



The Chief Scout at Home

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IN the whole wide world no home is more active for good than Pax Hill, Bentley, Hampshire, England.

Pax, as it is usually called, is the home of the Chief Scout and Lady Baden-Powell. As such it is no ordinary red brick home.

It is the home of ideals: a hive of ceaseless activity. It is, too, a powerhouse of world good will.

My first visit was typical.

The Chief Guide of the World, to give Lady Baden-Powell her newest title, was driving me from the station in the two-seater car up the long avenue.

Suddenly from the hedge the Chief Scout, clad in shorts, greeted me with, "Hullo! Come along and help me cut this."

Best clothes and all, I was soon busy. Every visitor to Pax is kept busy. It is the secret of Pax happiness.

At Pax there's no formal entertainment: yet there's always something to do, generally at the Chief Scout's instigation.

Hedge-cutting and digging in his rose garden are favourite occupations of the Chief Scout. In fact, they are the only two gardening activities he is permitted to carry out by his own gardeners!

Of bustle at Pax there is none. Of activity much.

The Chief rises early—he sleeps on an open-air balcony all the year round—and walks two miles every morning. Close to Pax is a hill.

Down that hill the Chief regularly descends at the trot with Shawgm at his heels.

Shawgm is a labrador. His name includes, with an added A, the initial letters of Shropshire, Herefordshire, Worcestershire, Gloucestershire and Monmouthshire; the Scouts of these five English counties having given him to the Chief.

Like his master, Shawgm loves fishing and is no mean actor.

He acts the fish, while the Chief casting his line across the lawn, draws the "dog-fish" in again and again.

At Pax there's a name for everything. Even the typewriter, at which Lady Baden-Powell spends many hours daily, is known as "Beetle."

In this naming business, the B.-P. family, Heather, Peter, the Duke of Connaught's godson, and Betty, run their father close.

It was they, who, when the Rolls Royce car was presented to the Chief

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Tracking and Character Training

IT is the way in which a Scouter sets out to do his job of Scouting that largely determines whether he is to make a success of it or not. Some are born to Scouting and to Leadership, others attain to it by careful preparation and hard application. Some can clothe their sayings and doings with a cloak of humour, others are rather heavy in their seriousness, or even laboured in their wit. But by the manner in which they set about their job all are judged.

What is the Scouter's job, especially if he is the leader of the team—the Scoutmaster? It is just the training of the character of the boy. I would suggest that each one of us set about that job as a Tracker. The whole then becomes an adventure to us. A large tract of unexplored territory lies ahead of us, at whatever stage of our Scout journey we may happen to be. That territory is full of signs and trails for us to follow, if we only care to set our powers of observation and deduction to work.

The clearly defined trail of the Troop as a whole lies straight ahead of us, but that is by no means the only trail to be seen. Each single one of our Scouts presents a problem, each is a trail to be followed up. We have infinite variety to prevent us from wearying. Too often we follow somewhat blindly along our main trail, forgetting to take careful note of its direction or the signs which lie along it. Too often we ignore as of no importance those many subsidiary trails, each of which, by itself, is of more importance than the main trail of the Troop. It is the characters of the boys which go to make up the spirit of the Troop. Our Scouts as individuals are the predominating factor, and their characters should not be moulded to suit the needs of the Troop, but the Troop moulded to suit their characters.

As Trackers, then, we realize that the more clearly defined trail is not necessarily the most important. It is the more indistinct marks that should receive our most careful attention, and it is these that will lead us eventually to our goal, provided we know how to follow the track they make.

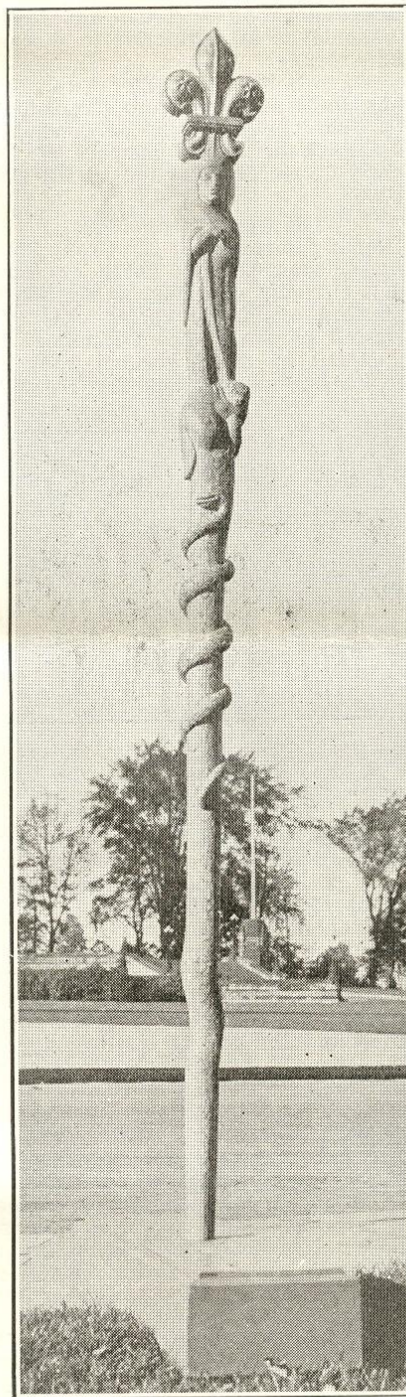
In Training and Tracking certain well-known Tracking Rules are set out briefly, thus:

Look into the eye of the sun.

Sketch, and memorise, one single print.

Get a comprehensive view of the

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THE JAMBOREE TOTEM POLE

THE wood came from an ancient oak tree at Pax Hill, it was carved by Don Potter at Gilwell Park and presented to the Canadian Jamboree Contingent at Arrowe Park by the Chief Scout of the World. It now occupies an honoured place, with the Jamboree Contingent Troop flags on either side, in the "Long Room" at Dominion Headquarters.

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Make It Hard to Pass the Scout Law Test

IT is the practise of an occasional Scoutmaster to require of Tenderfoot candidates that they memorize only the brief form of the Scout Laws, adding their own explanations. Experience has shown that this may result in a number of Scouts not actually understanding the significance and scope of certain of the laws.

An Ontario district leader recently visited a troop where memorizing the laws in the brief form only was required. A quiz on the subject disclosed that a number of the boys had a very meagre grasp of the actual meaning of several of the laws. The tendency was to give a limited and specific interpretation. As an example,—"A Scout is courteous" means you get up and give your seat to a lady in a street car."

The Ten Scout Laws are the foundation of Scout character. Without a grasp of the actual principles of each you cannot have a true Scout.

One way of helping to assure this understanding is to require the memorizing of the full text of the Laws and explanations as given in "Scouting for Boys" or in "Starting to Scout." Incidentally a further end achieved is the driving home of the importance of this requirement, as a "test" to be passed before a boy may become a Scout. Where a boy learns only the short form of the law (which may be memorized in ten or fifteen minutes by certain boys) there is danger that "becoming a Scout" may be regarded as an easy, casual matter.

The importance of the Scout Laws should never be lost sight of, nor the necessity of frequent reminding. These reminders of course should be given Scout style—not through preaching or lecturing, but by means of Scout Law plays, charades, patrol-competition observation of billboard advertisements having an application in some way to certain laws, etc.

Don't make it easy for any boy to pass the First Tenderfoot Test,—"Know the Scout Law." Make it hard,—having in mind each boy's mental capacity. That is, the brighter the boy, the more exacting the memory test, and the explanation in his own words.

Did you find the 1931 Catalogue as interesting as promised? Don't forget to return promptly the forms with the addresses of your boys, for the early mailing of their copies.

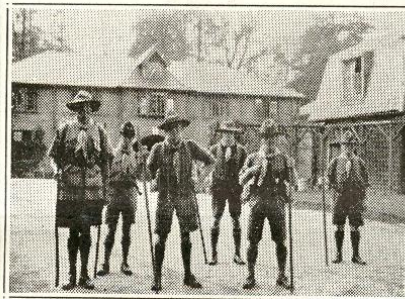
The Group Council and Group Committee

AN important feature of the Scout Group System, now adopted for Canada, is the Group Council. This fills a role similar to that of the Troop Court of Honour, and is composed of representatives from the various Sections (Pack, Troop and Crew) of the Group. Its membership may also include Rover Mates and Troop Leaders.

The Group Council should be formed as soon as the second Section of a Scout Group is organized, whether Pack and Troop or Troop and Crew. It should meet regularly, to discuss and arrange matters of mutual interest, to help one another with problems, to arrange Going-up ceremonies, etc. The chairman may be a member of the Council, or a member of the Group Committee, invited to fill this role.

The Group Committee

Equally important is the Group Committee, composed of three or more adult citizens, who may be parents of members of the Group, or other interested persons. The Committee is appointed by the governing body of the institution by which the Group is



THE Journey continues to be the high spot of the summer course at Imperial Gilwell, as in Canada. The 1930 "Woodpeckers" ready to set out on their 24-hour adventure.

sponsored, or in the case of a community Scout Group, is elected annually at a meeting of parents and friends of the Group.

In general, the duties of the Group Committee is to ensure as far as practicable the permanency of the Group, and to maintain contact and promote harmonious relations between the Group and the parent institution. It exercises a general supervision over the Group Sections, particularly with a view to co-ordinating and encouraging co-operation.

Its duties include the securing of suitable headquarters accommodation and equipment for each Section, assisting in camp arrangements, etc. It assumes active direction of Pack, Troop or Crew in case of the inability of a leader to serve, until a successor has been appointed.

