



## The Chief Scout's Outlook

IT is no good pretending that the whole world is always a happy place. It isn't. But you can make it a bit cheerier both for yourselves and others by sticking to it in a difficult way with a grin, as so many of you are doing.

With thanksgiving to God look back upon the joys and progress that you have gained in the past year, and then look forward with good heart and hope to what you may accomplish in 1931. My outlook (as far as a bandaged nose will allow) has considerably improved. So has Scouting throughout the world. I leave it at that, and — I leave it to you.

### Scouting in a School

I have received the following testimony from a Public School Scoutmaster, which I quote partly because it will encourage many of us, and partly because it may be suggestive to other schools.

"While we recognize that one of our jobs is to train S.M.'s and A.S.M.'s—we have produced a large number—we have found Scouting too enjoyable and too valuable to be restricted to the older boys. Our Scouts always have been and still are of all ages, and some boys have been Scouts throughout their school careers.

"Scouting has added a crowd of new interests to the life of the school and so brought opportunity and happiness to many boys. It is good to know that one must not live by cricket and football alone! The Scouts have found out that it is better to be doers than watchers. They have found out too that to be a good leader you need not necessarily be an intellectual or athletic swell.

"Camping, with all that it entails, has brought out the latent love of the 'open,' encouraged self-reliance, handiness and team work and opened up a vista of new joys to the town-dwelling boy.

"Scouting literally has made some of the boys who have found in it opportunities for self-realization not offered by the ordinary school activities.

"Some masters, too, who in a non-Scouting school might look in vain for a chance to do something worth while in 'out-of-school' hours, have done excellent work as Scouters.

"We do not for one moment pretend that we have found the best way of working things, but the following list of some of our activities will at any rate serve to show that Scouting is affecting one Public School very considerably:

- "1. We have camps for about thirty Scouts every week-end during the summer term.
- "2. We run a life-saving class for the best swimmers.
- "3. We take parties of Scouts abroad.
- "4. Our Senior troop takes the Public School Scout Certificate.



*SEVENTY-FOUR* years young  
on February 22nd! May be  
enjoy many more boyish years of  
health, happiness and service!"

- "5. One section of our Old Boys' Club consists entirely of Scouters and Scouts and is now over fifty strong."

### Good News From India

I am glad to hear from India that in spite of the difficulties there the Boy Scouts are carrying out their ideal of service by rendering First Aid at the big fires which took place last year, and also in the direction of improving conditions of life in outlying villages, especially in connection with Mr. Brayne's scheme of village "uplift."

The boys are attacking the too prevalent insanitary conditions with great zest, and this sketch is one which I

have sent to Mr. Brayne for his book written to assist Scouts in their crusade—to which I cordially wish all success.

### Rovering has Arrived

It is just four years ago this month that I wrote in *Life's Snags* as follows:

"The trend of education (apart from the scholastic training, which is apt to be classed under that name as if it were the only essential preparation for life) is to teach the young man to obsess himself with his own interests; to seek the most cushioned seat and to guide his course where difficulties are least instead of boldly seeing the right and facing risks and sacrifices to secure it . . . . My one desire is to rope in the young 'uns to form a national team of reliable citizens. The start in this direction already made by the Rover Scouts gives one ample reason for hoping for a successful development."

At the Moot at Auchengillan last summer one realized that development has come. For years Rovering has been evolving itself. The general outline given in *Rovering to Success* has been tried, criticised and amended to meet many and varied views from different quarters. It has at last been possible to boil these down into a few simple rules on a broad basis for general information and guidance as to principle, and the scheme as now formulated seems to meet with wide acceptance.

Scouting itself began with a suggestion which was then taken up by the boys and the rules were only formulated after experience had shown where they were needed. With Cubbing it was the same story, first the suggestion, then the growth and eventually such rules as were necessary. Both have since gone ahead and flourished amazingly.

Now it has been the turn of Rovering to evolve itself after the same fashion, and the scheme as now formulated seems to meet with wide acceptance.

I should like to heartily thank and congratulate those many helpers who have devoted so much time and thought to bringing about this successful issue.

The Moot at Auchengillan, where over 1,500 Rovers were assembled, could not, on that glorious mountain site, fail to inspire a wide outlook and a healthy fresh spirit to the Conference. I cannot imagine that anyone

## The Scout Leader

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### The Scout Group System

WITH the preparation of the necessary registration forms and a new Scout-Group Committee booklet well under way, it is expected that the Scout Group System, found so successful in the Old Country, will go into effect in Canada during the year.

For those for whom an explanation is necessary: under the Group System each Group, actually or theoretically, comprises a Wolf Cub Pack, a Scout Troop and a Rover Crew, all under the one Scout Group Committee. A Scout Troop without an affiliated pack or crew would be an incomplete group, and the expectation would be that the group eventually would be completed by the organization of a Cub Pack and a Rover Crew.

The advantages of the Group System are obvious—the general strengthening of the Scout-family idea of co-operation and mutual helpfulness; the continuity of interest which helps to prevent the loss of boys between the pack and the troop, and between the troop and the crew; a stronger financial position. As viewed from the outside, the Group System, in taking care of boys of all ages from 8 up, makes a stronger claim for continuous interest and support by the families concerned and the community in general.

As a matter of fact many of our best units in all parts of the Dominion have for some years been carrying on as complete group troops—using the same headquarters, assisting one another in many ways, and meeting together for special events. Undoubtedly this family strength has been the reason for their outstanding year after year success,—including the financing and building of some of our finest headquarters halls.

### About the Thanks Badge

WHEN the Thanks Badge was first instituted by the Chief Scout it was his idea that it be given only by a Scout to a non-Scout, in recognition of some service done the Scout as a Scout. Gradually the practice grew of giving the badge to Scouts and Scouters as well, although many outstanding leaders have never favoured this.

The original idea did not contemplate a metal badge. In fact, Baden-Powell's simple suggestion was that a bit of sodawater-bottle wire be twisted into the shape of a swastika, and presented.

Formerly the badge carried the right of its wearer to make any personal use of a Scout's services; when a

Scout recognized the badge he was supposed to approach the wearer, salute and ask if he could be of any service. Instances of misuse of this right to service caused Imperial Headquarters to delete the paragraph referring to the obligation in the letter accompanying the badge.

The letter now reads:

*"This little badge—of ancient and widespread origin as a sign of goodwill—is tendered to you as a token, small though it be, of great gratitude from Boy Scouts."*

Opinion in England is opposed to the wearing of the Thanks Badge on a Scout uniform, either as an Order or a Medal.

### The Chief Guide's Birthday

WHEN extending birthday felicitations to the Chief Scout on February 22nd, we again note the unusual and happy circumstance that we can include Lady Baden-Powell, the Chief Guide—February 22nd also being her natal day. May she enjoy many more years of happy leadership of the Guide Movement throughout the world!

The joint birthdays this year fall on a Sunday. This suggests a special Sunday Scout-Guide service to mark the occasion. The date probably will find Lord and Lady B.-P. on the sea, on their way to Australia.

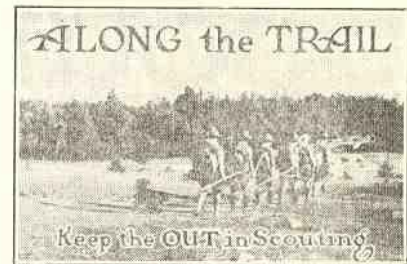


REAL winter hikers. S. M. Longfellow and Scouts of the 1st Dawson City Troop, on a tramp down the frozen Yukon River.

### THE REGISTRATION FEE IS A CONTRIBUTION TO THE STANDARDIZING OF CANADIAN CITIZENSHIP

#### Birthday Congratulations to Our Brother Scouts in the U. S.

CANADIAN Scouts and Scouters will join in congratulating the Boy Scouts of America upon the 21st anniversary of the organization of Scouting in the United States, celebrated during "Anniversary Week," Feb. 8-14. An elaborate celebration programme will include a national "Round-Up" of all former Scouts and Scouters, numerous episodes participated in by groups of 21 Scouts, pilgrimages to places of historic interest, banquets, etc. An Anniversary Week envelope sticker carries the impressive announcement: "Since 1910, 4,491,982 Scouts."



His Excellency the Hon. Mr. Justice Duff, Acting Governor General, has become Acting Chief Scout for Canada.

The Toronto Public Library has placed in its Boys' and Girls' Division 25 copies each of the Scout Handbook and the Wolf Cub Handbook.

The Tenderfoot badge has been made the universal Scout badge to be worn by all Scouts and Scouters in the U.S. when in civies.

The Provincial Department of Lands and Forests of Nova Scotia is conducting a bird-house building competition, in which Scout troops are invited to participate.

