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OUR CHRISTMAS SCOUT LAW

"A Scout provides Christmas joy for at least one needy child."

ONE of the most appealing expressions of a child's faith is the steadfast belief, in spite of all discouragement, that "Santa Claus will come."

There will this Christmas be hundreds of such believing children in your city, or town, or village, and on the farms; and some of these—the children of one, or of two or more families, according to your ability—will be "overlooked" and heartbroken on Christmas morning if your Troop should fail to do its particular share.

Every one of us must Be Prepared to do our bit if we are to meet this splendid Good Turn opportunity 100 per cent.

Of course we will!

LAST Christmas Scouts and leaders in a chain of 115 Scout Toy Repair Shops stretching right across the Dominion worked many hours with hammer and saw, glue-pot and paint-brush, to make a happy Christmas for children of needy families. As a result well over 50,000 children, otherwise doomed to disappointment, awakened to the joyous discovery on Christmas morning that "Santa Claus had been there."

It was hard work, particularly for the leaders having the responsibility of organization and carrying on, but it was more than worth while. Numbers of shops reported the completion of the "job," to add, "We'll repeat it next Christmas, and do it better yet."

Many appreciative letters were received in acknowledgement of Santa Claus parcels sent new settlers' families. Frequently they told of the delightful surprise of the unexpected package, after having informed their kiddies that "Santa would not be able to find them this year, so far away from their old home"; and of how much it meant to the whole family.

None were more appreciative than the New Canadians of foreign birth. These frequently wrote in their own language—Polish, Ukrainian, Russian, etc. A letter from the father of a Russian family in Manitoba was typical:—

(Translated from the Russian)
—, Man., Dec. 25, 1929.

Be greeted dear friends!

We wish you a happy and merry Christmas! May it be the wish of God that you spend joyfully the day of Christ's birth and see the next year holiday.

Now we cordially thank you, myself and all of my family for your gladness-bearing Christmas-parcel and for your lovable present. I hardly could find words to say, seeing that there are such kind and amiable people as you, and you did not oversee and you did not forget a humble emigrant and his small children.

Please let me know who you are and where are you coming from? I want to cherish your memory. I beg to send me your address.

J. Kikinger.

Each Troop at Least One Settler's Family

This year the increased local need may make it difficult for certain Toy Shops to repeat their generous remembrance of settlers in previous years. To meet this situation it is hoped that every Scout troop in Canada, whether able to operate a Toy Repair Shop or not, will volunteer to provide Christmas gifts for the children of at least one settler's family.

The Toy Shop Notification Form

With this number of the Scout Leader each Scoutmaster and Cubmaster will receive a Toy Shop Notification Form, upon which to indicate whether the troop or pack plans to operate a Christmas Toy Repair Shop, for local distribution only, or whether in addition a certain number of settlers' children can be remembered.

Leaders are asked not to overlook returning the form to Dominion Headquarters, in order to facilitate the better organization of what has become our greatest annual country-wide service activity. In previous years only very indefinite information has been received from a number of Toy Shops.

Children, not Families.—Attention is drawn to the fact that the Toy Shop Notification Form asks the number of children, not families, to be taken care of.

Co-operation of the Girl Guides

National Headquarters of our sister organization, the Girl Guides, is asking Guide leaders throughout the Dominion to co-operate wherever possible



PACKAGES OF CHRISTMAS MORNING HAPPINESS

SOME of the reconditioned toys turned out last Christmas by the Saint John, N.B., Toy Shop and distributed to needy homes of the district. In addition a generous number of settlers' kiddies were remembered by mail.

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Anglican Bishops Commend Scouting

IN the report presented by the Youth Committee of the Lambeth Conference and endorsed by the full conference subsequently the Bishops of the Church of England and Churches in communion with her paid tribute to the Boy Scout Movement.

The report says:

"We have been impressed with the evidence given to us (which accords with our known knowledge of the situation) by the representatives of the Headquarters of the Scout Movement, which owes its phenomenal success to its appeal to the imagination and aspiration of Youth.

"A definite request has been made to the Lambeth Conference through this Committee for that help which the Church can, if it will, give to this, and to the Girl Guide Movement, in order to strengthen and develop the religious basis of their work, and to assist them to maintain their high ideal of loyalty to God and brotherhood among all nations of the world, irrespective of colour or creed.

"This appeal we commend to the most serious consideration of the Church, believing that it ought to be met with generous and sympathetic response in every country where these movements are at work."

A \$500 Slogan Contest

IN 1932, from July 25 to August 6, there will be held at Regina, Sask., what promises to be the greatest **World's Grain Exhibition and Conference**. As one important feature grains from practically every corner of the world will be shown in competition.

In connection with the publicity for the conference an Exhibition "slogan" is to be conducted, for a prize of \$500; and through the kindness of the Hon. S. J. Latta, Provincial Commissioner for Saskatchewan, a special circular has been issued bringing the competition to the attention of Cub Packs, Scout Troops and Rover Crews. The contest closes January 31st next.

Here would seem to be a fine opportunity for some Pack, Troop or Crew to finance its camping or other special activities for 1931.

Three outstanding citizens of Saskatchewan will act as judges, namely, the Hon. J. T. M. Anderson, Premier of Saskatchewan; Hon. Mr. Justice J. T. Brown, Chief Justice of the Court of King's Bench, and Dr. W. C. Murray, President of the University of Saskatchewan.

Copies of the rules and regulations

and slogan forms can be obtained by addressing the Secretary, World's Grain Exhibition and Conference, Imperial Bank Chambers, Regina, Sask.

It should not be overlooked that the slogan, which is limited to ten words, will be used on publicity matter throughout the world, so must have a world appeal. Also that the conference is not a wheat exhibition, but an exhibition of all grains.

A "Moving" Incident

SCENE: a narrow gate.

Enter a rather stout old lady.
She becomes jammed in the gate.
Enter Boy Scouts.

They try to push and pull her through the gate.

No luck.

Some sit down and entertain her with songs while the remainder rig up a derrick and tackle, hitch her on, hoist her up and land her safe and sound on the other side of the gate.

Exit rather stout old lady and Boy Scouts.

The above really happened. But it was a display put on by the 3rd Wimbledons, England, at the International Camp held last summer at Liege in connection with the Belgium Centenary celebrations. Who puts it on first in Canada?

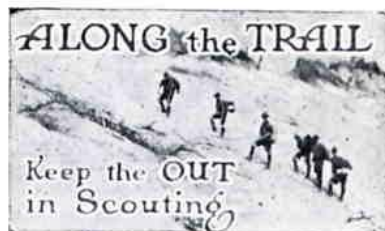


THE Camp First Aider on the job at the summer outing of the 2nd Edmonton (St. Faith's) Cub Pack.

S. M.'s Shoulder Knot Green

ATENTION is drawn to the fact that the correct shoulder knot for Scoutmasters is now green (Sec. 58, P. O. & R. for Canada, June, 1930),—the same colour as the hat plume. The change from white was made in order to conform to the change made in England.

"To the Glory of God and in Thanksgiving for the leadership through sixteen years of the Reverend Charles Horne, M.A., first rector of this Church," a beautiful window donated by the Rover Crew of the 2nd Calgary Troop was impressively dedicated before a crowded congregation on Sept. 28th in Christ Church, Calgary. The window was unveiled by Col. G. E. Sanders, C.M.G., D.S.O., and the service participated in by Rev. W. Jackson Archer, Rev. Canon G. E. Gale and Rev. Geo. N. Luxton. A handsome invitation programme bore on the front page a reproduction of the window, on the inside a picture of the Rev. Mr. Horne, and on the back cover the roster of the 2nd Calgary Rovers.



The **Hamilton Spectator** of October 10th carried the first district toy collecting announcement to reach **The Scout Leader**, under the caption:

COLLECT TOYS

Boy Scouts Remember Less
Fortunate Children

Chinese Scouts and Guides of Vancouver raised nearly \$3,000 by means of a play and contributed this to the China Famine Relief Fund.

At the first fall meeting of the Scouters' Council, Victoria, B.C., Lt. Gov. Bruce and Miss Mackenzie were present to welcome Lord Colville, the new District Commissioner.

During a recent visit to Fenelon Falls, Ont., His Excellency Viscount Willingdon inspected the Beaver Patrol of the 2nd Ontario Lone Scout Troop. He expressed great pleasure at meeting the Beavers and shook hands with each member.

