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THE 50-foot "climbing pine" at the hill-top camp of the 23rd Saint John (Glen Falls) Troop, N.B. The ascent-descent record is 21 seconds.

## The Troop Committee

FROM the discussion at the Peterborough conference: Who should be on the Troop Committee? "First, fathers of boys, and one or two mothers."

"When you ask a man to act on your Committee, fully explain the duties. When I was approached I asked what there was to do, and was informed, 'Oh, nothing.' That did not make a very good impression. You cannot go after too big men, but don't ask them to do little things that your P.L.'s can take care of."

"Any man will succeed in life according to his ability to surround himself with men who will help him to succeed. So far as possible this principle should be applied by the Scoutmaster with reference to his Committee. He should pick out people who will be a help to him."

"The training a Scoutmaster can give his Committee for their job is important."

"Require them to do certain things, but with no appearance of forcing or pressing."

"There is an advantage in assigning certain work to certain members, and not to the Committee as a whole. But let them divide certain jobs among themselves."

"The Committee usually begins by being very active. Do not make a practice of inviting them to every troop meeting. I knew a troop killed by the presence of committeemen at every meeting. They thought their role was to criticize the boys."

"Sometimes Scoutmasters arrange for a Committee meeting once a month,—and have little business to take up with the members. This is weak. The Committee should only be called together when there is something to consider or to do."

"I showed them 'Scout Tests and How to Pass Them,' and they lined up behind the idea, and secured instructors and examiners. I do not think you can keep them too busy. At our recent annual meeting all of the Committee wanted to continue the job."

"Have several Committee meetings with reference to the summer camp. And shortly after camp call a special meeting to make full report on expenses, showing vouchers, etc."

"Use your Committee in connection with the Christmas Scout Toy Repair Shop. And always in connection with entertainments—before; and after, to make a report to."

"My Committee last summer found ways of raising money for our camp which I had not known nor thought of."

"The Committee's value in maintaining contact between the troop and church or other backing organization should not be lost sight of."

"Between meetings never let a committeeman pass you without a word regarding some activity of the troop or pack."

"Get your P.L.'s, Seconds and Committeemen together at a separate annual dinner, for an intimate discussion of troop matters and plans for the year."

Toronto Scouts who ushered at the February opening of the Ontario Provincial Parliament. They made an excellent impression.

## Troop Records

"IT is disappointing, the number of Scoutmasters who fail to keep complete records," declared Assistant Provincial Commissioner Irwin at the Ontario conference, in introducing the above topic for discussion. "They keep many details 'in their head,' move away, and the records are in very poor shape for their successor."

The discussion indicated that the standard record systems including the Progress Wall Chart, were in general use. In a few instances they had been supplemented by her records, such as monthly reports by Patrol Leaders.

The 1st Niagara Falls Troop has its accounts audited every six months by a banker, and his statement is shown to each member of the Troop Committee. It is a practice of the Scoutmaster of the same troop at the close of each meeting to go over the Patrol Leader's Record books and discuss cases where fees are not paid.

As a means of checking up, the Senior Sixer of a Belleville Pack reads aloud the amounts paid him and the total.

Great emphasis was laid upon the necessity of good records in connection with the summer's camp. Properly the Troop Committee should handle the preliminary arrangements, including expense accounts; in any case vouchers should be secured for every expenditure both before, during and after camp; and immediately on the conclusion of camp the Scoutmaster should balance his accounts and present them, with vouchers, for auditing by the Troop Committee.

A discussion of Troop Records at the Manitoba conference was ably led by District Scoutmaster H. J. Hansell.

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### Recognized Scout Camps

IT is the Chief Commissioner's earnest wish that in 1928 no Scout leader shall go to camp in the name of The Boy Scouts Association without qualifying for official recognition of his camp by Provincial Headquarters.

The greatly increased auto travel of today brings camps, under more frequent observation and it is becoming more and more generally recognized that Scout camps are not ordinary camps. Every Scout leader should realize that his camp is a specimen camp, and that many visitors will judge the Movement by his camping standards, and the programme being carried out.

As a matter of fact, the time is coming when the Provincial Health Authorities will inspect all summer camps, and demand certain standards as to sanitation, water and food supply, safety, etc. Several of last summer's "Recognized" Scout camps which were unofficially inspected by provincial authorities were given a very high rating.

In line with the above, certain of the provinces are considering making it necessary to secure a permit for the holding of a Scout camp.

### For St. George's Day

ST. George's Day—April 23rd. If, as you should, you plan a special Scout service for Sunday, April the 22nd, to mark the day of Scouting's patron saint, study *Coast to Coast* of this and previous issues for suggestions to make the service attractive and effective.

### Wallace Nesbitt Junior Results

Alberta—Won by St. Paul's School Girl Guides, of the Blood Indian Reserve, Cardston.

New Brunswick—Won by 2nd Fredericton (Christ Church Cathedral) Troop, Scoutmaster R. S. Fitz Randolph. The troop also took the Lady Ashburnham Trophy, emblematic of the Fredericton district first aid championship.

Ontario—Won by the No. 1 Team of 2nd Brantford (Trinity) Troop, along with the Toronto Globe Shield and Col. R. W. Leonard Trophy. The team was instructed by Mr. T. O'Connell, who coached the winning 1st Huntsville team of 1925.

### Veterans Back Scouting as a Peace Agency

TO further international understanding and peace, co-operation with Boy Scout organizations in all parts of the world was decided upon at the first meeting of the new Propaganda Committee of the Federation Inter-alliee des Anciens Combattants, held in Paris under the presidency of Col. F. W. Abbot. It is intended to provide opportunities for ex-service men of the Allied countries to become Scoutmasters in their respective areas. An effort will be made to create Scout organizations wherever none exist. This phase of the work will be directed from Paris by M. Michel Merkovich of Serbia. The Allied veterans are also to consider the problem of furthering friendships between Allied school-children.

For nearly a year, as a daily troop good turn, the boys of a small Nova Scotian troop have been looking after an old lady who lives alone,—bringing milk, splitting her wood, providing kindling, and doing other chores. Each evening one of the Scouts calls to learn what she requires.



The "business end" of a signalling and observation hike of the 1st Craven, Sask.

"Since I have occupied the office of Mayor of this city, there has never been any public function I have attended, but I have noticed the Boy Scouts on hand, performing many little acts of courtesy and helpfulness, and doing their bit to help their city," said Mayor F. E. Osborne, in replying to the toast to "Our City" at the annual banquet of the Tenth Calgary Scout Troop and Wolf Cub Pack in honor of the birthday of the Chief Scout.

A new troop at Dorchester, N.B., was given an auspicious start by a Scout party from Moncton made up of District Commissioner Buzzell, Scoutmaster Frampton and two patrols of the 1st Moncton (Rotary) Troop, A.S.M. Woolley, first aid organizer for the Maritimes, and Field Secretary Barry. After a bean supper, a well planned demonstration programme was carried out, including the investiture of a Moncton boy into the Moncton Rotary Troop. This was followed by the investiture of the new Dorchester Scoutmaster by District Commissioner Buzzell.

VISITS OF FIELD MEN  
ARE MADE POSSIBLE BY  
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A mounted patrol, Alberta.

St. George's Day—April 23rd.

Regina has organized an Old Scouts' Service Club.

Mr. D. G. de Bruges of the 2nd Amsterdam Troop, Holland, was a visitor of the 2nd and 8th Edmonton Troops. He told the boys something of Scouting in the Netherlands.

Victoria plans to take an important part in next Christmas' big Scout Toy Shop chain. The district troops and packs already are collecting discarded playthings.

British Columbia leaders have been invited to attend a conference on camping at Camp Parsons, near Seattle, April 21-22. Several national camp directors of the Boy Scouts of America will participate.

The 8th Londoners, one of the oldest troops in Canada, has formed an Old Scouts' Club, which it is expected will have a membership of 150. The troop is still under its original leader, Scoutmaster George F. Metcalfe.

The first three of a series of Junior Leader Conferences to be held in various parts of Ontario during the year will take place at St. Thomas March 30-31, Chatham April 9-10 and St. Catharines April 13-14. Preliminary "programme" conferences were held by Assistant Provincial Commissioner Irwin, and a circular listing the suggested subjects was sent to each delegate.

Group leaders and others interested in the boy life of Dauphin, Man., are completing arrangements to launch "The Dauphin Boy Life Co-operative Council." The organization will replace the "Dauphin Boy Scout Tuxis-Rover Council." The new council will direct local boy activities throughout the year, and will hold a summer camp run on Scout camping lines.

After the city had failed for two winters in an effort to keep the open air skating rinks open, Fredericton Scouts took on the task this winter, with such success that the owner of a covered rink complained they hurt his business. He was finally convinced that the increased free skating facilities would produce more skaters and hockey players for the future.

