



Morning P.T. at
Fredericton '26
Camp.—Semaphore
Alphabet several
times, briskly,
letters shouted
loudly in chorus.

Official Decoration of Graves of Fathers of Confederation Assigned to Boy Scouts

SCOUTS and leaders throughout Canada will learn with satisfaction and pride that to the Boy Scouts has been allotted the task of officially decorating the graves of the Fathers of Confederation, as part of the Diamond Jubilee commemoration exercises of July 1st.

The commission was contained in a communication to the Chief Commissioner, Dr. James W. Robertson, from the National Committee for the Celebration of the Diamond Jubilee.

Needless to say, the duty was accepted readily, and with every confidence that the Scout leaders and Scouts participating will perform their part efficiently and with fitting dignity.

The decoration will take the form of a semi-permanent wreath of maple leaves. The wreath will be supplied by the Jubilee Committee to each Scout district organization or individual Scout Troop concerned.

Doubtless in many instances the placing of the official wreath by the local Scouts will be included in the general local programme. However this may be, the Scout ceremony should be characterized by dignity and simplicity.

The following is the programme outlined in the leaflet which is being supplied Scout troops taking part. The Chief Commissioner requests that it be adhered to as closely as possible,—for the sake of the sentiment coming from the thought that Scouts throughout Canada are engaged in precisely the same ceremony.

MEMORIAL PROGRAMME

Troop, or Troops, in Horseshoe formation, with burial place and monument in Horseshoe opening.

Troop flags grouped about burial place and monument.

Patrol Leaders, with official wreath, standing in centre of Horseshoe.

Behind Patrol Leaders, Scouts bearing other wreaths (if any).

Opening: O Canada.

Address.

Scouts called to Salute.

Official wreath placed.

Patrol Leaders return to Patrols.

Other wreaths placed.

Scouts return to Patrols.

Scout Silence (one minute).

Benediction by Scout Chaplain.

National Anthem.

The material for a suitable ten-minute address is being supplied local Scout leaders, including such details as are available regarding the contribution to Canada made by the Confederation Father concerned.

It would seem appropriate that the address be delivered by the chief local Scout leader, or by the Scoutmaster himself in the case of a single troop.

It is suggested that bugles be not used, as not in accord with Scout practice, nor as suited to the occasion. (Obviously the blowing of the "Last Post" would not be appropriate.)

The necessity of securing the co-operation of the cemetery authorities will not be overlooked.

Memorial Services at Monuments and Statues Elsewhere.

It would be similarly appropriate that Monuments, Statues and other memorials to Fathers of Confederation in public places elsewhere should be decorated by local Scouts. In such cases, no specific commission having been given, the arrangements would be made locally, and adjusted to whatever plans may have been made by other bodies. The Scout Troop would supply their own wreaths,—of maple leaves.

Where possible the programme for burial places would be used.

It is requested in all cases that photographs of the ceremony be taken, and furnished Dominion Headquarters, for record, and for possible use in the Scout Leader and other publications.

Again—Uniforms

All Scout leaders and Scouts taking part should be correctly and neatly uniformed.

Burial Places of the Fathers of Confederation

Prince Edward Island

CHARLOTTETOWN—

Coles, Hon. George, St. Peter's Cemetery.

Gray, Hon. John, Sherwood Cemetery, Royalty.

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Probation ended and request to join the Troop approved by the Court of Honour.—An Ottawa camp incident.



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Hike When You Hike

OCCASIONALLY one hears or reads of a hiking Scout accepting rides from passing motorists. There is something inconsistent about this. One would much prefer to hear of such Scouts declining "lifts," with thanks,—unless, of course, there is reasonable excuse. Let us do what we can to establish the rule that Canadian Scouts when hiking never accept motor "lifts,"—so that this becomes generally known and recognized by motorists. Then we shall have, not the invitation, "Jump in boys and have a ride," but the more complimentary observation, "I suppose there is no use in offering you Scouts a lift?"

Bugles vs. Scouting

WHILE the organization of Scout bands is now reported but rarely, the suggestion is raised occasionally—in connection with new troops. Experienced Scoutmasters should enlighten new leaders regarding the almost inevitably fatal results to Scouting activities of trying to combine the two. The successful exceptions are so few, that it may be declared a rule that bugling and Scouting cannot successfully live together.

Another important point is that the excruciating noise of learning to blow a bugle represents an infliction upon the would-be bugler's neighbors that is opposed to the Scouting principle of consideration for others.

Dealing With the Absentee

DURING the month two Scout-column newspaper clippings noted rules made by troop Courts of Honour that absentees from a certain number of meetings, and boys failing to pay monthly fees, should appear before the Court of Honour, and failing satisfactory excuse, be dropped from the troop. The question occurs whether in such cases Courts of Honour also seek to learn whether a lack of interest in the meeting programmes planned by the Court and the Scoutmaster, or an absence of troop or patrol hikes, etc., has had anything to do with the "defendant's" indifference. It may also be considered whether some responsibility does not lie with the Scoutmaster, for having failed to establish a personal tie with the boys concerned; perhaps for failure to do all that he might to develop the true Scout spirit.

Let us be patient, and question ourselves equally with the boy. He needs things that interest him, and he needs an assurance of the Scoutmaster's personal regard for him. Has he had these things?

Our Deaf Scouts

ONE of the interesting papers coming to the Scout Leader's desk is *The Canadian*, published by the Ontario School for the Deaf, at Belleville, and containing a column describing the doings of the school Scout troop. A most successful season of Scouting activities under Scoutmaster Burrell ends with the closing for the summer holidays. One of the season's concluding events was a visit by the school troop to the 2nd Belleville Troop, where the school Scouts were given a most enjoyable evening by the town boys. "Such friendly intercourse with hearing boys is good for our lads, and we believe it helps them more than anything else to catch the spirit of Scouting, and makes it easier for them to join up with their home town troops during the summer holidays," comments *The Canadian*.

Scoutmasters and Scouts concerned can be depended upon to welcome



THE "boys" at the Gillwell camps enjoy games as much as the boys at Scout camps.—A centipede race at the '26 Maritime Gillwell.

these handicapped brother Scouts on their return from the school about June 15th.

Scout Firemen Again Make Good

"THE quick thinking and acting of two youthful Boy Scouts was the means of preventing what might have resulted in a serious fire in Woodstock's business section last evening," declared the *Woodstock Sentinel-Review* of May 12th, and described the discovery of smoke and a fire in the rear of a store, the prompt departure of one Scout to give the alarm and the tackling of the fire by the other.

"Fire Chief Murray," continued the paper, "expressed much gratification at the work of the two Scouts, feeling that it reflected much credit upon the boys themselves, and incidentally emphasized the value of the lectures given the Scouts by members of the Fire Department during the past winter."

DOMINION REGISTRATION PROVIDES EACH BOY WITH A VALUABLE IDENTIFICATION & CHARACTER CARD WHEN HE SEEKS A JOB.

ALONG the TRAIL



Keep the OUT
in Scouting

Make your Troop's part in the Jubilee one of the biggest things in its history.

What was said to be the first Bird Warden Badge awarded in Ontario went to Scout Allan Wilson of the 2nd Whitby Troop.

On May 13th Nova Scotia Boy Scouts, opening the province's new forestry project, planted some 20,000 young trees, spruce and pine.

The first four Bird Warden badges issued in Nova Scotia were won by Scouts Trueman Marr, Ralph Marr, Ralph Barrett and Allister Cox of the 1st Truro Troop, Scoutmaster Cecil Barrett.

Under the direction of Arthur H. Richardson, of the Ontario Forestry Department, Scout troops of London, Ont., will reforest waste land in the district, and take charge of the plots for the future.

In recognition of his signal service to Scouting in Manitoba Provincial Commissioner F. Stanley Long was presented with the Honorary Silver Wolf by His Excellency Viscount Willingdon during the Scout review in Winnipeg of April 25th.

"Uncle Jack" Miner is now a full-fledged Scout. During a visit to his famous sanctuary by the boys attending the South Essex Camp Conference for Patrol Leaders the famous bird man was formally invested, made an honorary Scout, and received the Scout buttonhole badge at the hands of Assistant Provincial Commissioner Irwin.

During the programme of a display given at the Sweet Grass High School by the 1st International Troop of Sweet Grass, Montana, and Coutts, Alta., each Scout suggested to the audience a method of avoiding accidents. The display was opened by the simultaneous unfurling of the Union Jack and Stars and Stripes.

A big evening of the 19th Edmonton concluded with the conferring by Provincial Commissioner Malcolmson of Alberta of the Honorary Scoutmastership of the troop upon His Grace Archbishop O'Leary, and the presentation of a gold Supporter's Badge. In turn honorary membership in the troop was conferred upon Provincial Commissioner Malcolmson and District Commissioner Hilton.

A notable incident of the Jamboree provided at Calgary for the entertainment of His Excellency and Lady Willingdon was the presentation by the Chief Scout of the Silver Wolf to Col. G. E. Sanders, in recognition of many years of valuable service to Scouting in Alberta. At the same time Medals of Merit in recognition of outstanding service to local Scouting were presented to Scoutmaster E. V. Spiller and to Scoutmaster the Rev. Canon C. Horne.

BURIAL PLACES OF THE FATHERS OF CONFEDERATION

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- Haviland, Hon. Thomas Heath, St. Peter's Cemetery.
- MacDonald, Hon. Andrew Archibald, New St. Dustan's Roman Catholic Cemetery.
- Palmer, Hon. Edward, Sherwood Cemetery, Royalty.
- Whelan, Hon. Edward, Old St. Dustan's Roman Catholic Cemetery.
- ST. ELEANOR'S—**
Pope, Hon. William Henry, St. Eleanor's Cemetery.
Nova Scotia
- AMHERST—**
Dickey, Hon. Robert Barry, Amherst Cemetery.
- HALIFAX—**
Henry, Hon. William Alexander, Camp Hill Cemetery.
McCully, Hon. Jonathan, Camp Hill Cemetery.
Tupper, Hon. Sir Charles, St. John's Cemetery.
- TRURO—**
Archibald, Hon. Sir Adams George, Truro Cemetery.
New Brunswick
- DORCHESTER—**
Chandler, Hon. Edward Barron, Rockland Cemetery.
- FREDERICTON—**
Fisher, Hon. Charles, Forest Hill Cemetery.
- NEWCASTLE—**
Johnson, Hon. John Mercer, St. Paul's Anglican Cemetery, on road between Chatham and Newcastle.
- Mitchell, Hon. Peter, St. James' Presbyterian Church Cemetery.
- SAINT JOHN—**
Steeves, Hon. William Henry, Fernhill Cemetery.
Tilley, Hon. Sir Samuel Leonard, Fernhill Cemetery.
Quebec
- MONTREAL—**
Cartier, Hon. Sir George Etienne, Cote des Neiges Cemetery.
Galt, Hon. Alexander Tilloch,
McGee, Hon. Thomas D'Arcy, Cote des Neiges Cemetery.
- QUEBEC—**
Langevin, Hon. Sir Hector Louis, St. Charles' Cemetery.
- ST. THOMAS—**
Tache, Hon. Sir Etienne Paschal, St. Thomas Cemetery.
- ST. DENIS, Kamouraska—**
Chapais, Hon. Jean Charles.
Ontario
- TORONTO—**
Brown, Hon. George, Necropolis Cemetery.
Cockburn, Hon. James, St. James' Cemetery.
Mowat, Hon. Sir Oliver, Mount Pleasant Cemetery.
- KINGSTON—**
Campbell, Hon. Sir Alexander, Cataraque Cemetery.
MacDonald, Rt. Hon. Sir John A., Cataraque Cemetery.
- OTTAWA—**
Barnard, Hon. Hewitt, Beechwood Cemetery.
McDougall, Hon. William, Beechwood Cemetery.
British Columbia
- VICTORIA—**
Gray, Hon. John Hamilton, Ross Bay Cemetery.