The 10th annual Ontario Scout Leaders' Conference will be held at the Royal Connaught Hotel, Hamilton, February 13th and 14th. A hearty invitation to attend the conference is extended to leaders of other provinces in Hamilton on those dates.

As a further help in the advancement of Cubbing in Toronto, three Cub leaders of some years' successful experience have been made District Honorary Field Secretaries for Wolf Cubs, and in the time at their disposal will assist Cubmasters in lining up programmes, with special problems, etc.

The association of Lord and Lady Willingdon with Canadian Scouting was maintained to the moment of their departure. At Rideau Hall, Ottawa Scouts gave them their first departing cheer of well wishes, at Saint John Scouts greeted their arrival, and as the s.s. Montclare drew from the dock shouted a final "Good luck! Come again!"

The honour of first putting Saskatchewan Lone Scouts on the Toy Shop Map went to the Estevan Lone Patrol of seven boys under P. L. Fred Ratson. And they upheld the best traditions of the Lonies by securing and "newing" well over a hundred toys, won the support of their friends of the Elks, and were able on Christmas eve to distribute hampers containing toys, candy and nuts and other happiness-giving delectables to thirty needy families.

The Ontario Lonies are spreading rapidly in Northern Ontario. The members of one new group, the Portage Patrol at Nipissing Junction, were invested by Lone S. M. Gray, assisted by S. M. Nightingale and Scouts of the 1st North Bay Troop. The name Portage Patrol was chosen in commemoration of the fact that Nipissing Junction is located on an old Indian portage over which Champlain and other heroes of early Canadian history frequently passed on their explorations.

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came away from it without feeling that Rovering has "arrived" and is now in a position to bring about that hope expressed four years ago, namely that we should form a great national team of reliable citizens.

Moreover this hope really has been achieved just in good time for the great International Rover Moot which is being arranged for at Kandersteg next year. There Rovers from all countries will assemble and will be able to orientate themselves on right lines for success.

By a further coincidence, the original book of Rovering to Success has run out of print and the new edition, brought up to date, should be published this month.

Those Hats

This is what I have written in The Scout:

"It is very natural to go about in these days hatless if one can. In camp we Scouts do so very happily, and tie up our heads in the dinkiest of hankies or variegated scarves, or even in kaleidoscopic berets. We also rejoice in the freedom of bare legs and bare feet, and we put our staves on one side—in camp: but this doesn't do elsewhere, particularly where there are any public to see us.

"Any little urchin can slip off his boots and go about in shorts and a dirty shirt and wear a beret, and would be classed as a Scout were it not that a Scout is expected by onlookers to be always smartly and correctly turned out.

"And every Scout who is a true Scout will do his best not only to take a pride in showing people how a Scout should turn out and behave, but will also make any slackers among his comrades do the same. It is from the smartness of the boys themselves that the public form their opinion of our whole Movement."

Since writing the above I have had a little further experience of what I have been saying.

I met a small party of Scottish Scouts correctly dressed in kilts and

WORDS by P. Leslie Sara.



Is this a Scout ?

shirts, but with some super-Scottish form of cap.

When I first saw them they had not observed me, but shortly afterwards, when they saw me approaching, their caps disappeared by magic and were hidden away, so that when I arrived on the scene they were bareheaded.

To be bareheaded was better than to be wrongly lidded, but at the same time it left them incorrectly dressed.

The hat is essentially the part of the Scout's uniform which distinguishes him as a Scout.

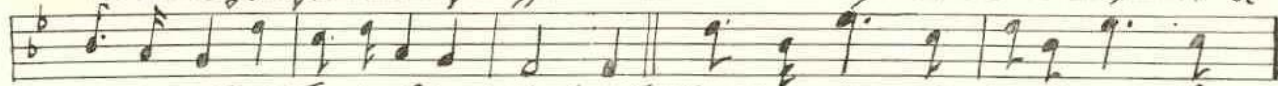
Indeed, a plan has been suggested that where a Scout has proved himself deserving of reprimand, the punishment should be to deprive him of his Scout hat for so many days. Thus a bareheaded Scout would be conspicuous as one who is in disgrace.

MISSIONARY CHURCHES ARE THE SPIRITUALLY ALIVE CHURCHES—THE SAME WITH SCOUT TROOPS

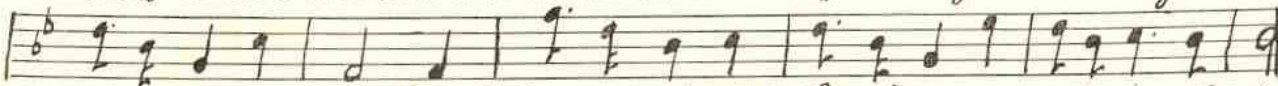
A Toast to B.-P.



Our Founder's name is pledged tonight, By every loyal Scout; Around the World a the worth of his far dream for youth; The world no longer doubts his every Scout be-



loving chain Toasts him with boyish shout. The Chief! The Chief! Bolvard Chief! A comes a man and still remains a Scout.



toast to him we raise! May happiness and health be his for many sunny days!

THE above music was specially written by Sydney H. Nicholson, organist of Westminster Abbey and Commissioner of Music at Imperial Scout Headquarters, London, in February, 1927, during his tour of Canada with the Boy Scout singers of the Westminster Abbey Boys' Choir. The words were written by Scoutmaster Leslie Sara and first sung at that year's B.-P. Birthday Banquet of the 10th Calgary Troop.

Premier Taschereau Opens New Montreal Headquarters

IN the presence of a distinguished gathering of citizens and of prominent Scout leaders, the splendid new permanent headquarters building of the Montreal Boy Scouts Association was formally opened on Saturday, January 3rd, by His Honour Premier Taschereau. The occasion was further marked by the announcement, through Alderman Allan Bray, that the City Council had decided to contribute annually to the support of Scouting in Montreal the very substantial sum of \$5,000. The announcement, which came as a surprise, provided the happy climax of an inaugural that promises a new and rapidly expanding development of Scouting in Montreal.

Premier Taschereau spoke in high appreciation of the Scouting programme. Addressing himself especially to the Scouts present, he reminded them that they were called upon to play an important part in Canadian life. As a practical personal bit of advice, he urged them to "create friendships while they were young,—friendships which would last through life." It was not late in life, he said, that one could make friends.

In appreciation of Premier Taschereau's interest in the Scout Movement, and in recognition of the gracious part taken by him in the opening of the new Scout home, notwithstanding many pressing engagements, the Quebec premier was presented with a gold Thanks Badge. The presentation was made by Mr. T. S. Worthington, one of Montreal's original Scoutmasters. The occasion also was taken by Provincial Commissioner Major J. A. Ewing, K.C., to present a Thanks Badge to Mr. Julien C. Smith, Honorary President of the Montreal Association, and chairman of the special Scout Financial Campaign Committee.

Dr. Frank Adams, President of the Association, occupied the chair.

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MUSIC by Sydney H. Nicholson

## The Bible in the Pack Meeting

LAST month a suggestion was made in the Scouter on how to introduce the Bible into the life of the Troop, in what was hoped would prove to be an attractive way. It is another matter to present the Bible in an instructive but interesting way to a Pack of Wolf Cubs, much younger boys who have hardly started to think for themselves. Imagination takes the leading part in the everyday life of such boys; they are never so happy as when they are playing "Let's pretend." This is particularly obvious, for example, in the various Jungle Dances. Those concerned enter enthusiastically into the spirit of the play; the clubroom becomes a dark forest, and even chairs are transformed into the dens of the jungle animals.

Bible stories, if translated into action in much the same way, can convey a very real and lasting meaning to Cubs with their impressionable minds. The purpose of this article is to suggest one method of introducing the Bible to Cubs in a way deliberately designed to appeal to their special outlook, and to win their hearty interest in its contents.

Let me state straight away that any Scouter who apologizes to his boys for supplying Religion to them is making a fatal mistake. A Bible reading given by an insincere Scouter, or a Bible story related by him, makes at best a poor impression on his hearers, and may indeed do harm. There are far too many Scouters at camp and elsewhere who say something like this: "Now, chaps, we have got to have a Scouts' Own this afternoon. Give the speaker a good hearing. I have asked him not to speak too long." The boys realize at once that something is being forced down their throats, and the spirit of the Scouts' Own is lost. Scouting must be based on a spiritual conception if we are to get the best out of it. The boys of any Scout Group—just ordinary fellows to look at—enjoy prayers, and look forward to the Scouts' Own because we try to talk naturally to the Divine Scout Leader, and also about Him.

