy.

December 30th, 1926.

No Overlapping in Boys' Work

IN AN address before the Regina Rotary Club, Mr. H. W. Kingerley, General Secretary of the Y.M.C.A., declared that there was no overlapping by organizations doing boys' work in Regina. On the contrary, he declared, there were hundreds of boys in the city who were never brought under the influence of any boys' work organization. Mr. Wilfred Scott, boys' work secretary of the Religious Education Council, and Provincial Secretary M. L. Tallant of the Boy Scouts Association, spoke to the same effect, and declared that there was a great lack of leaders, and that so far the solution



The Wolves (of Manitoba '26 Gillwell) receive their Journey instructions.

of this problem was not in sight.

"Regina is by far the poorest city in the province," said Mr. Scott, in referring to the support being given the C.S.E.T. programme, and the deficiency of leaders.

At the recent fourth annual Older Boys' Parliament of Saskatchewan a resolution was passed recommending to the Saskatchewan Boys' Work Board that there be closer co-operation with the Boy Scout Movement in matters directly concerning the betterment of boyhood in the province. The preamble to the resolution pointed out that at present the parliament represented only a part of the youth population of the province, that both organizations worked toward one end, and that the Boy Scout organization, being a world-wide movement, would greatly assist in further advancement of world brotherhood.

Rt. Rev. James R. Winchester, Episcopal Bishop of Arkansas, addressing the biennial conference of the Boy Scouts of America, declared Scouting was bringing a vital force to religion, in stressing the doing of good rather than sentimental practices.



A Dominion Scout registration card is a world-brotherhood passport.

Lt.-Gen. Sir Archibald Macdonell is Calgary's District Commissioner for 1927.

Nearly 200 topic suggestions were received for discussion at the Ontario Provincial Conference.

Preliminary examinations in Provincial Wallace Nesbitt Junior competitions must be held not later than February 10th.

Mr. R. Powell, former District Commissioner for St. Pancras, London, Eng., was a speaker at the annual presentation evening of the 1st Nelson Troop, B.C.

A Scout carrying an up-to-date Dominion registration card has an advantage over other boys when applying for a position, and a card is as effective in a distant city as at home.

P.L. Nathan Budovitch of the Beaver Patrol of the 13th Saint John, N.B., moved to Kitchener, Ont., and promptly set about the organization there of a Young Judæan Troop.

Provincial Commissioner J. A. Ewing, K.C., of Quebec, addressing the Brockville Rotary Club, emphasized the fact that Scouting was essentially religious, in its code of morals and ethics.

Troop registration at Dominion Headquarters contributes to the future of Canada by helping to make possible the carrying of the Scout training in Canadian citizenship to the boys of isolated communities of foreign birth or parentage.

The annual Ontario Provincial Conference will be held at Hamilton, February 10-11. The annual Quebec Conference will be held at Sherbrooke, March 18-19. Leaders from other provinces are cordially invited to these gatherings.

On a special badge presentation evening Percy Stevens, a life long invalid confined to a wheel chair, was made an honorary Scout of the 1st Cumberland Troop, B.C. In his remarks the Scoutmaster, Rev. E. O. Robathan, emphasized the fact that "one of the qualities of a good Scout in which Percy specialized was cheerfulness under all conditions."

By Radio from the 1st Kingston, Ont. — "New Headquarters building being finished. Educational winter training hikes being held. Big social event scheduled for Feb. and out of town boys invited. Part of programme for parents. Senior officers 1st Troop alternately attending Portsmouth Troop meetings."

Some Problem Games for the Month

DRAMATIZE and make patrol competition games of these, without warning:

An Ice Accident.—Take one boy from each patrol, seat him on the floor, and announce: "These boys have been skating where they shouldn't—on rotten ice—and have broken through. They are already chilled to the point of collapse. Get them out!" Points for the rescue, for the subsequent handling of victims, for the leadership given by Patrol Leaders and for team-work shown.

A Fire Problem.—Place one boy from each patrol behind a row of chairs or within a chalked space. Line the patrols in front. Announce: "You are passing a house; you see smoke, and hear a child's cry; you enter and find the child running about with its clothing on fire (it had been playing with matches); it is alone in the house; the window curtains are on fire." Points for all steps taken, as dispatching of one boy to ring fire alarm; P.L. leading the way into the house; instantly throwing the child to the floor, rolling it in an imaginary rug, and at the same time directing one boy to find the 'phone and call a doctor, and the others in fighting the fire. Include points for manner toward the child (gentle handling, quieting its panic, etc.); treatment for its burns; for leadership shown and team-work.

Fire in Movie Theatre.—An unannounced quiz of Patrol Leaders during Patrol Corners: (a) "You are in a movie theatre. Some one has cried 'Fire!' People are springing to their feet. What would you do?" (b) "The panic gets out of hand, the crowd is rushing for the exits. They pile up in a stairway, and some are apparently suffocated. What would you endeavour to do immediately and afterwards?"

Carbon Monoxide Poisoning in a Garage.—For each patrol, chalk a space on the floor. Place one chair for a door and another inside for a car. Take one boy from each patrol, and instruct him on signal to show a clutching hand at the garage door window (through the back of the chair), then fall to the floor. Line the patrols in front of each garage. Explain: "This is a garage. This chair

is the door, which is closed; the chair inside represents a car. You can hear the car running, but you do not see anyone in the garage. Now watch and act." On whistle the boy inside shows a hand, then drops.

Points for P.L. running to look in through garage door window; for immediately opening the door, and at the same time calling upon one Scout to run and 'phone for a doctor; for directing the other boys to hold their breath and drag out the victim, while he himself, holding his breath, runs in and stops the car; for resuscitation work, etc.

Rover Service

UNDER Rover V. T. Pritchard, the 2nd Saint John (St. Paul's) Troop held a snowshoe and ski hike to Fry-ing Pan Lake. A model bush lean-to was constructed, tracking games were played, and four Scouts passed their fire lighting and cooking tests for Second Class. During a subsequent night hike to Mud Lake the boys were given practice in night travelling by the stars.

A 1st Fort William Cub Pack. Field Day—Blind Boxing and Dwarfs & Giants.



A Troop Programme

- 7.30 Patrols rally in corners. Roll call. Inspection by P.L.'s. Dues.
 - 7.35 Troop called to Horseshoe. Flag Break. Scout Silence. T.L. makes attendance report. General inspection. Special inspection (1927 Diaries for Good Turns checked off), and points marked up on board.
 - 7.45 Lively game. Poison Circle. (Freeze)*
 - 7.55 Patrol Corners—Test and Badge Work by P.L.'s as arranged by Court of Honour. (Freeze)*
 - 8.10 Deduction Game.*
 - 8.20 First aid demonstration and quiz, frostbite and sprains, by S.M. Bandage demonstration by each patrol. (Freeze)*
 - 8.40 Council fire. Songs. S.M.'s Five. Song. O Canada. King. Announcements. Scout Silence. Lower flag. Dismiss. Court of Honour.
- *Patrol Competition.

A Pack Programme

- 7.00 Akela arrives officially. Grand Howl. Prayers.
- 7.05 Attendance. Dues. Inspection. Marks on board.
- 7.10 Game—Shopkeeper.
- 7.20 Instruction—Sixers on Star work. Baloo with Tenderpads. Akela on Tests.
- 7.35 Story period—Read another chapter of continued adventure story.
- 7.50 Game—Jumping staves.
- 8.00 Sing-song—London's Burning, Mother Machree, The Maple Leaf, O Canada, King. Prayers. Announcements. Grand Howl. Dismiss.