Camping Reminders

FOOD.—Keep your camp menu simple. Among other items, each day's camp fare should include: A whole-grain cereal, preferably cooked; potatoes and one other vegetable; a raw apple, or other fresh fruit. Tomatoes, canned if fresh not obtainable, are highly recommended for their valuable vitamins.

Milk.—Make 100% sure that your milk comes from healthy cows in clean surroundings. (The necessity of this precaution was emphasized anew this spring by a serious epidemic of typhoid fever in a section of Quebec, traced to the milk supply.) Where there is any uncertainty regarding the purity of the milk, use canned powdered milk.

Business Methods in Camp.—Appoint one of your older Scouts as Quartermaster, and have him keep a record of all expenditures, with vouchers for each item. At the end of the camp present a complete statement to your Troop Committee.

Using the Patrol System.—Unless the majority of your boys are new both to camping and Scouting, plan for a Patrol System Camp. That is—Each patrol in its own nook, out of sight of and at some distance from

until he has passed a stipulated and reasonable swimming test. The removing of the Sinker's Badge may be made the occasion of a more or less elaborate ceremony at the council fire.

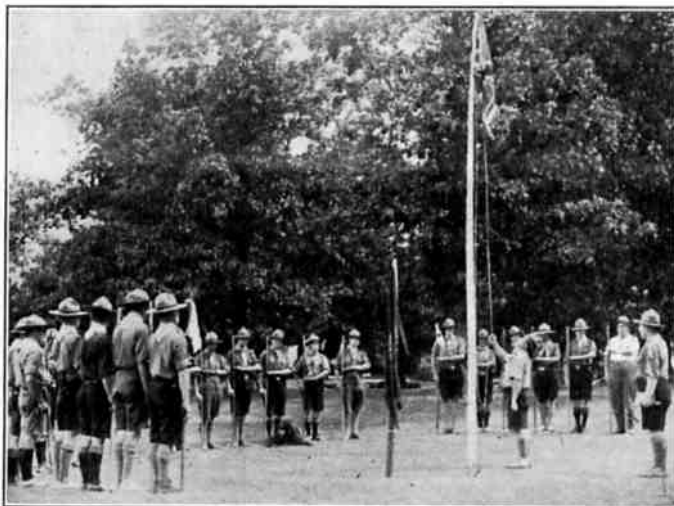
Safe Bathing.—Rigidly enforce the rule of no swimming except during fixed swimming hours. During these periods have a picket of not less than two good swimmers on duty, in bathing suits, ashore or in a boat. Emphasize that their eyes must never be off the boys in the water.

Too much time should not be devoted to swimming and water sports. No boys should be allowed to remain in the water for more than five minutes for a morning dip, nor for more than 20 to 30 minutes during swimming periods.

It should be remembered that the "compulsory morning dip" is not considered good practice. While for some boys it may be beneficial, for others the results may be positively harmful.

Canoeing and Boating.—Regulations regarding the use of boats and canoes will in certain details depend upon the nature of the waters concerned. Those regarding canoes may well be based on the article on safe canoeing on page 114 of this magazine. In all

Morning flag-break at the Ontario Gillwell, Ebor Park.



other patrols, but in view of the centrally-located Scoutmaster's tent.

Each patrol doing its own cooking, under supervision, and dining on its own site.

Camp Programme.—If you have not already done so, lay this out with your Court of Honour. (See May Leader.)

The Camp Buddy System.—Try this, if you have not previously done so. It provides a proved system for checking up on the whereabouts of boys at any time throughout the period of the camp. Suitable boys are paired off for the duration of the camp, and are instructed that each must at all times and under all circumstances know the whereabouts of the other.

Sinkers and Swimmers.—The most effective means yet found of encouraging boys to learn to swim. At the opening of the camp the boys are separated into groups of swimmers and non-swimmers, and each of the latter group is compelled to wear, sewn on his shirt, a yellow patch to which a lead fish-line sinker is attached by a safety pin. This is worn

cases the first rule should be that no non-swimmer may take out a boat or canoe unless accompanied by a swimmer.

Sleep.—Tent-raiding or other sleep-disturbing horseplay is "not done" in Scout camps. Make sure that every boy gets a good night's sleep every night from the first. This is of the first importance if all are to enjoy the maximum benefits of the outing.

Sunburn.—Insist that your boys take their sun tanning gradually, even on arms and legs. Make it a rule that as soon as the skin begins to burn, they are to cover up, and not uncover until the burning sensation has passed. This will save both boys and yourself discomfort, and possibly more serious trouble.

Keeping Dry.—While the dew is on the grass, and during rainy weather, have everyone go barefoot or wear sandals. This will avert colds from wet shoes and stockings. In case of wet clothing (particularly cotton), keep the boys moving until a change to dry things can be made.

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THE CAMP CHIEF'S PAGE

OUTDOORS IN SUMMER

June.—Make sure that every boy this month begins recording the identification of birds, trees and flowers in the sections of the *Canadian Scout Diary* arranged for that purpose. The compiling of these observations makes an interesting game, and will add something to every hike.

When on bird observation be careful not to disturb nesting birds. Do not confine your study of birds to the woods. Look into every kind of nook and locality,—and not only for birds, but for animals and other natural history objects, including orchids. Do what you can to prevent indiscriminate pulling of wild flowers.

July.—The southward migration of shore birds and certain other species begins during this month. The woodland mid-summer migrants offer interesting study, but are quite difficult to observe.

Encourage your boys to start a collection of flowers and weeds, using the plates of wild flowers in the *Canadian Scout Diary* as a handy field guide. The study of weeds is surprisingly interesting, and has a very practical side. Books on the subject usually can be secured at local libraries. One of the best, *Farm Weeds*, is published by the King's Printer, Ottawa, at \$2.00.

August.—The calls of migrating birds can be heard on almost any night in August. Study the night calls of diurnal birds, and note daily in your own *Scout Diary* what migrants pass. Note the relationship between these migratory movements and the weather. During field observation of birds note the difference between spring and fall plumage.

EARLY MORNING BIRD HIKES

Dawn is the maker of naturalists. Scouts might form a Saturday Dawn Club, with the counting of Whip-poor-will calls as the initiation qualification. A dawn hike every Saturday or every other week during June and July would help to win the Bird Warden and Naturalist badges. Most of what I have learned of Nature has been observed in the early morn.

If a Scoutmaster can make an advance survey of a suitable spot, then lead his Scouts to a place of varied surroundings—some swamp, some meadow, open woods, and so on—highly entertaining observations may be made. A fireplace of rocks and some sizzling breakfast bacon will hold your boys and allow the wild life to resume its normal business. While you sit quiet some of your bird neighbors will show interest in your doings. I have known nervous Jays and other wild folk to almost break their necks peering in and showing off.

The broken-wing trick of the Killdeer will always interest the boys. Although a trick, it is most entertaining, and I personally fall for it every

time. Last week I followed one with a supposed broken leg. Can you resist the clever acting? Open fields, especially poor land, are haunts of the Killdeer.

Can you find the milk route of the Sapsucker? He has more or less regular rounds of sap-hole trees. Sometimes he is accompanied by hummingbirds, which sip a little after he has passed on. There is a similarity of field identification marks in these two birds that a keen Scout knows. Do you? —W.H.R.

BIRD OBSERVATION HINTS

Go quietly, and use your ears as well as your eyes. One of our leading bird authorities says he finds more birds by sound than by sight.

When you reach a spot where you think birds should be found, wait quietly until you hear a song. Then search out the singer with your field glasses.

Don't expect the birds to appear the minute you sit down. If your actions are such as to attract their attention

A lecture session of the 1926 Alberta Gillwell.



to you, they will freeze and you will see nothing. The two main essentials are quietness and patience.

Camp Lectures on Birds, Trees, Etc.

DO not overlook local authorities on birds, trees, flowers, weeds, rocks, etc., when laying out your camp programme. In every community of any size there are those who have natural history hobbies, and who are only glad of an opportunity to talk on the subject to an interested audience. Incidentally a new friend of Scouting may be secured.

Gillwell Camp Dates

Alberta, July 4-14.
Ontario, July 5-16.
Manitoba, July 12-21.
Maritime, July 12-22.
Saskatchewan, July 19-29.

Akela II

Saskatchewan, July 29-Aug. 2.

A SIMPLE METHOD OF ASSURING PURE WATER

—In a teacupful of water dissolve a level teaspoonful of chloride of lime. Dilute with three cupfuls of water. Add a teaspoonful of this to each two gallon pails of drinking water and stir thoroughly. This will give four or five parts of free chloride to a million parts of water, sufficient to destroy in ten minutes all typhoid and colon bacilli or other dysentery producing organisms. All traces of the chloride will rapidly disappear.

Scouts Help in Corn-Borer Fight

WHEN a renter left a farm near Harrow, Ont., without cleaning up a borer-infested cornfield, and the Harrow Scout Troop learned that the aged owner was unable to take care of the task, they undertook the problem, under the leadership of Scoutmaster Elliott. The entire field was cleared of stalks, and these burned. The troop was warmly complimented upon its work by the County corn-borer inspector.

Finding Stars by a Torch

DID you ever look for stars with an electric torch? Sounds funny don't it, but try it. On a clear starlight night, when there is a slight mist from 10 to 20 feet above the ground, take your boys out and with an electric torch of the spot-light variety try pointing out the stars with it. The light through the mist makes a long pointer which the boys are quick to follow. We find our old friend the Great Bear. "There's the leader, boys. Now No. 2. See the little fellow beside it? That's the eye tester. Now No. 3. —then four and five, now six and seven, and then straight across the sky (swinging the torch) and we have the Pole Star, Polaris." So through the different groups we go. But be ready for umpteen questions.

—Edwin Worthington,
C.M. Riverview Pack,
South Vancouver.

Scouting from Coast to Coast

An Alert Troop's Double Good Turn
WHEN the 1st Middleton, N.S., Troop learned that the local news agent for the Halifax Herald was ill in hospital, the boys made arrangements for the delivery of his papers each day by one of the patrols, under the directions of its P.L. The service was much appreciated.

Members of the Mothers' Auxiliary of the 2nd Sherbrooke, Que., assisted in the organization of a Mothers' Auxiliary for the 1st Lennoxville, Que.

A bike hike of the 62nd Winnipeg (Tabernacle Baptist) had for its objective the location of a hike bivouac site.

A Low-Charge Camp

For the seventh successive year the 1st Vernon Troop, B.C., Scoutmaster C. W. Morrow, has financed its summer camp by staging a well prepared play,—this year the comedy, "The Arrival of Kitty." During the seven years a total of \$1,050 has been raised, and the camp charge kept at \$2 per boy.

The school board of Borden, Sask., voted a grant of \$25 toward the expenses of organizing and outfitting a local Scout troop.

Hamilton has created a Central Examination Badge Board, before which local Scouts will take their proficiency badge tests.

Scout and Cub Choir Boys

Scouts and Cubs of the 2nd St. John (St. Paul's), with the church Guides and Brownies, attended special service at St. Paul's, Saint John, N.B., and heard a sermon by the Rev. G. E. Trueman on the significance of the Scout tests. The Scouts and Cubs, who largely made up the boys' choir, wore their troop and pack neckerchiefs in place of the usual black ties.

The awarding of the King's Scout Badge to T.L. Harold Hurdle of the 4th Edmonton was marked by an impressive ceremony. The presentation was made by District Commissioner Hilton.

