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A truck-load of rejuvenated toys from the Calgary Scout Toy Shop for the Salvation Army Children's Home.

—Courtesy Calgary Herald.

AS forecast in the November Scout Leader, our Jubilee Year Scout Toy Repair Shop chain will set a new high mark in the number of shops operating, in the number of happiness-bringing Christmas gifts produced, and in the number of children remembered

Thirty-seven Toy Shops

To date announcement has been received of the opening of no less than 37 shops. The chain includes the following places: **Nova Scotia**—Halifax, Truro, New Glasgow. **New Brunswick**—Saint John, Fredericton, Moncton. **Quebec**—Three Rivers, Sherbrooke, Montreal, St. Lambert, Montreal West. **Ontario**—Chatham, Hamilton, Peterborough, St. Thomas, Owen Sound, Windsor, Toronto, London, Guelph, Welland, Port Colborne, Ottawa. **Manitoba**—Winnipeg, Brandon. **Boisbriand**. **Saskatchewan**—Regina, Saskatoon. **Alberta**—Calgary, Edmonton, Red Deer, Medicine Hat, Strathmore. **British Columbia**—Vancouver, North Vancouver, New Westminster, Trail.

C.N.R. and C.P.R. Settlers' Lists

In addition to the list of Settlers' Families previously announced as received at Dominion Scout Headquarters from the Land Settlement Board, lists are now coming from the Land Settlement departments of the Canadian National and Canadian Pacific railways.

Eastern-Western Scout Teamwork

As was to be expected, the majority of the settlers concerned are located in the three great prairie provinces, —a circumstance which offers Eastern Canada Scouts an opportunity, which they will gladly seize upon, of working together in common purpose with their brother Scouts of the West.

How Distribution Will Be Made

On large maps of each province coloured pins are being used to locate each family listed. When completed, these "pin families" will be zoned, and assigned to certain Toy Shops, or in some cases to individual troops. (Correspondence with reference to the number to be handled is now under way.) Lists of families, with name, age and sex of children, will then be distributed.

Shipment

Where possible it is hoped Toy Shops will finance mailing or expressing of toys, if necessary with the aid of service clubs or other organizations. Clubs will invariably be found very ready to participate. Where difficulty is encountered, the toys may

be sent in bulk (individually addressed), express C. O. D., to the nearest Land Settlement Agency, the address of which will be furnished.

Selection of Toys

This may most effectively be placed in the hands of a small committee of ladies.

Unless there is an abundance, send one toy per child. If possible, add some candy and nuts.

Include some articles of warm clothing if available.

Wrap each toy separately in tissue paper, and mark with the child's name, then make all into a neat family package, and address to the mother. Mark "NOT TO BE OPENED UNTIL CHRISTMAS." Attach or enclose a card of suitable sentiment, "From Santa Claus' Boy Scout Toy Shop at"

Notes From the 1926 Shops

Study Them for Suggestions

Hamilton, Ont.—Mills' Hardware Company donated the paint and hardware. The Dominion Power and Transmission Company provided light and power free. Over 1100 children in the Hamilton district were provided with toys. The Girl Guides dressed over 200 dolls.

Montreal, Qué.—Toys were distributed only through the three chief social service agencies, Protestant, Catholic and Jewish; division being made on the basis of the relative number of Catholic, Protestant and Jewish Scouts in Montreal.

The greatest number of toys were received from the schools, where, with

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A SECTION of last year's Ottawa Scout Toy Shop. Girl Guides' Doll Department near the rear window. His Excellency the Governor-General, as Chief Scout for Canada, spent a half hour observing the shop's activities.

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Visualize This

A settler's family of four children in a little cabin several miles from the nearest neighbour. It is their first year in Canada. They arrived with only the bare necessities of furniture. There is little money,—none for such things as toys and candy.

It looks like a very cheerless, very lonely Christmas. Mother has found it hard to tell the kiddies that she is afraid Santa will not find them this year, in the new land.

Then, a day or so before Christmas, one of the neighbours appears with a parcel "from town." It is marked "From one of Santa Claus' Boy Scout Toy Shops." And Mother cries, and puts it away,—and on Christmas morning there is something in the children's stockings, and they are happy—all are happy, and it is something like a real Christmas.

This is going to happen many times.

Isn't it splendid that we Scouts have been given the opportunity of such a Good Turn?

And will not these little New Canadians, and their parents feel that being a Canadian means something? Particularly, perhaps, those who receive packages from Canadian Scouts and Guides in far distant parts of the Dominion?

Is your Troop or Pack going to take care of at least one family?

Toys for Homes Temporarily Embarrassed

IN every community there are homes, ordinarily well-circumstanced, where sickness, the unexpected loss of work by the father, or some other unfortunate happening, has brought "hard times." Such families are very loath to make their circumstances known, although perhaps entitled to special consideration. Probably the best way in which to locate them would be a communication to local clergymen. This would request the names, and particulars regarding the children, with the assurance that the matter would be treated confidentially. Gifts then might be left quietly on the doorstep.

"We Are Carrying On"

"WE ARE CARRYING ON" was the inscription pinned to a wreath laid at the base of the Cenotaph on Saturday by a crippled Boy Scout on behalf of his comrades of the 113th Troop of Montreal, whose members are recruited from the Shriners' Hospital.

In the presence of several hundred citizens and escorted by a guard of honour of one hundred other Scouts, five crippled boys brought the message. Who can doubt that those brave souls in whose honour the cenotaph is raised were the happier in their distant haven because of the message of the crippled Scouts, "We are carrying on"?

In spite of physical handicaps, in spite of suffering, these Boy Scouts have caught the real spirit of their founder. True to their Scout oath, they are "carrying on" with the odds against them. The message of the crippled Boy Scouts deserves to be blazoned on the hallowed stones of the Cenotaph itself.

They have caught up the torch and they call:

"We are carrying on."

—Montreal Star.



A Rover gives Mr. Policeman a new hat,—in the Beauty Parlour of the Montreal Shop.

Scouting Essentially Religious

WRITING in The Methodist Times (England), Professor E. S. Waterhouse has a good deal to say on the Sunday-school class as a group. "It's importance," he says "lies in the fact that it means fellowship, and that it is essential for character, work and worship." Quoting the Goethe phrase, "You cannot be a whole unless you join a whole," Professor Waterhouse continues, "The Sunday-school class is a group, but it is not sufficient to bring out more than a small part of the group possibilities. Hence. . . . Scouts, Guides and the like are an essential part of religious teaching."

Announcement has been made at Winnipeg of the resignation of Field Scout Earle H. Davison, effective December 31, and the appointment of Mr. E. F. Mills, one of Manitoba's most experienced Scout leaders. In connection with the announcement it is noted by Jackson Dodds, president of the Provincial Council, that during Mr. Davison's four years in office the membership in the province has more than doubled and the Movement generally greatly strengthened.

ALONG the TRAIL



New Brunswick Rovers

A Merry Christmas of many Merry Good Turns.

Newspapers record the general participation of Scouts in Memorial and Armistice Day ceremonies.

Has your Troop joined the Jubilee Scout Toy Shop Chain? If so, kindly drop a line to The Scout Toy Shop Secretary, Dominion H.Q., Ottawa.

Can you think of a scoutier Christmas Good Turn than making a number of little New Canadians happy on their first Christmas in Canada? This is our Jubilee Scout Toy Shop job.

Approximately 500 junior leaders were expected to attend the 8th Annual Convention of the Pacific Northwest Patrol Leaders' Conference at New Westminster, B.C., Nov. 25-27. They were registered from as far north as Prince Rupert and as far south as the Oregon border.

The new Memorial Scout Hall, of Galt, Ont., was opened on Thanksgiving Day by Mayor W. S. McKay. Rev. A. S. Mitchell, of Markdale, of the Elbow Park Gillwell staff, conducted the dedication service, and Mr. A. M. Edwards, M.P., addressed the gathering.

During a tour of the West just completed Assistant Chief Commissioner John A. Stiles discussed with commissioners of the various provinces the contents of the projected Handbook for Canadian Scout Commissioners. Other subjects taken up included the standardizing of organization of records, and the training of leaders. Incidentally the A.C.C. made a number of addresses before service clubs and other organizations.

