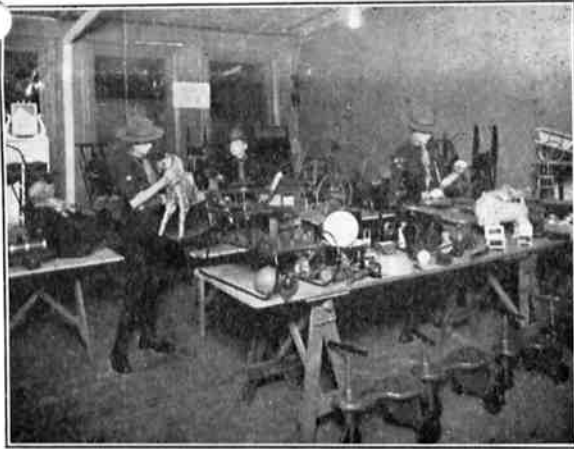




The Diamond Jubilee Year Scout Christmas Toy Shop



A "finished" corner of Montreal's 1926 Toy Repair Shop. It was directed entirely by the Rovers, and distributed more than 3,500 gifts.

the Scout Toy Shops ready and able to participate. In some instances shops may be requested to supply a certain number of gifts in bulk to the nearest Land Settlement office. It is hoped, however, to take care of the great majority of these new Canadian boys and girls direct from a Scout shop, so that the full benefit of the personal remembrance may be secured.

Will the directors of all Scout Toy Shops therefore notify the Secretary, Boy Scout Toy Repair Shops, Dominion Headquarters, as to their readiness to participate in this biggest-yet Canadian Scout Christmas Good Turn. The lists of children will then be supplied, and other necessary information.

Expense of Distribution

In some cases the expense of mailing gifts may prove considerable. Where a Toy Shop is run by an individual troop, and the troop funds are not equal to such a demand, it is certain that an appeal to other local organizations such as the service clubs will secure ready backing. Where needed financial help is not available, the toys may be sent in bulk to the nearest Land Settlement office.

An Opportunity for the Town Troop

This distribution of toys throughout the country districts brings a special opportunity to Scout troops in smaller

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THIS, the Jubilee year of Confederation, brought us many opportunities for public service. Much of this service, such as the decoration of the graves of the Fathers of Confederation could be shared only by a limited number of Scouts.

The end of the year, however, brings us the biggest and best opportunity of all, and one in which every Scoutmaster and Scout in Canada can participate. This is the Jubilee year chain of Scout Christmas Toy Shops, and their distribution of gifts to children who otherwise on Christmas morning would face the pathetic little tragedy of the "empty stocking."

Fittingly, the Jubilee Christmas brings us a splendid new field of distribution. We have been invited by the Home Service Department of the Land Settlement Branch to provide toys for the children of British families brought out to Canada during recent years and who are not yet as well circumstanced as they hope to be later.

Needless to say this opportunity of peculiarly appropriate service was gladly accepted by the Chief Commissioner on behalf of the Scout leaders and Scouts throughout the Dominion, and accepted in full confidence that the trust would be "absolutely carried out."

The task will not be a light one. Present indications are that the list will number 4,000 children; and there is the possibility that additional lists may become available of New Canadian children of foreign parentage.

Against this large increase in the demand for Scout toys it is already assured that the Jubilee Scout Toy Shop chain will be materially added to, and will include a number of important new centres which can be counted upon to produce a generous quantity of rejuvenated gifts. To date

these new shops include Vancouver district (previously having a few individual troop shops) and New Westminster, B.C.; Edmonton and Medicine Hat, Alta.; Regina, Sask., and Windsor, Ont.

Most of these shops will be run with the backing of or in active co-operation with leading local newspapers,—the *Daily Vancouver Province*, the *Edmonton Journal*, the *Medicine Hat Daily News*, the *Regina Leader*, and the *Border Cities Star*.

It is anticipated that all toy shops of previous years will be repeated. Definite word of preparation or of work actually in progress has been received from a number.

The Plan of Distribution

Lists of children, by provinces, with age and sex, are being received at Dominion Headquarters. These, when complete, will be apportioned among



SOME of the 600 gifts of the Winnipeg Cub Toy Shop of last year. Many were distributed by the Immigration Matron to little New Canadians arriving during Christmas week. Similarly children landing at Halifax received from a Red Cross Christmas Tree gifts supplied by the Toy Shop of the 1st Lunenburg Troop.

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Your New Dominion Headquarters

SINCE the publication of the October Scout Leader Dominion Headquarters has moved into a new and commodious home at 172 Wellington Street, a substantial three-storey stone building located immediately opposite the West Block of the Parliament Buildings.

The need of larger quarters had been recognized for a year or more because of the rapid growth of the Stores Department and the increasing work demanded of the clerical and executive staffs. The change became a necessity when notice was received that the small two-storey building occupied for five years at the corner of Bank and Wellington streets was to be torn down.

The new building had been vacant for some years, and called for considerable renovation and rearrangement. Fortunately funds were available for this, from a contribution generously made to Dominion Headquarters last year by Col. R. W. Leonard of St. Catharines, Ont.

The ground floor of the new headquarters is occupied entirely by the Stores Department, with an office, a display and sales room and a 60x20 ft. stock-room, whose many shelves already are completely filled with miscellaneous supplies.

The first floor includes the Chief Commissioner's room, also used as a board-room; the Assistant Chief Commissioner's office, the general office, and one long ell-room—the "Long Lodge." It is planned to make of this a model troop room, which may be used for training courses if required. It already is being used several nights a week for first aid classes and local Scout leaders' gatherings.

The third floor is occupied by the Editorial Department, reference library, record files and office and other supplies.

The new headquarters and its staff provide a striking reminder of the development of Scouting in Canada since 1919, when Dr. James W. Robertson became Chief Commissioner and John A. Stiles assumed the duties of Assistant Chief Commissioner. Dominion Headquarters then consisted of one small room and an anteroom, with a staff of two. The present three-storey headquarters is manned by a staff of eleven, which it is occasionally necessary to increase temporarily.

Lord Willingdon at October Meeting of the Executive

THAT the reports presented confirmed his own observations, as indicating the Scout Movement in Canada to be in a healthy condition, was the encouraging declaration of His Excellency Lord Willingdon, speaking as Chief Scout for Canada at the October 25th meeting of the Executive Committee of the Canadian General Council. There was still a great need, however, Lord Willingdon stated, for capable men to act as Scout leaders.

The Chief Scout told of the large number of Scouts reviewed by him during his summer tours, and made particular reference to a gathering of some 3,000 Scouts and Cubs at Winnipeg. He was much impressed by the fact that the troops and packs present included Ukrainian, Polish, Finnish, Danish and Jewish boys.

Lord Willingdon expressed himself as greatly interested in the announcement by the Chief Commissioner, Dr. James W. Robertson, that the Scout Toy Shops of this year would provide Christmas gifts for some five thousand children of new settlers in rural districts throughout the Dominion. He thought this a splendid piece of national service.



FOURTH Winnipeg solve their H.Q. problem. Material, \$600, raised by Troop and Mothers' Council; built by Rovers; debt-free.

The Chief Commissioner's report indicated substantial progress in the registration of troops at Dominion Headquarters. In this connection Dr. Robertson stressed the fact that much badly needed field work could only be made possible through the registration fund. It was again explained that all registration fees are turned back to the province of origin, to be used in field work.

A suggested division of the winter training courses into four three-period classes was laid before the Executive Committee. The expectation was expressed that the plan would result in making the training available in many centres not yet benefited.

A suggestion of the Chief Commissioner that funds be made available for placing in Gillwell Headquarters, England, a window bearing the Arms of Canada was very heartily endorsed, as a small expression of appreciation of the benefits which had come to Canadian Scouting through the Gillwell training.

A CENT A WEEK TO TAKE
SCOUTING TO OTHER BOYS
—THE REGISTRATION AIM



NOT the Alps in winter, but Border Cities Scouts hiking among the sand dunes on the shores of Lake Huron.

Will your troop form a link in the Jubilee Year Scout Toy Shop Chain?

At least 25,000 children to be remembered this Christmas by the Scout Santa Claus!

When in Ottawa be sure to visit your new Dominion Headquarters at 172 Wellington St.

Fire Prevention week was widely participated in by Scout Troops. A number of local fire chiefs addressed the boys.

A late September visitor at Dominion Headquarters was the Hon. A. F. de Moleyns, Honorary Commissioner for Somerset, Scoutmaster of the 35th Kensington Troop, London, and a Gillwellian.