At a Court of Honour meeting of the 1st Palmerston, Ont., five Scouts were designated to act in uniform as ushers at a C.G.I.T. concert.



A tracking story in the sand for a patrol of the 3rd Fort William, Ont.

11 of 12 Troops in Winnipeg District Hike

After an individual troop district hike eleven of the twelve troops of the 2nd Winnipeg District rendezvoused at St. Stephen's Broadway Church, where supper was served in the headquarters of the 20th Troop. A well planned programme following the supper included a moving picture story of adventures among the rivers of the Rocky Mountains and Northern Ontario.

Safety first pictures are being shown by the Ontario Safety League before Provincial troops and packs.

The Montreal Rover Council consists of one rover representative from each of the eight patrols.

Every Hamilton Troop to Visit Another by July 1st

"Every troop is expected to arrange for at least one visit to another troop before July 1, and two additional visits are to be made before the end of the calendar year," says a special bulletin to Hamilton Scoutmasters. Inter-troop visits help both visitors and visited.



1st Chatham, Ont., demonstrates for visitors how apples may be eaten without aid of knife, fork or hands.

Scouts of Saint John, N.B., were used by the Citizen's Committee to distribute specimen ballots in connection with the local election of May 3rd.

Southampton, Ont., Scouts received their Dominion Registration certificates at the hands of Mayor Dell.

Troop Spirit!

The printed programme for an entertainment of the 22nd Winnipeg (St. John's Cathedral) made no mention of the names of Scouts taking part,— "the boys being of the opinion that when every member of the troop was doing his best in some capacity, no names should be given." The order of the items was announced by a Scout garbed as a herald, who also made an opening and closing oration.

A rummage sale of the 2nd Border Cities Troop realized a substantial sum toward their summer camp fund. "The rummage was collected by the Scouts in their spare time last week."

A handsome silk Pack flag was presented to the 19th Edmonton (St. Joseph's) Wolf Cub Pack by Mr. and Mrs. A. W. McGannon. Following the presentation the flag was blessed by Rev. Father Nelligan.



THE Sask. 1st Renowns entertain visitors with "Sparky"—made of two boys, two tent bag feet, a peg bag head, a quilt and a sea-weed tail.

Fort William's Farewell to Commissioner Sims

Eighty members of the 1st Fort William Troop and Pack gathered in St. Paul's Parish Hall to present a gold Thanks Badge and an address of appreciation to District Commissioner Rev. H. A. Sims, prior to his departure for North Bay. Under the guidance of Rev. Mr. Sims Scouting during the past six years has reached a high degree of success at the big grain port.

"The Court of Honour met after the meeting and discussed the programme for the remaining meetings of the month."—1st Asbestos Troop, Que.

A hoop race provided a lively and interesting inter-six competition for St. Paul's Cub Pack of Fort William.

Prize for High Boy in Six and Patrol

At a Parents' Night of the Saint John, N.B., Trinity Troop and Pack prizes awarded included a Scout knife for the Cub standing highest in each Six, and a sheath knife for the highest Scout in each patrol. The prizes which were donated by the Troop Committee, were presented by Mrs. G. Wilford Campbell, Assistant District Commissioner for Wolf Cubs.

The majority of the Scouts of the 1st Asbestos Troop, Que., earned their Dominion Registration fee by procuring various jobs.

District Commissioner Strachan presented the prizes won in a flag-drawing competition of the 8th Moose Jaw Cubs.

Ontario Fire Marshal's Medal for Scouts

The Heaton gold medal for efficiency in fire prevention and fire fighting, offered for competition among Woodstock Scouts by Provincial Fire Marshal E. P. Heaton, was won by Scout Ross Gould of the 2nd Troop. Eleven other Woodstock Scouts passed the tests given by Fire Chief Murray.

The 5th Edmonton held a special church parade to St. Peter's on Mothers' Day.

On the occasion of her marriage, Lady Cubmaster Jones was presented by Provincial Commissioner Ball on behalf of the 9th Regina Pack with a

handsome silver compote bowl, and by Mr. M. L. Tallant on behalf of the District Council with a beautiful set of candle sticks.

Pow-wow of Winnipeg Leaders and the A.C.C.

A largely attended Scout leaders' reception and pow-wow was held at the Royal Alexandra Hotel, Winnipeg, in honour of Assistant Chief Commissioner John A. Stiles, in Winnipeg for a provincial conference of Scout Commissioners. The A.C.C. presented certificates to 21 Wolf Cub leaders who passed the recent Akela Course held by Akela F. W. Thompson. Mr. Stiles spoke on "Scouting in Canada." A laughable rendition of the "Mad Hatter's Tea Party," from Alice in Wonderland, was given by a party of Tecumseh Pack Cubs.

Trail Rangers of Sutherland Mission and the 15th Winnipeg Troop (Maryland United Church) combined to present a successful entertainment in aid of their respective funds.

During a hike halt in a coulee the Scouts of the 1st Drumheller, Alta., competed for a prize offered by Cubmaster Crawford for the best cooked and best served meal.

Such Open Nights Explain Scouting

At an Open Night of the 14th Ottawa (St. Andrew's Presbyterian) visitors watched patrol corners work, witnessed an investiture, enjoyed refreshments served by the Ladies' Aid, and at a council fire listened to a talk on boys in Africa by the Hon. Dr. Arthur, of Kenya Colony. A patrol competition cup was presented to the Wolf Patrol by the pastor, Rev. W. H. Leatham.

The Willingdon Rovers of Greenfield Park, Montreal, held a May 24th Community Scout field day to which they invited Montreal troops.

For a Saturday afternoon "sealed orders hike" of the 2nd Saint John each patrol was given a map and directions to proceed to a certain lake without being seen by any other patrol. Hike maps and journey notes were to be made.

Scout Sportsmanship

A Scout Softball League game between the 1st and 10th Ottawas was handled by a referee much used by other leagues. At the conclusion of the game he inquired of one of the Scout leaders present, "Didn't the boys enjoy the game?" Assured that they had, and asked why, he replied, "They didn't kick on a single decision."

Reports of proficiency badge tests published in the *Chilliwack Progress*, B.C., under each badge heading carry the name of the examiner as,—"Carpenter"—Mr. T. W. Campbell, Examiner," followed by the names of the boys passing.

The Scouts of Dunnville, Ont., have been asked to assist the local authorities in enforcing the summer curfew hour regulation that all children must be off the streets by 8 o'clock.

An Interesting Patrol Hike Schedule

A troop recently organized at Renforth, a suburb of Saint John, N.B., is carrying out a programme of attractive weekly hikes. The hikes are conducted on the Patrol System, each patrol covering new territory on each hike and making a map of the district. In addition specific objects are named for collection—as six specimens of hardwood and six of soft, six different kinds of stone, etc.

The Cubmasters of the Vancouver district have formed an "Old Wolf Pack."

The Montreal Rover patrols are known by these names: Willingdon, Trenchard, Cornwell, Kitchener, Haig, Linden Cole, Marquis of Lorne. An eighth patrol has not yet chosen its name.

Well Planned Scout Service for Rotary Convention

Ottawa Scouts, Cubs, Rovers and Sea Scouts rendered service of many kinds during the International Rotary



A chariot race at the Ottawa District Camp.

District convention, held in the Capital, April 29-30. The neatness of the boys, the alertness and dignity with which they filled their various roles, and the general discipline and efficiency shown were repeatedly commented upon. The Cubs particularly made an impression upon American visitors. An emergency call, met promptly, was that for a large number of Scout guides to accompany American visitors driving their own cars on sight-seeing tours. The convention Scout service was organized and directed by Acting Secretary Len L. Johnson and Scoutmaster Wm. Currier of the 1st Ottawa Troop.

A short training course and conference of leaders and committeemen of District No. 2 of Manitoba, was held May 27-29 at Shoal Lake. The visitors included the Provincial Chief Scout, Sir James Aikins.

The Court of Honour of the North Kamloops, B.C., after thorough discus-

sion, recommended to their Troop Committee the purchase of two-Loy hike tents from Dominion Headquarters rather than the purchase of a 10x12 wall tent.

Try a Self-Serve Bean Banquet

For the 1st Red Deer, Alta., seventh anniversary banquet and entertainment, "a large collection of parents, aunts, uncles, sisters and brothers and Scouts marched merrily upstairs, each bearing a mess tin and a spoon," to be served with baked beans and scalloped potatoes at the entrance to the meeting room. An entertaining programme included community singing and games in which all present participated.

Semaphore Baseball, as a variation from Knot Baseball, proved successful and interesting for the 1st Deloro Troop, Ont., when kept indoors by a wet meeting night.

The Sacred Heart Church of Sydney, N.S., claims distinction with three full Scout troops, the 13th, 14th and 15th Sydneys. Each meets on a different night.

A Three-Tier Cake for the 1st Asbestos

A three-tier birthday cake, the gift of the Hotel Iroquois chef, was the centerpiece for the third anniversary banquet of the 1st Asbestos Troop, Que., served by the Troop Mothers' Auxiliary. Following the banquet there was a demonstration of Scout and Cub work and games and a Scout camp-fire programme. Cub and Scout proficiency badges were presented, and Scoutmaster W. N. Reakes received a Thanks Badge from President R. S. Gardner on behalf of the Troop Committee. A silver collection added \$25 to the troop's camp fund.

For the troop reunion on June 2nd the Banquet Committee of the 23rd Toronto Troop (St. Clements') sent out invitations to 274 ex-members.

A set of 50 coloured pictures of animals has added a scouty touch to the hut of the 4th Edmonton. "They look fine, and make a walk around the hut like a miniature nature study hike."

Patrol Bank Accounts

The 3rd St. Thomas has started a system of separate patrol bank accounts, which has resulted in keen competition for the largest bank balance shown at each meeting. The Scoutmaster arranged with the bank that when a Patrol Leader wishes to draw out funds the cheque will require both his signature and that of the Scoutmaster. The boys, amongst other plans, are discussing the paying of Dominion Registration fees from this patrol fund, when they apply for a new charter.

The Willingdon Rover Patrol of Greenfield Park, Montreal, has purchased a camp site, and by circular letter has placed it at the disposal of Montreal troops for short term camps.

The singing of the recently organized troop choir was a feature of a successful entertainment of the 14th Winnipeg (All Saints'). A Toc H concert party assisted.



Camp-loom grass mattresses, guaranteed to bring sleep first night in camp. 1st Renown Trp., Sask., Mfrs.

58th Toronto's Thank Offering

An "Old Countree Faire" held in the Parish Hall of the Church of the Transfiguration on a Saturday afternoon and evening netted for the 58th Toronto Troop the neat sum of \$243. Of this the troop directed Scoutmaster Percy H. Trent to turn \$100 over to the church, "as a thank offering for the co-operation and help received in having the use of the hall for their work."

Scoutmaster R. G. Appelby of the 2nd Kitchener is acting as Scoutmaster of the new 3rd Kitchener (Jewish) until a suitable permanent leader has been secured.

Bird houses made by the 1st Burlington Troop were placed on exhibition and sale in a hardware store window, and the proceeds added to the troop's Dominion Registration fund.

Try This 5th Edmonton Hike Programme

A patrol competition hike of the 5th Edmonton included a mile relay race, the drawing of hike sketch maps, a verbal message contest and a tracking game in which patrols sought for the Scoutmaster, who was snugly hidden in a small wood.

Members of the Local Association of Rossland, B.C., attended a regular meeting of the 1st Rossland Troop, and President Head addressed the boys and presented a number of Service Stars.

For an open roll call of the 1st Palmerston Troop, Ont., each boy responded by naming a Canadian wild flower. On another occasion the naming of an animal was asked.