The Group Committee recommends leaders for appointment as Cubmasters, Scoutmasters, Rover Leaders or Assistants.

The above details are covered in changes in P. O. & R. shortly to be printed for insertion in the present rules.

The 1st Quebec Rover Moot will be held May 23-25 at St. Johns, Que.



The world-chain of banquets and toasts and Sunday services celebrating the birthday of the Chief Scout and Chief Guide had its many enthusiastic links across Canada.

Announcement that the Hon. G. S. Henry, Premier of Ontario, had become their Honorary Patron was made at the B. P. banquet of the 125th Toronto Troop.

Rev. H. C. M. Grant, who took the summer Gilwell Course at Lebreton, Sask., last year, has registered a Scout Troop at the Chououta Indian School, Carcross, Yukon Territory.

Another Christmas Toy Shop reported from Saskatchewan, that of the 2nd Biggar Troop, raises the number of 1930 Toy Shop Towns to 146. With material and paint contributed by interested citizens, the boys made some 75 new toys, which were distributed through the local Relief Committee.

Vice-Admiral A. V. Campbell, Headquarters Commissioner for Deep Sea Scouts, the latest-formed branch of the Boy Scouts which provides Scout membership for those who are engaged in sea-going careers, reports that France is commencing "Deep Sea Scouts." This will be the first country after Great Britain to engage in this special form of Scout work.

The 1st Unit of the Indoor Training Course given at St. Vincent's Gymnasium, Saint John, N.B., was so acceptable to the twenty-five participants that the Troop Court of Honour asked that they be given the complete course by District Commissioner Boyaner and Gilwellians Pritchard and Guss. The course was given with the co-operation of Bishop LeBlanc.

The Chief Scout has awarded the Medal of Merit to Acting Commissioner M. N. Courmoullis of the Greek Scouts in Egypt, in recognition of his good services to the Scout Movement, especially in furthering good relations between the different nationalities of Scouts in Egypt. The presentation was made by His Excellency Sir Percy Loraine, British High Commissioner in Egypt, in the presence of Greek, British and Egyptian Scout troops.

The annual report of the Boy Scouts Association of Shanghai reveals that no less than 29 nationalities are working together harmoniously in the Scout Movement in that Chinese city. At the Annual Shanghai Jamboree the Rotary Club Shield was won by the 2nd Russian Troop, the Fraser Shield by the Jewish School Wolf Cubs, the Crescent Shield by the Kwang Hwa College Scouts, the Chinese Shield by the British Association and the Handicraft Pennant by the Jewish Scouts.

Something About Kandersteg

THE following article regarding Kandersteg, Switzerland, the scene of the first World Rover Moot, fixed for July 29-August 8 this year, was written for "Cedar Chips" by Scouter Joe Thomas of Seattle:

Nestled among the precipitous peaks of the Swiss Alps, thirty-five miles from Interlaken, at a height of about 4,000 feet, lies the small village of Kandersteg, famous in world Scouting circles as the location of the International Scout Chalet. Through the village flows the Kander, hardly begun on its long journey which will carry it into the Rhine, through Germany into the North Sea.

Up above Kandersteg lies a picturesque and rugged valley, and when one inquires the way there the native points up a narrow, rugged gorge, where it seems impossible for a road to go. It is a one-way passage, burrowing into the side of the mountain, at times going through it and emerging again where the dash of waterfall alone suggests the height attained. From one or two vantage points the village far below can be seen.

Close to the Tunnel

After many years in construction, in 1906 the Lotschberg tunnel was completed, and the various buildings which had housed the workers at its northern mouth at Kandersteg stood empty. The Scout International Chalet Association, with headquarters at Berne, saw the possibilities in a structure which stood not more than 300 yards from the tunnel's mouth, and were able to purchase it for a small sum. It is located on the bank of the swift-flowing Kander, at the base of a gigantic cliff, and across a railroad embankment from the village. It has an enchanting view of sheer rock walls and of snow-clad peaks to the south.

In early summer the valley is carpeted with a riot of color from the mountain flowers.

Many Mountain Hikes

Many trails lead away beyond the ranges, into other steep-walled valleys, where the silence is broken only by the sighing of the wind through Alpine shrubs. Climbing to the summit of some rocky peak, one may gaze upon a world of other peaks reaching a far-distant horizon. Or one can go and sit on the shores of a jewel-like lake, which in its depths reflects the mountainous panorama.

The chalet's architecture is purely Swiss, with its wide, overhanging eaves, its decorated heavy plank second story and its stone cream cement for the first story. Green shutters on the windows add effectively to the color scheme. Over the doorway is the fleur de lis and a small wolf's head, reminding the visitor of the close relationship between Scouting and Cubbing.

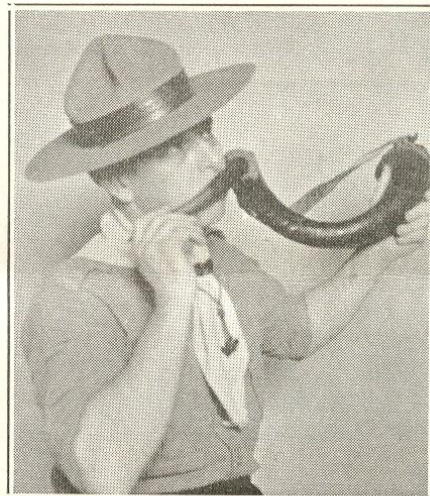
Open to All Scouts

During the open season, from March 1st to October 1st, and again during the winter season from December 20th to January 10th, the building is in charge of a resident Scoutmaster. It is open to all members of Scout or-

ganizations listed with the International Bureau. During the winter season as many as 200 men and boys have foregathered to enjoy the sports, but above all, the finer friendships and fellowships which such gatherings engender. Maintenance is obtained through small charges made against each person or group using the chalet. Ample provision has been made for individual and group cooking, visitors being expected to take care of themselves. The chalet contains thirty-four rooms as well as a large combination assembly hall and dining room.

Flags of All Nations

Significant of the world brotherhood of Scouting is the flag custom at the chalet. On each suitable day the various flags of the nationalities represented are flown beneath the Swiss flag and the Scout flag, and thus one is immediately made to feel at home. Again, significant of the deep attachment which constant visitors have for the International Chalet are the individual rooms which boys from Holland, Hungary, Berne, Basle and the Scout Alpine Club have decorated



The Dominion Camp Chief and one of the unique and treasured possessions of Dominion Headquarters, a Matabele kudu horn, the gift of Dr. David Donald of Vancouver. The sling is of kudu hide.

in artistic designs peculiar to their own countries or symbolic of Scouting.

Over 1,700 Scouts from sixteen different countries visited the chalet in 1929.

Camp Funds from Sugar Beets

A HALF share in the proceeds from 4 acres of sugar-beets contributed to the 1930 camp funds of the 1st Raymond Troop, Alta. The boys did all the work with the exception of planting.

1931 Gilwell Dates

Southern Alberta—July 2nd-12th, at Waterton National Park, dates tentative.

Saskatchewan—July 14th-24th, at Lake Lebret.

Ontario—July 7th-18th, at Ebor Park, near Brantford. Cub Leaders Training Camp, July 20th to 25th.

Maritime Provinces—July 14th-24th, near Charlottetown, P.E.I.

Tracking and Character Training

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whole track.

Think with the mind of the hunted. When the track is lost, mark the spot, and cast around in a wide circle.

Keep down wind of your quarry.

Take your landmarks when you start, and look back occasionally as you go along.

I propose to take each one of these rules in turn and apply it to the tracking on which the Scouter is engaged, in the hope that he may be encouraged to take up the track with greater enthusiasm and greater success.

Looking into the eye of the sun.

It takes seven years to make a Tracker, but for thrice seven years our Guru, the Chief Scout, has been emphasizing this particular rule: "Keep your face always toward the sunshine and then the shadows must fall behind you." In other words the Scouter must look at the good that lies in the boy and not at the possible bad. In studying a boy's character it is a mistake to pay attention to any traits that we may dislike to the exclusion of the good points each one undoubtedly has.

In starting along the individual trail of each Scout make a list of all the good qualities he possesses, and work on them. Regard his other qualities as incidentals which will gradually fade away as the good are strengthened and increased. The work of many a well-intentioned reformer has been brought to less than nought because his sole attention has been directed to purging errors and abuses, without a thought as to how they were to be replaced. The more we can work on the good qualities the less room or time there is left for anything that is bad.

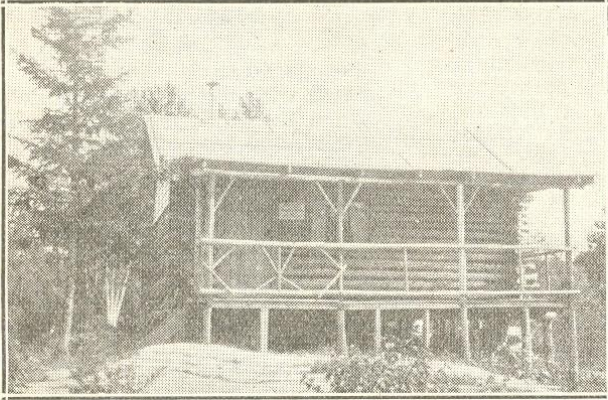
It is a correct attitude of mind, a correct point of view, that we require. We need to look towards the sun; we need to feel its warmth and light; and it will show our way to us all the clearer.

