



The Chief Scout's Outlook

1929

1929 has been a wonderful year for us—the most portentous in the history of our Movement.

It is true that for months we had been looking forward to the Jamboree, but when it came it transcended anything we had expected; it rushed things to a culmination; it brought together the men of the Movement and all their different strings into a coherent nodus, so that we now know one another and we know where, as a Movement, we stand.

But, with all its stir and importance, the Jamboree in no way interfered with the steady normal progress of the Scouts, whether at home or overseas.



Although they had the opportunity of meeting brother Scouts from other lands at the Jamboree, this fact did not deter some seven thousand Scouts from making their pilgrimages across the Channel to see their friends on the Continent. And many thousands, in addition to those at Arrowe Park, went into camp about the United Kingdom in their usual way.

Training courses for Scouters were carried out with all their usual zest and success.

But all, whether they were at Birkenhead or not, could not fail to feel the stimulus which the Jamboree has given, and we can go forward into the New Year with increased power behind our effort.

Many of us are apt, at the end of the year, to review the past twelve months, and to make good resolutions for the coming year, which generally lapse into the limbo of forgotten things as the weeks slide by. All the same, I think the principle is a good one, and I would commend it to Scouters to look back over their attempts and their achievements of the past year and honestly to note their failures or their shortcomings, and lay their plans for avoiding these in the coming season.

Good Turns

A friend writing from America asks me if it is true that the Scouts have given up the practice of the daily good turn? I can only reply that I hope, indeed, that this is not so. The Good Turn is the mainspring of our system for inculcating goodwill and sense of service into the boy. If we let that drop out of the programme our training would lose half its value.

But I don't myself see any sign of it happening. On the contrary, the

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FROM a lakeside glade in northern Quebec—the 1st Shawinigan Falls.

ON the shore of a British Columbia lake—the 1st Rutland Park.

reports which came to me last year, from outsiders as well as from Scouters, describing the good turns done at Christmas, were almost overwhelming, and I sincerely hope that in the coming Christmas they will be quite overwhelming. I look forward to hearing a lot about them.

Interchange of Greetings

I look forward also to hearing that a big interchange of correspondence will have grown up as a result of the Jamboree. Christmas, with its sea-

sonable greetings, offers a special opportunity for beginning this.

One way, among many others, is for Scouts of a town to get in touch with those of similarly named places overseas. Take, as an instance, Richmond. We have two in England. I myself have visited eight in different parts of the world; but in looking up the name in my Times Atlas, I find there are about forty about the world; a dozen Chelsea's too; and half a dozen Kensington's. Possibly this idea has not occurred to some troops, and it is too late to pass their greetings this year; but St. George's Day

is coming on in April. Let them be Prepared for that, and send their fraternal message in good time. It may seem to some a small and insignificant step—but it is a step, and, to my hoping, possibly a great step.

Scottish Developments

Last month I paid a visit to Edinburgh for three particularly interesting functions.

One was to open a Scout Fair, of which the object was partly to educate the public and partly to raise funds for the Local Association.

It was quite the biggest thing of its kind that I have seen, and was very thoroughly organized by friends of the Movement who knew their business. The show of handcraft by the Scouts must have been an eye-opener to many of the visitors, and the attraction of

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YOU can almost hear this one from the battlements of Stirling Castle—the 15th Coatbridge Gartcosh Pack, perhaps saying goodbye to Cubmaster Barrowman, now in Canada.



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Good Turns for 1930

THE Chief Scout's discussion of the Good Turn in his "Outlook," on another page—the quoted inquiry as to whether Scouts "have given up the practise"—and the Chief's re-emphasis of the Good Turn as the main-spring of our system for inculcating goodwill and the habit of service, suggests this as a fitting first thought for the new Scouting year upon which we have entered.

The widespread interest shown in the Toy Shop work, and many other Christmas service activities, suggests that the Good Turn is not being forgotten at this season of the year. The Camp Questionnaire inquiry regarding forms of Good Turn public service discovered by troops during the camping season seems to answer the query satisfactorily for the summer. The many forms of Scout public service reflected in newspaper clippings throughout the rest of the year seem to indicate that the Good Turn is by no means overlooked in Canada by Scout troops in general.

Let us, nevertheless, check up on the matter. Are we still referring to the Good Turn as frequently as we may—the individual Good Turn in particular? Have some of our older leaders assumed the lesson to be learned, and taken its habitual performance for granted? Are the patrols doing "patrol Good Turns"?

To encourage the individual Good Turn perhaps the best practise is quietly to enquire of each boy from time to time whether he is remembering it each day,—“And just what did you find to do today?” Some good Scoutmasters drop a general reminder at the close of each meeting,—“And don't forget your Good Turn, boys.”

Some Scoutmasters have used a small box, placed near the troop room door, into which the Scouts as they enter drop a brief written report of the week's Good Turns, occasional reference being made to these, without divulging names.

Finally, and most important of all, is our own example. As with all other good-Scouting principles, the consistency or inconsistency of preaching and practice will sooner or later be noted by the boys. So let us make sure that we are not overlooking the first working principle of the Good Turn in each troop—the S.M.'s example!

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Scout Voices Across the Seas

AN exchange of the season's greetings between a Scout in London and a Scout in Ottawa was an interesting incident of January 3rd. The English Scout conveyed the good wishes of Lord Baden-Powell, and the Canadian Scout—P. L. and King's Scout Vincent Alexander of the 23rd Ottawa Troop—returned the affectionate good wishes of Canadian Scouts. In addition the two boys exchanged remarks regarding the weather, and the Canadian told of the skiing, skating and other winter sports being enjoyed in Canada. The overseas conversation was carried out in connection with the School Boys' Exhibition in London, and was arranged by cable from the Overseas Commissioner. The English Scout spoke at 4 p.m., and was heard by the Ottawa Scout at 11 a.m.

B. P.'s Message to the Ontario Rover Moot

THE following message from the Chief Scout, Lord Baden-Powell of Gilwell, was read to the delegates of the recent First Ontario Rover Moot, held in St. Thomas:—

“I hear there is to be a Rover Moot in Ontario this year, and I write to express the hope that it will be a very great success.

“A gathering of this sort is especi-



SHERBROOKE Scouts out snow-tracking.

ally important at this time, so that Rover Scouts may in the first place congratulate themselves on the reputation which the Rover Scouts at Arrow Park gathered for this branch of the Movement, and (this is much more important) that they should consider how best they can consolidate the ground which has been won, and transmute any passive elements that may be present into active Rover-like efforts. Service is your object, and effort, continued and unrelenting, must be your servant to enable you to attain your object. You are fairly entitled to take a very high view of your destiny as a band of men sworn to help the world in its struggle for happier conditions on a higher plane of citizenship.

“I wish you every success.

“Baden Powell, Chief Scout.”

A suitable acknowledgment was sent by cable, and a more elaborate one is to follow—accompanied by a “Golden Arrow,” the head of which is a beautiful Indian flint found by a member of the St. Thomas Rover Crew among some Indian remains in that part of Ontario.



The annual Ontario Scout Leaders Conference will be held in St. Catharines, February 14 and 15.

Scouts provided the guard of honour when His Excellency attended the Horse Show of the Royal Winter Fair at Toronto.

Saint John, N.B., Scouts are again on duty to protect children on the city's ten coasting streets during the winter.

District Commissioner A. S. Buesnel of Chatham, Ont., has been appointed an Assistant District Commissioner for Toronto.

The corner stone of the new Victoria, B.C., Scout Headquarters was laid by Lt.-Gov. the Hon. R. R. Bruce. The building was made possible through the cooperation of the Kiwanis Club of Victoria.

A Braille Magazine for blind Scouts, “The Venture,” is to be published quarterly, commencing January 15th. The subscription rate is 1/6d (post free). Orders should be sent direct to the Secretary-General, National Institute for the Blind, 224 Great Portland Street, London, W. 1.

In appreciation of the services rendered by Border Cities Scouts at the dedication ceremony of the new Ambassador Bridge, connecting Windsor and Detroit, the Bridge Company presented the Scouts with a bronze miniature of the tablet which was unveiled.

An essay competition on the Jamboree, for Scouts of the province who attended the great world gathering, has been inaugurated in Quebec. Three prizes are being offered, respectively by Provincial President Wm. C. Finley; the Provincial Commissioner, Major J. A. Ewing, K.C., and the District Commissioner for Montreal, Mr. T. H. Wardleworth.

The Silver Wolf was conferred upon Mr. Frank Arnoldi, Chairman of the Ontario Board of Honour, and for fifteen years a member of the Provincial Executive. The presentation was made by His Excellency the Governor-General in his private car at the Union Station, Toronto, during his visit to the Royal Winter Fair. The incident was pictured in a four column cut in the *Toronto Telegram*.

A fine gymnasium for the Scouts of the 1st and 2nd St. Andrews Troop, N.B., (recently organized from the old 1st) is being built as a memorial to Lady Van Horne. It is 75 by 45 feet in size, and when completed will have cost some \$6,000. It is located on the grounds near the model Scout Hall of these fortunate troops. The 2nd St. Andrews is being run by older Scouts who took the Winter Course last year.

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the stalls certainly proved a purse-opener, for the three days' fair brought in a return of over £4,000. So there's an example of what can be done by a well-managed show.