A party of 21 Scout and Cub leaders and committeemen of Sherbrooke, Que., visited St. Lambert, Que., and attended demonstration troop and pack meetings arranged by Scoutmasters Field and Talbot and Cubmaster Cross.

The first hour of the monthly meeting of the Scoutmasters' Club of Calgary is spent as a model troop meeting, with District Commissioner Sir A. C. Macdonell acting as Scoutmaster. The purpose is to maintain a standard form of troop handling by the individual Scoutmaster. A song leader directs the regular musical feature of the evening.

King's colours, the gift of parents of the boys, were presented to the 46th Montreal Wolf Cub Pack at a drum-head service conducted by Rev. W. J. Johnston in the presence of a large gathering, including District Commissioner T. H. Wardleworth and other prominent Scout officials. Five Troops participated—the 2nd, 35th, 97th, 123rd and 119th, and the 53rd Troop band.

A life membership in the Regina District Council was conferred upon Mr. W. Bishop Stephens at a complimentary dinner tendered him by other members of the council executive on the eve of his departure for British Columbia. In addition to his activities as a member of the district council, Mr. Stephens was for many years secretary of the 1st Regina (St. Paul's) Troop.

Scouting in Calgary lost a most valued friend in the recent death of Mr. H.P.O. Savary, K.C. Mr. Savary filled a number of Scouting offices with enthusiasm and energy, and was at various times President of the Local Council and the Provincial Council. A large attendance of local and provincial Scout leaders paid tribute at his funeral.

THE JUBILEE YEAR TOY SHOP

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towns. In previous years several such troops have reported that while they were able to collect plenty of toys for repair, there was but a limited local field of distribution.

The Larger Toy Shops

Presumably the Scout Toy Repair Shops in the larger centres will find the same considerable number of needy children as in previous years. As to the number of toys available, however, experience so far has indicated that the supply is almost unlimited. All that is necessary to bring them out is suitable publicity.

Letters of Greeting

It is suggested that each gift going to a little New Canadian be accompanied by a Christmas card, or better yet, by a hand-written letter, conveying Christmas greetings and good wishes for happiness and success in Canada, from a particular Scout,—or from a Girl Guide in the case of dolls, where the Guides are assisting.

Where it is planned to send letters, it would be well to start their writing at once, leaving the name of the boy or girl for later filling in. Several suitable sample letters might be written by the Scoutmaster, and copies of these made by the boys during a patrol corners period of intervening troop meetings.

Local Merchants and the Toy Shop

In one instance, last year, local merchants were reported as objecting to the Scout Toy Repair Shop and its free distribution of gifts. A shop had not yet been tried in the community mentioned, so that the basis of opposition was purely theoretical. No criticism of this nature has come from places in which shops have been held. On the contrary, stores have in several cases turned over to local Scout Toy Shops considerable quantities of broken or shopworn toys. Charles Ogilvy Ltd., one of the large Ottawa stores, last Christmas sent in 14 kiddie-cars and 4 rocking horses (that required only a very little touching up with a varnish brush), and the local representative of Cassidy's Ltd., a wholesale toy concern, contributed

Girl Guide and Brownie Needlewomen made a splendid success of the Doll Department of the 1926 Ottawa Shop.



a quantity of samples which included several large racing yacht models, four electric and three mechanical trains.

It would seem to be a sound theory as regards the effect of Scout Toy Shops upon toy selling in the stores, that the Scout shops would improve the sale of new toys, since in many cases families turn over to the Scouts practically their entire stock of old playthings.

Starting the Toy Shop

A vacant store, preferably one with plenty of shelves, is secured in the down town business section. This invariably can be had rent free, in view of its purpose. A large sign is put up, inviting donations of old, broken and discarded toys, dolls, books, skates, etc. Arrangements are made for publicity through the local papers, and if possible through the churches, Sunday-schools and day schools. Where there are service clubs, permission is secured for a Scout representative to attend a luncheon, make an announcement regarding the Toy Shop, and invite the club's co-operation. A telephone is installed in the shop, or an arrangement is made with a newspaper, or a neighboring store to receive 'phoned requests to call for toys, the list of calls being collected from time to time by a Scout.

Collection.—For toy collection purposes the city or town is divided into districts. Requests to call are listed,

and when sufficient have been received Scouts are sent out,—with wagons, sleighs, toboggans, trek carts, or cars or trucks furnished by business firms or members of service clubs.

Shop Organization.—The District Toy Shop usually is directed by a special Toy Shop Committee of Scout leaders. The single troop shop should be directed by the Troop Court of Honour.

The practice of handing the actual management of a shop over to the Rovers has met with excellent success, and has been adopted by several of the larger district organizations. Under the direction of the district senior Rover leader, Rovers are designated as the heads of various departments, and are made fully responsible for their operation.

The shop itself is divided into "departments"—for woodworking repairs, mechanical toy repairing, painting, bookbinding, doll surgery, etc. Dolls, after the replacement of limbs, eyes, wigs, etc., usually are turned over to a group of Girl Guides for dressing.

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

Opening the Shop.—A number of shops already are under way. Probably the majority will be organized by the middle of November. Usually the shop is open evenings for the first week, and thereafter on afternoons, evenings and Saturdays up to Christmas eve.

The time to be spent at the shop and on collection by designated Scouts, patrols or troops, will of course depend upon the size of the community and the number of Scouts

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BOY Scout surgeons and Girl Guide dressmakers and milliners of the 1926 Calgary Toy Shop produced some 500 practically perfect dolls for as many little girls who otherwise would have been doll-less on Christmas morning.

THE CAMP CHIEF'S PAGE

OUTDOORS IN NOVEMBER

To a keen and healthy Scout November does not mean bleak fields. It is rich brown, red and purple, yellow and green; and the woods and fields are full of things to hike after and bring back to Troop Headquarters.

There is the bloom of the milkweed which may be gathered and used as a background for ferns and leaves and moths under glass. The bloom of bulrushes can be used with artistic effect, alone or with milkweed down.

For early November a general observation hike is good, with a final corn roast or a weiner roast about a fire. (Make absolutely sure that the weiners are fresh and sweet). If in the nut country, study the hickories. Can you tell the sweet from the bitter at sight?

What flowers hang on despite the early frost?

Look out for poison ivy! Perhaps its bright autumn leaves have fallen; beware of the vine.

Weed seeds are the natural food for many birds. How about a hike to gather weed seeds for that winter bird feeding station which you have planned? Take a tin with a cover, and strip the seeds from the leaves. Take back some unstripped weed stocks. Stuck up around your feeding station these will help to attract birds all winter; the loose supply of seeds may be scattered beneath them.

Debate a late November hike to stick suet and sunflower seeds in the crevices of bark along your favorite winter hiking trail. If the supply is kept up, the birds will be in the vicinity for each hike. A few hikes, and the chickadees will come to the hand. That experience will finally sell bird protection to your boys.

And how about another snappy, step-right-along hike to discover and gather some of last summer's vacated bird's nests? You should have a collection of these at Troop H.Q. Identifying the birds who built them would make a good patrol competition game occasionally. And a close study of their construction will add to the interest of the boys in the small architects and builders.

Don't forget that Twig Alphabet. If you haven't yet started on one, begin next hike. Looking for letters will add something to every tramp. Remember that the letters must be natural and not whittled down or bent—merely the ends trimmed off.

—W.H.R.

THE WINTER COURSES

Winter Training Courses now running: Part III-A—Montreal, under Provincial Secretary E. R. Paterson. Projected, Moncton, N.B., Windsor and Fort William, Ont., and Winnipeg, Man.

Part II Akela completed: Montreal, under District Cub Commissioner H. M. Jockel.

Vestibule Course completed: Normal School, Dauphin, Man., under Field Organizer J. A. Barry.

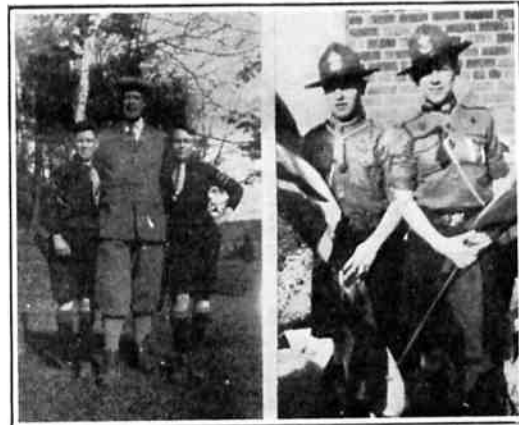
Scouting at Manitoba Normal School

SOME 50 Dauphin Normal School students attended classes in Scout and Guide training given by Field Organizer John A. Barry. The course was a new venture in Manitoba. All the Guide candidates completing the Tenderfoot tests in these classes will be enrolled in the Movement, according to Mrs. A. L. Bonnycastle, Guide Organizer.