As we go along our trail we should bear this rule in mind: Every now and then we should turn and face the sun. If we dwell on our difficulties and disappointments, our trail will grow dark and indistinct, and our final goal appear dim. If we fix our mind on our triumphs, our success, our trail becomes easier and our aim nearer. Some of us are lucky enough to be able to point to favourable signs; some of us go on in the hope we are on the right trail, with almost an inner feeling of certainty, despite the fact that we see little sign on our way.

Personally I am one of those who believe that no effort is ever wasted, and that there is inevitably a return for whatever work we may be able to do, that "though the mills grind slow" the grist becomes finer. In the last few years I have, out of the experience of many Scouters, found reason to keep up my belief.

Look into the eye of the sun!

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THE 14x18 log cabin of the 2nd Dartmouth Troop of the Halifax District Reforestation camp site. It accommodates 16 boys and a leader, and cost approximately \$150.

Some Troop Cabins

A significant development of Canadian Scouting during the last few years, a gratifying sign of permanency, and also of fixed emphasis on the "out" in Scouting, has been the erection of troop "huts," "cabins" and "lodges" in the woods at a hiking distance from city or town. These rustic Scout homes have in many cases been built by the boys themselves, under the guidance of their leaders; in other instances by members of the Troop (now Group) Committee, assisted by the boys, during week-end outings and the summer camping period. Whenever possible they have been built of logs; sometimes ingenious use has been made of second-hand building material. The funds necessary have been raised in the usual miscellaneous Scout ways.

Good for Troop and Committee

As to the result of cabin-building,—these have been reported as substantial and well worth while. Increased value has been placed upon troop membership, renewed interest has been shown by older Scouts, and there has been a greatly increased interest in woodcraft. An unexpected result has been the effect upon committees. In several instances, notably where committeemen personally spent week-ends assisting in the building, the project has turned a semi-dormant committee into a group of lively and keenly interested supporters, with an actual appreciation, for the first time, of the aims and practical possibilities of Scouting.

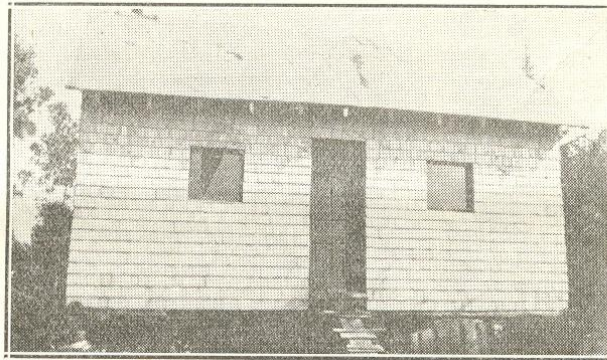
Halifax Encourages Cabin Building

One of the leading districts in this cabin-building movement has been Halifax. For several years Halifax and Dartmouth troops have been erecting cabins on the 3,000-acre reforestation project near Dartmouth placed in the hands of the Scout Association of Halifax by the Provincial Government. Troops have worked at their cabins during week-end hikes throughout the year, including the winter months. The cabins are located on or near the shores of a good-sized lake, each surrounded by trees, and at some distance from other cabins.

Pictou County Patrol Cabins

The Pictou County Scout Association is developing a permanent summer camp site along a somewhat different lines upon a large reforestation

area placed in their charge by the Provincial Government early last year. A site was cleared on the shores of a lake, permanent headquarters buildings erected, and a number of patrol huts of original design located amongst the trees about the clearing. These patrol huts (a picture of one in course of erection is shown on the opposite page) have a hinged galvanized-iron front which hooks up to form the roof of a small veranda. A double-deck bunk accommodates eight



LOGS were not available for the 9th Halifax cabin, and lumber and shingled sides were used. It was built by the Rovers, Scouts and S.M., at a cost for material of \$175. It is 16x20 and accommodates 20 boys.

boys. The furnishings include a collapsible table on the veranda. The hut was designed by Mr. Roderick McGregor, treasurer of the Association. Funds for the erection of the buildings were secured through a carefully prepared Scout play given during the winter in New Glasgow and a number of other nearby towns.

A New Brunswick Troop Lodge

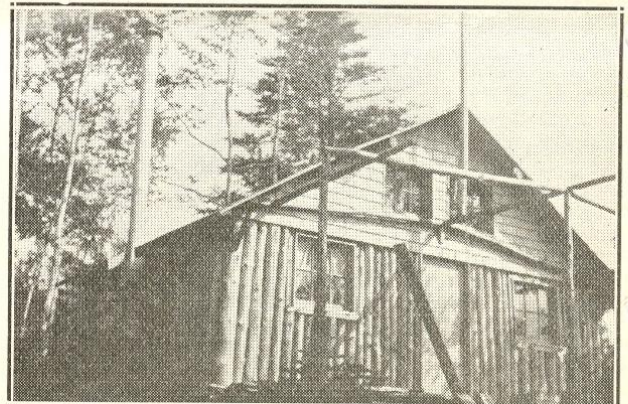
A realistic frontier-type cabin is that of the "Lodge" of the 23rd Saint John (Glen Falls) Troop, located some five miles from the city, high among

William Pugsley Memorial Boy Scout Park.

(Note: It is hoped in subsequent numbers to publish some pictures and details of troop cabins in other provinces.)

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

THIS cabin of the 24th Halifax was in course of completion by the Scouts and members of the Troop Committee. It accommodates 8 boys. The chimney at the left is that of a stone fireplace.



THE CHIEF SCOUT AT HOME

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last year by the Scouts of the world, announced, "We will call it 'Jam Roll.'"

Despite world-wide claims, the Chief Scout and Chief Guide live for their children.

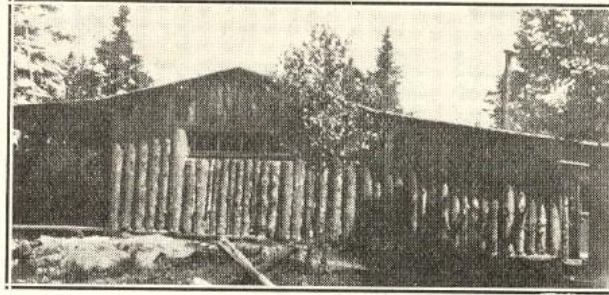
There are no governesses nor mentors at Pax. School holidays are days to be lived for. Great indeed must be the importance of an engagement to drag the Chief Scout or Chief Guide from home during school-holidays.

Astride their ponies in the meadow with their father acting Dick Turpin, folk dancing on the lawn, tending stray campers on the Chief's private camping ground, are only a few of the open-air pleasures the family daily enjoy. Parents and children are always together in holiday time.

Heather Baden-Powell is taking after her father as a sculptor. Last Christmas, at the age of fourteen, she modelled a horse that bids well for the future.

In the garden, by the pigeon house, stands the bust of old John Smith, which gained the Chief a place in the Royal Academy.

On the bathroom wall the Chief has modelled the river Wey at Bentley in plaster relief.



REMINING of Indian days,—the stockade-like lodge of the 23rd Saint John (Glen Falls) Troop. Its long bunk-room will accommodate a full troop. It was built by Scouts, Rovers and leaders without other help.

Building a Lasting Friendship

LORD Hampton, the Chief Commissioner, speaking at the Grimsby Scouts' Jamboree, said that the secret of the strength and rapid growth of the Boy Scout Movement lay in the fact that Scouts were one big family spread throughout the world.

One could not help coming to a little Jamboree without thinking of the great gathering which took place a little over a year ago at Birkenhead. To those who had been in the Movement practically from the beginning it was wonderful to see boys from 42 countries living together in a great assembly and becoming comrades—boys of all nations walking arm-in-arm down the main avenue of the camp.

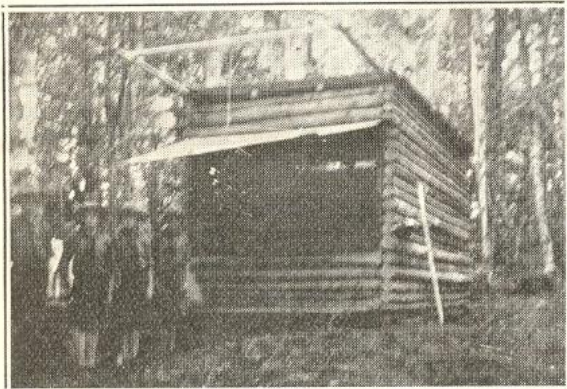
And it is one of Scouting's character "hobbies". But how are we making our Scouts truly conscious of it? Or should we? We believe that there is a source of positive difficulty. Just how is it accomplished in your troop?

We have seen weekly report blanks on which were to be filled in the seven daily good turns, to be handed to the Scoutmaster at troop meetings. We aren't so sure about this plan. Other troops will openly challenge the Scouts to tell of their good turns before the entire troop. And we feel deeply convinced that this procedure is dead wrong. It is dangerous—certainly injurious.

Did any reader of these lines ever go to a church service or a religious meeting of any kind when, after the preacher had admonished his people to do good, he undertook to single out his parishioners and require them to publicly state what noble deed they had performed for which they should be credited in the realm of glory? We never heard of such a thing, but we make Scouts do it. And we have heard Scoutmasters who do this, remark, "And it sure makes some of them scratch for it." There's the whole trouble. What do they usually scratch up? We believe that a big majority of the "scratchers" produce fictitious reports.

Then there is the boy who, in all positive sincerity reports a courtesy or a helpfulness extended to a little girl, or an elderly lady. Down the line a snort escapes from the boy who hasn't absorbed Scouting's ideals fully,

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A PICTOU County camp site patrol cabin. The galvanized-iron front when raised becomes the roof of a small veranda. A collapsible table makes it a dining shelter.