Then I had the privilege of opening the new Scottish Scouts' Headquarters in Edinburgh. The Committee have acquired a noble house in the best centre, where they will be in a position to do their work with far greater effect. Undoubtedly a good building adds a moral value to the Movement by giving a good impression to strangers, and I have no doubt that the extension of the Movement in Scotland will be the more readily achieved now that the staff have adequate quarters in which to work.

An insight into one of their recently adopted side lines constituted my third enjoyable function. It was a visit to the new prison, in which there is a Scout Troop of Borstal boys. The Governor of the prison is himself a

Scout Groups throughout the country, and I have had many a happy report of their meetings.

To take one instance—and this is only one typical of many which I have received—the Scoutmaster writes:

"I hardly think the Assembly Rooms, where we held the Reunion, which have been the scene of many civic and dignified functions can ever before have experienced such whole-hearted enthusiasm The evening was a tremendous success, enjoyed thoroughly by everyone of the 281 who took part in it. This included the founder of the Troop in 1908, who left for Canada in 1911, and whose whereabouts were quite unknown. However, as he was supposed to be in England, the Agony Column of the *Morning Post* was resorted to and proved successful, and he arrived from Sussex for the occasion, much to the joy of the one or two old members who were youngsters in the early days. Another old hand arrived at seven o'clock and had to leave again at 8.30

Our 1929 Job for Santa

OUR big national Christmas job was once more carried through in splendid style and spirit, with resulting happiness to many thousands of homes which otherwise Santa Claus could not have visited. The number of children provided for was well in excess of 50,000. The gifts were furnished by a coast-to-coast chain of 107 Scout Toy Repair Shops, a new high mark. The only decrease was in the names of settlers' children given us, 3,500, as against 5,000 last year.

Steps Forward

Each year we are learning more about the Toy Shop work, and improving the "technique." A number both of the larger and smaller '29 shops reported improvements that made for smoother and more efficient operation. The work will never be easy—so worth while a job could not be; but improved planning and shop organization, including the greater use of our increasing number of Rovers, can prevent it being burdensome for any small group of leaders.

The 1929 Toy Shop Chain

The 1929 Toy Shop Chain follows:—
Nova Scotia—Sydney, New Glasgow, Truro, Halifax, Digby. New Brunswick—Moncton, Fredericton, Belle Isle Creek, Saint John. Quebec—Arvida, Bury, Lennoxville, Sherbrooke, Grande Ligne, St. Johns, Chambly, Montreal, Lachute, Brownsburg. Ontario—Mille Roches, Ottawa, Brockville, Braeside, Perth, Kingston, Portsmouth, Pembroke, Moscow, Trenton, Frankford, Campbellford, Oshawa, Thornton's Corners, Vandon, Barrie, Toronto, Long Branch, Beamsville, Oakville, Brampton, Hamilton, Dundas, St. Catharines, Stamford, Queenston, Welland, Tillsonburg, Aylmer, Chatham, Glanworth, Windsor, Harrow, Wallaceburg, Amherstburg, Sarnia, London, Brantford, Paris, Ingersoll, Galt, Guelph, Baden, Preston, Fergus, Mount Forest, Markdale, Kincardine, Owen Sound, Cobalt, Sault Ste Marie, Fort William—Port Arthur, Manitoba—Winnipeg, Brandon, Minto. Saskatchewan—Foam Lake, Balcarres, Fort Qu'Appelle, Radville, Regina, Melfort, Craven, Moose Jaw, Prince Albert, Mortlach, Dundurn, Saskatoon, Kincaid, Swift Current, Harris, Kerrobert, Kindersley. Alberta—Lethbridge, Calgary, Red Deer, Edmonton. British Columbia—Nelson, Vernon, Kelowna, Kamloops, Williams Lake, Prince George, New Westminster, Vancouver, Victoria, Duncan, South Cowichan, Quamichan, Prince Rupert.

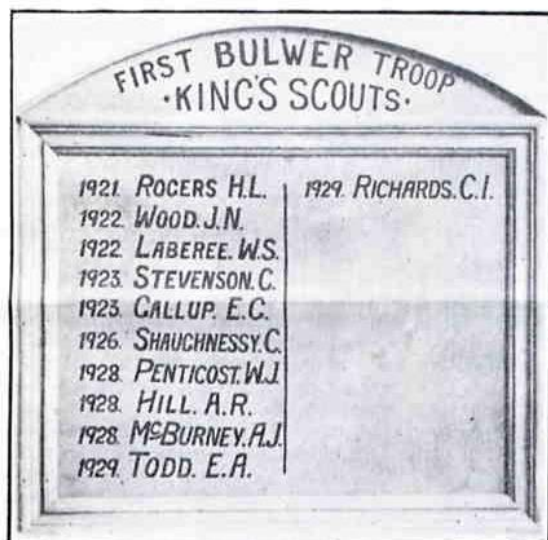
Toronto, counted as one "Shop," covered the work done for settlers by these Toronto troops:—15th, 22nd, 41st, 42nd, 81st, 92nd, 102nd and 113th. Doubtless other troop toy Shops were not reported.

The 9th Halifax Cubs, the 4th Border Cities and the 4th Regina took care of a number of settlers' children independently, in addition to their district work.

Guides at Simcoe and Almonte, Ont., and Port Clements, B.C., took care of one settler's family each.

Contribution of the Ontario Lonies

An interesting and substantial addition to the 1930 Toy Shops was that



BIRCH panel wall-board hanging in the Headquarters of the 1st Bulwer Troop, Que.

Scouter, and thus the experiment has the very best chance of success. He allows outsiders to come in and run the Troop, and there is thus a trained Scoutmaster, who is assisted by Rovers from the University acting as Patrol Leaders. And right well they do it.

Sitting in the Gymnasium and watching these cheery lads, all in Scout kit, doing their various games and activities and finally singing their songs round the camp fire, (and singing them exceptionally well), it was impossible to believe that they were criminals undergoing detention.

Apparently the practice of Scouting had changed them from sullen gaol birds into brightened human beings, with hope and ambition before them.

It was a most heartening experience and I look with a great hope to far-reaching results from this experiment.

Yes, I enjoyed my visit to the Edinburgh Scouts—not the less because I got, as my fee, a couple of days' fishing on the Tweed, which brought me two fine salmon.

Troop Reunions

The past few months have seen many "coming-of-age" Reunions of

to get back for his work, but he got five minutes' chat with his old Scoutmaster, and that, with meeting his old brother Scouts, made his effort well worth while."

It is from gatherings such as these that we may look for results beyond the mere transient joy of one evening well spent. Provided that the leaders utilize aright the opportunity of reviving an interest in Scouting among those who had lost it, we may hope for the return to our brotherhood of a tangible number of old Scouts to become instructors or Scoutmasters.

Such reinforcements are of infinite value at this moment, when we want to expand and spread our influence.

Nor is it necessary to wait for the coming-of-age of a Troop. The attainment of its tenth anniversary should be quite reason enough for starting a Reunion and repeating it at intervals.

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made by the various patrols and individual Scouts of the Ontario Lone Scout Troop. The Bear Patrol had the honour of closing up the last remaining gap in the cross-Canada chain by operating the Toy Shop at Sault Ste. Marie, turning out some 75 gifts for local distribution. The Portsmouth Bulldogs did the same kind of good work locally. In addition, the following patrols asked for and received the names of settlers' children, to whom they might play Santa Claus:—Vandorf Buffaloes, 8; Baden Eagles, 12; Beamsville Foxes, 10. Individual Lone Scouts at Lombardy, Forest, Woodstock, and Maple took care of from 1 to 7 children.

The Guides

As in previous years, our good friends the Girl Guides and their energetic leaders rendered valuable service, notably in the larger shops, including Saint John, N.B., Ottawa, Winnipeg, Calgary, and Vancouver. Some of these auxiliary Doll Departments are providing the Scout Shops an example in efficient organization.

The Public Schools

An increase was recorded in the number of places reporting public schools as co-operating by inviting school children to bring toys to the class rooms, where they were taken over in bulk by the Scouts. This form of bulk toy collection, when made several weeks before Christmas, is particularly helpful in the case of the eastern shops who send gifts to western children.

Theatre "Toy Showers"

Moving picture theatre Toy Shower Matinees (usually held on a Saturday morning) were reported held by the Capital Theatre, Calgary, the Capitol Theatre, Lethbridge, the Victoria Theatre, Saskatoon, the Capitol Theatre, St. Catharines, and the Regent Theatre, Ottawa. In each case a truckload or more of toys resulted.

The Newspapers

Our thanks are again due to the many newspapers throughout the country which gave the Toy Shops generous publicity support. In a number of instances prominent papers again associated themselves directly with the work, and met some of the expense involved. A new example of the wholeheartedness of this backing was provided by that old and staunch friend of the Scout Toy Shops, the *Calgary Herald*, when empty store accommodation supposedly secured for the local shop was twice rented to others. The *Herald* stepped in, rented a vacant building for a month and placed this at the disposal of the Scouts. Other widely known papers co-operating in a similar spirit included the *Vancouver Province*, the *Regina Leader-Post*, the *Saskatoon Star Phoenix*, the *Winnipeg Tribune*, the *Cobalt Northern News*, the *London Free Press*, and the *Halifax Mail*.

