



The Chief Scout's Outlook

UP in the Swiss mountains in the green valley of Kandersteg one is very remote from the fuss and hurry of the world. Yet, from where I sat a few days ago in the flower-decked balcony of the Scout ch  let I could see the flags of 20 nations waving above the tents and camp fires of some 3,000 young men gathered there.

Rover Scouts they are; a brigade, as it were, of storm-troops of the larger army of over 2,000,000 Boy Scouts. Their arms are alpenstocks, their discipline that of good will from within; their service consists not so much in fitting themselves for war as in developing the spirit of universal peace.

The days are long over when Scouting was looked upon as a useful game

at Vienna and at the Rover Moot in Switzerland have given fresh promise of further world developments in the near future.

The International Conference

At Baden, near Vienna, over 100 delegates from the 45 countries where Scouting exists sat in conference together for a week at the end of July. This meeting was convened by the Honorary Director of the International Bureau, Mr. Hubert Martin, to whose indefatigable work the success of the international administration is mainly due. The subjects under consideration would be of little interest to the outsider, but were of paramount importance to the Movement itself.

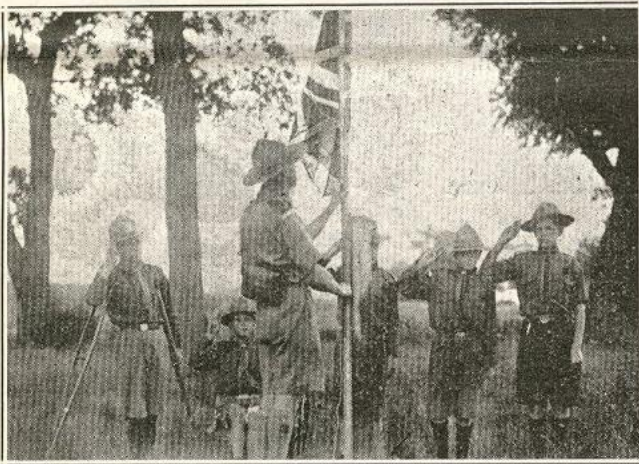
Scout Example of Good Will

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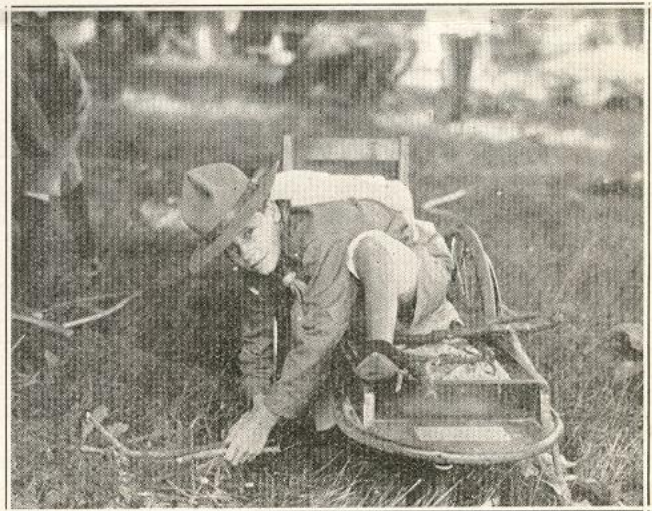
Religious and Educational Approval

Some remarkable side issues also came of the Vienna Conference. The President of Austria attached sufficient importance to the meeting to come himself to Baden and give an address, stating his genuine approval of our work. Also, and of no less importance, was the reception accorded to the delegates by his Eminence the Prince Archbishop, Cardinal Piffel. He here delivered an exceptionally sympathetic appreciation of the Movement from the educational and religious point of view, a pronouncement which cannot fail to give encouragement to workers in the Movement wherever they may be.

One incident of that wonderful week which appealed to and touched me profoundly was the extraordinary reception accorded to me by the Boy Scouts themselves, both Austrian and German-speaking, when I visited them informally in their camps.



S.M. WILLENEGGER opens the first camp of the Robert Louis Stevenson Post Troop, on the Humber River in a glen below the Thistleton Branch of the Children's Hospital, near Toronto. The camp brought another thrilling and helpful experience to these handicapped boys. RIGHT—One of the campers, Scout Mair, making his Second Class fire.



for keeping English boys out of mischief; parents and public have come to see in it a practical process of education for the use of both sexes, and with the wider growth of its brotherhood abroad its possibilities in the direction of human fellowship for developing the spirit of international goodwill are now becoming generally recognized.

Promise of Further Development

My recent tour of New Zealand, Australia, and South Africa has shown me how firmly established is the Movement in those countries and how fully appreciated by the education authorities, but my subsequent experiences at the International Conference

were the unanimity and good feeling shown on all hands in the discussions. Attention had been drawn to this on a previous occasion by the member of the League of Nations deputed to watch the proceedings, when he said that it was refreshing to see men coming together from all parts of the globe, not, as at Geneva, intent on representing the interests of their own particular country, but all inspired with the one common interest—namely, the good of the boy. Both at the Vienna Conference and again at the Rover Moot at Kandersteg we were fortunate in having the assistance of Mr. Vernon Bartlett, who kindly contributed an interesting and informative address on the League of Nations.

