



COMMENTING on training at Gillwell and elsewhere in Great Britain:—

One of the most important features of the past year has been the steady improvement in the training of Scouters. Most momentous has been the fact that the special course for Commissioners has become an established fact and has been taken up keenly by those who are keen.

The course only lasts three days, and deals solely with the Commissioner's job. Those who have been through it (including the Chief Commissioner himself) testify to the great help it has given them in their work.

There has been a steady increase this year in the number of Scouters passing Part I in Scout and Cub work, if a slight falling off (fifteen) in Rover study.

In Part II there have been seventy-three courses, of which sixty-three were "recognized" away from Gillwell.

This showed a ten per cent increase in the number of students.

The Camp Chief reports: "The standard of the average Scouter is undoubtedly higher than say five years ago, but it is a rather disturbing feature to note that a large number of the failures are attributable to the younger Scouters. It is difficult to generalize, but I must confess that I have found the Scouter of from 18-21 to be somewhat lacking in initiative and stickability.

"When such have risen from the Scout ranks it behooves us to pay special attention to the reasons for their failing, which would be normally attributed to war influences."

The Scout courses this year have been attended by 263, a record number, of whom 28 came from overseas and 23 from foreign countries.

The Report continues: "Rovering is finding its feet upon the rock instead of resting its head in the clouds, and there are more than indications that there will be further advances along clear and definite lines before long."

A great advance has been made in the institution of Training Camps about the country, which is a most promising and hopeful step, provided that they be well organized and administered—as many of them undoubtedly are.

But, as the Camp Chief points out, there should be some sort of co-relation and interchange of ideas between those responsible for them. Possibly a conference might be arranged during the winter to discuss problems and suggestions.

"Permanent Camps," he says, "are good so long as they do not turn into open-air 'lounges.' That is the danger."

The Chief Scout's Outlook

On the whole, our Training Department is proving helpful to Scouters, and Scouters are loyally supporting the training department. It all promises well for the future effectiveness



ESPECIALLY warm greetings will go on February 22nd, of this coming-of-age year of Scouting, to the father of the world's greatest organization of boyhood, on his 72nd birthday. (The picture reproduced was received through THE SCOUT by the 9th Ottawa Cub Pack, as contributors of the best report of activities appearing in a November issue of the magazine.)

of Scouting in developing the character of the boy.

Our New Sea Scout Commissioner

It has been bad news to our Sea Scouts and Scouters that Admiral Loring has found himself compelled to give up the leadership of the Sea Scout branch. At the same time it will be very consoling news to them to learn that Admiral Campbell has consented to take his place.

It is a bad blow to us to lose that cheery keen Sea Scout Admiral Loring. He positively oozed the right spirit and his jolly boyishness captured and inspired us all.

Fortunately in Admiral Campbell we have another of the same kidney. (I hope I may be excused for speaking thus familiarly of Admirals, but this particular Admiral I met when he was but a Midshipman on Sans Pareil about 100 years ago—well in 1893 to be exact.)

Play Acting

I am sure it is a good thing to do a bit of play-acting when you are young. At school I was encouraged to do a lot of it, and I have thanked my stars ever since that I did so. For one thing it taught me to learn yards of stuff by heart; also it accustomed me to speak clearly and without nervousness before a lot of people; and it gave me the novel joy of being someone else for a time.

It led one to know the beauties of Shakespeare and other authors, to feel, while expressing them, the emotions of joy and sorrow, love and sympathy.

Above all it gave one the pleasure and happiness of giving pleasure to other people at times when they needed it.

For instance, in the deadly hot season in India when cholera was about, the Colonel of my regiment saw that something was needed to cheer the men against the nery depression which came on seeing their pals suddenly snatched away by death. Therefore he encouraged the officers to keep getting up theatricals, concerts, and varied shows of that kind in order to get them to laugh and so to take their minds off the terror.

Someone has written, "When I become Archbishop of Canterbury, I shall insist on every candidate for Holy Order going through a course of acting, and acting a performance before the examiners prior to being ordained. In this way I should ensure his being able to grip his congregation, to sense their thoughts, and to put such deeper meaning into his words as will move their feelings and be an inspiration to them."

The practice of acting undoubtedly helps you tremendously in the event of your having to speak in public, and this is valuable to every man. Even if you don't go into Parliament you will at any rate have to return thanks one day at your wedding breakfast.

Play-acting ought to form part of every boy's education.

So for these and many reasons I

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The Chief Scout's Outlook

ON this month's front page, in "The Chief Scout's Outlook," we are inaugurating a department of *The Scout Leader* which perhaps should have been a feature from the first. The matter for this section is taken from the Imperial monthly publication, *The Scouter*; and the reason for its not having been extensively quoted from previously was the hope, and the impression, that the great majority of our leaders were subscribing for and receiving the magazine direct from England. It now appears, however, that the number of such leaders is not large.

In order, therefore, to ensure that every Scout leader in the Dominion may profit by the practical suggestions and the inspirations offered monthly in Sir Robert Baden-Powell's own department of *The Scouter*, as extensive extracts as possible will hereafter be carried in each number of *The Scout Leader*.

Some occasional difficulty will be presented by references, including figures, to Scouting in Great Britain. This will have to be borne in mind.

Money Soliciting by Scouts

QUESTIONS frequently arise whether Scouts are allowed to take part in street sales for Flag Days and other charitable purposes. Under Rule 62 they should take no part in such sales, or in touting the public, but this does not imply that they may not assist the charities by acting as messengers or in other capacities; still less does it imply that a boy should not be trusted with the handling of definite sums of money under proper supervision, apart from begging, that being an important step in his training.

The points to bear in mind in interpreting the rule are:—

1. That nothing can be worse for the boy than teaching him how easily money may be obtained by begging.

2. That the boy should not be exposed to the temptation of handling indefinite sums of money, of which no account can be kept. This must be the case when articles are sold for a price which is not fixed.

3. That if Scouts are allowed to tout the public for money in any way, the Scout uniform can be used by outsiders as a cloak for fraud (as has actually occurred), and that this practice should, therefore, be forbidden even when closed money boxes are

used. The Rule does not imply that Scouts should not sell programmes, etc., under proper supervision and at a fixed price at recognized entertainments.

—The Scouter.

Let's Write Them!

AN appreciative and most interestingly chatty letter was received by a Kincardine, Ont., Cub from an Irish lad recently located on a farm north of Edmonton, and who had received a parcel of story books from the Kincardine Scout Christmas Book Shop. The letter concluded with the request, "Please write to me."

It is hoped that Scoutmasters and Cubmasters will endeavour to assure that all such invitations are taken advantage of by individual Scouts or Cubs, patrols or sixes, or troop scribes. Letters mean a very great deal to our young New-Canadian friends, especially those on prairie farms. And what more scouty than carrying on with that message of personal interest conveyed by the Santa Claus gift at Christmas?

Time spent in taking the Correspondence Course will amply repay you. It is aimed to give you helpful advice and suggestions.



DEMONSTRATING a "stream transporter" at a Manitoba Gillwell camp.

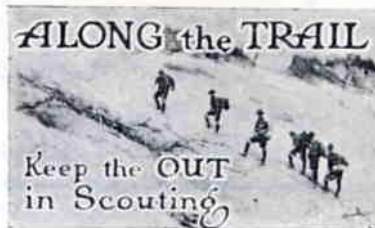
The new Earl Haig, aged 10 years, has at his own request become a Wolf Cub in the 20th Richmond (Earl Haig's Own) Wolf Cub Pack. It will be remembered that the late Earl Haig's last public act was to present this troop and pack with colours.

During a recent visit of his flagship, H.M.S. Effingham, to Madras, India, Vice-Admiral Thesiger visited the local Scout headquarters, in Sea Scout uniform (he was at one time Chief Sea Scout Commissioner at Imperial Headquarters), and met a large number of Scouts of all the many nationalities represented in Madras.

Reasons Why a Scoutmaster Should Take the Correspondence Course

THE Reader through notes and suggestions will show him whether or not he is Scouting the way Baden-Powell the founder of the Movement, wishes us to Scout.

A VALUABLE IDENTIFICATION AND CHARACTER CARD GOES WITH SCOUT REGISTRATION



AS reported to the middle of January, our 1928 Christmas Scout Toy Shop Chain numbered just 90.

The annual conference of Scout leaders of Manitoba will be held in Winnipeg on Wednesday, February 13th. A large gathering is expected. Scout leaders of other provinces in Winnipeg on that date are cordially invited to drop in.

Sir Henry Thornton will be guest of honour and principal speaker at the big annual banquet of P.L.'s and senior leaders of Montreal and district, to be held at the Windsor Hotel, February 14th. Music will be furnished by the C. N. R. Symphonic Orchestra.

Marking its recognition as one of the major seasonal activities of Scouting in Canada, the Scout Toy Repair Shop and its gift distribution will have a place on the programme of the two provincial conferences scheduled for the month—Ontario and Manitoba.

A notable and gratifying feature of the 1928 Scout Toy Shop reports was the greatly increased number of shops for which toys were collected by the public schools, with the support and cooperation of School Boards, Inspectors, principals and teachers.