Advertising a Vestibule Course

FROM the parents of those boys who are already Scouts we would like to procure at least 12 men who would like to take up the Vestibule Course which is provided by Provincial Headquarters to those who can spare three evenings from 7 to 9.30, at the end of which they will have had a peak at what Scouting really is. If those interested will please communicate with any of the local Scout leaders or tell any boy who wears a Scout badge that they would like to

SUCH pictures as these provide one of the recompenses of Scouting—(1) Executive Commissioner (and Scoutmaster) O'Callaghan of Toronto and two of his Cubs. (2) The same two "some years later."



become interested in Scout work, they would never regret having identified themselves with this world wide Movement."—Sarnia Observer.

B.-P. and The Spoilt Rally

THE other day I was at a rally which would have been a fine one only it was spoilt by the Scouts not having their staves with them.

They looked an awfully poor lot compared with some I had seen the day before who were as smart as new paint.

But these had their staves. When I came to think it over it was just the staves that made the difference.

I asked why the boys had been ordered not to bring them, and was told: "We were afraid that where so many boys were together they might poke each other's eyes out!"

Are Scouts such clumsy little children that they cannot manage their staves? I don't think.

At the Royal Rally at Windsor—sixteen years ago now—there were thirty thousand boys on parade, all

with staves; but though there were sixty thousand eyes there I didn't hear of even one of them being damaged!

And I don't suppose the Scouts of today want to be behind-hand in smartness.

So I hope I shall never again see a rally where the Scouts are not carrying their proper outfit—the staff.

Scout Exhibits at the C.B. Fair

THE annual Scout Gardening and Hobbies feature of the Cape Breton Fall Exhibition attained a new high standard this year in the variety of exhibits shown and the number of Scouts participating. The exhibits included garden produce, cut flowers, poultry, pigeons, rabbits, ducks, photography, sketching, map drawing (for the Pathfinder's Badge), penmanship (writing of the Scout Promise), model making, sign painting and stamp collecting.

Entrants in the Carpentry and Model Making section made a hen coop or rabbit hutch, models showing the use of spars and lashings and camp gadgets, and fretwork. In Nature Study, Cape Breton tree leaves of the present year were shown

pressed, mounted and correctly named; wild flowers of Cape Breton, and collections of garden and field insects. Under Camp Cooking a twist of bread was shown cooked on a stick.

The list of awards occupied more than a column of space in *The Sydney Record* of October 8th.

The exhibition was arranged by District Commissioner C. W. Carter.

LEADERS!

Have you sent for copies of our latest Price List, featuring the

Official Winter Uniform?

If not, you should do so at once, ordering one for each of your boys. Their parents will appreciate the money-saving value of the School-and-Scouting clothing combinations offered.

Send for your supply of the Price List today, to

THE STORES DEPARTMENT

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❖ Scouting from Coast to Coast ❖

THE Scoutmaster's Sunday evening story hour is one of the popular features of the weekly programme of the Scout troop of the Ontario School for the Deaf, Belleville.

A Patrol Contest in "Brightening Up"

A week's patrol competition in the brightening up of their headquarters created lively interest for the boys of the 2nd Sherbrooke. Book shelves were built, pictures hung, curtains laundered, woodwork painted, floors washed, yard cleaned, and sundry other tasks accomplished. As a result each patrol earned in the neighborhood of 100 points.

The 23rd Winnipeg Troop plans to organize stamp and book clubs for the coming year.

B. C. Troop Given a Hut Site and Building Material

In order to provide the 1st Lynn Valley Troop, B.C., with a permanent home, Mrs. A. Philip donated two building lots and Mr. Angus McGougan of Cedars Limited gave the troop several huts. The boys are transporting the material from the huts to the hall site.

Glace Bay, N. S. has organized a District Association, with three Scout troops.

One Court of Honour's Evening

At a Court of Honour of the 1st Border Cities Troop a Scribe was appointed to contribute troop news to the Scout column of the **Border Cities Star**; each Patrol Leader and Second undertook to train two boys for their First Class tests before Christmas, and the Scoutmaster four; and it was agreed that every P.L. should hold a weekly meeting at his home to coach members of his patrol in certain badges.

From a troop programme of the 4th Sherbrooke: "On Friday next a brief talk on the uses of the Scout staff will be given by the Badger Patrol."

B.C. Patrol Leaders Prepare for Conference

A District Patrol Leaders' Council held at New Westminster, B.C., on Labour Day brought together 26 young leaders. Plans were discussed and committees appointed for handling the three-days' Northwest Pacific Patrol Leaders' Conference, fixed for the end of November. President Streight of the Royal Agricultural and Industrial Association invited the Scouts to visit the exhibition on Labour Day afternoon, as guests of the fair board.

The patrols of the 1st Chatham, Ont., are devising code systems for secret communication between members.

Giving the Junior Leaders a Chance to "Orate"

At a joint meeting of the 2nd and 6th Sherbrooke troops, Troop Leader Brownlow described the making of cotton, from the raw material to the

finished goods, and Patrol Leader Sjolander gave a three-minute talk on "The Advantages of the Official Scout Winter Uniform." A number of lively games directed by leaders of the two troops concluded the evening.

The active Kincardine Rovers (two patrols of eight Scouts each) started off the fall season by planning activities for the entire year, including a migratory bird chart. Field and hockey games were scheduled between the Rovers and High School teams.

119th Montreals Assist Traffic Police

On the occasion of the annual fall visit to the South Shore of members of the Montreal Board of Trade, Chambre de Commerce and representatives of various Montreal municipalities, the 119th Montreal Troop assisted the police in handling the heavy street traffic through St. Lambert. The Scouts were stationed at all intersections passed by the procession of cars.

The 3rd Chatham, Ont., Troop is planning to build a headquarters hut.

THE 41st Ottawa (Notre Dame, French-Canadian) Troop made a very impressive ceremony of the decoration on Dominion Day of the grave of Sir Wilfred Laurier, under Assistant District Commissioner Pinard, Scoutmaster Garneau, and Rev. Fr. Hebert as chaplain.

Saint John Leaders Open With a Hike Meeting

The first fall meeting of the Scout leaders of the Saint John district was held at the new hill-top headquarters of the Glen Falls Troop. Addresses were made by the District Commissioner Dr. G. B. Peat, by the President of the District Council Dr. L. DeV. Chipman, Assistant District Commissioner Fred Choppin, District Secretary L. L. Johnson and Mr. F. T. Short of the District Council. Following a supper in the hut a council fire and sing-song were enjoyed outside.

In order to develop their ability at public speaking a series of 5-minute talks before the troop on Scouting topics was assigned by the 2nd Sherbrooke Court of Honour to the Troop Leader and Patrol Leaders.

Signal Flags—First Aid Bandages—Costumes

The Mothers' Auxiliary of the 4th Border Cities Troop has undertaken to provide signalling flags, first aid bandages and costumes for a "minstrel revue." It is planned to hold a contribution tea, to raise funds to purchase new camp cooking utensils.

A Rover Troop organized at Dauphin, Man., includes a number of the students who took the Vestibule Course in Scouting recently held at Dauphin Normal School.

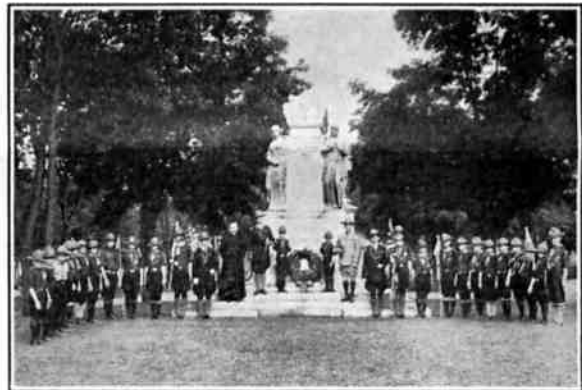
Helpful Troop Visiting

At a meeting of the 1st Bulwer Troop, Que., District Scoutmaster Giovetti and a number of other Sherbrooke leaders were evening guests. An impressive investiture ceremony was held, games were participated in by all present, and a First Aid demonstration and lecture given by one of the visiting leaders. A short council fire, sing-song and refreshments brought the meeting to a close. It was noted that one of the boys of the 1st Bulwer Troop travels five miles to attend troop meetings.