Expression work for Cubs is not a new idea by any means, but this form of it is, I think, novel. Last March we had an Indian Exhibition at Acton Baptist Church, and a film illustrating mission work in India was seen by the whole pack. The Cubs were obviously fascinated by the acting of some Indian boys of a Bible parable, and they were very eager to try the same idea themselves. My Cubmaster decided to give the scheme a trial, and it proved to be a great success. I am positive that every one of my Cubs could tell you the story of the Good Samaritan as I shall here describe it. It appeared to me that an excellent method had been discovered of bringing home to the Cubs something of the beauty of the Bible, without their getting the notion that we Scouters were trying to force something down their throats. This is one way, at any rate, of bringing the Bible into the pack meeting.

This expression work may be attempted by the pack as a unit, or by the various Sixes separately, the latter being preferable in my opinion. Each Six should be given a free hand to present the story in its own way, and the Sixer should be encouraged to pick his own cast, get together his own properties, and generally run his own show. Senior Cubs respond wonderfully well to responsibility of a simple nature. Odd Cubs can always be utilized in crowd scenes, which can be inserted with good effect even if not actually in the story. In some cases a "dumb" presentation is the most effective, but it is best to allow the actors to choose their words for themselves, should speech be necessary.

It is essential for Akela to tell the story in simple language, using modern expressions wherever suitable, before an attempt at dramatization is made. The senior Sixer should then be asked to read out the Bible version, so that the correct atmosphere may be created. The Sixes should then carry on in their own corner for a set period; each Six subsequently takes possession of the "stage," and presents its version. At the conclusion of this, Akela should direct the presentation of the play, utilizing the best ideas of the Sixes. This might be done at the following pack meeting, if thought desirable.

It is left to the discretion of the individual leader to choose suitable stories from the Bible. A few suggestions are given. Others can easily be found. Akela tells the story as follows:

### Parable of the Good Samaritan

There was once a man walking along a country road, when suddenly he was attacked from behind by armed bandits,

who sprang out from behind a hedge at the side of the road. They knocked him unconscious, badly wounding him; rifled his pockets, and then threw him into the ditch by the side of the road. Presently a man came walking along this lonely road, and, catching sight of the wounded man, he hurried on, not wishing to be mixed up in any police proceedings. Not long afterwards a second man came along. He went up to the unconscious man, looked at him, searched in his pockets to see if anything was left, and finding nothing, he kicked the helpless man and passed on. At last a kind man found him, and quickly attended to his wounds. After he had dressed them as well as he could, he lifted the man on to the back of the horse he was riding. He took him along to the nearest hotel, and saw that he was medically attended to and looked after. The next day this kind man, who had done a "good turn" to a helpless stranger, gave the hotel manager a sum of money with which to pay the expenses of the sick man. He had, himself, to return home, but he left his address with the manager so that any bill for extra expenses incurred could be sent on for him to pay, without the stranger knowing who had befriended him.

The senior Sixer now reads Luke x, 30-37. The Sixes get to work in their own corners. The story might be enacted as follows:—

A Cub walks across the "stage" or arena with his eyes fixed on the ground. He is attacked by a crowd of Cubs, if the whole pack is taking part, or by several Cubs if the Sixes are presenting the play. The "bandits" conceal themselves behind the chairs or in some such way. They pretend to rob the "traveller" and to hurt him,



THE beautiful window placed in Christ Church, Calgary, by the 2nd Calgary Rangers,—  
 "To the Glory of God and in Thanksgiving for the leadership through sixteen years of the Reverend Charles Horne, M.A., first rector of this Church." The window was unveiled and impressively dedicated in the presence of a crowded congregation.

and perhaps even take off his jersey. The "bandits" then disappear. A second Cub walks across the stage, and seeing the "unconscious" Cub, pretends to be disgusted, sneers, and walks off. Another Cub comes along; sees the Cub lying on the ground; kicks him; turns him over and searches his pockets, and then passes on. There is then seen approaching a Cub astride a "horse" (a Cub crawling along on hands and knees). He dismounts and renders first aid to the wounded Cub (some form of bandaging); lifts him on to the "horse"; and then proceeds to lead the pair round the room, finally stopping in front of something representing the inn in the parable. From behind this there appears a Cub, the "innkeeper"; there is an exchange of greetings, and money is handed over. The innkeeper takes the wounded stranger into the "inn," while the Good Samaritan mounts his "horse" and rides away.

This particular story is very effective indeed in dumb show. Hardly any properties are needed.

Other incidents which could be tackled in the same way are: The parable of the Sower, Cubs representing the seeds, Luke viii, 4-8; David and Goliath, 1 Sam. xvii; the Story of Joseph, Gen. xxxvii; the Visit of Joseph's Brethren to Egypt, Gen. xli and xlv; the Shipwreck of St. Paul, Acts xxvii, 38-44; the Parable of the Talents, Matt. xxv, 14-30; the Story of the Prodigal Son, Luke xv, 11-32; and Abraham's Sacrifice, Gen. xxii.

Scenes might also be enacted to illustrate a single verse of Scripture, for example Luke xiv, 21: "Go out into the lanes . . . and bring in the poor . . . ."

—Kenneth C. Sparrow,  
in *The Scouter*.

### Scouting Found the Boy's "Wave Length"

THE great educational work of Lord Baden-Powell, the Chief Scout, in instituting the Boy Scout Movement, was recognized when Scottish educationists conferred upon him the honorary degree of Fellow of the Educational Institute of Scotland.

Dr. George Morrison, the President of the Institute, said that Lord Baden-Powell had restored to a town-bred generation the power to use its hands; he had re-kindled in it a love of the open air and the simple life; and had stimulated in the youth of the whole world the spirit of self-sacrifice and the practice of discipline.

Dr. Duncan MacGillivray said that they had no jealousy of a layman who brought the real message, and such a message Lord Baden-Powell had given to the world. The Scout Movement was such a success because it met the needs of boy nature. The Chief Scout was a psychologist; he had looked "further ben" into the hearts and the minds of boys than anyone before him; he spoke to them on their own wavelength.

In acknowledging the honour, Lord Baden-Powell mentioned the influence of his mother in early life. The older he got and the further he travelled, the more he saw that that influence was a great one among men.

### A B.-P. Banquet Programme

HERE is the complete outline of a most successful B.-P. Birthday banquet programme carried out by one of our outstanding western complete-Group troops:—

- Grace by the Troop Chaplain.
- Toast List:—**
- "The King" . . . . . Chairman  
The National Anthem will be sung.
- "Absent Friends" (A moment of silent remembrance.)
- "The Chief Scout" { P. L. (Scout)
- "The Chief Guide" { P. L. (Guide)
- Joint proposers
- Responded to by Assistant Provincial Commissioner.
- "Our Sisters, The Guides"  
Proposer P. L. (Scout)  
Response by Guide.
- "The World-wide Brotherhood of Scouts, Cubs and Rovers"  
Joint proposers { P. L. (Scout)
- { Pack Leader (Cub)
- { Rover Mate
- Responded to by District Commissioner.



A number of camp gates appeared last summer, presumably suggested by the many artistic gates of the Jamboree World. This artistic birch gateway was erected at the entrance to the camp of the 2nd Kenogami Troop, of Northern Ontario.

- "Our Parents and Guests"  
Proposer: P. L. (Scout)
- Responded to by President of Troop Association.
- A break of ten minutes, to enable the Rover Crew to clear the tables and the Duty Patrol (Woodpeckers) to prepare the Council Fire Circle.
- On the Troop Call, Troop and Rover Crew will assemble in two lines, flanking the hall, allowing the Cubs sufficient space for their programme.
- Pack Leader will call the Pack into Pack Circle, and give Akela the Grand Howl.
- A series of Cub Games and Songs.
- The investiture of two boys into the Pack.
- Troop will form Horseshoe (open end to Pack), to receive Cub Ireland on his Going-Up. Akela will pass on Cub Ireland to the Scoutmaster, who in turn will hand him over to P. L. Marshall of the Hound Patrol.
- The Scoutmaster will hand a Warrant as Assistant Lady Cubmaster to Lady Cubmaster, the latter in turn handing this to her Assistant, and administering the Officer's Promise.

End of Wolf Cub programme; Cubs will quietly disperse.

The Duty Patrol having lighted the Council Fire, the Troop and Crew will quietly seat themselves; then rise on the entry of the Scoutmaster for the formal opening of the Fire.

While standing: "O Canada," followed by the reaffirmation of the Promise by all who wish to do so.

#### Camp Fire Programme

- "We're all together again," led by R.L.
- "Ikley Moor," led by S. M.
- "Billy Boy," led by Rover.
- "Oh Jemima," led by R. L.
- A Charade by 3 Scouts.
- "John Peel," quartette, by 2 Scouts and 2 Rovers.
- Sea Chanties by Rovers—"Hullabaloo," "Rio Grande," "Congo River," "Fire Down Below," "Haul Away Joe."
- Yarn by Deputy Camp Chief.
- "Shenandoah."
- "Abide With Me."

