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TOO hot a hot-dog!

Snapped during a
ski hike of the 1st St.
Anne de Bellevue,
Que., one of our
liveliest winter-scout-
ing troops.

What the Toy Shops Accomplished

IT IS safe to say that Christmas, 1927—the Diamond Jubilee Year Christmas—was the jolliest, happiest Christmas of Scouting in Canada. Like all true happiness, this was the result of thought and work for others—particularly, in addition to many other good turns, the providing by our Scout Toy Shops of Christmas gifts for fully 35,000 children in various parts of the Dominion, including well over 4,000 children of new settlers.

The gifts were produced by a chain of fifty-two toy repair shops (as reported to Dec. 15), stretching from Halifax to Vancouver—or, more exactly, to Duncan, Vancouver Island, the shop "farthest west." Last year's chain as finally recorded numbered 23 shops.

That the operation of these toy shops meant a great deal of thought and work is obvious; but this was undertaken with a fine spirit of service. In many cases leaders spent all of their spare time for several weeks looking after details, actually engaged in shop work, or selecting and wrapping packages for settlers' families.

Perhaps those who selected the gifts for the lists of little New Canadians on the farms, and wrapped and addressed the parcels to the mothers, most realized the possibilities and significance of this remembrance. It seemed to bring the newcomers, and their first Christmas in a new land, very near, and make them very real.

The Guides' Part

Splendid co-operation was received from the Girl Guides. A number of shops were known as Scout and Guide shops, and Christmas cards accompanying their gifts carried the greetings and good wishes of "Scouts, Cubs, Guides and Brownies." The Kelowna, B.C., Toy Shop was entirely a Guide activity.

A noteworthy contribution of one

Ranger and four Toronto Guide companies (the 23rd, 24th, 32nd, 53rd and 67th) was the providing of a very generous assortment of warm winter clothing and toys for the 42 girls of a Western Ontario Indian school. Toronto Scouts similarly took care of the 41 boys of the school.

A CABLE GREETING FROM THE CHIEF

Cordial good wishes to all Brother
Scouters and Scouts in Canada
for a Happy Christmas and Good
Luck and Good Camping in 1928.
Baden-Powell.

Co-operation of the Schools

Co-operation of the schools in the collection of toys was reported (to date) from Regina and Ottawa. In the Capital the interest of the School Board was secured, and with its approval, the Senior Inspector, Dr. J. H. Putman, addressed an appeal to the

various Public School principals for reading before each class. The response was beyond expectation, and entirely took care of the toy shop's allotment of 615 children in Northern Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba.

Theatres Help

In a number of instances local theatres aided in various ways, notably in Calgary and Saint John, N.B. In the seaport city, the Imperial, the city's leading theatre, gave weekly publicity in its printed programme and on the screen, and placed its top floor at the disposal of the Scouts for repair work. At Calgary a morning matinee at the Capitol Theatre for which the admission price was a toy, produced the remarkable total of 4,000 gifts.

Credit to the Newspapers

As usual local newspapers gave the shops very valuable support. This was notably generous and effective in the case of papers which linked up their own special Christmas good cheer activities with the Scout Toy Shops.

A complete list of newspapers supporting the toy shops (as shown by our clipping service) will help to an appreciation of the recognized national importance of this annual Good Turn developed by the Scouts and Guides of Canada during the last four years:

British Columbia.—Vancouver Daily Province, North Vancouver Press, Nelson News, Prince George Citizen, Chilliwack Progress, Duncan Leader, Vernon News.

Alberta.—Calgary Herald, Edmonton Journal, Medicine Hat News, Red Deer Advocate, Lethbridge Herald, Strathmore Standard.

Saskatchewan.—Regina Leader, Moose Jaw Times, Saskatoon Phoenix, Prince Albert Herald.

Manitoba.—Winnipeg Tribune, Winnipeg Free Press, Brandon Sun.

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SEVERAL woods tragedies of the present winter could have been averted had the victims known how to make and use the fire-bow—like this 1st St. Anne Scout. "He refuses to cook over any other kind of a fire," said Scoutmaster Greenfield.



The Scout Leader

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Worth While?

UNDER the caption "Visualize This" our December editorial pictured the unexpected receipt of a parcel of Scout-sent Christmas toys by the mother of a recently arrived settler's family whose children otherwise would have found an empty stocking on Christmas morning.

Letters bearing out this picture already are being received, addressed to "Boy Scouts Ottawa," "Boy Scouts Toronto,"—and doubtless by the various other Toy Shop centres. While we do not ask thanks for a Good Turn—which to a Scout is only a privilege—it is of interest, and an encouragement for carrying out the work another year, to learn that the names supplied us were really those of families in circumstances which made Christmas gifts truly welcome.

The following letter from the wife of an Ontario settler is quoted as characteristic of a number already received:

Dear Boy Scouts:

I am writing to thank you very much for parcel received safely and to tell you we were all very pleased, as without it the children would not have known it was Christmas. My husband has been out of work for four months and it takes what little money we get off cows to keep us. But I am hoping he will soon get work as I want to get warm clothing for the children. I must now close. Thanking you one and all for what you have done to cheer my children for their first Christmas in Canada. Wishing you all every success and happiness for the New Year.

I am yours truly,

Mrs. W. W.

It may do no harm to add that the director of the particular Ontario Scout Toy Shop to which the above letter came capped his thoughtfulness by at once scurrying around and securing and sending off a good big bundle of warm clothing, including a warm coat for the mother.

This one came from a Manitoba farm:

My dear Boy Scouts:

I write you all to thank you ever so much for the nice presents of games and books, etc., which came as a delightful surprise to us. My brothers and self

all had nice games, etc., and we parted with them all before we left England. And we were very sorry to think when these long nights came on we missed our games. And I can tell you your kindness in sending us the nice parcel has made us all feel quite happy. My brothers join me in thanking you, also my Mother and Father.

We all join in wishing you all a Happy Christmas and a Bright New Year.

From Yours Sincerely,

William B.

Business Leaders Interested in Scouting

INCREASINGLY frequent recognition by outstanding business leaders of the value of the Scout training has been one of the gratifying signs that Scouting is coming more fully into its own in Canada. In Toronto it has become a practice with a number of the city's leading commercial and financial institutions to seek Scouts of several years' training—King's Scouts preferred—for all junior openings.



A Patrol
hike
shelter of the
1st St. Johns
Troop, Nfld.

This encouraging attitude on the part of critically practical men is brought to mind by the information that the \$50.00 cheque mentioned in the December *Leader* in connection with the story of the car pulled by cycling Scouts out of a bog hole, came to Provincial President J. W. Mitchell from Mr. R. Home Smith, another of Canada's outstanding business figures.

While possible recompense can have no consideration in the performance of good turns, it is inevitable that Scout service and the ability to render this promptly and efficiently provides a demonstration of the value of the training that is bound to strengthen the Movement, and secure the moral and financial backing of an increasing number of such business leaders as Mr. Home Smith.

Boy Scouts' Scripture Union

Scoutmasters looking for some means to encourage Scripture reading by their boys may find the problem solved through membership in the world-wide Boy Scouts Scripture Union. For information address The Secretary, Canadian Division, The Scripture Union, 319 Bay street, Toronto.

The outline of reading would work well into Scouts' Own programmes.



For '28—"A year of yet better Scouting." That will mean a happy year.

Start the New Year with a Scout-size Troop Good Turn.

Advance Ontario census reports show a membership total of 18,917, with 54.4 percentage of troops registered at Dominion Headquarters.

Ontario's Annual Meeting-Conference will be held at Peterborough, Feb. 16-17. Scout and Cub leaders of other provinces are cordially invited to be present.

Professor R. W. B. Pugh of the University of New Brunswick, Fredericton, who took a course at Gillwell Park, England, last summer, has been made Fredericton District Cubmaster.

For more effective direction, Halifax has been organized into five districts, under District Commissioners. The District Commissioners will form the district Executive Committee.

Edmonton now has its Akela Club, under the leadership of Mr. W. A. Bayley, recently appointed District Wolf Cub Commissioner. It is hoped to hold an Akela Course in the latter part of January.

During the past year Scouting has shown notable growth in Northern Ontario. One of the recent organizations is the Porcupine Boy Scouts Association, embracing the towns of Timmins, Schumacher and the Porcupines.

The annual Alberta Provincial Scout Patrol Leaders' Conference was held at Edmonton December 28 and 29. Beyond the address of welcome by Provincial Commissioner Dr. George Malcolmson, the proceedings were conducted entirely by the boys.

Wyburn Hill, widely and popularly known in Ontario Scouting circles, has resigned the secretaryship of the Hamilton district to take up other interests. He has been succeeded by former Assistant District Commissioner Andrew Frame.

