



SCOUTING AND THE CHURCH

DURING February two Annual Meeting-Provincial Conferences productive of a number of helpful discussions were held in Winnipeg, Man., and Peterborough, Ont. At both well attended gatherings a prominent place in the programme was given to the question of **Scouting and the Church.**

At Winnipeg the subject was presented in a thoughtful and most effective paper by Dr. G. A. Woodside, of St. Stephen's-Broadway United Church, under the title, **Scouting as a Church Activity.**

"The Church in this century," said Dr. Woodside, "is regarded by a great many boys and girls as a kind of religious police institution. Young people who feel that way will never be attracted to the church."

"The great attraction to young people," he said, "is action—and a boy must have action. This Scouting certainly provides."

Dr. Woodside pointed out that life's first principle was to honour God, and that the first principles of the church and of the Scout Movement were therefore identical.

"The Boy Scout promises first of all to be loyal to God,—and the solemn making of this promise is the finest start in life that a boy can possibly make."

References were made to three men and their lives—the English Lord Shaftesbury, the American Baldwin, of the Baldwin Locomotive works, and Canadian Senator MacDonald—"who all through their lives had a definite conception of the honour due to God."

Through the carrying out of his promise to "help other people at all times"—its thought for others, its disciplining of self—the Scout is being assisted toward true religion.

Scout first aid work is merely a practical application of the parable of the Good Samaritan.

Scouting teaches team play; and those who learn to play on a team of any description are increasing their ability to co-operate with their fellow citizens, including those associated with the church work.

The Scout uniform is of very distinct value. The wearer of a uniform is a man consciously set apart, and not afraid to show his colours; and the wearer of the Boy Scout uniform has set himself to live up to and develop certain principles—practical Christian principles—which he is not ashamed to declare before the world.

In summing up, Dr. Woodside repeated that the fundamental principles and activities of Scouting are identical with those of the church, and that the two cannot be too closely related.

THAT Scouting and the churches are working to the same end—Christian citizenship; and that the leaders of the Boy Scouts Association are anxious to help the churches in solving their boy problem were points emphasized during a half hour's earnest consideration of the question at the Annual Ontario Scout Leaders' Conference, held at Peterborough, Feb. 16-17.

Offered by the Clergymen

The following thoughts on the subject were offered during the discussion by various clergymen present:

"Every organization should contribute to the vitally important work with our boys."

"I believe the Boy Scouts Association can do a great work for all the churches."

"Some kind of boys' work today is essential."

"Perhaps the best thing Scouting can do is to train leaders. There is no minister but will hail with delight the coming of a man trained in boy leadership."

"On general principles I believe it is best that the clergyman should not be the Scoutmaster,—but better the clergyman-Scoutmaster than no troop at all."

"Do not assume that a minister will of necessity make a good Scoutmaster. I am glad to have others handle the boys' work in my congregation—a work for which I have little or no ability."

"The clergyman often does not understand Scouting. Make sure in the first instance that he has some grasp of its scope, aims and organization."

Said by Scout Leaders

"We cannot do too much for the church. No organization can take the place of the church."

"We should only expect the churches to co-operate with us if we co-operate with them."

"Some leaders may have been misled by over-emphasis of the statement that Scouting is in principle undenominational. Perhaps it might be better said that in its fundamental principles Scouting is common to practically all religious denominations."

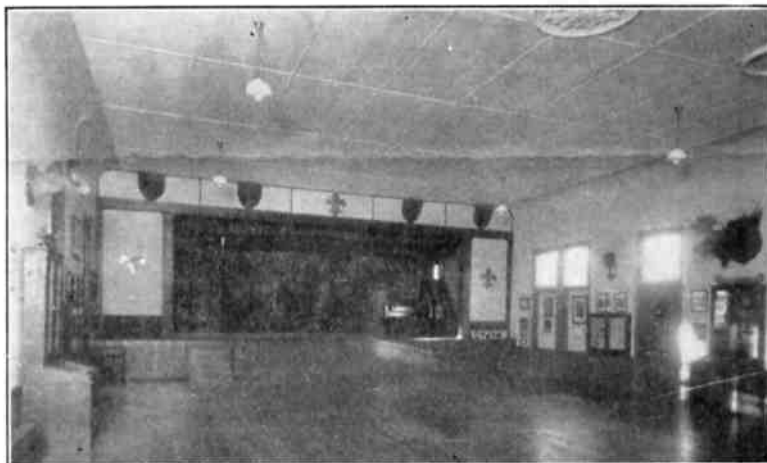
"We can train leaders, and go to over-worked clergymen and offer our help in solving their problems."

"Personally we can show to our boys that our religion is not a Sunday garment. We can impress upon them that present-day civilization is built upon religion and the leadership of the church."

As an illustration of the clergyman's boy-leadership problem: "One minister anxious to have a troop in his church went carefully over his communion role, and confessed that he could find no one who he felt would make a suitable Scoutmaster. He was delighted when we informed him that a local training course would shortly provide him with a leader."

"Many do not realize that boys up to fourteen, and even after, are not introspective; that their instincts rebel against turning their thoughts inward and making purely spiritual decisions. Scouting offers a way of translating loyalty to God and the church into action—which the boy readily understands and responds to. This loyalty he can show, as a Scout, by faithful attendance at church and Sunday-school and by a reverent attitude while

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A MODEL TROOP HALL

INTERIOR of the Headquarters of the 1st Gananoque Troop, Ont.—the old West Ward School, leased from the School Board on nominal terms for a long period. (Exterior view was shown in the January Scout Leader.)

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The Boy That Is In You

WE think that the finest thing that has been said to Col. Lindbergh is the admonition of Dr. John H. Finley at the Civic Dinner the other evening.

"May you be true to the boy that is in you."

And we recall the legend of the mother to whom was offered any divine gift she might choose.

She answered, "Give to my child everlasting youth. I do not ask for him the everlasting aspect of youth, golden hair forever, an unwrinkled brow forever. But let him keep his simple heart until his old years. That is youth enough."

Many men kill the boy that is in them. The boy is an encumbrance. He has ideals. He is the soul of honour. He is conscience. If he is kept in a man's heart, he at times speaks up saying, "The thing that you are about to do is wrong," or "That thing is not what you were taught to do. Don't you remember?"

So the boy becomes an embarrassment to a man's success, and is killed. Sometimes in a quiet hour his spirit may return to the man's side and say to him, "I am looking for the one in whose heart I used to be."

And the man may answer, "I am the one. Don't you know me?"

But the boy says, "You are not the one. In his face was tenderness, but your face is hard. His heart was simple, but your heart is guile. On his head was the light of my mother's spirit, always following him; on your head is darkness."

—Editorial in New York Telegram.

New Decorations for B.-P.

and Hubert Martin

PRESENTATION to Sir Robert Baden-Powell of the Polish decoration of the Order of Polonia Restituta by the Minister Plenipotentiary of Poland to London, and of the American Scout decoration of the Silver Buffalo to Mr. Hubert Martin, International Commissioner of the Boy Scouts Association, by Col. John R. Thomas on behalf of the American Ambassador, were incidents of the Annual Commissioners' Dinner of the Imperial Boy Scouts Association.

One of the interesting addresses was that of Sir Atul Chatterjee, High Commissioner, British India, speaking to the toast "The Scout Movement and

the Chief Scout." Sir Atul emphasized the fact that the Movement in India was not confined to Hindus or Moslems, nor to Europeans or Anglo-Indians, but had spread among all classes and all castes. Therein, he declared, lay the great significance of the Movement, and its promise for the future.

The toast to "Our Guests" was responded to by President J. E. Beckett of the London Rotary Club.

The long list of notables present at the dinner included: Lady Baden-Powell, the Chief Guide, and Lady Delia Peel, Chief Commissioner, Girl Guides; Lord Hampton, Chief Commissioner, Boy Scouts Association; Admiral Earl Jellicoe, County Commissioner for London; Lord Waring, County Commissioner for Kent; Col. Hon. A. Hore-Ruthven, Governor and Chief Scout, South Australia; Sir Herbert Read, Governor and Chief Scout, Mauritius; Mr. A. J. Eagleston, Home Office; Sir Claude Hill, Governor and President, Isle of Man; Dr. Th. Egidius, International Commissioner, Holland; and M. Th. Sopocko, International Commissioner, Poland.



THE romance of hut building.—
Two McKellar Scouts and their
spruce home on Lake Manitou-
wabing, Ont.

Scouting a Training for Business

IN the course of an article in *The Lewisham Journal*, England, a business man, writing on the reasons why Scouting prepares a boy for a successful business career, and speaking from personal experience with Scouts, says that first and foremost he would put character. A boy trained in Scout methods can be relied upon to work when he is not watched, and to be loyal to his employer, qualities conspicuously absent in many of the younger generation.