A letter of appreciation and congratulation upon "the quiet and efficient manner" in which Toronto Scouts carried out their duties as ushers at the opening of the provincial legislature, Feb. 9th, was received by Executive Commissioner O'Callaghan from the Sergeant-at-Arms, G. Hunter Ogilvie. "Their work has been highly commended by all with whom I have spoken," the letter declared.

### The Traveler

#### A Wolf Cub Playlet

**TRAVELER** enters, with bag and umbrella; one hand roughly bound up in handkerchief. Looks about.

**Traveler**—Dear me, I seem to be lost, and there is no one to ask directions from, not even a constable. Ah, here comes a boy. He may know.

(Enter boy; very untidy, hands in pockets, imitation cigarette in mouth.)

**Traveller**—I say, my lad, can you tell me the way to the Ambassador Hotel?

**Boy**—(Without removing cigarette) Yus, guv'nor. You goes straight up 'ere (pointing), then take the first turn on the right. No, I mean the left, then go two blocks. No, I think it's three blocks; I ain't sure. Then turn left,—no, right, and keep on about 'alf a mile. Then I guess you'd better ask somebody again.

**Traveler**—Thank you. (Boy passes on.) Well, I am afraid that is not much help. He has only confused me.

(Enter second boy, similar appearance to first.)

**Traveler**—Good morning, my boy. Can you direct me to the Ambassador Hotel?

**Second Boy**—Wot?

**Traveler**—Can you direct me to the Ambassador Hotel?

**Second Boy**—No. Ask a policeman. (Swaggers off.)

**Traveler**—(Looking much disgusted) Well, that's about the limit of rudeness and ignorance. What can I do? Ah, here comes another boy. The population here seems to consist of boys only. Anyhow, this one has a better appearance than the others.

(Enter Wolf Cub, dressed for hike, walking smartly, whistling.)

**Traveler**—Good morning, my lad.

**Cub**—(Saluting) Good morning, sir. Can I do anything for you?

**Traveler**—Yes, my boy. Can you tell me the way to the Ambassador Hotel?

**Cub**—Yes, sir. Up this street (pointing) as far as the church,—you can see it from here. Turn to your right, then take the first turn to your left, and its half way down the block.

**Traveler**—Thank you. Here's a . . . (Puts his hand in his pocket for a coin.)

**Cub**—No thank you, sir. I am glad to be able to help you. (Notices man's injured hand.) Did you hurt your hand, sir?

**Traveler**—Yes; I caught two of my fingers in a door.

**Cub**—Let me fix them up a bit for you, sir. (Produces small first aid kit from haversack and bandages fingers.)

**Traveler**—Where did you learn to do this?

**Cub**—Oh we learn all sorts of ways to help people, in the Cubs. We promise to do that, you know. There, how is that, sir?

**Traveler**—Splendid; ever so much more comfortable. Thank you, my boy.

**Cub**—You're welcome, sir. Good morning. (Salutes and passes on, whistling.)

**Traveler**—That's some boy. It's a pity all boys are not Wolf Cubs, if

that is what the training does for them. I believe I'll see if I can start a Pack myself, when I return home. (Exits.)

—W. J. Munroe, Victoria, B.C.

### TROOP RECORDS

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"The best way for the Scoutmaster to keep records," he declared, "is not to keep them at all—himself—but to get someone else to keep them, and himself supervise."

He had his own troop accounts audited monthly by the Troop Committee.

Uses a monthly Patrol Report Form, turned in and signed by each Patrol Leader, giving a record of each boy's attendance, dues paid, tests passed, etc. Patrol competition points are given for these records.

He keeps a very complete camp record in the troop Log Book; when ordering supplies for camp all he has to do is refer to these records of the previous camp. The Log is complete down to menus.

In conclusion,—“It is the things you keep up in Scouting which count, not the things you start.”

### Rover Activities

**NOTED** in the annual report of the 5th (Willingdon) Rovers, of Montreal:

Two members run a Scout Troop. One member runs a Cub Pack. During the year two other troop were aided; one is still being furnished instructors. Maintained a first aid tent at two municipal field days at Greenfield Park, Que. Helped at Scout field day. Assisted at the St. Lambert Christmas Toy Shop. Aided in fighting field fires in summer. Members sworn in as deputies and helped Greenfield Park police on Hallowe'en. Two Rambler badges gained by a hike of over 130 miles in the Laurentians. Presented His Excellency the Governor General with a silk scarf bearing the Patrol's emblem, in acknowledgment of his permission to use his name for the Patrol.

*THE BOY WITH A SCOUT  
REGISTRATION CARD HAS  
THE BEST CHANCE OF  
SECURING A POSITION*

### The Jungle Alphabet

**THE** following placard Jungle Alphabet was presented as an effective Cub number by the Riverview Pack, under Cubmaster E. Worthington, at last fall's Vancouver Conference.

"My own Pack being a small one, I use 13 boys, each representing two letters," explains Mr. Worthington. "In a larger pack a boy for each letter could be used. The boys each carry a yellow card about 6 by 6 in. (larger in the case of M and W, in order to get proportion), with the letters in green, about 4½ in. high. The letters are made of strips of green paper pasted on the boards.

A is Akela, the Old Wolf, our friend.

B is Baloo, the Jungle Law teacher.

C is for Cub, who needs no description.

D is for DOB, which we all try to do.

E is for Evening, when the Pack day begins.

F is the Flower, the Red Flower of fire.

G is for Gillwell, where Akela learns wisdom.

H is for Hathi, the Silent One, the elephant.

I is for Ikki, the prickly old porcupine.

J is the Jungle, the great world we live in.

K is Kaa, the Bunder's old enemy.

L is our Lair, don't dare try to enter.

M is for Mowgli, the least of us all.

N is for Nathoo, our Mowgli's first name.

O to Obey, all Jungle folks learn it.

P is the Pack, our own is the best one.

Q is for Question, Oh! how we do ask them.

R is the Rock, Akela is found there.

S is Sher Khan, the great man-eating Tiger.

T is our Totem, the pride of the Pack.

U is for Urgent, the call of a brother.

V is for Vigor, the result of our labours.

W is White Corba, the King of Cold Lairs.

X for Exams, we all have to pass them.

Y is for Youth, the time to get learning.

Z is the Zoo, where we all can be found.



**THE** Camp Chief pays a March visit to the hill-top hut and council fire circle of the 23rd Saint John (Glens Falls) Troop.



# THE CAMP CHIEF'S PAGE

## CAMP EQUIPMENT FOR 1928.

**M**ILITIA camp equipment for the summer season of 1928 will be available to bonafide Scout troops upon the same terms as those of 1927. Notification to this effect was received from the Deputy Minister of the Department of National Defence under date of March 27th, 1928.

## SUMMER GILLWELL DATES

Maritime Provinces. — Near New Glasgow, N.S., July 30-August 10th, D.C.C., F. E. L. Coombs.  
Ontario.—Ebor Park, July 3rd-14th, D.C.C., Frank C. Irwin.

## INDOOR COURSES

Scout masters' Indoor Training Courses: Completed—Unit 1, Normal School and Agricultural College, Truro, N.S., under Field Commissioner J. O. Kaulbach. Units 1, 2 and 3, Winnipeg, Man., under Deputy Camp Chief C. A. Hill. All Units, Ft. William, D.S.M. Ellard.

Projected—Unit 1, Regina, under Provincial Secretary W. J. P. Selby. Unit 4, Winnipeg, under D. C. C. Hill.

Winter Training Courses: Running—Part III-B, Montreal, under Provincial Secretary E. R. Paterson. Sea Scouts, Montreal, under Sea Scout Commissioner Lesslie R. Thomson.

Part II Akela: Running—Fredericton, N.B., under District Cubmaster Prof. R. Pugh, of University of New Brunswick.

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

## VESTIBULES IN SASKATCHEWAN

**O**NE of the promises for the future of Scouting in Canada is the success of the Indoor Training Courses. Between Jan. 9 and Feb. 28 no less than 9 Vestibule courses, with a total attendance of 126, were held in Saskatchewan—by S.M. Abrahams at Readlyn, and by S.M. Linton Tooley at Birch Hills, Prince Albert, Melfort, Tisdale, Nipawin, Delisle, Margo and Vanscoy. It was expected to hold a dozen more in Saskatchewan before the close of the season. After reports indicate that the courses gave Scouting a new impetus in the communities concerned.

## For Bird-House Troops

**I**N many cases the real purpose of bird house building and erection—encouraging the return of our native birds—is defeated by the sparrows taking possession. One method of beating the sparrows is to equip the new bird house with a slide door with a string attached, and when the intruders are caught, leave them imprisoned for twenty-four hours. On being released they will regard the house as a trap, and will not likely return. Their fear of the house may also be communicated to other sparrows.

