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## The World Rover Scout Moot, Switzerland, July 29-August 8

**T**HE World Rover Scout Moot at Kandersteg is going to be a notable step in the history of the Scout Movement.

Rover Scouting has so far been finding its feet and gradually growing up in the different countries.

Now it is coming out to be a world brotherhood—a brotherhood which, while still governed by the Scout Promise and Law, will be an international fraternity of goodwill and service.

A great responsibility coupled with a great opportunity thus falls on every Rover Scout, a responsibility for proving by his life and doings that friendliness and helpfulness to others can actually become every man's habitual practice.

The result of this, if sufficiently widely developed, will be to promote a new spirit in all countries. The prevalence of that spirit will bring about a firm foundation for the establishment of the Kingdom of God upon earth—through the reigning of peace and goodwill amongst men.

**BADEN-POWELL**

of Gilwell.

**W**HILE the difficulties in the way of Canadian Rovers and Rover Leaders attending the 1st World Rover Scout Moot at Kandersteg, July 29-August 8, are obvious (the problem of leave from business, interference with the summer's college-financing plans, etc., and the direct question of expense) it is hoped that the Dominion will be represented by at least a patrol of Canadian Rover Scouts.

No such sum is available as in the case of the Scout Jamboree Contingent of 1929, nor is there any prospect of the raising of such a special fund during the current period of financial depression.

It has been decided by the Executive Committee of the Canadian General Council, however, that Dominion Headquarters be authorized to assist the sending of a representative Rover party by meeting the expense of a brief training period in Ottawa and by

supplying each member with complete standard uniform and Rover hike equipment, including tents.

Dominion Headquarters will be asking provincial offices to forward a list of Rover Scouts or Rover Leaders desiring to attend the Moot, with a statement of their Scouting history and general qualifications as a suitable representative of the province and of the Dominion; these lists to be received not later than April 15th.

### The Cost

The total cost, including return fare from Montreal to Kandersteg (tourist third cabin, 3rd class rail in England and 2nd class on the continent), and the 11 days in camp, will be \$276.51.

To this would be added return railway fare, meals, etc., from home to Montreal, with stop-over at Ottawa; also personal incidentals throughout the trip.

In the event that relatives or friends of Rovers going should desire to participate in the trip, the stay at Kandersteg for the period of the Moot, including hotel and three meals a day, would be \$55. Any side tours would be added to this.

Details regarding a tour incidental to the Moot, and which would raise the cost to slightly more than \$400, can be secured from Provincial Headquarters.

### Information From I. H. Q.

These details are taken from a booklet of information just received from Imperial Headquarters:—

Food and firewood are supplied by the camp executive. Participants cook for themselves and provide their own cooking apparatus.

### Tents and Equipment

Tents and equipment must be brought by participants. On account of the height, sweaters and at least two blankets should be brought. For mountain trips rucksacks and well-nailed boots are necessary. Tents will not be on hire.

### Demonstrations

Each delegation will make the necessary preparations for organizing a short show. An open-air stage is available. Some individual sports competitions also are arranged, of which the detailed programme will be issued later.

### General Organization

The Rovers of each national Association will form a single delegation.

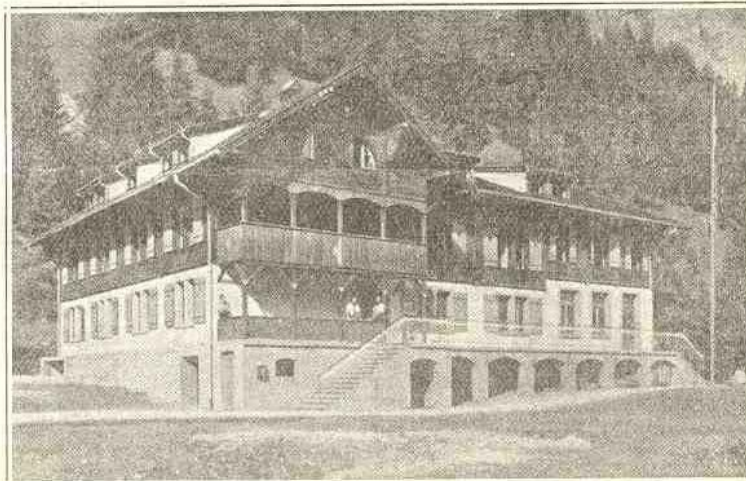
### Final Registration

Must be made before May 1st, 1931, and must be for the duration of the camp, i.e., July 29th-August 8th.

### Chief Scout Will be Present

Lord Baden-Powell of Gilwell will be present and take part in the camp as Honorary President. Walther de Bonstetten, Chief Scout of Switzerland, will be the Camp Chief. Mr. Hubert S. Martin, Chief International Commissioner, will act as President

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**T**HE famous International Scout Hostel at Kandersteg, Switzerland, where the first World Rover Moot will be held. The chalet will be used as headquarters. Rovers will camp on adjacent ground recently provided by that widely-interested friend of Scouting, Mortimer L. Schiff, of New York. Scouts of six countries put in much hard work preparing the camp site.

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### Col. R. W. Leonard

IN the passing of Col. R. W. Leonard of St. Catharines, Ont., Canadian Scouting lost a warm friend, and Canada one of her most public spirited citizens. While Scouts and leaders throughout the Dominion knew Col. Leonard chiefly as the donor of the Leonard provincial first aid trophies, awarded in connection with the Wallace Nesbitt Junior competitions, and perhaps as a generous supporter of Scouting financially, those who had the privilege of his personal acquaintance knew him as one who offered a splendid example of fortitude and of generous thought for others during a prolonged illness. Although unable to leave his bed for some eight years, he maintained his interest in public affairs, especially in the work of benevolent organizations of every kind. Col. Leonard was a true Scout.

### Gilwell This Summer?

PLANS for the summer Gilwell Courses are already under way in several of the provinces. The Ontario dates have been announced as July 7th to 18th, and tentative dates for a Southern Alberta Course to be held at Waterton National Park, have been named as July 2nd to 12th.

Plans also have been announced for the holding of an Akela Course at Ebor Park, Ont., July 20th-25th, with the Chief Executive Commissioner and Mrs. Stiles in charge.

In provinces where dates have not yet been announced, it is suggested that leaders desiring to take the summer camp course write their Provincial Headquarters naming dates within which it would be possible for them to attend, should a camp be arranged.

### This Summer's Camp

NO—not a bit too early to begin thinking and talking about it. Especially from the boys' point of view.

If it is to be your first camp, secure a copy of "Minimum Standards for Troop Camps" from your Provincial Office, and study it with your Court of Honour.

Work out an estimate of expenses. Take this budget to your Troop Committee and discuss it with them. Then plan ways and means of raising money, always keeping in mind that the Scouts themselves should earn the major portion of the required sum.

Troops have met camp expenses by use of the Camp Fund Card, a system of weekly contributions (cards 25 cents per dozen, Stores Department);

by entertainments, waste-paper collection, making bird houses for sale in the spring, etc. (See Scoutmaster's First Year.)

Begin discussing menus. Use the Camp Cooking card. Have Scouts try out a dish at home, then on the hike—each Scout one dish per hike, until he has mastered it.

Regarding tents,—if the troop does not own tents, discuss the possibility of making them. (See Handbook for Canada.)

If within reach, plan an early hike to the camp site to discover how things have come through the winter. This always makes a very popular hike.

### New Oversea Chief Scouts

THE following appointments are announced by Imperial Headquarters:—

H.E. The Rt. Hon. The Earl of Clarendon, Governor-General of the Union of South Africa, to be President and Chief Scout for the Union of South Africa and the Mandated Territory of South-West Africa, and H.E. R. S. D. Rankine, British Resident of Zanzibar, to be Patron and Chief Scout for Zanzibar.

H.E. Sir Graeme Thomson to be Patron and Chief Scout for Ceylon.

H.E. Brig-General Sir J. A. Byrne to be Chief Scout for Kenya.



WHEN visiting camps in Nova Scotia Director of Scouting Limbrey carries his own tea, makes his own cooking fire, etc.—a silent lecture on good camping that always attracts attention. Picture taken last August at George's River, C.B.