His Hon. Lt. Gov. Egbert of Alberta opened the annual fall field day and picnic of the Wolf Cubs of Edmonton at Victoria Park. Some 400 Cubs participated, and greeted the distinguished guest with the Grand Howl. Many parents were present to witness the games and contests.

Scouts have again figured largely in the results of the annual Edison Scholarship Contest, the winner of which each year is added to the staff of Edison's experimental laboratory. The winner for 1930 was Arthur O. Williams, of Troop 5, Providence, Rhode Island. Of the 49 boys selected as candidates throughout the United States, 30 were either active or former Scouts. Of the first ten, eight were Scouts.

Conditionally upon their passing the Part I Correspondence Course during the coming winter, it is planned by the Boy Scouts Association of Newfoundland to send more leaders to the Canadian Maritime Gilwell next summer, and pay their expenses. This intimation came from the Acting Chief Commissioner, Mr. W. F. Ingpen. Two Newfoundland leaders attended the 1930 camp.

In his capacity as Chief Scout for Ontario, Lieut. Governor the Hon. W. D. Ross took advantage of his presence in Victoria Presbyterian Church, Toronto, to visit the 70th Toronto Troop, meeting that evening in the Sunday School room. Addressing the boys, he told of the lasting impression he had received when taking the salute at the recent Scout parade at the National Exhibition. He spoke of his enthusiasm for the Movement, and said he visited as many Scout gatherings as it was possible for him to attend.

Our 1930 Christmas Good Turn

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in the work of Scout Toy Shops, and where Scout shops are not operated, to organize their own. These shops will take part, where possible, in the sending of gifts to settlers' children, the names being secured through Scout Headquarters at Ottawa.

Guides and Brownies have done notable work in past years, particularly in the larger shops,—including those at Saint John, N.B., Ottawa, Winnipeg, Regina, Calgary and Vancouver. In fact without the aid of the Guides these shops could not have established their splendid records of toy and doll distribution.

Toys for Settlers' Children

Selection.—A committee of Scout mothers will handle this most efficiently. Generally preference should be given to smaller and lighter things,—for each child a toy or doll, about of equal attractiveness from a child's point of view; and in addition for each family one or two games and books which may be used by all.

The natural temptation to send a large and generous parcel should be held in check. Not only does this mean increase in the cost of sending, but may create a problem of Christmas comparison for parents in future years. As a matter of fact intrinsic value means nothing to a child; probably bright colours provide the strongest appeal; and several children of one family may be happier with one or two toys each than with a half-dozen.

Wrapping.—Each child's gift should if possible be wrapped separately in tissue paper, and tagged with its name. The family parcel should be wrapped snugly, and well secured with stout cord. "Do Not Open Till Christmas" and perhaps some Red Cross stickers will finish off attractively at little expense.

For the safe packing of dolls envelope boxes or other boxes of similar shape frequently may be obtained from local stationers; or tubes may be made of stout cardboard.

Mail Early.—The necessity of mailing packages in the plenty of time to reach their destination will not be overlooked. It would generally be a good plan to mail or express settlers' packages so as to reach their destination by December 20th, Saturday. In a great many cases farmers will be in town that day, visiting the Post Office and Express Office for parcels for themselves and for neighbours not able to get into town.

Unless otherwise specified parcels should be addressed to the mother of the family.

Enclosing a Postal for Acknowledgment.—Some of our larger shops have adopted the practise of enclosing in each settlers' package a reply postcard. This is an excellent plan where financially feasible. Inevitably a number of the thousand or more packages are misdirected or sidetracked. The system has resulted in the location of a number of packages that had not been delivered.

Local Toy Distribution

Securing Names.—Too much emphasis cannot be laid upon the desirability of securing names of families and children from the Local Welfare Bureau or special Christmas cheer clearing house, in order to avoid duplication. Where there is no such central organization, it may be possible for the local Scout leaders to create one, for the benefit of the community generally.

In securing names of deserving cases do not overlook Day Nurseries, Orphanages, Children's Shelters, Hospitals, Sanatoriums, County Homes, Old Folks' Homes.

Service clubs and churches that make a specialty of supplying food and clothing usually are glad to receive and send out toys with their hampers.

A field for distribution which should not be overlooked this Christmas in particular are the children of families ordinarily in comfortable circumstances who have this year been hit by

At time of going to press the names of 1,465 western settlers' children needing a visit from the Scout and Guide Santa Claus had been received by the Toy Shop Secretary at Scout H.Q. Names will be assigned at once to Troops applying for them. Posting of the list on the Troop Notice Board will make a good start at interesting the boys in this year's big Christmas job.

the unemployment situation. Many such families are reluctant to make their circumstances known, although facing a sad and barren Christmas for their children. Such names may best be secured through clergymen. These cases should be handled with tact and consideration,—the parcel perhaps left during the night on the door-step.

Newspaper and Other Support

Service Club Backing.—The backing of service clubs usually can be secured readily, once the purpose of the Toy Shop is understood. In some centres these clubs have supplied nuts and candy, financed the mailing of parcels to settlers' children, furnished cars or trucks for collecting toys from schools, and for local distribution the day before Christmas.

The Local Papers.—Local newspapers invariably are ready to cooperate by publishing news stories of the Scout Toy Shop, appeals for old toys, arrangements for collecting them, etc. Several of our largest and most successful shops are operated in conjunction with the Christmas cheer projects of leading local newspapers, such as the Vancouver Daily Province Santa Claus Fund, the Calgary Herald Sunshine Society, the Edmonton Journal's Christmas Sunshine and the Goodfellows' Club of the Halifax Evening Mail. Doubtless other papers would similarly identify themselves with the work if approached by the proper Scout authorities, and the significance of the toy distribution, including that among settlers' children, made clear.

Toy Shop Picture Newspaper Mats

Three-column mats of a number of good pictures of last year's shops will be sent free to directors of Toy Shops or direct to newspapers who wish to use them. Address The Toy Shop Secretary, Dominion Headquarters, Boy Scouts Association, Ottawa.

Theatre "Toy Showers"—Special Saturday morning toy-admission or "toy shower" matinees produced a surprisingly large quantity of toys last year at the Capitol Theatre, Calgary, Capitol Theatre, Lethbridge, the Victoria Theatre, Saskatoon, the Regent Theatre, Ottawa, and the Capitol Theatre, St. Catharines, Ont.

Financing the Shop

Whilst in the majority of cases repair materials are donated by business firms, it is frequently necessary to purchase cord, tissue and wrapping



IN their several years of work in the Winnipeg Toy Shop Doll Department the Guides have provided several thousand little girls with that most desired of all Christmas gifts, a pretty doll. They are busy again this year.

paper and "Do Not Open Until Christmas" stickers. The great majority of shops meet the cost of mailing or expressing settlers' packages.

Occasionally the money comes from troop funds. More often it is raised by special entertainments; sometimes by a dance, a masquerade or a skating party. One of the original plans of last year was the duly advertised "Scout Work Day" of the Kingston, Ont., Toy Shop, the boys offering "to do all kinds of odd jobs at 25c per hour." The proceeds more than financed the shop expenses and the sending of Christmas packages to nearly 200 settlers' children.

The Halifax Mail, Calgary Herald, and Vancouver Province Christmas funds financed the mailing of settlers' packages from those combined newspaper-Scout-Guide Toy Shops. In Regina the Kiwanis Club shared in the work and expense; in New Glasgow, N.S., the Rotary and Gyro clubs assisted.

Toys From the Schools

Toy day in the local public schools has become an established practice in a number of the larger centres. Usually a Friday early in December is fixed, the toys being gathered up the following morning by the Scouts. The large quantity secured at one time facilitates the work of shops providing for any considerable number of settlers' children. School children in the east are very responsive to the suggestion of providing toys for boys and girls "away out on the prairie farms."

Toy Shop Headquarters

Usually Toy Shop headquarters is a vacant down town store, secured rent free. Frequently light and heat and telephone are supplied by owners or by public service and telephone companies.

A happening to be guarded against if possible is the renting of the store before the Toy Shop has completed its task. This occurred in three cases last year, greatly to the disruption of the work.

In addition to vacant stores, Toy Shops have been located in a city work shop, a fire hall, a railroad station basement, a large building loft, in garages and in the basement of the Scoutmaster's home.

Duration of the Shop

Where possible the Toy Shop should open not later than Saturday, November 29th. This will give four full Saturdays and if needed three days of the Christmas week.

Where feasible it is suggested that the work be cleared up on Monday, December 22nd, so that Scouts and leaders may have some time for their own Christmas preparations.

