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TWO Prairie Scouts off
on the "big adventure,"—the 24-hour
Journey.

Spring Ice Accidents

WE are once more, in many parts of Canada, in the season of thawing and freezing—and ice accidents.

Scoutmasters of troops located near skating places on lakes, ponds and streams, should not fail to discuss ice accidents, means for preventing them, and the action to be taken if accidents occur.

Precautionary measures may include marking all danger spots with danger signs and having safety patrols on duty at skating places after school and on Saturdays, each Scout carrying a lariat or other suitable coil of rope.

Rescue Hints

If compelled to cross dangerous ice in order to reach a person who has broken through, procure a ladder or plank. Crawl along this, and grasp and help the person upon it.

If using a lariat, throw the loop over or within reach of the person in the water.

If carrying a hockey or other stick with a life line rolled about it, unroll the line, and from a safe distance shoot the stick across the ice. Direct the person in the water to place the stick across the ice in front of him, rest his elbows upon it, and raise himself as you pull. If the ice breaks, have him repeat the operation until the ice holds.

If using an ordinary rope, tie one end about your waist, have someone hold the other end, and crawl flat over the ice, distributing your weight as much as possible, until able to grasp the hand of the person in the water. Hold firmly, direct the Scouts on the other end of the line to pull, and have the person in the water roll out sideways upon the ice. If the ice breaks, move back and repeat until successful.

If neither rope, planks nor sticks are at hand, use the "human chain,"—each boy flat on the ice, grasping an ankle of the boy ahead, and all shifting forward cautiously until the leader is able to reach the hand of the person in the water.

In practically all cases the proper procedure for getting out of a hole in the ice, whether being helped or not, is to break the ice away until solid ice is reached; rest the arms and elbows upon it, flat; get one foot out, then carefully raise and roll out full length sideways.

Ice Rescue Practice

After the above outlined talk, put on an ice-rescue demonstration. This may be made a competition, each patrol being given a "problem" which they must begin acting out immediately, the P. L. taking the part of the actual rescuer.

For example: "A young lady has gone through the ice, down there by the door. The ice is thin, and breaks as fast as she attempts to climb out upon it. She is panic-stricken. You have your lariat about your waist. There is an old board fence over there on the other side of the river (other side of room). Go ahead!"

And so on. Without warning, while the third or fourth victim is being "drawn from the water," add: "The person is unconscious from shock and cold."

Unconscious Cases

In unconscious cases the victim would of course be treated for apparent drowning and shock (p. 477 Handbook for Canada). Where the rescued person is able to walk he would be taken ashore quickly and kept running until he reached some place where his clothes could be removed; he would be put to bed, given hot drinks, hot water bottles applied, etc.

Up The Cubbing Ladder

A Cub Demonstration-Entertainment

THIS unusually effective and entertaining exposition of "just what Cubs do" was devised and put on by Cubmaster G. O. Skuce of the 10th Britannia (Ottawa) Pack before a large gathering, including members of the School Board, in the assembly hall of Grant Consolidated School, Britannia. Many of the parents and others present declared they had never before understood or fully appreciated the practical nature of the Cub training, nor the work done by the Cubmaster.

The pack (following a banquet served at 6:30) was seated in a circle on the floor before and below the stage. As each boy was called he sprang to a chair and thence to the centre of the platform, and turned about to face the audience. (This was more Cubby than a more formal entrance from the wings.) On conclusion the Cub sprang smartly down to the chair and the floor, and ran back to his place in the circle.

AKELA: I am Akela, the Old Wolf of the Pack. I play with the Cubs. My job is to help them lay a foundation of good character, using their natural desire to make noise, their love of make-believe, their fondness for fashioning things with their hands, and for collecting things. An outlet for noise is provided through games—controlled games. You will see some of our "make-believe" in the Jungle dances. Things they have made will be shown you. We have lots of fun together, and hope to grow up to be real useful citizens and a credit to Britannia, and Canada.

"Clifford!"

Clifford briskly mounts the platform and faces about.

"I am Clifford McDiarmid, a Tenderpad in the Brown Six. Before I could be a Tenderpad I had to be eight years of age, know the Grand Howl, the Cub Law and the Cub salute. When I passed the test for these, I made my Cub Promise, and was invested as a Tenderpad Wolf Cub, and could wear the Cub uniform."

Cub No. 2:

"I am Lloyd Skuce, a Tenderpad in the Brown Six. I know the Grand Howl. This is the way it goes:

"Akela, we'll do our best!"

Senior Sixer, from below: "Dyb, dyb, dyb!"

Cub: "We'll dob, dob, dob!"

"It means, we'll DO—OUR—BEST"—dob, dob, dob.

"The Cub Law is: A Cub gives in to the Old Wolf;

A Cub does not give in to himself.

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Montreal's Financial Campaign

THE Boy Scouts Association of Montreal has just completed an outstandingly successful financial campaign. In order to secure a permanent headquarters, make additions to the Tamaracouta Camp property and equipment, and otherwise prepare the district for wider and better work, the sum of \$150,000 was asked. That figure was exceeded by \$30,000. The contributions included sixteen individual subscriptions of \$5,000 each.

How was it done?

Going back of the splendidly organized campaign, the main reasons would appear to be these:—Headquarters' and troop leadership of a quality that appealed to the outstanding business and professional men of the city. The gradual bringing into the organization of leading men, and holding them by the substantial proportions and quality of the work accomplished,—this including the holding alternately over a period of years of an exceptionally well planned field day, and a big winter display lasting several days; the operation during the last three years of a Christmas Toy Shop that has provided gifts for thousands of poor children of the city through charitable agencies of every religious denomination; an annual Patrol Leaders' banquet at the Windsor Hotel that has regularly presented before leading supporters a gathering of over 800 young leaders, as a lively and convincing picture of the worthwhile results of the Scout training for citizenship; and added to this the hearty co-operation year after year of a splendid group of Scoutmasters and Commissioners, working to make the best success possible of every district project. And finally, the building up, year by year, of dignified publicity based on the above achievements.

Adults Talking—Scouts Doing

“WHILE the adults are doing a lot of talking about international understanding and peace, the youth of the world, through the medium of the Scout Movement, are actually doing things,” affirmed District Commissioner John Barnett of Regina, at a February luncheon of the Regina Kiwanis Club. Mr. Barnett spoke on, “Scouting, a Training Ground for Efficient Citizenship and International Good-will.” This common bond between the youth of the world, and the great international Scout gatherings such as the recent Jamboree, are bound, he said, to make an important

contribution to everything that is aimed at international good-will, as well as the development of an efficient citizenship.

Did You Mention it to Your Troop?

WE mean the new WORLD FRIENDSHIP BADGE, and the request for overseas correspondents in the February Scout Leader? The response has so far been disappointing. We must not fall down in this.

In addition to the February list, the following requests for correspondents have been received from:—

25. An English Scout.
26. An English Scout aged 14.
27. An English Troop Leader.
28. A 14 year old Scout.
29. A 13 year old English Scout.
30. An English Lady Cubmaster.
31. An English Rover with a Rover who lives in British Columbia.
32. An American P. L.
33. An Australian Scout aged 14.
34. An English Scout aged 12.

The Scout or leader mentioned above will write the first letter. All that is necessary is that you send in the name and address of the Scout who would like to exchange letters, and we will do the rest.



SMART uniform for camp undoubtedly adds to the scoutly atmosphere and discipline,—the 1st Shawanarons, Sask., start the camp day in the best style.

The President of the United States, who is Honorary President of the Boy Scouts of America, is to be chief speaker at the 20th Anniversary Conference dinner to be held in Washington, March 10th. His address will be broadcast by both National Broadcasting Companies at about 9 P.M., E. S. T.

As part of the plan to adopt the Boy Scout Movement as the church's boys' programme every theological student at Bishop's College, Prince Albert, Sask., is taking a Scoutmaster's Training Course. “Our aim is to organize a Scout Troop in every parish under our jurisdiction,” writes Rev. Walter Burd, Archdeacon of Prince Albert, “and in country parishes where there are not sufficient boys in any one centre to form a troop, a parish troop will be organized, with patrols in each of the centres where services are held.”

KEEP IN MIND DOMINION
REGISTRATION—IT'S
VALUABLE TO EVERY BOY



Toronto Scouts were again, on February 5th, called upon to provide ushers for the opening of the Provincial Parliament.

Revised conditions of H. R. H. the Duke of Connaught's Challenge Shield Competition have been supplied Provincial Headquarters and may be secured on request.

The 35th Toronto Troop added their 42nd King's Scout recently in Cub Instructor Fred Richardson.

Brig.-Gen. F. W. Hill, C. B., C.M.G., D.S.O. of Fredericton, has been appointed Vice-President of the N. B. Scout Council. He is also Commissioner of N. B. Provincial Police and former commandant of Military Dist. No. 7, Saint John.

31 applications for enrolment in the Manitoba Lone Scouts have been so far received. In three cases the applicant states he has enough names in addition to his own to form a complete Lone patrol.