### John A. Stiles Now Chief Executive Commissioner

AT a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Canadian General Council held at Dominion Headquarters, Ottawa, February 17, Mr. John A. Stiles was made chief executive officer of the Movement Scout in Canada, and given the title of Chief Executive Commissioner. Mr. Stiles thus takes over the position previously filled in an honorary but active capacity by the late Chief Commissioner, Dr. James W. Robertson.

Associated with the Chief Executive Commissioner will be an Executive Board of not less than five members, to be appointed annually by the Executive Committee of the Canadian General Council.

KEEP IN MIND DOMINION  
REGISTRATION—IT'S  
VALUABLE TO EVERY BOY



A toy shop at Rosthern, Sask., which repaired and distributed nearly 200 toys to local needy, raised the number of shops in our 1930 Chain to 145.

Plans are being made for a Quebec Provincial Rover Moot to be held from Saturday noon, May 22nd to Monday, 4 p.m., May 24th, place not yet decided, but "in the vicinity of Montreal."

As in previous years, Toronto Scouts were called upon to act as ushers at the February opening of the Ontario legislature. A four-column picture of the party appeared in the Toronto Mail and Empire.

Forms have been received announcing the conditions of H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught's Challenge Shield Competition for 1931. Conditions and entry forms may be secured from Provincial Headquarters.

A resolution passed at the Catholic Teachers' convention held in St. Joseph's College, Yorkton, Sask., reads: "3. Be it resolved that the convention recommend Boy Scouting, Girl Guiding, folk songs and games amongst the youths of the province."

Three thousand Boy Scouts rallied in front of the City Hall, Johannesburg, to bid the Earl of Athlone farewell before he left South Africa. Lord Athlone, who, in addition to being Governor-General, was Union Chief Scout, inspected the Posse of Welcome and took the salute from the Scouts and Cubs as they marched past with waving colours and totems.

In recognition of twenty years of outstanding service to the Scout Movement in Montreal and as a member of the Canadian General Council, the honorary Silver Wolf was presented to Dr. Franklin D. Adams, of McGill University. The presentation was made by General H. S. Birkett, Honorary Aide-de-Camp representing Viscount Willingdon, before a gathering of some 800 P.L.'s and other leaders and distinguished citizens at the Annual Patrol Leaders' Banquet at the Windsor Hotel, Montreal.

Scattering reports indicate that troops here and there, particularly those who were put in touch with needy settlers' families at Christmas, are continuing to do what they can to assist needy cases. One Ontario district mailed a number of bundles of clothing to settlers, the Rovers of another town readily responded to an appeal for further help from one of their Christmas cases, and the Bear patrol of a Manitoba troop collected and delivered a good-sized hamper to a local needy family during the last week of January. A new Scout drive for clothing was noted in two Ontario towns.

# The Chief Scout's Outlook

SIR George Newman said recently: "National health is not dependent on doctors and nurses, but on the people themselves." This impels me to remind Scouters that that is what we believe in our Movement. Let us press on with our effort to strengthen some portion at least of the oncoming generation—

1. By encouraging open-air activities and fresh air "fiendishness";
2. By making the boys wise on questions of feeding, clothing, teeth, diet, personal hygiene, continence, temperance, etc.;
3. By encouraging development of body and training in physical fitness through games and athletics;
4. By making each boy feel that he is a responsible being, and responsible therefore for the care of his body and health; that it is part of his duty to God to develop his body to the best extent.

By so doing we have it in our power to do a work of national value.

### Overseas Visitors

A GOOD many Scouters must be visiting the old country from time to time from oversea Dominions and Colonies; but we don't see enough of them at Headquarters. I have had a few to stay with me at Pax Hall to tell me of their progress, their development, and their possibilities in their various localities. But I should like to see far more of them, so I earnestly hope that any who contemplate a visit "home" will let us know at Imperial Headquarters, since we want to see them and to hear their views, and at the same time we would like to be of any assistance to them during their stay in the old country.

### An Interpatrol Horseshoe

I had a suggestion made to me this week that parents might be invited to show their interest in Scouting by subscribing money for the purchase of a silver challenge cup or shield for competition by patrols in the Troop. I did not accept the suggestion with any enthusiasm, but I replied that I had lately seen an old horseshoe competed for as eagerly as any silver pot. Having done honest good service in its time, it is now set up to inspire the spirit of honest good service in others, without expectation of meretricious inducement in the shape of pots and medals.

### Scouting is a Game, Not a Science

YES, Scouting is a game. But sometimes I wonder whether, with all our pamphlets, rules, disquisitions in the Scouter, conferences, and training classes for Commissioners and other Scouters, etc., we may not appear to be making of it too serious a game. It is true that these things are all necessary and helpful to men for getting the hang of the thing, and for securing results. But they are apt to grow into big proportions (like one's own children or one's own mannerisms) without our noticing it, when all the time it is very patent to those who

come suddenly upon it from outside.

Thus this phalanx of instructional aids appears terribly formidable to many a Scouter, while to outsiders having a look before they leap into our vortex it must in many cases be directly deterring. When you come to look on it as something formidable, then you miss the whole spirit and the whole joy of it; your boys catch the depression from you, and Scouting, having lost its spirit, is no longer a game for them.

It becomes like the game of polo which was suggested to me by a General under whom I served. A melancholy occasion had arisen when the Troops in the garrison were ordered to go into mourning. This happened on the very day that an important polo match was to be played. So I was sent as a deputation to the General to ask whether the match would have to be cancelled. The General, with a twinkle in his eye, replied: "I think if you played very slowly and used a black ball it might meet the occasion."

Scouting, as I have said above, is not a science to be solemnly studied, nor is it a collection of doctrines and texts. Nor again is it a military code for drilling discipline into boys and repressing their individuality and initiative. No—it is a jolly game in the out of doors, where boy-men and boys can go adventuring together as older and younger brothers, picking up health and happiness, handicraft and helpfulness.

Many young men are put off Scoutmastering by the fear that they have got to be Admirable Crichtons and capable of teaching their boys all the details for the different Badge tests;

whereas their job is to enthuse the boys and to get experts to teach them. The collection of rules is merely to give guiding lines to help them in a difficulty; the training courses are merely to show them the more readily the best ways of applying our methods and of gaining results.

So may I urge upon Scouters that the more important quest for 1931 is to ginger up the joyous spirit of Scouting through camping and hiking, not as an occasional treat in intervals of parlour or parade Scouting, but as the habitual form of training for their boys—and incidentally for themselves.

### Kandersteg

When attending last year's meeting of the International Committee at Kandersteg, I was able to see what progress had been made with our hostel there.

Some two hundred boys from six different nations happened to be staying there at the time and so the place was in full work and evidently met all the demands made upon it. This was especially the case since the two points in which more accommodation was needed were now being attended to, namely, by the provision of more lavatories and more kitchens.

The new camp ground, presented by Mr. Mortimer Schiff, naturally interested all of us members of the committee and we found upon it gangs of Scouts, stripped to the waist, working zealously to complete it for use. These gangs were of different nationalities, but being practically dressed in nature's garb, it was difficult to determine to which particular nation each belonged, but it was enough to know that they were brother Scouts working in a common cause altogether. Some were digging trenches (in very hard, stony soil!) and laying down water pipes to supply the camp, others were cutting and building roadways through it for use of supply lorries,

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SCOUTING IS NOT A SCIENCE

## Heard and Seen at the Ontario Conference

THE Group System was one of the topics of especial interest at the 10th annual Ontario Scout Leaders' Conference held at the Royal Connaught Hotel, Hamilton, February 13-14. While a number of questions were raised by leaders of "bachelor" units, unanimous and hearty approval of the adoption of the Group System was voiced by leaders who have been carrying on under the system although not definitely so in name. One of the representative supporters was Scoutmaster Wheeler of the 1st Galt Group, which owns one of the largest and most completely equipped headquarters' halls in Ontario. Mr. Wheeler emphasized the fact that the public support received by Scouting in Galt and the standing secured in the community would not have been possible had their Cubs, Scouts and Rovers carried on separately.

Emphasis was laid upon the co-operative value of the Group Council, made up of representatives of each unit, meeting regularly to discuss matters affecting the whole Group.

