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BY the continual dripping of our expression of love and service on the existing stone of selfishness in the world, we may reasonably hope to wear it away in time.

The Times Educational Supplement threw a fresh light on the point the other day when in replying to Dr. Rendall's lecture on "The Seven Lamps of Education," it said: "These seven lamps are worship, reverence, work and leisure, discipline, obedience and service. The essence of education is therefore such interference with the natural, and not at all evil, selfishness of the individual as to enrich the personality with a series of goals that are outside of, and yet employ, all the forces of self. The object of education is such a transformation of self as to bring forth all its potential powers for good and to eliminate all its potential powers for evil. Dr. Rendall's 'lamps,' if considered singly, cannot achieve such a result. It is the combination only that can give that true white light of which Shelley speaks. . . . a 'white radiance' which education can give eternally to the personality, and it is fashioned from the combined light of the Seven Lamps."

Patriotism

I urged upon Rovers recently the fact that a valuable part of their "service" to the country lies in their whole-hearted performance of their own particular trade or profession. I am glad to see this corroborated in a recent address by Dean Inge:

"The more highly civilized a community becomes, the more important and paramount the duty of service on the part of every member. In reading history we see that great Empires have suddenly sprung into existence. Upon what? Patriotism . . . which is the spirit of self-sacrifice and service to the community.

"And when we read that great civilizations have decayed, we find it was because the spirit of patriotism has decayed. When men begin to search for what is of advantage to themselves, the beginning of the end is in sight, and that is how highly civilized communities have crumbled into dust. 't is for us to consider what we shall do. If we choose that this highly organized community of Great Britain is to be continued, it can only be because we realize that our business is a form of public service which we owe to the community, to whom we have to give our best and give cheerfully."

The Chief Scout's Outlook

Skill

At this time of year Scouters have their opportunity for encouraging handcraft among their boys. I hope that they will seize it and make the fullest use of it. Handcraft should not be looked upon merely as a pastime for giving the boy occupation in slack hours. You know how often outsiders say of the Scout Movement, "Ah yes. A very good thing for keeping boys out of mischief." As if that was our whole aim and practice.

No! Handcraft has a higher mission than that in that it can be a direct step in character training.

Dr. L. P. Lucas, principal of Manchester College, Oxford, pointed out lately that the best methods of training the mind were indirect methods.

Sir James Aikins' Legacy for Scouting

A legacy of \$20,000 was the splendid gift to Scouting left by the will of the late Sir James Aikins, former Lieutenant Governor of Manitoba and Chief Scout for the province. By the terms of the will the amount named was left to The Canadian General Council of The Boy Scouts Association, for investment in trust, the interest to be used to promote Scouting in Manitoba. A gift of \$10,000 was left to the Girl Guides Association.

The training of the body was an indirect method of training the mind. The purpose of the body was to exercise some kind of skill, and bodies possessed of no kind of skill were frustrated bodies. There were millions of them in the world. Some belonged to rich fools, some to men and women who had graduated with honours in the university, others to criminals, hooligans and wasters.

These frustrated bodies constituted the greatest evil of the modern world and the prime source of our miseries. Skill was the birthright of the human body. The deprivation of opportunity to develop skill was one of the outstanding wrongs from which men suffered. He rated skill far above the right to happiness. The greatest undeveloped asset of the British people

was the undeveloped skill of the people. Every boy or girl who had passed through the schools was a living centre of possible skill, and skill was the best protection that people could have against the mechanization of life.

The finest sort of fellowship among human beings was that which arose from co-operation in skillful work. The massing together of large numbers of people with no skill and with money in their pockets was a great social danger. The disaster of the unskillful man lay in the way he used his leisure.

Mothering Day

I have been suggesting in *The Scout* that Mother's Day, which we have to some extent been observing on September 3rd, might more suitably be held on the more orthodox date, namely, mid-Lent, which fell this year on March 10th. Mid-Lent day is the day for Simnel cake and the making of Simnel cake and the presenting of it to mother is an old custom which began in pre Christian days and was subsequently adopted, like many other Pagan observances, as a suitable one for Christianity.

The idea of observing Mothering Day is a pretty one and well worth keeping up in these days when home ties are apt to become too readily loosened.

Mr. Herbert W. Pewtriss has recently made an appeal in *The New Chronicle* for the revival of the old custom, and has given interesting historical authority for its practice from Roman antecedents before the time of Christ and its subsequent adoption by the Church as a festival for the fourth Sunday in Lent.

I have given in *The Scout* minor suggestions for its observance.

Sea Scouts

I am delighted to be able to say that His Royal Highness, Prince George has accepted the position of President of the Sea Scout Branch of the Movement.

With the King as Patron, the Prince of Wales as Chief Scout for Wales, the Duke of York as President for London, the Duke of Gloucester as President for Gloucestershire, and Prince George as President for the Sea Scouts, we can now number all the Royal Family in the Scout Brotherhood.

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Scout Services on St. George's Sunday

THE Sunday on or nearest St. George's Day has become the annual occasion of special Scout church services for a large number of Canadian Scout troops,—for a solemn re-affirmation of the Scout Promise, the blessing of colours, or for special investitures, such as those of Rovers and leaders. And appropriately so, since St. George is the Patron Saint of Scouting.

In a number of churches the practice has been to bring all branches of the Scouting and Guiding family—Cubs, Scouts and Rovers, and Brownies, Guides and Rangers—together for the occasion. The result has been a most striking and impressive service, that has crowded the church to the doors.

Such a service, well planned, provides an unforgettable demonstration of the religious significance of Scouting and Guiding, no matter in what church or denomination.

Plan for one this year!

April Service—the Clean-Up Campaign

PARTICIPATION in some feature of the annual local "Spring Clean-up" is an established community Good Turn of many of our up-and-doing troops. Very properly the work begins about home, around troop headquarters, and the church. City troops find less opportunities perhaps than the town and village troops. The latter often find a "real man-size" job, such as that performed one year by the 1st and 2nd Kingsville troops, Ont.

These two troops spent the whole of the Easter holidays cleaning up their town, with the result that it was declared "never to have been so clean before." Three wagons were used, one horse-drawn the others Scout-drawn. Business men offered to pay for the removal of large accumulations of rubbish from behind their stores, and the Scouts incidentally netted \$40 for their camp fund.

Other clean-up jobs reported from time to time have included in addition to the premises of old people without help, and others similarly circumstanced,—tidying up city and town parks, the surroundings of public monuments and memorials, church yards and cemeteries.

Of course all such activities will be carried out with the knowledge of the local authorities concerned.

Vatican Message to Boy Scouts

WHEN the Catholic Scout Guild were entertained by the Duke of Marlborough to dinner recently, some 56 groups of Boy Scouts were represented, the chief guest being His Eminence Cardinal Bourne. During the evening the following message was received from the Vatican:—

"On the occasion of the re-union of Catholic Scouts the Holy Father sends Your Eminence, the Duke of Marlborough, Bishop Butt, the Clergy and the guests and their families the Apostolic Blessing.

Cardinal Gasparri."

A Warning to the Old Leader

WHEN a difficulty arises between a leader and a Troop or Pack Committee, the leader concerned not infrequently is an experienced and successful Scouter. The reason? The successful Scouter, quite unconsciously, has become unwilling to accept anything that looks like criticism.

The ability to accept criticism without resentment is a valuable one. If the criticism is well founded, it provides the opportunity for a step forward; if it is not well founded, an explanation makes this clear, and



BOYS who have built a practicable bridge such as this of the 69th Toronto have had an interesting adventure and a worth-while experience in construction.

further establishes the reputation of the Scouter for "knowing his job."

So, Mr. Old Scoutmaster, or Mr. Old Cubmaster, don't spoil a fine record by a little slip of this nature. Always be ready and willing to learn, even through criticism which at first sight appears to be unfriendly as well as unjustified.

Considerable interest and enterprise is being shown by various districts and even individual troops in raising funds for the sending of Scouts to the Jamboree. At Sydney, N.S., a Scout skating meet was held at the Arena rink. Hamilton, Ont., troops are setting aside a portion of the proceeds of all Scout entertainments to apply to the expenses of a Hamilton Scout to be sent "as the boys' own representative" to the Jamboree. A concert of the Lakeview Troop, Sask., was held under the patronage of His Honour Lieut. Gov. Newlands, with Provincial Commissioner Dr. A. H. Ball and District Commissioner John Barnett of Regina as speakers.

Empire Shopping Week, April 21-28. Have your Court of Honour discuss the troop's participation in any way suitable and proper.

ALONG the TRAIL



Has your Court of Honour planned this year's Spring Clean-Up Good Turn?

As a mark of respect for the late Chief Scout for Manitoba, Sir James Atkins, Scouts and Cubs of the province will wear official mourning for one month.

H. R. H. Prince George has accepted the position of President of the Sea Scout branch of the Movement. Every member of the royal family is thus connected with Scouting or Guiding.