Fire Chief William Hardy was re-elected President of the Lethbridge Scout Council. In accepting re-election Fire Chief Hardy attributed to Scout teaching and standards much of the credit for the low juvenile delinquency in Lethbridge.

At the annual meeting of the 10th Calgary Troop's Association Mayor F. E. Osborne, in accepting the role of Honorary President, paid a high tribute to the value of Scouting in the community, and stated that as chief magistrate of the city he was greatly interested in the work.

THE TOY SHOPS

(Continued from page 1)

Ontario.—Border Cities Star, Chat-ham News, St. Thomas Times-Journal, Kingsville Reporter, Markdale Standard, Sarnia Observer, London Free Press, Guelph Mercury, Port Colborne Citizen, Welland Tribune, Hamilton Spectator, Hamilton Herald, Toronto Globe, Toronto Telegram, Lindsay Post, Oshawa Times, Ottawa Citizen, Ottawa Journal, Owen Sound Sun-Times, Port Arthur News-Chronicle, Wallaceburg News.

Quebec.—Montreal Star, Montreal Gazette, Sherbrooke Record, St. Maurice Valley Chronicle (Three Rivers).

New Brunswick.—Saint John Times-Globe, Saint John Telegraph-Journal, Fredericton Gleaner, Fredericton Mail, Moncton Times, Moncton Transcript.

Nova Scotia.—Halifax Mail, Halifax Herald, Halifax Chronicle, Halifax Star, New Glasgow News, New Glasgow Chronicle, Truro News, Digby Weekly Courier.

The Final Toy Shop Chain

The complete list of Toy Shop centres as reported directly or through the press up to the middle of December:

British Columbia.—Vancouver, Duncan, North Vancouver, New Westminster, Trail, Woodfibre, Field, Kelowna (Guides), Vernon.

Alberta.—Calgary, Edmonton, Red Deer, Medicine Hat, Lethbridge, Strathmore.

Saskatchewan.—Regina, Moose Jaw, Saskatoon, Kincaid.

Manitoba.—Winnipeg, Brandon, Bois-sevain.

Ontario.—Toronto, Hamilton, Ottawa, London (three troop shops) Windsor, 3rd St. Thomas, Brigidon, 1st Chatham, Owen Sound, Markdale, 1st Sarnia, Welland, Port Colborne, Kingsville, Lindsay.

Quebec.—Montreal, Montreal West, St. Lambert, Sherbrooke, Three Rivers, Quebec.

New Brunswick.—Saint John, West Saint John, Fredericton, Moncton.

Nova Scotia.—Halifax, Truro, New Glasgow, Digby.

The majority of the Toy Shops, in addition to local distribution, provided gifts for settlers' children either in their own province, or, in the case of eastern shops, children in the west.

The following troops not operating Toy Shops provided and sent gifts to the children of two or more settlers' families: Weyburn, Sask.; Portage la Prairie, Man.; Fort William Scouts, Fort William Cubs; Belleville, Brockville, Deseronto, Georgetown, Guelph, Hawkesbury, Oakville, Niagara Falls, and Simcoe, Ont. The 1st Chilliwick, B.C., collected and sent toys to the Vancouver Shop.

Reports on the completion of the mailing of gifts to settlers' children are beginning to come in at the time of going to press. As was to be expected, they reflected the pleasure of the work.

Further details will be available for the February Leader.

Getting Scouting to the Other Fellow

B.C. Registration Helps Troop Visiting

FUNDS provided by British Columbia Scout troops through registration at Dominion Headquarters contributed materially to meeting the traveling expenses of the provincial secretary, it was revealed through the report presented at the recent provincial annual meeting.

Dominion Registration Provides New Field Secretary for Ontario

SCOUTMASTERS of registered Scout troops throughout Ontario will learn with satisfaction that their registration contribution has made it possible to create a new field secretaryship for the province, to take care of work not covered by the present staff. The use of funds made available through the Dominion registration of Ontario troops was decided upon at the December meeting of the Ontario provincial Executive Committee. The new post has been offered to one of Western Ontario's outstanding young leaders.

SHIPPING Department of the Boy Scout Toy Repair Shop in the old Hudson's Bay store, Winnipeg.

Some of the Welcome-to-Canada Christmas packages going to recently-arrived settlers' children in the province.



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.

New St. John First Aid Trophies

The Colonel Leonard Shield

TWO new St. John Ambulance Association trophies of interest to Scouting have been announced by Dr. Charles A. Hodgetts, Director General of the St. John Ambulance Association. The first is the addition to each of the provincial Wallace Nesbitt Junior awards of a Shield, to be designated "The Colonel R. W. Leonard Provincial Trophy for Junior First Aid." This shield will be presented to the team obtaining the highest marks in each provincial competition.

The second announcement is that of a new intermediate first aid trophy for teams of young men of 16 to 18 years:

The John Gaunt Intermediate Trophy

"The John Gaunt & Sons (Canada) Company Limited has been pleased to offer a trophy for competition among Intermediate Teams, young men of

the age group 16 to 18, who are holders of the Intermediate Certificate of the Association, and who are not eligible to compete for the Wallace Rankine Nesbitt Cadet Trophy."

The Intermediate Certificate must be obtained before the date of examination; not necessarily before the date of entry. The team will number four (4) young men. The Senior textbook of the St. John Ambulance Association will be used; and regulations governing the Senior trophies shall apply so far as practicable.

When King's Scout Alex Addie of Quebec City went west he joined up with the 1st Strathmore, Alta., and proved so helpful that Scoutmaster Dunn of this busy troop hopes they "can induce him to stay out west, where the need for leaders is our greatest difficulty, particularly in the small towns."

A large congregation and the presence of "B" Squadron of the R.C.M.P., in dress uniform, marked the impressive dedication of the new flag of the 1st Claresholm Troop, Alberta, at the Anglican church, by Rev. W. Barlow. The flag was laid upon the altar at the opening of the service by a colour party consisting of Scoutmaster Brook and Patrol Leaders McKenzie and Moffatt.

THE CAMP CHIEF'S PAGE

OUTDOORS IN JANUARY

This is one of the best months for distinctively Canadian activities—skiing, snowshoeing, tobogganing, bobsledding, skating, skate-sailing, hockey, moonlight sleighing parties, etc.

Tracking in the snow will of course be a hike feature and there's no better time for introducing Tenderfoot Scouts to this fascinating and peculiarly scouty game. If in reach of real woods country, some thrilling stories of winter wild life may be discovered. As a preliminary, cat and dog tracks and human footprints in town may be given some attention.

Other hike objectives will include winter tree identification, bird nest and twig alphabet collecting, week-end camp or summer camp locating, discovery of trails for use during the summer and fall, etc.

Real long distance signalling with the Morse flag may be practised to good advantage,—with dark flags against the white snow background.

More experienced troops will be holding over-night hikes and two or three-day camps over school holidays.

Re-read "Winter Hikes," p. 112, *The Scoutmaster's First Year*.

If not already erected, don't overlook a few bird feeding stations.

THE WINTER COURSES

Winter Training Courses now running: Part III-A—Glac Bay and Sydney, N.S., under Field Commissioner J. O. Kaulbach.

Projected: Part III-A and III-B at Chatham, Ont.

Part II Akela, now running: Vancouver, B.C., under Mr. E. H. Milnes, Assistant District Commissioner for Wolf Cubs.

Projected: Fraser Valley and Victoria, B.C., under Mr. E. H. Milnes, Assistant District Commissioner for Wolf Cubs. Edmonton, under District Cub Commissioner W. A. Bayley.

Vestibule Courses completed: Timmins, Ont., under Assistant Provincial Commissioner F. C. Irwin of Toronto. Lethbridge, Alta., under Provincial Secretary W. Solway of Edmonton. Trail, B.C., under Honorary Field Commissioner F. Clive Sara of Vancouver.

Vestibule Cub Course completed; Owen Sound, Ont., under Miss Estelle Glover of the Toronto Provincial staff.

On a fall fishing trip into Northern Quebec Scoutmaster Greenfield of the 1st St. Anne de Bellevue dared the rest of the party, including several Americans, to throw away their matches, guaranteeing to make fire without such modern conveniences. The challenge was not accepted, but the Scoutmaster readily found his cedar wood and started a fire by friction. He used a spruce handblock, with a dab of bacon fat in the hole.

Windsor's Badge Test System

THE creation of an efficient badge board or other system of proficiency badge examination is a frequent problem. The District Badge Committee of Windsor, Ont., recently outlined in the *Scout News of The Border Cities Star* the following new district regulations, which may contain suggestions for other districts of a similar size:

Before coming up to the Badge Committee each Scout badge candidate must first pass a preliminary test given by his Scoutmaster.

On or before the 15th of each month Scoutmasters will supply the Badge Committee with the names of Scouts ready for badge tests. The Committee will then meet and arrange for the examination, the dates and places for which will be published in *The Border Cities Star*.