A successful and popular feature of the conference was the holding of separate unit sessions (Cubbing, Scouting and Rovering) which were immediately thrown open to questions and discussion, without a leading address. Each unit had its chairman, who reported back to the whole conference the substance of discussions and recommendations. This plan allowed of free consideration of a wide range of subjects, and experienced chairmanship kept the impromptu debates in line with sound policy and experience.

**From the Cubbing Session.**—It was emphasized that the standard Cubbing programme outlined in the Handbook and the Akela Course was a complete and sufficient programme for boys 8 to 12 years of age; that all pack activities should be kept within these true Cubbing-age limits; that Scouting activities should not be infringed upon; that Cubbing terminology should be held to. It was recommended that Cub hikes should not include Scouting features; that some other term than "hike" should be used for Cub outings. Members of Group Committees should be brought to realize that Cubbing and Scouting were fundamentally different programmes.

There should be a more general understanding of the value of the Cub uniform; leaders should seek a greater uniformity in this regard.

Cub leaders should keep away from the ordinary playground games and should give greater attention to play-acting, charades, and the jungle dances.

Certain leaders felt that the leakage between packs and troops was frequently due to the disinterested attitude of Scoutmasters. S.M.'s should more often visit their Group pack, and become acquainted with the Cubs, especially with those shortly to go up.

The pack should be invited to visit the troop occasionally.

It was felt that the Group Council (representatives of the Pack, Troop and Crew) could establish an understanding and co-operation that would readily overcome leakage between units.

The adoption of certain Cub Sixes by certain Troop Patrols was recommended as very helpful in establishing close co-operation and friendliness. Those who had tried the method reported it mutually beneficial; the Scout patrol adopted an active "fatherly" interest in its Six.

Regarding story-telling, emphasis was laid on the need of careful preparation before telling a story.

It was wise to watch tuition of Cubs by Scout instructors, to make sure that no Scout instruction was given. The Scout who had gone up from the



ANOTHER Troop H.Q., that of the 1st Lakeview, Ont., made available by a School Board. Formerly the home of the school janitor; leased to the Troop Committee at a nominal rental. Upstairs rooms include a P.L.S.' Den, a Library and a Troop Committee room.

pack made the best Cub instructor. The Cubmaster should frequently remind himself of the distinctive character of the true Cub programme.

Commissioners' visits can be very helpful in keeping Cubbing within its true lines.

**From the Scouting Session.**—Maintaining of the romance of the outdoors was stressed, especially through hiking. The Scoutmaster should not do all of the hike planning; a good arrangement was to leave this to a special committee of Patrol Leaders, the committee being changed after each hike. Each hike should have some definite Scout training objective, and should include some game and fun features. Hike equipment need not be expensive; much of it can be improvised.

**From the Rovering Session.**—It was generally agreed that Rovers should not be "recruited"; that the desire to become a Rover should originate with the young man himself.

Although agreed that the separate Rover den was ideal, it was not absolutely necessary. The crew should have some place to call its own, but this might be a corner of Group Headquarters.

Regarding the qualifications of the Rover Leader, it was agreed that a good character was of the first importance, rather than education, and that a love for the out of doors was of prime importance.

The seriousness of the Rover novitiate was agreed to, and that a full year's novitiate was preferable to the three months' period mentioned in P. O. & R.

The time elapsing between the vigil and the investiture could not be set arbitrarily. It depended upon the individual Rover and his R. L.

The vigil and the investiture ceremonies were very impressively demonstrated by a picked crew under the leadership of Assistant Provincial Commissioner Lionel Bishop.

**Finance.**—The question of finances was dealt with very thoroughly in a general session under the leadership of Herbert Greenaway of the Dominion Headquarters' staff, and these points made: The necessity of a thorough belief in Scouting on the part of all those concerned in the raising of funds. Each Group should plan its financing to fit its necessities. Leaders should keep in mind that the ideal Scout method of raising pack, troop or crew funds is that by the units themselves, by entertainments, etc. The ultimate aim of each Group unit should be financial self-dependence.

**A Gilwell Refresher Course.**—At a luncheon attended by just 50 Gilwellians the question of a short "refresher course" for Old Gilwellians, to follow the annual summer course, and extending from Friday to Sunday evening, was unanimously approved and recommended.

**Forestry Exhibit.**—A specially prepared exhibit by the Ontario Forestry Department included scenes from Ebor Park and moving pictures of Scouts planting trees.

**Scouting Display.**—A feature of the display given by Hamilton Scouts at the conference banquet was a "Scout Stairway to Good Citizenship," the steps, built from the bottom up, bearing the ten Scout Laws in brief form. Upon completion, a Rover ascended, holding by the hand a Scout, who in turn held the hand of a Wolf Cub, and in final tableau the Rover pointed with his thumbstick at a flag, which was drawn aside, disclosing the motto, "Good Citizenship."

Another effective number depicted boys of ancient times, who appeared and repeated the citizens' obligations of their day, to be followed by a Scoutmaster and ten Scouts, who one by one disappeared to carry out the successive Scout Laws. For each Law

the Scoutmaster went to the door, and returned to announce someone in need of help or advice, a certain Scout saluted and offered to take care of the matter, departed, and the remaining Scouts repeated the Law concerned. The last was repeated by the Scoutmaster.

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**Banquet Address.**—That a knowledge of nature always comes before a knowledge of human nature was one of the arresting statements of a most able and inspiring address by Rev. H. M. Paulin, of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Windsor, the guest speaker of the conference banquet. Scouting, he said, "teaches the Scout to see truly the things about him, and to see truly into the hearts of men." The true spirit of Scouting he declared to be "genuine good sportsmanship."

President J. W. Mitchell of the Provincial Council for Ontario was chairman and toastmaster, and the visitors were welcomed to Hamilton by District Commissioner VanSomeren.

An incident of the banquet was the presentation to A. S. M. Robert Talbot, 27th Hamilton Troop, of the rarely awarded Bronze Cross, for the rescue of two persons from drowning after twice swimming for a distance of a quarter of a mile in rough water.

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**Scout Hobby Show.**—A District Scout Hobby Show in progress during the conference proved of much interest to visiting Scouters. Forming part of the show were special displays in prominent windows made available by the Hydro Electric Commission, T. Eaton Co., The Wentworth Radio Supply Co. and Wentworth Motors. These window displays were judged on their value in attracting public attention and explaining Scouting.

### Keeping Things Straight

**A**N item in the January *Scout Leader*, based on a story in a Toronto paper, referred to a prayer desk stated to have been made by the 58th Toronto Wolf Cub Pack in memory of the late Cubmaster John Holt. The true facts are that the prayer desk was subscribed for by the boys of the pack through weekly contributions since 1928.

The moral of this is: When your pack or troop does something that may provide an example for other Groups, send in the details direct to *The Scout Leader*. Also endeavor to make sure that the local papers get the facts straight.

### The Only Cure

**S**PEAKING at Oxford at the annual party of the 4th Oxford Group of Boy Scouts, Sir Montagu Burrows, a member of the Council of the Boy Scouts Association, said:

The present state of the world was not very agreeable or hopeful. They had hoped that the War would bring about peace, but did it look like it? Everywhere there were threatenings of war. The only cure was that nations should begin to love one another, and the whole point of Scouting was goodwill towards men.

### Rovers and Rangers

**I**N my travels up and down the country since I took over, writes Rover Commissioner Walton of I.H.Q.—and I have been able to visit a goodly number of English counties, besides Scotland, Northern Ireland, and the Irish Free State—the subject of the co-operation of Rovers and Rangers is often raised. The Head of Rangers in the *Annual Report* of the Girl Guides writes on this subject as follows:

The world of the girl in her late teens and twenties is one in which the other sex plays an important part; to ignore that fact would be to adopt an artificial position and leave out of account not only one of her chief interests, but one of her finest opportunities of carrying her Promise into a wider world.

There is no question that a body of women, seeing things only from the woman's point of view, give less effective service than they might if working in conjunction with men of the same aims and ideals, who, nevertheless, approach their objective from

these functions have been arranged by Rover and Ranger committees, which in themselves have provided valuable experience in working together, while the social gatherings have gone far to do away with awkward self-consciousness, and restore a healthy attitude of mind which takes the opposite sex for granted.