At a Mothers' Night of the 25th Toronto Troop Scoutmaster Fairlie announced that the Rt. Hon. G. Howard Ferguson, Prime Minister of Ontario, had been pleased to accept the position of Honorary Scoutmaster of the troop.

In his recent annual report to the Australian Government, Sir Hubert Murray, governor of Papua, reports that the Boy Scout Movement has been a civilizing influence with the former cannibals, and that the education of the natives is following rapidly.

The speaker for the February meeting of the Fleur de Lys Club of West Toronto was John A. Stiles. In his address the Assistant Chief Commissioner touched upon a number of problems submitted by those present. The questions included “The Older Boy,” “The Difficult Boy,” “Sea Scouting,” etc.

The annual report of the Pictou County Association mentions the planting by Scouts of some 2,500 trees on the new Scout reforestation camp site at Sunny Brae, near New Glasgow. The new district camp site is located on the project and a start has been made in erecting permanent buildings.

A log cabin is being erected at Gilwell Park, England, in memory of the late “Skipper” Gidney, first Camp Chief of the Boy Scouts Association. The logs came from the New Forest, the shingles from Canada, and the hickory furniture as a gift from the Boy Scouts of America.

Up the Cubbing Ladder

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"That means, a Cub does whatever he is told to do by his Mother or Daddy, his teacher, his Sixer or his Cubmaster. And he does not give up when he has a hard job. He tries again."

"I am Reginald Morgan, a recruit in the Blue Six. I know the Cub Promise—I promise to do my best,—to be loyal, and to do my duty, to God and the King, and to keep the Law of the Wolf Pack; and to do a good turn to somebody every day."

"This is the Cub salute (salutes), used when I meet another Cub, or a Scout, or a leader."

"I am Foster Winthrop, a Tenderpad in the White Six. I am called a Tenderpad because, not knowing all the tricks of a Wolf Cub, my feet, or 'pads,' soon get sore. My next step is to become a First Star Cub. To win my First Star I must for one thing, know the Union Jack, and the right way to fly it."

(Demonstrating with a sectional folding flag)—"This is St. George's Cross, a red cross on a white field. St. George is the patron saint of England. This is St. Andrew's Cross, a white diagonal cross on a blue field. St. Andrew is the patron saint of Scotland. This is St. Patrick's Cross, a red diagonal cross on a white field. St. Patrick is the patron saint of Ireland. All three crosses put together make the Union Jack."

"Joe, you tell the right way to fly it."

"I am Joe Connolly, a Tenderpad in the Blue Six. The right way to fly the Union Jack is to have the broad white strip of St. Andrew's Cross at the top next the hoist. The hoist is the part of the flag that is nearest the pole. The part of the flag farthest away from the pole is called the 'fly.'"

"I am George Viens, Sixer of the White Six. Before being awarded my First Star I had to know, amongst other things, the use of and how to tie the reef knot, sheet bend, clove hitch and bowline. This (demonstrating) is the reef knot, used for tying parcels, and for tying bandages. This is the sheet bend, used for joining two ropes of different sizes, and for attaching a rope or a line to a loop. This is a bowline. It is a loop tied with a knot that will not slip. It can be used for pulling a fellow up a mountain or out of a well. This is a clove hitch. It is used for tying one end of a rope to an upright post."

Lloyd Lillico, Second in the Brown Six, with a similar introduction, demonstrated the somersault, leapfrog, hopping around a figure-of-eight. The catch and throw.

Harold Acres, Second of the Red Six, skipped backwards thirty times, remarking, "This is hard work after supper."

Ned Roberts of the Brown Six, gave in full the cleanliness and breathing test.

David Robert of the Red Six, explained the time-telling test,—"To become a First Star Cub I had to be able to tell the time by the clock. I know there are 60 seconds in a minute, 60 minutes in an hour, and that 24 hours make one day in which every Cub has

promised to do his best to do a good turn to somebody. (Producing a watch —) The time now is six minutes after eight. I hope you are all having a good time."

The Senior Sixer was brought in here, in order to introduce the jungle dances as a programme change:

"I am Donald Hewitt, Senior Sixer of the Pack. You have seen and heard some of the things a Cub needs to know and to do in order to become a recruit, a Tenderpad, and a First Star Cub. Although part of our time is taken up in learning these tests, most of our time is devoted to 'playing the game.' Cubs don't play the game just like ordinary lads. A Cub knows when he is 'out,' and doesn't need to be told. Sometimes we have jungle dances. We will now show you some of them. (Descends to circle.)"

"The first is Baloo—Baloo is the Bear that teaches the Cubs the law of the jungle."

The dance.

"The next is Bagheera. Bagheera is the Black Panther, who teaches the Cubs how to hunt for food."

The dance.

"The next is Shere Khan and Tab-aqui. Shere Khan is the tiger, the bully of the jungle, and the Tab-aqui are the jackals. They are sneaks; they never hunt, but depend upon

The Cubmaster says I'm a Wolf Cub, The Scoutmaster says so too, But nobody else seems to think the same,

So whatever am I to do?

Now, Father says I'm a "Bull-pup,"

And uncle, he says so too,

But Mother will say that I'm still her lamb,

So whatever am I to do?

My brother wrote down from college,

To ask me if it was true

That I'd joined up with the Monkey folk,

And gone to live at the Zoo!

Do you think it will really be very long

Before they will all find out

That the Monkey-Bull-pup-Wolf-Cub

Is a junior kind of a Scout?

Second in the White Six explained it as one of the Second Star tests, and recited two verses of the National Anthem.

Sixer Nesbitt of the Blues outlined the "article made by himself" test, and from a table at the rear of the stage brought and held up a nicely made book-rack.

MONCTON Scouts
of the '29 district
camp, ready for their
First Class Journey.
They went in pairs.



others for their food. Of course no Cub is ever a Tab-aqui,—except in the dance."

The dance.

"The last one is Kaa the python, and the Bunderlog. The Bunderlog are the monkeys. No good Cub is ever a Bunderlog,—except in this game."

The dance was followed by a vocal solo, and the individual demonstrations resumed. Sixer Franklin of the Brown Six, demonstrating the semaphore alphabet, called out each letter.

Sixer Lillico of the Reds explained as a Second Star test that he had to know the eight points of the compass: "I am now facing north. South is directly behind me. My right hand points to the east, my left to the west. The other four points are half way between—(pointing) northeast, southeast, southwest, northwest. If you wish to know any direction, first find and face the North."

Cub Jack Sparre of the Blue Six explained the thrift tests and showed a bank book, and explained that, "The money should be earned by work done. A Cub does not take tips for doing good turns."

Cub Eldon Skuce followed with: "By way of a change I am to recite 'The Tenderpad'—

Cub Franklin of the Blues told of the First Aider test, talking while he proceeded to make a very neat spiral bandage on the arm of a brother Cub. The latter afterwards passed about the hall showing the bandage.

Cub Morgan of the Reds announced that, "During our meetings we have sing-songs," and this was followed by several choruses, the pack marching in a circle.

Cub Walter Sparre of the Browns introduced the concluding feature with, "Every little while we have a game or two. When a Cub is playing a game he always tries to follow the rules, and does not need to be told when he is out. He knows it. A Cub doesn't need to be told anything twice. We are now going to play a game called 'Balloon Ball.'"

An investiture completed the demonstration, the shy voice of the little candidate, barely heard at the rear of the hall, providing a striking contrast to the confidence and plain speaking of the Cubs, especially the Sixers, from the platform. The attention of the audience was drawn to this contrast, as covering the results produced by the Cub training.

THE CAMP CHIEF'S PAGE

This Summer's Camp

NO—not a bit too early to begin thinking and talking about it. Especially from the boys' point of view.

If it is to be your first camp, secure a copy of "Minimum Standards for Troop Camps" from your Provincial Office, and study it with your Court of Honour.

Work out an estimate of expenses. Take this budget to your Troop Committee and discuss it with them. Then plan ways and means of raising money, always keeping in mind that the Scouts themselves should earn the major portion of the required sum.

Troops have met camp expenses by use of the Camp Fund Card, a system of weekly contributions (cards 25 cents per dozen, Stores Department); by waste-paper collection; making bird houses for sale in the spring, etc. (See *Scoutmaster's First Year*.)

Begin discussing menus. Use the Camp Cooking card. Have Scouts try out a dish at home, then on the hike—each Scout one dish per hike, until he has mastered it.

Regarding tents,—if the troop does not own tents, discuss the possibility of making them. (See *Handbook for Canada*).

If within reach, plan an early hike to the camp site to discover how things have come through the winter. This always makes a very popular hike.