Some Toy Shop Reminders

Working Equipment.—Most tools can be supplied by the boys, or may be borrowed. They should include a vice or two, and a blow torch for soldering. The latter must be used only by an experienced person; if not by a member of the Toy Shop staff, the voluntary services of a plumber or tinsmith usually can be secured.

The majority of Shops report paint and brushes donated.

The miscellaneous supplies neces-

sary will include:—Glue; assorted nails, and finishing nails; screws; stove bolts; wire; scraps of sheet tin and sheet iron; short ends of planed lumber; paint, (red, black, yellow, green, grey, white). A lot of this may be donated; in any case they do not make a large item, costing not more than \$10.00 per thousand toys repaired.

If suitable stout work tables are not available this problem may be solved by borrowing 2x8 or 2x10 planking from a lumber firm, and placing the boards across packing cases. No unnecessary nails should be used; care should be taken that all nails are withdrawn before the planks are returned.

Tables and floor of "Paint Departments" should be protected by heavy paper or other suitable covering.

Working Hints.—Have your Scout workmen concentrate on volume rather than the making of a very elaborate job on a few toys. Kiddies are not critical as to how a thing is repaired, so long as it works and lasts; and a touch of paint will take care of appearances. Don't fuss too much with broken mechanical toys. Cut out the works, and some kiddie will enjoy pulling it around on a string.

A SPLENDID record of local and settlers' distribution was made last Christmas by the Regina Scout-Kiwanis Toy Repair Shop.—A corner of the Finished Department.



Doll Hints.—It is suggested that arrangements for participation in the work by the local Girl Guide Companies be made at an early date. The girls can do considerable preliminary work in preparation for handling the Doll Department, and laundry work, repairing and making of new dresses takes time.

Help with doll work may in some cases be had from sewing classes in the public schools.

Shop Organization.—Do not overlook this. Even if yours is but a small troop shop, appoint P.L.'s or other capable Scouts as heads of various "departments" — Collection, Sorting, Mechanical Repairs, Wooden Toys, Painting, Books. Dolls of course will be handled by Girl Guides if available. Larger shops have been most effectively directed by Rovers. Each department of one of last year's most efficient shops was headed by a Rover who was an expert in the particular work involved. If leaders of suitable experience are not available, a Directing Committee of practical craftsmen may be formed,—a painter, tinsmith, cabinet maker, bookbinder, etc.

The Spirit of Rovering

IT is always interesting and inspiring, and frequently enlightening, to read interpretations of the scope and spirit of Scouting as set forth by leaders of other countries,—as in this breezy letter from M. Jean Droit, General Commissioner for Rovers, to the Rovers of Belgium, in Jamboree.

Dear Brother Scout,—The Wolf Cub is the seed, the Scout the flower, and the Rover the fruit.

You are this fruit, or rather, no, you aren't yet! It's easy to rot in some comfortable worthless hole, to let yourself gradually shrivel up between a game of bridge, a fat cigar and the Stock Exchange quotations; or else to couple the workaday life opening inevitably before you with all the happiness of your boyhood continued. To keep a youthful smile, youthful pursuits, a youthful love of the open air, and the life of camps and woods, a youthful enthusiasm for the right and for deeds (good ones!); and to embark after a life lit up with all this healthy light, on the youthful old age that our Chief, Baden-Powell, obviously knows the recipe of.

It's pretty simple!

Put your right forefinger on the second waistcoat button from the top, and keeping in this position, go opposite a full-length mirror and say these simple words: "I am a Rover."

Why Rover? you will ask me.

Why the Road?

The Road, old man?

The Road is the long ribbon which, short as it may seem to you, be it never so ill-kept or noisy or crowded, yet goes to the End of the World.

The Road is Space, open air, the hill where the eye feasts on the horizon, and where the heart is moved by the distant blue. It is the valley where you pitch your tent, or the wood whose high-soaring oaks lift your heart to the sky!

To be a Rover is to seek, to nourish and to hold fast to the love of the things that preserve a soul capable of being stirred and a pair of hands ready to act.

To stir and to act—all the life of a Rover is summed up in those two words.

Life? Don't be tied down to the prosaic earthly part of it. Life is

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❖ Scouting from Coast to Coast ❖

SOME 200 people attended the second anniversary entertainment of the 32nd Vancouver Mt. Everest (Chinese) Troop, held at the Chinese United Church. The special guests included Assistant Scoutmaster Stanton of a Chinese troop in Detroit, Mich.

A troop good turn for the week was the painting of the church bulletin board by the Patrol Leaders.—26th London.

Ile de France Blazon for 10th Calgary

In recognition of courtesies extended during their last summer's visit, French Scout Commissioner Paul Coze and the members of his Indian research mission have presented the 10th Calgary Troop with an Ile de France Blazon, "for your flag, for yourself and for your Patrol Leaders."

Equipment of the 5th Hamilton's Den

Recent donations to the 5th Hamilton Troop Den include a copy of the "Life of B. P.", a home-made radio set, a library table and a linoleum rug. The den is used by the senior patrol and the Court of Honour. A telephone is maintained by the Scoutmaster.

The Visiting Leeds Scouts

Scouts visiting Canada during the summer included a group of 16 of the Model School Troop of Leeds, England, under Dr. F. G. Morton and Group Scoutmaster J. Berry. Touring has been a summer practice of the Leeds Troop since its organization. The Scouts pay their own way by various entertainments held during the year. The same group last year toured Spain. A larger group toured Germany this year. The Leeds party was the largest English Scout unit to visit Canada since the tour of the Westminster Choir Scouts in 1926.

The 2nd Brantford Fall Programme

The first fall meeting of the 2nd (Trinity) Brantford Troop, included: the reorganization of patrols under the direction of the Court of Honour, games of stalking and observation, a lecture on "Tracks and Tracking," and a question period by the Scoutmaster. A series of overnight hikes was planned, and a series of Saturday afternoon nature study and tracking hikes.

A Cub-made Ship Model

An interesting exhibit in the Scout room of the 51st Toronto Troop in St. Aidan's Church, is the model of a ship of the Elizabethan period, made by Cub Roy Codresco for his First Star test. The model is complete in every detail.

Practical Recognition of Good Scouting by 1st Cobourg

A substantial cheque from General Manager Birkstresser of the A. & P. Stores, Toronto, for the purchase of a fencing outfit, gymnastic equipment from Mr. A. C. Hanks, the troop's box-

ing and swimming instructor, and a handsome set of cases for the troop colours from the Troop Chaplain, Rev. Dr. Boyle, came this fall as the reward for good Scouting by the 1st Cobourg Troop, Ont.

Reminding of Winter Bird House Work

A display of 50 bird houses made by boys of the 1st Moose Jaw Troop attracted considerable attention in the window of a vacant store on Main Street. Material for the houses was given the troop by Alderman S. A. Hamilton, who also donated nine prizes for the boys producing the best houses. The houses were later erected in Wild Animal Park.

U. S. Scouters' Wreath for Toronto Cenotaph

During a visit to Toronto, two American Scouters, Walter Hastings, Vice President of the Rochester, N. Y. Scout Council, and Clarence Robinson, State Camp Director, placed a wreath



THE Crows of the 1st Barrie, Ont., went strong on archery this summer. They made some good bows.

on the Cenotaph. They were entertained at dinner by the Toronto association. In appreciation of the courtesies extended a party of Toronto Scouts who were guests at the Rochester council camp this summer, Thanks Badges were presented to the American leaders.

A B.C. Troop-Pack Afternoon Display

Scout staff uses, knotting, semaphore, first aid and composition of the Union Jack demonstrated by the Scouts, jungle dances by the Cubs and proficiency badge presentations were found interesting by those who attended the afternoon display of the 1st Sidney Troop, B.C. Tea was served and several stalls operated by Girl Guides.

Toronto Scouts Guests at American Camp

A party of 20 Toronto Scouts this summer attended Camp Pioneer, the Rochester, N.Y., district Scout camp. The boys, who went in charge of D.S. M. George E. Jones were scattered among various tent groups of the American Scouts. Needless to say all greatly enjoyed their stay.

An Ontario Rover Council Fire

A Rover Council Fire held in the Akela Den, St. Thomas, Ont., was attended by members of the 2nd and 3rd St. Thomas Crews, and the 6th, 9th and 10th Londons. Assistant Provincial Commissioner for Rovers L. J. Bishop was present and led a discussion of the Rover Instructor's badge requirements. Rover Turnbull of St. Thomas read an extended paper on the Rambler's badge and A. R. L. Dickinson of the 9th London Crew led a discussion of Rover programme.

