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Many thanks for last year's  
help, Scouts! I'll need you  
more than ever this year—so  
A Merry Xmas of Many Extra  
Good Turns!

THERE is every indication that our national Christmas Toy Shop effort will meet in true Scouting fashion its first real test, a "hard times" Christmas. In other words, individual leaders and their boys are rising to this year's opportunity in the true spirit of Scouting service.

The return of the Toy Shop Form sent out with the November *Leader* has been most encouraging. Whilst a number of shops have declared themselves unable to provide gifts for outside points, the number has been small, and promises to be offset by the generous allotments being called for by individual troops in the smaller communities.

### We Must D. O. B.

Calls from the farms, particularly in the west, continue to come in, however, and to ensure that none of these new Canadian homes shall face a dreary Christmas, as a climax to a depressing year of crop or price failure, each of us must do his individual bit—from Cub to Commissioner.

Settlers continue to show that kind of appreciation and good sportsmanship that from the first has made this particular Santa Claus job seem especially worth while. Repeatedly letters from last year's settlers request, "Take care of this year's families first"; and frequently a mother notes that "Jack is 12 this year, and Joan 14, so they will expect nothing"—the age limit being their own, not ours.

### All the Money in Her Bank

In two instances money has come from children remembered last year, to be used to send gifts to other children this Christmas. One contribution of 25 cents represented the entire contents of a little Alberta girl's bank; the other, of 50 cents, came from a Ukrainian family in Saskatchewan.

It is unfortunate that more of these letters cannot be published. It would be a callous person who could read a dozen or more of them—some translated from foreign tongues—without being stirred and made to feel that whatever we can do is only an opportunity of service to be thankful for.

### From an English Paper

This is taken from the *Yorkshire Evening Post* of November, from an article telling of our Christmas Toy Shop work for settlers' children:

"Those who go out to work in the vast farming areas of western Canada naturally take very little with them in the way of food, clothing and personal belongings.

"The fact that their children need toys is very often forgotten, and the poor children are left without any of the things that delight other children in more eastern climes. Where they live there is no toy shop just around the corner, as there nearly always is in England."

### The 1930 Chain to Date

On November 30 our coast-to-coast chain of Toy Shops in operation numbered 73. Indications are that those opening during December will bring the total to or beyond last year's mark of 114. Our sisters the Guides will, it is expected, add a number of shops of their own.

### Securing Toys

One of the toy collecting efforts of Winnipeg Scouts was a "Good Turn Concert" given at St. Matthew's Church and repeated at St. Cuthbert's by the 17th B (St. Matthew's) and 58th (St. Cuthbert's) troops. As their contribution the 12th Winnipeg distributed 1,500 dodgers advertising the concert and its purpose.

An attractive printed programme (bearing sufficient advertisements to cover the printing and other expenses) bore on the first page a large cut of the "Smiling Scout" and the announcement, "GOOD TURN" CONCERT, to make 1,000 Children Happy."

This was followed by brief mention of last year's Toy Shop Chain of 114 shops, and the more than 50,000 children taken care of.

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THE 5th Moose Jaw last year claimed the distinction of running the first Mounted Troop Toy Shop. Illustrative of the "Mounty" troop spirit, Scout Porter, learning on Christmas eve of one last settler's family not yet taken care of, set off with a parcel of toys, and as a result had both hands and feet frostbitten. He was in bed several weeks, "But that wasn't anything."



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### Practicing What We Preach

"*AS I see it, the value of this activity cannot be underestimated. Properly handled, it gives the boy ideas of service for others, training in handicrafts and opportunities for unselfish use of spare time. The reward will be found in the keen appreciation of the recipients of these gifts, as exemplified by the many acknowledgments received, and in the satisfaction of having done something worth while, to say nothing of the proof which such activities give to the public that the Boy Scouts and Girls Guides try to practice what they preach.*"—From a Winnipeg Toy Shop report by Assistant Provincial Commissioner Frank W. Thompson.

### Scouts Open Detroit-Windsor Tunnel

PROVIDING another recognition of Scouting as an organization associated with international good will, the new traffic tunnel beneath the Detroit river connecting Windsor and Detroit was actually (although not officially) opened Saturday, October 18th, by the Boy Scouts of those two cities and a group of nationally prominent leaders. As the Detroit Scouts, headed by Mayor Murphy, Commissioner Merrick and Chief Scout Executive James E. West, entered the tunnel on the Michigan side, the 500 Windsor Scouts, headed by Mayor Jackson, District Commissioner Wigle and Assistant Provincial Commissioner Irwin entered on the Canadian side. At a tape line beneath the river, the two parties met, the various leaders shook hands, and the tape was cut. The 4,000 Scouts then passed out on the Canadian side, and took buses for Kingsville, and an afternoon of sports. For the American lads the event constituted their annual "mystery hike." They had been instructed to meet at a certain place, bringing rations for the day. Everything that followed was part of the "mystery"—undoubtedly one of the most significant "mystery hikes" on record.

In all Christmas Scout activities have it in mind to bring the boys into personal contact with those being helped whenever possible—in order that they may learn, if necessary, just what it means to be in need. Many boys have little idea of actual want, and the lesson is especially effective at Christmas.

### A Call for Old 9th Winnipeg!

DISCUSSING the organization of an Old Scouts' Association at a reunion of ex-members of the 9th Winnipeg (First Presbyterian) Troop, which dates a continuous existence back to September, 1910, Provincial Field Scout Mills pressed the point that such clubs required a service reason-for-being in order to ensure permanence; that mere social get-togethers did not achieve this. Others expressed the opinion that they had received great good from Scouting, and that an Association would help them repay their obligation. It would mean much to the Scoutmaster if he could always feel when necessary that he could call for assistance upon interested Old Boys. Out of this discussion an Old 9th Winnipeg Association was formed. Old members of the troop, "any place in the world," are asked to write the Secretary, Carl Heddeshimer, 447 Burnell St., Winnipeg, and "join up."

### Wallace Nesbitt Jr. for 1931

ANNOUNCEMENTS concerning Wallace Nesbitt Jr. first aid competitions have been issued for 1931 by the St. John Ambulance Association. Particulars may be secured from Provincial Scout Headquarters.

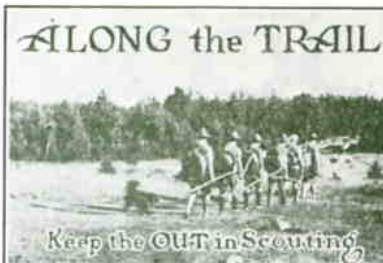


AND don't forget that the winter tree hike may be made very interesting.—A patrol of the 6th Sherbrooke learns something about tree injury.

### Regina's Scout Sunday

FOLLOWING the practice in vogue for several years, District Commissioner Charles J. Moore of Regina issued a notice requesting "all members of the Boy Scouts Association in the district to attend divine service on Sunday, Nov. 9, at the morning services at the individual's regular place of worship, in regulation uniform." The notice continues, "This will be an opportunity for each Scout to commemorate this day of remembrance as a member of the Scout brotherhood."

A beautiful Union Jack, given by the Moose Jaw Flying Club in appreciation of services rendered at its summer flying meet, was presented to the 1st Moose Jaw Troop with a simple but unusually effective ceremony. Before a horseshoe of Scouts, Cubs, Guides and Brownies, the flag, furled, was run to the head of the troop-room staff. "O Canada" was sung, Captain R. W. Ryan, the flying club instructor, broke out the flag, this was the signal for the singing of the National Anthem, and the presentation address followed.



Every Troop at least one settler's family of two or three children! Have you yours?

In order to attend the Executive Meeting of the Saskatchewan Association in Regina, District Commissioner C. F. Kempton of Moose Jaw flew to the city by airplane.

The 20th Annual Meeting of the Provincial Council for Ontario and the 10th Provincial Conference of Scout leaders will be held in Hamilton, February 13-14.

At a Montreal "Wolf Cub Wedding" Miss M. Ward, Assistant Lady Cubmaster of the 45th Montreal Pack, became the wife of District Cubmaster Gordon A. Phillips. The bride was given away by District Cub Commissioner H. M. Jockel.