The 47th Winnipeg St. Alban's Troop held an open night at Rathgar Hall. Under Scoutmaster R. Holt, "old boys" turned out in full force. Programme items included presentation of badges and demonstrations of artificial respiration and first aid.

Toy Shop Echoes

A gratifying feature of the Toy Shop reports was the satisfaction expressed in the work, and the frequent indication, notwithstanding the time and effort involved, that the job will be repeated next Christmas.

Rovers conducted the shops at Halifax, Montreal, Hamilton, Cobalt and Calgary, and played an important part in the operation of numerous other shops. The direction of toy shop work looks like one of the coming Rover jobs.

The Rover-managed Montreal Shop had the unpleasant experience of two compulsory moves from premises rented over their heads, and finally wound up at District Headquarters. One result of the upset and delay was inability to send out parcels to settlers' families. The shop nevertheless was a fine success, and provided several thousand toys to various charitable organizations and institutions of the city.

Cubs participated with their usual enthusiasm, where permitted to do so. In many cases they contributed substantial quantities of toys. In one case a pack, in addition to helping the local shop, asked and took care of one settler's family in the west.

A number of the smaller community troops offer a fine year-to-year example of toy work up to their ability. One of these, that at Belleisle Creek, N.B., provided gifts for nine settlers' children, and raised funds necessary by putting on a special concert. Balcarres, Sask., asked for and took care of 30, in addition to 30 local children.

The prospects for next Christmas include the promised co-operation of the leading Prince Edward Island daily, *The Charlottetown Guardian*. The *Guardian* has for some years been operating a Christmas "Santa-Pal" club and next Christmas it is planned to associate this with a Scout Toy Shop.

Foam Lake Scouts, Sask., held a masquerade party to raise funds for their Shop.

Indicating that they had grasped the idea, the newly organized 1st Aylmer Troop, Ont., as their first activity started a repair shop, and provided toys for all the children of poor families in the community.

One of the outstandingly successful shops was that at Kingston, Ont., directed by Scoutmaster Keith Caverley, and operated with Rovers, a Court of Honour and one outside helper. In addition to local distribution, application was made for the names of 50 settlers' families, or 200 children. When the demand received at Ottawa for settlers' names had outrun the supply, the Kingston Shop was asked if they would turn back 20 names. The names came, with the statement, "We could have handled all these, and more, without any trouble, but are

willing to give someone else a chance to help a little." All shop and mailing expenses were more than covered by the "Scout Work Day" receipts—jobs advertised for and secured by the Scouts at 25 cents per hour.

The toys brought to the schools by school children of London, Ont., through the co-operation of Inspector Wheable, were collected by trucks supplied by the *London Free Press*. The London Toy Shop was operated in association with the Free Press Santa Claus Fund.

Their Santa Claus Letter Box in the local post office again put the Truro Toy Shop in touch with a number of families whose need would not otherwise have been known.

The Saskatoon Toy Shop through its Scout column in the *Star-Phoenix* not only asked for toys, but asked for the names of children to whom toys should be sent. Names also were received from clergymen and school principals.

Another of the outstanding shops was that at St. Johns, Que. Shortly after receiving the first requested list of 50 settlers' children, a letter was received announcing these taken care of and requesting 150 more. All of the children were located in the west.

Halifax displayed the same fine spirit by calling for 400 names; and when a smaller number was sent (in view of the fact that the majority were in the far west), wrote again, requesting their full quota. In addition to this, and local distribution, parcels were sent to a number of poor families along the coast—a field of giving developed the previous Christmas. The shop was operated jointly with the Goodfellows' Club of the *Halifax Mail*.

Similar was the spirit shown by the Saskatoon shop, which volunteered to take "as many as you like"; the Prince Rupert Scouts, who offered to look after "any new settlers in this district," and the 1st Tillsonburg Troop, Ont., which telegraphed raising its requested number from 20 to 35.

Hamilton found it necessary to operate two repair shops—an uptown headquarters on Main Street, and a East End shop in the basement of Calvin United Church. This was another of the Rover directed shops, and in addition to a large local distribution, took care of 100 settlers' children.

Sherbrooke repeated its good work of previous years, looking after 323 local children and 100 little New Canadians, in addition to providing boxes of toys for the local hospitals. Donations covered the cost of mailing and all shop expenses. An accounting of donations and expenditures was published in the *Sherbrooke Record*, with

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❖ Scouting from Coast to Coast ❖

THE latest record for the six Tenderfoot knots: 27 seconds, by Scout Gilman, Beaver Patrol, of the 1st Ste. Anne's, Que.

The 4th Winnipeg Troop have been renovating their headquarters on Major Drive, St. Vital. The inside was trimmed with tamarack poles, to give a log cabin effect.

An Active Ladies' Auxiliary

At a meeting of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the 1st Port Credit Troop, Ont., business discussed included the sending of a basket of good cheer to the Social Service Centre, the donating of Morse flags to the troop, and an invitation to appoint a representative on the local Social Service Committee.

A scouty job found by St. Paul's Troop, Victoria, B.C., was the cutting out of the trail up Mount Newton, which was badly obstructed by fallen trees.

Through the courtesy of the Dominion Motor Car Co. and A. Flavell, the troop room of the 2nd Offerton, Sask., now has lockers for each member of the troop.

Medicine Hat's Jamboree Programme

A very successful Jamboree put on by the three Medicine Hat, Alta., Troops at the local armouries attracted a large and interested audience. The varied programme included a tumbling act, a comedy, a one-act portrayal of the Fourth Scout Law, a fire rescue followed by first aid work, a snake dance, pyramid building, cock-fighting, and a camp fire singsong. One of the musical numbers was the singing of "Canada, My Home," by five Jamboree contingent Scouts. The entertainment was sponsored by President J. E. Davies and other members of the District Executive.

As a means of interesting other mothers, the Galt Scout Mothers' Club called upon every member to bring a new Scout mother to the January meeting.

Pictures of accidents were used effectively by Scoutmaster Wankling of the 1st Brandon during a talk on observation. After a brief study of the pictures the boys were asked to describe what had occurred.

1st Duncan's Patrol System Bean Feed

The annual bean supper of the Duncan Troop, B.C., was an all-Scout affair. The Eagles set the tables and cut the cake, the Lions made coffee and served the supper, the Beavers cooked the beans and washed up, and P. L. Prevost and Second Baker acted as chief cooks. At the conclusion of the supper everyone turned to in the Toy Repair Shop.

"At a Court of Honour held after the meeting P.L. Don Lowry of the Cougars recommended Stuart Patterson as his Second and the recommendation was accepted. A committee was

appointed to take care of the banquet which we are going to make even better than last year's event."—27th Border Cities.

A challenge shield for patrol competition has been donated to the 1st Pincher Creek Troop, Alta., by the British Empire Service League.

A Halifax "Jamboree" Evening

A novel perpetuation of the Jamboree idea was demonstrated in a combined meeting of four Halifax troops under District Commissioner H. M. Bradford—the 4th, 9th, 16th and 18th. The four troops were broken up "immediately upon arrival," and reorganized for the evening into the "Willingdons," "Byngs," "Devonshires" and "Connaughts," after the four Canadian Jamboree contingent troops. The programme of contests and games concluded with a lively council fire.



A NEWLY welcomed group of young New Canadians, and Scoutmaster the Rev. La Touche Thompson, who for many years has met Old Country Scout immigrants arriving at Quebec.

The affair was so successful that it is planned to repeat it.

The Christmas card sent out by the leaders of the 1st Ontario Lone Scout Troop—S.M. Captain John Furlinger and A.S.M. Harry C. Morgan—bore a list of eleven Lone Patrols and 58 unattached Lone Scouts, with a total membership of 125.

A feature of a recent meeting of the 4th Winnipeg Troop was the hanging of an Honour Roll. To this will be attached the names of those Scouts graduating from the troop with First Class or King Scout standing.

Trenton Scouts Decorate Town Streets

Trenton, Ont., Scouts were asked to help decorate the town for Christmas by ornamenting lamp posts "from the C.N.R. station to the bridge" with evergreens. Mayor Fraser kindly allowed the Scouts to obtain the evergreen boughs from his field south of

Hanna Park. The boys were also requested by their Scoutmaster to bring toys and clothing as their portion of "good cheer" for needy Veterans' families.

It was announced at the annual meeting of the 10th Calgary Troop that the debt on the troop hall had been paid off. The hall, with its land, is valued at \$3,000.

A Moose Jaw Scout-Guide Show

A highly successful Guide-Scout entertainment was put on by the 5th Company and 1st Troop of Moose Jaw, with a lantern slide lecture on the Jamboree by Scoutmaster Chff. Abrahams of Regina as a feature number. The Guides contributed a sword dance, with bagpipe accompaniment, and folk songs and choruses, accompanied by the 1st Troop orchestra.

Rovers of the 4th Winnipeg are taking charge of the Scout troop meetings by turn, for practical experience in troop handling.