Over 300,000 trees were planted last year in Nova Scotia by school children directed or assisted by Scouts. The Scouts themselves planted upwards of 50,000 trees.

A recent meeting of the 16th Halifax Troop had two distinguished visitors in the persons of the Reverend Mother Superior for Canada of the Order of the Sacred Heart and Reverend Mother Superior of the Sacred Heart. They were much interested in an investiture ceremony which was conducted for two new boys.

His Honour Lieutenant-Governor J. C. Tory was named Patron and Chief Scout for Nova Scotia at the recent annual meeting. The Hon. Chief Justice Harris was made Honorary President, Mr. W. C. Nickerson, President and Col. I. W. Vidito, Provincial Commissioner.

Members of the Finance Committee of the Victoria Boy Scouts Association were entertained at afternoon tea by His Honour Lieutenant-Governor and Miss Mackenzie. His Honour discussed with Assistant Provincial Commissioner Ravenhill and the other committee members the plans for raising money for the establishment of a permanent district headquarters.

Numerous additional reports in newspaper clippings have been received noting B.P. birthday banquets.—so many that it is impossible to make individual mention. In a number of cases more than a column of newspaper space was given to the programme and addresses. Flashlight pictures of the Scouts and leaders at an Edmonton banquet were reproduced in the Edmonton Journal.

A gold watch and chain, with ever-sharp pencil attached, the combined gift of Vancouver Troops and Packs, was presented at the annual banquet of Cubmasters and Scoutmasters of Vancouver, to Provincial Commissioner W. D. S. Rorison, "in appreciation of his splendid work for the boyhood of British Columbia." Col. Rorison has held the position of District Commissioner for Vancouver since the inception of the Movement there nineteen years ago.

The Dance of Shere Khan's Death A Jungle Dance for Cubs

THE HANDBOOK provides Cubs with four Jungle Dances, but there is no reason why we should not exercise our ingenuity to invent new ones—so long as the distinction is kept between those which are official and obligatory and those which are not.

The following dance was originally drawn up by a committee for a display in Calcutta in December, 1923, but it has since been altered somewhat in the light of later experience. It was so successful on its first appearance that it has been a regular part of the programme of Jungle Dances in all Calcutta Packs. It has also been tried out in other parts of India, in Ceylon, in a few packs in this country, and at Gillwell, and has always proved popular.

The dance consists of three parts, all of which are done in a circle.

In the first part, the pack is in the Parade Circle, and moves round in a clockwise direction, singing the following words to the tune of "Frere Jacques":

Mowgli's hunting,
Mowgli's hunting,
Killed Shere Khan,
Killed Shere Khan—
Skinned the cattle-eater,
Skinned the cattle-eater—
Rah-rah-rah!
Rah-rah-rah!

One step is taken to each line, and the song is immediately repeated, with everyone turning about and moving in an anti-clockwise direction. The actions are as follows: **Line 1**, move off with right foot and right hand; the hand is held up to shade the eyes in the attitude of a Scout peering over the country. **Line 2**, repeat with left hand. **Line 3**, a vigorous stabbing movement with the right hand, as though stabbing the Cub in front. **Line 4**, repeat. **Line 5**, both hands raised in front of the face, imitate the action of skinning, by tearing the hide apart after slitting it. **Line 6**, repeat. **Line 7**, dance round (to the right) waving the arms above the head. **Line 8**, repeat.

For the second part, Cubs immediately get down on all fours facing to the centre of the circle, with the leader outside. This part of the dance consists of a series of taunts to the dead tiger by the leader, the pack responding to each by growling and crawling a little towards the centre of the circle. There are four taunts in all. Both taunts and growls start fairly softly and increase gradually in noise and anger. There should be no movement or sound from the pack between the growls. The four taunts are: Lungri, Frogeater, Burned beast of the Jungle, Hunter of little naked Man Cubs! By the time of the fourth growl, the pack should have reached the Rock Circle. They begin the third part of the dance by kneeling back on their haunches, hands hanging loosely by the sides. The leader should already be in place in the centre by the Council Rock. He kneels back in the same way, stretches both arms above his head, and says slowly and dramatically, "Shere Khan is dead!" The pack then stretch their arms up in the same position; and,

taking their time from him and keeping their hands in the same position, bow forward three times till heads and hands touch the ground, saying, "Dead—dead—dead!" Then all jump up, shout "Hurrah!" excitedly three times, and drop to the ground as though shot in mid air. After lying in dead silence for about five seconds, the signal is given to get up, and the Dance of Death is over.

The dance is not nearly so complicated as it sounds from the description; and if each part is taught separately before putting them all together, any pack can learn it in about 20 minutes.

—"Brown Tip,"
in The Scouter.

"Letters to a Wolf Cub"

THE Imperial Headquarters Commissioner for Wolf Cubs in the February issue of *The Scouter* has a word for Cubmasters who have not yet secured a copy of "Letters to a Wolf Cub." He notes the wonderful way in which the writer has succeeded in linking up the languages and incidents of the Jungle with Cub activities and tests.

"I take one instance at random," he continues. "How better could you impress upon the Cubs' mind the lesson of 'fresh air through the bedroom window' than the following:

"It is very good" said Mowgli at last, sleepily. "Now, in the Man-Pack at this hour, I remember, they lay them down upon hard pieces of wood in the inside of a mud trap and having carefully shut out all the clean wind, drew foul cloth over their heavy heads and made evil songs through their noses. It is better in the Jungle."

"And yet there are still some who fail to recognize the value of the Jungle Books in Cubbing."

("Letters to a Wolf Cub" is listed in the new Canadian catalogue, at 55c postpaid.—Ed.)

If Your Committee is Not Helping

If your Troop Committee is not giving you the support it should then take the **Correspondence Course** and let the Reader show you how to get the help of your Committee.

Jamboree Notes

Change in time of Sailing.—Subsequent to the publication of the Jamboree booklet of information, the arrangement regarding the time of sailing of the contingent from Montreal, was changed by the Cunard Steamship Company from daybreak to 10 A.M. (E.S.T.), on Friday, July 19th. This correction was made in the reprint of the information in the *March Scout Leader*.

Natural Wood Staves.—It is expected that each boy will bring a first class natural wood staff of the required size and length. It is suggested that these be of some wood peculiar to the province, if such a wood exists, and is suitable in weight and strength within the maximum diameter of 1 1/4 inches.

Pets.—No dogs or other animal pets, or mascots will be taken to the Jamboree.

Hostel Camp at Jamboree.—The hostel camp is open to all Commissioners, Rover Scout leaders, Assistant Rover Scout leaders, Scoutmasters and Assistant Scoutmasters.

Harmonicas.—It is hoped that all selected Scouts who play the harmonica will bring with them a good instrument, in the key of C, as noted in the Kit list.

Entertainment Stunts.—All selected Scouts will be expected to come prepared to do their best at camp fires or other such occasions with Entertainer's Badge stunts, monologues, stories, jokes, etc.

Singing.—It is intended to give special attention to the singing of Canadian folk songs. The list probably will include the following (see "Canadian Folk Songs," by Murray Gibbon, \$1.50 postpaid, Stores Department, or other similar song collections): Youpe! Youpe! River Along! Send Her On Along! En Roulant ma Bouffe Roulant. Back of My Auntie's House. From His Canadian Home (Un Canadien Errant). The Princess Salamanca. There Came an Ancient Huron.

DOMINION REGISTRATION
ASSISTS FIELD WORK IN
YOUR OWN PROVINCE



SCOUTS of the 1st and 2nd Kingsville (Ont.) Troops spent the Easter holidays of 1927 in making their town "cleaner than ever before." They used three wagons, one horse-drawn and two Scout-drawn. When business men offered to pay for the removal of large accumulations of rubbish behind their stores, the Scouts accepted and netted some \$40 for their camp funds.

The Ontario Conference

(Continued from March)

TROOP HEADQUARTERS—

THIS discussion chiefly concerned old buildings suitable for conversion into troop headquarters. One class of such buildings not now as much used as formerly was the church drive shed, still to be found frequently in the towns and smaller communities. An example of the conversion of a drive shed to Scouting use was that of the shed of the Riche Street United Church at Belleville, Ont. A wall built along the open side and a hardwood floor had made a troop meeting place of the proportions of a community hall.

Another source of headquarters was county or township fall exhibition buildings, such as that placed at the service of the 1st Harrow Troop, Ont.

The fine two-storey headquarters of the 1st Galt Troop was mentioned as an example of the possibilities of old and unused barns.

Resourcefulness in making use of somewhat unusual material for the building of a headquarters found illustration in the home of the 4th London Troop, built with the sills and doors of old wooden freight cars, and a quantity of old siding from scrapped steel cars.

MOTHERS' AUXILIARIES—

Here again good examples provided the principal subject matter. The Scout Mothers' Club of the 1st Galt Troop was held up as an example of consistent support of a troop which has had splendid results. The latest evidence of this auxiliary's practical work was the installation of a new furnace in the troop headquarters.