On wall and table, bookshelf and mantlepiece, in every nook and corner is abundant evidence of the Chief Scout's versatility. Downstairs is an old-world country kitchen fireplace designed by him.

In a nearby summer house are the names of the Chief's horses of pig-sticking, hussar and civilian fame.

In the dining-room are the most precious objects of the house—the Chief's log-books, covering many decades of crowded fame.

All the silver, all the myriad articles at Pax are not worth more than these log-books.

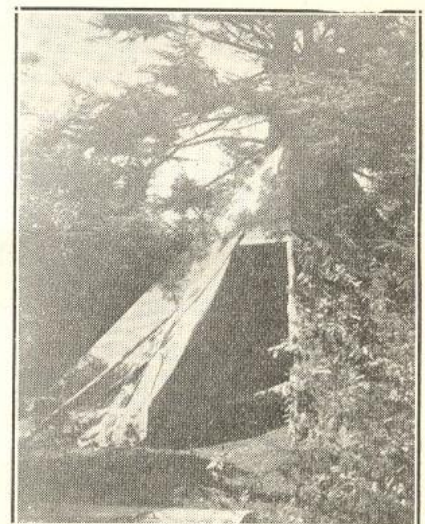
They are the things that the Chief takes special care in placing behind safe doors before he goes abroad.

And small wonder too, if they do but contain an iota of the happenings of the seventy-four years which Lord Baden-Powell of Gilwell has LIVED!

They were trying to build upon the foundations of Scouting; trying to build up a healthy and strong brotherhood throughout the world, so that the British Scouts might say about the foreign boy that he might not look like him altogether, but he was a jolly good fellow at heart. They wanted to build up a lasting friendship among the youth of the world. That was a big thing, but if they were afraid of making a start they would never get very far; and he could not help thinking that after the progress the Movement had made during the past 21 years there must be a great and prosperous future for it.

Handling the Good Turn

THERE is no bigger item in the ethical phase of our Scouting program than the Daily Good Turn. What a full revolution it would create in social circles if every man, woman, and child, in business and domestic life alike, could practice the Daily Good Turn! What Kindness and Helpfulness and Courtesy and Friendliness would prevail! It is almost an astounding thought if we attempt to visualize it so.



IN addition to the Glen Falls lodge each patrol of the troop has a secluded hut, den or teepee hidden amid the trees some distance away.

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❖ Scouting from Coast to Coast ❖

NEWSPAPER accounts of Scout events celebrating the birthday of the Chief Scout and Chief Guide show that many of these were admirably planned incidentally to draw public attention again to the world proportions of the Movement.

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Swift Current's B.-P. Camp-fire

At Swift Current, Sask., some 200 Scouts and two Companies of Girl Guides and their leaders, held a big outdoor camp-fire, to which the public were invited,—a gathering which Mayor O. M. Irwin declared to be "an eye-opener," and which caused him to ask the citizens present to give the Movement their support. The camp-fire was opened with prayer and the repeating of the Scout and Guide Promises. At the conclusion of a jolly camp-fire programme the Scouts and Guides marched in to the city for a supper.

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All Scout-Guide Branches at Millet Service

Cubs, Brownies, Scouts, Guides, Rovers and Rangers from Leduc and Wetaskiwin joined those of Millet, Alta., for a largely attended and impressive Sunday service in which clergymen of several denominations participated. Special music was provided by the Millet United Church choir, and Rev. P. C. Wade addressed the large audience on Scouting and Guiding throughout the world.

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15th London Held Open House

Throughout the week of February 22nd, as the troop's commemoration of the Chief Scout's birthday, the 15th London Troop, Ont., held open house. Each evening a programme was arranged and refreshments served.

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Neilburg Banquets Dads and Associate Members

Dads and associate members were special guests at a roast turkey banquet of the Neilburg, Sask., Troop, at the home of Scoutmaster Laughlin. There were games and stunts, and a display of log house models made by the boys.

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Lieut.-Gov. Bruce at Victoria Banquet

A Saturday evening banquet of Vancouver Island leaders at Victoria, was addressed by Lt.-Gov. Bruce, Mayor Anscombe and Lord Colville, the District Commissioner.

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Vancouver's Big Sunday Service

On Sunday afternoon at Vancouver, Scouts and Guides, with flags flying, and preceded by the Gordon Boys' Band, marched to St. Andrew's United Church, under the direction of Provincial Secretary Solway, and with the Cubs and Brownies who had preceded them, made nearly 2,000 of the congregation that packed the big church. The procession of flags up the aisle, while the congregation stood, was an impressive feature. Clergymen of every leading denomination participated in the service, in which was incorporated the repeating of the Scout

and Guide Promises and several special prayers. The address was delivered by Archdeacon Heathcote, who strongly emphasized the world peace aspect of the Movement. Messages were read from Lt.-Gov. Bruce, from Executive Chief Commissioner John A. Stiles, Ottawa; from Mrs. H. D. Warren, Chief Commissioner for the Girl Guides; from Provincial President J. H. Griffiths and Provincial Guide Commissioner Mrs. Alan Morkill. A printed service form was used. Scout Norman Newman presided at the organ.

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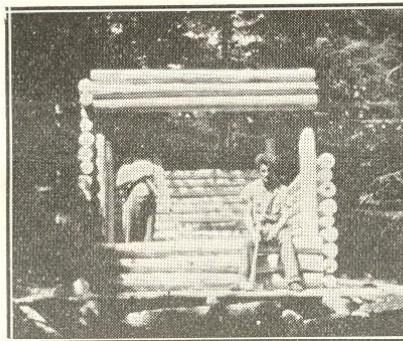
Vegreville Scouts Show Jamboree Film

The Vegreville Troop, Alta., arranged an evening which comprised a showing of the 1929 Jamboree film, concert numbers, and as a wind-up, a dance for their older guests.

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"Coming Out" of 26th Ottawa

At St. Matthew's Parish Hall (one of the Capital's finest new churches) the new 26th Ottawa Group made the Chief Scout's birthday banquet the occasion of the first appearance of a strong and well-organized troop and Wolf Cub pack, with Canon Jefferson



A PATROL cabin in course of erection on the Pictou County, N.S., reforestation camp site.

and Chief Executive Commissioner Stiles as guest speakers. The 26th was organized after six months' foundation work, including an indoor training course taken by a large group of prospective A.S.M.'s and A.C.M.'s.

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Who's Next on This?

Reversing the usual order, Bowmanville, Ont., Scouts entertained the local Rotary Club at a supper provided and served by the boys themselves at Parish Hall. The entertainment offered comprised a first-aid display, an investiture, singing, and an address on "Time" by Jack Blow, representing Provincial H. Q.

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An Inter-Troop Affair on Skates

The 1st Noranda and 1st Rouyn Troops, Ont., combined for an outdoor troop meeting on the ice, with a programme of skating races and games. Six events were run off, including relay races, a P.L.'s race, a puck shooting competition and a free-all hockey game with 25 players to a team. The results of the events added competition points to the various patrols.

Clothes Hangers and a Painting Job

An unusual good turn opportunity found by the 20th Saint John (Cathedral) Troop was the collecting of clothes hangers for the use of the "Clothes Depot" of the Family Welfare Bureau. The 17th Troop (Trinity) found the job of repainting Red Cross collection boxes.

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10th Windsor Finances Hospital Treatment

To enable one of their number to receive immediately needed surgical attention, the 10th Border Cities Troop held a dance in Wyandotte School gym and raised \$135. The Scout is now under special care in a Hamilton hospital and is being visited by Hamilton Scouts.

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A talk on secret service work in India and Africa and motion pictures of camping in the Yukon brought together a good attendance of Montreal Rovers for a monthly meeting at District H. Q.

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A Scout Mothers' Auxiliary Report

The 1930 annual report of the 2nd Belleville, Ont., Mothers' Auxiliary showed these substantial items:—\$25 given the Cub Pack for supplies and a Totem Pole; \$100 towards the summer camp of the Scouts and Cubs; transportation expenses to the Wellington Jamboree; a basketball for the troop. The auxiliary also made donations to relief work in the city.

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Montreal Rovers are organizing a Glee Club under the direction of Mr. C. E. C. Rush, Provincial Field Secretary.

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Calgary Scouts Hosts to H. M. Choristers

Calgary Scouts played host to the members of H. M. Chapel Royal Savoy Choir now touring Canada. Two Scout guides piloted each member of the choir about the city, then to the Tea Kettle Inn for dinner, where Mr. H. D. Mann, Chairman of the District Council, spoke to them on the history of Calgary.

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A "Good Sportsmanship Flag"

In addition to the monthly honour flag, the 26th London Troop awards a flag each week to the patrol showing the best all round spirit of good sportsmanship—the "sportsmanship flag."

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Another Good Inter-troop Evening

This well varied programme, arranged by the Court of Honour of the 10th Saskatoon (All Saints'), provided an enjoyable evening's get-together with the 1st Saskatoon (St. James'): Troop inspection; games of dodge ball and bluenose; inspection of the 10th's patrol corners by the patrols of the 1st and the awarding of points for patrol corner gadgets; an indoor council fire, with the passing round of the "pipe of peace," addresses by the S.M.'s, songs, skits and refreshments.

Such Annual Reports Impress

Changing their weekly meeting night in order to accommodate a Tuxis group was a pleasing hint of co-operation appearing in the annual report of the 85th Toronto Troop presented by Scoutmaster Livermore at the annual meeting of the Runnymede United Church. Twelve week-end camps, a summer camp, second place at the West Toronto Jamboree, financing and erection of a winter hike cabin, a Parents' Night and a Father and Son banquet and the organization of a second Cub pack officered by graduates of the troop, were other features that must have favourably impressed the congregation, and doubtless compared very favourably with reports from other church organizations.

