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B**USINESS Methods.** — Ap-
point as Quartermaster a
Rover or one of your older
Scouts, and leave entirely to
him, under your supervision, the duty
of purchasing milk, butter, eggs, fruit,
and other local camp supplies; the
issuing of these and other provisions,
and the keeping of the camp accounts.
The records will include vouchers
for every expenditure. At the end of
the camp present a complete state-
ment to your Troop Committee.

Food. — Keep your menu simple.
Include in each day's fare: A whole-
grain cereal, preferably cooked (and
well cooked); potatoes and one other
vegetable; a raw apple
or fresh fruit, or
rhubarb. The veget-
ables should include
tomatoes (canned, if
fresh unobtainable),
for their valuable vita-
mines. (For List of
Supplies and Suggest-
ed Menus see pp. 367-
370, *The Handbook*.)

Milk. — Make 100%
sure that the camp
milk supply comes
from healthy cows
kept in clean sur-
roundings. The laws
for testing cows for
health are not stan-
dard throughout the
Dominion. Milk from
unclean sources can
carry typhoid.
Where there is any
uncertainty regarding
the milk, use canned
powdered milk. This
is a very satisfactory
substitute, and may
also be used in pre-
paring a number of at-
tractive drinks and
dishes. (A book on
Camp Cooking and the
use of powdered milk
will be sent free by
the Canadian Milk
Products, Ltd., 347
Adelaide Street W.,
Toronto.)

Water. — Where
there is any doubt re-
garding the available
water supply, chlorination is recom-
mended. In a teaspoonful of water dis-
solve a level teaspoonful of chloride of
lime. Dilute with three cupfuls of
water. Add a teaspoonful of this
to each two-gallon pail of drinking
water and stir thoroughly. This will
give four or five parts of free chloride
to a million parts of water, sufficient

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to destroy in ten minutes all typhoid
and colon bacilli or other disentry-
producing organisms. All traces of
the chloride will rapidly disappear.

Use the Patrol System of Camping. —
Unless the majority of your boys are
new both to camping and Scouting,
plan for a Patrol System Camp. That
is, each Patrol in its own nook of the
camp grounds, at some distance from
and out of sight of other Patrols, but
in view of the centrally-located Scout-
master's tent; each Patrol doing its
own cooking, under supervision, and

that each must at all times
and under all circumstances
know the whereabouts of the
other.

Sinkers and Swimmers. — This idea
for encouraging boys to learn to swim
also was used with great success at a
large number of the 1927 camps. At
the opening of the camp the boys are
separated into groups of swimmers
and non-swimmers, and each of the
latter group is compelled to wear,
sewn on his shirt, a yellow patch to
which a lead fish-line sinker is at-
tached by a safety pin. This is worn
until he has passed a stipulated and
reasonable swimming test. The re-
moving of the Sinker's Badge may be
made the occasion of a more or less
elaborate ceremony
at the council fire.

Safe Bathing. — Ri-
gidly enforce the rule
of no swimming ex-
cept during fixed
swimming hours.
Have a picket of not
less than two good
swimmers on duty, in
bathing suits, ashore
or in a boat. Empha-
size that their eyes
must never be off the
boys in the water.

Too much time
should not be devoted
to swimming and
water sports. No boys
should be allowed to
remain in the water
for more than five
minutes for a morn-
ing dip, nor for more
than 20 to 30 minutes
during swimming
periods.

It should be remem-
bered that the "com-
pulsory morning dip"
is not considered
good practice. While
for some boys it may
be beneficial, for
others the results may
be harmful.

**Canoeing and Boat-
ing.** — Regulations re-
garding the use of
boats and canoes will
to a considerable ex-
tent be made with

reference to the nature of the waters
concerned. These definite rules should
be enforced:

1. No boats or canoes may be used
without specific permission.
2. No non-swimmers may go out in
a canoe.
3. No non-swimmers may go out in a
boat except in the company of boys

The Scout Law is the law of this Camp

**REGISTERED
1927
SCOUT CAMP**

The Officials of the Troop

Have assured
Provincial Headquarters of The Boy Scouts Association
that all possible
sanitary and other precautions will be taken to ensure the

HEALTH and SAFETY

of Scouts while in this camp.

Provincial Headquarters



Scoutmaster

Camp Registration No.

N**OT** only as a means of definitely standardizing the running of all
Canadian Boy Scout camps along the most approved lines, as out-
lined in *The Scout Leader*, in *Minimum Standards for Troop
Camps* and *The Handbook*, but also for the value of the impression made
upon visitors and passers-by, the Chief Commissioner is anxious that the
director of every Scout Camp held in Canada this summer shall secure
and post in a conspicuous place a copy of the above Camp Card. The
card (stout linen, 11" x 13", printed in two colours) will be supplied on
receipt at Provincial Headquarters of the *Camp Notification Form* which
goes to each Scoutmaster with this number of *The Scout Leader*. After
camp the card should be taken down, inscribed with the name of each
camper, and framed and hung in the troop room as a souvenir. In a few
years these camp records will be regarded as valuable Troop heirlooms.

dining on its own site.

Camp Buddies. — The Camp Buddy
System, as a means of checking up on
the whereabouts of boys at any time
throughout the period of the camp,
was used in a large number of camps
last year, with marked success. Suit-
able boys are paired off for the dura-
tion of the camp, and are instructed

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A July First No-Firecracker Zone for the Sick

A FINE scouty holiday Good Turn reported last year from several places was the establishing by Scouts of No-Firecracked Zones around the homes of the sick. One or two boys unobtrusively placed on the street usually can secure quiet. They are relieved from time to time. The boys will of course not play the role of policemen, giving dictatorial orders, but will when necessary explain the situation and request boys with firecrackers to shoot them off elsewhere. The Court of Honour will handle this nicely.

First Aid for Injured Motorists

INJURED motorists present a specific and now frequent class of injuries that Scoutmasters would do well to prepare for. One problem which such first aid cases not infrequently present, and for which the Scout may not be prepared, is a multiplicity of cuts resulting from "going through the windshield." In what order should these be treated, and how, with their various possible complications? The answer can only be given by a physician's demonstration. Endeavour to arrange for one. It may be mentioned that the suggestion is made out of an experience of the Assistant Chief Commissioner and the Editor, when returning by car from the recent Quebec conference. First on the scene of a ditched auto, they spent half an hour working over a woman whose head had gone through the windshield, before it was possible to move her from the spot.

Scout Training for Banking

AT a regular meeting of the 6th Peterborough the troop heard a talk on the principles of banking by Mr. C. S. Cummer, of the Bank of Montreal. Mr. Cummer stressed the fact that the chief requisite for a good banker is good character—such as is produced by good Scouting. One of the best recommendations for a position in a bank, he said, was the statement that the applicant belonged to a Scout troop.

VISITS OF FIELD MEN
ARE MADE POSSIBLE BY
DOMINION REGISTRATION

Through a Prairie Blizzard to Visit a Lone Scout

WHEN in February last Scoutmaster the Rev. Walter Anderson, of Swan River, Man., was asked by the provincial office to get in touch with a Lone Scout in his district, address unknown, he advertised in the local paper, requesting the Scout to write him. The boy did so, with the result that notwithstanding a heavy blizzard, Mr. Anderson and nine of his boys packed themselves into a sleigh and drove the nine miles across the prairie to the Scout's home.

There they met Lone Scout James Ross. After each boy had given him the Scout sign, he was taken in his Tenderfoot work, which he successfully passed. The boys then demonstrated some of the Second Class work, and gave Scout Ross a copy of "Starting to Scout." The evening was wound up in good Scout style, which of course included "eats," and the Swan River boys and their S. M. once more braved the prairie blizzard.

"Possibly the finest feature of the whole incident," wrote Field Scout Mills, "was the delight and appreciation shown by the boy's parents; and I am quite sure that Mr. Anderson has made Scouting friends for life of the whole Ross family."



The 2nd Prince Albert, Sask., secured a C.N.R. first aid expert for a series of lectures at their '27 camp.

Good Scouting in the Transvaal

A COPY of the Annual Report of the Boy Scouts Association of the Transvaal, just received, shows Scouting in that South African province to be in a thriving condition under most capable leadership. Yet again illustrating the common appeal and "get-together" feature of Scouting, is a list of officers of both Dutch and British origin. Sir W. W. Hoy, K.C.B., F.R.G.S., etc., is Provincial Commissioner.

A paragraph of interest is that noting the erection of nine Scout Halls in various parts of the province, with five in course of building.

The total membership is shown as 5,350.

Illustrations show pictures of camping and trek-cart hiking, with incidental vistas of far stretching veldt, suggesting our western prairies.

One of the news pictures appearing in the January Japan Magazine, printed in English and published at Tokyo, was that of a review of Japanese Scouts by Viscount Goto and Mayor Nishikubo of Tokyo. The boys were in the conventional Scout kit, and all, including Count Goto, wore the Scout Stetson.



Edmonton's Junior Oratory Competition, competed for by fourteen boys was won by Scout Clyde Emms, of the 6th Edmonton Troop.

Mr. N. D. Power, Chief Wolf Cub Commissioner at Imperial Headquarters, London, was a May visitor to Calgary, and met a number of local leaders.

The Kitchener, Ont., Troops have undertaken the project of reforesting a large area at Chicopee Heights. They made a start by planting 6,000 trees.

Senator W. A. Griesbach, of Edmonton, accepted the role of Honorary Scoutmaster of the 10th Edmonton Troop.

Scouts in many places participated in SAVE THE FOREST WEEK programmes. Frequent mention is made of the distributing of SAVE THE FOREST tags on Saturday, April 28th.

The number of applications for trees for farm planting received this year by the Ontario Forestry Branch exceeded that of any previous year. Credit for this increase is given by Forestry officials to the work of Scouts in posting tree-planting posters.

Presentation of the Silver Cross to Troop Leader Harrison, of the 1st Ladysmith Troop, B.C., for a rescue from drowning, was made an impressive occasion, with the presence of Lieut.-Gov. Bruce, who awarded the medal, His Worship Mayor Jones, District Commissioner Ravenhill and the Ladysmith Troop and Pack.

Calgary has lost and Vancouver gained through the transfer to the latter city of Scoutmaster R. Hyde, for eight years with the 8th Calgary Troop, a former secretary of the Calgary Scoutmasters' Club and a Gillwellian. Farewell references described him as one of the keenest leaders in the district and an expert instructor in signalling and pioneering.

Scouts from the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th St. Johns Troops, Que., under Assistant District Commissioner Wilson performed an excellent piece of service, requested by the civic authorities, when from 7:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. on a Saturday they kept record of the city street traffic at fifteen different points. The work was organized by the leaders, and carried out notwithstanding adverse weather conditions.

Mr. A. H. Ball, Deputy Minister of Education and Provincial Commissioner for Saskatchewan, addressed the first meeting of the Regina Baden-Powell Club, made up of old Scouts. Mr. Ball in the course of his address declared that there was an intimate relationship between Scouting and Education. "The high moral principles of Scouting, in addition to the learning from the public schools," he said, "make a gentleman of character and education."

SCOUT CAMP REMINDERS

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who can swim.

4. Boys breaking any of the above rules may immediately be sent home.

Canoeing Hints.—Recommend and demonstrate the safety of sitting in a canoe Indian-fashion; that is, sitting on the crossed feet in the bottom of the craft, thus putting the weight below the water-line. Where this is found too difficult, make paddling kneeling on both knees the rule. According to well known canoeing experts this latter is the best position for the white man for continuous paddling. According to Charles L. Gilman, in *Field and Stream*, "When one sits on the usual built-in seat of the canvas canoe, all the work of propelling the canoe devolves upon the arm and shoulder muscles. To develop a stroke of efficient length the paddler must twist his body at the midriff. Stomach ache is epidemic among paddlers of this class. Usually it develops about 10 a. m., and generally it is blamed upon something the cook served for breakfast.

