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THE Chief Scout for Canada sends his warmest personal good wishes to all Boy Scouts at this Season, and trusts that they may all have a very happy Christmas and that the coming year may bring them all health, happiness and good Scouting.

He wishes to send his sincerest thanks to the officers in each Province for their devotion, zeal, and self-sacrifice in securing the success and efficiency of this great Movement in all parts of Canada, and trusts that the coming year may be productive of still greater results.

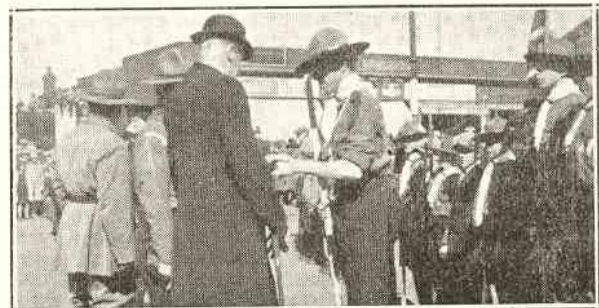
A Regretful Farewell!

LEADERS and Scouts throughout Canada learned with mingled feelings of pleasure and regret of the signal honour that came in December to His Excellency, Viscount Willingdon, in his appointment as Viceroy of India,—pleasure as Canadians that one who has associated himself with us so cordially and understandingly, and who has so completely won our regard, had been selected at an important time for one of the most responsible posts in the Empire, and regret as Scouts at his prospective loss to us before the termination of his full term as Governor-General, and as Chief Scout for Canada.

Viscount Willingdon has been in a real sense Chief Scout for Canada. From the day on which he accepted that role, very shortly after his arrival at Rideau Hall, his interest in Scouting was constant and practical. He signed all warrants and all medal awards with his own hand. He attended all meetings of the Executive Committee of the Canadian General Council, as well as the Annual Meetings, and himself occupied the chair and followed each detail considered with critical and discriminating interest. During his visits to various parts of the Dominion he met Scouts and leaders whenever his itinerant time-table made this possible, greeting Scouts and Scouters with a warm Scout handshake and expressions of congratulation and appreciation that always made Scouting and Scout leadership seem more worth while.

It is scarcely necessary to recall the part played by His Excellency in connection with the sending of the Canadian Scout contingent to the great Jamboree in 1929,—that among a circle of personal friends he raised a fund sufficient to send two complete Scout troops to the great world gathering. It may not be generally realized that the impetus thus given the project undoubtedly was the chief factor in the successful financing of the individual members who made up the two additional troops comprising the contingent. In addition, it was the "Chief Scout's Fund" that made possible the rental or purchase of costumes and equipment that assured the success of the Canadian contingent's participation in the great arena displays. Those fortunate enough to be members of the contingent will long remember the final review arranged by His Excellency at historic Quebec Citadel, and his personal farewell at the dock; also will they remember appreciatively the special arrangements

A SCOUT handshake for a Port William leader during one of His Excellency's summer tours.



by which during the after-Jamboree tour they were given sight-seeing privileges ordinarily not available to tourists at Eton and Windsor Castle.

It will also be recalled that His Excellency arranged for the initial showing of the Canadian Jamboree film at the Imperial Theatre, Ottawa, and took the occasion to draw public attention once more to the importance and significance of the Jamboree, and to the Scout Movement as a factor for world understanding and peace.

It is unnecessary to say that much regret also will be felt at the departure of Her Excellency, Viscountess Willingdon, who so graciously shared her husband's interest in Canadian Scouts and Scouting. She frequently accompanied him in his review of Scout units; and her official opening last summer of the new Scout hall at St. Andrew's, N.B., will be recalled.

Viscount Willingdon will leave Canada with the lasting affection of Canadian Scouts and leaders, and accompanied by every wish for continued good health and happiness, and all success in the high position to which he has been called.

Let us not fail, each of us, to ask for him Divine guidance and blessing in his new responsibilities. And let us all join in sending, through him, to our brother Scouts of India, our kindest greetings; and the message that we do not forget that he came to us with an understanding of Scouting undoubtedly contributed to by his association, as Chief Scout, with the Scouts and leaders of Madras and Bombay.

And through *The Scout Leader*, and the editors of the various excellent Scout publications of India with whom we exchange, let us join in bespeaking a true Scout welcome for one who has been to us in Canada in all respects a true brother Scout.

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They Know Who We Are

The following New Year's editorial is reprinted from one of the last district communications penned by the late District Commissioner Ernest O'Callaghan of Toronto. Coming from a leader of many years' experience, it carries a weight that merits thoughtful reading by every Canadian Scouter who takes his leadership seriously.

A real Scout can never be produced unless his "Duty to God" is made a living thing to him. It is the first thing we promise when we take the name of Scout, and we must never lose sight of the fact that this, the first words of our promise, must be kept in the forefront of our teaching and in our own examples. If we ourselves fail in this promise, we cannot, surely, expect that it will be observed by our boys.

A story is told of a famous Monk who, one morning, said to a young novice, "Come, we will go out and preach." They walked through many villages and towns, along the shores of the lake where fishermen were mending their nets, and still, to the wonderment of the boy, no word was spoken in the manner of preaching.

As the evening drew near and they were approaching the monastery the lad asked the question that had been on his lips many times during the day: "But, Father, when are we going to preach?" The older man replied, "My son, we have been preaching all day. These people know who we are, what we do and live for, and they have SEEN US."

Whatever form of religion our boys follow, be it Catholic or Protestant, Jew or Gentile, we must encourage them to be faithful to it, and by being faithful ourselves to our own creed, set them the example and lesson that they have "SEEN US."

Some observance of our duty to God, in the form of prayer or the act of Scout Silence, will never, I am sure, be neglected in our troop meeting, if we expect to get the best out of Scouting.

1930 & 1931

ALL indications are that Canadian Scouting during 1930 made substantial progress,—in the test and badge work of individual troops and packs, in the number of well organized summer camps, in both senior and junior leadership training, in the number of young leaders "coming up" from troops and crews, in the very considerable number of new permanent troop headquarters opened, in the growth of Lone Scouting and Sea Scouting, and in the substantial de-

velopment of Rovering throughout the Dominion, visualized particularly in the splendid gathering at the Ontario Rover Moot in November.

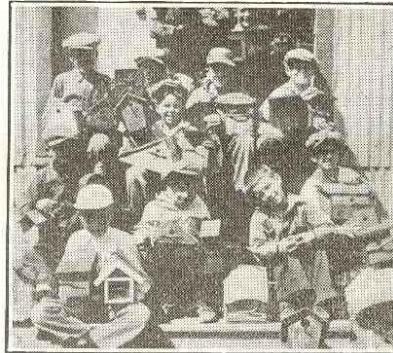
1931 is bound to prove another year of progress. But let us remember that in the last analysis progress is only real Scouting progress in so far as it reflects progress in the character-development of the individual boys of our packs, troops and crews. In other words, progress, not first in numbers, but in quality. And this progress represents primarily the personal example of the individual leader.

Perhaps no activity better combines Scouting ideals than the Christmas Toy Shop work—its thought for others practically expressed, its team work, its cheerful resourcefulness.

Let us resolve to continue the Toy Shop spirit throughout the year—meeting with the same cheerful resourcefulness all the odds and ends of happenings that 1931 may bring, for our testing and growing.

Re The New Square Badges

THE following statement has been received regarding the change from the round to the square Proficiency Badge now issued by Imperial Headquarters and supplied for Canadian use:



CUBS and Scouts of the 1st Moose Jaw Troop and some of the 55 bird houses made by them for erection in Wild Animal Park.

"It was generally agreed after reference to many that the introduction of a silk washable and fadeless badge would meet with universal approval. It was originally decided to have a selvedge edge top and bottom, but it was thought that this would lead to some not using it turned in, and consequently every other badge would be of a different size. This class of badge could not be made circular without fraying, and being square and laid flat on the garment, need never be removed for washing purposes."

Don't overlook the janitor of the church or school where you meet. A little practical expression of appreciation at a January entertainment will help things to run smoothly throughout the New Year.

HELP THE FIELD WORK IN
YOUR OWN PROVINCE BY
DOMINION REGISTRATION



A motto for 1931: Better troop and pack programmes, and always laid out beforehand.

Editorials in a considerable number of the country's leading newspapers gave valuable support to the Toy Shop work.

The report from the Winnipeg Scout and Guide Toy Shop included several excellent suggestions for the work next year. The Toy Shop Secretary wishes that more of the shops would contribute ideas.

Lord and Lady Baden-Powell sail on January 16th to spend six weeks visiting the Scouts and Guides of New Zealand and Australia. They are expected to return to England about the middle of June.

Upon completion of their Christmas toy activities the 3rd St. Thomas Rovers turned the workshop into a bird house manufactory. They plan this spring to supply as many bird houses as the city parks can accommodate.

Be sure to thank all those who in any way contributed to the success of your Toy Shop,—newspapers, school principals and teachers, clergymen, service clubs, business firms and individuals, and of course the Girl Guide and Brownie leaders.

A Scout Jamboree to be held at the same time as the World's Grain Exhibition and Conference in 1932, at Regina, is projected by the Provincial Scout organization of Saskatchewan. It is planned to invite Scouts from other countries.