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Prince George Scouts at Winter Carnival

During the local Winter Carnival and Olympic ski trials, Prince George Scouts, B.C., acted as attendants for skiers, provided a guard of honour for the Snow Queen and assisted at the carnival luncheon. The boys were excused from school for the purpose.

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A paper-tearing contest, the making of a horse from a sheet of paper, caused much amusement at a meeting of the 3rd Fort William Cub Pack.

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A Legion Troop Launching

The new 6th Moose Jaw Troop, sponsored by the Canadian Legion, was duly launched in the presence of a large gathering at Legion Memorial Home. Former District Commissioner Stedmond assumed the scoutmastership, and on behalf of the troop accepted a Union Jack presented by Captain H. G. Monger. The Legion Ladies' Auxiliary served refreshments and Piper Gillies contributed to the programme. The membership of the troop is made up of sons of veterans and of men who lost their lives in the war.

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A large box stove for the better heating of their headquarters was presented the Kincardine troops by the local Masonic Lodge, and heavy cardboard for wall insulation was donated by the Circle-Bar Company.

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Lantern Lectures on Badge Subjects

Montreal Scouts who had gained their Starman Proficiency Badges were entertained at a lantern-slide lecture on the stars by Dr. A. V. Douglas of McGill University in the assembly hall of Montreal District Headquarters. It is proposed to arrange a series of such lectures on badge subjects.

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P.L.'s Would Stress Law at Meetings

One of the chief items of discussion at a meeting of South Vancouver Patrol Leaders held in St. Thomas Church Hall, was the bringing of the Scout Law more frequently to the attention of Scouts at regular meetings. For the March meeting it was decided to discuss, "What preparations can a P.L. make for going to camp?" and "Patrol hikes and week-end camps as training in preparation for the summer camp."

The Spring Clean-up and Tree Planting

The 2nd St. Thomas Group, Ont., spring plans include a community-wide clean-up campaign and the selling and planting of young trees. Orders for the trees will be solicited by each patrol.

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Committeemen Carry On During S.M.'s Absence

In the absence of the Scoutmaster, extending over a period of six months, the 4th Oshawa, Ont., Group Committee is carrying on with the Scout Troop. Committeeman Flint is acting as provisional Scoutmaster, and the other committeemen as A.S.M.'s.

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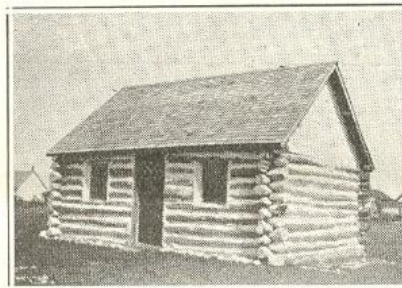
Regina Rovers Host to District Cubs

1st Regina Rovers were host to all the Wolf Cubs of the city on a recent Friday evening at the headquarters of the 8th Regina Troop. Assistant Provincial Commissioner Selby told the Cubs something about Scouting, there was a camp-fire, a talk by C. M. Catcher of the 21st Pack, ice cream and oranges. The Rovers plan other similar functions.

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Hamilton Scouts Broadcast

Scouts of the 27th Hamilton staged a half-hour radio concert from Station



CABIN headquarters of the 1st Langham Troop, Sask., built of old telephone poles. A further donation of used lumber kept the cost down to \$80. It stands on six lots, the use of which was given by the Town Council.

CKOC. A typical camp-fire programme was given concluding with a talk on Camp Teetonkah by A.S.M. Talbot.

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Over-Labour Day Canoe and Bike Expeditions

Plans already are under way for the annual Hamilton Scouts' canoe trip over Labour Day to the Toronto Exhibition, and requests to participate have been received from several nearby districts. The canoeing expedition will be limited to 100 Scouts. In conjunction with the water trip another party of Scouts will make the journey on bicycles.

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A Southern Sask. Rover Conference

As the first of a series of Rover Scout conferences for Southern Saskatchewan, some 30 Rovers from Regina and Moose Jaw gathered at St. John's Church in the latter city, February 19th. The charter of the 11th Moose Jaw Rovers was presented by Assistant Provincial Commissioner Selby, and Rover Ralston was invested as Rover Mate of the Tecumseh Crew of the 11th Group by R. L. Creighton of the 1st Regina Rovers. Speakers included District Commissioner C. F. Kempton and Rev. A. E. Avery, Assistant Provincial Commis-

sioner for Rovers. Mr. Avery spoke on the topics, "The Quest of Service" and "The Religious and Historical Background of Rovering."

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Another Prominent Pastor Invested

Rev. Allworth Eardley, pastor of Fort Rouge United Church, Winnipeg, was invested as a Tenderfoot in the 28th Troop and presented with the Scout Chaplain's badge. Rev. Mr. Eardley, who was at one time a Cubmaster in the Bahamas, was welcomed into the local Scout membership by Rev. Dr. G. A. Woodside of St. Stephen's-Broadway United Church.

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A Cub-Scout-Guide-Rover At Home

The breaking out of the flag opened a much enjoyed At Home of Guides and Cubs, Scouts and Rovers of the 1st Barrie Troop in Trinity parish hall. The Cubs then entertained with skipping and knot tying contests, there was a demonstration of Guide work, Scout signalling and first aid, and a Rover skit. The Scouts and Guides served lunch to more than 100 visitors.

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Committeemen Take Games and Instruction

An example of Troop Committeemen participating in troop handling was recently offered at a meeting of the 27th Hamilton. The Troop Committee took entire charge of the games and instruction periods.

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Rover Banquet Features International "Exchange Gifts"

An interesting feature of a reunion dinner of the 1st Montreal (Sir Hugh Trenchard) Rover Crew, R.L. Kessler, was an exhibit of hobby work, and of various articles gathered through correspondence with Rovers in other countries. The latter included a boomerang from Australia, a monkey skin from Africa, transfers from Sweden and silk from Japan. The hobby display comprised drawings, paintings, photography, carpentry, sign paintings and papier mache work. Dr. Franklin D. Adams of McGill University, and President of the Montreal Scout Association, was guest of honour, and spoke on "The Higher Ambitions of a Young Man." The guests included a number of other prominent figures in local Scouting.

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Committeemen Find an H.Q.

At the first meeting of the newly organized 1st Beamsville Troop, Ont., in Wesley United Church, Committeeman Payne announced that he had secured permanent headquarters over a hardware store. The Scouts plan so far as possible to make all necessary furnishings themselves.

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The Tree-Planting Good Turn

The Scout column in the Oshawa Times carries the following notice re spring tree planting: "One of our local troops planted 1,000 trees last year on a farm. Do you know of any farmer for whom your Troop could do this good turn?"

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A Recognition of Long Service

Prior to his departure for the coast, and in recognition of 21 years of continuous leadership of the 8th Calgary

(Crescent Heights) Troop, Scoutmaster E. V. Spiller was entertained by a large gathering of present and past members of the Group, parents, and members of the Group Association and District Council at Crescent Heights Masonic Hall. During the evening Scoutmaster Spiller was presented with a beautiful gold wrist-watch.

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A Saturday P. M.—Evening Cub Conference

A Saturday conference of Cub Sixers and Seconders held in Westminster Church Hall was an interesting St. Catharines experiment. The afternoon programme, presided over by Cubmaster Sampson of the Westminster Pack, commenced at 2.30, and took the form of a series of questions on pack procedure, duties, etc. A representative of each pack present was given one question to answer. The questions were interspersed with songs. Refreshments were served at 5.30. For the evening session Cub parents and friends were invited and District Commissioner Gratton presided. Each pack was made responsible for one item of the evening's entertainment, which comprised songs, Cub yells, sketches, etc.

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Planning to Share the Camp Fun

A "1930 Camp" discussion of the 1st Lindsay Troop, Ont., resulted in the decision of the boys to endeavour this year to take with them to camp a patrol of Lone Scouts, also several boys who are unable to go camping through lack of funds.

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Patrol Corner "Cabins"

Birch-bark "log cabins" are being constructed by the five patrols of the 1st Bridgeburg Troop, Ont., in their troop room corners. Patrol hikes are held to gather the necessary bark, which must be taken only from trees already cut down.

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Taking the Conference Back Home

Chatham, Ont., delegates to the Ontario Provincial Conference recently held in Hamilton, Ont., invited all local leaders to a special meeting to hear reports on the conference and to see demonstrations of new Scout and Cub games, etc.

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A "Penny-a-Year" Birthday Party

Invitations issued to friends to attend a 1st Sydney Troop, N.S., birthday party invited them to bring "as many pennies as their years," to swell the troop's 1931 summer camp fund. There was a large attendance with District Commissioner W. C. Carter presiding. A programme of songs, games and stunts wound up with refreshments provided and served by the boys.

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Honouring a Departed Troop Friend

Upon the death of Mrs. H. H. Rogers, for many years a warm and active friend of the 10th Calgary, a Guard of Honour of Patrol Leaders and Rover Scouts participated in the services at the chapel and cemetery. This attention, and a remembrance of flowers, was deeply appreciated by the family.

Another Hall and Library

The providing of a recreation hall with equipment and a library of 40 volumes, and the holding of several hikes and week-end camps were items reported at the annual meeting of the 1st Annapolis Royal, N.S., Troop and Pack. The Group is backed by the I.O.D.E.

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Edmonton Cubs Broadcast

Three Edmonton Cub Packs contributed a February radio programme from station CJCA, Edmonton. The programme consisted of a pack opening, Second Star work, an investiture, and in addition recitations, several musical numbers, a sketch, and a brief talk by Assistant Cub Commissioner Rowsell.