A Scout Investiture.  
A special prayer for the Chief, for the Chief Guide, for the Recruit admitted to the Brotherhood, and for those assembled around the Council Fire, by the Scoutmaster; this followed by the Scout Silence.

Council Fire formally closed by Scoutmaster. Troop quietly disperses.

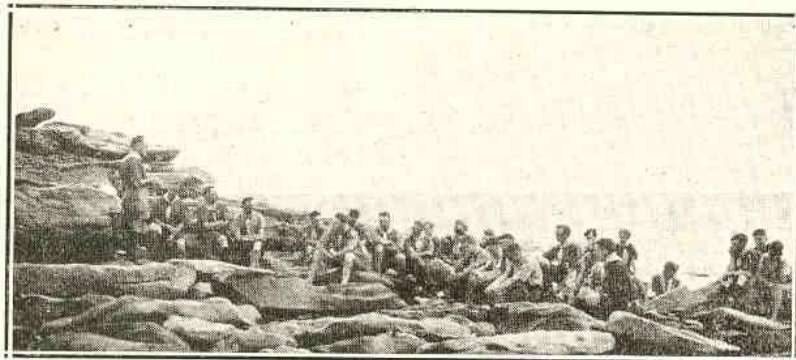
- Rover Crew assembles.
- "Presentation" of a Rover, conducted by R. L.
- Hymn "Fight the Good Fight."
- Rover Prayer, and Silence.

### Toy Shop Echoes

ADDITIONAL Christmas Scout Toy Shop news sustains the story of splendid self-forgetting work of leaders and Scouts recorded in the January Leader. The Toy Shop Chain total was raised to 143 by the addition of Toy Shops at Olds, Wetaskiwin, Edson, and Grande Prairie, Alta.; Asbestos and Granby, Que., Cobalt, Grimsby, Ont., and Kelowna, B.C.

To the Guide-directed shops which did outstanding work should be added that at New Westminster, B.C., under the direction of Mrs. Margaret Heaps, Guide Commissioner of the Fraser Division, and Mrs. R. F. Arnett, District Guide Commissioner. Various nights of the week were allotted the three local Guide Companies and the Rangers, while Guide Committee members were present each night. Brownies made dolls' dresses at the homes of the Brown Owls. Toys were repaired by Scouts under the direction of Mr. James Whitelaw, manual training instructor at the Lord Lister School. A large number of toys were contributed by school children, collected at the schools by cars of the Royal City Cleaners. The gifts were distributed in co-operation with the Elks' Christmas Cheer Effort, and the number of children taken care of reached the splendid total of 750.

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THE Sunday morning Scouts' Own of the 1930 Maritime Gilwell, on the rocks of the seashore. Six religious denominations were represented.

## About the 1930 Scout Camps

**D**URING the summer of 1930 some 500 Scout camps were held in various parts of the Dominion, with a total attendance of 12,500 Scouts and Leaders. Of the 500 camps 296 were issued "Registered Scout Camp" cards by provincial headquarters, an increase over 1929 of 77 camps.

As in previous years, the Camp Questionnaires contributed much valuable information of the kind that is materially assisting in the general improvement of Scout camping methods throughout Canada.

In the matter of camp financing, it is indicated that 21 per cent. of the troops used the Camp Bank system, 35 per cent. raised money by entertainments of various kinds, and 13 per cent. secured funds through waste-paper collection.

Reports on opportunities for individual or public service found during the camping period show that this very desirable feature of summer camp training is appreciated by an increasing number of our thoughtful leaders. First aid and rescue work included:—Saving three children adrift on a raft. Several cases of assisting in search for lost children. Helping at a house on fire. Rescuing a boy who had been knocked unconscious by falling rock. Rendering first aid to a man who had cut himself seriously. Rendering first aid to an epileptic. Stopping a runaway horse. Helping six persons in an overturned car. A number of cases of first aid for bathers.

Service to the owners of the land on which the Scouts were camping included:—Repairing a road. Picking berries. Burning three acres of weeds. Burying dead fish lying on the beach. Piling brush. Repairing a fence. Assisting in pumping out a well. Helping load grain. Keeping cattle out of grain. Cleaning broken glass and debris from river front. Repairing trees mutilated by unknown campers.

In helping others generally, camping Scouts did some of the following things:—Picked up paper on ground after a fair. Mowed lawns. Gave over-night shelter to a party caught in a storm. Pulled car out of a ditch. Took to camp boys who otherwise could not go. Caught rat in a summer cottage. Assisted at an outing and washed dishes. Gave food to a poor family. Caught fish for a sick lady.

Cut wood for an aged couple. Recovered a sunken motor boat and brought it ashore.

Some of the things done to improve the campsite: Built a new bridge over a creek. Repaired box around a spring to keep it free from dirt. Destroyed poison-ivy vines. Cut a supply of wood for next campers. Built a raft and diving board. Staked deep holes in lake to improve swimming place. Built paths. Planted 1,000 pine trees. Built benches for future campers.

One of the outstanding happenings was the successful fighting of a forest fire some 5,500 feet up a mountainside by the Anyox B. C. Troop, after a four hours' climb. The Troop was highly commended by the Provincial Forestry Department.

The particularly scouty good turn of a Toronto troop, of a kind which might well become a general troop summer "project," was the visiting of a sick boy living near the camp, and incidentally interesting him in Lone Scouting.

The outlook of the invalid boy in the country is a particularly discouraging one; and we hope next summer to learn of more such lonesome cases

discovered and visited by camping Scouts. Indeed there is no reason why troops should not plan to discover all nearby invalid "shut-ins," and pay them cheery visits if possible. Let us keep this in mind.

### TOY SHOP ECHOES

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One of the shops not previously reported was Olds, Alta., where the Scouts made 100 new toys and repaired some 200, and 50 books and games. The gifts were distributed through the Elks Christmas Cheer.

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The making of new toys apparently is a developing feature of the work. Another shop reporting such production was that of Granby, Que., which turned out 12 dolls' sleighs, 12 doll carriages, 12 pull-carts and 6 boys' sleighs. In keeping with the idea, red and white net Christmas bags were made by a committee of ladies, filled with oranges, candies, etc.—one for each of the children of 32 families given toys. The ladies also made miniature doll blankets, with which each doll in a cradle or sleigh was covered. Scoutmaster Ball and the Scouts delivered the toys Santa Claus fashion on Christmas eve.

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A Santa Claus truck, "cafeteria style," was the novel method of distribution adopted by the Bowmanville, Ont., (Howard Ferguson Troop) Toy Shop. For three hours on Christmas eve the truck went from home to home, where parents were asked what the little ones wanted, and from the large variety of gifts the things desired were chosen.

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An unusual opportunity for helpful publicity was given the Fort William Toy Shop by the management of the Industrial Exhibition, then in progress at the Royal Edward Hotel. The Scouts were provided a booth where each night toy repairing was carried on, and the admission for children to

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During the Winter

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# ❖ Scouting from Coast to Coast ❖

**A**N amusing game, "Spider Relay," played by St. George's Pack, Winnipeg, sends the Cubs down the room sideways on all fours.

The Dysart Troop, Sask., for fire prevention week cleaned up and put in first class shape the chemical engine which is the only fire fighting apparatus in the village. The joints were tightened, the hose inspected and the engine cleaned and given a new coat of paint.

### Victoria Scouts "On the Job"

A letter written to the editor of the *Victoria Colonist* in December expresses appreciation of the impromptu service rendered by Victoria Scouts during a fog which obscured the streets to motorists. "When motorists were experiencing no little difficulty in driving or being sure of their whereabouts," he wrote, "it was a pleasing incident to be greeted on Oak Bay Avenue by youthful voices from the fog saying, 'Can I help you, sir?' Boy Scouts were on the job."

The 23rd Hamilton Pack occasionally holds a "Tidy Night," when a prize is given for the best dressed Cub.

A boys' choir from the Fredericton Cathedral Scout Troop and Cub Pack is in process of formation.

### Have You a Patrol of Actors?

A council fire feature of the 15th London Troop meetings is a serial play by the Beavers, entitled, "The Galbraith Murder Case."

In appreciation of his services to Quebec City Scouting during the past three years, in part rendered as A. S. M. of the 3rd Quebec Troop, a brass desk set was presented to Rev. P. S. Abraham, on the eve of his departure to assume a parish in England. The presentation was made by Col. William Wood, President of the Quebec association.

Several Halifax troops have entered the bird-house building competition being conducted by the Provincial Department of Lands & Forests. Prizes are offered to the troop making the largest number of houses, and the individual Scout making the finest bird-house.

