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## Planning for the 1928 Camp

**DISCUSS** all details with your Court of Honour and your Troop Committee.

Make full use of your Committee. Give each member something specific to look after,— as

Camp Finances.

Arrangements for use of camp site, if necessary.

Food Supplies, and delivery at camp.

Tents, if to be purchased, borrowed or rented. (See page 89.)

Transportation.

**Talk Camp.**—Make some reference to camp at every troop meeting. Remember that for the boys it is the big adventure of the year,—and a lot of the fun is in the anticipation. Work some camp first aid games into the troop programmes— such "accidents" as a cut finger, a nail in the foot, a sprained ankle, ivy poisoning, heat prostration; also water rescue drill and Schafer resuscitation.

**Learn Some New Songs.**—Have the troop learn some of the new songs in the latest edition of the *Canadian Camp Fire Song Book*, for singing at the council fires. Develop some new camp fire stunts for Visitors' Night.

Talk over Camp Good Turn possibilities.

**Scout Diaries.**—Encourage all boys owning copies of the 1928 *Canadian Scout Diary* to begin filling in the pages for recording observations of birds, trees and flowers,—with the plan of completing the lists during the camping period.

Discuss with your Court of Honour the offering of a prize for the best set of Diary observation records produced at the termination of the camp.

**Preliminary Hikes.**—Take your P. L.'s out on camp problem hikes, if possible overnight. Practice plain camp cooking; choose camp sites and individual sites; location and kind of kitchen fire; location of grease and refuse pits, and other sanitary details. (See "Camps and Camping," Fourth Edition, *THE HANDBOOK for CANADA*.)

**Choosing a New Camp Site.**—If camping this year on a new site, check over ahead of time against the following points:

Accessible but secluded.

Ground that will drain readily.

Protection on the summer-storm side.

Suitability for general woodcraft activities.

Pure water. (If taken from a stream, follow this to its source, and look over the area drained, particularly if the stream passes through a farm. If in doubt make plans for purification as described on page 384, *HANDBOOK*.)

Pure milk supply.

Wood supply.

Safe swimming.

Resident doctor within reach.

**Looking Over the Old Camp Site—**

Check up—

On purity of water and milk.

On milk, butter, eggs, vegetable and meat supply and prices.

On all arrangements with respect to use of the site, rental, wood supply, price, etc.

**Don't assume anything to be understood because it was understood last year!**

Make sure of the doctor's availability.

With last year's experiences in mind, improve on tent location if possible.

Inspect the swimming places for broken bottles, cans, snags, etc., which may have been deposited during the intervening months.

**Lay Out the Daily Camp Programme.**

—Have your Court of Honour lay out a programme of camp activities for every day, with optionals for wet days. Don't use the same programme as last year.

Plan a real woodcraft camp, with plenty of competitive observation games or hikes. Discuss items from this list:

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**THE** above composite of New Brunswick Gillwell camp scenes with an accompanying article on the Gillwell Course prepared by Assistant District Commissioner Fred Choppin appeared early last summer in the Saint John papers and attracted considerable attention. 1. Ready for a "six-oared boat race." 2. Semi-miniature bridge building. 3. The "mystery patrol" of the Journey. 4. One of those outstandingly keen mixed-church patrols including an Anglican and a Catholic padre. 5. An impromptu disguise game. 6. Flag break and prayers. 7. Ready for the Journey adventure. 8. A little lariat work.

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### Old Scouts

#### B. P. in April Scouter

IT has become evident that there must be a vast number of ex-Scouts at large in our civil population who have drifted out of touch with the Movement, and various efforts have been made and suggestions offered as to how they can be roped in for their own good and to give further help to the Movement.

To start a department at headquarters for this particular branch would mean a very big staff and a cumbersome centralized method. The best solution of the question seems to have occurred to Scouters in several centres, and this appears to give most satisfactory results.

It is done through the Troops themselves keeping a Register of all their old Scouts, and keeping in touch with them by cards on their birthday and other occasions, and by occasional reunions, suppers, etc. One Troop I have heard of has now 300 members on its roll. If this system were carried out by all Troops it would mean an enormous strengthening of our brotherhood and maintenance of our spirit throughout the country and Empire. I hope that Scoutmasters will favourably consider the idea and see whether it could not form a "Quest" for one of their Rovers to carry out.

In a similar direction I would urge on Commissioners the importance of keeping in touch with the ex-Scouts from public schools and universities with a view to keeping up their enthusiasm, and helping them to take up their service with the Movement as soon as they have settled into their regular line of life.

#### Wallace Nesbitt Junior Results

Nova Scotia—Won by 16th Halifax Troop; second, 9th Halifax.

Quebec—Won by 28th Montreal Girl Guides; second, Montreal Troop (number not reported); third, No. 1 Team of 1st Ste. Anne Troop.

Manitoba—Won by A Team, 8th Girl Guides; second, B Team, 8th Girl Guides; third, 24th Winnipeg Troop.

#### Gillwell 1st Class Test Work

IT should not be overlooked that Tenderfoot and Second Class work only is covered by the Indoor Courses,—that to round out his training with the First Class work a Scoutmaster must take the Gillwell Camp Course.

### Royal Boy Scouts

UNDER this heading "Truth" of March 7th says:—

"General Baden-Powell can hardly have foreseen, when he started the Boy Scout Movement, the amazing hold which it has taken, not only on many various nations, but on all classes of society. At the present time the younger members of royal families are joining it in all directions. Bernadotte boys in Sweden, many youthful Hapsburgs in Hungary, Royal Danes, even Imperial Japs have become conspicuous with their long poles and characteristic garb, acquiring merit among the trustees of posterity."

It may also be recalled that the King of Spain and his sons, the Heir Presumptive of Siam, Prince Nicholas of Roumania, and the Italian Princes are all Scouts, as of course is H.R.H. The Prince of Wales, who is Chief Scout for Wales.

The New South Wales Government has made a special grant of £5,000 to The Boy Scouts Association. The money will be used mainly for developing a large area of land at Pennant Hills, at present held by the Boy Scouts Association, as a recreation and instructional camp for the Scouts in the city and country.



Quebec Gillwell bridge builders.

Scouting in Northern Ontario has suffered a serious loss in the death of District Commissioner George R. de Vontom. Professor de Vontom, librarian at Espanola, was a musician of distinction, and for some years was accompanist to his late wife, Madame Rosa d'Erin, a famous prima donna. He was a Fourth Degree member of the Knights of Columbus. Only shortly before his death he received the Scout Medal of Merit in recognition of many years of outstanding work in behalf of Scouting.

The practical interest of Lieut. Governor Bruce of British Columbia in Scouting was recently evidenced by an address in behalf of the Movement before the Nanaimo Kiwanis Club. In the course of his remarks His Honour was quoted as declaring that he knew of no greater service which a club could render the nation than the support of the Boy Scout Movement, and advocated the organization of four additional troops in Nanaimo. He was accompanied by District Commissioner Ravenhill, of Victoria.

VISITS OF FIELD MEN  
ARE MADE POSSIBLE BY  
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Scouts in various ways participated in the April membership drive of the League of Nations Society of Canada.

During his present trip in the west His Excellency the Governor-General is meeting Scouts wherever railroad time tables make this possible.

The most recently organized Vancouver Troop, the 32nd, is a Chinese troop. Mr. C. W. Wiseman is Scoutmaster.

Scout columns are beginning to report outdoor meetings for both troops and packs. These are always keenly enjoyed by the boys.

The hiking and short-camp opportunities of the Easter School Holidays were widely taken advantage of, notably in British Columbia.

The basket which held the flowers presented to Her Excellency Viscountess Willingdon during the recent visit of Their Excellencies to Vancouver was made by blind Scouts of the Point Grey School for the Blind.

A general observance of St. George's Day Sunday by special Scout church parades was indicated in press clippings and direct reports. A number of Easter church parades also were noted.

At the request of Principal D. L. MacLaurin of the Victoria Normal School, a series of talks on Scouting are being given by District Commissioner H. T. Ravenhill, Scoutmaster Leighton and District Scoutmaster Hartley.

The 2nd Montreal (Storer) Troop, of St. Lambert, has been asked by the City Manager of that independent suburb of Montreal to take a census of the city, and the Court of Honour has agreed. The troop, under the leadership of Scoutmaster R. G. Talbot, will have the entire organization and handling of the census, and expects to start the work about the middle of May.

A number of Ontario Scout troops will carry out reforestation projects this spring. The 1st Paisley Troop is campaigning to interest owners of nearby suitable land tracts in tree planting, and, through the local paper, offers to do the work. The Ontario Government will supply the Scouts with the trees.