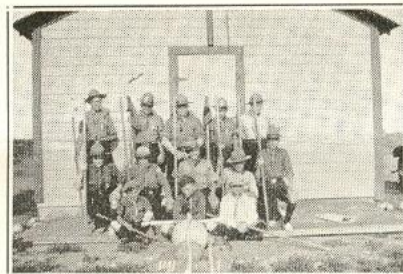
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One of the recent recruits of the 51st Torontos, a deaf and dumb boy, readily passed his Tenderfoot tests. The boy was trained almost entirely by signs, and showed remarkable adaptability in his work.

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Winnipeg R.L.'s Form Special Service Patrol

At the conclusion of the first Winnipeg (2nd Canadian) Rover Leaders' Course, which was taken by some of Winnipeg's most experienced Scouters, all, at their own request, were



THE fine 16x24 headquarters of the 12th Regina Troop. Built by S. M. Diamond and the Scouts, with some financial assistance from the neighbours. Located on four city lots leased at a nominal rental from the C.N.R.

invested in due form. Following the investiture the newly-obligated Rovers formed themselves into a permanent Rover Patrol, with E. F. Mills as Rover Leader, to be known as the Hesketh Patrol, in honour of the late Col. J. A. Hesketh. While all are now active in Scouting, it was the expressed wish that if there was anything special to be done for Scouting, they should be called upon. The course was given by Mr. Mills.

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Scout Fair Ensures Camp

Funds for the coming summer's camp were raised by the 23rd Toronto Troop through their second annual Scout Fair, held in St. Clement's parish hall. The fair comprised an exhibit of hobbies, individual and patrol competitions and a stage entertainment in the evening.

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What a Live District Leaders' Council Can Do

The splendid annual report for the Eastern Townships District of Quebec for 1930 showed active troops in fifteen different communities outside of Sherbrooke, and eight active troops,

each with its pack, in Sherbrooke, with a total of 761 Cubs, Scouts and Rovers and 80 leaders. Seven camps were held during the summer, and 551 Scouts and Cubs participated in the competitions of the annual Eastern Townships Rally. This is the result of systematic year-round good work by the District Leaders' Council, including the good-turn visiting of outside troops by Sherbrooke leaders.

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Ontario Lone Scout Head Returns

Lone Scouts of Ontario were delighted during the past month to learn of the return to the province of Captain John Furminger, and his resumption of leadership of Lone Scouting in the province.

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A Local Medical Society Shield

The Calgary Medical Society's Shield, awarded in a Calgary District first aid competition held under the rules of the Wallace Nesbitt Junior, was won for the second year by the 10th Calgary Troop, with the 12th Calgary a close second. The 10th team was trained by A. S. M. Henderson of the C. N. R. Police, and the 12th team by Sergeant Sawyer of the C. P. R.

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"Up the Cubbing Ladder"

Several Scout and Wolf Cub plays were given at a very successful Parents' Night staged jointly by the 101st and 48th Toronto Troops. A Cub contribution was the popular pageant-play, "Up the Cubbing Ladder."

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Under a Jungle Moon

Real jungle atmosphere was created for the Winnipeg St. James' Cub Pack by an "indoor moon" at one end of the hall, in the light of which Akela recited a poem wishing the Cubs good hunting, this followed by the Grand Howl and the Dance of Baloo.

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One Troop's International Border Activities

Recent inter-troop activities of the 21st Border Cities included attendance at the Detroit Central Rally, at which they won first place in a competition with fifteen American troops; attendance at St. Paul's Cathedral, Detroit; a visit from Detroit Troop 132 at a regular meeting; and the attendance of Scoutmaster Russell of Detroit at the troop's annual banquet tendered by the Mothers' Auxiliary.

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Preventorium Pack Carries On

A visit of Assistant Provincial Commissioner Irwin and their former Cubmaster, now Scoutmaster Tindall of Toronto, found the 10th London, Ont., Wolf Cub Pack, of the Byron Preventorium, in full Cub uniform. The visit was a great event for the Cub shut-ins, some of whom have been members of the hospital pack for several years.

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Publishing Badge Requirements

Each Saturday's issue of the *Picton Gazette*, Ont., carries some of the requirements for the various rank and proficiency badges, in order that boys without copies of the *Handbook* or *P.O. & R.*, may clip out the requirements for particular badges, and paste them in a scrapbook.

From the 11th Annual Manitoba Conference

MARKING the important place achieved by Rovering in Manitoba, a pageant, "The Descent of Service," was made one of the outstanding features of the 11th Annual Manitoba Scout Leaders' Conference, held Feb. 27th at Marlborough Hall, Winnipeg. A new record in attendance included leaders from Brandon, Minto, Melita, Ninette, Belmont, St. Andrews, Giroux and Russell. The guests also included members of the Girl Guides Association; and Provincial President R. G. Persse, who occupied the chair, took the occasion to thank the Guide leaders for their splendid co-operation in the annual Christmas Toy Shop work.

Herbert Greenaway, of the Dominion Headquarters' staff, brought the good wishes of the Chief Executive Commissioner, John A. Stiles, and also greetings from the recent Ontario Leaders' Conference.

The Art of Story-Telling

In a most instructive talk on this subject, Mrs. J. Hercus described story-telling as a mind-picture method of getting over to boys ideas which many cannot grasp in any other way. The importance of a story telling plan was noted. There should be the introduction, the series of events, the climax and the conclusion. The introduction must get the attention of the audience, otherwise the story fails at the beginning; the series of events cover the actual happenings, and the climax is the high spot of the story. With regard to the conclusion,—don't drag it out and explain unnecessarily, and don't moralize; leave it to your hearers to pick out what the story is intended to convey.

In selecting a story for telling, leaders should choose one that appeals to them personally as well as one bearing a worthwhile lesson for the boys. The story should be re-read until by closing the eyes the story-teller could visualize the happenings. If these are not fixed picture-like in the mind they cannot be successfully pictured to the boys. The happenings should be as vivid as though a personal experience. It is a good plan finally to tell the story to an imaginary audience, to make sure that it is mastered.

In telling a story the leader should forget himself. The story is the important thing; the boys are scarcely conscious of the teller. Above all be natural; speak in a simple, natural tone of voice.

In choosing stories for boys remember that they want stories chiefly of action. Boys of Scout age like yarns of action and adventure, where the hero makes a sacrifice of some kind for a principle. In illustration Mrs. Hercus told the story of "The Grumpy Saint."

Historical Trails

Dr. D. A. Stewart of Ninette, President of the Manitoba Historical Society, drew attention to the possible service of Rover Scouts in locating lost places of historical interest. One of these was the exact site of old Fort Maurepais near the mouth of the Red

River. Others were the old Dawson Trail, and the Buffalo Trail in the Manitou district, over which Red River carts had passed in their thousands, but the location of which had now been lost.

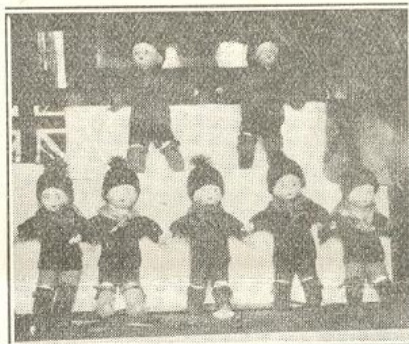
Numerous other places of historical interest in the province were mentioned by Dr. Stewart, in refutation of the occasional suggestion that Manitoba had no history.

Singing for Scouts and Cubs

In discussing this subject Mr. S. P. Osborne incidentally drew attention to the fact that the refrain of "O Canada" did not consist of a repetition of those title words—as it is quite frequently rendered—but should be sung:

O Canada, glorious and free,
We stand on guard, we stand on guard for thee;
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.

The frequent incorrect singing of the last line of the National Anthem



A "WOLF CUB SIX" made by Lady C. M. Babbitt of the Fredericton, N.B., Cathedral Pack for a church bazaar.

also was mentioned. In both songs it was important to maintain the rhythm and tempo.

Songs of lively action, negro songs and sea chanteys were mentioned as types of songs popular with boys. Care should be taken that the music was within the average boy's range. Songs to be avoided were sickly sentimental songs of the "popular" type, moving picture "theme" songs, etc. The old and established songs of sentiment were excepted. Mr. Osborne could imagine nothing more pleasing than a group of boys round a campfire singing "Love's Old Sweet Song." Rounds were always good.

It was not necessary that Scout leaders should have special training in order to teach songs. In practically every troop there is a boy who can play a mouth-organ. In the case of a new song, have him learn it, and lead.

All that is needed is a little sense of rhythm, a musical ear and enthusiasm. He thought enthusiasm was the chief requisite.

"The Descent of Service"

The programme was very appropriately closed with this impressive pageant, which consisted of a prologue and two acts, and was put on by the 31st Winnipeg (St. Giles') Rover Crew.

In a series of scenes there was depicted "The Discovery of the Magic Sword by Arthur."

Act 1. "The Epic of Arthur and his Knights."

Scene 1. The Discovery of the Magic Sword.

Scene 2. The Crowning of Arthur.

Scene 3. The King's Dream.

Scene 4. The Vigil of Galahad.

Scene 5. The Knighting of Galahad.

Act 2. "The Epic of To-day," presented the actual investiture of King's Scout Hodgson by Rover Leader Frank Foulds and the 31st Rover Crew, assisted by the Scoutmaster and Cubmaster of the Group. The prayer of dedication was offered by the Group Chaplain, Rev. H. M. Pearson.