Service suitable for both branches is not easy to find, yet good work has been done in organizing children's play centres, providing entertainments for hospitals, etc. Merely to bring young men and women together for social amusement is of little value. If co-operation between Rovers and Rangers is to be of any lasting value it will be in so far as it brings them together with a common interest other than the eternal interest of themselves. In touch with one another their work should go forward, enlarged in scope by a broader outlook, strengthened by a richer diversity of gifts.

### Religious Duties and Week-end Camps

**I**N terms equally applicable to Canada, Assistant Rover Commissioner Malcolm Spier of Scotland, writes of the above subject in the January *Scouter*:—

It is felt in some quarters that Rover Scouts who go hiking and camping during week-ends are not being loyal to their churches. It is up to each to decide what is right as his conscience dictates. Rovers when camping or hiking should make a point of attending some nearby church or it is quite feasible for one or two to conduct their own service of prayer and worship—to conduct a Rovers' Own.

In fact, the more individual Rovers discuss religious problems with each other the better. The feeling of shame at present too often felt in the discussion of religious subjects is frequently a great barrier to spiritual development, and everything possible should be done by Rover Leaders to get their Rovers to realize that religion is a manly thing, and something to be discussed with each other and studied like any other subject.

There is a tendency during the winter months to have too many indoor activities, although it is quite feasible for Rovers to go for a week-end or week-night hike or ramble when the weather is favourable. The study of astronomy, bird life, and animal life should be more emphasized, and this should help to get more Rovers into the open-air.

### Additional Correspondents

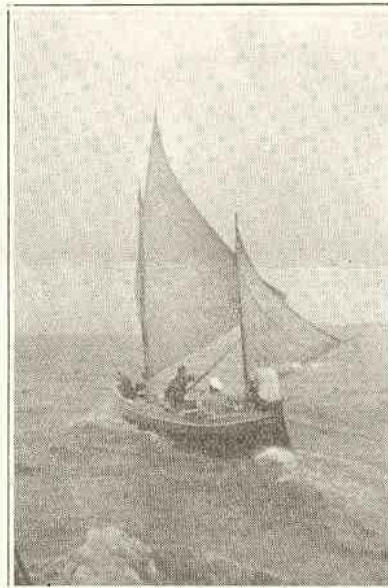
**A**N English lady Cubmaster wishes a Canadian C.M. correspondent.

An English Troop under a lady Scoutmaster, with a Canadian Troop under a lady.

An English Rover with a Canadian Rover interested in literature.

A large number of requests from American Cubs for Canadian Wolf Cub correspondents.

**A VALUABLE IDENTIFICATION AND CHARACTER CARD GOES WITH SCOUT REGISTRATION**



*STILL* sound and seaworthy. The "James Caird," of the 1st Montreal (Royal St. Lawrence Y.C.) Sea Scouts, the whaler that made the round trip to New York by sail and oar in '28, out in a stiff breeze.

a different angle and with other experience to guide them. In a number of places some form of co-operation between Rovers and Rangers has been established, and both branches have undoubtedly benefitted. Divisional and District co-operation has proved most successful, as the difference in numbers makes company co-operation difficult. Choral societies, dramatics, and folk dancing have all been improved by mixed performances; Rovers and Rangers have organized combined meetings at which some good speaker has addressed them, with discussion after.

Debates and papers read by Rovers and Rangers have shown how many are the subjects of equal interest to both, and how much is to be gained in breadth of outlook from these informal discussions together. Many of

## ❖ Scouting from Coast to Coast ❖

SCOUTS and Cubs of the 5th Hamilton attending any of the services at St. Matthew's church are asked to sit in pews specially reserved for them by the wardens.

Each Cub of the 8th Regina Wolf Cub Pack is purchasing a copy of the 1931 Scout Diary.

### A "Games" Meeting

Games played at a good meeting of the 3rd Fort William, Ont., Troop included: Gromet relay, mouse trap, dodge ball, a game in which the Scouts guessed the names of animals described; guessing of two Scout Laws acted by senior Scouts, kangaroo hop, and short individual contests featuring snatch, sparring, Indian wrestling and rooster fighting.

William Burnett, one of P.E.I.'s three Jamboree Scouts, has formed a Rover patrol at Acadia University.

Cubs of the 7th Brantford (St. Jude's) Pack unanimously voted \$5 from their funds toward the upkeep of Indian children being looked after by the Sunday-school.

### Woodcraft Cutlery

Wooden knives, forks and spoons, each set made by the owner, were used at the annual banquet tendered the 7th North Vancouver (St. John's) by the Mothers' Auxiliary. Prizes were awarded for best knife, best fork and best spoon. The occasion also was marked by the presentation of a troop flag by Captain Oakes Chapter, I.O.D.E., and a troop shield by Mr. J. R. Suter to the Wolf Patrol as winners of the quarterly competition.

Riverhurst, Sask., Scouts enjoyed 20-minute talks by local business men on these subjects: "Implements and Machinery," "Splices," "Geology and Fossils" and "Petroleum and Oils."

### Winnipeg Rover Concert Service

The 18th Winnipeg Rover concert party staged an entertainment at Holy Trinity parish hall in aid of the Christ Church Homeless Men's Fund. The concert was repeated at the Mary Magdalene church, St. Vital and was also given in St. Boniface Hospital. The programme consisted of a prologue showing the young Rovers with their dreams, ambitions and talents, a string quartette, minstrels, comedy numbers, etc.

A letter to parents of boys in the 9th London outlined the work and financial standing of the troop at the end of 1930. It recorded excellent progress and showed a good balance on the right side of the troop's bank account.

### Any Such Unattached in Your Town?

Once an active member of a Chatham Scout troop, later a successful business man and Mayor of the city, and now a deeply interested Troop Committeeman of the 1st Chatham Troop, is the scouty record of Mr. C. D. Sulman.

The City Improvement League of Montreal invited local Rovers to act as guides during the Greater Montreal Civic Photo Show.

### A Cub Steam-off Game

A steam-off game, "Back Push," played by the 8th Saskatoon Wolf Cub Pack, is thus described in the local Scout column: To play this game the pack divides itself into two equal parts and stands back to back in a straight line in the centre of the hall. Each Cub links his arm with those next to him, and at the word push each side tries to force the other over a chalk line.

### Cold Meat and Scalloped Potatoes

A "cold meat and scalloped potato" supper, held in Chedabucto Hall, Guysboro, N.S., and managed, served and cleared away by the Scouts, realized a substantial sum toward the purchase of uniforms for the troops at Guysboro and Boylston.



*SOME British Columbia mountain climbing Rovers (of the 1st Trail Crew), just to show the eastern fellows what they look like.*

### Doing it Through the C. of H.

Court of Honour arrangements made by the 26th Hamilton (Chalmers) Troop for their participation in the Scout Hobby Fair included: "P. L. Rodgers to look after the Window Display; P. L. MacFarlane to handle all signs; P.L.'s Johnson and Young to look after the Display proper."

Oshawa Sea Scouts have been working on fine specimens of model yawls at their regular meetings.

### "Rats and Rabbits"

The 5th Saskatoon Pack plays a variation of "Crows and Cranes" known as "Rats and Rabbits." The two sides sit on the floor back to back, so must first scramble to their feet when "rats" or "rabbits" is called.

New neckerchiefs were presented to the Scouts and Cubs of the 22nd Hamilton by members of the Troop Committee.

### Renting Equipment

Certain equipment is carried at London, Ont., District Headquarters and loaned. It was recently announced in the Scout column of the London Free

Press that any group desiring to borrow this equipment must send in an application at least one week in advance, the application to be accompanied by \$1.00, which is rebated "if the material is returned in the same condition as when received."

The 5th Regina Troop has adopted a "Savings Plan" whereby each Scout puts what he can afford into a monthly Savings Account, in order to attend the 1932 Saskatchewan Jamboree.

The Soongy-Tay-Ay Pack of Winnipeg presented each member of last year's committee with a 1931 Scout Diary.

### Canadian-Japanese Scout Comradeship

Following an investiture ceremony in which both the 1st and 2nd (Japanese) Chemainus, B.C., Troops took part, a sing-song, games and refreshments, Scoutmaster Gard of the 1st Chemainus addressed the 2nd Troop, telling the Japanese Scouts that they had been a great inspiration to the boys of the 1st Troop. In expression of the good comradeship existing between the two troops, the boys of the 1st then gave three lusty cheers for the boys of the 2nd, and their leader, Scoutmaster Oshida.