A pleasing incident of the farewell appearance at Massey Hall, Toronto of the great contralto, Madame Schumann-Heink, was the presentation to her of a beautiful bouquet by a Scout of the 27th Troop, of which she is an old friend. Said The Globe in referring to the incident, "Nothing in the evening was nicer than the motherly way in which she clasped hands with the fine young Boy Scout who carried the flowers up to the stage, and her deep sincerity in returning his salute."

The fine new headquarters of the 10th Calgary (Scoutmaster F. L. Sara) was opened on Nov. 5th by Provincial Commissioner Dr. George Malcolmson and Assistant Chief Commissioner John A. Stiles, in the presence of a large number of prominent Scout leaders from Calgary and other sections of the province, who were attending the commissioner's conference. A Thanks Badge was presented to President R. C. Burns of the 10th Troop Association in appreciation of his part in the erection of the building.

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the authority of the School Boards, the principals made a suitable announcement.

A small truckload came from St. Cuthbert's Episcopal Church, as the result of a "toy service" held Sunday morning. The toys, which were brought principally by the children, were placed in a pile in the rear of the church.

Peterborough, Ont.—Secured the use of a vacant store on a side street for repair shop, and a window in a down-town store for a display of finished toys.

Borrowed several manual training benches from the Technical School. Tools were supplied by the boys themselves.

Members of the Fire Department did all the painting of repaired toys, the toy shop supplying them with paint and brushes. This proved a great success; the firemen did better work than the boys probably could have done.

Some 700 parcels were sent out. Supplied toys for St. Vincent's Orphanage, the Children's Shelter, the Salvation Army and War Veterans' families.

Would use only older Scouts in the shop work.

Saint John, N. B.—An exhibit of repaired toys in the windows of a prominent store, The Venetian Gardens, attracted much attention. Dolls were dressed by the 5th St. Paul's and 2nd Rothesay Guides. J. Drury & Son, builders, loaned their carpenter shop and tools and a team for collection. One consignment of toys went to the children in the County Hospital.

Chatham, Ont.—In addition to publicity secured through the *Chatham News*, an announcement regarding the toy shop was thrown on the screen at the Griffin Theatre. The distribution was organized in co-operation with the Ladies' Home Board. The toys were distributed from a sleigh on Christ-



TORONTO Scouts are this year going into the Christmas Toy Shop work in a large way. Here are some of the directors of various shops and district toy-collection depots. In addition to children of needy families in the city, and the boys of an Indian school, the Toronto Scouts will provide toys for a large number of settlers' children in the West.

mas eve, the parcels being left on porches, doorsteps, the recipients not knowing from whom they came.

Kincard, Sask.—After taking care of all needy local children two boxes of toys were sent to the Salvation Army at Regina.

Banff, B.C., and Viking, Alta.—These shops made an excellent collection of toys which they sent to the Calgary Shop for distribution.

Kincardine, Ont.—There being little local need, the bulk of the toys were sent to the Home for Jewish boys, Toronto. A most appreciative letter was received from the Superintendent. Four hundred toys were produced.

Quebec City.—Toys were distributed at a party given to some 50 children, and those left over were distributed in the hospitals.

Lunenburg, N.S.—Toys were sent to the Red Cross Society, Halifax, where

they were distributed from a Christmas tree in the dock sheds to children landing during Christmas week.

Sherbrooke, Que.—In addition to the local distribution, toys were supplied for some 40 children at Lennoxville.

Windsor, Ont.—The 6th Windsor Troop shop distributed its toys through the local Goodfellow's Club.

New Glasgow, N.S.—Four hundred toys were distributed with the co-operation of the local social Service Clubs.

Calgary, Alta.—An effective window display feature at Toy Shop H.Q. in the Merchants' Bank building was a picture of Santa Claus and an "autographed" message stating that this was one of his workshops, and that the Scouts were helping him make sure that every little boy and girl in Calgary would be remembered at Christmas. Other cards invited the public to bring in broken toys.

An attractive card in green, with pictures of Santa Claus and a Rover Scout, and the legend, "Santa Claus asked us to see that you got this Toy before Christmas day," went out with each package. Children in a number of institutions were taken care of, some of these by special Scout messengers. The entire actual expense of repairing 3,200 toys was \$23.14.

News Notes from the 1927 Shops

Vancouver—This shop is being run in co-operation with The Vancouver Daily Province Santa Claus Fund. The shop is located at 115 Cordova Street, in a store loaned by Mr. W. C. Woodward.

On November 17th 200 dolls already had been donated, and were being dressed by the Girl Guides and the Junior Service Club.

The Handyman Proficiency Badge will be granted to Vancouver Scouts in connection with toy shop work. The requirements:

Repair a wooden toy, a doll, and a mechanical toy in which some parts must be soldered.

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PETERBOROUGH Scouts working on some of the toys which last Christmas helped to make happy the children of St. Vincent's Orphanage, the Children's Shelter, the Salvation Army and a War Veterans' organization. **INSET.**—Some of the 200 exceptionally attractive toys produced by the 1st Chatham Troop, Ont., for the needy children of their city.

THE CAMP CHIEF'S PAGE

OUTDOORS IN DECEMBER

SNOWBIRDS offer one of December's attractions for bird-observing Scouts. These birds come down from Arctic regions and spend their winter with us. They have arrived in many places before December first. Snow Bunting is another name. To wander afield and find these birds is a real thrill.

Tree Sparrows, with a dark spot on a gray breast and white wing bars, are also with us, eating weed seeds. Northern woodpeckers come south also. Now is a chance to add an odd and unusual name to the "Birds Identified" list in your Scout Diary.

Perfect snow crystals have six sides, and snowflakes are formed by union of crystals. A magnifying glass, pencil and paper have entertained many a hiker, as no two snowflakes are alike.

Christmas, the day before, or the day after, have been taken as days on which to hike and count birds, sending in the observations to the National Parks Branch, Ottawa. This is not only good fun but contributes to a valuable record or census.

Hikes to discover a shapely Christmas tree are in order. Needless to say the permission of the owner will always be first secured. Also the cutting will be done by an experienced Scout—not by a Tenderfoot.

Red squirrels are now a dingy colour. Do you remember how new and red they looked last Spring?

Golden-crowned and Ruby-crowned Kinglets are usually about in evergreens around Christmas time, and give a thrill to the finder, especially if the differences in crown colours are detected.

Sumac is an emergency food for birds. The fruit is not tasty, but it hides many insects which use it for snug winter quarters. Examine it closely.

A camera works better in the woods in winter than in summer. How about recording some good snow tracks for future patrol competition study?

—W.H.R.

Good Vestibule Course Publicity

PUBLICITY given a projected Vestibule course through *The Timmins Citizen*, Ont., requested all those interested to get in touch with the local Scout leaders, stating whether: 1. You desire to become a Scoutmaster; 2. an Assistant Scoutmaster; or, 3. that you would render assistance generally to the work. Blank forms to fill in your intention in this respect are obtainable from Mr. Shaw.

"The Association further asks those interested in the Movement," added *The Citizen* announcement, "to cooperate by appealing to friends who might be persuaded to assist in this great work."

While in Toronto last week Mayor George T. Hamilton of Halleybury and Mayor Frank Lendrum of Cobalt interviewed Hon. W. A. Finlayson, Minister of Lands and Forests, with regard to a suggestion that the Crown might have some available land in this district for use as a camping ground by Boy Scouts and other similar organizations. The Minister intimated to the deputation that if any suitable location still in possession of the Crown could be found the provincial authorities would co-operate in turning it over to the Scouts for the purpose indicated. The matter is being taken up with the Scout officials in both towns.—*Sudbury Star*.

The Troop Committee of the 2nd St. Thomas were assigned two each to Cubs, Scouts and Rovers. They asked to be invested, in order that they might be on a better footing with the boys. Now they have all enrolled, with the Rovers, to take the Correspondence Course.

A toboggan hike of the 1st Willowdales, Ont.



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Make and paint a wooden toy.