A Good Deduction Game

AN effective deduction game played during the opening session of the Part III-B Winter Course of Montreal called for the best description of the owner of a miscellaneous collection of small articles "taken from his pockets." In explanation of what was required, Provincial Secretary Paterson, in charge of the course, noted that the "deduction from the burnt matches that the owner was a smoker would not receive a point, but that one would be given for the suggestion that the carrying of the burnt matches marked him as an untidy individual, or that they were there for some other particular reason.

One of the items was a newspaper clipping announcing a Canadian Club meeting. None of the Scoutmasters deduced from this that the owner was not a member of the Canadian Club, —in which case he would have been carrying a postal notification of the meeting.

Another Observation Test

"MONDAY night was bitterly cold. Maybe you noticed it? Instead of going out again to gaze at store windows, we had our observation test indoors. The A.S.M. took one boy into the adjoining room and fixed him up with as many things out of order as possible—one boot unlaced, tie crooked, badges upside down, etc. Then while the Troop stood about the room, he walked slowly around, and out again. Each boy then wrote down all the things he saw out of order. The results were very good. This week patrols are carrying out store window tests during the day."

—1st Melfort, Sask.

The most virile organizations are missionary organizations. Let your boys know that through the Dominion registration fee they are helping to carry Scouting to boys in outlying communities who badly need it, if they are to grow up good Canadians.

THE CAMP CHIEF'S PAGE

OUTDOORS IN FEBRUARY

An interesting winter development among our wild life friends has been the general migration southward of goshawks and snowy owls. The goshawks, who jumped Canada in their southern flight, were seen in large numbers in the Eastern States and as far south as Florida. Large numbers of the snowy owl were seen and shot in various parts of Quebec and Ontario. They were not reported farther west.

Such unusual movements of wild life are always of much interest. The reason of the departure of the goshawks from the semi-arctic north probably was due to a shortage of rabbits and grouse, both noticeably few in number this winter in Northern Ontario and Quebec. The reason for the migration of the snowy owl from its home on the arctic tundra, beyond the tree line, has not yet been satisfactorily explained. It may have been a result of a decrease, through some epidemic, of the lemming and arctic hare, which provide its principal source of food.

As the survivors of these birds (a great number have been shot) must shortly return north, they will offer an object for special observation by hiking troops or patrols.

Also of interest has been the appearance of the Canada lynx in Southern Ontario in some numbers. One of unusual size was reported shot near Simcoe, in Norfolk County. This appearance of the big cat of the woods some distance from his usual habitat of recent years probably also is due to the failure in certain districts of the snowshoe rabbit and other small mammals.

It will be remembered that this disappearance of the rabbits, apparently as the result of some disease, occurs with regularity every six or seven years, and results in the animals and birds which prey upon them seeking food elsewhere.

SIGNALLING OPENS MONTREAL III-B

Thirty "Buffaloes," "Horses," "Eagles" and "Owls" gathered for the opening session of the first Montreal Part III-B Winter Course, Jan. 11th, under Provincial Secretary E. Russell Paterson. Morse signalling was taken up, with a demonstration of the system of teaching outlined in *The Canadian Scout Signaller*, and the sending and receiving of practical messages from the start. Numerous ways of using the code were shown, including buzzer, flag, whistle, blinker and "search light." Sealed messages in dot and dash were opened on a whistle signal, and patrol competition points awarded in order of handing in and correctness. Sixteen letters of the alphabet were taken up and fairly well mastered. The Scoutmasters present generally agreed that the system was interesting and effective, and calculated to maintain

the interest of the average boy in learning the code.

III-A HELPFUL AND ENJOYABLE

"These sessions (of the Part III-A) have proved most helpful as well as enjoyable to those taking part in any of the four Courses we have held in Toronto, and we can assure you they are worth while."—Executive Commissioner E. O'Callaghan, in Toronto Headquarters Bulletin.

THE CAMERA HUNTER

No cry of wounded bird, no empty nest,

No plumage darkening with a crimson stain,

Nor eye fast glazing with approaching death—

For we are brothers with the wind and rain.

I would not break your flight, O happy bird,

Nor hush the music of your morning song,

Nor still the call of mate to wooing mate,—

For we are brothers, and the day is long.

The day is long, and filled with rare surprise:

The changing beauty of the field and sky

Lifts you to song, while all around I feel

Akin with things that live and move and fly.

So when the day is done and night appears,

Within my darkened room there comes to view

The pictured story of your woodland home,

And from my heart your song returns to you.

Scout and Cub Libraries.

TROOP and pack libraries are receiving a good deal of attention this winter. To secure books for their projected pack library, the Britannia Pack of Winnipeg held a "book tea" at the home of their Cubmaster, "from 3 to 5 in the afternoon and 8 to 10 in the evening." The published announcement in *Wolf Cub Notes* of the *Manitoba Free Press* added that, "books may be either old or new, but suitable for boys between 8 and 12. If you have any books suitable, and are unable to attend, phone, and someone will call for them."

DOMINION REGISTRATION HELPS BOYS & MOVEMENT

The Indian's Proficiency Badges

THE feather war bonnet of the Plains Indians, the only Indian before the time of movie "thrillers" who ever wore a war bonnet,—was a proficiency badge system like that of the Scouts, each feather representing a definite honour or coup.

The highest honour that could be gained by a young Indian was achieved by touching a living enemy with his bare hand. As you know, this would require the greatest skill in scouting. Lesser honours were awarded for capturing an enemy's weapons, and for his scalp.

When an Indian brave had gained sufficient honours to entitle him to wear a war bonnet, he was required to catch an eagle alive, then kill it, to procure the feathers for the prospective bonnet. Eagle feathers were used because the Indians regarded the eagle as the greatest of all birds. The eagle was caught by means of a covered pit, in which the young brave waited until the bird, attracted by an exposed carcass, alighted, when the Indian reached through and seized the bird by the feet.

When the Indian had his feathers and other material ready for the making of the bonnet, the chief men of the tribe were called together for a feast and to act as a "badge committee." Following the feast the foundation for the bonnet was fashioned of soft buckskin. The feathers were then prepared, each being bound at the end with horsehair, to represent the scalp lock of a fallen enemy. As each feather was made ready it was handed to the candidate, and he described the deed which he thought entitled him to wear it. As a bonnet contained thirty to forty feathers, and as each qualifying deed had to be recounted at full length, it sometimes required weeks to complete the bonnet.

The bonnet was finally ornamented with a band of quills or beadwork and strips of weasel skin. The weasel skin was supposed to impart to the wearer skill in scouting and alertness in evading pursuit.

Good Cooking for Next Summer's Camp

THE following cooking test, for passing before the summer camps, brought such good results last year that the suggestion is again offered. The idea is that copies of the card be made by the Troop Scribe and handed each Second or First Class Scout, with the request that he secure his mother's co-operation, and hang the card up in a conspicuous place in the kitchen, until it has been filled and duly signed. The week-end and holiday hikes will provide the opportunity for "finishing off" the course. It is suggested that all the older Scouts, and the S.M. himself, take the course, whether or not they have previously qualified as camp cooks.

In other words, let us Be Prepared again to make the summer's camp "famous for their eats."