Every Scout of the 14th St. Catharines Troop passing the Ambulance Man's Badge will be presented with an official first aid kit.

Such Evenings Strengthen a Troop

A large number of parents and friends were present at an indoor



camp-fire reunion of boys of the 27th and 28th Winnipeg Troops who attended the summer's camp at Gimli. Favorite camp songs were sung, a mock trial was staged and each leader spun a yarn. The finale was a corn feast.

Kincardine Rovers held one of their early fall meetings at the fire hall, where the firemen explained the operation of a new fire engine.

More Scouty Good-Sportsmanship

The lacrosse team of the 4th Sherbrooke Troop made another good record during the past summer by coming through as runners-up in the Sherbrooke District Lacrosse League. As in previous years, the good sportsmanship of the Scouts was commented upon in the local press, and their characteristic of playing a hard game through to the end notwithstanding the score against them and the greater weight of their opponents.

Members of the Troop Committee were invited to the opening fall meeting of the 23rd Border Cities. The meeting was followed by a social evening, with refreshments.

Montreal Leaders Banqueted

One hundred and fifty Montreal Scout officials were banqueted at the Royal St. Lawrence Yacht Club, Dorval, by Provincial President William Copeland Finlay. Guests included active leaders of troops and packs, commissioners, and members of the Provincial and Montreal District Councils. The party travelled to Dorval on special cars attached to the regular C.N.R. train, and at Dorval were taken for a cruise on Lake St. Louis.

Welland, Ont., troops were congratulated upon the first aid station maintained by them at the Welland County fall fair.

A B.C. Rally from Six Centres

A Scout and Cub rally organized by District Commissioner H. T. Ravenhill of Victoria brought together at the Agricultural Grounds, Duncan, B.C., Scouts and Cubs from Ladysmith, Cobble Hill, Quamichan, South Quamichan, Victoria and Duncan. A very successful and distinctly scouty programme was run off, and the afternoon concluded with a tea served by the Girl Guide Committee to 150 persons. Among those present was Mr. Frank W. Thompson, Assistant Provincial Commissioner for Wolf Cubs of Manitoba.

At the first fall meeting of the Mothers' Auxiliary of the 2nd Sherbrooke Troop, among others, a committee was appointed to plan for and handle the annual Christmas Rummage Sale.

Camping on Paper

The 10th Border Cities raised over \$70 by wastepaper collection early in the year, and went to camp with a new 12x14 dining tent and new kitchen equipment. The troop promptly accepted the offer of a member of the Troop Committee and the manual training teacher of their school to superintend the building by the boys of several punts during the winter.

A Local Association has been formed at Birch Hills, Sask., where there are some 60 Scouts and Cubs. Twenty supporting associate members were enrolled.

4th Edmonton's Elephant Hike Featured

A full and very interesting story of the search by the 4th Edmonton Troop and Professors J. J. Ower and R. Newton of the University of Alberta for the bones of Myrtle, the Sells-Floto circus elephant lost in British Columbia, was published with illustrations in the *Edmonton Journal*. The expedition had a number of adventurous experiences, and the search terminated in a six-mile hike through heavy forest, only to find that the grizzlies had left nothing but bones and one fair-sized piece of hide. When the Scout expedition reached Cranbrook, Scoutmaster Harris of the 3rd Cranbrook Troop promptly appeared on the scene to offer his services.

Kincardine Rovers maintained a first aid station at the local fair. Several minor casualties were taken care of.

The Courtesy of the Salute

"The Courtesy of the Salute" provided the subject for an impressive address by Rev. Mr. Turner at a special evening and Investiture of the 1st Espanola, Ont., directed by District Commissioner Vontom.

Kitchener Street United S.S. Troop of Niagara Falls had as guests Troop 3 of Niagara Falls, N.Y., for an evening of games at the Collegiate Institute gym., after which ladies of the church served refreshments.

A Good Inter-Pack Hike

The 5th and 6th Sherbrooke Packs held a joint Saturday afternoon hike, when races were held in a field, then a game of stalking in which one Six endeavoured to reach a certain point without being seen by the other. Supper was cooked and a council fire held with a programme of songs and stories.

At the evening programme of the North Bay Fall Fair the local Scout troop under Scoutmaster Anderson demonstrated the construction of a monkey bridge.

These Send-offs Count

A "send-off" to Troop Leader Roy McDonald of the 2nd Glace Bay (Knox

The suggestions included knot boards, samples of splicing, gadgets, maps, drawings of the Union Jack, camp kitchen models, showing utensils; and models of six different types of camp fires.

The "Ask Me Another" feature of a Sherbrooke business house ad. is carrying questions regarding Scouting supplied by the local leaders. The answers are located in a "box" on another page.

The Boys Enjoyed This Meeting

A September meeting programme of the 1st Markdale, Ont., included as a patrol competition, "getting a family of seven out of a burning apartment, and later taking an injured child to the hospital." A spirited mock trial provided a fun feature, the crime being the alleged bribery of a school teacher by one of the Scouts with two cookies.

At a September pow-wow of the Sherbrooke district, matters discussed included a trip of Sherbrooke leaders to Montreal, to visit Montreal troops; details of the annual fall church parade, and the annual Scout Toy Repair Shop.

So They're Still in the Troop

"The following have been transferred to the Rover Patrol: Troop Leader Barrick, Patrol Leaders Gordon Cooper and Harold Knight, and Scouts Wm. Fraser, Alex. Murray and Harvey Kipp."—1st Chilliwack, in Chilliwack Progress.



Ladies' Auxiliary making curtains for the fine specially-built Headquarters of the 1st and 2nd Oakvilles, Ont.

Church) Troop on the eve of his departure for Dalhousie College, Halifax, offered an excellent example of such a troop function. The evening programme included a corn boil, the presentation of a fountain pen and pencil and an address of appreciation and good wishes.

At an early fall meeting the "Tecumsehs" and "Brocks" of the 1st Kincardine Rovers discussed the question, "How Can We Display Troop Spirit?"

Shut-in Scouts Were Kept Busy

Scouting activities produced a new usefulness when the recent epidemic of infantile paralysis in British Columbia resulted in all children being ordered to remain at home. Through the Scout Column of the *Rossland Miner* Scoutmaster McArthur of the 1st Rossland Troop published a list of things which his boys could be making at home, the various articles to be used subsequently at a Scout display.

A cake sale arranged by the ladies of the town produced \$65 toward the purchase of new roofing material for the old-school-house headquarters of the 1st Kincardine Troop, Ont. The boys themselves will do the work.

At a meeting of the Ottawa Scout Leaders Association it was suggested that Cubs of the district who have outgrown uniforms or who have gone up to the Scouts turn their uniforms in to the district office for possible use, after renovation, by the boys of the Protestant Orphan's Home Pack.

A Grim First Aid Test

Effective first aid in a most difficult case was given by A.S.M. Alfred Paton of the 90th Montreal (Kensington Presbyterian) Troop when called upon by boys (not Scouts) to help the 9 year old brother of one, who had been accidentally shot while playing in the woods. With a party of his Scouts

and their first aid kits, A.S.M. Paton hastened to the scene and found the lad's windpipe severed. When a doctor arrived he commented upon the excellent first aid rendered, and stated that this had saved the victim's life for the time being. The boy died later, in the hospital. The Scouts had been distributing pamphlets during the parade of Montreal work horses, and were on a hike for the woods.

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Scouts Take Over Care of Memorial Park

Bowmanville, Ont., Scouts have taken over care of the flower beds and the cutting of the grass in Memorial Park. It is a troop rule that whenever a Scout passes the park he picks up any bit of waste paper or other refuse dropped there by the thoughtless.

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The Camp Cooks Prepare the Eats

When presenting the Jarrett Shield for general proficiency to the Bulldog Patrol at the recent Jamboree of the 1st Weyburn Troop, Sask., Scoutmaster Hearson read the record of the four patrols. Two investitures and

Funds for the development of their camp site at Beaver Cove were raised by a packed entertainment given at the Strand Theatre by the several Scout troops of Sacred Heart Parish, Sydney, N.S. * * *

A Scout Law Pantomime

Scouts of the 6th London Troop were invited to the birthday party of the 2nd London. A prize for the best pantomime representing one of the Scout Laws went to the 6th Troop, and a knot-tying competition was won by the 2nd. Four boys of the 2nd received their second-year silver stars. Games, songs and the demolition of a birthday cake concluded the evening.