An Impromptu First Aid Play

An impromptu play competition of the Fairfield Troop, Victoria, B.C., in which patrols were to demonstrate the correct treatment for a broken collarbone and forearm, was won by the Crows. "Their plot, with the setting of gold rush days in a Yukon saloon, proved interesting and humorous, and provided ample opportunity for the injuries to occur, and also for the R.N.W.M.P. to perform first aid, make a few arrests, and live happily ever after."

9th London Court of Honour decided that the troop send a Christmas basket of groceries to one of the needy families of the parish.

The Parents' Club of the 10th Edmonton Troop and Pack plans to raise funds for the purchase of one of the small school houses in Norwood as a permanent troop home.

Cub Six "Equipment Chests"

"The feature of the evening was the issue to each Six of an equipment chest, enamelled in the pack colours, black and red, and decorated on the front and lid with the Sixes' distinctive colour triangles. These chests contain all the articles necessary for the training of the lads, and will undoubtedly make for greater efficiency."—Soongy-Tay-Ay Pack, Winnipeg.

The Swift Current, Sask., Rotary Club, was entertained at a weekly luncheon by six members of the 2nd Swift Current Troop, who gave a demonstration of Tenderfoot work and an investiture ceremony.

The 16th Halifax Rovers are studying Esperanto, under an expert in that international language. As Scouting service the crew is supplying Acting C.M. and A.C.M. for the Cub Pack, and instructors for the troop.

Every 8th Saskatoon Lynx a Fireman

A prize of \$5 was presented the Lynx Patrol of the 8th Saskatoon Troop by Troop Association Secretary Oliver, for highest standing in the summer camp competition. During the evening badges were awarded, including a badge for the patrol flag of the Lynx Patrol, to mark the fact that every member of the patrol had passed his Fireman's test.

As a Christmas gift S.M. Draycott of the 1st Fort William, Ont., presented each of his five patrols with new rope. Result, new interest in knotting.

Damp winter weather did not prevent ten members of the 3rd Sherbrooke who hiked to the Drummond Farm from passing fire-lighting and cooking tests. Following dinner they visited the one day's camp of the 6th Troop. Lean-to shelters and campfires kept the boys dry and warm.

2nd Reginas Assemble in Ten Minutes and Find Lost Child

Within ten minutes of notification, the entire 45 Scouts of the 2nd Regina (Lakeview) Troop were out looking for a lost four-year old child who had strayed from home, in sub-zero weather. The boys were successful. The promptness of the troop mobilization was due in considerable part to the co-operation of Principal C.P. Geake of the Lakeview School. The leader of the troop is Scoutmaster Abrahams, one of the Canadian Jamboree Contingent leaders.

"All parents and many others" attended a demonstration meeting of the 2nd Edmonton Pack. The programme included various types of Cub games, Cub first aid, signalling and singing, and an explanatory address by Cubmaster White.

A lantern slide talk on the Jamboree by P.L. Simons, and Scouts Burridge and Davie were programme items of a well attended concert at St. Matthew's Parish Hall, Quebec.

26th Londoners Entertain Orphans

As a special Christmas good turn the 26th Londoners entertained the 40 children of the Protestant Orphan's Home at their troop headquarters in All Saints' Church. A Christmas tree and gifts were supplied, and a camp fire programme which included various games, blindfold boxing, sketches and singing. The troop Mothers' Council provided the refreshments.

St. Paul's Troop, Victoria, B.C., has started a troop library and has made an appeal to the public for old books. The books are called for upon telephone request.

Upon the completion of their troop den the 10th Saskatoon decided to give the first choice of patrol corners to the patrol winning the current three months' competition.

A Winnipeg Pack Parents' Night

The annual Parents' Night and prize giving programme of St. Alban's Pack, Winnipeg, included:—Grand Howl;

opening; Six corners; initiation of three Tenderpads; display of Cub games and jungle dances. A knotting race and a dressing race caused much amusement, then followed a demonstration of first aid, and presentation by Assistant Provincial Commissioner Frank Thompson of the Patterson Cup to the month's winner of the Six competition.

A one minute talk by P.L.'s on one of the Scout Laws was an item of a recent 3rd Fort William troop meeting; another, the reading by the Scoutmaster of extracts from the "World Jamboree."

One of the most recently organized farthest-north troops is the 1st Pad-dockwood, Sask. The troop, under S. M. Parrott, meets on Saturday afternoons at the Mission House.

An Indian Lecture Always Interests

A lantern slide lecture by Rev. C. B. Price on "Hunting Ideas of the Indians," provided a memorable evening for a combined gathering of the 12th, 18th, 28th and 31st (St. Phillip's) Van-



THESE—an Ugly Duckling and a "gent with Calgary legs"—turned up at a campfire of the 1st Ogema, Sask.

couver Troops. The slides were made from snapshots taken when the lecturer was a missionary among the Muskeki Crees of northern Manitoba.

The Ladies' Committee of the 13th (Young Judaea's) Saint John Troop, N.B., served the annual banquet to some 60 Scouts and friends in Y.M.H.A. Hall.

At the conclusion of a very successful Patrol Leaders' Training Course at London, Ont., it was decided to organize a District Patrol Leaders' Council. Officers for the ensuing year were elected.

A T.L. and P.L. Planned Meeting

The programme for next week's meeting was worked out by Troop Leader Leslie Wilder and Patrol Leader Deszo Johancsik and as is follows:—Relay race in knot tying, three knots to be tied, sheepshank, sheet bend and reef knot. Demonstration of first aid by Dr. Scott. Baseball game in the Scout laws. First four circles in signalling. A camp fire, yarns and songs. Scoutmaster's five minutes.—1st Wakaw Troop, Sask.

At a meeting of the "A" section of the 3rd Fort William Troop, nine boys were examined on their Second Class first aid by two Rover Scouts.

Fifteen Vancouver P. L.'s attended the annual Pacific Northwest Patrol Leaders' Conference, at Aberdeen, Wash.

Making Something of a Mothers' Council Anniversary

A special occasion was made of the first anniversary meeting of the 15th London Troop Scouts' and Mothers' Council, held at the Church of the Redeemer. Scoutmaster Lawton presided, assisted by Scoutmaster Lowe of the 26th Troop. Presentation of an embroidered purse was made to Mrs. Reginald Johnson, the retiring president and organizer of the Council. Refreshments were served by the incoming president, Mrs. Wm. Douglas.

At the annual meeting of the Lethbridge District Council the service clubs of the city were invited to assign a representative to attend the council meetings throughout the year.

The 118th (Trinity) Montreal Troop helped for the fourth year at the bazaar of the church Women's Association, by doing messages in and out of the church, checking, and even putting on a side show.

Ribbons and Cheers for the Pack Totem

At a meeting of the Soongy-Tay-Ay Pack, Winnipeg, D.C.M. Ratcliff of Brandon and T.L. Jordan of the 17th "A" Winnipeg paid a surprise visit. Some 79 Cubs were present. The visiting D.C.M. conducted the inspection and awarded points, then led in the Kaa dance. This was followed by blindfold boxing, singing and a pow-wow. Tenderpad Don McPhail was presented with a copy of "Letters to a Wolf Cub" as a reward for industry during the month. Cheers were given the Pack Totem as a yellow ribbon was attached, recording the winning of the Weaver's Badge by Sixer Macfarlane.

The Wolf Patrol of the 2nd Offerton Troop, Sask., have started weekly patrol meetings.

Good progress is being made with the Whistle Band of the Galt, Ont., Scouts.

Halifax Sea Rovers Meet Aboard Ship—Indoors

The "Victory," a "30-foot boat" painted on the floor, with two steel building pillars utilized as masts, and fully rigged with spars and sails, provides the home of the Nelson Sea Rovers of Halifax. The ship has a real wheel house, wheel, and ship's bell, also landing stage. Watches are kept, a all instruction is given "aboard ship." Major J. Slayter, an old yachtsman, is the Rover Leader. Of the six members of the crew one is acting as C.M. of the group Cub Pack, one as A.C.M., and one as T. L. and one as A.S.M. of the Scout Troop.

The Beaver Patrol of the 1st Yukon Troop at Carmacks have acquired a site and are busy clearing it for their headquarters' building. At present the boys meet in the church rectory.

At an early December meeting of the 3rd Fort William Troop the boys were given a talk on "cold weather first aid."

Making Patrol Corners Equipment

Among the surprises in new equipment brought for the patrol boxes was a small chest neatly decorated with fret-work which Bert Morrison contributed to the Hawk Patrol. Practically all of the patrols have a large patrol box, a table, numerous framed pictures, banners and charts. The S.M. is now awarding special points to patrols for the making of camp gadgets and rustic furniture. Additions such as these to the patrol equipment will give the corners the appearance of real dens.—1st Saskatoon.

When Catholic Boy Scouts of Tilbury, Ont., were guests of their sponsors the Knights of Columbus at K. of C. Hall each boy was called upon for a short speech.

Fairfield Troop and Pack, Victoria, B.C., held a very successful "Pirate Bunfeed"—the boys coming dressed as pirates or other sea characters. The singing following the supper featured sea chanteys.

18th Halifax Cubs were presented with a Totem Pole by Rover M. MacKenzie of Victoria, B.C.

Roverings Good Start in Truro, N.S.

