



Preparing for the 1927 Camp

DISCUSS all details with your—

Court of Honour

and your

Troop Committee.

Make full use of your Committee. Give each member something specific to look after,—as

Camp Finances.

Arrangements for use of camp site, if necessary.

Food Supplies, and delivery at camp.

Tents, if to be purchased, borrowed or rented. (See page 88.)

Transportation.

Talk Camp.—Make some reference to camp at every troop meeting. Remember that for the boys it is the big adventure of the year,—and a lot of the fun is in the anticipation. Work some camp first aid games into the troop programmes,—such "accidents" as a cut finger, a nail in the foot, a sprained ankle, ivy poisoning, heat prostration; also water rescue drill and Schafer resuscitation.

Learn Some New Songs.—Have the troop learn some of the new songs in the latest edition of the **Canadian Camp Fire Song Book**, for singing at the council fires. Develop some new camp fire stunts for Visitors' Night.

Talk over Camp Good Turn possibilities.

Scout Diaries.—Encourage all boys still without 1927 copies of the **Canadian Scout and Cub Diary** to procure these, and begin filling in the pages for recording observations of birds, trees and wild flowers,—with the plan of completing the lists during the camping period.

Discuss with your Court of Honour the offering of prizes for the best Diary observation records shown at the termination of the camp.

And press use of the Diary's Daily Good Turn check-off.

Camp Problem Hikes.—Take your L's out on camp problem hikes, if possible overnight. Practice plain camp cooking; choose camp sites, and individual tent sites; location and kind of kitchen fire; location of grease and refuse pits, and other sanitary details. (See CAMPS and CAMPING, Third Edition, THE HANDBOOK for CANADA.)

Choosing a New Camp Site.—If camping this year on a new site, check over ahead of time against the following points:

Accessible but secluded.

Ground that will drain readily.

Protection on the summer-storm side.

Suitability for general woodcraft activities.

Pure water. (If taken from a stream, follow this to its source, and look over the area drained, particularly if the stream passes through a farm. If in doubt make plans for purification as described on page 384, Third Edition, HANDBOOK.)

Pure milk supply.

Wood supply.

Safe swimming.

Resident doctor within reach.

Looking Over the Old Camping Site.

—Check up—

On purity of water and milk.

On milk, butter, eggs, vegetable and meat supply and prices.

On all arrangements with respect to use of the site, rental, wood supply, price, etc.

Don't assume anything to be understood because it was understood last year!

Make sure of the doctor's availability.

With last year's experiences in mind, improve on tent location if possible.

Inspect the swimming place for broken bottles, cans, snags, etc., which

may have been deposited during the intervening months.

Lay Out the Daily Camp Programme.

—Have your Court of Honour lay out a programme of camp activities for every day with optionals for wet days. Don't use the same programme as last year.

Plan a real woodcraft camp, with plenty of competitive observation games or hikes. Discuss items from this list:

Wild animal observation.

Animal tracking, with top points for the best story deduced from tracks. (May include ground squirrels, chipmunks and field mice.)

Bird observation.

Bird nest hunting (location, without disturbing occupants).

Tree identification (leaves).

Wild flower collection.

Fern collection.

Fungus collection. (Those of suitable shape and smooth surface can be used for making camp sketches.)

Weed collection. (Most interesting and instructive, with the help of a good book on the subject, such as **Farm Weeds of Canada**—\$2.00, The King's Printer, Ottawa.)

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The Scout Law is the law of this Camp

REGISTERED
1927
SCOUT CAMP

The Officials of the _____ Troop

Have assured
Provincial Headquarters of The Boy Scouts Association
that all possible
sanitary and other precautions will be taken to ensure the

HEALTH and SAFETY

of Scouts while in this camp.

Camp Registration No. _____



REGISTER your camp this year, and secure one of these two-colour 11"x13" linen cards, for tacking to a conspicuous post or tree. They will be supplied by Provincial Headquarters, on written application containing the assurance called for. After camp take the card down, have each camper inscribe his name, and frame and hang in your Troop Room as a souvenir camp record.

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Our Part in the Jubilee Celebration

ON July 1st next occurs the Diamond Jubilee Celebration of Canadian Confederation,—a national event of first importance, such as will not be duplicated in our generation, and the doings in connection with which will be recalled in their later years by the boys and girls of today.

The National Diamond Jubilee Committee is confidently counting upon Scout leaders throughout the Dominion to give the local celebration their best support. Already in several of the larger towns and cities tentative plans have been made by the district Scout organizations.

In the smaller communities Scoutmasters and Cubmasters who have not yet given the matter special thought should without delay take up the question with their Court of Honour, and their Committee or Local Association.

The celebration will cover two days—Friday, July 1st, and Saturday, July 2nd, and on Sunday special patriotic church services will be held. Friday will be devoted to parades, pageantry, decoration of monuments, addresses, etc., and Saturday to sports of every kind.

What Scouts Can Do

Aid in general town tidying-up.

Brighten up surroundings of monuments, memorials and local historical sites, with especial attention given monuments to Fathers of Confederation and other famous men and women of Canadian history.

Decorate such monuments with wreaths of maple leaves.

Help with street decoration.

Every Scout and Cub see that his own home is decorated in some way.

Maintain information booths at railroad stations.

Organize a Lost Children Bureau.

Supply guides for visiting strangers.

Aid police in controlling street traffic.

Provide first aid units for emergency street service.

Line parade routes.

Take part in parades—as a marching body, or with a float.

Participate in pageants.

Take charge of bonfires, and of precautions to prevent fires starting from flying embers.

Provide uniformed ushers for gatherings requiring such service.

Contribute Scout events to Saturday sports programme.

Help with, and if necessary organize field sports for school children.

Prepare for and give leadership in community singing.

Participate in special Sunday church services. (The National Jubilee Committee suggests, wherever possible, a joint community service.)

In addition Scoutmasters and other leaders, including Rovers, may—
Serve on committees.

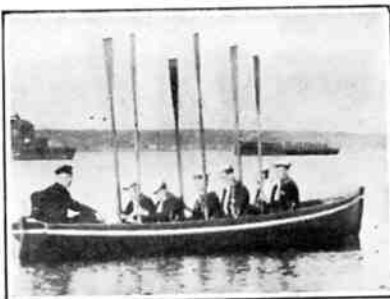
Give addresses. (For the guidance of speakers, a booklet, "Sixty Years of Progress," is in preparation, and may be had by addressing the National Jubilee Committee, Wellington St., Ottawa. Another booklet will contain suggestions for the organization of historical pageants.)

Every Scout and Cub in Uniform

Needless to say, special efforts should be made to have every participating Scout and Cub in complete and smart standard uniform for such an historical occasion.

Gillwell This Summer?

IF at all possible, arrange to take a Gillwell Camp Course this summer. You will find it one of the most enjoyable and broadly profitable ten-day outings of your experience. You will learn what real Scout brotherhood means. You will acquire a background of practical Scouting experience that will give you a new hold upon your boys, and a new place in their estimation. And you will have a new standing in your town, as a



Some Halifax Sea Scouts.

man who has gone somewhere to take special training for his job.

In several instances during the last two years Gillwell-trained and Gillwell-inspired Scoutmasters have given Scouting a new meaning in their communities,—to an extent that has brought them a new, enthusiastic support, moral and financial, from the Mayor down.

It's worth while.

Write your Provincial Headquarters for information.

HOW an Australian Scout, named Allum, was attacked by a shark at Port Hacking, and how a brother Scout, Stanley Gibbs, went to his rescue, is graphically told in the press of Australia. In his prompt and heroic effort to save his chum, Gibbs actually got astride the shark's back and pummeled it with all his might to make it loosen its grip on Allum. So successful were his efforts that he managed to rescue Allum, but unfortunately the latter's injuries were so severe that he did not survive.



Among the distinguished guests at a "parents' and friends'" of the 22nd Winnipeg were the Chief Scout for Manitoba, Sir James Aikins, K.C., and His Grace the Archbishop of Rupert's Land.

The many Scouting friends of Mr. L. V. Masters former Scoutmaster of the 1st British Columbia S. Scouts, will be interested to learn that he has organized a troop at his new home at Eudlo, Queensland.

The big annual Halifax District Scout Jamboree was held at the local armoury on Friday and Saturday, April 29th and 30th. Thirteen troops and three packs participated. Assistant Provincial Commissioner H. O. Eaman was in charge.

The New Westminster District Patrol Leaders' Council held a three-days' camp at Chilliwack over Easter. The first session met around the council fire on Saturday evening, on Sunday the various groups attended church, and Monday was made a full day of discussions, games and hikes.

District Scoutmaster Francis of Montreal West has received a letter from Field Marshal Earl Haig granting permission to the Montreal West Rovers to call themselves the Haig Rover Patrol. In his letter Earl Haig mentions the smart appearance of the troop when he visited Montreal West in 1925.

According to *The Catholic Record*, London, Ont., the Bishops of Ireland have unanimously approved the formation of an Irish Catholic Boy Scout organization. Each troop will be attached to a parish or a college. Already the principal boys' colleges of the Archdiocese of Dublin have arranged to form troops.

A scholarship providing a full four years' university course offered annually by the Spanish River Pulp and Paper Mills, Espanola, Ont., to the boy matriculating with highest honours from the local schools, has each year been won by a Scout. In addition to the scholarship, employment during the summer holidays is furnished in one of the mill departments.

An April international Scouting event was the week-end visit of Troop 98, of Central Presbyterian Church, Buffalo to the 6th Hamilton Troop of Central Presbyterian Church, Hamilton. The programme included a banquet served by the ladies of the church, followed by a number of inter-troop contests. The combined troops attended divine service on Sunday morning, when the American Scouts were extended a formal congregational welcome by Rev. Hunter Palmer.

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Twig Alphabet contest, inter-patrol (the letters to be cut from small branches or bushes, and to be natural—not bent to shape).

Track reading contests (in sand on shore, on nearby road, or other suitable spot).

A Star Hike (point-to-point cross-country by star direction only).

Stalking and other misc. games (See HANDBOOK).

Bridge building.

Museum of camp conveniences.

For Visitors' Day.—Plan a top-notch Visitors' Day, with a programme of demonstration tests and games—all scouty. Keep away from the conventional field day of foot races, jumping, baseball, etc.

Tests to be Passed.—Make definite plans for the completion of First Class tests during the camping period, including the Journey; and the passing of every Tenderfoot through the balance of his Second Class work.

Check over the troop's proficiency badge work, and schedule the passing of tests for Bird Warden, Camp Cook, Camper, Canoeman, Entertainer (at the council fire), Inland Fisherman, Forester, Naturalist, Pioneer, Stalker, Starman, Swimmer, etc.

Communicate with Parents.—In all cases definite approval of parents for the attendance of boys at camp should be secured. A business-like method is the sending of a brief form letter announcing the camp dates and place; leaders to be in charge; noting that every care will be taken of the boy's comfort and safety; requesting an assurance that the boy is in good health, or mention of any constitutional weakness which might call for special consideration; asking that boxes of cake and candy be not sent to camp; Visitors' Day, date, and hours; a list of the articles which each boy will require (page 354, HANDBOOK).

Assistants.—Arrange to have with you if possible one A. S. M. to each two patrols in camp.

Bird and Forestry Men.—If you wish a visit from a bird or forestry expert, send in your request now to Provincial Headquarters.

Camping When Funds are Low.—The problem has been solved in the following ways:

Each boy equipped and rationed himself.

For a ten days' camp, at a charge of \$1.50 per boy, mothers sent out biscuits, jam, etc., other friends supplied free milk and most of the meat and eggs, and bread was secured at a 10% discount.