The list may look formidable, but if spread over four months, means but one item a week, with two weeks to spare. Where difficulties are presented, the list may be divided be-

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❖ Scouting from Coast to Coast ❖

WINDSOR has a troop of Jewish boys who organized themselves and carried on with help from the 2nd and 3rd Troops until they could secure a Scoutmaster. * * *

A "stag party" of the 2nd North Vancouver, with all arrangements, including the refreshments, arranged for by the boys, was declared a great success. "The fathers had a good time, and we feel sure they will come again." District Commissioner Kincaid resented P. L. Stott with his King's Scout badge, and Assistant Scoutmaster Alfred Evans, about to leave the district, was presented with a silver wrist watch. * * *

The 1st Brandon Troop has its own skating rink. The patrols take weekly turns in keeping the ice free of snow. * * *

The youngest London, Ont., Troop, the 14th Chelsea Green, were guests of the 2nd London at a Christmas tree party during which the new troop's charter was presented by District Scoutmaster West. The 14th was organized by Scoutmaster Woelfle of the 2nd London. * * *

In appreciation of his work for the troop, Scoutmaster McKinnon of the 3rd Sydney (Falmouth), N.S., was presented with a handsome Parker pencil by Troop Leader Campbell on behalf of the boys. * * *

The Sherbrooke, Que., Scout Dramatic Club provided the programme for several Christmas fund-raising entertainments in other communities, including one for the Waterville Elk's Club. * * *

The Wood Pigeon Patrol of the 1st Chatham Troop, Ont., won the city competition for the Dr. C. C. Bell First Aid Shield. Dr. Hall gave the examination, Dr. Bell being an interested onlooker. * * *

The 1st Moose Jaw Rovers (Lord Byng's Own) lost no time in starting the new year right,—by holding a hike on New Year's morning. * * *

Some twenty-five members of the Moncton Rotary Club were present at the annual "open night" and banquet of the 1st Moncton, or Rotary Troop, Scoutmaster Harry Frampton. Special individual prizes were awarded for "general Scouting knowledge and proficiency," and "for neatness and discipline." The prizes were sent to the boys on Christmas morning. * * *

All Saints' Troop and Pack of Winnipeg made an attractive group at the special services held in connection with the dedication of their new church. * * *

The Scout column of the Niagara Falls Review, Ont., after recording the passing of the Rescuer's badge by Scout Alan Briggs at the Falls View baths, gave the details of the test for the benefit of their readers—an excellent idea. The test was given by Commissioner Hardman, of Niagara Falls, N.Y. * * *

The 2nd Edmonton will have a team in the Alberta Wallace Nesbitt Junior this year. * * *

The annual report of the 1st Yarmouth Troop, N.S., shows an enrollment of 37 members under Scoutmaster David Corkum, with an A.S.M., two instructors and an active Troop Committee—which includes the Rev. J. H. Freestone as Troop Chaplain. The troop is connected with Wesley United Church. * * *

Sixty-five members of All Saints' Pack, Winnipeg, and a large number of parents and friends, including a distinguished gathering of Scout and Cub leaders, sat down to the annual Pack banquet, served by the All Saints' Girl Guides. The banquet was followed by a demonstration of Cub work. * * *

The 1st Brockville Troop, Ont., has its Rover hockey team, with Rover Mate Foa as Manager and Rover Second Haggerty as Captain. * * *

Dickson, who spoke on the Scout Promise. * * *

A Lone Patrol of eight members at Padstow, Alta., under P.L. George Mann, is attached to the 1st Onoway Troop. * * *

The senior basketball team of the 2nd Sherbrooke Troop journeyed to Montreal to play games with the teams of the 44th Montreal (St. Giles) at the King Edward School gym, and that of the 53rd Montreal Troop in the gym of St. Mary's Church. * * *

The highly successful Annual Jamboree of the 1st Galt Troop, Ont., included jungle dances, tableaux of the well known Scout pictures, a patrol camp sketch, a demonstration of resuscitation, "The Monkey Scout" and "A Real Good Turn." The entertainment was given at Memorial Hall under the direction of Scoutmaster Len Wheeler, and attracted a capacity house. * * *



A hard hike but the 2nd Woodstocks came through with blankets flying.

Following a parents' night entertainment of the 31st Winnipeg (St. Giles' United), a new set of troop colours, the money for which was earned by the boys, was consecrated by Dr. W. A. Maclean. Earlier Dr. Maclean spoke on the Scout Jamboree at Wembley. The colour party consisted of three brothers,—P.L. Tom and Scouts Jack and Raymond Hodgson. * * *

Rev. H. A. Cody was formally presented by Scoutmaster Staggs with his badge as Chaplain of the 19th Saint John Troop at a regular meeting of the troop. * * *

All but one of the fourteen entrants from the 25th Winnipeg (Knowles Boys' Home) were successful in passing the Swimmer's badge test. All are now working for their Rescuer's. * * *

Chatham, Ont., Scouts and leaders were guests of the 1st Dutton Troop at the latter's annual banquet. The speakers were the Rev. Dr. Medd, who told an interesting story of the woods of Northern Ontario, and Rev. J. M.

A bean supper provided by the ladies of the church and served by girls of the C.G.I.T. group was given to interest more boys of the Portland United Church, Saint John, N.B., in Scouting. Rev. H. A. Goodwin presided. * * *

"The troop held its first meeting in the new hall on December 14th. It was indeed a pleasure to have so much room available. After the usual ceremony of saluting the colours the troop at once dispersed to 'corners,' for work on Ambulance, Starman, Healthymen, and knot tying . . . Duty patrol for next week, Beavers."—1st Vernon, B.C. * * *

The 1st Yorkton, Sask., Troop held a competition in singing. * * *

Windsor Rovers were entertained at a Christmas party in the local Y.W.C.A. by the 1st Windsor Rangers. After a game by which Rangers and Rovers were introduced there was a short period of dancing, a lunch in the cafeteria, then a Christmas tree in the parlours, this followed by a coun-

cil fire programme to which both boys and girls contributed. The evening was voted a great success.

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On his taking over of the leadership of the 2nd Brandon Troop, Man., Scoutmaster Reg. Tane was presented with a copy of "The Scoutmaster's First Year."

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The 1st Wolfville Troop, N.S., has a record of continuous activity since 1911 under Scoutmaster E. P. Brown. The troop numbers 35 Cubs and 50 Scouts. "Interest is very keen, and attendance at Church, Sunday-school and weekly meetings runs between 85 and 90%." Students from Acadia University aid in the work of the troop and pack.

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The Rover Patrol of the 1st Port Hope Troop, Ont., presented Scoutmaster Moore with an address of appreciation and a meerschaum pipe. The patrol numbers thirteen.

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For the second year in succession Patrol Leader John Paul of Canora, Sask., has been awarded the Governor General's medal for obtaining the highest standing in the provincial Grade XII examinations. Patrol Leader Paul also for the second time won the Canora G.W.V.A. medal for general proficiency.

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Saint John, N.B., now has 18 active Scout troops and 14 Cub packs.

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Her birthday provided the occasion for a special dinner by the Troop and Pack Committee of the 37th Scouts and St. Martin's Pack, Winnipeg, to Lady Cubmaster Ivy Webster—also the opportunity for the presenting of the Gillwell Akela badge by Cub Commissioner F. W. Thompson.

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A review of the local work of 1926 in the Windsor Star of December 31st contains the following paragraph:

"Another valuable addition to personnel made last summer was seen in the coming of Mr. Reginald Dobson, who in addition to teaching at Edith Cavell, is in charge of boys' work at all the schools, and is starting a Boy Scout movement in connection with them. He is a former Scoutmaster."

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Five P.L.'s and Seconds of the 5th Edmonton were delegated to represent the troop at the Red Deer P.L.'s Conference.

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The 15th Saint John (Portland United Church) Troop, N.B., participated in a special church service. Scouts read the Scripture, sang with the church C.G.I.T. group, and took up the collection. A new patrol is being added to this active and growing troop.

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The investiture of a number of Scouts of the 1st Port Credit Troop, Ont., in the presence of the Wolf Cub Pack, Girl Guides and Brownies and their leaders, the Troop Committee and a large number of parents and friends at the Middle Road School,

was made an impressive occasion. Lighted candles were used to represent the three-fold promise and the ten Scout Laws. Following the Investiture the evening was turned into a birthday party for Mr. Edward Burns, chairman of the Troop Committee, to whom was credited the organization and success of all four branches of the Movement. In appreciation Mr. Burns was presented with an engraved billfold and a big birthday cake bearing ten five-year candles. Scout leaders were present from Oakville and Toronto.