A feature of the Quebec Scout leaders' conference to be held in Three Rivers, May 11, 12, is to be a Sunday morning service at the City Hall, the chief speaker being Scoutmaster the Rev. Albert Johnson, of Hudson, Que. Scoutmasters will be present from Quebec, Eastern Ontario and New Brunswick.

## PLANNING THE 1928 CAMP

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Wild animal observation.

Animal tracking, with top points for the best story deduced from tracks. (May include ground squirrels, chipmunks and field mice).

Bird observation.

Bird nest hunting (location, without disturbing occupants).

Tree identification (leaves).

Wild flower collection.

Fern collection.

Fungus collection. (Those of suitable shape and smooth surface can be used for making camp sketches.)

Weed collection. (Most interesting and instructive, with the help of a good book on the subject, such as *Farm Weeds of Canada*—\$2.00, The King's Printer, Ottawa.)

Twig Alphabet contest, inter-patrol (the letters to be cut from small branches or bushes, and to be natural—not bent to shape).

Track reading contests (in sand on shore, on nearby road, or other suitable spot).

A Star Hike (point-to-point cross-country by star direction only).

Stalking and other misc. games (See HANDBOOK).

Bridge building.

Museum of camp conveniences.

**For Visitors' Day**—Plan a top-notch Visitors' Day, with a programme of demonstration tests and games—all scouty. Keep away from the conventional field day of foot races, jumping, baseball, etc.

**Tests to be Passed**—Make definite plans for the completion of First Class tests during the camping period, including the Journey; and the passing of every Tenderfoot through the balance of his Second Class work.

Check over the troop's proficiency badge work, and schedule the passing of tests for Bird Warden, Camp Cook, Camper, Canoeman, Entertainer (at the council fire), Inland Fisherman, Forester, Naturalist, Pioneer, Stalker, Starman, Swimmer, etc.

**Communicate with Parents**—In all cases definite approval of parents for the attendance of boys at camp should be secured. A business-like method is the sending of a brief form letter announcing the camp dates and place; leaders to be in charge; noting that every care will be taken of the boy's comfort and safety; requesting an assurance that the boy is in good health, or mention of any constitutional weakness that might call for special consideration; asking that boxes of cake and candy be not sent to camp; Visitors' Day, date and hours; a list of the articles which each boy will require (page 354, HANDBOOK).

**Assistants**—Arrange to have with you if possible one A. S. M. to each two patrols in camp.

**Bird and Forestry Men**—If you wish a visit from a bird or forestry expert, send in your request now to Provincial Headquarters.

**Camping When Funds are Low**—The problem has been solved in the following ways:

Each boy equipped and rationed himself.

For a ten days' camp, at a charge of \$1.50 per boy, mothers sent out bis-

uits, jam, etc., other friends supplied free milk and most of the meat and eggs, and bread was secured at a 10% discount.

Another successful camp for which no charge was made was held in a secluded spot three miles from home. The tents were borrowed, and the food supplies for each boy were left each evening at a certain store, where they were picked up and brought out to camp, without charge, by car.

**When the S.M. Cannot Go**—A member of the Troop Committee may substitute, on full directions from the Scoutmaster, the latter aiding in laying out the camp.

A.S.M.'s may substitute, the S.M. aiding in the camp lay-out, and visiting occasionally.

Where the Patrol Leaders are experienced and thoroughly reliable, a camp may be held at a suitable spot adjacent to town, the Scoutmaster running out each night. A definite programme would be laid out for each day, and reported upon each evening. This has worked successfully.

## Good Cub Display "Copy"

THE printed programme of the Vancouver District Wolf Cub display given on the evening of April 12th, before Their Excellencies the Governor-General and Chief Scout for Canada and the Viscountess Willingdon, was so excellent in form and matter that the contents of the three inside pages are herewith reproduced, for possible usefulness to other districts. The programme was printed in bronze green on a heavy-weight buff stock, as a three-page folder.

(Inside Front Cover)

**WOLF CUBS** are embryo Scouts; not miniature or junior Scouts. Their programme is not modified Scouting, but one peculiarly their own, consisting of games chosen for their training value and because of their appeal to the small boys' imagination. The ages of Cubs range from 8 to 11 years. At 12 years they pass into the Scouts.

The broad general idea running through Wolf Cub Training is that through participation in attractive games, ceremonies, etc., there may be caused to remain in a boy a "left over," which we call "good character."

Our aim is to promote "not so much

the acquisition of knowledge as the desire and capacity for acquiring knowledge." (Page 2)

Guests of Honour:

Their Excellencies The Governor-General and Chief Scout for Canada and The Viscountess Willingdon.

## FLAG BREAK AND O CANADA

Wise old Plato long ago gave us the right lead in education when he said there was innate good in every child, and the aim of education should be to develop these natural "instincts of virtue" through suitable practices.

## GRAND HOWL

This is not just a noise, but illustrates the spirit of the Wolf Cub Pack. It is the highest form of greeting and a solemn way of renewing the Wolf Cub Promise. "Do Your Best" is the Wolf Cub motto. The words in the Howl are:

Pack: "A-ke-la! We-e'll do-o-o-o-u-u-r Best."

Lone Yawp: "Dyb, dyb, dyb, dyb." (Do your Best.)

Pack: "We-e'll Dob, dob, dob, dob." (Do our Best.)

## JUNGLE DANCE OF BALOO

In Rudyard Kipling's "Jungle Book," Baloo, the bear, was the teacher of the law of the jungle to the other animals.

In this dance we play on the Cub's natural desire to "make believe," so impressing upon him the Wolf Cub Law.

"The Cub gives in to the Old Wolf."

The Cub does not give in to himself."

(Akela, the Old Wolf, in Cubbing implies the boy's parents or leaders.)

## GAMES

To create a spirit of good sportsmanship, and used in place of physical training "jerks" by numbers. If we can foster this spirit and cause it to grow we have accomplished half our aim. From the Cub's point of view "Play is the real business of life and work the interruption."

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## FIRST AID

Points the way towards helpfulness to others and leads on to a sense of duty to the community.

## SIGNALLING

Develops concentration of mind,



THE annual spring display of Saint John, N.B., was this year put on by a composite troop and composite pack made up of two picked Scouts and Cubs from each troop and pack in the district. The display was given in the new Vocational School, and was a splendid success.



# 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 in 1927. Notification to this effect was received from the Deputy Minister of the Department of National Defence under date of March 27th, 1928.

The conditions of loan as to rates and time will be as follows, viz.:

**Rental Charges**—For a period not exceeding 14 days: Tents (including Bell, Kitchen Shelter, Small Wall Tents, etc.), \$1.50 each. Blankets, \$1.00 per doz. Sheets, ground W.P., \$1.00 per doz. Tents, marquee, \$7.00 each.

For a period exceeding 14 days and up to 28 days the rental charge will be twice that shown above, and for a period exceeding 28 days and up to 42 days the rental will be three times that shown above, etc., etc.

For all other articles, the regular rental rate of 5% per month, or part thereof, will be charged.

**Duration of Loan**—The duration of the loan as regards fixing the rental charges will be the period of the camp and will not include the time occupied by shipment to or from. This duration of camp will be fixed as follows:

It will begin on the day named as the first day of camp in the application of the Boy Scouts or Girl Guides Organization.

It will end on the day on which the stores are handed over to the carrier for return to the Ordnance Depot. This date will be shown on the bill of lading.

In cases where shipment by rail or boat is not necessary, one day before camp and one day after camp will be allowed for drawing and returning of the stores without charge.

**Transportation and Other Charges**—In addition to the rental charge, the Boy Scouts and Girl Guides Organizations will be responsible for all transportation charges, and will also be responsible for the washing of blankets and any loss or abnormal depreciation.

**Endorsation Required**—District Officers Commanding will approve locally applications for loans from bona fide Boy Scouts and Girl Guides Organizations. All applications from these Organizations must be approved by the Provincial Commissioner (in case of Girl Guides, the Provincial Camp Advisor) in order that there be no doubt as to the status of the Boy Scouts and Girl Guides Organization applying for the loan. Each issue will be covered by a complete agreement on the Boy Scouts and Girl Guides rental agreement form.

The same procedure will be followed in connection with these loans as is laid down for all loans on a rental basis.

**Paid in Advance**—An important point to note is that rental must be paid in advance.

**For Scout Use Only**—The equipment is to be used for Boy Scout and Girl Guide camps only. Scout leaders are requested not to sign applications for equipment for other than Scout camps.