"As Sales Manager of a firm employing a very large selling staff," he writes, "I am continually noticing that the qualities which Scouting develops are those which are most necessary for salesmen. The present school system keeps boys of each class largely in water-tight compartments. They tend to meet only boys of their own class. . . . In a good Scout Troop both classes meet and learn from one another. . . . Lastly, Scouting teaches a boy to look after his personal health, which gives him a great advantage in any work he undertakes. . . . So my advice to all parents whose sons will have to earn their livings is to make them Scouts."



Along
the
Trail

Keep the OUT in
Scouting

There are today in the British Empire 582,000 Scouts, an increase of 61,000 during the year.

The annual Ontario Conference was honoured by the presence of Dr. George J. Fisher, Deputy Chief Scout Executive of the Boy Scouts of America.

A number of troops are taking advantage of the arrangement of the loaning of moving picture films by the Parks Branch, Ottawa, outlined in the December *Scout Leader*.

What is described in *Jamboree* as an outstanding good Scout film—a strong story, and good Scouting—has been produced in France. It is titled, "Les Coeurs Heroiques."

In response to an invitation from the 1st Grenville Troop, Australia, to exchange a native wild animal skin, the 3rd Fort William Rovers have secured the pelt of a fine grey timber wolf. The pelt will be tanned and mounted before being started on its long journey to Australia.

The Third Annual Conference of Quebec Scout leaders will be held at Three Rivers, May 11 and 12. These dates were chosen to facilitate travel thither by auto. The preliminary announcement notes that all meals will be provided from Friday to Sunday morning.

All expenses of winter training courses held by Field Commissioner Kaulbach, of Nova Scotia, during 1927 were met by the institutions in connection with which they were given. These included Acadia University, Normal College and Pine Hill College.

During the season of 1926-27 a total of 707 leaders took the Part II Scoutmaster's Course at Gillwell Park or at "recognized camps" in other sections of the Old Country. Cub leaders to the number of 327 took the Cub camp course, and 65 the Rover Course. Since the opening of Gillwell Park 2,267 Scout Wood badges have been issued and 779 Cub Wood badges.

Scouts in many places took part in the memorial services for the late Field Marshal Haig. At Ottawa Patrol Leaders acted as ushers at the official service attended by the Governor General, the Prime Minister and a distinguished gathering of Dominion and foreign representatives. At Toronto Scouts lined the approaches to the City Hall and the speakers' stand, on which were Premier Ferguson, Mayor McBride and other municipal and provincial dignitaries. At Calgary Scouts ushered for the service at Canadian Legion Hall, and distributed Flanders poppies. In other centres troops attended memorial exercises in a body.

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there. The practice of giving Patrol Competition points for attendance at Sunday-school and other church services helps to keep these services in mind, and helps the boy to realize the importance placed upon religious observance by the Scout programme."

"By example Scouts can help other boys to be quiet and attentive in church and Sunday-school,—and any clergyman or Sunday-school superintendent will acknowledge that this is an important contribution."

"Rovers can help in numerous ways—in the choir, ushering, taking up offerings, taking junior boys' classes as teachers, handling sports and in other ways at annual picnics."

"The Scout's Own—or the Scout's Bible Class, with its own secretary, treasurer and other officers—helps the boys to realize that as Scouts they are a unit of the church."

"Churches frequently can co-operate in the training of leaders by providing a meeting-place; by suggesting names and helping to interest possible leaders in the taking of Scout leadership training."

Summing Up

In summing up, the Assistant Chief Commissioner stressed the fact that we have a great responsibility to the churches. "I do not think we realize to the full," he declared, "the debt we all owe to the churches, personally, and as a Movement. I do not think we realize to the full the duty we owe them as part of their organization—as the chief boys' programme in many churches; and in many cases we do not realize the debt we owe on behalf of community troops who are guests in church buildings."

He felt that the churches were looking to the Scout Movement for such help as the Movement could give them; and he was certain that positive help could be given.

"We often hear it said that the churches are discouraged. Don't forget that churches are more of a fellowship than an organization; they are composed of the people in them—you and me; all of us here."

"I wish we could say to all denominations: 'We know you are fighting a hard battle. We are behind you. We want to help you.'"

Specific Problems

Several problems in the relations between church and troop were offered for solution. One certain church had made a rule that while boys of other denominations might join their troop, they could not become Patrol Leaders,—with the result that many boys left after a year or so's membership. The answer offered was that unusual problems were to be expected occasionally; that in all cases they must be handled with patience and tact, and "not with a hammer." In the case referred to a friendly, frank talk with the church officials was suggested, and an explanation of the points of the Scouting programme affected by their rule—these points being the encouragement offered every boy by the prospect of becoming a leader, and ultimately the experience of leadership. It could also be pointed out that boys of that

denomination in many other places were enjoying the benefits of leadership in troops connected with other churches.

For the case of a church Troop Committee which gave a Scoutmaster practically no support, a similar friendly and frank discussion with the pastor was recommended, with the added suggestion, in case of unsatisfactory results, that the old committee be allowed to lapse with the expiration of the troop's present warrant, and a new committee secured and named on its re-registration. Another delegate told of a precisely similar case satisfactorily handled in this way.

Scout Pews in Churches

The good attendance at church resulting from the practice of Scouts and leaders sitting together was related by Scoutmaster Simpson of the 12th Border Cities, a Baptist Church troop which also includes boys and leaders of other denominations. It is arranged that the S.M. or one of the A.S.M.'s will always be present. The troop flag is placed at the end of one of the pews, which are recognized as reserved for Scouts. "Last Sunday morning seventeen Scouts were present. On one recent occasion when there was a somewhat slim congregation the minister began the usual announcement of the weekly troop meeting with the words, 'The Scouts—who are here in such splendid numbers this morning—will hold their usual meeting,' etc."

The Ontario Banquet Addresses

THE Ontario Conference was fortunate in having at its banquet two nationally outstanding speakers on boys' work—Judge H. S. Mott of the Juvenile Court, Toronto, and Dr. George J. Fisher, Deputy Chief Scout Executive of the Boy Scouts of America.

The Boy—Judge Mott

In an address illustrated with convincing stories out of his own experience, Judge Mott stressed the point that a boy is primarily a doer; that his happiness is found in expression. He also emphasized that the possibilities of the boy depend very largely on environment.

He hoped that no Scoutmaster would interfere repressively with a boy's pugnacious instincts. "Don't repress," he said, "give it a normal outlet in boxing and other forms of strenuous competition." Many boys find their way into court purely as the result of an outbreak against repression, he said.

Sometimes the outbreak takes the form of burglary. Judge Mott told of such a case of house-breaking, the boy later being brought into a Scout troop. One cold wet night the lad was sent out into a distant suburb, in response to a call, to collect money for fire sufferers. On realizing the kind of night, the man who had sent for a Scout to receive the donation, called the lad back and offered him 50 cents for himself. This was promptly refused, with the reply, "Please sir, this is our good turn; I cannot take anything."

Character begins to come, said Judge Mott, when you discover something in the boy, provide it expression, and the boy has the consciousness of something done.

"In leadership you have a big job," said Judge Mott in conclusion. "There is the boy, looking for your intelligent touch, your inspiration; awaiting your guidance! Know him well! Love him well! Study him well! Know the springs of action of his life!"

Dr. Fisher's Address

Dr. Fisher in a memorable inspirational address outlined an imaginary appeal for a boy's programme which should meet the boy's requirements in the most natural and effective way.

Some of these points were:

That the programme must be adapted to the boy's mental, spiritual and physical development, reactions and viewpoints,—not a man's programme cut down to boy-size; not a programme that a man wants him to want.

It must appeal to the romance in every boy.

It must challenge to vigorous endeavour.

It must include requirements that in the mastering develop character—of which character is in fact a bi-product.

It must develop health and masculinity that carry over into adult life.

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ANOTHER view of the 1st Gananoque Troop's meeting place. It was opened by the Chief Commissioner, Dr. James W. Robertson.

THE CAMP CHIEF'S PAGE

PREPARATIONS FOR CAMP

From the boy's point of view camping is the high spot in his experience as a Scout. Most Scouts look forward to the summer camp for months ahead. Scoutmasters should endeavour to capitalize this anticipation by referring frequently to the big outing.

There are many matters to be discussed and settled, such as: Location of site; securing of tents, blankets, ground sheets and other equipment. Perhaps it will be possible to hike with your Court of Honour to the proposed camp site, and to discuss even the best positions for the tents.