Supplying the books and toys and organizing a Christmas party for a home-steading district 90 miles distant was one of the Christmas efforts of the 1st Grande Prairie, Alta., Scouts and Cubs and Scoutmaster the Rev. Canon W. T. James.

Edwin E. Rogers, for some years director of the Saint John, N.B., Playgrounds Association, organizer of the East End Boys' Club, and Scoutmaster of the active 23rd Saint John (Glen Falls) Scout Troop, took office on January 1st as Provincial Field Secretary for New Brunswick. In addition to his boys' work experience in New Brunswick Mr. Rogers was for two years a director in the Playgrounds Park Department of Toronto, and for three years in Y work at Lethbridge, Alta. New Brunswick is to be congratulated upon securing so experienced and energetic a provincial leader.

Our 1930 Christmas Job

ONCE again our big national Christmas effort of assisting old Santa Claus to visit the children in the homes of the needy throughout Canada was carried off in real-Scout style, thanks primarily to the planning and personal hard work of a splendid band of leaders to whom Scout service and example means just that.

Many of these must have been fagged and tired, particularly where the work fell most upon two or three—as may happen even in Scouting. But all must have felt it well worth while,—must have had genuine satisfaction on Christmas in the thought that directly through their efforts many homes that otherwise would have been homes of re-emphasized gloom and depression were that morning buzzing with the excitement of happy children.

It was expected that the number of kiddies provided for would be greatly increased over the number of previous years. On reports received to date, a conservative estimate places the total at approximately 75,000. This includes a little over 4,500 children of new settlers, and several hundred children at Indian schools.

The gifts were provided by a coast-to-coast chain of 134 "Toy Shop Towns," as reported to January 1st—an increase of 20 over the previous Christmas.

The western shops did splendidly, as always, but the year's unusual need gave the eastern Scouts and Guides plenty of opportunity to help, and they provided gifts by mail for only a few less than 2,000 western kiddies on farms. As in previous years, many of these eastern toys came originally from bulk contributions made by public school children, to whom the appeal for gifts for boys and girls out on the prairies is always a potent one.

Our sisters the Guides and Rangers, and in some instances the Brownies, again played their unobtrusive but important role in the doll departments. In one instance a Guide leader took over the direction of a Scout-Guide Shop,—Guide Commissioner Davis of Vancouver.

As yet few details have been received from Guide leaders. District Guide Commissioner Carter of Hamilton directed the Guide doll work in that busy toy shop centre, and District Commissioner Kay Symes most capably directed her seventh annual Guide doll shop at Ottawa. Notwithstanding many local demands the Toronto Guides helped generously with the settlers' and a special Indian school list. Special mention must be made of the 23rd Rangers and the 34th and 67th Guides. Other Toronto Guide companies whose members participated included the 26th, 31st, 32nd, 43rd, 50th, 62nd, 70th and 71st.

The Lonies again did their share, directly and indirectly. This reached

Ontario H.Q. from a Lone Scout at Cookstown, along with \$4.00 for mailing settlers' parcels: "The farmers' children around here have old toys all right, but they use them until they are undistinguishable, then they are used to provide heat for the family. As I did not wish to sit behind and do nothing, I decided to collect some money. The amount isn't very large, but I hope it will help some."

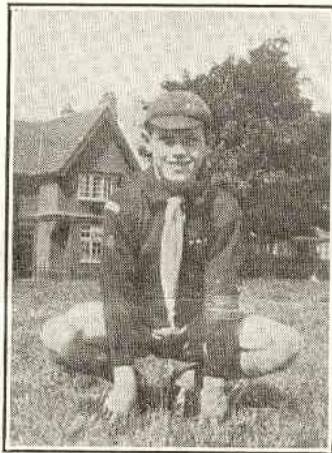
For the same purpose a contribution of \$3.00 was made by two members of the 3rd Ontario Lonies living near Napanee.

The Toy Shop Spirit

As reflected in some telegrams:—

"New Glasgow, N.S., Dec. 13th. Please send names twelve more children for Toy Shop. E. W. Spurr."

"Owen Sound, Ont., Dec. 15th. Will take care twenty-five children new settlers. Rush names and addresses. D. E. Macintyre."



CORRECT position for the Cub Howl, as demonstrated by Senior Sizer Fred Hughes, of the 24th Birkenhead Pack, England, who led the Chief Scout to the Council Rock at the Cub rally during the great Jamboree.

"Hamilton, Ont., Dec. 12th. Send on fifty additional names. We will take care of them. A. H. Frame."

"London, Ont., Dec. 12th. London can handle fifty extra children in west. Send names immediately. Reg. Rodda."

"Beaverton, Ont., Dec. 11th. Wire immediately twelve additional children's names for Santa Claus boxes. C. R. Dobson."

"St. Catharines, Ont., Dec. 17th. Can provide toys for twenty settlers' children. Rush list. R. H. Atkey."

"Toronto, Ont., Dec. 13th. Two Toronto Guide Companies taking thirty-five settlers children. E. Reipert."

When Edmonton reported prospective difficulty in handling their district settlers' list, a telegram to District Commissioner Kempton of Moose Jaw asking whether the Moose Jaw Toy Shop could add to the 50 already taken, 80 children in 25 families in Northern Alberta, brought this prompt wired reply: "O.K. Can take care of children."

And when the Toy Shop Secretary was beginning to worry a trifle over the "balance still on hand," there came a voice by "long-distance": "This is Pat speaking, Montreal. Can you mail us this afternoon 300 names of settlers' kiddies in the west?"

Letters brought messages of similar spirit—such as this from Scoutmaster Bischlager of the Duncan Troop, B.C.: "We were delighted to get the list of new settlers in Alberta. The boys were very thrilled when I sorted out thirteen piles of toys and asked them to pack them up. Each boys added something from home and paid the postage on his own parcel."

One of the year's outstanding shops was Regina's. It provided gifts for a total of 1,466 children, and incidentally captured from Ottawa the role of Chief Santa Claus to settlers' kiddies, by sending gifts to no less than 622. For good measure, 147 other children at country points were remembered. And when all expenses were met, including \$52.50 postage, the specially raised Toy Shop Fund showed a balance on hand of \$77.35!

The very complete report of Toy Shop Manager Ronald G. Morgan mentions several troop associations assisting with the financing,—the 1st, 4th and 12th with whist drives and the 8th and 9th with a concert, netting \$55.00. Kiwanis donated \$27.00 in a luncheon collection, and Kiwanians, Rotarians, Lions and Gyros contributed toys. In other words, "everyone was behind it."

A new headquarters building brought Montreal leaders their first real opportunity to run a conveniently organized toy shop. And fortunately so, for the shop was scarcely under way when requests were received from charitable organizations for a total of 10,000 gifts. Under the capable management of Chairman Harry T. Parker and assisting leaders and Rovers, this splendid total was finally reached. An "encouraging" device used was a large wall thermometer showing the daily rise of the total of completed toys.

In addition to the very large local distribution the Montreal shop sent gifts to 300 settlers' children in Saskatchewan and Alberta. These gifts were selected by a committee of ladies, and were all in the mails on the evening of the day on which the lists were received. During its operation the shop was formally inspected by District Commissioner Wardleworth, accompanied by Provincial Commissioner Ewing and other prominent leaders.

A unique recognition of the importance of the Montreal Scout Toy Shop in the city's Christmas activities was provided by a cartoon in the *Montreal Star* by the well-known cartoonist A. G. Racey. The drawing, captioned "The Story of a Double Life," sketched the experiences of a badly broken horse and cart,—first shown enmeshed in attic cobwebs, its rejuvenation by

Scout workmen and its final arrival, fully restored, in the arms of a new and happy little owner.

One of the most enterprising and successful of the smaller-city shops was that at Oshawa. Under the general direction of Fire Chief Elliott, a prominent figure in the local association, and with excellent public support, 1,600 local children were remembered. The gifts were distributed from a huge Christmas tree erected in the Armouries. The Guides played an important part, and "on their own" looked after 50 western kiddies.

A novel plan of local toy distribution to 135 children was repeated this year at Victoria, B.C., under direction of A. D. C. Dorothy Hilliard and S. M. Forrester. The mothers of the families concerned were invited to the Toy Shop, were entertained at tea (small children being taken care of in a nursery), and each mother then selected toys for her own children. The balance remaining was turned over to the Unemployment Bureau and Salvation Army.

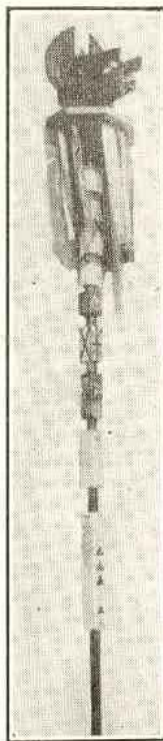
One of the outstanding Toronto troop shops was that of the 92nd, located in the cellar of S. M. Mains. A repeat order for settlers' names brought their quota to 35, and in addition 52 local children were provided for and 12 children at the Gage Sanitarium. An interesting detail of the 92nd Toy Shop report was this list of articles made by the boys—24 dolls beds and bed clothes, 16 horses and carts, 8 rabbits and carts, 3 sets of nine-pins, and 60 picture puzzles. It may be noted that the 92nd is one of the smaller Toronto troops—of 14 boys, S.M. and one A.S.M.