"The paddler who kneels puts no such strain upon his abdominal viscera. Neither does he work his arms and shoulders much. When his arms have set the paddle for a stroke, he strikes a straight-from-the-shoulder blow with the hand which grasps the top of his paddle shaft, following it through with a forward sway of his entire body from the knees up. The lower hand, that grasping the shaft close to the blade, is the fulcrum of a lever. His weight does over half the actual work of propulsion.

"Hands, wrists, arms and shoulders play an important part in giving the paddle that nice combination of thrusts and twists which holds the canoe on a straight course or swerves it to the paddler's will. But this is executive or administrative work. It's the weight of the body, swayed from the knees, which furnishes the power."

Health and First Aid.—Designate your best "Ambulance Man" as Camp M. O., and name a small staff of assistants, one of whom shall always be within call, to treat promptly all cuts and scratches, however small, and other needs. Carefully check up on the contents of your first aid kit. (See pp. 370-374, *THE HANDBOOK*.)

Sleep.—Tent-raiding or other sleep-disturbing horseplay is "not done" in Scout camps. Make sure that every boy gets a good night's sleep every night from the first. This is of the prime importance if all are to enjoy the maximum benefits of the outing.

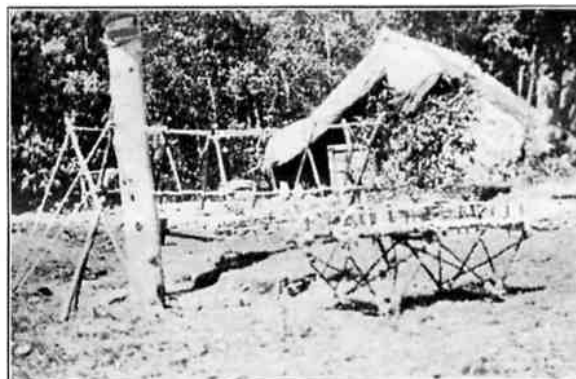
Sunburn.—Insist that your boys take their sun tanning gradually, even on arms and legs. Make it a rule that as soon as the skin begins to burn, they are to cover up, and not uncover until the burning sensation has passed. This will save both boys and yourself discomfort, and possibly more serious trouble.

Keeping Dry.—While the dew is on the grass, and during rainy weather, have everyone go barefoot or wear sandals. This will avert colds from wet shoes and stockings. In case of wet clothing (particularly cotton),

keep the boys moving until a change to dry things can be made.

Inspection and Patrol Competition.—Daily morning inspection of tents and patrol sites provides one of the camp's most interesting and profitable competitive games. The inspection usually is held an hour after the call to breakfast. It should be made as rapidly as possible consistent with thoroughness. Awarding of points will be facilitated by the use of a card with the names of the patrols in the first column, and additional columns captioned by the various inspection headings, and the maximum points awarded,—points being deducted for shortcomings, and the balance credited. For instance, under "TENT—10," on a morning when everything should be out in the sun and the tent floor clean and drying out, a half point might be deducted for a suitcase left inside; and an extra half point if the suitcase was not on sticks, to raise it slightly from the ground. Two points might be deducted for crumbs—"untidy and calculated to attract insects." Clothing hanging on the tentpole would lose another half

Bridge models at the camp of the 1st Rossland, B. C.



point. Blankets not properly spread on bushes, tree limbs or the grass, to secure the full benefit of sun and air, would lose other points. (Weather permitting, blankets should be left out until around 4 p. m., then—full of life and heat—folded and placed inside tents.)

Inspection headings may include: **PERSONAL INSPECTION** (patrol lined up before tent.) **TENT** (including blankets and kit). **KITCHEN** (fireplace, cleanliness of pots and pans, tidy woodpile, quantity of wood protected from rain, masked axe, washbasin, towels, refuse and grease pits properly kept and protected, etc.). **LATRINES, DINING SHELTER** (table, dishes, cutlery, etc.). **GADGETS** (miscellaneous camp conveniences credited for usefulness, ingenuity, safety, etc.).

The table of inspection points should of course be worked out with the Court of Honour.

The patrol competition may include Scouting games and the passing of tests, and may run for the period of the camp, with suitable prizes; or the keeping of the troop flag for the day may be awarded each morning for points won during the previous twenty-four hours; or a small flag may be given outright.

Morning Flag and Prayers.—Morning flag-break and prayers should be fittingly handled. (The flag, prepared for breaking out, has previously been run up by the P. L. of the Duty Patrol.) The ceremony best follows inspection, the Scoutmaster proceeding to the flagstaff, giving the troop call and making the signal for the horseshoe rally. The call is responded to by the Scouts at the run, each patrol giving its patrol cry. When in position, the troop is called to the alert, and this is followed by, "Troop salute!" at which the Troop Leader pulls the halyard, breaking out the flag. The T. L. reports, "Flag broken out, sir," and the Scoutmaster gives the troop, "Steady," at which hands drop.

The Scoutmaster then leads in such prayers as have been approved by the heads of the religious bodies with which the boys are connected, or in case of troops of widely varied church connections, the Scout Silence may be used,—a few minutes of silent prayer.

Following prayers, the result of the morning's inspection is announced, the

individual flag awarded, or the troop flag placed for the day in the keeping of the winning patrol. (The patrol winning it the previous day will, on reporting at the horseshoe, have returned the troop flag to its pocket at the foot of the main flag staff.)

The morning's programme will then be proceeded with as planned by the Camp Court of Honour.

Evening Flag.—At 7 o'clock the P. L. of the Duty Patrol, having first freed the lanyard and made sure that the flag is running free, gives the troop call, followed by "Alert!" Each member of the troop, wherever he may be, comes to the alert, then to the salute as the flag begins to descend, and remains thus until, with the flag down and gathered in his arms, the Duty P. L. gives the whistle or other signal for "Carry on."

Starting Right.—It is expected that good Scout system will characterize the camp from the start. On arrival at the camp site the preliminary work should be apportioned. For instance, each P. L. would be directed to delegate two Scouts to prepare his patrol kitchen, gather wood and prepare dinner (or supper); two to put up the patrol tent or tents, others to take care of the sanitary arrangements, and one Scout to assist with the Head-

quarters tents. After the meal, and a rest, and completion of necessary patrol site details, all would help gather wood and prepare the council fire.

The First Council Fire.—The first council fire is one of very great importance. Upon the atmosphere created here may depend the entire success of the camp. In any case, upon the Scoutmaster's talk will depend that subtle but very real thing called the camp spirit, which in turn will decide whether the real spirit of Scouting will characterize the outing, and the camp thus result in real advancement in Scouting for the individual boy.

The Scoutmaster's talk will touch on all those things expected of a Scout in camp—always ready to do his bit and more, at work or play, without regard to how much the other fellow is doing; good table manners—no "letting down" because he's "in camp"; remembering to say his prayers night or morning, or both, just as at home; looking after himself properly in all hygienic matters, and never making flippant remarks about such things. "In a word, in all things and at all times, a Scout and a gentleman."

Outlining Camp Duties.—The Scoutmaster may then proceed to outline the camp daily routine and duties. For instance one of the patrols will be designated as the Duty Patrol for the next 24 hours, taking over at the close of the council fire. Their work will be to put the fire out, as the first task. At 6.30 in the morning they will rouse the camp cooks, and "milk party" (where milk is sent for), and at seven rouse the entire camp. The P.L. of the Duty Patrol will prepare the flag for breaking. During the day the patrol will see that the camp ground is kept tidy, and in general will take care of anything requiring special attention. They will collect the mail. They will prepare the council fire, and in the evening light it at the time set.

All the above details should later be posted on the Camp Notice Board.

A Sample First Day's Programme

6.30 a.m.	Duty Patrol rouses cooks.
7.00	General camp rouse.
7.10	Morning dip or short P.T. game.
8.00	Breakfast.
9.00	Inspection.
9.15	Rally for flag-break, prayers, awarding of patrol site competition flag for the day, announcements.
9.30	Brief lively P. T. game.
9.45	Talk and demonstration on safe axmanship by Scoutmaster.
10.00	Talk on stalking and camouflage by Scoutmaster, followed by inter-patrol camouflage and observation games.
11.00	Swim.
	Free time until dinner call.
12.00	Dinner.
	Compulsory rest until 2.00 p.m.
2 to 4 p.m.	Patrol competition bird observation hike.
4.30	Swim.
	Free time.

5.30	Supper.
7.00	Flag down.
8.00	Council fire.
9.15	Turn in.
9.30	Lights out.

Camp Good Turns.—You will of course not overlook this feature of Scout camping. Here is a list of Good Turns reported in last year's Camp Questionnaire:

Repaired fences. Helped with hay-ing. Assisted farmers picking cherries and apples. Trimmed trees. Watered cattle. Milked cows. Picked currants. Helped a man to get in his wood. Found strayed cattle. Picked stones from a field. Delivered milk for busy farmer. Rescued a motor boat crew lost in the fog. Found a man lost in the woods at night, and brought him out. Gave first aid to a boy with a fractured skull. Found a family with practically no food in the house and supplied them from the camp. After a storm repaired a telephone line. Dug post holes for a farmer. Loaned camp equipment and three senior boys as instructors to



A bit of Indian ceremony is always appreciated by the boys. The Chief lights the pipe of peace at a New Brunswick council fire.

Salvation Army Life Saving Scouts. After an electrical storm saw a tree on fire in the woods, hastened to the spot and put the fire out. Two Scouts passing through a town found a boy with a severed artery in his foot; gave him first aid, rushed him to a doctor, and on finding the family were poor, paid the doctor's fee. Tidied up camp grounds after tourists. Improved swimming hole. Cleared out a spring. One of the outstanding Good Turns was the starting of a troop for the boys of a nearby town. Another troop set aside one day as a Camp Good Turn Day, and the boys scattered far and wide looking for opportunities of serving others.

Misc. Reminders.—It is important that meals should be served at regular intervals and that Scouts should rise early and retire early.

A certain time,—at least two hours a day,—should be set aside for instruction in Scoutcraft.

Remember that Scouting is a game, and instruction work should, where possible, take the form of games. All necessary physical training can and

should be given in the form of games.

It should be kept in mind every day that the object of the Camp and the purpose of the programme is to promote good health, good habits and good manners, to develop good character and to give the boys "a jolly good time."

Finally.—Carefully re-read the chapter on "Camps and Camping," in the Third and Fourth editions of THE HANDBOOK.

Church on Sunday

The presence of a camping Scout Troop at a country or village Sunday church service is always greatly appreciated, both by pastor and congregation. For some years such a visit from the Scouts of a New Brunswick district camp has been a red letter day at the little nearby country church. The church has been decorated with flowers, and the rector has arranged special music and a special sermon. In return the country people have been invited to the Sunday evening camp fire, and have greatly enjoyed it.

Needless to say due attention is given to dress for such occasions, and a word of reminder is dropped regarding the demeanor of the boys during the service, and the fact that they will be under observation. Undue noisiness on the way to or from the church also is cautioned against, as calculated to destroy an otherwise good impression.

SOME CAMP MENU GOOD-THINGS

The following tried and proven camp recipes were secured from one of Ontario's practical camping clergymen Scoutmasters, Rev. Carew Hallowell, of the 1st Paisley:

An Appetizing Health Porridge.

A very appetizing porridge, and economical (5c per pound): Cracked wheat, 3 parts; linseed meal, 1 part. A splendid preventive of constipation. Cook slowly, and without too much water.

Baked Turnips With Cheese

A tasty and economical supper dish: Baked turnips with cheese. Cut turnips into half inch cubes. Boil half hour in water scarcely covering. Add small quantity of milk, sprinkle with bread or cracker crumbs, and on top place a layer of thin-sliced cheese. Cover dish and bake ten minutes.

Economical and Tasty Slicing Meat.

Cold boiled cottage roll makes a very tasty pork dish for an occasional dinner or tea, and at around 30c per pound is more economical than some other meats, because of the absence of bone. Also it slices conveniently. Of course one will serve it out carefully. Cut into two- or three-pound pieces, and boil by the piece,—slowly, about 1 hour to the pound.