The Scoutmaster should keep in mind the fact that one of the key activities of Scouting is woodcraft,—and certainly the most important woodcraft accomplishment is **cooking**. So this should be done by the boys themselves; and should be mastered well ahead of time. This may be done at home and on hikes. Use the **Cooking Test Card** described in *The Scout Leader* for February. These tests will qualify each Scout to cook the following:

Oatmeal; Hunter's Stew; Potatoes (two styles); Eggs (two styles); Bacon; Beans; Bannock; Steak; Sausage; Fish; Roast or Pot-Roast; Prunes; Apricots or Dried Apples; Tea; Cocoa; Coffee.

About April you should ask the chairman of your Troop Committee to call a meeting; and you will prepare for it by making a list of the items to be discussed. These may include: Location of site and rental arrangements; purchase of tents, perhaps; testing of water supply; from whence and how will be obtained milk, eggs, fresh vegetables, meat, butter, bread, etc.

Has the troop sufficient blankets and ground sheets of its own, or will it be necessary for the Committee to secure them from the Department of National Defence? We hope many troops will find it unnecessary this year to rent either equipment or tents. We are looking forward to the day when every Canadian Scout troop will possess its own camping equipment, complete.

Finally there is the matter of camp dates with reference to your own holidays. If possible, arrange with your firm so that your vacation may cover the camping period; or arrange the camping dates to suit the convenience of your employers. If you are married, and hesitate to give up your entire vacation period to the Scout camp, perhaps you can arrange a one-week camp; or perhaps you may spend the first few days in camp, get things properly started, then leave the troop in charge of another competent person, while you take a week's holidays with your family, and return for the last few days of the camp.

THE WINTER COURSES

Scoutmaster's Indoor Training Courses: Unit 1, now running—Chatham, Ont., under District Commissioner A. S. Buesnel. Ottawa, under Assistant Chief Commissioner J. A. Stiles. Saskatoon, Sask., under Mr. S. J. Limbrey.

Projected—Regina, Sask., under Field Secretary W. J. P. Selby.

Winter Training Courses: Part III-B now running—Montreal, under Provincial Secretary E. R. Paterson.

Part II Akela: Now running—Fredericton, N.B., under Cubmaster Prof. Pugh. Calgary, under Provincial Secretary Solway and Assistant District Commissioner S. C. Scrace. Vancouver, B.C., under Mr. E. H. Milnes, Assistant District Commissioner for Wolf Cubs.

Projected—Fraser Valley and Victoria, B.C., under Assistant District Commissioner Milnes.

Vestibule Courses: Birch Hills, Sask., under S. M. Linton Tooley.



Members
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THE BOY AND THE PROGRAMME (Continued from page 63)

It must develop brotherliness.

It must be pre-vocational in emphasis, revealing glimpses of abilities which lie dormant.

It must teach appreciation of the value of money.

It must strengthen natural idealism and reverence; respect for the religious feelings of others.

It must be home-reinforcing.

There was one boy's programme that did meet all these requirements, Dr. Fisher declared,—and it was Scouting.

Seven out of twenty-five boys of all religions in the United States, Dr. Fisher went on, have had no real religious training—a serious outlook. And the home today is undergoing a great strain; it presents one of the most puzzling questions of our time.

The moving picture screen Dr. Fisher referred to as part of the boy and girl problem,—with its sophisticated presentations of all the sins of adult life, and the resulting loss of

respect of the younger for the older generation.

Speaking in general of the present-day necessities for training in good citizenship, Dr. Fisher declared that democracy "was simply an ideal, and not a reality." What was needed was a "spiritual dynamic in our so-called democracies—thinking in terms of service. Real democracy cannot be secured by oration—it must come through service."

A most interesting suggestion regarding the origin of Scouting was made by Dr. Fisher. This was that the great Movement did not really originate in Mafeking, but in Baden-Powell's own boyhood. As a lad Baden-Powell was full of interests and activities and out-of-door ingenuities; he could take any role in any game or play; he knew all about the birds and animals in his neighborhood; he loved to play Indians and Cowboys; he could track, he could "freeze" so he could not be seen.

"Scouting grew out of the life of a boy—the man gave it organization," said the American Scout leader.

Dr. Fisher suggested that Troop Committees should consist of the fathers of Scouts. He told of a Montana troop of Scout dads who met separately on the same night and did the same work as that carried out by their Scout sons. He told of the mothers of another troop who wore ribbons representing the ranks of their several boys. This helped materially to maintain progress in the troop.

Reverting to the questions of the modern home and democracy, Dr. Fisher quoted former Ambassador Bryce as stating that democracy was a failure in American cities, and his own fear that this was true.

"I would be discouraged," he said, "if it were not for the Boy Scout Movement. So let us be thoughtful and careful," he concluded, "let us lead on."

The Value of Cubbing to Scouting Cubmaster T. J. Miller at the Manitoba Conference

NOW I would like to remind you single Scouters especially that it's a man size job to bring up a family of boys, if the lads are to do you credit. But when one undertakes to handle a whole pack of young rascals, with their manifold dispositions, it isn't by any means "mere child's play."

As for the Cub, I'd go further. I am prepared to state quite emphatically that it is harder for a lad of eight to ten to be a good Cub, than for a boy of twelve to fourteen to become a good Scout.

It should be remembered that the Scout Laws hold a decidedly romantic appeal, embodying as they do honour, courage, endurance, and chivalry,—ideas to which the average lad of Scout age responds with but little hesitation. There is a certain glamour and sense of heroism about the thought of treading in the footsteps of the knights of old that appeals to his instincts, whether he has previously been a Cub or has joined his troop as just an "ordinary" boy.

Contrast this with the position of the little chap of eight who presents himself for admission to a Cub Pack.

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❖ Scouting from Coast to Coast ❖

THE Beavers of the 2nd Sherbrooke were given an extra 50 points in the weekly Patrol Competition for Dominion Registration fees paid.

Over a ton of newspapers and magazines was collected and sold by the Soongy-Tay-Ay Pack, Winnipeg, and the funds invested in boxing gloves.

A Rover Twig-Alphabet Competition

The Kincardine Rovers are going strong in a patrol Twig-Alphabet Competition. One point is given for each letter secured (each Rover being limited to ten letters), and five points given for each letter which is accepted for the troop alphabet board. The diameter of twigs was fixed at ¼ inch.

As a variation of the game "The Sleeping Pirate," the 7th Chatham substituted a small hand-bell for the knife,—their headquarter's floor being of cement. It requires a steady hand to secure the bell without detection.

At a Court of Honour of the St. George's Troop, Saint John, N.B., the suggestion was made that the Assistant Scoutmasters take turns at preparing the weekly meeting programme.

As shown in the provincial Annual Report for Nova Scotia, more than 50,000 trees were planted last summer in the Provincial Scout Reforestation project.

Morse signalling, a friction fire contest, a Scouting quiz and some new games were the announced items of a meeting of the 2nd Sherbrooke.

At the monthly social evening of the 2nd Chatham the "feed" is provided by the two patrols standing lowest in the patrol competition.

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Winnipeg Scouts Voted This a "Real Day"

Troops of the Centre-East district of Winnipeg held a treasure hunt hike on the first Saturday of February. Each troop was provided with a rough sketch map of the course. Incidental to the supper, fire-making and cooking tests were given, and on the return journey, tracking. The evening wound up at St. Mark's Parish Hall, with inter-troop games, refreshments and a

A model making contest was held by the Deer Lodge Pack, Winnipeg, during February.

The Mothers' Auxiliary of the 1st Sherbrooke Troop at its annual meeting heard full reports of the troop and pack and elected officers for the ensuing year. The auxiliary meets every other Wednesday.

Latest Missionary Troops—7th and 33rd Hamiltons

A combined party of Scouts from the 7th and 33rd Hamilton Troops, under District Secretary Frame and Scoutmasters Allan and Weston, journeyed to Smithville to help organize a troop in that place. The visiting Scouts paraded to the Fire Hall, where the Scout meeting was demonstrated. Later refreshments were served by the ladies of the Presbyterian church.

A winter rule of the 1st Chatham requires that the Duty Patrol light the troop room stove before 6 o'clock on meeting night.

St. Mary's Troop, Victoria, held a regular weekly meeting at Church House, St. Paul's, Esquimalt, as a demonstration meeting for the newly formed Esquimalt Troop. Both troops joined in the games.

Try This Scout Quiz

A Scouting quiz of the 2nd Sherbrooke, given without warning at a regular meeting: "Of what value is the Scout's pace?" "What are the two principal things to remember in tying knots when rendering first aid?" "Write the Scout sign for 'Letter hidden 5 paces in the direction of the arrow.'" "Give a Scout Law that speaks about the health of a Scout." "What is the compass point opposite north north-west?"