The annual convention of the Prince Albert Inspectorate Teachers' Association, attended by well over 150 delegates, from the schools in northern Saskatchewan, included in its programme a discussion of Scouting. An address on the subject was given by Principal F. M. Gilmore of the school at Leask, Sask.

A weekly Scouting broadcast, provided by Provincial Headquarters and Cubs, Scouts and Rovers of Edmonton, was inaugurated in November under direction of Provincial Secretary Backman. Incidental to its entertainment, the broadcast will provide a means of keeping in touch with Lone Scouts and the smaller Scouting centres of northern Alberta. The Scouts go on the air from 6:30 to 7 on Wednesday evenings.

Calgary Scouts played a busy and helpful part in a city-wide clothes-for-the-needy campaign conducted by the Kiwanis Club. Trucks with Scout helpers collected a great quantity of clothing, bedding, etc., from the several district depots, and brought them to a central depot, as a contribution to the relief work of The Calgary Herald Sunshine Society. A four-column picture of the collecting scenes in the Herald showed a large number of Scouts, in full uniform.

Armistice Day memorial services were widely participated in by Scout troops,—by attending as a body, by providing guards of honour, by ushering, and by placing wreaths for themselves and for other organizations. In many of the smaller places church services were held, in the larger places there were the usual services before memorial monuments. In some cases wreaths were made by the boys themselves, of material gathered on special hikes. At Hamilton, Ont., representatives of 35 troops participated in services at the Church of the Ascension, the troop flags forming a most impressive feature of the processional.



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**Using the Cubs**

Cubs desiring to participate in the Top Shop work have been found most effective in collecting toys.

**Postage Rates**

Outside of the town or city radius, the parcel postage rate within the province is the same, without regard to distance. Some Toy Shops apparently have been under the impression that the postage was higher when they were given settlers' names in distant sections of their province.

**Toy Shop Buzz**

THE Vancouver Scouts are again carrying on in conjunction with the work of the Daily Province Santa Claus Fund. Troops are collecting in their own districts, repairing, and taking the completed toys to the central depot.

The Oshawa, Ont., Scouts, who last year provided gifts for the children of 400 local families, expect this Christmas to look after no less than 1,000. Their shop is located in the basement of the Fire Hall, where work benches, lights, etc., were provided through the interest of Fire Chief Elliott.

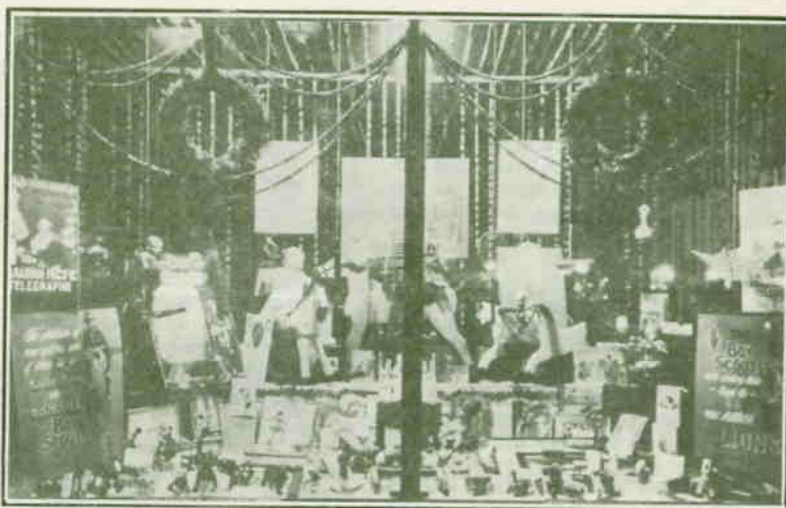
A large part of the toy shop article in the November Scout Leader was reproduced in the St. Catharines Standard.

The 1st Ingersoll Cubs and Scouts are using an old furnace room as their toy workroom.

Formal announcement of the Toy Shops went out to the Girl Guides in the December Guide Quarterly. The Guide Company of Chesterville, Ont., claimed the honour of first Guide application for settlers' names.



RECONDITIONED toys, secured from the public schools, a Regent Theatre toy matinee, and other sources, went from the Ottawa Scout and Guide Toy Shop last Christmas to 650 little new settlers, chiefly in the west, and to over 3,000 children in the Capital district.—The Big Toy Department.



THE prize Toy Shop display window of the 1st Tillsonburg Troop, Ont., located in the local Canadian Express office. This is one of those troops whose motto appears to be "We tire not in good works." Each year it has increased its settlers' quota—this year to 50. Local gifts are distributed in co-operation with the Lions' Club.

The Edmonton shop, located in the old E. C. D. building, has been called upon for 5,000 toys by local charitable organizations. In addition to this fine contribution the shop will look after a number of settlers' kiddies.

A fine demonstration of the Scout Christmas spirit has been given by the 1st Kincaid Troop, Sask., located in a farming area that was "dried out" this year, the second in succession. "We're in pretty bad shape, but we'll do the best we can to help some of the less fortunate," writes Scoutmaster K. E. Cameron, and asks the names of 4 settlers' children, in addition to the 15 to be taken care of locally.

The Calgary shop, which opened November 15, is again operating in conjunction with the Calgary Herald's "Christmas Sunshine." As usual the Calgarians placed no limit on the num-

ber of settlers' children they prepared to play Santa Claus to, notwithstanding an unusually heavy local demand.

The Ottawa Scouts, who have always endeavoured to play the Capital's part by asking the maximum number of settlers' names, have this year called for 500. Last year 640 were taken care of, in addition to some 3,000 local children. The shop endeavours to look after all last-minute calls received by the Toy Shop Secretary at Dominion Headquarters.

To date Prince Rupert Scouts claim both the farthest-west and farthest-north Toy Shop. By a few miles, Sydney, C.B., has lost the farthest-east post to the troop at Dominion No. 6 Mine.

Several moving picture "Toy Shop Matinees," usually on a Saturday morning, already have been reported. One of the earliest was that of the Grand Theatre, Regina, Manager Otus Bowes, October 25. Some 1,200 children packed the house, and four large crates and eight packing boxes of gifts resulted. On the same day the Capitol Theatre of Lethbridge gave a matinee. In this case the admission was "a toy or 10 cents." The Capitol Theatre of Calgary—the originator of the Toy Matinee idea—held its usual successful Toy Shop show Nov. 22. Similar matinees are scheduled for the Capitol Theatre, Moose Jaw, the Regent, Ottawa, and a considerable number of other centres.

One of the interesting new shops is that reporting from "end of steel" east of Edmonton, Elk Point, where an energetic little group of "young pioneers" is working to supply gifts for other young newcomers.

In a great many cases Rovers are directing or assisting. Two all-Rover shops have reported to date—the 15th Torontos, asking for 25 settlers' kiddies, and the Barrie, Ont., "Baden-Powells," requesting 15, in addition to 100 local.

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## From the 2nd Ontario Rover Meet

THAT the older Scouts of Ontario have found Rovering a satisfactory medium for self-expression socially, spiritually and in public service, as well as in outdoor activities, was demonstrated in an inspiring way at the 2nd Ontario Rover Moot, held at the King Edward Hotel, Toronto, over the Thanksgiving week-end, Nov. 8-10. A splendid registration of 274 was recorded (an increase of 144 over last year's Moot at St. Thomas), and each session was largely attended and characterized by the keenest interest in every address and discussion.

Any who have questioned the essentially spiritual background of Scouting and Rovering would have been convinced of their error by the responsiveness of the gathering to the address of Scoutmaster the Rev. Ernest E. Long of Tillsonburg, on "The Rover Scout Vision," and that of Rev. A. F. Holmes, on "Religion in Scouting." Both addresses stressed the religious and spiritual obligations of Rovering service and leadership, and the speakers were accorded spontaneous and prolonged applause.

Outside visitors included five prominent Montreal leaders, Commissioner J. H. de Saram of Colombo, Ceylon; Dr. H. W. Hurt, of the Research Department of the Boy Scouts of America, and Rover Commissioner Hale of Boston.

From the opening banquet a telegram of greeting was sent to His Excellency Viscount Willingdon, as Chief Scout for Canada and a cablegram to Lord Baden-Powell. Replies of appreciation and good wishes were received.