An unusual and striking picture published in the *Calgary Herald* in connection with the Calgary Scout-Sunshine Toy Shop activities was a flashlight picture of the Capitol Theatre packed with some 1800 children at the annual toy matinee. The children brought some 2,000 gifts for the toy shop. The use of the theatre was given free by Manager Bishop, the film by Manager W. O. Kelly of the Famous-Lasky Film Co., the entire theatre staff gave their services, and through the courtesy of the Calgary Musician's Association, Organist Ted Forcey supplied the music gratis.

One hundred toy ironing boards and irons were supplied by the toy shop of the 1st Fergus Troop, Ont. The boards were made from material supplied by the Beatty Washer Company, who also offered to truck the gifts to Toronto or Hamilton, since there were few needy children locally.

The 1st Soo Troop—a fine organization of 35 boys developed from a Lone Scout group,—operated two shops, handled over 600 toys, and disposed of these locally through the City Relief Officer.

The Brandon, Man., Scouts again ran their highly successful "Railroad Toy Shop" in the basement of the



TOTEM POLE of the 73rd Toronto Pack it was made from plans published in *The Scout Leader* in 1929.

C.N.R. station, through the courtesy of Division Superintendent J. W. Crane.

A large number of the local parcels of the Ottawa shop were called for in response to a special Christmas card invitation designating the day and hour. The parcels were handed over by a Santa Claus, who incidentally attracted a great deal of attention on the part of young passers-by. The Santa Claus costume, an exceptionally fine one, was the gift of Scoutmaster Boyd of the Carlsbad Springs Troop, near Ottawa. An innovation, a Toy Shop Daily (mimeographed), *The Christmas Scout Star*, made a hit with the shop workers.

Wrapped parcels for settlers in one of the shop's two display windows, and a placard inviting passers-by to share the good turn by paying postage, brought a substantial contribution toward the postage on the parcels sent to 573 children, chiefly in the west.

The Moose Jaw Shop received a donation of \$10 from each of the local service clubs, toward the mailing of parcels to settlers. The shop first asked for the names of 50 settlers' children, and wrote again explaining that they had meant 50 families.

1,670 old toys entered the St. Johns-Iberville, Que., shop, and reappeared as 1,030 finished articles for distributing among that many children in St. Johns and neighbouring communities. A detailed report on the shop made by Scoutmaster Willcocks and presented by District Commissioner Wilson to the Local Association mentioned assistance received from a long list of prominent business firms and a recently organized company of Girl Guides.

The Pembroke, Ont., shop was one of those to distribute their gifts a la Santa Claus on Christmas eve. Three cars and one horse-drawn sleigh were busy from 7 to 10 p.m.

A bridge party sponsored by Mrs. Holloway, wife of Rover Leader Holloway, and Mrs. Coleman, mother of Rover Coleman, more than met the expenses of the Barrie Scout-Guide-Rover shop, including postage on settlers' parcels.

The list of institutions supplied gifts by the Winnipeg Scout and Guide shop was an impressive one, and a fine example of the possibilities in this field of distribution. The list included The Children's Home, Children's Aid Society, Kindergarten Settlement, Immigration Halls Nos. 1 and 2, the Hugh MacDonald Hostel, Knowles' School for Boys, Margaret Scott Mission, St. Joseph's Orphanage, Home of the Good Shepherd, Tribune Empty Stocking Fund, the Peguis Indian Reserve, and the Public Welfare Department in the Parliament Buildings, for distribution to country cases. In addition toys were provided the school teachers at Grandview and Argyle.

Members of Toc H assisted the Prince Rupert Scouts in their toy shop, which turned out 400 toys. Half of these were mailed to 50 children of 22 families of new settlers.

Guelph's "biggest shop yet" played Santa to 800 local children and sent parcels to a number of country families in the surrounding district. Paint, paper, string, etc., was generously donated by merchants, a toy matinee was given by the Capitol Theatre, and the stage of the theatre was used as bundling and distributing headquarters.

Shops operated at Prince Albert, Sask., by St. Alban's and St. Paul's troops supplied gifts for 20 country school children, 19 settlers' families, and the Elks Christmas Fund.

Saint John, N.B., distributed some 2,000 toys among 400 needy homes, including settlers on farms. The Rotary Club met the shop expenses, and ten Rotarians helped wrap parcels. The Guides gave their usual important help, operating a doll hospital in quarters furnished at the Admiral Beatty Hotel.

Although a few centres reported a slow response to the call for discarded playthings, most shops, received all they could handle. Owen Sound finally had too many,—and so asks, for an other year, how last minute surpluses may be disposed of. Added to the 280 local children remembered by this shop, 25 small New Canadians in the west had the honour of receiving gifts individually wrapped by the wife of the District Commissioner.

Port Arthur Scouts, for their first separate effort (previously they had co-operated with Fort William), were given the use of quarters in the Masonic Temple, and did an excellent job.

Windsor was represented in the Chain by the 10th Windsor (Wyandotte School) Troop, under Scoutmaster Roe. This troop not only operated a toy repair shop, but participated in various other Christmas charitable activities, including the collection of food stuffs for distribution by the School Mothers' Club, and boots and shoes for the Knights of Columbus Shoe Relief Bureau. On a Saturday the Scouts covered a large section of the city and collected hundreds of pairs of shoes suitable for repairing.

The 3rd St. Thomas Troop operated a toy shop for western kiddies chiefly, but supplied gifts for 135 local children as an addition to the distribution which has for many years been made by St. Thomas firemen. Upon learning of the settlers' children project an unnamed lady supplied for each parcel a Christmas stocking of candy, nuts and oranges.

The energetic Kimberly, B.C., Troop marked its first year by operating two toy shops and producing over 500 re-conditioned toys, which were distributed among some 200 children, chiefly in the Blakeburn district.

Reflecting public appreciation of the work in that part of Saskatchewan, Toy Shop Manager Linton Tooley reported for Saskatoon, "We have not had to ask for any money in special appeals. People have just dropped into the shop with their donations. One 'Good Friend of Scouting' gave sufficient to mail parcels to over 100 children, two others sufficient to mail 25 parcels, and a number of boys donated postage to send three or four packages each." Over four times as many toys were received as in 1929.

The Moncton, N.E., shop, reported a like generous support. Donations amounting to \$65 were received from several I.O.D.E. chapters and other organizations. The shop was conducted by the Rovers, at the headquarters of the Rotary Scout Troop.

Four local store managers received parcels of old toys for the Yorkton, Sask., shop. Manual Training Instructor Stevens of Yorkton Collegiate directed the repair work, and donations of shop equipment were received from the Rotary Club Boys' Work Committee.

A committee of ladies assisted Rev. I. E. Fraser in selecting and wrapping the New Glasgow, N.S. shop parcels for settlers' children. Each package included a bag of nuts and candy.

The 1st Sudbury Troop made a promising success of its first shop, taking care of some hundred needy children locally. The Scouts were assisted by the newly organized Guide company.

Some 2,000 London, Ont., children received Scout toy shop gifts through the London Free Press Santa Claus Fund distribution. Eighty-one settlers' children were remembered by mail. The toys were repaired in three district work shops, one of these be-

ing located in the old Merchants' Bank building, made available by the city officials. Public and Separate School boards arranged toy collections at the schools.

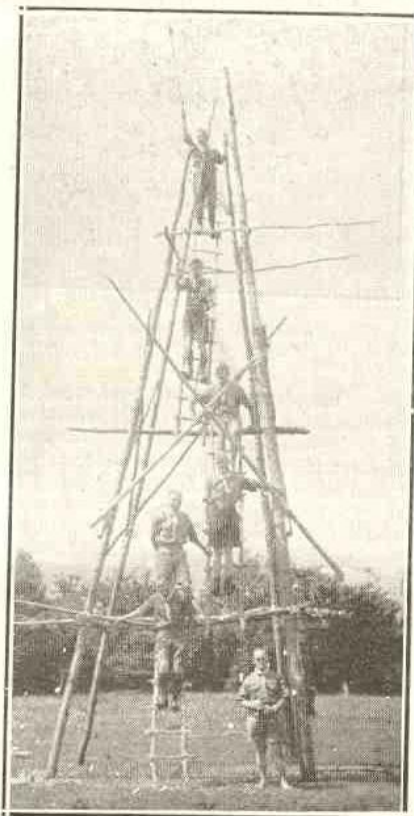
Girls of the Cardston, Alta., Primary School assisted the Cardston Scouts with the doll work. A considerable number of new toys were made by the boys, these including numerous airplane models. A valuation of \$200 was placed on the total production of the shop.

Bowmanville, Ont., was represented in the Toy Shop chain by the "Howard Ferguson" Scout Troop at the Bowmanville Training School.

Strathmore, Alta., Scouts repeated their good work of previous years, and sent in to Calgary toys over those required for local distribution. Some 200 repaired play things were displayed in the window of the Strathmore Bakery.

Edmonton toys were exhibited in two shop windows, and on a Saturday Scouts worked in 2-hour shifts demonstrating to passers-by the repairing of broken playthings.