Produce a certificate from parent stating that he has been useful in repairing things about the home.

The Vancouver shop was organized under the direction of Honorary Field Commissioner Clive Sara.

Calgary.—The Calgary shop expects to surpass its splendid work of last year, when more than 3,200 toys, including some 500 dolls, were distributed among needy families in and around Calgary. As in past years, the shop will be run in co-operation with "Sunshine" of the *Calgary Herald*, and will be under the personal direction of Scoutmaster Leslie Sara of the 10th Calgary Troop.

Edmonton.—Running in corporation with *The Edmonton Journal's* "Christmas Sunshine."

Thirteen toy collecting centres were established in various parts of the city, and a central collection point to which all contributions were brought in bulk. A list of the collecting branches, with 'phone number, was published in the *Journal*.

The organization includes Scoutmaster Cooper as Keeper of Records; Scoutmaster Wisden, as Storekeeper, and Scoutmaster Neville as Workshop Supervisor. Cub Commissioner W. A. Bayley is chairman of the general committee.

Prior to the opening of the shop, Scouts collected tools, paint, tin, woodworking material, etc., these being turned in to the Storekeeper.

Medicine Hat.—This shop, operated with the backing of the *Medicine Hat News* was opened in the old library in the I.O.O.F. building, November 16th. From this time Scouts were on duty from 4.30 to 6 p.m. week-days and all day Saturday. A 'phone was installed.

Saint John, N.B.—From the District Bulletin: "Council Members, and Leaders: Here's hoping you catch the spirit of the thing and that you will soon be, even as we are, bubbling over with enthusiasm. Let this be our slogan,—'EVERY SCOUT A SANTA.' And don't forget that you are a Scout, whether a leader or a council member."

The Shop is located at 66 Prince William Street. In addition the entire top floor of the city's largest theatre, the Imperial, was placed at the disposal of the Scouts for use in connection with the toy work.

Weekly publicity is being given in the theatre's printed programme, and announcements made on the screen. The shop is in charge of District Secretary Leonard Johnson, and is being given hearty support by the Saint John papers.

Fredericton, N.B.—The Fredericton "Toy Shop" was opened at 98 York Street, a store provided by Mayor Clark. It is being run under the direction of Commissioner LeBaron Bull, with Rovers in actual charge. The Fredericton Rotary Club is providing funds for repairing. The Childrens Aid Society is to furnish the local list of children to be remembered. Excellent support is being given by *The Fredericton Gleaner* and *Fredericton Mail*.

Moncton, N.B.—The Moncton Scout Toy Shop is located in the battery manufacturing establishment of District Commissioner "Bob" Buzzell, and is being managed by the various local Scoutmasters. It is being given fine publicity support by *The Moncton Times*.

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❖ Scouting from Coast to Coast ❖

THE 8th Edmonton Highland Troop made a successful venture of raising troop funds this year by planting six city lots in potatoes.

From time to time read to your Troop or Pack items from COAST TO COAST telling of the doings of their brother Scouts and Cubs in other parts of Canada.

17th Anniversary of the 3rd Niagara

A Fathers' and Scouts' Banquet, with many prominent Scout leaders present, an address by Assistant Provincial Commissioner Irwin, games participated in by the dads, an investiture, and the presentation of a handsome new troop flag, with pole, carrying boot and cords, by a group of troop "old boys," marked the 17th anniversary of the 3rd Niagara Falls (Christ Church) Troop.

Scoutmaster Cote and a party of the 3rd Dartmouth, N.S., after a visit to the Scout reforestation and wild life sanctuary area at Waverly, reported the presence there of a great number of game birds.

The members of the Troop Committee of the 1st Amherstburg Troop, Ont., assisted the boys in working out their plans for a paper collecting campaign.

6th Brandon's Bird-Talk Contest

The 6th Brandon (Presbyterian) Troop held its "first annual bird contest" in the collegiate gynasium, when each contestant contributed an excellent talk on bird study. Four prizes were awarded, and following the contest, the three judges each added a short talk on bird life.

Edmonton troops are planning some joint winter hikes.

Ten dollars was voted by the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Burns Club of Galt, Ont., to assist in the furnishing of the new Galt Scout Hall.

A French-Speaking Troop for St. Johns

St. Johns, Que., which has had several bilingual troops, now has an all French-speaking unit, in the 4th Troop, with headquarters in the new K. of C. hall. Rosairio Bruneau is Scoutmaster, Rene Paquette A.S.M., and troop patrons Rev. Edmond Coursol, Cure of St. Johns, and Dr. Alexis Bouthillier, M.P.P.

The 43rd Winnipeg visited the 47th (St. Alban's) and took part in the meeting and games, and a council fire.

A Scouts', Dads' and Mothers' Banquet of the 4th St. Thomas, Ont., was an enjoyable affair.

Another Scout Hall—Penticton

Contracts for the erection of a Boy Scout Hall to cost \$7,000 have been awarded by the Penticton, B.C., Boy Scouts Association. The hall will be located beside the school grounds, and will be 66x94 feet in size, with a seating capacity for about 400 persons. Construction is to be of frame, later stuccoed.

"The Canadian Legion extends thanks to the Boy Scouts of Saskatoon who ably assisted in the distribution of poppies on Poppy Day. It was the most successful Poppy Day ever held in the city."—Saskatoon Phoenix.

In a body the 3rd Sarnia (St. Joseph's) attended Mass celebrated by Rev. Major McCarthy, the troop chaplain.

A Headquarters Training Troop

A very successful unit of the Saint John, N.B., district organization is the Headquarters Training Troop, which meets every Friday evening at 8 o'clock in the District Rover Den. The Troop is made up of two patrols, each headed by a Scoutmaster, acting as Patrol Leader. District Secretary Johnson is Troop Leader, and Allan G. McAvity the Scoutmaster. It is understood that all those joining intend to qualify as Scout leaders.

Several troops report Saturday waste paper collection campaigns.

and American Ornithological Union. The lecture was given at McGill University.

The First Baptist Trail Rangers of Edmonton have become the 22nd Edmonton Troop, under Scoutmaster Bailey. A full column of lively news regarding a troop meeting and a test-passing hike backs up a "warning" to all other troops to "beware of our smoke."

Also Good Publicity

"New members: George Carter, transfer from 3rd Nelson Troop, posted to Owl Patrol; Wilfred Carter, transfer from 3rd Nelson, posted to Panther Patrol; H. Campbell, transfer from 1st Kamloops, posted to Beaver Patrol; G. Roberts and C. Fulton, posted to Recruit Patrol."—Vernon Scout News, B.C.

The 3rd Belleville Troop, Ont., (St. George's) now has its Mothers' Auxiliary.



THIS gives an idea of the quality of the reconditioned playthings turned out by the Calgary Scouts and Guides.

The 1st Lindsay Troop was presented with a Union Jack by the local Kiwanis Club.

A Mothers' and Cubs' Birthday Party

A large number of mothers attended a delightful Saturday afternoon birthday party of the 1st Fort William Cub Pack under Mrs. H. W. Ellard. After a games period, the guest mothers were escorted by their Cub sons to the banquet room, where tables were set with flowers and decorated with the colours of the various Sixes. On the centre table was a large birthday cake.

An incident of the 53rd Anniversary services of Zion Church, Winnipeg, was the presentation of a charter to the new 74th Winnipeg Troop, by District Commissioner J. K. Sparling.

Montreal Scouts in uniform were invited to attend the Summerville lecture on "Some Birds and Bird Portraits" by Dr. Casey A. Wood, of the British

A feature of each meeting of the 17th Halifax Cubs is a stunt put on by one of the Sixes. Adds the Scout column editor of the Halifax Herald, "It is surprising what these little fellows can think up."

A Trail Ranger-Scout Hike

Trail Rangers of the Ludlow Street Baptist church, and Scouts of the 17th Saint John (Trinity) and 13th Young Judaeans, with Scout leaders and mentors, combined for a highly successful hike to the Headquarters hut of the Glen Falls Troop. S.M. Framp-ton of the Moncton Rotary Troop also was present.