Rev. Arthur S. Mitchell, Assistant District Commissioner for Grey County, Ont., and for six years Quartermaster, an Instructor and Chaplain at Ebor Park, has been transferred to Ste. Agathe des Monts, Que., as Anglican chaplain at the sanitarium at that place.

Plans already are under way for the annual conference of Scout leaders of Quebec, to be held at Quebec City, May 24-26, it has been announced by Col. Wm. Wood, President of the Quebec District Council. The programme will include a tour on May 24th of the points of historic interest at the Ancient Capital.

The 18th Annual Meeting and Scout Leaders' Conference for Ontario will be held at London, Friday and Saturday, February 22nd and 23rd. A feature will be a Baden-Powell Birthday dinner on the evening of the 22nd. It is expected that the chief speaker on this occasion will be Rev. Archdeacon H. J. Cody, Chairman of the Board of Governors of the University of Toronto, and for several years Minister of Education for Ontario.

Lord Lawrence of Kingsgate, who was Chairman of the London, Midland and Scottish Railway, and who died last December, left a thousand pounds, free of all duty, to the Boy Scouts Association. In his will creating the legacy, Lord Lawrence wrote that the gift was given "As a token of my respect for the great services they are rendering this country."

CHIEF SCOUT'S OUTLOOK

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am glad to see that more and more Scouts are earning the Entertainer's Badge. More troops are giving entertainments in the winter months, and are thus not only earning satisfactory additions to their funds, but are giving good training to their boys, and, moreover, are giving pleasure and happiness to other people.

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Talking of pantomimes brings back to mind the old familiar greeting of the clown in the Harlequinade (now, alas! consigned to the limbo of out-of-date shows). His cheery call of, "Here we are again!" annually repeated used to imply that the old year was over and a new scene of fun and joy was about to begin.

Well, our year of 1928 is running out and we can look back with satisfaction on twelve months spent in steady if not very sensational progress. All goes well with the Movement at home and overseas.

But the year now opening before us is one which, if involving big exertions, is also fraught with very big possibilities to reward them.

The Jamboree is now approaching very fast. I look forward to it with the greatest hope and confidence. Its success will mean hearty team-work on the part of all our Scouters and Rovers in the United Kingdom. But we shall get it all right, of that I am sure; and the results will be worth while.

I look to the Jamboree at Birkenhead to diffuse among the public a vastly better understanding of our aims, and thus to bring an accession of strength to the ranks of our Scouters as well as to the Scouts; it will show to our boys the reasons for their activities and will encourage them in gaining efficiency.

But of course best of all it will bring our Scouts and all Scouts into personal touch and friendship with one another. It is here that the help of the Scouters comes in.

The amount of success attained in this direction may be very great indeed, and have far-reaching effects if we all set our minds upon it and devote ourselves to the mission of bringing it about.

The days of the Jamboree will be few and will quickly pass, so if we are to reap the greatest results not an hour should be lost in making the boys play their part from the very first as hosts to those visiting us from other lands.

I wish to goodness I could meet all of you to whom I merely write in cold black and white.

How I should like to grip your hands and tell you of the good that you have done and that from my heart I wish you God-speed and success in what you are going to achieve in the months now before us in the coming year.

An Appreciation of Scouting

I very much enjoyed the time at Gillwell. It was extraordinarily interesting and instructive and I feel 100 per cent. better qualified to carry on the good work I must tell

you two incidents that occurred to me on my return journey from Gillwell. I was travelling in Scout uniform, and at Victoria had just time to snatch a counter lunch at the station. Standing next to me was a pleasant looking man of fairly humble rank who, just as I was going to pay for the meal stretched out a hand and said: "No, please allow me to stand you this." I demurred, of course, but he insisted saying, "I see you are a good lad."

I may say that in the electric light and with my large hat he did not see my grey hairs! I only had time for a few minutes' conversation, but it turned out that he was from the South of Ireland, and said that though the Irish and English did not always hit it off, there were Scouts in both countries, and he was pleased to treat me. Rather nice, wasn't it? I ate and drank at his expense, thanked him,



FRICTION fire of course—to start a pot-
now at the Glen Falls Scout Cabin,
Saint John, Scout Instructor Crossley "wind-
ing it up."

saluted him and went off.

Next I went to the bookstall, bought a *Weekly Times*, price 4d., handed the bookstall man sixpence. He gave me back fourpence. I was just walking away when I noticed he had given me too much change. So I went back and made it right. His comment was "Thank you. Trust a Scout to be honest!"

I think little incidents like that make one feel about two inches taller when one is a Scout. Probably your hear of many more such, but I thought I would like to tell you as it is all encouraging.

A German View of Scouting

I have been reading a rather remarkable book by a German, Rudolf Kircher, on English sports, or rather forms of play as an index to the formation of English character. The book is entitled "Fair Play" (Collins).

It is always well to see ourselves as others see us, and Mr. Kircher looks at us with a very understanding eye.

He emphasizes the fact that true sportsmanship enables man to face the difficulties and disappointments of life with unruffled temper and the undaunted spirit of "Try again."

He shows how the widespread playing of games and interest in sport develops the sense of fair play in all things. The fact that all classes in England enjoy the same sport together helps to spread a better spirit of democracy.

He points a warning to the growing un-English tendency to mass hysterics among onlookers at great football matches, etc.

He shows how the play-acting spirit is reviving, particularly in country districts, and that the self-expression thus brought into play meets a desire of modern youth, and that through this sense of play life is not taken too seriously by Englishmen—they gain a balanced sense of humour.

In one brief phrase he sums up the difference between the German and the Englishman in the fact that—"The Englishman thinks and works instinctively, the German methodically."

Commenting on the value of play to the nation, he points to the difficulties experienced by the mass of the boys in the Board Schools which stand in the way of their playing games, as compared with the better-off Public School boys.

To some extent this difficulty is met by the activities of the Boy Scout Movement. He gives a very favourable appreciation in a whole chapter devoted to the Boy Scouts. In this chapter he says with regard to the Scoutmaster:—

"Every Troop naturally requires a Scoutmaster, and he must be a man able to go straight to the heart of boys, who are very much younger than he is. And although the Englishman preserves an enormous fund of boyishness and keeps up his fondness for games until quite an advanced age, a great deal of elasticity and sympathy are required to keep these boyish minds, with their romantic phantasies, occupied and attentive. It may be fairly easy to find people ready to give technical instruction to these boys, and capable of doing so, even of directing the actual Scout curricula, but it must be extremely difficult to manage the 'Indian' part of the business. The result is that the task is often entrusted to people who are too wooden and slow in the uptake to entertain these young people and keep them interested; as a result, these leaders take refuge in drill and other absurdities of the same kind."

There is much truth in what he says, and it is this fact which has brought about the training at Gillwell whereby a man is taught to be a boy again.

This is a point of first importance with us, and constitutes the main aim of the Gillwell course.

Have you been using the Scouts' Own? If not, let the Reader of the Correspondence Course show you how.

Patrol Dens in Temporary Headquarters

MOST Scoutmasters and all Patrol Leaders would like to have real patrol dens in their troop room, but many do not find it practicable since they are allowed the use of their meeting place for but one night a week. One solution is a removable curtained-off patrol den such as that described herewith by Scoutmaster C.E.C. Rush of the 7th Montreal Troop.

It will be noted in the picture showing the curtain in place that the only permanent fixtures are two hooks in the wall for attaching the wire carrying the curtain. The curtain is secured to the wire by "snap-on" clothes pins.

The material used for the curtain of the Foxes' Den is ordinary cambric. The amount required is four yards of each colour comprising the patrol shoulder knot—in the case of the Foxes, four yards of green and four of

of the boys in the patrol, and is presented to the boy making the best all-round progress each month.

The "table" holds everything pertaining to the den, and is neatly packed and put away at the end of each meeting, ready for the next. The lid makes an excellent table-top.

It will be seen that the staves are decorated. (This was done with fifteen-cent screwdrivers, heated over the gas stove.) Each stave is in fact a "log," recording in pictograph and symbols every important event of each boy's Scout history.

