



Preliminaries of the 1930 Camp

DISCUSS some feature of the proposed outing with the whole troop at each Scout meeting, and take up the details one by one, with the Court of Honour.

Arrange a full discussion at a joint meeting of the Court of Honour and the Troop Committee. Suggest that one member of the Troop Committee take full charge of camp finances, another any necessary arrangements for the use of a camp site, another the food supplies and delivery at camp, and another the tents.

Visit the Site.—If within hiking distance of an annually used camp site, arrange a Court of Honour hike to the spot, to look over the ground generally, and to check up on the possibility of repeating arrangements regarding rental, milk, wood, etc.

A New Camp Site.—If planning to camp on a new site, visit the spot and make sure of the following points:—Whether protected on the summer-storm side. Ground that will drain readily. Unquestionably pure water. Pure milk supply. Wood cutting privileges or supply. Suitability for Scouting games and general woodcraft activities. Safe swimming. Resident doctor within reach who will be available during the period of the camp.

Finances.—If the financing of the camp is not yet assured, and ideas are required, study money-raising paragraphs in *Coast to Coast*. There are several good ones in this issue.

Camping "Without Funds."—This problem has been solved by locating a good camp site at a quiet spot a few miles from town, free; borrowing tents, and having food for the boys left daily at a store where it is called for each evening by a friend with a car and brought out to camp.

Keep Talking Camp.—Keep in mind that for every boy the camp is the big adventure of the year, and a lot of the fun is the anticipation and planning. For the benefit of the Tenderfoot Scouts for whom it will be the first camp, have the older boys relate camp experiences and adventures at the meeting council fire.

Camp First Aid.—Work some camp first aid games into the troop meeting programmes — "a cut finger," "a sprained ankle," "ivy poisoning," "heat prostration," and water rescue and Schafer resuscitation.

Camp Good Turns.—Talk over camp good turn possibilities, including the

entertainment of visitors around the camp fire. Practice some special stunts for the occasions.

New Songs.—Teach the boys two or three good new songs — from the "Camp Fire Song Book," the "Scout Jamboree Song Sheet," "Canadian Folk Songs," or "Sea Songs and Shanteys". (See 1930 Headquarters Price List).

Lay Out the Daily Programme.—Have your Court of Honour lay out a programme of camp activities for every day, with optionals for wet days. Don't use the same programme as last year.

THE Scout Law burned into a wood slab at Lowick Camp, England.

Note this for a rainy day activity.



Plan a real woodcraft camp with plenty of competitive observation games or hikes. Discuss items from this list:—

Wild animal observation.

Animal tracking, with top points for the best story deduced from tracks. (May include ground squirrels, chipmunks and field mice.)

Bird observation.

Bird nest hunting (location, without disturbing occupant).

Tree identification (leaves).

Wild flower collection.

Poisonous plants (see 1930 Scout Diary).

Fern collection.

Fungus collection. (Those of suitable shape and smooth surface can be used for making camp sketches).

Weed identification. (Most interesting and instructive, with the help of a good book on the subject, such as *Farm Weeds of Canada* — \$2.00, The King's Printer, Ottawa.)

Twig alphabet contest, inter-patrol (the letters to be cut from small branches or bushes, and to be natural — not bent to shape).

Track reading contests (in sand on shore, on nearby road, or other suitable spot).

A Star Hike (point-to-point cross-country by star direction only).

Stalking and other misc. games (See *Handbook* and *Scoutmaster's First Year*).

Bridge building.

Museum of camp conveniences.

For Visitors' Day.—Plan a top-notch Visitors' Day, with a programme of demonstration tests and games — all scouty. Keep away from the conventional field day of foot races, jumping, baseball, etc.

Tests to be Passed.—Make definite plans for the completion of First Class tests during the camping period, including the Journey; and the passing of every Tenderfoot through the balance of his Second Class work.

Check over the troop's proficiency badge work, and schedule the passing of tests for Bird Warden, Camp Cook, Camper, Canoeman, Inland Fisherman, Forester, Naturalist, Pioneer, Stalker, Starman, Swimmer, etc.

Natural History Experts.—If it is desired that an expert on trees, birds, flowers or other natural history subjects visit the camp, early arrangements should be made. Since only a very limited number of Government experts are available, specialists should be found locally if possible. As a matter of fact there are few communities but have their bird, tree or wild flower lovers who are capable of talking on their hobby. Usually they are glad of an opportunity to do so.

Camp Assistants.—Arrange to have with you if possible one A. S. M. to each two patrols in camp.

When the S. M. Cannot Go.—A member of the Troop Committee may substitute, on full directions from the Scoutmaster, the latter aiding in laying out the camp.

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The Silver Cross for Saving Animal Life?

A recent medal award case, in which the Silver Cross was recommended for saving the lives of horses by leading them from a burning stable, has developed a discussion as to the propriety of and the justification for making such awards.

These points are raised against the proposition:—

That the awarding of the Silver Cross for saving animal life tends to encourage other Scouts to attempt similar rescues, with the attendant risks.

That human life is sacred; that just as a human being has no right to take his own life (commit suicide), so has he no right to risk his life to save the life of an animal.

That the encouragement or teaching of boys to take such risks could not, in the face of fatal results, be justified. A hypothetical case offered was that of a Scoutmaster standing beside the dead body of one of his Scouts, the victim of an attempted animal rescue, and endeavouring to justify this feature of Scout training to the bereaved mother.

On the side of justification it is argued, technically, that the basis of awarding the Silver Cross concerns merely the courage shown and danger faced, and not the object or objects of the rescue.

Broadly it is argued:

That Scouts are seldom if ever moved to take serious risks merely in order to earn a medal; that such risks will be taken in any case by Scouts of spirit and initiative.

That the most likely result of warning boys against attempting to save animal life where personal risk is involved, would be the establishment and development of the unscoutlike rule, "think first of yourself," a philosophy opposed to the highest principles of good citizenship and service; that general acceptance of this principle would abolish many forms of manly sport; that readiness to face risks, rather than to shrink from them, is a necessary quality of virile manhood.

It is noted that a number of Silver Cross awards have been made by Imperial Headquarters in recognition of courage shown and risk taken in the saving of animal life.

The above problem offers an inviting subject for debate between Rover Crews or other older Scout groups, or Scouters. The Scout Leader would welcome direct expressions of opinion and reports on any debates on the subject.

Involved in the discussion is the question whether or not the present rule governing the awarding of the Silver Cross should be modified to make it applicable only where risk is taken to save human life.

Scouts as Traffic Officers

FROM time to time the suggestion is made that Boy Scouts be trained and used to direct street traffic near public schools. In London, Ont., the further plan has been advanced that Scouts be trained as special traffic officers subject to call by the Chief of Police for traffic duty on all special occasions.

Whilst there is no question regarding the service of this kind that older Scouts might render, and the value of the experience to the boys themselves, there usually is a difficulty involved, at least in the case of the larger communities. This is the possibility that in doing such work Scouts would be



TWO pairs of the 1st Regina leave the '29 camp on their 24 hour Journey. (Gillwell improvised rucksacks help out in such cases.)

taking away the livelihood of a certain number of police officers, and on special occasions the employment of extra traffic men.

In all Scout public service this is a consideration that must be kept in mind.

Usually involved in the question or traffic control in the neighborhood of public schools is the triangle, the City Council, the School Board and the Chief of Police,—the latter asking for more men, and the City Council and School Board arguing the question of financial responsibility. Under these circumstances Scout leaders should never act hastily, but should wait until the arrangements decided upon are agreeable to all concerned.

A 24th-of-May Reminder

THAT Scouts do not let off firecrackers near homes where there is known to be illness, nor near hospitals, nor old folks' homes. Scout firecracker displays are held only where the noise will disturb no one.

Speaking at a luncheon preceding the Saskatoon Scout Fair, Dr. Walter C. Murray, President of the University of Saskatchewan, described the Scout Movement as "The finest thing that has happened to the English-speaking world in a quarter of a century."



The Manitoba Paper Company, Pine Falls, Man., is building a Scout Troop headquarters, and plans to give Scouting and guiding its full support for the benefit of the children of its employees.

A public holiday was declared at Humboldt, Sask., to mark the visit in April of Their Excellencies the Governor General and Viscountess Willingdon. Scouts, Cubs, Guides and Brownies were reviewed by Their Excellencies.

Scouts and Cubs of four St. Johns troops, the 1st Iberville and 1st Delson collected 5,323 eggs for Ste. Therese's Orphanage and St. Johns Hospital as their special Easter Good Turn—2,000 more than last year.