The Moot was opened by the flag-break, and an invocation by R. L. the Rev. George F. Banks, followed by an address of welcome by Deputy Provincial Commissioner J. F. M. Stewart.

### Hiking, Rambling, Camping

Opening the first subject on the programme, Scoutmaster Walter Lemmon of Windsor characterized the hiking or rambling Rover as "foot-loose and free, but guided by the thought of service." The Rover should be out with his pack on his back at every opportunity—for health, and always with his eyes open for opportunities of service.

Distinguishing between hiking and rambling.—Hiking was tramping with an objective, Rambling was a walk without a specific goal or purpose,—an adventure in casual happening and observation, providing an ideal opportunity for quiet confidential chats.

**Hiking Kit.**—There was no best kit for every Rover. Crews should collect sporting goods catalogues, including those of English and Scottish firms, and study and debate the hike equipment shown. One English kit weighed 7 lbs., not including grub. Kephart gave a two days' hike list weighing 23 lbs. 2 ozs. Crews should experiment and discuss. On starting out, have the kit weighed at a nearby store.

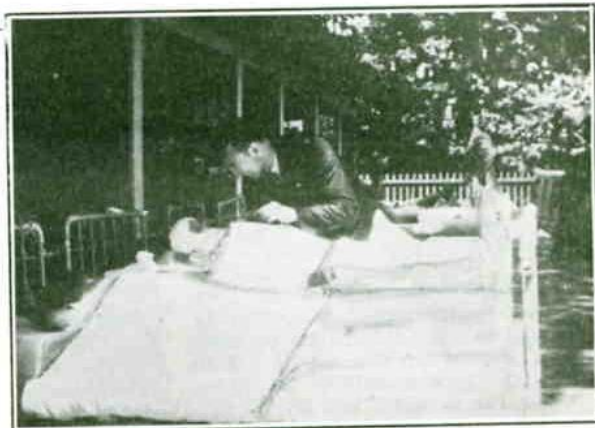
The importance of well-fitting hike boots was noted, and perfectly fitting stockings. Many a blister blamed on shoes was due to the stockings. And even in summer it was wise to wear lightweight woollens and heavy woolen stockings.

Many wrinkles are picked up through practice. A good one in the late fall is to take the day's bath or rubdown at night, then change to fresh woollen underwear and put on socks before getting into the blankets. This is as good as an extra blanket.

Commissioner de Saram of Ceylon told of lightweight hiking in Germany, where only musical instruments and small kits are carried, the hikers stopping at very inexpensive hikers' hotels. In England and in Ceylon Rover guest cabins are being developed, for the use of hiking Rovers.

**Canoe Hiking.**—Canoe hiking was suggested as the real Canadian method of travel, and feasible throughout Ontario. Weight of equipment was not of so much concern, unless the route included a large number of portages.

*VISITING of children's hospitals is a popular Rover Quest.—A Montreal "Trenchard" on a regular Sunday visit that the Crew has been carrying on over a year. It means much to the poor little chaps, some of whom will never walk.*



Preferably two to a canoe; if three, the extra man is in the way. Weight of equipment and paddlers are of course placed so as to raise the bow, to facilitate steering.

A canoe box, for grub, etc., was shown, as a worth while convenience. Handles on the ends permitted its carrying by two, or it could be portaged by one, with a tump line. The canoe pack is a larger edition of the hike pack, capable of carrying everything for one person for two weeks. Usually has a head strap as well as shoulder straps. Mr. Lemmon demonstrated the carrying of box and canoe pack with the tumpline and head strap.

**Cycle Hiking.**—Cycle or "Bike" hiking was recommended as a type of hike to which Rovers might give more attention. It was low cost distance travel, and permitted getting off main roads into interesting byways not accessible by car. The equipment could be more elaborate than that carried for a foot hike. An extemporized front carrier was shown, made of a square piece of board notched to fit the frame and supported by wire from the outer corners to the handlebar.

The rear reflector and front light should not be overlooked for possible night traveling. Discussion brought the reminder that road maps of today are made only with the automobile in mind; that some provincial highways are in places impossible for the bicycle because of loose sand and gravel. More exact information should be secured, or might be secured by experience, and passed on to other bicyclists.

The Rover uniform was described as an ideal cycling outfit.

**Hike Cooking.**—Rovers should make more elaborate meals than Scouts; should go in for biscuits, etc. They should be able to make their fires and prepare a good meal regardless of weather difficulties.

**A Hike Log.**—The keeping of a Crew Hike Log was recommended. In addition to hike records, observations and maps, it would mention cooking experiments—successes and failures.

**Camping.**—The opinion was expressed that Rovers preferably should camp in small groups, in late-August and September, and should run a sportsman's rather than a Scout type of camp,—the only rules being that

everyone must be in bed in good time, must be up and properly dressed at the hour fixed for breakfast, and that everyone digs in and does his share of the work.

Fishing, and duck and rabbit hunting camps were suggested. Neither required that a R. L. should be an expert fisherman or hunter. Other camp activities could include the collection of tree leaves and buds and weed seeds for the Den.

Short period winter camps were recommended as "real Canadian Rovering."

**Tree Identification Keys.**—During the course of a talk on tree identification at the opening night's council fire, Mr. A. H. Richardson, of the Ontario Forestry Branch, showed a tree identification key on a long narrow sheet, for posting in the troop room or Rover den. Copies of this, also of a key mounted on linen, for posting in camp, could be had on application to the Ontario Forestry Branch, Toronto, it was announced.

### "The Rover Scout Vision"

A feature of the Moot was the emphasis laid on the possibilities and responsibilities of Rover leadership in



things of the spirit. In a memorable address at the opening banquet on "The Rover Scout Vision," Scoutmaster the Rev. Ernest E. Long of Tillsonburg declared, "There must be born in men in this country a new sense of responsibility. It is terribly hard to get the best men to take office. Surely in this room are future members of parliament—possibly premiers. I hope this is so."

He spoke of the deadening uniformity of life today—in clothes, furniture, magazines, the catch phrases we use; and said Rovering should make "individual men,—so we shall be our real selves. We must make Rovering something to produce individualism; not aping one another, but attacking the problems of life each in his own way."

The speaker expressed the opinion that the idea of service has fallen into disrepute in these latter years; that we exalt what some men do because in exalting them we believe we are exalting service. "But anything is service which involves a degree of sacrifice for the benefit of others."

The opposite of service is disinterestedness,—a poorly planned life.

The first duty of a Rover was to fit himself to take some contributing place in life. "It does not matter what. In the last analysis, the man who makes the best bread in your town is just as important as the man with an exalted title."

"The Rover Scout vision is hard to imprison in words. Somehow or other, realizing we are now men, we are re-interpreting the old Scout ideals in a new environment. We are in a larger arena. It is to go on and on,—building into our lives those things that lead on.

"Rovering?" he concluded, "In one word, you may find it in that cup of water, drawn perhaps from your own wayside spring."

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## TOY SHOP BUZZ

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Kincardine repeats its "50 settlers" of last year, in addition to "all we can locate" locally.

A patrol at South Porcupine, operating Ontario's "farthest north" under Troop Leader Cattarello, called for 10 settlers' children, in addition to its local giving.

Sherbrooke, Que., always one of the best organized of the smaller-city shops, and one of the "originals," again called for its 100 little New Canadians.

The Saskatoon shop reports "exceptionally heavy lists of names from country points" received locally.

The 1st Paris Troop, Ont., one of the former Lone Scout groups, operating its first Toy Shop, asked for 20 settlers.

Charlottetown, P.E.I., is this year operating its first shop, and is taking care of settlers' families on "the Island."

A ROVER'S tent and its decorations—the Thunder Bird, the Full Moon and Buffalo Horns of "good hunting" and the Indian Calendar. The rambling artist—Rover Foote of Montreal.



Another first shop, that of the 1st Sterling, Ont., under a school principal-Scoutmaster, begins with a call for 50 names.

The Truro, N.S., troops maintain their fine yearly record by planning to take care of 200 local children, and 50 on farms.