Another Tasty Economy Meat

Another tasty and economical cold slicing meat may frequently be secured fresh in calves' or cows' tongues, at around 10c per pound. These can be kept for several weeks in a strong salt brine, in a cool place, without becoming salty. Camp planning Scoutmasters in the smaller communities might secure tongues as available during the several weeks preceding camp, and keep them in the brine. Cook 1

hour per pound, slowly, then skin. Carve lengthwise.

Rhubarb

Don't overlook rhubarb as a healthful, cheap and tasty camp fruit dish. If you have pineapple, add a slice, cut into cubes, for an additionally attractive flavour.

Fireless Cooking

If you have not yet tried it, cook your porridge overnight in a hole-in-the-ground fireless cooker. Make a hole six inches larger than your kettle, place six inches of straw or grass in the bottom, place the kettle in position in the centre of the hole, securely pack long straw, hay or dead dry grass about it, then remove the kettle. Bring your porridge to a boil over the fire, place the kettle in the hole, cover with several thicknesses of paper, six inches of snug straw or grass, and suds. Then figure on second helpings, —the salting being right.

Start your stew over the breakfast fire, and cook in the same way.

Cub Camp Reminders

FIRST—a Cub Camp is not a necessity. B. P. says, "don't do it unless certain the camp will be really well run. And it should be attended only by the older and more reliable boys, as a special privilege."

Camp Site.—In addition to points noted for Scout camps, and which obviously apply also to Cub camping: Readily accessible, so that parents may conveniently reach it, and yet at some distance from much traveled roads. Plenty of trees, a good playing field, a safe small-boy bathing place.

Camp Lay-out.—Street or semi-circular method, with leaders' tents at either end and in the centre, so that during the night all tents are within easy hearing distance.

Cooking.—Someone should be engaged to prepare meals and wash pots and pans. Cubs may wash their own dishes. Cubmaster should not cook; he should be as free as his Cubs.

Sleeping.—Eight or ten boys to a tent. If possible arrange for cots; if not, a wooden floor and individual straw-filled ticks. (A Toronto Pack makes individual ticks of old sacking cloth, washed and disinfected.) Don't expect a Cub to sleep on the ground with only a rubber sheet and a blanket beneath him.

Planning the Programme.—A Cub camp is entirely a play camp, so plan the daily programme accordingly.

Swimming Place.—This should be located far enough away to preclude the Cubs wandering down by themselves to swim or fish. It should be fenced in, where possible.

Visit the Parents.—Visit all mothers and explain the camping plans, and what each Cub will require. Where the boys are taking their own dishes, have them bring enamelware. Make sure that each boy will have sufficient blankets.

Cubs in a Combined Camp.—Where there is no alternative to a combined Scout and Cub camp, the Cub camp should be laid out as a separate unit, in its own corner of the site, and its activities should be kept separate.

Some Notes on a B.C. Cub Camp

THE following notes were taken from the very interesting log of a Sixers' and Cub Instructors' camp of the 13th Vancouver Seconee Pack of 1927, held by Cubmaster W. A. Morrison.

Hot cocoa, 7.30 a.m. before boys up. Began as a first morning treat; so gratifying in results, made regular feature. Boys were then ready to enter into the following half hour of exercise, through games such as "Badger Pulling" and "Squaw Wrestling," after which they were thoroughly awake and ready for a good wash from the waist up in fresh water from the stream.

While breakfast was being prepared the morning ceremonies were conducted and blankets put out to air. Breakfast consisted of orange, porridge or other cereal, eggs, jam or marmalade, milk.

Immediately after breakfast three fatigue parties were chosen,—one to gather wood for the day, one to clean up the cookhouse, wash the tables and to tidy up generally, the third to make general improvements around the site. Each day these parties were changed.

This general camp work completed, tent groups turned their attention to cleaning up and improving their respective tent sites. Improvements here constituted such things as logger's seats, railings, mossed floors in their tents, ornamental work, and such rustic work as they were able to devise.

At 10.30 tents inspected, points awarded. Morning swim at 11 o'clock. All work stopped, water ball secured, and away they went racing down the path to the water front—for a game of water polo by those who could swim well enough, and swimming lessons for those who could not. One or two picket boats always in attendance.

Lunch would consist of vegetables, usually in form of a salad; bread and butter; orangeade or lemonade, and either preserved fruit or a fruit salad.

Grace was never overlooked.

Meals served at a long table beneath a huge tent fly. After meals boys would gather at the stream, where teeth could be washed, dishes cleaned, etc. Then gathered around the table for an hour of organized rest. Some

reading, some singing, some taking quiet instruction in some branch of Cubbing. After this an hour to themselves.

At council fire, buns and hot cocoa were served, made with good fresh milk.

Each boy provided himself with a totem pole, which was erected outside of his tent. When a boy won a point, he was allowed to notch his pole.

Everyone was busy and happy all day long.

Gillwell in the Transvaal

FROM the Annual Report of the Transvaal Boy Scouts Association:

During the year our Gillwell Training Centre, which was opened for the training of officers, has proved of greater service than in any previous year. The trained officers throughout the movement are increasing and the training courses are of great value to all officers who are able to attend.

The Roodepoort-Maraisburg Municipality, recognizing the value of the work carried on at Gillwell, have granted us a lease in perpetuity, at a nominal fee, so long as the property is used for Scouting purposes; and we feel confident that this valuable gift will be utilized to its full advantage.

According to the Seattle, Wash., press, the opening session of the annual Northwest Rotary Conference, held in that city in April, was completely captured by a Wolf Cub, Leon Levy, of the Port Angeles Pack, with a speech on world peace. The pack, which had been invited to present a pageant of Cubbing, was feted on an unusual scale, and numerous pictures of the boys were published in the Seattle dailies.

It will not be the fault of the district leaders if Saint John, N.B., Scouts fail to get all the possible OUT into Scouting this summer. For May the Editorial Board—Assistant District Commissioner Choppin and Secretary Johnson—published a special camping number of no less than ten long mimeographed pages. The matter was largely taken from early camping numbers of *The Scout Leader*.



The council fire circle at Ebor Park, near Brantford, Ontario's beautifully situated permanent Gillwell. Lister Hut, built by graduates, in the background. This year the course of 1927 is equipping a patrol site.

THE CAMP CHIEF'S PAGE

CARE OF RENTED TENTS

Not only because "playing the game 100%" is expected of Scouts, but also out of appreciation of a rental arrangement granted to no other organization (except the Girl Guides), Scoutmasters will be expected to ensure the best possible care being taken of camp equipment rented from the Department of National Defence.

Tent Care.—In erecting a bell tent make sure that the pole is fully in the peak socket before lifting.

If the socket gromet is worn or the canvas cap weak, insert a wooden cone into which the pole will fit; or as a temporary makeshift, stuff the cap with sacking, cloth, or hay-rope, etc.

Place beneath the foot of the tent pole a flat stone or block of wood, which may be kicked out, to ease up the guy ropes during a night rain. If a suitable stone or block of wood is not available, dig a hole about two inches to one side of the pole and in this place an empty tin can of a size to take the pole easily. When not in use the can should be covered to prevent filling with earth.

Never pile earth against the tent walls.

Cut the drainage ditch with its inner side immediately below the wall.

Each morning, weather permitting, loop up the tent sides until thoroughly dry, then brail (roll).

To ensure tent and pin bags not being lost, have all turned in at camp headquarters after tents have been erected. When lowering tents, count and check up on pegs to each tent.

Return Tents Dry.—It is particularly requested from the Quartermaster's Department that tents be thoroughly dry before being placed in the bags and returned to Militia Stores. In case of being compelled to break camp during wet weather, therefore, a Scoutmaster will arrange to have tents unpacked and thoroughly dried at the earliest possible moment, and before return shipment. And—

Return Promptly.—Scoutmasters are urged to return rented equipment as promptly as possible. The supply is limited, and delay may result in some other troop being deprived of its camp.

Checking Up.—Tents, kitchen shelters, poles, pins and mallets, tables, bench forms, dioxies, ground sheets, blankets — all items should be very carefully checked over on receipt; should be checked on and off at all points of handling, coming and going, and should be very carefully checked back into the hands of the railroad or other transportation company, and a receipt secured.

Nothing should be left to chance.

Where equipment is received from and returned direct into Militia Stores, the equipment should not be turned in late in the day, and left until the following morning for checking over. This particular experience has result-

ed in losing track of a tent.

It is wise to appoint one person to look after camp equipment throughout.

SUMMER GILLWELL DATES

British Columbia—Camp Byng, August 14th-24th, under the Dominion Camp Chief, John A. Stiles.

Manitoba—Near Winnipeg, July 10th-20th, under D.C.C. C. A. Hill.

Alberta—Near Red Deer, July 3rd-13th, under the Dominion Camp Chief.

Saskatchewan—Lake Lebret, July 17-27th, under the Dominion Camp Chief.

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

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

PART II, AKELA

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



INDOOR COURSES

Scoutmasters' Indoor Training Courses: Completed—Unit 1, Niagara Falls and St. Catharines, Ont., under Assistant Provincial Commissioner F. C. Irwin.

Part II Akela: Completed—Winnipeg, Man., under Assistant Provincial Commissioner F. W. Thompson.

Use Local Bird and Forestry Men

THE suggestion in the May Leader that application be made to Provincial Headquarters when a camp visit is desired from a bird or forestry expert has brought the information that in most cases such experts are not available, and that funds are not on hand for financing their trips. In view of this it is recommended that Scoutmasters endeavour to secure such experts locally. There are few communities but have their bird and tree lovers who are capable of talking on their hobby; who as a matter of fact are glad of an opportunity to do so.



A well built incinerator—Saskatchewan Gillwell, 1927.

A Ridge-pole Tent Clothes Hanger

LONE Scout Omar Stringer, of Canoe Lake, Ont., offers this description of a useful ridge-pole-tent clothes hanger, made from a small fir tree, where these are available for cutting: "Cut out a section of the trunk an inch above and six inches below a good circle of radiating branches. Trim the branches to a length of about four inches. Peel the bark. Attach a cord for hanging, with the branches pointing up."

The Chief Commissioner addresses the council fire circle at an Ontario-Quebec Gillwell.

Bird Pictures for the Troop Room

THERE are few Canadian Scout bird lovers but have wished for a set of Allan Brooks' pictures of our native birds, for framing for the troop room, or for the den at home. Through the efforts of Wallace Havelock Robb, the Royal Ontario Museum of Zoology, Toronto, and the courtesy of the Howard Smith Paper Mills, Ltd., Montreal, a set of twelve of these beautiful pictures have now been made available, at the nominal cost of \$1.00. The pictures bear only the names of the birds, and are on excellent paper, for framing. The set will be forwarded on remittance of the amount named to the Howard Smith Paper Mills, Ltd., 407 McGill Street, Montreal.

It will be of interest to all Canadian bird lovers to know that the Robb collection in the Royal Ontario Museum now numbers 51 of these beautiful paintings of our birds. It is the hope of Mr. Robb and the Museum that the collection ultimately will comprise paintings of all the birds of Eastern Canada.

❖ Scouting from Coast to Coast ❖

WHEN their quarters were required for other church activities, the Portland United Troop, Saint John, N.B., met for an hour, then hiked to Lily Lake for a game of Hare and Hounds.

For a distance judging test during a hike of the 1st Three Rivers Troop, Que., the boys were asked the height and width of different sections of the Wabasso cotton mill.

Boys Like Indian Names for Their Leaders

Several of the Edmonton Scoutmasters have been given Indian names by their boys. In an effective little ceremony at the council fire, "Flying Eagle," A. S. M. Nevill, conferred the name "Running Elk" upon Scoutmaster Foley. A feature of the ceremony was the writing of Mr. Foley's name on a piece of paper, the burning of this, and the announcement of the new name.

A week's course in summer camp supervision was given at Camp Teetonkah by District Secretary Andrew Frame of Hamilton.

A totem pole presented by Mr. W. H. Molson and painted by the Fairfield Scout Troop, and a sign board from Mrs. G. Coleman, were gifts to the North Quadra Pack, Victoria, B.C.

Belleville's First S. M. Honoured

When it was learned that Rev. C. J.