Cubs of the 25th Toronto Pack gave up their usual Good Friday hike to collect eggs for little patients at the Hospital for Sick Children. A considerable number were donated as an Easter morning treat.

The 18th Vancouver Troop held a church parade at the Fairview Baptist Church on Sunday, March 23, in memory of the late Chief Commissioner Dr. Jas. W. Robertson, whose nephew Leo Robertson is Assistant Scoutmaster of the troop.

His Honour, Lieutenant-Governor Hartz presided at the initial showing of the Jamboree film in Charlottetown, P.E.I. The film was viewed by an enthusiastic audience of some 800 people. Jamboree Scouts Dick Filliter and Robert Beer acted as special attendants to the Lieutenant-Governor.

The 1st Ontario Lone Scout Troop now has an enrolment of nearly 170. It has been necessary to close the membership list until further leaders can be found. Two troops have been formed as a direct result of the operation of the Lone Scout Troop—the 1st Paris and the 1st Killaloe.

Two of the provincial governments at recent sessions increased their grants to Scouting. Upon recommendation of the Deputy Minister of Education the Ontario Government increased its annual allowance by \$1,000, to \$2,500. At a luncheon preceding the Saskatoon Scout Fair, Premier J. T. M. Anderson announced an increase of the Saskatchewan grant by \$500 to \$3,000.

Under the auspices of the Canadian Home and Community Beautiful Association an effort is being made this year to co-ordinate spring clean-up activities throughout the Dominion. As in past years, it is expected that local Scout leaders will co-operate and offer the aid of Scouts in all work suitable to them. In most cases local announcement of dates has been made; these are not standard for the Dominion.

His Excellency Opens Victoria Headquarters

THE handsome new headquarters of the Boy Scouts Association of Victoria, B.C., was opened on Friday, April 4th, by His Excellency, Viscount Willingdon, Chief Scout for Canada, in the presence of a large gathering. The brief ceremony preceding the formal opening of the doors by His Excellency consisted of the breaking out of the flag, the singing of the National Anthem and the recital of prayers by Rev. Canon A. E. de L. Nunns, and short addresses by Mayor Anson and President G. H. Stevens of the Victoria Kiwanis Club. His Excellency and party were shown through the premises by Mrs. G. H. Bissell, President, and other members of the Women's Auxiliary.

The headquarters was built by the Scout Association, with the support of the Kiwanis Club, on a lot donated by the City Council. The building is a one story structure, finished in plaster and fir. Two front rooms on either side of the entrance are to be used as district headquarters offices. In the wing at the right is a second office and kitchen, and on the left three small meeting rooms. At the back a spacious meeting hall extends the full width of the building.

President Hoover at American Scout Anniversary Dinner

A significant tribute to the national significance of Scouting in the United States was offered by President Hoover at the 20th Anniversary dinner of the Boy Scouts of America held in Washington and attended by some 400 guests, representative leaders of every department of national life. Further significance was added through the death of former President and Chief Justice William Howard Taft, the first Honorary President of the Boy Scouts of America, and the decision to carry on with the anniversary dinner as being in accord with the former President's well-known attitude.

In the course of an address marked by its understanding of the boy, President Hoover characterized the Scout training as giving an understanding of the value of united effort, of the democracy of play and work, and the duties and satisfactions of service,—all of which "are the foundations of life, the basis of liberty and happiness, the safeguard against destructive joy in the grown-up life hereafter."

The dinner gathering approved the inauguration by the National Council of the Boy Scouts of America of a campaign to raise \$10,000,000, "to provide additional resources for the support of its activities, to provide a national training centre, and a retirement fund for those professionally engaged in Scouting."

Canadian Scouting was represented at the gathering by Assistant Chief Commissioner John A. Stiles.



FINE new Victoria, B.C., Headquarters, formally opened on April 4th by His Excellency Viscount Willingdon, Chief Scout for Canada.

THE GOOD TURN AND WORLD PEACE

SINCE the war many people have been trying very hard by various means to secure peace among the nations. Personally, I am not sure that the Boy Scout Movement is not going to prove one of the greatest influences in existence toward this end, for if every Scout all through life continues to live up to his principle of doing a good turn every day—and the Scout Movement is spreading all over the world—then he is quietly contributing to bring about the conditions of good will for which we are striving."

—H. E. Viscount Willingdon, Chief Scout for Canada, at the opening of new Victoria, B.C., Headquarters, April 4, 1930.

Saskatoon's Scout Fair Programme

IMPRESSIVELY opened by the breaking of the flag by the Premier, Dr. J. T. M. Anderson, in the presence of the Mayor, and other prominent citizens and Scout leaders; attended by a crowd that filled the armouries afternoon and evening, and voted by everyone a splendid display,—this was the story in brief of the Saskatoon Scout Fair of 1930. Programme features were an opening Indian Dance similar to that put on by Canadian Scouts at the Jamboree; a mouth organ band, boxing and "chariot fighting," and a minstrel show. There were various amusement features—a bowling alley, balloon and darts, winter golf, "hit the nigger," and a freak show.

Proficiency badge booths displayed camp models, pioneering, a photographer's and artist's exhibit, and the

work of cyclists, firemen and handy-men. A Rover refreshment stand and a shoe shine parlour operated by Cubs did big business. The Cubs also operated a fish pond. A souvenir newspaper had a good sale, with Girl Guides acting as "newsies."

The New Second and First Class Tests

THE new edition of Policy, Organization and Rules for Canada, now in the last stages of preparation, will contain a number of important changes in certain sections of the Second and First Class Scout Tests.

Second Class First Aid

The principal changes proposed for the Second Class tests concern the first aid work. These read:

1. Know the general rules of health as given in "Scouting for Boys."
2. Be able to deal with simple first aid problems as follows:—Scratches and Cuts. Bruises and Sprains. Burns and Scalds. Grit in the eye. Bleeding from the nose. Insect stings and Animal bites.

3. Know how to make a large and a small arm sling, using the triangular bandage. Know how to apply a triangular or other effective bandage to keep a dressing on a wound, burn or scald on the hand, foot, arm, leg and head. Know how to bandage a sprained ankle. Know how to apply a tourniquet.

Second Class Cooking

In the Second Class cooking test it is specifically stated that "bacon or weiners" are not considered "meat" for this purpose. Something which really requires cooking must be used. And the examiner may require that the cooking be done without utensils.

First Class Test Changes

Leaders generally will agree that the changes in the First Class tests reasonably strengthen the require-

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THE CAMP CHIEF'S PAGE

Camp Equipment for 1930

CAMP equipment for the summer season of 1930 will be available to bona fide Scout Troops, according to notification received from the Deputy Minister of the Department of National Defence, dated March 10th. The rental rate for bell tents has been increased to \$2.50, and an item rental, in lieu of a percentage on value, will be charged for camp kettles, tables, bench forms, etc. No marquees will be available. Otherwise the conditions are the same as those of 1929.

Rental Charges

Tents, etc.—For a period not exceeding 14 days: Bell tents, \$2.50. Kitchen Shelters, \$1.50. Field Officers, \$4.80 (if available; one only may be issued to each camp or place of assembly). Blankets, \$1.00 per doz. Ground sheets, \$1.00 per doz.

For a period exceeding 14 days and up to 28 days the rental charge will be twice that shown above, and for a period exceeding 28 days and up to 42 days the rental will be three times that shown above, etc.

Ranges, etc.—For a period of one month or any part of a month: Cooking ranges, \$2.00 each. Camp kettles, 9 cents each. Tables, 55 cents each. Forms, 33 cents each.

Duration of Loan—The duration of the loan as regards fixing the rental charges will be the period of the camp and will not include the time occupied by shipment to or from. This duration of camp will be fixed as follows:—

It will begin on the day named as the first day of camp in the application.

It will end on the day on which the stores are handed over to the carrier for return to the Ordnance Depot. This date will be shown on the bill of lading.

In cases where shipment by rail or boat is not necessary, one day before camp and one day after camp will be allowed without charge for drawing and returning of the stores.

Transportation and Other Charges—In addition to the rental charge, the Boy Scouts Organization will be responsible for all transportation charges, and will also be responsible for the washing of blankets and any loss or or abnormal depreciation.

Endorsation Required—District Officers Commanding will approve locally application for loans from bona fide Scout Troops. All applications from these organizations must be approved by the Provincial Commissioner in order that there be no doubt as to the status of the Boy Scout organization applying for the loan. Each issue will be covered by a complete agreement on the Boy Scouts rental agreement form.

Paid in Advance—An important point to note is that rental must be paid in advance.

For Scout Use Only—The equipment is to be used for Boy Scout camps only. Scout leaders are requested not to sign applications for equipment for other than Scout camps.