Another auxiliary specially mentioned was the Mothers' Club of the 3rd Belleville Troop, which was organized in patrol groups corresponding to the patrols of their sons. Their various activities were carried out in "patrol competition," and the meetings opened and closed with a ceremony based on troop practice.

"If you haven't a Scout Mothers' Club," concluded the chairman, "get one."

TROOP FINANCING—

Concerts were most frequently mentioned as a source of troop funds. The 23rd Toronto Troop for three years cleared approximately \$300 by their annual concert. This year it is planned to hold a carnival, with all sorts of booths on the main floor, including numerous "shies." To help create the carnival atmosphere, people on entering will be given paper hats, and those in the gallery will be given streamers to throw.

Brampton troops were given two nights at a local movie house at actual cost, as a good turn by the management.

A hot-dog stand on one of the city's main streets last summer earned a very satisfactory sum for the 2nd St. Thomas. An Old Time Dance held in the school also was a success.

Welland Scout leaders introduced a new idea in a play given four times at different churches, without charge, but followed by the announcement of a

campaign to raise money. The campaign netted \$90.

Incidental discussion of the quality of Scout entertainments brought out the reminder that a Scout concert or display should always "give people their money's worth," and should not in any degree make a "charity appeal" for support.

"Great harm can be done by poor displays. Make sure you offer something that fittingly represents Scouting," summarized the chairman.

TREE IDENTIFICATION—

This was a most interesting demonstration, by Mr. A. H. Richardson of the Ontario Forestry Branch, of the use of a tree identification chart, illustrating a key appearing in a publication of the Provincial Government, "The Forest Trees of Ontario." Mr. Richardson mentioned that a copy of the book had been furnished free to all Ontario Scoutmasters, and that additional copies would be provided at 25 cents.

With the aid of the chart or the key given in the book it was not difficult to learn to identify trees, said the speaker, if the Scouter were prepared for a little hard work, to begin with.

Mr. Richardson took the opportunity of thanking Scoutmasters and Scouts for putting up plant-more-trees posters in 1928, and said that his department was going to ask them to do this again in 1929. They were also going to ask Scoutmasters to put a reforestation bulletin into the hands of all Scouts.

ATHLETICS & SCOUTING—

Mr. Irwin opened this session by reading, as a basis for discussion, a suggested general statement on the subject:

"The activities of the Boy Scout Movement are of course of an outdoor nature, but of the kind that develops sturdy, rugged, physique, coupled with the knowledge of practical everyday activities in which all Scouts can participate, rather than activities in which only a certain small number can take part, the rest being spectators.

"Purely athletic activities are so popular and so well understood and appreciated, and so thoroughly promoted by a great many established institutions, that there is no need for our special support, as there is on the other hand, in the case of distinctly Scouting activities.

"The Scout principle in games or athletics is 'general participation'—as few as possible being spectators. Basketball, baseball, hockey and similar team games are, from the viewpoint of Scouting, open to the criticism that they are participated in by only a few of the total group.

"As regards the gymnasium, it is valuable, but should not be permitted to become a substitute for the needed outdoor activities which Scouting promotes."

The discussion fully confirmed the principles laid down, and a number of instances were related where basketball in particular had demoralized troops during the winter season. Certain boys joined the troop only to play basketball; other boys dropped out of

the troop because they could not become members of the basketball team.

The Assistant Chief Commissioner said he knew no more sensitive test as to whether leaders were carrying on real Scouting than their use or non-use of basketball, baseball and other games. "In the old days of Scouting the leaders permitted boys to do anything that would interest them. Scouting as understood today provides all the interest necessary for any normal boy."

LEADERSHIP TRAINING—

The Assistant Chief Commissioner outlined the various training courses, and inquired how many of the leaders present had taken one or more. Twenty-five hands were raised. All agreed that the courses taken had been worthwhile.

CAMPING & HIKING—

This session brought out one of the most important points of the conference. This was the statement that the best camp sites along the Lake Erie shore are being rapidly bought up by Americans, and that those on Lake Huron would soon follow.

"If Scout troops are not to lose out, Local Associations must bestir themselves and secure options on permanent camp sites," it was declared.

"Hitch hiking" came up for mention. As an easy way of travelling considerable distances it was a great temptation to some boys, and Scoutmasters were asked to stress the point with their Scouts that such a method of travelling was very bad Scouting; in fact pure begging, which was made all the worse, and discreditable to Scouting, if done by a boy in uniform. The story was told of two Scouts from Southern Ontario who travelled to Northern Ontario and back by lifts from motorists, actually hiking only 15 miles of that distance. As a result of their visit to one Northern Ontario town, several local junior Scouts tried to steal a ride on a freight train. "Hitch hiking" was usually done by younger Scouts who had not thoroughly absorbed Scouting principles.

Incidentally a new summer problem brought up was the attempt of certain boarding houses of border towns to use Scouts in uniform to "tout" for tourists,—that is, to watch for and bring auto tourists to their places. The very emphatic opinion was expressed that this should never be done by Scouts in uniform.

CHRISTMAS TOY SHOPS—

The question of giving first preference to the children of new settlers was discussed at some length, and it was generally agreed that these children should receive first attention; but that the donors of toys should know when it was proposed to send such gifts out of town. It was mentioned that public school children were most readily interested in providing gifts for children on the prairie farms.

It was agreed that the value of the gifts to settlers' children should be kept within a reasonable limit, in order not to upset their ideas of Canadian values, also in order to avoid making

a difficult problem, by comparison, for their parents in succeeding years, when they themselves might be able to provide gifts of moderate value.

A discussion regarding the selling of certain larger toys which are frequently turned in, and the use of the money to buy smaller gifts suitable for mailing to settlers' children, brought the conclusion that this practice might create misunderstanding; that such large toys should be sent to children's institutions of various kinds.

The Manitoba Conference

(Continued from March)

CORRECT UNIFORM—

A fully, correctly and "officially" uniformed Scout from the 28th Winnipeg Troop and a Wolf Cub from the Tecumseh Pack provided "talking points" for a discussion of this important subject by Mr. C. A. Hill, D.C.C., which created marked interest. The attractive smartness of both uniforms was acknowledged without exception, and the desirability of all troops and packs being dressed in similar style.

CUBBING, NOT JUNIOR SCOUTING—

The Assistant Chief Commissioner pointed out that the boy of 8 to 12 is "one of a herd." He lives in the age of "let's pretend." Therefore the Wolf Cub programme must have lots of action, a great deal of play, abundant acting, a variety of games, a great deal of love on the part of the Cubmaster, and no Scouting. At the Scout age one comes to a different phase of the boy's development. He is now at the gang stage, and wants something definite to do. Hence the Scout programme with its varied activities. Beyond the Scout age, the Rover has arrived at the "my pal" stage. He is no longer a gang kid. He wants rather a pal, with whom he can confide, consult and discuss his problems.

The Cubs must be given a chance to pretend. This is one of the main reasons for the inclusion of the Jungle Dances in Cubbing. But they must be led to pretend in their own carefree fashion. The successful pack is the noisy, playing pack.

Packs fail because: (a) Akela has tried to use bits of Scouting. (b) Because there is not enough imagination on the part of the leader. (c) The Cubs have not seen enough of the other branches of the Scouting family; we must begin at the very outset to train our boys to look wide. (d) There is not enough movement in the pack activities. Games must have plenty of struggle in them to appeal. (e) Akela sometimes runs the pack along school-room lines. (f) "Scoutmasters" are found in charge of packs, not "Cubmasters." The successful Scouter is not necessarily a successful Cubber, and vice versa.

Remedies suggested by Mr. Stiles were to "stick to the Wolf Cub Handbook, read it carefully, and follow its advice. Institute ceremonies in connection with badge presentations and similar pack activities. Arrange for interchange of visits between the Scouter and Cubber. Make the most

of the various Cub ceremonies, keeping them simple but effective. Pack and Troop should wear the same scarf, and should occasionally have a joint jollification."

A good scheme is to have a Scout Patrol adopt one of the Pack Sixes as their special charge.

"But please keep your training distinct," he appealed in conclusion.

CHRISTMAS TOY SHOPS—

"The value of the Christmas Toy Shops cannot be over-estimated," said Assistant Provincial Commissioner Frank W. Thompson, who led the discussion of the subject. "It is a true service to others, and affords our Scouts and Cubs a marvelous opportunity for the practice of a national Good Turn."

Perhaps Mr. Thompson's most important suggestion was that in the future Scout Christmas Toy Shops should give their first attention to the children of recently arrived British and other settlers, the remainder of the toys being distributed according to local needs.

Particular attention was given to ways in which toys might be secured: By Scouts personally; church services at which toys were donated; moving picture shows for which the admission was a toy; radio broadcast and newspaper appeals; from the public schools.