At a business meeting of the Mothers' Auxiliary of the 4th Sherbrooke Troop a donation was voted to assist the Scouts in purchasing new uniforms.

The Mutt and Jeff miniature golf course of Owen Sound contributed the proceeds of one day to the funds of the local Scout Association.

Attracting Wild Geese to Halifax Camp Site

At the suggestion of Jack Miner, decoys were placed in the lake on the Waverley Park forest and wild life conservation Scout project near Halifax, to attract wild geese. Moose, deer, beaver, rabbits, raccoon, fox and mink are increasing under the protection given them, and their trails may be seen throughout the reservation.

Any Scout of the 2nd Brantford (Trinity) Troop absent from troop meeting because of illness is visited by a member of the Court of Honour.

A course of six lectures in senior St. John Ambulance first aid is being held by the Regina District Council in a room of the General Hospital.

Archery Going Strong at Kincardine

An archery contest conducted during the summer for the 2nd Kincardine Troop, Ont., resulted in every member producing a bow and an arrow at an October troop meeting. Several of the bows were of exceptional workmanship. An archery contest is planned between the 2nd and the 3rd Kincardine Troop, which has also gone in for bow making.

Entertaining the Parents at St. Andrews

A mock trial, an impromptu debate and a first aid demonstration were provided as a Parents' Night entertainment by the boys of the 1st St. Andrews Troop, N.B. The 2nd St. Andrews Troop entertained their parents with a first aid demonstration and a debate on the subject, "Resolved, that the wheelbarrow is more useful than the automobile."

On the eve of his departure for Montreal, where he will study for the Anglican ministry, A.S.M. A. E. Hawes of the 7th Sarnia, Ont., Troop was presented with a handsome travelling bag by the members of the troop.

Scoutcraft at Vancouver Sportman's Show

A very attractive display of camp-crafts and handicrafts formed the exhibit of Scouts, Cubs and Guides at the Sportman's Show recently held in the Arena, Vancouver. Shelters, bridges, types of fires, camp looms, gadgets of all sorts, and Cub badge work proved interesting to those who attended the show. Scouts also demonstrated first aid, signalling, lashings, constructed and operated a transporter, passing boys across the artificial creek by means of it. Cubs from the 7th North Vancouver Pack staged jungle dances. On the final evening a sing-song was held with several troops taking part.

Another Ontario Lone Scout Patrol, the Foxes of Beamsville, have been made the nucleus of a full troop under Scoutmaster Rev. A. R. Gibson.

Montreal District H. Q. has issued a new 7-page leaflet on the local requirements for the Pathfinder test. The leaflet is sold.

Here's Definite Organization

"General supervision and tests will be in charge of E. Blake, A.S.M. G. Gallagher will take charge of all record systems and J. Hoyle will look after the secretarial work. H. Bedley will assist Mr. Blake with the tests and Ted Yelf will look after the camp-fire programmes, assisted by the Duty Patrol. L. Northey will be in charge of instruction and hikes and the new Troop Leader is Bert Blake. The P.L.'s will look after games and patrol instruction."—26th London Troop, Ont.

Members of the 118th Montreal (Trinity) Troop took voluntary charge of the check room for the annual largely-attended parish dinner. The troop provides this service for all the church organizations needing it.

The 24th and 51st Torontos each have been granted permission by their District Commissioner to organize a Sea Scout patrol.

Log Lodge for the 1st Sussex, N.B.

Another scouty home in the woods, Deer Lodge Scout Camp, home of the 1st Sussex (Trinity) Troop, N.B., was dedicated October 3rd by Rev. Canon M. C. Shewen. Assistant District Commissioner Boyaner of Saint John declared the camp open and Scout Ronald Lisson removed the yellow and black neckerchief securing the door and Scoutmaster Harry Lisson was first to enter the building. Visitors included Commissioners Bull and Pugh of Fredericton, and a number of leaders from Saint John. During the ceremony Scoutmaster Lisson was presented with a gold Thanks Badge in recognition of his 17 years of service in Scouting.

"Every Patrol Leader is to get himself a notebook and use it to write down any ideas that he gets from his patrol, for the improvement of the Scout Troop."—1st Three Rivers, Que.

A Scout Swimming Meet

A Scout Swimming Meet, held in the Thames Park swimming pool, London, Ont., was such a success that "any doubts that such a venture would link up with other Scouting activities were dispelled by the large number of entries and the keen way in which each event was contested." The points were awarded to apply to troop and pack contests for the Lamb and Johnson trophies. The events included competitions at various distances, suited to age, relay races, and distance and fancy diving. An exhibition of rescue work was given by Scouts of different troops.

At the opening fall meeting of the Kincardine, Ont., Rover Crew uniform for winter meetings was set at official shirt, shoulder knot, shoulder straps and scarf, the balance optional.



FIRST Aid teams of the 6th, 5th and 7th Sarnia Troops in a 24th of May Field Day competition.

A 1st West Toronto Variety Night

"Is it Better to Live in the Country Than in the City?" was the subject of an interesting debate at a regular meeting of the 1st West Toronto Troop. The "country" group were declared winners. Several new games were introduced, a first aid demonstration was given, and the playlet, "The Radio Shop," taken from the September Scout Leader. During the evening D. S. M. Willet presented Scoutmaster J. W. Watters with his warrant.

What is said to be the first Canadian all-Japanese Scout Troop, with a Japanese Scoutmaster and Troop Committee, has been carrying on very successfully since its organization last summer at Chemainus, Vancouver Island. It is known as the 2nd Chemainus Troop.

"A wiener roast started off the programme of social evenings arranged by the sports and games committees under Troop Leader March."—5th Hamilton.

A Montreal Rover Crew's Week

Various of the fifteen members of one of the energetic Montreal Rover Crews in one October week found the following things to do: **Sunday**—Visited Children's Memorial Hospital, as usual. Ushered and assisted in the evening at a Troop colours dedication service. **Monday**—Assisted at Boys' Welfare Club gym class. Ran Pack meeting. Held Rover meeting. **Tuesday**—Assisted Troop in preparing for concert. **Wednesday**—Prepared pro-

grammes for Cub and Scout meetings. **Thursday**—Ran a Pack and a Troop meeting. Helped in preparing for Troop concert. **Friday**—Ran Troop meeting. **Saturday**—Took Cubs for hike.

A totem pole carved by Rover T. A. Gray was presented to the 1st North Bay Cub Pack, by Mr. F. D. Wallace. The pole is seven feet high, elaborately carved, with a wolf head top, and spaces for the names of each Cub.

Knot Tying by Post Scouts

Following an address before the Vancouver Rotary Club on boys' work activities by Frank S. Filmer, a Y. M. C. A. physical director, the Vancouver Troop of deaf, dumb and blind Scouts gave an exhibition of knot tying. Rotarian J. C. McPherson, a seafaring man in his earlier days, judged the technique.

The 30th Toronto Troop possess a fine new library, composed chiefly of Scout stories and books on Scoutcraft. The library was made possible through funds raised at a minstrel show held last spring.

The unveiling of their new charter by Scoutmaster Walter Lemmon of the Provincial Headquarters staff, formal promotions of P.L.'s and Seconds, presentation of badges and a council fire investiture made up a ceremonial night of the 1st Islington Troop, Ont. Several members of the Troop Committee were guests.

"Talks" Schedule of Trenton, Ont., Rovers

The following excellent schedule of weekly meeting talks was arranged by the 1st Trenton, Ont., Rovers:—A talk on the Yukon, by Rev. C. K. Nicoll. A talk on maps and mapping by an expert from the Air Force camp. "Canada's Common Law," by Lt.-Col. H. J. Smith. "Banks and Youth," by Mr. Cottrell of the Bank of Commerce. "The Community in Which We Live, and How It Can be Served," by Mr. P. J. O'Rourke. "The Tyranny of Tools," by Rev. P. Heywood.

A Granby, Que., two-night Scout carnival held in Victoria Park, realized nearly \$200 for the troop funds. Contributions included free lighting, the installation of a radio, music by the Granby Band, fortune telling, a large number of cakes and a corn-popping machine.

At a regular meeting of the 7th Sarnia Troop, Ont., the Clayton Kilbreath Jamboree Shield was presented to the Beavers. This shield is competed for every meeting night and the patrol having the highest standing at the end of six months has the custody of the shield for the following six months.