Hanging on the back of the Patrol Leader's chair, and standing in front of the table, will be seen large sticks with dangerous looking knobs at the end. These are called "cudgels," and their use is most important. Each boy possesses one, and every time he does

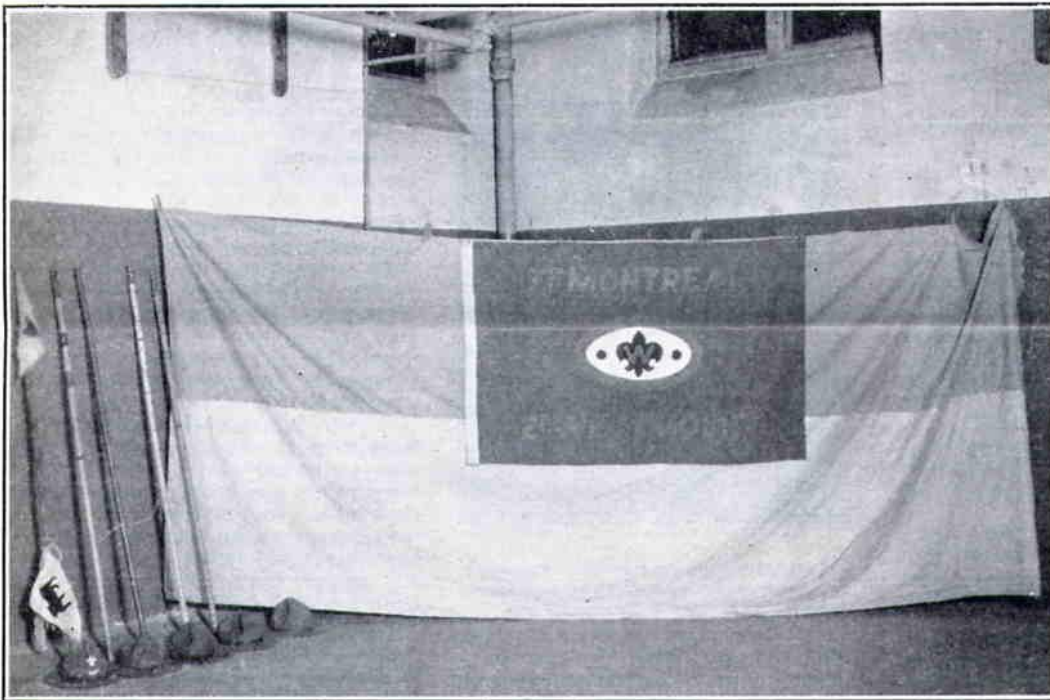
the patrol!

These "notices" are far better and more effective than the "barrack room" type of order. The more fantastic the "Kerpooferlum" the better. The design has nothing whatever to do with its meaning.

On the wall on the left is the Patrol Notice Board, a very necessary adjunct. This is decorated in the same way as the staves.

Amongst other gadgets will be observed a board of "Flags of all Nations" and a knot-board. Also several official Scout Charts.

From experience the writer cannot over-stress to other Scoutmasters the value of such a "den" in developing and maintaining patrol spirit and unity, and general interest in patrol activities. It adds measurably to the sense of responsibility of the Patrol Leader, and pride in his leadership. And with four such busy, happy, clanish patrols, needless to say you have



THE Foxes in their den during "Patrol Corners."—Complete seclusion and privacy.

IT adds measurably to the sense of responsibility of the P. L.

yellow, one yard wide. Sewn together, a six-foot curtain is made,—giving complete seclusion and privacy. Ten minutes' work erects the den before meeting, and five minutes dismantles it.

Perhaps a brief explanation of the various articles seen in the Foxes' Den will be interesting.

First it will be noted from several signs that the Foxes are at present the leading patrol. The original Troop Flag hangs outside their den on the curtain. This is no longer used for parade, but has been made the "Honour Flag" for the best den.

It will also be noticed the Patrol Leader's staff carries the flags of the defeated patrols upside down at the bottom, his own flying proudly at the top! The inter-patrol Scoutcraft Shield adorns the wall.

Above this shield will be observed a smaller one. This was made by one

a particularly good service to the troop, he is allowed to cut a notch in his cudgel. If the act is recognized by the Scoutmaster the notch is coloured red. If an extra good turn is rendered to the patrol, and recognized by the Patrol Leader, a notch is cut and coloured blue.

The boys will do the most extraordinary things to secure a new notch, but only "recognized" deeds earn one.

Standing in front of the table may be seen what looks like a toy. This is not so. The weird contraption rejoices in the name of a "Kerpooferlum," and is a "secret notice," its meaning being known only to the patrol. The one seen probably means "Only Foxes allowed to borrow books from this table." If a member of any other patrol defies the "Kerpooferlum," it would indeed be better for that boy had he never been born, for he will be severely man-handled by

a busy, happy troop, permeated with that for which we all aim,—"the true Scouting spirit."

While on a hike, Scouts of Khulna, India, came across a man suffering acutely from cholera. Procuring some salt they dissolved it in water and gave it to the patient, who, when somewhat revived, was given a drink of green cocoanut water. The Scouts then discovered that their patient was from the Faridpur district, and had come with three companions to the Sunderbans to work as a reaper. His friends had deserted him as soon as they discovered the nature of his illness. The Scouts arranged with a local villager to keep the man till medical help could be brought from Khulna itself. The following day the Scoutmaster and some of the Scouts took their patient to hospital in a country boat. There, after proper attention, he recovered.

More Toy Shop Notes

Regina, Sask.—Some 3,000 toys, books and dolls in 1300 packages went out of the Regina Toy Shop. This shop was located in the basement of the West of England store, and was run jointly by the Boy Scouts and the Kiwanis Club, with the public schools contributing toys. The distribution locally was made with the help of the Canadian Legion and the Salvation Army. A large number of settlers' families were provided for.

Lloydminster, Sask.—The Toy Shop of the 1st Lloydminster Troop was located at the Rectory. In addition to families in the district, toys were sent to the children on the Indian Reserve at Onion Lake.

Moose Jaw, Sask.—Two shops were operated in Moose Jaw—one in the roomy headquarters of the 1st Troop, and one in the basement of St. John's Church, the latter in charge of Rover

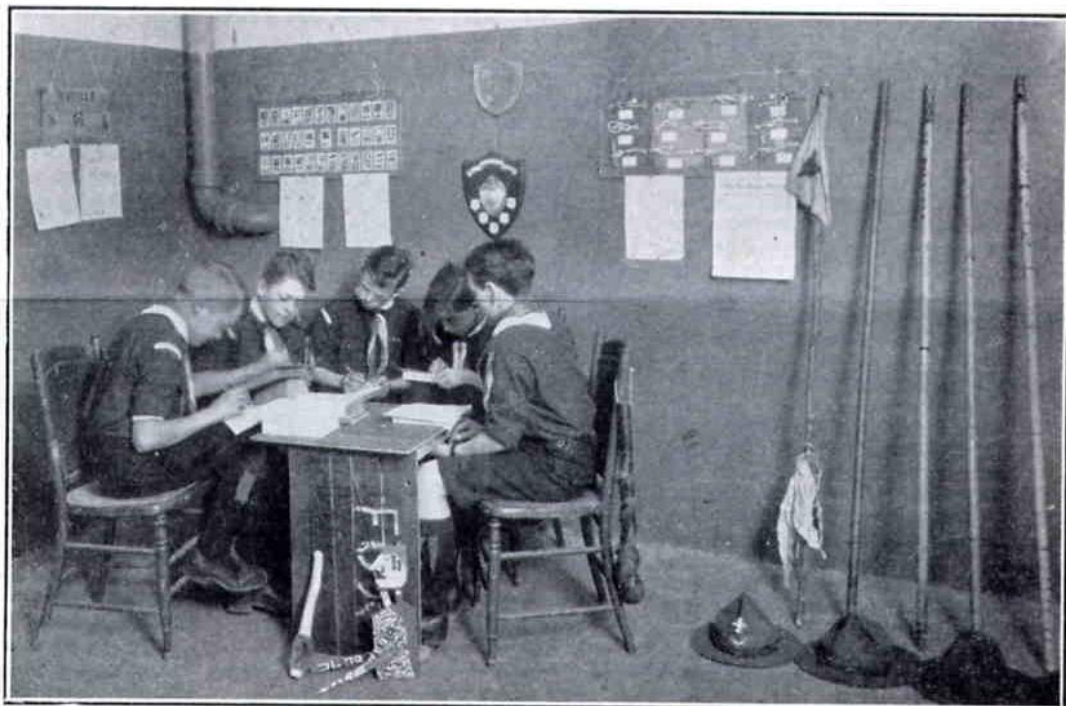
Fredericton, N.B.—Under the direction of District Scoutmaster W. V. B. Riddell the Fredericton Toy Shop repeated its success of the previous year, with the full support of the **Fredericton Gleaner** and **Fredericton Mail** and the Rotary and Gyro Clubs. A large distribution of toys was made locally and in the surrounding district, and Christmas parcels sent 132 settlers' children in western New Brunswick counties, and a number in the prairie provinces.

Moncton, N.B.—The Moncton Scout Toy Shop for its second year under District Commissioner Robert Buzzell was given a start by a contribution of damaged toys from local stores. Toy collection was arranged by a special committee appointed at a meeting of the Local Association. A number of western settlers were taken care of as well as all new families on farms in the neighboring counties.

Bear River, N.S.—To secure funds for tools, etc., to equip their first Toy Shop, Bear River Scouts took orders for and supplied Christmas trees. The town was laid off in districts for toy canvassing.

Halifax, N. S.—The Halifax Shop was fortunate enough to secure, through Provincial Commissioner Vidito, the entire third floor of a downtown office building, formerly the repair department of a large jewellery concern, equipped with tools; also, on the ground floor, a window for display purposes. Packing, wrapping and shipping were looked after by S.M.'s, A.S.M.'s and Rovers under the direction of Captain E. C. Fraser. Funds to cover shop expenses and the postage on settlers' packages were supplied by the **Halifax Scouters' Club**, the **Goodfellows' Club** of **The Halifax Evening Mail**, and other supporters of Scouting. Approximately 600 toys were distributed by mail

BEHIND the curtain—One need not be told that the gadgets and trophies—the notched cudgels, the fearsome Kerpoosierum, the Patrol Flag scalps of other patrols—all add to interest and patrol spirit. Note also the stores—each a "log" of the owner's Scout history.