Apply Early—Applications for equipment must be in not less than a fortnight before the date required.

A Warning

In cases where equipment is returned in bad condition the privilege of future issues to the organization concerned is to be withdrawn.

INDOOR COURSES

Scoutmaster's Indoor Training Courses:—**Unit 1, Completed**—Dartmouth, Halifax, New Glasgow, Parrsboro, Port Hawkesbury, Springhill, Truro, N.S., all under S. J. Limbrey, Provincial Director of Scouting; Brandon, Man., under Field Secretary E. F. Mills; four classes at Regina, Sask., under Provincial Secretary W. J. P. Selby; North Vancouver, B.C., under



CLEAN, tidy, business-like!
Where the P.L.'s and cooks drew their Patrol rations at the '29 Camp of the 13th Border Cities.

Assistant District Commissioner C. Sara.

Unit 2 Completed—Charlottetown, P.E.I., under Provincial Secretary R. C. Parent.

Projected—Belmont, Ninette and Portage la Prairie, Man.

4 Units Completed—London, Ont., under Scoutmaster R. Rodda; Toronto, Ont., under Executive Secretary N. Saunders. Winnipeg, Man., under Scoutmaster C. A. Hill.

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

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

AKELA COURSES—**Part II Completed**—Fredericton, N. B.; Toronto, Ont., Winnipeg, Man.

District Cub Courses held at New Glasgow, N.S., under Mr. S. J. Limbrey of Halifax; Fredericton, N.B., under District Cub Commissioner Pugh. Brandon, Man., under Field Secretary E. F. Mills of Winnipeg.

Ontario cyclist Scouts should be reminded of the Ontario Highway Traffic Act regulation prohibiting bicyclists being "towed" by other vehicles.

Gilwell Course Notes

Of the 25 men taking the Indoor Gilwell Course at Strathern School, Montreal, 14 are active Rovers.

It is possible that two courses may be run this summer at Ebor Park, the first one during the last two weeks of July, and the second as already announced, August 5-16th.

Nearly 60 men participated in the six weeks' training course recently completed by the Toronto District, and over 30 men and women in the Cubbing course.

According to announcement from Ontario Headquarters, applicants for warrants in any branch of Scouting in Ontario must hereafter, in addition to fulfilling the other requirements set forth in the Rules, hold at least one Gilwell Training Certificate for a course in the branch of Scouting for which a warrant is desired.

Concluding the Part II Akela Course held at Cathedral Memorial Hall, Fredericton, all adjourned to the Imperial Restaurant and enjoyed an oyster supper. Provincial Commissioner Bull ad-

dressed the candidates on the future of Scouting. Rev. G. F. Edsforth and District Cub Commissioner Pugh also spoke.

The seven successful candidates of the Unit 1 Training Course held at the Normal School, Regina, were guests at a regular meeting of the Baden-Powell Club and were then presented with their certificates.

Summer Gilwell Dates

Maritime (Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, and Newfoundland)—New Glasgow, N.S., July 15-25.

Ontario—Ebor Park, Brantford, August 5-16; Fort William, August 5-16.

Manitoba—July 21-31, near Winnipeg.

Saskatchewan—Lake Lebert, July 15-25; National Park, Prince Albert August 5-15.

At the earnest request of Judge H. S. Mott a Committee on Extension has been appointed by the Toronto Local Association Executive to secure leaders to organize Scout troops in the Toronto problem districts.

❖ Scouting from Coast to Coast ❖

THE Scouts of Melita, Man., are collecting tin foil to be turned over to the Elks toward a swimming pool fund. The patrol turning in the largest amount each week wins five competition points.

A member of the Troop Committee attends each meeting of the Court of Honour of the 1st Trenton Troop, Ont.

An Outdoors Meeting and a Visit

For a meeting of the 6th Sherbrooke Troop the boys paraded to Portland Square, to mouth organ music, and after a special message relay race and ten minutes of flashlight signalling, proceeded to the headquarters of the 3rd (Plymouth) Troop, for a competition in signalling and first aid, and a clown stunt. During the evening S. M. Trussler of the 3rd displayed a collection of local wood and announced a special prize to be awarded the troop identifying the largest number of wood samples on a special competition night.

Ladies' Auxiliary With Troop to Church

Publicly marking their active connection with the troop, the Ladies' Auxiliary of the 48th Toronto Troop accompanied Scouts and Cubs to a special service at Hillcrest Church of Christ.

Two of the three page boys of the New Brunswick Provincial Legislature are Scouts.—Fred Cormier of the 4th Fredericton Troop, and Hazen Liles of the 3rd Fredericton.

Scout Wins Place in Dominion S.S. Exam.

At a weekly meeting of the 1st Fort William Troop, Honorary Scoutmaster Rev. J. C. Popey presented Scout Arthur Hunter with a Scout Handbook "for his splendid work in Sunday-school." Scout Hunter came fourth highest in a Dominion-wide Sunday-school examination.

Staff Carving Contest of 17th Halifax

Staff carving was given an increased interest in the 17th Halifax Troop (St. Matthias) through the donation of a camera as a prize by S. M. Bennett. The award was made to Scout G. Morgan at the troop's eighth birthday banquet.

Through the kindness of the Home-maker's Club, the 1st Dysart Troop, Sask., are the possessors of a fine new troop flag, complete with pole and carrier.

St. Giles' Church Troops' Get-Together —by Letter

Something new in a Father and Son banquet was that of the 31st Winnipeg (St. Giles')—an international evening with boys representative of various nationalities invited as special guests. The programme opened with the breaking of the flag, following which the Troop Leader read letters of greet-

ing from St. Giles' Church Troops in Ottawa, Montreal, Hamilton and Vancouver. Boys claiming descent from different countries then conveyed messages of greeting to the gathering. One interesting letter was that from a Scoutmaster and Chaplain of the Scout Troop connected with St. Giles' Cathedral, Edinburgh. Another was from Troop 31, St. Paul, Minn. The unique programme was arranged by S. M. Frank Foulds.

The Hat's Annual Ambulance Competition

Three Medicine Hat, Alta., Troops (St. Patrick's, St. John's, and St. Barnabas') participated in an ambulance competition held in the Town Hall and sponsored by Dr. McCharles. St. Bar-



THE altar council fire is favoured by some troops—as sending the smoke up better, and giving a better light. The difficulty is in keeping it on the altar. If it falls off it scatters sparks.

nebas' team won the cup, which will be annually contested.

Cobourg Scouts to Protect Parks and Other Beauty Spots

The 1st Cobourg Troop, Ont., has offered its services to the local Horticultural Society for various services throughout the coming summer. In addition to any special calls which may be made the Scouts plan to do what they can to prevent vandalism in the town parks and other beauty spots.

Nelson, B.C., Troops' Joint Parents' Night

The 1st, 3rd and 4th Nelson Troops, B. C., combined for a comprehensive "Scout Display Night" staged for the benefit of the public and parents of the boys.

An electric sign in the form of the Scout badge above the door now pro-

claims the whereabouts of the home of the 7th Saskatoon.

Saint John Scouts Meet and Entertain British Scout Migrants

Upon learning that a party of 20 English boys arriving by the C. P. S. Melita included several Scouts, Saint John Headquarters made plans to meet them, and entertained the entire party until train time. The majority of the lads, including many of the non-Scouts expressed their intention of linking up with Canadian troops. They were on their way to the Vimy Ridge Farm, at Guelph, Ont.

The boys of the 31st Winnipeg (St. Giles') Troop are corresponding with the 31st St. Paul, Minn., 31st Vancouver and 31st Toronto, 11th Ottawa (St. Giles') and 130th Edinburgh (St. Giles' Cathedral).

An Inter-troop Rendezvous Hike

The spring's first hike took the 4th St. Catharines to a rendezvous near Walker's Quarry where they met the 1st Thorold. While the cooks prepared dinner the remaining boys enjoyed a stalking game in the surrounding bush. Following dinner came a tug-of-war, then a race at the top of the mountain, where a supply of Scout staves was cut.

Five Minutes' Music From Each Patrol

At a council fire period of the 1st Granby Troop, Que., each patrol contributed a five-minute musical entertainment. There were vocal and banjo solos and several numbers by a three-piece orchestra.

A Cub Scrapbook-Log Book

Cubs of the 1st Woodstock, Ont., Pack are keeping scrapbook log books, which are inspected from time to time. These quotations show that the Cubs are interested: "I wanted to become a Cub because I wanted to play games, to tie knots and to go on hikes. I wanted to learn my signals because I wanted to get a Wolf Cub Badge, and every time I see it on one of the Cubs or Sixers, I'm going to salute it." Regarding the Good Turn another Cub had this to say: "When we are Cubs, we do a good turn for our mother every day, or if we don't, we should."