**Apply Early**—Applications for equipment must be in not less than a fortnight before the date required.

## INDOOR COURSES

**Scoutmasters' Indoor Training Courses:** Completed—Unit 1, Regina, Sask., under Provincial Secretary W. J. P. Selby; Wynward, Foam Lake, Yorkton, Sask., under S. M. Linton Tooley; London and Peterborough, Ont., under Field Secretary Arthur Paddon. Units 1 and 2, Edmonton, Alta., under Field Secretary W. Solway. Unit 4, Winnipeg, Man., under D.C.C. Hill. Unit 1, Chilliwack, B.C., under Field Secretary F. C. B. Sara.

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



**A NEW BRUNSWICK**  
Gillwell journey's end — "An ancient gold mine on Thunderbird Lake."

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

## SUMMER GILLWELL DATES

Saskatchewan—Lake Lebre, July 17th-27th, under the Dominion Camp Chief, John A. Stiles.

Maritime Provinces — Near New Glasgow, N.S., July 30th-August 10th, under D.C.C. F. E. L. Coombs.

Ontario—Ebor Park, July 3rd-14th, under D.C.C. Frank C. Irwin.

### PART II, AKELA.

Saskatchewan — Lake Lebre, July 27th-31st, under the Dominion Camp Chief.

## Hike Stories With Suggestions Moncton Scouts 12 Hours in the Woods.

**TWENTY-THREE** Scouts of St. George's Troop, Moncton, opened the spring season with a 12-hour hike through the woods, under Scoutmaster W. H. Grenville.

### Fredericton's Big Sugar Bush Hike

Some 75 Fredericton Scouts and a number of Scout leaders made up one of the largest sugar-bush hikes re-

ported this spring. The hike was held to the bush of Charles W. Parent, on Garden Creek.

### A 70-Mile Hike for 1st Red Deers

For their summer's outing the 1st Red Deer Troop, Alta., will carry out a 70-mile hike—"To the mouth of the Blind Man River, to Gull Lake, to Silver Lake, and over the Burnt Lake trail to Red Deer." Supplies will be taken in a trek cart.

### Some Quebec Hike Observations

From a spring hike report of the 1st Stanstead, Que.—"Our Nature observations were: The year's first lambs; pussywillow buds open; yellow birch catkins; pretty green moss on a shady bank, together with some ferns. . . . On arrival at the brickfields a fire was lighted, and a series of games played, including tracking and relay racing."

### 1st Beaverton's Busy Programme

A hike to a sugar-bush by patrols, various observations being made en route, making of his own small cooking fire by each Scout, although the woods were wet and axes scarce, the cooking of a stew, a maple syrup treat, and finally an investiture in the presence of three members of the Troop Committee, who had come out by auto, made up the scouty Easter Holiday hike of the 1st Beaverton Troop, Ont.

## New Waterford, N.S., have a P. L. Hunt

St. Agnes' Troop, of New Waterford, N.S., 38 strong, "started off on the old trail to Low Point lighthouse, and came back through the woods to the old camp grounds. . . . Then P. L.'s McSween and Currie took to the swamp, and after an hour's start the rest of the troop started out to find them. With the systematic trailing system taught, the boys were soon successful, and brought the P. L.'s back to camp, for eats and a camp-fire."

### 10th Calgary Missed Little.

The Easter holidays have given many opportunities for patrol and troop hikes by the Tenth. Good Friday the "Hawks" spent the afternoon in outdoor tests, and the majority of the troop participated in an observation hike on Saturday, leaving early in the morning and cooking lunch some eight miles up the Elbow. Signs were left for the Scoutmaster and three members of the troop who were following in the afternoon, and the advance party's camp on an island was easily located.

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## ❖ Scouting from Coast to Coast ❖

AT a special morning service at Grace United Church, Winnipeg Sir James Aikens, Chief Scout for Manitoba, presented flags to the church Scout troop and Guide company.

Following an outside meeting of the 1st South Porcupine Troop, Timmins, Ont., at which Scout's pace was one of the features, twig alphabet letters were collected from the shrubs along the road. Patrol competition points were given for each letter found.

### Bird House Building by Scouts Not Competing in Calgary Patrol Contest

During the progress of the annual Calgary District Patrol Competitions, held in the Armouries, a novel feature was the building of bird houses by Scouts who were not competing. The work attracted considerable attention. The patrol competition was won by the Hawk Patrol of the 10th Troop, with second place going to a patrol of the 18th Troop. A feature of the latter patrol's work was perfect time in the Scout's Pace test.

A new badge, the "Dubs' Badge," has been adopted for wearing by tardy

letic grounds surrounding the troop headquarters.

A stuffed owl was presented the Owl Patrol of the 13th Border Cities Troop, as winners in the recent Patrol competition.

### 6th Sherbrooke Discuss Methods of Finding North

During a "direction" session of the 6th Sherbrooke seven different methods of finding the North with a compass were explained by Scouts. During the session the A. S. M. interrupted several times to ask questions on the Tenderfoot tests, as "mental somersaults."

A. S. M. "Flying Eagle" of the 10th Edmonton presented the troop with a flag bracket inscribed with the 10th's motto, "Our Best or Nothing."

A Camp Fund Tea and Musicales was held by the Ladies' Auxiliary of the 29th Border Cities Troop.

In a signalling game of the Oaklands Troop, Victoria, one Scout from each patrol races to write on the blackboard a word received by signal.

### A Winnipeg Rover Evening

At a monthly meeting of the Winnipeg Composite Rover Troop instruction was given in pioneer and ambulance work, and a short talk on the criminal and civil courts of Canada by District Commissioner J. K. Sparling. These meetings are held for the purpose of instructing the older boys in activities which they can later teach the younger Scouts of the city troops.

Patrol boxes were the special inspection items of a 4th Peterborough Troop meeting.

The Brown Wolves of the North Quadra Pack, Victoria, won an inter-six cardboard model competition. Models included aeroplanes and a wheelbarrow.

### Guelph Scouts Start a Troop at Fergus

A sound start was given the new troop at Fergus, Ont., by District Scoutmaster Winslow, A. S. M. Broadfoot and a party of Scouts from Guelph. Before an interested gathering of parents and friends of the candidates, the Scoutmaster, A. S. M., Patrol Leaders and Seconds were in turn duly invested. A number of demonstration Scout Law, knotting and stalking games were played, following which lunch was served. The Guelph Scouts hiked to Fergus.

Close to \$25 was realized from a "Camp Fund" card party held by the Ladies' Auxiliary of the 1st Asbestos Troop, Que.

The 2nd Whitby Troop, accompanied by the Scouts of Brooklin, visited the General Motors Plants at Oshawa, and were taken for a trip on the test track. Cars for the trip were furnished by Brooklin citizens.

### Countess of Ashburnham Presents Cub Medals

Special bronze medals, the gift of District Cubmaster Prof. R. Pugh, University of New Brunswick, were presented by the Countess of Ashburnham, District President of the Fredericton Boy Scouts Association, to the members of the basketball team of Ste. Anne's Pack, winners of the district Cub basketball league.

The Troop Committee of the 1st Hawkesbury (Trinity) Troop has offered a trophy for the three months' patrol competition, as well as a scouty article for each member of the winning patrol.

Winnipeg Scouts were asked to assist in the city's Spring Clean-Up Campaign—"by clearing vacant lots, boulevards, and in any way that may be presented to them."

When the lights failed during a meeting of the 2nd Kincardine Troop, preventing the playing of games, the boys gathered round the council fire for an impromptu open discussion of the affairs of the troop.

SPARE time activities at the Ontario Gillwell.



members of the 9th Halifax (All Saints' Cathedral) Troop.

A party of Sarnia Scouts were guests at an inter-troop meet of Port Huron, Mich., troops held in Washington High School.

A donation of Scout library books from a friend of the 2nd Sherbrooke included, as a "special find," a set of Boys' Own Annuals.

### Kirkland Lake's Practical Fire-Making Test

On a Saturday hike of the Kirkland Lake, Ont., Troops, following a wet spell, the boys were taken to a strange site, on the top of a hill, where at first glance there appeared to be no dead wood. They were then told to see who could first make fire with a ten-inch blaze, each boy to find his own wood and work alone throughout. Scout Reid, of the 1st Troop, found some dead dry poplar and had his fire in twelve minutes.

The waste paper campaign of the 4th Winnipeg Troop brought in 3,500 pounds. The proceeds will go towards laying out and beautifying the ath-

### Stewiacke, N.S., Scouts Find Church Activities

Following a Saturday open air investiture of the 1st Stewiacke Troop, N.S., on Sunday morning the Scout's Own Sunday-school class paraded to the Baptist church to hear a special sermon on the Scout motto, Be Prepared, by Rev. Mr. Dron. The senior boys of this troop take a leading part in the activities of the church, including the taking up of collection at the Sunday services.