Saint John, N.S., is playing Santa Claus to the large portion of settlers' children in that province.

Victoria, B. C., offers to look after all the settlers' families on Vancouver Island, in addition to local giving.

Individual Toronto troops operating shops: 15th, 25th, 52nd, 80th and 92nd.

Three River Scouts, Que., again this year sent their annual large Christmas box to children on the Magdalen Islands. Locally they are supplying hampers and toys to needy families.

The Regina Toy Shop is looking after a practically complete list of settlers in that district, in addition to supplying local needs. The shop was given quarters in the old Merchants' Bank building by the Bawlf Grain Co. Ltd.

The Moose Jaw district shop, located at the fine headquarters of the 1st Troop on Main Street, asked 50 settlers' names. Good advance newspaper notice was put out early in November.

The 1st and 2nd Oakvilles, Ont., who took care of all the Indian boys of the Walpole Island Reserve school last year, volunteered to repeat this Christmas, as part of their 100 "Outside" quota.

The St. Johns, Que., shop maintains its fine record by calling for 100 settlers' children, and as a result of the district leadership given, troop shops are reported at Delson, Richelieu, Chambly and Grand Ligne. The St. Johns shop is again operating under the announced patronage of His Honour Mayor St. Germain, in space provided at the Langlois & Co. store.

## Other Good Turns of Other Years

ASSISTED welfare bureaus in taking census of needy families.

Erected and decorated Community Christmas Tree, and made up baskets of fruit, etc., for distribution to kiddies.

Contributed good cheer baskets from the troop as a whole or by "patrol baskets"; also fuel and clothing.

Packed and delivered parcels for Christmas cheer organizations.

Provided Christmas trees for families unable to purchase or otherwise secure them.

Assisted in decorating churches and Sunday-schools.

Donated candies, oranges, etc., to orphanages.

Assisted at benefit entertainments. Held a special drive for books and magazines for inmates of various institutions.

Outfitted one needy boy with clothes.

Provided Christmas tree, decorations and gifts for one family.

Delivered Christmas packages for those unable to get outdoors.

Ran free Christmas Parcel Delivery System with headquarters in vacant store. The service was advertised in the local papers.

Participated in parade in connection with Christmas Seal campaign to raise funds for Provincial Tuberculosis Commission.

Collected story books and illustrated comic sections for children's hospital.

Provided toys for local immigration depot for distribution to children arriving in Canada during Christmas week.

Put sand and ashes on slippery sidewalks.

Assisted police in controlling traffic on big shopping days.

## To Visualize "Service"—a Scout

A Boy Scout stands out in the foreground of a problem picture, "Service," which is being shown at the exhibition of the Stock Exchange Art Society in the Drapers' Hall, London, England.

"Doing the King's work all the dim day long" is the theme of the oil painting, which is by Mrs. Jennings, the wife of a Stock Exchange member.



## Chips from the Summer Gilwells



A REAL pioneer camp  
hewn out of the forest.  
—The first day.

### THE LOON LAKE COURSE

FITTINGLY, the first Northern Ontario Summer Gilwell Course was held on the shore of a lake in the virgin forest, where cedar, birch and white pine reared feathery heads eighty, ninety and a hundred feet into the clear blue sky,—to the spellbound delight of certain city dwellers who supposed that all the tall timber had fallen to the fire demon or the bushman's axe. A small bay of crystal water and a beautiful sandy bottom had been specially provided by Nature for Gilwell camping purposes.

The personnel of the course and staff was typically varied—a clergyman, a master from a famous private school, a chemist, the owner of a laundry, an ex-army colonel, a doctor, a geologist, prospector and trapper, etc.; and as an interprovincial touch, a young leader from Manitoba, and one recently from Cape Breton. Of the fourteen members of the course, ten had come up from Scouting—some from Cubbing.

A site for H.Q. had been "hewn out of the forest wilderness" prior to the arrival of the course. The work with axe and shovel to create and improve the patrol sites provided numerous blisters and other useful experience for some of the uninitiated. Improving of the council fire circle and surroundings, the erecting and equipping of the hospital tent and the cleaning of "Grey Wolf's" boat was carried out by the patrols without any urge from the staff; and these "specials" occasionally proved the deciding factor in the lively patrol competition.

Nicknames thrived, and indicated the goodfellowship of the camp. A respected clergyman became "Hank," and liked it, a medical practitioner whose surgical abilities turned readily to gadget-making became "Gadgeteer," and "Scrounger" was not as unscout-like as that sounds, but won the distinction for his facility in acquiring things from the storehouse of Mother Nature.

The council fire talk on Geology by Captain Knobel, one of the camp neighbours, brought out the value and importance of a knowledge of the earth's surface in hiking and other Scouting practices. The captain is a prominent geologist and prospector, and has an interesting and attractive

square-timbered home on the north shore of Loon Lake. During the winter this quiet and unassuming gentleman runs a trap line.

Axemanship as demonstrated by Tony Okland, a real backwoodsman who builds the solid square-timbered homes one sees at Loon, was a revelation of the fine art of the axe. And Scout (Dr.) Sandy Stewart's session on Health and Hygiene was a treat. He was through on the dot—which isn't always done!—and by a quizz proved how far many of the other "Scouts" present had yet to go in the matter of practical first aid.

Scrounger Duncan's splendid lecture on bridge building was demonstrated by the construction of a square top tree bridge across the creek at the boys' camp. So impressed were the Owls by this that, under the leadership of Scout (Col. Sam) Younge, they set to work on a bridge of their own. The Owls also won fame when they flew aloft and dislodged the entangled flag at the far-up top of the flag pole.

The bird hike resulted in the identification of 19 species, and took the

observers along a trail to Captain Knobel's lodge. There as his guests the members of the course wandered about and enjoyed a veritable natural history museum and art gallery. The Captain answered all kinds of questions in his quiet way, and proved himself a maestro in another art when persuaded to seat himself at an unexpected concert grand piano.

Regarding the council fires, we'll quote one who was there: "They produced no end of talent: Yarns, full of humour and subtle preachment, as told by Scout (Col.) Sam Younge; convulsing lectures, such as Scout McIntosh's dissertation on 'The Flap-jack'; Jim Pittis' banjo and songs, and his selections from Drummond's Habitant poems; Wadden's Gaelic folk songs from Cape Breton; Andrews' and Bishop's original Amos 'n' Andy camp hit lyrics, and their negro spirituals; Hank's jolly stories of the clergy and their varied trials; Scrounger's victrola stunt, 'Around the Corner.' And we mustn't forget the topping time we had Saturday night at Scrounger's summer home, and how gracious Mrs. Duncan was as our hostess."

Holy Communion, attended by a large part of the course, and staff, and a Scouts' Own with the boys from the nearby Fort William-Port Arthur Scout camp, marked Sunday. Scout (Rev.) W. A. Hankinson officiated, speaking from the text, "Follow Me."

In addition to the demonstration of the Patrol System as they lived it, the members of the course had an opportunity to observe the system working smoothly and effectively in the adjacent Scout camp. It was noted that the Scouts represented two cities and five different troops, and that "a wonderful spirit of harmony existed."

The similarity of two bluffs, including identical clumps of jackpine on their crests provided an experience in "false identity" and some unexpected fun in a flag-raiding game. From one bluff the defending patrol watched with huge delight the careful inch-by-inch ascent of the other bluff by the stalk-

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## ❖ Scouting from Coast to Coast ❖

A SPECIAL award is being offered by the 5th Hamilton Troop for the best model camp fire made by patrols as a whole, including the "Senior Patrol."

Of the more than 60 members of a training course under way in Toronto nearly 50 formerly were Scouts.

### Impromptu Demonstrations

At a meeting of the 8th Saskatoon when about 50 per cent were absent at a City Park Collegiate "Lit", the S. M. tested the initiative of the boys present by asking impromptu demonstrations. "The Ravens, a war-like gang, gave a single-stick display; the Lynx, also interested in sports, gave a demonstration of wrestling; the Eagles demonstrated their knowledge of signalling, and the Bear pioneers erected a trestle and showed how it could be utilized."

Several fall kite-flying hikes were greatly enjoyed by the 8th Oshawa, Ont., Wolf Cub Pack.