The 29th Border Cities (Sandwich) Troop now has an active Mother's Auxiliary. New games played at each meeting are chosen and supervised by Patrol Leaders.

A skating carnival held by the 1st Brandon Troop on their own rink realized \$23.20. Prizes were given for novel costumes, and to the winners of the keenly contested races a hot dog and cup of coffee were given.

Up From the A.C.C.'s Old Troop

An interesting fact noted by the *Fredericton Gleaner* in connection with the first banquet of the 7th Fredericton (St. Paul's United) Pack was that Cubmaster Styran was one of the original members of the 1st Fredericton Scout Troop, organized before the war by John A. Stiles, then Dean of Engineering at University of New Brunswick. (It may also be noted that Fredericton's present District Cubmaster is Prof. R. Pugh of the University staff.)

The Scout Mothers' Club of the 1st Galt invited the mothers of Preston Scouts to attend one of their meetings.



First All-Quebec Gillwell, Lake Tamaracouta, 1927.

The Medicine Hat Jamboree

The Medicine Hat Winter Jamboree, participated in by 150 Scouts and Cubs, proved an entertaining and effective presentation of Scouting activities. During the evening Dr. J. S. McLeod, President of the Rotary Club, awarded a generous list of prizes won in connection with the Scout fall Field Day. Members of the various Troop Committees were present, and President Williams outlined the activities planned for the coming season.

The 17th Hamilton (St. Alban's) Court of Honour visited the 15th Troop on its regular meeting night.

All Two-Star Cubs of St. Mary's North Pack, Victoria, received a copy of the 1928 Diary.

"More Good Turns and Equipment"

"The local troop has more Good Turns to its credit this year, and its equipment has been added to, but it is expected that greater expansion will be made this season." From a report of the Annual Meeting of the Melville, Sask., Local Association.

council fire.

Constable Fred Jarvis, R.C.M.P., at Lethbridge, Alta., an old 27th Toronto boy who joined the Mounties last year, has started a troop and pack with 25 boys in the former and 20 in the latter.

Halifax troops are competing for the Pickwick Cup, to be awarded for general advancement in Scout work. The cup was donated by a group of American Scouts who visited Halifax last summer while enroute to England.

5th Niagara Falls' Big Evening

Some two hundred persons, including members of the Board of Aldermen and Education, several clergymen and representatives of the Y. and the Tuxis Parliament, attended the banquet of the 5th Niagara Falls Troop held in the basement of Kitchener Street United Church. The other local Scout troops also were represented, and Troop 3 of Niagara Falls, New York. As part of the programme a flag was presented to the 5th by the Men's Club of the church. The banquet was served by the Ladies' Guild, on tables decorated in the troop colours.

When the 1st Edmonton Troop visited the 2nd on their meeting night, the different patrols of the 1st were divided among those of the 2nd for patrol corners work.

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Saint John District Honour Flag to Rothesay Troop

A gold Thanks Badge was presented by the troop to E. W. Johnson, chairman of the Rothesay, N.B., Troop Committee, in appreciation of his many services. Assistant District Commissioner Choppin presented the troop with the Saint John District flag and honour scroll. The flag was one of five awarded for excellence in different departments of Scouting.

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Occasional meetings of the 2nd Border Cities Troop are handled by Patrol Leaders. At a previous meeting certain P.L.'s are designated to act as S.M., A.S.M., and T.L.

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At a social evening of the 13th Vancouver Troop, a number of the boys qualified for the Entertainer's badge.

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15th Windsor Demonstrates Auto-Accident First Aid

First aid in the case of auto accidents was one of the principal items of an exhibition given before a large audience by the 15th Border Cities Troop and Cub Pack of St. Alphonsus Church, Windsor. The concluding item, following a camp fire scene, was the presentation to the troop of a new stand of colours by Rev. Fr. Fogarty. The colours were the gift of the Catholic Women's League.

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At a Court of Honour meeting of the 7th Border Cities, which included a number of Troop Committeemen, activities for the year were outlined. It was decided that at each meeting of the year a new game should be played.

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A carpentry bench was presented to the 1st Bracebridge Troop, Ont., by their Troop Committee.

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Another Top-Notch Winter Hike

Long distance Morse signalling was a feature of a snowshoe and ski hike of the 6th Sherbrooke Troop. Fire-making and Second and First Class cooking tests were passed and tracking practiced. The trailmakers showed great cleverness in hiding their tracks, and at one place baffled their pursuers for a time by going up a lumber road ahead of a team of horses. On the way home a game of "Fox and Geese" was played.

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In aid of the 1st Comber Troop, Ont., members of the local I.O.D.E. arranged a Bake Sale, the proceeds from which will go toward the purchase of equipment.

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Thirty-four Cubs of the Deer Lodge Pack, Winnipeg, were present at a lantern slide talk on wild animals by Principal Sadler of Daniel McIntyre School.

16th Toronto's Page in Bonar Presbyterian Printed Report

A page of the printed annual report booklet of Bonar Presbyterian Church, Toronto, is devoted to the activities of the 16th Toronto Troop and Pack. It is noted that both Scoutmaster James S. Roe and Cubmaster Jack Dickson came up from the Cubs.

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At the last monthly pow-wow of the Sherbrooke District Leaders' Council, Scoutmaster Muzzey of the 1st Troop (bilingual) asked for another French-speaking assistant. It was hoped to secure a volunteer from Toc H.

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The 13th Saint John Young Judaea Troop now has its Rover Patrol, of seven members.

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Montreal Going Strong on Singing

Montreal is setting a good example in the matter of Scout singing. To facilitate the practices of the Rover choir a piano has been installed at Headquarters. It is planned to include a singing period in the programme of each monthly meeting of the Scout Officer's Club.



A popular Patrol Leader of the 1st Oakville.

It was decided by the 20th Border Cities Troop that no Scout could attend next summer's camp unless he had attained Second Class rank.

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The 25th Hamilton under Scoutmaster Cherrier gave a demonstration of Scout fire drill at the Safety League Convention held at the Connaught Hotel, Hamilton, February 15th.

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P.L.'s Like This—And It Helps

Eighty-six Vancouver P.L.'s sat down to a "bun feed" at St. Paul's Parish Hall, discussed activities for the coming year and heard an address on the first part of the Scout promise—"Duty to God"—by Rev. H. G. King, Chaplain of the 6th Troop.

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The P.L.'s and Seconds of the 6th St. Catharines have been formed into a Leaders' Patrol, for instructional purposes, with Scoutmaster Atkey as P.L.

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A Sydney, Australia, Scout, L. H. Taylor, was a visitor of the 33rd Winnipeg Cub Pack, to whom he spoke of camp life in Australia.

Inter-Troop Visiting in the Niagara Fruit Belt

The famous Niagara fruit district has become one of the most active Scouting districts in Ontario. A fine spirit of co-operation between the various communities has been largely responsible for this, with visits of older to newer troops. One of these was the recent visit of 20 members of the 1st Niagara Falls to the new troop at Chippewa, where they gave a demonstration of first aid work, signalling, etc.

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A successful joint entertainment was given by St. Mary's Troop and Cub Pack, Victoria, B.C. The Cubs put on the play "Wolf Cubs to the Rescue," and demonstrated a number of Cub games.

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Following a short troop meeting the 23rd Border Cities hiked to Walkerville and visited the Fire Department, then Neal's Bakery.

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Try Your Chaplain at a Council Fire

The council fire period of a January meeting of the St. George's Troop, Saint John, N.B., was taken by the rector, Rev. John Unsworth. Each boy was called upon for a brief impromptu speech.

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In each Six corner of the 1st Chatham Pack a Wolf head has been erected.

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Hamilton Scouts Lift Auto From Ditch

While in Smithville to demonstrate Scouting in connection with the organization of a troop, Hamilton Scouts found an opportunity of demonstrating a Good Turn when a farmer's auto backed into a deep ditch. Sixteen husky lads lifted the car bodily and placed it back on the road.

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Winnipeg troops and packs were as busy as usual with winter scouting sports.

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Another Good Scout News Column

One of the new Scout Column papers is the Kincardine News, which added the feature Feb. 1 with a column and a half of matter headed by the "Hiking Rover" cut.

The Scout column of the Kincardine Review-Reporter is using miniature Scout-crest cuts to separate its items.

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St. Paul's Troop, of Saint John, N.B., paid a surprise meeting night visit to Trinity Troop. A series of games were played and a council fire held.

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The first aid team of the 6th Border Cities Troop journeyed to Police Headquarters, Windsor, where an examination was successfully passed.