A seven weeks' series of lectures on Ambulance Badge work is being taken by 12 Scouts of the 20th Winnipeg (St. Stephen's-Broadway) Troop.

The 1st Port Colborne Troop, Ont., has opened a Scout Christmas Savings Bank, which accepts deposits of from one cent to a hundred dollars.

Calgary Kiwanis Club "Scout Night"

For a "Scout Night" put on by the Calgary Kiwanis Club in place of a regular weekly luncheon, 64 Cubs and Scouts were seated alternately with their Kiwanian hosts at dinner in the ballroom of the Palliser Hotel. Following the dinner the proceedings were turned over to District Commissioner Sir A. C. Macdonell, K.C.B., C. M.G., D.S.O., and S.M. Canon Horne, who conducted model troop and pack meetings, then a big council fire. Kiwanian Akitt, chairman of the Scout District Council, presented a report on the scouting activities and public service performed by the Scouts during the past year.

At a special Sunday evening service at the Anglican church, Sydney Mines, District Commissioner W. C. Carter addressed the local Scouts and Cubs and the congregation on the Scout motto, "Be Prepared."

The various patrols of the 1st Amherstburg Troop, Ont., are raising patrol funds by seeking and doing odd jobs around town.

Do You Know a "Returned Harvester?"

An interesting item in the programme of a late October meeting of the 2nd Sherbrooke Troop was a talk by A.C.M. Mills on "Threshing in Western Canada." In addition to describing operations in the great wheat fields, Mr. Mills offered hints of value to future harvest excursionists. At the conclusion, Scoutmaster Giovetti gave a patrol competition quiz on various points of the talk.

A hike objective which proved most interesting to the 37th Winnipeg Troop (St. Martin's) was the All Star fox farm at East Kildonan. The boys were conducted about the ranch by the owners.

On a stunt evening the Crows of the 1st Port Colborne Troop, Ont., put on a play "showing how reports become exaggerated."

It Was a Big Hallowe'en

So many reports of troop and pack Hallowe'en parties were received that it is impossible to make individual mention. A pleasing feature was the number of cases in which parents, or Girl Guides or C.G.I.T. groups were invited.

A Scout-Guide Birthday Banquet

Two years of successful Scouting and Guiding was celebrated by a joint birthday banquet of the 1st Oxenden, Ont., Guide Company and 1st Oxenden Troop. Place cards alternated Scout and Guide,—"for 36 of the keenest young people you could wish to meet," according to an out-of-town visitor. The boys and girls proposed their own toasts. The Rev. E. V. C. Lewis is the Scoutmaster and every boy is a regular attendant at one of the local Sunday-schools.

At a banquet provided by the Ladies' Auxiliary and attended by 63 Scouts of the Victoria Street Baptist Troop, Saint John, N.B., a silver vase was presented to Scoutmaster Howard.

The presentation was made by Rev. E. R. MacWilliam.

The 3rd Prince Rupert (Baptist) Troop, B.C., had as chief speaker at their annual banquet the Hon. J. C. Brady, M.P., who addressed them on the aims and ideals of the Movement.

The Mayor Opens Saskatoon's Scout Fair

The several excellent features of the annual Saskatoon Scout Fall Fair, held in the Armouries, included the opening of the exhibition by the breaking of the flag and the singing of O Canada. Mayor C. W. Norman then spoke briefly on the requirements of the Citizen's Badge. One of the programme items was a demonstration of home nursing. Entertainment features included a minstrel show and boxing by



THE fine example of organization offered by Montreal's Rover-directed Scout Toy shop of last Christmas.



Wolf Cubs. There were contests in guessing the number of peas in a bottle and the weight of a cake.

A regular meeting of the 3rd Sarnia, Ont., was held at the fire hall, with one period given to special instruction on the Fireman's badge.

Bishop Taylor-Smith dropped in on the 17th Winnipeg, watched the conclusion of a game, addressed the boys, and led them in their closing exercises.

Famous Characters—Scouts' Own Topic

"Again boys, don't for get your Scouts Own Bible Class on Sunday. We are studying famous characters from famous books, and applying their Christian principles to our lives. Last week we studied 'John Halifax, Gentleman.'"—1st Melfort, Sask.

The 3rd Sarnia put on a Model Meeting in the presence of its Troop Committee.

The 9th Chatham, Ont., Troop has been organized in connection with the Victoria Avenue Church.

3rd Prince Rupert's Visit Optician
From a regular troop meeting, the 3rd Prince Rupert Troop, B.C., proceeded to the office of Mr. A. E. Ireland, Optician, who gave the Scouts an interesting illustrated talk on the structure of the human eye and the purpose of different types of eye-glass lenses.

The 2nd Border Cities held a moonlight hike to Ojibway, for a council fire and marshmallow roast.

Sarnia, Ont., Scouts have been given the use of the Collegiate pool one evening a week until Christmas.

Scout Tuxis Party

One of the many Hallowe'en masquerade parties noted in the Scout news columns was the combined party of the Maryland United Church Troop and Tuxis Square, of Winnipeg. The two groups "meet on the same night and find no difficulty in harmonious co-operation."

The Hillhurst Troop, Alta., has a Boy Scouts' Parents' Association.

The Grimsby Beach Troop, Ont., has offered its services as a volunteer fire brigade; there being at present a hose reel and chemical tank, but no firemen.

After they had tidied up the camp site, Scout style, the 3rd St. Catharines (Westminster), on a Saturday bike hike, were invited by the owner of the property to come again as often as they wished.

Holding 17th Halifax Older Boys

At the Fall reorganization of the 17th Halifax, whose Scoutmaster, A. J. Candow, holds his older boys, a number of "charter members" were made Junior A.S.M.'s, and assigned to some special line of instruction.

Don't fail to study these COAST TO COAST items for good ideas, or reminders of "good old ideas." As you read, mark those that appeal to you, and read them to your Court of Honour.

St. Catharines, Ont., claims the unique distinction of owning the first charter issued to a Scout troop in Canada. Mr. A. E. Coombs was the Scoutmaster.

At the annual meeting of the North Winnipeg Scout Association a Thanks Badge was presented to Miss Ivy Webster, District Cubmaster, on her resignation to take hospital training.

Deaf Scouts Win Big Relay Race

Scouts elsewhere will join in congratulating the four Scouts of the Troop of the Ontario School for the Deaf, Belleville, who on Thanksgiving Day won the annual local school relay race. Teams from seven schools competed, and the Scout team received a great ovation.

Scouts in Uniform Free

Montreal Scouts in uniform were admitted free to the English rugby football match for the championship of Eastern Canada between the teams of the Canadian Vickers Company and the University of New Brunswick. The university team won.

"Scouting and Its Many Benefits to the Public" provided the subject for an address by Field Secretary Edgar Jones that interested a gathering of Scouts and parents at Southampton, Ont. A demonstration of games and a showing of lantern slides preceded the address.

The second annual Handcraft Exhibition of Scouts and Guards of the Salvation Army, Toronto, brought out a record number of exhibits. The display was opened by Commissioner Maxwell.

A Montreal District P. L. Conference

A Saturday afternoon and evening rally of P.L.'s of the Central Montreal district, held in St. George's Parish Hall, and a week-end camp conference for Montreal South produced excellent results for the young leaders. Wrote one S.M. of the latter conference, "Coming just before the commence-

the 16th and 24th Troops, and St. Luke's Guides, Rangers and Brownies.

At the organization meeting of a troop of Life Saving Scouts in connection with the Salvation Army at Fort William, Ont., Scoutmaster Elard of the 3rd Fort William (St. Paul's) Troop addressed the gathering on "The Spirit of the Scout Movement."

Note This Good Turn for Next Hallowe'en

Two Lethbridge Scouts on Hallowe'en night kept noisy revellers from the vicinity of a home in which there was a sick man.

The *Border Cities Star* of Oct. 15 contained no less than three columns of district Scout news. The activities covered showed Scouting in Windsor and neighboring towns to be in a most thriving condition. Several hikes for the passing of first class tests were mentioned.

A summary of the past season's activities of the 2nd Portage Troop submitted to the Local Council by Scoutmaster Newman was published in full in the *Portage la Prairie Graphic*.

tion points are awarded each night to the patrol reporting the best Good Turn.