Curtained-off patrol corners have been adopted and found to add considerably to the patrol-work periods of the 1st Asbestos, Que., troop meetings.

Financial grants have been made to the new 1st Stirling Troop, Ont., by both the Village Council and the Board of Education. The latter body has also given the troop the use of the school assembly hall for meetings.

### Hospital Troop Progress

The troop of Scouts at the Hospital for Sick Children at Thistletown, Toronto, is to be known as the "Robert Louis Stevenson (or R.L.S.) Troop." The Scouts are doing their best to be real Scouts despite great odds. Most of the boys have mastered the Tenderfoot tests and are now learning the Morse code. The nature of the troop makes frequent changes in its membership necessary. When Scouts are discharged from the hospital and return to their homes in Toronto they are looked after by the Scoutmaster in a special patrol until they are well enough to be transferred to regular troops in their neighborhoods.

The 7th Fredericton (St. Paul's) Cub Pack has gone into inter-Six recitation competitions. Those of a recent meeting afforded much interest to leaders and visitors.

Upwards of 300 children enjoyed a weiner and marshmallow roast with which Scoutmaster C. F. Kempton of the 1st Moose Jaw Troop and others wound up the summer's good turn of supervising the Moose Square playgrounds. Three fires were necessary.

### From the Chick to the Chicken Dinner

St. Andrew's (rural) Troop of Winnipeg have set a mark in entertainment which they invite other troops to duplicate. The boys, under the direction of Scoutmaster Pittis, hatched,

raised, and prepared for cooking the chickens for a "chicken dinner" served at their headquarters to 200 guests. Also they acted as waiters. Naturally such a spread brought some distinguished guests, these including Thomas Hay, M.P.; and Mr. J. McLenagan, M.L.A., of Selkirk, who drove 80 miles to be present and assured the chairman it was worth while. The 18th Winnipeg Rover concert party provided an excellent musical programme. (The above challenge is drawn to the particular attention of the 1st Oakville, Ont., Troop).

In the Kirkland Lake Troop report received by Provincial H.Q., it is noted that the Duty Patrol cleans the church and grounds each week, for which duty competition points are awarded.

### Air-Mindedness at Toronto Scout Show

Numerous airplane models were shown at "Cyclorama," the successful fall show of the 65th Toronto Troop. The models were judged by Mr. J. Proctor, instructor in airplane drafting at Central Technical School. First prize went to the 104th Troop, for a

cil, when the association offered to put it in good condition and to maintain it if it could be used as a troop headquarters. The building inspector reported favorably on the proposition and it was accepted.

At one meeting the "Senior Patrol" of the 5th Hamilton Troop gave instruction in first aid, signalling and accident prevention and took charge of the games.

The 20th Winnipeg enjoyed an illustrated talk on stamp collecting by Mr. Semon. He explained the methods of writing and the manner of conveying letters in ancient times. In a second talk at a later date he will tell of the development of the postal service.

### When P.L.'s are Tried and Well Trained

The P.L.'s of the Bears and Blue Herons of the 48th Toronto took their patrols for a successful Saturday hike to North Toronto, for fire lighting and cooking tests and instruction in semaphore and bridge building.



THE Loon Lake camp after some considerable S.T.A. (Ask any old Gilwellian what that means.)

glider; 2nd prize to the 3rd Troop, for a seaplane, and 3rd prize for a land plane to a member of the 3rd Troop. A special prize for a model flying field, lighted, with hangars, etc., was awarded to Scout Aitken of the 65th Toronto. A party of 25 Scouts from Oshawa participated in the scoutcraft competitions, and took the honours in knotting.

At the annual meeting of the Sherbrooke Scout Association the executive was directed to take out a fire and theft insurance on the trophies held by the Association.

The first "special card" given for good behaviour and progress in the 3rd Fort William Cub Pack was awarded Senior Sixer J. McCullough. The Pack heartily applauded the winner.

### An Old Fire Hall H. Q.

The City Council has granted the use of the old Fernwood fire station to the Victoria Boy Scouts Association. The building was ordered torn down at a recent meeting of the coun-

During a recent Sherbrooke district Cub hike and treasure hunt, supper was being prepared by Second Star Cubs assisted by the leaders.

18th Winnipeg Rovers concert party entertained at the city Blind Institute with a musical programme.

### Proceeds to Church Organ Fund

The varied programme of a display by the Cathedral Pack, Fredericton included stilt walking, acrobatics, stunts on a rope, and pyramids, and a lantern slide history of the pack outings, which proved of great interest to the boys as well as their parents. The net proceeds, over \$35, was turned over to the Cathedral organ restoration fund.

One of the latest Vancouver recruits is Scout Arthur Matthews, a Lonie of Fort Fraser, B.C., who travelled 100 miles from his home so that he might be invested into the Movement.



A troop good turn of the 26th London, Ont., was the painting of the kitchen at All Saints' Church.

#### University Old Scouts

An Old Scouts' Club is being organized at Queen's University through the active interest of F. Stuart Wilder of the 1st Kingston Troop and Oliver Flint of the 4th Oshawa Troop. A similar club has been suggested at Ontario Agricultural College, where the prime mover is L. Bradley Pett of the 2nd Border Cities Troop. At Wycliffe College a Rover crew is proposed.

"Troop elections are expected to take place next Monday. The following positions are to be filled: Treasurer, Secretary, Quartermaster, Reporter, Librarian, Assistant Librarian and Sports Captain."—20th Winnipeg.

For the best essay on fire prevention, following a lecture on the subject by Mr. Lionel Bishop, Deputy Fire Marshall, before St. Catharines, Ont., Scouts, one member from each of the city troops will receive a compass.

#### Eastern Townships P. L. Rally

The 14th Annual Patrol Leaders' Rally of the Quebec "Eastern Townships" brought 41 young leaders together at Sherbrooke for a Saturday afternoon and evening of instruction and discussion. Provincial Secretary E. R. Paterson acted as Scoutmaster of the rally. At the supper, served by the Mothers' Auxiliary of the 4th Sherbrooke at Trinity United Church, Scoutmaster J. W. Blake of the 2nd Sherbrooke told of "Health Methods Past and Present." Outside P. L.'s were present from Granby, Cowansville, Drummondville, Lennoxville, East Angus, Bulwer and Windsor Mills.

On his departure from Brandon to reside in Winnipeg, Scout Lewis Rogers of the 1st Troop was presented at the station with a copy of "Scout-for Boys", autographed by each member of his patrol, the Beavers.

Chatham Rovers were guests of Dr. J. Mustard, city analyst, on the evening of a recent regular meeting, and made a tour of the city waterworks plant.

#### An Old Barn Provides Hut Material

An old rectory barn, turned over to the troop by the wardens of Christ Church, Glanworth, Ont., provided the material with which Scoutmaster the Rev. G. J. R. Stott and boys of the 1st Glanworth built a troop cabin during the summer months. The completed hall was dedicated by Rural Dean, the Rev. T. G. Wallace with fitting ceremony. Scoutmaster Malcolm Turnbull of St. Thomas, formally opened the cabin and turned the key over to Scoutmaster Cecil Wright. The programme included an inspection of the building, a display, and a Going-Up ceremony of two Wolf Cubs.

Six new and keenly interested members of the 28th West Toronto Troop are coloured boys.

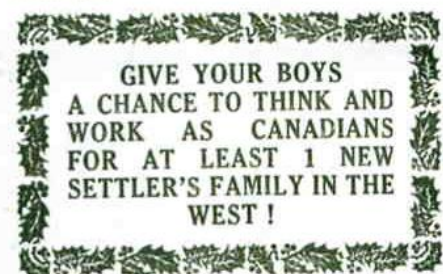
At the annual meeting of the active Women's Auxiliary of the 2nd Regina Troop, in addition to the usual officers, chairmen of these committees were elected: Membership Committee, Uniform Committee, Sick Visiting Committee.

The Women's Auxiliary of the 38th Toronto presented the troop with a Roneo duplicating machine. One of the first jobs was a Troop and Pack Bulletin.