Gilwell Wood Badges

THE following Gilwell Wood Badges were awarded from January 1st, 1930:—**Alberta**—H. B. Myers, Taber. **British Columbia**—J. Wise, Victoria. **Quebec**—Bernard Taylor, R. S. Street, Montreal. **Ontario**—W. W. Johns, Jr., William Morrison, Galt; E. E. Eby, H. A. Johnson, Hamilton; Wilbert MacLeod, Kincardine; J. W. Lawton, W. D. Sutton, London; Albert Ingham, Oshawa; W. V. B. Riddell, Ottawa; G. W. Harris, Harry Stoddart, A. N. McMillan, Toronto; J. P. Megannety, Welland.

Akela Badges: — **Quebec** — Mark Finestone, D. R. Kennedy, James Roch, Montreal.

Sixty-seven leaders were present at a special meeting to discuss the Rover programme for Toronto, held in Old St. Andrew's Hall. Mr. S. B. McMichael was chairman. A talk on Rovering, how to organize Rovering, how to plan programmes, etc., was given by Mr. John A. Stiles. During the evening a "Rover Investiture" was given, with the ceremony in charge of Rovers James McKenzie and Lionel Bishop.

A total of 74 Toronto leaders registered for a training course arranged by District Headquarters and held in Old St. Andrew's Hall. Because of the large number the course was organized as two troops.

Imperial Gilwell's Record Year

ALL records connected with Gilwell Park, England, were surpassed during 1929. The Cub Courses were attended by 178, an increase of 71 over the highest point previously touched, in 1927. The Scout courses were attended by 404, an increase of 141 over the previous year's record. Rover Scout Courses were attended by 59.

Courses for Commissioners were attended by 54.

In all, 695 Scoutmasters were trained at Gilwell Park during the year, 282 of them from British countries overseas and 83 from foreign countries.

COOKING TESTS

To be passed before June 1, 1930.

Article	Cooked O.K.	Signed
1 Oatmeal		
2 Hunters' Stew.		
3 Potatoes (2 styles)		
4 Eggs (2 styles)		
5 Bacon		
6 Beans		
7 Bannock.		
8 Steak		
9 Sausage		
10 Fish		
11 Roast, or Pot Roast		
12 Prunes, Apricots, or Dried Apples.		
13 Tea		
14 Cocoa		
15 Coffee		

HAVE these passed, at least by your P.L.'s and Seconds, at home, and then as many as possible during Saturday hikes, and you'll have no difficulty with your Patrol System cooking at the summer's camp. The card can be made on a typewriter. Several districts have had them printed.

A Peculiar Incident in the Life of a Scout Commissioner

I have often felt like writing the following story down but have never attempted to do so until now.

Some years ago, in my capacity as Assistant Chief Commissioner for The Boy Scouts Association in Canada, I was visiting the Western Provinces, and was travelling by automobile with the field men for Saskatchewan and Alberta. One evening we reached a certain city about half past eight in the evening, tired and hungry. We found the hotel, and went down stairs to the grill in the basement and

ordered something to eat.

The meal over, we were sitting and discussing our plans for the next day, when suddenly from the direction of the kitchen came a woman's scream, "Oh stop them! Stop them! He is going to kill him!"

Being good Boy Scouts, willing at any time to help a lady in distress, we ran at top speed down the room and through the swinging doors into the kitchen. There we found two men fighting and a woman wringing her hands. One of the men was a chunky chap, thickset and strong. He apparently was the aggressor. My two friends forced him back through the folding doors, leaving the other man in my charge.

As he was forced out into the dining-room the thickset man exclaimed, "Wait until I get my gun! I might just as well finish this job now as any time!"

"Oh," said one of my men, "that is an important remark, and we must take you upstairs at once."

They pushed him over to the stairs and up two or three steps, when he thrust his arms through the railing and hung on. I heard a voice say, "Will you go up or won't you go up?" And the reply in defiance, "I won't go up!"

"Very well, then, up you go!"

There was a sharp struggle, and for a moment it seemed as though the railing was going to go too. And then the man was up to the head of the stairs being carried by my friends. They dragged him across the lobby of the hotel, opened the front door, and threw him out into the street.

Judge of their amazement when they then discovered that the man they had thrown out was no other than the proprietor of the hotel. He had been in the act of firing his cook.

The man made his way round the hotel, came in another door, and was soon downstairs again. Well, we didn't know what to say or do. But we were determined that he must not kill the cook. After a while he cooled off a bit, and consented to go upstairs, and we retired to bed.

It was with mixed feelings that we came downstairs the next morning. We fully expected that the proprietor would throw us out and lock the door. However, he was a different man, and the sun was shining in through the front window. He called me over to the desk and apologized for the trouble he had caused us the night before, remarking, "That blamed cook never was any good, and never will be, and I've been trying to get him to get out of the hotel for a whole month, but he won't leave. However, I will get him yet."

Shortly afterwards we paid our bills and left. I have often wondered if the cook is still there.

Summer Gilwell Dates

Maritime—New Glasgow, N.S., July 15-25.

Saskatchewan—(Two camps; dates tentative) Lake Lebert, July 15-25; National Park, Prince Albert, Aug. 5-15.

❖ Scouting from Coast to Coast ❖

Banquets, Entertainments and Displays

THE month's clippings bring numerous reports of troop banquets, many marking the Chief Scout's birthday.

The references to decorations frequently offer original ideas. An example was the miniature log hut flying a tiny Union Jack and the troop and pack colours which provided the centre piece at a tea held to raise money for the building fund of the 1st Nanaimo Troop, B. C.

The annual Father and Son banquet of the 3rd Halifax Troop held in United Church Hall was made the occasion for electing a new Troop Committee.

At a social evening of the 1st Perth Troop, Ont., the chaplain, Rev. G. A. Brunet, awarded the inter-patrol challenge shield to the Whippoorwills on their year's work, and a handsome set of china was presented to Scoutmaster and Mrs. Holmes.

Pack Six and Troop Patrol displays were staged competitively at the banquet of the 12th London, with President Yuill presiding. The supper was served by the recently organized Mothers' Council.

For the largely attended annual Father and Son banquet of the 70th Toronto, held in Victoria Presbyterian Church, the hall was decorated in Scout colours and the tables arranged fanwise from the speaker's table. Before the latter was a smaller table on which was a beautiful centrepiece of spring flowers flanked by tall tapers in silver holders.

A cake with four candles in the troop colours, blue and red, was the effective centerpiece for the birthday spread of the 6th Brandon, Man., to which 125 persons sat down. The banquet was served by the ladies of the troop auxiliary.

At the Father-and-Son of the 1st Glanworth, Ont., a log book covering the first year's activities was presented to the troop by A. S. M. Wright, and a troop album by the Wolf Patrol.

Moving Pictures portraying the life of David Livingstone were shown at the annual Parents' Night of the 56th Torontos.

The 11th Saskatoon (St. Andrew's) combined with the church Boys' Club to hold their annual Father and Son supper.

Provincial Field Scout Mills visited the troop at Melita, Man., to give an illustrated talk on the Jamboree. Test questions on the badges worn showed the work to have been well done.

Rev. J. W. Murphy and Toronto's new District Commissioner, Mr. S. B. McMichael were speakers at the annual banquet of the 53rd Torontos. The troop's "8 piece" harmonica band furnished music, and one of the patrols staged a play.

The 31st Vancouver Troop and 9th (Point Grey) Company of Girl Guides joined to stage a concert in aid of St. Phillip's Church building fund.

A Hampton, N.B. largely attended Scouts' and Fathers' banquet and council-fire sing-song launched plans for the building of a Scout log cabin on the local War Memorial grounds. A number of subscriptions were offered at once.

A lantern-slide story of the Jamboree by Field Secretary Jones was the entertainment feature of the annual supper of Scouts, Cubs and parents of Christ Church Troop, Beileville, Ont. The Mothers' Auxiliary served the supper.

Scouts, Cubs and Guides of St. Philip's Church, Winnipeg, combined to entertain their parents and friends, each branch putting on a display. Rabbi Saul Frank presented badges and District Commissioner Good addressed the gathering.

"Dealing with ice accidents, burns, etc.," opened the programme of the



A PUBLIC bathing bench raft made of trees felled and trimmed by Scouts—a pioneering job of the 1st Cariboo Troop, B.C., at their 1929 camp.

1st Cariboo Troop of Williams Lake, B.C., on their Parents' Night. Then there were demonstration games, an investiture and an indoor council-fire. The boys were dismissed, S. M. Resker explained the duties and advantages of a troop committee, and the parents forthwith organized one.

Scouts and Guides of that old Scouting town, Richard, Sask., put on a combined concert at the Lilac school before a capacity crowd. There was a talk on Scouting by S. M. Gage, a musical programme, supper and dancing. A substantial amount was realized toward the summer's camp expenses. A lone patrol at Lilac is connected with the Richard Troop.

Demonstrating the use of local lecture talent, the 1st Wellington Troop, Ont., has had interesting talks by Canon McTear on Ireland, by Rev. Dr. Smyth on the 10th Scout Law and by Principal H. W. Brown of the Wellington Consolidated School on Northern Ontario.