The Girl Guides, Toc H and the various clubs were mentioned as organizations which would be found ready to cooperate in the work.

LADIES' AUXILIARIES—

In introducing this subject Scoutmaster D. J. Stephenson of the 62nd Winnipeg Troop offered the proposition that "the Scoutmaster should be left as far as possible to the training of his Scouts. Details such as social activities, entertainments, etc., should be taken care of by others." And here was the role of the Troop Ladies' Auxiliary.

Membership in the auxiliary should be drawn from other existing church organizations, he said; or better still,

should be composed of mothers of Scouts and others similarly interested.

Such auxiliaries should at all times be kept active. He had found that the more they had to do, the better they liked it. They could be of great value in assisting at concerts, and banquets, and in making articles of camp kit and parts of the Scout uniform. They were always effective in raising funds, by the holding of teas, home cooking sales, etc. One auxiliary held a "camp shower" at which the troop trek-cart was loaded up with camp kitchen utensils.

Ladies' auxiliaries also provided a source of instructors and examiners on certain badges.

"But perhaps the auxiliary's greatest value was its effectiveness in keeping the mothers of the boys in close contact with the Scout Troop and the Scoutmaster. Matters of interest concerning his boys often reached the Scoutmaster through members of the auxiliary which otherwise would not have come to him. And for the mothers, it enabled them to get in closer sympathy with their boys and their activities."

"Our Rover Crew is divided into two sections, half helping me with the Scout work and half helping with the Cubs. I am giving the Rovers a series of lectures covering the Akela course, —at the Rovers' request."—W. D. Holt, S.M. 8th Winnipeg.

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They Always Can When Properly Trained

The P. L.'s of a number of Ontario troops successfully directed regular meetings and hikes during the absence of their Scoutmasters and A. S. M.'s at the Ontario conference, which fell on a Friday and Saturday. The ability of boy leaders to carry on under such circumstances is one of the proofs of the effectiveness of the Scout training of which we are seeing more and more evidence as the training of Scoutmasters along Gillwell lines becomes more widespread.



CALGARY Scouts erecting some of the 300 bird-houses made by them for the City Parks Department, for placing in parks and cemeteries in 1928, as part of the Scout scheme to make Calgary a bird-sanctuary. In all nearly 1,000 bird-houses have been made and erected by Scouts in Calgary.—Courtesy Calgary Herald.

THE CAMP CHIEF'S PAGE

INDOOR COURSES

Scoutmaster's Indoor Training Courses:—Unit 1, Running—Oshawa, Ont., including leaders from Bowmanville, Whitby and Brooklin, under Toronto leaders; Nanaimo, B.C., under Provincial Secretary N. Saunders.

Completed—Cadillac, Dundurn, Fielding, Gravelbourg, Hodgeville, Kincaid, North Battleford, Radville, Richard, Saskatoon (4), Shaunavon, Togo, Weyburn, Sask., all under Scoutmaster Linton Tooley; Sherbrooke, Que., under Scoutmaster Wm. Currier; Cobalt, Ont., under Scoutmaster Lemmon; Halifax and Sydney, N.S., under Scoutmaster P. J. Power; Dauphin, Man., under Field Scout E. F. Mills of Winnipeg.

Projected—Cardston, Lethbridge and Medicine Hat, Alta.; Hamilton, Chatham and London, Ont.; Fredericton, N.B.

Unit 4 Completed—St. Catharines, Ont., under Dr. R. H. Atkey, D.S.M. Fort William, Ont., under H. W. Ellard, D.S.M.

Part IIIB Completed—Montreal, under Prov. Secretary E. R. Paterson.

Akela Part II. Running—Edmonton, Alta., under Provincial Secretary W. Solway; Winnipeg, Man., under Cub Commissioner F. W. Thompson.

Completed—Fredericton, N.B., under District C. M. Pugh; Ottawa, Ont., under District Secretary J. Armstrong; Vancouver, B.C., under Prov. Secretary N. Saunders.

Saskatchewan Makes Record in Indoor Training Courses

NOTABLE success has been realized in Saskatchewan with the short session Indoor Training Courses. Since the opening of the first fall course on November 5th last, there has been held to date no less than 23 courses in 20 different places. The total attendance, including lookers-on, has been close to 600, a little over 300 of whom received certificates.

At Fort Qu'Appelle one of the sessions was attended by the school trustees. Regarding the sessions at Gravelbourg the statement was made that the course was "the greatest boost Scouting could have had. Citizens who had not before shown any interest in boy work attended all three nights, and expressed willingness to help."

The Secretary of the Local Association at Fielding, a bank manager, reported: "The last session was undoubtedly the most successful as over 60 adults attended, and we had a practical demonstration of Scouting, games, etc., and it certainly went over great. Young men and old took part and entered into the spirit of the occasion with the utmost enthusiasm. Four patrols of six were lined up, and they went through their paces under the guidance of Mr. Tooley like seasoned Scouts."

The series was concluded with four different courses in Saskatoon, given

at the Normal School, University of Saskatchewan, Emmanuel College and St. Andrew's College.

All of the above courses were given by Scoutmaster Linton Tooley, and the expense in part met by funds made available through Scout registration in the province.

April Birds

See if you can identify the following birds that return in April:—Spotted Sandpiper, Sparrow Hawk, Wood Duck, Phoebe, Red Headed Woodpecker, Flicker, Sapsucker, Cedar Waxwing, Barn Swallow, White Breasted Swallow, Vesper Sparrow, Chipping Sparrow, Purple Martin, Yellow Warbler, Catbird, Brown Thrasher, Wren.

HELP THE FIELD WORK IN YOUR OWN PROVINCE BY DOMINION REGISTRATION



THE sunken-stone fireplace of the Maritime '28 Giltwell Ouls. It was made of two large square-faced stones sunk flush with the ground, 8" apart at one end and 6" at the other, giving a level stone-like surface.

Why Birds Migrate

THE fundamental cause is obviously the waxing and the waning of the food supply. Birds leave the northern land of their birth because there is no other way by which to avoid starvation. The cause of the southward migration in the autumn then is obvious. But why should a bird leave the soft climate and plentiful food supply in the south to brave dangerous travel and finally find itself in a land where retiring winter still lingers and the danger of starvation is imminent?

In the nesting season the bird population is increased many times by the birth of young; and although in winter there may be room for a considerable number of birds in the southern stations, the natural spring increase in population outgrows the supporting power of even a fruitful land. Just at this critical time the whole northern temperate region is by the coming of summer thrown open to occupation with an abundance of food,—and we have the northern migration.

Today these annual movements have become instinctive, and take place before the actual pinch of hunger is felt.

A Word for the Sparrow

AT the time of the introduction of the House Sparrow to Canada the shade trees in many towns were badly infested with a smooth caterpillar known as the "canker worm." These worms had the unpleasant habit of lowering themselves from the trees by a thread and hanging suspended until they were brushed off by passing persons, over whose neck and face they then proceeded to crawl. Our native birds for the most part, had abandoned the towns, so there was nothing to keep the worms in check. Upon the introduction of the Sparrow and their rapid increase the nuisance abated and we see no more canker worms; although their place has been taken by the caterpillar of the Tussock Moth, a hairy beast which few birds will touch.—The Birds of Ontario.

Have the bird houses which were erected last year been cleaned so that they will be occupied this year? When cleaning make notes on what materials were used in building the nest.

Bad Language

WE may divide this into three classes: (1) Slang, (2) Obscenity, (3) Blasphemy.

1. Slang is the use or misuse of ordinary words (generally harmless in themselves) used sometimes as oaths, sometimes merely displaced.

2. Obscenity, it may be said, is an attempt to degrade humanity and in the most unpleasant manner to break down these barriers that good sense and good taste have made sacred to the highest and best in human life and association.

3. Blasphemy is, as we all know, taking the name of the Deity as an oath. "Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain."

Slang is fairly harmless in itself, but it is the first step. It leads downwards. It is discourteous; it breaks law No. 5. Some of it is so obviously a slight variation of obscenity or blasphemy as to be hard to detect the one from the other. Scouts should beware of slang, and respect and preserve the purity of the language in every way.

Obscenity is so beastly that one finds it hard to forgive and hard to understand its use by an intelligent being. We would all be lower than the animals in a week if this type of thought was accepted. It is really a kind and charitable concession to assume that such people as use it have no mind and no thought.

Blasphemy hardly needs any remarks. "I believe in God the Father Almighty." Yet this is a deliberate attempt to belittle and degrade the conception of God, the source of all goodness.

—H.G.R., in

The Arncliffe Scout, N.S.W.

Here's Help in Training Your P.L.'s

THE Reader will send the Scoutmaster notes which will show him the best way to train and use his Patrol Leaders and how to train and use his Court of Honour.

❖ Scouting from Coast to Coast ❖

THE patrols of the 26th London Troop purchased beaverboard for the making of patrol corner screens on which they might fix posters, pictures, etc. The troop meets in a Sunday-school hall.