Parkland Scouts Share Their Venison

When Scoutmaster Pollard, of the 1st Parklands, Ont., received a gift of venison from a friend of the troop, the 81st Toronto Guides and Brownies, of Parklands, were invited to the feast, and later to a masquerade social which was shared by some eighty parents.

A.S.M. Dr. Lloyd Jones of the 1st Niagara Falls, Ont., has given the troop a solid silver cup for individual competition. The cup goes to the boy who during the year makes the greatest progress in Scouting and "lives nearest the Scouting ideal."

St. Kitts Takes Another Step Ahead

A strong Local Association, including representatives of the I.O.D.E., the Rotary and Lions Clubs, Chamber of Commerce and other organizations, and with Col. R. W. Leonard as Patron, was organized at St. Catharines, Ont. Mr. A. E. Coombs, one of the Dominion's first Scoutmasters, was made District Commissioner. There are now nine troops and three packs in St. Kitts District.

The 1st Moose Jaw's Fall Fair

Annual indoor fall fair of the 1st Moose Jaw, held in the fine roomy headquarters given the troop by the Robin Hood Mills, drew a capacity crowd. The Troop Ladies' Aid ran a number of the booths and the Gyro Club concert party provided a musical entertainment. The fair was under the direction of the troop president, Ven. Archdeacon F. Wells Johnson.

A splendid 15-foot flag was presented to the Troop and Pack of St. Alban's Pro-Cathedral, Kenora, by Mr. C. W. Rowley of Toronto. The flag was dedicated at the annual church service.

As the final meeting of a patrol competition period which ended with several patrols nearly tied, a "deduction evening" was programmed for the 2nd Sherbrooke.

A Church Parade That Was Remembered

For its first Sunday parade the new 1st Ladysmith Troop, B.C., was marched to the Anglican church by the Ladysmith Silver Colliery Band. At the War Memorial the parade halted for two minutes' silence, and wreaths were placed by a Scout and a Cub. During the church service the troop flag was dedicated, and Scoutmaster Martin invested several Scouts.

Fredericton, N.B., Rovers were much interested in an address by Assistant Rovermaster Prof. R. W. B. Pugh of University of New Brunswick on "Bolshevism and Irreligion."

The 25th Winnipeg Troop, of Knowles Boys' School, numbers seven patrols, divided into two sections—Tenderfoot, and Second Class Scouts. The former is under Scoutmaster and School Sup't M. R. Ford, and the latter under C. A. Hill, Assistant Provincial Commissioner for Training.

Some of the nearly 500 Scout-repaired and Guide-dressed dolls which last Christmas morning peeped from the stockings of as many little girls in Calgary and vicinity.



ment of troop activities for the fall and winter, it had a most encouraging effect upon my P.L.'s." Both gatherings were organized as a troop, for the demonstration of patrol instruction and inter-patrol games.

A Scout Minstrel Show by the 1st Port Hope Troop, Ont., was put on successively and successfully at St. Mark's Parish Hall, Port Hope, at the Victoria Opera House, Coburg, and at Bowmanville.

Procuring decorations for an A.Y. P.A. conference, long distance signaling, a game of "duck on the rock," fire lighting and cooking of supper and a council fire, made up the programme of a Saturday hike of the 5th Peterborough, Ont.

A Scout-Cub-Guide-Brownie Service

At the season's first banner service of St. Luke's Church, Winnipeg, no less than six Scout, Cub, Guide and Brownie organizations participated,—St. Luke's Pack, the Cornwall Pack,

A contribution to the headquarters wall decorations of the 6th St. Catharines Troop was a large board on which was mounted a collection of bird pictures cut from advertisements. The board was the work of one of the Patrol Leaders.

St. Kitts' Annual Observation Contest Hike

The annual Thanksgiving Day Observation Hike of St. Catharines, Ont., Scouts, for the McCoy Cup was participated in by some fifty entrants. The contest calls for the turning in of a journey report covering observations over a stipulated route.

The 6th St. Catharines (St. George's) "had a very jolly Twig Gathering Hike, in which each patrol set off on its own route, with a common meeting place on the mountain." There supper was prepared and enjoyed.

The 26th London, Ont., has adopted the Good Turn Box (into which Good Turn reports are dropped). Competi-

Fire Chief Pritchard of Chatham, Ont., asked for ten Scouts for two days, to assist the firm in checking up on fire hazards. The boys reported at the fire hall after school.

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Then They Called It a (Scout) Day
An All-Saturday hike for Patrol Leaders and Troop Leaders of Saint John, N.B., was declared a success. From "headquarters" at the Glen Falls Troop cabin, a number of five-mile point-to-point "crow-fly" hikes were held, there was woodcraft instruction, a demonstration of new games, a council fire and sing-song. The boys cooked their dinner and supper.

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During a November meeting a call came to the 1st Niagara Falls Pack to help in the search for a lost three-year old boy. The Cubs responded with alacrity, and in a short time found and restored the child to its mother.

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Its thirteenth annual fall church parade was held this year by the 17th Winnipeg Troop at St. Matthew's Church. Bishop Taylor Smith preached the special sermon.

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"That Good Turn of Yours"

"That Good Turn of Yours" was the attractive title of the sermon preached by Rev. Dr. W. S. Lennon, of Trinity United, Sherbrooke, Que., to the five Protestant troops and five packs of the district on the occasion of their annual church parade. The boys filled the central section of the big church.

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Chatham, Ont., is discussing the organization of an auxiliary fire brigade composed of older Scouts trained in fire fighting by the city firemen. It is believed such an organization would prove most useful in the event of a big fire.

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300 Scouts Around a Council Fire

The annual Saturday fall field day of the Border Cities brought out some 300 Scouts for a varied programme of Scouting games, which started in the morning and, with a dinner break and rest hour at noon, continued until supper time. After sundown a huge council fire was held, with Assistant Provincial Commissioner Irwin presiding. Speakers included Mayor Jackson of Windsor, Rev. H. M. Paulin of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, and Judge J. J. Coughlin.

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"At the last outdoor meeting, Monday night, the boys went to the breakwater, and enjoyed stalking games. They learned the value of camouflage by actual practice. Then there was a jolly sing-song around a council fire on the beach."—St. Jude's, Saint John, N.B.

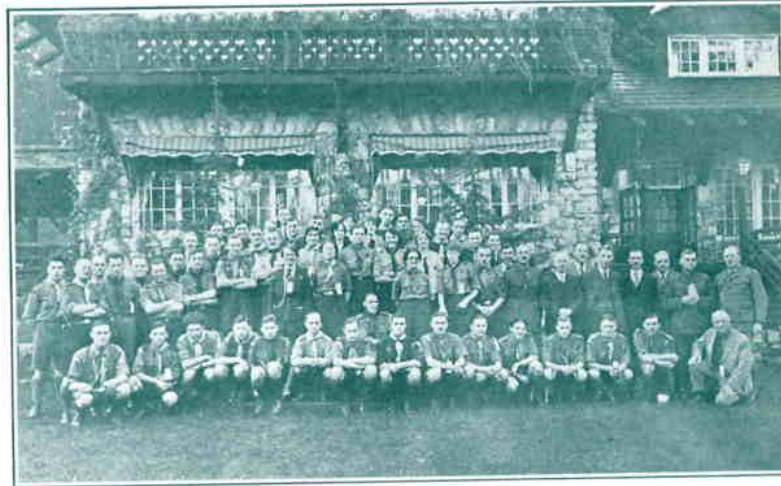
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Mr. W. A. Bayley, formerly prominent in Winnipeg Cubbing, has been made Assistant District Commissioner for Wolf Cubs of Edmonton.

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Good Scouting Secures This Backing

At a luncheon of the Kiwanis Club of Lindsay, Ont., at which a number of Scouts and members of the District Council were guests, speakers expressing their approval of Scouting included



"ONE of the best conferences of Scout and Cub leaders that I ever attended," declared the Assistant Chief Commissioner, returning from the above gathering at Vancouver, Nov. 5-7. "The individual calibre was very high—the attendance excellent at all sessions—the material offered in the addresses was outstandingly good."