## The Sportsmanship Code

**M**ANY schools have adopted the Code of the Sportsmanship Brotherhood, which is the result of a great deal of careful thought on the part of the men who have tried to simplify into the plainest Anglo-Saxon speech the spirit and the letter of Sportsmanship. According to this version, the Code of Honour of a sportsman is that:

He keep the rules.

He keep faith with his comrade, play the game for his side.

He keep himself fit.

He keep his temper.

He keep from hitting a man when he is down.

He keep his pride under in victory.

He keep a stout heart in defeat, accepted in good grace.

He keep a sound soul and a clean mind in a healthy body.

In England they phrase the Code more briefly for use on gymnasium walls and on posters and programmes.

## Impromptu Council Fire Yarns

**A** council fire stunt of the 1st Red Deer, Alta., is to call upon imaginative members of the troop to give impromptu three-minute talks on such topics as, "How I Captured a Man-Eating Ground Squirrel," "A Midnight Fight with a Gopher," "Hunting the Ferocious Black-Maned Lion in the Wilds of Central Alberta," etc. For variation, "scientific" talks are called for, such as "Why Fish Like Worms," "Why Boys Do Not Like to Wash Behind Their Ears," "Why Dogs Are What Cats Aren't."

**Hike Cocoa.**—Mix the cocoa to a smooth paste, using just as little condensed milk as necessary. Stir this slowly into your hot water and add the rest of the milk after the cocoa starts to boil. Let it boil for a couple of minutes while stirring constantly. You see, a Tenderfoot puts in the milk first. Some of it settles to the bottom and sticks; result, scorched cocoa.

## "An Exploring Expedition"

**F**OR a hike of the 1st Fairfield, B.C., the troop was organized as an "exploring expedition." The expedition was preceded by an advance party, which signalled back its reports and observations.



An historic hike—  
The Bobwhites of  
the 1st Canadian  
Gillwell on the first  
Canadian Gillwell  
24-hour Journey,—  
Ottawa, June, 1922.

## Scout Fire Wardens

**I**T pleases me when I see boys assume public duties that might well be left to others without discredit." So said the Governor of Massachusetts to three Boy Scouts whose voluntary watch from a home-made tower, together with a patrol of the surrounding woods and railroad tracks, reduced the number of fires in Dover, Mass., by almost half. These self-appointed fire wardens had built a tower from telegraph poles, which they raised on the highest hill near their town. On Saturdays and Sundays one of the Troop would keep watch, and, indeed, whenever there was no school a member of the crowd always took on this duty, while other Scouts patrolled the railroad tracks and extinguished stray sparks. On the sounding of the alarm the entire Troop considered itself a part of the volunteer fire department of the town. The occasion of the Governor's speech was the presentation of a prize given by an anonymous donor to the Scouts who had taken part in this community good turn.

## A Scouts' Own Hike

**T**HERE was a large turn-out last Sunday for the district hike, nearly every troop being represented. Fairfield made their way across country from Esquimalt and another large party made up of St. Mary's, St. Michael's, Oaklands, North Quadra and Ladysmith hiked from the Gorge by the route north of Portage Inlet and cut through the bush from Burnside to Thetis Lake Road. At Deadman's River they met another detachment from Oaklands and one from Tillicum, and all had lunch. After some games the troops turned homeward and reached the George Scout Field soon after 5 p.m. A blazing council fire was soon lighted and the Scouts gathered round for a Scouts' Own. The service was conducted by S.M. Rev. J. W. Leighton of Oaklands, and S.M. Rev. J. A. Ramsay, of Alberni, gave an address.

Afterwards a short sing-song was held. The James Bay Troop, which had been out to their country headquarters, joined the other troops for the service and singsong.

—Victoria, B.C., Times



## ❖ Scouting from Coast to Coast ❖

**FRIENDS** of the troop have offered the necessary lumber and volunteered to assist in the building of a new headquarters for St. Paul's Troop, Victoria.

Second "Bunny" Bishop, the troop's leading expert in tying and demonstrating knots, was made knot instructor of the 5th Edmonton.

### Hand-coloured Scout Head Effective

A new and attractive use of the Canadian Scout Head in its smallest size was found by the 37th Ottawa (Woodroffe) Troop, this being the hand-colouring of the picture on the invitation to their annual birthday banquet. The head lends itself to very effective colouring in khaki, green and yellow.

An impromptu debate, "Resolved that the wheel-barrow is the most useful tool on the farm," was given in St. Andrew's Hall by Annapolis Royal Scouts, N.S. The affirmative won.

A Camp Kitchen Band provided "music" for an entertainment by the Scouts of the 1st Glenavon Troop, Sask.

**W**ould-be pioneers of the Northern Alberta 1927 District Camp watch a demonstration of bridge making by Field Sec'y Solway.



### Chilliwack Scouts' and Guides' Good Programme

An exhibition of life saving from a burning building, the erection of a bridge across an imaginary river, a snake dance, by various Scout troops and Indian and folk dances by Scouts and Guides and presentation of badges and prizes, made up a lively evening under the auspices of the 1st Chilliwack Troop at the local drill hall. District Commissioner R. P. Day inspected the Scouts and Guides and directed an investiture ceremony.

A beautiful large Union Jack was presented by one of Fredericton's warm friends of Scouting, Mrs. Mathewson, to the 3rd Fredericton Troop (St. Anne's).

A rally of nine London, Ont., Troops listened to Deputy Provincial Fire Marshall Lionel Bishop in an illustrated lecture on fire prevention. A Toronto Scout accompanied Mr. Bishop to assist in the demonstration section of the programme.

### A Well-Planned Treasure Hunt

First place in a Winnipeg treasure hunt directed by District Commissioner Sparling was won by Scout Craig, 6th Troop, with 191 of a possible 217 points. Scouts Phillips and McTavish of the 20th Troop were presented by D. S. M. George Howard with fountain pens for the best route maps of the hunt. The troops participating returned to St. Mary's School, for refreshments supplied by the Ladies' Auxiliary of the 6th Troop.

Speed skaters of the 2nd Whitby Troop journeyed to Bowmanville to take part in an ice racing carnival, and captured a number of prizes.

During a meeting of the Oaklands Troop, B.C., the lights were turned off and a knotting contest held in the dark.

### Contributing to the Church

The annual report of the 5th Toronto Troop, presented by Scoutmaster Trent at a vestry meeting of the Church of the Transfiguration, noted amongst other items \$197.69 raised by an Olde Country Faire held in April of last year, \$50 of which was on Easter

thirds of which are fiction, the others Scouting and travel.

The Laymen's association provided a bean supper served by the ladies' committee to the Cubs of the 8th Saint John (Mission) Cub Pack.

### 26th London Has Good Church Backing

Following the Ash Wednesday service, for which the 26th London (All Saints') Troop and Pack paraded to church, a handsome Union Jack given by All Saints' Men's Club was presented to the troop, and a Cub flag to the pack. Junior First Aid certificates were presented and the William Loveday Cup awarded the 26th First Aid team.

Cubs of the North Quadra Pack, Victoria, presented Akela Spurr with a pack equipment box. The box was decorated with a Wolf Cub head.

The 15th and 17th Hamilton Troops combined for a fire lighting and cooking test hike.

### First Quebec Bird Warden Badge

Scout Freeman Svenningsson of the 70th Montreal Troop was the first Quebec Scout to win the Bird Warden badge. Officials of the Quebec Society for the protection of birds conducted the test, and the society secretary, Mr. W. S. Hart, presented the badge at a regular troop meeting.

At a social evening of the 5th St. Catharines (Jewish) Troop, at which refreshments were prepared and served by the Scoutmaster and boys, the guests included the 3rd and 4th St. Catharines and 1st Port Dalhousie Troops.

After a discussion of patrol competition points the Court of Honour of the 22nd Edmonton decided to give more points for badge and test work than for games.

### Deaf Scouts Very Active

Ten Scouts of the very active 4th Belleville Troop (Ontario School for the Deaf) are taking weekly lessons at the Y. M. C. A. pool in order to qualify for the First Class swimming tests. Other Scout news paragraphs scattered through the columns of the school paper, *The Canadian*, mention tracking hikes, a skating hike on the Bay of Quinte, and a Sunday evening pow-wow, with an investiture, in the presence of the Troop Committee, and the presentation of service stars and proficiency badges by Dr. Coughlin. The badges included seven Ambulance.

Halifax has organized an Akela Club, which meets monthly.

A concert and a lantern slide lecture on Ben Hur by Rev. R. A. Wattam at the North Simcoe Street Sunday-school, Oshawa, realized \$20 toward the buying of equipment for the church Scout troop.

Sunday donated to the church building fund. The troop owns camping equipment and other assets to the value of \$218.95.

Over 400 fathers and sons were present at the annual B.-P. banquet of the 4th Sherbrooke, and listened to addresses by Rev. Dr. W. S. Lennon, Rev. Alfred Bright and Col. E. B. Worthington.