The pageant and the actual investiture made a deep impression upon the entire gathering, all standing during the concluding re-affirmation of the Promise, and the prayer of dedication.

HANDLING THE GOOD TURN

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and the sincere Scout is embarrassed. He won't tell another Good Turn. He is repelled, suppressed.

Then what are we going to do about it? It seems to the writer that a personal good turn should be a matter to be cherished in the heart of the doer, a sacred treasure that strengthens the character, rather than to proclaim it abroad with a very real danger in the development of the braggard. The Scout who does his daily good turn is a stronger character and a better citizen. The boy who doesn't actively subscribe to the idea of helpfulness to others isn't a Scout, even if he does "belong."

We recommend that co-operative troop good turns offer a very satisfactory answer to the problem. There is no personal glory or vanity in the good turn project planned and shared by all the members. But the personal satisfaction is there, which produces the impulse to perform those individual good turns when the opportunities arise.

It is because of the conviction stated in the above that we have included in the troop rating scheme, those major troop good turns that are promoted by troops. Look about for chances to do something helpful for your parent sponsor, your church, your school, your local welfare committee, some needy family, or some deserving individual.

Get the Good Turn idea deep into the consciousness of your Scouts through worth while projects in which many or all can share.

—Old Trails Broadcaster,
Columbia, Mo.

Bare-Kneed Knights of Ypres

THE latest British Group of "Boy Scouts in Foreign Countries" to be registered by the Headquarters of the Boy Scouts Association in London is the "Ypres and District" Boy Scouts. This Group consists of British boys resident in the Ypres district of Belgium; mostly the sons of employees of the War Graves Commission.

Saskatchewan's 1930 Jamboree Organization

THE Saskatchewan Provincial Scout Jamboree held July 5-12 of last year in Prince Albert National Park, and attended by 476 Scouts and leaders representing 51 troops in different parts of the province, was the first provincial Scout gathering of the kind held in Canada; and an outline of its organization and programme may be of interest to leaders elsewhere.

The camp directorate consisted of a Camp Director, a Deputy Camp Director, a Medical Officer, a Quartermaster, and Chiefs over each of the three sub-camps. The sub-camps were comprised largely of composite troops.

Sub-Camp Courts of Honour, made up of a Scouter, T. L. and P. L. from each troop, met daily at 8 a.m.

Daily orders were posted in each sub-camp.

Patrols were appointed daily to guard the camp from 9 p.m. to 12, and prevent persons entering or leaving the camp without authority.

A bathing picket was on duty during swimming hours, and boating was permitted swimmers only, who were required to show a special pass from their S. M.

Strict orders permitted the lighting of fires and obtaining of wood only where indicated by the Camp Director. Axes were carried and used only by authorization of a Sub-Camp Chief.

Parents and friends accompanying Scouts to the Jamboree were given the use of a camp site four miles distant.

The camp was opened to the public during the last four days only.

The various contests were first held by troops, then by sub-camps, the camp finals coming on the second-last day of the Jamboree.

The programme included: Ambulance work, high jump, fire lighting and water boiling, broad jump, Kim's game, throwing baseball, cooking, verbal messages, shot put (8 pound), friction fire, and a sketch map of the camp site.

Following was the camp routine:—

Routine—Except as otherwise ordered the routine will be as follows:—

- 6.00 a.m. "Son rise."
- 6.05 a.m. Morning dip or strip to waist to wash, and setting up exercises.
- 6.50 a.m. Prayers and Flag raising at Sub-Camps.
- 7.00 am. Breakfast.
- 8.00 a.m. Court of Honour at Sub-Camps. Camp cleaning and Camp inspection (Sub-Camp).
- 9.30 to 10 a.m. Instructional work
- 10.00 to 10.45 a.m. Inter-Camp visiting.
- 10.45 to 11.25 a.m. Games and practices.
- 11.25 to 11.45 a.m. Swimming.
- 12.00 noon. Dinner.
- 1.00 p.m. Rest hour, Diaries, Letters, etc.
- 2.00 p.m. Games, Hikes, Displays, etc.
- 4.00 p.m. Swimming.
- 5.30 p.m. Supper.

Sundown—Flag lowering.

8.00 p.m. Camp Fire, Scout Promise and Prayers, Songs, Stories and Stunts.

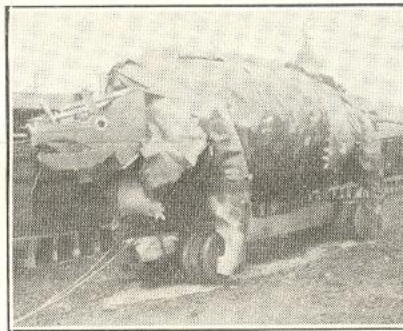
9.30 p.m. Lights out.

Our Patron Saint's Day

ST. George's Day, April 23rd, this year falls on Thursday, making April 25th St. George's Sunday. Every troop should, if possible, arrange a special commemorative service, for Scouts and leaders as well as others, the ideals of service and the religious significance of the Scouting programme. The occasion is particularly appropriate for the blessing or dedication of colours, and for a solemn reaffirmation of the Promise. A combined service of Rovers, Scouts and Cubs, and Rangers, Guides and Brownies is always most impressive.

A law passed in Lithuania gives the Lithuanian Scout organization the "Lietuvos Skauts Sajunga," a monopoly of the name, badge, uniform, etc., and nominates as its honorary head, His Excellency the President of the Republic.

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



A Dinosaur that ate 24 Wolf Cubs. It was captured on Victoria Day of last year by the 2nd Drumheller Troop, Alta., and the Cubs rescued, in the presence of a large holiday crowd. It was 20 feet long, and its head and tail waggled wickedly until it was subdued.

Correspondents Wanted By

- An English Scout aged 12.
- An English Scout aged 13.
- An English Scout Aged 14.
- An English Troop.

The Lost Explorers.—Tell the Cubs that they are going to have tea in the woods, but before they can have it they must find a certain traveller who has been lost; he is starving and must be found quickly or he will perish. He can be found by following up the hoof-marks of his horse.

To work this game it will be necessary for the A.C.M. to go to a given spot and act as the lost explorer.

On his way he will, with a pointed knife, make a trail of marks on the ground, resembling hoof-marks, which the rescue party will follow.

The rescue party will take the provisions with them in a small barrow and if they fail to find the traveller they have lost the game.

Is Scouting Military, Imperialist, or Politically Biased?

WRITING in The Mansfield Reporter, Mr. Mortimer Grimes, Organizing Secretary of the Nottingham Federal Council for the League of Nations, confutes the arguments of local critics of the Boy Scout Movement in these categorical terms:

"They state," he writes, "that it is (1) Militarist, (2) Imperialist, (3) Politically biased. This is not so, as the following reasons will show:—

"1. The Boy Scout Movement is not a military organization because the Scouts,

- (a) Have no military titles.
- (b) Do not carry arms.
- (c) Do not practice bayonet fighting, musketry, or other military exercises.
- (d) Do not practice military discipline.
- (e) Do not have to subordinate the will to superior officers as in the case of military organizations.

"2. The Boy Scout Movement is not an Imperialist organization, because,

- (a) Scouts are taught love of their own country, not hatred of other countries.
- (b) Scouts are encouraged to meet Scouts from other countries so as to know and understand them.
- (c) The Scout Jamborees periodically bring together some 50,000 Scouts of all nationalities to promote international solidarity.

"3. The Boy Scout Movement is not politically biased because:

- (a) It is not linked up or associated with any party.
- (b) Adherence to Conservative, Liberal or Socialist principles is not a condition of membership or of participation in the work of the Movement."

In conclusion, Mr. Grimes says that if his critics were to study the Movement more deeply they would find that it is doing much to bring about in the younger generation that spirit of goodwill and friendship that is necessary to make peace permanent, and not just a lull between wars.

That Winnipeg's interest in Cubbing has not waned was evidenced by the splendid enrolment of 34 for the 7th Winnipeg Akela Course, held at Sir Hugh John Macdonald School under the direction of Akela Frank W. Thompson. Twenty-four of those attending, including 7 ladies, had not before taken a Cubbing course. Several experienced Cubbers took the course as a "refresher," and passed in "Cub spirit and attendance." The course wound up with a social evening at Greenwood United Church.

Montreal Rovers have organized a group of Childrens' Hospital visitors, the "Rover Missioner Club." A set of regulations for Rover visiting was first submitted to the hospital authorities and ratified by the Rover Council Executive.

The Bible in the Rover Meeting

IN the two previous issues of the *Scouter* there have been suggestions how to introduce the Bible into the life of the Pack and Troop. Some hints as regards Bible study by Rover Scouts are given this month, and will be continued in a subsequent issue. Since the Rovers of to-day are the probable Scouters of to-morrow, and as such must learn systematically both how to study and how to teach others, the greater length of this series needs no apology.

Many Rover Scout Crews are only able to hold one definite week-day meeting, but, where this is the case, it might be possible for an additional meeting to be held on Sunday, at some suitable hour, for the purpose of discussing together "hikes" into the pages of the Bible. For such meetings to be of real value to all concerned it is essential that as many as possible of those present should give expression to their own thoughts, thus diminishing the danger of shallow conclusions and fleeting impressions resulting. When many are participating this is not practicable, and so it is suggested that where the crew is large there should be formed a number of "study circles," each with a low maximum of members. Each of these "circles" consisting possibly of a dozen or fewer fellows, might go on the same "hike" along a selected "trail," there being subsequently a pooling of clues and deductions at a general meeting of the Crew. The "family" atmosphere is desirable for this sort of tracking, and may well lead to the enhancement of this atmosphere later in the wider field of some particular religious organization, an objective well worth pursuing.