These rules will be strictly adhered to by the Committee, and no boy will be eligible for examination unless the Badge Committee has received due



notice of his readiness on or before the 15th of each month.

The requirements for each badge will be exactly as laid down in the *Handbook* or in *P.O. & R.*

It was noted that in the past the Badge Committee worked "more or less in the dark," not knowing when, or what badges they would be called upon to test, nor the number of boys coming up for examination. As a result much of the work was done without due preparation. It is expected that the new plan will overcome this difficulty.

Competition Points for Church and Sunday-school Attendance

DO not overlook the duty of making sure that your boys attend church and Sunday-school regularly. Some of the best troops award patrol competition points for church and Sunday-school attendance,—one point to each boy for each church service attended, two points for Sunday-school.

EXPLAIN THE PURPOSE OF DOMINION REGISTRATION TO YOUR COURT OF HONOUR THE BOYS'LL FINANCE IT.

FAKE SCOUT GLOBE-TROTTERS

The Boy Scouts International Bureau has warned against giving any assistance to the following fake-Scout globe-trotters:

John Piket and Johan Bunigh, Dutch, last seen in Hungary.

Endre Weininger, Hungarian. Claims to be a member of "Orion" Troop, Budapest. No such troop. Last seen in Portugal, and announced intention visiting South America.

Peter Kasper, nationality unknown. Wears imitation Scout uniform consisting of khaki shirt and jacket, green necktie, and Scout hat. Wears a red enamel fleur-de-lys and another badge, a "fer de lance," with an eagle head and the letters V.B.D. Last seen in France.

Scout Headquarters at Rome requests that no attention be paid written requests for Scout insignia received from M. Carlo Sessenna, claiming improperly to be connected with the Italian Scout organization.

Paul Schron, German, improperly representing himself as a Scout on a bicycling "world tour." Endeavouring to obtain money by the sale of post-cards.

John Hompoth, aged about 30, dressed in Scout shirt, hat, black tie and field boots. States that he was a Slav or

PLAN now to attend the 1928 Gillwell. Many of the most pleasant memories cluster around the Council Fire.

Hungarian Scout. Last seen in Trinidad, en route for Venezuela. Is not and has never been a Scout.

Bubeck, claiming to be a French subject living in Luxembourg, and "General Secretary of the Eclaircisseurs Luxembourgs Protestants." This organization not known to the International Bureau.

American Scout Visitors

DURING the summer several parties of American Scouts toured through sections of the Dominion. Some 40 Eagle Scouts of Battle Creek, Michigan, on an auto trek, spent three days in camp near Sudbury; a small party from No. 1 Troop, Wakefield, Michigan, were week-end camp guests of the 3rd Fort William Troop on Loo Lake, and Scoutmaster Demarest and four Brooklyn Scouts, were noted in the Niagara district. Another party of Brooklyn Scouts travelled camping through New Brunswick, incidentally visiting Saint John, Fredericton, and St. Stephen. They brought letters of greeting from Governor Smith of New York State and Mayor Walker of New York City, and were entertained at Government House by Lieutenant-Governor Todd. At Saint John, where the boys and their leader were extended a cordial welcome by Mayor White, the American Scouts placed a wreath on the Soldiers' Memorial in King's Square.

❖ Scouting from Coast to Coast ❖

AT a special games meeting of the 5th North Vancouver points were given for energy shown, observation of rules, unselfishness, and fair play. For the test several new games were introduced.

An observation test of the 16th Halifax called for the routing of city tram lines when told the colour of the lights shown. Questions also were asked regarding traffic and parking rules.

Rover First Aid Work Commended

During the annual inspection of the Central Ontario Nursing Division, St. John Ambulance Brigade, by Dr. Charles J. Copp, Assistant Commissioner, three imaginary accidents were enacted by members of the 2nd St. Thomas Troop Rovers. A demonstration of first aid and stretcher drill by the Rover Patrol was highly praised by Dr. Copp, who suggested that the Rovers form the nucleus of a Senior St. John Ambulance Division.

At a meeting of the Mothers' Auxiliary of the 1st Asbestos Troop it was arranged that five pairs of signalling flags be made for the troop.

Scouting at Swift Current, Sask., has been revived under the auspices of the local Lions Club. Lion William Ford has taken the Scoutmastership.

N.B. Scouts Help Anti-T.B. Publicity

Saint John, N.B., Scouts were called upon to distribute pamphlets for the Anti-tuberculosis Society free clinic. Troops were assigned districts; and practically every private residence in the city received a leaflet.

The 22nd Winnipeg Scout Troop (Knowles Home) recently gave a concert and moving picture show to a capacity house in aid of the North Kildonan Mission.

Green stars are sewn on the flags of competition winning patrols of the 10th Border Cities, and red stars for individual competition winners.

Victoria P.L.'s Confer

The P.L.'s of St. Mary's Troop, Victoria, B.C., held a "bun feed" to which were invited all the other P.L.'s of the district,—with a view to improving the spirit of unity and fellowship among Victoria troops, and for exchange of ideas.

Melfort, Sask., Scouts successfully catered for the annual supper for Anglican men held in Parish Hall.

Some ninety mothers, dads and sons sat down to the annual banquet of the 21st Border Cities, prepared by the Mothers' Auxiliary. The programme included Scout Law charades by the patrols.

Patrol Waste-paper Collection

The 44th Winnipeg (St. Margaret's) Troop are engaged in a waste-paper

campaign. During a recent regular meeting the patrols took turns in going out and making collections while those remaining did badge work. During the evening nearly 300 pounds of paper was collected. The proceeds will go into the troop funds.

G. Warren Foote, Cubmaster of the 26th (St. Luke's) Pack, has been appointed District Cubmaster for the western section of Montreal.

The P.L. of the leading patrol of the evening is awarded the privilege of lowering the flag at the close of the meetings of the 1st Chatham Troop, Ont.

A Sask. Association With Ideas

At the annual meeting of the Melfort, Sask., Local Association it was decided that Patrol Leaders endeavour to have their Scouts registered at Dominion Headquarters within 30 days. Other topics discussed by this live organization were a Jamboree in the spring, the securing of A.S.M.'s, increase in the association's member-

drawing and short composition on his patrol bird or animal.

The annual report of the 1st Sussex Troop, N.B., showed \$10 donated to the Armenian Relief Fund.

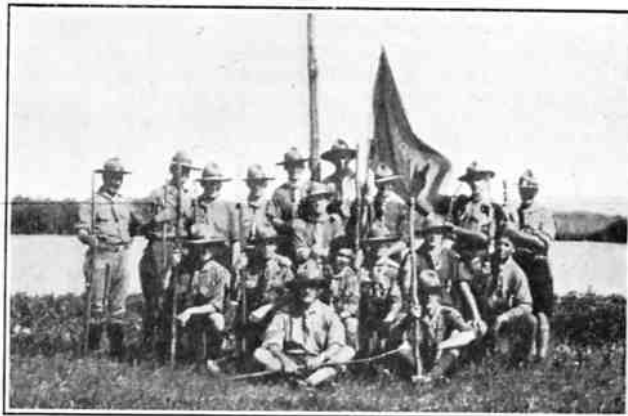
A Good Woodcraft Session

Lantern slide talks by Provincial Secretary Solway and District Cub Commissioner Bayley on knots and their uses, the use and care of knives, axmanship and canoe handling provided a most entertaining session at a regular meeting of the 22nd Edmonton Troop.

At the December monthly meeting of the Troop Committee of the 1st Asbestos, Que., a report on various activities was made by Scoutmaster Reakes, and a special committee was appointed to consider the building of a troop headquarters.

It has been arranged that the 1st Digby Troop, N.S., will once a month attend service at one of the local churches.

The Manitoba Giltwell—Course of 1927.



ship, and troop good turns. Mr. O. D. Hill, K.C., M.L.A., was chairman.

Frequent mention in troop programme items shows Scout Law Baseball and Knot Baseball to be widely popular.

The very effective closing ceremony of the 1st Arrowsmith Troop, B.C., includes the reciting of the Lord's Prayer, the repeating of verse 52 of the 2nd chapter of Luke, and the Scout Promise.

Simple Surveying in the Hike Programme

During a December hike of the 1st Bear River Troop, N.S., some simple surveying tests were carried out on the Melfort Corner school grounds. Each Scout was given the initial north course, and asked to lay out other courses and distances, relying only on sense of direction and length of pace. Two of the Scouts ran off four courses and finished with only five per cent. error.

To encourage a knowledge of their patrol emblem each Scout of the 9th Border Cities was asked to bring a

Not Tiring of Good Works

At a meeting of the vestry of St. James' Church, Orillia, Ont., Scoutmaster C. P. Hewitt, formerly of Kenora, advocated the organizing of a Scout troop in connection with the church Sunday-school. The plan was agreed to, and Mr. Hewitt is now training his prospective Patrol Leaders.