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Winnipeg Rovers to Assist Other Troops

A composite troop of Winnipeg Rovers has been formed with the object of holding a monthly get-together, and to encourage and qualify Rovers to perform definite service to some troop other than their own, at least once a month. Mr. A. K. Harvey is chairman of the Court of Honour and Messrs. J. K. Sparling, E. H. Davison and E. F. Mills are instructors.

Outside speakers have been addressing the 1st Galt Troop at every second meeting during the winter. One of the recent talks, by Mr. W. D. E. Donaldson of the Collegiate Institute, concerned aviation.

For an inspection of the 10th Edmonton, Scoutmaster Foley disarranged several items of his uniform, and gave points to patrols noticing the errors.

Halifax P.L.'s Confer

The Patrol System and its necessity to success in carrying out the Scouting programme was one of the subjects discussed at the annual conference of Halifax District Patrol Leaders, held in St. Paul's Hall. The discussion was led by P. L. Thompson of the 17th Halifax. Another interesting paper was that on "The World-Wide Brotherhood," by P. L. Beazley of the 8th Halifax. Aspects of Sea Scouting, Rovering and Cubbing were discussed. The conference concluded with a banquet, the speaker being Rev. John Mutch of Fort Massey United Church.

Members of the Bobwhite Patrol of the 13th Border Cities made a large

and boys. Following the cutting of the birthday cake Scout silence was observed. Twenty-five dollars was realized for camp funds.

A new troop flag was presented to the 6th Border Cities Troop by Rev. Mr. Hartley of St. Aidan's church.

Scout hockey was as popular as ever during the winter. One of the largest district leagues was reported from Edmonton, with teams representing eleven troops.

A Well Planned Banquet at Pelly, Sask.

A Scouts', Cubs' and Fathers' banquet held in Memorial Hall, Pelly, Sask., was made interesting with addresses by N. M. Campbell, M.P., Hon. C. P. B. Dundas, and Revs. F. S. Smith and E. M. Graham and several of the Scouts and Cubs. At the annual meeting following the banquet Principal C. Parkinson of the Pelly school was elected President of the Local Association.

The 1st Niagara Falls includes in its equipment two excellent stretchers made by the boys of tent canvas.

One of the important hike objectives of the 1st Ste. Annes, Que.



blackboard for the troop headquarters, and received extra competition points for their enterprise.

A very interesting talk on the Bible, illustrated with lantern slides, was given St. George's Troop, Saint John, N.B., by Rev. W. A. Robbins, former pastor of the Ludlow St. Baptist Church.

Scouts of the 2nd London, Ont., visited and entertained the patients of Parkwood Hospital for the Incurables.

Colours were presented to the 1st Burnaby Troop, B.C., by Mr. Wm. Wright at a special church service at Jubilee United Church attended by the local Guides and Brownies. Rev. Frank Hardy spoke on "Young Men Seeing Visions."

Scouts and Mothers Share Games and Songs

At a birthday party given the 3rd Border Cities Troop and Pack by the Mothers' Auxiliary, songs and games were participated in by both parents

The comedies "An Awkward Squad" and "Oh, Doctor," put on by St. Luke's Scouts, Fort William, much amused a good-sized audience at Parish Hall.

Tests, a Snowball Fight, a Sing-Song

A winter tramp to the woods, the passing of fire-making tests, a snowball fight and a snapshot competition, games, a tramp back and refreshments and sing-song at the home of Scoutmaster Hansell made up a full afternoon for the 22nd Winnipeg (St. John's Cathedral).

The Middlesex Regiment Band provided the music when Strathroy Scouts and Cubs paraded to the local United Church for divine service. Rev. G. T. Watts delivered an interesting address on the ideals of the Scout organization.

The 1st Allandale Troop, Ont., was presented with a Union Jack by the local branch of the Sons of England, and the 2nd Kitchener a flag from the Canadian Legion.

New Manitoba Troops

A new troop and pack is being organized at Neepawa, Man., under the leadership of Dr. W. E. Fraillford and W. J. Bradley. At Winnipeg Scoutmaster R. Woodcock of the 49th Troop is organizing a new troop and pack at Rosedale United Church. At Robertson Memorial Pack a new troop, the 64th Winnipeg is being organized.

A troop for blind boys and a pack for crippled boys of Cub age are being organized in Vancouver.

6th St. Catharines Chaplain Invested

Rev. Canon Riley, of St. George's Anglican church, St. Catharines, was duly invested as a Scout at a regular meeting of the church troop, the 6th, by Assistant District Commissioner Gratton, who then presented him with the Chaplain's badge.

50th Toronto's Scouty Dance Decorations

For the annual dance given by the leaders of the 50th Toronto the ballroom was decorated in the troop colours and one end of the room transformed into a realistic Scout camp, with the troop totem pole, and Indians teaching Scouts to make bows and arrows. At the buffet supper smaller Scouts assisted.

A totem pole carving competition of the 1st Chilliwack Troop, B.C., produced five excellent poles.

For a highly successful banquet of the 1st and 2nd Truro Troops, attended by 100 boys and committeemen, patrol tables were designated by mounted birds loaned for the occasion.

An Impressive Colours Dedication

A column and a half of space was given by the Niagara Falls Evening Review to a report of the dedication of the colours of the 1st Niagara Falls Troop at Drummond Hill Presbyterian Church, and the address of Rev. Dr. Robert Johnson of St. Catharines. Following an introductory address by Mayor H. P. Stephens, the coming of the colour party was announced by three knocks at the church door. There the party was received by Rev. Bertram Nelles, the Troop Chaplain, and A.S.M. Dr. Lloyd Jones. At the altar the Scoutmaster, Dr. Smith, presented the colours to the chaplain who consecrated them to the service of God.

A whist drive and dance held in Masonic Hall contributed to the troop funds of the 1st Kamloops, B.C.

Rover Mate Ralph Rogers, of the 10th Calgary, was re-elected president of the Calgary Boys' and Girls' Fair for 1928.

Memorial Plaque for Fredericton Leader

With a most impressive service and in the presence of the Scouts of the 3rd Fredericton Troop and many local Scout leaders and friends, an oak plaque in memory of Scoutmaster "Andy" Douglass, who was accidentally killed last year in British Columbia, was unveiled in Parish Hall,

Fredericton. Scoutmaster Douglass was the first local leader to come up from the ranks, was Fredericton's first Gillwellian, and an outstanding figure in all out-of-door activities. The service was directed by Gillwellians the Rev. A. F. Bate and Commissioner Bull, and Scoutmaster Wetmore, and was concluded with the Lord's Prayer, the Scout Silence and the National Anthem.

Annual Meeting Notes

THE Provincial President, Jackson Dodds, was chairman of the Winnipeg gathering. Mr. P. G. Cherry, Honorary Provincial Secretary, directed the opening session of the Ontario Conference. Provincial President J. W. Mitchell presided at the annual meeting and banquet.

The Winnipeg programme included an address on the "International Aspect of Scouting" by L. H. Taylor, late of Sydney, Australia. During an address on "Scouting and Other Boys' Organizations," Scoutmaster G. A. Jackson of Dauphin told of a successful combined camp of boys of Scout, Tuxis and Trail Ranger units.

Provincial Commissioner F. Stanley Long expressed himself as much gratified at the steady growth of the Movement in Manitoba. The report showed a total membership of 5,191, with a leader to every 12 Scouts.

The Ontario report showed the issuing of 4,106 Tenderfoot and 2,364 Tenderpad buttons during the year. The total membership on Oct. 31st, 1927, was 18,917. Camping reports received for 1927 showed 7,637 boys in 207 camps—"without a single serious accident reported."

Most cordial hospitality was extended visiting delegates at Peterborough. A number of well-known manufacturing concerns invited the visitors to inspect their plants, including De Laval, Quaker Oats and the Peterborough Canoe Company. A motion picture film of a motorboat trip from Georgian Bay to Lake Ontario, through the Trent Valley canal, was shown by the Peterborough Chamber of Commerce. The week's meeting of the Kiwanis Club was made a Scout luncheon, with Assistant Chief Commissioner John A. Stiles as speaker.

THE VALUE OF CUBBING TO SCOUTING

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He is essentially a young animal, full of animal spirit and propensities. It is the most natural thing in the world for him to kick over the traces. He is brimfull of faults and failings, to use the terms invariably applied by the mere grown-up. Bragging, showing off, mischief, destructiveness, carelessness and especially disobedience are some of the traits that are his by nature. He is an individualist, usually an out and out egotist, and never so happy as when he is having things all his own way.