The 64th Winnipeg (Robertson Memorial) Troop visited a Chinese mission and entertained the inmates with songs and recitations.

A Hike They Talk About

A late winter after-school snow tracking hike of the 1st Hantsport, N.S., is worth telling about. At four o'clock the S. M., Rev. H. T. Gornall, left the Scout Hall and travelled by a devious route over hills and valleys, sometimes on snowshoes and sometimes without them, leaving here and there a series of Scout signs. At 4.30 the Scouts, under their P. L.'s, received written instructions for finding the trail, and proceeded to track the Scoutmaster. At 6 o'clock they found themselves at the home of Captain B. Trefry, where a delicious supper was enjoyed, followed by songs and games.

A charge of 5 cents for a library card, on which 40 books may be borrowed, is made by the library of the 1st Trenton (St. George's) Troop, Ont. The Cubs also are permitted to take out books.

A prize was offered the 2nd Granby Troop, Que., for the design of a ticket for a March maple sugar social, the prize design being used as the sample from which the tickets were printed.

Halifax Scouts Broadcast

At radio station CHNS during a Halifax Herald and Mail children's period, several Scouts from the 1st, 3rd and 9th troops entertained listeners-in with Scout songs and yells. The programme was arranged by D. S. M. Eugene Cote. S. M. Dwyer of the 9th Troop installed his radio set in the Children's Hospital, in order that the little patients might enjoy the programme.

Each section—Cubs, Scouts and Rovers—of the 1st Barrie Troop, Ont., meeting in the basement of the Anglican Parish Hall, were assigned a portion of the room, which they have decorated.

Six members of the 1st Gadsby, Sask., Troop took charge of a Sunday evening service at the local United church, when Rev. J. A. Millar delivered a sermon on the Scout Laws.

Patrol Dens for 3rd Peterboro

Each of the four patrols of the 3rd Peterborough (Vinny) Troop are building patrol dens in their Simcoe Street headquarters. Competition points are to be awarded for the most original and best ideas in corner decorating. A paper collecting campaign was conducted to raise funds to cover the cost of materials.

On a recent Saturday afternoon, two Winnipeg Troops, the 64th and 76th, visited the Winnipeg Tribune building and were shown through the plant.

Members of the 10th Edmonton, Alta., were guests of the 6th when the latter presented a play, "The Country Boy Scouts," in St. Stephen's Church.

Re Scouts Saluting Clergymen

The encouraging of the practice by Scouts of saluting all clergymen was strongly pressed by District Commissioner Fitz-Randolph at a supper gathering of Fredericton, N.B., Scouters. The District Commissioner also urged the wearing of uniform by all Scouts, Cubs and leaders when on any public duty. During the evening Provincial Commissioner Bull presented District Commissioner Fitz-Randolph with the Gillwell beads.

Following the first birthday party of the 18th London Cub Pack, the P. L.'s of the 18th Troop tied things up.

The 5th Saskatoon Cub Pack has its own library of 60 books of interest to boys of Cub age.



A British Columbia Cub camp-fire.

A Truro Big Night

Provincial Commissioner I. W. Vidito was chief speaker at the annual banquet of the three Truro Troops, N.S., which brought together over 100 Scouts and members of the Truro Scout Association at St. John's church hall. The banquet was served by a committee of ladies under the direction of the local secretary, Mrs. Howard Davidson. Following the banquet circle games were played, then a camp fire sing-song.

At the annual meeting of the Welland, Ont., Scout Council His Honour County Judge L. B. C. Livingstone presented two silver cups for camp efficiency to Scouts James Allen and Flavio Botori. The cups were donated by Scoutmaster Arthur Loranger.

The 12th Montreal (St. George's) Troop this year won the Sir Edward Clouston trophy for swimming and life saving.

Nearly Every Delisle Boy a Cub or Scout

The report presented at the second annual meeting of the 1st Delisle Troop, Sask., held in the Town Hall,

with Rev. Bert Howard presiding, showed that practically every boy in the town was either a Wolf Cub or a Scout. Nine boys had qualified for the Second Class Badge. Three were awarded special debating honours. Permission was granted to purchase a set of boxing gloves.

Flag break and the reading of a Psalm by Scoutmaster Dickerson were the preliminaries to an investiture of five boys into the 3rd Chatham Troop, Ont.

The Old Scouts of Kelowna, B. C., recently held their third annual meeting and banquet, when they were addressed by Mr. T. G. Norris. Gordon Meikle was elected President for the year.

Another Montreal P. L. Rally

The Montreal Eastern District Patrol Leaders' Rally held on the afternoon and evening of Saturday, March 9th, brought together 37 P. L.'s. They were divided into six groups, named after Hudson's Bay posts for the lecture and demonstration periods. A feature of the supper programme was the reading of an edition of the "Blow-hard," "written on the spot" by one of the leaders present.

"The games-night held recently was voted a great success, and the Court of Honour has decided to hold one every month."—6th Hamilton.

An essay competition on the Scout Laws aroused considerable interest among the boys of the 2nd Dartmouth Troop, N.S. The papers were judged by a member of the Troop Committee.

Colours of 1st Taber Dedicated and Deposited in Church

For their annual banquet the 1st Taber Troop, Alta., was honoured by the presence of the Lord Bishop of Calgary, Ven. Archdeacon Swanson of Lethbridge and several other clergy, as well as Mayor L. T. Westlake. After evensong at St. Theodore's Church a stand of colours presented by Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Leland was dedicated by the Lord Bishop in an impressive ceremony, in the presence of a large congregation. The colours and standard were deposited in the sanctuary on either side of the altar, where they will remain except when used for ceremonies or parades. During the banquet, gold Swastika badges were presented to Mr. and Mrs. Leland.

Scoutmaster M. Turnbull and the Rovers of St. Luke's Troop of St. Thomas, Ont., assisted in the investiture of the Scouts and leaders of the recently organized 1st Glanworth Troop.

A district test day for Saint John, N.B., Scouts was conducted at the Glen Falls Lodge, on Saturday afternoon and evening, March 16th, for all

those desiring to be examined in any First Class or Proficiency badge test.

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Could be More of this Challenging

At a meeting of the 3rd Fort William Troop, the Panthers and Eagles issued challenges to the rest of the troop for a game of knot ball. The challenge was taken up by the Crows and Owls. The Owls beat the Eagles 3-0, and the Panthers and Crows tied with no score.

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The Royal Life Saving society has invited the Cubs of St. Luke's Pack, Winnipeg, to attend swimming classes at the Cornish baths.

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Mr. Schwengeler, of the Canadian International Films, a visitor at a meeting of the 1st Trenton Troop, Ont., offered to take the boys through the film plant and show them how pictures are produced. A patrol will be taken each Saturday afternoon.

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Encouraging Cub Artists

"A competition to encourage individual Cub talent in drawing, painting, modelling, etc., is in progress, and each week a prize is given to the Cub making the best effort. The colouring of the Union Jack is this week's object, and next, a cardboard model."—5th Saskatoon Pack.

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At the first annual banquet of the Moscow Troop, Ont., a silver cup for patrol competition was presented to the troop by the Bank of Montreal. The principal of the public school, Mr. Francis Short, is the Scoutmaster.

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When the 26th Vancouver (St. Saviour's) Troop entertained their new District Commissioner, Mr. T. E. L. Taylor, and members of the 12th Vancouver (Christ Church) Troop, the programme included competitive patrol games for a five pound jar of candy.

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A Hot Dog Trail from the North Pole

While the boys of the 12th Border Cities (Baptist Temple) Troop were enjoying themselves on the ice at Wilson Park, the S. M. and T. L. were laying a trail of hot dogs in the snow—the hot dogs snugly wrapped in waxed paper. The S. M. then announced that the boys were to imagine the rink was the North Pole, and that in order to get back to civilization they had to find "caches" of food hidden along the trail. The game was "enjoyed by all."

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Two patrol competition trophies in the form of Boy Scout statuettes were donated to the 1st Granby Troop, Que.

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Following a trip of the 2nd Border Cities Troop through the various departments of the Butter Nut Bread Company's plant in Walkerville, the boys were taken to a room to "face" a veritable banquet of hot dogs, doughnuts, cake and coffee. Miss Belleperche, the distribution manager, acted as hostess.

P. L.-Made Programmes were Successful

On the conclusion of the series of Scout meetings planned by each of the seven Patrol Leaders of the 16th Halifax Troop, both the Scouts and the Court of Honour voted that P. L. Lawrence Norris of the Moose Patrol had provided the best meeting. It was agreed that every one of the meetings had been interesting.

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At a meeting of the Troop Committee of the 2nd and 18th London Troops, (Christ church) special committees were named, to arrange for a concert in aid of the summer camp, and to organize a Scout Mother's Club.