Mr. W. McMillan, of the Collegiate Institute, Mr. S. Alcorn, manager of the Standard Bank and Dr. J. A. White, president of the club. Mr. McMillan's tribute was that Scout training was "invaluable to the boy in after life." In the evening in the presence of a large gathering at the Armouries the Kiwanis Club, through its president, presented a beautiful new flag to the 1st Lindsay Troop.

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A new Oshawa troop holds its weekly meetings in the General Motors lunch room.

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A Good Banquet Programme

The annual Parent and Scout banquet given by the Ladies' Auxiliary of the 1st St. Thomas Troop (Trinity) was the usual big event, staged in a hall decorated with cut flowers provided by two florist friends of the troop. There was a welcome by Canon Andrew, greetings by representatives of other troops, and addresses on "The Relationship of Scouting to the Church," by Scoutmaster Malcolm Turnbull of the 2nd St. Thomas; on "Fires and Scouts," by Fire Chief Miterla, and "The Relationship of Scouting to the Home," by Honorary Field Commissioner Lionel Bishop of Toronto. A hand-painted cushion bearing the Scout emblem was presented to the owners of the site on which the troop camped during the summer.

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Wallace Nesbitt Junior Competition for 1928

THE Wallace Nesbitt Junior competition announcement for 1928 contains a new regulation which Scoutmasters should not fail to note. This is that all teams, as a qualification for the test examination, must produce St. John Ambulance Association junior first aid certificates.

To meet this requirement all Scout teams entering the contest should secure a copy of the St. John Ambulance junior textbook, and should take a preliminary examination on its work before a local doctor.

Local doctors may secure the necessary certificate forms from the St.

John Provincial Secretary, whose name and address are given on the announcement pamphlet. This pamphlet may be secured from Scout Provincial Headquarters.

Teams may be entered on January 1st, but the junior certificate must be secured before the team is qualified for examination by an official examiner.

The purpose of the new regulation is to ensure that all teams entering have attained at least a junior standard of qualification. In the past a number of teams for whom examiners were provided were found to have practically no knowledge of the work.

The Junior St. John textbook may be secured from Dominion Scout Headquarters, at 25 cents.

THE SCOUT TOY SHOPS

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Regina—Regina's first district Toy Shop is located in a store on Hamilton Street, and is being operated with the backing of *The Regina Leader*. It is directed by a special committee of members of the District Council, with Scoutmasters John Reoch and F. Moynahan in charge. Departments and their heads: **Receiving, Sorting and Distributing**, M. L. Tallant. **Wooden Toys**, L. Jacobs. **Metal and Mechanical Toys**, George Oliver. **Dolls**, Miss Campbell. **Books and Games**, M. Seeley.

The shop is working in close cooperation with the local service clubs, public and separate schools, the two collegiate institutes, and various city charitable institutions.

Provincial Commissioner A. H. Ball announced the official endorsement by the Provincial Executive Committee of the scheme for Scout Toy Shops throughout the province.

At a Kiwanis Club luncheon, following an explanatory talk on the Scout Toy Shops, Mr. J. K. R. Williams, President of R. H. Williams & Sons, Ltd., offered to contribute two cases of defective toys.

Sherbrooke, Que.—Plans for "Christmas Joy Inc.," third year, were made in September. Each troop was given

a special district to look after. As in previous years, Troop Ladies' Auxiliaries will dress the dolls.

Three Rivers, Que.—The Three Rivers shop was opened Saturday afternoon, November 12th, at the Armouries, under the direction of District Scoutmaster Johnson.

Montreal, Que.—The big Montreal shop under the direction of Prof. R. DeL. French is operating in "Automobile Row," St. Catherine Street West. The store was supplied rent free by the landlords and free lighting service by the power company. Two Rover patrols are allotted to the shop each evening, and older Scouts on Saturday afternoon. A Scoutmaster is directly in charge.

Appeals for toys were made through the Protestant schools of Montreal and Outremont, from a number of city pulpits, and through notices in the press and by radio. (The radio announcements were made, in both French and English, from stations CKAC and CNRM.)

Receiving depots were established at several stores in the west end of the city.

Distribution will be made, as last year, through the city's three principle agencies, a number of gifts being retained until January for distribution through the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies.

St. Lambert, Que.—Operated by the Scout troops of the Montreal South Shore district, with Scoutmaster Talbot as business manager.

Montreal West.—Operated by Montreal West troops under the direction of Scoutmaster W. Francis, of the Shriner's Hospital Troop.

Truro, N.S.—Operated by the 1st Truro Troop under Scoutmaster Barrett. Only boys capable of doing first class repair work are used in the shop; others are assigned to collection, packing, distribution and general assistance.

Halifax, N. S.—"Christmas Inc.," formerly an activity of the 8th Halifax (1st Baptist), re-opened this year as a district shop, under a committee of the Halifax Scouter's Club, with Scoutmaster J. P. Power as chairman. As in past years toys will be divided between the Goodfellow's Club of The Halifax Evening Mail and other organizations.

St. Thomas, Ont.—Scouts of the 3rd St. Thomas Troop are collecting and taking toys to the central city fire hall, where the firemen are doing most of the repair work.

Hamilton, Ont.—"Santa Claus Inc." re-opened under District Secretary Frame. As last year, the Guides are assisting with the dolls. Distribution will be made through the various local social service agencies.

Chatham, Ont.—The toy shop of the 1st Chatham Troop opened for its second year under Scoutmaster Buesnel. It is being given excellent publicity by The Chatham News.

Toronto—Collection and repair work started by individual troops in mid-November, to be carried on until the central headquarters was opened.

From the Toronto District Bulletin of November 14th:

"Why not make your next meeting

a Toy Collecting Meeting, letting the whole force of your troop and pack make a house-to-house campaign in your immediate neighborhood? Most likely the people will be home in the evening, and you would probably get the interest of the entire household.

"Just let the boys say: 'We Scouts are collecting toys for distribution to poor children at Christmas.'"

Patrol competition points are being given in certain troops for the number of toys collected, neatness of repair work, etc.

District Headquarters offered a month's supply of badges free to the first troop of each of the seven districts sending in 50 toys to the central shop.

In the window of a store on Danforth Avenue is displayed a handsome and expensive Italian felt doll (the gift of a Toronto firm), beside it a card announcing the toy shop work and its object, and offering a prize for the best suggestion for dressing the doll, each suggestion to be accompanied by a toy.

It is planned to hold a parade of auto floats representing doll houses, with figures attired as dolls of all kinds, including comic characters.

The Toronto work is being directed by Executive Commissioner O'Callaghan.

Ottawa.—The Ottawa shop occupies commodious quarters at a prominent corner in the business section of the capital. A sub-committee of the Scoutmaster's Association is directing operations, with Acting District Secretary Currier in personal charge.

The following communication regarding the collection of toys was sent to the principals of nineteen Ottawa schools:

Ottawa, Nov. 23, 1927.

The Ottawa Council of the Boy Scouts Association has been asked by the Dominion of Canada Land Settlement Board to send toys at Christmas to the children of new settlers. The Acting Secretary, Mr. W. L. Currier, Jr., has appealed to the School Board for assistance. The Board has authorized me to ask you to assist in this worthy and patriotic effort.

(signed) J. H. Putman,

Senior Inspector.

Various Scout troops were designated to call at certain schools and

collect the toys from the janitors on Saturday morning, December 3rd.

The Ottawa shop plans to take care of a generous number of settlers' children in various parts of the Dominion.

A special Christmas card, bearing the smiling Scout's head in one corner, and a smiling Santa Claus in the other, and carrying the greetings and good wishes of Ottawa Scouts and Guides, will go with each gift.

Some Calgary Ideas

HERE are some suggestions secured from Scoutmaster Leslie Sara of the Calgary Scout Toy Repair Shop, one of the oldest and best organized of our annual chain:

An Efficient Shop Committee.—If men of suitable experience are not available in the Scout organization, endeavour to form a Directing Committee of practical craftsmen,—a painter, tinsmith, saddler, carpenter, etc. This will help in the obtaining of tools. Also it probably will mean the continued interest of these men in Scouting.