Another successful camp for which no charge was made was held in a secluded spot three miles from home. The tents were borrowed, and the food supplies for each boy were left each evening at a certain store, where they were picked up and brought out to camp, without charge, by car.

When the S.M. Cannot Go.—A member of the Troop Committee may substitute, on full directions from the Scoutmaster, the latter aiding in laying out the camp.

A.S.M.'s may substitute, the S.M. aiding in the camp lay-out, and visiting occasionally.

Where the Patrol Leaders are experienced and thoroughly reliable a camp may be held at a suitable spot adjacent to town, the Scoutmaster running out each night. A definite programme would be laid out for each day, and reported upon each evening. This has worked successfully.

For the Cub Camp

FIRST—B.P. does not believe that Cub camping need be considered a matter of course. "Don't do it," he advises, "unless certain that the camp will be really well run."

Where a camp is held, he favours a small camp, attended only by the older, more reliable Cubs, as a special privilege.

The following camping points have been laid down by experienced Canadian Cub leaders: In addition to points covered in Scout camp site considerations, and which obviously apply equally to Cub camps—

Camp site.—Readily accessible, so that mothers may conveniently reach it, and yet at some distance from much travelled roads. Plenty of trees. A good playing field. Site should permit of a

Visit the Parents.—Visit all mothers and explain the camping plans, and what each Cub will require. Where the boys are taking their own dishes, have them bring enamelware. Make sure that each boy will have sufficient blankets. This may not be easy in the case of poor families, but you must ensure that each boy will be comfortable.

Cubs in a Combined Camp.—Where there is no alternative to a combined Scout and Cub camp, the Cub camp should be laid out as a separate unit, in its own corner of the site, and its activities should be kept separate.

Lord Willingdon Meets Western Scouts

DURING his first official visit to the western provinces, from which he returns April 30th, His Excellency the Governor General, in his capacity as Chief Scout for Canada, met Scouts and Wolf Cubs and their leaders whenever possible. A feature of the largely attended review at Victoria was the presentation of the Honorary Silver Wolf to Mr. R. Ross Sutherland, former Provincial Commissioner, in recognition of valuable service to the Movement in the province.

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Camp Lay-out—using street or semi-circular method, with leaders' tents at either end, and in the centre, so that during the night all tents are within easy hearing distance of one of the leaders.

Cooking.—Someone should be engaged to prepare meals and wash pots and pans. Cubs may wash their own dishes. Cubmaster should not cook; he should be as free as his Cubs.

Sleeping.—Eight or ten boys to a tent. If possible arrange for cots; if not, a wooden floor and individual straw-filled ticks. (A Toronto Pack makes individual ticks of old sacking cloth, washed and disinfected.) Don't expect a Cub to sleep on the ground with only a rubber sheet and a blanket beneath him.

Planning the Programme.—A Cub camp is entirely a play camp, so plan the daily programme accordingly.

Swimming Place.—This should be located far enough away to preclude the Cubs wandering down by themselves to swim or fish. It should be fenced in, where possible.

At Vancouver, before a large gathering of onlookers, some 400 Wolf Cubs provided the initial greeting to the Chief Scout with the Grand Howl, this followed by a run-in of Scouts of Vancouver, New Westminster and Chilliwack. His Excellency presented the Medal of Merit to District Commissioner R. P. Day of New Westminster.

At Calgary, in addition to demonstrations of bridge-building, signalling, rescue work, etc., a specially planned Jamboree included a ranch round-up by the 10th Troop, a big-game hunting episode by the 7th and 9th Troops, a comedy, "Savage Land," by the 6th; and a "Comic Camp" by the 1st.

During a brief stop at Medicine Hat the local Scouts were inspected on the station platform. A review also was planned for Winnipeg.

The most viril 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 MAY

The varying hare, so white in winter, is now brownish. Listen and hear him thump the woodland floor.

Scouts on a hike may approach a Woodchuck a yard at a time. If all move at once and freeze at every yard, his astonishment and curiosity hold his attention.

Watch that scampering squirrel. He has a family to provide for. You may find them if you are crafty. But when the nest is located, the family may move out, Dad and Mamma carrying the young. How do they do it? Watch!

The Doe has dropped her winter coat for a pelage of rusty red. She has her young about this time.

The swamps and ponds are good hiking objectives. Salamanders may be found under stones and logs. All singing tree frogs or peepers are not the same, neither are their songs.

On a hike to the woods, take paper and a set of coloured pencils and sketch wildflowers in colours, for identification. Do not permit wholesale picking of wildflowers.

Many kinds of ferns are growing or unfolding. How many?

In Apple-blossom time, watch for the Queen Bumble Bee, and note where she carries the pollen for the bee bread she feeds to her young.

May is an ideal time for studying the home life of wild folks. Be patient; take your time; mind your own business, but watch. A little closer each day is the secret of successful nature observation.

With the full wave of insectivorous birds sweeping north, now is the season of greatest bird life variety in any given spot. Hold hikes to identify different species, and run up high records for the Bird Warden badge. Go quietly, and use your ears as well as eyes.

Measure and record the height of some young pine trees, and note to hike out and take another measurement in the autumn,—to find the year's growth. (This makes a good "rest activity" for a Cub hike.) Look at the cones and see how the seeds are scattered by nature.

—W.H.R.

WINTER COURSE NOTES

The large and unusually representative III-A Fredericton course, under District Commissioner LeBaron Bull, included in its membership representatives of practically every religious denomination, two Girl Guide officers and Professor Robert Pugh and several students from the University of New Brunswick.

Following the Vestibule course held at Meota, Sask., by Linton Tooley, applications for a similar course were received from Coleville, Loverna and Readlyn.

The Windsor, Ont., Akela Course, was given over three week-ends, with an extra Thursday night session for the last week. The course numbered

21. Miss Estelle Glover of Provincial Headquarters, was in charge, assisted by Assistant District Commissioner Nicholas and Cubmasters Walter Lemon and Arthur Paddon.

CAMP EQUIPMENT FOR 1927

Official advice has been received from the Deputy Minister of the Department of National Defence that the arrangements of 1926 for the renting by Scout troops of tents, shelters, blankets etc., will be in effect for the summer of 1927.

The conditions of loan as to rates and time will be as follows, viz.:

Rental Charge—For a period not exceeding 14 days: Tents, (including Bell, Kitchen Shelter, Small Wall Tents, etc.) \$1.50 each. Blankets, \$1.00 per doz. Sheets, ground W.P., \$1.00 per doz. Tents, marquee, \$7.00 each.

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

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



A Calgary Patrol System Camp.

Duration of Loan—The duration of the loan as regards fixing the rental charges will be the period of the camp and will not include the time occupied by shipment to or from. This duration of camp will be fixed as follows:

It will begin on the day named as the first day of camp in the application of the Boy Scouts or Girl Guides Organization.

It will end on the day on which the stores are handed over to the carrier for return to the Ordnance Depot. This date will be shown on the bill of lading.

In cases where shipment by rail or boat is not necessary one day before camp and one day after camp will be allowed for drawing and returning of the stores without charge.

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

Endorsation Required—District Officers Commanding will approve locally applications for loans from bona fide Boy Scouts and Girl Guides Organi-

zations. All applications from these Organizations must be approved by the Provincial Commissioner (in case of Girl Guides, the Provincial Camp Advisor) in order that there be no doubt as to the status of the Boy Scouts and Girl Guides Organization applying for the loan. Each issue will be covered by a complete agreement on the Boy Scout and Girl Guides rental agreement form.

The same procedure will be followed in connection with these loans as is laid down for all loans on a rental basis.

Paid in Advance—An important point to note is that rental must be paid in advance.

For Scout Use Only—The equipment is to be used for Boy Scout and Girl Guide camps only. Scout leaders are requested not to sign applications for equipment other than Scout camps.

Apply Early—Applications for equipment must be in not less than a fortnight before the date required.

SUMMER GILLWELL DATES

The following Summer Gillwell camp dates have been announced:

Ontario, July 5-16.

New Brunswick, July 12-22.

Saskatchewan, July 19-29.

Quebec, August 1-13.

Akela Part II: Saskatchewan, July 29—August 2.

Value of the Bird Warden Badge
DURING an address at the recent Quebec Provincial Conference Mr. Hoyes Lloyd, Dominion Supervisor of Wild Life, referred to the new Bird Warden proficiency badge, and expressed the hope that Scoutmasters would encourage their boys to study for the badge, and become qualified bird observers. Scout observation of bird life in all parts of Canada could be of great value in recording migration and establishing other facts of bird life, he said.

Incidentally Mr. Lloyd referred to the Gillwell summer camps as having proved a material help in spreading an intelligent interest in wild life conservation. He hoped the Gillwell training would be yet further expanded.

Here's a Bird Idea

THE 2nd Portage la Prairie Troop has started a "Bird Observation Chart," with the help of which it is planned to follow as closely as possible the migration of birds found in the locality. During the week each Scout records in his Scout Diary the birds seen, and at the troop meeting the observations are noted on the chart.

A Scout display of bird-feeding stations made by the boys of the 1st Truro Troop, N.S., attracted much attention in the display window of the Truro Nurseries. The exhibit included various types of "cat proof" feeding trays.

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Scouting from Coast to Coast

Saint John Scouts' Farewell for Abbey Singers

THE concluding event of the Canadian tour of the Westminster Abbey Scout singers was a gathering of some 250 Scouts, and a group of Girl Guides, fully uniformed, in Trinity Church, Saint John, N.B. Scoutmaster Sydney H. Nicholson spoke on music in Scouting, and stressed its importance. He said that the wonderful reception extended throughout the Dominion had given Scouting a new meaning for him.

An industrial and educational hike of the 10th Border Cities took the boys through the Windsor-Walkerville Technical School. A programme of similar hikes has been mapped out.

A silver Thanks Badge was presented by the boys of the 1st Kincaid Troop, Sask., to Scoutmaster Kenneth Cameron in appreciation of long service to the troop.

A Saturday Morning Pack Meeting

The recently organized 1st Lennoxville Cub Pack, Que., meets each Saturday morning from 9.30 to 10.30. A Cub Council has been formed to assist Cubmaster Loke in drawing up programmes.

A Scout troop and Cub pack recently organized at Guysboro, N.S., are in charge of Principal N. A. Osborne, of the Guysboro County Academy.

The first of a series of historical lectures for Rover Scouts was given in the Parliament Buildings, Winnipeg, by Dr. C. N. Bell, President of the Historical Society of Manitoba.

Letting the Court of Honour Do It

A Court of Honour session of the 1st Port Colborne, Ont., discussed and arranged for the ordering of troop supplies, discussed and agreed upon troop promotions and made plans for an Old Scouts' banquet, and placed the details in the hands of a special committee.

On a warning from the troop "outpost" District Commissioner Hilton, dropping in on the 5th Edmonton, was immediately greeted with the troop yell, then the salute.

After Flag Break and prayers of a recent meeting of the 3rd Moose Jaw, the troop attended the evening service that was being held in the church.

Not Going to be the 4th Mushrooms

For the recently organized 4th Kitchener Troop (St. Mary's), "a few boys have been selected as prospective leaders. These boys will be trained in Tenderfoot, Second Class and other elementary Scout activities. When they have been trained, other boys will be added to the troop."

At a special Scout service of the 1st Port Colborne Troop, Ont., held at the United Church, Scoutmaster Sagert

spoke on "What Scouting Is and Does," and Scout Albert Hicks on "The Scout Law."

An original musical comedy, "The Master Scouter," and playlets by the patrols provided a successful and largely attended concert of the 6th Edmonton.

Featuring King's Scout Advancement

The 1st Imperial Troop, N.S., has qualified its first King's Scout. On receiving his badge at the hands of District Commissioner Allan, King's Scout Piper was made Troop Leader. On the same occasion two Scouts received their Naturalist badge and four the Cyclist.