The 1st Claresholm Troop, Alta., is being given a series of ambulance lectures by Rev. W. Barlow.

Following the usual opening ceremonies of the 43rd Winnipeg, a "Tenderfoot quizz" was held by each P.L. in Corners.

A Noah's Ark Idea for Entertainments

Effective items of a successful concert by the Cobble Hill, B.C., Scouts were "The Making of the Flag" in tableau, and, to the singing of Noah's Ark song, the moving across the stage of almost life-size cardboard animals. Scoutmaster Walker playing the part of Noah in costume. This proved of great interest to the children in the audience.

Patrols of the 1st Port Dalhousie Troop, Ont., have adopted the regular weekly patrol meeting plan.

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.

N. B. Scouts Help Crippled Childrens' Fund

The first special gift from an outside organization received by the New Brunswick Junior Red Cross for its crippled childrens' fund came in a cheque for \$5.34 from the Salmonhurst, N.B., Scout Troop.

Scouts of the 2nd Edmonton were called upon to take part in the play "Nicholas Nickleby," put on by the Edmonton Dickens Club in the Queen's Avenue School.

Toronto Scouts repeated their usual services at the Royal Winter Fair, and added a number of new duties, all of which were carried out with the usual smartness and efficiency.

Tecumseh Pack Wins Winnipeg First Aider Contest

"A" team of First Aiders of Tecumseh Pack won the annual Winnipeg Cub competition for the Hesketh Trophy. St. Luke's Pack team was second, by one point, and Tecumseh "B" team third. The flag was held from the last competition by St. Anne's Pack.

The 1st Kamloops Wolf Cubs, B.C., entertained their parents at a December supper, the boys themselves serving and clearing the tables.

2nd Dartmouth an Outdoors Troop

As reported in a brief review at its annual December banquet, the 2nd Dartmouth Troop, N.S., during the year held thirty-five hikes, five overnights; spent a week in camp, completed their log cabin at Miller's Mountain; and have their camp at Waverley (on the Scout reforestation project) well under way.

Under a special heading, with a cut of the Scout badge, a series of brief articles on the various proficiency badges have made interesting informative reading in the *Medicine Hat News*, Alta.

At a December banquet of the 4th Chatham Troop Committeeman Thomas presented a Rotary shield for competition. Committeeman Richards awarded the Proficiency Cup to the Fox Patrol and the Attendance Cup to the Bulldogs.

A Suitable Occasion for a Medal Presentation

A band concert sponsored by the municipality and Lincoln Loyalist Chapter I.O.D.E., in aid of the Grimsby, Ont., Christmas Cheer Fund was made the occasion for the presentation of a Gilt Cross for life-saving to Scout Ashton of the 1st Grimsby Troop. The troop was formed up on

the theatre stage for the presentation, which was made by Major W. W. Johnson, D.S.O., M.C. The rescue was made last winter off the ice banks at Grimsby Beach.

For a "mental somersault" game of the 1st Fairfield, B.C., the surprise questions were asked by certain Scouts of certain other Scouts.

Two unannounced patrol competition quizzes on Scouting subjects and an investiture ceremony were features of a regular meeting of the 2nd Sherbrooke Troop.

A Mystery Hike and an Essay

Following a "mystery hike" held by the 1st Hantsport Troop, N.S., Scoutmaster Rev. H. T. Gornall offered a prize for the best essay on the event. The two best appeared in the *Halifax Chronicle* and the *Halifax Daily Star*.

Scouts of the 1st St. Catherines, Ont., in full uniform, attended the wedding of Scoutmaster Johnson.

The 1927-28 Committee of the 1st Paradise Troop, N.S., includes two ladies.

The Spirit's the Important Thing

The Rev. C. Reid of Kelso, B.C., addressing Nelson Rotarians, declared that his experience was almost entirely in favour of the Boy Scout Movement, and that if the spirit of the founder of the Movement were properly carried out he knew of no better organization in the world.

At a Benefit Tea and Pantry Sale of the 1st Truro Troop, N.S., the sum of \$85 was realized. This will pay for camping equipment for use next summer.

A Parents' Committee has been formed for the Deer Lodge Pack, Winnipeg. The Committee has undertaken the future financing of the pack.

Badge Work

"Ambulance Men at the residence of Dr. A. J. Barlow Herbert at 8 p.m., Wednesday evenings.

"Textile Workers at the Wabasco Cotton Co., Thursday evenings, at 7.15."

—*St. Maurice Valley Chronicle*, Que.

The 1st Belleville Troop, Ont., under Dr. F. E. Malott, has grown to such proportions, it was announced at the big annual banquet, that it will be made two troops.

A "joke Christmas tree" provided the central feature of a very happy December party of the 2nd Sherbrooke Wolf Cubs.

Such Nature Talks Always Interest

At a combined meeting of the 2nd and 17th Halifax Troops the boys were keenly interested in a nature talk by Principal Chesley Allen of the Halifax School for the Blind. Mr. Allen discussed the wonderful ways in which nature has equipped beasts, birds and insects for defense against their natural enemies.

At their second birthday party the 1st Harrow Troop, Ont., was presented with a silk Union Jack by Mrs. Reese and Mrs. Wilson of the Harrow Chapter, I.O.D.E., as an appreciation of help given the Chapter.

A special quizz at a meeting of the 2nd Sherbrooke concerned the name of the best wood for Scout staves and where it could be found in the vicinity.

After some splicing instruction by an ex-naval visitor, the boys of the 9th Border Cities were requested to bring to the next troop meeting a spliced rope, for which they would receive competition points.

Five Troops and Five Packs for Sherbrooke

Within the year the three troops and two packs of Sherbrooke, Que., have increased to five troops and five packs. This is the result of the leadership given by an interested District Commissioner and an untiringly zealous District Scoutmaster backed by a group of devoted assistants, including several Gillwellians, and two active mothers' auxiliaries. Three of the troops and packs are connected with churches—Trinity United, St. Peter's Anglican and St. Andrew's Presbyterian.

The 1st Radville Troop, Sask., is giving some special attention to boxing, and has grouped the boys in various boxing weights—flyweight, light, middle and heavy. A local boxer has been secured to give the boys instruction.

At a masquerade party of the St. John's Cathedral Troop, Winnipeg, the Ladies' Auxiliary supervised the serving of refreshments, and acted as judges of costumes. Patrol Competition points were awarded for the most original make-ups.

Lots of Winter Scouting at St. Catherines

The winter activities of St. Catherines Troops, including December Saturday and holiday hikes, produced so much material for the troop scribes that the St. Catherines *Standard* had to request that weekly troop reports be kept down to special happenings.

The Court of Honour of the 1st Edmonton Troop debated and passed a resolution that "No new Scouts shall be enrolled with the 1st Troop until all in it at present have passed their Second Class."

Scouting demonstrations by the different patrols were successful features of an entertainment offered by the 1st Smith's Falls Troop, Ont., at the Parish Hall under Scoutmaster the Rev. W. E. Weegar. Refreshments were served by the Scouts.

Helping Solve the Troop Rent Problem

At the annual meeting of the Sherbrooke Association, "It was decided to continue the vote of \$7.50 per month to the 2nd Troop, to pay half the rent of the troop headquarters, this being the only unit in the city which has to pay for its room."

Scouts of Wolfville, N.S., were entertained at a special showing of wild life moving pictures by Mr. R. W. Tufts, Migratory Bird Inspector for Nova Scotia, in the Science building of Acadia University.

At the second annual banquet of the 2nd Chatham Troop, Ont., the Patrol Efficiency Shield was awarded to the Owl Patrol and service stars presented to nine Scouts by President H. S. Thomas of the local council. A half hour of entertainment was provided by two Scouts, as a test for their Entertainer's Badge.

A Good Annual Display Programme

A programme of a wide variety characterized the annual display and concert of the 1st Espanola Troop under the direction of District Commissioner Vantom at Community Hall, Espanola. Following the entrance of the Scouts and Cubs to the singing of "Boys Be Prepared," there was Cub tumbling, a Cub investiture, a Scout investiture, and a series of Scout work displays concluding with a big council fire. Interspersed through the

mony was performed in the presence of parents of the boys and members of the Troop Committee.

Forty-five guests, including local Girl Guide leaders and other prominent citizens, attended the highly successful meeting and banquet of the 1st Punnichy Troop, Sask. A report on the year's work and finances was presented, and "after the meeting enough associate members (at \$2.00 per annum) were signed up to ensure the organization being able to carry on next year."