For the Benefit of Church Funds

A very successful entertainment was put on at Cathedral Memorial Hall by the 2nd Fredericton Cub Pack, for the benefit of church funds. The programme of demonstrations, games, and a Cub play, also included a lantern slide talk on the World Jamboree by District Cub Commissioner Pugh. During an intermission candy contributed by parents and friends was sold by the Cubs.



THE '29 council fire circle of the 1st Prince George B.C. Probably a daylight picture taken before the log cabin night's fire was prepared. A little point to remember when taking a day-time "camp-fire" snap.

The Mowgli Pack of Winnipeg entertained their parents to a regular pack meeting which included the pageant, "The Progress of Manitoba," concluding with the pack parading in a circle carrying a banner. "The Future Citizens of Manitoba."

A Bird House Competition

Plans and free material for a bird-house making competition, sponsored by Mrs. John Craig, were provided the Scout troops of Oshawa by the Oshawa Lumber Company. The houses will be judged on workmanship, originality of design and suitability.

An Anniversary Banquet and Church Parade

On the Sunday morning following the troop's fifteenth anniversary banquet, held Saturday night, the 5th Vancouvers (Mountaineers) attended service in a body at St. George's Church, when the troop chaplain, Rev. M. H. Jackson, preached a sermon on the Second Scout Law. Provincial Commissioner Rorison and former Scoutmaster C. J. Merrick of the troop were special banquet guests.

Night Patrol Hikes, Then Maps

When mild weather prevented an evening out-of-town snowshoe hike for the 4th Fort William (St. Andrew's), a regular meeting was held, and the patrols sent out on patrol hikes to different sections of the city. On their return they were set at making maps covering the hike. Cocoa and hot dogs, prepared by Scoutmaster Browne, completed a good evening.

"We all feel proud at times of our mothers. The banquet on Friday was the crowning achievement of the Scout year. To all our well wishers who are congratulating us on the wonderful affair last week, we respectfully refer to 'Our Mothers.'"

—70th Toronto.

An "Outside Speaker" Programme

Fulfilling part of their winter troop programme which provides for three or four talks on subjects of general interest, the 29th Vancouver (St. Helens') Troop much enjoyed the lantern slide lecture given by Mr. P. L. Tait, a well known mountaineer. The lecture featured the Mount Robson district of the Rockies. The troop had as guests members of the Cub Pack and 31st (Monarchs) and 6th (St. Paul's) Troops.

Using the Cub Enrolment Card

Following an investiture ceremony in which seven Cubs became full-fledged members of the 3rd Fort William Pack, each boy was given a Cub Enrolment Card in which to keep a record of his Cub work.

A Birthday Party Cooking Test

On a recent Monday night P. L. Woodcock of the 7th Saskatoon Troop gave a birthday party which incidentally earned him his Cook's proficiency badge. He cooked the supper for the twelve invited guests, and no "after affects" were reported.

An Interesting Pack Flag Presentation

At a Cub meeting of the 7th St. Catharines (Mission of the Good Shepherd) a surprise visit was received from Cubmaster Mrs. Whitten an A. C. M. and three Cubs of the 9th Pack, and District Commissioner Gratton. Following instruction, the Commissioner gave a talk on the flag, at the conclusion of which a parcel was produced that on opening proved to contain a Union Jack. The flag was a good turn gift to the 7th Pack from the 9th Pack.

At a Court of Honour of the 41st Winnipeg Troop it was decided to procure a piano for the troop's use at socials and sing-songs.

Detailing Scouts to Demonstrate Particular Badges

During the winter season meetings of the 1st Dysart Troop, Sask., held in the school house, one boy was detailed each week to talk and demonstrate one of the proficiency badges.

Four Toronto Troops Hear Special Sermon

150 Scouts, Cubs and leaders from the 9th, 27th, 66th, and 79th Toronto Troops attended a church parade to St. Mary the Virgin's Anglican Church and heard an appropriate sermon by Rev. H. Loosemore on the text, "Put on the whole armour of God."

At an Ontario District Jr. Leaders' Conference

Fifty-two Troop Leaders and Patrol Leaders from ten different troops attended a week-end Junior Leaders' Conference at Oakville, Ont. The delegates were welcomed by the Mayor and President E. T. Lightbourn of the Local Association, and by Mr. Thomas Blaklock, M.P.P. The programme included an address on "Leadership" by

Assistant Provincial Commissioner Irwin and on "Courage" by Rev. J. F. Wedderbury. Other programme items included a Court of Honour play, "Mac Decides," by the 1st Acton Troop, an observation hike, and games demonstrating the possibilities of inter-patrol competitions and in the teaching of Scout requirements. Troop Leader Ralph Bates gave an illustrated address on the Jamboree.

P. L.-Planned Inter-Troop Meeting

The 4th (Trinity) Sherbrooke, Que. Troop and the 6th (St. Andrew's) recently held a joint meeting in the latter's hall. The entire programme was in charge of P. L.'s McGregor and R. Leslie of the 6th and P. L. McGregor and A. S. M. Barnes of the 4th. A special item was the telling by each patrol of an imaginary story, with one minute at their disposal.

12th Torontos Aid Church Building Fund

Thirty Scouts and Cubs of the 12th Toronto attended the laying of the cornerstone of the new parish hall at St. Jude's. Plans have been made in the new hall for a Scout room and the boys are assisting the building fund by paper collections and the selling of "bricks."

"A Scout is a Friend to All—"

24 lads from the Boys' Industrial Home of Saint John, N.B., were given a week-end outing at the cabin headquarters of the Glen Falls Scout Troop. Under the direction of the local Scout leaders they enjoyed a programme of Scouting games in the woods, were served their meals in the cabin, and entertained around the big fireplace. Plans are being completed to organize a troop at the Home.

Another Inter-Troop Affair

The 109th Toronto (Park Road Baptist) paid a return visit to the 113th (Central Presbyterian) Troop. A humorous skit was staged by each troop at the council fire, after which all adjourned to the Church House for refreshments.

"Resolved, That Hiking is More Beneficial Than—"

During a literary evening of the Kincardine Rover Crew, a debate was held on the subject, "Resolved, that a series of short hikes is more beneficial than attending a standard camp." Affirmative speakers stressed the value of individual experience in hiking and the bringing out of self-reliance more effectively than was possible in a permanent camp. The debaters for the camp claimed greater opportunity for teamwork, brotherly living, and other things not realizable during hikes. By a close decision the debate went to the proponents of the camp. Five Rover Squires were then conducted through the "Presentation."

At a P.E.I. Inter-Troop Concert

Zion and Baptist Troops of Charlottetown, P.E.I., combined for a very successful concert held in Zion Hall. The programme included rope-spinning, first aid, a knot-tying competition and the Scout play, "A Strenuous Afternoon," by the Baptist Troop.

Troop Committeemen at an Investiture
Three Troop Committee members were present at an investiture ceremony held at a regular meeting of the 6th Peterborough Troop. Following the ceremony each briefly addressed the boys.

A Winnipeg Sixers' Training Programme

Thirteen Cubbers and 68 junior leaders attended the April session of the South Winnipeg Sixers' Conference. D. C. M. Crockett spoke on "Sixers' Duties," there were games, then refreshments. The conference is organized in Sixes, and the Six winning highest marks during the three sessions will receive prizes at the concluding session in May.

The Court of Honour of the 2nd Londoners decided to hold monthly meetings at the homes of its members, in turn.

A Rover Send-off

A supper at the Glen Falls Lodge, a council fire, brief addresses and the presentation of a sheath knife and a framed birch bark scroll bearing the names of his fellow Rovers was the send-off given R. S. Warson of the Saint John H. Q. Rovers on the eve of his departure for Halifax.

An Inter-Troop Knot Contest

A very interesting knot contest took place at the headquarters of the 92nd Toronto Troop when a team of the 92nd met a team from the 112th in fifteen special knot events. The 112th proved superior to their hosts by victories in 12 of the 15 events. S. M. Hutchinson and Rover Miller were judges, while Field Secretary Buesnel called and explained the contests.

Suggest Scout for Calgary Zoo Board

At a meeting of Calgary Scout leaders Dr. O. H. Patrick, after speaking on the relations between the Zoological Society and the Scouts, suggested that a Scout be appointed to represent Calgary Scouting on the Executive Board of the Zoo.

Ladies' Auxiliary Stage a Play

A three-act play by members of the Troop Ladies' Auxiliary comprised part of the programme of a successful concert given by the 11th Hamilton (Laidlaw Church) Troop.