The Orpheum Theatre of Moose Jaw gave a special showing of the film, "The Unknown Soldier," for the funds of the 3rd Moose Jaw Troop.

After consecration by Dean Carlisle, the "Walter J. Francis memorial colours" were presented to the Shriners' Hospital Troop of Montreal.



ANOTHER Troop home earned by a good Scouting and community service. Old office building of Robin Hood Mills, given to 1st Moose Jaw, being moved to its new site on two lots provided by the city.

If All Committees Were Like This!

Behind one of the best Alberta Troops: A Troop Committee that meets monthly to discuss troop matters; a Scoutmaster brought in from the outside and provided a good position, in order to ensure the desired kind of leadership.

The 1st Cranbrook Troop, B. C., "held another outdoor meeting on Wednesday afternoon, and a number of the boys were successful in passing their Second Class, cooking and fire-lighting tests."

Sixty-five Scouts and Cubs of the 1st Morden, Troop, Man., gathered at Community Hall for a special talk and demonstration on first aid by Dr. Holmes.

Rovers Help Their Troop P.L.'s

Toc H. Mark II C Rovers, Toronto, ran a conference for the benefit of the 12 P.L.'s of the Scout troop with which they are connected. Plans are under way for a combined outdoor pow-wow of Scout P.L.'s and Rovers.

Three hundred Jewish Scouts of Montreal heard an address on Scouting by Rabbi Abramovitch at the

Baron de Hirsch Institute. District Commissioner T. H. Wardleworth also was present.

The 1st and 2nd Kamloops Troops, B.C., joined forces for a fire-lighting and cooking-test hike.

A Little Good Turn for Rotary

"Scouts Douglas Blackadar and Charles Fry were appointed to serve at the matinee of the Rotary Club Revue."—9th Halifax (All Saints' Cathedral) Troop.

The 21st London, Ont., Troop Court of Honour planned a succession of camp site prospecting hikes.

The Lynn Valley, B.C., Troop assisted in the spring clearing up of the St. Clement's Church lot.

Telling the Troop What's Ahead

The Court of Honour of the 1st Melfort, Sask., plans the principal activities of the troop for a month ahead, and these, with dates, are published in the month's first edition of the weekly Melfort Moon.

A church parade to St. Paul's Cathedral was held by Protestant London, Ont., Scouts. The special service was broadcast by radio.

A talk on bees by a local apiarist proved interesting to the 5th Saint John (St. Jude's) Troop.

Making Life-work Possibilities of Badge Study

Members of the Troop Committee of the 2nd Moose Jaw Troop have volunteered to instruct boys of the troop in the work of their profession or trade. The subjects include engineering, carpentry, ambulance, radio, electrical work, physical culture, cooking and candy-making.

The "market garden" of the 1st North Kamloops Troop, B.C., is to be started as soon as the ground is workable.

Gladstone, Man., Scouts "are busy rope-making these nights, having already made a good number of halter shanks for farmers and teamsters."—Gladstone Age, Man.

Good Scouting Brings Building Funds

The 1st Galt Troop in March put on a campaign to raise \$1200 to repair and properly equip the old building in which the troop has been meeting. At last report \$1300 had been received. The explanation of the success was that the Scoutmaster, a Gillwellian, had been doing real Scouting and real community service for several years.

Scoutmaster, the Rev. J. B. Bunting of the 1st Melfort Troop, Sask., is giving a series of lectures at which a collection is taken in aid of the troop funds.

In the presence of a number of parents Captain Hyslop of the Windsor

Fire Department discussed fire prevention and first aid at fires before the 10th Border Cities, and presented Fireman's badges to 16 Scouts who had qualified.

They've Got the Registration Idea

"Well boys, St. Joseph's Troop finally got their registration fees of 50 cents per Scout collected from the 26 Scouts, and we were not very late in getting it to Headquarters either. We now feel that we have contributed a small share towards the missionary work of Scouting, to enable the rural boys to have some of the benefits which we share in town."—19th Edmonton.

The new 1st Amherstburg Troop visited the 1st Harrow Troop, and the latter demonstrated a number of Scout games.

On the occasion of his departure for Toronto, Scoutmaster George S. Freeman, for seven years connected with the 1st Yorkton Troop, Sask., was presented with a gold Scout scarf pin.

Some Troop Library Ideas

"The Troop Library (of the 1st Port Colborne, Ont.) got off to a good start on Monday night. Over 40 books composed the collection. There will be no charge for the use of these books. They may be taken out at the Scout meetings, or between the hours of 6.30 and 8 on Wednesday nights. All further donations of books will be gratefully received."—Port Colborne Citizen.

A caterpillar ring campaign is being carried on by the 20th Vancouver Troop.

A series of Healthyman Badge lectures for Scouts is being given in Carlton School, Winnipeg, by Mr. A. Barclay of the City Health Department.

A New Fire-making Record

During a friendly competition between the visiting boys of Troop 98 of Buffalo and the 6th Hamilton Troop, Scout Kelvin Ferber of Buffalo established a new time record for making fire with flint and steel, by getting his flame in 2 and 4/5 seconds. With the fire-bow Scout Ferber secured a flame in 23 seconds.

At a father and son banquet of the 28th Border Cities Jewish Troop the boys were presented with their troop scarves, a troop flag, a Union Jack and the Jewish flag by the local B'nai B'rith lodge, which is backing the troop.

The Troop warrant of the 50th Winnipeg (Shaarey Zedek Synagogue) was presented by District Commissioner Sparling to Rabbi Franks at a parents' and friends' night.

District Auxiliaries Can Do These Things

The women's auxiliary of the Boy Scouts Association of Victoria, B.C., held a sale of home cooking on the

main floor of the Hudson Bay Company store, by courtesy of the management. The same energetic organization is arranging, by permission of the Lieutenant-Governor, to hold a garden party at Government House, May 28th.

Distance judging tests formed part of the programme of a spring hike planned by the Court of Honour and carried out by the Patrol Leaders of the 14th Ottawa.

As part of a series of educational hikes, the 10th Calgary was shown through the local headquarters of the Alberta Government Telephone System.

Reflecting the Size of the S.M.'s Job

Guests at the annual banquet of the 1st Lindsay Troop, Ont., held in St. Andrew's Church Hall, included Mayor Wilkinson, representatives of the Rotary and Kiwanis clubs, the Women's Institute, I.O.D.E. the Cadets, the High School, Principals Smith and Staples of the public schools and the heads of several other organizations.



A Saskatchewan camp dining-room.

It was announced by Rev. S. W. Sawchuk, Scoutmaster of the 61st Winnipeg (Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral) Troop, that no more recruits would be admitted until all of the present members had qualified as Second Class Scouts.

Thirty-five parents and other visitors were entertained at a demonstration regular meeting by the 6th Ottawa (All Saints') Pack.

A Traveling Good Turn That Is Always Appreciated

While travelling on business during the past month Scoutmaster E. V. Thompson of the 32nd Winnipeg has found time to pay much appreciated visits to a number of troops in eastern Saskatchewan,—addressing the boys, speaking on the flag, demonstrating new games, etc.

The 6th and 10th Calgary Troops joined forces to stage an entertainment under the auspices of the Hillhurst Scout Association, producing "An Evening in a Scout Camp."

In winter preparation for their summer's camp, Scouts of the 85th Toronto made dunnage bags and two life preservers. A camp qualification is that each boy shall have taken a course in camp cooking at home.

Court of Honour Provides Troop-Pack Contact

The Assistant Cubmaster and Senior Sixers of the 85th Toronto Pack are members, ex-officio, of the Court of Honour of the 85th Troop. This is one of Scoutmaster Livermore's devices for maintaining a close contact between the troop and pack.

With the aid of a glue pot and hammer, the Scouts of one of the Border Cities Troops repaired the chairs of the Sunday-school room where they meet.

Again Proving It a Good Idea

"Mental baseball" was used successfully by the 1st Brandon Troop in reviewing Tenderfoot and Second Class tests, and by the 4th Brandon Pack in reviewing knot tying and composition of the Union Jack. The 5th Brandon Troop has been playing a series of inter-patrol knot-tying baseball games.

The 1st Dunnville Troop, Ont., is making plans to participate in a reforestation project which may result in the creation of a municipal park.

A party of eleven Moose Jaw Rovers were entertained by the Regina Rovers at a supper-dance held in the Provincial Parliament Buildings restaurant. The tables were decorated with bands of Rover colours and place cards bore the Rover crest in silver.

Nothing Like it to Secure Discipline

The Scoutmaster of a notably successful Ottawa troop organized in a section of the city where boys have given the police considerable trouble, credits his effective control to the regular use of the freeze signal during troop meetings.

At the fifth anniversary banquet of the 17th Halifax (St. Matthias) a handsome set of pipes was presented to Scoutmaster Candow, and a picture to A.S.M. Campbell.

Rev. Fr. Cook of St. Mary's Church and Captain Tidman of the Salvation Army addressed the annual meeting of the Simcoe, Ont., Local Association speaking appreciatively of the Scouting programme.

Scout Telephone Week in Toronto

During the week of April 11-15, designated as Boy Scout Telephone Week, some 4,000 Toronto Scouts took advantage of an invitation to visit one of the seventeen Toronto telephone exchanges. The boys were shown the workings of the great switchboards, the Manual and Dial systems, and other features and were then invited to write a 200-word essay on their observations. Prizes were awarded by the Bell Telephone Company.

The Reward of "Staying With It"

After two hard years, during part of which meetings were held out of doors, the 4th Edmonton found an ideal headquarters in a portable school which they rented from the city at \$5 per month. The school is located on the grounds of the University of Alberta.

The second annual caterpillar ring contest of the Riverview Pack, Vancouver, opened with 1,000 egg rings turned in by Cub Surgis, last year's winner.

The Rovers of the 3rd Kingston Troop, Ont., attend the Scout meetings and assist with the programme in various ways.

That's the Scout Spirit

The Melfort, Sask., first aid team travelled to Prince Albert to take their St. John Ambulance Association tests. "This was their first experience of competitive first aid work. They have returned with great keenness to excel next year. Their standing is not as yet known, but even if they come last on the list the experience is worth while."

The Vancouver Kiwanis Club gave a concert at the K. of P. Hall, North Vancouver, in behalf of the fund being raised for the erection of a hall for the Scouts of that section of the city.

The excellent sugaring weather of this spring sent an unusual number of Ottawa troops hiking for one of the several nearby sugar bushes.

Parents Help the 1st International Troop

Things continue to go well with the 1st International Troop of Coultts (Alta.) Sweet Grass (Montana),—one reason being the interest shown by parents. Seventeen were present at a recent monthly meeting, and a membership drive was inaugurated to add further members. After business a luncheon was served by the refreshment committee.

During an April hike the 51st Torontos beat out no less than eight ground fires in the woods,—all caused by boys who were not Scouts.

Through the Scout column of the Melfort Journal, Sask., volunteers are invited to give talks on specified Scout Laws.

If in Need of an H. Q., Look Around and Quote This

The Deloro Smelting and Refining Company has provided the new 1st Deloro Troop, Ont., with a building to use as a troop headquarters. "The troop is already at work cleaning it up, and doing necessary repairs, and when ready it will make one of the scoutiest headquarters in the district. There will be a room for each patrol, a large room for troop meetings, and a garden. Each patrol will make its own furniture."—Marmora Herald.

The 23rd Toronto will hold a Troop Old Boys' Reunion on June 2nd.

Cubmaster Radcliffe of the 4th Brandon Pack recently spoke on "Cub discipline on the street as well as at the meeting."

A District Court of Honour

A Senior Court of Honour, composed of the senior officers of the two troops, has been organized by the 1st and 2nd Kincardine Troops. Regular meetings will be held every two months, and special meetings as deemed necessary.