A Sea Scout Jamboree

A two-days' "Inter-patrol Jamboree" of the 1st B.C. Sea Scouts, of Vancouver, held at their headquarters on Twigg Island, produced a succession a very lively and close contests. A signalling competition calling for proficiency in Semaphore and Morse and a knowledge of the International Code flags was won by the Seals, by three-quarters of a point. A six-hour session on Saturday included contests in knotting, rigs of sailing vessels, Scout Law, judging of heights and dis-

A talk on the Scout programme and presentation of a warrant and badges by District Commissioner the Rev. H. H. Creal, knotting and Scouting games, a comedy, "The Scout's Nightmare," and a patriotic flag tableau made up a comprehensive entertainment given by the 1st Broadview Troop, Sask., in S.O.E. Hall.

Great Contralto Would Sing With Toronto Scouts

"We must arrange (during a summer motor visit to Canada) a real party out in the woods, and there sing our songs together. And you shall call me Mother, as my U.S.A. boys call me."—This is a paragraph from a treasured autograph letter received by the 27th Toronto Troop from Madame Ernestine Schumann Heink following her farewell concert at Massy Hall, Toronto, in November last. On that memorable occasion a Scout of the 27th had the honour of presenting the great singer with the only bouquet permitted on the stage. Madame Schumann Heink is another of the world's outstanding figures keenly interested in Boy Scouts wherever met.

From a December programme of the 2nd Border Cities Troop: As a memory game, patrols ran to a nearby business street, for one minute observed the contents of the windows of a drug store and jewelry store, returned and made a list of the articles seen.

Scouts Called to Search for the Missing

During December Scout troops in a number of places were called upon to assist in the search for lost persons. An unusual instance was the participation of Scouts of Whitby, Oshawa, Port Hope, Bowmanville and Coburg, Ont., in the search for Major Osborne Lean. Boys of 23rd, 50th and 58th North Toronto troops aided in the search for a missing school girl; and Galt Scouts, headed by Police Chief Clark, searched for and found the body of an elderly man who had strayed from a charitable institution.

The fourth annual Jamboree of the 1st Galt Troop, Ont., packed Memorial Hall for a programme equally divided between Scout and Cub work and a minstrel show. An excellent succession of tableaux portrayed the receiving of a new boy into a Cub Pack, a going-up ceremony from Pack to Troop, and the passing on of a Scout into the Rover Patrol.

What Rovers Can Find To Do

HERE are some of the things the "Trenchard Rovers"—or "Black Cats"—of Montreal found to do during a year: Throughout the year assisted five Scout troops and three Cub packs. Helped four other Rover patrols in various ways. Served refreshments at monthly meetings of Scoutmasters' Club. Acted as ushers. Assisted at Scout concerts. Assisted at opening of a children's playground. Ran a two weeks' Scout camp. Made Hallowe'en models for Children's Hospital. Assisted at Toy Shop. At Jamboree assisted in trucking, policing grounds, collecting tickets, etc.

THE snug new
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programme were addresses by Rev. Mr. Turner, on "A Scout's Duty is to be Useful"; by Rev. E. E. Pugsley on, "A Scout Smiles and Whistles Under All Difficulties," and by Rev. Fr. Brennan on the Second Scout Law, "A Scout is loyal."

Previous to his leaving to join the Royal Canadian Air Force A.S.M. Jack Foan of the 1st Brockville Troop, jointly with Troop Leader Hagerty, presented the troop with a silver cup for patrol competition. Much regret was expressed at the loss of A.S.M. Foan—who has been a most enthusiastic leader of outdoor scouting activities.

A Christmas Good Turn of a kind not previously noted was the providing by the 1st Comber Troop, Ont., through the Navy League, of a "Christmas bag," to be presented to a sailor of the Canadian Merchant Marine.

An Impressive Investiture

The impressive investiture of the Scoutmaster, the Rev. R. A. Ramsey, by his A.S.M.'s, then the investing by him of ten of his boys, marked completion of the organization of the 1st Arrowsmith Troop, B.C. The cere-

monies; composition of the Union Jack, ambulance work, rules of the road at sea. The Interpatrol Cup, awarded on the afternoon's showing and on the record of the past three months, was captured by the Seal Patrol, under P.L. Rorison. For the evening's banquet the "fee" was a toy for the Scout Toy Repair Shop.

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.

"Each patrol is expected to put on a five minutes' entertainment at the annual banquet on January 5. Any patrol defaulting will be ejected before the meal. Several patrol meetings will be held to rehearse the stunts."—1st Chatham, Ont.

At a Court of Honour meeting of the 1st Palmerston Troop, Ont., it was decided that each member of the troop should be given a copy of "Starting to Scout," an enrolment card and a camp fund card, and that in addition each Patrol Leader be given a copy of "How to Run a Patrol."

Interesting Items From the Annual Meetings

WEST End, Winnipeg, recorded the issuing of 14 warrants to Scoutmasters and Cubmasters and the organization of three new troops and three new packs.

A roster of 24 troops, 22 packs and a Rover unit was shown for North Winnipeg. It was noted that the troops are associated with churches of all creeds, athletic clubs, army and navy veterans' associations, orphanages, public schools and community clubs. The rolls of six troops bear the names of boys of no less than 35 different nationalities.

Since 1920 over 7,000 Montreal boys have received Scout training, and passed on,—or an average of 1,000 a year. Rover patrols increased to 9 during the year. There was a marked increase in the number of proficiency badges earned.

The Border Cities (Windsor, Ont., and nearby communities) have 29 active troops, with 1,220 Scouts, and 9 Cub Packs, with a total membership of over 400. The district is carrying on a campaign to secure 1,000 sustaining members. These are being asked to enroll for five years, at a membership fee of \$1.00 per year.

At semi-annual meeting of the Provincial Council of Saskatchewan, held at Weyburn, with Hon. S. J. Latta, Minister of Education, in the chair, Provincial Commissioner A. H. Ball presented a report showing a very substantial increase in the number of active Scouts in the province. The report on camping indicated that some 3,000 boys were under canvas during the summer. There was also shown a gratifying gain in the number of proficiency badges passed.

At the annual meeting of the Quebec Eastern Townships Scout Officers' Association leaders were present from Lennoxville, Asbestos, Coaticook, Bulwer, Magog and Sherbrooke. Provincial Secretary E. R. Paterson of Montreal addressed the gathering on troop visiting, Rovers, and the Scout Toy Shop. Discussing "Taking Scouting Into Your Business," Scoutmaster W. N. Reakes told of the support given Scouting in Asbestos, Que., by the Canadian Johns-Manville Company, and stated that the introduction of Scouting among the boys and men of the community had noticeably improved the work done in the Asbestos mills.

Noteworthy features of the annual meeting of the Fredericton, N.B., Association were: Acceptance of the presidency of the association by the Countess of Ashburnham; the inauguration of steps to erect a District Scout Hall; the offering by District Commissioner Bull of a cup for monthly Pack competition; presentation to the 2nd Fredericton (Cathedral) Troop of the Countess of Ashburnham First Aid Cup; the appointment as Scoutmaster of St. Dunstan's Troop of Prof. H. B. Hachey, of University of New Brunswick; and finally, a report showing local Scouting to be in so thriving a condition that the organization of a new troop is necessary, in order to take care of the surplus membership of the present troops.

At the annual meeting of the Provincial Council of British Columbia, held Dec. 10th at Victoria, His Honour Lieut.-Governor Bruce was nominated as Provincial Patron, Julius H. Griffith as Provincial President and Col. W. D. S. Rorison as Provincial Commissioner. The meeting, which was described as a particular success, was followed by a reception at Gov-

A Composite Four-Night Troop Programme

- 7.30 Patrol Corners; roll call, dues. Points off for late comers.*
- 7.35 Roll reports.* Flag break. Scout Silence. General Inspection.* Special Inspection—*
 - (a) Neckerchief knot.
 - (b) Hat brims.
 - (c) Right elbow, left hand.
 - (d) Teeth.
- 7.45 Lively Game—(Freeze)*
 - (a) Poison Circle.
 - (b) Foot in the Ring.
 - (c) Patrol Bottle Ball.
 - (d) Elephant and Whale.
- 7.55 Patrol Corners. Test and Badge work as arranged by Court of Honour. (Freeze)*
- 8.10 Quiet Game—
 - (a) Knot Target.
 - (b) Sleeping Pirate.
 - (c) Blindfold Zig Zag.
 - (d) Blindman's Journey.
- 8.20 (a) Morse Relay.*
 - (b) Sealed Message in Morse.*
 - (c) Semaphore Relay*
 - (d) Sealed Message in Semaphore.*
- 8.30 (a) Hand Signals.*
 - (b) Uses of the Staff.*
 - (c,d) Tracking (outdoors if snow on ground).*
- 8.40 (a) Scout Law Baseball.*
 - (b) First Aid demonstration arterial bleeding, by S.M.
 - (c) First Aid quizz by S.M. on arterial bleeding.*
 - (d) Charade on 1st Scout Law.*
- 8.50 Council Fire: Songs. S.M.'s Five. More Songs. Announcements. Scout Silence. O Canada. King. Flag. Duty Patrol named. Dismiss.