A favourite spot at Gillwell — the patrol kitchen-dining room. Quebec Owls washing up.

Scott, who ten years ago, when minister of the Bridge Street Methodist Church, organized the 1st Belleville Troop, and who now is pastor of the Charlton Avenue Church at Hamilton, was to preach an anniversary sermon at the present Bridge Street United Church, Belleville, it was arranged that the present 1st Troop and all old members attend the morning service in a body, to show their regard.

Some eighty parents attended a demonstration given on St. George's Day in the local armouries by the 1st Weyburn Troop, Sask.

The 19th Calgary Troop devoted an entire meeting to the making of bird houses, and produced 43.

A South Winnipeg Cub Display Programme

At the South Winnipeg District Wolf Cub display given before a capacity audience in St. Luke's Parish Hall, fourteen packs participated. At the opening, following Flag Break, the audience joined in singing "O Canada." Cub dances, games, exercises, demonstrations of first aid, knot-tying, pyramids, two playlets, a Tenderpad investiture and camp fire made up the programme.

During an outdoor meeting of the 1st St. Catharines Troop, several of the boys joined Scoutmaster Johnson in a two-mile "dog trot."

The Whippoorwill Patrol of St. Jude's Troop, Saint John, N.B., is leading in the inter-patrol competition for a tent to be presented by Premier Baxter to the patrol making the best showing for the season.

A Scout-Guide Programme

The 2nd Windsor Troop and 3rd Company of Girl Guides staged their fourth annual show in All Saints' Parish Hall to a packed house on two successive nights. Programme items



The Nova Scotia Crows had a picturesque spot on the banks of the Stewiacke River, while

included "Romeo and Juliet" and "Just Nonsense," by the Scouts, "The Mad Hatter's Tea Party," by the Cubs, a "Mellordrama," by the Guides, and singing by the boys of the church choir. Proceeds go toward the summer camp funds of the Guides and Scouts.

For a Parents' Night of the 2nd Winnipeg Troop, in addition to the usual weekly meeting programme, demonstrations of boxing, fire-by-friction and parallel bar work were given. Following refreshments, a Troop Committee of parents was organized.

The 15th and 17th Londoners hiked to an agreed rendezvous, and carried out a programme of games and test passing work.

The 37th Winnipeg Troop visited the Winnipeg Electric Company's gas works.

A Well Planned Taking-Over Ceremony

When A. S. M. Davis, of the Oaklands Troop, Victoria, B.C., took over the duties of Scoutmaster of the North Quadra Troop, a joint meeting was held in the North Quadra School. Parents and friends were present. An

inspection was conducted by Commissioner Ravenhill. Games were played, following which the North Quadra Scouts reaffirmed their Promise and several boys were invested. A. S. M. Davis then paid his formal farewell to the Oaklands Troop, and was received by the Commissioner as Scoutmaster of the North Quadras, and handed his troop scarf. The evening closed with the hunger dance of Kaa by the North Quadra Pack under Akela Spurr.

A Parents' Evening programme of the 22nd Edmonton included a well-devised and acted charade depicting each of the ten Scout Laws.

30 Scouts selected from the various troops of St. Catharines, Ont., under



Their brother Crows of the Saskatchewan Gillwell dined in these airy quarters on the shores of Lake Le-bret.

S. M. Sampson of the 3rd Troop, marched in the St. Julien's Day parade.

For a hike of the 1st Stanstead Troop, Que., points were given for the first robin seen, first blackbird, a white hen, tree coming into leaf, first fern, etc.

Son Takes Over Dad's Troop

An unusual "succession" in Scout leadership was marked when Mr. Fred Barnes relinquished the scoutmastership of the 3rd Fredericton Troop to his son, Scoutmaster Cyril Barnes. Montreal claims some similar distinction in father and son Cubmasters G. A. and G. Phillips, of Lachine, and both Gillwell Akela leaders.

Plans are under way for the third annual canoe trip for older Scouts of the Hamilton district. This year two trips will be made, and Toronto Scouts are being invited to join the party.

An excellent impression was made by the well varied programme of a concert given by St. Peter's Troop, of Charlottetown, P.E.I., under the direction of Rev. Canon Malone.

1st Perth's Parents' Night

Tables arranged in a horseshoe and decorated, one in red, one in white, one in blue and one in Scout colours, provided the effective setting for a largely attended Parents' Night banquet of the 1st Perth Troop, Ont. Guests included the Troop Chaplain, Rev. Dr. Bedford-Jones, Guide and

Brownie leaders, a representative of the I. O. D. E. and District Commissioner Buell. The well-planned programme included a demonstration Court of Honour and a campfire investiture.

Thirty-six P. L.'s and T. L.'s attended a Saturday afternoon and evening conference for Montreal Northern District held at Strathcona School. A number of older leaders were present as spectators.

An entertainment put on by the 4th Ottawa Pack which entertained a large audience, included in its programme "Helping Mrs. Jenkins," a First Aider playlet, "Doing His Bit," "The Mad Hatter's Tea Party," an inter-six knotting race and a campfire singsong.

Scouts and Cubs of the 1st Calgary, Guides and Brownies all took part in a very successful concert of the 1st Calgary.

Sask. Clergymen S. M. and C. M. Arrange Exceptional Display

An unusually well diversified programme opening with an orchestral selection, the entrance of the Scouts and Cubs (60), the breaking out of the flag, the singing of "O Canada," and an address by Mayor Giben, much impressed a packed audience in the Town Hall of Delisle, Sask., and won the press comment of being "one of the finest demonstrations by boys ever seen in Delisle." The Scouts were in charge of Rev. A. B. Sharples and the Cubs of Rev. Bert Howard.

The 1st McIrvine Troop, Ont., presented their play "Safety First" to capacity houses in the Town Hall at Port Frances and at the Empire Theatre at Rainy River.

The 1st Antigonish (St. Ninian St. School) Troop, N.S., held a successful entertainment in St. James' United Church. Rev. E. Lockhart is Scoutmaster.

A handsome Union Jack was presented the 1st Fergus Troop, Ont., by the local Girl Guides.

Winnipeg Composite Rover Training Troop

Rovers of the South and West districts of Winnipeg gathered at Toc H. and formed a composite troop. Rev. Mgr. Morton gave an address on "Service." The 17th Rovers have placed their headquarters in St. Matthew's Church at the disposal of the composite troop for monthly meetings.

"Special instruction on the Fireman's and Healthman's badges is being given by Rovers Reed and Bishop."—3rd Fort William Troop.

These N.S. Scouts Have the Idea

Five members of the 1st Bear River Troop, N.S., hiked to Barnes Lake and instructed some new boys in their Tenderfoot tests. A fire was built and lunch cooked, after which two boys demonstrated semaphore while the others taught the knots and Scout Law to the recruits. The boys then gathered together some driftwood and

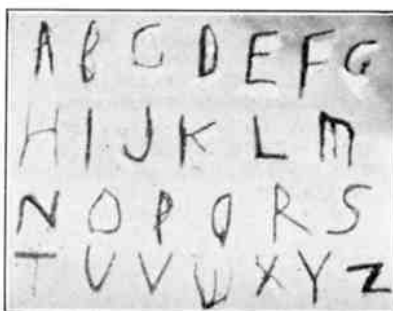
"drove" it down the lake to a beach, where it was "browed" to dry, and will be used for making a raft in the summer.

The new 21st Londoners put on a waste paper and magazine campaign to raise money for the purchase of a troop flag.

"Save the Forest Week" tags were distributed by New Westminster, B.C., Scouts at the weekly Fraser Valley market, under the direction of Forest Superintendent Walmsley.

An Investiture in the "Open Spaces"

The 1st Paisley Troop, Ont., held an afternoon hike to a bush near the town, and there, in the open spaces, with the sky as a roof, the cleared bush as an auditorium and nature as witnesses, two boys took the investiture. As usual, all present were impressed.



Here it is at last — the first picture of a Twig Alphabet to be received by the Scout Leader. It was collected by the Tecumseh and Brock patrols of the 1st Kincardine Rovers, Ont., and provided a very lively subject of patrol competition over a period of several months.

When illness prevented their Cubmaster from holding the regular weekly meeting the 2nd Kincardine Pack joined with the 1st under C. M. McGaw on their meeting night and enjoyed a game of softball.

Prior to the supper reunion given by the 22nd Winnipeg Troop to its ex-members and which was prepared by the ladies' auxiliary, each one stood up to announce his name and the name of the patrol he was or is in. Songs, presentation of badges and a game of indoor basketball made up the programme.

An Impressive Colours Dedication

An impressive dedication ceremony took place at St. Dominic's Catholic Church, Montreal, when Fr. F. M. Elliott blessed the colours presented the 1st St. Dominic's Troop by Mr. F. G. Hicks. The ceremony of presentation was held at St. Dominic's Academy, where District Commissioner T. H. Wardleworth received the colours in behalf of the troop. The 53rd (Vickers) Troop band furnished music. Together with Scouts of various city troops all marched to the church. Fr. Elliott received the flags at the altar and addressed the Scouts. Music by the boys' choir under Rev. Bro. Cornelius, Scoutmaster of the 2nd St.

Dominic's Troop, was rendered during the service of blessing. A large congregation was present.

The annual supper of St. Luke's Pack, Ottawa, was combined very successfully with a Cub hobby show.

A comedy, "Practicing For a Scout Concert," staged by the Redwing Patrol, and playlets by the other patrols, including a "Fashion Parade," were entertaining numbers of a much enjoyed entertainment given in Holy Trinity Boys' Hall by the 6th Edmonton Troop. Rev. G. G. Reynolds presided.

As one result of the recent Jamboree eighteen new members were invested into the four Chatham Wolf Cub Packs at a grand combined campfire held in the Sunday-school hall of the Baptist Church, District Commissioner Buesnel in charge.

Three Troops Grow Where One "Grew" Before—From Good Scouting

The natural growth of good Scouting has had another exemplification in the expansion of the 1st Truro Troop, N.S., under Scoutmaster Cecil Barrett (N. S. Gilwell '23), into three full troops, with Scoutmasters for the 2nd and 3rd troops provided by the local Rotary Club. Year-round community and provincial service, including reforestation and bird life conservation, and an outstandingly successful Christmas Toy Shop, brought the backing that made the expansion organization possible. Credit also goes to the 1st energetic Troop Secretary, Mrs. Davidson.

A paragraph in the Fergus News-Record, Ont., announced that the newly organized 1st Fergus Troop is always ready for good hints or constructive criticism, and asked the public to confer with the Troop Committee on suggestions which they may care to offer.

At a dedication ceremony at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Sherbrooke, Que., Rev. Alfred Bright blessed the new colours recently donated to the 6th Troop and Pack, and delivered an inspiring address on "The Most Beautiful Flower."

Canadian-U.S. Inter-Troop Visits

An exchange of visits between American Scouts and Ontario Border Cities troops has become a frequent occurrence. A recent Saturday visit was that of Troop 51, of Lincoln Park, Mich., and the 23rd Windsor. The boys of the Windsor troop met their visitors at the ferry, and all proceeded to Willistead Park for an afternoon of games, followed by "eats," then a camp fire.

At the annual meeting of the Wolfville, N.S., Local Association Scoutmaster Brown reported four troops and packs, with an enrolment of 84 members.

Some \$60 toward camp equipment was realized by the Birch Hills Troop, Sask., from a whist drive and old-time dance held in Masonic Hall.

A Cubby Sports Day

These distinctly Cubby items appear in the programme for Calgary's annual Wolf Cub Sports Day, to be held at Mewata Park, June 2: Kangaroo hop, Storekeeper's Dummy Race, Equipment Race, Knot-tying relay for teams of four, Blindfold Horse-race, and an Over and Under Ball race for teams of six.

The Women's Institute gave the use of their hall for the banquet of the 1st Elk Lake Troop, Ont., to their parents, over 75 persons being present. A committee of Girl Guides assisted.