At a meeting of the 1st Chatham Troop a model bridge was erected, and the troop led across it.

The 2nd Prince Albert Troop, Sask., has established a bird sanctuary on East Island. On their first spring visit in March the boys erected 30 bird houses.

A very successful concert put on by the 3rd St. Catharines Troop at Westminster United Sunday-school hall was greeted by a large audience. The entertainment included a camp scene, a play, a shadowgraph and a fishmonger act.

### Now a Kootenay P. L.'s Council

Patrol Leaders and Seconds from Trail and Rossland, B.C., gathered at the latter place on April 7th, under the chairmanship of Dalton G. MacArthur, organized the Kootenay Patrol Leaders' Council, and held a banquet and conference.

At a regular meeting of the 3rd Fort William Troop, applicants for the Fireman's badge were given instruction by Assistant Fire Chief McEwen.

The 10th Edmonton Wolf Cub Pack reports the new Sixers' Pocket Record Book "a complete success."

### Chatham Scouts Address Rotary.

Two Chatham, Ont., Scouts appeared before the local Rotary Club at a weekly luncheon, addressed the club with reference to the Patrol Leaders' Conference of the week following, and made an appeal for a number of billets for the visiting boy delegates, and for sight-seeing automobiles. Both requests were "over-subscribed."

At the close of a recent meeting of the Royal Oak Pack, Victoria, each Six was presented with a box inscribed with the Six name, and containing skipping ropes, Cub books, a ball, and flag cards.

The P. L. of the winning patrol of each meeting's competition of the 9th Chatham Troop has the honour of lowering the flag at the close of the meeting. In the case of a tie, the flag is lowered by the Troop Leader.

### A Novel and Effective Investiture Setting.

In place of a regular meeting, the 7th Winnipeg (St. James) joined with the 39th (Assiniboine) for a hike through the Tuxedo Park area. After an hour's tramp through the bush a stop was made close by a street light, and with the shadows of the woods behind them, each troop formed up in horseshoe formation, and two recruits, one from the 7th and one from the 39th, were invested.

For a hike of the 9th St. Catharines two scouts were started two hours in advance, to lay a trail of Scout signs. The identification of the signs made a competition.

A banquet camp style, i.e., bare tables, without decorations, was enjoyed by the Cubs of the Cathedral Pack, Fredericton.

The 26th Londoners held a joint church parade with the Anglican Church Army Crusaders.

### Calgary's Scout Orator

Patrol Second William Epstein, of the 19th Calgary (Jewish) Troop, was awarded second place in the International and Canadian Oratorical contest, Southern Alberta Division. Rev. G. A. Dickson, of Knox United Church, was so impressed with Scout Epstein's oratory that he invited him to deliver his address, "Canada's Future," at a Sunday morning service. The seating capacity of the church was taxed to the limit.

Says the Boy Scout News of the London Free Press: "It is expected this year that more troops will hold individual troop camps. Preliminaries are already under way."

In the new hall of the 1st Kamloops Troop and Pack wall space has been allotted for Scout and Cub pictures and illustrations.

Oshawa, Ont., now has five Scout troops, and expects the early organization of a sixth. Two of the troops have their headquarters in the Y. M. C. A.

### A Talk on Heraldry for Montreal Leaders.

A talk on heraldry in modern use, with special reference to flags, was the subject of a lecture delivered by Professor Ramsay Traquair, of McGill University, before the April meeting of the Montreal Scout Officers' Club. Professor Traquair is a member of the Montreal Scout Troop Colours' Committee.



Calgary Scouts this spring made bird houses wholesale, and in co-operation with the Parks Department erected them in the city parks and cemeteries. During the past few years close to 1,000 bird homes have been provided. Above, some of the 12th Troop at work in one of the big city lumber yards.

During a combined hike of Cobalt, Ont., Scouts the boys were paired off, a Tenderfoot with an experienced Scout, to light fires and prepare supper.

Truro, N.S., Rotarians attended a regular meeting of the 1st Truro Troop, to observe the work done and to discuss ways of helping the troop.

For a council fire programme of the 4th Peterborough, each Scout was asked to bring a kazoo, mouth organ or uke.

### 3rd Hamilton Court of Honour Votes to Organize Cub Pack

"The Court of Honour of the 3rd Hamilton Troop was held on Wednesday at P. L. Gibson's home, to elect a leader for the new sixth patrol. . . . It was decided to form a Wolf Cub Pack in connection with the troop after Easter."

The Court of Honour of the 17th Hamilton Troop visited the 15th, and assisted in an impressive investiture ceremony.

Montreal's two Greek troops took part in special church services celebrating the anniversary of Greek independence.

Members of the Town Council, Board of Education, Rotarians, Lions

and other organizations were present at the annual meeting of the Boy Scouts Association of Oakville, Ont.

### Good Programme by S. A. Scouts.

A capacity audience at the Winnipeg Salvation Army Citadel witnessed an excellent programme by Life Saving Scouts and Girl Guards. The display included a trek cart demonstration, several tableaux, including "The Building of the Flag," and religious exercises.

The 12th Calgary Troop provided ushers for a Canadian folk song recital by Madame Desseau.

During the absence of their Scoutmaster a weekly meeting of the 2nd St. Catharines was conducted by the Troop Leader and P. L.'s.

A concert put on by leading artists of the city, which packed the Rialto theatre, netted \$90 towards the Trail, B.C., Scouts' summer camping fund.

### A Glace Bay Father-and-Son.

Over sixty were present at a Father-and-Son banquet of the 2nd Glace Bay Troop, N.S., held in Knox Church. Music and demonstrations of signalling and first aid made up the programme. C. G. I. T. girls decorated the room in the troop colours and assisted at the tables.

Each Six of the Cobalt Cub Pack was requested to have a new charade ready for the following meeting night.

The 1st Birch Hills Troop, Sask., entertained their dads to a banquet and demonstration of Scout work in the local High School.

When only two members of another boys' organization turned up to play a softball game with the team of the 1st Comber Troop, Ont., the two visitors were appointed captains, to choose two teams from among the Scouts.

### Saint John Scouts' Hike and Objective.

The 2nd Saint John (St. Paul's) Troop and the Rover Training Troop hiked to Rothesay and assisted the 1st Rothesay Troop in laying the foundation for their new log cabin headquarters on the shores of Duck Lake. The St. Paul's Scouts made the journey cross-country by compass, and spent the night in lean-to's.

Wolf Cubs of Kincardine held a bird house competition, and each Cub put up at least one house in his own yard.

The 8th Calgary Troop Committee is making arrangements for the purchase of a permanent headquarters building for the troop and pack.

#### 110th Toronto Colours Dedicated

New colours for the 110th Toronto Wolf Cub Pack were impressively dedicated at Holy Trinity. Representatives of various troops lined both sides of the church aisle while the colours were being borne by the colour party to the chancel steps. Following the dedication service the colours were laid on the altar. At the conclusion of the evensong service the party received the colours from the hands of the chaplain, and paraded them from the church.

An inter-patrol verbal-message relay "from the corner of Belmont Avenue and Haultain Street to Headquarters" provided a good pre-meeting game for the Oaklands Troop, Victoria.

For a patrol corners inspection of the 1st South Porcupine Troop the Owls painted their seats in Scout colours—yellow owls' heads on a green background. They also displayed a chart of trail signs.

As a special "inspection" item of the 10th Edmonton, each patrol was asked to give its yell.

#### Old P. L.'s Help Start New 6th Hamilton.

At a recent meeting of the newly organized 6th Hamilton Troop two P. L.'s of the old 6th Troop conducted the programme, which consisted of instruction in fire lighting, signalling, first aid, pyramid building and knot-tying.

Exhibits of scoutcraft and campcraft filled one of the rooms at the Peterborough Y Boys' Hobby Show.

"A Night Off" was presented by the 1st Nelson Troop, B.C., before a large audience in the Catholic Parish hall.

The prospective Scoutmaster of a newly organized troop at Riverside, Ont., visited the 6th Ford City to observe the troop at work.

#### Found to Do by Ladies' Auxiliary of 22nd Winnipeg

At the annual meeting of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the 22nd Winnipeg (St. John's Cathedral) Troop, items reported upon included: Neckerchiefs made for Cubs and Scouts; refreshments provided at social events; contributions toward camp expenses; presentation of a Union Jack; lettering placed on Troop flag; donation to the North District Association.

Scoutmaster the Rev. Fr. Johnson of the New Waterford (Mount Carmel) Troop, N.S., demonstrated the Turk's-head and Cattle Rustler's knot to his boys. It was announced that hereafter the troop neckerchief would be fastened by these two knots.