Holmes. Through the cooperation of Superintendent of Schools J. W. Sifton, the principals and teachers, the pupils of three public schools—Alexandra, William Grayson and King George—brought gifts to school for the Toy Shops.

Asbestos, Que.—The Toy Shop of the 1st Asbestos Troop took care of nine needy families in the district, with toys, clothing and candy.

Lachute, Que.—An average of three items per child and in addition a bag of candy for 65 local children and 5 children in the West was the happiness-for-others output of the first Lachute Toy Shop, under Scoutmaster C. L. Duncan. Toys and books to the number of 170 were collected and repaired, and 40 new toys purchased. The shop had the honour of receiving special attention and support from Sir George Perley.

Lethbridge, Alta.—The Lethbridge Shop was given quarters in the basement of the Lethbridge Hotel, and was run under the direction of Fire Chief Hardy.

Red Deer, Alta.—Cubs collected them and over a hundred "first class articles" were turned out by the Scouts from their Toy Repair Shop in the basement of the home of Committeeman E. A. Nichols, under the direction of Scoutmaster Gall. Girl Guides dressed the dolls. Each settler's package, in addition to toys and games, etc., contained candy and popcorn and "Christmas stockings." The stockings were contributed by a local wholesale house.

Waterville, N.S.—This new single troop Toy Shop, under Scoutmaster C. H. Burgess, did excellent work in securing and repairing toys for local distribution.

among 203 little New Canadians on farms in Nova Scotia, P.E.I. and the Prairie Provinces. A new field for similar distribution was developed along the eastern Nova Scotia coast, where 106 children of 27 scattered families were visited by the Halifax Scout Santa. The Goodfellows' Club took over all large toys, and sent these out with their Christmas dinners to the poor of the city. Some 400 toys remained on hand with which to make an early start of the "Halifax Scout Toy Shop—1929."

Anyox, B. C.—Two months were spent by the Scouts and Cubs of Anyox in collecting toys, which were shipped in two large packing cases to Vancouver.

Chilliwack, B.C.—This Toy Shop was given quarters by the City School Board in the Manual Training School.

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THE CAMP CHIEF'S PAGE

INDOOR COURSES

Scoutmaster's Indoor Training Courses:—Unit 1, Running—Gravelbourg, Climax, Shaunavon and Hodgeville, Sask., under Scoutmaster Linton Tooley. St. Catharines, Ont., under S.M. Dr. R. H. Atkey.

Completed—Indian Head, Biggar, Fort Qu'Appelle and Mortlach, Sask., under S.M. Tooley; Saint John, N.B.; under A.D.C. Boyaner.

Projected—Cardston, Lethbridge and Medicine Hat, Alta.; Cobalt, Fort William, Hamilton, Chatham, Ottawa and London, Ont.; Halifax and Sydney, N.S.

Unit 2, Completed—Winnipeg, Man., under D.C.C. Hill.

Units 3 and 4, Running—St. Andrews, N. B.

Akela Part II. Running—Victoria, B.C., under District Commissioner H. T. Ravenhill. Edmonton, Alta., under Provincial Secretary W. Solway. Winnipeg, Man., under Cub Commissioner F. W. Thompson.

Certificates issued at the conclusion of an Indoor Course at St. Johns, Que., carry the names of leaders of each of the five St. Johns troops, the 1st St. Johns Pack, the 1st Iberville Troop, District Scoutmaster Wilkins and District Secretary Rigg. Another good sign from a very active district, which distinguished itself at Christmas in Scout Toy Shop work.

That Scouting was the only truly National Movement they had ever had in Wales, because it embraced and took into its fold all classes, religions and professions, was the declaration of the new Lord Glanusk, County Commissioner for Brecknockshire. As soon as the significance of this was realized in Wales, he said, the Movement would receive a tremendous impetus.

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Enroll now by sending 50 cents to The Dominion Camp Chief, 172 Wellington Street, Ottawa, to cover cost of notebook, mailing envelopes and stamps.

Tidy Camping

THAT Old Country Scouts are earning the same reputation for "tidy camping" as are Canadian Scouts is evidenced by the following item from the *Mansfield Reporter*, England:

"The Boy Scouts who took part in the Jamboree at Berry Hill on Saturday set an excellent example which might be followed by motorists and others who often thoughtlessly, after a picnic, leave litter about on the ground. Those boys lit camp fires and cooked their meals, but afterwards it was impossible to find lying about on the grass any paper or rubbish, and it wanted a Sherlock Holmes to find where the boys had lit their fires. This was very noticeable, and it reflects credit upon the boys and those who train them. It is all so different to what happened at Whitsuntide in Hardwick Park. After the holidays it took six men a week to clear away the litter."

NO danger of these blankets not being dry and fluffed and full of sun.—The entire contents of the Crows' Nest (Maritime, '28) "out and up," and being inspected by a group of old birds in for the reunion. Note the flags captured in previous days' patrol competitions.



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

B.-P. at a Hungarian Camp

ABOUT three miles out of the town of Budapest the Scouts have a beautiful camping ground among thickly wooded hills, called Har Hegj. Here they have a house which serves as a club-house and lodging for Scouters, with outbuildings, barns, and so on, in which are sleeping bunks and rooms where the Scouts can take refuge in bad weather. These also include a reading-room and a museum.

There are places in the wood in which the Scouts set up their tents, and in the thickest part of the bush is a great natural boulder which serves as a Council Rock for the Wolf Cubs.

When I came to see the place a Pack of Cubs was in camp there; and, by way of welcoming me, they had marked out my initials on the ground with stones and encircled them with garlands of wild flowers.

These Cubs wore the usual Cub uniform except that, instead of the cap, they wore green felt hats, trimmed with yellow and carrying a goose feather plume which looked very smart and jolly.

A troop of Scouts was there also, and were cooking their food on a camp-fire. It consisted of kabobs of

meat and fat mushrooms and vegetables strung on wooden skewers and toasted over the fire after having been partly stewed—and most excellent fare it made.

The Scouts gave me a novel kind of welcome by ambushing themselves up in the trees of the avenue through which I passed, and as I went by they pelted me with flowers—and incidentally with a heavy shower-bath of rain from the leaves!

At one point they had dug up a bit of turf, and they asked me to put my foot into the wet ground where the turf had been. This impression of my foot they protected from the rain by rigging up a tent over it within thirty seconds of my making the footmark.

They then took a cast of it in plaster of Paris with the idea of afterwards making an impression in cement—which would remain there as a permanent proof of my visit to the place.

This camp ground has proved so popular and such a success that the Government has now presented the Movement with another camp ground considerably farther away from Budapest on a beautiful site, with a lake. It is a peninsula with three points

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❖ Scouting from Coast to Coast ❖

THE 20th Border Cities Troop is still going strong on archery. They opened the 1929 competitions with an archery contest, a Scout Diary being awarded Scout John Daly for the year's first bull's eye.

The service of Camrose, Sask., Scouts as ushers for the amateur presentation at the local theatre of "What Happened to Jones" was commended by a resolution of the Men's Association of St. Andrew's Anglican Church.

A Totem-pole Stave for Solway

As an expression of his work for Scouting, the Rovers of the 2nd Edmonton Troop (St. Faith's) presented Field Commissioner W. Solway with a handsome carved totem-pole stave. The carving includes a symbol added by each patrol, and is surmounted by an artistically-done Indian head, the work of Rover G. Brindley. Beneath the head are carved the words of the Scout Promise.

"The Eagles presided at the camp fire, and also arranged a good stunt. Don Hanson told a fine story, and S.M. Nichols urged the troop to decide as soon as possible in what manner our camp fund is to be raised this year."—2nd Border Cities.

Registration of the 2nd Yukon Troop, at Dawson, Y. T., has just been completed through the British Columbia provincial office at Vancouver. Plans are under way to organize a Wolf Cub Pack.

The 3rd Peterborough Troop aims to have "one of the best headquarters in Canada," and in order to achieve this objective are systematically collecting and baling wastepaper.

First-Aid of Permanent Value

Scout first aid training stood Donald Clowery, formerly of the 3rd Sherbrooke (Congregational) Troop, a lineman of the Eastern Townships Telephone Company, in good stead when a member of the crew with which he was working was shocked into insensibility while at the top of a high pole. Clowery ascended the pole, freed his companion and managed to revive him sufficiently to lend some assistance in getting him to the ground. The Bell Telephone Company was first credited with the instruction which was regarded as having saved the victim's life, but it was later discovered that Clowery had secured his entire first aid training as a Boy Scout.

For "special instruction" on "contents of pockets" at a January meeting of the 2nd Kincardine, extra points were given for the carrying of a Canadian Scout Diary.