A Good Paper Collecting System

For a paper collecting campaign of Fergus, Ont., Scouts the boys canvassed the houses in the morning, tied up the bundles, and placed them out on verandahs ready for removal. In the afternoon a large truck made three trips, and five tons of paper were collected. It is planned now to hold a monthly collection.

6th Edmonton Troop teams won both the Junior and Senior annual first aid competitions of the **Edmonton Journal**. The 2nd Edmonton Pack were runners-up in the Junior competition.

Among those present at the annual inspection of Saint John, N.B., Scouts and Cubs by District Commissioner Dr. G. B. Peat, were Premier Baxter and Mayor W. W. White. Over 300 Scouts and Cubs participated.

For the Melfort, Sask., Sunday Scout Bible Class one boy takes charge each week and leads in the study of a subject he has chosen.

Finding Opportunities For Selling Bird Houses

Each year in May a sale of trees and shrubs is held by the Calgary Tree Planting Association. An incidental feature of the sale which attracted considerable attention this year was a display of bird houses made by the 10th Calgary Troop. The houses were of patterns suitable for wrens, bluebirds, tree swallows, chickadees, flickers, and hairy and downy woodpeckers. The houses were sold at prices ranging from \$1.25 to \$2.00, the receipts going to camping funds.

The Hawk Patrol of the 1st Melfort Troop, Sask., has its own bank account. The boys are advertising for odd jobs, to add to their funds.

400 At Reunion of 28th Winnipeg and Tecumseh Pack

The annual reunion of the Tecumseh Pack and the past and present members of the 28th Winnipeg Troop together with parents was held at Fort Rouge United Church. Some 400 sat down to the banquet at which Mr. E. H. Morgan presided. An interesting address on the history of the Movement was given by Mr. Jackson Dodds, president of the Provincial Council. A concert participated in by all Scouts and Cubs included songs, magic, and a play, "The Pirates' Treas-

ure." The special backdrop used was printed by two former members of the troop.

Following "eats" on pow-wow night of the 1st Port Colborne, Ont., the dishes were washed by the Court of Honour.

An instructive talk on native trees, demonstrated with numerous cuttings, was given the newly organized Robin Hood Troop of Edmonton by P. L. McNeal, of the 8th Troop.

More Good Publicity by Brandon Scouts

A full page in the **Brandon Sun** of April 25th, was taken by the Brandon Boy Scouts Association to advertise a two days' movie, Jackie Coogan in "Buttons," given under the auspices of the association. Incidental border ads, secured from local firms met the cost of the page. The center of the page carried extracts from the leaflet "What Scouting Is and Does." The show was given once in the afternoon and twice in the evening.

Parents attended a meeting of the South Porcupine Troop and witnessed an impressive investiture ceremony. All indulged in games. A council fire sing-song was held, badges presented, and a picture entitled "Headquarters" awarded by the Scoutmaster to the Owl Patrol as patrol competition winners.

The 17th birthday of the 6th Edmonton Troop was celebrated by a Parents' and Sons' banquet prepared by the Mothers' Committee at which 100 were present. Rev. Capt. G. G. Reynolds presided. Addresses were given and badges presented.

Toy Shops and Community Work Discussed at Big Sydney, N.S., Rally

Several hundred Scouts attended the rally at Sydney, N.S., on May 4th. Afternoon sessions at the Lyceum included demonstrations of a model troop meeting and group games, followed by an address by Dr. W. A. Creelman, inspector of schools, on "The Handicap of the Physically Untrained." Following the supper at St. Andrew's Hall and a sing-song, Mr. J. P. Landry, of the Provincial Agricultural College, Truro, gave an illustrated talk on poultry-raising as a hobby. Papers were given on "How to Direct a Troop," "Scouts and Community Work," and "Christmas Toy

Shops," together with demonstrations of first aid, how to teach Tenderfoot work and Scout Law charades.

Oakville Association Includes Mayor, Members of Service Clubs, I.O.O.F. and Legion

The newly organized Oakville and District Scout Association includes on its executive representatives of the Rotary and Lions Clubs, the Canadian Legion and the I. O. D. E., in addition to other prominent citizens, including the Mayor.

First aid kits were presented by Dr. Fletcher to three boys of the 1st Lethbridge, Alta., Troop who have attained the rank of King's Scout.

At a meeting of the 2nd Peterborough (Armour) Troop the T. L. gave a talk to the patrols and the S. M. formed a Patrol Leaders' class which held a special meeting prior to the Court of Honour.

A visit to the home of Sheriff Inkster was much enjoyed by the 18th Winnipeg Rovers, who were shown a collection of old guns, documents, pictures of famous pioneers, money used by early settlers, Indian folklore, animal life, and models of equipment used by Indians, Eskimos and fur traders.

Halifax now has an Akela Club. It holds a monthly half-hour session preceding the meeting of the District Scoutmasters' Club. District Cubmaster Fraser is president.

Some 400 Scouts, representative of the 20 troops of Hamilton, Ont., turned out to a district rally and inspection, and were reviewed by Mayor Burton.

A very successful amateur production, "On the Greenboro Nine," was given by the 1st Yorkton, Sask., Troop in the City Hall. Between acts musical numbers were rendered and a skit, "The Absent Schoolmaster," given by a number of the boys. Provincial Secretary W. J. P. Selby was present and addressed the audience.

At a Scouts' and Dads' banquet of the 2nd Welland, Ont., Ven. Archdeacon Perry conducted the opening ceremony of breaking the flag.

Excellent Scout staves were secured by the new 23rd Edmonton Troop during a hike to Big Lake.



The 13th Saint John (Young Judaea) boys got a lot of fun and exercise out of broadside tug-of-war.

4th Winnipeg Exchanges Scarves With 8th Forest Hill, England

A unique feature of the very impressive St. George's Day services of the 4th Winnipeg was the wearing by the Scouts and Rovers of the scarves and shoulder insignia of the 8th Forest Hill Troop, of London, England. Similarly, for their St. George's Day services, the English Scouts were wearing the scarves and insignia of the 4th Winnipeg Scouts.

Exploration Hikes For 1st Londoners

The 1st Londoners have been holding a series of "exploration hikes," each patrol making a detail report for the Court of Honour. In keeping with this good scouting,—the Troop Leader and P. L.'s are assisting in the instruction of the new 20th London.

Making an Event of Awarding King's Scout Badge

The 2nd Edmonton held an enjoyable evening when Troop Leader C. Roswell was invested as a King's Scout, making a total of seven in the Edmonton district. The ceremony was conducted by District Commissioner M. Hilton and Field Secretary W. Solway. Visitors included Girl Guides and their officers and the 2nd Wolf Cubs. The regular weekly meeting was carried out during which the Cubs were divided among the five patrols. At the camp fire T. L. Roswell gained his entertainer's proficiency badge, following which he re-affirmed his promise to S. M. Nevill, and after a short ceremony received his King's Scout badge. Two A. S. M.'s warrants were then presented and the evening closed with the repeating of the promise, King and lowering of the flag.

Many of Western Ontario newspaper clippings told of reports made by Patrol Leader delegates on returning from one of the three April Junior Leader conferences held at St. Thomas, Chatham and St. Catharines.

New signs bearing park rules were erected in Victoria Park during a special hike of the 1st Truro Troop, N.S.

The P. L.'s of the 3rd Sarnia, Ont., are carrying out a "Second Class drive" in their patrol corners periods, at the end of which the Troop Leader conducts a "spell down" with catchy questions on these activities.

4th Winnipeg Chaplain Wears Scout Kit

As an expression of appreciation of the presentation by him of new King's Colours on St. George's Day, the 4th Troop presented their chaplain, Rev. T. R. Lancaster, with the Manitoba badge. As is his practice for all Scouting occasions, the chaplain was in full Scout kit,—a compliment of which the boys and leaders have been most appreciative.

The Second Annual Jamboree of Preston, Ont., Scouts was held in the United Church, with Mr. K. K. Homuth, M.L.A., as chairman. The 1st Galt Troop assisted.

The investiture of four Scouts, the "going up" of four Cubs and the presentation of rank and proficiency badges were impressive items of the annual Parents' Night of the Trinity Troop and Pack of Saint John, N.B. Thirty-two Scouts were present and twenty-nine Cubs.

Scout Good Sportsmanship

The Rovers will continue with their job of preparing the Scout room in the "Y" on Saturday afternoon. This group of young men are going to sponsor a base ball league for the district Scouts. There will be no prize for the winners and, according to the rules, any team which "razzes" or "argues" will be suspended from the league, also there are to be no practices held on the regular meeting nights of any troop. It has not yet been decided whether it will be "hard" or "soft" ball.

—Northern News, Cobalt, Ont.

A significant comparison with the above standard of Scout good sportsmanship is provided by a school news paragraph in the same paper calling upon girls to come out and cheer for their soft ball team, as "A good pair of lungs aids a great deal in razzing the enemy."



THE WATER CARRIERS

of the '27 Maritime Gillwell. The "Crow" made a hoop of branches, the "Wolf" a genuine water yoke, with wooden hooks.

In ordinary, unromantic everyday life one of these carriers was a padre, one an electrical engineer. Can you say which was which? ... You're probably wrong!



A Scout Law game of the 1st Red Deer, Alta., Troop: Patrols form up in two lines. Scoutmaster writes a number on blackboard. Front boy in each patrol runs up and repeats the Law.

At a meeting of old Scouts of the 8th London Troop at Dundas Centre United Church, Acting Scout Commissioner F. Gray gave an address and plans were made to round up all old members of the troop for a reunion.

The recently formed troop at Atlin, B.C., earned sufficient money to pay for the major part of their uniforms by clearing the town sidewalks of snow during the winter.

Recognizing Importance of The First Investiture of a New Pack

The first investiture of members of the newly formed 13th Calgary (Wood's Home) Pack was conducted in the presence of Mr. and Mrs. Wood and staff of the orphanage, together with Provincial Executive W. Solway, District Commissioner Sir A. C. Mac-

donell and Cub Commissioner C. Scrase, each of whom gave short talks.

The issuing of a four-page weekly patrol paper by each patrol in turn is a regular feature of the 26th London, Ont., Troop.

Five dollars in gold is the prize offered by Dr. A. B. Campbell to the first boy in the Bear River Troop, N. S., who gains his six Second Class proficiency badges.

It is anticipated that at least two-thirds of the 27th Border Cities Troop will be First Class Scouts before the summer camp. Much proficiency badge work is also being accomplished and nearly every boy is working for the Pathfinder badge.

The February Scout Leader mentioned the loss by the 1st Camrose Troop, Alta., of its Scoutmaster, Mr. Percy Fowler, through transfer to Edmonton. The Scout News column of the Edmonton Journal notes that Mr. Fowler is again in the great game, as Scoutmaster of the 5th Edmonton.

The Peterborough Kiwanis Club has arranged to send a member to each

meeting of the various city troops to speak for a few minutes on their various professions or business.

The Deer Lodge Pack, Winnipeg, demonstrated their practical interest in world peace by giving up their headquarters for a League of Nations meeting, while they "dobbed" in a school corridor.

One hundred and ten boys were enrolled for the new 1st Trenton, Ont., (St. George's) Troop and Pack.

Halifax Scout Rally at School For The Blind

Some 250 boys attended the rally staged by Halifax Scouts in the School for the Blind. Pictures of bird and animal life were shown by Mr. Robie Tufts, of the Parks Branch, friction fire was demonstrated by the 8th Troop, knot tying by the 17th and Scout Law charades by the 9th. A sing-song concluded the evening.

Following a hike investiture, a chaplain's pin was presented to Rev. A. R.

Holden, of the 1st Allendale, Ont., who had accompanied the troop.

A Scouty Sermon by Pioneer Clergyman S. M.

"Ship's Signals," illustrated with International Code flags, provided the interesting text of the St. George's Sunday address by Rev. Dr. Salton, of Tabernacle Baptist Church, Winnipeg, before the church Scouts and Cubs. Dr. Salton was one of the pioneer Scoutmasters of Western Canada.

The Court of Honour of the 7th Border Cities Troop held a Sunday evening supper meeting at the home of one of its members, to discuss the suggestions received at the Chatham Junior Leaders' Conference.