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The 1st Melville, Sask., has entered two teams in the provincial Wallace Nesbitt Junior of this year.

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Members of the Winnipeg Akela Club were guests of the staff of the Tuxedo Children's Home for an evening of entertainment provided by the Cubs, Guides and Brownies of the institution, in appreciation of the work done for the children of the Home during the Christmas season.

Little
Prairie
Wolves—
of
Loverna,
Sask.



The birthday of Patrol Second Neil Clarke provided the occasion for a buffalo supper for the members of the Wolf Patrol of the 1st Onoway Troop, Alta.

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A Border Cities Scout is credited in the Windsor Star with having prevented a panic in a local theatre when the projection room caught fire. The Scout, who was sitting in the balcony, was immediately on his feet, and in a quiet voice assured the audience that there was no danger. A number of people had excitedly started from their seats. "The boy's presence of mind had stopped what might have been a serious panic. As it was, only one lady fainted."

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The Troop Committee of the 17th Saint John (Trinity) Troop has offered a prize for the patrol showing the highest standing in general efficiency at the end of the season, and a prize to the Scout in each patrol who secures the highest individual score. A member of the 17th Pack Committee attended a pack meeting and announced similar prizes for the leading Six and leading Wolf Cub.

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A New Year's letter of greeting, a reminder of the Promise and certain of the Scout Laws, a mutual pledge

to make 1927 an outstanding year for the troop, and an outline of some of the troop's activities, brought a fine response of spirit and a 100% attendance for Scoutmaster Anthony of the 3rd St. Thomas, Ont.

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The annual presentation of the Nelson, B.C., Troop was marked by the awarding of the Lieut. W. J. Claridge Shield to the Wapiti Patrol for best attendance record and badges and medals won during the year; also individual medals to the members of the troop's first aid team, which for the second time last year won the provincial Wallace Nesbitt Junior first aid competition.

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"Fear God! Honor the King! Love the Brotherhood! For 1927, let this be your slogan, Fifth!"—5th Edmonton.

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Members of the Troop Committee of the 6th Brandon, Man., presented the troop with a new stand of colours, which were dedicated at an impres-

sive service by the Rev. C. Oke. The colours were received for the troop by P.L. Harold Byers, with P.L.'s Redmond, Davies, Rae and McInsh as an escort.

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Honorary Field Secretary Lionel J. Bishop of Toronto was the guest of honour at the first annual dinner of the A.C. Rovers of the Border Cities. In his talk Mr. Bishop referred to the Rovers as the calks of the Scout horse-shoe,—added to help keep the shoe from slipping; and urged the Rovers to regard service to the troop as their first obligation.

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The Border Cities has 30 active Scout troops, including one Rover Troop. There are 18 Gillwell trained leaders.

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A banquet and addresses of appreciation of their three years' work respectively with the Troop and Pack of St. George's Church, and the presentation of a fountain pen and pencil and a set of silver spoons, marked the departure from Halifax, by transfer to Ottawa, of Lieut. Commander and Mrs. A. E. Eagar. At the same time the new Scoutmaster, Mr. H. P. Eisner, was invested, and presented with the

troop scarf. The Pack will be headed by Miss Dora Berry of Provincial Scout Headquarters.

"The sisters of the Scouts of the 10th (Border Cities) Troop held a meeting on Thursday evening to make arrangements for the banquet they are giving the boys next Tuesday, when an Investiture will be held, badges presented, and a pennant given to the leading patrol."

New Dominion registration cards were presented to the Scouts of the 22nd Winnipeg as a special-evening feature.

Rev. G. O. Lightbourn took the leading role in a playlet, "An Uninterrupted Morning," given by the 9th London, Ont., (St. Paul's Cathedral) as part of their annual entertainment. A second playlet was "The Flag Station." Very Rev. Dean Tucker addressed the audience and Scouts.

A concert under the auspices of the Parents' Committee netted \$62.40 for the funds of the 7th Troop and St. James' Cub Pack of Winnipeg.

A successful musical comedy, "Savage Land," was put on at Assiniboine School, Winnipeg, by "The St. James' Players" for the benefit of the 7th Troop and St. James' Pack, under the direction of Dr. J. W. Pemberton. The play was repeated at St. Luke's Hall.

Interesting lectures on the teeth are being given Toronto troops and packs by Dr. Kerr of the Dental Hygiene Society of Canada.

The combined banquet and annual meeting of the Pictou County Boy Scouts Association, held in St. George's Hall, New Glasgow, N.S., was a most successful and enjoyable affair, with a large attendance of Scout leaders and other representative citizens. The reports were most encouraging, including the treasurer's, with a balance on the right side. A report also was presented by Scoutmaster John Nicholson on the New Glasgow Toy Repair Shop. Representatives of the Rotary and Gyro clubs promised the continued support of those bodies. Mr. E. W. Spurr, of the Bank of Nova Scotia, formerly in Scouting at Fredericton, N.B., was elected president.

During the Christmas holiday hikes Scouts of the 20th Border Cities began the construction of a troop cabin.

The report of the Manitoba Boy Scouts Association for 1926 shows these encouraging figures: Cub leaders, 164; Cubs, 2,241; Scout leaders, 158; Scouts, 1,900 or a total of 4,141 Scouts and Cubs, as against 3,529 in 1925. During the year 5,725 badges were earned by Cubs, 4,041 by Scouts and 74 by Rovers.

Moving pictures of various activities of the Montreal Sea Scouts were given an afternoon showing in the school projection room before a gathering of older boys of King Edward School, Montreal. The pictures presented many

details of Sea Scout training, including spring outfitting of the Sea Scout yacht "Jellicoe," work with the troop's whaler, the "James Caird," cruising incidents, including happenings of last summer's trip to New York; and a realistic water rescue. The pictures were accompanied by a most interesting talk by Assistant Sea Scoutmaster G. D. Goode. In the course of a highly commendatory introduction, Dr. Gammel, the school principal, who is a warm supporter of Scouting, paid tribute to the broad value of the Sea Scout training, and declared that the sea had done more to shape the characteristics of the English speaking people than any other factor. The pictures were shown under the direction of District Sea Scout Commissioner Lesslie Thomson.

Troop 16 of Detroit, Mich., paid a visit to the 4th Border Cities, Windsor, on the latter's regular meeting night. The 4th will shortly return the visit.

Cubbing continues to show healthy growth in Manitoba. To the five full Sixes of the 1st Morden Pack, Cubmaster the Rev. F. J. Vincent, another Six has been added.

Brantford has a Rover Troop of 25 members.

The Scout news column of the 1st Brockville Troop appears in the Brockville Recorder Times on the day of the Troop meeting, which permits such timely reminders as the following:



Drying things out—a rainy day of a Montreal Sea Scout Cruise.

"Don't forget your dues. This is the last meeting of the year, and dues must be paid up. . . Don't forget you are Duty Patrol tonight, Eagles! . . . Don't forget your song books . . . Don't forget to wear complete winter uniform—shirt, neckerchief, hat or toque."

The 1st Kamloops, B.C., Scoutmaster Kearne, has as its instructor in first aid a railroad St. John Ambulance expert, Mr. Evans, of the C.P.R. local Baggage Department.

Principal Draper of the Wyndotte Street School, Windsor, is chairman of the 10th Border Cities Troop Committee, with Mr. McCawley, manual training teacher, as secretary, and Mr. Fusey, also of the school staff, as third member. Application for the 1927 charter was filled out on behalf of "The Wyndotte Street School."