A Scout-C. G. I. T. Debate

"Resolved, that there is more educational value in travel than in books," was the subject of a debate between the Senlac, Sask., C. G. I. T. and the Scout Troop, and held in the United Church hall before a large audience. The C. G. I. T., on the negative side, were judged winners by two points.

Another Good-Example Annual Report

Two columns of space were given in the Granby Leader-Mail to the reports presented at the annual meeting of the Granby Boy Scouts Association, which was attended by a large number of interested citizens. The reports included an accounting of all receipts and expenditures, a log of the troop's doings throughout the year, and a list

of those who contributed to the year's work in various ways. A sample evening's troop meeting programme was included. It is worth mentioning that nineteen members of this very active association subscribe to *The Scout Leader*. Mr. C. D. Porter is the Secretary-Treasurer and Mr. H. G. Ball the Scoutmaster.

Scouts of the 1st Southampton, Ont., a community troop, have been attending evening service at the various Protestant churches in succession,—the United, Baptist and Presbyterian and Anglican.

Advertise Scout Information on Tree Planting

In connection with the putting up of tree-planting posters for the Ontario Forestry Department, carried out as usual this spring by many Ontario troops, the Scout News column of the *Galt Reporter* advertised: "Anyone interested in reforestation and requiring information can secure same by inquiring of any member of the Boy Scouts." A similar announcement appeared in the *Kincardine Review-Reporter*, and aid in planting was offered.

Lending New Troops a Hand

District Commissioner R. K. Buzzell of Moncton, accompanied by four senior Scouts, journeyed to Shediac to participate in the investiture of three boys as Scouts of the new 1st Shediac Troop.

A Pack-naming Ceremony

The ceremony of naming the pack the "Seeonee Pack," and the presentation of a pack totem by the 15th Scout Troop in the presence of the Pack Mothers' Council marked a special night of the 15th London, Ont., Pack.

Emphasizing the Value of Scouting in Church Life

The value of the Scout Movement in church life was emphasized in an address by Rev. G. A. Wells, C.M.G., M.A., Warden of St. John's College, Winnipeg, at the fourth annual meeting of the Scouts, Cubs and members of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the 22nd Winnipeg

(St. John's Cathedral) Troop. District Commissioner Hansell spoke of the increasing interest shown by churches of practically all denominations in the district. Brief addresses were made by Rev. Canon Gill, chairman of the Troop Committee, Scoutmaster Reed, and Cubmaster the Rev. J. M. Roe. A bouquet tied with black and gold, the troop colours, was presented to the Secretary, Mrs. A. C. Swindell, in recognition of "four years of cheerful service."

A Formal Patrol-Corners "Opening"

The formal "opening" of their curtailed-off patrol corners—the curtains having been made by the Troop Ladies' Committee—was made a supper occasion by the 1st Aurora Troop, Ont., with the members of the committee present as guests.

A Free Camp Ticket

At a Court of Honour of the 2nd Sherbrooke it was decided that the boy winning the highest individual standing in the current troop competition would be given a "Free ticket" to camp.

Hikes That Interest

Early spring hikes by Fredericton District Scouts included that of the Earl Haig Troop to the U. N. B. Forestry Camp, the 4th Fredericton to the Dominion Experimental Farm, and the Baptist Troop to Idlewhile Lodge, where they met the 1st Marysville Pack, and all visited the cotton mill.

P. L.'s Instruct in Particular Tests

For the training of new members of the 6th St. Catharines (St. George's) in their Tenderfoot tests each P. L. instructs a group in a particular test subject.

Elks Lodge Helped to Secure H. Q.

"The name of the Elks, and the colours of the troop, purple and white, were chosen in honour of the Elks Lodge who donated \$100 towards the clubrooms. The clubrooms are now situated in the centre of the town, but the boys expect to move them to the sports ground and make a real home by planting trees and flowers, and also



REMINDING of the desirability, if possible, of locating tents in positions protected from summer-storm directions, and with tents "back to" prevailing winds.

making a good spot for a camp fire."—1st Mildred Troop, Sask.

A Guard of Honour For Confirmation Service

The 13th West Toronto Troop formed a guard of honour for the Bishop of Toronto on the occasion of his visit to St. Monica's Church for confirmation service. The guard was also arranged for six members of the troop who were among those confirmed.

Hosts to a Blind Troop

The 33rd Vancouver (Blind School) Troop were hosts to the District Commissioner and the 15th Vancouver. The 15th boys taught the deaf and blind Scouts a number of new games, "and helped them to understand a little more the value of the Scout brotherhood." At the banquet following the 33rd boys said a regretful farewell to Scoutmaster J. G. LeBreton, who was leaving to join the Indian Mission at Ahousat.

The Dads Served the Mothers and Sons

The fathers donned aprons and acted as waiters at the Mother and Son banquet of the 8th West Toronto Troop. Some 130 Scouts and parents participated.

72 King's Scouts From 1st Souris

A roll of no less than 72 King's Scouts produced by the troop was read at the 17th annual concert of the 1st Souris, Man., by Field Scout E. F. Mills of Winnipeg. This active troop, organized in 1914, is still under the leadership of Scoutmaster S. Lightfoot.

A Patrol Competition Banquet at Stake

"The Beavers are leading in the competition by two points, and unless the Wolves make a good showing and beat the hard-working Beavers, they will have to give a banquet to the Beavers a week from next Friday."—2nd Peterborough (Armour) Troop.

A Quebec Cub Afternoon Rally

Nearly 70 Cubs took part in a Quebec City afternoon rally at Holy Trinity church hall under D. C. M. Quirouet. A comprehensive programme concluded at 4:30 with a camp-fire sing-song under the leadership of A. S. M. the Rev. P. S. Abraham and Mr. H. Farmer, the Cathedral organist. The Ladies' Auxillary presented a flag to the 2nd Pack, and supper was served.

Scout News Column Brings Recruits

Saskatoon Scouts have evidence that their Star-Phoenix Scout column is read beyond Scouting circles. The 11th (St. Andrew's) Troop notes: "For the two vacancies in our troop there have been five applications. The S. M. had one call from a man who had no boys of his own, but who knew of a couple of boys that he would like to see in the Scouts."

Rotary Speakers for Truro Rovers

Once a month the local Rotary Club provides a speaker to address the Baden-Powell Rover Crew of Truro, N.S. The Crew has a service patrol attached to each of the three Truro troops.

"Dance of the White Caribou"

The "Dance of the White Caribou," an ancient religious dance of the Mohawk Indians, was enacted as a novelty feature at the Parents' Night of the 69th Torontos.

A Hike Patrol-Site Competition

When the 6th (St. Agnes) North Vancouver Troop hiked to their property on Capilano river, patrol camp sites were chosen and laid out in competition, and cooking fires made. Second Class cooking and Scout's Pace tests were passed, after which the boys scout-paced home.

A Yukon Troop Concert

The 1st Yukon Troop and Pack held a most successful concert for funds to equip their headquarters building. The programme included the Grand Howl, flag signalling, knot tying and blindfold boxing by the Cubs; and tumbling, fire making, rope spinning, and fast and slow-motion boxing by the Scouts.

Church Organizations Present Framed Pictures

At the conclusion of a special Sunday evening service when Executive Secretary W. Solway addressed St. Mary's, Point Grey, B.C., Scouts and Cubs and congregation, adjournment



A semi-miniature monkey bridge of stakes provides an admirable way of teaching such construction.

was made to the parish hall for a presentation of pictures to the troop and pack. A framed portrait of the King was presented by the Women's Auxillary to Missions, Baden-Powell by the Women's Parochial Society and "The Pathfinder" by the Superintendent of the Junior Congregation.

International Troop Visiting

During March, the 2nd St. Catharines (Knox) Troop, Ont., paid a visit across the border to the 3rd Niagara Falls Troop, New York—the first of a planned series of such international visits.

"Regular Meeting" Hikes

A number of hikes in lieu of usual meetings are recorded, opening the spring hiking season. On the way, the 2nd Kincardines played a game of Message Hare and Hounds, the two Scout hares being given five minutes' start. At the rendezvous each Scout gathered his share of firewood, then teams were chosen for a half hour's flag raiding. There was coffee and sandwiches, the grounds were cleaned up, and after joining in the Scout Promise the troop hiked home.

Making an H. Q. Opening an Event

A Parents and Sons banquet with Scouts and leaders present from Mount Forest, Southampton, Harriston and representatives of Provincial Headquarters very successfully opened the

new headquarters of the 1st Palmerston, Ont., Troop. Members of the local Ministerial Association, the Library Board and the Troop Committee also attended.