Dads and Sons Compete at 10th Edmonton Banquet

Ninety parents and sons sat down to a banquet given by the 10th Edmonton Troop and Pack at the Norwood Patricia Community Hall. After supper the Scouts removed the tables and cleared the room for a programme of songs, recitations, music, and a playlet, "The Traveler," by the Cubs, and demonstrations of signalling, knot-tying, first aid, songs and music by the Scouts. A peanut knife race, with everyone participating, was won by the fathers' team.

Scouts and Cubs of St. John's Anglican Church, Toronto, held their annual church parade on Mothers' Day. Rev. R. MacNamara, rector, welcomed the boys, after which Rev. Prof. Isherwood, of Wycliffe College, delivered a message, using the parable of the five barley loaves.

Yorkton, Sask., Scouts are to have a permanent headquarters. Members of the District Council purchased an old carpenter shop from the City Council, and are having it moved to a suitable site. The site was leased at one dollar per annum.

Leaders of 11th and 12th Hamiltons Assist at Investiture of 3rd

About 100 Scouts and their parents attended the investiture of twenty-five boys of the new 3rd Hamilton (Grace Anglican) Troop. Leaders of the 11th and 12th Troops assisted in the ceremony. Scoutmaster Ongley, of the 12th presented the troop char-

ter, and Mr. H. Millett a Union Jack. The ceremony was followed by a banquet given by the ladies of the church.

A 13-hour hike, starting at 6 a.m., was one of the spring activities of the T. L., P. L.'s and Seconds of the 2nd Calgary, under A. S. M. Roberts.

Four Churches Represented at Banquet 1st New Liskeard

The first banquet of the 1st New Liskeard Troop, served by the troop mothers, was a marked success. Guests included the troop chaplain, Rev. C. Glover, and the ministers of the Presbyterian, Baptist and United Churches, the members of the Troop Committee and the Scoutmaster of the 1st Cobalt Troop.

On the occasion of his leaving the 20th Montreal (Ascension) Troop, after eighteen years' continuous service, to become Scoutmaster of the new 18th (Christ Church Cathedral) Troop S. M. Geoffrey Guiton was tendered a banquet by present and old members of the 20th and their dads to the number of a hundred.



Tidy patrol site of the 6th St. John, Nfld.—the Scoutmaster a Nova Scotia Gillwellian.

A capacity audience attended the entertainment of the 8th St. Catharines (Barnesdale) Troop at Grape View School. Members of the 6th (St. George's) minstrel troupe assisted and the 3rd (Westminster) put on a variety show.

Three Scouts from the 10th Edmonton assisted Scoutmaster Foley at a council fire investiture of members of the new 23rd Edmonton Troop.

For a hike of the South Porcupine Troop the Owls and Crows practiced signalling across a deep ravine while the Chickadees and Porcupines con-



On the quiet sands of Lake Erie the dentist S.M. forgets gaping mouths and squeaking patients in the fun of giving his boys (of the first Niagara Falls) a talk on tracking.

structed a light bridge across. Fires were made, supper cooked and games played.

Mayor of Weyburn Presents Flags to 2nd Weyburn on Behalf of City

At a large gathering in the Canadian Legion rooms at which flags were presented the local branch of the Legion, a set of King's Colours were presented by the Daughters of the Empire to the 2nd Weyburn Scout Troop. Mayor Brimacombe, on behalf of the city, also presented a troop flag to the 2nd Weyburn and a Cub flag to the Weyburn Pack. The Daughters of the Empire presented the Cubs with a wolf-head totem pole, following which all were entertained to a luncheon.

Members of the Ladies' Auxiliary were present at a recent meeting of the 11th Hamilton Troop. Mrs. Bryce presented a number of badges, after which the boys staged a programme of Scouting demonstrations.

"What to do in a panic" was demonstrated by the 12th Calgary and their guests of the evening, the 7th Troop. "After inspection of patrols, the lights were switched off and a prearranged panic followed."

35th Torontos Present Colours to 96th

The 35th Toronto Troop (St. John's Norway) paraded with the 96th Troop (Church of the Incarnation) on Sunday, May 13th, when Scoutmaster F. A. Willet on behalf of the 35th presented King's Colours to the 96th. The Chaplain of the 96th dedicated the colours. The 96th was organized last fall by boys from the 35th and now numbers 34 Scouts, under A. S. M. Kerwin and Troop Leader Campbell, former P. L.'s of the 35th.

The annual entertainment of the 3rd Prince Rupert Troop, B. C., was held in Elks' Hall, with Mayor McMordie presiding. The programme included blind-fold boxing, a first aid demonstration, an exercise, "Ten Little Rupert Scouts," music and singing by local artists, and a campfire.

To re-organize the Scout Movement in Dunnville the Home and School Club sent an invitation to all upper form Public School boys and those of the first form in High School, to attend a regular meeting of the Club. An address by Rev. G. E. Hern on "Loyalty" was followed by an illustrated talk on Scouting.

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Sunday service at the 1927 camp of the 2nd Prince Albert Troop, Sask.

From the Quebec Convention

A MORE than generous hospitality, which made the visitors guests for all meals, and included an official reception and dance, a special Sunday Scouts' Own, and use of the City Hall for all sessions, marked the highly successful 3rd Annual Quebec Scout Leaders Conference, held at Three Rivers May 11-13, with a record attendance of 175 delegates, including representatives from New Brunswick and Eastern Ontario. The very efficient arrangements were made by District Commissioner W. G. E. Aird, District Scoutmaster Thomas Jones and Provincial Secretary E. R. Pater-son, assisted by Lt. Col. C. R. White-head, Mr. J. G. Vining, Mr. George Henderson, and other prominent business and professional men of Three Rivers and members of the local association.

The Sunday Scouts' Own, for which most of the delegates remained over, was taken by Scoutmaster the Rev. Albert Johnson of the 1st Hudson Heights Troop, assisted by Rev. Canon Murray and Rev. J. A. Clark of Three Rivers, and Rev. F. H. Stanton of Grande Ligne, Que. The music for the service was furnished by the Vickers Troop band of Montreal.

The conference was welcomed by Acting Mayor Madore, who presented the delegates with the key of the city. This was a large gilt key some three feet in length, tied with ribbons in the city colours; and subsequently was used as a mace, and was formally paraded from the room and returned at the close and opening of each session.

An experimental feature of the conference organization was its division into patrols, for the purpose of group discussion of the papers presented; the views of each patrol being presented by the P. L. in a two minute report. The patrols, numbering 15 to 20 members, wore distinguishing ribbons pinned over the right breast pocket.

An effective address on "The Scout Spirit" by Assistant Chief Commissioner John A. Stiles opened the programme. An appropriate reference was made to the fact that it was from Three Rivers that Radisson was carried away by Indians for the long series of remarkable adventures which finally took him to England and brought about the organization of the great Hudson's Bay Company.

The speaker at the chief conference dinner, held at the Chateau de Blois, under the chairmanship of District Commissioner Wood of Quebec, was the Rev. Canon Gower-Rees, rector of St. George's Montreal. As a former Scoutmaster, Canon Gower-Rees spoke most interestingly on the early days of Scouting in England. It was Baden-Powell's intention, he said, that Scouting should be essentially but practically religious. Sir Robert was one of the first to recognize that the normal boy is repelled by abstract religious teaching, and he had devised a code the positive virtues of which made for goodness unwittingly, and avoided the danger of making of a boy a moral

prig. In other words, he declared, the father of Scouting had made goodness romantic; had made it attractive for its own sake.

Views and Ideas from the Discussions

The Place of Singing in the Troop and Pack Programme, led by Mr. D. A. Hinchcliffe, Director of Scout Music for Montreal.

Something is required to develop in the boy the artistic side of citizenship.

Among 70 there is but one badge devoted to music. Music should be given a place equal to that of other badges.

Results in music may seem small, but they are a growing thing. We should work, not for immediate, but later results. Boys not yet born are going to benefit.

Create enthusiasm; nothing grows without enthusiasm. Tell them perhaps that you yourself do not know much about music, but you want them to acquire a love for it.

The camp fire offers the ideal opportunity; boys are then most susceptible to the appeal of music. Incidentally, don't sing "Home Sweet Home." Sing cheerful songs.

Sing on the march, or hike, but not on parades in town.



Morning patrol inspection at an Eastern Ontario-Quebec Gillwell.

Whistling in unison also is good; and

Encourage the playing of the harmonica, or "mouth organ."

It is not necessary to have a great deal of singing at each meeting, but always have a little.

Quoting Carlisle: "Give us a man who sings at his work! He will do better work, he will persevere longer."

We should get our boys to sing more songs of Canada. Could begin with some Indian songs. These are simple. Boys are not sufficiently interested to put hard work into learning songs; but the object is worth considerable effort on the part of the Scoutmaster.

The disciplinary value of music should not be overlooked, and its effectiveness in working off superfluous energy.

Our French-Canadian folk songs should be used more; boys like them. Murray Gibbon's collection, with its bi-lingual arrangement, recommended.

Where the Scoutmaster cannot lead singing, one of the older Scouts should be made song leader. There is always one who is capable.

Leading must be done intelligently—no yelling; boys' voice must not be allowed to suffer.

"A singing troop is a winning troop." For Troop yells, pitch on one note, and give yell on that. Otherwise the voice may be injured.

The Relation of Officers and Parents, led by Scoutmaster W. N. Reakes, 1st Asbestos Troop.

The success of any troop is due in part to the interest of parents, whether the Scoutmaster is conscious of this or not.

In this respect, parents may be divided into three groups: Those actively interested, and whose help can always be counted upon, if desired; those moderately interested, and whose co-operation may be developed; and those who have no interest in any kind of community welfare work—who are "hopeless."

Endeavour to interest the parents in their boys' badge work. This will be good both for parent and boy. It may bring a parent actively into the work as a badge instructor and examiner.

Invite parents to all special meetings.

Make a point sooner or later of calling upon parents of every one of your boys. An understanding of home conditions may prove helpful in dealing with certain boys.

Ask each Patrol Leader's father to help his son run his patrol,—as by training them and examining them for one particular badge.

Scoutmaster should make a point of visiting sick Scouts in their homes. This incidentally may lead to interesting of indifferent parents.

Also would get in touch with employer, if Scout is employed.

Cubbing.

led by Wolf Cub Commissioner H. M. Jockel, Montreal.

Until very recently play was not considered a part of education, with the result that high-spirited children got into mischief and were declared unmanageable when they were only acting as Nature had intended.

It is now generally accepted that the older years will take care of themselves if a boy is started right.

While the age of joining the Cubs is eight, the mental age of the average Cub is said to be probably not more than six and a half. They are therefore not far removed from the receptive and imitative baby stage, and must be handled with commensurate care.

The Cubmaster's first job is to get discipline, but it must be discipline out of happiness, comradeship and well directed activities.

The Cub has not yet acquired social sense, nor appreciation of the rights of others; he is still living in a little world of his own.

When visiting a pack do not compare the discipline with that of a good troop. Probably the discipline secured has been hard enough to obtain. As a matter of fact, it is not intended that the methods or apparent results should be the same.

The basis of Cubbing is the Jungle Book, and the romance centered around Akela; but while this is helpful to the small boy, it throws a heavy burden upon Akela's shoulders. It necessitates the possession or acquiring of a

personality quite different from that of the ideal Scoutmaster.

The Sixer is not a Patrol Leader. He of course works hard, but is only becoming really useful when he is ready to go up to the Troop.

How a Cubmaster would like to hold on to some of the boys he has trained through four arduous years, only he can tell! But the boy must go.

One feels sometimes that Scoutmasters do not appreciate as they might the training which Cubs have received, and do not distinguish between Cubs and other recruits who have no Scouting background. To be dealt with as entirely "green" is most discouraging to a boy who already knows the significance of laws and promises, who has the Good Turn habit, and who knows something of knotting, bandaging, and semaphore.

Did it ever occur to you that your Cub recruit could teach your other recruits how to play games, and make a good job of it?