A B.C. Mountain Hike

The Saturday edition of the *Victoria Daily Times* of September 13th, carried a three column story illustrated by photographs of the ascent of Mount Arrowsmith after a seven hours' climb by nine old Scouts and six members of the present 1st Fairfield Troop, B.C., under the leadership of Mr. C. S. Frampton. The interestingly written story recounted a real Scouting adventure, and one the opportunity for which Scouts in other parts of Canada will envy their B. C. brothers. It is unfortunate that the limited space of the *Scout Leader* does not permit a detailed story of the climb.

A trophy to be known as the John A. Nash Good Conduct Trophy was donated by Mr. Nash to the 20th London Troop. It is to be awarded to the Scout gaining the highest number of points for good conduct during the year.

The season's plans of the Owen Sound Rovers include helping existing troops and lending a hand in the formation of new troops. The crew, un-

fallen leaves and eating it's way into the roots of trees, into dead logs and fence posts. They stamped it out to the best of their ability and then notified the police.

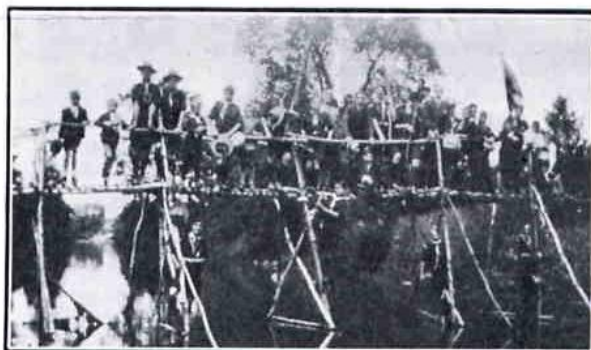
While visiting in Victoria, B.C., Mrs. A. C. Swindell, Secretary-Treasurer of the 22nd Winnipeg (St. John's) Troop Ladies' Auxiliary, attended the monthly meeting of the W. A. of the Victoria Boy Scouts Association, and told of Scouting activities in her own city.

Moose Jaw Holds a Scout Week

During Moose Jaw's Autumn Scout Week, local merchants decorated their windows with Scoutcraft displays and otherwise assisted to stimulate public interest in the Movement. Provincial Commissioner S. J. Latta and Assistant Commissioner W. J. P. Selby of Regina, inspected the different troops and met the District Council. The Provincial Commissioner was chief speaker at a banquet given in his honour at Grant Hall Hotel.

1st Hamilton Rovers Invite Work

"Rovers of the 1st Hamilton Crew are willing to take up to six Scouts any Saturday afternoon in Second and First Class cooking and outdoor tests. Notice should be given to Rover Mate F. Taylor, 172 Edgemont Ave. S., on or before Tuesday in each week."—Hamilton Scout News Column.



THE 70-foot bridge constructed last summer by the 1st Delson Troop, Que.

der District Commissioner D. E. MacIntyre, is taking the Gilwell Indoor Training Course.

Rovers Run Border Cities Rally

Several hundred Border Cities Scouts attended their annual Rally at Jackson Park, Windsor and participated in a programme of games conducted by a committee of Rovers. The boys prepared their supper, then held a council fire programme, picturesquely conducted on a stage on the four corners of which were camp fires. Nearly every troop in the district contributed a number.

Meetings of the 118th Montreal (Trinity) Troop are opened by the blowing of the camp horn and the raising of the flag by the Duty P. L., with the troop in horseshoe.

Fire Fighting Cubs

Wolf Cubs of the 49th Montreal Pack on a hike in the woods with friends discovered a fire consuming

and the reply by the pack, "And with thee, our leader," has been added to the closing ceremony of the Soongy-Tay-Ay Pack, Winnipeg.

Montreal Fire Chief Addresses Scouts and Cubs

During Fire Prevention Week addresses on the subject and demonstrations of resuscitation were given before members of the 2nd and 119th Montreal (St. Lambert) Troops and Cub Packs and the St. Lambert Fire Department by Fire Chief Gauthier of Montreal and a number of other fire chiefs. Fire Chief Gauthier urged the Scouts to aid the local fire department by being constantly on the lookout for conditions which might lead to fire in their neighborhood.

THE SPIRIT OF ROVERING

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rather like the water that supports a swimmer and gives him a start-off (a false one sometimes!).

Above Life there are ideals, memory, imagination, all that little personal drama that costs nothing, just as above the water there is fresh air.

Come up to the surface to breathe from time to time, come up to rest and refresh yourself among your friends bound to the same good turn, grouped round the same fire, or walking with the same stride.

Scouting has prepared you for a life which you owe to yourself. Come with us! Be a Rover!

And you too, you especially who never wore the Scout hat or grasped the Scout staff No, you're not too old!

Why, I passed my Tenderfoot at 27, and didn't think it so silly

And don't be frightened!

Nobody expects anything impossible from Rovers.

When you have read "Rovering to Success," by Baden-Powell, you will be first reassured, then carried away, and converted the next minute. It's a kindly mixture of good advice and smiles, all as sound as can be.

Its price is a real investment for your own children. (I'm not exaggerating—read it!)

Besides, Rovers are no bigoted sect, but a crowd of pals.

They know how to have a good time in a Scouting way, how to put on a dinner-jacket and go to a dance or a theatre or the pictures, or even to have a rubber of bridge with their pals.

They don't want to live outside the world, to live in scornful isolation surrounded by a world they despise. But they want the joys that keep you strong and healthy, and the proper use of that strength and health, and the heart's content that comes from the good turn to others.

Good! Now you can take your right forefinger off your second waistcoat button, and say goodbye to your reflection which flattered you a bit in the glass.

The Road is there. The Road of life, the Road of your Scouting, memories and your aspirations of manhood!

Come on!

Boxing and Registration

A visitor at a recent meeting of the 5th Hamilton Troop was ex-Scout E. Ransome of England, who offered his services once a month to instruct the troop in boxing. At a Court of Honour meeting a subscription list was opened for the purchase of boxing gloves. The Court also offered a free Scout Diary to all boys paying their registration fee by October 23rd.

Another District Get-Together

Scouts from Trenton, Wellington and Picton and Lonies from Milford participated in a rally of Picton Scouts held in Anglican Parish Hall, before a good turn out of parents. Field Secretary Jones of Provincial H.Q. gave a lantern talk on the Jamboree, following which the Picton Scouts staged a campfire singsong and yarns, and Girl Guides served refreshments.

Recital of an extract from Kipling's *Outsong*,—"Wood and water, wind and tree, jungle favour go with thee"—

Chips from the Summer Gilwells



"WESTERN OILS" prospectors off on the historic race to stake an oil claim before another piratical crew, the "Canadian Oils," got there,—at the 1930 Saskatchewan Gilwell.

The Saskatchewan Course

"QU'APPELLE?" "Who calls?"
"Our younger brothers."

Whatever the legend of the valley, you would I am sure get this answer from the men around the campfire at this year's Gilwell on Lake Lebreton in the Qu'Appelle Valley of Saskatchewan. In answer to the call, 22 men had assembled to take the summer Gilwell Course.

They were of various professions and business connections. There was an oil man from the celebrated Turner Valley, a flour mill owner, a city lawyer, the revered sub-warden of a theological college, affectionately known as "Sexton," eight or nine clergymen, and a young teacher who has since gone to a rural school the trustees of which demanded a teacher trained in Scout leadership. Three were from Alberta.

Rev. H. E. D. Cooper was camp S.M., Scoutmaster Jack Blow of Upper Canada College and Rev. C. A. C. Hann of St. Paul's, Regina, were A. S. M.'s, and Provincial Secretary W. J. P. Selby was Quartermaster.

A new and notable office this year, notably filled, was that of Headquarters' Chef, this high exponent of good camp cooking being the Rev. F. Pike, rector of St. George's Church, Moose Jaw,—whose culinary feats not infrequently tempted the Headquarters' staff until the members were perilously near being "too full for words" at subsequent lectures. Mr. Fergus Imlach, a veteran Scouter of Balcarres, Sask., lectured on knotting and laid out the course for the 24-hour Journey.

The course was opened by the Dominion Camp Chief, John A. Stiles, who with Rev. W. D. Hazell, D.C.C., for Saskatchewan, gave lectures during the three days they spent with the course.

The first day was made memorable by a feat of the Theological Professor, and oldest Scout in camp. During a game of disguises he completely hoodwinked Headquarters by passing effectively disguised as a trek cart.

The course was divided into three patrols, suitably "competitive"—the Foxes, Prairie Chickens and Coyotes.