"The Crow patrol gave a demonstration of the rescue of a boy supposedly fallen through the ice, and later in the evening made a model camp fire. Other patrols were on individual stunts. After troop drill in life-saving, a sing-song was held, with P.L. Newman at the piano."—17th Winnipeg.

A very successful hobby show and concert was put on jointly by the 113th Toronto Troop and Wolf Cub Pack at Jesse Ketchum School.



Totem pole at Hamilton District Camp.

A Troop Programme of Variety

"Last week's Scout meeting was divided into three parts,—woodcraft, first aid and cooking. The Wolf and Owl patrols worked at woodcraft, the Beavers and Buffaloes at first aid, and the Eagles cooked biscuits. After the meeting the rest of the troop aided the Eagles in disposing of the biscuits."—1st Melfort, Sask.

Information has been received by the 3rd St. Thomas that Scout Albert Dunn of that troop made a swimming rescue of another boy while visiting at Coral Gables, Florida.

The Local Association of London, Ont., has been expanded by the addition of some fifteen members, including representatives of the local service clubs.

And It Was an Interesting Meeting

"The programme consisted of games and competitions, the most interesting of which was that on the composition of the Union Jack. The Eagles had

an easy win. The marks for the best essay on the patrol bird or animal also went to the Eagles, for Patrol Second Schachter's essay. That of Patrol Leader Rosemann of the Wolves was a close second."—5th Brandon.

Real Scouting Can Secure This Recognition Anywhere

An attendance of three hundred and addresses by District Commissioner Wigle of Windsor, Miss Estelle Glover, of Provincial Headquarters, and a long list of prominent local citizens, including Mayor Handford, marked the first birthday banquet of the 3rd St. Thomas Troop,—an occasion to which some two columns of space was devoted in the St. Thomas Times-Journal. Tribute was paid Scoutmaster H. M. Anthony for the development within a year of a troop numbering 88 Scouts and Cubs.

Seven Penetang Scouts worked from 9 a.m. to 12 noon on a March Saturday morning clearing the main street side walks of the last of the winter's snow and ice.

"Let us see which Patrol has the most initiative and pep. The S. M. wants every boy registered by March 31st, and every Scout in uniform. Earn and save!"—1st Melfort, Sask.

Scouts Took Church Service in Minister's Absence

In the absence of the minister, the Boy Scouts of the Outlook, Sask., United Church conducted the evening service assisted by the church choir. Scoutmaster Riggle and A.S.M. Button spoke on the connection between Scouting and the church. Scouts took the offering, acted as ushers, and the remainder were in their places in uniform.

The Toronto Toc H Rover concert party gave a much appreciated sing-song at one of the city homes for the blind. The patrol celebrated its first birthday on April 25th with a house dance.

Every member of the 20th Border Cities is making some article of leather, as a step toward qualification for the Leatherworker's badge.

Teaching Them Something of Scouting

"Monday night's troop meeting (of the 1st Melfort, Sask.) was open to all interested men. After the regular meeting the men were divided among the patrols and joined in Scout games." Then followed an investiture, presentation of proficiency badges and service stars, and a lunch.

The Court of Honour of the 14th Ottawa (St. Andrew's Presbyterian) decided to purchase a copy of Roland Philips' "Patrol System" for each P.L.

As a further result of the backing given local Scouting by the Kiwanis Club another troop number has been revived in the organization of the 2nd Kingston. Two nucleus patrols received their training with the 1st Kingston.



Making an Event of Warrant Presentations

The troop charter and warrants for the Scoutmaster, Assistant Scoutmaster and Cubmaster, were presented by the President of the Local Association during a successful concert given by the 1st Foam Lake Troop, Sask. An address on the origin of Scouting in America and in the Old Country was listened to with interest.

The 3rd Peterborough Troop has added identification to its patrol competition—one point for each bird correctly named and described.

The 3rd Peterborough Troop, Ont., held a special wastepaper collection campaign in order to raise money "sufficient to take care of the troop room rent for several months."

Finances in an Underprivileged Troop
The equipment, uniform and monthly fee problems of an Ottawa Troop associated with the Kiwanis Boys' Club, located in a poor section of the city, has been solved by Kiwanians providing individual Scouts with miscellaneous jobs by which the necessary money may be earned,—rather than make the boys a gift of these things.

Two hundred Scouts, Cubs, Dads and other representative citizens sat down to the annual banquet of the 1st North Bay Troop and Pack. High tribute was paid to Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Anderson by Field Secretary E. T. Jones, and by other speakers, for the success of Scouting and Cubbing in North Bay.

You Couldn't Keep Cubs From Such Meetings

"During the instruction period the Sixes went into their lairs under Sixers Ashman, Vines, and Cullen, for Second Star work, while the Cubmaster worked with the recruits and Tenderpads on Tenderpad and First Star. Different Cubby games and jungle dances were played, after which the new Cubs received a copy of 'The Cub Book.' Then they enjoyed some old folk-songs, and the Cubmaster gave a short talk on Cub appearance."—1st Brandon Pack.

The 6th Hamilton Troop (Central Presbyterian) distinguished itself by winning three district Scout trophies—the Enlow Cup, for the greatest advancement during 1926; the Bert Challenge Cup, for gaining the most points

EVERY S.M.'S DREAM

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SPECIALLY BUILT H.Q.

- 1—A Summer Gillwell.
- 2—A Part III-A.
- 3—Two years of real Scouting.

Then—

Scouts helping excavate the basement in a lot provided by the Town.

at the annual sports day in 1926, and the Scott Challenge Flag, for securing the most points at the recent District Jamboree.

And They're Live Meetings

Whew! The competition sure is close! Every Scout has to be on his toes every minute. The Hounds still hold the lead by a narrow margin, with 263½ points; Hawks are in second place with 260¼ points; Chickadees are only a few points behind



The Mayor laying the Cornerstone with 253½ points. The Wolves have a fighting chance to pull up to first place, but they will have to work. They have 213¼ points.

—3rd Peterborough Scout News.

An interesting Ontario troop is that recently organized at the Boys' Training School, Bowmanville, and named after Premier Howard Ferguson. The "Scout germ" was planted by Scoutmaster Claude Ensor, of the 58th Toronto, school instructor in mechanics, and the organization completed by a visiting group of Toronto leaders (of the 35th and 119th Troops and 10th

THE DREAM REALIZED

—an ideal home, not for one Troop, but for two Troops and Packs. Place, Oakville, Ont. S.M., F. Alex Phillips, of Ebor Park, '24.



and 38th Packs), and a party of P.L.'s of the 27th, under Commissioner O'Callaghan.

The 59th Toronto Launches the 95th

A memorable occasion was made of the 6th anniversary of the 59th Toronto Jewish Troop, with its original Scoutmaster, Mr. E. C. Reason, in charge. In the presence of a large gathering of parents and friends an impressive going-up ceremony was performed, two Patrol Leaders were formally installed and warrants were presented to four A.S.M.'s and one A.C.M.,—two of these being charter members of the troop. The investiture also was made of the first member of the 59th's "baby troop,"—the 95th Toronto B'nai B'rith Scout Troop. The warrants were presented by Executive Commissioner O'Callaghan.

Two Scouts took part in the service When the 1st Port Rowan Troop attended Neal Memorial Church, and listened to a special Scout sermon by Rev. Mr. Dilts. The boys were called upon to "ever play their part in the great game of life and to uphold the glorious traditions of the world-wide Scout Movement."

And They'll Get It

"At the last Court of Honour meeting of the 21st (Border Cities) it was decided to form a mothers' auxiliary for the troop. It was pointed out that there are countless things that an organization of this kind can do to help a troop along, and the 21st is determined to have one of the best mothers' auxiliaries in Ontario."

The 17th Halifax, (St. Matthias) apparently has solved the older boy problem. At the troop's annual banquet eleven Scouts, charter members, received their five-year stars.

The annual birthday party of the 8th Toronto Troop and Pack under S.M. Jones and C.M. Oakley brought together nearly 150 parents and friends for an evening of Scout work demonstration, moving pictures, and a banquet.

B. C. Cubs' Good Turn

At the suggestion of its Eagle Patrol (of Instructors), the 1st Vernon Pack, B.C., decided to perform some special Easter Good Turn. As a result Sixer Francis Lefroy, 11 years, took his boys out Saturday morning at nine o'clock, each with his lunch, and the Six spent the entire day doing miscellaneous jobs about the home of a poor elderly woman,—cutting and piling wood, digging the garden, repairing a fence, etc.

Thoughts and Ideas from the Quebec Conference

AN interesting and helpful programme, perfect arrangements and most generous hospitality by the local Scout leaders and the ladies' auxiliaries and citizens in general, was the appreciative verdict of the ninety-odd leaders who attended the Second Annual Quebec Scout Leaders' Conference, held at Sherbrooke, March 18-19, in the hall of Trinity United Church.

With Provincial Commissioner J. A. Ewing, K.C., presiding, the conference was opened by the breaking of the flag, singing of the National Anthem and O Canada, and an invocation by Rev. W. S. Lennon, D.D. Alderman Dr. F. H. Bradley welcomed the delegates on behalf of the Mayor, and Mr. W. E. Paton, District Commissioner for the Eastern Townships, added a welcome from the local Scout organizations. Assistant Chief Commissioner John A. Stiles then delivered the opening address.

Guarding Against Loss of the Boy's Viewpoint

The necessity of the Scout leader of some years' experience guarding against his losing of the boys' viewpoint, and unconsciously switching from "the game of Scouting for boys" to "the game of Scouting for men," was a warning sounded by the Assistant Chief Commissioner.

"Sometimes one meets older Scoutmasters who appear to have lost their earlier enjoyment of the game; their appreciation of the fact that Scouting is a boys' game, and not a man's game for boys. Notwithstanding that the first page of P. O. & R. for Canada bears B.P.'s keynote reminder, 'Rules on how to play the game of Scouting for boys,' you will find these men engaged, with knitted brows, in the serious and heavy task of 'Scouting for men.'"

As a concrete illustration the speaker mentioned the criticism offered by one province on the suggested manuscript of a certain text book, that "it was too elementary," and the criticism of another province that it was "too advanced"—the explanation being that the first group of leaders had for several years given particular attention to the subject involved, and unconsciously had raised the standard originally fixed for a boy of 13 or 14 to one suitable for a Rover. In other words they had gotten away from "Scouting for boys."

Scouting a Play-time Activity

"Scouts are supposed to play themselves into ability. The game of Scouting is a free-time, play-time activity—using the words 'game' and 'play' in their broadest sense. . . . Happy should we all be if we could approach our task as part of a great game; if in all our relations with our fellow men we could feel, win or lose, that we were playing the game as good sportsmen."

"Scouting is a game, and as far as reasonably possible troops should play games in connection with the learning of the various Scout tests. For ex-



The Second Annual Quebec Scout Leaders' Conference, Sherbrooke, March 18-19.

ample, there is no better way to teach the Scout Law than by the use of Scout Law baseball, and inter-patrol Scout Law plays or charades. Games which make it absolutely essential that the boys should know the Tenderfoot knots well are useful. Scouts should be able to tie their knots quickly and well behind their backs, or while walking, or running; while blindfolded, or even when hanging by their heels. A painter has found it worthwhile knowing how to tie a bowline with one hand while hanging by the other."

Cub Work Should Not Be Rushed

The occasionally observed rushing of Cubs through their First and Second Star and proficiency badge work was referred to as unfortunate. "The Cubmaster then looks around, and says there is not enough in the Cub programme to keep the boy busy for the balance of his four years. And when boys are hurried through in this way they are liable to regard Cubbing as work, as studying for examinations, rather than a delightful game—a game, as we know, by which they are playing themselves into good manners and good character, and developing various lines of ability."