#### An 8-Mile Radius Rural Troop

Every member of the 1st Newhaven Troop and Cub Pack, Man., is a farm boy, and the lads come from an eight-mile radius to attend troop meetings. They own their own hall, erected by the Troop Committee. Their flag flies from a pole made from two oak saplings, spliced together by iron bands forged and fitted by one of the Scouts. In spite of rain, fog and bad roads a capacity audience attended the annual fall display of the pack and troop.

An indoor council ring of logs, with the fire in the centre, and all other lights extinguished, made the impressive investiture setting for two new Scouts of the 1st St. Catharines Troop, Ont. Refreshments and a singsong followed.



#### Free Life Saving Lessons at Public Beach

Scout John Young of the 1st Moose Jaw Troop, who has a Royal Life Saving Instructor's badge, spent his summer holidays at the beach near Moose Jaw, and at 10 a. m. each day conducted a free life saving class. As a result twenty candidates qualified for the Life Saving Certificate.

#### Another Troop-Visiting Evening

During a meeting of the 6th Sherbrooke Troop at which members of the 2nd were guests, two members of the 6th Troop debated the subject, "Resolved that automobiles are more dangerous than aeroplanes." The affirmative won. This was followed by a series of one minute plays staged by each patrol. The council fire programme which concluded the evening was arranged by the visiting troop.

#### A Ribbon on the Totem Pole for the Winning Six

"The Red Six were winners of the October competition. They were one mark ahead of the Brown Six. The winners get a gold ribbon on the Totem Pole, with all their names on it, and the Sixer has the honour of starting the Grand Howl for the meetings during the month."—Sisoska Pack, Winnipeg.

#### "Lecture Hikes" Interest Three Rivers Scouts

An interesting address on "Thrift" was given the two Three Rivers, Que. Troops at the High School by Mr. Geo. Henderson. D. S. M. Jones also spoke on the subject. The following week the Scouts were taken to the city filtration plant and City Engineer Z. Lambert explained the workings of the plant. "These series of talks and demonstrations arranged by the Committee of the 1st Three Rivers Troop have proved so interesting that attendance at Scout meetings has greatly increased."

#### A Nutting Hike

The 4th Niagara Falls (St. Stephen's) Troop reports a Nutting Hike, presumably for chestnuts, hickory nuts and hazelnuts. It is unfortunate that nutting hikes must be confined chiefly to southern "Old Ontario." There is no finer hike objective on a clear, frost-touched Saturday morning.

Fifteen picked Scouts were asked for and provided to help in various ways at the big London, Ont., Air Meet.

#### Saskatoon Scouts' Own Programme

Scouts of the 8th Saskatoon chose an appropriate subject for a recent Scouts' Own—"Hallowe'en." Scout D. Clark spoke on the material side and J. Braithwaite on the spiritual. "We find our talks very interesting. The subject is chosen by those in attendance for the next week. We take it in turns, two a week, to prepare the lesson."

#### "Silver Fox" for P. E. I.

At the annual meeting of the P. E. I. Provincial Association reports showed Scouting developing most satisfactorily on the Island, with six troops in Charlottetown, one in Montague, one in Murray Harbour and other good prospects. It was decided that the provincial badge, a silver fox on a red background, should be worn above the pocket on the right breast.

Mapping the journey, cooking dinner and practising friction-fire were special activity features of a Saturday hike programme of the 3rd Owen Sound Troop.

#### Winnipeg Leaders' Social Evening

As the preliminary to a most enjoyable social evening, Scout and Cub leaders of South Winnipeg were registered, on arrival at Fort Rouge United Church, and assigned to patrols—the Red Herrings, Blue Pigeons, Lemon Soles and Grey Mares. Various Scout and Cub games were played, including relays, then there was a singsong. A short pow-wow and refreshments served by the Ladies' Committee of the church wound up a "good time."

#### "Ralph Connor" Addresses 64th Winnipeg

At the anniversary church parade of the 64th Winnipeg (Robertson Memorial) Troop and Cree Cub Pack, Dr. C. W. Gordon (Ralph Connor)



preached the sermon and specially addressed the Scouts and Cubs. Dr. Gordon came to Winnipeg especially for the service from Montreal.

#### Trail's All-Scoutcraft Field Day

Inspection by Lieut.-Governor Randolph Bruce auspiciously opened the fall field day of the Scout troops of Trail, B.C. The all-scouting programme included a stalking competition, signalling, tent pitching, cooking, first aid, bridge building, rope work and distance judging. The day concluded with troop fires and supper. Commissioner E. L. Hodge was in charge.

"Eats," including a fine big birthday cake, were furnished by the Women's Auxiliary for the second birthday party of the 5th Hamilton Pack. Have you an auxiliary?

#### 1st Magogs Visit 1st Cowansvilles

The 1st Magog Troop, Que., accompanied by Assistant District Commissioner E. Bradley journeyed to Cowansville for a joint parade with the Cowansville Troop to the United Church for a sermon by Scoutmaster Rev. Dr. S. W. Boyd. The visiting Scouts were entertained at the Cowansville Scouts' homes for dinner, following which they were escorted to the town boundary where they boarded cars for home. The following week the two troops combined for a climb up Orford Mt. At the starting point the Magog troop served lunch.

#### A Finger-Print Talk for London Rovers

An illustrated talk on finger-printing by Detective Harper of the local police department was the main programme item of a regular meeting of the 26th London Rovers to which members of all the other local crews were invited. There was music and refreshments.

#### Grand Howl Summons to Council Fire

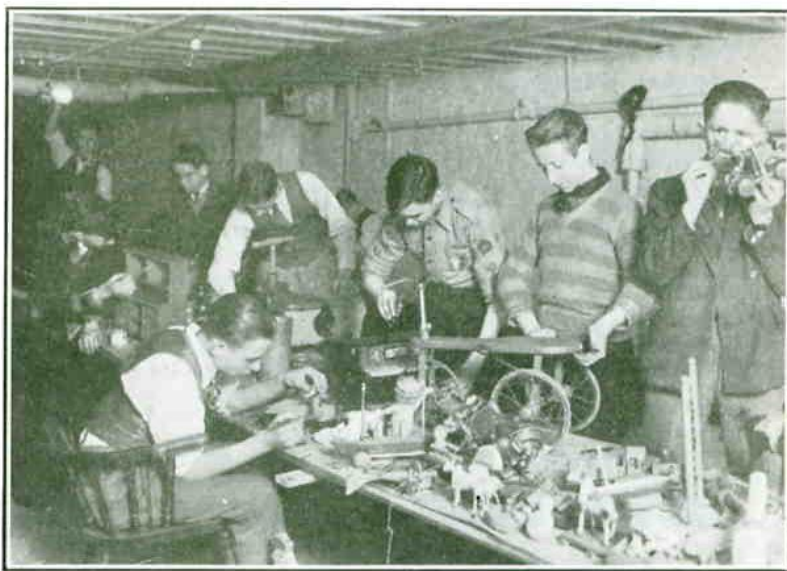
Some 170 Scouts, Cubs and Rovers of St. Matthew's Church, Winnipeg, sat down to the troop's 16th anniversary banquet. Following the banquet the three groups formed a horseshoe round the campfire with a large number of parents and friends as spectators, and the Grand Howl by the Cubs summoned the Rev. J. Despard and Rev. T. Barnes, who were then presented with Chaplain's pins.

#### Bishop Opens Plaster Rock Hall

Bishop Richardson of Fredericton officially opened the new headquarters of the 1st Plaster Rock Troop, N.B., and dedicated the troop colours. The hall, an old building provided by Mr. D. Fraser, was renovated and painted by the boys themselves. Following the ceremonies the Scouts served a banquet to the guests and their dads at Community Hall.

#### Canon's Tribute at Flag Dedication

At a flag dedication ceremony of the 12th Montreal Troop at St. George's Church Canon Gower-Rees stated that no finer training for a lad could be obtained than that received through the



THE Paint Department of the Winnipeg shop. The boys wear old clothes to save their uniforms. A feature of the Santa Claus job of the Winnipeg Scouts and Guides is the supplying of gifts for the Peguina Indian Reserve, the Elkhorn Indian Industrial School, and for newly arriving settlers' families at the Winnipeg Immigration Halls.

programme of the Boy Scout Movement. The 12th Troop paraded with the affiliated Cub Pack and members of the 41st (Selwyn House) and 118th Troops. The collection was taken up by uniformed Scouts.