Then came the Rover Moot at Kandersteg. Valuable as had been the Vienna Conference the Rover Moot had yet a greater significance. The Vienna Conference was the normal biennial meeting of the World Scout Council, whereas the International Rover Moot was the first of its kind. The fact that no fewer than 3,000 young men from over 21 different countries managed to attend it in spite of the existing economic depression was in itself a sign of their earnest purpose and enthusiasm. It marked a new departure and an up-to-date one, where, in the regulation of a youth movement, youth has its voice side by side with that of experienced leaders.

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A Greeting from Earl Willingdon

SCOUT leaders throughout Canada who have followed with interest the part played in Indian affairs by our late Chief Scout, Earl Willingdon, and who learned with regret his recently reported ill health, will read with especial interest the following message received in response to a greeting from the Annual Meeting of the Canadian General Council. The message is addressed to Mr. Gerald H. Brown, Honorary Dominion Secretary.

Viceregal Lodge,
Simla, 4-6-31.

Dear Mr. Brown:

How very kind of you to send me the greetings of the Headquarters Association of the Boy Scouts of Canada. Thank you so much and pray give them all my warmest good wishes for increased good Scouting in the coming years.

I am very glad to learn that you are arranging for a permanent Memorial to that great social worker, Dr. Robertson.

We are settling down here, and find the work much harder than it used to be in Canada, but it is full of interest.

Warmest good wishes,

Yours sincerely,

WILLINGDON.

The following letter from the Provincial Secretary of the Boy Scouts Association of Bombay, addressed to the Editor of *The Scout Leader*, also will be read with interest. The article referred to, a tribute to Viscount Willingdon upon his departure from Canada, appeared in the *Leader* for January last.

I read with special interest your leading article on His Excellency Earl Willingdon, who will be coming to us in a week's time. Let me assure you that I heartily reciprocate the good wishes that you have sent to Indian Scouts through the Scout Executive of Canada, and hope that the Canadian Scouts will feel that in Indian Scouts they have real comrades of equal standing, working for a common end.

Yours sincerely,

M. V. VENKATESWARAN,
Provincial Scout Secretary.

For the second year in succession the Wallace Nesbitt Junior first-aid trophy was won by the team of the 12th Winnipeg (Gordon United) Scout Troop.

The Next World Scout Jamboree
THE next Boy Scout World Jamboree will be held in 1933, at Goddolo, a town about fifteen miles from Budapest, in Hungary. This announcement was made following the International Conference of Scout Leaders held at Baden, near Vienna, Austria.

Your Camp Questionnaire?

SCOUTMASTERS who have not yet done so should not overlook sending in their Camp Questionnaire to the Dominion Camp Chief,—as their contribution to what is in effect an annual Dominion-wide camping conference and exchange of camping experiences.

As in previous years the large number of Questionnaires already received contain valuable information. The part played by Group or Troop Committees may be mentioned in particular. One Scoutmaster reported the assistance rendered by his Group Committee as "None whatever," and adds: "We are appointing a new committee this season, and we are off to a good start. We just discovered our workers among the boys' Dads—found



COLLECTION of new toys contributed last Christmas to the Regina Scout Toy Shop by the local Kiwanis Club. In addition \$27 was donated towards the shop expenses.

through the camp."

So don't overlook your contribution. It will be valuable if it only supports the experience of other leaders in the value of certain camping practices.

Windsor Scouts at Railway Smash

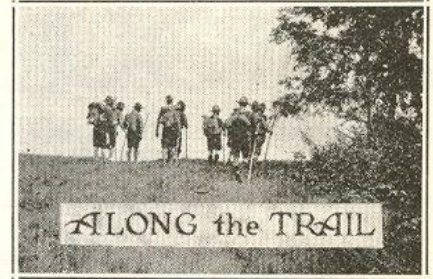
SCOUTS of the 25th Border Cities Troop on first aid duty for the Firemen's Field Day at the Devonshire Race Track, near Windsor, did splendid work on the evening of September 8th when a crowded street car on the way to the race track was wrecked and some eighty persons injured.

Quoting *The Border Cities Star*:

"Five minutes after the call was received, they were at the scene of the wreck, and under the direction of Scoutmaster C. M. Wear and Assistant Scoutmaster Ernest Hassberger started ministering to the injured as they were dragged from the car.

"Working under flashlights, they hastily bandaged wounds which appeared dangerous, assisted injured into ambulances and private cars, and accompanied them to the hospitals."

A full stock of first aid equipment was practically exhausted. The Scouts also assisted the police in holding back the crowds about the scene and in keeping them from fallen live wires.



The 3rd Ontario Rover Moot will be held at London, Ont., October 10-12. The dates were chosen in consequence of Thanksgiving having been fixed for October 12.