London Scouts' Memorial Window

St. George's Anglican Troop, West London, Ont., presented to the church a beautiful memorial window bearing the names of men of the congregation who gave their lives in the Great War. The troop raised the funds by concerts, carol singing at Christmas, a rummage sale and a home-cooking sale. The window, whose main figure is that of St. George, was unveiled at an impressive service in which the Scouts composed the choir. A tablet beside the window bears the inscription: "To the glory of God this window was installed by St. George's Boy Scouts, Harold Peach, Scoutmaster. Unveiled by Ven. Archdeacon G. B. Sage, April 24th, 1927."

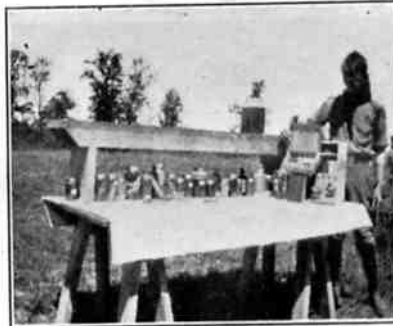
Sixty-five local Scouts assisted in tree planting in Victoria Park, Truro, N.S., under the direction of Scoutmaster Barrett of the 1st Truro.

The Vernon, B.C., Scout Hall, built at a cost of \$8,000, is fully paid for. The city donated the site and a sum of \$400, and provides free light and water. Another achievement of several years of good Scouting!

A Leadership Course for P.L.'s and Seconds

Patrol Leaders and Seconds of the 53rd and 62nd Winnipeg Troops (Tabernacle Baptist) were given a 10 evenings leadership course by Scoutmasters Proctor and Stephenson and Field Scout Earle H. Davison. The subjects covered included Second and First Class tests, bridge building, lashing, splicing and other practical field work, and the handling of patrols.

Among the grass fire fights recently recorded was a two hours' session of the 1st Brockville Troop under Scoutmaster Rev. A. F. C. Whalley, on the Brockville Country Club property. A number of burning stumps had to be chopped up before the job was completed.



A corner of the Camp Teetonkah (Hamilton District) Museum, ready for visitors.

The first entertainment of St. Patrick's Troop, Medicine Hat, Alta., attracted a large attendance to K. of C. Hall for an excellent variety programme. District Commissioner Harding spoke on the history of Scouting.

2nd Fredericton Colours Consecrated

The colours of the 2nd Fredericton Troop and Pack were consecrated at a most impressive service at the Cathedral by Very Rev. Dean Neales, assisted by Rev. W. J. Wilkinson. Troop and Pack mustered at Memorial Hall, and entered the church in a body, headed by District Commissioner

Bull and Cubmaster R. Pugh. The rehearsal was worked out by the troop Rovers.

Between two and three hundred Scouts from Petrolia, Sarnia, Strathroy and Wallaceburg attended a Scout rally church parade and field day, May 21st-24th at Brigden, Ont.

The Hugh Paton First Aid Trophy, annually competed for by Quebec Scout First Aid teams, was won for 1927 by the 89th Montreal Troop (St. Alban's), with the 1st St. Anne de Bellevue second and the 2nd Sherbrooke third.

City Beautification Hints for Scouts

Addressing the monthly gathering of Chatham, Ont., Scout leaders, Mr. Fred Collins, Secretary of the Chatham Horticultural Society, advocated a Scout department in connection with that organization. As an aid in the beautification of the city he suggested the construction by Scouts of lawn furniture, trellising, and bird baths, as well as bird houses. He also suggested that Scouts see that flower urns in different sections of the city were regularly watered, and that damaging of trees be noted and reported to the authorities.

At a special morning service new troop colours were presented to the 17th Winnipeg by St. Matthew's Sunday-school, with which the troop is connected.

Proficiency badges of the 4th Edmonton are presented at the council fire.

P.L.'s and 2nd's as Hike Programme Committees

For a Kingston district hike planned by the Patrol Leaders and Seconds, the P.L.'s formed themselves into a hike programme committee, and the Seconds into another committee to make arrangements for an optional rainy day programme. Scouts were asked to bring sandwiches and a mug, all other eats and equipment being supplied. The hike wound up with a council fire.

The boys of a newly organized New Brunswick troop earned uniform money by selling artificial sweet peas at 50 cents a dozen. At last reports they had sold 150 dozen. The flowers were made by the wife of the Scoutmaster.

The Scout column of the Brockville Recorder-Times, Ont., recently carried a sketch of nearby historical points which might be made objectives for patrol hikes.



A Council Fire of the 1st Richard Trp., Sask.

Fire Apparatus at Disposal of Parrsboro Scouts

Fire Chief John R. Morwick of Parrsboro, N.S., who is instructing the 1st Parrsboro Scouts for the Fireman's badge, gave the troop permission to take out the hose reel and other apparatus, to stage a mock fire. In addition to instruction for the Fireman's badge, Fire Chief Morwick is giving instruction for the Electrician's and Engineer's badges.

The movie comedy "Tin Hats," followed by a Scout camp programme, given at the Savoy Theatre, Owen Sound, netted a substantial amount for the funds of the local Scout Association.

The passing of Second Class and First Class cooking tests, tracking through the bush and an investiture provided substantial items for a hike of the 2nd Portage la Prairie.

An Explanation Occasionally Needed

Commenting in the *Port Colborne, Ont., Citizen Scout News* column upon the remark of a boy that he had not applied to join the local troop, "because he was not an Anglican," Scoutmaster Sagert explains that although meeting in an Anglican hall, the troop is for the benefit of the boys of the town in general. He notes that its present personnel includes: Anglicans, 19; Presbyterians, 12; Uniteds, 8; Baptists, 3; Catholics, 2; Jews, 1.

A well varied programme of Scout and Cub work by the 3rd Frederickton (St. Ann's) and an address by District Commissioner Le Baron Bull attracted a capacity house to Parish Hall. The always popular indoor council fire provided an effective finale.

Rev. J. W. Loughton of St. Alban's Mission, Scoutmaster of the 1st Oaklands, B.C., invited all local groups of Guides and Scouts to an open air Sunday service, "to be held in the bush to the west of Cedar Hill Road." The spot is within a few minutes walk of a car line terminus.

3rd St. Thomas—Missionary Troop

After several 38-mile trips to Rodney, Ont., a representative organization and a troop and pack were organized by Scoutmaster H. M. Anthony of the 3rd St. Thomas Troop. For the final organization meeting some 40 boys of the 3rd St. Thomas gave a demonstration of Scout work at the Town Hall, which was filled. The visiting Scoutmaster spoke on "What Scouting Is and Does" and stressed the point that through its teaching of world boy brotherhood Scouting is one of the best preventives of war. A.S.M. Able also spoke effectively.

District Scoutmaster W. Giovetti and several other Sherbrooke leaders were present at a special meeting of the 1st East Angus Troop, Que., and assisted in the investiture of a number of Scouts. A.S.M.'s Trussler and Blake gave the troop a session of hand signals and games.

Thirty-four new troops and packs have been organized in Manitoba since the beginning of the Scout year, November 1st last. The majority are located outside of Winnipeg.

Sea Scouts Given Preference Over Other Sailormen

While their vessel lay in Esquimalt Harbour, American Sea Scouts of the schooner yacht Northern Light, of the Borden-Field Museum Expedition into the Arctic, visited Victoria, B.C., Scout Headquarters, and spent an evening of songs and stories with local Scouts and leaders. J. T. Power, Assistant Director of Sea Scouts for Chicago, told the story of the selection of the eight American Scouts for the expedition in preference to seamen of other sources. The expedition will remain in the Arctic for a year. Captain John Borden invited the local Scouts, Cubs, Guides and Brownies to visit the yacht.

The programme of a successful Scouts' and Fathers' of the 22nd Toronto (S.M. Stewart Fisher) included a demonstration of friction fire, rope spinning and the "Gillwell knife act."

At a Parents' Night of the Red



An Ottawa
district
Patrol
Kitchen.

River Pack at Kitchener School, Winnipeg, the boys presented a gold compass to Chairman Edgar Ransom of the Pack Committee.

The S.M.'s Not Worrying Over This Detail

Members of the 1st Kitchener and 1st Waterloo Troops, who plan camping together, held a joint Court of Honour to complete arrangements and lay out the programme for the first two days of the camp. Plans also were made for hikes to be held during the camp.

The 32nd Winnipeg Troop, under Scoutmaster E. V. Thompson, is carrying out a series of week-end camps in preparation for the two-weeks' camp in August.

So many applications have been received to join the 1st and 2nd Oakville Troops since the opening of their specially built Scout hall that a Vestibule Training course was arranged, in order to secure the necessary additional leaders.

Again the Scout Firemen

The Rev. Basil Resker and Scouts of Williams' Lake, B.C., learning by

telephone at their camp that a rancher's home two miles away was burning hastened thither in a car. They rendered valuable assistance in removing furniture and preventing the spread of the flames to the surrounding buildings.

Two artistic posters advertising the annual Halifax Scout Jamboree were donated by the students of the Nova Scotia College of Art, who designed them under the direction of Miss Elizabeth Nutt.

Ninety-seven Niagara Falls Scouts and Cubs assembled at Township Hall to hear a lantern-slide lecture by Dr. Lloyd Jones on "Teeth, and Their Preservation."

Manitoba's Active Chief Scout

Sir James Aikins as Chief Scout for Manitoba continues to play a very active role in the Scouting activities of the province. Part of his programme for May included addresses on May 25th at Portage la Prairie before the local Kiwanis Club and a mass meeting of citizens; an address to citizens of Minnedosa on May 26th,

and participation in a district conference at Shoal Lake on May 27th.

The 1st Penetanguishene made a cinder path through the "short-cut" across the Separate School grounds. It took two Saturdays to complete the job, but they "did it right."

An afternoon Scout tea and mixed display and entertainment netted \$48 for the funds of the 1st Melfort, Sask. The local theatre showed a slide advertising the event.

Answer the Boy's Questions Says Commissioner Wardleworth

In an address before the local Lions' Club, Montreal District Commissioner T. H. Wardleworth cautioned against brusqueness when answering the questions of children. "The boy is essentially a walking interrogation mark," he said. "He expects to learn from his elders, and for that reason his questions always should be treated with gravity and consideration."

The contribution of the 1st Brampton, Ont., Troop to the annual children's concert in aid of the Victorian Order of Nurses, held in the Capitol Theatre, was an indoor council fire.

For instruction in first aid bandaging by the 5th Brandon Troop, the Scoutmaster called out the problem, and Patrol Leaders instructed and directed their patrols in details.

An Alberta Patrol Chase

A morning "Patrol Chase," in which the Beavers of the 1st Lethbridge laid a cross-country trail for the balance of the troop and pack, ended at a flag hoisted at the spot at which the Beavers had made camp for the noon luncheon. Scouting games followed, and a hike home at 4 o'clock, for another "feed." The day was voted a great success.

At the May meeting of the Winnipeg Rover Advisory Board activities of the past winter were reviewed and plans formulated for the summer months. These included the establishing during the latter part of June of a week-end Rover camp.

A mystery hike, with successive directions hidden in a variety of places, proved interesting to the 1st Ottawa (Rockliffe). A careful preliminary survey of the ground by the Scoutmaster developed the best possibilities, and provided some original and amusing problems.

Our old friend Pickie at the 6th St. John's, Nfld., camp of Gillwellian S. M. Ayre of Nova Scotia '23.



Meaning Good Scouting by the 1st Virden

When the 1st Virden, Man., was organized a year ago, little interest was taken by the community, according to Out-of-Town Scout News, in the *Winnipeg Tribune*. Since the boys have started demonstrating their work, however, it has been necessary to organize another troop, to take care of the surplus of boys desiring to join the 1st Troop.