Service Club Backing.—If not cooperating with a newspaper it may be an excellent plan to work under the patronage of a local service club.

Equipment.—You will require benches, a few tables, and a vice or two. Benches can easily be made by borrowing 10-foot 2x8 inch or 2x10 inch planking from a lumber firm, and laying three of these on pairs of packing cases. Be careful that none but necessary nails are driven into the benches, and see that these nails are all removed before the planks are returned. Four boys can work comfortably at such a bench; more interfere with one another.

Tables for doll repairing, metal work, painting, etc., can be made in a similar way with lighter planking, where trestle tables cannot be borrowed.

See that painting tables, and the floor beneath, are protected by heavy paper or some other suitable covering.

Tools.—These will be supplied largely by the boys themselves. Some of the more elaborate tools may be borrowed.

Supplies.—You will require: Glue; assorted nails, and finishing nails; screws; stove bolts; wire; scraps of



AN Investiture of Kelowna Wolf Cubs of B.C. Note the woody background. You can imagine that pow-wow Jungle stories are effective in such an "outdoor" setting.



❖ The Scoutmaster's Five Minutes ❖

Some Little Stories from Last Year's Toy Shops

A contribution of nearly \$30.00 was made by Calgary Herald carrier boys to the Scout-Sunshine Fund, for the purchase of Christmas cheer for needy children.

On Christmas eve a man who declined to give his name entered a Scout toy shop and said that he wanted to give some poor little boy \$5.00 worth of fun. It so happened that at that moment the Scouts were wrapping a parcel of toys for a particularly needy family, and they told the man about it. He went out on a shopping tour, and returned with his arms laden with toys and parcels.

He then said that he was selfish enough to want to see the little recipients enjoy the presents, so he went along with the delivery wagon and entered the home in the role of the Scout Santa.

A Lady Cubmaster working with another shop undertook to deliver a number of parcels. When she explained her mission at one home the mother broke down and threw her arms about her neck. The family were temporarily in difficult circumstances and had kept the situation to themselves, and there had been no prospect of "Christmas" for the children. For them the gifts from the Scout Toy Shop had "dropped from the sky."

A touching incident at Calgary came with the appearance at the shop of a small boy wheeling a little doll carriage. Although it was in excellent repair, it showed signs of careful mending, and to one of the Scouts it had a familiar look. "It belonged to my little sister," the little lad said. "You gave it to her last Christmas, but she died this summer, and we thought some other little girl might like it."

Here are some letters received at Scout toy shops from boys and girls in the country districts.

This from a small boy in Quebec:
Scout Santa Claus,
dear sir,

Would you please send me toys for Christmas and one of my little brother and two dolls for two of my little sisters,
Percy Leblanc.

This one came from a little girl in Northern Ontario, addressed to Santa Claus, care of The Boy Scouts, Ottawa.
Dear Santa:

As Christmas is almost here I am writing you a message. For Christmas I would like a doll.

Margaret wants a doll which is in a cradle made of heavy cardboard. a baby doll would be pleasing.

Lillian wants a doll which is in a cardboard box or cradle also

Luella would like a baby doll.
Daived wants a train and a jumping jack.

Marian wants a mama doll or a baby doll.

If you have any spare things I would like one or two boxes of candy and some apples and nuts between us.

Now Santa there are five children in our family and what I have asked for seems a very good deal. But when it comes on Christmas eve it is not so very much, is it?

Mama would like a present, also which is an electric heater.

Now Santa I hope you do not overlook this letter.

A note added to the above letter by the mother stated that the father of the family had abandoned them.

This one came to the Calgary shop:
"Dear Santa Scout:

"Who ever you are down there I am fine. Been a god boy and so has my brother Jacob and my name is Peter and 12 years and Jacob is 9 years old so what are you please givnig us Crismess but dont forget my brother Jacob please. Our Santa is frozened in the ice so I hope you are not and don't forgate.

"From Peter"

Here is another from a little girl:
"Dear Santa:

The paper says the Scouts work for you. Would you ask them to send wee brother Jackie a car and candy and oranges, and Vivy a mamma doll and candy and oranges. They are so good and I try to be too. Hope your reindeers are fast. How is Mrs. Santa and love to you too. Etta. P.S. These marks are kisses for you.

Troops not operating shops, whose leaders and boys would like to have some share in this year's big Christmas Toy Giving Good Turn, will be furnished with the names of as many settler's children as they can send gifts to. These troops should write immediately to The Toy Shop Secretary, Dominion Headquarters, 172 Wellington St., Ottawa.

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sheet tin and sheet iron; short ends of planed lumber; paint, (red, black, yellow, green, grey, white). A lot of this may be donated; in any case they do not make a large item, costing not more than \$10.00 per thousand toys repaired.

Shop Organization.—Appoint one man as Shop Director, to be responsible for the whole, with several Department Heads under him. Let him organize a receiving department, where the wrecks are sorted and distributed; a Shop Foreman, who can instruct regarding repair work; a Storekeeper, who will order supplies, and check in and out on all tools used. He might also keep a record of the number of hours worked by each boy.

Sorting.—The sorting is very important. Use someone with a knack for knowing what to scrap in order to produce parts for something requiring less repair work. For receiving parts have a number of cardboard cartons suitably labelled. Use the same system for finishing goods. And get fin-

ished articles out of the way as soon as repaired.

Working Hints.—Have your Scout workmen concentrate on volume rather than the making of a very elaborate job on a few toys. Kiddies are not critical as to how a thing is repaired, so long as it works and lasts; and a touch of paint will take care of appearances. Don't fuss too much with mechanical toys in an endeavour to make them work. Cut out the works, and some kiddie will equally enjoy pulling it around on a string.

If dolls faces are badly scarred, don't try to restore an Anglo-Saxon complexion. With black or brown paint turn them into nigger or Indian dolls. Children just love these.

Distribution.—There are two or three schemes that can be worked according to conditions, but anything that gives the personal touch is ideal.

As early as possible in reason, get from the Central Charitable organization a list of the families recommended, with, if possible, the Christian name and age of the children. You can then do either of the following.

Apportion various names to senior Scouts, instructing them to visit the particular homes, saying that Santa has sent them to find out what Billy and Mary want for Christmas. The items are duly noted; and on Christmas Eve the same Scout delivers as nearly as possible the toys asked for, or explains that Santa couldn't send that, but sent something else,—and in such a case, try to make it something better.

Or, some organization may arrange to give a big Christmas Tree where the children are all invited and Santa in person delivers the toys to them by name from the tree.

Or, the toys are placed in trucks (perhaps secured through a service club), and Scouts, if possible dressed as Santa Claus, call at the homes, and after asking if Billy or Mary live there, pretend to have forgotten what it was they asked for, and on being reminded, return to the truck and procure it, as nearly as possible.

Other ideas will suggest themselves for local conditions.

The surplus if any can be advantageously given to Homes, Children's Wards in Hospitals and the Red Cross, for later distribution during the year.

Miscellaneous Hints

SECURE the official approval and patronage of the Mayor, and have this announced in the newspapers.

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

Where a Scout bookbinder is not to be had, endeavour to secure the advisory services of a professional. Occasionally local amateur binders of considerable skill may be interested.

Don't overlook the children in local hospitals, or nearby sanitoriums, if

these have not been fully taken care of. Smaller toys, games and books are preferable.

Don't overlook radio appeals for old toys. Your nearest radio station will be found very ready to oblige.

While giving special attention to Toy Shop work, do not overlook other Christmas Good Turns of all kinds.

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

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

Take Pictures of Your Shop

Be sure to secure several good pictures of your Toy Shop operations, for record,—and kindly do not overlook sending copies to Dominion Headquarters.

If pictures are taken by professional photographers stipulate that they shall not be copyrighted, and a charge made for their use. (It does not seem appropriate that Scout public service activities should be exploited in this way.)