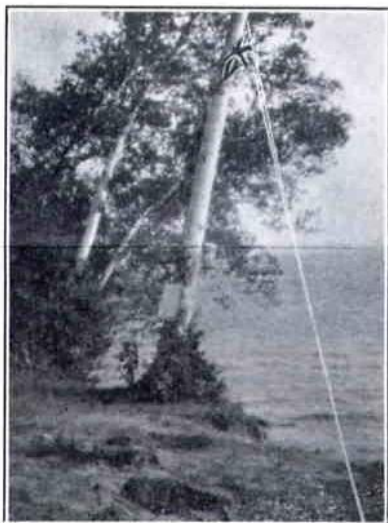
A party of 32 Knowles Home boys were guests at the Christmas tree party of the 64th Winnipeg (Robertson Memorial) Scouts and Cree Cubs.

An Ideal Troop Launching

On the occasion of the formal organization of the 1st Bronte Troop, Ont., Scoutmaster Dobrashion and Patrol Leaders Osborne and Stansbury were invested by Scoutmaster Phillips of Oakville, in the presence of the parents of the boys and members of the new Troop Committee. The committee was appointed by the Bronte Home and School Club. Scout leaders were present also from Burlington and Toronto.

P. L. Northey of the Beavers was given charge of a winter observation hike of the 26th Londoners.

Each member of the Fox patrol of the 3rd Fredericton (Cathedral), as winners of the final quarterly Patrol Competition, received a copy of the Canadian Scout Diary.



INSTEAD of cutting a flagpole, a screw-hook and pulley turned a tall birch into a flag-staff for the '28 camp of the 1st Stanstead and Rock Island Troop, Que.

The patrols of the 2nd Londoners "are still working on their Patrol Corners in their new headquarters on Dundas Street."

The Walkerton, Ont., Scouts finished off their special Christmas Good Turn, the distributing of baskets of good things among poor families, in good style. The hampers were delivered by Scoutmaster Eldon Yates attired as Santa Claus, and accompanied by the boys as Santa's helpers.

23rd Vancouvers Explain Registration to Parents

At the annual Parents' Supper of the 23rd Vancouver (St. James') Troop a brief report was given on the activities of the troop and pack during the year. Scout Registration was explained to the parents, with emphasis on its "missionary" feature, and they were urged to have their boys register.

The summer's camping was one of the chief topics of a January meeting of Kitchener, Ont., S.M.'s and A.S.M.'s.

A Court of Honour Hike

A special Saturday afternoon Court of Honour hike to the Glen Falls Scout Cabin, followed by a business session, was carried out under Scoutmasters Choppin and Pritchard of St. Paul's Troop, Saint John, N.B., and was voted a "real idea."

Rev H. Lennox of Fort Frances, Man., has been appointed Commissioner for the Rainy River District of the Boy Scouts Association, and will have under his jurisdiction all towns between Sprague and Kawene on the C.N.R.

The membership of the newly organized Scoutmasters' Club of London, Ont., will include Scoutmasters, Cubmasters and all properly registered A.S.M.'s and A.C.M.'s of 18 years or over. The club meets at Cronyn Hall.

Wet Bobs for the 16th London

A Sea Scout Patrol is being formed by old members of the 16th London Troop, Ont., under Patrol Leader L. Boyd. An effort is being made to secure a boat.

On the occasion of his transfer from Port Rowan, Captain H. Morden of the 1st Port Rowan Troop was presented by his boys with a brass library ink stand, desk fountain pen and pencil, as an expression of their appreciation of his leadership.

Winnipeg "D's" Discuss—

At their January weekly meeting the Winnipeg "D" Rovers discussed:—"Aims and Objects of Rovering," "Contract Law," "Comparison of Civic and Provincial Governments." Discussions were led by members of the crew. Rover Jack Martin of Gloucestershire was entertained.

Numerous Scout and Cub Christmas-week parties were reported in delayed newspaper clippings. They included a highly successful evening for the 6th St. Catharines (St. George's) Cub Pack, planned by C.M. Phyllis Atkey and A.C.M. Dorothy Riley.

The better to take care of southwestern Ontario, Field Secretary Arthur Paddon has been transferred from Provincial Headquarters to London. He is acting also as Secretary for the London District.

Emphasizing an Important Rover Objective

Kincardine's Rovers have produced their first warranted Scout leaders—in Cubmaster Matthew McGaw and Assistant Scoutmasters Wilbert MacLeod and Douglas Shills. In presenting the warrants D.S.M. Douglas Young emphasized the fact that the

Rovers are a leaders' training group, that one of the greatest necessities of Scouting today is good leadership; and he hoped that all the Kincardine Rovers had this objective in view. He reminded them that they must show the qualities of loyalty and obedience and the Scout spirit if they hoped to develop these qualities in the boys they might lead in the future.

A well prepared talk on the Healthyman's Badge tests by A.S.M. Bishop made an interesting period for a regular meeting of the 3rd Fort William (St. Paul's) Troop.

For a good balloon game of the 29th Border Cities a rope was stretched across the room, and teams faced each other across it. The object was to knock the balloon to the floor on the opposite side of the rope.

Remembrances That Count

Prior to this departure to live in Huntsville, Scout Robert Wilson, of St. James' Anglican Troop, Wallaceburg, Ont., was presented by his fellow Scouts with a handsome New Testament. On the same occasion the boys presented the wife of Scoutmaster Masefield with a handsome pair of silver salt and pepper shakers, in appreciation of her kindnesses to the troop.

On the eve of his departure to join the staff of Upper Canada College, Toronto, the members of the 2nd Whitby Troop, Ont., gathered at Community Hall to present Scoutmaster Jack Blow with a Scoutmaster's gold ring and an address of regret at his departure.

At a regular meeting of the 18th Londoners, Rev. D. Eckhart was invested as a Scout, and formally made an A.S.M. of the troop. P.L. Legg of the Beaver Patrol was made a Wolf Cub Instructor, and Scout Ingrey appointed Troop Scribe.

St. Thomas Laymen Vote Scout Conference Expenses

On their own initiative, the Laymen's Association of Trinity Anglican Church, St. Thomas, Ont., voted a contribution of \$10 toward the expenses of Scoutmaster Serace and another leader in attending the annual provincial conference of Scout leaders at London. At the same time the church troop was invited to attend the annual Deanery Laymen's banquet as guests.

For a banquet of the 4th Chatham Troop furnished by two members of the Troop Committee, and held in the Bluebird Tea Rooms, each Scout was warned to come prepared for a five minute speech on a subject selected by himself.

In recognition of their help in connection with the Christmas fund-raising show, "Bubbling Over," each Scout of the 29th Border Cities Troop (Sandwich, Ont.) was presented by Mr. Frank Williamson of the Goodfellows' Club with a 1929 Scout Diary.

One Meeting a Month Taken by P.L.

Once a month a Patrol Leader of the 1st Swift Current Troop, Sask., is given charge of a meeting, working out a programme beforehand; Scoutmaster Arnold taking over leadership of the patrol. For the "Scoutmaster's Five Minutes" the acting S.M. speaks on some subject selected by himself, and the troop is invited to make comments.

The annual birthday dinner of the 27th Border Cities (St. Mary's) Troop brought together the usual large and representative gathering. The programme included numerous toasts, an investiture and the presentation by District Commissioner Wigle of King's Scout and First Class badges and several cords.

5th St. Thomas Provides "Patients" for St. Johns' Ambulance Inspection

For the annual inspection of the Nursing Division of the St. Johns' Ambulance Association at St. Thomas, Ont., a patrol of the 5th St. Thomas Troop, the Lions, was provided upon request to act as patients. The lads were highly commended, and were invited to the subsequent banquet.



COUCHY back-rests and a miniature council fire for a patrol of the 1st Dahindas, Sask., at their '28 camp.

Public School and High School-Working Boy Sections for 1st Galt

The 1st Galt Troop, Ont., under D.S.M. Wheeler, grew to such proportions that it was necessary to divide it into two sections. "B" Section, composed of public school boys, meets on Monday nights, and "A" Section, made up of working and high school boys, meets on Tuesdays.

Service Opportunities Found by Sarnia Troops

A review of the 1928 public service activities of the Sarnia, Ont., troops mentions the providing of ushers at two of the most important rugby games of the year, and the operation of lost children and first aid tents during the three days of the West Lambton County Fair. One serious accident was handled, when a steel seat fell from the top of a ferris wheel and struck a man on the head. The Scouts had the patient bandaged and ready for removal to the hospital before a doctor arrived.

DOMINION REGISTRATION
ASSISTS FIELD WORK IN
YOUR OWN PROVINCE

Publishing Settlers' Letters

A touching letter from a western new-settler mother in acknowledgment of a Scout Toy Shop package was published in the Scout column of *The St. Johns News*, for the benefit of all the friends who assisted in the work. Other districts or troops might do the same, when similarly suitable letters are received—as a means of insuring a general understanding locally of the practical value of the toy distribution to settlers. The suggestion may be added that toys be laid aside from time to time during the year for this purpose next Christmas.

It is preferable that the names and addresses of writers of such letters be not given in full. In some cases they may not wish their actual circumstances known; a reason applying in all cases is that undesirable use may be made of the information by someone.