At a Mothers' Night of the 25th Toronto Pack, held in the hall of MacPherson's Presbyterian Church, the Cubs were shown "at work and play." The Cubs then served tea, while Cub-

master McAlpine gave a short talk on Cub work. Rev. Andrew Hood, Pack Chaplain, also spoke.

Grand Bay Scouts, N.B., under S. M. Rev. R. H. Holmes, staged an entertainment in the Prentice Boys' new hall to raise troop funds. Lantern slides were shown by A. D. C. Boyaner of Saint John. During intermission 80 bags of candy (prepared by the ladies of Troop Committee) were sold by the Scouts.

The annual Montreal Patrol Leaders' banquet, held in the Windsor Hotel, February 5th, with more than 800 junior and senior leaders in attendance, was made the occasion for inaugurating the Montreal District "Coming-of-Age Campaign" to raise funds with which to secure a permanent district headquarters and otherwise place the district Scouting on a sounder basis. The chief speaker of the evening was Mr. Jackson Dodds, O. B. E., assistant manager of the Bank of Montreal and a member of the Montreal district Scout Council, formerly prominent in the Scout Movement in Manitoba. Mr. Dodds' admirable presentation of Scouting was published in full in the leading Montreal papers. The announcement regarding the campaign was made by Julien C. Smith, Honorary Chairman of the Campaign Committee, and Dr. Frank D. Adams, President of the Montreal Association.

The annual Parents' Night at Kincardine, Ont., brought together 150 Scouts, leaders, fathers and mothers and friends, for an original Scout and Cub entertainment, then refreshments. A Scout camp in an evergreen wood, and a realistic camp fire, provided the always effective opening, also for the closing scene, an investiture by camp-fire light, with the hall darkened. One of the particularly effective numbers of the second part of the programme, on a cleared stage, was the 3rd Troop's contribution, "The Mystery of the Trunk"—a trunk of toys for the Scout Toy Shop, a boy who preferred reading pirate stories to joining the Scouts and helping in the toy work, and a dream during which a group of blood-thirsty buccaneers emerged from the trunk and gave the admirer of pirates a hair-raising time of it, until he wakened. After the programme parents and friends formed groups and the Scouts served refreshments.

Wakaw, Sask., Scouts held a masquerade ball to raise funds toward the summer's camp and the Provincial Jamboree expenses.

Sherbrooke Scouts and Cubs made a big success of their first hobby show, both in the attendance of the public attracted and in the number and quality of the exhibits. These covered a wide field of proficiency badge work, and in addition bird houses, miniature cabins, meccano construction, etc. Each troop displayed a special hobby,—the 2nd, pioneering; 3rd, wood work;

4th, cooking; 5th, engineering and electricity; 6th, photography, and telegraphy with homemade sets; 7th and 8th, laundry work. In afternoon and evening a short entertainment was given by the 4th, 6th and 7th troops. A sale of food by the 4th added to the proceeds.

One of the winter's best affairs was the ice carnival held by the 1st Allenby Troop, B.C., to which were invited the Allenby Guides, and the Scouts, Guides and C.G.I.T. groups of Copper Mountain and Princeton. The visitors were brought in by the school bus of the Granby Mining and Power Company. The carnival opened with the flag-break, boys and girls in a horseshoe, all on skates. All were skating, when halted with the "freeze" signal, and then brought into formation by hand signals. "It was all done so snappily that the people were taken by storm." The programme included races for all ages, fancy skating, barrel jumping on skates, "musical chairs," and a costume parade. After their patrol relay race (carrying patrol flags), the Scouts dressed as clowns. The prizes, largely donated by Princeton merchants, were presented by Acting Superintendent Ralph L. Healey of the mining company. A hot dog and coffee counter run by the ladies, netted \$50, and the entire proceeds were \$95.

Inter-Troop Visiting

THERE was a noticeable increase of inter-troop visiting and other co-operation during the past winter, notably as reported in the St. Catharines and Hamilton districts. The former Scout news columns record that the 3rd Troop (Grace Anglican) met earlier than usual, and after the opening ceremonies journeyed across Gage Park to assist at an investiture of their neighbouring troop, the 27th. The 11th supplied instructors in the Tenderfoot tests for the newly organized 28th, and the 28th visited the 11th for an evening of games, demonstrations of first aid and signalling and a council fire.

Scoutmaster Johnson of the 5th Hamilton assisted in the organization of the 2nd St. Catharines. District Commissioner VanSomeren and Secretary Frame of Hamilton visited the 27th St. Catharines for an investiture, and a campfire sing-song.

To help out during the absence of the Scoutmaster, Scouts of the 2nd Hamilton visited the 32nd, to assist at a meeting conducted by the P. L.'s.

Through the Scout Column of the Saskatoon Star-Phoenix, the 7th Saskatoon Troop invites other troops in the district who would like to exchange ideas to get in touch with them. They offer to swap troop snapshots.

The 4th Calgary (Elks' Own) were guests of the 10th Calgary at the latter's headquarters for a most successful joint meeting which terminated with an indoor campfire. Following the programme the leaders of the 4th were invited to remain for a Court of

Honour, a minute recording the pleasure of their presence being placed in the records.

The Vanscoy Scouts, Sask., entertained the 8th Saskatoon hockey team for luncheon and a social afternoon, in addition to a game of hockey. Rev. N. G. Campbell gave a short address on "Play the Game," the Saskatoon Scouts presented a humorous sketch, and H. B. Davies gave a short talk on "P. T. Barnum, the Show Man."

St. George's Troop, Saint John, N. B., entertained St. Jude's, to games, songs, hot dogs and coffee; and the Glen Falls Troop extended an evening's hospitality to the East End and South End boys' clubs. As a result, twelve club boys applied for admission to the troop. The linking up of the boys' clubs with the Scouts is being encouraged by those interested in boys' club work.

With the 103rd Montreal Troop as guests, an impressive indoor council fire investiture was held by Scoutmaster Charles Nunn, of the 92nd Montreal Troop, formerly of Toronto. Previous to the taking over of the troop by Mr. Nunn the 92nd had been carrying on under a 15-year-old Troop Leader since losing its Scoutmaster early last summer.



THE new Headquarters building of the Vancouver District Camp Byng.

Public Service

TROOPS generally continue to find opportunities for public service or service to the church or institution with which they are connected. The 1st Cobalt, Ont., for instance, tidied up the Anglican church after the Christmas activities. Ten Scouts of the 11th Saskatoon (St. Andrew's) served refreshments at a congregational meeting.

In seasonable activities the enterprising Scouts of the Atlantic Winter Port developed something of a novelty in a "Bird Cafeteria." For this they secured the use of the big Community Christmas Tree on King Square; and troops in turn were scheduled to supply the birds with food until the middle of April. This is being done in the intervals of acting as traffic cops on the city's coasting hills, a job given over to the Scouts by the police department.

The new 1st Cariboo Troop, of B. C., have been demonstrating their understanding of community service by clearing the town sidewalks after the winter snowstorms.

Ushering, in uniform—one of those jobs that was made for Scouts—was reported of the 5th Oshawa in the local press. The troop also did a nice job with 15 ushers on three consecutive nights of "The Mikado," produced by the General Motors Music and Dramatic Society.

Halifax Scouts again demonstrated their public service efficiency by their rapid collection of election returns at the January by-election.

Toy Shop items continue to straggle in. The Scouts of St. John's, Nfld., held their first shop last Christmas. It was such a success that they plan not only to repeat next winter, but to hold "a bigger shop than any in Canada, in a city of similar size." There's a challenge!

Another Toy Shop previously not mentioned was that of the Scouts and Guides of St. Martin's, N.B.,—who next winter "want to look after some settlers' children."

From Moose Jaw comes this interesting story of a Scout who was determined that no one should be overlooked, who paid painfully for his endeavour, and was rewarded in quite story-book fashion: — On Christmas eve last, after it was thought that all the needy children of the city and vicinity had been taken care of, it was learned that there was still a home, on a farm south of the city, where there would be disappointed children on Christmas morning. Scout Reggie Porter procured a bundle of toys and set out for the farm. It was a bitter night, and the lad's hands and feet were painfully frostbitten, with the result that he was confined to his home for several weeks. Towards the end of January the father of the family to whom young Porter had played Santa Claus came to visit him, bringing as a gift a white pony. Scout Porter is now a member of the Moose Jaw Mounted Troop.

Talks and Visitors

THE occasional visitor who can talk on some particular subject is frequently interesting and worthwhile,—such as the photographer who visited 15th Vancouver, gave a talk on his profession and showed a number of lantern slides. The troop also enjoyed a talk on mountaineering by Rev. A. H. Sovereign. Interest was added by a display of mountaineering equipment.

The 8th Saskatoon enjoyed a talk on fire alarms by Rover Mate Forsyth, and the 1st Niagara Falls Troop a talk by Sergeant Blake of the R. C. M. P., on the history of the force.

At a Parents' Supper of the 9th London, Ont., Scoutmaster Moore spoke on the subject, "Why Boys Should Go To Camp," and A. S. M. Dickinson on, "Why We Teach Boys First Aid."