The 1st Renfrew Troop under Scoutmaster R. F. Fraser planted 3,000 red pine seedlings on a C. N. R. property a miles east of the town, for the Ontario Government Forestry Branch. The plantation of 2½ acres is to be tended by the Scouts over a period of three years, after which it will be handed over to the railway company.

The "Gaunt" Trophy of the St. John's Ambulance Association, emblematic of the intermediate first-aid championship, was awarded the senior first-aid team of the 10th Calgary Troop. This team was captained by T.L. Douglas Robertson, of the Canadian Jamboree Contingent, and was trained by A.S.M. Alex. Henderson. Second place was won by the team of the 9th Regina Troop.

That Austrian Scouts, like our own, are called upon for convention service work, and do this most efficiently, was reported on his return from a Rotary gathering at Vienna by District Commissioner S. B. McMichael of Toronto. At Prague, he witnessed a march-past of 15,000 Czechoslovakian Scouts, gathered for their 20th Anniversary Camp. There, and elsewhere in Europe, he found the Scout pin, salute and Scout handshake acknowledged with immediate cordiality.

As in previous years some fifty each Regina Scouts and Guides participated in the Decoration Day ceremonies in the Soldiers' Plot of the Regina Cemetery. Small sprays of flowers provided by various public bodies were placed on 243 graves. A simple but very effective ceremony has been worked out for the occasion. The flowers are placed in position simultaneously upon the note of a bugle, a second note bringing all erect and to the salute. In addition, Scout first-aid teams rendered effective service.

His Hon. Lt.-Col. H. E. Munroe, Lt.-Governor of Saskatchewan and Chief Scout for Saskatchewan, was invested as a member of the Boy Scouts Association in a ceremony performed at Government House, Regina, in the presence of members of the Saskatchewan Provincial Council. The investiture was conducted by Provincial Commissioner S. J. Latta. The new provincial Chief Scout's first task was to present a Scout Thanks Badge to Dr. A. H. Ball in recognition of his many years of service as Provincial Commissioner.

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Comradeship of Rovers and Leaders

It is true that in Germany and elsewhere there are Youth Movements and many of them organized for youth by youth, but generally and definitely independent of more adult direction. Nor do I blame them altogether, seeing what a chaos the older generation have let them in for. In the Rover Movement, however, Scouts have developed balanced minds, and they work enthusiastically in comradeship and co-operation with their leaders. Thus, although this branch of Scouting is comparatively young it is already a very sound and vigorous growth.

Not Unctuous Prigs

Here they were gathered in conference, devoting their hard-earned time and money to considering ways and means of developing Scouting generally and their service for the community in particular. This they did in no spirit of unctuous priggishness or youthful superiority. Far from it; they discussed their subjects in all earnestness in the great conference pavilion every day, but in the huge camp fire circle at night they were the jolliest specimens of jovial boyhood that one could wish to see.

Never during the whole fortnight in camp was there a suspicion of trouble or anything but cheery brotherly feeling among the many and varied elements which went to compose the gathering—Scandinavians, Rumanians, Japanese, Hungarians, Australians, Siamese, West Indians, East Indians, French, Cingalese, Poles, Armenians, etc., a polyglot lot, but good friends for all that.

The Moot Team Work

To myself possibly the most inspiring part of their varied programme was when one saw the endless succession of these splendid specimens of the young manhood of all nations setting out with heavy packs on their backs and ice axe in hand to tackle the neighbouring mountains in comradeship together.

The Moot might have been held with greater convenience in any large city, but this valuable side of it—namely, the breeding of mutual friendship in healthy sport, would have been lost.

Aye, and something more and above all price—namely, the higher tone of thought which could not fail to have inspired the least imaginative among them in those wonderful surroundings of mountain scenery.

Far from Jazz and Vulgar Squalor

Here among the eternal snows, face to face with Nature in its grandest

A PATROL Corner of the 10th Calgary. Note the Patrol Box containing patrol equipment. A ledge above bears numerous souvenirs of hikes.



and most sublime form, they must have felt themselves in closer touch with the Almighty Creator and in a new atmosphere far, far above the man-made jazz and vulgar squalor of the town.

Yes, a wide and promising field lies yet before the Scout Movement.

Fall Troop Adjustments

HERE is some excellent advice offered by "An Old Scoutmaster" for what he terms "the most trying period of our Scout year, the time for picking up the straggle ends of the summer's interruption."

I would suggest, then, as first and most important—PATIENCE.

These boys of ours have been free of the regular weekly troop meeting discipline for two months or more. Some have been living a carefree life with their families in cottages on lake shores, in most cases with nothing to do but have a good time. These boys will need a lot of patience while getting back into "harness" again.

Better turn your "glass eye" in their direction for a time.

Others have been working in shops or offices (with perhaps a week or so in camp as the sum total of their holidays). They have been earning money—perhaps their first!

More patience required. With a little bank account, they feel somewhat more independent than during the spring meetings.