A Regular Sunday P.M. Scouts' Own

At a Scouts' Own of the 25th West Toronto Troop attended by boys from other district troops, D. S. M. Allen gave an inspiring talk on the Scout Law. It was announced that the 25th will hold a Scouts' Own service each Sunday at 3 p.m. at McPherson Presbyterian Church, to which all Scouts are invited.

Cub Six Corner Fun

"Each week points are given for the best arranged Six Corner. It is fun trying to get new ideas so that the Corner will look better. We have to leave meetings quickly too, because the last man out loses three marks for his Six."—8th Saskatoon Pack.

A Scout Progressive Supper to Aid Church Fund

The 25th Border Cities (Westminster) Troop with the co-operation of their recently formed Mothers' Auxillary put over a successful "Progressive Supper" in the aid of the building fund of the church, realizing the neat sum of \$80. As a result "the congregation finally became aware of the presence of a Scout Troop in the church."

Calgary Kiwanis Offer \$500 Toward Troop H. Q.

At a display of the 8th Calgary held in Balmoral School, President R. W. Patterson of the Kiwanis Club announced that \$500 had been turned over to the District Council toward the building of a hall for the 8th, upon the understanding that the troop raise an equal amount.

Talking and Saving for Camp

"Coupled with each week's programme a series of talks on "Camp-ing" has been started and a special camp savings bank is being opened so that the boys may put a little away each week toward their camp expenses."—A. and B. Sections, Galt Troop, Ont.

Deduction Tests and Totem Poles

Following instruction in special deduction tests and spring ice accidents at a regular meeting of the Trinity Troop of Brantford, Ont., the "Story of Totem Poles" was told by visiting Scoutmaster Jack Blow of Toronto.

Camp Fund Enterprise in Saskatchewan

Saskatchewan troops appear to be consistently successful in staging entertainments that add substantial sums to their camp and other troop funds. Recent items record \$87 for the 1st Humboldt Troop, from a concert at the Town Hall, and sufficient from a concert and dance at the Mildred Theatre to pay off the balance due on the headquarters of the 1st Mildred Troop. The comedy, "A High School Freshman," substantially increased the camp fund of the 1st Harris Troop.

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NEW 2nd AND 1st CLASS TESTS

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ments, and will tend to ensure that the First Class Badge shall always stand for proved first class scouting ability.

The tests have been rearranged in order, and Section (a) now requires that the candidate must "Have at least one year's service as a Second Class Scout."

The "thrift test" (c) now reads: "Have saved and paid into a Savings Bank Account a sum consistent with his opportunities of saving (minimum \$1.00)."

First Aid Changes

The important first aid changes include an understanding of the functions of the principal organs of the body, and the addition of the section on fractures moved up from the Second Class tests.

The new arrangement reads:—

1. Be able to explain the functions of the principal organs of the body.
2. Know the position of the main arteries (names unnecessary) and be able to stop bleeding.
3. Know how to apply first aid to fractures.
4. Know how to restore the apparently drowned by Schafer's method.
5. Understand the treatment of unconsciousness and fainting.
6. Know the proper method of dealing with any of the following accidents: Fire, drowning, run-away horse, gas suffocation, frost bite, fits, sunstroke, ivy poisoning, object in ear, substance in throat, electric shock, breaking through ice.

The First Class Journey

There are no changes in the swimming, signalling, map work, axeman-ship, judging and recruiting requirements, and only a minor change in the cooking section (cooking must now be done over a camp fire in the open).

The First Class Journey has been given new significance by being placed at the end of the tests with a new provision that it is to be met "after passing (a) to (i) inclusive"—that is, after meeting all the other requirements, except recruiting and training a Tenderfoot.

The journey thus becomes a general review under real test conditions of all the training that has gone before. The section in full reads:

"Go on foot or row a boat or paddle a canoe alone or with another Scout to a point seven miles away and return, preferably by another route; or if conveyed by any vehicle (railways and automobiles not allowed) or animal, go a distance of at least fifteen miles and back (mileage in the city not to count). Make a sketch map of the journey and write a short report (not essay) showing observation, self-reliance and initiative. He should take at least twenty-four hours over the journey, spending the night in bivouac or tent and should cook at least three meals."

Getting the Most Out of the Hike

By Walter Lemon

A Second Class Scout once told our Court of Honour that he did not attend our hikes because we never did anything except "walk out, light a fire, cook supper and walk home again." This made us sit up and take stock, and we found that he was pretty nearly right. We determined that in future we would make our hikes so interesting and varied that no one would willingly miss them.

A Hike Committee

One of the first things we decided was that the Court of Honour was too large to handle hike programmes (it numbered nine), so we adopted the plan of naming a special committee of three for each hike. We found from the experience that one adult and two junior leaders made the best group for this work.

The entire arrangements for the hike were left in the hands of the committee—the kind of hike, the games to be played, and the details of the main objective (bridge-building for example). The committee also decided who were to be in charge of special details or projects, and notified those concerned in good time.

The Committee's Exploration Hike

We endeavoured to visit a new section of country on each hike. The hike committee usually went over the ground beforehand, to choose sites for the different activities, such as places for bridges, signalling posts, "explorers' camps," "smugglers' dens," etc.; also to establish the time required to reach the main objective, and for the return journey.

These exploration hikes usually were taken on the Saturday or Sunday (after Sunday-school) preceding the Saturday for which the hike was being planned, and while the rest of the troop was off on the hike planned by the previous week's committee.

When it was Scoutmaster's turn to serve on a hike committee, he usually chose Sunday morning before church for the exploration trip. He would make an early start with the two boys; and usually had something of the spiritual side of Scouting or nature study to discuss enroute. He always finished up by taking the boys to church with him.

Incidentally these exploration hikes offered an ideal opportunity for getting Patrol Leaders off by themselves for some detail of training which could not well be carried out in the presence of the troop.

To the Rendezvous by Patrols

Because of the time available to the leaders, we usually started our hikes about 2.30 on Saturday afternoon. As our boys were scattered about the town and our headquarters was located in a church basement on the main street, we did not mobilize and go in a body, but each Patrol Leader was given the responsibility of having his patrol at the hike objective by a stipulated time. This method got the boys out of town more readily and quietly, and avoided filling a street car, to the possible discomfort of other passengers. Points were awarded for attendance

and punctuality in arriving at the rendezvous.

Sample Programmes

When all patrols had reported present, patrol cooking sites were allotted, equipment was placed in piles, and a lively ten minutes' game was played. Then came the special game. This might be a game of "Smugglers and Policemen," in which it was necessary for the smugglers to find a landing place by signalling, while the police endeavoured to locate the smugglers by intercepting the messages. If a smuggler or policeman was caught it was necessary for the captor to render first aid to the part which he first touched. Once when playing this game it was necessary for the police to construct a bridge in order to raid the smugglers' den.

We used several of the well known Scout games books as the source of our games, if necessary combining features of different games in order to bring out the particular phase of Scouting we wished to stress.

A Fire-Making Test Game

On one occasion we took the troop to a large bare rock several acres in extent, and announced that 25 points would be awarded the patrol of the Scout first building a fire with an 18-inch blaze. Only such fuel could be used as found in the crevices of the rock (the hike committee had left a few small sticks here and there). The first blaze reaching 18 inches was secured in 12 minutes.

Always Cook by Patrols

We always cooked by patrols, as training for the summer camp, where we use the patrol cooking system exclusively. If mistakes were made and the meals spoiled on the hike it was only a matter of a few hours until the Scouts were home.

The return from the hikes gave us some little difficulty at first with Tenderfoot Scouts who lagged behind. We finally hit upon the plan of sending them ahead while the older Scouts tidied up the site.

We utilized games such as "Thief in Camp" and "Hare and Hounds" to add interest and speed to the return journey.

Returning From the Hike

Two things upon which our troop prided itself was its ability to get out of town quietly, and the manner of our return. The Patrol Leader was responsible for the appearance of his patrol on the way to the hike objective, and the Scoutmaster made it his job to see that the troop did not attract any adverse criticism when returning from the hike. As part of his hike equipment, each boy was supposed to bring a large handkerchief or small towel. Just before leaving the bush each Scout thoroughly washed his hands and face, the Scoutmaster supplying the soap. This not only made the crowd look like real Scouts, but freshened them up for the journey. The Scoutmaster also held an inspection before entering the town, when neckerchiefs and falling stockings were straightened up, etc. This tidied-up return made an excellent impression upon the mothers, and was several times commended by the troop Mothers' Auxiliary.