The 4th Edmonton was the first to port trying out the "Thread Race" described in the April *Scout Leader*, and found it "very promising as a game to develop observational powers."

An outline of camping arrangements for Roman Catholic Boy Scouts of the diocese of London was given by Rev. Brother Silvin, F.S.C., Diocesan Director, before Border Cities Catholic troops. There will be camps at Oxley Beach, Essex County, and at Port Talbot in Elgin County.

This Entertainment Opening is Becoming Popular

A successful district Scout entertainment, put on by some 70 selected

Scouts and Cubs at the Saint John, N.B., Vocational School pleased a capacity audience. The display was given under the supervision of District Scoutmaster O. J. Lawson. It was opened with the breaking of the flag and the singing of O Canada.

A feature of the second annual and very successful Jamboree of the 2nd Kitchener Troop, Ont., held in Knights of Columbus Hall, was the presentation by District Scoutmaster Wheeler of Galt of the charter of the new 4th Kitchener Troop to W. C. Hearn, Grand Knight of Funcken Council, Knights of Columbus.

At a farewell social tendered Rev. Canon Carruthers, when leaving Holy Trinity Church at Edmonton, for Holy Trinity, Winnipeg, the 6th Edmonton Troop, under S.M. Wisden, formed a horseshoe and presented the popular clergyman with a Thanks Badge.

Showing Interest in the Church

"Sunday's church parade (of the 17th Winnipeg, St. Matthew's) was featured by one of the best turn outs of the Cubs, Scouts and Rovers that the troop has had in a good while. The troop's aim is to show that it has as much interest in the church as in the troop activities."

Old Scout reunion banquets are becoming "the thing." One recently held brought together forty Scouts and Old Scouts of the 1st Port Colborne, Ont., with Field Secretary E. T. Jones as guest of honour and speaker of the evening. The banquet was served by the Women's Auxilliary of St. James' Anglican Church.

Dispatch running games are again proving popular with the Moose Jaw troops. For the season's first run of the 9th Troop, the P.L.'s, Seconds and T.L. carried the dispatches, for the next run, the rest of the troop endeavored to get past the junior leaders.

From the Seed Planted by the 30th Westminster

The outstanding programme number of the entertainment following the largely attended annual supper of the 28th Winnipeg troop (Fort Rouge United Church) was the initial appearance of the 28th Troop Choir, which was formed following the visit of the Westminster Abbey Scout Choristers. Four songs were given, "Oh, Dear What Can the Matter Be?" "The Derby Ram," "D'ye Ken John Peel?" and

"Ilkley Moor." In addition to other varied musical numbers the Pack presented a short sketch, "The Mad Hatter's Tea Party," and members of the troop "A Strenuous Afternoon." Among the guests were Jackson Dodds, President of the Provincial Association, and Mrs. Dodds.

A recently organized troop at Deloro, Ont., while out to construct a week-end camp shelter, proved its quality by tackling a forest fire, and after a two hours' fight mastered a quarter-mile stretch of it. A rain finished the job.

The Silver Wolf and the Medals of Merit which were to be presented by the Chief Scout for Canada respectively to Col. G. E. Sanders, Rev. Canon Horne and Scoutmaster E. V. Spiller, of Calgary, were on display in a prominent store window for some days prior to their presentation at the Calgary Jamboree.

20th Border Cities Tries the Buddy System

A "buddy" system adopted by the 20th Border Cities Troop has proved a success, according to the *Border Cities Scout News*. The Scouts of each patrol pair off for mutual help in Scout work, under the supervision of their P.L. "In two weeks it has produced two trained Tenderfoots and four proficiency badges."

The old Town Office was placed at the disposal of the 1st Foam Lake Troop, Sask., as a troop headquarters. A number of broken chairs, discarded at the Town Hall, were repaired by the Scouts, and a table and shelves constructed. St. John's Church Women's Auxilliary provided an opening feast of sandwiches and cake.

Another Singing Troop

"The 2nd Troop (Kincardine) last week branched out from gang-singing and held a competition by patrols. Competition points were awarded for the best renditions. The Wolves came first, followed in order by the Beavers, Moose and Hawks."

The Halifax Overseas League has offered \$75 in prizes for nature observation contests among the Boy Scouts of the province.

Making an Event of Charter Presentation

At a meeting in the school, Mayor L. A. Seller, of Strasbourg, Sask., presented the charter and warrant of the local troop to Dr. A. Macintosh, President of the Local Association. On the same occasion Rev. M. Percivall was invested as Cubmaster of the Strasbourg Pack.

At a Fathers' and Scouts' of the 1st Pelly Troop, Sask., the fathers and a number of other leading men of the town, on invitation of Scoutmaster Rev. W. E. Bartlett became supporting members of the Local Association. The banquet, which was served by the United C.G.I.T., was followed by addresses by Patrol Leaders, and Scout and Cub investitures. The 1st Pelly maintains correspondence with a London, England, troop.



Good example of permanent camp kitchen. Property of Simcoe, Ont., Troops at historic Turkey Point, Lake Erie.

Two of the farthest-north Ontario troops, the 1st and 2nd Capreols, gave a successful entertainment in conjunction with the Young Men's Club of the local Y.M.C.A. The entertainment was followed by refreshments served by the Ladies' Auxillary of the Y.

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These Staves Mean Something

"On Saturday the troop hiked up the rough and rugged banks of the Puntledge River in search of staves. Crab-apple was most desired, but failing it some good staves of hemlock and wild cherry were found. Bob Hornal is the only member of the troop who can boast of a crab-apple staff, and he is proud of it."—1st Courtney, B.C.

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Says a Woodstock, Ont., *Sentinel-Review* editorial, "The boys of the Woodstock troops of Boy Scouts who passed with high honours in their recent tests in fire prevention and fire fighting are to be congratulated, not only upon their success, but upon taking interest in a vital subject."

CAMPING REMINDERS

(Continued from page 103)

Inspection and Patrol Competition.

Daily morning inspection of tents and patrol sites provides one of the camp's most interesting and profitable competitive games. The inspection usually is held an hour after the call to breakfast. It should be made as rapidly as possible consistent with thoroughness. Awarding of points will be facilitated by the use of a card with the names of the patrols in the first column, and additional columns captioned by the various inspection headings, and the maximum points awarded,—points being deducted for shortcomings, and the balance credited. For instance, under "TENT—10," on a morning when everything should be out in the sun and the tent floor clean and drying out, a half point might be deducted for a suitcase left inside; and an extra half point if the suitcase was not on sticks, to raise it slightly from the ground. Two points might be deducted for crumbs—"untidy and calculated to attract insects." Clothing hanging on the tentpole would lose another half point. Blankets not properly spread on bushes, tree limbs or the grass, to secure the full benefit of sun and air, would lose other points. (Weather permitting, blankets should be left out until around 4 p.m., then—full of life and heat—folded and placed inside tents.)

Inspection headings may include: PERSONAL INSPECTION (patrol lined up before tent). TENT (including blankets and kit). KITCHEN (fire-place, cleanliness of pots and pans, tidy woodpile, quantity of wood pro-

TECTED FROM RAIN, masked axe, wash-basin, towels, refuse and grease pits properly kept and protected, etc.). LATRINES. DINING SHELTER (table, dishes, cutlery, etc.). GADGETS (miscellaneous camp conveniences credited for usefulness, ingenuity, safety, etc.).

The table of inspection points should of course be worked out with the Court of Honour.

The patrol competition may include scouting games and the passing of tests, and may run for the period of the camp, with suitable prizes; or the keeping of the troop flag for the day may be awarded each morning for points won during the previous twenty-four hours; or a small flag may be given outright.

Morning Flag and Prayers.—Morning flag-break and prayers should be



Within the District Camp boundaries P. L. Botting of the 8th Moose Jaw collected 90 varieties of wild flowers, and won the 1926 prize.

fittingly handled. (The flag, prepared for breaking out, has previously been run up by the P.L. of the Duty Patrol.) The ceremony best follows inspection, the Scoutmaster proceeding to the flag-staff, giving the troop call and making the signal for the horseshoe rally. The call is responded to by the Scouts at the run, each patrol giving its patrol cry. When in position, the troop is called to the alert, and this is followed by, "Troop salute!" at which the Troop Leader pulls the halyard, breaking out the flag. The T.L. reports, "Flag broken out, sir," and the Scoutmaster gives the troop, "Steady," at which hands drop.

The Scoutmaster then leads in such prayers as have been approved by the heads of the religious bodies with which the boys are connected, or in case of troops of widely varied church connections, the Scout Silence may be used.—"A few minutes of silent prayer."

Following prayers, the result of the morning's inspection is announced, the

individual flag awarded, or the troop flag placed for the day in the keeping of the winning patrol. (The patrol winning it the previous day will, on reporting at the horseshoe, have returned the troop flag to its pocket at the foot of the main flag-staff.)

The morning's programme will then be proceeded with as planned by the Camp Court of Honour.

Evening Flag.—At 7 o'clock the P.L. of the Duty Patrol, having first freed the lanyard and made sure that the flag is running free, gives the troop call, followed by "Alert!" Each member of the troop, wherever he may be, comes to the alert, then to the salute as the flag begins to descend, and remains thus until, with the flag down and gathered in his arms, the Duty P.L. gives the whistle or other signal for "Carry on."

Starting Right.—It is expected that good Scout system will characterize the camp from the start. On arrival at the camp site the preliminary work should be apportioned. For instance, each P.L. would be directed to delegate two Scouts to prepare his patrol kitchen, gather wood and prepare dinner (or supper); two to put up the patrol tent or tents, others to take care of the sanitary arrangements, and one Scout to assist with the Headquarters tents. After the meal, and a rest, and completion of necessary patrol site details, all would help gather wood and prepare the council fire.

The First Council Fire.—The first council fire is of very great importance. Upon the atmosphere created here may depend the entire success of the camp. In any case, upon the Scoutmaster's talk will depend that subtle but very real thing called the camp spirit, which in turn will decide whether the real spirit of Scouting will characterize the outing, and the camp thus result in real advancement in Scouting for the individual boy.

A Sample First Fire Talk.—Here is an example keynote council fire talk, reprinted from the June Scout Leader of 1924:

"We have been looking forward to this for a long time—and now here we are. We are going to have all kinds of fun, and I hope we are going to learn a lot, and do a lot, and that we will all go back home a lot better fellows in every way,—knowing more about real practical Scouting, and knowing more about each other, and each one knowing more about himself. Particularly I hope we will all learn to be much better Scouts in the matter of real Scout spirit. Now just what is the real Scout Spirit? Well, it means the spirit that makes a fellow always play the game; always willing to do his share cheerfully; not merely his share but a whole lot more, if it is to be done. The fellow who is always noticing how much he does as compared with how much others do, hasn't got the idea at all. There is nothing like camping to prove just the stuff there is in a boy. It shows some boys to be lazy shirkers and whiners, always ready to dodge work, but always there with the big appetite and long arm when the meal hour comes. Of course such a fellow isn't a real Scout at all. The Scout spirit makes a boy

jump in and do all he can whenever there is anything to do; he always does his share, and then some more; and always does it cheerfully. And he is always ready to take the small end of a meal—if there is a small end—without howling.

"Then, manners. The real Scout doesn't let down because he is away from home, and do the sword-swallowing act and all that kind of stuff at the table; he is a gentleman at home, and he is a gentleman in all respects here in camp. He always plays the game of doing just what he is told by his Patrol Leader or Second, or by myself or the A.S.M. He always looks after himself properly in all hygienic matters, and he never makes any coarse or flippant remarks about such things. As I have said, a Scout is always a gentleman.