In the summer's work they have been mixing with men. So they will feel more grown up. Perhaps they will feel that they are now too big to wear "shorts," etc. More patience.

A boy who previously used to be keen on the uniform comes to the first, and maybe the second meeting, minus uniform. You rag him about it. He tells you he has grown out of the old one. You say, "Oh, bosh! I've heard that excuse before! Don't forget to

wear it next meeting!" He doesn't wear it next time, and you rag him a little harder, with the result that he absents himself the following week. And the thread is broken.

Don't do this. Have patience, reason with him, accept his promise to get another one as soon as possible, and you'll soon be able to sound the "All's well."

Make it your business to find out from those boys with whom you have not been in close touch during the summer, how they spent their time. Have they earned money? How did they spend it? Did they keep the 9th Law in mind and save some of it? Have they tried to be real Scouts at all times? Did they remember their Good Turn?

In a word, "overhaul your stock," and discover whether it has increased in value, or if, unhappily, it must be "marked down" a bit.

Stock-taking is an interesting business; it not only adds to your knowledge of the boy, but satisfies the boy that you take more than a passing interest in him.

With the return of weekly troop activities you will be confronted with a number of new candidates for the troop. Also you have boys who have earned promotions, and there seems to be little chance of their getting it except by making changes. Right away, perhaps, you plan to form a new patrol, and begin overhauling your old P.L.'s.

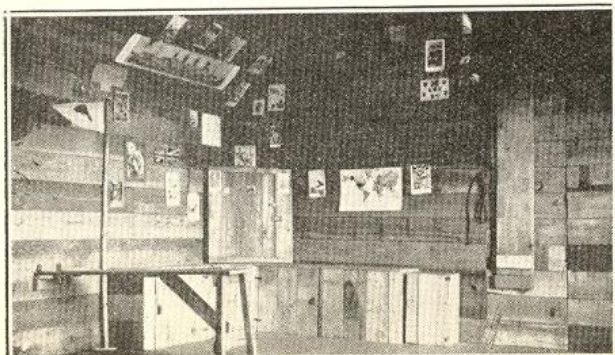
This is one of the annual fall problems. Handle it carefully. If you mix up the old patrols you will likely destroy the spirit which made competition keen; the boy does not like to "go back on his old colours."

Here is one way out of the difficulty. Take your P.L.'s and Seconds from each patrol and form them into an extra patrol, giving them a special name of some sort; one that will appeal to them in a humorous, or perhaps in a serious sense.

This leaves two vacancies in each patrol for your promotions and your recruits. The members of the fifth patrol may be termed Instructors. But in games and all patrol competitions they join their old patrol.

In this way they not only help the general work of the troop, but the spirit and honour of their old patrols is fostered by them, and they find an added incentive to be punctual, regular, and active, with the result that they stay with the troop longer than they might otherwise remain.

Provide an entirely new schedule of games for this season. And, speaking



CORNER built by the Beavers of the thriving 5th Victoria, B.C., Troop, in the loft of the large barn which has been turned into a first class troop home. The seats are the equipment lockers. One of the hinged benches is raised.



PRIZE totem at the Victoria, B.C., District camp. St. Mary's Troop acknowledged the responsibility.

of games, we must recognize just at this time that football is a matter of very great importance in the schools; and, again, we must have patience with the boy who is clever enough to catch a permanent place on his school team.

It is good scouting in him to be "doing his bit" to uphold the honour of his school in realms of clean sport. So if he misses a meeting or two on account of practices or games, don't tell him grimly that he must "make a choice between Rugby and Scouting." Give him an "honorary present" if necessarily absent. Go out to see him play, if possible; if not, take an interest in the score and what he did, and speak of it. You'll gain far more than you'll lose; and you may be sure the rest of the boys will not object to his getting his attendance marks.

Re The Senior Sixer

VARIOUS questions regarding the Senior Sixer of the Wolf Cub Pack have been discussed by leaders from time to time,—from the extent of the authority to be given him, to the question of making such an appointment at all. Many Cubmasters apparently have come to regard the Senior Sixer as a necessary and expected appointment, although P. O. & R. does not so state. It is to be noted also that a Senior Sixer was not part of B.-P.'s original Cubbing scheme.

Several of our outstanding Canadian Cub leaders have been asked to express an opinion on the subject.

Mr. E. H. Milnes, a British Columbia leader of long experience, favours the dropping of the rank. The reasons he gives are that it is hard to make jobs to keep the Senior Sixer busy and satisfied; that he loses the fun of Six competition games, and that upon "going up" to the troop and becoming an unimportant Tenderfoot he experiences a let-down of position that occasionally results in his dropping out.

Mr. Milnes mentions as an alternative example a very successful Vancouver pack in which the duties of Senior Sixer have been given in turn to all the Sixers. Since the change the boys have not asked for the appointment of a permanent Senior Sixer.