Truro, N.S., has four 8-man Rover patrols, all former Scouts,—the "Jack Cornwells," "Kitcheners," "Byngs" and "Admiral Beattys." The patrols are ready at all times to furnish instructors in test or badge work, demonstrate games, and otherwise help their respective troops. An attractive heated den was provided by President G. M. Kent of the Local Association. The Rovers had charge of the Truro Toy Shop.

An impressive dedication service consecrated the colours of the 58th Winnipeg Troop at St. Cuthbert's Church. Rev. R. E. Park delivered an appropriate sermon. During the service the troop's own hymn, "Rise Up, O Scouts of God," was sung for the first time in public. The Scout Promise was renewed.

The mothers' auxiliary provided the father and son banquet which marked the 19th anniversary of the 2nd Border Cities Troop held in All Saints' Parish Hall. During the evening Assistant District Commissioner Nichols presented a wrist watch to Scout B. Armstrong, as the "scoutingest Scout" of the year.

At a Going-up of the 1st Brandon

The Cubmaster (1st Brandon, Man.) after addressing the boys and taking their promise to "Keep on serving," led the boys out of the parade circle

and handed them over to the Scoutmaster who welcomed them into the troop. In his address the Scoutmaster told the newcomers that their meetings were opened with the breaking of the Union Jack, and as it had always stood for fair play that was why they had taken for their troop motto, "Fair play to all members in work or play."

The 4th Halifax T.L. took one of the troop committeemen on a winter hike to the troop's camp site, "to look things over and see that everything was in order."

Exchanging Scouts Over the Week-end

An invitation received by the 1st Wakaw Troop, Sask., from Scoutmaster Marshall of the 1st Birch Hills Troop to "exchange three or four Scouts over a week-end" aroused the keenest interest. The boys were selected through a contest.

A play, written, directed and acted by the 52nd Toronto Troop was staged in Balmy Beach School, the proceeds of the silver collection being applied to the supplying of Christmas baskets for the needy.



CAMP luck for the 1st Cariboo, of B.C.—a string of fish from Lake Quesset, and an old trapper and prospector to offer hints on cooking the same.

Troop Committee members were present at a meeting of the 1st Loughheed, Alta., Troop when four boys were presented with their Scout Badge. A treat of apples and candy was supplied and a demonstration of signalling, contests and games concluded the evening.

15th Londoners Dedicate Flags and a Memorial Plaque

The troop and pack flags of the 15th London and a plaque donated to the troop in memory of Scout Gordon Douglas, were dedicated at a special thanksgiving and memorial service at the Church of the Redeemer. The sermon was preached by the Rev. Mr. Townsend, chaplain, and chairman of the 15th Troop Committee. The church was filled to the doors.

Cubs and the Parents' Committee of the 4th Brandon Pack, Man., repeated their annual joint Christmas good turn of decorating the church Sunday-school room.

Eight Victoria, B.C., Packs—Fairfield, Collegiate, Oaklands, 3rd Victoria, St. Barnabas', St. Paul's, St. Mary's South and St. Mary's North—sent their annual good turn remembrance to brother Cubs of a pack in the poor district of London.

Saskatoon Rovers Entertain

As the social period of a weekly meeting the Mohawk Rover Patrol of the 8th Saskatoon entertained a gathering of Rovers and Girl Guides with an original dramatic sketch, "The Mystery of the Acid Drop." The sketch, of three acts, was woven around the character of a half demented doctor who was making various experiments, using human beings as his subjects.

A "pantry sale" held at the W.H. Steven's drug store by the Ladies' Auxiliary of the 2nd Dartmouth Troop realized a substantial amount for the troop funds.

Eighteen Winnipeg Scouts attended the annual winter life saving classes conducted for Scouts by the Royal Life Saving Society.

Visit a Dairy and Write an Essay

"Directly after business had been cleared up, the patrols scout-paced down different streets to the Purity Dairies. Here we were cordially met by Mr. Gignac, the manager, who showed us through the plant, gave a talk on pasteurization, and when our tour ended treated us to a chocolate drink. Mr. Gignac offered the Scouts prizes for the best three essays on their visit.—2nd Border Cities.

The 4th Halifax Troop's cabin at Miller's Lake "is getting along in fine style, and two or three more week-ends of good weather will see the hut finished."

Distinguished Guests at Banquet of 14th Winnipeg

150 persons sat down to the third annual banquet of the 14th Winnipeg Troop and Robertson Memorial Cubs, served by Girl Guides and members of the C.G.I.T. The speakers included Hon. R. A. Hoey, Minister of Education, Hon. W. J. Major, Attorney-General, and Mr. Justice Kilgour. A considerable list of prizes included those awarded members of the Scouts' and Cubs' Own Bible Class.

A Parents' Night Topic

"The Support That Parents Can Give the Scout Troop" was the subject of an address by District Commissioner A. J. Hanchard at a Parents' Night of the 10th Saskatoon, and Mr. Linton Tooley, Field Scout, spoke on the greatness of the Scout brotherhood and what it means to the boy as individuals.

"Sid Black gave a short talk on how to rescue a person fallen through the ice, and demonstrated by means of three boys the correct procedure to follow in such an emergency."—1st Fort William.

The annual Halifax Cub rally was held at the School for the Blind, under Captain E. G. Fraser, District Commissioner for Cubs. The different packs demonstrated games, the Cub laws, and sang. Scouts contributed several numbers, including a demonstration of rope spinning.

Winnipeg Kiltie Troop Has 8 Pipers

The 23rd Winnipeg Kiltie Troop has a pipe band consisting of eight pipers, two side drums and one bass. Indicating that the troop is not afraid of cold weather, a **Winnipeg Tribune** item recorded a Saturday hike with a programme of cooking, tracking and other Scouting. It also noted the troop Court of Honour passing on the application of four new members.

News From The Yukon

The 1st Yukon Troop has been extremely busy during the past few months. They found it necessary to find new headquarters and are now located in a log cabin, which has plenty of space for their activities. Although the water is very cold all the year around at Whitehorse, two of the troop members were successful in passing their swimming test for the first-class badge. The 1st Atlin Troop, under Scoutmaster R. Manwaring, paid a visit to the "Yukoners" during the summer and spent ten days in camp with them. Tom Watson, Yukon's Jamboree delegate, is busily engaged teaching the other members of his troop stunts which he learned overseas, also he assists Cubmaster Mundy with the Whitehorse Pack, which is making very good progress.

113th Torontos Show "Scouts at Work"

At an Open Night of the 113th Torontos parents and friends were shown Scouts "at work." Besides the usual programme there were bridge building and signalling demonstrations. The meeting closed with a campfire programme which included pyramid building, lariat spinning and a sketch, "The Light That Failed."

A totem pole was presented to St. Barnabas Pack, Victoria, by District Commissioner Ravenhill on behalf of Akela Phipps, the pole being received by Sixer Christopher Smith on behalf of the Pack.

Members of the 6th Sherbrooke (St. Andrew's) Troop have been receiving instruction in photography by Mr. R. Semple, who has offered prizes for the best picture of a moving horse and sleigh and for the three best pictures taken, developed and printed by any of the boys.

Some 350 Scouts and Cubs attended a voluntary combined church parade in West Toronto.

"One proficiency badge per month is the goal set by the 11th Saskatoon Troop."

Some 90 selected Toronto Scouts assisted in various ways at the Toronto Royal Winter Fair. They were in charge of Scoutmaster H. B. Tindall.

North Okanagan P.L.'s Meet

The Second Annual P.L.'s conference of the North Okanagan, B.C., held in Kelowna, was attended by delegates from Vernon, Salmon Arm, Penticton, Oyaama, Rutland and Benvoulin. The conference was opened by Major Su-

therland and Dr. Wright, president of the Kelowna Association. Next year's conference will be held at Vernon.

At the annual meeting of the Sydney, N.S. Boy Scouts Association District Commissioner W. C. Carter stated that their objective was 1,000 members in Sydney and the district in 1930. At present there are some 800 members.

The 4th Sherbrooke Troop recently opened their regular weekly meeting with a troop supper served at 6.15 with three full patrols in attendance.

Two More Scout Halls for Calgary

Two more Calgary troops are planning the erection of Scout halls, similar to that put up by the 10th Troop some three years ago. The 8th and 18th hope to have their halls ready within a year. Parents of the boys have organized to make possible the buildings.

The 40th Torontos held their first Christmas entertainment in the Sunday-school hall of Wychwood Presbyterian Church, and distributed gifts to 100 needy children of the district, who had been invited to attend with their parents.

Don't fail to study these COAST TO COAST items for good ideas, or reminders of "good old ideas." Mark those that appeal to you and read them to your Court of Honour.

Toronto Eastern District is holding a Fireman's Proficiency Badge course, under Honorary Field Commissioner L. J. Bishop.

"Our 'Good Turn' basket holds lots of wonderful things that we do, and brings the Cubmaster many smiles."—7th Saskatoon Pack.

Another Patrol System Feed

A special evening of the 2nd Kirkland Lake, Ont., was topped off with a bean feed "cooked by the Owls, served by the Lynx, cleared by the Crows, the washed up by the Foxes."

Fifteen minutes was allowed each patrol of the 6th Sherbrooke (St. Andrew's) to improve their corners.

The 16th Halifax were hosts to all other troops in the southern part of the city for an enjoyable evening of games.