The Tale of a Rover Crew

THE following history of a Rover Crew—the 14th Camberwell, London—will be read with interest by all keen on Rovering. It shows how one starts with a hazy notion of things and ultimately how those nebulous ideas crystallize into definite aims:

We first launched our little craft in 1919, with a scanty crew of ex-patrol leaders and senior scouts,—rather vague as to our itinerary, but ready to sound the unknown and chart the results.

Those who have followed Rovering from its earlier days know how Purpose gradually evolved from Chaos and was finally epitomised in the watchword—"Brotherhood and Service." The experience of "Hardy's Own" was, in miniature, the experience of the whole Rover Movement. We began as if on a pleasure cruise for parts unknown, ordered cigars and liqueurs all round and shrugged off to-morrow with an easy-going "who knows?" But time soon taught that lounging on deck, over cigars and liqueurs, soon induces ennui and even *mal de mer*, and that the only way to sustain the vigour and joy of life was to lend a hand, each according to his peculiar genius, whether at the wheel or the furnaces or the ship's log. This briefly, if fancifully, has been our spiritual experiences. "Service" is now the most emphasized feature of our Rovering. Everyone slacks, but just can't get away from this insistent nightmare of "Service" which, sooner or later, flogs conscience into action—into doing at least that little something which is infinitely more than nothing. Therefore, Rovering has done each of us, in his own degree, heavens of good. The very existence of Rovering, with its demand for "Service!" "Service!" "Service!" is a perpetual goad to the evil beast and slow belly in each of us. Yet still we slack. This, vitally, is the life and history of "Hardy's Own."

Of mere numerical interest, it may be said that we began with two patrols, totalling about a dozen souls. To-day we number some 35 spread over five patrols.

Although the Group has always been associated with a neighbouring Congregational Church, it is run on "open" lines. The Crew comprises all types and vocations from really useful artisans to pompous men of affairs; but it is of interest to note the variety in taste and ideal shown by the patrols in selecting the Patron Saint or Hero. There are the Franciscans, the Damians, the Grenfells (Labrador), the Rolands (after Roland Philipps) and the Livingstones. Some time ago we had a "snappy" line in Indians who fed us on currie and Yogi philosophy. They had met our Scouter in India and joined up with us when they came over here to study. They were jolly good chaps and we were sorry when they went back. They mingled with us in all the branches of scout activities, stretched our minds and made us at one with their warm, Eastern hearts.

For the most part "Service" follows

the usual channels—Scout or Cub Work, Sunday School teaching, the running of Working Boys' Homes and Gymnasiums, and the giving of entertainments, by the Concert Party, to cripples, missons and kindred organizations.

"Brotherhood"—the faculty of getting on with other "blokes" and appreciating their merits—has never presented the same difficulty as "Service"—performance of services for their own sake. Like other crews we are a happy family, with an occasional, healthy, first-class "row"; very rude in debate and awfully nice afterwards. We know one another thoroughly. We know just where the other "bloke" is and just where he excels us. Recently we faced and, as we hope, overcame a little internal difficulty. It was realized that there was an enormous gap between the "old originals" of 25 years and upwards and the "new'uns" of 18 or thereabouts. There was just a slight lack of cohesion, a tendency for the older to eclipse the younger, due to the vital difference in age, and, to solve the problem, the younger idea formed their own patrol under an R. M. of their own age and choice.

The crew is extraordinarily keen on



THE kudu horn used at the Halifax District Camp grew on a cow, but it's just as effective with a pair of Rover lungs furnishing the power.

the "International side." We honestly try to do our bit in that direction by bringing a tolerant and sympathetic spirit to the study of world politics, by arguing it out among ourselves and, above all, by going overseas whenever possible to investigate for ourselves and to fraternize with those others—just God-created souls, of origin and destiny mighty like our own.

Our domestic policy—to put it magnificently—has alternated between a zeal for law and order, with compulsory parades and dire penalties for the defaulter, and a liberal dispensation of "turn-up-when-you-can" "the-spirit-only-matters" sort of thing; but the one policy proved too oppressive and the other too lax and we ultimately found a *via media*. The spirit naturally counts most and the individual is not bullied into "Service"—he usually bullies himself into it, but with

regard to necessary regulations it may be of interest to quote from the Rules of the Crew:—

Qualifications for Membership. Candidates to be of full Rover age and have attended four Rover Meetings before making application to join. If coming from the Troop, should have Scouter's recommendation. Other applicants must be nominated and seconded by Rovers who are already members.

Elections. To take place in full Rover Council.

Tutors. Rover Postulants must within one week of date of election select a tutor other than an R. M. and the tutor must be named to the Rovers within that time or the election becomes void.

Meeting. (a) The Patrols will meet weekly on Wednesdays or such other night as may be agreed upon, at 8.30 p.m., when Rovers are expected to wear uniform. The last Wednesday in each quarter shall be for a meeting of the Rovers in Council.

(b) Church Parade jointly with the other sections of the Group will be held on the 3rd Sunday of each month.

(c) Other meetings, except the parade (for renewal of oath) on St. George's Eve will be optional.

Subscriptions. Each Rover is required to pay a subscription of Two Shillings per quarter to the Group, and One Shilling per quarter for General Rover Expenses.

Officers. At the Annual Meeting of Rovers in Council there shall be elected (a) Treasurer (b) Secretary and (c) if there is no warranted Rover Leader or Assistant R. L., a Chairman. All Rover Mates shall be subject to re-election at the Annual Meeting.

The Group rents a strip of ground on Dog Kennel Hill from a very beneficent landlord, and the Rover Den—recently erected by the Crew's artisans (the pen-pushers fumbling with nails in the offing)—is a very "comfy" affair where we congregate on Wednesday evenings. We usually manage to secure some very entertaining and authoritative lecturers on every conceivable subject of human interest and, of course, heartily welcome any Rover (or crew of Rovers) who cares to join us at these Wednesday evening gatherings.—Time, 8.30. Address "The Scouts' Lodge," Dog Kennel Hill, S. E. 5, (58, 60 or 62 tram from Camberwell Green, Denmark Hill, or East Dulwich Station). These meetings are closed with the ceremony of "Light" (after Toc-H).

Needless to say, Hiking, Camping and Athletics claim their respective devotees from among the members of the Crew.

For the rest, the life, history and work of Hardy's Own probably differs little from those of other crews. It is only in those individual elements and unforgettable associations which give to any human institution its peculiar character and tradition that we feel a something distinctly our own, a something which makes us see in "Hardy's Own" the *Alma Mater* of our Rovering.

COAST TO COAST*(Continued from page 104)***Cub Boxing Hints**

From the newly organized Alask, Sask., Cubs: "We have no boxing gloves, but two pair of extra stiff leather mitts with a little padding make a good substitute, and we have some real snappy bouts, which are all one-round, as when two Cubs get started they do not finish until both are out of wind."

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These Visits Greatly Help New Troops

The 17th Hamilton entertained the new 28th Neighborhood Troop, which consists of boys of foreign-born parentage. Following inspection, the 17th demonstrated fire-lighting and knot-tying games. A camp fire sing-song, a talk by the 17th's Scoutmaster and a standing invitation to visit the 17th any time, brought the evening to a close.

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Town Council and Kinsmen Provide H.Q. for Duncan Scouts

The Town Council of Duncan, B.C., has given the Scouts the use of an old schoolhouse as their headquarters. The boys are repairing the building, and plan to improve the grounds and plant a garden. Generous financial help has been given them by the Kinsmen's Club.

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200 Scouts Under Leaders Up From One Troop

A joint meeting was held in the Parish Hall of St. Alban's Cathedral, Toronto, with over 200 Scouts present from five troops now under the leadership of former members of the 27th Troop. An investiture ceremony, games and refreshments made up the programme. The 27th Toronto was organized by the late Executive Secretary E. O'Callaghan.

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Seconds Run Cub Six Meetings at Their Homes

By way of a change, the Sixes of the 5th Hamilton Pack held individual meetings at the homes of their Seconds, each meeting being planned and run by the Seconds. Cubmaster Scobie and Senior Sixer Robbins visited each meeting and found each Six active in games and instruction.

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"The Town of Wrenville"

3rd St. Thomas Troop, Ont., staged successful hobby show in the Sunday-school room of Knox Church. Exhibits included the "Town of Wrenville," comprised of bird houses, lamps, book cases, airplanes, etc. A pageant of Scout and Cub work was presented. Following a buffet lunch, Assistant District Commissioner W. D. F. Nichols of Windsor, spoke briefly.