Mr. W. C. Crebbin, who has been associated with Scouting in Nelson, B.C. for thirteen years, was presented with an illuminated address of appreciation on the eve of his leaving to reside in San Francisco.

An ad. in the Morden Times, Man., "Wanted at Once, two Cubmasters or Lady Cubmasters to assist in handling the Pack."

The 18th Ottawa Pack (Ottawa Boys' Club) were entertained to a "bean feed" by a group of young ladies of the staff of the Department of Finance. The feed was arranged as the "finale" of a hike.

Roast moose was one of the appropriate dishes comprising the menu of a banquet to which some 70 Espanola Scouts and Cubs, members of the Troop Committee and other prominent citizens enjoyed in the dining hall of Masonic Hall, Espanola. The tables, decorated in Christmas colours and with red candles, were placed in the form of the letter E, for Espanola. The speakers included Rev. T. D. Jones, of the United Church, on "Service"; Rev. S. Turner, rector of St. George's Anglican Church, on "Responsibility" from the Scout standpoint, and Mr. W. J. Hussey, general superintendent of the Spanish River Pulp and Paper Company, who spoke on the town's future. The arrangements were made by District Commissioner Vontom, Quartermaster Adelard Favreau and the troop Patrol Leaders.

President L. E. B. Dibble of the Troop Committee was in the chair.

The 9th Regina have as a troop motto and password for 1927, "A Scout is truthful, and honest in word and deed."

A pin game, a nail-driving contest, cracker eating, boxing, a sing song and an Investiture were items of a Scout evening at which the 2nd Sydney Troop (St. Andrew's) were guests of the 1st (Christ Church). Diaries were presented to each boy by District Commissioner Carter, A.S.M. and Gillwellian Jack MacKenzie, home from college, addressed the boys.

Special decorations and a miniature camp site and council fire at one side

of the hall provided a scouty touch to a dance given in Al Azhar Temple to over 300 guests by the 19th Calgary Troop. During the evening officers of the B'Nai Brith Lodge were installed, the Scouts providing the guard of honour.

The boys of the 9th Regina began 1927 by entertaining their officers and Field Secretary Selby to "fruit, nuts and confectionery," after which Scoutmaster Moore showed some Scouting lantern slides, then presented each boy with a 1927 Diary.

The 21st Border Cities held a skating and fishing hike,—fishing through the ice.

From a resume of the 1926 activities of the 5th Edmonton:

"June 1, 1926, our reorganized Troop was formed, with 22 boys on the register. The OUT of Scouting was emphasized from the start, and in all, eleven afternoons have been spent in God's best place for a boy or man,—in the open."

At the annual meeting of the Calgary Council of the Local Association letters of appreciation for services rendered were received from the Red Cross Society, the Soldiers' Settlement Board and the Calgary Herald Sunshine Club.

The 4th Brandon Pack, Man., sang carols at their church Christmas entertainment.

The 1st Cornwall Troop, Ont., Scoutmaster Fred W. Davidson, by a special Christmas entertainment given in the local Music Hall, raised sufficient funds to distribute ten parcels of meat and groceries to as many poor families. The programme was contributed to by some of Cornwall's best talent, and included, in addition to several numbers given by the troop, an address on the aims of the Scout Movement by ex-Mayor John A. Chisholm. Music was supplied by the Cornwall Collegiate Institute Orchestra. Special furniture required for the stage was loaned by the Miller Furniture Shoppe.

Bridgetown, N.S., Scouts contributed a programme number to the annual school Christmas concert in aid of the school library fund.

The 9th Halifax (All Saints' Cathedral) delivered 600 Christmas cards for Dean Llwyd. The 1st Halifax assisted at the Christmas dinner given needy persons by St. Paul's Church.

Toy Shop Echoes

TO the toy-collecting or distributing centres mentioned in the January Leader have been added: Lunenburg, N.S.; Kincaid, Sask.; Claresholm, Alta.; Banff, B.C.

The toy reports received to date: Calgary, 3,200; Winnipeg Cubs, 600; Kincardine, Ont., 400; Peterborough, 500; 1st Chatham Rovers, 180; Hamilton, 1,100; Ottawa, 3,400; Montreal Rovers, 3,500; Saint John, N.B., Rovers, 700.

The Ottawa Toy Shop provided gifts for 2,775 children with an average of one and a quarter articles per child.

The Montreal Rovers distributed their toys through The Federated Charities (Protestant), The Catholic Social Service Guild and the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies, Baron de Hirsch Institute.

The Saint John toys were distributed in connection with the Christmas distribution of The Times-Star Empty Stocking Fund.

The Peterborough Toy Shop supplied toys for St. Vincent's Orphanage, the Children's Shelter, the Salvation Army and the War Veterans' organization.

The Chatham, Ont., Shop was entirely in charge of the 1st Troop Rovers. A picture of the shop interior showed a splendid collection of toys.

Each Winnipeg package went out labelled with the printed sticker, "From a Wolf Cub." A considerable number of these were received by immigrant children newly arrived at Winnipeg.



The P.L. of the 1st Moose Jaw Robins extemporizes a bridge.

The Peterborough District Scoutmaster, Dr. Murray Fraser, directing the local Toy Shop, discovered a new source of co-operation in the local Fire Department. The services of the firemen were offered by the Fire Chief, and proved a great success, particularly with the painting. "They enjoyed the work as much if not more than the Scouts."

A completely equipped carpenter shop and the use of a team were placed at the disposal of the Saint John Rover Toy Shop by the contracting firm of Drury & Son.

A new and particularly pleasing development of the 1926 Toy Shops was the supplying of toys for immigrant children,—at Halifax, Winnipeg and Calgary. The Halifax toys were supplied by the 1st Lunenburg Troop. They were distributed from a Red Cross Christmas tree to children landing during Christmas week.

The Montreal Rover Shop was in charge of the District Rover Commissioner, Prof. R. DeL. French, of McGill University.

An attractive card in green, with pictures of Santa and a Rover Scout, and bearing the legend, "Santa Claus asked us to see that you got this Toy before Christmas Day," went with each package from the Calgary Boy Scouts-Herald Sunshine Toy Shop.

Toys for the Saint John shop were received from Sussex, Campbellton, Westfield, Rothesay, and a number of other New Brunswick towns.

The Mothers' Auxiliary of the 2nd Sherbrooke Troop, Que., were in charge of the Sherbrooke Toy Shop Doll Department. The Saint John Rovers were assisted with the dolls by the Guides of the 5th Saint John (St. Paul's) and 2nd Rothesay companies.

The Red Deer P. L. Conference

THE Annual Alberta Conference of Patrol Leaders held at Red Deer, Dec. 27-29, repeated the success of previous gatherings, with some 50 delegates present, including young leaders from Edmonton, Calgary, Camrose and Wetaskiwin. The get-together was opened Monday evening, with a "mulligan supper" served by Scouts and Girl Guides, and addresses of welcome by Mayor Johns, President W. E. Payne, K.C., of the Red Deer Rotary Club, Rev. Canon Merrick and Rev. T. M. Revie of Knox Presbyterian Church. Following the supper and a sing-song, the delegates were guests at the Crescent Theatre and a junior league hockey game.

A message from Provincial Commissioner Dr. George H. Malcolmson of Edmonton opened the conference sessions on Tuesday morning. The programme began with a forty-five minute demonstration of inter-patrol games, followed by a demonstration Court of Honour, and a paper on "Scouting and Community Service," by Provincial Secretary W. Solway. The afternoon was given up to a six-mile hike and a big treasure hunt and at 7.30 p.m., the indoor programme was resumed with a model troop meeting, a discussion of inter-patrol competitions, bridge building, etc.; and in conclusion an indoor council fire, with a Scoutmaster's Five Minute talk, a sing-song, prayers and dismissal.