The appeal of B.P., the London County Commissioner, Admiral of the Fleet Earl Jellicoe, and the Lord Mayor of London, to raise £150,000 for the Boy Scout Movement in London has received excellent backing. Special efforts included an "All Star Matinee" at the London Hippodrome by Mr. Leslie Henson, and the publication of a special book of stories and pictures of well known writers by C. Arthur Pearson Limited.

Moving Pictures for Scout Entertainments

DOMINION Headquarters is able to announce that an arrangement has been made with the Commissioner of National Parks, Department of the Interior, Ottawa, by which moving pictures of Canadian wild life and travel subjects will be loaned for Scout entertainments given by bona fide registered Scout troops in any part of Canada, transportation paid both ways.

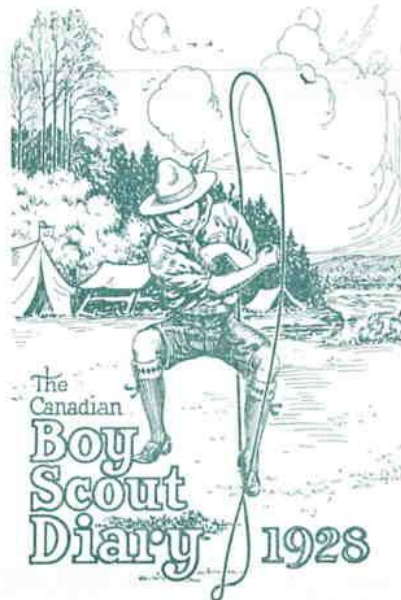
The addition that these moving pictures will make to Scout entertainments will readily be appreciated.

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

THE DUFFEL BAG

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

A Scouty Fall Fair Exhibit
THE 1st Truro was congratulated by the chief federal migratory bird officer of Nova Scotia, Mr. R. U. Tufts, upon an exhibit of bird feeding devices shown at the Stewiacke Fall Exhibition. Above the exhibit were posters reading, "Do you know?—That if all birds were to disappear, man could live on the earth only nine years?" and "In 60 years bird life has decreased 75%. Are you doing your part to protect our native birds?"

Keeping Cubs Late

ASKED recently for some new Cubbing ideas, Cub Commissioner Jockel of Montreal (who has raised over 30 packs since writing off his Akela Theoretical course in 1925) replied that one point he would like to stress is the absolute necessity of Cub meetings closing early,—not later than 9 p.m. in the most extreme cases. He mentioned hearing of a pack which apparently did all its star and badge work after that hour, and frequently did not release the boys until 10.30, sometimes even later. The mother of one of the boys mentioned to him that she was taking her boy out of the pack for this reason, although the lad himself did not wish to leave. Commissioner Jockel also mentioned a Wolf Cub supper at which a number of speakers held the lads until 10.40, "when most of them were as near asleep as they could be with their boots on."

For the Scoutmaster Who Makes His Job a Hard One

"THE last two months have been the most encouraging in my short experience of Scouting. We have never had such a keen, fine type of boy in the troop, and things are running so smoothly that I often have to pinch myself to see if I am dreaming. I send out copies of our programme to the P.L.'s on Tuesday, we meet on Friday; and everything is smooth going. We are having the Duty Patrol demonstrate a game, original if possible, as part of their duties."—R.G.T., Montreal.

A Hallowe'en Test

THE Hallowe'en party of the 2nd St. Catharines (Knox) brought an unusual test for the troop, and one which the boys met splendidly. District Scoutmaster Dr. Atkey appeared, called the troop into a circle, sitting, and asked to be allowed to tell a yarn. The yarn concerned "a troop that had had rather bad luck in losing their S.M. several times during recent years, and which had struggled along without a leader since last spring."

The reference was to the 1st Port Dalhousie Troop (in the St. Catharines district).

Dr. Atkey then asked the boys if they would undertake, as a special troop good turn, to give up their own Scoutmaster (George Goffin) to the Port troop, while they carried on under A.S.M. Clout until a new S.M. could be secured.

The boys voted that this would be "the scouty thing to do"—and it was agreed to.

"How Your Boys Act"

THE following letter, addressed to a prominent provincial Scout official by a widely known Toronto business man, tells its own story very effectively:

My dear Jack:

For the love o' Mike why can't you leave a fellow alone? Enclosed is a cheque for \$50.00, which goes toward a good cause.

I had one instance last Spring of how your boys act. I got into a bog hole near Caledon, with the wheels over the hubs in soft mud. It was towards evening, and the whole outlook was anything but good. Along came the Boy Scouts under a Scoutmaster, put a couple of rails under the car, and lifted her clear, and away I went to town. They were on wheels, and I made arrangements for them to drop into the Tea Garden for sandwiches and coffee. But they did not turn up. Therefore please consider this cheque in part payment.

An Old-Car-Door H.Q.

THE Hallowe'en party of the 4th London opened a new headquarters constructed by the boys themselves of old car doors bought from the railroad. The hut, 20 by 24, was built on a site provided by Scoutmaster West. The money was raised principally by waste-paper collection. It is not surprising to learn that this resourceful troop has provided an S.M. and two A.S.M.'s for other troops, and a committeeman to reorganize yet another troop.

The 2nd Sarnia Launches the 4th

A regular meeting of the 2nd Sarnia Troop, Ont., was made the very effective occasion of launching the new 4th Sarnia Troop. Scoutmaster Firth of the 2nd presented their rank badges to S.M. Crockett and A.S.M.'s Gilbert and Frayne, then the charter. The boys of the new troop were called into horseshoe by their own S.M., and presented with their neckerchiefs, then received their troop colours, with an address, from the troop Ladies' Auxiliary. The ceremony was followed by a programme of lively games, then supper served by the auxiliary.

Another Good Morse Game

THE dot-and-dash problem of a Morse Message Game of the 1st Chatham, Ont., when solved called for the making in 5 minutes of as many words as possible from CONSTANTINOPLE.

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

Paper Collection—Fire Prevention

"On Saturday of last week the Boy Scouts set out on the gathering of waste paper throughout the town. This they did very successfully. In all they gathered about 5½ tons of newspapers, books, etc., which should net the boys a fair sum of money. Owing to the fact that newspaper soon pile up in the homes and very dangerous for fire, it would be like a good plan if the Scouts would gather these more often, thus doing their part in preventing fires which mean considerable loss to a community."—Amherstburg Echo.

Honour Scrolls for Outstanding Troops

AN interesting incident of the November meeting of St. John, N.B., Scout leaders was the awarding by District Commissioner Dr. G. B. Peat of a number of "honour scrolls" to troops doing notable work during the year. The award for showing during Inspection went to the 15th Troop (Portland United Church), under Scoutmaster E. H. Ritcey; for Civic Service to the 14th Troop (Victoria Street Baptist), Scoutmaster E. D. Howard, for Camping to the 17th (Trinity), Scoutmaster C. E. Upham; for Scouting Enterprise to the 23rd (Glen Falls), Scoutmasters Edwin Rogers and Arthur Callaghan; and for Efficiency to the 1st Rothesay Troop, under Scoutmaster G. S. MacBeth.

A Pie Hike!!!

FOR a Sealed Orders Hike of the 17th Halifax each P.L. was "given an envelope containing a map and orders. A box containing two pies was cached by the Troop Leader, and the idea of the hike was for each Patrol to find this objective, by the aid of their orders and scout signs, without being discovered by any of the other boys. After stalking and observing for some time the objective was discovered simultaneously by P.L. Thompson of the Beavers and Scout Leon of the Eagles, and the spoils were shared by the two respective patrols. After an exciting hunt the boys kindled fires on the shores of Melville Cove and had a grand sausage-fry."

Checker Relay

"CHECKER Relay," played by the Markdale, Ont., has proved absorbing interest as a quiet game, and at the same time proved an unusually effective test of self-control. The troop, in two ranks (A and B), facing inward, are numbered off in fours from the same end. Checker boards are placed on the floor between each pair of fours. The moves are made successively by A1, B1, A2, B2, A3, B3, A4, B4, then A1 again, etc. The self-control feature is provided by the rule that no one must make any sound or gesture regarding the move made by another player. Writes District Scoutmaster Rev. A. S. Mitchell, "It's a wonderful game for learning to 'bite the tongue'."