#### A Unique Winnipeg Treasure Hunt

The unexpected "treasure" of a five mile Saturday hike of the east central Winnipeg district Scouts proved to be a popular district Scouter, Rabbi S. Frank. "Leading a patrol consisting of Scouts from various troops, P. L. George Reid located him. Reid was closely followed by Billy Martin, a member of another mixed patrol." The hikers returned to St. Philip's Church, where they were served refreshments.

Following an interesting address on bees and bee-keeping at a joint meeting of the 5th and 7th Oshawas together with the 1st Brooklyn Troop, by S. M. Agar of Brooklyn, the boys were treated to buns and honey.

#### Scout Mountaineer Fire Fighters

During the summer's camp of the 1st Anyox Troop, B.C., a party of Rovers and older Scouts climbed the neighboring mountains to an altitude of 5,500 feet and put out the beginning of a forest fire. They were warmly commended by the Provincial Forestry Department. During the camp the troop gave a concert to raise funds for the Terrace Scouts, and in appreciation were generously entertained by the local citizens.

Scouts of the 10th Border Cities assisted at the annual Armistice night concert by depicting various thoughts expressed in the poem "In Flanders Fields," under the direction of S. M. Dick Roe.

#### No Denominational Lines Here

In presenting his annual report to the church regarding the 1st Brandon Cub Pack, the Cubmaster gave the number of Cubs comprising the pack

and their various denominations. The 45 comprised: Anglican, 17; Baptist, 4; Christian Science, 1; Greek Orthodox, 1; Lutheran, 1; Forum, 1; Roman Catholic, 6; Presbyterian, 7; United 6; Four Square, 1.

#### THE LOON LAKE COURSE.

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ing "enemy." As compensation the stalkers discovered much larger and juicier blueberries at the end of their climb. At least they vowed the berries were finer.

The 24-hour Journey was laid out with the help of an Indian guide, and consequently was a "real one." The project was appraisal of damage done by fire in a certain valuable timber section, with particulars of possible salvage, the roads in, water, etc., with maps. A rival party of timber cruisers was out, and of course might be expected to do all they could to obstruct the work. One patrol was temporarily lost, and rain contributed to the experience of both. The Owls got out of the wet by roosting in a ranger's cabin while the Wolves improvised a shelter of laced ground-sheets. Signs of deer, moose and bear were seen. Upon mounting a knoll Scout Wadden found himself facing a bull moose, two cows and a calf. Scout Wadden withdrew. Large quantities of extraordinarily big blueberries and beds of ground-berries were found and packed away.

This very successful camp was headed by District Scoutmaster H. W. Ellard of Fort William and Gilwellian Jack Blow, of Upper Canada College.

#### A "Jolliday"

A "JOLLIDAY" was the title hit upon for a Saturday's display by the boys of St. Ives Troop, England. This term would seem to have much to recommend it, as preferable to the frequent use of the term "Jamboree" for displays of an afternoon's or evening's duration.



## ❖ The Scoutmaster's Five Minutes ❖

### What Toy Shop Gifts Mean to Settlers' Families

WHILE we, as Scouts, do not expect nor desire thanks for good turns, it is always encouraging to know that work for others is appreciated. Last year numerous letters were received by individual Toy Shops and by Dominion Headquarters from settlers' families who were visited by the Scout and Guide Santa Claus.

Quotations from a few of these may help you to realize how much real happiness for others there is in the Toy Shop work.

Here is a letter from a family of seven children of foreign birth in Central Saskatchewan. You will note that they did not ask for toys—they are willing to get along without them—but would appreciate "a few little things."

I received your card asking about a visit from Santa Claus. I will tell you the truth. We are all well at present, and our children can get along without toys too, but we certainly would appreciate your kindness of sending a few little things. It certainly brightens up the home when Santa visits. We are not known very well around this district to receive any presents for our children from anybody and we are too poor to give any ourselves. Thank you very much if you will let Santa visit our children. Any little present is very welcome. Their names and ages are as follows: Marian, 10; Ginka, 8; Malka, 7; Helena, 5; Mikalina, 4; Annie, 3; Frank, 1.

Thank you. We wish you all in the Toy Shop a Very Happy Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. V. B.

Frequently letters from New Canadians are written in a foreign language. Occasionally they are written by an English-speaking neighbour, like the following, also from Saskatchewan. This was one of those cases where the Scout parcel carried a ray of gladness into a very sad home.

Mr. Kalnicki wishes to express his thanks to you for the toys received last Christmas. They were almost the only reminder of Christmas in that home, which was a particularly sad one owing to the death of their youngest boy a few months previously, and the sickness of the elder. Since then, however, another boy has been born to them, a real little Canadian, and the family now is as follows: Nicholas, 7, and Alex, 8 months. They would be very grateful to receive something from the Scout Santa and the address is the same.

Mr. Kalnicki was unable to write and thank you last year, as being unable to read English, he did not understand who had sent the parcel. The toys were a source of enjoyment and interest until about two months ago. Thank you.

Very truly yours,

Mrs. C. H. L.

One of the happy features of the Christmas Toy Shop giving is the pleased surprise of new settlers that someone in the new country has remembered them, as mentioned in this letter from an English family in Nova Scotia. A postal had been sent inquiring whether a visit of the Scout Santa Claus on their second Christmas was needed.

Having received a postcard from you about the Boy Scouts Santa Claus, I must say it was very kind of them to think of the children as I may say we did not think anyone would think of them in a new country. The parcel they received was lovely and they were quite delighted with same. I would be very grateful for anything you care to send them this Xmas as I have no work and having had Dr.'s bills to pay has not left much for Xmas. The oldest boy is Richard, 11; Ellen is 9; Matthew, 7; Robert, 5; Adam, 3 and Annie the baby, one year next month. She is our Canadian baby. We like the country and may say we have been treated with kindness from all around. Thanking you very much for your good wishes.

I am yours respectfully,

A. T.

A letter from a foreign-born community in far Northern Ontario brought an unusual message. The father had utilized the Scout gifts on their second Christmas in Canada to prove to his children that other boys and girls in Canada were thinking of their happiness. Who can say how much the proof of kindly goodwill may have meant to this foreign-born community? Suppose the Scout troop concerned had by some mischance failed to make good:

I am in receipt of your card and I heartily thank you for your kindness—the visit of last year.

A visit this year is not necessary, as it was not much needed last year. I appealed last year to the Boy Scouts chiefly to show my children that somebody was thinking about them to make them a happy Christmas, and give the children a stimulus to do the same.

Yours very truly,

P. B.

Toy Shop correspondence has brought interesting proof of the rapid progress in school of our young New Canadian brothers and sisters of foreign-birth. This proof comes, frequently during their second year in Canada, in the form of letters written in English by the children themselves. The phraseology frequently may cause a smile, but undoubtedly is fully equal to that of letters which Canadian born boys and girls might write in another language after a year's study. The following example is from a family in Manitoba:

Last year somebody sent for us presents. We did not know who sent that presents for us. Now we

know who sent that presents for us. That dear Boy Scout Christmas Toy Shops. Thanks very much for that presents, because you made us happy in a Christmas in Canada. And please send us this year something. We are just three children, Joseph, 14; Peter, 13; Antonina, 10.

Your friend

Peter, Joseph and Antonina B.

It is inevitable that among the large number of families touched by the Scout and Guide Christmas giving each year there will be those who suffer various calamities and losses. Such cases have a special claim upon our thoughtfulness. The following letter from a second year settler in Alberta tells of a severe setback through fire.

We received your card and appreciate very much the kindness which you wish to show us at Christmas.

We had no crop this year and earlier in the fall a prairie fire swept through our part of country and completely wiped all that we possessed out. All the buildings, clothes and household goods were taken.

My wife is a sick woman and cannot do all the average woman does on account of her sickness.

We have four children, the oldest a boy 12, a girl 10, the next girl 8, and the youngest girl 4 years.