Suggests Adopting an Animal Name

Mr. Frank W. Thompson, Assistant Commissioner in charge of Wolf Cubs in Manitoba, expressed the opinion that it was a mistake to elevate a Cub-age boy to a position of such authority as that usually inferred by the title, and that instead of "Senior Sixer" an animal name might better be used.

His own opinion was that the rank of Senior Sixer should be an honorary one, appointment being made by the Cubmaster for especial reasons of his own. "I do not think the Senior Sixer should exist unless he is running a Six himself. I would be inclined to have the title given as a reward for especially good work for a month at most, and let another Sixer, for equally good work, or better, be Senior Sixer next month, and so on. Only I would not call him Senior Sixer at all, but adopt an animal name."

"It's Thinking from Scouting to Cubbing"

Mr. H. M. Jockel, District Cub Commissioner for Montreal, believes the term "Senior" in a pack as out of place. In Montreal the term "Pack Leader" is used.

"And our Pack Leaders always are in charge of Sixes. In fact they are a Sixer who has a few extra duties. We do not make the position—nor even that of the Sixer—too prominent. We find that Cubs are all just little boys, and happiest as a member of the gang.

"We do not put Sixers too far ahead of the others, because they have to come back to ground, and this is hard for them. A Troop Leader is in quite a different position, as he goes ahead to the Rovers, and perhaps becomes an officer.

"I think that in this matter, as in some other Cubbing problems, our difficulties arise because of our thinking from Scouting to Cubbing, instead of treating Cubbing by itself and for itself. If a thing is done in Scouting, it either should not be done at all in Cubbing, or else, in an entirely different way.

"Our very best officers have always been people who came to Cubbing without any previous Scout experience."

Senior Sixer Not B.-P.'s Idea

Quoting "Wolf Cubs," by Gilcraft: "It is important to remember that the Senior Sixer is not a necessary or regular part of Pack organization. The position should not be awarded as a matter of course, but only when a boy is available who is particularly suited. We shall be more easily reconciled to this policy if we know that it was not part of the Chief's original scheme to have a Senior Sixer at all. The rank was only allowed and then formally recognized by I.H.Q. because people who ran packs as Junior Troops pressed for it. If a Senior Sixer is appointed he may or may not have a Six under him, according to circumstances. But it is generally safer to give him charge of a Six; otherwise the temptation to treat him as a junior Troop Leader—or even a young A.C. M.—is constant and great."

The Reference in P. O. & R.

It may be noted (Sec. 37, P. O. & R.) that "The appointment of not more than one Senior Sixer is permitted," etc. In other words, is not considered a necessary pack appointment.

Some Cub Meeting Hints

SIX Models.—Each Six is given a variety of articles such as plasticene, match box, nails, cardboard, match-sticks, cotton reel, a large board as a base, raffia, cane, etc., and each Six is required to make one model out of the collection, each Cub contributing to the model. This takes quite half an hour.

Animals.—Give each Cub a piece of newspaper, and each Sixer a list of animals, one for each Cub in his Six. Then ask them to tear out an animal from the paper.

Coloured Pictures.—Give each Six an assortment of coloured papers, some gum, and a sheet of cardboard (each Cub should bring along a pair of scissors). Ask each Six to make up a picture, using only the paper, the scissors and the gum, sticking the various pieces on to the cardboard.

Song Charades.—Each Six is given a list of three songs (each "three" will be different from the others). They have to act, in dumb show, the title, or portion of the story of the song, should it possess a story, the remaining Cubs endeavouring to guess the name and sing the song.

Tableaux.—Each Six forms a Tableau denoting a well-known historical event, the remainder endeavour to guess. (King Alfred—a Cub; a row of Cub caps inside out represent the cakes; an old woman—another Cub, in act of scolding.)

A Relay Game.—Requirements: a ping pong ball for each team, a piece of cardboard or wood for fanning. The teams line up in "tails" as for a relay, the first in each holding the fan, the ping pong ball at his feet. "Go"! He fans the ball up the club room, round an object, and back again, when the next does the same. This is repeated until all in each "tail" have taken part, and the first "tail" at "alert" are the winners. —Victorian Scout.

A Sea Scout Troop has been organized at Moose Jaw, Sask., with headquarters at the Moose Jaw Aquatic Club. A ten-oared boat has been provided by the Aquatic Club and the Regina Sea Cadets' Association. The troop is under the direction of an old country Sea Scouter.

More than 500 members of the Brownies, Guides and Rangers, Cubs, Scouts and Rovers, and the 2nd Winnipeg Company Boys' Brigade attended a colours presentation and dedication of the 31st Winnipeg Girl Guides at St. Giles' United Church. District and Provincial Guide and Scout leaders were present, and all reaffirmed their Promise at an impressive point in the service. Rev. H. M. Pearson, Cubmaster, and Chaplain of the Group, preached impressively on "Dreams and Deeds." Massing of the colours of the six church units and the singing of the National Anthem concluded a memorable service attended by a capacity congregation.

The Summer's Camping

QUESTIONNAIRE reports on close to one hundred Scout camps representing every part of the Dominion indicate another summer of camping which undoubtedly has placed the Scout standard at a yet higher average in sanitation and health, test and badge work carried out, and incidental public service good turns.