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Scouts, Cubs, Guides and Brownies of Brandon, Man., held a rally in the collegiate institute with District Scoutmaster F. E. Adolph in charge. The Cubs contributed a snake dance, Field Scout E. F. Mills addressed the gathering and Mr. Halstead of Winnipeg gave an interesting lantern-slide talk on the Union Jack.

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A. S. M. Jack MacMillan of the 1st Kitchener Troop, leaving to reside in St. Catharines, presented the troop



LADY C.M.'s and A.C.M.'s of the 6th and 9th C. Packs of St. Catharines. They wear a uniform of the shade of green of the Cub jersey, khaki blouses, brown shoes and gloves—a combination which readily distinguishes them from Guide or Scout leaders.

with a first aid kit "to remember him by."

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Maymont Scouts Served Banquet for their Dads

At the Father and Son banquet of the Maymont, Sask., Troop, held in United Church, the setting of the tables, serving and dishwashing was done by the boys. During the evening the lads challenged their dads to a broom-ball contest, which was won by the boys.

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The 6th Sherbrooke (St. Andrew's) Troop was presented by Mrs. William Trussler with a complete set of patrol corner curtains, "which have added much to the interest of the troop meetings."

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Noise Control by Flags

At a Court of Honour meeting of the 7th Chatham Troop it was decided to control noise at meetings by flags,—red, green and yellow. "The red flag allows pandemonium full sway, the green is similar to second gear, and the yellow one means 'all noise ceases.'"

A food sale held at the Granby, Que., Scout Headquarters by the combined Ladies' Aid Societies of St. George's and the Granby United Church netted \$75 for the troop funds. The Scouts assisted by calling for the food and in various other ways.

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Last Patrol Gathers the Wood

Court of Honour plans for a Wednesday night hike of the 1st Moncton (St. George's) included,—"The boys will be given maps and an outline of the route which they will take. The last patrol to arrive at the destination will gather the wood for the council fire."

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In turn patrols of the 4th Sherbrooke, have been holding weekly patrol suppers at headquarters, prior to the regular meeting.

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As a memory game the P. L.'s of the 1st Chatham, were given a message to memorize, then to teach the next boy in line. The second taught the third, etc., and the last boy in the patrol wrote out the message as he had learned it. Patrol competition points for accuracy were given.

S. M. Absent, P. L.'s Carry on

"The Patrol Leaders unexpectedly had to take charge of the meeting owing to the absence of their Scoutmaster and senior leaders. The meeting was carried through without a break."—4th Londoners.

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One of the newest and promising Regina troops is the 18th (2nd Jewish). It has the backing of ten associate members.

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C. M.'s Absent, T. L. and P. L. Take Pack

During a very wet evening meeting night of the 1st Galt Wolf Cubs, some 50 boys turned up at the assembly hall. In the absence of the lady Cubmasters the meeting was successfully conducted by T. L. Arthur Steggles and P. L. Clifford Davidge. Included in the 50 boys present were some 15 newcomers anxious to become Cubs.

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A first aid quiz by P. L.'s in patrol corners made an effective period in a March troop meeting of the 5th Sherbrooke (St. Peter's) Troop, Que.

Pack and Parents at Flag Dedication

The 18th London Pack and their parents assembled in the auditorium of the Church of Christ for a flag dedication service conducted by A. S. M. Rev. B. C. Eckardt. Following the ceremony the Cubs celebrated their first birthday. Short talks were given by District Commissioner Frank Gray and D. C. M. Jack Lawton. Games and refreshment were enjoyed. Announcement was made that one of the pack committeemen promised a complete uniform to the most efficient Cub during 1929.

The 8th Regina "Pile o' Bones" Troop is one of the latest to add a ladies' auxiliary to its organization. "Meetings are to be held on the second Tuesday of each month."

"The patrol corner activities of the troop are showing much improvement. At a recent meeting, the Lion patrol built a substantial patrol shelter of their staves, roofing it with burlap. It looked like a very satisfactory bivvy for a hike."—14th Hamilton.

Souris Troop's 16th Annual Show

The Scouts and Cubs of Souris, Man., staged their 16th annual entertainment in March, offering the three-act Scout comedy, "The Scoutmaster's Son." The scenery was made by the troop. The Souris Troop claims the splendid record of sixteen years of unbroken activity under the leadership of Scoutmaster S. Lightfoot; and a same play was given by the troop seven years ago.

The 1st Tillsonburg Troop, Ont., is constructing a basement and troop room beneath their church.

Toboggan Slide Raises Funds for Miners

After reading of the distressed British miners, seven Rodney, Ont., Scouts made a toboggan slide and charged 10 cents a night or afternoon for the privilege of using it. By this means the boys raised \$4 and sent the amount to the Toronto Globe Miners' Fund.

Banquet and Clock Recognizes 16 Years' Service

A farewell banquet in Marsh Memorial Hall was tendered Scoutmaster John T. Hornsby of the 1st Lindsay, Ont., Troop prior to his departure for Peterborough. As a mark of appreciation of his twelve years' service with the 1st Lindsay, the troop presented Mr. Hornsby with a handsome mantel clock, suitably inscribed. Mayor R. I. Moore made the presentation.

A Combined Scout's Own

Brampton and Lake View Scouts joined the 1st Port Credit Troop, Ont., for the latter's annual Scout's Own, held in the Middle Road Sunday-school. Scoutmaster B. Hayes conducted the service and delivered an address on "The Source of Strength." The rector, Rev. H. Earle, also addressed the gathering, which numbered some 200. The collection was turned over to the Sunday-school.

A committee of ladies as well as a committee of men was organized in connection with the starting of a troop at Aurora, Ont. The members of the men's committee included His Worship, Mayor Thompson.

P. L's of the Prince Rupert, B.C., troops have been formed into a Patrol Leaders' Council.

Crowded Church for 8th Winnipeg Rover Ceremony

An impressive and colorful service which attracted a crowded congregation at St. Patrick's Anglican church, Winnipeg, marked the investiture of the 8th Winnipeg Rovers, organized last fall in connection with the 8th Scout Troop. For the service the Scouts and Cubs lined the side of the chancel, the centre being taken by the Rector and Chaplain, Rev. E. J. Springett, and Scoutmaster W. D. Holt. After a brief exhortation by the Scoutmaster, the chaplain led the candidates in renewing the Scout promise, and invested them as Rovers, while all the Cubs, Scouts, visiting Rovers and officials stood smartly at the salute.



THE 9th Ottawa's improvised stove helps to solve the smoke question at last summer's camp.

An effective ceremony was made by Cubmaster McLean of the unvelling of the charter, attractively framed, of the 11th London Cub Pack. The unvelling was done by Scoutmaster Hallett, following which he spoke for a few minutes on loyalty.

"The Flashlight," published by the 2nd Winnipeg, is one of the most attractive publications that has recently come to the desk of The Scout Leader.

Rex Boyd, a fourteen-year old Scout of the 70th Toronto Troop (Victoria Church), who won last year's junior school oratorical contest, was this year awarded second place in the high school contest for the city of Toronto.

Rover Investiture Vessels for 10th Calgary

A beautiful Investiture Set was presented to the 10th Calgary Troop "as a token of appreciation for what Scouting had done for his own son" by a

member of the Troop Committee. The set includes the brass candle sticks, basin and ewer, napkins embroidered with the Cross of St. George, and St. George's flag. The set was used for the first time at a "presentation" ceremony which very impressively ended the troop's B.P. birthday banquet programme. The evening included a Scout investiture, a "Going-Up" from pack to troop, and a double Cub investiture (of twin brothers) into the pack.

The 1st Niagara Falls Troop, Ont., sends to Scouts absent from troop meeting without notice, a card commenting on their absence and reminding them that their presence, unless for good reason, is essential to the success of the troop.

At a father and son banquet of the 70th Toronto Troop, of Victoria Church, over 100 boys and their dads sat down to dinner served by the mothers. During the evening Executive Commissioner O'Callaghan presented Rev. D. T. L. McKerrill, who was the speaker of the evening, with a Chaplain's Badge.

Junior Leaders' Conferences

Junior leaders' conferences, attended in each case by some 50 T. L's, P. L's and Seconds, were held during March at Acton and New Liskeard, Ont. Assistant Provincial Commissioner F. C. Irwin acted as counsellor of the Acton gathering and Scoutmaster Walter Lemmon of Cobalt, guided that at New Liskeard, following a keynote address by Mayor Sutcliffe. Mr. E. J. Moore of Toronto opened the Acton conference.

An enthusiastic group of Ottawa Scouts have organized a Scout model aeroplane club, with Wing-Commander E. W. Stedman, O.B.E., as Honorary Patron, and Patrol Leader Donald Brown of the 1st Troop as President.