"The same remark might be made about Scouts and their badges. They have done good work, but hardly as thorough as some of us would like to see done. A boy should not be allowed to pass a test, be given his badge, and then permitted to forget the subject. He should master the requirements so well that it will be impossible for him ever to forget."

Don't Make "Thief-Knots"

"As you know, a thief knot looks exactly like a reef knot, but will not stand the strain. In the same way, a Scout who wears an Ambulance Man's or Rescuer's badge may look as though he could be depended upon in an emergency calling for the knowledge indicated, but may fail—unless we make sure that he has, not merely passed an 'exam,' but has mastered the subject."

"Let us all make sure that we retain the boy's viewpoint,—and let us all do more thorough, better work."

Troop and Pack Singing

The recent visit of the Westminster Abbey Scout singers was referred to by the Editor of *The Scout Leader* as having provided a fresh example of the possibilities of singing by boys, both in the appreciation shown by packed audiences, and in the enjoyment by our boys of the sing-songs led by the visitors. The effectiveness of boy-chorus leading for community singing also was demonstrated.

While few Canadian Scout troops could aspire to the musical standard attained by the specially selected boys of the 30th Westminster, practically any Canadian troop could develop singing to the point where a substantial contribution might be made to the singing in its community.

The type of songs sung by the visiting English Scouts was referred to, and a plea was made for the singing of more such jolly, cheery, and musically-worthwhile folk songs by Canadian troops and packs.

The story was told of a group of Devonshire lads in an American industrial city who frequently met in a rooming-house to spend an obviously happy evening singing Old Country songs, the songs frequently being of many verses, which all knew.

Scout Leadership in Community Singing

In such knowledge of songs Canadians were far behind Old Country folks. And here was a real field of service to Canada,—the memorizing of songs by Scout troops, so that they would be capable of leading community singing when occasion offered. The smaller communities in particular provided such opportunities.

Where Scoutmasters and Cubmasters were entirely without musical ability, there usually would be some older boy in the troop capable of taking the role of song leader; and occasionally the services of a choir-master might be secured.

While the inclusion of a certain number of modern nonsense and topical songs in a troop's repertoire was not undesirable—if not in their words and spirit opposed to Scouting principles and atmosphere—the value of the better type of songs was pressed.

A New Book of Canadian Folk Songs

Special mention was made of a new book of Canadian folk songs (Canadian Folk Songs, Old and New, by Murray Gibbon; \$1.50, The Stores Department, 203 Wellington St., Ottawa), with parallel versions in French and English. It was mentioned that most of these fine old folk songs came originally from Old France, and had their counterparts in English folk songs of the same period. Generally they were of a catchy, cheerful type, lively and musical.

(One of the songs, a canoe song of Ottawa rivermen, was sung at one of the conference banquets, and the large gathering quickly picked up the swinging chorus.)

The plea for the singing of better songs by Scout troops was strongly seconded by District Commissioner T. H. Wardleworth of Montreal. "One sometimes is much disappointed with the songs heard at Scout functions," he said. "I consider it an important matter that we should sing songs worth while in word and sentiment; that we should give thought to the songs we sing, and the tunes we sing."

German Marching-Singing Clubs— An Idea for Rovers

He thought singing a subject which might be given special attention by Rovers, and told of German marching clubs, sometimes numbering 100 men or more, who over a week-end would hike, singing splendid marching songs, to a town perhaps ten miles away. There they would be accommodated, perhaps in a local school, and would return home, singing, on Sunday afternoon.

A practical point brought out in the discussion was the necessity sometimes of convincing boys that singing was not "for sissies"; that it was a fine and manly art.

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Taking Scouting Into the Home

While recognizing the bearing of all Scout training upon the problem of getting Scouting and an appreciation of Scouting into the home, Scoutmaster G. H. Greenfield, of St. Anne de Bellevue, gave especial attention to the usefulness in this connection of certain proficiency badge activities, notably the Accident Prevention badge. Not enough emphasis, he felt, was being given to accident prevention in the home. He offered a few practical suggestions:

In all cases teach the Scout to stop and think,—and to think in all cases before he acts. For instance, "Is this step-ladder safe? If not, I'll not use it." "Have I properly swept up all that broken glass? It must be done regardless of whether someone is waiting for me." "Does this bottle contain poison? I must so fix the cork with a star-tin cap that anyone taking hold of it in the dark will know it contains poison. And I must make sure that it is out of reach of the younger children." "I must advise mother to use only strike-on-the-box matches."

Further precepts for safety in the Scout home were:

That the giving of celluloid toys to children is almost as bad as giving them loaded guns to play with.

That the boy should be made familiar with the handling of firearms, whether or not he is taught to shoot,—so that he may thoroughly understand that they are death-dealing instruments.

That the Scout should know how to examine canned food, and determine when the contents are bad, and probably poisonous.

That he should have some knowledge of electric apparatus in the home, and their dangers. The amateur electrician, however, the speaker regarded as "a young gentleman to be frowned upon, since amateur house wiring has been the cause of many serious fires."

First Aid in the Home

In connection with the use in the home of Scout first aid training, emphasis was laid on the principle that such aid must always be first aid only, the rest being the doctor's job. One of the essentials is that the boy know when to call the doctor. "It is a not uncommon occurrence to come across some injury in the home that has become infected, and is still being given home treatment, because the amateur doctor (usually not a Scout) does not know when to call a physician."

A knowledge of basketry was described as something which would prove interesting to the majority of boys, and which would produce many useful things for the home—mats for hot dishes, baskets for flower pots, serving trays, work baskets, etc.

The Camp Cook and Missioner at Home

The qualifications for a Camp Cook frequently prove useful in the home, as when the mother is ill, or when a Scout is left at home to take care of himself and younger brothers and sisters.

Other proficiency badge training with an application to the home included that of the Tailor, Laundryman, Public Health Man, and Metal Worker.

In conclusion special mention was made of the possibilities of the Missioner's badge training for emergency home service. As a complete work on the subject, "The Home Nursing Course," published by the St. John Ambulance Association, was mentioned.

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Developing the Good Turn Habit

Of several new thoughts offered on this fundamental subject by Scoutmaster G. H. Cartwright, of Quebec, one which came as new to many present was the suggestion that a Good Turn which had become a habit could no longer be regarded as a Good Turn. In other words, in each such particular instance the Scout Good Turn training had "completed its job."

Another interesting thought was the necessity of making sure that each new Scout had not the impression that "a Good Turn every day" means only one. The story was told of a lad whose earlier cheerful usefulness about the home had been lost through the understanding that as a Scout he was expected to do but one Good Turn a day. Other instances were related where boys endeavoured to do their Good Turn as early as possible in the day so as to "get it off their minds."

Impressing the Service Principle

Scoutmasters could prevent such a misconception by a heart to heart talk with each boy before his investiture,—making sure that the spirit of service is understood. It could be pointed out that the world in which we live is a huge machine, which needs oil to keep it running smoothly, and that the finest oil made is the Good Turn; that it is thoughtfulness that helps most to make other people happy.

Good Turns were classified as Routine and Unexpected. Routine Good Turns were again divided into Selected Good Turns, "which count," and Habitual Good Turns, "which do not count." Among the Selected Good Turns were named such home activities as preparing vegetables for cooking, washing dishes, dusting, polishing cutlery. Among the Habitual Good Turns, which have become a habit, were mentioned cleaning boots, tidying one's room, putting away clothes and other belongings, and other such little contributions to the smooth running of the home.

Unexpected Good Turns were divided into those calling simply for alertness, and those calling for special training,—as that for the Ambulance Man Badge, Public Health Man, Missioner, etc.

The Patrol Good Turn should be planned by the patrol and carried out under the direction of the P.L. Essentially it is a Good Turn too big to be carried out by an individual Scout; something calling for united thought and action. The Troop Good Turn is merely an elaboration of the Patrol Good Turn.

Must Not Lose Someone a Needed Job

In connection with all Good Turns a point to be remembered was that nothing should be done which would lose a job for someone needing it, and for which the person concerned was capable of paying. One example was the shovelling of snow from the roadway to a well-to-do man's garage; another was aiding in the moving of a family who were able to pay someone who needed the work.

A survey of the community for Good Turn possibilities was recommended. Clergymen, doctors, charitable and nursing organizations were mentioned as sources of dependable information. Frequently persons in hard circumstances through illness would not ask for help. In this connection a point made was that the Scout should not distinguish between rich and poor; a wealthy person should receive no less consideration, and no more.

The Good Turn Survey

Discussion of the Good Turn survey brought the suggestion that the heads of the various community charitable organizations be first approached, to learn whether Scout help would be acceptable. Montreal's experience was that only one such survey was necessary; thereafter public organization would send in plenty of requests.

Scoutmasters probably would be given suggestions which must be turned down,—such as the distribution of handbills for political meetings, ushering at political gatherings, or at purely commercial entertainments;

the personal collection of money; sometimes because the task meant depriving someone of needed work which could be paid for.

Encouraging Individual Good Turns

For encouraging individual Good Turns in the troop, the occasional use of a Good Turn Box was suggested. Boys were asked to drop in the box notes regarding the week's Good Turns, without name, and these were commented upon by the Scoutmaster. For the following week the more common Good Turns would be barred for report, and the boys asked to think up new ones. As a brief Patrol Competition feature, separate boxes could be used. On the conclusion of such special attention to Good Turns it would be emphasized that the practice must not be allowed to drop.

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Hikes and Their Preparation

For this interesting session Frank C. Irwin, Assistant Provincial Commissioner for Ontario, entered the conference hall fully equipped for the "Long Hike," and on coming to the question of equipment used his kit in demonstration.

The boys' view point provided the opening thought. "The lad of 12 or 13 who 'joins the Scouts' does not do so in order to meet indefinitely in a dingy basement and tie knots. He wants the life of the open and the adventure which he has associated with Scouts and Scouting. One of the best ways of supplying this is through hiking. But in order that the boy may secure the greatest enjoyment and profit he must be taught not only how to hike, but how properly to prepare for the various kinds of hikes."

A Troop's Hike Programme

The hiking programme of a troop should develop progressively. Before undertaking anything more ambitious, the Scout should make a considerable number of afternoon hikes, then a few all-day hikes. After this experience may come the over-night hike, and then the journey of a week or more—the Long Hike.

The shorter hikes are preparation for the longer trips. Each should have some definite objective connected with Scout work, e.g., practicing outdoor tests such as fire building, simple outdoor cooking, elementary camp sanitation, camp first aid, map and compass reading, erecting tents, making crude shelters and out-door beds.

In your preparation for any hike you should "hope for the best but prepare for the worst." You must know you are going to keep your boys dry, if it rains. You must have permission to use the land and build fires. You should know beforehand whether or not there are many mosquitoes, if drinking water is safe, if food will be adequate.

Important Preparation Details

Permission should be obtained from the parents, and at the meeting prior to the hike you should issue to every Scout a list of the things absolutely needed. Such a list will vary with the time of the year and with the nature of the activities planned.

On the day of the hike, the troop should meet at Troop Headquarters or other previously arranged starting

point. Here you should check over the boys, and the equipment brought. Eliminate at the start all unnecessary stuff. Be very particular about footwear.—strong boots and woollen stockings. One boy with bad footwear can spoil a whole hike, for himself and the rest.

No matter what the duration of the hike, there are certain things which the Scoutmaster or someone else should have along: First aid equipment, for instance. A few bandages, a little cotton, iodine, and something for burns will generally be sufficient for the afternoon hike. This can be enlarged somewhat in the case of the longer trips.