For a game of observation played by the 4th Brantford (St. James') Troop, the boys wrote down all the articles on three walls of their troop room.

### Discharged Hospital Scouts Carry On

Boys of the Robert Louis Stevenson Troop discharged from the Hospital for Sick Children at Thistletown, near Toronto, have formed a third patrol, the Lizards. They meet once a month at the home of their Scoutmaster, who collects them from their homes in various parts of Toronto. The boys enjoy the chance to see each other again after having spent so many months at the hospital. The Rotary Club and the Cheerio Club are the financial backers of this troop.

Former Scoutmaster R. Isaacs of the 12th Judean Troop, Saint John, N.B., and now of New York, has offered prizes for the best all-round Cub and Scout of his old troop over the period of February and March. Rovers will aid in selecting the prize winners.

Each Six of the 12th London Pack was called upon to stage a play as part of the Six competition. No previous notice was given and the results caused a great deal of fun.

### Cub Behaviour at Home, Church and School

"We are going to get a letter from our mother, teacher and pastor (after two months) saying that we have been good Cubs throughout this period. This isn't as easy as it sounds, and we hope we will be encouraged in our ideal."—5th Saskatoon Pack.

A continued story, everyone being the author of a chapter in turn, provided "thrills, anxious moments and laughter" at a council fire of the 2nd Offerton, Sask.

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A guest at the 7th annual birthday banquet of the 13th (Young Judaeae) Saint John Troop, N.B., attended by some 150 Scouts, parents and leaders, was Rover B. Finne, a Judaeae Scout from Brisbane, Australia, in port on the S.S. Canadian Commander.

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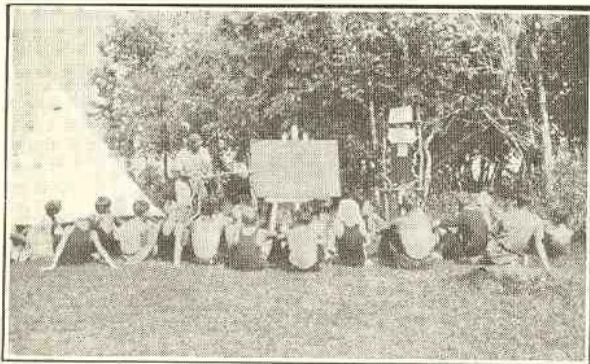
**Troop Debate Try-outs**

In order to select boys to represent them in an inter-troop debate, the 5th and 7th Oshawas held troop debates, with Committeeman Wood acting as judge. The subjects chosen were, "Resolved, that the boy of today is superior to the boy of 50 years ago," and "Resolved, that electricity is beneficial to the human race."

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**Troop Committee at Investitures**

Members of the Troop Committee were invited to be present for the investiture of several boys into St.



John's Troop, Medicine Hat, Alta. Other special programme features included a talk on locomotives by Mr. J. W. Jackson, master mechanic, of the C. P. R., and selections by the troop orchestra.

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**A Scout-Guide Social Evening**

A combined social evening of the 42nd and 78th Toronto Troops and of the Girl Guides of St. James' Cathedral was declared a big success. There were games, stunts, demonstrations of Scouting and Guiding work, refreshments and a good campfire.

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Of the six new troops organized in Pictou County, N.S., during 1930, five are church troops—four Presbyterian and one Roman Catholic. Of four new packs, two are Baptist, one Anglican and one Presbyterian.

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**A Wolf Cub Choir**

A 100-voiced Wolf Cub choir promises to provide one of the attractive features of the Ottawa annual spring Scout and Cub display. Most of the boys are members of public school choirs.

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Games of "Thread the Needle" and "Assemble the Postcard" were played at a recent meeting of the 9th Brantford Troop, "to teach the boys steadiness and self-control."

**Planned Beforehand**

"After Grand Howl and inspection, with a special for buttons, four games were played. The Red Six won French wrestling and crows and cranes, while the Blues won a stalking game and a candle race. The points for the meeting resulted in a tie. The final period was turned over to the Rover Instructors, who continued the badge work tests." —1st Kincardine Cub Pack.

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A recent visitor of the 2nd Che-mainus (Japanese) B. C. Scout Troop was Mr. D. Ishii, head of the Educational Department of Japan.

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**A Good News-Story Annual Report**

An example of a well prepared column-and-half story-form report that must have attracted general attention, and impressed readers with the major importance of Scouting, was offered by the Annual Report of District Commissioner E. W. Spurr, Pictou County Association, published in the *New Glasgow News*, in January. The re-

mento." A "Deep Sea Dance" put on between the third and fourth acts proved a hit. For several years the Montreal Sea Scouts have sponsored similarly high class entertainments with success,—last year the Trinity Players in the comedy "Billeted," and the previous year Ian Hay's "Tilly of Bloomsbury," with Sea Scout numbers between the acts. Attractive programmes printed in blue carried a large number of advertisements.

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**Reminding of the Good Turn**

As a reminder at an occasional meeting of the 7th Chatham Troop, Ont., each boy is questioned regarding his good turn for the day. Should he have overlooked it, a competition point is lost to his patrol.

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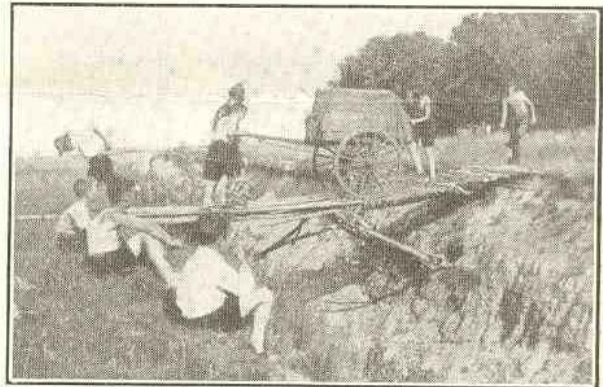
At the month's first meeting of the 9th Brantford the A.S.M. announces special troop activities for the period.

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**An All-Scout Medal Presentation Church Service**

St. Luke's Anglican church, Yarmouth Heights, St. Thomas, had the biggest congregation in its history when St. Thomas Cubs, Scouts, Rovers and Girl Guides turned out to witness, at the regular church service, the presentation of the Gilt Cross for gallantry to Rover Scout Paul Larson of the

At last summer's Gimli camp of Winnipeg Scouts.



THE lecture and the resulting bridge.

vival of one and the organization of six new troops, four new Packs and two new Rover Crews is recorded, and a succession of major activities, including the opening of a new permanent district camp site. The results represent the outcome of several successive years of good leadership, the holding of winter courses in Scouting and Cubbing, and the attendance of a considerable number of leaders at summer Gilwell.

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Toronto Rovers are reported as giving valuable and efficient service at the Elizabeth Street Relief Centre.

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**Montreal Sea Scouts' Annual Show**

"Mary, Mary, Quite Contrary," by the Melville Players, was the attractive comedy presented by the 1st Montreal (Royal St. Lawrence Y. C.) Sea Scouts under Sea S. M. Buchanan at their annual entertainment in February. Between acts the Sea Scouts sang sea songs and chantys—"We Sail the Ocean Blue," "Jack's the Boy for Work," "Bound for Alabama," "Fire Down Below" and "Bound for Sacra-

2nd St. Thomas Crew. The service was conducted by the rector, Rev. Charles James, a former Walkerton Scout. The lessons were read by Senior Rover Mate Percy Brist and Rover Mate Wm. Austin, Jr. Solos were sung by Rover F. Wise and Scoutmaster Ted Langley of the 4th St. Thomas Troop. Rovers took up the offering. The choir was augmented by Scouts. Scoutmaster Fred Scrace of the 5th St. Thomas presided at the organ, and the medal presentation was made by Assistant Provincial Commissioner Irwin of Toronto.

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The 5th Oshawa Troop is carrying on a patrol firebow-making competition.

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**All the Village Will Stand For**

As part of an already planned programme for spring and summer, the 1st Rosenfeld Troop, Man., is carrying on a patrol bird-house competition; and Scoutmaster Feller writes, "We are going to put up all the bird houses that the village will stand for."