"You will not forget to say your prayers every night and morning, or both, just as you do at home. Only a coward is afraid to do this because he is out with other boys; and certainly none of you are going to make any joking remarks about that. And at patrol meals you will take turns at saying grace.

"In a word, the Scout Law is to be the law of our camp. We will expect you to live up to every item of it every day."

Outfiting Camp Duties.—The Scoutmaster may then proceed to outline the camp daily routine and duties. For instance one of the patrols will be designated as the Duty Patrol for the next 24 hours, taking over at the close of the council fire. Their work will be to put the fire out, as the first task. At 6.30 in the morning they will rouse the camp cooks, and "milk party" (where milk is sent for), and at seven rouse the entire camp. The P.L. of the Duty Patrol will prepare the flag for breaking. During the day the patrol will see that the camp ground is kept tidy, and in general will take care of anything requiring special attention. They will collect the mail. They will prepare the council fire, and in the evening light it at the time set.

All the above details should later be posted on the Camp Notice Board.

A Sample First Day's Programme

- 6.30 a.m. Duty Patrol rouses cooks.
- 7.00 General camp rouse.
- 7.10 Morning dip or short P. T. game.
- 8.00 Breakfast.
- 9.00 Inspection.
- 9.15 Rally for flag-break, prayers, awarding of patrol site competition flag for the day, announcements.
- 9.30 Brief lively P. T. game.
- 9.45 Talk and demonstration on safe axmanship by Scoutmaster.
- 10.00 Talk on stalking and camouflage by Scoutmaster, followed by inter-patrol camouflage and observation games.
- 11.00 Swim.
- Free time until dinner call.
- 12.00 Dinner.
- Compulsory rest until 2.00 p.m.
- 2 to 4 p.m. Patrol competition bird observation hike.
- 4.30 Swim.
- Free time.

- 5.30 Supper.
- 7.00 Flag down.
- 8.00 Council fire.
- 9.15 Turn in.
- 9.30 Lights out.

Misc. Reminders.—It is important that meals should be served at regular intervals and that Scouts should rise early and retire early.

A certain time,—at least two hours a day,—should be set aside for instruction in Scoutercraft.

Remember that Scouting is a game, and instruction work should, where possible, take the form of games. All necessary physical training can and should be given in the form of games.

Make it a rule that all cuts and scratches must be reported for inspection and treatment. Use iodine even for minor scratches, as a precaution against infection. Such first aid would be assigned to the leader of your troop first aid team, or to P.L.'s or other Scouts who have qualified as Ambulance Men.

Finally.—It should be kept in mind every day that the object of the Camp and the purpose of the programme is to promote good health, good habits and good manners, to develop good character and to give the boys "a jolly good time."



Trench fire and wattle shelter of Paisley-Dundalk Scouts, South Grey Camp, 1926.

A Council Fire Investiture

FOR an outdoor council fire investiture of Scouts of the 4th Kitchener Troop (St. Mary's), an original and effective part was played by four executives of the Knights of Columbus. Posted in the Scout circle at the four cardinal points of the compass they in turn spoke on points of the Scout Promise. Grand Knight W. Callary Hearn, chairman of the Troop Committee, at the North position, spoke on "Duty to God"; Mr. W. C. Mansfield, at the South point, exemplified "Duty to the King"; Scoutmaster Albert Schmidt, at the West position, emphasized the obligation to help



Saint John Jewish Scouts leaving the 1926 Camp on their 24-hour Journey. Note the blanket rolls slung from the shoulder,—neat and convenient where rucksacks are not used.

others at all times, and Mr. J. L. Dor-schel, at the East point, spoke on the Scout Law. The investiture of four Scouts followed.

After a game or two and a warming up around the fire, the boys were transported by truck to the down town district, and had dispersed to their homes by 10 o'clock.

A Good Council Fire

AN indoor council fire programme of the 3rd Peterborough as described in the Scout News column of the Peterborough Examiner was well calculated to visualize for general readers the lively fun of this feature of a Scout meeting.

The boys were seated in horseshoe formation about a "very realistic council fire" constructed of logs covered with red paper and lighted by a bulb beneath. The stunts were performed in the horseshoe opening.

The opening was an "ice breaker," for which each Scout picked someone on the opposite side of the circle and "laughed as hard as possible at him." This was followed by the troop yell, and each patrol in turn was called upon for a stunt. That announced by the Hounds was a tight-rope act by Sun Wun Lung. Just before the appearance of the artist it was announced that Mr. Lung had arrived, but that his apparatus had unfortunately been left behind. "Sooner than disappoint his audience, however, Mr. Lung would do his act without the rope." Mr. Lung then appeared, and proceeded to perform some wonderful feats along a crack in the floor.

The Wolves provided a string trio, "singing and playing several pieces with great gusto," and the Chickadees put on a radio broadcast, which included a story by "Sir Robert Baden Powell himself." P.L. Roper "once more tried his Entertainer Badge, and gave a performance of magic, spiritualistic table-knocking, jokes, and a demonstration in hypnotizing." The Hawks offered some conundrums, A.S. M. Taylor told one of B.P.'s travel stories, and the fire closed with the singing of "Do a Good Turn Daily," and the National Anthem.

A District Camp Good Turn

AT the Hamilton district camp—Camp Teetonkah, at Port Maitland, Ont.—it is planned this year to allot sections and provide leadership for groups of boys sent by the Rotary, Lions and Optimists Clubs of Hamilton, the Big Brothers, the Boys' Home and the Junior Health League. Convalescent boys from the City Hospital also will be taken care of.

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Letter of Commendation

Scout Harold Burns, aged 13, 1st Asbestos Troop, Que., for successfully stopping a runaway horse.

Medal of Merit

John C. Anthony, former Secretary-Treasurer of the Provincial Council of British Columbia, in recognition of very valuable service to the Movement in the province over a period of fifteen years. Mr. Anthony became connected with the Movement in 1911.

W. P. Costain, Scoutmaster, 63rd Griffintown Troop, Montreal, Que., for valuable service to the Movement over a period of seven years. He organized the 53rd Montreal Troop in 1915.

Randolph Day, District Commissioner, New Westminster, B.C., for sixteen years of valuable service to the Movement, including the organization and extension of the work in his district.

Rev. Canon Charles W. E. Horne, Scoutmaster 2nd Calgary Troop, Alta., for exceptionally good work extending over a period of seven years. Canon Horne was one of the original members of the Movement in Calgary and is now acting as Scoutmaster and Cubmaster of the 2nd Calgary, Elbow Park Troop.

Thomas Jones, District Scoutmaster, Three Rivers, Que., for especially good work performed under many handicaps,—ten years as Scoutmaster of the 1st Three Rivers Troop, and latterly as District Scoutmaster.

George H. Scarrett, Assistant Provincial Commissioner, Victoria, B.C., for valuable service to the Movement since its inception in England. During the last ten years in British Columbia, Mr. Scarrett held warrants as Scoutmaster, District Scoutmaster and District Commissioner, and for the past five and a half years has filled the position of Assistant Provincial Commissioner.

E. V. Spiller, Scoutmaster 8th Calgary Troop, Alta., for exceptionally good work on behalf of the Movement. Joining in 1910, Mr. Spiller was one of the original members of the Movement in Calgary, and has served practically continuously from that date. He acted as Scoutmaster of the 1st Troop, and later organized the 8th, his present troop.

W. J. Thistlethwaite, District Scoutmaster, Montreal, in recognition of outstanding work in behalf of the district. Mr. Thistlethwaite joined the 12th St. George's Troop as a boy, in 1916 became Scoutmaster, and in 1920 was made District Scoutmaster.

Frank Walden, Scoutmaster 89th Montreal Troop, for especially good work on behalf of the Movement over a period of seven years as Scoutmaster first of the 23rd Montreal Troop, and latterly of the 89th.

Gilt Cross

Assistant Scoutmaster Elwyn S. Williams, age 19, 1st Kelowna Troop, B.C., for attempting to rescue by diving with grappling irons a young woman who was drowned while swimming in Okanagan Lake.

Silver Cross

Sea Scout Stanley Thomas, age 15, 1st B.C. Sea Scouts, for sliding down an exceedingly steep ice-covered

slope on Grouse Mountain a distance of some 800 feet to rescue a companion, Sydney Harling, who had fallen and was lying unconscious near the brink of a 1,000 foot precipice. Sea Scout Thomas sent a companion for help, while he moved Harling from the edge of the cliff. After some three hours of very difficult work the injured boy was brought to safety. Sea Scout Thomas, now a cadet on the training ship Conway, received his award at the hands of the Lord Mayor of Liverpool.

Scouts and Card Playing

A Word from the Chief

A Patrol Leader reported to me once that at a meeting of P.L.'s the question came up as to whether or not card playing should be allowed in the Troop Headquarters. The Leaders agreed that it should not be allowed, but they wanted to know my opinion about it.

So I wrote them as follows:

"I am very glad to hear that the vote of your Leaders went against card playing. Not that there is any-



The Q.M. demonstrates system in issuing equipment at the '26 New Brunswick Giltwell.

thing wrong in card playing itself, except that people generally find it such a rotten game in the end that they have to put money on it in order to give it a little excitement!

"Then it does become wrong, because it becomes gambling. Personally, I never play cards because I have so much work to do that I haven't got time to waste on them.

"Secondly, whenever I have tried to play I always found the game so dull that I have fallen asleep over it.

"Thirdly, I never could play for money; for one thing I never had so much money that I could afford to lose it in a game; and also I feel that I could not take a friend's money simply because I happened to have a luckier card in my hand than he had. I think it is a dirty way of money-making. I could not do it.

"If you want money, earn it.

"If you want to give away money, give it to those who need it or who deserve it, but not to those who will waste it over luck at cards.

"Your Patrol Leaders showed their good sense in chucking the game. If they give their Scouts lots of Scout work to do, they will have no vacant time to fill up with card playing."

—B.P.

**HAS YOUR TROOP HELPED
THE FIELD WORK IN YOUR
PROVINCE BY DOMINION
REGISTRATION FOR 1927?**

A Community Tribute to a Scout First Aid Team

A banquet tendered by the Municipal Council, followed by a gathering of citizens that packed to capacity the auditorium of a newly completed Town Hall, again provided a striking example of the standing which a Scout troop may earn in its community. The troop was the 1st Huntsville, Ont., and the occasion the winning by its First Aid team for the third successive year, of the Wallace Nesbitt Junior provincial trophy and the Toronto Globe Shield. (The troop's 1926 team also won the Dominion championship.)

"Huntsville has seldom witnessed so spontaneous an outburst of enthusiastic interest as marked the big demonstration on Monday night," reported the **Huntsville Forester** in its two column story of the event. "This interest may have been deepened through the novelty of the first public gathering in the auditorium of the new Public Building, but it came direct from the hearts of the public, proud

of what has been achieved by the local Scouts in the Provincial and Dominion competitions, and anxious to show the depth of their interest in a Movement destined to elevate the standards of citizenship in the coming generation

"Before 8 o'clock the big auditorium of the new Public Building was jammed to the doors. The seating capacity is 540, but it is estimated that at least 650 persons were present, the audience overflowing into the main corridor, while many were turned away."

The formal congratulations of the town were extended to District Commissioner W. D. Forrest and to the Scout troop and its 1927 First Aid team by Mayor H. E. Rice, upon winning "such distinction and bringing such signal honour to themselves and to their town." Those present included Col. Chas. A. Hodgetts, of Ottawa, Director General of the St. John Ambulance Association, and Assistant Provincial Commissioner F. C. Irwin, of Provincial Headquarters.