Court of Honour.

*Patrol Competition.

ernment House and a banquet of Victoria leaders.

An interesting section of the report is that showing a total of 3670 miles covered in volunteer field work by District Commissioner H. T. Ravenhill, of Victoria, District Commissioner R. P. Day of New Westminster and Honorary Field Commissioners F. L. and F. C. Sara.

A VALUABLE IDENTIFICATION AND CHARACTER CARD GOES WITH SCOUT REGISTRATION

The Oldest Cub Pack Celebrates

THE Deer Lodge Wolf Cub Pack of Winnipeg, believed to be the oldest Wolf Cub Pack in Canada, and still under their original leader as Honorary Cubmaster, Frank W. Thompson (Assistant Provincial Commissioner for Wolf Cubs) celebrated its twelfth anniversary on December 16th. As he had done in 1915, Akela Thompson presented a number of Tenderpad badges. He also presented a gold Thanks Badge to Miss Ethel Young, on her completion of five years as Lady Cubmaster.

In sketching the history of the pack Akela Thompson mentioned the presentation of special medals to nine members of the pack in 1918, by the Municipality of Assiniboia, in recognition of faithful service performed at emergency stations during the great flu epidemic of that year.

A Saskatoon Presentation of Rovering

THE following was the "Rover Reporter's" contribution to a special edition of the Saskatoon *Scout News* issued in connection with the annual district Fall Fair.

10th Saskatoon Troop, Rover Scouts

What are they? The big brothers of the Wolf Cubs and Boy Scouts. Young men over 16 years of age. Some were Scouts before joining, some were not.

Why are they? To complete the Scout family, and to cater to the needs of the older fellows. Different ages need different programmes—the Rover Scout programme takes care of the young man.

What do they do? Go a little deeper into the principles of Scouting—work a little harder—look a little wider—endeavour to fit themselves for taking their places among and for assuming the full responsibility of men who are true citizens in every sense of the word.

Service is their motto; and that is why you find them willing to help the leading of the younger boys, and find them in the thick of it where the work is heaviest.

So far from the Rover Scouts of this Troop we have obtained

1 S.M.
3 A.S.M.'s
3 A.C.M.'s

and more will come forward before the winter is over. Their assistance has greatly helped the District Council, particularly during the last year.

A Scout need not leave his Troop to become a R.S. But whoever joins up must "Be Prepared" to serve. And to serve means sacrifice. Service without sacrifice is not true service.

Who are they? Ask the D.C. Did you see their show last spring? Well, watch out for their next, before the end of this year.

In the course of an address at a monster council fire concluding the annual Border Cities fall field day, Mayor Jackson of Windsor declared that Scouting "makes citizens which this community is proud to own."

The Story of a Model Meeting Investing of a T.L. and P.L.'s

THE meeting of the 2nd St. Thomas (St. Luke's) Boy Scout Troop, held Tuesday evening, was a very impressive and important one. At 7.30 the troop call was given by A.S.M. Ruppel (the short sharp bark of the coyote), and the troop assembled in horseshoe formation around the flag. The Scoutmaster approached and the troop was turned over to him. With the troop at the full salute, the flag was broken, followed by the "Scout Silence" (the Scouts' own silent prayer).

After the general inspection and the points posted on the board, an observation game was played. A strange boy walked around the troop room for five minutes. The patrols noted each detail, and after the boy left the room the Patrol Leaders wrote down the observations. A Scout is observant, and it is through such games as these they are taught to note important details.

After a few lively games, an indoor council fire was built by the Duty Patrol, and the A.S.M. called the troop up again into the horseshoe formation. The troop flag was brought on parade, and was held in the centre of the horseshoe. Scoutmaster Turnbull took charge and with all other lights turned off except the light of the council fire in the centre, casting a dull red glow, received first from Percy Briest his reiterated promise, after which he was invested as Troop Leader of the troop. He received the troop flag from A.S.M. Ruppel and for the remainder of the ceremony acted as colour bearer. Norman Potticary, former Second of the Wolf Patrol, reaffirmed his Scout Promise and was invested as Patrol Leader of the Wolf Patrol. Arnold Henry, former Second of the Bear Patrol, also reaffirmed his promise and was invested as Patrol Leader of the Bear Patrol. Nelson Hobbs, former Second of the Owl Patrol, reaffirmed his promise and was invested as Patrol Leader of the Owl Patrol.

The meeting closed with a short prayer by the Scoutmaster, followed by flag lowering and the National Anthem.

At a short Court of Honour after the meeting, the new P.L.'s were introduced to the court, and entered upon their duties. It was decided to give Second Wm. Toles a 12 months' leave of absence from the troop.

—St. Thomas Times Journal.

Substantial progress is being made in the organization of Scout troops and packs in connection with institutions for crippled children in England, and excellent results already are seen, in giving the unfortunate members of such institutions the feeling that they are after all like ordinary boys, and can do many of the same things. Sir Montague Burrows, County Commissioner for Oxfordshire, has been made Imperial Headquarters Commissioner for Disabled Scouts. A most successful part of the work is the maintenance by the Scout Movement of their own convalescent home, Rosemary Home, at Herne Bay.

Some Reminders for the C.M.

ALWAYS remember that Cubs are "just little boys."

That they are still in the individualistic stage.

That to them the only really important thing is playing.

That they have very poor memories,—if any.

That the Pack is not a Scout Troop, but just a family of little boys, who come for some fun.

Make your Six Corners periods short, the greater part of your evening programme consisting of games.

And don't continue at one game for over ten minutes at the outside.

Use games in which all can participate all the time, or with only very brief intervals of waiting.

Have some Pack singing. The boys nearly always like it.

And each night a good story, of course.

Make sure that all new boys have

their parents' permission to join the Pack. Occasionally boys will appear and say they have permission, when this is not the case.

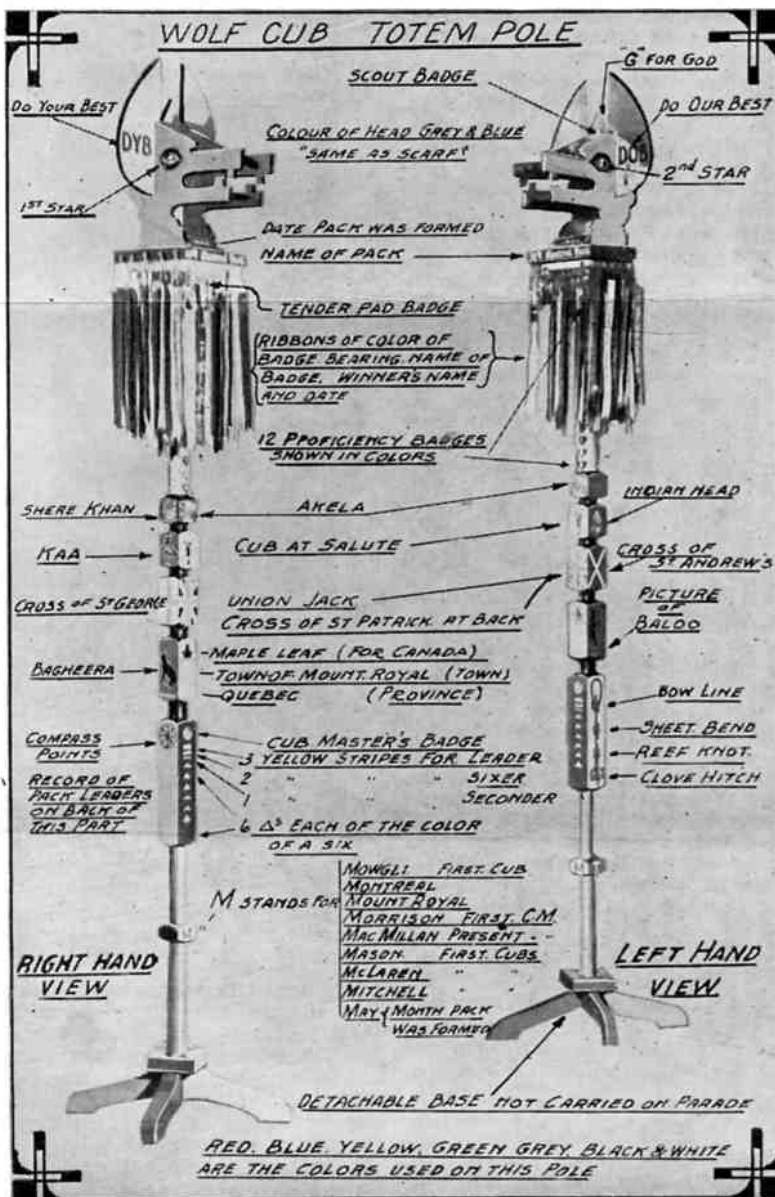
Meet the parents of all new boys as soon as possible; and from time to time invite all parents to "open meetings."