There were no fatalities nor cases of serious illness—a matter for congratulation, in view of the unprecedented number of drownings and other fatalities recorded in the press throughout the vacation period. The one Scout drowning reported, a Wolf Cub, occurred at a non-Scout camp.

A fine spirit of enterprise was reflected in a wide range of service opportunities found, some of them new and unique. An interesting summary story will be published when the reports are complete.

One of the outstanding training courses of the summer was the Provincial Patrol Leaders' Training Camp, held near New Glasgow, N.S., and attended by 129 P.L.'s from 25 communities in every section of the province. The course was organized by Director of Scouting S. J. Limbrey, assisted by a staff of New Glasgow and Halifax Rovers. The latter took a large proportion of the woodcraft lectures. A sea shore Scouts' Own was taken part in by clergymen of all the leading denominations, and attracted a gathering of some 200 visitors. Details of the course will be published later.

The 1931 Gilwells

SEVEN highly successful Gilwell Camps (Part II) were held during the past summer, with the usual high calibre of men attending. Clergymen and theological students and school teachers and principals made up an increased percentage. The Northern Saskatchewan camp was almost entirely composed of clergymen and students, and a party of five young French-Canadian seminarians attended the Maritime camp in Prince Edward Island.

As usual the camps produced a number of interesting happenings. A unique experience for the Maritime course was the conducting of the funeral of a little girl at a nearby farm.

Brief stories of the various camps will be published from time to time as they are secured. The total attendance was 176,—Alberta 32; Southern Saskatchewan, 19; Northern Saskatchewan, 19; Manitoba, 23; Ontario, 27; Quebec, 18; Maritime, 38.

The Manitoba Gilwell

MANITOBA'S 1931 Gilwell was held at Gimli, on Lake Winnipeg, August 11th-19th, and was attended by 23 men, divided into four patrols, the Crows and Owls, and Wolves and Beavers. The camp was in charge of Deputy Camp Chief E. F. Mills, assisted by District Commissioner C. A. Hill, Scoutmaster Jack Blow, of Upper Canada College, Toronto, and Scoutmaster E. W. Maltby, of the 3rd Winnipeg Troop, as Quartermaster.

It was a thoroughly woodcrafty camp as to gadgets, and the making of these

without the use of either rope or nails. The D.C.C. reported "not a nail in the camp until the last day,—when they appeared, to secure the boxes in which the gear was shipped home."

Each patrol contrived its own table. The Beavers first gnawed two parallel trenches, three feet deep and three feet apart. These provided the seats. The intervening space, covered with small logs and canvas, made the table. A daily vase of wild-flowers and a tame ground-squirrel, which attended all meals, added domestic touches.

Two patrols erected gates in front of their railed-off kitchens, "in order to keep out the mosquitoes."

Other gadgets included wash basins, refrigerators, grease-pits, clothes-hangers, mug and plate racks, boot racks, candle-sticks, waste-baskets, brooms, bars for patrol cooking fires, pot hooks, etc.

The principal lashing job, a single-lock bridge, proved its stability by carrying a load of 20 men after a hefty meal.

A number of old Gilwellians visited the camp over the week-end, and a memorable Saturday night council fire was held. In the morning the visitors took over the camp inspection, and gave the "greenhorns" a lively half hour. Later Cubmaster T. J. Miller, a specialist on the subject, gave a lecture on sketching and mapping.

For the hike the Crows and Owls and Wolves and Beavers were combined to make two parties, the Birds and Beasts, and were sent out on the usual mysterious errand, and had the usual unexpected haps and mishaps.

A council fire happening was the formal trial of "Red" for the heinous

offense of smoking garbage. The judge's verdict was that the prisoner was not guilty, but that he should not do it again; also that he must do penance in the morning at 6.30 by racing three times round the judge's tent. The guiltless culprit did this,—and as an idea of his own, added the continuous uproar of two banging frying-pans.

The course was a representative one both as to profession and religious affiliation. There were clergymen, teachers, mechanics, accountants and several university students.

Early Sunday morning Holy Communion was celebrated in a lovely glade by one of the Anglican clergymen taking the course. Later a Scouts' Own was held.

Six members of the 28th Winnipeg Rovers who took the course hiked from Winnipeg to Gilwell and back, returning by a different route.

Labour Day week-end brought 19 earnest Temiskaming District Scouters from widely separated points to the Lake Sesequinika camp of the 1st Iroquois Falls Group to talk ways of advancing Scouting in the Northland. Five were Ebor Park Gilwellites. Leader and P. L. training were discussed.

The Scout Toy Shops

IT is unnecessary to say that Christmas of this year of financial depression and unemployment will bring the greatest opportunity yet offered for Scout service as a "right hand assistant" to Santa Claus. It is certain that only "the Scouts" stand between thousands of children, and their parents, and a deadeningly barren Christmas,—and this as a climax to months of anxiety and disappointment.