The Soongy-Tay-Ay Pack and Troop of Winnipeg, Man., held a joint meeting when four Cubs "went up" into the troop as Scouts of the 33rd Winnipeg. Each Cub was presented with a Gilcraft book on Scouting as a memento of the occasion.

For a model monkey-bridge competition by the 1st Burnaby Troop, B.C., many excellent models were exhibited. First prize went to Second V. North.

Cubs of the 10th Border Cities meet at each others homes every Wednesday evening for badge work.

Vancouver's Active Chinese Troop

At each meeting of the 32nd Vancouver (Chinese) Troop a short speech is made by some member of a patrol. Some of the subjects covered include: The Benefits of Basketball; My Scouting Activities During the Holidays; A Description of Camp Byng. Four members of the troop participated in the broadcast programme of "The Four Continental Porters in China," over station CNRV.

Prior to their work in patrol corners, Scout Jim Allard of the 2nd Edmonton gave the boys a short talk on the P.L.'s work with the patrol.

The Court of Honour of the 1st Saskatoon has decreed that for the present no more boys will be admitted into the troop, the limit of 30 members having been reached.

The sum of \$28 was donated at the December Annual Parents' Night of the 52nd Torontos toward the troop's fund for providing Christmas baskets for poor families of the Beach district. The evening's programme included an original play by A.S.M. Aggett, "Visitors in Camp."

One of Oldest Sask. Troops Started by an English "Lonie"

In connection with the operation of a Toy Shop by the Kerrobert and Kindersley Scouts, is it interesting to note as told in the Scout column of the **Saskatoon Star-Phoenix**, that the Kerrobert Troop, one of the oldest and most consistently active in the district, was organized with the help many years ago of a member of a Lone Patrol of Scouts in North London, England. This Lone Patrol, the Hound Patrol, adopted orange as the patrol colour. In perpetuation of this, orange is the troop colour of the 1st Kerrobert.

Each entry in a painting book competition of the Soongy-tay-ay Pack, Winnipeg, was awarded a pocket knife. As a special prize for industry and effort during the month a copy of Seaton's "Rolf in the Woods" was awarded.

Several Scouts of the 3rd New Glasgow, (Westminster) N.S. Troop passed fire lighting and cooking tests notwithstanding melting snow, during a December Saturday hike. A game of snow-tracking hare and hounds carried the troop over snow-banked roads through which a trail had not previously been broken.

1st Dundurns Decorate H.Q. in School

The 1st Dundurn Troop, Sask., now meets in a spare room of the local school. The boys have decorated it with flags, Scout pictures, a knot board, the Scout law, etc. "The four benches we made for the troop room are doing good service, since the Scouts, Guides, Brownies, and Cubs all hold their meetings there."

Totem Poles

HAVE you a Totem Pole? If so, to what use is it put in your Pack life? Quite a number of packs do not possess one, and quite a number of Cubbers regard the Totem Pole as a toy. It is a great shame, because a world of romance, and simple ceremony, can be woven round the totem, however little it may have cost. Of all the toys I had as a child, a sixpenny goliwog was my favourite. It ranked before steam engines and a rocking-horse covered with real skin.

It was in the year 1791 that the Indian word "Totem" was given to the world in a book of travel and adventure, written by an Englishman named Long. He lived among the Indians for many years, and was a noted interpreter. Broadly speaking, the word means the coat of arms, or crest of the family using it. This totem assumes the shape of some beast or bird, and the family never kill, or eat, or use the skin of the beast or bird of their totem. It was also found to signify something more than a tribal emblem; it was among other things, a family signal, as well as a symbol of nationality. Totemism, or traces of it, are to be found in many lands, including Australia, Bengal, Siberia, Polynesia, South and West of Africa, and throughout the tribes of America, except the Incas, and the Eskimo. The meaning is more clear among the Indian tribes of North America than elsewhere. With them each totem marks a clan, or family division. The hunting tribes, for instance, take the wolf, the bear, the fox, the beaver, others take the whale, the eagle, etc. What governs the choice of a totem it is impossible to say. The beast or bird used as the totem head is looked upon as a mascot to protect and watch over each member of the family carrying its device. Among many of the tribes in the East and North-East every youth was required to secure a personal totem, or dream animal. This totem was the personal protector of its "holder," and was supposed to forewarn him of danger and extricate him from difficulty. The dream animal totem differed from the clan totem. The latter came to a man by birthright, but the dream animal came after a fast and lonely vigil far from human habitation. It was a personal thing, and the secret of how to invoke its aid was known only to the individual.

A native totem is generally a tall cedar post or pole, set before the owner's dwelling, and rudely carved with the faces of men and beasts, and various devices and symbolisms. The figure at the top of the pole is the totem. The other heads and devices are ancestors, and the records of great deeds performed by them. The colours used are red, blue and black. Totems are expensive luxuries, as they cost the Indian from \$100 to \$1,000. The device of the totem is carried out on nearly every article the family uses, and some of the Indians take their own dishes and spoons to feasts. These are handed down from generation to generation, like the china of one's grandmother.

In Cubbing we have adopted the totem. The Wolf Head is our family crest, and the symbol of Cubbing all the world over. We wear the device on our uniforms—the Indian had his tattooed on his breast—and in our button-holes when not in uniform. The salute we pass is the family signal between us all. To us the Totem Pole should mean more than the Pack Flag (I do not mean the Union Jack) and Cubs should always treat it with great care and respect, and add to it a record of every event in the history of the pack that should not pass away and be forgotten. In one pack I know the Duty Sixer always gives the Cub sign before he touches the totem.

A head can be made in fretwork, carved from a piece of choice wood, or even a stuffed head can be used if it can be obtained, and jolly Cubby it looks. The pole can be natural ash, or anything that pleases you. Here are a few suggestions for the use of totems in Pack life:

Why not allow every Cub to drive a brass-headed nail into the pole on the day of his enrolment?

Besides attaching badge ribbons, why not tack on small medallions of ivory (such as gardeners use to mark their plants) telling of camps, of victories in the sports field, or in Cubby competitions, etc.?

If you are a rich pack, small metal name shields can be bought at the large cycle stores for 8d. each, and engraved.

Why not have the Totem in the Grand Howl circle?

It is used for the 2nd Star Investiture; why not use it in every ceremony, even standing it in a stand behind Akela when a yarn is being told? The Duty Sixer would love the job of looking after the totem. Why not encourage each Sixer to make his own Totem, say 4 feet high, and decorate it as he wishes with the aid of his Six? These small Totems could stand in the Six Dens.

Do not make frail Totems. They are a nuisance. Try and be original, and design your own Pack Totem, using bright paint to decorate it. If you already have one of the fretwork pattern sold by Headquarters, why not paint it up? It will look far more exciting. Make your Totem to the Pack what the Troop Log is to the Scouts. Of course, it is nice to have a Pack Log as well. More people may want to read it, when they have studied you Totem. I hope I have made it clear that Totem Poles were not invented for Wolf Cubs, but that their origin is lost in the mists of time.

—H. P. M. in the Scouter.

"The Paris Wolves have set such a good example that a local troop is to be formed quite soon, and we shall unfortunately lose this very active patrol from our troop. But we are proud to think that the 1st Paris Troop will be the first to be formed as a direct result of Lone Scout activities, and we shall watch 'our baby' with the greatest of interest."—Ontario Lone Scout Trails.

Scout Flags: Their Significance

THERE has recently been some discussion in the Old Country regarding the propriety of consecrating or dedicating Scout flags. While writing on the subject of flags in general, in *The Scouter*, Lord Hampton makes special reference to flag ceremonies, as follows:—

I am told that flags cannot, or should not, be consecrated, but can (if desired) be dedicated. The question is therefore whether or no dedication in the case of Scout flags is desirable. By "flags" I mean all colours which may be presented to, or otherwise acquired by, Scout groups.

In the first place we want to ask ourselves what is the significance of the piece of bunting or silk which Scouts like to carry on parade or display in their headquarters. Is it merely for show, a form of decoration, a way of saying, "Here we come; see what a smart lot we are"; or has it the significance which has always been attached to colours and like emblems, be they brand new or battle-scarred and torn, since the earliest days of their history?

In regard to Scout colours it has been urged recently that we are aping the military idea, especially in the matter of dedication. There can be no doubt that in some instances this may be true.

There is no reason why a troop should not own a flag, though personally I am in favour of the boys being expected to earn the right to carry it. I know of one troop whose members badly wanted a flag because other troops they met had one. Their Scoutmaster told them that a flag had been offered by a kind supporter, but that he had refused it until the day he could report that, out of his twenty-four bright boys 50 per cent. were Second Class, and that the troop had earned four First Class badges. It took those boys four years to win their flag, but I am certain that they appreciated it the more for the waiting and winning.

Where undoubtedly some troops fail is in the fact that the significance of the flag is not understood. Also there is the difficulty of lack of continuity in the history of so many troops. On the other hand, experience convinces me that it is possible, through years of thought and labour, to build up tradition in a troop, to erect a barrier between those things which "are done" and those things which emphatically "are not." In a word, to make something of what we call the "Scout Spirit"—perhaps not all, but something of it—live as a permanency in the troop life. And I believe that while not necessary, a flag can help here. Just as in the past it has formed a rallying-point in battle, and in war or peace has stood as a symbol of all that is best in regimental life, so it can be made to mean for our boys a symbol of all that is best in the corporate life of the troop; its honour, its determination, its triumphing over difficulties; and above all the true meaning of "Good Scouting"; and this without thought of aping others.