Chatham Rovers are busy renovating and equipping a suite of rooms in the city market building loaned for their use by the City Council.

### New Hamilton Troop C. of H. Meets at Members' Homes

The Court of Honour of the recently organized Grace Anglican Troop of Hamilton has adopted, with success, the plan of meeting at the various homes of its members. A promising start has been made on a troop library.

The library of the 2nd St. Catharines Troop comprises 63 books, two-

### Another "Scouts and Fathers"

The 1st Rossland Troop, B.C., entertained their fathers to a bean feed in Knights of Pythias Hall, to mark the Chief Scout's birthday. The spread was provided by the mothers. A silver cup was presented to the Eagle Patrol, as winners of the patrol competition, and a book to Scout Crowe, as "best Scout" of last summer's camp. An A.S.M.'s warrant was presented to A.S.M. Biello.

Kingston, Ont., has three new troops,—at St. Paul's, First Baptist and Princess St. United.

Canon Carruthers occupied the chair for the annual entertainment of the 2nd Winnipeg Troop (Holy Trinity) given before a packed hall.

### Another Scouting Missionary

Since the new Scouter of the First Troop came to town he has been very busy helping other troops to get started. Some of these trips of assistance took him to a nearby town where he now has a troop going in good shape. This week he received a letter asking him if he could be of assistance in starting Girl Guides in that town. Well, his experience being limited, he turned the letter over to the local Guide authorities and continued his job as Scoutmaster.

—Kirkland Lake News, Ont.

A newly organized second section of the 10th Calgary meets separately, but combines with the first section for outdoor activities. One of the 10th Rovers is Scoutmaster of the new troop.

A silver cup has been given the 1st Niagara Falls Troop, Ont., by Dr. Lloyd Jones, to be awarded the boy who in the opinion of the troop leader has during the present year lived nearest the Scout ideals.

### Maymont Scouts Entertain Their Dads

Maymont, Sask., Scouts successfully entertained their fathers to a banquet in United Church basement. All arrangements, including decoration of tables, serving, dish-washing and planning of the programme, were carried out by the boys. Their programme consisted of toasts, community singing, mouth organ selections, and patrol stunts, and concluded with a "going-up" ceremony for Cub Jack Donald. It being also his 12th birthday, Cub Donald surprised the gathering with a big birthday cake.

After a demonstration of friction fire and instruction in the making of a set, each boy of the 9th Chatham Troop was asked to bring a set made by himself to the next meeting.

The 19th Calgary (Jewish) has formed a troop orchestra.

### Quebec Scouts' Monthly Test Hikes

At a Court of Honour meeting of the 1st Asbestos Troop, Que., it was decided to hold a special monthly Saturday hike for the passing of

Second and First Class tests. To meet the convenience of employed boys and leaders the hikes will start at 12 noon sharp, in order to permit the cooking of dinner in the bush.

A framed picture of the late Earl Haig was presented to Kincardine Scouts by Mr. Frank Lee.

Blindfold boxing, a playlet, a Dr. Sawbone's shadowgraph and a first aid demonstration by the 9th Halifax entertained a large audience at St. Luke's Hall.

### When the 1st and 7th Belleveilles Entertained the Others

Knotting contests, volley ball and tug-of-war contests provided entertainment at their headquarters in Bridge Street Community Hall when the 1st and 7th Belleville Troops were hosts to the other Scout troops of the city in honour of B.P.'s birthday. After the games the Scouts repaired to the school parlours of Bridge St. United Church for a banquet spread by the Scout mothers. Following the banquet, Junior St. John Ambulance certificates were presented, and the Scouts listened to an address on birds by Wallace Havelock Robb. A minute of silence was observed in honour of the late Earl Haig.

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.

On the eve of her departure from Nanaimo, B.C., the Ladies' Auxiliary of the 1st Nanaimo Troop presented Mrs. Byers, Honourary Troop Treasurer, with a set of silver candlesticks.

### Calgary Scoutmasters' Troop Meet in Fire Hall

A meeting of the Scoutmasters' Troop of Calgary was held by invitation at No. 2 Fire Hall. After a period of instruction in fire fighting by Captain McKinnon, a regular troop meeting was carried out in the rooms above. The meeting programme included first aid, signalling and compass. At the Court of Honour which followed a pipe and case were presented to the Troop Secretary, Scoutmaster R. Hyde, on the eve of his transfer to British Columbia.

To all those passing the Ambulance Man test S. M. White of the 4th St. Catharines (St. Barnabas) Troop presented a travel first aid kit.

### These Travelogue Talks Always Interest

Soongy-Tay-Ay Pack of Winnipeg entertained their Scout brothers to a council fire, to listen to a talk by G. A. Holmes on life in British East Africa. He described the workaday life of the natives their characteristics and customs, the wild animals and birds and insects encountered in that country. Refreshments supplied by the Pack Committee were served.

### A Winnipeg First Aid Problem

A fractured knee-cap resulting from a blow by a baseball bat, was the first aid problem given by District Commissioner Officer for a first aid competition between teams of the boys' department of St. Luke's Church Winnipeg. "A" team of the 16th Troop took first place, with 90% points. "A" team of the 24th Troop and "A" team of St. Luke's Cadets tied for second place with "B" team of the 24th next.

Scouts and Cubs in uniform served refreshments at the second annual whist party and dance of the 2nd Kamloops Troop, B.C., held in Masonic Hall.

At a social evening of the 3rd St. Catharines (Westminster) held at the home of Scoutmaster Sampson, Scout Hardwick was presented with a compass as a winner in the provincial fire protection essay contest.

### Okanagan Leaders Meet at Kelowna

A very successful gathering of Scout and Cub leaders of the Okanagan district was held at the Scout hall, Kelowna, B.C. Representatives from every Scout troop and Cub pack of the North Okanagan district with the exception of Oyama and Lumby, called to confer with Provincial Secretary Norman H. Saunders. One of the important results was the decision to stage a conference of Patrol Leaders of the North Okanagan. District Commissioner E. C. Weddell in the chair.

Hamilton Rovers are doing good work in assisting with troop meetings when Scoutmasters are prevented from attending.

A regular weekly meeting was demonstrated at the first banquet of the new 16th Sydney (Presbyterian) Troop, at which District Commissioner W. C. Carter was guest of honour.

### Ukrainian Troop Given a Well-Planned Start

Four P.L.'s who had received training as the first step toward the organization of a new troop of Ukrainian boys were invested before a large Sunday evening audience at the Ukrainian Hall, Calgary. Representatives of all the city troops were present. The investiture was conducted by Scoutmaster Venables, in English, and translated and explained in Ukrainian by W. Nazarevich. Ukrainian music preceded and followed the ceremony.

During a social evening for which wives of the Troop Committee served refreshments Scouts and Cubs of the 6th London (St. George's) presented Scoutmaster Harold Peach and Mrs. Peach, Lady Cubmaster, with an address of appreciation and a beautiful bridge lamp.

The 23rd Winnipeg Troop was shown through the city steam hydro and high pressure plants. While at the latter plant a fire alarm came in, and the boys had an opportunity of seeing the plant in operation.

### Hamilton Scouts Aid City Beautification

In co-operation with the Hamilton Beautification Committee and Civic Works Committee local Scouts have taken on important work for the beautifying of Mount Hamilton by the planting of trees, shrubs and flowers and the placing of signs. A log cabin also will be erected, and during the mid-summer Scouts will be on duty at certain points to act as guides for tourists. The work will be under the supervision of District Commissioner Van Someren, Secretary Andrew Frame and Rovers Denman, Johnson and Napper.

At a Scouts and Parents banquet of the 1st Bonnington Falls Troop, B.C., held in honour of B.P., the games included "hockey" played with Scout staves, with a rope ring, as a puck.

An impressive ceremony marked the dedication of the troop colours of the 4th St. Catharines (St. Barnabas) Troop, the Rev. Harper officiating. The colours were the gift of Scoutmaster A. A. White.

### Live Troop Committees

When illness prevented the attendance of Scoutmaster Howard at a concert of the Victoria Street Baptist Troop, Halifax, the Troop Committee took charge, with entire success. Two members of the Troop Committee of the 6th Winnipeg (Calvary Baptist) assisted in various ways when that troop entertained the 30th Winnipeg (St. Barnabas).

The 1st Chatham, Ont., Pack had difficulty in selecting the best of three totem poles brought in by three of the Sixes, in a totem pole carving competition.

The outstanding incident of a big community boys' work entertainment, including Scouting, given at Fredericton, N.B., was the presentation by Lieutenant-Governor Todd of a medal for life saving to Scout R. Wilby of Springhill, N. B.