Then there will be special equipment relating to the kind of hike that is planned. Also a map, compass, matches, camera, field glasses and a hand-axe (one carried by an older Scout who knows how to and how not to use it usually will do for a whole party).

And encourage every Scout to carry and use a note book.

Equipment for Various Hikes

No two hikers will ever agree in the detail of their hiking equipment, but the following will serve as a guide:

Saturday afternoon Troop hike.—Uniform and outer clothing as weather dictates. Cooking kit and food as determined by menus planned before hand. Instructional material, as determined by programme planned. Scout knife. Haversack.

Overnight hike, smaller group (never more than two patrols)—Uniform. Blankets (pair), ground-sheet, 6 blanket pins. Sweater or mackinaw shirt. Pajamas (if desired). Cooking kit, dishes and food as determined by menu planned beforehand. Scout knife. Toilet kit. Candle. Flashlight. Rucksack.

For the Long Hike

The Long Hike (a week or more), for a party not larger than a patrol; equipment planned for and carried in pairs—Carried by each of pair: Heavy blankets (2), blanket pins (6), cape style ground-sheet, half pup tent, sweater, toilet kit, towel, two pair stockings, change of underwear, running shoes or other light footwear for camp use, bathing suit, pajamas, handkerchiefs, dish, cup etc.

Equipment divided: Nesting billies (3) frying pan, food bags, butter jar, salt and pepper containers, hand axe, lashings, camera, flashlight, water-proof match-box, compass, field glasses, map of districts to be visited.

Equipment worn by each boy: Scout shirt (flannel), woollen underwear (light), shorts, stockings, heavy shoes, neckscarf. Rucksack or other form of pack sack.

In packing, place in the most accessible part of pack those things which will be needed first. Roll pajamas, spare stockings, change of underwear, etc., in the blankets.

As you hike you will learn what you really need and what you can leave at home. The game is to go as light as possible, yet comfortable and ready for all emergencies.

Leave Thanks and a Tidy Bivouac

What to do on the hike is not a part of this discussion, but I would like to remind you of one hiking principle,—in the words of an old Irish camper: "On breaking camp, leave two things behind you,—first, nothing; second, your thanks." If you do this, those who follow will find a welcome instead of the sign, "No Trespassing."

Play Up the Fun of Anticipation

In closing I would urge that you plan your hiking trips far ahead. Spend hours and hours discussing with your boys where to go and what to take and what to do. Pour over maps and books containing good hints on tramping and camping. For it is a fact that anticipation is a big part of the joy of anything.

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Sea Scouting

Sea Scouting, under Lesslie R. Thomson, Assistant Commissioner for Sea Scouting in Montreal, and Thomas J. Keane, National Sea Scout Director of the Boy Scouts of America, provided a lively and interesting session. The conference was organized as a ship's company, under Sea Scoutmaster Aikman, with port and star-board watches, and boats' crews under junior officers of the Montreal Sea Scouts. Sideboys under Bos'n C. S. Allen provided a guard of honour for the "visiting officers," there was a brief inspection of the ship's company, and the lecture session proceeded.

The attractiveness of Sea Scouting activities and atmosphere to the older boy was emphasized by Commissioner Keane. Older lads, he said, like discipline if they see reason behind it,—as on ship board, where self-preservation makes discipline obviously necessary.

Atmosphere of Most Importance

For the new Sea Scout troop boats were not absolutely necessary, under proper leadership; canoes, or even rafts might be used effectively. The important thing was the "seagoing atmosphere." Troops could be organized in towns not near water, the training being put into practice at the summer camps.

Illustrating the possibilities of inland Sea Scouting, Mr. Keane told of a Sea Scout troop at Ames, Iowa,—near the geographical centre of the United States. A Sea Scout "ship" started there over two years ago with 11 boys now had a ship's company of 21, with the record of not one boy leaving of his own accord.

Qualifications of a Sea Scoutmaster

Regarding the qualifications of a Sea Scoutmaster, it was not necessary that he be a sailor. As a matter of fact, some sailors and yachtsmen would not be satisfactory. He must first be a leader; well educated, a gentleman in every sense. Such a man quickly learns the technical work. If he knows little about boats, he should arrange to acquire this as quickly as possible. Usually some knowledge of boats is found in any group of boys. An important contribution of the leader was the inspiring of his boys to read about the sea.

Frequently there was an impression that sailors were a mysterious people,

with a peculiar language. Mr. Keane described this as "bunk." Sailors' talk was only the naturally brief and efficient talk of the ship. In no other place could one find such efficiency.

Sea Scout Organization Essentials

Sketching the organization of a Sea Scout Troop, Commissioner Thomson named as the first essentials, a Troop Committee, and that the troop be connected with a yacht or boat club; the first duty of the Committee, to appoint a Sea Scoutmaster, the next to secure a suitable headquarters.

This last was of great importance. The boys should have a place on the walls of which they can hang things: a place in which they can have a feeling of proprietorship, and from which no one can tell them to get out. As headquarters possibilities, an ordinary square barge occasionally could be secured at a very small figure, and the boys would be greatly interested in fixing it up as required. Wooden scows sometimes could be had for next to nothing. Failing other sources, the boys may erect their own building.

The last specific duty of the Troop Committee was finance. He never knew of a case where a Sea Scout troop doing real Scouting found difficulty in securing necessary funds.

Best Type of Boat

The best general purpose boat for the Sea Scout troop was the 27-foot naval type Montagu whaler,—the type of boat in which Montreal Sea Scouts last summer made their record cruise to New York. It is hoped, Mr. Thomson announced, to make arrangements with a boat building company to supply knocked-down frames and planking for this whaler. Boats then could be assembled and completed by troops during the winter.

Sea Scoutmasters' Course in August

In conclusion reference was made to the Sea Scoutmasters' Gillwell course to be held August 1-13 next at Oka, Lake of the Two Mountains, Quebec.

Lake Bird Study for Sea Scouts

As a Sea Scout activity on the Great Lakes, Mr. Hoyes Lloyd, of the Dominion Wild Life Branch, suggested a study of bird life out on the great inland seas. Little of this is now known, he said. Sea Scouts also might make a valuable contribution by the study of insects observed some distance from the shore.

In concluding the session, Commissioner Keane mentioned the practice of closing a Sea Scout meeting with an "atmosphere" story, and proceeded to illustrate with a humorous yarn of an old English sailmaker. Following this the conference ship's company was called to stations, the sideboys were piped up by the bos'n, the visiting officers were escorted overboard, and the ship's company was dismissed.

Rover Scouting

The discussion of this subject was led by Professor R. De L. French, of the Science faculty of McGill, Assistant Commissioner for Rovers of Montreal.

One of the points first brought out was the difficulty of developing Scout spirit in non-Scouts of Rover age. Pro-

fessor French expressed the opinion that the right spirit cannot be created by the passing of tests, nor through hiking, but only by contact with Scouts. He thought a Rover patrol should not include more than 30% non-Scouts; and mentioned that of the Montreal Sea Scouts more than 80% had formerly been Scouts.

An essential fact to be kept in mind was the physical difference between Rovers and Scout-age boys. Rovers needed a great deal more sympathetic consideration. He instanced a patrol which started off with too big a programme, including too many Good Turns, and ultimately went to pieces.

The difficulty of, and the necessity of securing suitable dens was referred to. One Montreal patrol had built a shack of planks from an old sidewalk.

A Successful N. B. Patrol

Field Secretary Leonard Johnson told of the success of the Saint John, N.B., Headquarters Rover Training Patrol, with a Rover Den adjacent to district headquarters. The members came into the headquarters patrol on the understanding that they eventually would return to their troops and organize Troop Rover patrols. For the Scout Law test each candidate stood a quiz by the rest of the patrol. Other tests were passed in a similar thorough manner,—qualifying to an Instructor's standard.

The patrol had become an efficient emergency service bureau, frequently providing leadership for troop and pack meetings and hikes when an S.M. or C.M. found himself unable to attend. The patrol had taken full charge of the District Christmas Toy Shop, and had made a splendid success of it.

Older Boy Problem Not Solved by Churches

A point brought out by a clergyman delegate was that the problem of holding the older boy was not peculiar to Scouting; it was one of the ancient problems of the church and Sunday-school, and one that they had not yet solved. So Scouting should not be discouraged; we should be content to go ahead, making progress slowly. But every Scoutmaster should think of the future of his older boys,—he, the Scoutmaster, is key man.

On this question in general, Sea Scout Commissioner Keane told of a survey made in Chicago to discover a successful older boys' programme. After looking over organizations dealing with some 10,000 boys, the investigators found but one which had been successful over an extended period. This was a club that met for a weekly 6 o'clock dinner in a community house, after which the boys joined a similar club of girls who had met in another room, and danced from 8 to 11 p.m.

It was the unanimous sense of the conference that Rovering was needed,—by Canada, and by Scouting.

Suggestions from Our Neighbors' Scouting

Claude S. Allen, Assistant District Commissioner for Montreal, who spends considerable time in Brooklyn, told something of Scouting in that big New York borough. He mentioned

a particularly fine troop being run by a blind Scoutmaster, who was giving his boys splendid leadership, and was getting a great deal of happiness for himself out of the work. His very complete troop records were kept in "Brail."

Edison Company Employs Only Scouts

Mr. Allen told of two large troops at the plant of the Edison Company, which has made it a rule to employ only boys with Scout training; and a great Brooklyn District Scout campfire at which 1,000 boys were gathered on the converging hillsides. A large oval-shaped fire in one corner provided light and left space for campfire stunts.

A great deal of good hiking was done, and a great many week-end camps held.

Camp Phonograph Puts Jersey Scouts Asleep

Because of the large number of boys, massed camps were necessary; but these were very well organized. A great amount of practical nature study was accomplished, and each camp had its own museum, a library on nature subjects, etc.

At the big Montclair camp in New Jersey the boys slept in individual tents. The camp was divided into wards. A phonograph playing for fifteen minutes after lights out had been found very effective in quieting the boys and getting them off to dreamland.

The Purpose of Games in Cubbing

"Properly selected Cub games properly played develop honesty, good habits, good manners, confidence and courage," summarized Assistant Commissioner H. M. Jockel of Montreal in introducing the above subject. "You do not play games in Cubbing merely for exercise. Any boy of Cub age gets plenty of this without your help."

The playing principle, that every boy should participate and benefit, was referred to, and as a negative illustration an instance was mentioned of 40 boys seated Indian-file awaiting their turn to play "Submarines"—half of them so far away from the game itself that they had practically no interest in its progress. The game required the best part of the evening, and was of little benefit to anyone. Incidentally, and naturally, the discipline of the pack suffered. The game should have been played by two or three lines, each supervised, then other games played.

C.M. Should Study Cubs During Games

It is important to make sure that each boy understands the game. Then watch to see that each is doing his best, and getting his full share of play. This latter calls for the exercise of observation and imagination on the part of the Cubmaster. An example of the unfortunate non-use of observation was a game of "Jehosaphat" during which, instead of quiet, there was such pandemonium that the blind-folded boy had no chance of hearing his opponent; and while he two ran about in the circle, the boys forming it kicked or tripped them. Such a game was of no more benefit than an uncontrolled game on the street.

Two main physical types of boys were described,—those with speed rather than endurance, and those having more stamina, but slower in their movements. The Cubmaster should distinguish these lads, and so plan his games as to give each type a fair chance.

The first boys to look for and encourage were the timid boys, the next the trier,—who is willing, but not very successful. Both needed personal encouragement. Next, the Cubmaster would be looking for his future leaders. They probably needed a little occasional squelching, in order that others may have a show.

Teaching to "Play the Game"

Every rule of a game should be strictly enforced, and the boys taught to obey the referee implicitly; the losers to play their hardest, and accept defeat without complaint or excuse, and the winners taught modesty in their winning.