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A Catalogue Delivery Job

For two weeks in March the 2nd Sherbrooke Troop, Que., carried out the delivery of the Teco Store's catalogues to local citizens. Cars were loaned by friends of Scouting to carry the parcels while the boys made the deliveries. On completion of the task, the Mothers' Auxiliary treated the boys to a bean supper.

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A Charter-Unveiling Evening

At a meeting of St. Jude's Cubs, Brantford, Ont., Rev. C. E. Jeakins, Chaplain of the Pack, opened the meeting with prayer, and during the instruction period gave the Cubs a talk on the history of the flag, illustrating his address by coloured slides. The Pack Charter was then unveiled and warrants presented to the pack leaders.

PRELIMINARIES OF THE 1930 CAMP*(Concluded from page 97)*

A. S. M.'s may substitute, the S. M. aiding in the camp lay-out, and visiting occasionally.

A Camp Under P.L.'s.—Where the Patrol Leaders are experienced and thoroughly reliable, a camp may be held at a suitable spot adjacent to town, the Scoutmaster running out each night. A definite programme would be laid out for each day, and reported upon each evening. This has worked successfully.

A Scout Diary Observations Record.—Encourage all your boys to carry the 1930 Canadian Scout Diary, and to begin at once to fill in the pages for recording observations, of birds, trees, and flowers. Plan to give a prize for observations recorded at camp.

Take Boxing Gloves.—With proper supervision, boxing is a very desirable Scout camp feature. Possibly nothing will so aid in developing self-control. It also develops mental initiative, courage, and a hardihood that does not shrink at the idea of a possible hurt. For the timid and over-coddled boy it is of especial value. One Scoutmaster who regularly includes it in his camp programme declares it to have been the making of several such boys. At first they could hardly be persuaded to put on the gloves, and later they became keen boxers, and able to take care of themselves with anyone of their size.

Among those called to give testimony before the Saskatchewan Immigration Commission, which concluded its sittings in Regina on March 29th, was Assistant Provincial Commissioner W. J. P. Selby, who gave some interesting information regarding the effectiveness of Scouting among the new Canadian boys of foreign parentage in the province.

At a luncheon tendered by President W. C. Finley of the Boy Scouts Association of the province of Quebec, Mr. Alex. Thurber, M.L.A. for Chambly-Vercheres, was presented with a Thanks Badge in recognition of his interest in Scouting on the South Shore during his tenure of office as Mayor of Longueuil. The presentation was made by the Provincial Commissioner, Major J. Armitage Ewing, K.C.

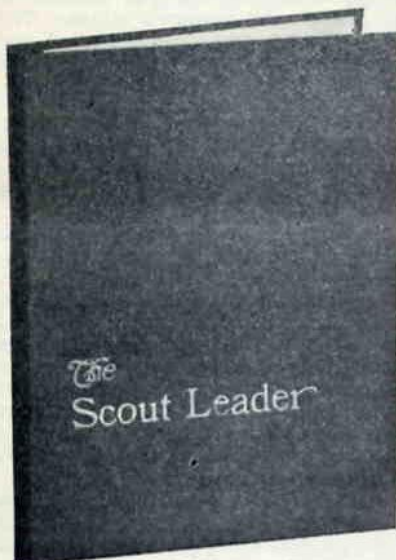
The Scouts of Nova Scotia have been given the care of a new reforestation project by the Provincial Government. The area, of 800 acres, is located on Whistler Lake, Yarmouth and Digby Counties, in the south-east corner of the province. This is the fourth such reforestation project placed in charge of the Scouts of Nova Scotia.

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

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The Scout Marksman's Safety Pledge

A newspaper clipping from the London, Ont. Advertiser, March 23rd, brings the story of two shooting accidents, as the result of which one boy is dead and another in a critical condition. As invariably is the case, both accidents were the result of carelessness.

The immediately fatal case, it is sad indeed to report, was a Boy Scout, Hugh McEwan, of Clinton, Ont., the only son of a widowed mother. Scout McEwan was returning from an afternoon with a rifle in the country, and when descending the steps of an overhead bridge, leaned on the rifle barrel. The gun discharged, the bullet penetrating the body causing death within half an hour.

Exact particulars were not given; the possibility is that the lad struck the rifle butt on the step, the jar releasing the bolt or hammer.

It may be assumed that Scout McEwan had not signed the Scout Marksman's Safety Pledge. In this case he would not, according to stipulations, have been returning home with a loaded rifle.

The second shooting, which occurred at Petrolia, Ont., resulted when a loaded gun fell from a woodpile. The bullet entered the brain of the boy victim.

Scoutmasters would do well to use these accidents as a new argument for care with firearms,—also as a reason for drawing attention of their Scouts to the Scout Marksman's Safety Pledge on page 23 of the 1930 Canadian Scout Diary. Every Scout, whe-

ther qualifying for the Marksman's Badge or not, whether owning a rifle or not, might well be invited to sign this pledge, since few boys do not sooner or later have firearms in their hands.

The sections of the Pledge, the signing of which might quite possibly have prevented both of the above accidents read:

"I promise that I will—

"Never load until I am at the place where I propose shooting."

"Never leave a gun loaded when through shooting."

It has been suggested that the Scout Marksman's Safety Pledge be incorporated in the qualifications for the Scout Marksman's Badge in the new edition of Policy, Organization and Rules for Canada.

Where Dominion Registration Money Helps

THERE are four boys here who wish to be Scouts. We had more but our Leader left, and maybe, if we get another Leader they will all join again. We elected a Patrol Leader (me) and a Second; we have named it the 'Swallow Patrol.' We are cutting logs for a cabin; we have taken some hikes; we gave our teacher a Christmas present; we had flag signalling and are planning to put on an entertainment, but are not sure. I have a Scout Handbook. Last summer we had a young man to lead us but he has gone away. Please write and tell us how we may join, and who we will take the Scout Promise to?"—From a letter received at Nova Scotia Headquarters.

A Scouts' Work Week for Camp Funds

A systematic Easter holidays campaign for jobs by which to raise camp funds was carried out under the direction of the Troop Committee by the 1st Orillia Troop, Ont. The project, as "Scouts' Work Week" was given publicity through the local press. Each boy was provided with a "job card," signed by Scoutmaster C. K. Hewitt, and persons employing the boys were asked to record their names and the amount paid. The Scout finding the most jobs is to enjoy one day's camp free. The newspaper announcement carried the names and telephone numbers of the Troop Leader and four Patrol Leaders.

"The Jamboree Only a Beginning"—Pickie

"THE Jamboree must not on any account be thought to be the 'high-water mark' of Scouting," declared Sir Alfred Pickford, Chief Scout's Commissioner, at a dinner of the Bank of England Scouters' Society. "It must only be regarded as a 'jumping off ground' for a further advance."

A Pathfinder's Map Project

A short meeting was held to plan for the construction of a Pathfinder's map of the south-western corner of Manitoba. The proposed map will be an ambitious work taking in about 30 townships. It is intended to scale this map two inches to the mile, including all the principle towns and features tributary to the town of Melita, marking the name of the resident farmer upon each quarter section. A. S. M. Hume has undertaken to oversee this work, which naturally is expected to take considerable time to complete. The finished map should be of value to certain business men in the community."

—1st Melita Troop

A Deaf Dumb and Blind Troop

ONE of our particularly interesting Canadian troops is the 33rd Vancouver, of the provincial School for the Deaf, Dumb and Blind. The troop consists of three patrols, the Wapiti and Tigers, deaf and dumb boys, and the Beavers, five totally blind Scouts and two very short sighted.

These handicapped Scouts would give many other Scout troops a lively contest in many of the tests. Every member of the blind patrol passed his Tenderfoot within a week, and in less than two months had completed their Second Class. Four have the musician's badge, and most of them are working for the basket weaver's badge. Several sing, recite and act well. At present they are preparing the Scout play, "One Day's Fun."

The deaf and dumb Scouts assist the blind boys in many ways, i.e. by scratching out the designs for fretsaw work, which the blind Scouts then complete by feel.

The deaf boys are similarly alert and interesting. One has passed his First Class tests and all the others their Second Class. They are especially interested in observation and tracking.

The troop is under the leadership of Scoutmaster J. G. LeBreton.

Scout Dates May

1st—May Day.
11th—Mother's Day.
24th—Victoria Day.
Troop and inter-Troop field day, with Scouting competitions.
25th—Rogation Sunday.
26th—Queen Mary's Birthday.
29th—Ascension Thursday.

During May

Five Saturdays for hikes and week-end practice camps.
Finish local spring clean-ups.
Gardener's Badge candidates should be busy in their 12 x 12 plots.

June

2nd—Day of Pentecost.
3rd—King George's Birthday.
8th—Whit Sunday.