Run your meetings to a prepared schedule, starting at not later than 7 p.m., and closing at 8 or 8.15. Make sure that the boys then go straight home.

Use the Six System, as outlined in "The Wolf Cub's Handbook" and "Cubbing."

Keep your Pack Committee interested by using them whenever possible. Invite them frequently to Pack meetings.

Run a Six Competition, with extra points for tidiness. Award the keeping of the Pack flag or totem pole at the end of each month, and prizes at longer intervals.



Designed and executed by Cubmaster K. L. MacMillan of Montreal.

❖ The Scoutmaster's Five Minutes ❖

The Bear's Trail

A Story for Reading to Your Troop

TRACKING is the most exciting and intensely interesting of any form of trail work. The eye, the ear, the foot and the mind are continually and actively exercised. As an illustration of this, let me tell you of an experience I had in my youthful days.

A sudden crash in the bush under a fallen tree and spattering down of light snow from the branches gave me a great start. Just a glimpse of something black hurrying away, a step or two around the upturned tree roots, and before me were the tracks of a good sized bear in the new snow, showing that he had darted to another thicket a short distance away, and disappeared from view.

Now starts the sport of tracking Mr. Bear, seemingly very easy, as his footprints showed plainly in the thin layer of snow. With rifle ready for a quick shot, I enter the thicket, but soon find he has thrown me off the track by running the entire length of a prostrate tree trunk, where it looked as though he had jumped off the end. But a little study showed this was not the case; he had back-tracked and jumped off the tree trunk over and behind a high, thick bush, and made off at right angles, but this time out of sight. My study of his trail had taken some time, so he had quite a start on me.

Taking up his trail again, I found he had gone into the worst thickets and rough places to be found. In following bear trail one learns, by practice, something of what Mr. Bear is up to. He understands that he will be followed, so he generally starts off on a wide circle. He plays all the tricks possible, musing up his trail, jumping far out to one side, back-tracking and wading, so that he may gain time to lie down and rest, depending on his alertness of ear and eye to discover the approach of the hunter.

After following Bruin a few miles I saw by the signs that he meant to rest soon. This is the way you tell: tracks showing walking with frequent stops and sidestepping, means a rest soon; tracks showing that he is running very fast for a long distance, and several small circles, means a short distance further and then a rest; tracks on a straightaway course with a steady pace means he intends to lead the hunter a long chase.

Now, Mr. Bear, I've followed you long enough, for, as you are acting, I'll never get a shot at you, so I will take a chance and cut across country ahead of you, as I think you are making for a big hemlock ridge for your stop, and with all the circling you are doing I can get there first if I hurry straight to it.

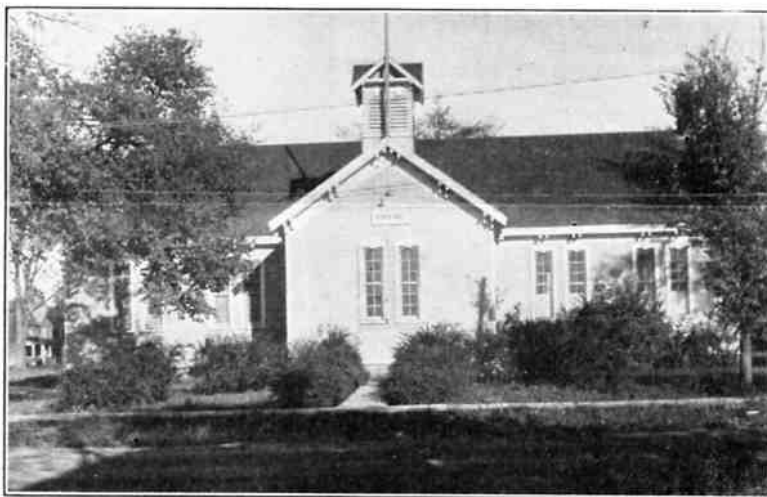
I was sitting in a small clump of low hemlock, very still, when the bushes rustled just back of me, and I turned my head to look straight into the bear's face. Instantly my rifle cracked. That bear's skin furnished

books and money so that I was able to have a term at the Milo High School that winter.

—H. O. Templeton, in *Scouting*.

For a Chat About the Uniform

SCOOTS! Did you ever stop to think that others judge both you and your organization by the way you wear your uniform? The opinions which they form are complimentary only so long as the correct uniform is worn in the correct way. Many people unfortunately, have no opportunity for direct contact with the Boy Scouts, and consequently must estimate them largely by their appearance. A uniform which is too large always looks sloppy. If necessary, go to the extra trouble to secure an outfit which will fit well. Few things have a more harmful effect upon the organization than a Scout roaming in the streets habited in messy shirt and with shorts two sizes too large for him.



FORMERLY the old West Ward School, Gananoque, Ont., now the fine roomy home of the 1st Gananoque Troop. The School Board leased it on nominal terms and for a long period to the Local Association. Troop Committee, Scoutmaster and Scouts did the renovation and alteration necessary, and local business men installed a heating plant.

"A Scout is clean." Don't allow your uniform to get dirty, smudgy and wrinkled.

Faded clothes do not look well. A little coffee left over from breakfast easily solves the problem of restoring khaki colour to faded shirts. Used carefully you can keep your shirt almost the colour it was when you purchased it.

Some Scouts wear caps with the rest of the uniform instead of their correct Scout hat, others have an odd assortment of imitation parts of the uniform which are not regulation. Better no uniform at all than a cheap inferior outfit. Besides lacking that snappy trimness which every Scout should have, such uniforms do not last half as long.

Your uniform is "talking about you" all the time. If it is shabby, dirty, ill-

fitting, or incomplete it says unpleasant things about you and the Troop,—and your Patrol.

And most important of all, remember that while in uniform, above all other times, you should conduct yourself in such a manner that no reproach may be justified, and no reflection cast upon the organization you stand for.

On Armistice Day

IN a number of centres Scouts participated in the distribution of poppies.

The ceremony of breaking out the flag by local Scouts opened the Armistice Memorial services of combined local organizations and churches of all denominations at Notre Dame de Grace, Montreal.

The 1st Imperoyal Troop, N.S., was taken to Dartmouth in an Imperial Oil truck, to form a guard of honour at the decoration of a War Memorial tablet.

As in former years, the 10th Calgary deposited, at the War Memorial in

Central Park, a wreath of poppies and sprays made of local ground cedar by the Scouts.

At Three Rivers, Que., District Scoutmaster Jones placed a wreath on the memorial tablet in St. James Anglican church during a special service attended by the 1st Three Rivers Troop.

The chief address at the big memorial service at Fredericton, N.B., was made by Scoutmaster the Rev. Alban F. Bate, a Gillwellian, and for several years a member of the New Brunswick Gillwell camp staff.

A wreath from the Canadian General Council of the Boy Scouts Association was placed at the Cenotaph on Parliament Hill by Honorary Dominion Secretary Gerald H. Brown. The Ottawa District wreath was laid by District Cub Commissioner A. E. Eagar.

Fire Protection for Troop H.Q.

SINCE so many troops now own their headquarters buildings, the following article on suitable fire protection will be appreciated. The Scout Leader has yet to learn of the burning of a Scout hut, but every precaution should be taken to guard against such a "bad example" where a good example is expected. The article was specially written by one of our Honorary Field Commissioners.

There are various kinds of fire extinguishers on the market, but, unfortunately most of these must be protected from freezing; and few troop huts are constantly heated. The fires most likely to occur in a troop room would be of combustible material, and not of inflammable liquids. Hence the water tank pump or a water tank with pails would be suitable equipment,—and comparatively inexpensive, where cost is a consideration. The water can be made non-freezing by adding calcium chloride in the following amounts:—

Calcium chloride per gal. water	Freezing point F.
$\frac{1}{2}$ lb.	29° above freezing
1 "	27° " "
1½ "	23° " "
2 "	13° " "
2½ "	2½° " "
3 "	5° below "
3½ "	17° " "
4 "	32° " "
4½ "	54° " "

The wooden or metal tanks will have to be protected from the calcium chloride, and the pails also, if they are stored in the water. To protect the wooden barrel or tank it should be lined with pitch, and the metal tanks and pails should be painted, both inside and out, with two or three coats of good paint. The pails may be stood on a shelf above the tank. They should be marked "FOR FIRE ONLY." The 3 gal. galvanized pail is about the right size.—L.J.B.

Entertaining for Fun and Funds

WHEN you start to arrange a troop concert there are several little points to watch. Here are a few hints that will help you:

Don't commence too early. Eight o'clock is a good time. Father and Mother are free to go out at that time, whereas seven or seven-thirty is rather a rush for them.

As a rule, people prefer a good, short programme rather than one which goes on for hours. Aim at ten o'clock as the time to "cease fire."