### A 12-Month's Inter-Troop Contest

The Oshawa Local Association has planned a series of Inter-troop competitions to be held at intervals during 1931 for the "Ernie Marks Trophy," presented by Oshawa's popular Mayor. The competitions include debating, bird-house building, first aid, athletics, camping, Scouting games and other events which will keep the Motor City's Scouts right on their toes during the twelve months to come. The trophy is at present held by the 8th Oshawa (Sea Scout) Troop affiliated with Christ Church.

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### St. Kitts' Observation Hike Trophy

Judge J. S. Campbell and Col. A. L. Bishop were speakers at a rally of Scouts and Cubs at Memorial School Auditorium, St. Catharines, called for the presentation of compasses for fire prevention essays and the awarding of a Gilt Cross to Scout Leslie Thompson for life-saving and the McCoy Trophy to Scout Haslam of the 6th Troop for best report on the annual district observation hike. District Commissioner Gratton presided and President H. J. Carmichael made the presentations.

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A January get-together of the Winnipeg Akela Course of 1930 took the form of a snowshoe tramp and a scouty evening at a log cabin, when "a good time was had."

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### Scout Hands Across the Border

On Sunday, February 8, the 21st Birthday Sunday of the Boy Scouts of America, messages of congratulation and good wishes were carried across the imaginary line by Scouts of Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., to the Scouts at Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.; by Sarnia Scouts to the Scouts of Port Huron, Mich.; by Windsor Scouts to Detroit Headquarters; by Bridgeburg Scouts to both the Buffalo and the Erie County Councils; by Niagara Falls, Ont., Scouts to those at Niagara Falls, N.Y., and by the 1st Prescott Troop to the St. Lawrence County Council Headquarters at Ogdensburg, N.Y.

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### The Robert Louis Stevenson Troop Investiture

At a memorable ceremony, carried out in all due form, although some of the boys lay on their backs in bed, the Robert Louis Stevenson Post Troop was on February 7th formally brought into existence at the Thistle-town branch of the Toronto Sick Children's Hospital, when 21 boy patients who had passed their Tenderfoot tests took the obligation which made them members of the great world brotherhood of Scouts. The occasion marked the consummation of a project initiated last fall by Scoutmaster H. Willinegger and carried through with the backing of the Toronto Rotary and Cheerio Clubs. After the investiture the boys in great delight donned their new uniforms, bought with the proceeds of a concert arranged at the Royal York Hotel. Scoutmaster Willinegger was assisted in the ceremony by Patrol Leader McCormack of the 26th Toronto Troop.

### Another Winnipeg Rover Den Opening

The importance attached to the formal opening of Winnipeg Rover dens was again reflected in the programme carried out in connection with the dedication of the den of the 17th Rover Crew in St. Matthew's Church. The actual opening, which included the unfurling of the Union Jack and the presentation of the Flag of St. George by Cubmaster H. M. Smith of the Group Cub Pack, was accompanied by addresses by District Commissioner Sadler and Rev. G. S. Despard, the crew's Honorary R. L., and the hanging in place of a picture of "The Vigil" by former District Commissioner Saul. During a programme in the Sunday-school hall, Rabbi Frank spoke on Scouting as one of the world's unifying forces, President R. G. Persse of the Manitoba Association spoke of Scouting in "world peace leadership,"

to sort clothing. Filled small bags from bulk donations of potatoes. Delivered an emergency Saturday circular letter regarding unemployment to 49 city churches. At the Maritime Skating Championships the Scouts sold programmes for the benefit of the Protestant Orphan's Home.

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### Special Hike Points for Friction Fire

From a hike notice of the 1st Ste. Anne de Bellevue, Que.—"To encourage friction fire lighting 25 points will be given to each Scout who cooks his meals on a fire lighted by friction with his own set, or 50 points if materials are cut on the site."—"It would be a fine thing if this troop could state that it could leave all matches behind, and go out on a hike and cook its meals."

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### Board of Education Provides H. Q.

An old two-storey fire hall standing in the public school grounds was renovated and equipped by the New Toronto Board of Education and leased at a nominal rental to the 1st New Toronto Troop and Pack. On the occasion of the opening and dedication of the hall it was stated that the Board unanimously agreed to do this as a recognition of the educational and character-training work accomplished with the boys of the community through Scouting by Scoutmaster A. E. Bowyer.

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### A Church's Tribute to its Scouts

The following tribute to the 8th Sarnia troop appeared in the souvenir programme of the opening and dedication services of the new Canon Davis Memorial Church, Sarnia, by which the troop is sponsored. "The Scout work has gone on rapidly, and is most gratifying. Church parades are held frequently, thrift and usefulness is encouraged, and much good work is accomplished. A splendid Christmas cheer work has been done in collecting, repairing and distributing toys. The boys also worked most faithfully on the construction of the new church basement and are deserving of hearty gratitude which the officers of the church hereby extend to them. They are kindly contributing two new offertory plates for the new church."

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### A Pack "Parents' Afternoon"

The diverse programme of a very successful Saturday "Parents' Afternoon" of the 75th Montreal (St. Matthias' Westmount) Wolf Cub Pack comprised scenes from the Jungle Book, interpretation of a Good Turn and "Kindness to Animals," games in which the parents joined, a campfire sing-song, some explanations of Cub Star work from the Cub play, "Up the Cubbing Ladder," and an investiture. Following this ceremony Akela Maggs invited the parents to co-operate by making themselves conversant with Cubbing principles and encouraging their boys by occasional tactful reminders. As thanks to the ladies supplying the refreshments the pack was led in the Grand Howl by Mr. Jackson Dodds. The afternoon closed with the National Anthem, played by one of the Cubs.

COOKING TESTS		
To be passed before June 1, 1931.		
Article	Cooked O.K.	Signed
1 Oatmeal		
2 Hunters' Stew.		
3 Potatoes (2 styles)		
4 Eggs (2 styles)		
5 Bacon		
6 Beans		
7 Bannock		
8 Steak		
9 Sausage		
10 Fish		
11 Roast, or Pot Roast		
12 Prunes, Apricots, or Dried Apples		
13 Tea		
14 Cocoa		
15 Coffee		

*HAVE these passed, at least by your P.L.'s and Seconds, at home, and then as many as possible during Saturday hikes, and you'll have no difficulty with your Patrol System cooking of this summer's camp. The card can be made out on a typewriter. Several districts have had them printed.*

and Provincial Rover Commissioner Steinkopf, recently returned from the Orient, told of the Movement in China and Japan. R. L. Eatough sketched the history of the troop, which had had headquarters in St. Matthew's church for 16 years, and noted that the troop and pack now consisted of two full-sized units, and that the 17th had turned out 21 young men who have received warrants as leaders.

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### Helping Welfare Bureaus

Saint John Scouts, N.B., found these opportunities of helping in the relief work of the local Family Welfare Bureau: Collected parcels and clothing. At Welfare Headquarters, put up lines in the basement and helped



**A Rover "Roman Holiday"**

"A Roman Holiday," the St. Valentine's Day celebration of Rovers and lady friends of Montreal, provided a most enjoyable evening of fun and dancing. The invitations sent out "from Ye Emperor Julius J. Caesar" invited all concerned to "Ye coliseum, to celebrate ye Feast of Lupercal," and to "wear ye best toga." Those not possessing genuine togas were to bring white sheets. A spectacle dividing the dance programme into two sections comprised the arrival of Caesar, duly preceded by heralds; a chariot race, a gladiatorial combat; a trial and the judgment of Caesar that the culprit, found guilty of partaking of "garlicus," be thrown to the lions, "and may ye gods have mercy on ye lions," and finally the arrival of a slave-borne rug, which unrolled to reveal Cleopatra, who proceeded to demonstrate a Rover's idea of how that famous beauty performed the Dance of Seven Veils, "with five mis-sing."

**A Windsor Colours Dedication**

In the presence of a capacity congregation, including Cubs, Guides and Brownies, flags presented by the Scout Mothers' Auxiliary were presented to the 25th Border Cities Troop at the new Westminster United Church and dedicated by the Rev. C. D. Farquharson "To the honour and glory of God and to the edification, discipline and uses of the 25th Troop." The flags were presented at the chancel by Mrs. Hogarth, President of the Mothers' Auxiliary. A badge as Chaplain of the troop was presented to the pastor by District Commissioner Col. E. S. Wigle. As evidence of its practical interest in the new church, the troop has contributed \$100 to the building fund.