An Annual Parents' Meeting

An annual meeting of the parents of the boys of the 7th Winnipeg Troop and St. James' Pack is a fixed event. At this year's meeting, with a large attendance, reports were presented by the Scoutmaster and Cubmaster and addresses made by Rev. G. W. Findlay and District Commissioner T. J. Miller. A warrant and Akela badge were presented to Miss Baker, and a Going-Up ceremony was held. At the conclusion of the meeting parents elected their committee for the ensuing year.

A complete annual report of the activities of the 1st New Liskeard Troop, Ont., including a financial statement, was published in the New Liskeard **Speaker**. The record of activities, under Scoutmaster Lemmon of Cobalt was of the kind calculated to secure local understanding and support. It noted plans for building a Scout hall, from the material of an old building, given by the Town Council, which the troop had wrecked and carted to a lot presented by Mr. W. A. Taylor.

❖ The Scoutmaster's Five Minutes ❖

How to Attract the Birds

IN one of his poems, Chaucer tells us that the birds choose their mates on February 14, St. Valentine's Day. For this reason St. Valentine is usually regarded as the patron saint of birds. Even though we may not delight in fanciful thought of this kind, we all love the birds and wish to see many of them in our midst. If we will but protect them and provide them with suitable meeting-places, food, and water, they will be our intimate friends. Where birds are sheltered from harm and provided with ample food they are frequent visitors. Both in summer and in winter, birds are ever in search of food and water; where these are plentiful the birds will be plentiful also.

Though many native birds build nests on the ground, most birds nest in trees or shrubs. For this reason trees and shrubbery are essential for making a place attractive to our feathered friends. Such shrubs should be allowed to form thickets, and should be pruned back severely when young so as to provide numerous crotches adapted for nesting-sites. Bird-houses and bird-boxes are sought when no tree cavities are available. Such bird-houses can be purchased ready made from dealers, or any boy skillful with a hammer and saw can easily construct them.

The most common errors in putting out bird-houses are choosing poor locations and supplying too many boxes. A bird-house needs only partial shade; houses on poles are usually occupied. Martins prefer a house standing apart from trees. The wren prefers a small house having a small entrance, and does not fear the close approach of people, though it is much afraid of cats, dogs, and chickens. Entrances to bird-houses should be sheltered by projecting roofs, and should face away from the prevailing wind and rain storms. All bird-houses should be constructed so that the interior may be easily examined and cleaned in the autumn; this is important to permit a season's rubbish to be thrown out before the beginning of the next spring.

As a rule, birds do not like to be crowded; if a place is thickly studded with bird-houses only a few of them will be occupied. Birds not only do not want bird neighbors too near, but are impatient of human meddling. They should therefore be granted as much privacy as possible during the nesting season; there is a tradition to the effect that bird eggs will never be hatched if a human being has breathed upon them; one should never go near the bird young in a nest, as it frightens both the young and their parents. Nests built in shrubbery are likely to come to a bad end if the birds are disturbed frequently. If ground-nesting birds, as bobolinks, meadow-larks, and bob-whites are to be protected, grass in the nesting fields must not be cut during the breeding season.

English sparrows will drive other birds away; the common bluejay is also a tyrant among birds, and will sometimes destroy the eggs and kill the young of other birds nesting in the neighborhood of its home.

Nothing has a more potent attraction for birds than drinking and bathing places. The birds' water supply should be a pool not more than a few inches deep, the bottom sloping gradually upward toward the edge. Both bottom and edge should be rough so as to afford a safe footing. A large pottery saucer is an excellent device, or the pool may be made of concrete or even metal, if the surface is roughened. The bird bath may be elevated, or on the ground, if on an open space where skulking enemies cannot approach too near. A water supply is



EVER take your boys on an Exploration Hike!

appreciated in winter as well as in summer.

Food supply is the vital factor in bird life and the most important single offering that can be made to attract birds. It is important to note that an ample supply of food prior to and during the nesting season tends to increase the number of eggs laid and also the number of broods in a season. Bird food may be supplied in two ways,—by planting trees, shrubs, and herbs which produce seeds or fruits relished by birds, and by exposing food in artificial devices. The most familiar phase of the latter method is winter feeding. During the season when the natural food supply is at its lowest ebb birds respond most readily to our hospitality. Winter feeding has become very popular, and the result has been to bring about

better understanding between birds and human kind. The winter foods commonly used include suet or other fat, pork rinds, bones with shreds of meat, cooked meats, cut-up apples, birdseed, buckwheat, crackers, crumbs, coconut meat, cracked corn, broken dog biscuits or other bread, hemp seed, millet, nut meats of all kinds, especially peanuts, whole or rolled oats, peppers, pop-corn, pumpkin and squash seeds, raw and boiled rice, sunflower seeds, and wheat. The waste product of grain mills known as screenings is a valuable and inexpensive source of food for birds.

Those who desire to have birds about their homes should not feel that their power to attract them is gone when winter is over. Winter feeding easily passes into summer feeding, and experience proves that some birds gladly avail themselves throughout the year of this easy mode of getting a living. However, by cultivating their natural food plants and allowing them to reap the harvest in their own way we may induce them to earn their own living, as it were. Feeding fruit-eating birds is best accomplished by planting selected species of fruit-bearing shrubs and trees. Through late spring and summer there is usually abundance of insect food in addition to fruit enough for all the birds. So far as fruit alone is concerned, autumn is the season of overflowing abundance; in winter the supply gradually decreases, and late winter and early spring are the seasons of actual scarcity. This is the critical time of the year for many birds, and a plentiful supply of wild fruit will tide them over. Fortunately, everywhere in the North America there are some fruits that persist until there is no longer any need of them. If enough are planted, no birds able to live on this class of food should starve. The best of these long-persisting fruits are juniper, bayberry, thorn apples, and related fruits, in addition to holly and snowberry.

Birds devour cultivated fruit principally because the processes of cultivation diminish the wild supply. The presence of wild fruit in a locality always serves to protect domestic varieties, especially when the wild trees or shrubs are of the same kinds as the cultivated ones and ripen earlier. Suitable kinds may be selected for protecting various fruits according to the season of ripening. Among those most useful for the purpose are mulberry, wild blackberries, and wild strawberries, serviceberry, wild cherry, and elderberry.

—Dr. A. H. Palmer,
in *Our Dumb Animals*.

An unknown benefactor in Melbourne, Victoria, has insured his life for one thousand pounds, on behalf of the Boy Scout Movement. This appears to be a very practical way of showing appreciation of the aims of the Movement.

Gallantry and Service Awards to February 28, 1929.

Certificate of Merit

PATROL Leader Donald Perry, age 15, 23rd Saint John (Glen Falls) Troop, N.B., for the valuable services he has rendered Scouting in connection with his troop, and particularly in the building of the log cabin on the Wm. Pugsley Memorial Scout Park, and the improving of the surrounding grounds.

Medal of Merit

Rev. Arthur S. Mitchell, formerly Assistant District Commissioner of Gray County, Markdale, Ont., for devoted and valuable service to the Movement for a period exceeding eleven years. For the past six years Mr. Mitchell has done outstanding work in his capacities as Quartermaster, Instructor and Chaplain at the Ontario Ebor Park Gillwell Camp. Mr. Mitchell recently left Ontario to assume a parish in Northern Quebec.

Gift Cross

Scout Alan Davis, age 13, Prince George, B.C., for rescuing Opal Ramsland, age 10, who while playing on a raft on the Fraser River, overturned it and fell into 12 feet of water. The little girl was fully clothed and unable to swim. On shore in his bathing suit, Scout Davis heard the girl scream and at once dived in and swam some 25 feet to where she had disappeared. Coming to the surface, Scout Davis seized her and swam with her to shore.

Scout Frederick Waterman, age 13, 1st Princeton Troop, B.C., for his quick action in preventing Scoutmaster J. F. Willway from falling fifty feet into a rocky gulch. Scoutmaster Willway, who has only one arm, was hiking along the top of the gulch with some of his Scouts, when some shale rock gave way and he began slipping toward the brink. Scout Waterman at once plunged ahead of his Scoutmaster and caught him, and prevented him going over the edge, onto the rocks below.

Scout Lionel Young, age 14, Acme, Alta., for rescuing George Wheeler, age 13, who got beyond his depth while playing in a creek. Another boy who saw Wheeler's predicament, called to Scout Young, who, although unable to swim, immediately went to the rescue, and waded out until he was able to catch hold of Wheeler, and after a struggle succeeded in getting him ashore.

Silver Cross

P.L. Charles L. Olsson, age 14, Espanola, Ont., and Scout Stanley F. Ramsay, age 14, Espanola, Ont., for jointly rescuing Eva Squire, age 12, from drowning in some 15 feet of water in Clear Lake. The two Scouts while dressing after their swim heard shouts that a girl was drowning. Together they ran down to shore, dived in and swam 50 yards across the lake to where the girl has gone down. Scout Ramsay dived, caught the girl by the hair and brought her to the surface, P.L. Olsson seized her round the waist, and between them they succeeded in gaining the shore some 25 feet distant, where P.L. Olsson rendered first aid.