The letter is given as a particularly good example of the kind suitable for such publication.

Sask.,

31 Dec., 1928.

Mrs. B— and family all join in thanking you for parcel that arrived safely for Christmas. I had already told the Children Santa Claus was not coming as we had no money to pay him, so judge the pleasant surprise when they awoke Christmas morning to find something for them from unknown friends. So you relieved at least one poor mother's heart.

Kind regards and thank you

Mrs. C. B.—

Re Letters Acknowledging Parcels

While on the subject, directors of Toy Shops may be reminded that letter-writing is a difficult task for many persons of education, and a real problem to those of moderate learning—a job to be put off, until not infrequently the address is lost, or it is felt to be too late. This may be borne in mind, where acknowledgments of the receipt of carefully selected and packed parcels have not come to hand. For quite naturally one likes to know at least that packages have reached their destination. In the case of recently arrived European-born families, the meaning of the remembrance may not be understood. This is the experience of immigration officials. It may be taken without question, however, that the children enjoy the gifts, and that the experience helps the entire family to an understanding of Canadian customs and ideals.

Proving-Up Your Understanding

HAVE you tested your grasp of the Scout Training? The Correspondence Course will do this for you. It is not an examination.

A Warning

Jac. Bouwman and "Mr. Albere," last reported in Holland on "a walking tour round the world." According to the International Bureau, they are not Scouts, although wearing imitation Scout uniforms; and no recognition should be given them.

MORE TOY SHOP NOTES

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It was run under the supervision of Toc H, the backers of Scouting in Chilliwack.

Kamloops, B.C.—The Kamloops Toy Shop was given the expert leadership of Mr. B. A. Edwards, the manual training instructor of the local schools. Toys for some 50 children were distributed in conjunction with the local Christmas Hamper Fund.

Nelson, B.C.—Principal I. G. Carter, the teaching staff and pupils of the local schools gave the Scout Toy Shop their full support. A good number of toys were turned over to the "Community Chest Santa Claus."

Prince George, B.C.—While Mayor Patterson stated that the town could not supply the Prince George Scout Toy Shop with free light, because of technical difficulties, the Town Council passed a special grant to the Scouts sufficient to cover the lighting charges. The shop was run under the direction of Scoutmaster Rev. T. de Pencier.

Prince Rupert, B.C.—The farthest west Toy Shop, under Scoutmaster P.C. Miller of the 3rd Prince Rupert Troop, received most excellent support, including that of Mayor McMor-die and *The Prince Rupert News*. The shop was located in Barry's Home Furnishing Store, and space for a window display was given in the Electric Bakery adjoining. Over 150 toys, books and dolls were collected and repaired. Twelve Santa Claus parcels were mailed to settlers' families in northern B.C.

Amherstburg, Ont.—The 2nd Amherstburg Troop Toy Shop distributed its output along with the "Goodfellow" Christmas baskets.

Chatham, Ont.—The local dramatic society, "The Strollers," gave a special presentation of the play, "A Pair of Spectacles," for the benefit of the fifth annual Chatham Scout Toy Shop. The resulting funds provided a good quantity of new toys and covered postage on settlers' packages. Radio station CFCO broadcast an appeal for toys and *The Chatham News* gave its support. The local gifts were distributed by Santa Claus in person, from a truck, with four Scouts attired as miniature St. Nicks in attendance. The shop was given an early start in October, with two boxes of shop worn toys donated by the local branch of the Canadian Department Stores. The shop was run by a committee comprised of Scoutmasters Phillips and Sanderson, A.S.M.'s Watson and Jackson and Committeeman T. Ellis, under District Commissioner Buesnel.

Cobalt, Ont.—The collecting of toys was made a matter of Patrol Competition by the three local troops. Each Scout bringing a toy to the Shop was awarded one point for his patrol. In addition to local and nearby families several settlers' families were provided for.

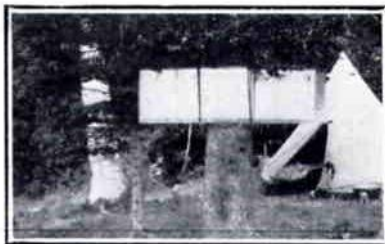
Dundas, Ont.—In addition to toys, books, etc., clothes were requested for the Toy Shop operated by St. James' Troop. The Patrol Leaders were in charge of collection. Wastepaper was

gathered to raise funds to meet shop expenses.

Fort William, Ont.—This first Toy Shop, directed by D.S.M. Ellard, was a notable success, and received splendid local support, including that of *The Times-Journal*. Upwards of 450 toys were re-conditioned and distributed, chiefly through the agency of the Christmas Cheer Fund. In addition to an allotment of settlers' children in Western Manitoba a number of needy farm families in the district were well provided for. When it was found necessary to move the shop from its first quarters, a room was provided at the local Y. Toys were collected by Scouts in uniform.

Galt, Ont.—This Toy Shop confined itself solely to providing Christmas gifts for settlers' children, since a shop for local distribution has been operated for some years by the local Y.

Guelph, Ont.—Toys were collected by Scouts in uniform and repaired in a shop run jointly by the 1st and 3rd Guelph Troops, in a store on Carden Street, under Captain A.C.F. Winslow.



THE 6th Sherbrooke's trek-cart Camp Notice Board—a side of the trek-cart box.

Twenty little New Canadians in Saskatchewan were visited by the Guelph Scout Santa Claus.

Hamilton, Ont.—The District Rover Headquarters was made the Hamilton Shop, with Secretary Andrew Frame in charge. Collecting of toys began a month before the shop opened, and was organized by districts, each troop being assigned a section of the city. Girl Guides assisted with the dolls. A number of wooden toys were made by the boys, under the guidance of former Scoutmaster Traynor. A total of 2,300 toys were repaired and distributed. 100 settlers' children were provided for, the balance of the gifts being distributed through the Public Health Nurseries and the Big Sisters' Association.

Kingston, Ont.—The Kingston Boy Scout Toy Hospital operated in close association with the Kiwanis Club, and the local toy distribution was made from a big Kiwanis Christmas Tree. A number of settlers' families also were remembered.

Oshawa, Ont.—The local Rotary Club provided quarters for the Oshawa Scout Toy Shop in Rotary Hall, with collecting depots at the Fire Hall and *The Daily Times* office. Repair work also was done in the show room of the Moffat Motor Sales, and finished toys were displayed in the J. H. R. Luke store window next the Regent Theatre, as a means of securing support

for the work. Through the co-operation of the principal and teachers children of Centre St. School contributed toys.

Ottawa, Ont.—As a result of the support again given the Ottawa Toy Shop by Dr. J. H. Putman, Senior Inspector of Schools, and the various public school principals and teachers, a large quantity of toys was provided by Ottawa Public School children in time for repairing and mailing to a little over 800 new settlers' children, chiefly in the west. Money to cover the considerable postage bill was subscribed, partly in response to a Toy Shop talk from Radio Station CNRO. Three shops were operated, including one by the 41st French-Canadian Troop, which turned out some 600 gifts for distribution on New Year's Day. In all a little over 3,000 children were remembered. Ottawa Guide Companies, under District Guide Commissioner Kay Symes turned out 475 dolls and teddy bears. An electric firm did all the soldering free. Two Scoutmasters connected with the Experimental Farm called at the main shop each day and carried away a large quantity of the worst cases of mechanical toy wreckage, and returned these restored and repainted.

Sir George Perley, the Honorary Dominion Treasurer Mr. D. M. Flinnie, and other members of the Canadian General Council greatly encouraged the work of the Ottawa shop by their personal interest and practical support.

St. Catharines, Ont.—This was one of the shops "boosted" by a Saturday morning Toy Shower Matinee, given at the Capitol Theatre by courtesy of Manager Harrison. The work also received the support of *The St. Catharines Standard* and the Rotary and Lions' Clubs. The shop was located opposite the City Hall.

Tillsonburg, Ont.—Much local interest was created in the toy shop work of the 1st Tillsonburg Troop (Avondale United Church), directed by S.M. (Rev.) Ernest E. Long, and excellent support given by *The Tillsonburg News* and the Lions' Club. Repaired toys were displayed in the window of the C.P.R. telegraph office. Twenty little New Canadians in Saskatchewan were generously remembered, and fifty gifts handed over to the Lions' Club for local distribution.

Toronto, Ont.—Difficulty in securing a vacant store in the downtown district delayed the opening of the Toronto Headquarters Toy Shop, but one was finally secured on College Street near Spadina. This shop was fed by some 40 branch shops conducted by individual troops. Excellent support was given by the Toronto newspapers, this including the publication of pictures of toy repair work. A very large quantity of toys resulted, estimated at around 20,000. The work took practically all of the time of Executive Commissioner O'Callaghan and several assistants for several weeks. Some 550 settlers' children were taken care of generously, the gifts including a considerable quantity of clothing. Toronto Guides, operating indepen-

On First Aid Instruction

BBETTER a thorough and practical knowledge of a few things, all well within the mental and physical capacity of the boy of this age, than a vague, half-understood smattering of the whole subject of ambulance.