**Old Boys in Former Patrols at Sydney Reunion**

A 15th anniversary reunion of the 1st Sydney, N.S., Troop brought together some 90 present and former Scouts at Christ Church Parish Hall. Old boys joined their former patrols, and the meeting opened with the usual ceremony. Letters and telegrams were received from a long list of those unable to be present. A review of the troop records showed 243 boys enrolled and invested as Scouts, of which 35 attained First Class rank and 18 King's Scout, and mentioned a number now active as Scoutmasters or Assistants in Sydney and other places, including cities in the United States. The reunion closed with the renewing of the Scout Promise to Scoutmaster (and District Commissioner) W. C. Carter. During the evening a portrait of himself in colours was presented to the Scoutmaster.

**Scout International Day at Falls**

In celebration of International Day of the 21st Anniversary Week of the Boy Scouts of America 250 Scouts from Niagara Falls, N.Y., spent an evening with the 1st Niagara Falls, Ont., (St. Andrew's) Troop. As a souvenir S.M. Smith of the Canadian trouper presented the visitors with a Union Jack, to be used on future visits.

**The World Rover Moot**

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of the Camp Council, which will include Lt.-Col. Granville Walton, President of the Rover Conference; Rev. Fr. J. Jacobs, International Commissioner for Catholic Religious Services, and Rev. Pat Leonard, International Commissioner for Protestant Religious Services.

**A Conference—Not a Rally**

A circular to Old Country Rovers from the leader of the British contingent, E. G. Godfrey-Faussett, offers further information and a number of valuable hints:—

To begin with, the meeting is a World Rover Scout Conference, not a Rally, and still less a joy-ride. We shall have Rovers from all over the world, and from several nations that are just starting them, so that it is up to us to produce really good and efficient samples from the British Empire.

This is not to say that it won't be fun; I am sure it will. Some of us will be crossing the Channel for the first time; the journey out as arranged gives us Switzerland by daylight, and the views from the railway between Basle and Kandersteg are almost worth going out for alone.

The intention at present (for Old Country Rovers) is to assemble in London on Monday, 27th July, sleeping in some Hall—night travellers from the North arriving early on Tuesday morning. This will give the Leaders a chance of getting together their temporary Crews, of 100 each. Breakfast in London, special trains about 10 a. m. to Tilbury, special boats to Dunkirk, special trains to Kandersteg, arriving about 11 a.m. on Wednesday 29th. This will give us time to pitch

camp before dark. Arriving back in London about 3 p.m. on Sunday, 9th August.

So we want from you—

1. The complete Rover's hiking turn out. Hat and thumb-stick of course. Rucksack, and what you can carry in your hand, to include all your kit. Plate, mug, knife, fork and spoon packed so that they will be available on the journey. Waterproof coat essential. All packages marked with your name, and with the letter of your temporary Crew.
2. Correct dress. Rover Scouts who hold warrants in other sections are asked to dress as Rovers.
3. Patrols of 3, 4, or 5, made up as you please. Messing and cooking by patrols, as then small billies and fry-pans are sufficient. Tenting singly or in pairs, as light tents can easily be carried.
4. Groundsheets, of course, essential. It can be very cold, and quite suddenly so, so that at least two blankets are strongly recommended.
5. The ground is hard, and in places stony. The Swiss will issue straw, and we are arranging for palliasses, the hire of which will cost you 1/6. Bring a ball of string, so that you can use stones instead of tent pegs if necessary.
6. Our hosts are prepared to issue wood for cooking, but it is not easy to obtain this, and they would prefer to issue oil. So a primus stove to each patrol is very desirable, though not essential.
7. Nailed boots or shoes for those who will go on excursions and a spike in your thumbstick which should be a stout one. These trips are a great feature, and are well worth doing.
8. A bathing suit for those who want a swim in the baths (price 2d).



*THE Court of Honour room and Rover Den of the 23rd Saint John (Glens Falls) Group, from a sketch by Rover Bersudsky of the 13th Saint John (Young Judaea) Crew. The furnishings include a "round table", pictures of the "Pathfinder," the Chief Scout and the Prince of Wales, and the 23rd Group Pack and Troop flags and Union Jack. The room was constructed by the Rovers at a corner of the Lodge. The doors and windows were secured from an office building being dismantled.*

## ❖ The Scoutmaster's Five Minutes ❖

### A Delightful Bird Friendship

WATCHING our feathered guests closely as we do, we sometimes find them in need of our help and, in return for this, we are given a delightful bird friendship. So it was with a pair of northern violet-green swallows that came here to nest six years ago. These birds resemble the tree swallow, but the white rump and cheeks and the more beautiful plumage identifies this loveliest of western swallows.

Our friendship began when I noticed their evident distress when the young were ten days old. Investigation proved three birdlings dead from lice and mites, and the remaining two in a sorry way; the whole establishment being so infested with the destructive agents that something had to be done at once. So I arranged dry grasses and cotton in another house and the two babies, dusted with sodium fluoride, were tucked into their new bed, which was hung in place of the old; while I wondered if the task of raising them would be the result of my good intentions.

After an excited conversation with her mate, who hesitated, mother flew into this house, saw the crudely-built nest, but was off to get food for the children she found no worse for human contact. Then the parents were trapped, powdered, and marked for future identification. Eventually the family left, and we never expected to see this pair of swallows again; for birds will seldom return to a spot where misfortune has befallen their first brood, and do not always understand even humane meddling in their nesting affairs.

Howbeit, the following March brought the male, first, and also ahead of his migratory companions; an apparent bit of foresight, in view of the following manoeuvres that are identical, too, each season. Without a glance at the several duplicates, he flies to this house of his; finds it cleaned and fumigated; and, after pottering about inside, shyly poking his head out the doorway, and resting contentedly on the step, he is off to find a little stick or a bit of dried grass to place within his dwelling. This being the only nesting material he ever carries, I take it to be a sign that the place is rented for the season; and daily he watches to see that his rights are respected by house sparrows and such, his landlady helping when necessary.

Then comes a morning when lady swallows are circling about; and there on his wire sits "Little Faithful" calling loudly to the one who may not be there. But yes! Down she comes to rest beside him; to inspect the home they have so surely returned to from a great distance. Thereafter, every evening until the eggs are laid, I can stand beneath this house and hear a joyous twittering, when the lady within sees her mate winging home for the night. Then what a "sweet-sweet-sweetie-sweet" takes place!

And now, we renew our friendship. My appearance in their vicinity brings them close, a bunch of feathers draw-

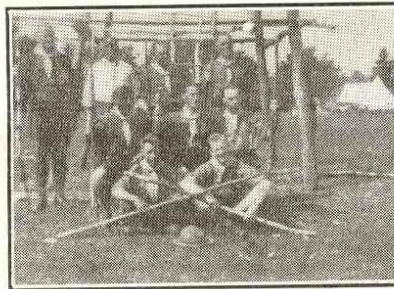
ing the lady like a magnet. One by one she takes them from my hand to her nest — a game I stop when I think she has all the house will hold without smothering her young; any material, acquired in this way, she prefers to that found elsewhere. Meantime her mate, escorting her back and forth, is undisturbed by this close friendship; he, too, will share it when I step to within a foot of his low perch, and tell him what a dandy he is in his green and violet coat. And, later, a look at the children—if I choose—calls forth no parental alarm; but since that first year, they have never needed our help with their young.

And so, we are glad we took time out of a busy life to help these fellow travelers, and the season that fails to bring one or both of these delightful friends, will leave us with a keen sense of loss.

—Helen A. Baker.

### Birds That Fly in the Night

PEOPLE who notice them usually associate the birds with bright sunlight, trees, flowers, open fields and woods. In fact, the great majority of our feathered friends do move about in the daylight and sleep at night, even as you and I, but there are some



THE nine padres, of five different denominations, who attended the 1930 Maritime Gilewell near New Glasgow, N.S., at the foot of the lashed observation tower, which they helped erect.

that habitually move about in the hours of darkness and sleep in the day. They hunt their food, sing, and raise their young where no prying eyes can disturb them.