By permission of the school board the manual training room and the services of the manual training instructor were placed at the disposal of the Cloverdale, B.C., toy shop. The local post of the Canadian Legion also placed their hut at the disposal of the Scouts.



AN "S. P. A." of the 1930 Maritime Gilmell—forest ranger's observation tower, constructed as a lashing test under A. S. M. Boyaner. The ladders were made in patrol competition. Four of the builders shown are clergymen.

The product of the Fort William Toy Shop was distributed locally in co-operation with the Daily Times Journal Christmas Cheer Fund. A heavy local call did not prevent the sending of a generous box to a new Indian school.

Hamilton operated five separate shops in "strategic centres," under the general direction of District Secretary Frame, and met the needs of the year by more than doubling the work of the previous Christmas. The splendid total of 9,400 tops was contributed to as follows:—Westdale, 500; Mountain, 500; Rovers, 900; East End, 1,500; Central, 6,000. Guide Commissioner Carter directed the very efficient work of the girls with the dolls.

With excellent support by the St. John's Daily News, the Scouters' Club of St. John's Nfld., organized a Scout Toy Shop and in cooperation with the nurses of the Charities Organization Bureau supplied gifts for a large number of children in the city and district.

A Rover's remembrance of the Montreal shop (from *The Buzz*):—Banana oil. More banana oil. Red paint. White paint. "By jove, old man, you aren't going to paint that horse blue!" Wheels. Headless dolls. Hammering. Hammering. "Lend us the pliers, someone!" Bzzzz! Tick, tock. Tick, tock. More paint. More turpentine. "Gee, look at my coat!" "Did you sign in?" Rolled sleeves. Dirty faces. "See you here tomorrow night?" "Sure!"

The cooperation of moving picture houses, through toy-admission matinees, was recorded in an increased number of instances. The theatres reported in newspaper clippings (and doubtless an incomplete list) included: the Capitol, Calgary; Grand, Regina; Capitol, Lethbridge; Capitol, Moose Jaw; Palace, Cardston, Alta., in cooperation with the Cardston Athletic Association; Regent, Oshawa; Colonial, Port Arthur; Capitol, Guelph; Imperial, Toronto; Weiler's, Trenton, Ont.

An interesting development was the increased participation in the toy shop work this Christmas by members of local fire departments. In numbers of places fire halls were used as toy collection depots. At Lethbridge the shop was located in the fire hall, and was directed by Fire Chief Hardy. At Oshawa the city firemen nominated themselves the Toy Shop Painting Department, and helped in various other ways, under the leadership of Fire Chief Elliott. The firemen of Moose Jaw surprised the local Toy Shop with an unexpected donation of 500 toys which they had collected and repaired in their spare time. Reversing the situation, St. Thomas, Ont., firemen repeated their local toy work of several years' standing, with the Scouts assisting.

The 1930 Christmas Toy Shop Chain

Nova Scotia.—Sydney, Dominion No. 6, New Glasgow, Tatamagouche, Truro, Halifax, Milton. New Brunswick.—Moncton, Saint John, Fredericton, Fredericton Junction, Oromocto, McAdam. Quebec.—Riverbend, Sherbrooke, Windsor, Three Rivers, Richelieu, St. Johns, Grande Ligne, Chambly, Delson, Montreal, Lachute. Ontario.—Mille Roches, Chesterville, Morrisburg, Ottawa, Brockville, Braeside, Renfrew, Kingston, Pembroke, Stirling, Frankford, Trenton, Campbellford, Peterborough, Bobcaygeon, North Bay, Fenelon Falls, Lindsay, South Porcupine, Bowmanville, Oshawa, Beaverton, Whitby, Maple, Barrie, Toronto, St. Catharines, Sudbury, Brampton, Oakville, Hamilton, Guelph, Owen Sound, Fergus, Galt, Preston, Brantford, Waterloo, Paris, Woodstock, Tillsonburg, Ingersoll, Kincardine, London, Glanworth, St. Thomas, Petrolia, Sarnia, Fort William, Port Arthur, Dryden, Wallaceburg, Sault Ste. Marie, Kingsville, Windsor. Manitoba.—Winnipeg, Rosenfeld, Neepawa, Brandon, Melita. Saskatchewan.—Yorkton, Balcarres, Fort Qu'Appelle, Weyburn, Ridgedale, Balgonie, Radville, Regina, Melfort, Craven, Moose Jaw, Prince Albert, La Fleche, Central Butte, Saskatoon, Lawson, Riverhurst, Kincaid, Aneroid, Swift Current, Rosetown, Loverna, Unity, Superb, Senlac. Alberta.—Elk Point, Taber, Lethbridge, Strathmore, Edmonton, Cardston, Calgary, Coleman. British Columbia.—Cranbrook, Ladysmith, Salmon Arm, Prince George, Williams Lake, Cloverdale, Kimberley, Port Kells, McKay, New Westminster, Burnaby, Vancouver, Victoria, Nanaimo, Duncan, Terrace, Prince Rupert. —Total, 134.

The Ideal Scouter

AFTER receiving the promises of the Scouters of the Lyons District (France), District Commissioner Waltz, drew this clear-cut portrait of the ideal Scouter,—as ideally applicable to the Scouters of Canada as to the Scouters of France:—

Brother Scouters,—I congratulate you on having all wished to undertake this solemn engagement, the importance of which each one of us must realize. This engagement is not merely a bond which you have contracted; it will increase your own self-respect, the esteem in which others hold you, and will in consequence increase the authority you hold amongst those who give you their allegiance.

It is a great thing to be a Scouter, but it is a difficult one. There are many good Scouters, but no perfect ones. However, there is the ideal Scouter which each of us should keep ever before our eyes and on whom we must model ourselves as closely as possible.

What are the chief qualities of this ideal Scouter? They are as follows:—

1. **Self-Control.**—Before all, a Scouter must be master of himself, must control himself, must never give way to anger or ill-humour, never be prejudiced or biased.

2. **Unselfishness.**—A man is not a Scouter for his own benefit but for that of others. Egoism and personal ambition are unworthy of a true Scouter.

3. **Friendliness.**—A Scouter must be friendly, patient, considerate towards all, understanding the fine shades, of course, which go to make up individual character and special circumstances.

4. **Justice.**—A Scouter should have one standard only. Of all his gifts this is perhaps the most important to him in gaining confidence, prestige and authority. But his administration must be on no hard and fast ruling; on the contrary it must be elastic and human, and easily adapted to circumstances and to individual requirements.

5. **Strictness.**—Strictness is a powerful ally of justice, of which it is a part, and of friendliness, of which it is the counterpart. Without this counterbalance, friendliness may easily turn to softness and weakness.



CONVENIENT altar cooking fireplace at the 1930 Northern Ontario (Loon Lake) Gibwell.

6. **Vigour.**—But vigour always tempered and reasoned, which never runs to excess, which gives the impression of strength, and not of violence.

7. **Foresight.**—A Scouter must think of everything. On the other hand, he must never act or give an order without having foreseen the consequences of his deeds or words. He must never take the initiative without having calculated, as far as is humanly possible, the effects of his action on those under his command.

8. I should like to add that when one gives an order, one should always put one's self in the place of those who receive it, and who are commissioned to carry it out. This allows one to avoid many mistakes and misunderstandings.

Such are the chief qualities which go to make a Scouter, so varied that at first sight they seem contradictory. In reality they form a perfectly balanced whole. But this is only an out-

line. It is easy for each one of us to complete it in thinking over his own conduct, analysing and criticising himself fairly and without self-satisfaction.

If, however, you want a formula, here is a very simple one which sums up everything, and which I should like you to keep always in mind, and practice to the best of your ability:

"Firmness, kindness, justice, devotion," these constitute a Scouter.

Brother Scouters, I know you well. I have no need to repeat that I am confident you will try to realize this ideal since everything depends upon you. I know that you will put your heart and soul into it.

Moreover, it does not matter if you are not all cut to the pattern. What is important is that each one of you should give of his very best according to his own particular character and capabilities.

As Socrates so wisely said, "Know yourselves."

And good luck to you all.

A Medical Appreciation of Scouting for the Handicapped

IN giving a doctor's view point of the benefits disabled boys derive from Scouting, Dr. W. E. Henderson, County Health Officer for Westmoreland, tells how a disabled child must be carefully piloted past two dangerous reefs—segregation and invalidism.

"The worst thing we can do for a disabled child is, in his hearing, to pity him," says the doctor. "Instead, our compassion should be so deep and understanding, that we sublimate our natural gush of pity into encouragement . . . We doctors realize that the Chief Scout has given us his inspired invention of Scouting and Guiding, a potent aid in this normalizing process and a means whereby we can rescue the disabled child from the dim land of invalidism.

But he has given us much more. "Our little patients are the victims of those diseases which rob childhood of its joy. The devoted Scoutmasters who help us in this work, are joy-bringers in the true sense. They give back to the disabled child his lost heritage of joy and wonder and romance. This has a therapeutic value indeed . . . The Medical Superintendents and Matrons whose young patients are Scouts and Guides without exception, bear similar testimony . . . So to the Chief Scout of all the World I would say, 'Take the thanks of a Doctor.'"

Dr. Henderson contributed the chapter, "Scoutcraft as an Aid to Recovery" to the new Handbook of the Special Tests Department compiled by Sir Montagu Burrows, Headquarters Commissioner for Special Tests. The Handbook is titled, "Scouts With a Handicap."