And what is the first thing that looms up on his childish horizon after the first two or three meetings? He is told that before he can become a Wolf Cub he is expected to promise to do his best to Obey the Law of the Wolf Cub Pack, that the Cub gives in

to the Old Wolf, that the Cub does NOT give in to himself. He is reminded that it will be a hard fight sometimes to keep that promise; that it will be difficult very often not to give in to himself. I wonder how many Scouters who have not had experience with Cubs realize really how formidable this must appear to the child of eight. How diametrically opposed to his essential nature! And yet the Chief, with the rare insight into the true character of the average child, has made obedience the fundamental ele-

A Composite Four-Night Troop Programme

- 7.30 Patrol Corners; roll call, dues. Points off for late-comers.
- 7.35 Flag Break. O Canada. General Inspection (points for attendance, general appearance, Sunday-school and Church attendance).^{*} Special Inspection—^{*}
 - (a) Garter tabs.
 - (b) Hair (chiefly for length).
 - (c) Finger nails of left hand.
 - (d) Teeth.
- 7.45 Live Game—(Freeze)^{*}
 - (a) Variation of Crows and Cranes.
 - (b) Poison Circle.^{*}
 - (c) Patrol Bottle Ball.^{*}
 - (d) Foot in the Ring.^{*}
- 7.55 Patrol Corners. Test and Badge work as arranged by Court of Honour. (Freeze)^{*}
- 8.10 Quiet Game—
 - (a) Ship's Alphabet.
 - (b) Checker Relay.
 - (c) Sleeping Pirate.
 - (d) Knot Baseball.
- 8.20 Signalling. Messages and Relays in Morse and Semaphore.^{*}
- 8.30 (a,b) Ice accident drill.^{*} (c,d) Tracking problems.^{*}
- 8.40 (a) Hand Signals.^{*} (b) First Aid demonstration by S.M. of green stick fracture. (c) Scout Law Charade.^{*} (d) Winter Tent-Pitching.^{*}
- 8.50 Council Fire; Songs. S.M.'s Five. Round singing. Announcements. Scout Silence. Repeat Promise. First meeting of month, repeat Scout Laws. Name Duty Patrol. King. Lower Flag. Dismiss. Court of Honour.

^{*}Patrol Competition.

mentary principle,—yes the very foundation upon which Cubbing is built.

It was a bold step to be sure, for obedience is by no means a popular thing with small boys. It holds out no hint of romance, and in the common acceptance of the word is the least likely thing to appeal to his childish mind.

But is our prospective Tenderpad deterred from joining the ranks of the great brotherhood on this account? He is not! Does he get cold feet and back down when he finds out what Cubbing requires of him? He does not!

With one hand on the Flag, and two stiff little fingers held manfully at the salute, he stands alone before his Cubmaster and promises to do his best to obey the Law,—promises with a sincerity that none who hear can doubt. It is a solemn occasion for our little brother, and no one realizes better than he the seriousness of the step he has taken. And yet all over the world there has sprung up a great army of children who are looking upon obedience to the Cub Law as a worthy and reasonable ideal,—and obedience, mark you, for its own sake.

I would say that there is only one true relationship of Cubbing to Scouting,—the relationship that our beloved Chief himself intended, the relationship of the Younger Brother; and I would urge that Scouters generally should endeavour to get a deeper understanding of Cub work, its aims and objects, if not its methods, and each in his own way extend his sympathy to and show a real and practical interest in the Cubs who are running with the Pack through the jolly green lanes of the Jungle until they are old enough to step out on to the highway that leads to young manhood, and able to take their place in the troop; always remembering that—

As the creeper encircleth the tree trunk,

The Law runneth forward and back:

For the strength of the Pack is the Troop

And the strength of the Troop is the Pack.

And after all, good Scouting is simply good living, life lived in a really common-sense jolly sort of way. We are doing all we can in the limited time at our disposal to make Cubbing a preparation for the Scout life. In so far as we are able to accomplish this, our aim, we are doing a work of real and lasting value for Scouting. We take the lad at the most impressionable age of his life, and by means of game and story, precept, and we hope, example, we endeavour to plant the seed that is to be harvested perhaps years later. How soon we cannot say, but by the unerring law of cause and effect, sooner or later the results will be manifest, as surely as the harvest follows seed time.

Story-Telling for Cubs (At the Ontario Conference)

ONE of the interesting Cubbing sessions of the Ontario Conference was that devoted to story-telling demonstrations led by Miss E. F. Glover of the Ontario Provincial Staff, assisted by District Cub Commissioner Eagar of Ottawa, Executive Commissioner O'Callaghan of Toronto and the Assistant Chief Commissioner.

In opening the session Miss Glover used a series of match stick "motion pictures," after the style of Gluyas Williams the cartoonist. The pictures represented a Cubmaster preparing a story for his pack—the search through his library, the discovery, the reading, leaning back in his chair and visualizing the various characters so that he might graphically picture them in the telling, etc.

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If the Cubmaster is merely satisfied when his Cubs have learned to tie their knots, and lets it go at that, he has killed the romance of the knot, and has lost a lot of fun.

Having taught the boy his knots, he should keep him at it, but in a way he will enjoy. A Cubmaster may say to his Pack, "You must learn to tie a Reef Knot." They learn quickly; then he may say, "Pack, tie a Reef Knot." After he has said this several times the Pack get fed up and say they don't want to tie a Reef Knot. But ask them to tie up a parcel, using a Reef Knot, in competition with the other Sixes; or, better yet, to "tie up a Wild Elephant and drag him home to their den."

Well, you wouldn't imagine the difference if you haven't tried it!

For the Reef Knot

Parcel Race—Each Six is given paper and cord, and something with which to make a bulky parcel. As soon as parcelled and tied, the package is tossed from one to another down the line of Cubs. The parcel that stands this best, the knot being correctly tied, wins.

Capturing Elephants—Each boy is given a piece of rope of the same length. At the opposite end of the room place a chair for each Six. The chairs are Wild Elephants wandering in the Jungle. On the word go, each Sixer runs to tie up his elephant. He finds his rope too short, so shouts for help and more rope. At this signal

Knot Games for Wolf Cubs

the rest of the Six rush to his aid. In order they join their ropes to his, using a Reef Knot, and all drag the Elephant to their den (the starting point). The first Six back with its Elephant wins, all knots being correctly tied. If the knot is wrong the Elephant of course escapes.

Fisherman's Knot

Life-Line Rescue—We are on the beach, all with our pieces of rope of different thicknesses, when we see a boat capsized. Being an organized body, we decide that each Six shall rescue one person. The Sixers being the leaders, are chosen to wade out to the rescue. We had been on a fishing expedition, and had been caught in several showers, therefore the ropes were wet.

At the word go, the ropes are joined together by the Fisherman's Knot, and when they are tied, away goes the Sixer after his object,—which might be a cap or anything placed at a given spot. First home with the object wins. If not tied correctly the Sixer has been washed out to sea. This game suggests variations.

Sheet Bend

Shipwreck—One Six represents a number of boats which have been floating about the ocean, having put away from a sinking vessel. The passengers in the boats are too exhausted to help themselves, so the mate (Sixer)

of the other Six, who represents the rescuing ship, tells off one seaman to swim to each boat, to tie them together for towing. Now, each boat has a thin rope for'ard (in front) and a loop of thicker rope aft tied to their belts. The sea is fairly rough, and tying the boats together is a bit of a difficulty. (To make the sea rough the "boats" are allowed to bob about, up and down, providing they don't move their hands and feet.) The rescuers tie the boats together with a Sheet Bend. The game is played by the watch, the Sixes then changing over. If the rope is not bent on correctly, one or more of the boats may be lost, which of course means marks off. —Condensed from an article by "Ausie" in The Scouter's Gazette, Australia.

A New Cub Flag Game

AS a new flag game Cubs of the 1st Sherbrooke Pack were set the task of assembling variously cut pieces of coloured paper so as to form the Union Jack. In deciding the winner, speed and neatness were considered, as well as replies to questions put concerning certain details of the flag. As a further test the pieces were assembled by Akela, and an apparently perfect flag made. One or two pieces were misplaced, however, and the Cubs were asked to identify and point out these.

An Example of Good Newspaper Ad. Publicity

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RULES OF CONTEST

1.—Each entry must be addressed to the Brandon "Scout" Box 2, Brandon, and must be in the hands of the Scout Association, Fri. 11:30 a.m. 1928.

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HENCE OUR SHOW

What is Scouting? Scouting is character-building recreational education carried on to a large extent in the great healthy school of the Out-of-Doors. To carry out a program which will give the boys of Brandon this education it is necessary for the local association to augment their funds from time to time. They have, however, adopted the policy during the post-war days of refraining from asking for public subscriptions. They are endeavoring to raise funds to carry on by giving first class entertainment for the money they are asking the citizens to invest in their work. This time they come back with two nights of vicious comedy when they present Buster Keaton in "Batling Butler," augmented by Brandon's best in concert talent.