That desired quality, the patrol spirit, burst into full bloom on the third day, during what Saskatchewan Gilwell history will know as the "Battle of the Hump." This was a patrol tracking and observation and identification game, played amongst the hills north of the camp. One of the exciting happenings was the flight of a certain Coyote, who in the heat of the day and the heat of the fray ran for his life over hill and valley to the neutrality of the camp, only to discover that his pursuer was a member of his own patrol.

Scout Williams, of the Prairie Chickens, one of the few survivors of a whole battalion at Paschendal, vowed that he was less scared in that famous battle than he was in the "Battle of the Hump."

Lectures proceeded according to the usual plan, and were held on the grass in a shady elm orchard. And several men new to Scouting discovered that Scouting is a science, and older hands voiced the opinion that the course was just what they wanted.

Efficient camp expedients were soon in use. The Fox Patrol produced both pie and cake baked in a camp oven, and many twists both good and horrible were brought anxiously to Headquarters for testing.

The old traditional songs were sung at the camp fires and splendid yarns were told. One night the campfire was held on the lake, on a motor scow loaned and operated by the Reverend Father of the Roman Catholic Seminary across the lake.

On Sunday a celebration of the Eucharist was held for Anglicans, at a rustic altar heaped high with wild flowers brought by boys camping near. The Roman Catholic Scouts had no car, so an Anglican Padre whirled them off in his to do their duty to God. In the evening all gathered for evensong at Katepwe, where the old church of the Indians rocked with the happy singing of a full congregation of men and boys in Scout uniform.

For the Journey the camp troop was organized into two oil-prospecting parties, representing respectively "Western Oils Limited" and "Canadian Oils Limited." Their commission was to substantiate a rumour that oil had been discovered on the waters of a certain spring in the woods. Since it was soon learned that each "other party" was composed of persons of most villainous and lawless type, the project was seen to be one of considerable danger, calling for vigilance and courage as well as the determination to "get there first." Happily, no bloodshed resulted, since one party, fortunately—or unfortunately—got lost. However, both found a satisfactory objective, and so were content.

There were the usual unscheduled adventures. Several members of one party turned in at night on a hilltop, to waken next day at its base. And certain Prairie Chickens calling at a nearby farm for water were greeted with this from the farmer: "Thank heavens, my wife is away. She has a weak heart."

Interest in the prospecting adventure was not confined to the prospectors. All the largest mosquitoes in Saskatchewan suddenly developed an urge for Scouting, and "went along too."

The last camp fire was like all last fires, the Swan Song of ten happy days of unspoiled Brotherhood. There were the old songs dearly loved, yarns, talks, resolutions and good-byes. When it was all over, a seasoned Scout said to the skipper, "I shall remember this as one of the most wonderful hours of my life."

When leaving Gilwell one always has at least a tiny dread of returning to the meanness and discordancy of what Rupert Brooke describes as "a world grown old and cold and weary." And yet it is from such camp fires that we go out freshly armed, and with a new vision to answer the call of our Younger Brothers in just such a tired old world.

Before leaving camp, one patrol announced its intention of holding a patrol reunion every year until the first of their great grandsons goes to Gilwell. And they propose to go with him.

"B.P." on Education

ANSWERING the question "Is School worth while?" in the current issue of *John Bull*, the Chief Scout, Lord Baden-Powell, says, "The aim of education seems largely to be lost sight of in amplifying the steps."

"We should look forward and visualize what will be wanted of the next generation for the progress and welfare of the nation, and then get the individual boy to prepare himself in body, mind and spirit for doing his share."

"This is the basis of the training given to the Boy Scouts and Girl Guides."

"So much for the aim of education. But in training our steps we are too apt to look back and to content ourselves with merely improving traditional methods of training through lectures to large classes, and testing by scholastic standards and examinations."

Hints on Song Leading

The following admirable article on song leading, by Alfred C. Nichols Jr., was prepared for the new pocket size song book of the Boy Scouts of America, "Songs Scouts Sing."

WITH the wealth of good material that is available, it is unnecessary to use "jazz" in Scout singing. Use songs that are typical of Scouting and which have a real meaning. There's an art to song leading that can be acquired with practice, providing the leader has some small degree of musical ability. Here are some suggestions.

First—announce the song you plan to use, singing the first few bars yourself to give the pitch. (It isn't desirable to pitch the air in a school-room fashion.) Then **start the song!** Put your whole body into leading, getting into the swing and rhythm of the tune.

Avoid meaningless arm wavings that confuse. Some suggested methods of beating time are illustrated on this page. If you feel that the methods suggested detract from the spontaneity of your Scout singing, then choose any other method that accomplishes the results.

The author's method is for the leader to move his hands in time to the syllables of the words as they are sung, indicating to the singers by the movement of the hands to hold those notes that should be prolonged. He also regulates the volume of the singing by the raising or lowering of the hands. Each song leader has his own preferences—develop your own method!

Clear, Not Confusing, Leadership

The most important thing is to put your personality and pep into it, and to make your leadership clear and not confusing.

With a small group it is possible and often desirable to lead singing by simply starting a song while seated in your place. This is the most natural and enjoyable method. This can be done with a larger group, provided the leader has a sufficiently strong voice or is assisted by a group with good voices.

The teaching of new songs should not be done at camp fires where it mars the mystical effect. In camp the best time is after a meal while the Scouts are seated about the table. This serves as a rest period and the boys enjoy it. In town, teach at Troop meetings.

Brief Teaching Periods

Make the teaching period brief. As a starter have them sing a song they know. Then teach a new one. Have some one sing it through first. Interpret the meaning and spirit of the song.

If you've previously taught a song to a Patrol or a few Scouts, they'll help you. In camp the leaders ought to learn every song first.

Repeat the words several times. Of course, if every Scout has a copy of "Songs Scouts Sing" to refer to, it will be easy.

After a few tries put away the books and sing it to impress it on the memory. But remember! It must be

fun! When the fun spirit is lost, it's time to stop—until another occasion.

In almost every program, the **first songs used** must serve to break the ice—to get everyone participating in both the singing and the spirit of good fellowship.

For the first few numbers choose "lively songs" or "peppy Scouting Songs" or any of the types found under the classification "As the flames leap high." This applies to Troop meetings, dinners, and almost any Scout function as well as camp fires.

When Opening Songs Drag

The first song may not go as well as desired. Then try a little friendly competition—pit one against the other in an attempt to see which can best sing a song. Lead the listeners in applauding the singers and then encourage the other side to sing even better. When everyone's warmed up, get both sides to sing the songs in unison.

While we want to give Scouts an appreciation of good music, we can even forgive their almost yelling once in a while, if it produces the effect of interest and complete cooperation that is desired. Try some of the "combination melodies" listed later.



HAND movements in beating time.

Songs are interspersed with the other features of your program. After a few stunts or a talk, somebody will call for some songs "to wake us up." Try some "action songs," or "rounds," or "songs for a laugh."

Soon you're ready for the big event of the evening. The restlessness has worn off and everyone's relaxed. A few "old quiet favorites" or quiet Scout Songs, or an inspirational local Scout song may now be used, while the fire burns low. After singing such a song you can whistle the air, while another hums it, and a few carry the melody—keeping it low-pitched and quiet!

By now the lights should be dim or the camp fire fading to ashes. The singing of quiet songs will induce the proper mood for the inspirational though perhaps silent climax of the evening's program.

Lasting impressions are made at such times as this.

For closing, use a song "to say good night" or an "evening song of worship."

Of course this is but one of the many ways to use songs. On rainy days in camp when the gang's con-

finied to tents or to a camp building, "It Ain't Gonna Rain No Mo, No Mo" can change a tense atmosphere to an air of optimism and good humor.

For the Patrol Leader or other Troop leader who has his copy of "Songs Scouts Sing" in his uniform pocket whenever he goes a-Scouting, it won't be any problem to **CHOOSE THE RIGHT SONG TO {FIT CREATE} THE MOOD.**

How to Beat Time

Although every song leader apparently has a slightly different method of leading, there are however certain fundamental principles by which a song leader must be governed to properly (and pleasantly) beat the time of songs.

In all songs the first beat of each full measure should be represented by a vigorous down beat directly in front of the body. This beat should have a rebound thus aiding in taking away the stiffness of the beat. (See center of page.)

In some songs of six-beat measure, the rhythm goes so fast that it is best to beat the two-beat measure.

The upper number marked on the scale indicates the number of beats per measure. The lower number indicates the kind of note receiving the beat. For example with two-four time the two shows that there are two beats to a measure, and the four indicates that a quarter note is given one beat; two quarter notes making a full measure.

A flashlight with a colored bulb is helpful in leading at night time.