A small over-night camping party of the 1st Brockvilles, Ont., reported having seen ducks, loons, biterns, mud hens, bull-bats, red-shouldered and sparrow hawks, red-winged blackbirds, hairy woodpeckers and crows; black squirrels and woodchucks, and tracks of skunks and porcupines, and a black water snake. A good-sized cave also was discovered.

The Halifax Jamboree

THE annual Halifax Jamboree held in the local Armouries, established a new high mark for the excellence and variety of its features. The list included a demonstration of dealing with accidents, by the 2nd Halifax; camp weaving, by the 4th; friction fire and an Indian dance, by the 8th; pioneer work, showing the construction of a bridge, a hut, a correctly built camp fire, and various uses of lashings, by the 9th Troop; a day in camp by the 16th; pyramid building by some 50 odd Scouts of the 17th Troop; a trek cart and firemen's display by the 18th; rocket life saving by the 2nd Sea Scouts; portaging with canoes, by the 1st Dartmouth Troop; the Scout Laws, by the 3rd Dartmouth.

The Wolf Cub section was planned to make clear the distinguishing features of the Scout and the Cub training, and very effectively and entertainingly conveyed the idea.

The ten proficiency badge booths attracted much attention. They were as follows: Astronomy, by the 1st Halifax Troop; Cane Weaving, by the 5th School for the Blind Troop; a Model Patrol Site, by the 8th Troop; Electrician's Badge work, by the 9th Troop; Aviation—a Model Air Station, 13th Troop; Forestry, 17th Troop; Clerk's Badge work, 17th Troop; a Prospector, with Samples, 1st Dartmouth; Fire Prevention, 3rd Dartmouth; Deep Sea Fishermen, 2nd Sea Scouts. The latter display was given with the assistance of the Marine and Fisheries Depart-



ment. A special biological display showed the life in a drop of water, by Professor Gowanlock, and the circulation of the blood, by Professor Dreyer, of Dalhousie University.

The Jamboree was officially opened by Provincial Commissioner I. W. Vidito. For this participating Scouts were arranged in arrow formation, pointing toward the balcony from which the addresses were made. District President W. E. Thompson and Assistant Provincial Commissioner H. O. Eaman were in charge of the programme. Girl Guides sold ice cream, and the ladies of the I.O.D.E. provided refreshments.

An eight-page programme attractively set forth the various sections of the display, and briefly outlined the purposes of the Movement.

A Scouty feature of the booth arrangements was their construction from poles, lashed with rope,—no boards or nails were used.

Montreal Scouts' Annual Display

"A CAMP pitched in the centre of the arena met the eye as one entered. Promptly at 8 o'clock a bell rang, the lights were dimmed, and the reveille was sounded. The lights came on again, and boys in pajamas were seen hurrying for their morning wash. Setting up exercises followed. While these were being carried out, the Montreal troops marched in, headed by the Vickers' Troop band, and formed a square around the camp. The Scouts came to the salute, the flag was raised and the National Anthem sung. The troops marched off, and camp activities commenced.

"These included log chopping, bridge building, construction of a signal tower, the using of camp looms and fishing."

Such was the description in the *Montreal Star* of the opening of the annual Montreal district Scout display, held in the Forum, and which repeated the splendid success of former years.

The diverse programme included a pageant representing three scenes from early Canadian history: The massacre at Fort Michilimakinac, the landing of Scottish settlers in Acadia, and the departure from Montreal of Dollard des Armeaux. The finale was a parade of the flags of all countries in which there were Scouts. Two thousand Scouts participated in the various features of the display.

craft lectures and demonstrations. Pioneer work included the construction of a permanent bridge across a nearby stream. A high spot of the camp was a five-mile hike to Jack Miner's bird sanctuary, and two hours with the famous wild life conservationist,—winding up with the investiture of the naturalist as a Scout. The camp was in charge of Assistant Provincial Commissioner F. C. Irwin and Honorary Field Secretary Lionel Bishop.

Cape Breton County, N.S.

No less than 170 delegates, including 70 from outside points, attended the Annual Conference of Troop Leaders and Patrol Leaders of Cape Breton County, N.S., held at Sydney, April 29th. In addition to papers on various angles of patrol leadership and troop handling, there was an address on "The Christmas Toy Shop," by Scoutmaster A. P. Watson, and a discussion of Nova Scotia's reforestation scheme for Scouts by Provincial Chief Forester Otto Schierbeck. At the conclusion of the afternoon session the delegates, headed by a piper and a colour party, marched to St. Andrew's Hall for the conference supper and evening meeting.

The evening session was held in the form of a huge council fire, the papers being interspersed with songs. A most successful get-together was closed with the Scout Silence, repeating of the Scout Promise, and the National Anthem. During the evening a D.S.M.'s warrant was presented to Scoutmaster T. Chisholm of the 13th Sydney.

The conference was directed entirely by Patrol Leaders and Troop Leaders.

Pacific Northwest Camp Conference

THE International Camp Conference of the Pacific Northwest, held at Camp Parsons, Seattle Scout camp, April 29-May 1st, brought together nearly 175 men, including representatives from Victoria, Vancouver and New Westminster, B.C. Provincial Secretary N. H. Saunders of Vancouver contributed to the discussion, "What a Camping Experience Should Mean to a Boy." Other topics discussed were: "The Value of Camp to a Scoutmaster," by Captain E. Mathews, Scout Executive, Everett, Wash.; "Camp Honours, Traditions and Ceremonies," by G. H. Obertueffer, of Portland, Wash. The conference was directed by Executive S. P. Walsh of Seattle

Manitoba Commissioners Meet

SIXTEEN Commissioners were present at the first conference of Provincial Commissioners held at Boy Scout Headquarters, Winnipeg, with Assistant Chief Commissioner John A. Stiles in the chair. Those present included Provincial Commissioner F. S. Long; Assistant Provincial Commissioner F. W. Thompson; Field Scout Davison; District Commissioners J. K. Sparling, W. E. Hearnreaves, F. Foulds, and T. E. Saul, Winnipeg; F. Edwards, Kenora; D. S. Woods, Miami; A. J. Maynard, Portage la Prairie; E. R. Mills, Stonewall; S. Lightfoot, Souris and J. N. Clark, Brandon. Messrs. M. Steinkopf, C. A. Hill and E. F. Mills, Winnipeg, also were present.

Patrol Leaders' Conferences Border Cities

A two-day conference organized and largely staffed by the local Rovers was attended by nearly fifty Border Cities Patrol Leaders. The conference was opened at St. Alphonsus Church by District Commissioner E. S. Wigle, and concluded with a council fire on the property of the Canadian Steel Corporation at Ojibway. Talks on various angles of patrol leadership were given by Rovers Pride and Coughlin and Assistant Commissioner D. W. F. Nichols.

South Essex, Ont.

A two-day Patrol Leaders' Camp at the Kingsville troops' old pioneer cabin brought together 28 boys representing every troop in South Essex, Ont.—from Leamington, Harrow, Amherstburg, Cottam, Essex and Kingsville. The boys were organized into patrols, and given a well balanced programme of games, scouting problems, wood-

No "hooky" from this school!
A lecture at beautiful Ebor Park, near Brantford, Ont.

❖ The Scoutmaster's Five Minutes ❖

Taking the Tip Out of a Canoe
By Charles L. Gilman
in "Field & Stream"

It is hoped and expected that this summer's Scout camps will prove as free of accidents as those of past years. As a further insurance against canoeing accidents Scoutmasters are requested to read to their Troops the following admirable article on safety with canoes, republished by courtesy of FIELD & STREAM.

BECAUSE he can turn in his toes and sit on his feet, the Indian has gained a reputation for canoemanship which scares the average paleface out of competition. All the birchbark rider has over the canoe tourist from the city is just this one accomplishment. White children have the same ability, up to the age when their legs grow long enough for them to sit on chairs. Then they lose it.

The Indian who clings to the life of the wigwam has no chairs to wean him from this primitive sitting posture. He eats, smokes, works and loafes thus all his life. Sometimes he is buried so.

Naturally, he sits on his feet when paddling a canoe. This puts his weight well below the water-line. He can't tip the canoe over, nor can the canoe, so ballasted, be tipped.

Mechanically, any canoe in general and a birch-bark canoe in particular, can't be upset by anything short of a cyclone if the weight it carries is beneath its center of gravity. How well the Indian knows this and to what extent he utilizes the principle is illustrated by a much told anecdote of one of the big northern Minnesota lakes.

A tug boat was fighting for its life in a heavy blow. The pilot spied a birch canoe drifting past before the wind. Answering the call of humanity, the tug boat crew turned about at the risk of their lives. Running alongside the canoe, they found its occupant, an Indian woman, stretched out flat on her back in the bottom of the birch—sound asleep. Talking it over later, they allowed the laugh was on them.

The habit of sitting low in a canoe forces upon the Indian a paddle technique which is different from that of the white man, and, in general, less efficient. To reach the water he must slant his paddle out, much like an oar. He does not grip with his upper hand across the head of the paddle shaft, but around it, with his thumb toward the blade.

This demands a longer paddle than is required by a white man—one as long as the user is tall, as compared with one standing to the height of the user's mouth if he kneels or to his eyes if he sits to paddle.

Practically speaking, it is out of the question for a white man to use the Indian's position or technique. At the price of much agony, I achieved it toward the close of one season. But a winter of city dwelling, which in-

cluded much chair-warming, took away my ability to fold my legs up under me, and I have lacked the courage to reacquire it.

A comfortable and efficient compromise between the suicidal folly of perching upon a cane seat six to ten inches above the water-line and the impossible aboriginal crouch in the bottom of the canoe is to kneel. This brings the point of union between the paddler and the canoe below the water-line. It is almost as stable as the Indian's posture. It permits the use of the "paleface stroke," in which the paddle is very nearly perpendicular to the water and close alongside the canoe.

Romance being disregarded, this stroke is easier, drives the canoe faster and steers the canoe better than the Indian's oarlike sweep. The Indian himself recognizes this fact. Within the last fifteen years the paddle with a plain round shaft has been displaced by that widened for a cross grip among the Indians with whom I am familiar. They sit low and grip around the shaft in rough water, and perch very high and use the crossgrip and vertical stroke when things are calm and peaceful and there is no danger.



Chaplain's Morning Half-hour at Kincardine-Paisley-Markdale-Dundalk '26 Camp. Every boy barefoot. Each had a natural wood stove.

Unlike sitting on the feet, kneeling is a position easily assumed by a white man. For the first few days, until knees become calloused, a bit of blanket or a mackinaw between the kneecap and the ribs of the canoe is not unwelcome. After that, the kneeling position becomes as noticeably comfortable as it is obviously safe and efficient.

With the ordinary American-built canvas canoe, the usual practice is to kneel just in front of a seat or thwart, resting against it. The difference between this and roosting on a seat is the same as the difference between riding astride and trying to remain on a horse's back by the aid of a side-saddle.

There is a further dividend, beyond that of safety, paid the man who takes a hint from our red brothers and gets as low in his canoe as his habits will permit. That is greater speed and endurance in padding. When one sits on the usual built-in seat, all the work of propelling the canoe devolves upon his arm and shoulder muscles. To develop a stroke of efficient length he must twist his body at the midriff.

Stomach ache is epidemic among paddlers of this class. Usually it de-

velops about 10 a.m., and generally it is blamed upon something the cook served for breakfast.

The paddler who kneels puts no such strain upon his abdominal viscera. Neither does he work his arms and shoulders much. When his arms have set the paddle for a stroke, he strikes a straight-from-the-shoulder blow with the hand which grasps the top of his paddle shaft, following it through with a forward sway of his entire body from the knees up. The lower hand, that grasping the shaft close to the blade, is the fulcrum of a lever. His weight does over half the actual work of propulsion.