Keeping this age factor in mind, we must try to make our teaching lucid and above all practical.

I give you the method which I have found useful.

Let us take the cleaning and dressing of a wound. I make a mark on the arm of one of the Scouts—a dab of Iodine paint will do. Then I say: "Now that's a cut. What are you going to do about it? Get the First Aid box somebody. First we must clean the cut in case there's 'dirt' in it. Before doing that, better wash your own hands. When your hands are clean get a bowl of water. That's right. Now when you washed just now you didn't use water alone, you took soap. That takes the dirt off much better than water alone, doesn't it? We don't use soap for cuts usually, but if you look in the box you'll find some bottles with stuff which does instead of soap. Here's one marked 'Lysol,' or here is another with a fine long name, 'Permanganate of Potash.' Little crystals they seem to be. Suppose we put some of them in the water—so. Look what a pretty purple colour they make. Now the water will clean much better than by itself. Take some of that soft stuff—cotton-wool it is called—and use it as a sponge to wash the cut. Now it's clean, but we must cover it up to keep out any more 'dirt' till it heals. Let's see what we've got. Here you are. This pink stuff, lint. Cut a piece the proper size, and don't handle it more than you can help. Put that on and bandage it up."

This is very elementary, but we are dealing with youngsters, to whom the whole procedure is new and somewhat mysterious. Next, make them do the whole thing again themselves. It is a little expensive, you will have to fill up your Ambulance Box afterwards; but it is worth it, because the Scout will really learn in practice how to clean and dress a cut. You must explain that Lysol can be used, or any other antiseptic commonly kept in the box, or how they may use Iodine paint instead of using water at all. But don't be satisfied with talking—make them do it.

I asked a boy once the treatment for a burn. "Put on Carron Oil," he replied, just as he had been taught. "How," I asked. He was puzzled. Obviously he had never done it. After a bit, "I'd rub it in," he said. So I showed him how to cut a piece of lint into strips, soak them in the oil, and lay them on. (Of course Carron Oil is now laughed at by very up-to-date First Aiders, but it has its uses). If you have Picric Acid gauze, show him how it should be applied. When he has learned the use of all the dressings, etc., in the First Aid Box, tell him what he could use if the box were not available, how to ensure cleanliness by boiling, etc. You can also ex-

plain why "dirt" in a cut is dangerous because of the germs it contains. I don't think it is difficult to make a boy of 12 understand enough about germs to appreciate the importance of cleanliness, but if you find it difficult, why, continue to call it "dirt" and so get round your difficulty.

When one asks the treatment for grit in the eye, one is very often given as the first thing to do, the method of turning up the upper lid over a match.

A Composite Four Night Troop Programme

- 7.30 Patrol Corners; roll call, dues. Points off for snow tracked into troop room; also for late-comers.*
- 7.35 Flag Break. O Canada. General Inspection (points for attendance, general appearance, Sunday-school and Church attendance).^{*} Special Inspection.^{*}
 - (a) Neckerchiefs.
 - (b) Rubbers or overshoes.
 - (c) Teeth.
 - (d) Pocket contents, for usefulness; extra point for carrying 1929 Diary.
- 7.45 Lively Game—(Freeze)*
 - (a) Foot in the Ring.*
 - (b) Johnny Ride a Pony.*
 - (c) Crows and Cranes.
 - (d) Burst-the-Bag Relay.*
- 7.55 Patrol Corners. Test and Badge work as arranged by Court of Honour. (Freeze)*
- 8.10 Quiet Game—
 - (a) Find the Watch.
 - (b) Silence Tag.
 - (c) Balloon Game (Jan. Leader).
 - (d) Ship's Alphabet.
- 8.20 Morse and Semaphore messages and relays.*
- 8.30 (a,b) Tracking problem (outdoors).^{*}
 - (c) Hand Signals.*
 - (d) Fire in movie theatre.*
- 8.40 (a) Carbon Monoxide poisoning.*
 - (b) First aid problem, fractured leg or ankle.*
 - (c,d) Scout Law Charades.*
- 8.50 Council Fire: Songs, S.M.'s Five. Songs (mimetic). Announcements. Scout Silence. Repeat Promise. First meeting of month, repeat Scout Laws. Name Duty Patrol. King. Lower Flag. Dismiss. Court of Honour.

*Patrol Competition.

This shows training by talking or reading, not by practice. But how can one practice removing grit which isn't there? Obviously one can't, but we can practice looking for and seeing grit, often the most difficult part of the operation. First place the patient in a good light, facing the window or a lamp. Take a good look at the eye. Then make him look to right and to left, up and down, so exposing a con-

siderable bit of the eyeball to your gaze. If you still see nothing, pull down the lower lid and look there.

—Dr. W. L. Stephen in *The Scottish Scout*.

MORE TOY SHOP NOTES

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dently, repeated one of their Good Turns of the previous Christmas by providing for the girls of a Western Ontario Indian School.

Trenton, Ont.—From the Scout news column of *The Trenton Sun*:—"At the Court of Honour it was decided that the Troop would collect all unused toys it could get and turn them over to the Local Council of Women, for distribution at Christmas." There followed the names of each Patrol Leader, with telephone number.

Waterloo, Ont.—The *Kitchener Record*, both through its news columns and editorial columns, backed up the toy shop of the 1st Waterloo Troop. In addition to playing Santa Claus locally, the Waterloo Scout Santa visited twenty children in Saskatchewan.

Welland, Ont.—A house to house canvas for toys was made by the boys of the 4th Welland Troop for their Toy Shop. These were distributed in conjunction with the Welland Community Christmas Cheer League. Four families in Saskatchewan also were remembered.

Windsor, Ont.—A newspaper clipping received in mid-January reported the operation of a Toy Shop by the 10th Windsor (Border Cities) Troop. This put Windsor on the Toy Shop Map for 1928.

B.-P. AT A HUNGARIAN CAMP

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running out of the lake, and the Minister of Education, who secured it for the Scouts, said he was obliged to do so because it was shaped like a Scout's Badge the Fleur-des-lys, and was evidently intended by nature to belong to the Scouts!

So here they will get good camping, together with boating and bathing galore.

Lucky beggars!

An Australian Good Turn

AS a feature of their programme to commemorate the 72nd birthday Sir Robert Baden-Powell the Australian Federal Council of Boy Scouts recommended that a fund be raised to aid in supplying work for the unemployed. As a result Cubs, Scouts and Rovers and their leaders decided to contribute 1d. a week and leaders 1s. a week for a month, beginning February 22nd.

Become an Expert

EVERY man should be reading and studying all his life. Why not study Scouting and become an expert so you will be a Master Scout as well as a Scoutmaster. The *Correspondence Course* will help you.

A VALUABLE IDENTIFICATION AND CHARACTER CARD GOES WITH SCOUT REGISTRATION

For a Talk on Service

THE first letter in the word "Scout" stands for the most important thing in life. Have you noticed that this letter is a hook? Well, everything else hangs on it. And the word for which this letter stands is SERVICE.

In days gone by men thought that the greatest thing in life was to make others serve them. The more slaves and servants a man possessed, the less he had to do for himself, and the happier he thought he would be. Now we know that the best thing in life is helping others. Everywhere we have Service Stations; and cards in store windows tell us that the motto of the proprietors is SERVICE.

Have you ever thought that what really made the British Empire was SERVICE? — the example set by heroes? Heroes like Nelson, who reminded his men that "England expects that every man will do his duty."

One of the greatest marvels of recent years was the discovery of the X-Ray, but when it was first used many persons suffered greatly from its use. Dr. Cox was one of these. He was engaged for many years testing X-Ray tubes. About eight years before the end of his life a mark appeared on his hand, and later a spot like a chap appeared. This developed into a dreadful disease, which spread slowly until it reached his face. Then death came to release him from terrible suffering. Before he died he said he would gladly go through the suffering again to accomplish what he had been able to in perfecting the X-Ray apparatus for the benefit of others. That was the spirit of SERVICE.

Perhaps we won't get the chance of making an important invention for others, but we can all do something for someone sometime,—and that is SERVICE.

Here is a bit of true arithmetic: You divide your troubles and multiply your joys by sharing with others.

—The Vicar,
in *The Pathfinder*.

The Jamboree for World Peace

ADDRESSING camping Scouts at Downton Castle Park, England, Lord Forester declared that, "The Boy Scout Movement will have a great deal to do with the future peace of the world. It is in no sense militarism, but was designed to ensure, as far as possible, the peace of the world. Next year, when Scouting comes of age, there is to be a great World Jamboree at Birkenhead, at which Boy Scouts from all over the world will be present. What could be better to ensure peace than that? It is better than forty Leagues of Nations! . . . It is when the young people of the world meet together that the most valuable work for peace is done."

It is the practice of Bronx Boy Scouts, New York, to do at least one community Good Turn a month. Recently a day was set aside as "Orange Day," and the boys distributed oranges to children at hospitals and orphanages. Some 15 institutions were visited and 3,000 oranges distributed.