### West Winnipeg Rovers Debate

At a well attended Moot held by Rover Crews of West Winnipeg at Bannatyne School the subject of "Attached Crews as Opposed to Unattached Crews" was debated. Rover Mate Weeks pressed the benefit of being attached to a Scout Group from the standpoints of permanency, and source of recruits. For the unattached Crew, Rover Knight suggested that such a unit had a larger field for outside service, and could attract to its ranks young men from various sources.

A hike notice in the *Brockville Recorder-Times* urging everyone to

take part reads: "And if you cannot leave in the morning, leave after dinner, and show your tracking ability, as they will leave a trail. Be Prepared!"

### Boys to Secure Association Members

Prince Rupert, B.C., Scouts are planning the organization of a Local Association, and through the kindness of an interested friend a prize will be given the Scout or Cub who through his influence obtains the greatest number of names of adults who will become members of the association.

### Alberta's Annual P. L. Gathering

One hundred and twenty Patrol Leaders from all parts of the province attended the annual P. L.'s Training Course for Alberta held December 29-31 in Convocation Hall, University of Alberta. The young leaders were formally welcomed by the Lieutenant-



*FISH caught in the Grand River provided some of the fun as well as one of the choice items on the menu of the 1930 Easter Holidays hike of the 17th Hamilton Troop.*

*Have you talked "Easter Hike" yet? Time to discuss it with your Court of Honour!*



Governor, Dr. Wm. Egbert, Chief Scout for Alberta, and President R. C. Wallace of the University. The conference was divided into two troops of five patrols each, the "Willingdons" and "Egberts." A very full and interesting programme was directed by Provincial Secretary Backman. One of the outstanding addresses was that of Bishop Gray, Alberta's "oldest Scout." An impressive incident of the conference was the investiture of Alberta's first "Post Scout," William Horne, seated in a wheel chair constructed by himself.

### Cub Star Games

A well-planned January meeting of the Brantford Trinity Wolf Cubs was

made up chiefly of games bringing in tests for First Star ranking, also Kangaroo relay for speed and balancing, and a Tenderpad "knot-tying reminder" relay. In addition there were a few "pure fun" games.

### Fire Hall Den for West 'Peg Rovers

An old fire hall on Willamette Street, placed at their disposal by the Reeve and Council, solved the Den problem of the 33rd Winnipeg Rovers. At the formal opening of the Den, District Commissioner Sadler, on behalf of Reeve Christie expressed the satisfaction of the members of the Council in making it possible thus to further the cause of Scouting in the district. A. C. M. Saul of the Group Cub Pack, the Soongy-Tay-Ays, presented the Crew with a picture of the "Vigil," which was formally hung in its appointed place.

The newly organized Cubs of the Young Judaean Pack of Saint John, N.B., held their first hike to the Glen Falls cabin for the investiture of the Pack's three Sixers. Scouts and Rovers of the Young Judaean Group accompanied the Cubs, and following the investiture ceremony all enjoyed singing and games.

### Troop Committee Secures Speakers

A series of weekly talks by local business men on subjects of interest to Scouts was arranged by the Troop Committee of the 1st Grand Forks,



B.C., Troop. Each speaker was introduced by a member of the committee.

### Troop Visiting and Friction Fire

At a special meeting, held in the Glen Falls Troop Court of Honour Room, at which the new Provincial Commissioner, Grover Keith, and Provincial Secretary E. E. Rogers were introduced to the Scout leaders of Saint John, N.B., a number of district projects were planned. These included inter-troop visiting and the appointment of special friction-fire instructors to visit troops.

Notice in *Oshawa Times Scout Column*: "First aiders, signallers, gardeners and debaters, not to men-

tion bird-house builders, will be given a chance to show their wares in the near future, because all of these items will be subjects of inter-troop competition, if the Educational Committee's programme is approved by the Local Association."

**A Conference Observation Game**

During a Junior Leaders' Conference which brought to Fergus, Ont., some thirty P.L.'s and T.L.'s from Guelph, Rockwood, Mount Forest, Palmerston and Harriston, an observation game sent the patrols out to discover billboard signs in any way relating to the Scout Laws, and to count car licenses that included 3's and men wearing glasses. At the Saturday night banquet Rev. G. A. McDonald of the United Church spoke on "The Relationship of the Church to the Scout."

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

**Scout Diary "Place Cards"**

In appreciation of the extra good work of one Ontario town troop—which included the furnishing of 20 hampers and several cords of fire wood—the boys were given a Christmas week banquet and party. For this, "the tables were arranged in the form of a cross, with a flag in the centre, and each table was decorated with the different patrol colours." For place cards each boy found a copy of the 1931 Canadian Scout Diary.

A silver tea and home-cooking sale arranged by the Pack Committee of the Soongy-Tay-Ays, Winnipeg, realized \$17 towards pack funds.

**A Troop Wall Plaque**

Special patrol competition points were awarded the Hounds of the 4th New Glasgow Troop, N.S., when the Hound P. L. presented the troop with an artistic wall plaque in water colours. The plaque bears at the top the troop name, in the centre a smiling Scout, on the left the provincial Scout badge, and on the right a hunting scene, with two hounds in the foreground.

Ontario's four Lone Scout Troops now number a total enrolment of 238, and are growing each month. The total would be considerably larger but for the dropping from time to time of patrol groups which develop into full troops.

**Has Your Troop Made Such a Visit?**

The interesting possibilities of well planned visits between troops and packs of neighboring communities is being demonstrated this winter in the Fredericton, N.B., district. A recent typical Saturday excursion took the 2nd and 7th Frederictons on a visit to the new 1st Oromocto Troop. At the station they were met by the Oromocto Scouts and escorted to the United Church for a light lunch, after

which the three troops followed a trail through the woods to a cabin being constructed by the Oromocto boys. A number of games, including "Robin Hood" were played, a hefty outdoor dinner was cooked and put away, some hours were spent in work on the cabin, and the party returned to Oromocto to wind up with an evening of games and a campfire. "And so home, by steam car, and everyone declaring it a right well spent day," as Mr. Pepys doubtless would have recorded it.

**Saskatoon Rovers Sponsor P. L. Conference**

A successful Patrol Leaders' Training Course attended by 27 local P.L.'s and 23 from country points, was the fine piece of Scout service carried out by Limbrey's Own Rovers of Saskatoon in December. Each of the six patrols was sponsored by a Rover. Five 2-hour sessions were held, interspersed with a programme of games.

**Where a Troop Magazine Counts**

Extracts read from an old troop publication, "The Hatchet," recalling incidents of past years, provided a popular feature of the reunion dinner of the 113th Toronto (Central Presby-

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terian) Troop. S. M. Norman McMillan was presented with a traveling kit, as a mark of appreciation of his five years' service with the troop.

**A Pack Report to Parents**

A copy of the quarterly statement to "Parents and Friends" of the Sisoka Wolf Cub Pack of Winnipeg covers the entire quarter's activities of this pack, in a way calculated to thoroughly inform parents of just what is being accomplished and what is planned for the subsequent three months. The headings following the introduction cover "General Progress of the Pack," "Financial Statement," "Plans for the Next Three Months," "Can Parents Help?" and a word regarding the troop with which the pack is affiliated.

**Standard Reports for Annual Meeting**

Forecasting the annual meeting of the Sherbrooke, Que., Boy Scouts Association, through the Scout column in the Record, leaders were requested to arrange their reports under these heads:—(a) Strength of unit. (b) Number of meetings held during the year or during period in office. (c) Special activities of individual units. (d) Sources and extent of support from

Pack Committee, Mothers' Auxiliary or Local Association. (e) Expenses and receipts for year, showing balance on hand. It was also requested that leaders unable to attend the meeting have their reports in the hands of the D.S.M. or D.C.M. in good time.

**You Can Always Count on the Ladies**

Cubs and Scouts of the 48th Toronto were guests of the Troop Ladies' Auxiliary at Humewood School, where 111 Scouts and Cubs sat down to supper. Group S. M. Jamieson was presented with a wrist watch by the Auxiliary, and a programme of entertainment by local artists concluded with an Indian Pageant by the troop, the Grand Howl, repetition of the Scout Promise and "the King."

**Operating a Community Rink**

The skating rink at Woodrow, Sask., has been taken over by the Woodrow Scouts and necessary repairs made, and a fine sheet of ice is being maintained. The rink is being operated at as low a cost as possible, for the general benefit of the young people of the district. It is planned during the season to hold a moccasin dance and a carnival.

A gift of books from the Mens' Club of St. Timothy's Anglican Church formed the nucleus of a Scout library for the 125th Toronto Troop. Recently the boys ushered at a social given by the church.