The final day's programme covered a demonstration and discussion of Scout P.T. exercises, a paper on "Character Development in Scouting," by P.L. Gerald Brennan of Edmonton, a Question Box period; an address on "The Church as an Avenue for Service, and the Relation of Scouting and Church Work," by Rev. W. Leversedge of Edmonton; a brief discussion on "Scouting and the Church and Sunday-school," by District Commissioner M. J. Hilton of Edmonton, and a black-board talk on "Starmanship" and "The Value of Mapping in Relation to Hikes," also by the Edmonton District Commissioner.

During the conference telegrams of greeting and good wishes were exchanged with the C.S.E.T. Boys' Parliament, in session at Edmonton.

DOMINION REGISTRATION
HELPS BOYS & MOVEMENT

Gallantry and Service Awards

Letters of Commendation

King's Scout Stanley Douglass, 1st Fredericton Troop, N.B., and Cubmaster G. Warren Foote, 26th Montreal Pack Que., for promptly crossing the St. John river at night and rendering first aid to several women who were hurt in a motor accident near the New Brunswick Gillwell camp.

Certificates of Merit

Patrol Leader Ray R. Ricketts, age 17, Richard District Troop, Sask., for rescuing a 10 year old girl who was pinned beneath a 300 pound stone which had fallen upon her.

Scout Clifford Olsen, aged 14, 1st Chesterville Troop, Ont., for rescuing 7 year-old Miles Casselman and his dog when they broke through the ice below the dam on Nation River while out sleighing.

Medals of Merit

Mr. W. B. Tomlinson, Commissioner for Norfolk County, Ont., for very valuable services to the Movement in Norfolk County since 1910, when he organized the first Simcoe troop. He was appointed Commissioner in 1921.

Mr. H. G. Jordan, Assistant District Commissioner, Moose Jaw, Sask., for very valuable services to the Movement in Moose Jaw. Mr. Jordan joined as a Scout in 1913, was appointed Scoutmaster in 1914, and Assistant District Commissioner in 1924.

Arthur W. Wilcox, Assistant District Commissioner, Winnipeg, Man. (posthumous) for work of outstanding value to the Movement. Although only connected with Scouting since 1923, Mr. Wilcox passed the Gillwell course and trained the 22nd Winnipeg Troop, which won the District Commissioner's Flag. He was made Assistant Commissioner for the District in 1924. In his death Scouting lost one of its best leaders.

Mr. William Giovetti, District Scoutmaster, Sherbrooke, Que., for outstanding services to the Movement in the Eastern Townships over a period of fourteen years. Mr. Giovetti has given much time and business ability to organizing and successfully running large district camps and rallies.

Mr. Charles V. Strevett, Scoutmaster, 1st Windsor Troop, Ont., for long and valuable services to Scouting in Windsor. Mr. Strevett organized the 1st Windsor Troop in 1910. He was made District Scoutmaster in 1925. During his sixteen years of Scouting 714 boys have passed through his troop, ten of whom now hold Scoutmaster's warrants.

Mr. Cyril Ruffell, District Cubmaster, Moose Jaw, Sask., for valuable services to the Movement in Moose Jaw. Mr. Ruffell became a Scout in 1915 and was made Cubmaster in 1923. He has for two years acted as Quartermaster for the Moose Jaw district camp.

Gilt Cross

Scout Alexander Birch, age 15, 1st Hanna Troop, Alta., for good judgment and presence of mind when he threw himself upon his father and mother to hold them down while the train from which they had fallen safely cleared them.

Scout Ernest Brock, age 14, 3rd Border Cities Troop, Ont., for apply-

ing a tourniquet which stopped the flow of blood when Cyril Delacourt, age 14, stepped upon a broken bottle and severed an artery.

Scout Marvin Edwards, age 14, 1st Caledonia Troop, Ont., for rescuing Alfonso Berdan, age 9, from the Grand River, and applying artificial respiration.

Assistant Scoutmaster Alexander MacRae, age 18, Cathedral Troop, Fredericton, N.B., for plunging fully dressed to the rescue of a six year old girl who had fallen into the St. John river.

Silver Cross

Scout George Bull, age 12, 1st Wallaceburg Troop, Ont., for rescuing Charles Lamarsh, age 11, who could not swim, when he fell between the Library Dock and a large excursion steamer.

Sea Scout Robert Coleman, aged 16, Royal St. Lawrence Sea Scouts, Montreal, Que., for rescuing an 18 year old girl from drowning at Point Claire, and afterwards applying artificial respiration until consciousness was restored.

Scout Lyle Patterson, 2nd Drumheller Troop, Alta., for gallantry in at-



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"right
hand."
\$1.00
Postpaid

"Next to a Gillwell Camp I would say that this book is a Scoutmaster's best bet. My Assistants each got one for Christmas."—Eugene L. Cote, S.M. 3rd Dartmouth, N.S.

tempting to rescue Burton Evans, age 21, who was drowned in the Red Deer River. Scout Patterson, who was himself exhausted, was grasped and pulled under. He broke away, but before he was able to recover his hold Evans had disappeared.

Shop Window Kim's Game

DID you see a crowd of boys around S. G. Moore's Drug Store on Monday night? They had three minutes to get a mental picture of what was in the window. They had to carry this picture in their minds and make a list of the articles on their return. This practice will be followed each week from now to Christmas, and the most observant Scout will win a Scout ring donated by E. E. Robinson.

—Melfort Journal, Sask.

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A Window Display Competition

THE following was the announcement made to Vancouver troops regarding a window display competition, an effective publicity stunt used in connection with a district camp-fund entertainment:

WINDOW DISPLAYS

Windows: Each Troop will arrange for the use of a store window in its own locality.

Display: The following points must be featured:—The Boy Scout Movement and The Concert on October 11th in the Orpheum Theatre—Recital, Gertrude Huntley (Mrs. Huntley Green) and the Men's Musical Club of Vancouver, under the auspices of the Boys' Work Committee of the Rotary Club and the Boy Scouts Association—in aid of development work at Camp Byng.

Arranging Display: Only Scouts may arrange displays, but this may be done under the direction of the Scoutmaster or A. S. M. A show-card giving the name of the Troop making the display shall be in each window.

Feature Colours: Green and Gold—the Scout colours must be the dominant note in the colour scheme.

Judging: The windows will be judged by members of the Vancouver Display Men's Association, on the following points:—

- Originality.
- Advertising Value.
- Neatness.

Prizes: First Prize will be \$5.00, Second Prize \$2.50, payable to Troop funds.

Time: Displays must be on view for at least three days, between October 3rd and 11th.

Entries: Must be made in writing to Headquarters by Sept. 30, 1926.

Entry Form

Date.....
Secretary, Boy Scouts Assoc.,
Vancouver, B. C.
Name of Troop

Location of display

Dates of display

Merchant or firm giving use of window

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Scoutmaster.

System in Ordering Supplies

AT your final meeting of the month have your Scribe make out a list of all who have passed their Tenderfoot, Second Class, and other badges during the month, and send in to Headquarters. This list will be checked over and your requirements mailed in good time for your first meeting of the next month,—at which meeting Investiture should be made and all badges, service stars, etc., presented.

"This will undoubtedly furnish an added zest to the first meeting in the month, and at the same time help Headquarters . . . The system will help your own programme, and also solve the monthly account problem . . . as you will have one invoice to file instead of many."

—Toronto District Bulletin.