All donations of books received for the library of the 1st Kamloops Troop, B.C., will be passed upon by the Court of Honour before being placed upon the troop library shelves.

"Smilestones" was the attractive title of the sixth Annual Revue of the 21st Toronto Cub and Scout Concert Company, given in St. Barnabas Parish Hall.

At a Kincardine Senior Court of Honour it was decided that henceforth the Cubs, Scouts and Rovers would be known as the Kincardine Scout family, and a uniform neckerchief was chosen for all three groups. Boys having old neckerchiefs were invited to turn these in for use as triangular bandages, in return receiving a new scarf free.

#### 3rd Lethbridge Solves False Fire Alarm Mystery

Scouts of the 3rd Lethbridge (St. Mary's) were called upon to assist in solving the mystery of a series of false fire alarms. After six nights of watching the culprit was identified, in a little girl.

The Court of Honour of the 2nd St. Catharines (Knox) Troop decided that a special effort would be made during the coming summer to acquire a trek cart and more camping equipment.

Mayor Viau shared the head table with District Commissioner Robert Walker, of Lachine, and T. H. Wardleworth and other Montreal leaders at the annual banquet of the Lachine Boy Scouts and their parents.

#### 20th Hamilton's 10-Station Telegraph System

Boys of the 20th Hamilton Troop have completed a headquarters telegraph system with ten stations located in various parts of the clubrooms. The stations are so wired that any two may communicate with each other exclusive of the others.

The 1st Chester Troop, N.S., sold their old hall and purchased the old Methodist church for a headquarters. Boys of the troop are making the necessary alterations, and installing an electric light system.

#### Kincardine Rovers Complete Their Twig Alphabet

"The twig alphabet was completed by Rover Maurice McNeil producing the missing N., and thereby adding 15 points to his patrol's count. The Migratory Bird Chart was marked, the Tecumsehs getting 32 points and the Brooks 14.

Following an illustrated lecture on fire prevention by Fire Marshall Bishop, the Scouts of Niagara Falls were invited to write an essay on "What We Saw at the Bishop Lecture." A compass and engraved case will be presented to the Scout of each troop who turns in the best essay.

#### 5th Niagara Falls Takes Church Service

An April Sunday evening service was taken by the 5th Niagara Falls Troop at the Kitchener Street United Church, other troops of the city being invited. The address was given by Mr. W. H. Ives, of the Niagara Falls, N.Y., Y.M.C.A.

With seven members of the 2nd Calgary (Christ Church) Troop attending the recent P. L.'s conference, the Patrol Seconds carried on the work in corners at the regular weekly meeting.

At every second meeting the 1st Galt Troop, Ont., is addressed by a special speaker on some subject related to a proficiency badge or some other phase of Scout training. The speakers are secured by the Scout Fathers' Advisory Board.

#### A Trek-cart Load of Bird Houses

A mid-April edition of the Calgary Herald carried a two-column picture of Calgary Scouts erecting bird houses in Memorial Park. A trek-cart load of nest boxes was a feature of the picture.



In response to an invitation of the 1st Grenville Troop, Australia, to exchange a native wild animal skin, the 3rd Fort William Troop, Scoutmaster H. M. Ellard, secured the fine timber wolf pelt shown above, tanned it, and despatched it to their Antipodean brothers. The skin was accompanied by the picture.



A word spelling game used by the 1st Kincardine: Each boy is given a letter. A word is called, and the boys assemble themselves to spell it. Points are awarded for words most quickly and correctly spelled.

#### 10th Border Cities Hikers Will Visit Other Troop Homes for Ideas.

During an over-Empire Day camping trip of several Scouts and the Scoutmaster of the 10th Border Cities it is planned to visit Scout headquarters buildings at Oakville, Galt and Huntsville, in search of ideas for their own headquarters.

A two-night picture show at the Capital theatre, and a lemon and orange drink stand conducted on the 12th of July will contribute to the buying of equipment and supplies for the camp of the 1st Brampton, Ont.

Following the regular meeting of the 3rd Baptist Troop at Charlottetown, a bean supper was served. Later the parents came in, and all enjoyed a programme of games under the direction of Field Commissioner J. A. Barry.

#### Pt. Arthur Scout-Trail Ranger-Dads' Banquet

The annual fathers' and sons' banquet of St. Paul's United Church, Port Arthur, Ont., brought out some 200 Scouts, Trail Rangers and fathers. The seven tables were decorated with shamrocks and the Trail Ranger and Scout colours.

One of the new and attractive Boy Scout news columns is that of the *Kirkland Lake News*. It is headed by the silhouette of a pine tree and a billy-bar fireplace, and the various paragraphs are separated by miniature fleur-de-lis.

#### Victoria's New Test-Passing Schedule

New rules drawn up by the Badge Committee of Victoria provide for the passing of First Class tests during the last week in each month, and of Proficiency Badge tests four times a year—in March, June, September and December.

A Lone Patrol has been started at Royalton, N.B., attached to a troop at Centerville. The patrol meets in turn at each other's homes.

A rummage sale held by the Ladies' Executive of the Victoria, B.C., Boy Scouts Association resulted in \$60.00.

#### 400 Witness Medal Presentation by Judge Arnoldi

Some 400 people gathered in Canadian Legion Hall, Lakeview, Ont., to witness the presentation of the Silver Cross by Mr. Frank Arnoldi, K.C., of the Provincial Board of Honour, to Scout Jack Trussler, for rescuing a small boy who had fallen down a well.

At a parents' night of the 17th London (Knolwood Park) Troop and Pack, which included demonstrations of games and test work, songs, readings and dances by Scouts and Cubs, a hunting knife was presented to

Scoutmaster J. W. Lawton of the 15th (Church of the Redeemer) Troop in recognition of his assistance in organizing the 17th Troop.

Reports of Spring Clean-up activities include the picking up of waste paper along the boulevards of Amherstburg by the local Cubs. The paper, which was collected in Six competition, was burned on the local fair grounds. A weiner roast and candy scramble was the reward.

#### A Live Troop Committee

At a recent meeting of the Troop Committee of the 1st Hawkesbury (Trinity) Troop, Ont., the Scoutmaster was requested to take the necessary steps to form a Wolf Cub Pack, and was asked to consider the advisability of forming a Rover Patrol.

A London, Ont., troop plans to make its own tents for the coming summer's camp. Other troops have arranged that each patrol shall purchase certain items of camp kitchen equipment.



Spacious two-storey home of 1st Moose Jaw on the new site provided by the city. Grounds not yet improved. Formerly the office building of the Robin Hood Mills; a gift to the troop.

The Troop Leader read the lesson and the four P. L.'s of the 2nd Border Cities acted as sidesmen at a Father and Son service at All Saints, Windsor.

The annual Halifax Motor Show, under the auspices of the Boy Scouts Association, was repeated this year with success. The show was opened with a parade of Scouts and Wolf Cubs, City Fire Department apparatus and several bands. The programme is in part made up of scoutcraft displays by Halifax and Dartmouth troops and packs, and the entire proceeds go to the provincial Scout organization.

Scouts of Leytonstone, England, working in relays at Whipp's Cross Hospital, applied artificial respiration throughout the night in an effort to save the life of an accident victim whose breathing had ceased but whose heart had continued to beat. They only desisted when the heart finally stopped.

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ASSISTS FIELD WORK IN  
YOUR OWN PROVINCE

#### Ontario Junior Conferences

THE series of junior Scout leader conferences held at St. Thomas, Chatham and St. Catharines, Ont., during the Easter school holidays brought together a total of well over 400 young leaders for a series of most helpful discussions. All three cities entertained the young delegates generously, and the mayors and other prominent citizens participated in various ways.

Addresses by outstanding speakers on "Leadership" opened each conference. In each case the speakers laid special emphasis upon the principle that he who would successfully lead must himself learn to follow and obey. The opening address at St. Thomas was given by Major W. F. L. Edwards, at Chatham by President Harry Thomas of the Local Association, at St. Catharines by District Commissioner A. E. Coombs.

At St. Thomas the topics discussed included "Why Have a Patrol?" and "How Large Should a Patrol Be?" To the latter the general answer was, five or six. "Teaching First Aid to the Patrol," illustrated by a chalk talk,

was of special interest, as the speaker was William A. Loveday, donor of the London Association's First Aid Challenge Cup. A point made by Mr. Loveday was that it was necessary to tie first aid instruction up with interesting things in the younger boys' minds. A Court of Honour demonstration by the 2nd St. Thomas Troop was followed by questions and discussion. An interesting talk on the Fireman's Proficiency Badge was given by Scout Arnold Harris, of the 110th Toronto.

The St. Thomas conference was held in the Arthur Voaden Vocational School, the Chatham gathering in Christ Church Parish Hall, and that at St. Catharines in St. George's Hall.