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Scouts Jack Deltombe and Leslie Mace of the 1st Edmonton Troop were the first Edmonton Scouts to qualify for the new and highly desirable Bird Warden's badge.

A Royal Scout Feast

A thousand cobs of corn and three hundred hot-dogs helped out when the Cubs, Scouts and Committeemen of the 1st Brandon (Presbyterian) Troop opened the season's activities by entertaining the church Guides and Brownies.

THE new H.Q. of the 12th Regina was officially opened by Premier the Hon. J.D. Gardiner and provincial Commissioner A. H. Ball. Money raised by Ladies' Auxillary; built by Troop Committee. Located on land leased by C.N.R. at \$1.00 per year.



the presentation of various badges by prominent local citizens, a sing-song and a supper prepared by the troop's Camp Cooks were other features of the very successful evening.

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Commander A. E. Eagar, formerly prominent in Wolf Cub work in Halifax, and who was transferred to Ottawa, has been made District Commissioner for Wolf Cubs.

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A Scout Mothers' Club for Galt

For the organization of a Scout Mothers' Club some thirty-five mothers of Scouts gathered at the Galt, Ont., Scout Headquarters on the invitation of District Scoutmaster Wheeler. As a surprise, on the completion of the evening's business the Scouts served their mothers with refreshments.

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Fall Scout doings of the Ottawa district included the organization of a Scoutmasters' Association, which will meet on the first Wednesday of each month to discuss local Scouting activities. One of the first topics taken up was the Christmas Toy Shop.

Deaf Scouts Begin With Corn and 'Mallow Roast

The first fall meeting of the Scout troop of the Ontario School for the Deaf took the form of a Saturday evening corn and marshmallow roast. The Troop left the school about 4 o'clock with a well loaded cart, selected a site and prepared a fire. After supper a council fire was held, and each Scout told his experiences during the summer. "It was a very happy outing for all, officers and Scouts."

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1st Bowmanvilles Find More Public Service Opportunities

The 1st Bowmanville Troop, Ont., supplied ushers when the Tyrone Dramatic Club gave "Placer Gold" at the Opera House, in conjunction with the West Durham Agricultural Society. The troop also assisted at the street fair put on by the Rotary Club to raise funds for the Nurses' Home of the Bowmanville Hospital. Scouts were assigned to assist at each booth.

Island Scouts' Good Work at Fair

Charlottetown, P.E.I., Scouts under the direction of District Commissioner P. J. Happeny and A.S.M. Preston Fraser did good work at the Charlotte-

town Exhibition. In addition to other acts of service, picked patrols from the League of the Cross and Zion Church troops ran rest and information tents, and handled several first aid cases very effectively.

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Under the caption BADGE RE-PASSINGS, the October publication of a Toronto troop gives the names of Scouts having King's Scout badges which must be re-passed during the month.

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Fire Fighting Demonstrated for Calgary Leaders

As a part of the Calgary Fire Prevention Week programme, Scoutmasters, Rovers, Patrol Leaders and Seconds were given talks and demonstrations on various aspects of fire prevention and fire fighting at the Central Y by Fire Chief Smart and other members of the Calgary Fire Department. District Commissioner Sir A. C. Macdonnell presided.

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The first Chilliwack Troop, B.C., has joined publishing troops with the "WONK-EYE." The first number contains an excellent budget of small troop news, and an effective editorial on the Fifth Scout Law.

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At the annual meeting of the Ladies' Auxillary of the 3rd Moose Jaw Troop (St. John's), Scoutmaster Ruffel gave a short address on the troop programme for the winter.

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Have You a Troop Scrapbook?

"Beginning last March this troop (13th Border Cities) has kept a record of all its doings in a scrapbook. This includes programmes of concerts, tickets, newspaper articles, and the summer camp log; all of which will make very interesting reading in the years to come, and prove a source of inspiration to troop members."

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Local speakers will once a month address the 3rd Moose Jaw Troop on one of the Scout Laws.

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At the fifth annual convention of the Kerrobert Sask., Educational Association, held Oct. 13-14, an address on Scouting was made by Rev. D. Hasell of Loverna, Sask.

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Melfort Scouts Dig Potatoes

"Owing to officials being busy at Lady Minto hospital and the difficulty of obtaining help, there was a possibility that the crop of potatoes in the hospital garden would not be gathered this season. The Boy Scouts solved the problem, and on Saturday last turned in and worked like troopers and soon had the entire crop safely garnered in the basement bins. The hospital board feels greatly indebted to the Scouts for their good turn."—Melfort Moon, Sask.

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Scoutmaster Ellard and A.S.M.'s Bishop and Reed of the 3rd Fort William Troop have brought about the organization of a troop in connection with St. Michael's Mission.

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At a special meeting of the 8th Winnipeg Troop and St. Cuthbert's Cub

Pack attended by Assistant Provincial Commissioner F. W. Thompson and District Commissioner T. E. Saul, a going-up ceremony for six Cubs was held, and the Rev. E. J. Springett was invested as Chaplain.

Honorary Field Commissioner Clive Sara addressed the October meeting of the Vancouver Scoutmasters' Council on the workings of the Scout Christmas Toy Shop.

Fire Prevention for St. Kitts District Scouts

Port Dalhousie and Thorold Scouts were invited to join St. Catharines troops for an evening on fire prevention and fire fighting by Honorary Field Commissioner Lionel Bishop, of the Ontario Fire Marshal's Staff, at Memorial School, St. Catharines. Prizes are to be awarded for essays based on the lecture and demonstration.

For the October meeting of the Calgary Scoutmasters' Club Public Librarian Alex. Calhoun talked on "Hiking Camps."

The Kincardine Review-Reporter for Oct. 13 appeared with a new and striking heading for its Scout column,—an upright hand making the Scout Sign. A paragraph below briefly explains the significance of the sign, and the three parts of the Scout Promise. Very effective from several angles!

1st Cochrane and 22nd Winnipeg Present Colours to 1st Virden

THE fact that the troop and pack flags were the gift of troops in other places gave special interest to the dedication of the new troop and pack colours of the 1st Virden, Man., at St. Mary's Anglican church on Sunday, Oct. 2nd. The Troop flag was the gift of the 22nd Winnipeg Troop and Mrs. J. A. Wilson, in memory of the late Scoutmaster Wilson; and the Pack flag was presented by the 1st Cochrane Troop in memory of the late Kathleen Mary Tomkins, a warm friend of Scouting. The King's colours were the gift of citizens of Virden. The impressive ceremony was witnessed by a large congregation, which included representatives of the 2nd Virden (United Church) Troop and Pack.

Could You Forget Such an Investiture?

ON Friday afternoon after school, thirty boys of the 16th Halifax (College St. School) left the school grounds and tramped to the ferry at Point Pleasant Park, were ferried across the Arm, and followed the road back of Purcell's Cove, and on to Island Cove. Here they took to the woods proper and made their way single file a mile and a half to a lake. On a rocky tableland overlooking the lake the Union Jack was raised, and the boys got busy with their supper. After supper the camp fire was built against a great rock. About it the troop formed a horseshoe, with seven new boys in front. A troop meeting

A Sixer Council Fire of the "Eagles"—a group of "Old Cubs" who have given excellent service to the 1st Vernon, B.C., as Cub Instructors. They were organized at their own request by Cubmaster Morrison, now of Vancouver.



was opened, songs were sung and a few stories told.

By this time darkness had fallen and the only light was the light of the fire. The Scoutmaster then announced the chief purpose of the hike, the investiture of the seven new boys.

In the simple ceremony each boy came up to the Scoutmaster; and there in the heart of the woods, in the light of the fire, which lit up the Union Jack fluttering in the breeze overhead, he came to the half-salute, and promised on his honour, "To do his best—To do his duty to God and the King; to help other people at all times, and to obey the Scout Law."

Following this, Francis Grenville was formally invested as Patrol Leader of the Hawk Patrol.

After these ceremonies were over the boys broke camp and started on the homeward hike. Keeping in step to a whistled tune they tramped along the western shores of the Arm to Jollimore Settlement, took the ferry across the Arm, and headed for Halifax. They arrived home about 9.30.

—Halifax Mail.