The 5th, 18th, 29th and 31st Vancouver Troops came together at St. Phillip's Church hall to hear a talk on bird life by Kenneth Alexander, and the 15th, 32nd and 41st at General Gordon School for a lantern slide talk on the Jamboree by T. L. Ken Labron of the 15th.

A LIVELY string-burning contest at the 1929 Winnipeg District Jamboree.



Games and Hikes

SCOUT Law charades are still widely popular.

For a test game of the 1st Saskatoon, signalling teams were appointed by each patrol, and a message was signalled by the S. M. When each reader turned in a 100 per cent correct message, the sending rate was considerably increased.

The 7th Sarnia played a sight test game in which each boy was given a sheet of paper bearing a square divided into nine equal sections. The S.M. allowed each boy five seconds' observation of a sheet with a small dot in each square. The boys were then required to similarly mark dots on their own sheets.

A trail laid the night before was followed by Scouts of eleven troops of the North Winnipeg District on a Saturday snowshoe hike. The trailers went in groups of six. Races were held, photographs taken, and the troops hiked to the Netherlands Club

room for hot dogs and coffee, which took Assistant District Commissioner Cooke all afternoon to prepare.

A winter hike of the 2nd New Glasgow, N.S., took the form of an "antarctic expedition" rescue. The explorers, with the hike equipment on a toboggan, were given a half hour's start, and the remainder of the troop followed the trail. The rescue party lost the game if they failed to locate the explorers before reaching a certain objective. They were successful. Incidentally cooking tests were passed.

In the Court of Honour

AT a Court of Honour of the 1st Dundurn Troop, Sask., two of the P. L.'s and their Seconds prepared a lecture and demonstration on some points of the First Class tests in first aid.

A Court of Honour of the 28th Hamilton requested the Scoutmaster to arrange a series of visits to neighbouring troops.

The 23rd Winnipeg (Home St. United) Court of Honour discussed and adopted a new plan of competition for the troop shield. The Court decided to produce two plays in March, to purchase camp equipment.

Finances

THE Parents' Committee of the 1st Brandon Troop, Man., raised the funds necessary to register the entire troop at Dominion Headquarters.

The 18th Halifax are making bird boxes, to be sold to bird lovers throughout the city, as a means of raising camp money.

During the winter Oshawa and Belleville, Ont., Scouts have added considerably to their troop funds through an arrangement to provide ushers at the local hockey games. All troops benefit equally.

That Scout and Cub standby, waste-paper continues to be collected with more or less profitable system. One of the recent ideas of one of the "system" packs—the 15th Londoners, Cubmaster Lawton—is a card reading:—"I have promised to save my papers for the Grey Wolves, 15th London Pack. We will call every 4th week."

The Elks' Lodge of Milden, Sask., was so impressed with the progress made by the 1st Milden Troop, organ-

ized in December, that \$100 was voted toward the Scout hut fund.

A move being given the support of the leading business men of Peace River, Alta., to secure a gymnasium and clubroom to facilitate the activities of Scouts and Rovers and Girl Guides and Rangers, also has the active support of the Peace River Record. The paper on January 17th made a strong plea for the project.

Roverings

THE 26th London Rovers, Ont., are trying out the plan of having each Rover in turn in entire charge of the programme for one week.

The 8th Saskatoon Rovers occasionally take full charge of the troop meetings, the Mohawks having charge of three patrols upstairs and the Golden Arrows four patrols on the first floor.

Limbrey's Own Rovers, Saskatoon, have placed themselves at the service of any Scoutmaster in the city, announcing that "any requests for aid will be promptly dealt with. The Rovers are looking for plenty of work."

The 11th Hamilton Rovers, who meet Tuesday evenings at the home of the S. M., are carrying out a series of debates.

The 23rd Toronto Rovers visited Radio Station CFRV at Aurora, and were shown through by members of the staff.

Patrol activity notes of the January "Buzz," official organ of the Montreal Rover Scouts, show a splendid list of varied activities, including the participation of many of the patrols in the Scout Toy Shop work and other Christmas activities. Twelve patrols shared in the Toy Shop work.

The newly organized 9th London Rover Crew demonstrated their culinary ability by serving supper to some 60 persons attending the troop's Parents' Supper.

Troop Meeting Notes

A meeting period of the "A" section of the 1st Galt Troop, was given over to two patrols for challenging one another on different tests. A brief period on Schafer resuscitation is a fixed feature of meetings of the "B" section of the troop.

The various patrols of the 15th London, Ont., are from time to time given the responsibility of laying out a troop meeting, choosing their own games.

The 6th London, Ont., is giving some patrol corners attention to the study by patrols of the history of their patrol emblems.

Patrols of the 11th Hamilton, Ont., occasionally meet at their leaders' homes. During the evening the "Hawk" (the S. M. or A. S. M.) visits them in turn.

Doings of Leaders

WITH representatives of 21 troops present the Scouters' Council of Vancouver met in the boardroom of the Vancouver Daily Province. The programme included a talk by Chief of Police Bingham on "Scouting and Police Methods."

At a special church service at All Saints', St. Catharines, Scoutmaster the Rev. Dr. Judd and A. S. M. Scott of the 2nd St. Catharines Troop were invested by District Scoutmaster Jacques. Dr. Judd then preached an appropriate and impressive sermon.

Scout and Cub leaders of North Winnipeg District held an evening get-together in St. Giles' Church hall "to get to know each other and to exchange ideas." A talk on outdoor winter activities was given by A. D. C. Ransom. Refreshments were served by the church troop, and a camp fire concluded the evening.

No less than 73 Toronto eastern district P. L.'s attended a week-end conference at Riverdale Presbyterian Church.

The 3rd St. Catharines, Ont., has formed a patrol of King's Scout P. L.'s,—"probably the first in our city."

Mothers' Auxiliaries

THE latest contribution to the troop hall equipment made by the consistently active Mothers' Club of the 1st Galt Troop is an attractive electric lamp over the hall entrance. (Their last previous addition to the hall was a furnace.)

"All records showed a successful year, with a fine surplus on hand," at the annual meeting and election of officers of the Scout Mothers' Auxiliary of Christ Church, Belleville, Ont.

An Outdoor Investiture

"I thought an account of our investiture might show that even in this rather out of the way place we have some of the Scout spirit," wrote Scoutmaster the Rev. C. Owen Darby, recently transferred to Gibson's Landing, B. C., from the Queen Charlotte Islands, where he had organized the troop which visited Vancouver last summer.

"On Tuesday, Jan. 28th, the two patrols, Cougars and Silver Tips, assembled at the hall. The boys jumped at the suggestion of having the investiture outside in the woods, beside their own log shack, which has two floors, a den below for the Cougars and above for the Silver Tips. So we trailed along the narrow path, and quietly lit a fire, just big enough to show the boys' faces. We had a brief talk on the solemnity and greatness of accepting the challenge of the Scout life. The P. L.'s were first invested, then brought up the members of their patrols. We had thirty seconds' silent good wishes, short prayer, and silently filed back to the hall. Then we had a game and the regular troop programme."

Cub Doings

NEW games reported include this one from the Soongy-Tay-Ay's of Winnipeg:—One boy from each Six enters the parade circle, blindfolded, and endeavours to burst an inflated balloon by jumping on it. Indoor rugby is popular with the 5th Saskatoons, who have commenced a series of matches. Following a game of bean bag by the 3rd Victoria, "all went for a run around the block."

The 5th Saskatoon have been reviewing their Tenderpad and First Star tests under the Sixer System. Each Sixer has a book in which he enters his review reports and marks are given for the best reports each month.

Cubby good turns by the Marysville Pack, N.B., included the conveying on toboggans of two convalescent Cubs to and from the United Baptist Church for a joint service with the Cubs of the Cathedral Pack, Fredericton. The December good turn record of this pack included sawing a cord of wood for an old lady; shovelling snow for another; cutting and delivering Christmas trees; gathering toys for the



BLACKBOARD talks on patrol kitchens and miscellaneous kitchen gadgets are now in order.

Fredericton Toy Shop; sending books to two Cubs in hospital. During January they found six community good turns.

Regarding competitions: As winners of the 1929 competition of the 17th Hamilton Pack, Cub Harry Winn and his Six received diaries and a shield. In the Soongy-Tay-Ay Pack of Winnipeg, the Brown Six won the Union Jack; the White Six secured the Pack Flag and the totem pole went to the Green Six. Awards of books were also made to the two "outstanding examples of industry and effort during the month." Cubs of Woodstock as a competition feature are keeping log books "of all kinds of interesting things," and are also saving the "Cub's Corner," in the *Sentinel-Review*.

Inter-pack visits included the Cathedral Cubs of Fredericton with Marysville Cubs at Marysville United Baptist Church; the Woodhaven Pack of Winnipeg as guests of the 33rd Soongy-Tay-Ay's at a campers' reunion; the 5th Hamilton and Dundas, Ont., Packs for an evening of boxing; and the visit of Provincial Commissioner Bull, District Cub Commissioner Pugh and A. C. M. Arthurs of the 7th Fredericton to the 1st Devons, which

in the absence of their leader was being run by the 1st Devon Scouts.