Just as the Rover Scout is encouraged to take up a quest in life, so he might also be encouraged to "hike" into the Bible in quest of Spiritual guidance; the following of such "trails" would entail a thorough knowledge of at least some part of the Bible being acquired in an interesting way. If a "log" is kept, moreover, the Crew should possess at the end of the year an interesting record of these journeyings, including the facts discovered and the difficulties encountered. Rover Scout leaders would find it helpful to display on the notice board the previous week to any particular hike a list of Bible references, such as those to be given later, in order that the Rovers might have the opportunity of acquiring a little knowledge before the actual discussion.

A large number of directions for such "hikes" exist. Thus there is the tracing out in the Bible of examples of Rover Scout characteristics and obligations; the study of Bible persons whose histories and characters afford useful hints for those living in the world to-day; the life of Christ as the Chief Rover Scout; Scriptural illustrations of friendship, etc.; and various other New and Old Testament studies.

"Atmosphere" is an important factor in the success of such study cir-

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cles, and in this connection I may well mention here and in the next article one or two books which have helped some of us very much in the task of creating deep interest in the Bible stories. There are very many excellent ones available, and differences of taste in this respect are fully catered for.

In *Old Testament Scenes and Characters* (James Clark & Co., 6s. net), Professor J. E. McFayden, D.D., indicates most helpfully the value of the Old Testament narrative for people living to-day, by discussing carefully selected persons, and passages of biographical and historical interest. This is a most useful handbook for any Bible Class Leader, and the same may be said of this author's earlier book, *Use of the Old Testament*. With such aid it becomes easy to initiate lads into the attractiveness and value of these undying human biographies.

Another most helpful book of this kind is *The Veracity and Value of the Old Testament*, by James Stephenson, which has just been published by the Faith Press, Buckingham Street, London, W.C. 2 (2s. 9d. post free). This is a book to be studied slowly and thoughtfully by Rover Scout Leaders, who will then be able to secure the right "atmosphere" in their study circles without difficulty. They will be enabled also to face up to such current questions as the Creation story and the relation of Religion and Science; they will, moreover, have such a store of historical information and simple psychological details about the Bible characters as will enable them to inspire their Rovers to do their own questing. Hard preliminary work is necessary, however, if this and other books of the kind are to be mastered. Many are going through life to-day ignorant of the fascination and the value of the Bible because teachers do not study carefully the Book they are advocating.

Both these books may be commended to the more thoughtful Rover Scouts, but I should like to call attention also to certain simpler books: *The Religious Basis of Citizenship*, by V. Donald Siddons (J. Alfred Sharp, 1s. 6d. net); *Representative Men of the Bible*, by G. Matheson (Hodder & Stoughton, 6s.); *Half Hours in God's Older Picture Gallery*, by J. C. Greenough (Hodder & Stoughton, 2s.); and *The Book Nobody Knows*, by Bruce Barton (Constable, 3s. 6d. net.)

One or two examples of different hiking possibilities may well close this first article. The list of Bible references should not dismay readers; it is only intended to save them trouble in planning the hiking, and is not to be taken as the whole of the possible ground to be explored in tracing what the Bible has to teach about such Rover Scout characteristics as leadership, loyalty, and exploration.

Leadership

Moses. The early training of a leader (Exod. ii, iii, and iv); the need of persuasiveness (Exod. v to xii); the necessity of having a policy and rules (Exod. xx to xxiii, Num. v, vi, xv, xxvii to xxx, and xxxvi); leading through difficulties (Num. xx and xxi).

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

THE DUFFEL BAG

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

The Scout Law in Indian Terms

WE give below the meaning in our own language of the 10 Scout Laws as expressed by the Plains Indians in their own sign language. This, I think, will convince us all that these Indians were good Scouts.

1. Like an arrow, straight from the heart and lips.
2. Stays that way.
3. Cares about others.
4. Growing up side by side.
5. On a level with the heart.
6. No cruelty, no killing, but "good."
7. Listens—heeds what is said.
8. Sunrise in the heart.
9. Leaves something for others.
10. Heart, mind, tongue good.

—Niagara Falls Review.

Gardening Funds for Camp

THIS notice appeared last spring in the Scout News column of the Rosetown Eagle, Sask.: "Anyone requiring any gardens dug or any general clean-up work, please 'phone 226, or enquire at Ward's Studio, and help the Scouts to their summer camp."

Leadership Qualities

A letter to *The Times* a little time ago summed up the necessary qualifications for a Scouter as: (1) character; (2) culture in the most liberal sense and width of outlook; (3) sympathy with and love for boys; (4) power of leadership; (5) modesty—readiness to realize the necessity of the technical and practical training now afforded in the approved course for warrant holders; and (6) a vast sense of humour and proportion.

Those fortunate enough to have survived the war have had an experience denied to any other generation in history. We have gained a vision of new faculties and opportunities for human progress. We have received an unequalled incentive to carry on the lessons of service learnt in the war to the utmost of our powers, and to the end of our days.

Planting Gardens for Old People

THE Paris Wolf Patrol of the 1st Ontario Lone Scout Troop last spring prepared and planted the gardens of a number of old people who had no one to do this and were unable to do it for themselves.

Saved an Historic Building and Secured a Headquarters

ENGLISH Scouts and Guides have saved Kettering's first Nonconformist Sunday-school, 130 years old, from destruction.

After 120 years' service it was allowed to fall into disuse, and the church officials began to consider pulling it down. The local Scouts and Guides were handicapped in their work through want of a suitable headquarters, so they turned their attention to the old school.

They set to work and cleaned it up, repaired it, painted it, and, in fact, did

everything necessary except fitting the electric lights, and one of Kettering's historic buildings is now preserved and serving a useful purpose.

Easter Eggs

THE collecting of contributions of Easter Eggs for donation to hospitals, orphanages, old folks' homes and similar institutions is again suggested as a special Easter good turn which may offer opportunities for troops and packs in many parts of Canada. The Scouts of St. Johns, Que., who originated the idea in 1925, increased the number of eggs collected each year, until for Easter of 1930 they secured no less than 5,323 eggs, for presentation to the St. Johns Hospital and St. Therese's Orphanage.

In Toronto last year the 25th Wolf Cub Pack gave up their usual Good Friday hike to collect eggs, which were presented as an Easter morning treat to children at the Hospital for Sick Children.

Merchants Do Not Object

Not only do merchants not object, but with egg dealers and farmers back the campaign, and often make generous donations. As a matter of fact, if the institutions concerned do not purchase, the eggs are bought for them by others, so that the dealers lose nothing. Another factor is the low price and plentiful supply of eggs during the Easter season.

Collecting and Distributing

It has been the practice in St. Johns to notify the public through the local press and church pulpits. A "rush job" is then made of the house-to-house collecting, by Scouts and Cubs in uniform, on Wednesday and Thursday and on Good Friday morning. On Good Friday afternoon the eggs are brought in to a central collection station, where they are received and counted by a group of Scouters.

The eggs are then allotted to the various institutions, and delivered by smartly uniformed groups of three or four Scouts under a Patrol Leader.

In addition to donating eggs to institutions, there would seem to be room for special Easter distribution of fresh eggs among needy families, especially families in which there is sickness, or a convalescing invalid.

Coloured Eggs

It would add to pleasure of children recipients in hospitals and orphanages if the eggs—or at least a number of them—were coloured, and sent in "bunny baskets." For the hospitals it would be wise to learn first whether coloured eggs would be acceptable.

English Rover Foresters' Job

SINCE February the Rovers of the 1st Ambleside Group, England, have devoted their Saturday afternoons to the care and maintenance of the Kelswick Scar property of the National Trust, in Westmoreland.

Tell a Cub "Error" Story

TELL this yarn to your Cubs, and send each Six to its den to write out a list of natural history and other errors noted:—

"Two Wolf Cubs were walking along an icy path in the woods on a hot summer day. Their raincoats were buttoned closely around their neck. As they walked along they heard a rabbit bark. They looked, and saw the rabbit sitting up in the top of a big doughnut tree. They shook the tree and made the rabbit fall to the ground. Then they chased him and tried to catch hold of his long tail. They caught him, but the feathers came out and he got away again. He ran and dived into a creek and swam to the other side. Then the Cubs went home."

Collecting Toys on Moving Day

IF you have a storage place, don't overlook the possibility of collecting discarded or unused toys on "Moving Day," May 1st, for your early start on next Christmas' Toy Shop work. An announcement at church and school, or through the press, and a telephone number, will bring requests to call. As May Day falls on a Friday, calls can conveniently be made on Saturday morning.

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Loyalty to God

Hezekiah. A man who had the courage to stand by his principles (2 Kings xviii); the importance of prayer in life (2 Kings xix and xx); making a promise (2 Chron. xxix); keeping the promise (2 Chron. xxx to xxxii).

Daniel. "Rock 2" (Dan. i); Scout Laws ii and viii (Dan. ii to v); trust in God (Dan. vi).

(To be concluded)

—By Kenneth C. Sparrow, B.Sc., in *The Scouter*.

Scout Dates

April

1st—All Fools' Day. Scouts to "fool" by doing Good Turns.

3rd—Good Friday.

5th—Easter Day.

12th—Low Sunday.

23rd—St. George's Day. St. George is the patron saint of Scouting.

During April

Hold early spring observation hikes.

Begin planning the summer camp.

Participate in local spring "clean-ups."

May

1st—May Day.

10th—Rogation Sunday. Mother's Day.

14th—Ascension Day.