A troop of Catholic Boy Scouts has recently been formed in Lourdes, with the object of banding together those who wish to help the invalids. Membership is open to Scouts of all troops. General Guyot de Salins, Chief Scout for France, is the Scoutmaster. The troop has two Chaplains—one in Lourdes, the other the Chaplain General of the National Catholic Federation of the Scouts of France, which is responsible for the formation of the new special service troop. Scouts have in the past rendered assistance in connection with the work of caring for the sick at Lourdes, but, until now no attempt had been made to organize them.

**Good Cub Display "Copy"**

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accuracy, alertness, strength of eyesight.

**SKIN THE SNAKE**

A display game of team work.

**GAMES**

Education and development through play. Most Cub tests are taught by games.

**JUNGLE DANCES**

The Hunger Dance of Kaa, the Python. (East End of Floor.) Teaches prompt obedience, the very foundation of Cubbing.

Mowgli, the man-cub from Kipling's "Jungle Book," wanders into the forest and is captured by the monkeys (Bunderlog). They take him to an old ruin, but a bird, Rann the Kite, seeing Mowgli's trouble, flies back to Baloo (the Bear) and Bagheera (the Panther), who, with Kaa, go to rescue Mowgli. After releasing him, Kaa starts a death dance by twisting and turning, eventually crushing and gorging himself on the monkeys.

The Dance of Bagheera, the Black Panther (Centre of Floor). Teaches discipline, co-operation and alertness.

Bagheera could climb trees, creep silently and quite unseen, in the shadows by night. He was the crafty and skilful hunter, brave and enduring.

Shere Khan and Tabagui. (West End of Floor.) An introduction to simple play acting.

Tabagui was the Jackal, a sneaking sort of fellow. He was afraid to go about alone, so he always kept near his fellow jackals. Although he tried to look like a Wolf, he never hunted or earned his food like one, but sneaked about trying to steal or beg it. Shere Khan was the big, ferocious-looking Tiger, an awful bully. He was not clever enough to hunt and catch wild game, so he prowled about near a village and killed poor little calves and goats, and even a defenceless old man, if asleep.

The Tabagui followed Shere Khan about, and though he bullied them, they kept telling him what a fine fellow he was. Of course they did this hoping to get a bit of his kill.

The Wolf Cubs sweep down in a Pack on the jackals and drive them away. Mowgli, the little man-cub, slowly walks up to Shere Khan, who tries not to look at him, knowing he can not stand the eyes of a human. Suddenly Shere Khan drops and Mowgli kills him.

**CAMPFIRE SCENE****NATIONAL ANTHEM**

(First three lines sung by Cubs.)

Over a thousand Scouts, including Sea Scouts and University Rovers from Cambridge, attended the recent Guildhall rally in honour of the Chief Scout. Included in the programme was a mock circus and menagerie. An entrant in the chariot race was labelled, "Run on B.P. Spirit."

**A Composite Four-Night**

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) Neckerchiefs.  
(b) Rubbers. Should be worn during muddy weather.  
(c) Teeth.  
(d) Pocket contents, for usefulness.

7.45 Lively Game—(Freeze)\*  
(a) Foot in the Ring.\*  
(b) Elephant and Whale.\*  
(c) Crows and Cranes.  
(d) Zig Zag Relay.

7.55 Patrol Corners. Test and Badge work as arranged by Court of Honour.  
(Freeze)\*

8.10 Quiet Game—  
(a) Find the Watch.  
(b) Signalling Dominoes.  
(c) Spies.  
(d) Ship's Alphabet.

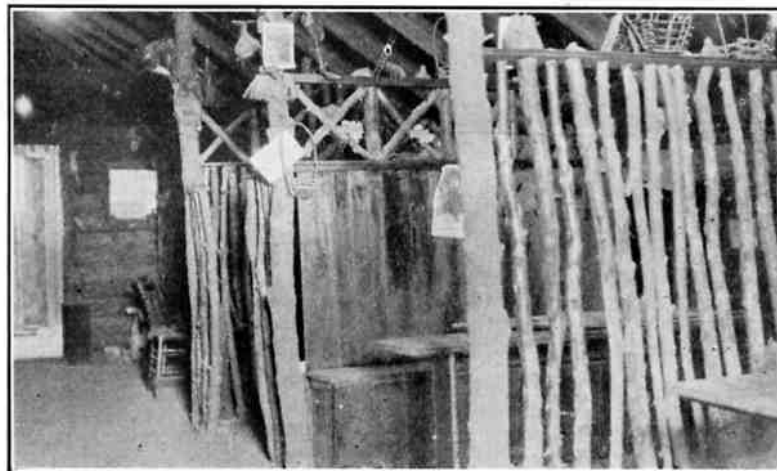
8.20 Morse and Semaphore messages and relays.\*

8.30 (a,b) Tracking problem (outdoors).  
c) Hand Signals.\*  
(d) Fire in movie theatre.\*

8.40 (a) Carbon Monoxide poisoning.\*  
(b) First aid problem, broken forearm.\*  
(c,d) Scout Law Charades.\*

8.50 Council Fire: Songs. S.M.'s Five. Songs (mimetic). Announcements. Scout Silence. Repeat Promise. First meeting of month, repeat Scout Laws. Name Duty Patrol. King. Lower Flag. Dismiss. Court of Honour.

\*Patrol Competition.

**DOMINION REGISTRATION HELPS OTHER BOYS.**

1st Moose Jaw Troop Headquarters—upstairs. A novel idea in patrol dens. Patrol property lockers beneath seats. End door leads to Rover Den, in which is a large fire place. The lower floor includes assembly and lecture rooms, dining room and kitchen.

**Using the Sixers' Council**

**I** FIND my Sixers' Council a great help, especially when I have no Baloo. It is made up of my Sixers and Seconds, the Cub Instructors, Baloo and myself (Akela).

We meet as a rule for a short time (about 5 minutes) after Pack meeting, to discuss next week's programme. They tell me what work their Sixes especially need, and from that I try and make work and competition games fit in. They have splendid ideas for games, too.

We meet again for a few minutes before Pack meeting, when they see my programme and know exactly what they will have to do. I find this aids smooth running, also increases the Sixers' interest and keenness. If there is any bother with any one Cub, I find that by talking him over with the Council and asking them to help him in special ways it often makes all the difference to him.

The council is a good place, too, in which to help and advise the Sixers, also if necessary to criticise them, so that they never get jumped upon before their Six. In the summer I try and have one or two Sixers' hikes, and in the winter if we are preparing for a special bunfeed, the council puts on a stunt of its own. They think it a great honour; and all these small things seem to help the Sixers in their "job," and of course the pack too.

—from the Cub Course Book of Lady Cubmaster Nora Tolsom, St. Mary's South Pack, Victoria, B.C.

Following their now-established custom, a party of Scouts from Kent, England, spent the Easter holidays on an international hike, visiting Vienna and Salzburg.

A novel good turn by London Scouts was the guiding of several hundred semi-blind out-patients from the out-patient department of the Royal Westminster Ophthalmic Hospital in King William Street, Strand, to its new building in Broad Street, Bloomsbury. The Scouts were stationed at various points en route.

## ❖ The Scoutmaster's Five Minutes ❖

### The Catbird Family

ON a sunny afternoon in mid-June, last year, I spied a Catbird among the grasses on a dry hillside. It flew off with an insect in its beak and followed a circuitous woodland route to a dingle of viburnum beside the creek. When I found a nest there a few minutes later, I ceased to marvel that its proprietor had been driven to barren hunting-grounds, for it was quite overflowing with young Catbirds—five of them, with sprouting feathers and lean, wrinkled faces. I sat in the thicket within 6 feet of the nest while the parent birds danced about calling **snake!** but my stillness persuaded them that the epithet was undeserved. Before I left they were going about their domestic duties indifferent to my nearness.

Quite decided to make friends with the family, I returned to the Viburnum thicket early next morning. The chorus which greeted me soon died away, and later, while one of the birds was off on a foraging expedition, I set up a camera close by. With liquid clucks of alarm the mother darted toward it and away; obviously she disliked its big glass eye glaring at her offspring. At length she flew to the nest and examined its contents tenderly, just as the male bird appeared with a plump green caterpillar. And despite that from the first moment of our acquaintance Madame had been braver than her spouse, the father now proved himself every inch a man. Spying the camera ominously near his home, he went into a frenzy of tail-twitching; he clucked and scolded; he dashed this way and he dashed that; but finding no way of getting the caterpillar to the nest without coming under the baleful gaze of the camera, it came to pass that, quite resigned, he lifted his head—and swallowed the tidbit.