The Sixers' Council of the 5th St. Catharines arranged to have each Sixer inspect a Six other than his own.

At all meetings of the Sixers' Council of the 5th Hamilton, arrangements were made for a Saturday hike; Senior Sixer March the only original Cub now enrolled, gave a talk on the Pack's activities since first organized; arrangements were made to hold a Seconds' Council the second Monday of each month. At regular meetings of the pack the Senior Sixer conducts inspection.

Cathedral Pack, Fredericton, of their own accord formed an arch under which A. C. M. Glendon Arthurs passed when he was presented with his Akela Certificate and beads by District Commissioner Pugh.

Through the efforts of D. C. M. Lawton of London, Ont., arrangements have been made to organize a Cub Pack in connection with the Children's War Memorial Hospital.

Notes of Reunions

MEMBERS of the Old Boys' Association were guests at the annual troop supper of the 49th Torontos. The Old Boys inspected the present troop, and were themselves in turn inspected by the Scoutmaster.

Forty-five old boys of the 9th Winnipeg held a reunion and celebrated the troop's 20th anniversary. The roll-call showed boys scattered as far as China and England. It is planned next year to hold a big 21st anniversary reunion. All old boys of the 9th are requested to get in touch with Carl Heddeshelmer, care Provincial Headquarters, Somerset Building, Winnipeg.

Notes from the Annual Meetings

SCOUTING in Alberta, and as a world programme, received commendation from a notable group of speakers at the largely attended annual meeting of the Provincial Scout Association at Calgary, January 24th.

"Boy Scout work has the right to demand support of every citizen," was the declaration of His Honour Lt.-Gov. Egbert, Chief Scout for Alberta.

"The greatest thing that confronts this province and all Canada is the problem of making good citizens of the boys, and the Boy Scout Movement is doing that," said Dr. G. H. Malcolmson, Provincial Commissioner.

Mrs. Nellie McClung, one of Canada's leading authors, referred to Scouting as "capturing the ideals in boys and teaching them the richness there is in service."

The value of Scouting in the rural districts of Alberta was emphasized by Mr. John M. Imrie, managing director of the *Edmonton Journal*.

Tribute also was paid by Rt. Rev. Ralph Sherman, Bishop of Calgary.

The report of District Commissioner W. C. Carter for Sydney, N.S., showed 800 Scouts in Cape Breton County, and 67 leaders. It is hoped during the year to raise the number of Scouts to 1,000.

The West Winnipeg District report showed 19 Packs, 22 Troops and 2 Rover Crews. The total included 3 new Troops and 1 new Pack at St. Edward's R. C. Church, a Troop and Pack at St. James' Presbyterian, and a Troop at Woodhaven school. The leaders number 72.

The 1930 executive elected at the annual meeting of the Fredericton, N. B., District, another of our outstanding Scouting centres, includes representatives of every religious denomination, with Bishop Richardson of the Anglican church and Rev. Dr. Milligan of the Catholic diocese as representatives to the Provincial Council. The Countess of Ashburnham is the Honorary Patron.

One of the model annual troop reports received by the Scout Leader was again that of Scoutmaster Len Wheeler of the 1st Galt Troop. The report, which goes into details month by month, fills ten closely typewritten pages. No less than 105 proficiency badges were earned during 1929, and eight "A," six "B" and two "C" cords. Ten overnight hikes were held. The report includes a full statement of the year's receipts and expenditures. Such reports help to establish the reputation of Scouting as a well run institution.

Another very complete annual report was from that consistently first class Scouting town, Sherbrooke, Que. It shows eight active troops—Nos. 1 to 8, and for each troop its active Cub Pack. Two units are undenominational, two Anglican, two United, and one each Baptist and Presbyterian. The report was compiled by D. C. M. and Assistant District Commissioner Blake, who in addition is Cubmaster of the 8th Pack. The individual report on this pack concluded, "All records of the Pack have been audited and checked by the Pack Committee and found satisfactory," and is signed by both the Cubmaster and the Chairman of the Pack Committee.

The Ontario Conference

OVER 240 Scout Leaders and delegates met in the City of St. Catharines February 14-15 in connection with the annual meeting and Scout Leaders' Conference of the Province of Ontario. They came from more than 25 different cities and towns reaching as far west and north as Fort William and North Bay, southwest to the Border Cities and east to Ottawa. Most of the sessions were held in the splendid new Y. M. C. A. buildings which were placed at the disposal of the Scout authorities and which proved to be admirably suited to the purposes of the Conference.

The St. Catharines Local Association, upon whom the larger part of the arrangements for the Conference rested, rose to the occasion in a very fine way. Every detail concerning the comfort of the delegates and the success of the Conference was minutely looked after.

The Conference got under way with some splendid singing. One noticeable

fact was the large number present for the earliest session, which portrayed a model Scout troop meeting and was made up from the Scout leaders present. New ideas, games, suggestions, how to make an interesting programme, a new indoor campfire idea, concluding with the Scout Leader's "Five Minute" talk, created a very useful morning session.

Friday afternoon was the formal opening of the Conference with an address of welcome from Commissioner Gratton, preceded by the invocation offered by the Rev. Dr. R. Johnston. Then followed very earnest discussions on "Fundamentals," taking in such topics as: "How are you Checking Up on Your Boys in Their Relationship to the Church?" "How Far Do You Lead Your Boys in the Realization of Some of the Points of the Scout Law?" "What Means Do You Find Best for Inculcating the Scout Spirit in Your Boys?"

These topics were introduced respectively by Scoutmaster Rev. C. M. C. Hollowell of Brantford, Scoutmaster Alex. Phillips of Oakville and Scoutmaster J. N. Blow of Toronto. The discussions will long be remembered by all present. They brought to the fore points which are vital to the movement. They showed how very closely



MAKING pioneer instructional work interesting. A miniature monkey bridge across a miniature canyon at Camp Byng, B.C.

we are knitted into the life of the churches and how deeply religious the Boy Scout Movement is at heart.

One of the high spots in the Conference was undoubtedly the annual meeting and banquet, when 250 leaders, delegates and friends met under the Chairmanship of J. F. M. Stewart, Deputy Provincial Commissioner. Mr. Stewart acted as the presiding officer in place of J. W. Mitchell, who was unfortunately detained in Toronto through sickness.

During the evening an impressive little play was enacted by a group of local Scouts, which completely answered the musing query of the Scoutmaster who "wondered whether he was getting anywhere with his Scout work." And the splendid address of the evening given by the Rev. Stanley Russell of Toronto will not lose its inspirational effect for a long time. When he described our movement as the great unifying instrument of the world it brought to the realization of all how serious a job a Scout Leader's is.

The pace of the preceding day of the Conference was even excelled on the closing day—Saturday. Scoutmaster J. Furminger led off with an explanation of the Ontario Lone Scout Troop

of which he is the leader.

In the afternoon two sessions were created, so that discussions on both Scout and Cub work might run concurrently. The time was all too short for these very helpful sessions.

At luncheon 55 old Gilwellians—leaders who have taken some form of Scout training—gathered together for one hour, and, like the birds whose names they have assumed, reminisced.

The practical demonstration of first aid by the Scout team from Welland, under the supervision of Instructor S. H. Walters, was quite helpful.

The final session of the Conference concluded with a new method of dealing with the "Question Box." It was a combined model Court of Honour and "Question Box." The court was made up from leaders of the model troop, and this method of dealing with the many questions presented, while unique, proved interesting and useful.

Big Growth in Scouting During 1929

A remarkable growth in the Scout Movement during the past year was reported at the Annual Meeting in London of the Boy Scouts Association. The grand total of all ranks in the British Empire, including British Scouts in foreign countries was reported 690,586, an increase of 36,456 over the preceding year.

Great Britain and Ireland total 397,648, an increase of 27,392 over the previous year.

The Scouts of the Empire overseas total 290,977, an increase of 9,300 on the previous year. The increase in the number of Leaders of 4,540, making a total of 46,559, was reported.

Commissioners had increased by 161, now numbering 2,782. This increase, with the increase in other workers of 1,438 to 16,376, were recorded as a sign of extended interest in the Movement.

The International Bureau supplied the figures 1,907,772, as the total of Scouts definitely registered in the countries recognized by the International Committee, so far as can be ascertained to date. These figures showed an increase of 122,212 on those of the preceding year.

The Wolf Cubs increased by 20,000 in the United Kingdom, now totalling 143,841; and by 24,000 in the Empire, now totalling 213,630.

"Rover Squire"

AT the suggestion of the Chief Scout the words "Rover Squire" have been adopted as the name by which in future the young man will be known during the period of his proving; that is to say from the time he is accepted by the Rover Crew until he is invested as a Rover Scout. The Chief feels that the new name is particularly appropriate, as "Squire" was the name given in days of old to young men training for Knighthood. "Rover Squire" will not be used as a rank. In most cases the young man will be a Scout, and will then be entitled to wear Scout uniform with the Rover Squire shoulder knot of yellow and green.