### Annapolis Royal Scouts Raise Funds for Community Work

Over \$60 was realized from an ice carnival held under the auspices of the Annapolis Royal, N.S., Scout Band. The programme consisted of a masquerade, skating races and girls' hockey match. Refreshments were provided by ladies of the I.O.D.E. and other friends of the troop. The proceeds will be used for community work.

The 16th Londoners were taken through the new London Life Insurance Building, and shown the various departments.

Vancouver is holding its annual Easter Friday-to-Monday district camp at Camp Byng. The chief activity of the camp is preparation of various troop camp sites for the big summer outing.

A March Scouting event in Saint John, N.B., was the entertainment of 200 Scouts of the city in Trinity Sunday-school hall as guests of the 17th Saint John (Trinity) Troop.

The Scoutmaster and a P.L. of the 1st Cobalt Troop, Ont., visited the New Liskeard Troop and conducted an investiture ceremony. Seven boys took the promise. Games and storytelling completed the evening.

### 19th Calgary's Emergency Message Test

Previous to a regular meeting, a test message from Scoutmaster Florence for each member of the 19th Calgary was telephoned by the Scoutmaster to the Troop Leader and relayed by the T.L. to the four P.L.'s. In turn the P.L.'s passed the message on to each member of their patrol, then reported back to the Troop Leader. A little less than an hour elapsed before the Scoutmaster was advised that each boy had the message.

Cubs and Scouts of the 1st Niagara Falls Pack and Troop are contributing respectively five and ten cents a week toward a fund to support the cot for boys which they recently established in the Niagara Falls Hospital.

A successful Forty-Five social was held in St. Peter's Hall in aid of the 3rd Dartmouth (St. Peter's) Troop hockey team. Refreshments were served by the ladies in charge, assisted by members of the troop.

### A Successful Bi-lingual Troop Concert

An audience of both English and French-speaking parents of Scouts enjoyed the first concert of the 1st Asbestos Troop and Pack, Que. A play, "The Queen vs Daniel Nathaniel," was well received, movies were shown, presentations made and addresses given by Scoutmaster Reakes and Rev. E. A. Martineau, the latter speaking in French.

"Rover Gord McNeill, champion twig alphabet rustler, turned in H and Z last week, so we only need B, M, N and W to complete the alphabet."

—Kincardine News.

By decision of the Court of Honour of the 1st Chilliwack Troop, B.C., subscriptions were sent in for six copies of *The Scout Leader*, to be sent to four Patrol Leaders and two Seconds.

### Special B.-P. Church Service for St. Thomas Troops

The 2nd, 3rd and 5th St. Thomas Troops celebrated the Chief Scout's birthday with a special church parade to St. Luke's church. The colour party of St. Luke's entered the church with the choir and stood at the foot of the chancel with colours dipped during the singing of the National Anthem, then moved to the altar where the flags were received and deposited within the altar rail. Prayers were read by Chaplain the Rev. W. D. Cunningham of the 2nd Troop and the lessons by Rover Ruppel and Cubmaster Colledge. A solo was contributed by a Wolf Cub chorister, and Scoutmaster Scrase of the 5th troop gave an impressive address on loyalty.

For a very successful concert put on by the 8th Saskatoon, features were blindfold and regular boxing, first aid demonstration, an auto skit with boys acting as wheels, a short play and a closing camp fire scene. Music was supplied by the Rovers orchestra.

A Union Jack, a Troop and a Pack flag were presented to the 5th Peterboro (All Saints') by District Commissioner Turner, President J. Johns of the Local Association and the church Mens' Club. The flags were dedicated at the Sunday morning service by Rev. J. D. Patterson.

### "Sherlock Holmeses" of 22nd Winnipeg Win

The prize for a daily serial deduction feature of the *Winnipeg Tribune* was won by the 22nd (St. John's Pro-Cathedral) Winnipeg troop. The pro-



Diamond Jubilee float of the 1st Niagara Falls Wolf Cubs.



blem was made a patrol competition feature, and the boys later asked permission to combine their answers and send them in, with the result that they were adjudged the best of a large number.

For the part St. Catharines Scouts took in the Earl Haig memorial services District Scoutmaster Dr. R. H. Atkey received a letter of thanks from the local secretary of the Canadian Legion.

During a sealed orders hike of the Kamloops, B.C. Troop which took them to the top of Mt. Paul, the dog mascot of the troop hurt its leg. First aid was rendered and the dog was carried down the mountain on a stretcher.

#### Scouts Led Community Singing

A programme of games, demonstrations, the presentation of a warrant to Scoutmaster Parrot and community singing led by the Scouts made up a programme enjoyed by an audience that filled the Rosetown, Sask., Veterans' Hall. The hall was loaned free for the evening. The proceeds went into a fund to assist in buying uniforms.

Following a hike of the Boys' Training School Troop, Bowmanville, each patrol wrote a short descriptive story of the hike, with observations from memory only. The stories were read at the following meeting and patrol competition points awarded.

The Kaa dance by the Cubs, a first aid demonstration by the Scouts, Scouting movies and the presentation of a Chaplain's pin to Rev. Mr. Lewis, were B.P. Parents' Night programme items of the 1st Sherbrooke. Refreshments were served by the Mothers' Auxiliary.

As a regular troop good turn, the 3rd Sarnia, Ont., delegates a "safety man" to post the weekly bulletins of the Accident Prevention Association upon bulletin boards placed by the troop in the public and separate schools of the city.

#### 2nd Edmontons Start their Parents on Tenderfoot Work

Members of the Parents' Association of the 2nd Edmonton (St. Faith's), invited to a regular meeting, were divided between the four patrols and started on the Tenderfoot tests under the supervision of various patrol members. Following the instruction period they participated in a number of games and demonstrations.

A highly successful boxing tournament held in the Scout Hall of the 1st Gananoque Troop attracted a capacity audience. Seven bouts were staged. During the programme Scoutmaster Sampson gave a talk on the benefits of boxing.

The Vancouver District Bulletin of March 14, announces the revival of the "District Hike." This hike takes care of boys of troops whose leaders are unable themselves, for various reasons, to take their boys hiking.

#### Value of Scout Training for Journalists

As one in a series of vocational talks, the 10th Calgary heard an address by C. A. Hayden on the value of Scout training to boys later taking up journalism. A number of examples of successful ex-Scout newspaper men were mentioned.

A bake sale realized \$20 for the 1st Fairview Troop, B.C.

Some 50 Scouts, Cubs and leaders under District Commissioner Lightfoot attended a special service at 5th Avenue United Church, Souris, Man., and heard an excellent discourse by Rev. T. Neville on "The Youth of Today."

#### Scout Hospitality for Scout Hockey Guests

When the Digby, N.S., Scout hockey team visited Kentville, the visitors, the Kentville Scouts and the boys of St. Joseph's Church were entertained at supper at the Baptist Church by the girls of the C. G. I. T. After the game, which the Digby Scouts won, they returned to the church for "coffee and beans."

As their recognition of the Chief Scout's Birthday, St. Luke's Troop of St. Thomas, Ont., held a parents' night to which members of other city troops were invited. The programme included a comic skit, Scout and Cub demonstrations and a camp fire.

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.

A meeting of the Court of Honour of the 1st Melfort Troop, Sask., at the home of the Scoutmaster, discussed roast turkey, then the buying of a large first aid kit, the building of a clubroom and a drive to secure associate members for the Local Association.

#### Ladysmith Scouts Present Victoria Scouts with Competition Trophy

Scout and Cub leaders, members of troop ladies' auxiliaries and of the Local Association, P.L's and Cub instructors and visitors from Vancouver and Ladysmith made up the more than 80 persons who sat down to the annual B.P. birthday dinner at Victoria, B.C. During the evening Scoutmaster Martin of Ladysmith presented the Victoria district with a stained wooden notice board with beaten copper headings, to be awarded to the Victoria troop making the best progress in patrol corner and test work during the next three months. The board was the work of three Ladysmith Scouts.

Scout Law plays were a successful feature of an entertainment given before a large audience by St. George's Troop, St. Catharines, Ont. Other items were a minstrel show and a council fire.

At the suggestion of Park Superintendent W. R. Reeder, each Calgary Scout is to make a bird house for

erection in Union Cemetery. Preference is being given houses for bluebirds and wrens.

#### Distinguished Speakers at New Westminster Banquet

The programme of the highly successful annual banquet of the 6th New Westminster Troop, B.C., included addresses by Rev. the Hon. T. A. Henneage, Rev. E. A. Chester and Dist. Commissioner R. P. Day. Music was furnished by the Rovers Orchestra. A number of prizes were presented, including the Judge Bole silver cup for marksmanship to Scout Whitaker.

Scouts of the 2nd Chatham Troop had a near-home lesson in fire prevention when by some unknown means wastepaper which they had been collecting in their headquarters caught fire and destroyed the interior of their hut.