Scout James C. Bell, age 14, Espanola, Ont., for rescuing Roy Thibedeau, age 8, when he fell from a raft

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into some 10 feet of water while playing in the Spanish River about 30 feet from shore. Scout Bell was not in swimming with his companions, due to an accident a few days previous in which a wound in his knee had to be stitched, and was sitting on shore watching the others, when he noticed Roy fall from the raft. Without hesitation Scout Bell dived in, fully clothed, and although greatly handicapped with his stiff knee, succeeded in reaching the boy, and brought him to shore.

P.L. Charles Bonamie, age 17, 1st Wallaceburg Troop, Ont., for rescuing Wilfred Barlow, age 17, who was seized with cramps while swimming in the Sydenham River. P.L. Bonamie, who was resting on shore, heard Barlow call for help and at once dived in and swam under Barlow. Barlow seized him, and they both sank. After a struggle, Bonamie was able to break the hold and get behind Barlow, and so swim with him to shore, where he lifted him up onto the dock.

Scout Fred Lott, age 14, 1st Whitechurch Troop, Wingham, Ont., for rescuing Chester Coulter, age 11, who had slipped into deep water while playing in the Maitland River. Scout Lott was in the water when he saw Coulter go down, and although a poor swimmer at once started out to his assistance but was compelled to return to shore to get his breath. In the meantime Coulter came to the surface, and by "dog-paddling" was able to keep his head above water for a few moments, but again sank. Scout Lott immediately returned to Coulter, grasped him from behind, and swam, pushing him ahead to shallow water and safety.

The Word of a Gentleman

GENERAL Sir William Napier, the distinguished English soldier of the last century, was one day walking along a country road when he met a little girl crying as if her heart would break. She was returning from taking her father's dinner to the field where he was working, when she fell and broke a bowl. She was afraid of being beaten at home and, timorously she lifted the broken bowl up to Sir William saying, "Can you mend it, sir?" The General explained that he could not mend it, but took out his purse to give her sixpence so she could buy another. He discovered he had no change, but told the girl that if she would be there at the same hour on the following day he would meet her and give her the sixpence, and, greatly relieved, she went home.

On returning home Napier found an invitation to a dinner the next day at Bath, where he could meet some persons he had long wished to see. For a little while he hesitated between keeping his appointment with the little peasant girl and attending the important social function at Bath. Then he made the decision so characteristic of him. "I could never forgive myself," he said, "if I were to disappoint that child. She trusted me so implicitly. I will meet her; perhaps I can go Bath another time." He would not break his word to a child.

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

THE DUFFELL BAG

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

Inter-Empire Rover Affiliation

A special ceremony at the evening service of St. Matthew's Church, Winnipeg, March 3rd, marked an exchange of neckerchiefs and shoulder insignia by which Winnipeg "D" Rovers became the "Canadian Section" of the Rover Crew of a Birmingham troop. At approximately the same time a ceremony in Birmingham created the "British Section" of the Winnipeg "D" Rovers. Some months ago a similar arrangement was consummated between the 4th Winnipeg Rovers and the 8th Forest Hill Rovers, of London. By these exchanges both names appear on the shoulder, and the neckerchiefs are worn on special occasions.

Artistic Pottery for Wolf Cubs

MATERIALS.—A few small tins of various tints of enamel. A few old paint brushes. A small bottle of turpentine. Any old saucers, honey pots, attractive-looking tins, jars, etc.

METHOD.—First well wash the article to be painted, using soda and water to remove grease. Then proceed to paint. The simplest effects are obtained by taking a brushful of colour, well thinned with turpentine, and letting it run down the jar; then with another brushful, intermingle some other tint before the first is dry. When finished, the jar may be baked in the oven for a short time to harden the enamel. If an opalescent effect is desired the jar can afterwards be varnished with a matt-varnish or copal varnish.

—The Scouter.

"Towards Utopia"

IN connection with the celebration of the 21st Birthday of the Boy Scout Movement, the Scouts of Lewis-Ham recently held a pageant at the Great Hall of Goldsmiths' College, New Cross. This pageant entitled "Towards Utopia" opened with a scene at Olympia, in Greece, where young men and boys from all the Greek Cities were gathered together to take part in the Olympic Games. The Scouts entered into this scene with zest, the games including throwing the discus, jumping and wrestling—the main theme portrayed being the origin of the spirit of sportsmanship, and the playing of games for no material prize beyond a single crown of olives.

The next scene depicted the Growth of Chivalry, and was followed by several scenes in which one saw Robin Hood with his merry men dancing gaily round the maypole, a display of diving and tumbling by the nimble foresters, etc.

The second part of the pageant dealt with the birth of the Boy Scout Movement, and opened with a scene at Mafeking during the siege. The conduct of the boy messengers trained by the then Colonel Baden-Powell showed him that games, chivalry and woodcraft should all form part of a boy's

equipment, and it was this thought that suggested to Sir Robert Baden-Powell the idea of extending that form of training.

Another scene formed rather a contrast to the former scenes—being an English Scout Troop headquarters. Yet the contrast was not very great, for at the troop meeting the activities of the Scouts are echoes of their Grecian forebears' customs. The Greek sportsmanship, the mediaeval chivalry and woodcraft—the Scout Investiture Ceremony, and the Law and Promise are all derived from the codes of an earlier age.

The last scene is at the lair of a Wolf Cub Pack, and a typical Cub programme is gone through.

The pageant ends with the Epilogue, which is a vision of the future, and of the part the Boy Scout Movement will play in the world's journey "Towards Utopia."

Scout Dates

April

- 1st—Easter Monday.
- 7th—Low Sunday.
- 9th—Vimy Ridge, 1917.
- 17th—2nd Battle Ypres, 1915.
- 21st—Sunday services in commemoration of St. George, Patron Saint of Scouts; Troops reaffirm Scout Promise.
- 23rd—St. George's Day.
- 25th—Jewish Passover.

During April

- Hold early spring observation hikes.
- Begin talking summer camp and camp funds in earnest.
- Participate in local spring "clean-ups."

May

- 1st—May Day.
- 5th—Rogation Sunday.
- 9th—Ascension Day.
- 12th—Mother's Day.

Experience Repeats Itself

"WE note that the leader of the Boy Scouts' Bugle Band is getting discouraged through lack of interest and enthusiasm on the part of the members. Considerable practice is necessary in order to make a bugle band worth listening to."

—Granby Leader-Mail, Que.

If a Scout Smokes

DID you ever wonder what a Scout-master should say to or do with a Scout he finds smoking? The Reader of the Correspondence Course will tell you. He can help you with various other problems as well.

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THE BEST CHANCE OF
SECURING A POSITION

A Skating-rink Headquarters

THROUGH the courtesy of the Bearmore Company, the 1st Acton Troop, Ont., has had placed at its disposal as a headquarters the club rooms formerly operated by the company in connection with an open-air skating rink. The building is in good repair, has two large rooms, one with a fireplace, and two smaller rooms. There is also a large covered veranda and a small kitchen fully equipped with stove, dishes, etc. In recognition of the company's generosity the troop has adopted the name "Acton Bulldog Troop"—the "bulldog" being the company's trade mark.

Two Saturday Games

CITIZENS of Winnipeg, disporting themselves in the balmy Saturday afternoon sun, were surprised, and naturally so, to see groups of Boy Scouts, armed with a long sheet of paper and pencil, jotting down notes and anxiously scanning buildings and landmarks. The boys were following up the "Know Your City" slogan in an unusual way. Executives of the Centre East Boy Scout District had organized a hunt, using as a touch of novelty a long sheet of paper on which were printed such questions as "Locate a tall chimney with a five-letter name painted on it," "Two streets of a saintly city," and "Boarding house for law-breakers."

The boys met at the C.N.R. station and followed up these trails with varying degrees of success. They trudged over streets, cross streets, down blind alleys and back again. Sometimes they got off the track. All had an idea where they were to finish up—the Hudson's Bay Company's store at 5 o'clock—but they were working for a prize, and neatness and accuracy counted. Muddy, dishevelled, in most cases, they finally landed up at the Hudson's Bay store, there to repair to the fourth floor, where they were treated to a hearty meal by the company.

Another Plan

The West Scout District had another problem—the finding of a man in a grey overcoat and wearing a moustache. Upon locating such a person they were to say, "Have you seen a Scout around here?" If the gentleman replied, "Do your duty," they had the man. If not, all they had to say was "Thank you," and resume their search.

To make a long story short, they wandered and wandered. Many a surprised citizen was amused when five boys, (they traveled in fives) spotted the necessary grey overcoat and moustache and asked their inevitable question. The search came to an end when a group from the 17th (St. Matthew's) Troop found a grey-coated man near Greenway school who returned the mystic words, "Do your duty." They gleefully led their prize to the rendezvous at the Hudson's Bay Company's store.