Cub training should be recognized by Scoutmasters when considering Scouts for promotion.

Publicity, led by Scoutmaster H. T. Parker, 19th Montreal Troop.

Every troop should give attention to some form of publicity in its community.

Publicity should be aimed to benefit not only the Troop, but the Movement.

Every person in Scouting is an advertisement, beneficially or otherwise. The Scoutmaster or Scout, Cubmaster or Cub in uniform is walking, talking publicity. A slovenly Scout is very bad publicity.

Scout officers should be an example of smartness in dress.

The suggestion was made that Commissioners insist that officers be properly uniformed.

Other forms of publicity than those usually mentioned: Occasional week-night parades. A Troop Bulletin Board centrally located. Scout troop notices on church and school notice boards. The Scout posters carried by Dominion Headquarters.

If your troop is affiliated with a church, have a notice of your regular or special meetings read out each Sunday with other church activity notices. If yours is a community troop, have the notices read out in all the churches.

The best publicity is good Scouting.

The Proficiency Badge System, led by Rev. F. H. Stanton, Scoutmaster of Feller Institute Troop, Grande Ligne.

The most modern schools have abandoned the fixed curriculum and substituted electives,—the Proficiency Badge System.

For the slow boy the obtaining of his first proficiency badge may be the starting point of real interest in life; his interest in proficiency badge work may discover to him his life's work, where otherwise this may not be discovered for years.

The hobby value of proficiency badge study cannot be over-emphasized.

Boys should be put in touch with experts who can enthuse them along certain lines.

Too much keenness in the mere winning of badges may affect the Scout-

ing spirit. There is more danger of this in smaller communities; in the larger communities badge tests are better organized.

The opinion was expressed that the possession of the true Scouting spirit should be made a requisite before the awarding of the First Class badge.

More emphasis should be laid on the outdoor activity badges.

Sea Scouting, led by Lesslie R. Thomson, Sea Scout Commissioner for Montreal.

Suitability of programme for inland waters, including small rivers and streams. Simple equipment will suffice for start.

An older boy programme, which may solve the question of retaining in Scouting the boy of 15 or 16 who frequently drops out at that age.

Outdoor Scouting, led by Scoutmaster Geoffrey Guiton, 18th Montreal Troop.

The real outdoor troop: Uniforms, neat but well worn; staves, counted essential; real Saturday afternoon hikes, winter and summer; every boy a nature lover; hike programme, nature observation, and genuine Scouting games—stalking, tracking, flag-raiding; preferred badges, Naturalist, Pioneer, etc.; officers, full uniform on all Scouting occasions.

This will lose some "white collar" boys but those sticking will be real Scouts.

Means considerable hard work for the Scoutmaster, who must be studying something all the time in order to keep ahead of his boys, and have something new for them.

Make a troop objective the knowing of 25 trees, birds, wild flowers.

Every troop should own a moderately priced microscope, pocket field glasses and a small magnifying glass. Notebooks should be taken on every hike.

In illustration of the possibilities of Scout nature study,—a former Montreal Scout is now recognized as one of Canada's leading authorities on moths, and possesses one of the largest collections in the Dominion.

The Scouts' Own

Thoughts offered by Scoutmaster the Rev. Albert Johnson at the Sunday morning Scouts' Own:

The text, from Timothy iv, 12: "Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an ensample to them that believe, in word, in manner of life, in love, in faith, in purity."

Associating the famous picture, "The Pathfinder," with the text, the possibility was suggested that it would have been a truer representation of Christ to have pictured a strong, virile young man as the older brother of all Scouts. Jesus must have been a strong young man. The toil of his early days must have left Him well equipped in muscle, initiative and self-discipline. He must at times have bubbled over with the sheer joy of living. He must have been full of enthusiasm. Might we not call this the Scouts' Christ,—and the true Christ?

The words of the text specifically express the spiritual call of Scouting. Scouting is not only essentially religious, it is essentially Christian.

Scouting develops the boy's faculty of faith. It can be created. An illustration is offered by the crippled children coming to the Shriners' Hospital in Montreal. Usually they arrive lacking any faith in themselves, any hope of filling a useful role in life. One of the great things that Scouting is doing is the creating of faith in themselves for crippled boys, blind boys and deaf boys; making them feel that after all they are not peculiarly set apart from other boys, but that they can do many of the same things, and that other boys regard them as brother Scouts.

Scouting demands a higher faith also, expressed in the solemnly promised loyalty to God. The Scouting programme levels boys up; it is the embodiment of a boy's faith in One who is infinitely higher than himself, and who bids him equip himself as well as possible for life.

We win when we try to work in harmony with divine principles. The spirit of Scouting is at one with the soul of the boy himself—it stands or falls on his honour.

The spirit of Scouting can never be plain to those who have no sympathy with youth. Youth is the time of impatience, imagination, idealism. Youth must be doing,—if not the right thing, then the wrong thing. Our task is to co-operate with the boy himself by seeking to harness his veritable Niagara of energy to such interests and occupations as may develop character, and at the same time help the world along a little.

Boys love the man who is ready to tap the stream of adventure; by whose leading adventure-dreams come true.

In conclusion reference was made to the placing on the Montreal Cen-

The woodsy camp of the 13th Vancouver Sixers and Instructors.



Poisonous Plants

"Principle Poisonous Plants in Canada," Publications Branch, Dept. of Agriculture, Ottawa, 25 cents.

THE above book, excellently illustrated with drawings and coloured plates by Faith Fyles, Canada's leading artist-botanist, should be in the camp library of every Scoutmaster. So far as known there has yet to be reported the first case of fatal poisoning of a Canadian Scout from the eating of poisonous plants, roots or toadstools. That the possibility nevertheless is one to be guarded against was made plain recently by the death of a small Toronto boy, who at one time had been a Cub, from eating the root of Water Hemlock.

The following descriptions of the more common poisonous plants are taken from the Government publication above noted:

Water Hemlock.—Carrot family. Common names: Beaver-poison, Spotted Cowbane, Musquash-root, Snake-weed, Children's Bane.

Tall, perennial herb from 3 to 6 feet in height; stem stout and streaked with purple; leaves compound, leaflets saw-toothed; small white flowers; roots several, fleshy, in the form of oblong tubers clustered at the base of the stem. Blooms from June to August. Found in wet ground or along streams throughout Canada.

Deadly poison both to animals and human beings. Roots have often been mistaken for artichokes or sweet potatoes. Tubers tempting to children because of their sweetish taste. The most deadly poisonous of all Canadian plants, the poison acting very rapidly.

Other poisonous plants of the same family are the Water Parsnip, the Bulbous Water Hemlock and the Poison Hemlock.

Water Arum.—A perennial with long creeping rootstock bearing long-stemmed heart-shaped leaves. Berries bright red. Grows in bogs and shallow water. Sometimes called the Wild Calla; closely resembles the cultivated Calla.

Arrow Arum.—A stemless plant found in shallow water in Ontario. Leaves arrow-shaped, has a long green spathe, green berries, which are poisonous, and thick fibrous roots.

Blue Flag.—Iris family. Rootstock poisonous. Often mistaken for Sweet Flag, which is not poisonous. When in flower the two plants are so dissimilar that they will not be confused, but in the autumn when the roots are gathered nothing remains of the upper plant to distinguish them. The Sweet Flag root, however, has a pleasant aromatic odour, while the root of the Blue Flag is distinctly unpleasant.

Jack-in-the-Pulpit.—Also called Indian-turnip and Bog-onion. Used by Indians after roasting or boiling, but corm is very poisonous. A decoction made from it has been used to kill insects.

Green Dragon.—A near relative of the Jack-in-the-Pulpit, and possesses similar acrid qualities. Is distinguished by its solitary leaf, which is cut into seven to eleven oblong pointed leaflets.

Cursed Crowfoot.—Buttercup family. A stout hollow-stemmed plant from 6 inches to 2 feet high. The leaves from the root are thick, with long broad stalks, rounded or heart-shaped, three-lobed and toothed. The upper leaves have very short stalks or none at all. Flowers, pale yellow, small, about one-quarter inch broad. In bloom June to August. Found in lowlands throughout Canada.

One of the most virulently poisonous plants. Any small portion of leaf or flower if eaten will cause severe pain and serious inflammation, and if applied to the skin will in a short time raise painful blisters. The toxic principle is volatile, however, and disappears with drying or boiling. All buttercups are of a poisonous character.

Poison Poke.—Pokeweed family. Sometimes called Scoke, Pokeweed, Pigeon Berry, and Garget. A tall, stout, evil-smelling perennial herb from 6 to 9 feet high, with rich green foliage, turning red in the autumn. Leaves 4 to 6 inches long and 2 to 3 inches wide, petioled, pointed at both ends with entire margins. Flowers



Where the "Druids" sat at the council fire of the 1st Oakville, Ont.

small, numerous, in long racemes, with white calyx and green seed-vessel, soon changing to the crimson calyx and purple berries of September and October. Root large, pale, dull yellow, with uneven ridges at intervals; sometimes mistaken for horse-radish or parsnip. Very poisonous.

Fresh-water Clams

ANOTHER source of possible sickness to be guarded against is the fresh-water clam. They are frequently found in small inland streams near Scout camps; and may carry typhoid germs.

When the Sheffield Town Trustees met for their half-yearly meeting recently, they made a grant of £100 towards the Sheffield Boy Scouts. The money is to be devoted towards the salary of a whole-time organizer for the Sheffield Boy Scouts' Association.

Lost Historical Site Hikes

A SUMMER camp activity of fascinating possibilities for Scouts and Scoutmasters in certain sections of the Dominion would be the locating of lost historical sites—sites of old and forgotten forts, trading posts, Indian battlefields, burying grounds, etc.

Although considerable work has been done by the Historical Sites Department of the Parks Branch, Department of the Interior, there still are many spots importantly associated with early Canadian history which have not been located. A new source of assistance was developed during the present year in the Topographic Survey Branch, whose surveyors are now, incidental to their summer field work, watching for and reporting upon the location of lost historical spots. Especially successful in this work has been airplane observation and photography. Airplane photographs often show depressions or other unnatural regularities or irregularities of the ground which are not noticeable otherwise. Unquestionably Scouts could help in this work; and their assistance would be greatly appreciated by the Government Departments concerned. With this in mind, Scout troops camping in districts in which Government surveyors are working might offer their services. They would be able to give to the work much more time than is available to the surveyors.

The indications of old blockhouses, forts, etc., may consist only of depressions left by excavations for cellars, the slight elevations of bastions or old palisades, etc. Sometimes stones used in chimneys may be found, and bits of mortar blackened by fire, or cinders or charcoal beneath the topsoil. And, most interesting of all to the average Scout, arrow heads and stone tomahawks may be found,—reminders of a battle or the grim tragedy of a massacre.

There are several of these lost sites in Saskatchewan, notably four lost forts on the North Saskatchewan River in the Battleford district. The most important is Manchester House, built by the explorer David Thompson in 1786 on the north side of the river between Birch Brook and English River, in Township 48, Range 21, W. 3 M. On a nearby island is Fort d'Isle, or Island House, built a little later, and which was plundered and burned by Indians in 1793.

Farther down the river, one and a half miles below Turtle Lake River, on the South side of the Saskatchewan, in what is now Thunder Child Indian Reserve, stood Turtle Fort or Turtle River House.

Another fur-trading post was Eagle Hill Fort, located some nine miles southeast of Battleford on the north side of the North Saskatchewan River. The post was attacked and looted by the Crees in the spring of 1780, and the traders massacred. Alexander Henry (the younger) on his journey up the Saskatchewan to New Fort Augustus (Edmonton) in August, 1808, says in his journal: "Passed old Fort Montague d'Aigle, now a heap of ruins in the low bottom on the north side. This is the place where the traders had a battle with the Crees in

the spring of 1780. Opposite this place Eagle Hills leave the river and trend southward. From Riviere de la Montagne d'Aigle (Eagle Hills Creek) to this place the high lands continue mostly covered with large hummocks.

David Thompson would seem to place the site nine miles below the mouth of the Battle River, or about the N. E. $\frac{1}{4}$ of 16. 42-15-3.