A railroad trestle accident in which a Scoutmaster and a Scout were killed outright and two Scouts injured near Tuxedo Park, N.Y., reminds of the danger of using railroad tracks when hiking, and particularly crossing bridges. The group were overtaken on the bridge by trains going in opposite directions.

From the 2nd Ontario Rover Moot

(Concluded from December)

"Religion in Scouting"

A number of thought-provoking statements, some for Scout leaders, some for the church, punctuated the address of Rev. A. F. Holmes on "Religion in Scouting," at the Sunday evening Rovers' Own. He felt that the church lost its grip on the boy because it seldom presented things from the boy's viewpoint. This was the strong feature of Scouting,—it was based on the boy's point of view, not on a man's ideal for a boy; and it was a complete programme, physically, socially, in its daily "good turn thought" for the other fellow, and its "duty to God."

But leadership in "duty to God" was not always what it could and should be. Because Scouting was in its code, undenominational, some leaders feared to tread on denominational toes, and as a result gave a very insipid kind of spiritual leadership. In neglecting the spiritual they were leaving out the chief element of character training, and in this they were not following Baden-Powell.

As to the objection of some that they were not qualified to give religious leadership, the speaker returned, "But you learned to give leadership in scoutcraft!"

He emphasized that religion is not taught—but caught; and that it comes far more effectively from the layman than from the clergyman. Most boys are "afraid of the cloth."

He asked how many checked up on church and Sunday-school attendance, and declared this would help a lot in a practical way.

He cautioned against week-end hikes which interfered with church or Sunday-school attendance, without consulting the minister and Sunday-school teacher. One suggestion was that the teacher be taken along.

Discussion

Addressing the gathering as Rovers rather than older leaders, Provincial Commissioner Laurence spoke of their obligation of example to the boys following immediately behind. "You are on new and dangerous ground," he said. "You will be on safe ground if you take the spiritual line of leadership and example."

Five of the Crews represented held regular Rovers' Owns. All preferred the service in the open. One was located a half mile from town in the bush, and was held at 9:30 or 10 o'clock on the first Sunday of each month, the boys then attending morning service at their respective churches. Assignment of readings, prayers, and discussion topics were made beforehand.

A former English Rover told of his Crew's preference for an outdoor Rovers' Own in the semi-darkness of a mall council fire. The boys participated with more ease and freedom.

If Rovers were not getting what they wanted in church, it was suggested they discuss the matter with their pastors. The statement, "Give them

this and you will bring back any who have dropped out," was greeted with considerable applause.

Commissioner de Saram of Ceylon expressed the belief that the hope of the world lies with the Scouts and Rovers who will in the future approach the world's problems from a new viewpoint. Those who returned from the World Jamboree had a wider outlook, and wider sympathies to pass on to their elders.

Speaking of the soundness of Rovering,—which had spread to some 30 countries, without any pushing—Commissioner de Saram declared, "Wherever you go you find no criticism of Baden-Powell. The only criticism has arisen from the misrepresentation of the programme by others. He has been a great inspiration to the world."

Referring to popular current criticism of shortcomings of the churches, Assistant Chief Commissioner Stiles observed, "The churches are made of you—and you—and you. Of all of us.



A NEW BRUNSWICK Rover "Owl" of the "30 Maritime Gibnell and fire-bow taken on the 24-hour Journey instead of matches.

If you have pulled away, go back into the church and help." One of the biggest of all jobs, he said, was that of the Sunday school superintendent.

Instances were related of boys of a difficult neighborhood being reached through a Scout troop where a Bible class had failed.

Dr. Hurt of New York, when called upon to make a contribution, suggested that "We might seek to inspire our home churches to make them more interesting to young people. We might endeavour to get more young people to do more things in the church."

Rover Service Ideas

The four groups into which the Moot was divided to discuss Service Ideas produced a long list of suggestions. A gratifying feature was the fact that most of the ideas were offered out of actual experience.

Several crews were doing splendid year-round work for the boy patients

of sick children's hospitals and sanitariums. One crew secured 4,000 young trees from the Ontario Forestry Department, had them in a nursery, and was supplying and planting them free of charge, as occasion offered, to beautify the community and district.

An older leader told of a Rover crew that was credited locally with having entirely changed conditions among the young men of the small town, through the local baseball team. Previous habitual bad language had disappeared, and given place to clean good sportsmanship.

A new idea from the Old Country was the purchasing by a crew of sick room equipment of various kinds — such as hot water bottles, bed rings, bed pans, etc.—and loaning these to the sick of poor families. It was agreed that such a loan equipment could be of real value in the smaller communities of the province, especially those far removed from hospitals.

Good volunteer fire brigade work done by two Kincardine crews, after taking instruction under the local fire chief, was mentioned; that recently the crews had "stood by" at the fire hall when the firemen had responded to a call for help from a neighboring community.

A number of the service suggestions follow:—

Service a Small Town Crew Can Render—

- Provide Sunday-school teachers for boys' classes.
- Assist at Sunday-school picnics.
- Take care of War Memorials.
- Assist in welfare financial campaigns.
- Maintain a Concert Party for free service at Scout Troop, Cub Pack and church entertainments.
- Visit boys' wards in hospitals and sanitariums.
- Pay friendly visits to strangers in hospitals.
- Look after church grounds and neglected cemeteries.
- Assist amateur sport organizations.
- Assist at town field days and public holiday sports.
- Where there is an airport, offer services on special days.
- Collect wood, cut and give to needy.
- Assist Cub Packs and Scout Troops.
- Take charge of Scout Christmas Toy Shop.
- Qualify as volunteer firemen and assist local brigade when opportunity offers.

Service a City Crew Can Render—

- Backing up Local Association, as by finding people who can be of help to Scouting, and giving names to H. Q.
- Pay cheering-up visits to hospitals, homes for aged, etc.
- Help at Christmas Toy Shop.
- Quietly help people who are in temporary unemployment difficulties.
- Help foreign-speaking travelers.
- Contribute books to Scout Troop libraries.
- Help Packs and Troops with entertainments.
- Maintain a free service Concert Party.
- Help police with first aid, prevent

crowding of accident victim by rush of the curious, etc.

Service to the Troop and Pack—

- As a member of the Troop Committee.
- Run or assist in running a Pack or Troop.
- As Cub or Scout instructor.
- Specialize and instruct in certain Proficiency Badge subjects.
- Specialize in 2nd Class Scout cooking and Scout hiking.
- Instruct for and take charge of Scout Journey tests.
- Qualify as games expert.
- Assist at Scout camp in various ways.

In discussing the above suggestions it was emphasized that Rovers should be tactful in beginning their work with Scouts; should not give the impression that they "knew it all." They should go in as "Tenderfoot instructors," and win the boys' regard and confidence.

Rover Dens

The session on Rover Dens brought out numerous ideas and experiences. The major importance of the den was unanimously agreed to, also that it should be a permanent and exclusive home, not temporary quarters in a church or other building, available but one evening a week.

The spirit of the Den was important. As the Crew's home, its impression on a visitor should be of warmth, coziness, hospitality, sincerity. In its decorations it should speak of the camp and the hike and the open road.

The experience of a Toronto Crew incidentally pointed to the wisdom of studying local building bylaws before setting about the construction of a Den. On giving up a Den in a service club, because of lack of room and privacy, the upper floor of an old coach house was found. After very considerable work, and the securing of bricks for a fireplace, it was discovered that the use of the lower floor as a garage prevented the building of the fireplace. Finally a suitable place was discovered in the basement of the home of one of the Rovers. The bricks were traded for beaverboard, and a room partitioned off. Furniture gradually accumulated from the different homes, a stove, and such decorations as birds' nests, an old camp notice board, hike sketches and a tom tom, finally made a very cozy den. Each fellow had his own cup, and there was one for a visitor.

A former Newcastle Rover told of a Den constructed in a corner of a Scout hut. Strips of oak bark secured at a nearby lumber yard were used to line the inside, and artificial beams were nailed to the roof. The effect was very woodsy. No pictures were hung on the wall. The rough bark accumulated considerable dust. The den was heated by a Quebec heater.

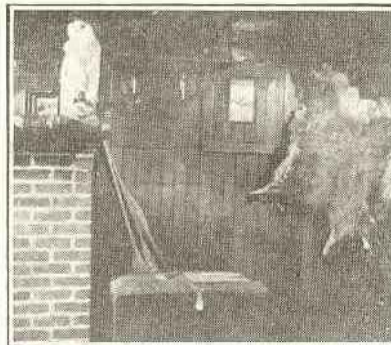
A neighboring crew, which had offered its services to a hospital for blood transfusion, was given a Den in the hospital.

Another, described as one of the finest Dens in England, originally was a poultry house on wheels. When visiting Newcastle-on-Tyne this Crew brought their Den with them, drawn by a horse. It was suggested that such movable poultry "colony houses," usually on skids, might be secured by certain crews in Canada.

A Windsor, Ont., Crew partitioned off part of a church storage room with shiplap, stained, and built a stone fireplace, to make a very satisfactory Den. "Heavy strap hinges" made of lath, painted, added a touch of solidity to the door. A key is given each new member of the crew as the final incident of the investiture. The Den can be used at any time. Some of the Rovers do their high school homework there.