A Mimetic "Three Blind Mice"

FROM the campfire programme of a Scout Jamboree held last August at Colombo, Ceylon, and attended by seven hundred Scouts, we take this excellent mimetic arrangement of the round, "Three Blind Mice." It is sung standing.

*Three Blind Mice, three blind mice;
See how they run, see how they run!
They all ran after the farmer's wife,
She cut off their tails with a carving knife;*

*Did you ever see such a thing in your life
As three blind mice.*

Directions:

- 1st time, sing through in full.
- 2nd time, omit "three" and hold up three fingers.
- 3rd time, omit "blind" and close the eyes, thrusting the head forward.
- 4th time, omit "see," shade eyes with the hand and all look in one direction.
- 5th time, omit word "ran," and "run standing still."
- 6th time, omit "cut off their tails," and make a sweeping motion behind with the right hand, as though cutting off a tail.

The sixth verse will sound like this:—

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❖ The Scoutmaster's Five Minutes ❖

"Old Horse"

Another 6th Law Story

AGAIN and again on the way to Burke's Horse and Mule Market, Louie Fong's grip on the reins tightened spasmodically, but "Old Horse" accustomed to his master's habit of dozing, jogged placidly on.

The thought that he was deceiving Old Horse troubled Louie. For ten years, six days each week, daybreak had found the aged Chinaman driving the shambling white horse to the wholesale market for a wagon-load of fresh dewy vegetables. Today he was taking Old Horse to Burke's to be sold.

Burke had planted the idea in Louie's mind. Louie passed the Horse Market daily, and often the jovial horse-trader boomed a greeting at the Chinaman. Burke boasted that he could call every Chinaman and Negro in the city by name. Always Louie's response was the acme of dignity. To appear pleased at Burke's attention would mean loss of face, but secretly he was flattered.

Several times lately Burke had observed that Old Horse was "about ready for the bone-yard," adding that he could easily find Louie a better animal. At first the idea was hateful to Louie. Selling Old Horse would be, he felt, like selling his friend, his companion. But gradually Burke's disparaging comments forced Louie to realize how slow, how spiritless Old Horse had grown, what a dingy, dirty yellow-white his coat, how bedraggled his mane and tail, how uneven and broken his hooves. And at last Louie decided to follow Burke's advice.

Burke was standing near the gateway as the old Chinaman drove in. "So you've made up your mind to get rid of that old nag," he roared. "About time, before he drops in his tracks."

Louie winced. "You buy him?" he queried.

"Sure!" Teeth clamped tight on his black cigar, Burke squinted at Old Horse speculatively. "He ain't worth it, but I'll allow you ten bucks for him on a new boss. I know just the boss for you. Ain't got him here now, but you come round about four, Louie, and I'll have him here."

"How muchee?" demanded Louie.

"One hundred bucks and dirt cheap at that."

"Allee light. I go ketch um." With-out a backward glance at Old Horse, Louie paddled away.

He was scarcely out of hearing when Burke shouted to one of his hostlers. "Hey, Pete, take this old plug and give him the works—hair-cut, manicure, touch-up—everything but a face-lift and a permanent wave. The Chinaman wants a new boss."

"I get yuh, boss," grinning. "Can we get away with it?"

"Easy! What that old Joss knows about horse-flesh you could put on a pinhead."

Guffawing loudly at Burke's jocularity, the flunkey led Old Horse toward the barns.

Promptly at four o'clock Louie Fong trotted into the horse yard. Burke, on the lookout, led him to a stall

where stood a trim, dappled-gray horse, his coat sleek and shining as satin.

"Beauty, ain't he?" Burke's voice was unctuous. "Same weight and height as your old nag, but look at his live eye. A pretty color. I knew you liked a gray."

"Yes, I likkee gray horse," Louie agreed earnestly.

Producing a green wad, the old Chinaman carefully counted off nine ten-dollar-bills. At Burke's summons Pete came running to assist in harnessing the new steed to Louie's wagon. One foot on the step, Louie hesitated. "Old Horse—" he could not finish. It seemed cruel to depart without a farewell word to his faithful servant.

"Oh, he's gone," said Burke.

"Gone—allegdy?"

"Sure, got rid of him early this morning."

Louie Fong clambered into the wagon, gathered the reins in twitching fingers and, oblivious of Burke's noisy Godspeed, drove through the open gate.

The farther he traveled, the deeper his dejection grew, the more he regretted his transaction. His momentary enthusiasm for this handsome new horse was outweighed by his remorse at having sold Old Horse. Poor Old Horse! Deserted, sold to some one who might even mistreat him. Louie fairly writhed at the thought.

Arriving in Chinatown, Louie Fong drove down the narrow alley where his shack and Old Horse's stable sprawled behind the Dragon Cafe. Shrilling "Whoa," he slowly descended from his high seat. He was heart-sick at his own treachery. What if Old Horse had grown old, slow. Louie realized as never before that he himself was no longer young, quick.

The new horse stood motionless as Louie fumbled at the buckles. The last strap undone, Louie lowered the shafts gently to the ground and reached for the bridle to lead the animal to his stall. To his amazement, the new horse stepped sedately from the shafts and, brushing past Louie, moved leisurely but surely around the shack into Old Horse's place and began munching oats.

For a long tense moment Louie Fong stood stock-still, his face inscrutable as a bronze Buddha, his eyes shiny black beads. Then, pattering into the stable, he carefully examined his purchase, muttering a peculiar sing-song during the process. Convinced at last that what he suspected was true, he smiled, a bland, calm, superior smile.

The new horse was Old Horse. No doubt of that. Burke, the wily horse-dealer, had tricked him. While Louie had been engaged in a game of fantan and a call at the bank, Burke, in some miraculous manner, had rejuvenated Old Horse. Louie, as Burke said, knew nothing about horses, but he did know Old Horse. And this animal Burke had sold him, despite his beautiful sleek coat, his trimmed and shod hooves, his silky mane and tail, was Old Horse himself, marvelous, trans-

formed, but Old Horse still.

Chuckling, Louie stroked Old Horse's satin shoulder. And Old Horse, as if aware of his new desirability, whinnied and kicked up his heels skittishly.

A feeling of happiness, of infinite peace pervaded Louie Fong. There was no indignation, no animosity for Burke in his heart. For the money Louie cared nothing. Old Horse and he would finish their lives together. Nothing else mattered. Unwittingly Burke had given a new lease of life not only to Old Horse but to Louie Fong as well.

—Jessie Allen,
in *Our Dumb Animals*.

The Scoutmaster—Potter and the Clay

A SCOUTER had a bad boy in his troop. He liked bad boys. This particular boy had been expelled from school, Sunday-school and club. Despite an angelic exterior he was the town terror. His parents were seriously considering the reformatory.

Notwithstanding this the boy was determined to be a Patrol Leader, or at the very least a Second. When his patrol turned him down for leadership he "went wild" at meetings, and eventually the Court of Honour decided to suspend him from the troop.

"Here," thought the Scouter, "is where I dig in at a real job."

We talked the Court of Honour into a suspension of sentence. At the first chance he got the boy alone. Suddenly grabbing him by the shoulders, he looked straight and deep into the cheeky brown eyes. It was a soul he saw, not a bad boy.

"Hugh," he said fiercely, "you've got to face facts. It seems that no one has any use for you, doesn't it. You are turning your parents against you, you have driven your teacher crazy, the Coyotes didn't want you for their leader, and now the troop wants me to expel you."

The boy flashed back, "Aw heck, skipper, I know that, and I don't care a darn! If they don't like me they can do the other thing! What do I care? I have lots of fun round this ranch."

He struggled, but the grip on his shoulders tightened. At the moment it was as if something indefinable passed from the man to the boy.

"Look here, Hugh, no one likes you. You admit that. But I am going to tell you something,—there is one fool man in this town who WANTS to like you. In fact he would give a big bit to—er—have you for his—er—friend."

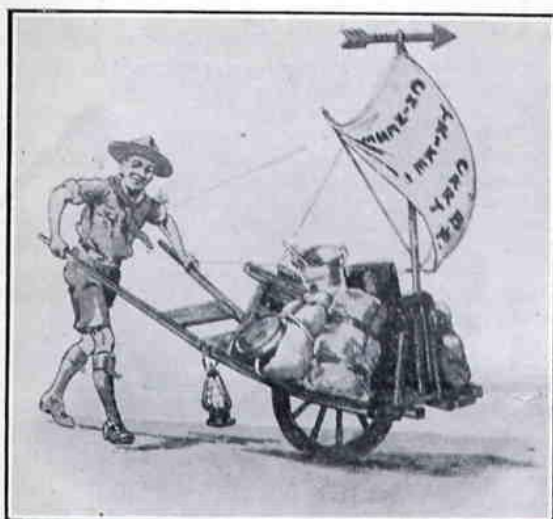
"Who's that?"