It will take but few and simple gifts to make the difference,—one gift per child; an amusing little toy for the smaller ones, a doll or a story book for those older.

It is not too early to begin discussing and planning your troop's "bit."

Last year a number of troops made wooden toys—little carts, push toys (rabbits, dogs), jumping-jacks, doll beds, airplanes, etc. Some of this work was done under the direction of manual training teachers at the schools. Undoubtedly many of these teachers would be very willing to co-operate. Such work could be launched at once.

As a matter of fact a number of troops already have started, and district shops in some of the larger places where the work is well known have been receiving contributions from stores during stock-taking, from families moving, etc., throughout the year. A fine assortment of dolls came in to the Ottawa District Headquarters from one of the large local stores in August. This toy shop made a start on its distribution early in September by sending a bundle of snowshoes north with the returning teacher of a school in a poor district.

The 17th Winnipeg "A's" have announced a toy shop fund concert, and the 33rd 'Peg Rovers are preparing their shop while the Scouts are asking contributions "from friends with repairable toys."



THE 80-foot practicable monkey bridge thrown across a mountain stream at this year's Alberta Gilwell.

❖ The Scoutmaster's Five Minutes ❖

The Stuff Ycung England Is Made Of

A LITTLE while ago there came to my office a Scout whom, though I had never met him before, I looked upon as a very great friend. For many years we had corresponded, finding much of mutual interest to talk about. His letters were always very cheery and full of the joy of living. Yet his life has been one of suffering. Even when I saw him for the first time I did not guess the secret he had withheld from me.

Let me tell you the story as I gleaned it from a letter he wrote on his arrival back home:

"In 1925 I got a serious illness that had been coming on for ages. As a last hope to save my life a slight operation was performed on my spine. Even then things did not get any better, and four times I was said to be dying. At last I began to improve, and one day my three doctors came to me and said that I was as well as I could ever hope to be, that I would never leave my bed and, worst of all, I could never be an active Scout again. They said that with great care I might live two years.

"When I heard that my number was up I wrote to our beloved Chief thanking him for all the happiness he had brought into my life through the Scout Movement. I did not tell him then that I was sick. To my great surprise he sent a personal reply. How happy I was to get that letter; it put new life into me. I began to think more about this splendid man, his thrilling life and noble work. New ideas began to form, and I was gripped by the story in 'Scouting for Boys' of the man in India with cholera who was dying, but who made up his mind to live, and did live, to teach his native servant a lesson for not obeying the doctor's orders regarding the treatment.

"I thought to myself if this man who was away in a wild country could live through will-power alone, why should I not do the same. With doctors close at hand I had a better chance than the chap in India.

"I did not mind having to die, but I wanted to live if possible, so as to give back to God and the world some of the happiness given me. After two months the doctors said that I looked so much better I could get up for an hour. They prepared to carry me to my chair beside the window, but to their surprise, and mine also, I walked to it unaided. Half the battle was won. From that day I got better and better and was declared cured and out of danger. The same year I went to Italy with the Scouts.

"Late in 1927 I got a bad wetting, and that started some sort of pain at the base of the spine where I had been operated. The pain had never really left my spine since 1924, but now it grew worse and continued until my visit to London this month.

"About a week before I went to London the doctors said that the poison would prove fatal in several months' time, but that there was a German doctor on a short visit to London who

might be able to cure me if I could get to him. So I set out with my pal for London. The German doctor gave me some injections and said I would soon be well.

"I feel O.K. already. It is just wonderful to think that soon my health will permit me to pass the two remaining tests of my First Class Badge. I am longing to get that badge. My spine has kept me from doing the journey test or the axemanship, but I'll soon have the badge now"

And there was lots more that thrilled me. It thrilled me because here was a Scout of the very highest traditions of Scouting—one who never complained, but set his face firmly to achieve something and who smiled through his difficulties.

Surely such an example ought to set some of you fellows who have yet to pass the tests for your First Class Badge busily to work. The story will, I know, be an inspiration to those



LATTICE-WORK Patrol Corner of the 2nd Medicine Hat Troop, Alberta. Also two of the five local Jamboree Scouts—all carrying on.

hundreds of boys who belong to our hospital troops. It will give them fresh courage just as the story of the man with the cholera encouraged my young friend and set him firmly on the trail to a complete recovery. You will, with me, wish him well.

—F. HAYDN DIMMOCK,
in *Liverpool News-Chronicle*.

Why Leaves Color and Fall

NOT frost, but drought, causes the coloration and fall of tree leaves, writes Dr. Ernest Bade, in *The Scientific American*. The stoppage of sap causes the leaves to change color and wilt, and leaves of various trees and shrubs die at different periods, just as they appear at different times in the spring. Maple, beech and hickory let their leaves drop when the first cold autumn storms have shaken them, some of the oaks hold tightly to their leaves. Some of these will still be on the twigs in the spring, when the new shoots make their appearance. On the other hand, the foliage is stripped from the white birch by the cool winds of early autumn,

and the walnut leaves barely survive the summer.