Thus will be taught good form and good manners. To the same end, show the boys how to look after and encourage a poor player or shy player. Never permit Sixers to scold.

Cub Programme a Four-Year Course

The whole Cub programme can be gone through in twelve months if you wish. But the end is not simply the plugging for and passing of certain examinations. You are expected to contribute to the building up of good character, not by the modern wheelbarrow-and-concrete method, but in the tried, old-fashioned way,—brick by brick.

Demonstration by Sherbrooke Scouts and Cubs

The concluding two hours of the session were given up to an excellent demonstration of Cub and Scout games by the 2nd and 4th Sherbrooke Cub Packs and 2nd Sherbrooke Troop, and an impressive "going-up" of two Cubs to the 2nd Troop.

Conference Notes

Trinity United Church Hall, with its adjoining kitchen and dining-room, provided an ideal meeting place.

Arrangements had been made to receive into homes of the city all Scout visitors desiring to take advantage of this hospitality.

During the entire period of the conference the local Y.M.C.A. was placed at the disposal of the delegates.

At the two delightfully served noon luncheons the visitors had an opportunity of meeting the members of one of the most active ladies' auxiliaries in the eastern provinces.

Under the direction of Provincial Secretary E. Russell Paterson and District Scoutmaster William Giovetti, the conference business manger, the many details of arrangement were run off with clock-like efficiency.

The principle address of the first evening's banquet was that of National Sea Scout Director Thomas J. Keane, of the Boy Scouts of America, who spoke impressively on the older boy problem, and the contribution toward its solution offered by Sea Scouting.

During the banquet, the Medal of Merit for valuable service to the Movement was presented to District

Scoutmaster Thomas Jones of Three Rivers, Que., and the Gillwell heads to Scoutmasters R. G. Talbot and G. Warren Foote of Montreal, and A.S.M. Clarence Blake of Sherbrooke. The presentation was made by the Assistant Chief Commissioner.

Entertainment features were provided by the local Scouts under A.S.M. Trussler of the 2nd Sherbrooke Troop, and these were followed by a nature talk and a special showing of wild life pictures of Quebec and New Brunswick by Mr. Hoyes Lloyd, Supervisor of Wild Life Protection.

To Assistant Chief Commissioner John A. Stiles fell the duty of concluding the conference with the chief address of the second evening's banquet. An impressive concluding appeal for consecration to Scout leadership, as a real contribution to Canada's future, met with an enthusiastic and prolonged response of applause.

The various sessions of the conference were held in turn under the chairmanship of Provincial Commissioner J. A. Ewing, K.C., W. R. Allen, Chairman of the Provincial Honour Board, Lt.-Col. H. J. Heasley, President of the Montreal Association, and District Commissioner T. H. Wardleworth. The luncheons were sponsored by Assistant Commissioner E. Bradley of Magog, and President G. S. Sampson of the Sherbrooke Association. Visiting Commissioners were luncheon guests of District Commissioner W. E. Paton at St. George's Club.

The Commissioners' Conference

ON Friday afternoon, March 18th, the first conference of Quebec commissioners met in the office of District Commissioner W. E. Paton, for a discussion of the proposed contents of the projected Canadian Handbook for Commissioners. Those present were: Provincial Commissioner Major J. A. Ewing, K.C., in the chair; Assistant Chief Commissioner John A. Stiles, Ottawa; T. H. Wardleworth, C. S. Allen, Lesslie R. Thomson, Prof. R. De L. French, Lt. Col. H. J. Hesley, all of Montreal; W. E. Paton, Sherbrooke; C. W. Thomson, Quebec; E. Bradley, Magog; F. E. L. Coombs, Ottawa. Also present was Thomas J. Keane, National Sea Scout Director of the Boy Scouts of America.

Correct Form of Troop Name

FROM time to time Scout News columns in local papers use the name style, "No. 3 Troop." This is not Canadian usage—which, like that of the Old Country, is "3rd Willingdon Troop," sometimes abbreviated to "3rd Willingdon," or locally to "3rd Troop." There is a flavour of troop personality carried by this form which is largely lacking in the numerical tag form, "No. 3 Troop." The Canadian form also permits the use of such familiar terms, when referring to a group of boys of a certain troop, as "the 16th Hamiltons," "the 10th Reginas,"—names carrying a distinct suggestion of troop character and individuality.

Finally, the style "3rd Willingdon Troop" is the form of name used on troop and pack flags, and on shoulder badges. So let us stick to Canadian usage.

The Old Moral—Start Small!

UNDER the usual pressure of boys anxious to become Scouts, a certain Western Gillwellian, against Gillwell principles organized a troop of 24 boys, many of them 15 years and older. Result,—two years of discouragement, the necessity of eliminating some eight boys who could not "get the idea," and the final reduction of the troop to 10 before the real building up process could be started.

A Badge for Lady Workers

OCCASIONALLY the suggestion is made that a suitable badge be worn by members of troop or pack ladies' auxiliaries, to indicate that they are members or supporters of the Boy Scout Movement.

The Supporter's Badge, described in Section 159 of Policy, Organization and Rules for Canada (Third Edition, 1926) will be found to meet this situation. The section reads: "Members of Provincial Councils and Local Associations and other supporters of the Movement may wear a miniature gold or enamel pin badge. Its possession, does not, however, of itself constitute membership in the Boy Scouts Association."

Scouting Discourages Truancy

ACCORDING to Truant Officer Patterson, of Chatham, Ont., truancy among pupils of Chatham schools is practically nil, and he attributes this to the effect of the Boy Scout Movement. "A spirit of fair play is created among the Boy Scouts," he said. "A lad cannot be a good Scout and be a truant. As a result of the boys congregating as Scouts, they realize their responsibilities of being on the square. Consequently they play fair with their responsibilities of being on the square. Consequently they play fair with their parents and teachers by not 'playing hockey.'"

Headmaster of Eton on Scouting

IN an article on "Work and Play Out of School" in the *Journal of Education and School World*, Dr. C. A. Alington, the Headmaster of Eton, has some interesting comments to make on the Boy Scout Movement in reference to Public Schools. He says, "I had great doubts whether such a movement could succeed in the Public School, especially in one not without a strong conservative tradition. My doubts have proved completely without foundation, and the perfect absence of self-consciousness with which boys from the very first have worn their distinguishing garb (even on necessary occasions in chapel) has shown me what I am very glad and very ready to believe, that the modern boy is far more sensible, as well as far more ingenious, than I was at a similar age.

"It is impossible to question the value of what they learn. I look forward to the establishment of a special class for Scoutmasters in the belief that what boys willingly learn of such craft in their spare time will be of benefit both to themselves and to others in the future."

❖ The Scoutmaster's Five Minutes ❖

A Canadian Scoutmaster-Missionary in India

THE following interesting letter was received by the 1st Caledonia Troop, Ont., from their former Scoutmaster, Rev. H. J. Gibson, now a missionary in India:—

Dear Everybody:—

Greetings from India to all brother Scouts and those at home. Pardon me writing to all at once, but you will get more news this way. I hope that you are all well, and I hear that you are doing great things as Scouts. I assume that Elmer will have good hunting as a Cub, and make a go of it.

We arrived in India Nov. 6th, and have been going hard since. Going from Bombay to Saugor I got a thrill. I thought for a moment that I was in Caledonia, and that a crowd of Scouts were climbing all over the car, but it was only monkeys after all. They came down off their perches to look us over. Monkeys are common here. They are worshipped as Gods, and there are many monkey idols in Saugor. They are hideous things. Snakes are numerous and they are worshipped too. If an Indian sees a snake around his house he puts his palms together, raises them to his forehead, and bowing, says, "Oh Great King, depart from us and do us no harm!" or words to that effect. Cows are also sacred, and it is counted a sin to kill animals.

We have been trying to learn the Hindu language, but its a hard job. In about a hundred years we may know a word or two. Since coming here we have been living with other missionaries, but last week we moved into our own house, which has been undergoing many needed repairs. It isn't finished yet, but we are living in three rooms, and it will be ready this week.

Next door to us is our mission orphanage. We have fifty boys, ranging from 6 to 17 years. They were rescued from lives of begging and all sorts of worse things. Most of them are now Christians, and baptised at their own request.

The hostel is a little over two years old and is growing all the time. In it we have a Troop and Pack. Next week all will be Tenderfoots, and most of them 2nd Classers. We are having the final Investiture in connection with our Christmas "bust up." We have managed to get uniforms for the lads, except hats.

We have Court of Honour; and soon it is taking over most of the affairs concerning the discipline and sports of the whole hostel. They are arranging a sports day next week and a hike this Saturday. I went for a hike with them last week, and they nearly run the legs off me. You can't beat them on a hike. We are starting off at 7 a.m. this week, and hope to make the day of it. They will try their cooking then.

A week ago we had fire lighting. Paper and leaves and dry grass were barred, and they had no knives, so I wondered what they would do. One

got a piece of dry wood and pounded it between stones until he had a lot of fine splinters. He won an extra point for his patrol. Each Patrol Leader has a "log" in which he keeps a record of the patrol's good turns. Our A.S.M. is an Indian, and so is our A.C.M.

If you want to do a real good turn you can use some of your funds to buy your brother Scouts in India some hats. I do hope that my Canadian brothers will come to their rescue. I can tell you that it will help out a whole lot. I guess I will say "dismiss" for this time. Remember, I am a long way from home and you promised to write to this lonely duffer. So I will look forward to a letter from you soon.

Yours in Scouting,

H. J. Gibson,

Saugor, C. P., India.

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Scout Talk Subjects

THE importance of wisely choosing the "yokes of life" early in youth was the theme of an interesting and impressive address by Rev. W. A. Walden at a special service for boys of the West End Scout Troops of Windsor held at West End United Church.

"It is good for a man that he bear the yoke in his youth," was the full text, from Lamentations 3, 27; and the point was emphasized that a boy must adopt the yoke either of good or evil. "God's laws are unchangeable. There is no middle course—it must be one or the other."

The danger of following the old principle, "when in Rome do as the Romans do," or in more modern terms, "following the crowd," was referred to. "It is a poor policy to be good when in company with the good, careless when with the careless, and downright bad when with those who are given to running the full gauntlet of evil." This was adopting the yoke of evil.

The old standards of physical strength are not the standards of the present, Mr. Walden continued. Today more than ever before the mind and soul count, and it is important that these be properly developed in youth.

At a special Scout service taken by the 1st Nelson Troop, B.C., at St. Paul's United Church, Scoutmaster J. D. Foggo spoke on the theme, "The Heart of Life is Love, and the Heart of Love is Service," and developed the working out of this in the history and principles of the Scout Movement. Scout W. Wardle read the lessons and Garnet Kerr led in prayer and announced the hymns. Other members of the troop acted as ushers. At the close of the service the congregation stood for an interval of silent prayer in memory of Scouts who died during the year.

Scouting Changing the Changeless East

SOME idea of the effect which Sir Robert Baden-Powell's citizen-making movement for boys—the Boy Scout Movement—is having in countries other than England is given in a letter received from India.

The writer, speaking on Boy Scouts among the Marwarri, the old money lending class, who have acquired large estates, says:—

"Last night I went to a Boy Scout stunt. It was excessively interesting, as all the Scouts and Rovers were Marwarri. When one come to think that these lads were all the sons of millionaires and brought up to do nothing at all for themselves and to think only of money, it is not easy to talk of the 'changeless East.' A Brahmin eating beef would be nothing to it! One jolly young lad, who looked and behaved like a young Eton boy, is the son of a man I know personally who has given away in charity something like £700,000! (not rupees). To add to the marvel of the show was the fact that the Scout Commissioner was a Bengali barrister who has given up his practice at the bar to bring forward the movement among Marwarri. Also the Chief Scoutmaster was a very handsome and manly young Bengali. He spoke perfect English, with an accent that was faultless. The whole show was perfectly delightful, as everyone was perfectly natural and there was no posing."