"Me."

The defiant young body was suddenly limp in his hands, the tousled black head fell forwards emptying tears on his coat. Later the Scouter said, "Gee! If you could go back to your patrol and make yourself a real efficient Scout I should think a most awful lot of you!"

One night three years later, Hugh, now a High School student and a First Class Scout, but not yet a Patrol

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No. 1

The 1930 Christmas Cards

Card No. 1

THE SCOUT CARD.—A typical scouty folder card, $5\frac{1}{2} \times 4\frac{1}{4}$, in four colours, by B.-P. himself,—a barrow load of Christmas gifts topped by the Golden Arrow of Scout good will and world friendship.

Per doz. with envelopes, 75c.

Card No. 2

A lively special card for Cubs by B.-P., $5\frac{1}{2} \times 4\frac{1}{4}$, in three colours.

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No. 2



No. 3

No. 4



Card No. 3

This beautiful card, specially designed for Christmas, 1930, is printed in five colours. It is $4\frac{3}{4} \times 4\frac{1}{4}$ in size.

Per doz. with envelopes, 75c.

ORDER NOW!

THERE IS ONLY A LIMITED
SUPPLY OF EACH CARD, SO
ORDER NOW!

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A pleasing typical Cub picture from the Jungle Book, in sepia on a fine white card $5\frac{3}{4} \times 4\frac{1}{4}$.

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THE STORES DEPARTMENT
The Boy Scouts Association
DOMINION HEADQUARTERS

172 WELLINGTON STREET

OTTAWA

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CANADA

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

THE DUFFEL BAG

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

"Picture" Kim's Game

HAVE you recently used the picture-observation variation of Kim's Game?—one minute's look, then a written list of the things observed. As a variation of this, the 17th "A" Winniepegs were asked four questions regarding the picture, patrol points being awarded on the replies.

Week's Doings of a Lively Pack

A WEEK'S notice of the 36th (Trinity) Montreal Pack in the *Weekly Monitor*:—"Next Week.—Covers on Sixers' books and Yellow Cards. Your unpaid bones and extra cent for our Good Turn. Also toys for the Rover Toy Shop.

"Those wishing to pass tests, Tenderpads only, will arrive at 1.45 and see Akela in the club room.

"Bring boxing gloves this week, if interested. Sixers bring keys for their Hollow Stumps."

World Friendship Correspondents

IN addition to those listed in the October *Leader* the following Scouts would like to secure correspondents in Canada:—

- An English Scout aged 14½.
- An English Second aged 14.
- An English Second aged 16.
- An English Scout aged 15.
- An Assistant Cubmaster.
- An English Rover.

THE SCOUTMASTER—POTTER AND THE CLAY

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Leader, crashed into the Scouter's office. "Say skipper, you know what you said about the Scout Promise at the camp fire last meeting? Well I've been thinking, and I guess I ought to say a prayer or two now and again. But I don't know how."

The Scouter gave him a few hints on how best to talk to the Great Friend, and also a little green book, the Scout's Prayer Book. "And let us know how you get on," he added as the door slammed, the windows rattled and his pet pictures went all askew.

A month later the boy went harvesting. The little green book went too. At first it was easy, for he had a room to himself on the farm. When threshing began he would have to sleep on hay in a barn loft, with a dozen swearing blaspheming men and lads, himself the youngest of them all.

"What will you do about your prayers then," asked the Scouter.

"Say 'em in bed I guess."

The Scouter thought a moment, and then; "Well, Hugh, old son, you know what is right, and you will do it." He glanced at the tanned young giant in his chair. "You know you are quite a manly sort of chap, and I want to tell you this. When a lad of your sort has the nerve to go down on his knees and do his Duty to God in front of a gang like that there is huge excitement in Heaven. The Great Friend never forgets it, and it does more good to real Christianity than the books of wise professors or the preaching of bishops or the shouting of preachers."

Three weeks later, under extreme pressure, Hugh confessed to having said his prayers on his knees in the hay every night in the barn loft.

"Gosh, and they sure raised Cain the first few nights," he added.

"Oh really?" cried the skipper. "What a topping adventure, gosh how I envy you! Shake on it, old son. Didn't you feel pretty good about it? Why don't I ever get chances like that?"

"I did feel kind of decent about it. I'm glad I started saying my prayers. But skipper you do talk some awful rot at times, don't you! Chances? You? Heck!"

When he was alone the Scouter sat for some while gazing into the fire, then reaching for another log, he said, "Thank you, God, for making me like the bad ones best," and added to himself, "Fine clay that."

Scout Dates

November

- 1st—All Saints' Day.
- 2nd—All Souls' Day.
- 10th—Thanksgiving. Hold a Sealed Orders Hike.
- 11th—Armistice Day. Participate wherever possible in local programmes.
- 30th—Advent Sunday. St. Andrew's Day.

During November

Tracking hikes. The first snowfalls provide excellent "stories" of bird and animal doings.

Five Saturdays to put in on Christmas toy repair work.

Legal Problem Talks for Rovers

THE following three lectures, "to prepare the Rover Scout for the various legal problems which will come his way in everyday life" are being given by Alderman J. S. Pritchett for the benefit of the Rovers of Birmingham, England. Questions and discussions follow the talks.

The Law Relating to the Home.—

How the Law relates to a Rover getting a new home for himself. Snags in signing a lease. Hire Purchase System is dangerous; liability to imprisonment for debt. Snags in assurance and insurance. Law relating to landlord and tenant. Law as concerns husband and wife; need of giving her allowance; her legal right to pledge credit; who pays income tax; her other legal safeguards. Importance of making a will.

The Law Relating to Business Life.—How the Law governs relations between master and servant. How the servant is bound to be obedient, dili-

gent in business, trustworthy in keeping trade secrets. The master's legal duties as regards paying servants and keeping his agreements. Legal limitations of an agent (master's) obligation to indemnifying of third party against loss caused by agent. The Law as it concerns a Rover taking up business on his own account, or entering a partnership, i.e., each partner personally liable for firm's debts. Law relating to banking, i.e., legal relationship of debtors and creditors. Dangers of giving guarantee of payment on behalf of another. Danger of lending money to friends. Mortgages, trusts, bankruptcy.

The Law Relating to Civic Life.—Talk on practical citizenship. Rover legally bound by the State to pay taxes and rates. Obligations to serve on a jury if summoned. Responsibility as an elector, in relation to the Law. Re-administration of justice (civil and criminal). How to set the Law in motion when injured in any way. How to defend yourself when attacked. Poor Persons' Committee. Free counsel. Account of how police and other courts are conducted.

An Apple Relay

A Patrol Apple Relay was a seasonable invention of the 118th Montreal. This is the game:—A fine juicy red apple, a Macintosh Red by preference, is provided No. 8 of each patrol. On the word go he runs to a finish line, deposits the apple, runs back and tags No. 7, who then runs and brings the apple back to No. 6, etc. When the P. L. secures the apple, he proceeds to eat it as rapidly as possible with the rest of the patrol encouraging him feverishly. The Montreal description of the game does not state whether the P. L. eats "core and all."

HINTS ON SONG LEADING

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—mice, —mice,
—how they —, —how they,
They all — the farmer's wife,
She — with a carving knife,
Did you ever — such a thing in your life
As — mice.

The Singalese Scout version of the round "Oh How Lovely is the Evening" may interest some of our singing troops as a special programme number.

English Version

Oh how lovely is the evening, is the evening,
When the bells are sweetly ringing,
sweetly ringing,
Ding, dong, ding, dong, ding, dong.

In Singalese

Sanda kâlè Ranya weya, Ranya weya,
Sënu handa rav nagiya, rav nagiya,
Tan, tin, tan, tin, tan, tin.

To The Secretary,
Boy Scout Toy Shops,
172 Wellington Street,
Ottawa, Ontario



The _____ Troop
Company will operate a Scout
District or Guide Toy Repair Shop this Christmas.

(a) We plan to provide Christmas gifts for approxi-
mately _____ local needy children.

(b) In addition, we will undertake to send "Welcome-to-
Canada" Santa Claus gifts to approximately _____
settlers' children spending their first Christmas on farms
in Canada. We will be glad to receive that number of names
with addresses.



Signed _____

Address