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THE balance of the page included the Scout Promise, the Scout Laws, and other briefly presented information concerning the Scout Movement and Programme. The cost of the page was covered by the incidental advertisements.

❖ The Scoutmaster's Five Minutes ❖

Earl Haig

IT will be a matter of sorrowful pride to all Scouts and leaders that the last public appearance of the late Field Marshal Earl Haig, his last quoted public remarks, and the last picture taken of him by a newspaper photographer, were associated with Scouting. The historic occasion was his last visit to the 20th Richmond Troop and Wolf Cub Pack—"Earl Haig's Own"—at Cardigan House, Richmond Hill, England. The widely published picture shows the Field Marshal holding the hand of a small Cub, with a large group of Scouts and Cubs gathered closely around him.

Earl Haig will be remembered first as a great soldier. We, in Scouting will also remember him as Earl Haig, the Scout—the true Scout in his never-failing kindly thoughtfulness for others.

The story of a Canadian soldier, Private F. J. Diver, which appeared in a letter in the *Norfolk Reformer*, of Simcoe, Ont., significantly illustrates this side of Earl Haig's character.

A Scout Is Thoughtful

The platoon to which Private Diver belonged, just out of the trenches behind Ypres, was on its way to the battalion base, when it was halted midway and ordered to fall in with the rest of the battalion for inspection of the brigade by Sir Douglas Haig.

"Every effort was made for a hurried clean-up, which could not be very effective under the circumstances. To make matters worse, our platoon commander, a not very important looking officer, although a very nice man, had had the misfortune to burn a great hole in his cloth cap, and could not get another. Altogether we looked and felt a very rough lot for a first-class parade.

"Anyhow, we fell in, and in due course along came the general, with half-a-dozen staff officers and our colonel, sweeping down the line. Apparently Sir Douglas took very little notice of uniforms until he arrived at rusty No. 4 Platoon A. C., 20th Batt. Then at a sign from the general the whole cavalcade halted.

"But it was not to reprimand us. Sir Douglas asked for an introduction to our subaltern who was stationed immediately in front of me. The colonel gave his name to the general, and Sir Douglas leaning from the side of his horse, shook hands in a very friendly manner, immediately placing the officer on "easy-street." After a few kindly remarks, he wished him good fortune and passed on.

"This may seem a very slight incident, but to my idea—the general's eye had immediately caught the defects of the platoon, his mind had been equally swift to diagnose the situation, and out of goodness of heart he had hastened to relieve our discomfort at being improperly dressed on parade. The platoon was 'chin-up' with the notice taken of it, and we were 30 very happy boys on dismissal."

The Prince a "Friend to Animals"

THE Prince of Wales, the world's most popular young man, has once again scorned public opinion and disregarded the conventions. He refused to attend a bullfight which was to be staged in his honour, and incidentally administered a stinging rebuke to bullfight promoters.

The Prince was on a visit to the Spanish royal family; a bullfight must be arranged in his honour. The proposal was broached to the British Ambassador at Madrid, who with an understanding of the Prince's tastes, advised against it. But the promoters went ahead. It was fixed for one day, then postponed, and finally abandoned.

The Prince of Wales declined to attend. According to the *Seville* correspondent of the *New York Times* it was "because of his own and his countrymen's love for horses," but both the *Times* and the *London Daily Express* give an additional reason—the Prince knew enough about bullfights. He had once attended one unofficially at San Sebastian, and decided never to see another. The *Times* says "he did not like it, despite all its pageantry; and he is willing to



Calling back boy days, and enjoying it surprisingly. "Octopus Tag" at the 1927 Maritime Gillwell. (Several of them were clergymen, several public and high school teachers, two accountants, one an undertaker, one a manufacturer, and so on.)

risk Spanish disapproval and disappointment in the knowledge that his own horse-loving people will support his decision enthusiastically."

He refused to go, hence there was no bullfight. The whole world knows about it now. His action is in keeping with the words he uttered while on a visit to the United States—"No man can be a true sportsman if he is unkind to dumb animals."

Americans will applaud the following cablegram which the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, through the British Embassy at Madrid, sent to the Prince:

"The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals extends its cordial congratulations to your Royal Highness for declining, according to press dispatches from Seville today, to attend a bullfight arranged in your honour. Your disapproval of a cruel sport, involving, as it does, your own fine spirit of humaneness, does honour to your post as President of the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, and will be a powerful and wide-spread incentive to the cause of kindness to animals."

—The National Humane Review.

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Miss Glover also demonstrated the blackboard illustrating of the story during the telling, with the pictures of "Happy John," "Happy John's Mother," the "Smiling House," the "Gloomy House," etc.

"As a variation, certain of the boys might be called upon to help. You may come to a dog in the story: 'Who would like to draw a dog?' . . . 'Who can draw Happy John's Mother?'"

A hint offered was "to tell a new story first to an imaginary circle of boys."

"And before repeating an old story, refresh your memory if you wish to avoid some of the boys interrupting to point out details not as previously told."

District Cub Commissioner Eagar of Ottawa illustrated the telling of the first Jungle story.

Inventing stories impromptu was a contribution of the Assistant Chief Commissioner, who outlined certain principles which he had learned through inventing stories for his own children.

It is not as hard as some of you may think. True, the mind always balks; but plunge in, and something will come.

"Chain stories" are popular, and readily told after a little practice. For these, certain paraphernalia are required. Illustrations: The (magic) Red Sandals, which, on repeating a certain magic verse, would carry one of the boys (always the same boy—they were his sandals) to all sorts of distant scenes of adventure. The Tattered Shawl, which concealed the wearer, permitting him to go unseen into all sorts of places and play all sorts of pranks on other boys. The Horn of Discord. Blown at one end, it created indescribable confusion in the school room or on the street, and blown from the other end instantly turned everyone concerned into extravagant demonstrations of affection. The Mystery House—with all sorts of secret doors, passages within the walls, tunnels, etc.

Make some of the boys—the Sixers, perhaps—the main figures in your story. Make them a little older than they are—but not too old. Otherwise they cannot visualize themselves in their story roles.

They love to be represented as experts—and here we have the practical suggestive value of story-telling—expert swimmers, expert football players, fast runners, wonderful jumpers; always courageous, and always staying with a thing until they win through.

Commissioner O'Callaghan told of the realism to the Cub of jungle stories. After telling a jungle wolf story he asked several boys of a pack whether they had ever seen wolves or other jungle animals. One little chap replied with entire seriousness, "Oh, lots of them. I used to live in the jungle. Once I was chased by a bear, and ran and climbed up a tree."

Discussion developed the point that Cub stories should contain nothing which might suggest to them the attempting of something dangerous.

Scouting's Promotion of World Botherhood

A number of interesting and appreciative letters were read by Sir Robert Baden-Powell at the recent Annual Meeting of the Council of the Boy Scouts Association held at Imperial Headquarters. That from H. M. the King spoke of the "promotion of International Brotherhood":

In thanking the Headquarters Council for their kind messages of loyalty and devotion as Patron of the Boy Scouts Association, I warmly congratulate all who have co-operated in the development of the splendid work which you initiated. Indeed as your report shows the Association's efforts have not been in vain; the enrolment of millions of the youth of the world inspired by the high and healthy ideals of the Movement is in itself a triumphant advance towards the promotion of International Brotherhood.

GEORGE R.I.

Scouting in Most of the Public Schools

The Prince of Wales wrote:

I send my best wishes to all present at the Annual Meeting of the Headquarters Council, and am delighted to learn, from the Annual Report, of the steady progress made by the Movement as shown by an increase, in the British Empire, of 61,000 on last year's numbers.

I am specially pleased to hear that Scouting is now adopted in most of the Public Schools. This is a step that will be of the greatest assistance in ensuring a supply of public school men as Scoutmasters in the future.

Yours sincerely,

EDWARD P.

Scouting's Appeal to Manly Instincts

From H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, former Chief Scout for Canada:

The Boy Scout Movement has a right to look back with pride on its great advancement and on the high estimation in which it is held by the Empire.

Its principles are sound and generous and are such as to appeal to the best and most manly instincts of the rising generation. Connected as I have now been with the Movement for many years, I feel the warmest interest in its progress and efficiency, and I retain my firm belief in the great good it is doing, both morally and physically, to the boys of our country and of the whole Empire.

Let me congratulate you, our Chief Scout, on the success of the great Movement which you initiated and of which you are the moving spirit.