Rover Tom Redman of the 9th Hamiltons, formerly of the 11th Manchesters, told of the latter's 20 x 18 Den. Lockers at intervals around the room could be used as bunks, and visiting Rovers were frequently entertained. Cooking was done at the fireplace. There was considerable inter-city Rover visiting in England. Some of the local Rovers were always available to show the guests about.

The Den equipment included a library of books on Scoutcraft and



A CORNER of the fine Rover den of the 1st Moose Jaws.

Rovering, a few story books, and books on history and government.

Each patrol had a corner, in which its hiking kit and thumbsticks were hung. When the thumbsticks were gone, the crew was gone.

Rover Redman also told of Old Country Rover guest houses. Each Rover division has its own guest cabin. Manchester's, 21 miles from the city, was a log cabin with a big stove, cooking equipment, 12 double bunks and two long trestle tables. In turn the various Manchester crews provide two Rovers to act as week-end hosts. These secure the keys and a report form at H. Q., proceed to the guest house early, prepare a fire, and otherwise put everything shipshape.

Rovers from anywhere are welcome. A maintenance charge of 6d a night is made. The two host Rovers are in charge, "and what they say goes."

The week-end programme, in addition to various games and a Rovers' Own on Sunday, may include a "Midnight Hike"—from 10 P.M. to 2 A.M., traveling light.

Rover Tests From the Rover's Viewpoint

Discussing the "Conditions of Membership" as outlined in the Canadian booklet, "Rover Scouts, What They Are," the Assistant Chief Commissioner laid particular stress on the point that the tests aimed to discover whether a young man really wanted to be a Rover, and then, whether he would really make one. It was not easy to be a real Rover, and it was not the purpose to make it easy.

He pressed the importance of the Vigil, both for the Rover Leader and the Rover, but declared it should not be taken without serious thought and a close study of the Chief Scout's interpretation of the Scout Law. "You cannot be a real Rover until you have spent a long time with the Vigil. If your mind is still fuzzy, if you cannot come to a definite decision, your mind is not yet sufficiently mature; you still want to translate all things into action."

It was generally agreed, in discussion, that a Rover Leader could not fully explain the significance of the Vigil until he had taken it himself. A number of the leaders present had taken the Vigil.

Regarding the general rather than definite nature of the membership conditions, Mr. Stiles explained that these were intentionally made indefinite, in order that each crew might debate and lay down its own details. Local conditions would vary for some of the requirements.

As to the three months' probationary service, he thought it could be made six months to advantage. The important thing was to make sure that the candidate had the right idea and vision. "Don't make him actually a Rover until you have tested him out. Let the crew fix the time."

The Question Box

The most important matter brought out in the Question Box discussion was the proposal made at the recent Secretaries' Conference at Ottawa that Rover Scouts who, as Scouts, had reached King's Scout rank, should wear a King's Scout badge on their Rover uniform. The practically unanimous opinion of the Moot was that this was undesirable; that it would draw a line between the former Scout and the non-Scout Rover, and might develop in a crew a "King's Scouting clique." Only two or three votes favoured the idea, the showing of hands being overwhelmingly against.

The problem of the non-Scout catching the Scout spirit was discussed at some length. Experiences of both kinds were related. One suggestion was that the spirit might be caught through camping, as is frequently the case with middle-aged men entirely new to Scouting at the summer G. well camps. The general feeling was that if there was a genuine Scout spirit in the crew, the non-Scout would catch it if he was real Rover material.

❖ Scouting from Coast to Coast ❖

SCOUTS of the 2nd New Glasgow Troop, N.S., hiked to the woods and cut sufficient fuel to heat their headquarters for the remainder of the winter.

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Reversing the usual situation, the 1st Glanworth Troop, Ont., loaned their new headquarters for a Sunday-school Christmas concert.

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Rewarding Good Cubbing

In appreciation of consistently good work as a Sixer and Pack Leader, and to mark his qualification for the pack's first Guider Badge, Cub Jim Snidal of the Winnipeg Soongy-Tay-Ays had an Indian name conferred upon him. He will henceforth be known in the Jungle as Kishinotah-Hoo-Wahyo, the Cree for guide, or "the one who sees far." As a permanent memento of the occasion he was presented with a brief address and his Cubbing record burned on birch bark and enclosed in a leather case, the case bearing an Indian head and pack name written in Cree by Chief Strong Eagle of that tribe.

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An old time box social held at the Scout Hall by the Scout Mothers' Club of the 1st Galt Troop proved a most successful affair. The decorated lunch boxes were auctioned off with much merriment. Dancing followed a programme of musical numbers, etc.

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"There was a Rover Scout present at the meeting, who passed the Scouts in various tests."—6th Edmonton.

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A Good Show and Things to See and Sell

A successful show staged by the 6th Sherbrooke before a crowded audience at St. Andrew's Hall included a Scout playlet, "Goofy Goes to Camp," written by P. L. Lloyd Hayes. Following the platform programme the audience visited sideshows of freaks, natural history curiosities and scout-craft. Candy, ice cream and potato chips were sold.

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Wood carving has taken on with the 5th Reginas, and totems and other good results are appearing on Scout staves.

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Starting a New Troop Right

A group of Trenton, Ont., Scouts journeyed to Stirling and participated in the investiture of leaders, P.L.'s, Seconds and Sixers of the new 1st Stirling Troop and Pack. Numerous parents and friends were present and the visitors were entertained with refreshments. The new troop marked its advent in Scouting by operating a toy shop and sending gifts to 50 settlers' children in the west.

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To provide Christmas cheer to local needy children the Scouts of Ridgedale, Sask., held a bannock, beans and coffee supper which netted \$27.16.

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Swift Current Scouts helped to build a coasting slide for local kiddies and had it ready for Christmas week.

A Fireman's Course for Toronto Rovers

"Through the kindness of Lionel J. Bishop of the Fire Marshal's Department of the Provincial Government (and incidentally Assistant Provincial Commissioner for Rovers), a six-weeks' course on the Fireman's Proficiency Badge is offered Rovers, with the object of training them to conduct similar courses for Scouts. The Sessions will take place on Friday evenings, commencing January 9th"—Toronto Rover Bulletin.

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A number of libraries throughout the country have been adding the Handbook and other Scout books of interest to senior and junior leaders to their shelves.

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A Pack Visit Story Stunt

During a visit by Cub Commissioner Frank W. Thompson to the Soongy-Tay-Ay Cub Pack of Winnipeg, to present the Hesketh First Aid flag, won by the pack's First Aider team, the visiting Akela told of the bears in Yellowstone National Park coming down to a certain spot each night to

nucleus was a Lone Scout patrol. The evening commenced with the regular Scout meeting, the boys proceeding with their regular work in patrol corners while the parents walked about the hall observing and asking questions. A musical programme followed, and a lunch served by Patrol Leaders.

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The Moose Patrol of the 5th Regina Troop has completed an Indian camp model complete in every detail, for the projected troop display.

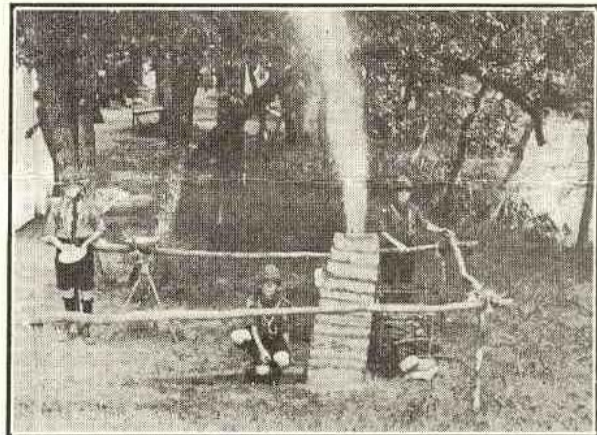
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St. Johns, Que., Rovers organized and conducted a dance for the benefit of the local Christmas Basket Fund, and as a result handed \$72 to the committee in charge. The dance was handled in the best style and was attended by the city's leading citizens.

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A "Drive Shed" Headquarters

What is described as one of the most practical and unique troop meeting places to be found in Ontario was created out of an old drive shed by the boys of the 2nd Stamford Troop, under the direction of Scoutmaster



KITCHEN built for Pioneer Badge at the 1930 camp of the 1st Souris, Man., Troop.

feast on contributions from the nearby hotel, and what happened when an old grizzly suddenly put in an appearance. The pack was then asked to play the story, which was done with much fun. The occasion also was taken to present A.C.M. Saul with his Akela parchment.

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"The S.M. of the 5th (Hamilton) Troop being unable to be present at the opening of this week's meeting, the senior patrol took charge and ran a first class programme, during which time a number of the Troop Committee attended. They expressed themselves as being well pleased with the work of the senior patrol."

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Swift Current, Sask., Rovers assisted at the Elk's Christmas Tree and entertainment by distributing ice cream, candy and cake.

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Soo Lonies Now a Complete Troop

A well organized Parents' Night at St. Luke's Hall, the Soo, draws attention to the latest development of the 1st Sault Ste. Marie Troop, whose

Simpson. The troop is now manufacturing fixtures and furniture.