Professor Morton of the Department of History, Saskatchewan University, with Secretary Ames of the Battleford Historical Society, located the site of the old Hudson's Bay Company Fort of 1876 on Section 32-42-15-3, and there were some other old cellars near it which may or may not have been the site of old Eagle Hill Fort. It seems certain, however, that the site is somewhere along the river in Township 42, Range 15.

A new map of the Battleford section, covering the territory concerned, will shortly be issued by the Surveyor General, Topographical Survey, Dept. of the Interior, Ottawa. Such maps are mailed at 25 cents, or at 50 cents linen-backed in a folder cover.

It is hoped to publish more information of the above kind from time to time with reference to particular historical sites which it is desired to locate.

Scouts Wouldn't Sell Their Fish

SAM McKelvie, publisher of *The Nebraska Farmer*, and former Governor of Nebraska, who has a summer camp in the Black Hills, tells in this manner of an incident that occurred near his cabin one day last summer:

"Nope, we can't sell any." So said a couple of keen-eyed Boy Scouts when asked how much they would take for a nice catch of fish they had made near our cabin. The prospective purchasers meant perfectly well in wishing to buy the fish from the Scouts, and they saw no good reason why the generous price they were willing to pay should not be accepted, but the Scouts knew a very good reason, namely, that it was against the law. They probably were aware also that no one would have known it had they sold the fish, but it is a part of the training of Boy Scouts not to violate the law under any circumstances, and most of them observe it religiously."

An organization such as this certainly merits the fullest support of all true sportsmen, and it should be an important part of the programme of all organizations of sportsmen and conservationists to interest the younger generation of their communities in the work they are doing and to let them know why.

—Fins, Feathers and Fur.

FAKE SCOUT GLOBE-TROTTERS

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

Johan Piket and Johan Buningh, Dutch, last seen in Hungary.

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

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visiting South America.

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

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

A Czechoslovakian, Oldrich Vilem Peska. Czechoslovak Scout Headquarters states he was expelled from their association. Last reported in Siam.

Investing of a T.L. and P.L.'s

THE meeting of the 2nd St. Thomas (St. Luke's) Boy Scout Troop, held Tuesday evening, was a very impressive and important one. At 7:30 the troop call was given by A.S.M. Ruppel (the short sharp bark of the coyote), and the troop assembled in horseshoe formation around the flag. The Scoutmaster approached and the troop was turned over to him. With the troop at the full salute, the flag was broken, followed by the "Scout Silence" (the Scouts' own silent prayer).

After the general inspection and the points posted on the board, an observation game was played. A strange boy walked around the troop room for five minutes. The patrols noted each detail, and after the boy left the room the patrol leaders wrote down the observations.

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

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

At a short Court of Honour after the meeting, the new P.L.'s were introduced to the court, and entered upon their duties.

"Tenderpads and Cubs joined in a knot game, the Sixers hiding ropes around headquarters, and the Cubs finding them and making the required knots."—St. Mary's South Pack, Victoria, B.C.

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.

Dramatized First Aid

DURING a 6th Sherbrooke Parents' Night a "powder house explosion"—two large firecrackers, and a "house" which collapsed—provided the opportunity for various kinds of first aid. Signalling brought to the scene Scouts and Cubs from "distant points." The "casualties" included one patient overcome by smoke.

A Household Article Competition

A PATROL competition in the making of articles of household utility has been very successful with the 1st Ste. Anne Troop, Que. Ten points are awarded for each such article brought to Scout headquarters and judged by the Scoutmaster to be useful. Each Scout may submit two articles per month. Articles produced include: Broom racks, bread boards, lamp shades, beaten copper and brass work, a sewing basket of woven cane, a spool basket with spool rack. Pencil or water colour sketches or paintings are accepted "if good enough to frame and hang."

An Inter-Troop Hike Game

FOR a joint hike of the Oaklands and North Quadra troops, B. C.—A story had been prepared in which North Quadra figured as the "Oo-took-im" Indians, who had kidnapped Arthur Davis, formerly Assistant Scoutmaster of the Oaklands Troop. Oaklands went out as a rescue party. Each Scout on both sides wore a black band with a white number painted on it—his "life." The calling out of this number by an opponent put the wearer out. After an exciting hunt through the bush the two Troops moved on together to Lost Lake, where they lunched and afterwards joined in various games, among which some further head-hunting games were most popular. "The two troops got well mixed up in the course of the day. Oaklands are looking forward to strengthening the friendship thus begun by a visit to the North Quadra Troop next Thursday night."

COAST TO COAST

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"2nds Watson and Stanley and Scout Cooper were out on their First Class hike during the Easter holiday. It rained most of the night, but they improvised good shelters, and kept warm and dry."—1st Chilliwack, B.C., Wonk Eye.

Scouts, Cubs and leaders of Medicine Hat, Alta., were entertained at luncheon by the local Rotary Club. Mr. J. S. Jones introduced each leader, and gave a short history of the Movement. Troop Leaders Foster and Morris spoke briefly on the Scout Law and the history of the Union Jack.

The new 1st Chippawa Troop, Ont., was presented with a handsome Union Jack by Mrs. J. R. Bond and Miss

Blanche Kister on behalf of the local I. O. D. E. District Scoutmaster Dr. A. W. Smith and Scoutmaster Corbett received the flag, and Provincial Constable Coulthard addressed the Scouts.

During a signalling instruction period of the 1st Edmonton Troop four signalling stations were erected.

The "human rake"—of Rovers, Scouts and Cubs—was used in the spring clean-up of Macpherson Park, Kincardine, Ont. "Stretchers" improvised of poles and old sacks were used to carry away stones and rubbish.

A photograph of King George which was sent to Windsor Castle by Gananoque, Ont., Scouts has been autographed by His Majesty and returned to the troop. The picture will occupy a conspicuous place in the troop's fine headquarters (formerly the West Ward School).

SCOUT DATES

June

- 3rd—Trinity Sunday.
- King's Birthday.
- 21st—Spring Equinox.
- Year's longest day.
- 23rd—Prince of Wales' Birthday
- 24th—St. John Baptiste.

During June

Hikes and short "Practice Camps."

July

- 1st—Dominion Day.
- Confederation, 1867.
- Battle of the Somme, 1916.
- 2nd—Dominion Day Holiday.
- 4th—American National Holiday.
- 14th—French National Holiday.

During July

Scout Camps everywhere. (Use the Camp Notification Form to let your Provincial Headquarters know when and where your Camp is to be held, so that if possible a visit may be arranged.)

A Fairy Story

—and the princess said, "If you answer this riddle, I shall free you, but if you fail, death shall be the penalty! What is it that has a head, but no brains?"

The answer, of course, was "a match."

But the trembling man before her thought a while and then said, "The Scoutmaster who goes to a meeting without having his programme carefully planned!"

The beautiful princess looked surprised, and then, with almost no hesitation she replied, "You're too intelligent to die! Will you be my Prime Minister?"

And they lived happily for ever so long.

—Scout News.

Children Lost "at Home"

WITHIN fifteen minutes after a 'phone call to District Scoutmaster A. C. Winslow, of Guelph, to help find a lost small boy, thirty-five Scouts were combing the nearby district. They returned to learn—as not infrequently happens—that the child had been discovered at home, asleep in his father's car. This suggests a check up search around the home as the first step in all such cases, notwithstanding the assurance of the mother that she has looked everywhere.

One of the attractive departments of the Regina Boys' Fair was that devoted to Scoutcraft. For Scouts there were eleven sections, and for Wolf Cubs six. The exhibits included knots, splicing, correctly drawn Union Jack, maps, a camp model, camp gadgets, miniature bridge work, an essay on Scouting, signalling and first aid tests. The Cub section included Artist, Woodworker and Collector exhibits, and a Grand Howl and Signalling competition. The Grand Howl was won by the 8th Regina "Pile o' Bones" Pack, with the 12th Regina second and 16th (Jewish) Pack third.

Another Jamboree Success for Chatham

WHAT was described by the local press as one of the most spectacular attractions ever staged by local amateurs was the Jamboree given by the Chatham, Ont., Scouts and Cubs in the local armouries, under the direction of District Commissioner Fred Buesnel. The programme was an excellent combination of entertainment and demonstrations of Cub and Scout work, and included several pure comedy numbers which went over effectively. A dramatically staged fire scene by the Rovers, assisted by a number of Scouts, introduced the Rover Fire Brigade, who gave a thrilling demonstration of ladder work and rescue, including net jumping.

The impressive finale was a camp-fire dream of the Chief Scout of the World, during which appeared Scouts one after another bearing the flags of the 48 nations now represented in the Scout world brotherhood. The big evening closed with the singing of "The End of a Boy Scout Day," lowering the flag, the Scout Silence and dismissal.

THE SCOUTS' OWN

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taph by crippled Scouts from the Shriners' Hospital Troop—some of them lying upon their backs—of a wreath bearing the inscription, "We are carrying on."

That was the true spirit of Scouting.

DOMINION REGISTRATION
ASSISTS FIELD WORK IN
YOUR OWN PROVINCE



CAMP NOTIFICATION FORM

"All districts, Associations or troops holding camps should notify the Provincial Council of the date and place so that a visit may be made, if possible."—Policy, Organization and Rules for Canada, Section 171.

To the Secretary of the Local Association, or District Commissioner,
for transmission to Provincial Headquarters*:

In accordance with the provision of P. O. & R. for Canada quoted above, notice is hereby given
that the _____
(Name of District, Association or Troop)

will hold a Boy Scout
Wolf Cub Camp at _____ from
_____ to _____ (both dates inclusive). It

is expected that there will be _____ boys and _____ adult leaders in attendance.

It is planned to organize and conduct this camp as outlined in The Scout Leader and in the booklet "Minimum Standards for Troop Camps," and request is hereby made for a copy of the said booklet and for the "REGISTERED SCOUT CAMP" Card for 1928. The card will be signed and posted near the camp.

Detailed directions for reaching the camp are given overleaf.

(Signed) _____

Scout Rank _____

P. O. Address of Camp _____

Date _____ 192 _____

Noted and forwarded to Provincial Headquarters by _____

(District Commissioner or other district officer).

*Scoutmasters of Troops not under the jurisdiction of Local Associations or District Commissioners will send this notice to Provincial Headquarters direct.

1928 CAMP QUESTIONNAIRE

The splendid response to the Camp Questionnaire of last year produced much valuable information on this important Scouting activity. We hope this year to receive reports on at least 200 camps. Will you not make yours one of these? Do not think because your methods seem to you commonplace that an outline may not contain some idea helpful to other Scoutmasters. The fact that your plans worked successfully is worth knowing. Also these reports are being studied and filed as a basis for our projected Canadian book on Scout camping, which we hope to publish before next summer. In this connection and also for possible use in The Scout Leader, any good camp activity pictures would be much appreciated.

It is suggested that the Questionnaire be filled out while the camp experiences are still fresh in your mind. Its receipt will be acknowledged. Thank you.

Appreciatively,
The Dominion Camp Chief,
Boy Scouts Association,
Ottawa.

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1. No. of days in camp ? Where held ?
2. Did your Troop Committee help in working out camp plans ?
How ?
3. Total cost of camp ? How met ?
4. No. of Scouts in camp ? No. of Tenderfoot Scouts ?
5. Camping system used: Patrol ? Mass ?
Patrol except for cooking ?
6. State reasons for method used, and whether it worked well in
all respects ?
7. Did you run a camp Patrol Competition ?
8. What were your Woodcraft activities ?
9. What were favourite camp games ?
10. How many Scouts learned to swim ?
11. How many completed 2nd Class Tests ? First Class ?
12. Did you use your own tents ? If not, state whether you
procured them from the Dept. of National Defence ?
Rented or borrowed them locally ?
Used some form of substitute ?
13. Any accidents ? Sickness ?
14. Name some of the Good Turns performed by the Troop while in
camp ?
15. Had your Troop camped before ?
16. Additional Remarks:

Scoutmaster

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Troop

Address