Following a home-cooking sale of the 64th Winnipeg Troop and Troop Committee (Robertson Memorial) Cubmaster and Mrs. Mason were presented with a linen bedspread upon which was embroidered in the pack colours a Wolf Cub and the names of members of the pack.

#### Bishop of Brandon Addresses Local Scouts

At a rally of Brandon, Man., Scouts and Cubs at the Collegiate Institute, the Bishop of Brandon gave an interesting lecture on personal experiences in the early days of Northern Manitoba. Rev. C. S. Oke outlined a Scout and Cub stamp collecting competition for which he will present shields.

Games in which all participated formed an important part of the programme when the 1st Burnaby, B.C., Troop and Girl Guides entertained the other Scout troops and Guide companies of the district at Jubilee United Church Hall in honour of the Chief Scout. Ladies of the church served refreshments.

District Commissioner Van Someren presented a Scout picture to the troop and A.S.M. Catton awarded an embroidered patrol flag to the champion Curlew Patrol at the sixth birthday banquet and concert of the 17th Hamilton (St. Alban's). Ladies of the church provided the refreshments.

Recent "Commercial" hikes of London, Ont., Troops have been held to the plants of Kellogg's, McCormick Biscuit Co., and the London Life Insurance Co.

A number of proficiency badge courses, with outside instructors, have been held under the direction of Scoutmaster Wolfe of the 2nd Londoners.

#### Cubs and Dads Play Games at Sarnia Banquet

Some 90 parents and friends of the 2nd Sarnia (St. John's) Wolf Cub Pack enjoyed a banquet prepared by the Pollyanna Group of the C.G.I.T., followed by a demonstration of a typical Cub meeting night. For the games

periods the fathers competed with the boys. As part of their demonstration the Cubs assisted at clearing the tables.

St. Margaret's Troop and Pack, Winnipeg, celebrated the Chief Scout's birthday with a combined church parade.

### 350 Persons at Galt Banquet

Preston Scouts and mothers were present as guests among the 350 persons who sat down to the B-P. birthday banquet of the 1st Galt Troop, Ont., held in Scout Memorial Hall. A number of presentations were made, including a framed picture to Scoutmaster Wheeler by the Scout Mothers' Club. The supper was served by the Scout mothers assisted by members of the Galt Women's Institute.

The Guides and Scouts of Red Deer, Alta., jointly celebrated the Chief's birthday with a bean-and-scalloped-potato banquet, followed by a programme which included a play by the girls, a first aid demonstration by Rovers and tent-pitching by the Chickadee patrol, followed by games in which all participated, and a sing-song.

A new troop, the 3rd (a revived number), has been formed at St. Paul's Church, Sherbrooke, with Rev. W. H. Cheverton as Scoutmaster.

### Annual Saskatoon Scout Boxing Tournament.

The boxing team of St. John's Troop won the Saskatoon Scout boxing championship pennant and shield at the annual competition held in Christ Church Hall. In addition to the five class bouts, there were three exhibition contests. Blindfold boxing and an exhibition of singleticks provided variety.

The programme of a successful meeting of the 2nd Edmonton was prepared by the Duty Patrol.

The 3rd Hamilton (St. David's) Troop had as guests at their annual banquet the 7th and 16th Hamiltonians and the recently organized 1st Smithville Troop.

### Banquet Marks Transfer of Popular N. S. Gillwellian.

On the eve of his transfer to Thorburn, Scoutmaster Rev. Fr. MacIsaac of Sacred Heart Parish, Sydney, N.S., was tendered a largely attended farewell dinner, during which District Commissioner Carter presented him with a handsome writing set on behalf of the central Scout committee, and Sacred Heart Scouts presented him with a leather coat and gloves.

Handbooks were the individual prizes awarded the competition winning patrol of the 9th Border Cities.

With material supplied by President Wilson of the Local Association, Truro, N.S. Scouts are constructing bird houses for Victoria Park. Houses will also be provided for private gardens.

A one-act play, gymnastic display and a fencing exhibition were programme items of a successful concert of the 19th Winnipeg (Jewish) Troop.

### 1st Timmins Stages First Aid Test Hike

During a ski hike of the 1st Timmins an "accident" was staged, one of the boys supposedly breaking his leg. Splints were contrived and applied, a stretcher made, and the "victim" carried to a nearby hut. A written competitive report of occurrences and observations of the outing also was called for.

At the annual father and son service at St. Paul's United church, Assiniboia, Sask., the church Scout troop was present in a body.

### Penticton's New Scout Hall Opened

The fine new combination Scout Hall and school gymnasium at Penticton, B.C., was officially opened in the presence of a large gathering by Reeve J. Kirkpatrick and Magistrate T. A. Pope. During tea served to the public by the Ladies' Auxiliary, Scouts, Cubs and Guides entertained.

An I. O. D. E. bake sale provided funds for a new Union Jack, signalling flags and staves for the 1st Comber, Ont.



A council fire stunt at a week's training camp of 13th Vancouver Instructors and Sixers.

After completing an Indoor Training Course at Sydney, N.S., Rev. Fr. A. Johnson organized the 1st New Waterford Troop in connection with Mt. Carmel Parish, and Rev. Fr. Miles Thompson the 2nd New Waterford Troop in St. Agnes Parish.

### Making the Local Annual Meeting Interesting

The annual meeting of the Welland, Ont., Local Association was made an interesting occasion at McCuaig Hall by Scouting demonstrations and a supper served by the Presbyterian Ladies' Auxiliary. President W. J. Hickey's report showed 4 active troops, with 116 Scouts, 4 S.M.'s and 4 A.S.M.'s and two packs, with 54 Cubs and 4 leaders.

For a hike of the 22nd Winnipeg, one of the older Scouts acted as guide, two P.L.'s were made responsible for the games, and a third was designated to look after the equipment.

Although without a Scoutmaster, Newcastle, N.B. Scouts were reported as carrying on their test work amongst themselves.

### Distant Friends Present Flags to 1st Digby.

The new Union Jack and troop flag of the 1st Digby, N.S., came from distant friends—the former from Mr. E. Harte Nicholls of Halifax and the latter from Mr. A.H. Holdworth of Windsor, Ont. Mayor Lynch addressed the troop at the presentation of the flags by Scoutmaster Wright.

At a meeting of the 1st Bracebridge Troop, Ont., the boys were requested to make a trip to the woods and secure staves. At the next meeting every boy had a natural wood staff.

A Scoutmaster's Council has been formed at Niagara Falls, Ont. Meetings will be held at the Public Library on the first Monday of each month.

### Snow Foils Winnipeg Scouts' Search for Lost Woman

The services of the Scouts of St. Vital suburb, Winnipeg, were requisitioned for a search for a Mrs. Adams who had disappeared from her home. A heavy snow fall made tracking practically impossible, and although a well organized search was carried out the Scouts were unsuccessful.

The 5th Toronto (Riverdale Presbyterian) possesses a log book containing a continuous record of the troop's doings since its organization in 1920. Over 200 boys have been members.

For the organization of a troop at Stanstead, Que., twelve boys were selected as potential leaders, and after a fortnight's work on the Tenderfoot tests, eight of these were named Patrol Leaders and Seconds, and started on the Second Class work.

### South Winnipeg Akela Club Plans

South Winnipeg Cubmasters and Assistants met at the home of District Commissioner W. E. Hargreaves and decided to form a District Akela Club. Plans were made for a display and the holding of athletic tests in May. A conference for Senior Sixers and a training course for Cub leaders also were discussed.

A Union Jack and a troop flag were presented to the 1st Brooklin Troop, Ont., by the Home and School Club and the Women's Institute. Port Whitby Scouts were invited for the ceremony of presentation.

An unused annex of the Oaklands, B.C., school was placed at the disposal of the local Cub Pack as a meeting place.

### Scout Hockey Hospitality Returned

When the Kentville, N.S., Scout team returned the visit of the Digby Scout hockeyists they were welcomed at the station, shown about the town, entertained at the Scout Hall with moving pictures of the Wembley Jam-boree by Rev. Mr. Forbes, banqueted, —and played hockey before a packed rink.

Some 400 Border Cities Cubs attended a rally at Douglas Avenue School, when Principal Bowes gave a lantern-slide talk on birds.



# ❖ The Scoutmaster's Five Minutes ❖

## The Real Mountie

JUST drunk enough to be dangerous, "Big Bill" Barton terrorized the barroom with his loaded revolver. The place was Saskatchewan, and the time some twenty years ago, when a great rush of settlers was flowing into the new country of Western Canada.

Bill—that, of course, is not his name—had recently located in the district, and was not yet much acquainted with Canadian barroom etiquette. Therein lay the danger—he didn't know that gun-play is, and always has been, forbidden sport on the Canadian side of "the line." And it would be too late to tell him after some one had been shot.

The crowd in the barroom knew the customs of the country, but they didn't quite know how to explain them to the belligerent stranger. Some said, "Send for the Mounted Police." The Mounted Police had a genius for elucidating Canadian customs to belligerent strangers.