**"Sealed Orders" Hikes Interest**

At a regular meeting the 2nd Fredericton (Cathedral) Troop received "Sealed Orders" which directed each patrol by a different route to the city filtration plant, where Dr. H. H. Haggerman, chemist, explained how the plant was operated. After a scramble for apples, the troop was dismissed. Other similar hikes have been planned.

**A Singing Contest**

A singing contest, won by the 7th Troop, was a feature of the joint annual banquet of the 1st and 7th Chatham, Ont., Troops and committeemen held in Christ Church parish hall. Warrants and badges were presented and the 7th Troop was awarded the C. H. Houson Shield for general troop efficiency.

**A Woodsy Investiture Indoors**

For the investiture of several boys into the troop, the year-old 2nd Three Rivers, Que., turned its High School gym headquarters into a realistic Scout camp, of fir trees, pup tents, camping equipment, camp fire and flagpole complete. With the troop in horseshoe in this realistic setting, a most impressive ceremony was carried out. The local Regent of the I.O.D.E. then presented the troop with a beautiful stand of colours and gave an impressive address on the flag. A display of woodcraft included a miniature log cabin perfect in detail and surroundings, several types of bridges, a camping scene, a knot board of over 60 knots, and a contour map of France. Proficiency badges were presented by District Scoutmaster Jones.



### Troop Committee Sub-Committees

The Troop Committee of the 5th Oshawa appointed three sub-committees to work with the leaders on these details:—The Attendance Committee, to go over the P.L.'s books each month, then check up on absentees. The Finance Committee, to check up on the troop's accounts and audit the books every two months, besides finding ways and means to raise money. The Educational Committee, to see that a proper programme of instruction is carried out, and that the necessary instructors are procured.

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### A Scout Dog Derby

For the third successive year Scout Sheppard Bale of North Bay won the Alvin Miller Cup for the annual Boy Scouts' Dog Derby. Six teams entered the race which covered a course of 2½ miles through the city streets. The winner's time was 7 minutes, 32 seconds. Mayor Rowe officiated at the start, which was made from the City Hall.

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### Turning Over a Troop in Due Form

The formal turning over of the troop property and records was one of the formalities carried out in due form when Scoutmaster Ralph Ritchey of the 2nd Brantford (Trinity) handed the troop over to his successor, Scoutmaster Stower. The log of three successful years under S. M. Ritchey and A. S. M. Shypstone included the unusual record of winning the Ontario Wallace Nesbitt Junior trophy for three successive years and the Dominion trophy for two years. Other items note many kinds of public service, the building of a fine winter hike headquarters at Ebor Park—the Robertson Hut, in honour of the late Chief Commissioner; the winning twice during 1930 of the Chief Scout's portrait for items contributed to The Scout, and a troop roll showing four King's Scouts. S. M. Ritchey and A. S. M. Shypstone leave the 2nd Brantford to organize a new troop, backed by the Canadian Legion.

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### Saint John's Scout Farewell to Their Excellencies

The final Canadian Scout farewells to Lord and Lady Willingdon were the responsibility and good fortune of the Scouts of Saint John, N.B., and the opportunity was met in the efficient style that is becoming traditional at the Winter Port. A smart, up-standing guard of honour, 100 per cent. correctly uniformed, met Their Excellencies at the station, in the presence of a large crowd; and were highly commended upon their appearance.

A gratifying fact was that the providing of the guard was left entirely to the Scouts through the courtesy of the local Cadet units, whose officers also volunteered to assist in any way. The well-worked-out preparations of District Commissioner Boyaner included a rehearsal at the station. An unexpected test of the arrangements came with a serious illness in the Commissioner's family that at the last moment prevented his presence. The

programme was turned over to a Scoutmaster, and went through without a hitch.

### Toy Shop Echoes

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the exhibition was made a toy for the Scout shop. In return Scouts took care of the ticket taking and ushering and other small duties. Slightly over 900 toys were produced, some 600 of which were distributed through the local Christmas Cheer Fund and the Children's Shelter, a large carton of toys and books was sent to a new Indian school at Kenora, and the balance took care of 60 children in the rural districts, through the Women's Institute.

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One of the expert workmen of the Edmonton Toy Shop was Scout William Horne, the province's first "Post Scout." As a result of illness in his childhood Scout Horne retains the use only of his right hand, but by cheerful determination has made himself an ingenious craftsman. Over 200 toys from the Edmonton Shop were distributed in the homestead district west of Breton by Scouts of the new 1st Millet Troop.

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From Moncton, N.B., comes the very interesting news that a permanent Scout Toy Repair Shop may be opened there,—where toys may be gathered and worked at by the boys during



A nice bit of station signalling by a trio of the 19th Sydneys, N.S.—a good flag background, and out where it's really interesting.

their spare time throughout the year. The idea resulted from the donation of a substantial sum for the purchase of a lathe and other toy shop tools by the local branch of the Canadian Legion. Some 350 local children were looked after by the 1930 Toy Shop.

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Brandon Scouts took care of 98 out-of-town families, in addition to supplying toys for the Salvation Army Children's Home, Children's Aid Society, Brandon General Hospital, Women's Service League and Citizens Welfare League—498 children in all. Some 750 toys were repaired and "went out like new." Prizes for the best dressed dolls were given by the wife of S. M. Robertson. A committee of ladies helped with the dolls and selection and packing for settlers' families.

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To the copies of reports made by toy shop directors to District Scout organizations has been added a most complete and business-like report from Manager Linton Tooley of the Saskatoon shop, received from Chair-

man J. H. Sewell of the Toy Shop Committee. Four excellent shop photographs bear out the impression of efficient organization indicated by the report. Over 2,000 children, including those of 126 country families, 50 children at the Fort Pitt Mission and 10 at the Meadow Lake R.C.M.P. Post, were provided for. As to finances, a balance of \$60 was turned over to the district Scout funds.

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This paragraph continues: "These funds were subscribed in amounts of 25c to \$10 by individuals, and one service club donated \$30 and another organization \$100 after some members of the District Council piloted the executive officers of these service clubs through the Repair Shop and showed them the work the boys were doing." The report gives much credit for the shop's success to the support received from the Saskatoon Daily Star-Phoenix, radio station CFQC and the principals of the local schools.

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The 273 gifts distributed by the Cardston, Alta., shop included 42 planes and dancing dolls made by the boys.

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The local recognition of the substantial importance of this annual Scout Santa Claus job, noted in various earlier items, is again reflected,—as in newspaper mention from Strathmore, Alta., that the distribution there of toy shop gifts and of hampers (secured through a Scout "food shower") was made under the direction of Mayor A. D. Shrimpton and Revs. Winter and Brundage.

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While taking care of others, the 1st Asbestos, Que., toy shop Scouts did not forget their own. A generous box of gifts was sent to the family of two former Scouts of the troop now on a farm in Alberta. This practical giving also found expression in the purchase of 20 pairs of boots or rubbers for distribution among some 15 families helped locally, in addition to toys and candy. The shop, which was directed by Scoutmaster Reakes, received generous support from various local firms. Girl Guides handled the dolls.

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Eleven scrapbooks, one made by each member of the company, were sent by the Fraser Lake Guides, under Captain Mavis Sills, to the Queen Alexandra Solarium, V.I. Toys also were sent to the Vancouver Toy shop, and five local needy children were provided for.

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Some 50 hand-made toys were turned out by the 1st Superb, Sask., Toy Shop under the direction of T. L. Street and P. L. Anderson. The toys were made from soft wood donated by a friend, and included animals and birds mounted on wheel bases, chairs, blocks, doll carriages and ring games. The work was done in the local school basement, at a cost of \$7.40 for coping saws, glue, sandpaper, etc. Ten local families were provided for and toys were sent to two settlers' families in another part of the province.

## ❖ The Scoutmaster's Five Minutes ❖

### The Quiet Heroes

LAST summer, while at the controls of his street car, Motorman Wallace Taylor of Toronto suddenly realized, from symptoms he knew, that he was at the point of death. He might have become panic-stricken, and forgotten all else but himself.

He kept his head, and his last action before collapsing was to shut off the power and bring his car to a stop at a crowded street-intersection.

In other words, with death dimming his eyes and numbing his arms, he remembered that his first duty was to his passengers, and he did the thing necessary to protect them and the lives of perhaps many other people on the street.

That same week, in an Indiana town, a gate watchman up in a railway crossing tower suddenly realized that his end was near. Calmly he lowered the gates, so that others might be safe. Then he sank back in his chair, to meet the messenger that would not be denied.

Wrathful and impatient motorists hooted their horns because the gates were down so long, with no trains in sight, but the man in the tower knew nothing of that. He had done his last duty, and passed on.

It is not difficult to perform some splendid, dashing action in the sight of acclaiming crowds. But let us not overlook the quiet, unstudied courage of the man, or boy, who during the performance of an ordinary task is suddenly faced with a tremendous responsibility, and meets it with cool thought for others, or thought of duty. Undoubtedly many such acts of quiet courage pass unnoticed and unsung.