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"Winter uniform inspection (of the 5th Hamilton) will be taken from the waist up, and extra points will be given for full winter uniform or shorts.

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A Big Father and Son Event

Some 400 persons crowded K. P. Hall for the Father and Son banquet of the three Trail, B.C., Scout troops. Demonstrations and sketches by the Scouts were followed by presentation of badges and shields for efficiency, boxing, best patrols and best Scouts. The Drake Rovers gave a demonstration of fencing and rope work.

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A Natural History Competition

Shields donated by the Rev. C. S. Oke for the best natural history and other collections were awarded St. Mary's Pack of Brandon, and St. Matthew's Troop, at a display held in the First Presbyterian church. Individual Scout and Cub prizes were donated by the church troop committee. A silver collection was taken at the door.



BURCH bark Cross used at Camp Scouts' Own of 1st Plaster Rock Troop, N.B.

Another Winnipeg Sixers' Conference

Fifty-four boys attended the first Winnipeg Sixers' Conference of the season, held at St. Luke's Parish Hall on a December Saturday. These conferences are organized as packs, and are largely demonstrations.

A Colours Presentation

Colours, the gift of two ladies of the congregation, were presented to the 25th Toronto Troop and dedicated by Rev. Dr. Hood, at McPherson Presbyterian Church. Scoutmaster Fairlie received the colours and D. S. M. George Jones addressed the Scouts and their parents.

The 90th Toronto Troop and Pack also were presented colours, the joint gift of the Runnymede I.O.D.E. and the Church Mens' Association of St. Martin's in the Field.

A Cub Peanut Trail

The 16th (Good Shepherd) Pack, Fairville, N.B., followed a peanut trail to "Pirate's Cove," where a treasure hunt was held. A prize went to the Cub collecting the most peanuts. There were games and a marshmallow roast.

1st Galt Raises \$1800 in 1930

During 1930 the different sections of the 1st Galt Troop, Ont., raised for camp and other expenses over \$1,800. Of the 62 members in the two sections of the troop, 38 were formerly members of the Cub Pack.—These were some of the sizable details mentioned by Scoutmaster Wheeler at the troop's big annual banquet served by the Scout Mothers' Club, with Mayor Hilborn, Fire Chief Keyes and other prominent citizens present.

At a troop Christmas Tree party of the 2nd London, each Scout received a Scout Diary from the tree.

The 49th Toronto Cubs have purchased a typewriter, and plan sending in columns of news to the papers.

A Deduction Game

"Next followed a problem in deduction. A section of a room of a house was erected. In this was placed a bed and table upon which were placed articles of clothing, etc. From this the

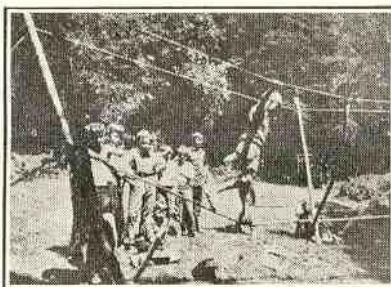
Scouts were to figure out the character of the occupants. The Hawks produced the nearest correct deduction."
—The Fairfield Troop, Victoria, B.C.

A report just received tells of some good work in bush fire fighting by six older Scouts of the 1st Campbellford Troop, Ont., during a Thanksgiving holiday camp. The boys were thanked and congratulated by the fire rangers.

The honour of being Canada's best juvenile judge of swine for 1930, awarded in the contest of the Canadian National Railway's All-Canada Swine Club at the Toronto Royal Winter Fair, went to a Boy Scout, Ivan Macdonald, of the 1st Wiseton Troop, Sask.

A Winnipeg Parents' Night

This was the programme of a Parents' Night of the 8th Winnipeg: Meeting opened at 8 o'clock with flag-break, following which Tenderfoot Scouts went to one corner for work under Rover Bentham, Second Class Scouts to another corner under A.S.M. Handscomb, and First Class to another part of the hall under T. L. Young and S.M. Challoner. At 8.30 there was an exhibition of hand signals, followed by a short period on



ROPE bridge constructed by 29th Vancouverians at their 1930 camp.

the mat. A 9 o'clock came two rounds of blindfold boxing. At 9.20 the troop was called into horseshoe for an investiture. Chaplain E. J. Springett arrived and awarded service stars and badges to several of the boys, and a former Scout briefly addressed the gathering.

An Organ Recital for Hospital Troop Fund

An organ recital sponsored by Mrs. Irving Robertson, wife of the Chairman of the Hospital Board, and held in the Royal York Hotel, Toronto, con-

tributed a substantial sum towards advancement work in connection with the Robert Louis Stevenson Troop of Scouts at the Thistleton Sick Children's Hospital. A Wolf Cub Pack has recently been organized at the hospital.

The P.L.'s and Seconds of the 1st Goderich Troop, Ont., have formed themselves into a special patrol, the Bears, under the T.L.—"to meet after regular troop meetings and train themselves to carry on their work more efficiently."

An Inter-troop Stalking Game

A combined hike of the 5th and 27th Hamilton troops took the form of an Indian stalking game in which one troop defended a certain point and the other endeavoured to pass through the defending lines and capture a flag. "Scalps" were represented by tails stuck in belts. Due to the rocky nature of the country a number of scrapes and bruises provided some practical work for the first aid kits.

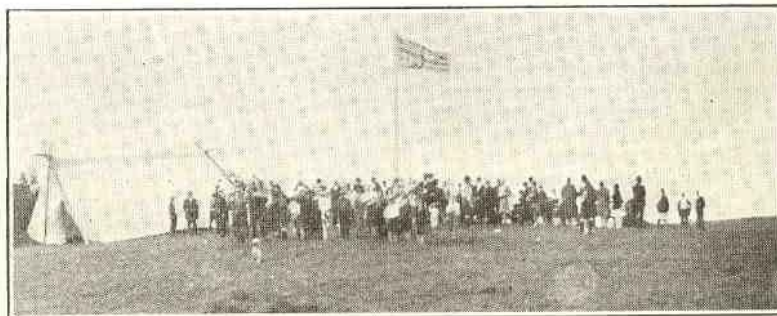
Sisoka Pack, Winnipeg, Man., purchased lumber for each Six to make its own equipment box. This was done during the Christmas holidays and marks were given for the best results.

Another Solarium Troop

Scouts and Guides, recently organized at the Queen Alexandra Solarium, Malahat Beach, B.C., made their first public appearance on the afternoon of the directors' annual Christmas tree, when detachments of each unit formed a guard of honour for His Honour Lieut.-Governor Bruce. The Scouts were presented with their uniforms by Lord Colville and the Guides by the Saanich Guide Company and Mrs. Kinloch. Under Lady Scoutmaster Canavan the boys are making good progress in scoutcraft within their strength; as a special duty they have been assigned care of the large number of flags flown about the institution grounds on special days. The Guides also have been given special duties. Both boys and girls have found a new and stimulating interest in life.

The 7th Fredericton (St. Paul's) Cub Pack has been holding a series of inter-Six recitation competitions.

The Scout column of the Kincaid Star, Sask., is headed by a Scout-head cut carved by Scoutmaster Cameron in linoleum. Items include mention of an evening skating party and Weiner



NUMEROUS visitors came in to attend the Sunday Scouts' Own Service held at Oxbow, N.B., during the 1930 camp of the 1st Plaster Rock Troop.

roast on Pinto creek, when the troop had as guests the girls of the Kind C.G.I.T.

An Inter-city Scout Visit

As the latest of a series of week-end inter-city visits, the 2nd St. Catharines (Knox Presbyterian) Troop, under Scoutmaster Mackintosh, were December hosts to some 70 Cubs, Scouts and leaders from Hamilton. The visitors arrived early Saturday afternoon, and were billeted in homes of the 2nd and other troops. In the evening they were entertained at a concert and a banquet provided by the 2nd Troop Mothers' Council. On Sunday morning there was a special service and sermon at Knox church, in the afternoon sightseeing, and the visitors left for home at 5.30 P.M.

At the annual Wolf Cub rally of the Fredericton district His Lordship Bishop Richardson, who is a member of the district Association, presented a silver cup to the 1st Marysville Pack, Cubmaster MacPherson, for its record of "good deeds" during the year.

Galt Scout Mothers served Cubs with their annual Christmas supper and presented the pack with two toboggans for use on their short winter hikes.

Best Indian School Troop

The Scout Troop of Coqualeetza school, Sardis, B.C., were presented with a handsome silver shield donated by the Provincial Chapter of the I.O.D.E., for "the best and smartest troop of Boy Scouts in Indian schools in the province." The shield was presented by Mrs. A. U. de Pencier and the address by Archbishop de Pencier of Vancouver.

During a hike of the 20th Winnipeg Troop, 18 messages were hidden along the course of the hike. The Beaver Patrol found 9, Coyotes 5, Eagles and Bears failed to find any, and 4 were not located by the Scouts

Lt.-Gov. Bruce Opens Another B.C. Scout Headquarters

THE latest addition to specially-built Scout headquarters in British Columbia is the Scout Log Hut in Comox Road Park, Nanaimo. As in the case of a number of other B. C. Scout homes, the new building was opened by that strong supporter of scouting, Lt.-Gov. Randolph Bruce. A distinguished gathering of guests included Miss Mackenzie, chatelaine of Government House, Lady Northcott, His Hon. Mayor Hall, several members of parliament, members of the I.O.D.E., representatives of service clubs and other city organizations, and Commissioner Ravenhill and other leading Scout officials.