Try to keep the programme balanced—that is, let the grave and gay items be evenly divided. Don't have a serious recitation and a serious song following close upon each other.

On the whole, the audience likes to see all the items done by the troop without the help of outside artists, however good they may be. Try, therefore, to use up all the talent the troop possesses and also to make talent; that is, when a fellow says "Oh, I can't do anything!" put it down to his modesty, and give him something to do, and help him to do it.

No programme can be any good without real effort on the part of all

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the performers, and careful rehearsal for all. I have often been to shows and seen really "brainy" items spoilt entirely because they have not been rehearsed sufficiently.

There are three purposes you must keep in view when giving your concert.

1. You must give the public who support you full value for their money and for their kindness in coming to back you up.

2. You must keep up the good name of the Brotherhood by your smartness, your good humor and your attention to the job in hand.

3. You must give a good show, so that next year you will have an even bigger audience.

Don't be afraid to advertise your entertainment. There is no harm in advertising anything that is worth it and good value for money. See that your handbills are distributed to the proper people, not just scattered all over the place. Have a few good posters, and place them in good positions, where they will be seen. Be careful that the same people don't get pestered twice to buy tickets—they don't like it!

Very often your local paper will give you a little "puff" if you send them a preliminary notice and two tickets for use by a reporter.

Sketches or plays are better placed at the end of the first and second halves—and be sure that your first item is a really good bright one—if possible bringing in the whole troop.

I believe it is a good thing in these days to avoid such technical displays as Signalling and Ambulance. I am not sure that the public isn't a bit "fed up" with them, even when very well done.

Don't try to lecture the public on the good points of the Scout Movement. That is not quite playing the game. You wouldn't like to pay for an advertisement, would you? Nor does the public. No. A good show, well rehearsed and well done, is the best possible advertisement for us.

On the other hand, there is no harm in a few lines being printed about us on the programmes; that is the proper place for advertisement!

—E. Stuart Monro.

DOMINION REGISTRATION HELPS BOYS & MOVEMENT

Belleville Kiwanians Again Back Scouting

KIWANIANS at their weekly meeting this afternoon, voted the sum of one hundred dollars towards the maintenance of the Community Troop of Boy Scouts. A similar amount was donated one year ago; and it was pointed out by Kiwanian Fred Malott that the unprecedented success of the Scout Movement in the city during the season just past was largely due to the financial assistance rendered by the Club. Dr. Malott, through this aid, was enabled to increase the scope of the work. The Boy Scout Movement is a community work in Belleville with a constantly increasing number of boys enjoying the benefits of the organization.

—Belleville Intelligencer.

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.

Patrol Corners Decoration

THE meeting was turned into a paint shop immediately after the opening. The patrols were allowed half an hour to decorate their corners, and at the conclusion of that time the new Scoutmaster, Mr. Piggott, judged the corners. The Sparrows came first, the Owls second, the Crows third, and the Pigeons last.

The Sparrow corner showed a great deal of care and ingenuity. A motto cut out by one of the boys read: "We do our best and strive to succeed." Below the patrol shield was the name 'Sparrows'. A series of natural history pictures decorated the wall and a book of leaves contained a mine of information.

The Owl Patrol had a close competitor in the Crows, but more of their decoration was in the nature of woodcraft and scouting than that of the Crows. The members of the winning patrol will receive two free passes to the theatre in the near future, the members of the Owls a ticket each.

—1st Chatham, Ont.

Tell Just What You Do

TOO few of our troops tell each week in their local Scout news columns just what they do at troop meetings. A brief account of the meeting opening, including inspection points awarded; games played, patrol stunts, tests passed, names of candidates for admission to the troop, etc., interests many readers. Also such items help to an appreciation of the work covered at a Scout meeting.

A "Jolt"

AFTER the opening, as a "jolt" the freeze signal was given, and every fellow asked what direction he was facing. All were correct.

—2nd Kincardine.

The 8th Pacific P.L.'s Conference

PATROL Leaders of the North Pacific coast centres scored another splendid international Scouting success with the 8th Annual Pacific-Northwest Patrol Leaders' Conference, held Nov. 25-27 at New Westminster, B.C. Some 300 young American leaders were present, coming by special train from Seattle, Tacoma, Bellingham and intermediate points. British Columbia P.L.'s were in attendance from as far north as Prince Rupert.

The three days' crowded programme opened with a banquet in the armouries, with District Commissioner R. P. Day in the chair, and an address of welcome by Mayor A. W. Gray, M.L.A. The keynote address was delivered by Dr. A. M. Sanford, B.A., principal of Columbia College, New Westminster, who spoke on "100% Truth and Determination."

The business sessions were held in the auditorium of the Duke of Con-

naught High School, under the chairmanship of Troop Leader Bob Urquhart, of the 3rd Burnaby Troop, President of the Patrol Leaders' Council.

Special features of the entertainment programme included a visit to the King lumber camp for a demonstration of "high rigging," and an address at Connaught High School on "Mystery Mountain" by Mrs. Don Munday.

On Sunday, at 10.30 a.m., an open church service was held at the Columbia Theatre, with clergymen of several denominations taking part.

Next year's conference will be held at Olympia, Washington.

Scout Dates

January

1st—New Year's Day—Sunday.

Every Scoutmaster and Cubmaster and Assistant, and every Scout and Cub start the year right by attending morning church service, and Sunday-school.

Remind every Scout and Cub to start his 1928 Diary with a Good Turn check-off.

2nd—One of the hikes listed below.

3rd—School reopens.

6th—Epiphany, or Little Christmas.

For January Saturdays

Four of the following hikes:

Ski hike—Snowshoe hike—Bird Observation—Bird and Animal Tracking—Tree Identification—Twig Alphabet—Summer Camp Locating—Also an Overnight hike or Winter Camp for older Scouts. (See "Winter Hikes," *The Scoutmaster's First Year*, p112).

Also During January

Plan for a Father and Son, Mother and Son, Scout and Sister, or Scout and Parents' Banquet for the Chief Scout's Birthday, February 22nd.

"Ask Me Another" for Second Class Scouts

1. In following a horse's tracks, the impression of which foot is in front?
2. How can a fire be lighted in wet, and in windy weather?
3. What point of the compass is directly opposite NNE? What are the half-cardinal points on a compass?
4. When and how does a Scout salute?
5. At what rate should artificial respiration be carried on? How should the patient be placed? What else should be done while artificial respiration is being carried on?
6. In map reading,—How can a cutting be distinguished from an embankment? A wood from an orchard? A fenced road from an unfenced road?

—Chatham News.

As Messengers for the Fire Chief

DURING a talk on fire prevention before the 1st Chatham Troop, Ont., Fire Chief Pritchard invited the boys when at a fire, to come to him and ask what they could do. "Sometimes messages have to be taken," he said, "and Scouts can do this as well as firemen,—thus leaving the firemen to fight the fire."

A Market for Old Newspapers

"Half-a-ton of newspapers has been ordered from the troop by a well-known north-end storekeeper, and the order is being rapidly filled. The proceeds from the sale of this paper are to be used for certain troop expenditures at Christmas, authorized by the Court of Honour. The collection is being run as a patrol competition."

—22nd Winnipeg.

A Cub Handicraft Booth

A Cub Handicraft booth of the 9th Ottawa Pack at St. Barnabas' Church Bazaar netted \$22.00, which was handed over to the church mortgage fund. The items sold included calendars hung from birch bark canoes, canoe pin cushions, cozies, kettle holders, raffia belts, raffia doll furniture, mats of raffia and cane, sweetgrass work-baskets ornamented with raffia, paper mache tea trays, ash trays, bread trays, and small wool violets. For the making of the articles each Six called once a week at the home of Lady Cubmaster Read.

London, Ont., Scout-Guide Jamboree

THAT the display given by the 800 Scouts and Guides was a revelation to the majority of the large audience was the summing up of a London Free Press column story of the first annual Scout-Guide Jamboree of London, Ont., held in the Winter Gardens, Dec. 8th.

From the March-in of the 800 trimly uniformed boys and girls to the last word of "Taps"—"Safely rest, God is nigh," sung in the sweet girl voices of the Guides—there was no break in the smooth, quick passage of the programme.

The three-ring system was used, and practically every phase of Guide and Scout training was demonstrated. The Pageant of the Flag provided the effective climax, with the band of Royal Canadian Regiment playing suitable airs and former Scoutmaster, C.F. Copeland reading the incidental story. A detachment of boy Grenadiers brought in the white and crimson flag of St. George, a Scottish colour party marched in briskly with the flag of St. Andrew, and a group of Irish soldiers in emerald green appeared with the flag of St. Patrick. The flag was then assembled, the entire company of Scouts and Guides standing at salute.

The long list of patrons and patronesses appearing in the programme was headed by His Worship Mayor John M. Moore and Mrs. Moore.