Some Further Confederation Grave-Decoration Details

FURTHER details of the Scout decoration on Jubilee Dominion Day of the graves of the Fathers of Confederation received since the publication of the October Scout Leader tell of the ceremony at the grave of the Hon. William Henry Pope, in St. Eleanor's Cemetery, Summerside, P.E.I., and of those at the burial places of the four fathers sleeping in Halifax cemeteries.

The grave of the Hon. William Henry Pope, was decorated with the official national wreath by a group of Scouts under the direction of Scoutmaster the Rev. G. T. Spriggs and A.S.M. Preston Kennedy of Kensington, P.E.I. A preliminary visit was made to the cemetery to suitably prepare the grave and its surroundings.

Very effective planning and the participation of four separate groups of distinguished citizens marked the arrangements at Halifax under Mr. Harry Piers and a special sub-committee of the local Diamond Jubilee Committee, co-operating with the local Scout leaders. In preparation the four grave plots were re-sodded and otherwise put in good order, and where necessary the lettering on the monuments was made more legible. In

each case a large Union Jack was raised to mark the spot for the benefit of those desiring to attend the ceremonies or who might wish to visit the graves later.

The special Scout programme was carried out, and in addition to the official wreath of the National Diamond Jubilee Committee, which was placed by Patrol Leaders, a wreath from the Boy Scouts of Halifax was placed by Patrol Seconds, another from the City of Halifax was placed by the group chairman, and other floral remembrances were added by relatives of the deceased.

Those taking official part with the Scouts at the four graves were as follows:

At the grave of the Hon. Sir Charles Tupper, St. John's Cemetery, Fairview,—Chairman, Major J. Plimsoil Edwards; lay speaker, Hon. John A. Walker; clergyman, The Very Rev. Dean J. P. D. Llwyd.

At the grave of the Hon. William Alexander Henry, Camp Hill Cemetery,—Chairman, Lt.-Col. Frederick H. Oxley; lay speaker, Hon. Mr. Justice Russell; clergyman, Rev. Dr. Clarence McKinnon.

At the grave of the Hon. Jonathan McCully, Camp Hill Cemetery,—Chairman, Albert H. Buckley; lay speaker, Hon. Mr. Justice Meagher; clergyman, Rev. A. L. Huddleston.

At the grave of the Hon. Mr. Justice J. W. Ritchie, St. John's Cemetery, Fairview,—Chairman, Mr. Harry Piers; lay speaker, Hon. Mr. Justice Chisholm; clergyman, Rev. Canon Troop.

THE JUBILEE YEAR TOY SHOP

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available. Care should be taken that the evening studies of Scouts preparing for Christmas examinations are not interfered with by too much demand upon their mid-week evenings.

It is a good plan to work out a schedule of Toy Shop time for each troop, or patrol, with the maximum number notified for the school holidays immediately preceding Christmas.

The Scout Leader for December will offer some further suggestions, out of last year's experience, on the securing and checking up of names and addresses, on the sometimes difficult problem of toy allotment, and on parceling and distribution.

Suggestions for the Month

START your Toy Repair Shop.

Discuss and plan some special Thanksgiving Good Turn.

If your troop is below four full patrols give special attention to building up membership.

Get advancement work going. Discuss test and badge instruction plans with your Court of Honour.

If possible hold an outdoor meeting. This probably will be possible during Indian Summer.

Hold at least one good indoor or outdoor council fire, with a lively, planned-beforehand programme.

If possible hold a Father and Son Hike.

Visit or entertain another troop.

Discuss the possibility of bringing about the organization of another troop in your town or in some neighboring community. This is the best of all Troop Good Turns.

At one meeting discuss reading. Ask what books or magazines are read, and suggest the value of those you think best. The magazine list probably would include *The Scout*, *Chums*, *Boys' Own Paper*, and *Boys' Life*, the *American Scout* monthly. The latter contains some excellent woodcraft matter suitable for Canada. "B.O.P." should be read more widely by Canadian Scouts, for the fine type of sportsmanship and generally high ideals that characterize its school and adventure stories. If these magazines are not available to the boys, perhaps some friend of the troop particularly interested in good reading would be glad to place them in the troop headquarters.

If your troop is not yet registered at Dominion Headquarters make the question a topic of one November night's meeting. Explain that all registration money goes to support field work in your province and helps to take the fun and benefits of Scouting to boys in outlying districts who badly need it. Mention also the value of the registration card to any boy seeking a position—that in the majority of cases a boy carrying a registration card showing two or three years' record as a Scout will be given preference over other boys.

Keeping in Touch

With Your Old Boys

HOW many Scoutmasters make a practice of keeping in touch with their "old boys"? Of course it would be no small task for a successful Scoutmaster, after some years of leadership, to carry on a regular correspondence with all the boys who have passed through his hands and departed to other scenes,—particularly in the case of the leader in the smaller community.

However, it would be feasible to exchange a letter or card at least once a year; and it is certain that this proof of continued interest would not infrequently bring gratifying results. The following story, strikingly illustrating the point, is taken from *The Uncle's Chair*, of the September Scouter.

HE had a boy in one of his London troops who, as a boy, was wonder-

fully keen. He came from a poor home, but when he took the Promise he really meant to do his best to keep it. For two or three years he made fine progress, and became a First Class Scout and Patrol Leader. He was confirmed, and became a regular Communicant, and seemed to have the making of a first-class citizen. Then, owing to work, he moved away, and of course left the troop. McCann tried to get him to join a troop near his new home, but he did not do so. Possibly by this time his interest in Boy Scouting was wearing off. Possibly the Scoutmaster in his new place took little trouble to make his acquaintance.

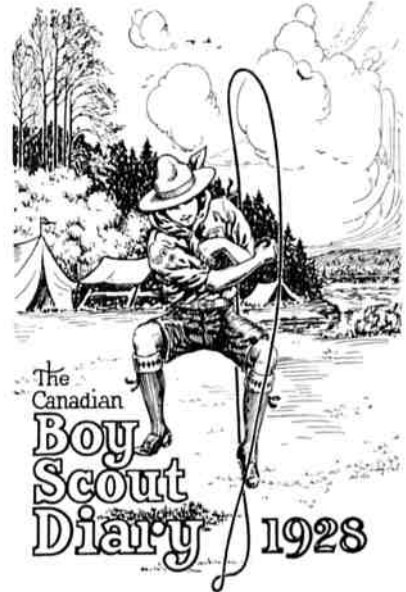
McCann sent his usual birthday postcard every year, but gradually lost personal touch. Then, on the eve of his boy's birthday, some four years after he had left the troop, McCann sat thinking of him, and wondering how far his old Scout was still trying to live like a Scout; and so, instead of the usual card, McCann sat down and wrote a four-page letter all about old times, and sent it, with a prayer in his heart, that it might help his old boy.

A week or two afterwards there came a reply—not a postcard, this time but a many-paged letter—pouring out the lad's memories of old Scouting days, and his affection (so long apparently forgotten) for his old S.M., and his gratitude. "Your letter came just in time," he wrote. "I was getting rather hopeless, and wondering whether it was worth trying to remember the Scout Law. It is a long time since I have been to church, but this morning (Sunday) I got up and went early as in the old days, and now it all seems different. Thank you so much for writing. I mean to come and see you if I may at the first chance I have. You shall not be disappointed in me, I promise."

Is it Fair to Overlook This?

A large percentage of town boys must leave home to "seek their fortune." The fact that a boy is carrying an up-to-date Scout Registration card may decide whether or not he is given a particularly desirable position and start in life. No character card has such universal value.

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Deaf Scouts Appreciative

IT was suggested in the June *Scout Leader* that boys from the Scout troop at the Ontario School for the Deaf, Belleville, be taken into their home town troops during the summer vacation. Apparently this was done quite generally, with happy results.

The following acknowledgment is taken from *The Canadian*, the school publication.

"We are much pleased that several of our lads joined up with the troops in their home towns during the holidays. Some were able to go to camp with their home troops and report a fine time. Others participated in the Jubilee Celebrations on July First.

"We wish to thank the Scout masters of these troops for their kindly interest in our boys, and hope the arrangement started this year may continue in the future."



THE new and spacious H.Q. of the 10th Calgary was built as a voluntary "spare time activity" by members of local labour unions, in appreciation of the public service rendered by the troop under Scoutmaster Leslie Sara. One carpenter mentioned toys given his kiddies on a Christmas when he was out of work.

❖ The Scoutmaster's Five Minutes ❖

"No Baksheesh,—Scout!"