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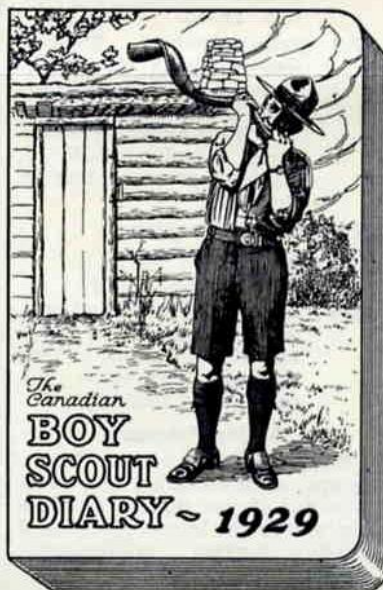
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Scouting in the Free State

AN interesting letter upon the condition of Scouting in the Irish Free State was received from Sir Robert Baden-Powell by the Earl of Meath, the Commissioner for Ireland, following a recent visit of the Chief Scout. Wrote Sir Robert:—

"I did not expect anything like it so soon after the troublous times through which the country has passed. One could not fail to be struck by the fine physique of the boys, as well as by their smartness and their jolly, enthusiastic spirit . . . So too, the fine upstanding lot of Rover Scouts now forming the cream of the Movement, gives promise of a splendid accession of Scoutmasters in the near future, if the Rovers take up the ideal of service, as I expect they will. This will mean not only an assured future for our Movement, but also a very big extension of it on a higher standard than ever of efficiency. It also means to Ireland the advent of a class of citizen specially trained as such. To the young and rising nation this must have a special value of its own. It is for this very reason that so many young nations in Europe and elsewhere have adopted Scouting as a definite aid to the education of their oncoming generation."

Tribute to Scouting by Sup't of Northern Ont. Child Welfare

"OF the more than 2,000 boys who have passed through my hands, only one police court case was a Scout,—and this lad was a sub-normal," declared Mr. R. Le Heup, Superintendent of Children's Aid Work in the Temiskaming and Cochrane districts at a largely attended September meeting held in Moose Hall, Timmins, to organize a Local Association.

Another strong advocate of the Scout programme was Hugo F. Shaw, who had recently returned from an intensive course of boys' work at Cliff Haven, N.Y. The meeting was presided over by Mayor E. L. Longmore, and the strong organization formed included a large number of the leading men of Timmins and Porcupine.

British Scouts Serve Travelers

CHALIAPIN, the celebrated singer, in his book, "Pages from My Life," describes his visit to England at the beginning of the war, and says:

"I was much struck by the good work done by the Boy Scouts of Newhaven, London and Glasgow. The boys came to every car of the trains to offer assistance to foreign travelers. The attention they paid to one Jewish family was quite touching. They amused the children, who were in tears, reassured the distracted parents, joked and laughed with them, looked after their baggage, and did it all so adroitly, and with so much humanity, that it drew tears of admiration to my eyes.

"I felt again how many varied misfortunes war brings with it, and reflected once more what a wonderful nation the English are."

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

THE DUFFELL BAG

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

Write a Police Description

AS a quiet period observation game, following several lively inter-patrol relays, each Scout of the 2nd Border Cities was given paper and pencil and required to "write a police description of any individual in the room." Later these were read, and proved to be of a high average of accuracy.

A Twig Numeral Competition

THE Kincardine Rovers, who last year completed an unusually good twig alphabet, are this winter collecting a set of twig numerals. Each member of the patrol is expected to bring a certain twig figure to successive meetings. The best is chosen and for this major patrol competition points are awarded.

And Now Deep Sea Scouts

"DEEP Sea Scouts" are the newest branch of our Brotherhood launched by Sir Robert Baden-Powell. These will be recruited among cabin boys, mess boys, steward's assistants, etc., on the great ocean liners, and will work in conjunction with the Scout troops in seaport towns. Arrangements are being made by which Scout Commissioners in ports throughout the world will get in touch with Scouts afloat in order to start troops on their respective ships. By the date of the big Jamboree it is expected that recognized Deep Sea Scouts will be sailing all the seven seas.

A Scouty Fireman's Badge Course

A report on the Fireman's Badge Course held at the Central Fire Hall, Hamilton, Ont., by Lionel J. Bishop, of the Ontario Fire Marshall's office, provided a number of very interesting details. The Course was attended by 34 Scouts (P.L.'s and either King's Scouts or First Class Scouts) and five or six men, one of the latter the fireman later made examiner for the badge in Hamilton. The Scouts were drawn from troops in Hamilton, Oakville, Burlington and Dundas. Six two-hour sessions were held.

The course was organized as a four-patrol troop, the patrols being named after the manufacturers of well known fire apparatus—La France, Ahrens-Fox, Bickle and Seagrave. A white fire chief's helmet was awarded as the weekly patrol competition prize, and was hung in the corner of the winning patrol.

In the written examination the class average was 87 out of a possible 100. In practical work no one fell below 500 out of a possible 700.

To the Scouts obtaining the highest points in each patrol the Fire Marshall's Department awarded a compass suitably engraved.

More About Rovering

JUST how much do you know about Rovering and the part it should play in your Troop? Let the Reader of the Correspondence Course tell you.

Securing Books for a Troop Library

THE 1st Trenton, Ont., Troop is building up a Scout library, "to be run on much the same lines as the Public Library. Books may be exchanged any Scout meeting night between seven o'clock and half-past eight." Through the Scout news column of *The Trenton Sun* the public is asked to contribute "anything in the way of books of adventure, travel, historical romance, practical science, invention, woodcraft, history and better class fiction that may be lying unused about the house."

The Correspondence Course shows the Scoutmaster just in what respect Scouting is different to all other boy movements.

Scout Dates February

2nd—Candlemas and "Ground-hog" Day.

3rd—Sexagesima Sunday.

8th—Our brother Scouts of America celebrate their nineteenth birthday. Send congratulations to some U.S. Troop.

10th—Quinquagesima Sunday. Send birthday greetings to Baden-Powell, Chief Scout, Boy Scouts Association, 25 Buckingham Palace Road, London, S.W. 1, England, to reach him on the 22nd.

12th—Shrove Tuesday.

13th—Ash Wednesday.

14th—St. Valentine's Day.

22nd—B.P.'s Birthday and the winter season's big Scout banquet evening. 18th Annual Conference Ontario Scout leaders.

During February

Continue the winter hikes, camps, snow-tracking, etc. Prepare for Scout service at skating places on lakes, rivers and ponds during mild-weather spells.

The tribute paid Scouting and Scoutmasters by Sir Archibald Macdonell, K.C.V., C.M.G., D.S.O., in a characteristically forceful address at the farewell banquet given him in Calgary, will be appreciated by all those in Scouting. "The more I see of Scouting," said Sir Archibald, "the more I realize the extraordinary privilege and grave responsibility of the Scouter in impressing its high ideals on these young Canadians. It is not given to all to have the necessary tact, personality and training to become Scoutmasters, and I can say that the Scouters deserve well of Calgary for their altruistic work."

"Thrift" as a Banquet Subject

"A Scout is Thrifty," was the subject of the address of Mr. A. C. Hoffmann at the largely attended annual banquet of the 1st Waterloo (St. Saviour's) Troop, Ont. As a result of the address a troop bank was organized, with Scouts delegated as "bank officials." One night each month will include in its programme training in banking and thrift. The banquet was prepared by mothers of the Scouts and Cubs.

An Effective Cub-Scout Tableau

AN effective tableau effectively concluding a "Variety Entertainment" of the Quamichan Troop and Pack, B.C., was thus described: On the ground level was Dennis Collison, not yet old enough to be a Cub, holding out his hand to Cub Bromilow, who in turn was making the Cub Salute and looking up to where in the centre the investiture of a Tenderfoot Scout was shown; while still higher up was a Patrol Leader bearing his patrol flag, and looking ahead. In front was a Scout with his arm around a Cub's shoulder. In the background, above all, with a Union Jack about it, was an illuminated copy of the Scout Promise and Law.

The programme included "Friends in Need," played by the Cubs, "Kindness to Animals," by the Scouts; a tableau, "From Lout to Scout," "The Monkey Scout," "The T Model Ford Car" and "The Biter Bit." Between numbers, selections from the Scout Camp Fire Song Book were sung by the audience, the Scouts leading.

The Tale of a Well-Tied Knot

HOW an English Boy Scout saved a collie dog, avoided losing his own life in the attempt by his knowledge of knots, is told here. The dog had fallen down the cliff on to an inaccessible ledge at Tresaith, when Scout Jack Thomas, of Rhydygros, came on the scene. Thomas soon got together some helpers and had himself lowered 60 feet down the edge of the cliff. Reaching the ledge on which the dog had fallen the Scout found it so shelving that he could only keep his footing by hanging on with one hand. As a Scout he had, however, learned his Tenderfoot knots and with the other hand and his teeth managed to tie a bowline round the dog and another around himself, thus enabling the helpers to pull them both into safety. Had the Scout tied a knot that did not hold he would have been dropped 100 feet on the rocks below. Had he tied a loop that drew tight he would have been asphyxiated or strangled before he got to the cliff top. But he knew his work and came right side up.

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