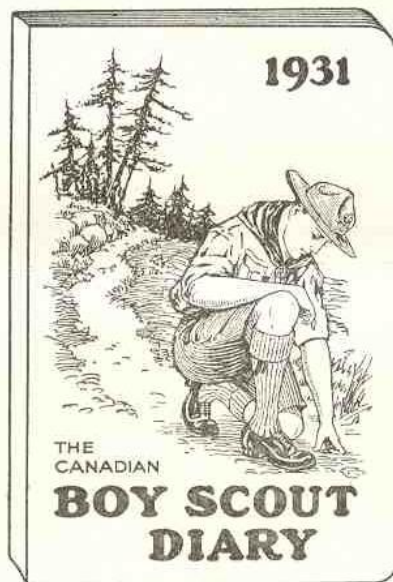
On behalf of the local chapter of the I.O.D.E. a flag was presented by Mrs. Foster, the Regent. The erection of the building was credited in large part to the very active Women's Auxiliary, under the presidency of Mrs. Dawe. The building will also be used by the Guides.

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Keeping a Scout Diary

OPINIONS may differ in regard to "keeping a diary," but there can hardly be any difference of opinion as to the keeping of a Scout Diary, writes A.S.M. Doug Young, in the Scout column of the Kincardine Review-Reporter. Every Scouter should encourage his boys to obtain and use a Scout Diary, because it is not only a diary but also a personal, Patrol and Troop record, a reference book and a log book in a pocket-size volume.

The Scout Diary, in my opinion, is not meant to be a private affair. It is not meant to hold the notes of every movement of the keeper. It is just what the name implies, a "Scout" diary. It should be carried by a Scout especially during all Scouting activities—to the meeting, on the hike and so forth. It is not necessary to recount the many uses of the diary on such occasions.

What I am more concerned about is how Scouters can encourage the fellows to use the Scout Diary. I would suggest that it be used continually in connection with the Troop or Pack inspection. It makes an interesting item for awarding the "special" points. Start right at the beginning. You find a page on opening the book where the Scout should fill in his name and address and other like information. To each Scout or Cub producing his diary at the first meeting in the year award a special. At the next meeting give the points for having the page mentioned above filled in correctly and neatly. Then take other sections of the diary: the physical development chart, the bird chart and so on. Make the filling out of these week by week subjects for competition points.

With this bit of encouragement, point out to the Scouts the value of checking off in the dated spaces their daily good turn records, to enter in advance the dates of hikes and other activities and to make a note, a few days before the hike date, to check up on their equipment and preparations. Then after the hike fill in the balance of the day's space with a brief "log" of the hike.

The Scout who keeps a diary year after year and puts them away, will, in later years have an interesting collection of little books that he will prize, and will leaf over from time to time with great interest.

These are just a few suggestions. The individual Scout leader can work them up to suit himself. But keeping a Scout diary is a good thing.

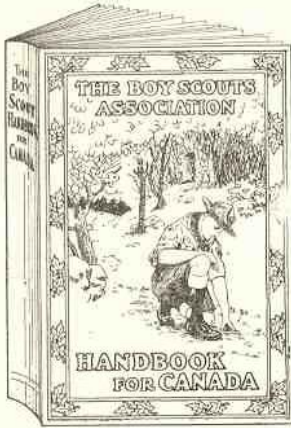
Presentation of a 20-year service star by Assistant Provincial Commissioner Irwin to Scoutmaster the Rev. Canon G. B. Gordon, original and still active leader of the 3rd Niagara Falls Troop, Ont., was the unique feature of the 20th-year banquet of that troop, held in Christ Church Parish hall in December. The banquet was attended by some 75 Scouts and old Scouts of the 3rd and its offshoot the 4th Falls Troop.

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

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A Far-North Radio Investiture

INVESTITURE of a distant Scoutmaster by radio from CKUA, the broadcasting station of the University of Alberta, was the unusual ceremony carried out in December by Executive Secretary Backman of Alberta. The Scoutmaster was Mr. G. R. Sharp of the new troop being organized at Sexsmith, near the end of steel in the Peace River country some 300 miles north-west of Edmonton. At Sexsmith the new leader's obligations were made in the presence of the boys of the prospective troop and members of the Troop Committee, and the responses were received on behalf of the distant leader by the Rev. Simonds of the Sexsmith United Church. The occasion proved a most impressive one for all concerned. The radio ceremony met the difficulty of investing the new leader by another duly invested leader, so that the former might be at once qualified to invest his own boys as Scouts.

Mosses for Scout Remembrance

SEARCH for a scouty form of remembrance for a departed leader produced this mention of mosses by "N.R.W." in the December Scout Rally of Sherbrooke, Que.—

On November 5th one of my Scouts came to tell me of the sudden death of Dr. T. B. Moody, who started Scouting in Bulwer, in 1920. "Should we send some flowers?" I replied, "Let us see what we can get from the woods." So I set out armed with a large basket, and was surprised and delighted at the great variety of mosses I collected in a couple of

hours' ramble—some sixteen varieties. I even found many fresh green hartstongue ferns. I returned and made a circle of spruce boughs, and wired it across in all directions inside the circle, so as to make a background. On this I sewed beautiful samples of moss and lichen, and with the ferns made a nice wreath. We thought it made a scouty token of affection and respect to the memory of Bulwer's first Scoutmaster.

Bird Feeding

MAKE a mixture of mutton fat melted down with nuts, bird seed and crumbs and put in the cracks of trees or hang up in old coconut shells. The mutton fat will harden and the birds can scratch and peck out the nuts, seeds, etc.

An Oak Prayer Desk

AT a memorial service held Dec. 14th at the Church of the Transfiguration, Toronto, an oak prayer desk was dedicated to the memory of the late John Holt, Cubmaster of the 58th Toronto Wolf Cub Pack, who met his death by accident in 1928. The prayer desk was made by members of the pack.

A Woggle-Making Competition

A patrol woggle-making competition created lively interest in the 34th Winnipeg Troop. The prize was won by the Kangaroos, with a woggle cleverly woven of copper wire. The Beavers fashioned their woggles of braid in the patrol colours, the Eagles made theirs of bamboo pole joints, and the Hawks carved theirs from bone.

A Telephone Pole Hut

A new source of Scout hut material was discovered by the 1st Langham, Sask., Troop—old telephone poles. With these a fine "genuine log cabin" was constructed under the direction of Scoutmaster R. G. Pendlebury. A concert put on at Langham by Saskatoon Scouts helped pay for the cabin, and entertainments by the Langham boys paid off the balance. A heater makes the hut comfortable for use throughout the winter.

A Scout Miniature Golf Course

PROFITING by the latest fad, the enterprising 1st Beaverton Troop, Ont., rented the local skating rink in the late fall and for a month and a half operated a 12-hole miniature indoor golf course. The substantial income for the period was \$250, the expenses being \$112. The charge was 10 cents, except for one week, when the admission was made a toy for the troop's Christmas Toy Shop. Two Scouts and a committeeman were in charge of the course each evening. As a net result the troop paid rent for its hall a year in advance, has the golf equipment for future use, and a bank balance as well. Before opening the golf course it was ascertained that no patent rights would be violated.

A Rustic Troop Hall Interior

BY the use of peeled spruce slabs the interior of the 10th Calgary Troop hall has been very effectively transformed after the style of a hunting lodge. Completing this effect, the pictures were framed in split branches, and skin notice board horns and heads and miscellaneous gadgets from summer camps were used to decorate the walls. A large open fireplace and log seats finish the picture. Rustic iron hardware was used for the doors, and windows and doors were given a new coat of green paint. The money necessary for the alterations was earned by the troop.

A Good "Parents' Night"

ITEMS of a well diversified Parents' Night programme of the 10th Saskatoon included these: Construction by the Eagles of a single-lock trestle bridge, over which each boy then passed. Tying and telling the uses of the Tenderfoot knots by the Beavers. A pyramid display by the whole troop, during which one of the Scouts "fell" from the top, providing an opportunity for the Foxes to demonstrate their ability to deal with a fractured forearm, fractured jaw and sprained ankle, the rest of the troop forming a protective circle round the patient until he was borne from the room on an improvised stretcher. The parents then made a round of patrol corners. They found the Beavers in a hillside log cabin decorated with numerous patrol souvenirs. The equipment included a homemade wireless set. The Foxes also had a radio set in a corner fixed up as a cosy sitting-room den lighted by a floor lamp. In the Eagles' corner a feature was a display of the flags of 30 nations. Following the tour a campfire was held, with a Scout-tent background and the boys seated in blankets; there were brief talks, then refreshments.

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Scout Dates

January

Remind every Scout, Cub and Rover to secure his copy of the 1931 Diary and begin keeping the year's records.

Five January Saturdays

For such hikes as: Ski hike—Snowshoe hike—Bird Observation—Bird and Animal Tracking—Tree Identification—Twig Alphabet and Numerals—also an over-night hike or winter camp for older Scouts.

During January

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

February

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