But courage alone is not sufficient. There must be the habit of doing one's duty at all times. Then one is mentally prepared to make the right decision instantly, and see it through.

Let us determine that we shall be mentally prepared, so that should we ever face such a test, we may meet it as the Toronto motorman and the Indiana watchman met their last great test.

—P. M.

### Water

YOU will agree if you have never crossed a desert—and probably you haven't—that it must be a trying experience to spend day after day hiking mile after mile across the flat arid sands,—no shelter from the fiercely glaring heat of the day, no protection from the keen cold wind of the night; no trees of other vegetation perhaps, except a few struggling cactus plants or sage; days without the sight of a single human being, the only visible life an occasional wild animal, lean and mean looking, or a snake, or occasionally a bird of prey poised high in the sky, keenly watching for something to satisfy his hunger.

The most trying of all desert experiences, however, is thirst. Many harrowing tales are told of travellers suffering and dying for lack of water.

Of course there are few waterless regions in Canada. In fact Canada is

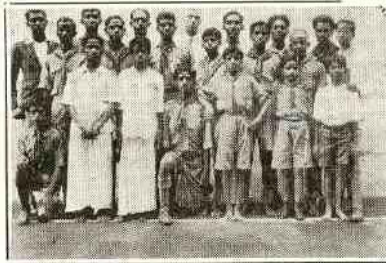
one of the best watered countries in the world. For this reason we do not think so much of the importance of water as we might.

It is a notable fact that practically every religion which has exercised a marked influence in the world has strongly emphasized personal cleanliness by the use of water. Even religions prior to Christianity called for careful washing before entering their temples and carrying out religious exercises. You boys need not be reminded that our Bible enjoins personal cleanliness, as also do the sacred books of the Jews, Mohammedans, the Buddhists and the Hindus.

During the Great War one of the severe trials of the men in the trenches was the constant mud and dirt, the impossibility of keeping clean. When an opportunity came for a bath it was hailed as a heaven-sent gift.

Every Scout knows how braced up he feels after a good bath or swim. Going into the water dusty, sweaty and tired, he comes out ready to "fight wild cats," or eat three plates of beans, a loaf of bread, a half dozen buns, and a whole pie. Life appears new and worth while again, and the hike is resumed with fresh enthusiasm.

Like every other Scout job, a real



SOME brother Scouts of the Central Y.M.C.A. Troop at Madras, India, and (centre, standing) Wallace Forgie, widely known in Canadian boy work.

Scout washes thoroughly; and of course there is no need to remind him that he has ears, and a back to his neck, and fingernails.

A clean body helps to ensure a clean mind, and is an aid to being clean in thought, word and deed,—the 10th Scout Law. This law is of much more importance than may appear at a glance. The breach of it may have consequences which can never be entirely undone. The observance of it will help to ensure a life of health and usefulness and happiness.

—P.M.

### Chief Scout Visits Cripple Scouts

WHEN he visited Reading for the Berkshire County Scout Rally, the Chief Scout, Lord Baden-Powell, found time to visit the 24 Wolf Cubs and 13 Boy Scouts at the Heatherwood United Services Fund Hospital for the crippled children of ex-Service men.

He was greeted with a great cheer from the boys and toured the ward, speaking to each of the inmates.

### THE REGISTRATION FUND IS A MISSIONARY FUND

### Curing a Dog of Chasing Cars

MY dog "Toby," a fox terrier, is a splendid little fellow, but he developed one extremely bad habit, that of chasing cars and motor cycles. More than once he not only nearly brought disaster on himself, but, as well, gravely imperiled the people in the cars and on the cycles. After an exceptionally narrow escape, I decided that I would cure Toby of the practice and the little plan I evolved was entirely successful.

I enlisted the services of a friend with a car. In the back of the car I concealed myself with a bucket of water. It was planned to drive the car slowly past my house, and arrangements were made that Toby should have full liberty to dash out and run after the car. As was expected, the car had barely passed the gate before out came the dog, barking for all he was worth. Up I shot and threw the pail of icy cold water full in the dog's face. Toby was much taken aback and made a hasty retreat to the garden.

On three separate days the plan was repeated and now the dog gives a wide berth to all cars. No longer does he regard a motor as something which provides him with good sport. In his mind he thinks of a car as a most unpleasant kind of thing that, right in the middle of his enjoyment, will shoot out a deluge of water. There are few things a dog dislikes more than to have a lot of water thrown at him and he will take no risks over a matter of this kind.

Probably any dog could be cured of the bad habit of car chasing by following this plan. The great thing is for the one who throws the water to conceal himself as much as possible. Let the dog get the idea in his mind that it is the car which suddenly shoots water over dogs, and there will be an end of the nuisance of car chasing. In fact Toby now is wary even of a standing motor. Recently when I wanted to take him for a ride he hung back, looking with great suspicion at the nasty thing which had a habit of deluging him with water. Only when he had been lifted into the car did he seem at his ease once more.

—S. Leonard Bastin,  
in *Our Dumb Animals*.

### A Moving Tribute

"I THANK God for our Scouts and Guides. There are not only a lot of them, but, although many have reached manhood or womanhood, they are not ashamed to wear a uniform showing that they are pledged to work for God."

With these words Sir Reginald Kennedy Fox, the Founder Warden, paid a moving tribute to the Boy Scout and Girl Guide Movements at the first Harvest Festival Service of the Chapel of St. George and St. Helena, attached to the Dockland Settlement, at Canning Town, which was opened by H. M. the Queen early this year.

**PREMIER TASCHEREAU OPENS  
NEW MONTREAL HEAD-  
QUARTERS**

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The opening exercises were held on the main floor, in the general hall, an airy well-lighted room, 55x75, its walls handsomely decorated with the flags of many Montreal Scout troops.

The new Montreal headquarters, which is located at 1523 Bishop Street, is a roomy three-storey building, with a basement, and provides ample room for the headquarters activities of every branch of Scouting. In addition to the general hall, the lower floor includes a well-equipped kitchen, board room, the secretary's office and the "Scout Shop."

On the second floor is a reading room with a large fireplace, bookshelves and tables; the Badge Examination Room, the Council and Committee Room and the District Field Secretary's Office.

The badge room contains miscellaneous examination equipment, and a number of interesting exhibits. Chief of these is a set of the original parts of the first issue of "Scouting for Boys," loaned by Captain R. Stewart, former Commissioner for Newcastle, now of Montreal; and a cabinet of plaster "tracking" casts. These impressions include the footprints of a fox, a deer, a wildcat, a chipmunk, a woodchuck, a squirrel, a dog, a cat, a snipe, a sandpiper; and, as a centerpiece, a large plaque showing several footprints and the trailing tail mark of a muskrat. The casts were secured by Scoutmaster C. E. C. Rush.

The badge room wall decorations include Pathfinder maps, and a survey map of the Lake Tamaracouta camp site by Scout Tom Birge of the 90th Montreal; also a striking arrangement of wood samples showing, by blackened portions, the extent of forest destruction by fire. The tables displayed signal flags, first aid equipment, a fire alarm box, fire extinguishers, etc.

Numerous trophies were included in the displays in the Council and Committee Room, and what is believed to be the first charter received by a troop in Canada. This was issued by Baden-Powell on July 20th, 1911, to "The Westmount Troop," now the 6th Montreal (1st Westmount).

A display of models included the R-100, planes, yachts, a trestle-bridge, and toys made by crippled Scouts of the Shriners' Hospital Troop.

On the top floor are located district headquarters' rooms for the Rovers, Cubs and Sea Scouts and a room for District Submasters and District Scoutmasters.

**Welding the Nations Together**

**S**PEAKING at a bazaar held by the Newport Boy Scouts Association, the Hon. Evan Morgan said that Lord Baden-Powell was one of the greatest Empire builders he had ever met or was ever likely to meet. The whole country should be grateful for what he had done.

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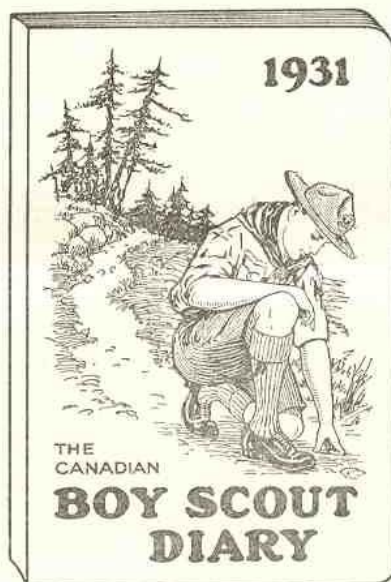
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**The Little Brown Man and the  
Pack**

**L**OOKING down from his lair in the ceiling the Little Brown man in the green cap watched the Cubs in Trinity Jungle racing round having a wonderful time. He knew, however, that they should be working hard, putting up lairs and getting ready for the first Grand Howl. He could see, though, that when the Sixers came in they made most of the Cubs work as they should, and this pleased him. Finally when all was ready and the clock said 2.20, the Senior Sixers, for that time only, called a Council Circle and with a pleasing roar that almost knocked the little man down, the Grand Howl was given. He saw Akela come out and give out Sixers' books and say, "There are four Sixers trying to pass their athletic badge outside with Mr. Logan, so the Seconders will take charge until they come back."