❖ The Scoutmaster's Five Minutes ❖

Here Are Men

(concluded from January)

MY illustrations of genuine sportsmanship are all taken from football simply because my personal experiences have been with football. Coaches of other college sports tell me that they write volumes of similar testimony. And so they could of course.

I know enough of other college competitions to understand that they produce dozens of examples of unselfishness in play. Here and there you will find a quixotic flavour to these stories and now and then there is a comic tinge, but you must remember that these true sportsmen of whom I write are boys—boys with huge enthusiasms and unlimited animal spirits.

Broke Up His Own Team's Play to Protect an Injured Opponent

Unhappily I can't decide in what game it was that I saw this, but I hope the day never arrives when I shall have forgotten it. It occurred at the Yankee Stadium in New York City. Two nicely matched college teams were at it with a fierceness which had the stands roaring almost continuously.

One team was smashing at the other's goal line, and had only five or six yards to go to score. It was straight, hard line plunging, and defending tackles and guards were getting a terrific battering.

As the offensive quarter-back was chattering his call to another thrust, the defence's left tackle scrambled into his position dragging one leg which, at the time, seemed broken—at any rate badly hurt. With all the grit and fortitude a man can summon, he pulled himself into place and crouched, his agony-distorted face lifted defiantly to his adversary.

His opponent rose sharply and tried to stop the play which the quarter-back had aimed straight at the injured man—not knowing he was hurt. But it was too late. The ball had been snapped.

Without a second of hesitation, the injured man's opponent turned and smashed up his own team's attack, thus saving the other boy from further hurt.

No Soreheads

A few seasons ago Coach George Clark took his Kansas University team to Norman, Oklahoma, to do battle with the University of Oklahoma. Kansas was good. It had tied great Nebraska. But Oklahoma had done better; it had beaten Nebraska. The guess was that Oklahoma should win.

The first half ended with Oklahoma leading—three to nothing—and the crowd felt that its guesses were correct. But Kansas scored a touchdown and a goal in the second half and the game ended with victory for Clark's men—7-3.

Out of their stands poured the Oklahoma students in their spotless white trousers and shirts. In a great body, straight for the mud-plastered victors they rushed. They raised the entire Kansas squad on their shoulders and, singing the Kansas hymn, carried

Clark's lads to their dressing-rooms three blocks away.

I like that story. So do you.

Such stories I could supply endlessly. But already I have made and, I think, proved my point. Victory isn't all-important in football. How the game is played is the thing.

Gentlemen All

We who love the game for itself find comfort in knowing that the overwhelming majority—yes, ninety-nine per cent—of the players have the fine viewpoint of Pixley of Ohio State University.

It happened in 1922. Ohio State and the University of Illinois were fighting in desperation. A bad feeling had sprung up between the teams and not only the play became rough but the language. The lads were well on the way to completely forgetting themselves when Pixley, captain of Ohio State, called "Time out."

Looking at his own backfield but obviously addressing both teams, he said:

"The relations between Ohio State and Illinois have always been fine and clean. I wonder if we want to ruin them today. I don't think so. Neither do you fellows. This is a wow of a game. Why spoil it? Let's try to be men."

The spirit of those two teams changed instantly. There was a loud shout of approval from both sides. Hard, fast football ensued—clean, good-natured and good-tempered. Ohio State won.

Football? A great game—a great game!

The Dancing Bear

UNDOUBTEDLY many trained animal acts seen on the vaudeville stage and in the circus ring involve cruelty which is too seldom appreciated. A London daily tells this story of a dancing bear:

Ringed and muzzled, she spent six years dancing at fairs before going on the films.

There, owing to "the long hours beneath blazing lights, the inevitable cruelty of the discipline of tamed beasts," she became irritable and dangerous. As a result of the continual pulling on her ring, her nasal bone was broken. The barbarous cruelty was not yet ended. Another hole was to be made in her nose, another ring inserted. "Mourma" resisted this second operation for two hours, being vanquished only by ropes, chains, and chloroform. She died under the chloroform.

Yet during these six years thousands of thoughtless people doubtless laughed to see this poor beast do her tricks.

THE 1st Londoners possess two libraries,—one for the whole troop, consisting largely of story books, and one for the P. L.'s, T. L. and Seconds, consisting entirely of books of instruction, also bound copies of The Scout Leader. "And the boys sure take advantage of them," writes Scoutmaster Steen.

Safety for the Scout's Dog

THE reprinting of the following article on the training of dogs to keep out of the way of automobiles was suggested by the running over of the dog chum of a Winnipeg Scout, mentioned in the February Scout Leader as a first aid incident. The article, by Eleanor S. Mann, was awarded first prize in an essay contest of the monthly, "Our Dumb Animals," under the title,

"Keep Off the Street"

In answer to the question, "How humanely and at the same time effectively can a dog be trained to guard himself from injury by the automobile," I know no better reply than to teach the dog to keep entirely off the street except when his master is crossing, and then come to "heel." At the risk of being too personal I'll give a brief account of my experiences along this particular branch of dog-training.

I live in the heart of a large city, and at first lived on a street-car line, with something like six lines of cars running day and night, to say nothing of a constant stream of speeding automobiles. At that time I had a little black mongrel dog that was ever my constant companion and chum. I was all too careless about him though, and on a day that even now it hurts to think about, my little dog was run down and killed by a street car. At the time I vowed that if I ever had another dog he was going to be trained to keep entirely off the street and out of the way of all motor vehicles.

Some time after I bought a collie puppy. He was about six weeks old at the time, but I decided that it was none too soon to start his education. Of course, as every dog owner realizes,—or ought to realize—before a dog can be trained to do anything at all difficult, he must be trained to obey such simple commands as, "come here," or "heel." This is easily taught with a little patience and a pocket of meat scraps or cooky bits to serve as rewards.

When my puppy had mastered this, I next taught him to "stop" at command. This is easily done by taking the dog out on a long leash or rope, and letting him run ahead. Then at the command, "Stop," pulling him quickly to a standstill, and, when he begins to grasp the idea, rewarding him each time.

I then began the more difficult task of training the dog to avoid the street. I don't think one could train a dog to avoid automobiles, for one can't reason with him to the extent of making him understand that an automobile would hurt him if it struck him, except by actually running into him with a car. Even then, if one did it softly enough so as not to actually injure the dog, it would very likely have no effect beyond a temporary scare, and might be regarded as a rough game. By training him to keep out of the street, however, one not only does away with the likelihood of the dog's being run over, but it prevents him from start-

ing that fascinating, and so often fatal, trick of chasing and biting at the tires. So I started on my dog's training.

Every time I went out walking with him, I took him at first on a long leash. I paid no attention to him, allowing him to wander freely within the leash's radius until he started to walk out in the street. I immediately pulled him off the road, and going up to him I held him by the roadside and just off the road, while I said several times, slowly and firmly, "Not in the street," meanwhile pointing to the road. At every street crossing I pulled him close beside me, repeating "heel," as we crossed. Shortly, he would range alongside of me of his own accord.

Next I took him off the leash on our walks. Here his knowledge of "stop," came in, for whenever he put even so much as a foot in the road, I called, "stop," and going up to him repeated, "No, not in the street," emphasizing the words, "not," and, "street." He soon began to catch on, and when I said "street" to him he drew back from the road and avoided stepping off the pavement. For each time that he showed a knowledge of what was required of him I rewarded him with an animal cracker (his favourite dainty) and patted him, praising his action (dogs are inordinately fond of praise).

After a remarkably short time he had learned so well that without a word from me, he came to, "heel," on the street crossings, and, when to test his knowledge I would throw his ball or a stick into the street, he would dash to the curb, stop so suddenly he skidded, and stand there looking back at me and waiting for me to go out on the forbidden territory and get his ball back for him.

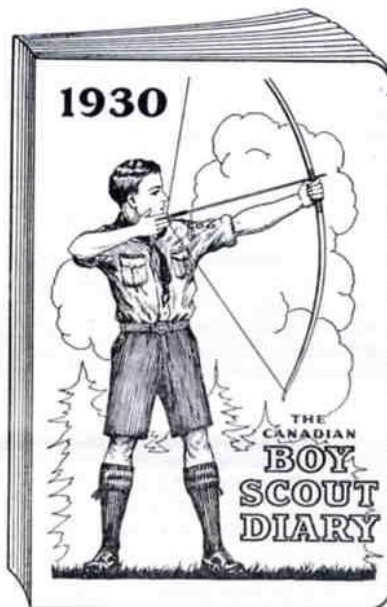
I often tested him by going into the house and leaving him loose outside, and, though I was nowhere in sight to see him if he cared to do wrong (at least he thought as much) I have seen him go to the very edge of the sidewalk and stand there watching a couple of dogs playing across the street, yet never so much as putting a paw down off the pavement as long as I watched.