But Big Bill overheard the suggestion, and it merely whetted his ambition to do something conspicuously bad.

"Yes, send for the police!" he roared. "Bring 'em in at that door, an' drag 'em out at this." He indicated the proceeding with a sweep of his unoccupied arm. "This little gatling just loves policemen. It eats 'em alive!"

The crowd began to seep through doors and windows. Those who could not make a convenient getaway assumed expressions of amiable concurrence in the "bad man's" behaviour, hoping not to localize his displeasure upon themselves.

It happened that at that moment down the street came the single representative of the Mounted Police in a territory as big as a New England state.

Some one told him he was wanted to play the role of corpse in a little drama being enacted in the barroom, and he went in to see about it.

Now if this had occurred in any motion picture play the daring and immaculate rider of the plains would have gone in with at least one gun barking, but Sergeant What-is-Name knew nothing of the technique of the movie director. So he went in like a Mounted Policeman, his hands at his sides, his red coat and shining buttons a conspicuous target in the smoky room.

His composure took the "bad man" off his guard, and, besides, even bad men do not usually shoot a total stranger who has made no belligerent gesture. Before he realized it the policeman was at his side.

"I'll take your gun, please," said the policeman.

And the "bad man" handed it over!

"Where do you live?"

The settler told him.

"Got your team in the livery stable?"

"Yep."

"Well, come along and I'll see you off. It's getting late, and you're not in the best of shape for a long drive."

They went out together and up the street to the livery stable. The policeman ordered the settler's team hitched to his sleigh, saw him in it, and the robes tucked comfortably about him.

"Think you can make it?"

"Sure. I'm awright."

"Because if you've any doubt I'll go with you. We don't want any settlers frozen on the prairie."

"Oh, I'm awright. Giddap!"

—Robert Stead in *The Rotarian*.

## A Loyal Husky

HOW his life was twice saved by "Mountie," the husky leader of the Chateau Frontenac dog-team, whom he raised from a pup, is related by Sgt. William Grennon of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

The first incident occurred when the sergeant was traveling with his dogs following an early freeze. The team, with Mountie in the lead, was crossing seven-mile-wide Sturgeon Lake. Too late the cracking and bending of the ice told Sgt. Grennon that it was dangerously thin,—so thin that it was impossible to halt and turn back. They must keep on.

Mountie at once seemed to realize the situation. Awaiting no word of



An observation and camouflage game at a Nova Scotian Gillwell.

command, he led the team on at breakneck speed. The ice cracked and undulated beneath them, but with never a moment's hesitation they dashed ahead. And finally they gained the shore, and safety.

The second incident occurred a year later. When crossing a river with his dog-team, Sgt. Grennon suddenly discovered a six-foot crack just ahead. Instead of hesitating, Mountie dashed at it full speed, and leaped across. The other dogs followed, with the sleigh and its occupant.

Over thousands of miles through the snow bound north, on missions of life and death, Mountie accompanied Sergeant Grennon. And when five years ago Mountie left for Quebec the Sergeant declared he had lost his most faithful and most beloved friend.

The spread of Scouting among institutions for physically handicapped boys continues in England. One of the recent units organized was the Wood Pigeon Patrol, at the Orthopaedic Hospital, Combe Park. The ceremony of enrolment was carried out by the District Commissioner, with some of the boys lying in their beds.

## Why Lost People Walk in Circles

WHEN a blindfolded person walks in what he thinks is a straight line, he is actually going in a more or less regular clock-spring spiral, said Dr. A. A. Schaeffer, of the University of Kansas, in describing new experiments before zoologists of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

Dr. Schaeffer made over 300 experiments with blindfolded persons on the open prairie of Kansas and Colorado, on the ice of a reservoir in Massachusetts, on a race-track in Tennessee, and in a 160 acre field. The subjects walked, swam, rowed, and drove automobiles blindfolded, and in each case they steered essentially the same kind of a curving path. Usually they started out with a straight stretch, and then began to turn in circles, and these circles usually became smaller in diameter.

A twenty-four-year-old mental imbecile, with the mind of a four-year-old child, was tested, and the path he took was like that of a normal person, indicating that intellect does not play any large part in directing the spiraling mechanism. No connection between right and left handedness and the direction taken by the spiral turns could be found.

"There is no doubt that the same mechanism that produces these experimental spirals, when blindfolded, also makes one go in circles when lost," the zoologist stated.

To be lost, he explained, means that the orienting senses are not functioning.

The spiraling mechanism appears to be located in the central nervous system and to operate when the mechanism that controls balance and orientation is not in normal control."

Among the "oldest" Cub packs still under the original leader is the River-view Pack, of Vancouver,—Cubmaster Worthington.

## A Fine Scouting Record

AN unusual record in Scouting is that made by the Rev. J. Newton Sykes, Commissioner for Wolf Cubs for the North Shore, Vancouver, who is leaving British Columbia to return to the Old Country. His connection with Canadian Scouting began in 1913, when he organized the 1st North Vancouver Troop, which became one of the most active in the district, winning the South African Campaigners' Shield for Ambulance work three times, the Lieutenant Governor's Shield and the Henry Eaves Cup for camping. During the war Rev. Mr. Sykes assisted in carrying on the Vancouver Headquarters, including the work of the Badge Committee, which he handled almost unaided for two years. In addition to the 1st North Vancouver Troop, Rev. Mr. Sykes organized the 4th and 5th troops and St. Martin's and the Lynn Valley Wolf Cub packs; and for some time he was in charge of the 2nd North Vancouver.



## Using Brothers in the Investiture

**A**N unusually impressive investiture was that performed at the annual banquet of the 27th Toronto Troop when Pack Leader Boughton came up from the 27th Pack. Standing on one side of the graduating Cub was his older brother, A.C.M. Boughton of the 22nd Pack, who also had come up from the 27th; and on the other side, as sponsor, another brother, Patrol Second Boughton, likewise a former 27th Cub.

The investiture followed the usual going-up ceremony, the recruit still being in his Cub uniform, and standing between his brothers. The lights were turned out for a few moments. When they were again turned on the recruit was in full Scout kit. The older brother then invested him with the troop scarf and the next brother pinned on the shoulder knot. In the same order they gave him the Scout hand shake, then Scoutmaster O'Callaghan.

Following this investiture the Assistant Chief Commissioner, a guest, presented A.S.M. warrants to five graduate members of the troop,—bringing to 27 the total number of active leaders coming up from the ranks of the 27th Troop since its organization.

In connection with the investiture it was noted that the 27th roll shows 33 sets of brothers and 16 sets of "three's."

**A** copy of the table plan for a luncheon arranged by the London H. Q. staff in joint honour of the birthdays of the Chief Scout and Chief Guide gives an impressive idea of the proportions and standing of the Movement in England. The tables were arranged in a horseshoe and from the Chief Scout's end the place cards read:

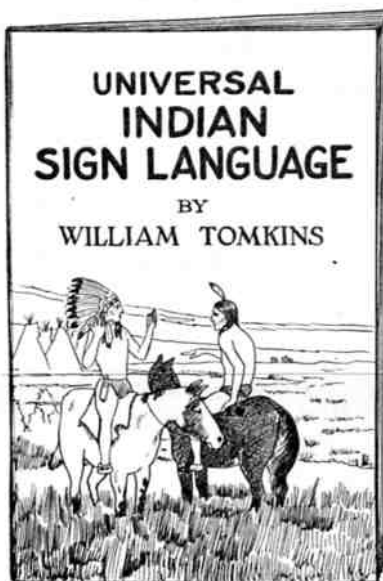
Duchess of Abercorn, Ireland; Mrs. Mark Kerr, London; Earl of Meath, K.P., G.C.V.O., Chief Commissioner for Ireland; Vice Admiral E. M. Phillips, C.B., London; Mrs. Huison Craufurd, Scotland; Miss Lee Baker, Camping; Mr. J. S. Wilson, Camp Chief, Gillwell; Gen. E. G. Godfrey-Faussett, C.B., C.M.G., Training; Miss Wolton, Foxlease (Guide Training Centre); Miss Bewley, Rangers; Mr. P. B. Nevill, Rovers; Miss Talbot, Kindred Societies; Rev. L. Spiller, Sea Scouts; Col. A. D. Acland, C.B.E., Treasurer; Mrs. Fairweather, Awards; Miss Judson, Schools; Mr. Piers Power, Schools; Mr. C. Fisher, Roland House; Miss Carey, Editor *The Guider*; Mrs. Combe, Lone Guides; Mr. Ernest Young, Editor *The Scouter*; Miss Lewis, Editor *The Guide*; Mr. Hayden Dimmock, Editor *The Scout*; Mr. Colquhoun, Cubs; Mrs. Cowan-Douglas, Brownies; Miss Carter, Assistant Secretary; Mr. D. F. Morgan, Assistant Secretary; Mrs. Fryer, Disabled Guides; Sir Montagu Burrows, C.I.E., Disabled Scouts; Dr. Lucas, Music; Mrs. Streatfeild, Music; Mrs. Crichton Miller, Auxiliaries; Mr. P. Everett, Equipment; Mr. C. Dymoke Green, General Secretary; Mrs. Essex Reade, International; Miss Montgomery, General Secretary; Mr. Hubert Martin, C.B.E., International; Sir Alfred Pickford, Overseas and the Chief Guide.