IF I had been grinding an organ with a monkey in my train I couldn't have attracted more attention than I did as I quietly walked along what used to be the Avenue of Sphinxes, from Luxor way up the Nile toward the Mission Church, near Karnak. With the glorious ruins of the Luxor Temple behind, the even more magnificent ruins of the temples of Karnak before, and the Valley of the Kings—Rameses II, Tutankhamen and scores of others—just across the river, one would think the Egyptians had little left to wonder at.

But behold, it was my kodak!

"Telegraphie! Telegraphie!" women and children cried excitedly, and began pointing at my modest little Brownie. Some began at once to pose. But, alas! Though I have never seen such fascinating combinations of costumes, people, chickens, donkeys and pigs, settings and postures, never did it appear harder to get a real "shot." For as soon as I tried to focus, everybody seemed to make a dash straight for the lens, ready to strike a pose with his body against it.

Then the cry began "Baksheesh, baksheesh!" for the pictures I could not take, and the crowd clung to me for perhaps a quarter of a mile.

It really was a pathetic sight. Some were blind or partly so,—blindness is appalling in Egypt,—and all seemed so dirty, so ragged, so purposeless. It depressed me in spite of the sunshine and the palms and the lovely Nile.

On the steps of the Mission Church an old beggar woman accosted me. Oh, how withered and ragged and wretched she looked! "Baksheesh, baksheesh!" was her plea.

I crossed the church threshold. What a space I seemed to span! There were the same brown faces, the same black shawls over the heads of the women, the same pretty dark-eyed children. But they were all clean! And mended! And there faces fairly shone as they sang, "O how I love Jesus." The men's side of the church was shut off from the other, so I did not see them, but their singing was a joy. After a little, several veiled women passed down the aisle with baskets. Were they begging baksheesh? No, these poor women were giving baksheesh; and so were the children, too, and happy they looked as they gave it.

Soon after this I went down to Jerusalem, and of course I visited Bethany, so dear to Jesus, long ago, where He enjoyed the loving hospitality of Martha and Mary and Lazarus. But even there the jarring cry of baksheesh was heard. One tot of perhaps six kept close at my heels. I asked her to stand for a picture. She did it very promptly, but scarcely had my kodak clicked before she sprang toward me with "Baksheesh!" But the coin I gave her did not suit. She stamped her tiny feet and scolded in Arabic as vigorously as her shrill little voice would let her, and finally

threw the copper in a rage to the ground.

Well, finally I got used to expecting to have to pay millemes or piastres for every sort of tiny service, and then one day I drove out to Ain Karim, where it is said John the Baptist was born. And at the bus there, a boy of about twelve came up and offered to carry my luggage. Mohammed was his name, and the name of his religion too. He was very happy because the Christian missionary was teaching him to read, and he could already talk bits of English.

And now we had gone all the way up the hillside to the missionary's house, and Mohammed handed over the package and said, "Good-bye." Then the usual baksheesh was offered. No, I corrected myself, this is real pay for real service.

But Mohammed shook his head with decision!

"No baksheesh,—Scout."

After Mohammed surprised me so, I kept thinking, somehow, about Peter and John at the Beautiful Gate of the temple with the lame man. I took a picture of beggars at one of the Jerusalem gates. Perhaps they should have been my reminders of the splendid Bible story, for I suspect the cripple of old looked much like one of them. But Mohammed made me realize what a blessing it was that



Cycling Rovers of Moose Jaw, Sask.

John and Peter had had no money to give. It was exactly baksheesh the lame man asked for, and exactly baksheesh so many blind and lame and even well and strong were begging now. The missionaries did not give baksheesh. They even warned me not to give to the old woman at the gate of the church in Luxor.

"But such as I have, give I thee." This is their motto, and in the name of Jesus of Nazareth they are giving inspiration and purpose and hope and the glad satisfaction of knowing what they know, that it is more blessed to give than to receive.

—Hazel E. Foster, in Everyland.

Rover Brotherhood in India

THE following report of a special service performed by the 1st Rover Troop of Meerut, India, will be of interest to Canadian Rovers. The religious composition of the Meerut troop will be noted with particular interest and satisfaction, as offering an-

other striking demonstration of the broad brotherhood of Scouting. Probably under no other banner could such a grouping be possible.

The report, published in *The Scout Brother*, of Meerut, for July, 1927, is headed:—

PUBLIC SERVICE

A brief report of the working of Rover Scouts of the Meerut City Rover Scout Troop in the Moharram processions on the 6th and 7th July, 1927.

IN compliance with the orders contained in the letter of 6th July 1927 from the Secretary of the Meerut City Rover Scout Troop, I with 20 Rovers of my troop reached Budhana Gate at 3.30 p.m. on the 6th instant. There we met our District Scout Commissioner, who with Deputy Superintendent of Police gave orders to make an enclosure surrounding the Dul-dul and those who were mourning. Though the duty entrusted to us was very hard, yet our Rovers with their hard labour and zeal carried it out very successfully. Though it was quite a new thing for the Scouts to work in a Moharram procession and the Rovers consisted of Hindus (14), Mohammedans (5) and Christian (1), all were practically working unitedly without any difference, with the true spirit of Scouting. I would very gladly mention that the attitude and behaviour of public and the authorities was very gentlemanly and courteous. They very much appreciated our services and helped us in carrying out our duties. The procession reached the destination safely at 10.30 p.m., and then I dismissed the Scouts after 7 hours' hard service.

I am also very much thankful to my Rovers who co-operated with me and obeyed my orders wholeheartedly with true spirit and for such a long time.

On the other day, i.e., on the 7th instant, the procession started from Bazar-Paramal instead of Budhana Gate. The work entrusted to us was the same. The number of Rovers on that day was 15. The discipline was most exemplary throughout. The procession finished at 10.30 p.m., when I dismissed them.

List of Rover Scouts who worked on 6th and 7th July, 1927 in the Moharram processions.

Jagdish Narayan Johri, Chet Narayan Sharma, Harbans Lal Sharma, Bhawani Prasad, Janki Prasad Garg, Rai Bahadur, Sri Kishen, Radha Krishen, Jamna Dutt, Bangali Saran, Brahma Sarup, Sri Ram Trivedi, Harinarayan, Gopal Dayal, Mohommad Ismail, Tahir Husain, Mahrab Ali, Ishaq Husain, Abdul Hal Malik, Paul.

(Signed) DESONDI RAM,
Assistant Rover Scoutmaster,
in charge of Troop.

Canadian Rovers will join in warmly congratulating the 1st Meerut Rovers upon their splendid Scouting spirit.

**Saskatchewan Premier Opens
New Hut of Twelfth Regina**

THE fine new headquarters hut of the 12th Regina Troop, the Premier's Own, was officially opened on September 28th by Provincial Premier the Hon. J. D. Gardiner, patron of the troop, in the presence of a large number of friends and prominent Scout leaders, including Provincial Commissioner A. H. Ball. The hut is located on three lots, 75x125 feet, leased to the troop by the C.N.R. for 20 years at a rental of \$1.00 per year. The hut was erected entirely by the volunteer labor of members of the Troop Association. The money for the material was raised by whist drives, concerts, etc., organized by the Ladies' Auxiliary. In appreciation of her efforts a Thanks Badge was presented to the Auxiliary president, Mrs. Hammond. A feature of the opening was the presentation to the troop of a large framed copy of "The Pathfinder" by Provincial Commissioner Ball.

The Premier and the Provincial Commissioner and party were effectively welcomed by a successive run-in of Scouts and Cubs to a council fire, at the Troop call of Scoutmaster A. C. Cook and the Pack cry of Cubmaster George Oliver.

**Prominent Montreal Educator
Addresses District Scouts' Own**

AS in previous years, prominent officers of Montreal Scouting took a leading part in the annual Sunday service, or Scouts' Own, for Protestant Scouts, held Sunday, October 2, in the auditorium of the Montreal High School. Dr. F. D. Adams, of McGill, president of the District Council, presided; Provincial Commissioner J. A. Ewing, K.C., read the scripture lesson, and District Commissioner T. H. Wardleworth led in prayers. Dr. Isaac Gammell, principal of the school delivered an inspiring address on the Scout Law.

While the Protestant service was in progress, a Scouts' Own for Polish Scouts was being held at St. Mary's Polish Church by Rev. Albert Sosna, and a service for Jewish Scouts at the Spanish and Portuguese Synagogue under direction of Dr. H. P. Mendes and Rev. de la Penha.