Hands, wrists, arms and shoulders play an important part in giving the paddle that nice combination of thrusts and twists which holds the canoe on a straight course or swerves it to the paddler's will. But this is executive or administrative work. It's the weight of the body, swayed from the knees, which furnishes the power.

How steering is done is another matter. Any man who can paddle a canoe at all has the basic idea of it. The chief difference between the park lagoon stroke and the cruising is this:

The novice first gets steerageway upon the canoe, and then uses his paddle as a rudder. This is slow at best and futile against a head wind. The cruiser combines propulsion and steering, twisting the paddle during the stroke to give the required direction. He controls his canoe with a moving paddle, not with an idling blade.

This isn't a correspondence lesson in advanced canoemanship. It is just an effort to point out how simply the Indian, who invented and perfected the canoe, keeps it right side up. He does not accomplish this important business by any complicated technique. He simply sits low and lets the law of gravitation do the rest.

Any white man can do as much. Granted he can't, as a rule, sit on his feet, still he can, if he will, gain the same end—a low center of gravity—by kneeling. The real procedure is to keep down where one belongs and let Mr. Newton's well known law function.

It may be added that the Indian further follows the rule of Safety First by seldom going far from shore,—and never when crossing a shallow lake or lake arm where a sea may be quickly kicked up by a brisk wind.

Talks to Scouts

In a special sermon in connection with the consecration of the colours of the 2nd Fredericton Troop and Pack, Very Rev. Dean Neales drew a parallel between the 15th Psalm and Sermon on the Mount and the 10 points of the Scout Law. This Scout code he declared to be the "finest code of honour ever evolved for boyhood."

"You should be proud to be Scouts and wear a uniform which, among other things, is emblematic of purity," declared Rev. C. L. Cowan, addressing the Scouts present at the anniversary services of St. Andrew's Presbyterian

Church, Hamilton. He referred to the Movement as "the finest of the kind ever organized, and immeasurably superior to most organizations claiming similar ideals."

Principal M. T. Zavitz, of Memorial School, Stamford Township, Ont., addressed the 52 members of the Stamford Troop on the subject, "Why a Boy Scout Should Feel Proud of Being a Canadian Boy Scout." He sketched the difficulties encountered by pioneers of the Fort Erie district, whom he described as "Empire Scouts."

David As a Scout's Example

DAVID'S boyhood preparation for the greater opportunities and responsibilities of manhood was the subject of an interesting and effective sermon by Rev. M. C. Davies, of St. George's, Walkerville, at a special service for Scouts and Guides of the parishes of St. George and All Saints'. A comparison was drawn between Scout training and the young shepherd's early life, and his preparation for the future by diligent effort. "Through his sense of duty he had done more than was expected of him," and developed a sense of responsibility to others as well as to himself. David's dependence upon God, as reflected in the Psalms, was emphasized.

Scouting and Success in Life

THAT the daily application of the Scouting principles of initiative, loyalty and consideration for others will accomplish more than anything else toward the young man's success in life, was the opinion expressed by Mr. J. W. Mitchell, President of the Provincial Association, at the largely attended annual dinner of Toronto district Scoutmasters. Speaking on the same theme, Mr. C. W. Rowley, Vice President of the Provincial Council, and for many years connected with Scouting in Manitoba, declared that he was impressed by the enormous influence exerted by Scouting in shaping the character and future of so many youths.

It is of interest that the above expressed opinions are those of two of Canada's leading financiers, Mr. Mitchell being Vice President of the Dominion Securities Corporation, and Mr. Rowley Assistant General Manager of the Bank of Commerce. Remarks by Mr. Rowley regarding the greater place within the Empire which he believed Canada was destined to hold were made the subject of newspaper editorial quotation and comment.

Rev. F. E. Powell of St. Barnabas' Church, also one of the dinner speakers, stated that in nearly twenty years of experience with Scouts he knew of only two who had wandered from the Scouting trail of principles. "Keep your Scout Law, and practise the lessons learned in your Scout work, and you will be leaders of men," he concluded. Mr. S. B. McMichael occupied the chair, and during the evening Executive Commissioner O'Callaghan presented a number of Gillwell course certificates.

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Standard Uniform and Brotherhood

SPEAKING on uniforms at the Second Annual Jamboree of the 2nd Kitchener Troop, District Scoutmaster Wheeler developed a point which might be more often emphasized. This was that the wearing of the same uniform by boys from families of widely differing means, overcomes what otherwise might prove a drawback—the association in the same patrol of boys expensively dressed and others poorly dressed. In other words, the wearing of a standard uniform places all boys on the same level, and thus contributes to the realization of true Scout brotherhood.

Take Stock of Your Uniforms

If the weather is fine at the time of the annual church parade, the Scout leaders would like to see every member in full uniform for the event. Not only for that occasion, but for all the summer months we would like the fellows to attend the meetings in uniform. There is no excuse for any Scout or Cub not having a uniform. There is not one amongst the group who could not easily earn and save the amount necessary to purchase a uniform. They are not expensive, and being sold by our own Stores Department, real value is given at the very lowest price. The minimum of a uniform—hat, scarf, shirt and shorts—comes at about \$4.00. Nearly every local Scout has part of a uniform and quite a number have full uniforms, and we would like all to take stock and make a big effort to get what they need. A uniform is a very necessary part of Scouting.

—Scout News.

Kincardine Review-Reporter.

Scouting a Thing of the Spirit

THE fact that the Scout Movement is a world-wide brotherhood, embracing all creeds, classes, and colours, was pointed out by Mr. Herbert J. Akitt, of the Calgary Boy Scouts Association, when addressing a meeting of the Ukrainian National Association—which had requested the organization of a Scout troop in connection with the local Ukrainian Church. Of the religious aspect of Scouting, "the deeper meaning will never be visible," Mr. Akitt continued. "It is essentially a thing of the spirit. It adds a new duty to religion, it makes a boy more alert in body and vision; it inculcates ideals of service for others before self, and by the craft and physical training makes him a more efficient citizen. Above all, it inculcates a love of honour, fair play and sportsmanship." Honorary Field Commissioner Clive Sara spoke of the Ukrainian Scouts of Winnipeg, and P.L.'s and Seconds of the 10th Calgary put on a short display of ambulance work.

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Want a Trek Cart?

THE 2nd Kincardine decided they needed a trek cart, in order to take care of their equipment transportation problem. An ad. for a set of wheels and an axle produced a pair of light cart wheels, donated by Reeve B. Wood, and the gift of an axle by Shewfelt Bros. With these an excellent cart was constructed by D.S.M. Young and S.M. Reynolds. The box is 4x5 ft. and 18 inches deep, with a 9-inch flange board, and is bolted together. There is a short pole bar, and drag ropes to accommodate 12 Scouts. "A coat of grey paint finished up the job nicely."

A First Class Troop Display

THE annual display of the 17th Winnipeg (St. Matthew's), given before some 600 parents and friends, comprised a demonstration pack meeting and a Scout play which included bridge-building, friction fire and land drill for life saving. In addition were shown methods of ice-accident rescue and reviving, treating a motor car monoxide gas victim and handling a person with clothing afire. A final camp-fire scene ended with the "Burial of Old Man Grouch." During the evening Scoutmaster W. R. Eatough—who during eleven years with the troop passed up from Scout to Scoutmaster—was presented by District Scoutmaster T. E. Saul with his Gillwell beads.

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Scout Dates

June

- 3rd—King's Birthday.
- 5th—Whit Sunday.
- 6th—Day of Pentecost.
- 12th—Trinity Sunday.
- 16th—Corpus Christi.
- 21st—Spring Equinox.
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- 23rd—Prince of Wales' Birthday.
- 24th—St. John Baptiste.

During June

Hikes and Short "Practice" Camps.

July

- 1st—Dominion Day.
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Battle of the Somme, 1916.
- 4th—American National Holiday.
- 14th—French National Holiday.

During July

Scout and Cub Camps everywhere. Let your Provincial Headquarters know when and where yours will be held, so that a visit may be arranged if possible.

A Treasure Hunt Prize Idea

A "skull and crossbones" on a post provided the first clue for a Saturday treasure hunt of the 19th Edmonton Cub Pack. "Then came a succession of notes taking the hunters down to the golf links. Some were a little mixed in directions, but soon righted themselves. Notes reading that the treasure was buried in a mound not far away, caused still more excitement. The Greys succeeded in finding a small bag, and were prepared to hand out the all-day suckers it contained when another note was discovered. This instructed them to tear up the note, put back the treasure for the next Six coming up, and go back to the subway for the real treasure. This they did and about four paces from the original starting place they unearthed a nest of Easter eggs."

A Good C. of H. Beginning

AT the first meeting of the Court of Honour of the new 1st Palmerston, Ont., the Scoutmaster read the description of an example Court of Honour given in "The Scoutmaster's First Year."



Wash-stand, toothbrush rack and mirror hanger, made with bark lashings by P.L. Peters, N.E. Gillwell Wolves '26.

Any Scout who has learned to improvise such camp conveniences has learned to use head and hands. Encourage it.

Observation and Deduction

OBSERVATION and deduction games used successfully by the 2nd Sherbrooke, Que.:—One minute within which to identify five errors in the Scoutmaster's uniform, observations to be noted mentally and submitted verbally, as a memory test. Two minutes within which to observe Scoutmaster Muzzy of the 1st Troop and deduce from his general appearance what he had been doing since he left work that afternoon.

A Cub Test Relay

SIXES in Indian file at one end of a room or field, with Sixer at the head. At other end of the course one judge for each Six. Each judge supplied with a list of questions and a watch.

On "Go!" each Sixer, carrying a cap or other article, runs to his judge, and is asked his question, which must

Cornstalk cookhouse shelter and self-serve barber shop, of Ebor Park Gillwell Owls '26.



be answered correctly within 30 seconds. On "O.K." or "Back," he races back to the rear of his patrol, the cap is passed up to the boy in front, who runs, and is asked another question. (The same question is not given each boy.) The relay is finished when the Sixer, again in front, has received and raised the cap. Ten, eight, six and four points for speed (four Sixes), with one point off for each incorrect answer.

Sample Questions on the Tenderpad Tests.—

- What is the First Cub Law?
 - What is the Second Cub Law?
 - Why does a Cub use both hands in the Grand Howl?
 - On what does Akela stand when in the Council Circle?
 - Who does the Cub give in to?
 - What was the name of the first Wolf Cub?
 - Who taught the Wolf Cubs the Law of the Jungle?
 - Upon the call of "Pack!" what do you do?
 - What should a Wolf Cub do every day?
- A similar set of questions will readily suggest themselves for First and Second Star Cubs.

The game also may be used for Scouts.

Dolls Demonstrate First Aid

EXHIBITS shown incidental to a "Scout Tea" of the 1st Melfort, Sask., included a log cabin, a model camp and camp kitchen, a collection of pictures, and "dolls treated for first aid." Samples of Scout cooking also were shown.

Discussing Games With the Troop

A troop round-table discussion of progress by the 4th Edmonton under S.M. Chebec, produced the game, for the boys still on Second C work, "A test a week until finish." The troop also talked over the game used during the winter, and made a list of those which it was agreed had been most successful, either for their fun or for their instructiveness, or for both. Although seventeen games were listed, it was felt that the number ought to be greatly enlarged. To this end a special patrol competition was arranged. The Scouts will study the games described in the Handbook and in game books, and for each of the next few meetings each patrol will organize one new game, points being awarded according to the success of the game.