While the birds were growing used to the camera, I took a walk along the wood-edge where wild geraniums still bloomed, pale and dwarfed with the lateness of the season. Blue flags trembled over the meadow; yellow star grass shone from the slopes. From a tangle of wild rose bushes a Yellow-throat sang in sprightly tone of **witchery**, and an Indigo-bird chanted deliciously from a hawthorn top.

The confidence of the Catbirds, particularly the mother, came quickly and developed to a remarkable degree. The male bird never became so trustful as his wife; indeed, I fear the infants would have gone hungry as a result of my familiarity if it had not been for her efforts and example. Hardly had I now got in position to take photographs when the father arrived with a grasshopper. He flew toward the nest, but lost heart before reaching it; for some time he tried to muster up his courage but could not. Then the lady bird, seeing her mate's distress, made a pretty gesture. She fluttered over beside him and, with quivering wings, pleaded to deliver the insect at the nest; she received it in her open bill and straightway fed the

young. Several times I saw this incident repeated, although eventually the father tired of the performance and darted to the nest when his mate approached. No less delightful than this little drama was the frequent occurrence when both birds, perching on the rim of the nest, seized a large insect and tugged until it was reduced to portions.

In such hot weather it must have been anything but fun to work as those Catbirds did. At intervals of two or three minutes all day, one or the other appeared with a caterpillar, a fly, or a wild strawberry; once the mother came with two early-ripe Juneberries, but these she swallowed herself, after perching with them on the edge of the nest. Dragon-flies were the real bread and meat of the family—red dragon-flies, blue ones, black ones. Often a young bird proved unable to swallow a big insect of this kind. With four glassy wings sticking from its mouth, it would turn up its face imploringly to the parent, always standing by for such emergency. Usually the latter gave only a foolish peck or two before the insect disappeared, but on one occasion a particularly magnificent dra-



**PHILIP GER-**  
ALD, Frederick-  
leton Scout, who  
won New Brun-  
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gon-fly was extracted and passed into the next mouth, but there, too, it proved too vast; in disgust the old bird seized it again, crushed it and jammed it down a third throat. How the parents knew which infant had been fed last I do not know; I am quite sure that one fellow, by virtue of precocity and a very long neck, received more than his share of dragon-flies. Doubtless there was some effort at impartiality, for when, as often happened, an old bird arrived with its bill packed with caterpillars—and maybe a dragon-fly as well—these unfortunate insects were parceled out into the several mouths; sometimes, too, the old bird clenched an insect lightly while one of the young drew it into his mouth, thus scraping off a bit of flesh to be given to another bird. For themselves the parents were content with meagre fare, the mother once going to the length of devouring a hairy tent-caterpillar, though from the way she mangled it before swallowing, one could well believe it distasteful; again she gave merely an indifferent pinch to a caterpillar of the kind and left it hanging. To scraps of food from my lunch, the birds often repaired for hasty pecks between hunting-trips.

Watchful, like little gray nurses, the parents kept the nest scrupulously clean. And the fledglings prospered. One forward fellow now rose frequently to flutter ill-feathered wings. Once in so doing it tumbled to the outer twigs of the nest, where it clung with toes and wings. With such agility did it scramble back by the aid of the latter that even the baby Hoatzin with its ancient thumb-nail, may look to its laurels. At the flutter of wings or leaves, or a jar on the nest, a nestful of yellow mouths flew open in a chorus of **ee-ee-ee!** A sudden motion toward the nest caused five long necks to dart in like so many snakes, while their owners resolved into a shapeless mass of gray bark.

Nearly any bird will flee before an angry Song Sparrow, so it is little against its pluck that just as I arrived for a visit on the following morning, one of my Catbirds dashed wildly from the shelter of its own home thicket, closely pursued by a next-door neighbor, a Song Sparrow, with crest now standing up like a row of electrified shingles. There was the shortest period of alarm while I took my place again near the nest, but the father bird returning from the hunt came soon quite to disregard both me and the camera. Perched near his home, he sang sweetly in an undertone, though his jaws dripped with squirming caterpillars. Then he flew over and fed the youngsters. At first the birds had alternated in their hunting excursions, one remaining constantly on guard, but now this precaution was abandoned; in other ways it was plain that I had ceased to inspire deep distrust. When I approached the nest too closely the mother no longer remained content with crying dismally from a distance; instead she lit on my cap and tugged at the button, from this perch darting down to peck, peck, peck at my fingers; she hovered over my hand, tapping it energetically with her bill; she even permitted me to stroke her throat with my finger as she sat in the shrubbery near her home. Sometimes when I made a gesture as though to harm its contents, she dropped onto the nest, crouching low and spreading her wings so as completely to cover the young; here she drew her head in close and opened her bill in an attitude of tragic defiance. From pecking my hand when I had occasion to bring it near her family, she came now to light for a moment on it, sometimes with an idle peck or two. A somewhat unusual photograph of this incident was secured by focusing the camera on the nest from only a few feet away and in full view. I held my right hand over the nest and as the mother perched on my fingers lightly as a feather, I took the picture, tripping the shutter with my left hand.

Then I trudged away, while from off in the wet forest came the silver **oo-a-lee! ee-a-loo!** of a Wood Thrush. A Towhee called. Back in the viburnum thicket a Catbird sang sweetly in an undertone.

—Raymond S. Deck in **Bird Lore**.



### Gallantry and Service Awards to April 31st, 1928

#### Certificate of Merit.

Scout Albert Dunn, age 13, 3rd St. Thomas Troop, Ont., for rescuing James Brown, age 7, from drowning when he stepped into a deep hole at Tahiti Beach, Florida.

#### Medals of Merit.

Scoutmaster J. Stanley Drummond, 24th Montreal (1st Rosemount) Troop, for valuable service to the Movement over a period of seven years. Mr. Drummond has been an active officer in the 24th Troop for 14 years.

Rev. J. Newton Sykes, Commissioner for Wolf Cubs, North Shore, Vancouver, B.C., in recognition of exceptionally good work on behalf of the Movement for a period of over seven years.

G. R. deP. Vontom, District Commissioner, Espanola, Ont., for long and useful service to the Movement in the Sault Line District of Ontario for a period exceeding seven years.

Alex. Officer, Assistant Provincial Commissioner, Winnipeg, Man., for valuable service to Scouting in Winnipeg, chiefly among foreign population. Mr. Officer organized the 12th Winnipeg Troop in 1917, became District Commissioner in 1921, and was appointed Assistant Provincial Commissioner in 1927.

#### Gilt Cross.

Troop Leader C. Anderson, age 15, and Patrol Leader W. Ellwood, age 16, both of the 3rd St. Thomas Troop, Ont., for successfully applying artificial respiration to a middle-aged woman swimmer of London, Ont., who had been brought to shore in an exhausted condition at Port Stanley, Ont.

Patrol Leader Fred Adams, age 17, 1st Punnichy Troop, Sask., for rescuing a farm helper who had been gored by an excited bull. Although a cripple, P. L. Adams beat off the animal with his crutch and tied him up. He then rendered first aid to the injured man.

Scout Arthur Ashton, age 12, 1st Grimsby Troop, Ont., for rescuing his brother Charles, age 13, from drowning when part of an ice bank gave way, plunging him into a large hole filled with icy water.

Scout R. L. Colby, age 15, Victoria West Troop, B.C., for rescuing Fred Procter, age 14, from drowning in Heal's Lake and successfully applying respiration.

Scout John Fitzgerald, age 16, 7th Sydney Troop, N.S., for rescuing Stanley Synski, age 19, from drowning in Sydney Harbour, and rendering first aid.

Scout Sydney S. Howard, age 13, 1st Sydney Troop, N.S., for rescuing from drowning Mr. G. King, age 33, who while fishing in the Sydney River slipped and fell into 12 feet of water.

#### Silver Cross.

Patrol Leader Jack Trussler, age 15, 1st Lakeview Troop, Ont., for rescuing a three-year-old boy who had fallen down a deep well into five feet of water. Scout Trussler secured a clothes pole and lowered himself through an 18-inch hole, got the child upon his

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shoulders, and ascended by bracing his back and feet against the sides of the well.

Scout James Collins, age 13, 1st Brockville Troop, Ont., for rescuing an exhausted young woman who had been swimming in the St. Lawrence River. Scout Collins, fishing nearby, jumped in fully clothed, and although the woman had lost her presence of mind and grabbed him, he managed to swim with her to shallow water.

Scout J. Bruce Currie, age 14, 1st Brockville Troop, Ont., for rescuing an exhausted young woman swimmer who was endeavouring to secure a hold on a slippery rock on the steep shore of the St. Lawrence near Picnic Island. After once going down with the young woman, Scout Currie secured a hold on the rock, and clung there until a boat reached them.