In all 800 Scouts participated. An offering was taken up for the district Good Turn Fund.

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**Opening of 4th Winnipeg's New
Troop-Built Hut a Big Occasion**

THE financing, the building, the dedication and the opening of the new Headquarters of the 4th Winnipeg Troop (including Pack and Rovers) offer examples that might well challenge other Scout troops. For the purchase of building material, \$600 was raised by the Troop itself and the Mothers' Council, plus a few cash donations. Ground was broken on Victoria Day, May 24th, and the Rovers and older Scouts carried on the construction during the summer, completing the work in September. On October 1st the building was formally opened by District Commissioner J. K. Sparling in the presence of other prominent Scout officials, clergymen, and parents and friends of the troop. Following the exercises, the Mothers' Council, under the direction of Mrs. O. A. Davies, served refreshments, and in the evening there was a programme of games. On Saturday night the Rovers conducted a dance in the new hall. On Sunday a consecration service was conducted at St. Mark's Church by the Rev. Dr. Johnston and Rev. P. R. Lancaster, following which the troop colour party, the Scouts, the choir and congregation proceeded from the church to the new building, where the service was completed. Incidentally the Rev. Lancaster was invested as an active member of the Lord Selkirk Rover Patrol. The entire programme was admirably calculated to impress the entire district with the proportions and significance of Scouting. Scoutmaster George Howard is the energetic leader of the troop.

**If You Meet This Pair Request
Their Credentials**

THE Border Cities Star of Sept. 7th carried pictures of two young men giving the names of Louis Black, aged 23, and Willie Brook, 25, natives of England, who claim to be Scouts from Magog, Que., on a tour "Round the world on \$25." They are unknown at Quebec Provincial Headquarters. Their story is typical of the fake-Scout hiker, sponging his way in the name of Scouting; and no assistance should be given them. Scout leaders meeting them should demand their credentials, including letters from the International Bureau, London.

At Windsor the two wore soft-brimmed cowboy hats and dark shirts, with the words "Canadian Rangers" on the pocket.

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THE DUFFEL BAG

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

A Good Prize and Badge Evening

FOR the presentation of badges earned at the summer's camp by members of the 5th North Vancouver a very effective special evening brought a large gathering of parents and other prominent citizens, Rovers and Sea Scouts to Forester's Hall. A patrol-site camp and an indoor council fire were erected at one end of the auditorium, and here warrants were presented to the new Scoutmaster and Cubmaster, badges were awarded, and the "Scoutmaster's Prizes"—a tent and several books—given to the most proficient Scouts. The presentations were made by members of the Troop Committee.

When the S.M. Cannot Hike

WHAT looks like an excellent rule adopted at an October meeting of the Ottawa Scoutmasters' Association calls for the notification of District Headquarters by all Scoutmasters planning a Saturday or other holiday hike. Arrangements will then be made to attach to such troops Scouts from other troops whose leaders find it impossible to get out.

A Clubroom Treasure Hunt

FOR a successful indoor treasure hunt of the 1st Chatham, Ont., the clues were written in semaphore. Each clue had to be deciphered completely before it was possible to discover the next, and finally the treasure. "The Owls were the winners, and received a basket of apples as a reward, the Pigeons and Crows came next in order, each Scout receiving a lollypop. The Sparrows finished last, but enjoyed their peanuts none the less."

Clothes-pin Relay—Butter Fingers P.L. Dressing Race

HERE are three good games from the games book of Scoutmaster Talbot of the 2nd Montreal Troop and 46th Montreal Pack.

Turtle Clothes-pin Relay—Patrols in Indian file. Boy or chair placed 15 or 20 feet distant. On all fours, on back (upside down), with clothes-pin in mouth, boys run around turning point and back. Next Scout, on back, takes clothes-pin in his mouth, etc.

Butter Fingers—Cub Circle game, standing. Glove or ball thrown from one to another across circle. Each Cub missing a catch or making a bad throw kneels on both knees. On next miss, sits down with feet outstretched; on the third miss, sits cross-legged; next, left hand "dead", next, both hands "dead" and Cub out. Reverse, with each successful catch the penalty is removed, until the Cub may again be standing.

P. L. Dressing Race—Patrols in file. P. L. seated in chair at suitable distance. First Scout runs, removes hat, and returns. Next runs, unties knot on scarf, returns. Next removes turk's head; next removes scarf. Articles then returned in reverse order.

A Cub Safety First Campaign

AN early summer safety campaign among the Wolf Cub Packs of the Border Cities, aimed particularly against summer holiday accidents, had excellent results. In fact to the middle of September not one street or other accident had been reported among the several hundred Cubs of the district.

The campaign was opened with talks by Cubmasters on the dangers of the Detroit river, the many railroad tracks cutting the city and the heavy traffic on the streets; and to fix the matter in the minds of the small boys, three "mottoes" were adopted by each Pack, the boys promising their best to live up to them. The mottoes were: 1. Stay away from railroad tracks. 2. Don't go near the river. 3. Count fifty before stepping off the curb.

A VALUABLE IDENTIFICATION AND CHARACTER CARD GOES WITH SCOUT REGISTRATION

Scout Dates November

- 1st—All Saints' Day.
- 2nd—All Souls' Day.
- 7th—Thanksgiving. Attend Church Service, then hold a big Sealed Orders hike.
- 11th—Armistice Day. Poppy Day. Participate wherever possible in local programmes.
- 30th—St. Andrew's Day.
- During November—Tracking. The winter's first light snowfalls provide excellent "stories" of both bird and animal doings.

"Ask Me Another" on Scouting

SEVERAL Scout news columns have adopted the popular "Ask Me Another" feature. This might be used effectively by Scout columns generally, while the idea is in vogue. Following were questions asked in a recent issue of the *Chatham News*, Ont.:

1. Name all the Tenderfoot Knots.
2. What is the Scout Thanks Badge and to whom is it given?
3. When and where is the next International Jamboree to be held?
4. What is the sixth circle of the semaphore alphabet?
5. What is the color of a Scout Commissioner's hat badge; a Scoutmaster's hat badge; an A.S.M.'s hat badge?
6. By what badge is a Gilwellian known?

Don't Forget Local Naturalists

A lecture on the Naturalist's Badge by Mr. Emile Charon was listened to with great interest by the boys of the 16th Winnipeg (St. Jude's). Mr. Charon told how, when and where to find and collect specimens, and how to mount and tabulate.

Overcoming Local

Church Prejudice

"WE have at last won our way into the _____ church. Early in June, by a lot of hard work, and with the help of one of the deacons, I reversed their opinion on Scouting, and got them interested to the extent that we were allowed to use the church hall for a Tea and Food Sale. Later, after spending an evening explaining Scouting to the pastor and the Board of Deacons, we received an invitation to parade to the church for the Jubilee service, July 3rd, and received a hearty welcome from the pastor, and a fine talk. As well, four leaders were requested to act as ushers."—A Quebec Cubmaster.

"Zulu Boy"—a Cub Game

YOU will find this indoor-meeting "outdoor breather" game of the 1st Sherbrooke Pack worth trying. A selected Cub is given a white hat to wear, sent out with three or four minutes start, and directed to keep within a certain defined area about headquarters. The pack, in pairs, is then sent out to find him. Of course the white hat must not be taken off by the "Zulu."

A Camp-Making Contest

FOR the second year in succession the Henry Eave's Cup competition—the construction of a model Scout patrol camp, open to Scout troops throughout British Columbia—was won this year by the 6th Vancouver Troop, with a percentage of .86.

This scouty contest calls for the clearing of ground and the erection of a patrol camp all complete, with cooking fire, the usual Gillwell-type sanitary arrangements and gadgets and a council fire. A time limit is set, at the expiration of which a whistle is blown. The judging then begins.

A similar competition in camcraft should be included in the year's programme of every Scouting centre in Canada. Nothing could be more scouty, nor more interesting to the boys, if properly planned and located.

Discuss it for your district!

This is Scout Leadership

IF the following tribute, recently paid a Quebec Scoutmaster, could be said of us all!—

He has an unusual genius for maintaining his older Scouts.

He has always been an ardent camper, not only taking his troop to camp for from two to four weeks each summer, but also spending most of his week-ends during the summer in the woods with small parties of his senior Scouts.

He called forth their affectionate loyalty, and his influence has been apparent in the moulding of a sincerely religious type of character in his Scouts. He is as enthusiastic now in his devotion to them as he was when he started.