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## A Scout Telephone Week

**A** page story in February *Blue Bell*, the monthly publication of the Bell Telephone Company, tells of the success of Boy Scout Telephone Week in Toronto. A page-width illustration shows a large group of Scouts in the troop room of St. Aidan's Church, with General Manager W. J. Cairns, who had presented prizes to the winners of essays written on the subject "My Visit to a Telephone Exchange." The winners were Patrol Leader J. Cairns, 31st Toronto, and P.L. Arthur Barker of the 46th Toronto Troop.

Some four thousand Scouts took advantage of the invitation to visit a telephone exchange, and many favourable comments upon their bearing and critical interest were made by members of the Telephone Company staff. "The most interested and easiest crowd to handle that we have ever had," remarked one Chief Operator. A Wire Chief on duty at another exchange volunteered that the Scouts "were the most interested little rascals he had ever shown through."

General Manager Cairns in addressing the winners and their troop comrades at the prize presentation emphasized the fact that The Bell Telephone Company and The Boy Scouts Association have the same watchword, "Be Prepared."

For the teaching of Morse telegraphy, buzzers controlled by the instructor's key have been placed in each patrol corner of the 44th Winnipeg.

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## Patrol "Hare and Hounds"

For the first hike of the 2nd Amherstburg, Ont., the senior patrol was given a fifteen minute start, and the others tracked them seven miles to a quarry. There each patrol prepared its own meal of "hot dogs" and potatoes, etc. The afternoon was spent in woodcraft games.

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A camp cooking menu contest is being conducted in the Scout column of the *Border Cities Star*. "Favorite Camp Recipes" also will be published.

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A Union Jack presented by the Ladies' Auxiliary of the 22nd Winnipeg was dedicated at the morning service of St. John's Pro-Cathedral. The service was attended by the troop, the Girl Guides, the Brownies and Cubs. Very Rev. Canon Gill officiated, assisted by Cubmaster the Rev. J. M. Roe.

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## A Scout Fathers' Board

To its already excellent organization the 1st Galt Troop, Ont., has added a Scout Fathers' Board, "who will help in whatever way they can." The first matter taken up was proficiency badge examinations.

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Through the Scout News column of the *St. Catharines Standard* Badge Secretary White offers to supply other Scoutmasters of the district with copies of pamphlets on birds and bird houses, a supply of which he secured from Ottawa.

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.

## Observation Tests

AS an observation test at every meeting some little mark is made on the wall or floor, or a rope may be hung up somewhere with a badly tied knot, or a sign or picture may be hung crooked, and the first Scout to spot the test earns a point for his patrol.

The test last Thursday night was a piece of bark partly shaved from a cedar pole. It was spotted by a keen-eyed Owl.

As another simple observation test a picture was shown for one minute. It was the picture of four men, three sitting and one standing beside a camp fire, telling a story. Mountains could be seen in the distance, also the shimmer of a little lake surrounded by tall pine trees. It was just before supper time, for the pots were on the fire. The guide, who had a few minutes to spare, was repairing a saddle for the next day's ride.

The Scouts were then asked questions such as these:

- 1—What kind of country is it?
- 2—How many men are there in the picture. (Some said five).
- 3—How many men are smoking? (Only one correct answer).
- 4—How are they travelling?
- 5—What is the main point in the picture? —4th Peterborough.

## Only Standard Films Loaned

IT should be noted by Scoutmasters proposing to take advantage of the arrangement for securing films from the Parks Branch, Ottawa (outlined in the December Scout Leader), that only standard width films are available. Sub-standard films are not supplied.

Scouting for Boys in Braille (for the blind) may now be obtained from The Scout Shop, Imperial Headquarters, Boy Scouts Association, 25 Buckingham Palace Road, London, S.W. 1. It is published in five volumes.

## For the Paper and Rag Collecting Troops

SPRING house cleaning is the harvest time for troops that raise camping funds by paper and rag collections. Following are some "rag hints" that may help to secure a maximum return. They should be checked up with the local market demands.

**Local or nearby markets.**—Machinery manufacturing plants and machine shops. Furniture and piano factories. Large furniture stores. Paper mills making high grade papers. Shoddy mills. Rag collecting firms.

**Sorting.**—According to the needs of the market secured. For oiling machinery and rubbing furniture the requirement is a soft cloth without lint, such as: Silk veil or silk crepe dress material, old voile window curtains, cheese cloth, old linen towels and pillow-slips, worn and well-washed flannellette. All neckbands and hard seams should be removed.

**Washing.**—All the above should be well washed.

**For paper mills:** All linens, the white separate.

**For shoddy mills:** Woolen goods of all kinds, including stockings, sweaters, old mitts, etc.

**The balance:** In bulk to a junk and rag collector.

**Sleeves.**—Should be ripped open and lining removed.

**Buttons.**—Removed. May be sold at a bazaar or rummage sale.

**Pack.**—In 50 pound bags and label.

**Collecting.**—This will be done systematically of course; probably by assigning certain districts to certain patrols. Give advance notice of the collection through the local Scout News column, or in other ways, with an explanation of the purpose for which the resulting funds will be used.

**CAUTION:** Needless to say, old clothes and rags will not be taken from a home in which there has recently been contagious illness.

## Scout Dates

### April

- 1st—Palm Sunday.
- 5th—Holy Thursday.
- Jewish Passover.
- 6th—Good Friday.
- 8th—Easter Sunday.
- 9th—Easter Monday.
- Vimy Ridge, 1917.
- 15th—Low Sunday.
- 17th—2nd Battle Ypres, 1915.
- 23rd—St. George's Day.

### During April

Hold early spring observation hikes.

Begin talking summer camps and camp funds in earnest.

Participate in local spring "clean-ups."

### May

- 1st—May Day.
- 13th—Rogation Sunday.
- Mothers' Day.

## Display Objectives

FOR a Wolf Cub display to be given this month in Vancouver the following objectives are announced in the District Bulletin:

1. To give EACH CUB some conception of some part of the great brotherhood of which he is a member.
2. To create public interest in the Movement as a whole.
3. To interest parents in the work of the Pack and give them a better understanding of Cubbing.
4. To develop district esprit de corps.

The old age pensioners of Boosbeck, England, were recently entertained to tea by the Boy Scouts of the district.

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## Simplifying the District Banquet

FOR the annual get-together banquet of New Westminster, B.C. Troops, held in St. George's Hall, each troop erected, decorated and catered for its own table. "So the six tables, apart from the head table, presented the expected varied and attractive appearance . . . . At each table, with its distinctive colours, parents were seated as guests of their sons."

## Find the Watch

AN individual hearing test, patrol competition points. With troop out of the room, conceal a watch. Call troop in, and allow five minutes for its discovery by sound, Scouts working individually. When discovered, its location is not to be disclosed or indicated in any way. Troop then called to horseshoe, and patrol points given for correct location. On a repetition of the game two or more watches may be hidden. (An amusing result will be the "discovery" of watches "where they aren't.")

## Knot Signals

A Signalling-Knotting game. Patrols in any group formation at one end of troop room, rope-length on floor in front. Scoutmaster, at other end, signals (Morse or Semaphore) a certain patrol number, then the name of a knot. The boys called catch up rope, run to the Scoutmaster and tie the knot. Patrol point for first correct knot correctly tied. Each boy must read the signals for himself, and must not run before the word is completed. For variation, knot names may be spelled backwards.

Do you realize that the uniforms of your boys are constantly talking about you, and about the Troop, and about Scouting? They're important.

## Dealing With a Burning Automobile

A burning automobile offers an occasional emergency problem for a hiking Scout troop or patrol. The following paragraph on the subject was prepared for the new edition of The Handbook:

Ignited gasoline causes the great majority of automobile fires. In such cases water is useless, or may further spread the burning oil. The object should be to choke the fire out. In this, sand or earth is most effective, or in the winter snow if it can be flung on in smothering quantities. When the ground is frozen and bare, flour may be resorted to, if procurable. If the location and proportions of the fire permit, it may possibly be smothered with a blanket, or even with a coat. When the framework or contents of a car alone are concerned, water of course may be used. Some of the more expensive cars and most large commercial trucks carry small chemical extinguishers. On the road it might be possible to secure one of these from a passing car or truck. Keep this in mind.