❖ The Scoutmaster's Five Minutes ❖

COURAGE

EVERYONE, be he hero or coward, admires bravery. In our day dreams, be we young or old, we imagine ourselves in heroic situations. Alas, our dreams do not always come true. Alas, too, even the best of us sometimes find there is "water in the marrow of our bones."

Bravery is an extraordinary attribute in the human character. In fiction the courageous hero is usually pictured as a full-blooded, strong, athletic sort of a chap; but often in real life courage is given to the weak, insignificant fellow of whom heroism would scarcely be expected.

Again, one finds that it sometimes takes more courage to perform some small insignificant act than to accomplish some great deed deserving, in the public eye, the award of a Victoria Cross.

Two British "Tommys" I once met in a hospital during the war. One was being congratulated as a hero who had been awarded the Military Medal. I asked his mate to tell me the story of the incident. "Well, sir," he replied, "we both goes over the top together to cut the wire. Then the Huns sends up star shells, and we has to bolt for it. My mate there tumbled into the trench on top of a staff officer bloke. I fell on the sergeant-major. He got the M.M., while I got C.B." The tale may not have been told as George Washington would have told it, but it certainly illustrates the element of luck in awards for bravery. Many an heroic deed has been passed by unnoticed, many a hero undecorated.

We have all of us felt the thrill as we read of some true tale of heroism. We most of us have our personal hero, whose deeds seem to us to excel all others for bravery. My own choice is that of a very gallant schoolmate, who, years after our schooldays were passed and we had, alas, drifted apart upon the road of life, joined the small band of heroes who risk their lives in Polar exploration. Oates was as a schoolboy not particularly noted for his courage. He did not excel in athletics or tests of endurance, but nevertheless he proved himself one of the most intrepid Polar explorers this generation has known.

Everyone knows the story. How everything had gone wrong and fate seemed to be working against that small band of men returning through the Arctic blizzard towards their base and safety. Food had almost run out, most of the men were suffering from frostbite, and the blizzard raged as only it can in the frozen Arctic circle. Then Oates was stricken with snow-blindness. Unable to see, with frost-bitten hands and feet, he stumbled on behind the sledges. The time came when he could walk no more, and, sore-stricken, he was laid upon a sledge. His mates, weak from want of food and privation, were scarcely able to drag the sledge with its added weight. Soon it became apparent to

all that, with the sick man aboard, all efforts to reach food and safety must fail. In that terrible Arctic weather they pitched their camp at the end of that hopeless day.

When one feels sick and weary how easy it is to call on those around to minister to us. We almost feel we have a right to do so. How difficult it is then to undertake any task, or even to take any decisive resolution. How easy to postpone things until the morrow. Yet this sick man Oates—sore-stricken though he was—realized the danger and acted. With a stump of a pencil, though he was blinded, he managed to scrawl a last instruction to his mates. He told them he realized they could not reach safety handicapped by a sick man, and consequently, he was going out into the snow to a merciful and speedy death. Then out into the Arctic storm he stumbled, keeping on till he dropped in death.

What resolution, what self-sacrifice, and what courage! One wonders that such bravery can be given to man. And yet bravery is not solely a gift. A man cannot be entirely selfish and then, when suddenly called upon to



A Newfoundland camp dining idea. Each patrol has its own section of the circle.

perform an act of courage, turn round and put his selfishness behind him. No, courage must be cultivated. Courage in small things must become a habit. Then, and then only, can we hope to do something great, something worthy of Oates and men like him.

Boys are hungry for tales of heroism. One hears every day of how some youth has played over again some heroic incident he has seen on the films. Encourage these dreams of heroism. Make him see that courage only comes of habit. To wish to be courageous is not sufficient. We must practice it in the small things of life, and, when the supreme test does come, we shall not be found wanting.

One little word of warning is, however, necessary, unfortunately. Fools sometimes mistake foolish bravado for the genuine article. There is nothing foolish about courage, though sometimes there is recklessness. Recklessness of this sort is, however, only unbalanced courage, and lack of balance will destroy the best in gallantry. In striving for courage, therefore, let us watch for the balance of character.

Then, of course, there are certain questionable deeds that require a measure of courage to carry out. The burglar, with ever the threat of the law behind him, doubtless needs courage

at times. This is the false courage that has self-interest behind it, a good quality overshadowed by an evil one. Highwaymen, pirates, bandits, and the like are romantic characters, but what courage they showed was entirely for selfish ends. While stressing the romance, so well-beloved of youth, let us beware of the false glamour in the bravery of such deeds.

Youth, the golden age, as yet disillusioned by the hardness and suffering in life, can easily mistake the dross of bravado for the pure metal of unselfish courage. A guiding hand, a clear-spoken word of advice, much practice in the small things, and a shining example of courage in the teacher, will carry a lad far along the road to being a true hero in the big, as well as the little, moments of life.

—Long Panther in The Scottish Scout.

BROTHERS ALL—UNDER THE SCOUT FLAG

(Continued from page 49)

adopted this scheme, all intent on doing their best to build good citizens for their respective countries.

But we go further than this:

The Scout in his promise undertakes to do his duty to his King or country only in the second place; his first duty is to God. It is with this idea before us, and reckoning that God is the one Father of us all, that we Scouts count ourselves a brotherhood, despite the differences among us of country, creed or class. We realize that in addition to the interests of our own particular country there is a higher mission before us, namely, the promotion of the Kingdom of God; that is, of the rule of Peace and Goodwill on Earth. In the Scouts each form of religion is respected and its active practice encouraged, and through the spread of our brotherhood in all countries we have the opportunity of developing the spirit of mutual goodwill and understanding. This is a new thing. There has never before been a conscious training in this direction, badly though it was needed. So it is incumbent on the heads of the Movement themselves to practice that spirit of brotherly good feeling. This means broadminded outlook on the part of all leaders, for which reason we are fortunate in the privileges accorded to us of holding our conference in this land of peace and beauty. With these noble mountains around us, standing high and looking unmoved over centuries of man's petty affairs, they warn us with a new sense of proportion to aim high and to look wide. With such aids I feel that our conference cannot fail to be successful in developing high ideals and the best methods of bringing them to pass.

HELP THE FIELD WORK IN
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Visit of the Westminster Abbey Boy Scout Singers

SCOUTS throughout Canada will be interested to learn that all twelve of the Westminster Abbey boy choristers who begin a concert tour of Canada at Fredericton, N.B., on January 31st, are Scouts, belonging to the 30th Westminster Troop; and that they are bringing their Scout uniforms, and hope to be able during their stay to participate in some Canadian Scout doings. Also of interest is the fact that the accompanying Master of Choristers, Mr. Sydney Nicholson, organist of Westminster Abbey, is Commissioner of Music at Boy Scout Headquarters, London. The adult section of the choir is made up of eight "Gentlemen of His Majesty's Free Chapel of St. George, in Windsor Castle."

The tour is under the auspices of the National Council of Education, and is of an educational character. Scouting is recognized in the varied programme by "Concerts for Boy Scouts." Since the purpose of the tour is educational, and no fees are received by members of the choir, Scout leaders might very properly lend their support generally to the local entertainment. The supplying of uniformed Scout ushers would be particularly appropriate. (In connection with this, see "Ushering," pp. 79-81, Scoutmaster's First Year.)

In any case, let us make sure that the visiting Scout singers are given a scoutly welcome and sent on with pleasant memories of Canadian Scout hospitality. Such plans already have been reported from Calgary.

In order that leaders may discuss the matter with their Courts of Honour well ahead of time, the following itinerary of the famous Scout singers was secured from the National Council of Education. In the event of any change of dates this would be announced by the local representatives of the Council.