But these facts must be understood and explained. The significance of the little piece of coloured bunting must be taught to every new recruit, the flag must be retained and treated as something very precious. Whether dedicated or not—and a simple ceremony of dedication will probably help the understanding—it must be given a place of honour in headquarters and camp, and its future, whatever the future of the troop itself, must be provided for.

I have sometimes had the privilege of presenting flags to troops at the request of the donors. I have known cases where the after history of such has shown a lamentable lack of understanding, both of the meaning of the flag itself and of the ceremony of dedication. Obviously it is wrong that a flag should be dedicated unless its future as an object of care and honour can be assured.

There is a world of romance and fascinating story surrounding the history of flags, not all of it of the blood-and-thunder, death-or-glory type. We can, if we are blessed with imagination and some knowledge of the subject, weave some of this romance into our own bits of bunting. If the flag takes the form of the Union Flag, it is more probable that its significance will be understood, taught and safeguarded. If it is the familiar yellow Scout Badge on the green ground, we must remember that it stands for the whole realm of Scouting beyond our own little group. If again, as suggested by General Godfrey-Faussett, we incorporate in its design devices having county or local significance, the romance of county or local history becomes part of the pattern.

All this rather indicates the fact that the Troop Flag is not an object of much material value. It might be rash to take it to camp if it is to be surrounded with much ceremony. Here, I would suggest, is where General Godfrey-Faussett's excellent suggestion of a Troop Burgee comes in. It can be flown from the flagstaff or Scoutmaster's tent in camp, it can even be the ultimate objective in a Scouting game, without material damage or loss of dignity.

Whatever the outward form of the Troop Flag may be, let us try to understand—and make our boys understand all that it should mean to them from the time of its first presentation.

Also writing on the subject, in the March *Scouter*, Scoutmaster L. J. Phillips of the 19th Folkestone offers these practical suggestions for the depositing of Scout colours:—

1. Many churches have "Children's Corners," where religious pictures hang, chiefly dealing with our Lord, either as a boy, or in his dealings with children. Here the Troop and Pack Colours could be suitably arranged. Scouts and Cubs doubtless are among the children who use such "Corners."

2. Certain churches have space, and desire for, a "Scout Corner," where there may be an altar, and pictures such as "The Pathfinder" and the "Vigil." Here the colours can be well arranged and fixed in brackets.

This is the case at the Parish Church, Folkestone.

3. As St. George is the Patron Saint of Scouts, some churches have, or could have possibly, a picture or plaque of the Saint. Around this the colours could be arranged, with good effect. Our colours are kept in this way.

A Stunt for the Entertainment

THIS item is put down in the programme as a short concert by "The Imperial Viennese Orchestra," or any other orchestra.

When the curtain goes up some eight or nine of the Troop are discovered sitting round the stage, each armed with a musical instrument of some sort. The musical instruments need not be real, because nobody will hear them play, and therefore much ingenuity may be used in the manufacture of marvellous bassoons and ultra-French French horns. The drummer can be supplied with a variety of instruments; a towel horse strung with pieces of wood, bottles and fire-tongs, gives a good effect. There will be a piano, and an organ can be manufactured. All you require is a small pair of steps. On each step is pinned a piece of cardboard marked out as a keyboard. On the top step (three or four steps is high enough) place a long box upside down, in the bottom of which are a number of round holes. In these holes place, upright, rolls of cardboard or paper with the tallest in the centre. Stops at the side and pedals can be added, though an "organist" with imagination will carry on without these.

In the centre of the stage, concealed behind a screen, is a gramophone with an extra loud needle.

Amidst much applause (from the orchestra, probably) the conductor enters and, after the usual bows to the audience, he taps the music-desk in front of him, and the concert begins.

In response to the conductor's signal the gramophone is started, and the orchestra at once begins to play with tremendous zest. The pianist's fingers move like lightning, and his music is turned over at the rate of about a page a second. The violinist plays on the front and back of his instrument indiscriminately, whilst the players of the wind instruments look almost ready to burst. If the conductor is anything of a comedian he will do marvels; encouraging the drummer, quelling the slightest noise from the audience, and all the while keeping in strict time with the gramophone.

If the record in use is one in which there is singing, the members of the orchestra must open their mouths and give the effect of singing.

At last the record comes to an end, and the orchestra rest from their labours. The conductor bows and walks out, probably falling over the banjo, and putting his foot through the drum on his way. Then, in response to the enthusiastic applause of the audience—or, more probably, of the orchestra—he returns to lead an encore.

Once more he taps the music-stand, and on the first beat of his baton the orchestra begin to play with the same magnificent verve, but the music comes not. The players "register" consternation, the conductor bows apologetically to the audience, and then with loud coughs and many anxious glances toward the screen he begins again.

Still nothing happens, and the conductor, in a voice that would awaken the dead, calls on one "Bill" to wake up. A head appears slowly over the screen, and Bill is seen holding his hand to his ear. "What did you say?"—"Gramophone, you ass!" bawls the conductor. Bill vanishes and the gramophone re-starts very suddenly. The orchestra is caught unprepared, and it is some moments before they can catch up. Then, whilst the players continue their frantic efforts, the gramophone stops. The players still appear to be playing, but the conductor, suspecting that something has gone wrong again, stops to listen. As the truth dawns upon him he leads the whole orchestra in a mad charge on "Bill," who disappears rapidly into the wings amidst a hail of trombones and double basses. Curtain.

—D. Berwick, in *The Scouter*.

Scouting and World Understanding

LORD Baden-Powell, responding to the toast of his health at a recent meeting of the Knights of the Round Table, spoke of the lessons learnt from the World Jamboree and emphasized the vast possibilities which lie before the Movement in its work for world peace.

"Ever since the war," said Lord Baden-Powell, "we had been trying by vague theories to bring about an international understanding, but up to within the past few days nothing very much has come of it. In the Scout Movement we have arrived at an international understanding since we have introduced a spirit of understanding and friendship between the boys of most nations."

I do not believe that leagues of nations, disarmament, or any other kind of arrangement will be of any use until you instill the spirit of understanding in the people. We have that spirit in the Boy Scouts and in that equally great Movement, the Girl Guides—and it does look as if we have an opportunity of breeding the right spirit in the coming generation.

In our great Jamboree we had representatives of forty different Nations and thirty-one Oversea Dominions and Colonies. The boys went about swapping everything as boys will. I hear from all parts of the world how those boys are keeping up the friendships formed at that Jamboree. I see great promise for the Movement. Though we are only at the beginning of things—we have just arrived at Manhood—we are stepping out and are extending that feeling to the heart of the Nations instead of only touching the fringe as we have done in the past."

Toy Shop Echoes

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thanks by name for all those who assisted or contributed. Lennoxville Scouts took their repaired toys, which filled a large car, to the Sherbrooke shop.

The 1st Queenston, Ont., Troop turned over 200 repaired toys, books, dolls, etc., into the St. Catharine's Toy Shop.

The energetic Scout Mothers' Club of the 1st Galt Troop, in addition to entertaining and distributing Christmas cheer to patients at the Freeport Sanatorium supplied new toys for the parcels sent by the troop to settlers' families.

The Ottawa District Toy Shop, and the separate shop of the 41st French-Canadian Troop (distributing at New Year's) maintained their standard by providing gifts for over 3,000 children, including well over 500 children of settlers in the west. Toys received from the schools permitted the mailing out of the settlers' parcels in good time.

The Kincardine Shop "went over smoother, bigger and better than in other years." It distributed its 50 settlers' names amongst the various patrols and sixes of the three local troops and pack, making P.L.'s and Sixers responsible for the selection of suitable articles. Each group was allotted a section of the town to draw from. Then the troops and pack met on separate nights and wrapped the parcels under the supervision of their leaders. The packages were then placed in the window of a local drug store with a placard inviting the public to co-operate by contributing postage. Half of the necessary amount was secured.

The Lethbridge Shop was located in the city Workshop. C.G.I.T. girls of Knox Church dressed the dolls.

4th, 18th and "D" Rovers did valuable service at the Winnipeg Shop. The 8th (St. Patrick's) Rovers ran a separate shop for Indian children. Guides and Rangers under Divisional Commissioner Mrs. D. S. McKay, working for several months previous, produced some 500 dolls. Lady Cubmasters also assisted in the Doll Department. Newly arrived children at the two local Immigration Halls were taken care of in addition to various local institutions and Indians of the Peguis Reserve.

The Regina shop was operated as the Kiwanis Club-Boy Scout Toy Shop, and the club gave it very active support. Toys were received from the public schools, and boxes of shop worn articles from the local department stores. Toys also were contributed by the Scouts at Craven and Manor, and a box from the school at Balgonie. A concert held in St. Peter's

Parish Hall under direction of Mrs. Head and the District Commissioner contributed to the shop expenses. The Leader-Post gave valuable publicity and accepted articles for the shop at its offices. Seven Guide companies assisted with the dolls. The shop was accommodated in the Stanley Shoe Repair Shop.