Scouts Bring Health to Native Villages

ONE of the recent activities of the Boy Scouts in the Punjab was the holding of a district camp where some 400 Scouts gathered together for training in Social Service work. The boys, in groups of 20, under competent leaders, left the camps for different villages in the vicinity, where they performed social and hygienic service.

First of all a series of lectures was given to each troop on their first visit to the village. Here the cesspools, rubbish pits, rat holes and dirty drinking wells were made the subject of the talk, and the opinions of the Scouts asked as to what should be done in clearing the village of them.

At the succeeding visit things took a practical shape and, with the Labadars and villagers in attendance, the Scouts got busy and began to clean up.

The rats of the village were destroyed wholesale by poisonous gas, which was handled by the local medical officer and his assistants.

A simple system of well drill was invented, with the idea of cleaning out the wells and getting rid of their cholera germs. Thus the dirt of centuries was removed from the villagers' doorsteps and public highways, and the Scouts can feel that they have contributed in no small way towards increased health and sanitation.

The Jungle Dances

Reason for the Lack of Interest in the Dances

(a) **Attitude of the Cubmaster.**
Too many Cubmasters are bored themselves; you cannot create enthusiasm or even interest if you yourself are bored. Your Cubs copy you.

Remedy: Re-read the Jungle Book and search for the interest. Get your imagination awake and alert.

(b) **Lack of understanding on the part of the Cubs.**

They have not been told or have forgotten the Jungle Book Stories; they have never seen or cannot picture the animals; they fail to realize that their part in the Jungle Dances is to make a "moving picture" of the Jungle Life.

(c) **Lack of imagination** (which really embraces a and b.)

(1) On the part of the Cubmaster who lets the Dances become dry-as-dust rigmarole. (2) On the part of the Cubs who have never been trained or helped to make-believe, and whose natural powers have been suppressed or become encrusted with self-consciousness.

(d) **Lack of time**—Cub life being so full of work and of "real" games.

Suggestions for Teaching the Dances to a Pack Which has Made a Failure of the Dances.

Preliminary

(a) Play the simplest of make-believe games, e.g., "Imagination," and later Dumb Crambo.

(b) Give your Sixers' Council your reasons for doing the Dances and ask for its help and support.

(c) Keeping carefully to the Jungle Book Story and remembering the Chief's outing in the Handbook, work out simple changes and elaborations.

At the Time of Actual Doing

(a) Re-tell briefly but dramatically the part of the Jungle Book which leads up to and includes the Dance. (You can get briefer as time goes on.)

(b) Outline the Dance as it is to be done. (Unnecessary of course, when the Cubs know this.)

(c) Do the Dance once. Don't be discouraged if the Cubs do it very badly the first time of all.

Afterwards

Talk the Dance over with your Sixers' Council. Criticise, praise, suggest and possibly practice.

Put the dances in as a definite part of the weekly programme,—just after the Grand Howl is about the best time. Don't try to spend a long time on them at one meeting. Go slow and tick to your job.

Imagination.—An inter-six competition. In turn, give the Sixes something to illustrate without the use of words. For example, the Greys are told to show Cub by Cub, "His mother putting on her hat to go out for a walk." Each Cub has to give his own representation of this happening, and the Pack judges which is the best. All "bests" are afterward judged for the "very best."

—"A London Cubmaster,"
in *The Scouters Gazette*.

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Real Scouting Makes Converts

SEVERAL of the speakers at the recent annual banquet of the 3rd St. Thomas Troop, Ont., were confessed "converts" previously opposed to Scouting, these including Rev. J. M. Laird, pastor of Knox Church, with which the troop is connected. As a result of his experience the clergyman credited Scouting with standing for "the highest noblest and worthiest development of the boy life of the country," and felt that "if people who were at present opposed to it would investigate for themselves, they would be converted." He believed it was a movement that would largely solve the boy problem of today.

Scottish School Adopts Scouting for Leadership Training

WITH the object of giving the advantages of Scouting to the boys, and of preparing them to take up Scout work after they have left school, a Scoutmasters' Training Course was started last term at the Abbey School, Fort Augustus, Scotland. The Captain of the school and the senior monitors became Assistant Scoutmasters, while the Patrol Leaders were chosen from the rest of the monitors and the senior boys. It is hoped by this means that a boy leaving the school will have had sufficient experience to be capable of taking full charge of a Scout Troop when he settles down in other parts of the country.

Since its foundation the Abbey School Troop has made much progress, and of the total number of boys in the school 93 per cent. are now either Scouts or Wolf Cubs.

A Japanese View of Scouting

AS I vision it, the Boy Scout Movement throughout the various countries of the world is making such progress and is being built up on such sound lines that it cannot fail but have wonderful influence on the League of Nations of the future," said Count Thunesa Sane, Commissioner of the Boy Scouts Association of Japan, in an interview in the Vancouver Province. Count Sane was on his way home after attending the International Scout Conference at Kandersteg, Switzerland, and the big American biennial Conference at Hot Springs, Ark.

"In Japan", said he, "we have 60,000 boys of real quality in our association. It is only ten years since the Movement started in Japan, and each year shows a steady growth of the right kind. Our boys are being taught the ideals of citizenship and conduct towards their fellow men of whatever country. The same is true of other Boy Scout organizations throughout the world, and that is the reason why I feel that the Movement must have an important bearing on the personnel of the League of the future."

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

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

THE DUFFEL BAG

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

Blindfold Kim's Game

"THE programme was mainly made up of competitions in judging of weights, lengths, heights and numbers. Scout Walter Gibbs won this contest, being 91% correct in all judging. A variation of Kim's Game was played in which the Scouts were allowed to feel a number of articles, and then wrote down as many as could be recognized and remembered."—5th Moose Jaw.

Some Practical Hike Hints

"ON Saturday we will hike in the hills N.W. of the North Kamloops bridge, in the direction of Lac Du Bois Warning: Don't trust your treasured Scout knife to the clasp on your belt during the hike; fasten it on with leather, or put it on a lanyard. I have known many a knife, compass, etc., to get lost that way. Bring a light sweater in your haversack to wear during the halt for lunch. You will find it more fun if you bring food to cook in preference to sandwiches."—S.M. Greig 1st North Kamloops, B.C., in Kamloops Sentinel Scout News.

A Thanks Badge Quiz

ANOTHER interesting feature was the presentation of the Thanks Badge to ex-Cubmaster William Killely. Akela F. W. Thompson made the presentation, following a ceremonial inquiry into the merits of the case, in which Cub leaders, Scout leaders, members of the committee and parents took part. The final assurance was given by Pack Leader Leonard Parkes, who told Akela that the Cubs felt that nothing was too good for their old leader, an opinion obviously shared by everyone present.

—22nd Winnipeg.

Reminding You That It Does Happen

WHEN his house burned and he found escape by the stairs cut off, a Toronto man, Mr. J. Cope, fashioned a rope of bed sheets and lowered his wife and six children from a second-storey window, then escaped himself.

"Going-up" Atmosphere—

An Example

THE "Going up" ceremony was an inspiring tribute to Rudyard Kipling,—the farewell scene between Mowgli and the Pack being the basic principle. Harry Eisen, the "Red Brother," was visibly affected during the ceremony, and A.C.M. J. Kirshin as Akela, was a living presentment of B.P.'s sketch of a Cubmaster Akela, in his posture on the Council Rock. No one could doubt that all were living their parts, and meant the words they spoke. As one of our guests remarked afterwards, "My eyes were quite wet," referring to the emotional tension caused by the sincerity of those taking part in the "Farewell." The investiture of Harry into the troop followed, and was carried through

with all the idealistic and inspirational attributes that marks every investiture into the ranks of Scouting and the 59th Toronto.

A Well-Prepared-for P.L. Investiture

The Patrol Leaders' Investiture was something new in the troop's history, and marked the conclusion of three month's instruction by the Scoutmaster in the psychology of leadership, and the practical training of boys by their Patrol Leaders. The promise was made with a fervour that was most expressive of an earnest desire to keep and live up to the highest principles of Scouting.

—The Double Triangle,
59th Toronto Jewish Troop.

A Pathfinders' Game

AS an observation game the patrols of the 5th Edmonton (St. Peter's) were placed before a map of the city, and the Scouts in turn allowed 30 seconds in which to locate certain points named.

Scout Dates

- 1st—May Day.
- 8th—Mother's Day.
- 22nd—Rogation Sunday. --- ---
- 24th—Victoria Day. Troop and Inter-Troop field day with Scouting competitions.
- 26th—Ascension Day.
- Queen Mary's Birthday.

During May

Finish local spring clean ups.
Talk camp and camp funds and get in some real good practice hikes. Candidates for the Gardner's badge should be busy in their 12x12 plots.

Worth While Teaching Cubs the Flag?

THREE weeks ago two small Cubs (of the 4th St. Catharines Pack) saw what looked like a signal of distress flying at the G.W.V.A. (Canadian Legion), and so went in and mentioned it to some one inside that the Union Jack was being flown upside down.

Nothing was done, however, and last week the same two small ones trotted in again with the same report. This time they got action, and the Union Jack now flies right way up,—though we understand it now flies all night long.

The Scouts would feel privileged to be allowed to lower and raise the flag daily if anyone should ask them.

—St. Catharines Standard.

ORDER BADGES FROM

PROVINCIAL H. Q.

Attention is drawn to the fact that orders for badges and insignia should in all cases be sent to Provincial Headquarters, and not direct to Dominion Headquarters. The list of badges and prices contained in the Spring and Summer Catalogue is carried only for the purpose of facilitating and standardizing the ordering of badges through the various provincial offices.

These Message Games Should

Be Played Frequently

A VERBAL message was read out at the beginning of the meeting. It was a simple message, such as any Scout might receive at any time. A few Scouts remembered it through the meeting, but most lost the sense of it. The message read: "Meet the noon train from Toronto, Saturday. An elderly gentleman dressed in a S uniform will get off. Escort him to the troop room and notify the District Commissioner Mr. — of his arrival." The Scouts were to fill in the name of the D.C. The Hounds made a bad showing in this, none of the three remembering even the essential points in the message. One Hound wrote down "Meet the 5 o'clock train. The Attorney General will get off. Take him to District Commissioner Dr. Fraser."

—3rd Peterborough.

Letting the Boys Do It

A new patrol has been formed, with George Sellers as Leader. A patrol-in-council will be held to choose a patrol name and decide on a Second.

"Two new recruits were taken on probation.

"At a Court of Honour meeting plans were discussed for a display to be held in April, also a church parade to be held on St. George's Sunday."—27th Winnipeg.

Scout Singing in Churches

HIS Eminence the Cardinal Archbishop of Westminster recently attended a gathering of Roman Catholic Scout leaders and Rovers in the Westminster Cathedral Hall. After listening to the lusty singing of John Peel, The Village Pump and other well-known community songs, His Eminence told the Scouts that they should go back to their parish churches and introduce community singing. "The thought has been in my mind all the time" said His Eminence, "that perhaps in the Scout Movement we might have the remedy for the lack of congregational singing in our churches. Certainly if you can lift up your voices as lustily as you have this evening, singing concerted music as you have been doing, it ought to be possible for you to give the lead in your parishes."

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Sunday Schools and Scouts

WHEN the West Midland and District (England) Sunday School Conference met at Willenhall recently, the formation of Scout troops was strongly urged. The Rev. R. K. Spalding said that troops were great aids to the Sunday-school work, and this statement was testified to by other delegates who were present, who said that they were convinced that much good work was being done in their schools by the Scout Movement.