The Itinerary

Arrive Saint John, N.B., by S.S. Montrose, January 29th. Fredericton, N.B., Sunday, January 30th; leave Feb. 1st, 3.15 p.m. Winnipeg, arrive Feb. 4th, 10.00 a.m.; leave Feb. 6th, 11.30 p.m. Yorkton, Sask., arrive Feb. 7th, 8.20 a.m.; leave Feb. 8th, 8.20 a.m. Edmonton, arrive Feb. 9th, 6.50 a.m.; leave Feb. 11th, 7.00 a.m. Vancouver, arrive Feb. 12th, 7.30 p.m.; leave Feb. 15th, 8.30 a.m. Calgary, arrive Feb. 16th, 1.40 p.m.; leave Feb. 18th, 1.30 a.m. Regina, arrive Feb. 18th, 7.15 p.m.; leave Feb. 21st, 6.10 a.m. Brandon, Man., arrive Feb. 21st, 1.40 p.m.; leave Feb. 22nd, 3.35 a.m. Ottawa, arrive Feb. 24th, 5.40 a.m.; leave Feb. 25th, 1.30 p.m. Toronto, arrive Feb. 25th, 8.45 p.m.; leave Feb. 28th, 9.15 a.m. Hamilton, arrive Feb. 28th, 10.20 a.m.; leave March 2nd, 1.45 a.m. or 8.05 a.m. London, arrive March 2nd, 3.42 a.m. or 11.40 a.m.; leave March 3rd, 4.40 p.m. Stratford, Ont., arrive March 3rd, 6.00 p.m.; leave March 5th, 5.25 a.m. or 10.00 a.m. Montreal, arrive March 5th, 5.10 p.m. or March 6th, 8.00 a.m.; leave March 7th, 11.30 p.m. Quebec, arrive

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THE DUFFEL BAG

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For Good Cooking Next Summer

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COOKING TESTS		
To be passed before June 1, 1927.		
Article	Cooked O.K.	Signed
1 Oatmeal		
2 Hunters' Stew.		
3 Potatoes (2 styles)		
4 Eggs (2 styles)		
5 Bacon		
6 Beans		
7 Bannock.		
8 Steak		
9 Sausage		
10 Fish		
11 Roast, or Pot Roast		
12 Prunes, Apricots, or Dried Apples.		
13 Tea		
14 Cocoa		
15 Coffee		

tween two, or even three boys who expect to attend camp. In this case each boy would be given a card with his items marked, or the others scored out.

A boy cooking the entire list would readily pass the outdoor First Class and Camp Cook tests.

Organized Badge Examination

THE January Headquarters Bulletin of the Toronto District again outlines the district badge examination arrangements. The city is divided into three sections: the Eastern, Central and Western; and under these heads the week-night, place and time of examination is named (in each case at a school).

These are the Rules Governing Candidates for Examination: "Notice of appearance for examination must be sent in one day in advance, accompanied by name of candidate and badge sought. Name and address of notification of each section follows . . .

"Scouts appearing for examination are expected to attend in uniform, except in cases where they are coming direct from their work.

"All King's Scout badges are passed at Lansdowne School, unless otherwise arranged by Headquarters."

WESTMINSTER ABBEY SCOUT SINGERS

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March 8th, 7.00 a.m.; leave March 9th, 11.30 p.m. Moncton, N.B., arrive March 10th, 4.10 p.m.; leave March 12th, 10.40 a.m. Halifax, arrive March 14th, 5.35 p.m.; leave March 14th, 8.00 a.m. Saint John, N.B., arrive March 14th, 5.50 p.m. Sail by Canadian Pacific S.S. Minnedosa, March 16th, 3.30 p.m.

Information Wanted

INFORMATION is requested by his sister regarding the whereabouts of former Scout Arthur William Oliver, now 17 years old, formerly of Westbrook, B.C., and last heard from at Kelowna, B.C. Kindly address any information to Dominion Headquarters, Ottawa, or to Mr. W. J. P. Selby, Provincial Secretary, Boy Scouts Association, Regina, Sask.

Did You Thank Those Who Helped?

THE Scout News column of The Portage La Prairie Graphic was used chiefly on December 23rd for a "Public Thanks and Greeting" from the District Commissioner and all other members of the Local Council, leaders, Scouts and Cubs, to Mayor Burns, the Aldermen and citizens of Portage la Prairie. Specific mention was made of all organizations and individuals who contributed to the work of the association during 1926, including those who acted as instructors and examiners. The Editor and staff of The Graphic were not overlooked.

Insist on Proper Credentials

ONCE more demonstrating the importance of requesting proper credentials—early in December a young man dressed in a Scout uniform, with various badges, giving the name of Malcolm McKay and claiming to be a California Scout, called upon Scout leaders at Chatham, Ont., and asked help to reach Ottawa. Although in some doubt, the local leaders were impressed by the alleged Scout's good appearance and manner, and finally cashed a \$15.00 cheque on a California bank. The cheque was returned, stamped "No Funds," and a report to American Headquarters brought the information that there was no record of McKay's connection with the Boy Scouts of America.

Which once again emphasizes the value of an up-to-date individual registration card for all Scouts and leaders, as something to show when travelling, or, when necessary, to be asked for of a visiting Scout.

A Winnipeg Cub

First Aid Test Announcement

THE boys will be required to demonstrate their knowledge of the Badge requirements, and must know what First Aid means, remembering that it is always a Wolf Cub's duty, after doing what he can himself, to take his patient to a "grown-up". He is liable to be required—

1. To bandage a hand,
2. To clean up and treat a graze,
3. To know treatment for sprains,
4. To know how to bandage sprained ankles, how to put on a large arm sling, and the head bandage,
5. To know how to stop nose-bleed,
6. To know how to extinguish burning clothing, and how to treat minor burns and scalds,
7. What to do in case of choking.

8. How to treat sunstroke.

The Examiners are thoroughly capable and sympathetic. All boys who obtain sixty per cent. will automatically receive the First Aid Badge. The winning team will have the honour of carrying the Hesketh Flag (now held by St. Luke's Pack), until the next examination.

No more than two teams may be entered from any Pack.

Entries giving the names and birthdays of boys will be sent to District Commissioner W. E. Hargreaves, (address given), and entries will be closed on November 24th.

Teams will report to Mr. Bayley at 6.45 Friday, November 26th, at St. Matthews' School House. Boys must be in full uniform.

A Presentation Setting

AT the end of the hall nearest the stage a camp fire had been contrived and a tent pitched with a suitable background of greenery. The Scouts in full uniform and the Cubs, picturesque in blankets and feathers, filed in and took their places, grouped round the camp fire partly facing the audience and partly facing the chairman and Col. Villiers. The Scoutmaster, the Rev. E. O. Robathan, and Assistant Scoutmaster Martin spoke the 'Welcome to the Council Fire,' after which the audience joined in the singing of 'O Canada' and the National Anthem."

The above provided the setting for the awarding of badges and camp trophies and the presentations of large photographs of Baron and Lady Byng to the 1st Cumberland Troop, B.C. by Col. Villiers on behalf of Lady Kathleen Villiers.

Scout Dates

February

- 2nd—Candlemas and "Groundhog" Day.
- 8th—Our brother Scouts across the border celebrate their seventeenth birthday. Send congratulations to some U.S. troop.
- 10th—Send birthday greetings to Baden-Powell to reach him in England on the 22nd.
- 14th—St. Valentine's Day. Hold a Valentine bean party, perhaps with an hour's skating or sliding beforehand.
- 22nd—B.P.'s birthday. The big banquet evening of the winter season. Hold a Fathers and Sons, Mothers and Sons or Parents and Sons banquet.

During February

Put up some bird feeding stations.

Hold as many winter hikes as possible — A week-end winter camp — Tobogganing, skiing, skating or snowshoeing parties, hay rides, hockey games, etc.