The Thunder Bay District Scout Toy Repair Shop—of Fort William-Port Arthur—produced 1,070 toys, for dividing among 61 settlers' kiddies and the two local Christmas Cheer Funds and other district families. The results were in part credited to the greater support given the Scouts by the local press.

INDOOR COURSES

Scoutmaster's Indoor Training Courses:—Unit 1, Running—Halifax, N.S., under Mr. S. J. Limbrey.

Completed—Yarmouth. Annapolis Royal, Digby and Kentville, N.S., under Mr. S. J. Limbrey; Hamilton, Ont., under Scoutmaster H. Johnson.

Projected:—Beimont, Brandon, Nette and Portage la Prairie, Man., under Field Scout E. F. Mills of Winnipeg.

Unit 2 Completed—Prince Albert, Sask., under Provincial Secretary W. J. P. Selby.

Unit 3 and 4 Projected—Winnipeg, Man., under Scoutmaster C. A. Hill.

Part III—A Completed—Montreal, Que., under Provincial Secretary E. R. Paterson.

Part III—B Projected—Montreal Que.

7000 British Scouts Visit the Continent

EACH year the number of British Scouts who have journeyed abroad for their summer camps has increased. This year, despite the fact that the World Jamboree was held at the beginning of August, when most of the camps take place, some 7,000 British Scouts have visited the Continent.

A representative party attended the Spanish National Jamboree, held at Barcelona in connection with the great exhibition, and had a right royal time. The Camp was most enjoyable and the British boys created a very good impression with their smart and workmanlike ways.

A party of Scouts from Hendon visited Gibraltar and Tangier. At Gibraltar they had a wonderful time, whilst at Tangier, where they were billeted, in the ex-Sultan's Palace, they found some difficulty in getting to sleep, owing to their luxurious surroundings. They were entertained amongst others, by Spanish, Moorish and Jewish Scouts, and had the time of their lives. When they were leaving Tangier they received a telegram of greeting from His Catholic Majesty, King Alphonso of Spain.

It is expected that next year will see a further increase in the number of Scouts visiting foreign countries. And it is through these visits that the friendships made at Arrowe Park during the World Jamboree, between

Scouts of almost every Nation, will be strengthened and still stronger ties forged between the Scouts of the world.

Birmingham Jamboree Souvenir

One of the most attractive books put out in perpetuation of the Jamboree is the "Birmingham Boy Scouts Coming-of-Age Souvenir," edited and published by Sam Harrison for the Boy Scouts Association of Birmingham, England. It is a 10x12, 56-page book of pictures and an unusually fine series of articles by outstanding figures in the various branches of the Movement. The articles include "Deep Sea Scouting," by Vice-Admiral A. C. Campbell; "Yesterday, To-day and Tomorrow, a Parable," by Lord Hampton; and "Scouting Overseas," by Sir Alfred Pickford. Five pages of "Birmingham Scouters" show a splendid group of leaders.

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A Standard District Cub Meeting Programme

IN order to meet the difficulties arising from a lack of Cub Pack assistants, and as a means of improving Pack programmes, the Sherbrooke, Que., District Leaders' Council, after a discussion at two meetings, adopted a standard Pack programme outline. The programme will be followed as soon as found practicable by all district packs.

The programme:—

- 7.00 (P.M.) In Six Corners (Roll call and dues marked by Sixers).
 - 7.05 In Council or Parade Circle (Grand Howl, Prayer if possible, General and Special Inspection, Announcements).
 - 7.15 Lively Game.
 - 7.25 Instruction in Test Work by Groups.
 - 7.40 Lively Game.
 - 7.50 Special Instruction or passing of Tests by Akela or his Assistants.
 - 8.00 Quiet Game.
 - 8.05 Reading or Story.
 - 8.10 Council Circle (Repeat announcements, Prayer if possible and Grand or Mouse Howl, but pack must know both.)
 - 8.15 *Pack Council (Short business session if required, followed by general instruction and passing of Tests).
 - 8.30 Dismiss—ON TIME.
- *Not necessary every week, but advised.

Nature Study Books for the Scout Library

THE following list of books was suggested by Mr. C. W. Thompson, formerly District Scoutmaster of Quebec, and now of the staff of Ashbury College, Ottawa, as particularly suitable for interesting Scout-age boys in Nature Study:—Jack Miner and the Birds; Wild Animals I Have Known, by Thompson-Seton; Conservation of Wild Life in Canada (Scribner's); Photographing Wild Life Across the World, by Kearton; The Life and Love of the Insect, by Fabre; A Book of Plants and Trees, by R. and S. Gurney, and Kipling's Jungle Book.

What Could You Do With the Lid of a Wash-boiler?

AFTER the inspection of patrol dens and equipment an original game was played in which each patrol wrote down as many uses as possible for the lid of a wash-boiler. Some patrols thought of as many as 30 uses, ranging all the way from snowshoes to a dinner gong.—1st Saskatoon.

"Local Association Notes" is a new two-page publication, "Published from time to time for the information of District and Local Association officers" by Ontario Provincial Headquarters.

Giving—to Yourself

AN editorial on "Christmas Giving" in "The Rally," the attractive new publication of the Sherbrooke District Leaders' Council, suggests that leaders, in addition to the usual giving at Christmas, "take a glance in the looking-glass, and give themselves some needed item of uniform,"—to the end of setting their boys the best example in Scout dress. The excellent point is made that "uniforms are expensive to buy if bought all at once. Then, buy a neckerchief NOW, then another part later. Afterwards take another look in the mirror and thank yourself for a gift and 'a new leader.'"

A "Dot" Observation Test

AS an observation and memory test, for the 37th Montreals, pieces of paper bearing dots were passed out to patrols, who were allowed a minute in which to study them. The patrols were then asked to duplicate the arrangement of dots from memory.

Scout Dates

January

Remind every Scout and Cub to start his 1930 Diary with a Good Turn check-off.

For January Saturdays

Four of the following hikes:—Ski hike—Snowshoe hike—Bird Observation—Bird and Animal Tracking—Tree Identification—Twig Alphabet and Numerals—Also an Over-night hike or Winter Camp for older Scouts.

During January

Plan for a Father and Son, Mother and Son, or other banquet to celebrate the Chief Scout's birthday, February 22nd.

February

2nd—Candlemas, "Groundhog Day."
14th—St. Valentine's Day.

A Meal for the Patrol Hike

IN spite of good test work, we sometimes see the nightmare of great woodsmen, canned goods, creeping in among the pioneers who believe in doing their stuff with an opener and a bag of candy. A ration for one man on a heavy job is sent in by El Comanche, and offers an attractive tiny box which will store away enough vitamins for at least a big dinner.

Wrap these articles in oiled paper and stow them separately in a small candy box: One hard tack sea biscuit, slice of thin bacon, four inches long; slice of dried beef, four discs chocolate, four candy caramels, four macaroons, four large dried prunes, tablespoon seedless raisins, tablespoon shelled nuts, inch of cheese and tea and sugar in envelope.

This ration will tuck away in any small space, and if you have only a meal or two it is about the most compact and sensible diet on the march or the hunt.—Buffalo Scout Trail.

Find the Tack

A game played by the St. Mary's Junior Troop, Victoria, B.C.—Everyone out of the room and a thumb tack placed in plain view. The first Scout finding it hides it again.

Practical Fire Drill

DURING the weekly meeting several boys were "rescued" by the 10th Border Cities Troop when an imaginary fire broke out on the top floor of the Wyandotte Street School, where the troop meets. Members of the troop, with scarves over their faces, searched the darkened rooms on hands and knees, until they discovered the supposedly unconscious victims. These were carried down stairs by the fireman's lift and other methods, "and the whole practice carried out without fuss or fooling."

Planning a Patrol Meeting

WE note in a bunch of reports the following, showing a plan by a Patrol Leader, who is rapidly making his patrol the best in his troop: Dear Scoutmaster: The Beaver Patrol will meet at the Patrol Den Nov. 16, 7.30 to 9. We will talk about:—(1) Money for patrol supplies. (2) Helping every member in test work. (3) Uniforms for every member, and how. (4) New members needed. (5) Attendance and dues. (6) Square shooting and keeping our promises. (7) How to make the Beaver Patrol the best in the troop. Thanks for your help.

The letter was signed by the Patrol Leader. We are sure one Scoutmaster is proud of his Beavers.—Toronto Globe.

Rovers Handle Scout Journey Tests

ST. THOMAS Rovers have charge of First Class Journey tests for the district. The practice developed is to instruct Journey candidates on all details excepting equipment and food. The Rover examiners then hike cross-country to the Journey objective, observe the arrival and camp making, and check up on details. Candidates are plucked if not properly prepared as to food, blankets, etc. Occasionally boys attempt the Journey without tents or blankets. Against this ever quality, the Rovers take extra blankets. Those plucked overlook few items, preparation for the second Journey attempt.

Letter Observation

FOR an outdoor observation game of the 1st Saskatoon Troop, each patrol was given paper and a pencil and then taken to the business section of Broadway where the patrols were allowed ten minutes in which to write down all the words they could locate on signs and merchandise beginning with the letter S. Interest was so keen that the S.M. took considerable time to compile the results.