And then the little man, who is the spirit watching all good Wolf Cubs, settled down to watch the meeting continue.

He saw "Soup," and other games, and almost fell from his lair in excitement. Then the Cubs seemed to look at the stage as though expecting something. The curtains opened and a very good Kaa Dance was done by the Grey Six, and the little man noticed Akela go over to a book and write down,—"Grey Six—5 bites for jungle capers."

He saw three new Cubs come, and several visitors. Two of these, he found out, were girls who had been to camp with some of the Cubs and Akela. And he laughed hard when he saw some Cubs trying to pull Ramsay Christian over to see these visitors.

And then he grew very solemn and straightened his cap and neckerchief absentmindedly, for the Cubs were getting ready for an investiture. He stood up smartly when four new boys were invested as Cubs, and took down their names to add to his list. "I wonder how they'll act?" he murmured to himself. Then he saw two Cubs invested as One Star Cubs and one as a Second Star Cub.

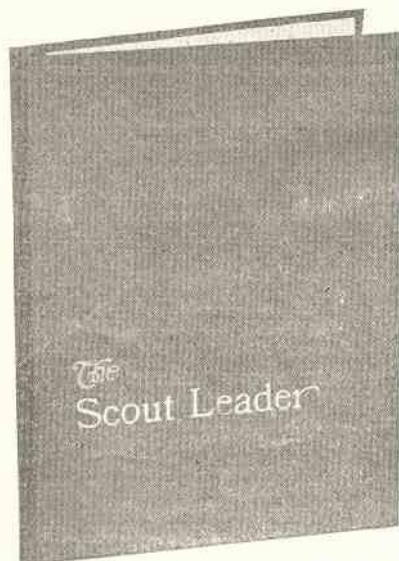
Oh! how he chuckled when he saw the Cubs trying to dance the Kaa and Baloo dances. "They certainly look like stiff bears, but they love to fool too much."

The little man was quite sorry when the jungle was cleared and the last Grand Howl given. But he was just packing up when he noticed some Cubs disappear in one room and some in other rooms. He peaked in one, and there was Baloo helping the Cubs to collect for Collector's badge; in another room Mr. Wanless was given boxing lessons; some Cubs were jungle herding, and the rugby team were playing in N.D.G. park.

"My," he thought, "what a lot they do. They are much luckier than a lot of poor packs that I know. But they sure do enjoy themselves. That singing was fine, and the Morse code is pretty good, too." And he dropped a note into Akela's bag to tell him what he thought. Then he went off to visit some other pack.—re 36th Montreal Pack, in *Weekly Monitor*.

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#### A Composite Four-Night Troop Meeting Programme

- 7.10 Headquarters opened by T.L. or A.S.M.
- 7.15 Duty Patrol arrives and makes room ready, including preparation of Union Jack for breaking.\* Scoutmaster arrives.
- 7.25 Balance of troop arrives. Competition points off for "lates."
- 7.30 Patrol Corners. Roll Call. Inspection by P.L.'s and dues\* collected.
- 7.35 Troop called into Horseshoe by T.L. or A.S.M. Scoutmaster takes over parade. Troop at salute. Flag Break. Scout Silence. O Canada. Good Turn knots out!\*  
General Inspection—Points for attendance, dues, general appearance, uniforms, attendance at church, Sunday-school and Scouts' Own.  
Special Inspection—\*  
(a) Hair and hands.  
(b) Contents of pockets (for usefulness and including Registration Certificate).  
(c) Scout hats and staves.  
(d) Ears; or Scout Diaries for completed records.
- 7.45 Lively Game — (Interperse "Freeze" signal.)  
(a) Foot in the Ring.\*  
(b) P.L. Dodge Ball.\*

## THE DUFFEL BAG

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

- (c) Find Your Mate.\*  
(d) Zig Zag Relay.\*
- 7.55 Patrol Corners—Instruction by Patrol Leaders in test and badge work as arranged by C. of H.
- 8.10 Quiet Game—  
(a) Blind Man's Hockey.\*  
(b) Knot Baseball.\*  
(c) Find the Watch.\*  
(d) Sleeping Pirate.\*
- 8.20 Signalling\* — Messages in Semaphore and relays in Morse.
- 8.30 (a, d) Hand Signals.  
(b) Observation — Outdoor Kim's Shop Window Game or Billboards.\*  
(c) Tracking problem in snow.\*
- 8.40 (a) First Aid,—bandages and fractures.  
(b) Ice Accident Drill.  
(c) Schaefer Resuscitation.  
(d) First Aid — Frost-bites, sprains.
- 8.50 Council Fire—Songs, S. M.'s Five Minute talk. More songs. Announcements. Scout Silence. Repeat Promise. First meeting of each month repeat Scout Laws. Name Duty Patrol. The King. Lower Flag. Dismiss. C. of H.

\*Patrol Competition.

#### A Scout-Directed Town Celebration

Radville, Sask., Scouts' Victoria Day Programme Offers a Fine Mark for Other Town Troops to "Shoot at" in '31.

THE possibility of a Scout organization planning and taking entire charge of a town public holiday was most successfully demonstrated by the enterprising leaders and Scouts of Radville and the "Way-Ben-Mile (Weyburn, Bengough and Milestone) district on Victoria Day of last year at Radville, Sask. A programme designed to interest the entire community began at 11 A.M. with the first game of a baseball tournament. At 12:30 a parade of 150 Scouts, the Radville Club and a large number of citizens assembled at the public school, and headed by a band, marched to the sports field. There an entire afternoon of miscellaneous events was carried out—Scoutercraft contests, track games, baseball, bicycle racing, football, horseshoe pitching. In the evening came a banquet at War Memorial Hall, served by the Anglican Women's Auxiliary, and this was followed by a largely attended dance.

That the efforts of the Scout leaders brought ready cooperation was indicated by the prizes donated. These included a Scout shield for troop competition, donated by the C. N. R. Athletic Association; a first aid kit from the I. O. D. E., a fire lighting set from the Young Fellows' Club, a set of balls, bats and gloves from the Radville

Town Council, and a Wolf Club flag from the Canadian Legion. A medal for individual aggregate in the Scout contests was donated by President E. T. Hargreaves of the local Scout association.

During the banquet, which was presided over by Dr. Campbell, president of the district council, the Hon. R. S. Leslie, Speaker of the Saskatchewan legislature, after an address on Scouting, was invested as a Scout.

The day was planned under the direction of District Commissioner E. B. McKay of Radville. Provincial Scout H. Q. was represented by Secretary W. J. P. Selby.

#### Scout Instructional Service at Schools

A CASUAL paragraph in the Scout news column of a Toronto paper mentions a demonstration of artificial respiration given by two Toronto Scouters at the High Park School, and adds: "Their work was well received and the school principal expressed his thanks."

This would seem to be a kind of service that we have been overlooking; one that might very well be offered school principals by Rovers in particular, and by Scouters, A. S. M.'s and older Scouts. The demonstrations would of course be given only by well trained groups or teams.

Elementary first aid, including demonstration of the treatment of cuts, bruises and burns, would be useful; talks on ice accidents and rescue, monoxide poisoning in closed garages and electric shock, with a demonstration of Schaefer resuscitation.

Undoubtedly such demonstrations would be generally more effective, and attract better attention on the part of a room full of children if put on by Scouts in uniform.

The Scout Leader would be glad to learn of any such demonstrations, and their reception on the part of school principals and children.

#### Scout Dates February

- 2nd—"Groundhog Day."  
7th—Our American brother Scouts celebrate their 21st anniversary.  
10th—Send birthday greetings to Lord Baden-Powell, Chief Scout, Boy Scouts Association, 25 Buckingham Palace Road, London, S.W.I.  
14th—St. Valentine's Day. Hold a "winter sports" party followed by a bean feed.  
18th—Ash Wednesday.  
22nd—B.P.'s BIRTHDAY.

#### During February

Hold a big Scout banquet to celebrate the Chief Scout's birthday.

Continue winter hikes and other activities. Prepare for Scout safety service at skating places on lakes, rivers and ponds during mild weather.