The most common of all night-flying birds are the various species of owl, which rule their little world more autocratically than any emperor. Owls are found throughout the entire world, and have the same general habits everywhere. About twenty species are found in North America.

They range in size from the great gray owl of the Arctic regions, almost as large as an eagle, to the little elf owl, of the southwestern deserts, which is not much larger than a sparrow. Some are gray, some brown, some white, and one, the little screech owl, may have gray offspring and red ones in the same nest. All have soft downy feathers, hooked bills for tearing their prey, cruel talons or claws for catching it, and a distinctive "mask" of feathers around the eyes, which gives the bird a wise look. "Wise as an owl," has been a byword for centuries. The eyes are usually yellow, and stare at one in a very dis-

concerting manner, for the eyeball is fixed and cannot be moved about as in animals. The owl must turn his head in order to see to one side or the other.

The downy feathers make flight absolutely noiseless, and the bird has the most marvelous hearing in the animal kingdom. An examination would show that the ear takes up almost the whole side of the owl's head.

Every country boy has heard the hoot of the great horned owl, which lives in the heavy timber. Here, at dusk, the bird perches upon a broken tree trunk and sends out his ghostly, "Who-o-o, Who, Who-o-o." It is not a loud call, for up close it is little louder than at a distance, but can be heard a great way off. At the sound every small animal and bird is paralyzed with fear, for the tiniest scratch of claws or flutter of wings is heard by the owl's big ears, and in an instant he is hovering over the spot, great yellow eyes glaring down, and the victim is carried away to feed the hungry young.

Most owls live in hollow trees, but some build nests on the ground, and the little burrowing owl lives in a deserted prairie-dog hole. Some use an abandoned hawk's nest. The eggs are white, and are commonly deposited in the nest during late winter or early spring (February and March).

The owl will feed on almost every living creature small enough for it to overcome. The smaller species prefer mice and insects. Indeed, anything larger would be almost more than they could handle. In the face of hunger, however, I have seen the little screech owl kill pigeons larger than itself.

—W. S. Long.

### Checkmating the Sparrows

A SIMPLE but effective means is used by an Ottawa bird lover to prevent sparrows taking possession of bluebirds' nests. In March he stuffs up the entrance to all his bird-houses, and leaves them so until the end of April or early in May. By this time the sparrows have been compelled to nest elsewhere, and the bluebirds have arrived and taken possession. Once in the houses the bluebirds are able to hold the fort against the sparrows when the latter are ready to raise a second brood.

At the close of 1930 there were 2,031,274 Scouts in the 45 countries in which Scouting has become established and is recognized by the International Committee. This is an increase of 123,502 over the previous year. Scout Leaders numbered 54,210, an increase of 7,651. Scouts of the British Empire were given as numbering 756,883, an increase over 1929 of 66,297.

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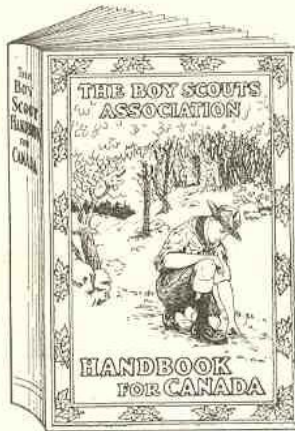


A page of helpful ideas from wherever and whomsoever we can obtain them.

# THE DUFFEL BAG

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#### An Historic Site "Treasure Hunt"

THIS new game of interesting possibilities was outlined by "Ad. Rem" in the Scout columns of the Winnipeg Tribune:

A local troop was told by its leader that a small log building with a history was to be found in the area bounded by certain streets and the Red River. The boys were told that the building was now covered with shiplap, and was used as an office. It was believed to have a stone doorstep.

At the next meeting one of the boys handed in the copy of an inscription from a tombstone.

His story was that the building stood at the foot of Market Street East, and was used as an office by a lumber company. The stone used as a doorstep was a gravestone that had been discovered during digging operations to install a weighing scales. No trace had been found of the grave.

The boy had secured a broom, and, after clearing the surface of the stone, copied the following:—

"Sacred to the memory of William Flett, who departed this life, 15th day of April, 1853, in the 33rd year of his life. Blessed are they which die in the Lord."

The game had unearthed the record and approximate burial place of one of Winnipeg's long forgotten pioneers.

Are there not some old buildings, half-forgotten historical spots, graves of pioneers, etc., in or near your town, which could be made the objective of an interesting patrol hike and competitive report?

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#### Pack Library Books for "Six" Competition Prizes

AS winners of a monthly competition, the Red Six of the 2nd Brantford (Trinity) Wolf Cub Pack received a fine book presented by Committeeman Goldsmith. The book, suitably inscribed as having been won by the "Reds," was then placed in the pack library. Here's an idea for units which are building up Scout and Cub libraries.

#### A 58th Toronto "Going Up"

FOLLOWING are some of the well planned details of the recent "Going Up" of eight members of the 58th Toronto Wolf Cub Pack into the 58th Scout Troop.

In preparation, the troop was formed in horseshoe at one end of the hall, and the pack in parade circle at the other end.

Three of the departing Cubs for the last time formed the Colour Party of the pack—Sixer Wooding with the King's Colours, Sixer Brammer with

#### Scout Dates

##### March

1st—St. David's Day. St. David is the patron saint of Wales.

17th—St. Patrick's Day.

21st—Vernal Equinox. First day of Spring. Watch for the Equinoctial storm.

22nd—Passion Sunday.

29th—Palm Sunday.

##### During March

Hold hikes and outdoor winter sports as long as the snow and ice and cold weather last.

Begin planning for Clean-Up Week and talk about gardens.

##### April

3rd—Good Friday.

5th—Easter Day.

12th—Low Sunday.

the Pack Colours, and Sixer Elliott with the Totem Pole. On signal these boys handed over their charge to the new colour party, and at the same time Senior Sixer Brown handed the pack over to Second Sixer Walter Green (the latter to be Acting Senior Sixer subject to qualification).

The candidates then lined up in front of the Totem Pole, Cubmaster Mackintosh expressed the farewell and good wishes of the pack, the boys repeated their Cub promise, returned to their Sixes for a final handshake; again lined up, were given three cheers, and were then escorted to the troop and introduced to Scoutmaster Jennings. The latter then introduced them to their respective Patrol Leaders.

Before leaving, Senior Sixer Brown was presented by the pack with a Scout knife.

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#### Manitoba's Akela Course Totem Pole

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#### Tell Us About Your New Games

SCOUT columns in local papers from time to time mention, without particulars, new and original games that are greatly enjoyed by the boys. When space in local columns does not permit of details, for the benefit of other local troops, why not have your Troop Scribe send a description of such games to the Scout Leader? In this way, they will be passed on for the benefit of troops and packs in every part of Canada. Whenever you invent something that goes over well, remember the Leader!

#### Hints for Talks at Rovers' Owns

THESE Rover "hikes into the Bible" were suggested by Rev. Q. R. Marriott, Vicar of Newton Linford, Leicester:—

"What young reformer started his reformation at Home? (Judges vi)."  
"What young man learned much of his religion by studying the stars? (Ps. viii and xix)."  
"What other young man found the quiet of countryside helpful to his religious life? (Gen. xxiv, 63)."  
"What young man proved cleverer in argument than three greybeards? (Job xxxii)."  
"What young man proved himself wiser than a king in the science of dietetics? (Dan. i)."  
"What young man had his outlook on life changed by the tragic death of his king? (Is. vi)."

#### THE CHIEF SCOUT'S OUTLOOK

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while others again were building foundations for latrines, bridges, etc.

The whole property promises to furnish a dry and convenient camp ground to house some 2,000 Scouts at the Rover Moot this year. We found the entrance to the ground was separated from the main road by a field which was being ardently sought for by a rival claimant; but Mr. Schiff with characteristic readiness and generosity, made it possible for the local Committee to outbid him, and this valuable addition to the camp ground is now ours.

If all goes well, then, there will be a splendid gathering of the Rover Scouts, the cream of our Scout manhood, from the different countries at the Moot in August.

This conference will, I am convinced, mark a real step forward in the development of international understanding and comradeship which should have far-reaching effects in the promotion of peace in the years to come.