We should very much appreciate any help which you wish to give us. Thanking you, I am

A. K.

A sometimes disappointing feature of local Toy Shop work in the larger centres is the development of a considerable list of families who repeat year after year and apparently make no effort to help themselves. Three years' experience has indicated a different attitude on the part of new settlers,—a desire to get on their own feet as quickly as possible, and when Christmas funds are lacking, a general disposition to accept gifts only after the children of more recently arrived settlers have been taken care of.

This Alberta letter strikes the note:—

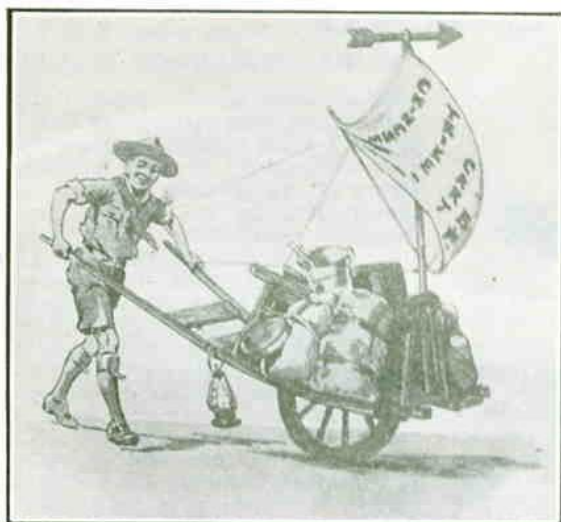
We certainly appreciated last year your Santa Claus present. We did not know where it came from until later on. So we could not give our thanks to Santa Claus.

I've rented a farm, and we did not have much of a crop, but I think there will be some families that need remembering worse than we do. I worked on the road besides the farm, and that money will help us during the winter time. But if you have still some left after you have visited the other one's, our children are a girl, 6; a boy, 5; and a girl, 2½.

Yours truly,

J. H.





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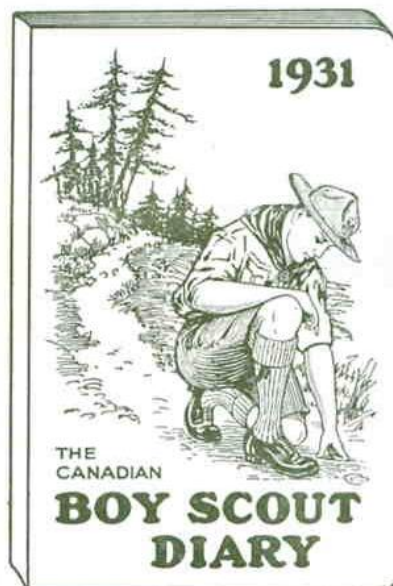
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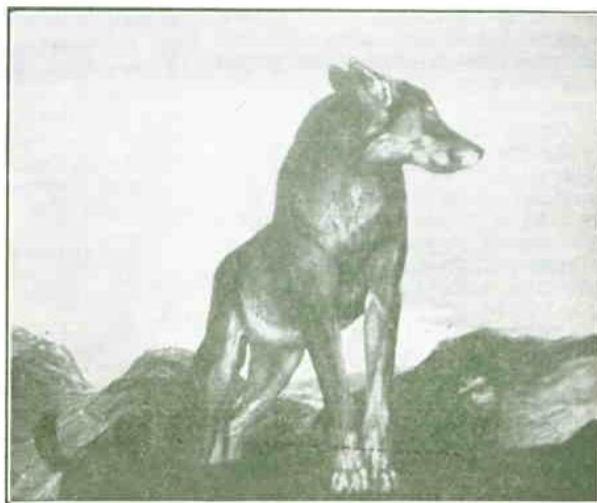
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## THE DUFFEL BAG

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

### A B.C. Scout-Guide Pageant

"THE Amber Gate," a pageant of incidents from history and folklore in which youth figured, was presented very effectively on two successive nights at the Avenue Theatre, Vancouver, B.C., by the 5th Girl Guide Company assisted by Scouts of the 6th, 12th, and 29th troops. The play exemplified the spirit of progress in a succession of incidents in which boys and girls, beginning with David going forth to battle Goliath, forced open the Amber Gate,—thus creating and passing on a standard of achievement for other children. Each successive character left the door a little further ajar for those who follow, until with Jack Cornwell, the last of the heroes, it stands wide open. Other figures included William Tell, Joan of Arc and Dick Whittington.

### 12th Winnipegs Win Dominion Wallace Nesbitt Jr.

On the authority of the printed report of the St. Johns Ambulance Association it was announced in the October Scout Leader that the Wallace Nesbitt Junior first aid trophy for the Dominion had been awarded the 18th Winnipeg Troop team. This was an error. The winning troop was the 12th Winnipeg.

The trophy was presented to the 12th team before a distinguished gathering at Government House by His Hon. Lt.-Gov. J. D. McGregor, President R. G. Persse of the Manitoba Boy Scouts Association presiding. At the time the Murray McLaren Shield for home nursing was presented to the 11th Winnipeg Girl Guides. Following the presentations each team gave a demonstration of their work.



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TRY a placard like this in your Toy Shop window, along with a number of addressed parcels, or in a store window secured for the purpose, as a means of bringing others into your Settlers' Kiddies' Christmas Good Turn.



### Oshawa's Jamboree Example

A FINE example of preparatory organization and the resulting success was offered by Oshawa's first autumn Jamboree, which brought together some 500 Scouts and Cubs from Peterborough, Whitby, Lindsay, Pickering, Bowmanville, Brooklin and Oshawa, and included the 65th Troop from Toronto. The event opened on Saturday afternoon with a parade, headed by the city's leading band, a review and an address of welcome by Dist. S. M. Pierson and His Honour Mayor T. B. Mitchell. The Scouts then proceeded to Alexandra Park, and in the presence of some 2,000 people carried out a programme of all-scouting competitions. In the evening, before another large gathering in General Motors Auditorium, the World Jamboree pictures were shown and competition prizes awarded by President C. M. Mundy. On Sunday morning the Scouts placed a wreath on the War Memorial in the Garden of the Unforgotten, then paraded to St. Andrew's United Church, for a special and, largely attended service conducted by Rev. F. J. Maxwell.

The various arrangements, including billeting, were carried out by committees, organized in May last, and headed by some of the city's leading citizens. Fire Chief C. F. Elliott was chairman of the General Committee, and Chief of Police O. D. Friend of the Field Committee.

### Checking Up on Cub Uniform

AT the November meeting of Toronto District Scouters attention was drawn to certain incorrect practices in Cub uniform which in one or more details may apply elsewhere. These are: 1. Wearing jerseys inside shorts. 2. Wearing Scout belts over jerseys. 3. Wearing a scarf of a different colour than that of the troop.

Two hundred and eighty-seven Scouters sat down to the annual dinner of the Toronto District.

### World Friendship Correspondents

THE Corresponding Secretary at Dominion Headquarters, 172 Wellington St., Ottawa, has received letters from the following Scouts in other lands who desire them forwarded to Scouts in Canada, with the object of opening correspondence:

An American Scout from Missouri, age 17.

An American Scout from Indiana, age 12.

An American Scout from the Bronx, age 13.

An Australian Scout from Sydney.

A Gold Coast Scout, age 15.

A South African Gilwellian.

### A Troop Magazine Desiring Exchange

"The Fondly Scout," published by Troop 6, at 205 East Rees St., Fond-du-Lac, Wisconsin, desires to exchange with Canadian troop magazines.

### Scout Dates

#### December

1st—Order copies of the 1931 Diary for your Troop and Pack.

6th, 13th, 20th—Toy Shop big days.

21st—St. Thomas' Day. Also shortest day of the year.

23rd—Schools closed for Christmas holidays.

24th—Christmas Eve — The year's jolliest Good Turn. Scout Santas make their rounds.

25th—Christmas Day.

#### Christmas Week

Hold one or two hikes, and if possible a Winter Camp. (See "Winter Hikes," The Scoutmaster's First Year, p. 112.)

#### During December

Discuss Toy Shop activities, or some other special Troop Christmas Good Turn, at each meeting.

Give special instructions re ice accidents. (See "Scouts and Ice Accidents," February, 1928 Scout Leader.)