I see no reason why this simple lesson shouldn't work with any dog, no matter how heedless. It only takes patience and thoroughness, and I know that in my case, living as I do on a crowded thoroughfare, it has saved me another irreparable loss such as I experienced at the tragic death of my first little pal.

Scouts in Disguise

By Stuart Lillico in "CEDAR CHIPS"
LAUGH, I thought I'd die! There stood the pride of the Seattle traffic squad in the middle of the intersection wearing the funniest outfit I ever saw, and at college I've seen some funny ones. In place of his usual uniform cap he was wearing an old straw hat of the "skimmer" variety. He had on a loud golf sweater with a crew neck instead of the official coat that I was accustomed to seeing him wear. It was a pretty good sweater, I guess, but it sure

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looked out of place on a representative of the forces of law and order. He had one piece of equipment that was official, however. It was his Sam Browne belt with the revolver attached. If it hadn't been for that I doubt if anyone would have known what he was. Except to people like myself who knew most of the cops by sight, this fellow might have been a thug or a gunman who had taken over the corner and was trying to direct traffic. To complete the get-up, he was wearing a pair of long grey pants and a brand new pair of tennis shoes.

Read It Again

Sounds kind of phoney, doesn't it? Read it over again now and in place of the word "policeman" use "scout." Instead of Sam Browne belt try "scout shirt" or "neckerchief." What's it sound like now?

Did you ever see a Scout looking something like that? The difference between the first version of the thing and the second is that the first never happens. But once in a while the second does happen.

Utensils for the Head

Next to a man in a full dress suit wearing a three days' growth of beard, nothing looks as funny as a scout in uniform with a cloth cap set jauntily on top of his head. Cloth caps look swell when you are riding a bicycle but not around a scout meeting. The proper utensil for use with the rest of the uniform is the scout hat. If you haven't one, go bareheaded and pretend you're collegiate.

It is true that neckerchiefs were designed to be used for life lines, bandages and bathing suits in emergencies, but after using them as such you should not start wearing them again immediately. Surprising as it may seem a neckerchief is not damaged by ironing. Here is a good system,—iron it every time you take a bath, or even twice a month if you want to.

Just because Bobby Jones wears gaudy golf sox is no excuse for the troop to adopt them as standard equipment. The first reason for that is that they look like the dickens with the Scout uniform. There is a certain color effect in the official uniform that is considerably cramped by the introduction of alien shades to the color scheme. Another good reason is that you are not in uniform with unofficial garments on.

Breeches, Pants and Shorts

My last laugh at the expense of brother scouts is about these terrible things they sometimes wear to pass for breeches. A pair of cotton breeches, after they have been used to slide down a snow field are no longer ideal to wear in the Memorial Day parade. There is a large white faded spot where you sit down. Also there is the likelihood that sometime in the same slide you dragged bottom on a rock and considerably decreased the protective qualities of the pants. A patch on the knee is bad enough, but on the seat of the pants it is downright embarrassing. But you can't afford two pair? All right—wear dungarees to slide in and wear shorts in town. They're cheaper and 600

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

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

Notable Scout Service

QUOTING an editorial in the Halifax Evening Mail of January 24th, captioned, "Notable Service,"—

The voluntary service of the Boy Scouts was especially commendable, as they ran swiftly from the different polling stations to the head office of the Telephone Company, where their news was, in turn, made known to the waiting thousands of the electorate. It was largely through their cheerful and enthusiastic assistance that the prompt precision in the gathering of results from the polls was made possible.

Co-operating with the other organizations, the Scouts once more upheld their service motto, Be Prepared.

Another Totem Pole Idea

IN order to show at a glance the respective positions of the various Sixes in the Six Competition of the 1st St. Thomas, Ont., Pack, the Six colours are hung on small hooks placed one below the other on the totem pole. At the end of each meeting the colours of the winning Six, if there is a change, go to the top, and the others in their respective positions. "And I am relieved of continually answering the question, 'Who won to-night?'" writes Cubmaster MacArthur.

Getting the Law to the Boy

THE following paragraphs were taken from a thoughtful address on the subject by Cub Commissioner H. T. Ravenhill, Victoria, B.C., before the last conference of Cub and Scout leaders of British Columbia:—

I believe that the whole future of Scouting depends upon the thoroughness with which we can bring home to the boy that the mere repetition of the Cub or Scout Promise and Law is not enough; that a real understanding of their meaning is required, and a brave attempt to live up to the high standards involved.

The explaining of the Cub Promise brings an opportunity to help the boy to do his best throughout life. It should be explained that all that is required is that a boy do his best, and that doing his best means going on trying right through to the end,—even if he does not altogether succeed at first.

A point to be pressed is that the Cub Law does not cover the period of the pack meeting only, but the boy's life at home, at school, everywhere.

A Cub with a good understanding of his Promise and Law goes up to the troop better prepared to understand the true meaning of the Scout Promise and Law. For the boy who has not been a Cub the Scoutmaster must first lay a foundation, just as Akela has done.

For a certain number of boys honour and loyalty are abstract terms which present difficulties. It is well at first to illustrate by some definite example or standard, such as the code of honour which ruled the conduct of the knights of the days of chivalry;

that they were men who had proved that they could be trusted to do what they promised; that their word could always be accepted as the truth; that their way of living always offered the best example to others.

On this point of honour I would also recommend Roland Philipp's "Letters to a P.L. on the Scout Law." Some Scoutmasters have used the idea, and written their own letters successfully.

If you plan to give a talk on the Promise and Law, whether at a Scouts' Own or a troop meeting, first make sure of your atmosphere. This also applies to the Investiture,—which provides the big opportunity for bringing home all the purpose of your work for the boys.

Finally and above all, let us realize our own great responsibility; that upon our example finally must depend success or failure in getting to our boys, Cub or Scout, the true understanding of the Promise and Law.

Scout Dates

March

1st—St. David's Day. St. David is the patron saint of Wales.

4th—Shrove Tuesday.

5th—Ash Wednesday.

17th—St. Patrick's Day.

21st—Vernal Equinox. First day of Spring. Watch for the Equinoctial storm.

During March

Five Saturdays to hold hikes and all outdoor sports as long as the snow and ice and cold weather last.

Begin planning for Clean-Up Week and talk about gardens.

April

6th—Passion Sunday.

13th—Palm Sunday.

Jewish Passover.

20th—Easter Sunday.

The Picture-Postal Deduction Game

THE picture postal card deduction game, in patrol competition, has been played with much success this winter by the 11th Ottawa. It makes an ideal quiet period patrol corners session, with the boys intently studying the picture and arguing out their deductions. These are tabulated on a card by the Patrol Leader. For a recent game the picture of a railroad station was used, and the deductions fixed the approximate year, season, and time of day. Other points developed were the direction from which the train was coming, that it was probably due in about five minutes,—this from the position and manner in which the people on the platform were grouped, and the location of the baggage and mail trucks. In scoring, one point was given for somewhat obscure details noted, without deduction; two points for a somewhat obvious deduction, and three points for more subtle deductions.

Camel Tent Pegging

HERE is a good combination fun and p. t. game, contributed by Scoutmaster the Rev. C. Owen Darby, of Gibson's Landing, B.C.: In turn the members of each patrol act as Camel, with the exception of the smallest boy, who each time acts as rider. The Camel goes down on his hands, letting his knees touch the floor. With a stone in his hands, the rider mounts, and drives the Camel to a circle in which is a peg. Keeping both hands on the stave, or with one hand behind his back, he knocks the peg from the circle, with the end of the stave only. He drives back to the patrol, and mounts the next Camel.

A Scout Camp Saves a Would-be Suicide

HOW a would-be suicide was turned from his purpose by the good turn of a Scout was revealed at the recent annual meeting of the Darlington and District Scout Association, England. The man was without work, and a Scout, overhearing him declare that life had no further interest for him, persuaded him to accompany the troop to camp at Whitby. In the healthy outdoor life of the camp and the new companionship the man again found himself, and returned to his home restored in health of both mind and body. He is now happily at work in Darlington. The good turn was characterized as the district's "Best Good Deed" of the year.

Scout Reforestation Area a Wild Life Sanctuary

BY Order in Council issued at Government House, Halifax, January 9th last, and published in the Royal Gazette of January 15th, the recently enlarged reforestation area set aside for the Boy Scouts Association of Halifax was declared a wild life sanctuary. Regulations were issued preventing hunting in the area, the presence of dogs, or the entry upon the area of persons other than Boy Scouts or leaders, unless accompanied by a registered guide.

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per cent better looking than breeches. Even if you're just under seven feet tall (the author's altitude is six feet three) your best friends will tell you that winter or summer, shorts look best.

The next time the Movietone show the West Pointers on parade, imagine what they would look like if they were dressed as a few scouts doll up. Then make a solemn vow to stay in "uniform" as long as you are a Scout. Write it on a strip of birch bark and sign it with blood or red paint. But don't get the red paint all over your scout shirt!

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