Scout G. E. Harrison, age 16, 1st Ladysmith Troop, B.C., for rescuing James Brown, age 8, when he fell from the Government Wharf into 30 feet of water. Scout Harrison dived fully clothed, and swam with the boy to a log pile, from which both were taken by a boat.

Patrol Leader Robert V. Wilby, age 14, 3rd Fredericton Troop, N.B., for rescuing a crippled boy, Philip Goodine, age 8, when he went through the ice on Springhill Creek in 8 feet of water.

Scout John Blackie, age 12, 1st Mille Roches Troop, Ont., for rescuing David, Lafave, age 11, a non-swimmer, who slipped from a raft while playing in the St. Lawrence Canal.

### Scouts of Brandon, Florida, Greet Brother Scouts of Brandon, Man.

THE following letter of goodwill was received from Brandon, Florida, by the First Brandon Troop and Pack:

Brandon, Florida, February, 1928.  
Boy Scouts Association, Brandon, Man., Canada.

Dear Brother Scouts,—The Brandon Troop of Boy Scouts extend to the First Brandon Troop and the First Brandon Pack of Wolf Cubs their sincere congratulations and goodwill on our 18th anniversary in Scouting.

May your Troop prosper throughout the coming year. Also the Boy Scout movement throughout the world. May we all live up to our oath and laws and God's law, "Love one another."

Wishing you every success in the work, we remain

Yours Scoutingly, Troop No. 1.

(Signed)

ROBERT THURMOND,  
Scoutmaster.

In Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, Pitlochry, a tablet in memory of the late Mr. J. H. Dixon, Scotland's pioneer Scoutmaster, who died two years ago at the age of 88 years, is to be dedicated by the Bishop of St. Andrew's. In further memory of Mr. Dixon, a bed has been endowed in Aberlour Orphanage, Strathspey, at a cost of £350.

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.

### A Cub Observation Game

**T**WO Sixes are lined up Indian file. Opposite each team and about ten paces away draw two circles for each Six. In the circles place several articles—such as a bottle, a book, a knife, a whistle, etc. No. 1 Cub of each team runs and picks up the articles from his circle No. 1, then places them in his circle No. 2, endeavouring to arrange them in exactly their original positions. Cubs No. 1 run back, and Cubs No. 2 run up and repeat. The Cub of each pair wins whose articles are most quickly and most correctly placed. The positions of the articles may be varied for each pair.

—St. Mary's South Pack,

Victoria, B.C.

### Hike Stories With Suggestions

(Continued from page 88)

Ideal spots for future patrol camps were noted, and many of the troop furnished themselves with new staves of straight-grained saskatoon from a thicket that could be advantageously pruned.

Evidence of an increase in the number of beaver was clearly shown in the quantities of freshly felled poplar. Beaver, rabbit, coyote, weasel, porridge and muskrat tracks were observed, and training in "track deduction" given. One "sign" consisted of the sudden termination of a rabbit's footprints, accompanied by the clearly defined sweep of wing points in the snow, and, further on, two specks of blood clearly indicated the presence of horned owls on the Elbow.

On sunny southern slopes, prairie crocus and spurge were found in bloom. Note was made of the large numbers of magpies and crows in this locality.

During the hike down to the supper camp site the party was divided, and signalling indulged in over areas of a mile or so; and on the final homeward hike "Scouts' pace" was indulged in to make quicker time and gauge the distance from the city.

Shorter hikes for the Cubs have been held on two occasions during the holidays, under the leadership of two of the Scouts.

### A West Winnipeg Cub Display

**F**OLLOWING was the programme of the highly successful Wolf Cub display staged by the packs of the West District of Greater Winnipeg in the Isaac Brock School: Alert, 8 o'clock; flag raising and singing of O Canada; invocation, by Venerable Archdeacon McElheran; grand howl and snake dance by the Soongay-ta-ay Pack; selection by St. James orchestra; sketch, Two Ways of Helping Mother, St. Matthew's Pack; chorus by Soongay-ta-ay; selection by St. James orchestra; reading, aims and objects of Cubbing; explanation of Tenderpad tests; explanation of Cub Law, afterwards to be demonstrated by St. David's Pack in the dance of Baloo; explanation of Wolf Cub Promise, also the Salute; selection by St. James orchestra, followed by a game

by the Britannia Pack; First Star subjects, to be read and then demonstrated; a Union Jack tableau, by St. Jude's Pack; knots and their uses, by St. James Pack; an address by Dr. H. M. Speechley on "The Life History of the Mosquito"; Second Star subjects explained, followed by signalling and its uses, by St. Patrick's Pack; physical exercises and their uses, by the Maryland Pack; first aid sketch, by St. Margaret's Pack; camp fire, by the Kitchener Pack. The programme was concluded by the singing of the National Anthem and the lowering of the flag.

### An Ad. for Camp Fund Jobs

**"A**NYONE requiring the assistance of boys after school hours kindly apply to Scoutmaster Walker, Telephone 42. Any money earned in this way will be applied to the troop fund for next summer's camp."—1st Portage la Prairie, Man., in Portage la Prairie Graphic.

#### May

- 1st—May Day.
- 13th—Rogation Sunday.
- Mothers' Day.
- 17th—Ascension Day.
- 24th—Victoria Day. Troop and Inter-Troop field day, with Scouting competitions.
- 25th—Day of Pentecost.
- 26th—Queen Mary's Birthday.
- 27th—Whit Sunday.

#### During May.

Finish local spring clean-ups. Talk camp and camp funds and get in some good practice hikes. Candidates for the Gardener's badge should be busy in their 12x12 plots.

#### June

- 3rd—Trinity Sunday.
- King's Birthday.

### Saskatoon and Victoria Field Days

**S**ASKATOON'S annual Scout Jam-boree, fixed for June 2nd, will include these competitions: Fire lighting and water boiling, first aid, signalling, mapping, verbal message relay, judging of distances and heights, cooking damper or twist. The L. S. Parrott Wolf Cub competition will include ball throwing, knot tying, signalling and verbal message relay.

The programme of scoutcraft sports for the Victoria, B.C., district, to be held May 12th, includes: Message relay, tree identification, a sand tracking problem, signalling, first aid, cooking competitions, a pin-head drawing contest, and a compass competition. Alternatives have been arranged for newly formed troops. Two or more events will be run off simultaneously, and to provide further interest for the spectators, an inter-troop tug-of-war has been added. The programme was drawn up by Scoutmaster J. W. Leighton.

### Learning of Sickness in the Troop

**"S**ICK SCOUTS — rather funny heading, isn't it! But Scouts do get sick once in a while. And it might be remembered that if the Scoutmaster finds out before being notified by the Patrol Leader concerned, it means POINTS OFF in the Patrol Competition!"

—Scout News, 22nd Winnipeg.

### A Victoria Hike Stalking Game

**A**S a hike game of St. Michael's Troop, Victoria, B.C.—"The Scoutmaster and Assistant Scoutmaster stationed themselves in a field of broom and bush. Scouts had to approach as near as possible without being seen. When spotted they had to remain in their place till the end of the game, when all paced their distance to the Scoutmaster. Cougars, with the lowest average of paces, proved winners."

### A Bean-bag Scoring System

**S**coutmaster CLAY of the 1st Penticton, B.C., Troop has started something distinctly new in patrol competition scoring. Each P. L. is given a small bag containing twenty-five beans. Every time his patrol loses a point, a bean is taken from the bag. When the patrol gains a point, a bean is added. At the close of the meeting the results of each bag are tabulated.

### Saint John Pushes Cooking Tests

**S**IX "Cooking Test" cards, as described in the February Scout Leader, have been provided the Scoutmaster of every troop in the Saint John, N.B., district. The accompanying circular letter explained:

"Enclosed you will find six 'Cooking Test' cards covering fifteen different foods to be cooked to the satisfaction of yourself or a Scout mother. We want to see how many troops can return six of these cards to us, duly completed, by the first week in June. Every troop doing so will then have six good camp cooks in it. Incidentally, this fact will be taken into consideration when we are figuring up your troop's progress record at the end of the year."

### N.B. Leaders Made Game Warden.

**A**T the April meeting of the Scout Leaders and District Council of Saint John, N.B., warrants and badges as deputy game wardens were presented to Edwin E. Rogers, T. A. Lee, Lawrence Pincombe and Valentine Pritchard, Scout leaders. The warrants were signed by Hon. C. D. Richards, Minister of Lands and Mines, and the presentation was made by Allan G. McAvity, who noted the fact that these appointments were purely non-political and a compliment to Scouting.