Believe me,

Yours very sincerely,
ARTHUR.

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Lectures for Sixers

WE gave our Sixers a course of six lectures which helped to make splendid progress in the Pack. The lectures were as follows:

The Duty of a Sixer.

Stories and How They Help the Cubs.

Pack Ceremonies.

Flags and Knots.

Nature Lore and Badge Work.

Character Building in the Pack.

I then wrote a set of examination papers, and gave three hours for answering the 16 questions. These were the results, full marks being 80, with 20 for notebook: Senior Sixer, 97 (wonderfully good); the others; 82, 70, 52, 50 and 26 (latter could have made 90). We set the standard to pass at 75; thus four of the Sixers will again take the course after Christmas, along with the Second Sixers, who are going to try next time.

The Questions

1. What is the Sixer's work?
2. When and how should a Cub salute an officer.
3. Name the four animals of the Pack and their duties as far as you know them?
4. Name the four dances and describe two of them.
5. How can you use stories in teaching your Sixes star work?
6. What do the dances teach?
7. Name the Pack ceremonies.
8. Give a description of two of them.
9. Describe an Investiture ceremony.
10. (a) What is the composition of the Union Jack?
(b) Which is the right way to fly it?
11. Name the four knots and their uses.
12. (a) When carrying the flags, where should the Union Jack be placed?
(b) On what occasions should the flag be dipped?
13. What kind of things can a Cub find out by studying nature.
14. Which badges would you like to go in for, and why?
15. Name as many badges as you can remember.
16. In what three ways can a Cub keep his promise to God?

Using Sixers to Instruct

At Pack meetings whenever possible we let the Sixers take the new boys and some of the others and teach them the Salute, Grand Howl, Flags, Knots, Cub Songs and Jungle Dances. Of course under our immediate supervision. This the Sixers much enjoy; it helps to make them keener to know their work well.

—From the Akela Course Notebook of a Winnipeg A.C.M.

Scouting is making excellent progress in South Africa, and is seen as a means of ensuring future understanding between the English and Dutch-speaking sections of the population. Scouting for Boys has been translated into Afrikaans, and at a recent public meeting in the Northern Transvaal a Nationalist Member of Parliament, speaking in Afrikaans, praised the Scout Movement and urged all good South Africans to get their boys into it.

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

THE DUFFEL BAG

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

Looking After YOUR Local War Memorial?

AS a standing Good Turn, the boys of the 1st Red Deer Troop, Alta., take care of the local War Memorial, keeping it clear of dust during summer and fall, removing withered wreaths, and keeping the base free of snow and ice during the winter. The work is done by the Duty Patrol for the week. Since the task was assigned the monument "has been kept in a spick-and-span condition."

Which Kind Are You?

THE Boss drives his men; the leader coaches them.

The Boss depends upon authority; the Leader on good will.

The Boss inspires fear; the Leader inspires enthusiasm.

The Boss says "I"; the Leader says "We."

The Boss assigns the tasks; the Leader sets the pace.

The Boss says, "Get here on time"; the Leader gets there ahead of time.

The Boss fixes the blame for a breakdown; the Leader fixes the breakdown.

The Boss knows how it is done; the Leader shows how.

The Boss makes work a drudgery; the Leader makes it a Game.

The Boss says "GO"; the Leader says "LET'S GO."

In Scouting we don't want Bosses; we want Leaders.

—Omaha Scout News.

Court of Honour Hints

TWO of our well run troops—the 1st Chilliwack, B.C., S.M. Brice, and the 17th Hamilton, S.M. Jacques,—hold their weekly Court of Honour alternately at the homes of the boys. The following reference appears in the last number of the 1st Chilliwack **Wonk-Eye**: "The Court of Honour met at the Watson home on Wednesday, the 18th. The affairs of the troop were thoroughly discussed, and several improvements suggested will be put into effect. A vote of thanks to Mrs. Watson was passed. The next Court of Honour will be held at the Stade home."

Scoutmaster Jacques has found this meeting-place plan highly successful. "It gives the Scoutmaster a further opportunity to meet and discuss Scout matters with the boys' parents, and on their part, the latter have an excellent opportunity to observe the earnestness and sincerity of the type of boys constituting the average Court of Honour. Also each member of the Court feels honoured to have the troop executive meet and transact its business at his home."

The 17th Hamilton Court of Honour "avoids lengthy and aimless discussion, and adjourns promptly at 9 p.m. If necessary business is carried over to the next session."

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Correct Position of the Flag on the Wall

DURING the course of an illuminating talk at the Ontario Conference by Scoutmaster Fred Palmer of Bowmanville on the history and proper use of the Union Jack, the often puzzling question of the correct position of the flag when hung on a wall was simply answered.

To begin with, the flag's normal horizontal position on the wall should be from left to right, to the audience or congregation. When hung lengthwise, then, the fly end should be considered as having been lowered, clockwise, until vertical, this bringing the wider margin of St. Andrew's Cross to the right hand top corner.

A flag on the auditorium wall, it was pointed out, illustrated incorrect hanging, its wrong side being toward the audience, and the wider margin of St. Andrew's Cross being on the left.

Scout Dates

March

1st—St. David's Day.

17th—St. Patrick's Day.

20th—Last day of the winter of 1927-28.

21st—First day of Spring. Watch for Equinoctial storm.

25th—Passion Sunday.

During March

Five Saturdays. Hold hikes and all outdoor winter sports as long as the snow and ice and cold weather last.

Begin talking about gardens and make plans for participation in Clean-Up Week.

April

1st—Palm Sunday.

5th—Holy Thursday.

Jewish Passover.

6th—Good Friday.

8th—Easter Sunday.

"Rovers of the Valley"

AN event in Canadian Scouting literature is the publication of the above book by Provincial Commissioner A. H. Ball, of Saskatchewan. It is the story of a summer's camping adventures of a patrol of seven Scouts in the beautiful Qu'Appelle Valley of Saskatchewan, and incidentally carries many practical suggestions in campcraft. There are hunting adventures and exciting experiences with Indians, and much interesting matter concerning the flora and fauna of the Valley. The book is published by J. M. Dent & Sons, Toronto, at \$1.75. It may be ordered through The Stores Department, Dominion Headquarters, 172 Wellington St., Ottawa.

Two patrols of the 1st Moncton (Rotary) Troop, under Scoutmaster Harry Frampton and District Commissioner Robert Buzzell, journeyed to Dorchester, N.B., to assist in the formal organization of a troop there.

Another Hospital Cot Troop

THE boys of the 1st Niagara Falls Troop are contributing weekly toward a fund with which to support a cot in the local hospital. It will be used for boys only, and will be placed in a corner of the hospital ward where their Scoutmaster lay for many weeks seriously ill. The mothers of the Scouts and Cubs will furnish the linen.

A Winter Tent-Pitching Game

A winter tent-pitching game of the 1st Red Deer, Alta., Troop: "In turn, each patrol takes the two sections of a pup tent, two guy ropes, two staves, nine 3-inch nails and a hammer, and jumps in and erects the tent in the centre of the troop's shack, against time. Time is up when the patrol is inside the tent, lying down and snoring. In addition to speed, points are given for correct pitching of tent and correct knots. The boys like the idea, and it always makes a hard-fought item of the evening's patrol competition."

A Variation of Crows and Cranes

AS a variation of the old game of Crows and Cranes try "Birds that Walk"—or Walkers—and "Birds that Hop"—or Hoppers. Tell a story introducing the names of birds that hop or walk. Be prepared for considerable argument on the first attempt. The game will go more rapidly later, and will give the boys a new point of bird interest and observation.

Here is a list to start with:

Walkers—Crows, Blackbirds, Crackles, Sandpipers, Plover, Kildeer, Pigeons, domestic poultry.

Hoppers—All the Sparrows, Woodpeckers and Nuthatches, the Wrens, the Junco, the Towhee.

Another Real Winter Hike

LAST Saturday nearly the entire troop of the Boy Scouts of Bear River answered roll call at 7 o'clock in the morning, fully equipped for winter weather and with a day's provision on their backs.

"They started out with the logging teams, going out to Morganville, and paid a short visit to the woods where the men were chopping and logging, and then kept on their hike to 'Big Stillwater' and arrived there time for lunch.

"The Beaver Patrol was particularly interested in looking for some new Beaver work reported there, but on account of the high water and the strong current they could not get close enough to the dam to examine it.

"Zero weather and a roaring fire gave everyone a good appetite for lunch, and when this was finished the troop returned to Morganville and rejoined the logging teams as they were returning to Bear River on their afternoon trips. The troop was accompanied on this hike by Dr. W. J. Wright."