The time of leaf-fall may be hastened or delayed—all depends upon the weather. But before the leaf detaches itself and drops to the ground, it invariably assumes its festive garb. And the dark brown coloration of the heather is produced by the same material that is in the red beech; both cases this tinting is an attempt at protection against the strong intensive rays of the autumn afternoon sun, as contrasted to the chill of morning and night.

The change of color is most readily observed in the heather, that part being more strongly painted which is most exposed to the sun. The light yellow- and orange-colored tints are produced by a different coloring material. It is the same substance which makes the carrot yellow.

Many of the colors found on the foliage in the autumn do not arise during the season, but become visible only at this time after the green coloring matter, the chlorophyl, has disappeared. In the fall, when the vitality of the plant is reduced, a migration of those substances in the leaf takes place, which may be of use at a future time, and these are stored in the twigs. The products left in the leaf, producing as they do the autumn coloration, are of no further use to the plant; in fact, it is of great advantage to be rid of such waste substances so easily.

Nothing is suddenly produced when the leaves begin to fall, which has not already been formed; nothing occurs which is not followed by essential results. The cause is not found in the universal cycle of life in which generation, being, and decay are bound together like the links of a chain so that life comes from death, and death from life, neither does the leaf follow the mighty downward pull of mother earth in order to give back that which was taken from her. These are not the causes, they are the results. Tree and shrub have prepared themselves for months for the coming loss in leaves, they themselves have produced, by a certain formation within the plant, a partition, which gradually shuts off the leaf from the mother plant, thus dooming the leaf to a slow and lingering death.

The falling of the leaves is caused by the diminution and the final stopping of the flow of sap to the leaves. The wilting, the changing to a black-brown, yellow, and red is not caused by freezing but by a drying out.

As a qualification for the Carpenter's Badge, Scouts of the 10th Calgary build rustic seats for a nearby riverside park.

Lone Scouts were welcomed and provided with tent accommodation, blankets, etc., at the Scout camp again maintained this year at the Toronto National Exhibition. Lone Scout Commissioner Furminger was at the Scout booth in the Ontario Government Building each afternoon to meet Lone Scout visitors. Like other Scouts, when in uniform they were admitted free to the grounds.

Games Old and New

Some Steam-off Games

VEGETABLES and Animals.—As a variation of Crows and Cranes. Troop lined up in two facing ranks, one is designated the Vegetables and the other Animals. The S.M. tells a story, and whenever a vegetable is mentioned, the Vegetables endeavour to reach their side of the room before being captured by the Animals, etc.

Poison Circle.—A three-foot circle is drawn on the floor or ground. The players, holding hands, make a ring, with the circle as the centre. Without freeing hands, they endeavour to force one another to step into the "poison circle." Each one forced into the circle is out of the game, and the ring closes. When two are left these decide the victor with one hand gripped across the circle. May be made a competition between two patrols, with members at the start placed alternately in the ring. S.M.'s whistle stops game whenever ring is broken.

Whip Tag.—Requires fairly large room, cleared of chairs, etc. Two boys named as the Whip. Holding hands, they pursue other boys, and each boy caught becomes a part of the Whip. Captures are made by the boy at either end of the Whip grasping with his free hand. Boys in the middle of Whip endeavour to prevent boys pursued breaking through or lucking under the Whip when cornered, until the Whip's head or tail can reach and grasp them.

P. L. Dodge Ball.—Patrol Competition. P. Ls. in centre of ring. Boys of each patrol endeavour to tag out only P.Ls. of other patrols. In forming circle patrols may be mixed, so that members of any one patrol are scattered about circle; this giving them the opportunity to keep the ball passing between their own members. All ordinary rules of Dodge Ball apply, i.e., boys forming the circle must throw only when in position; a tag made by a boy inside the circle does not count, etc. Competition points to patrols in order of time P.Ls. remain in ring.

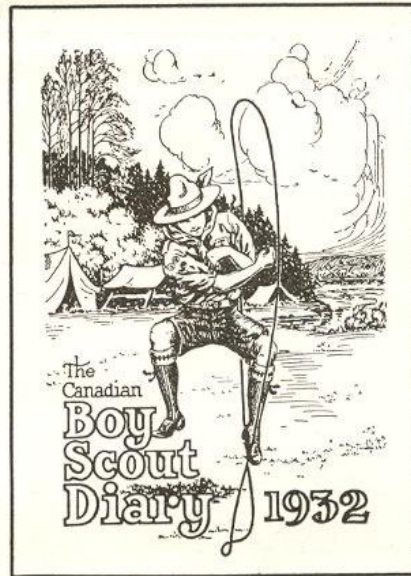
Zig Zag Relay.—Patrols in Indian file, one pace interval between each boy. On "Go!" last boy runs around right of boy immediately ahead, left of next boy, right of next, etc. On reaching head of the patrol he stands at a pace interval and without turning tags boy behind. Tag is passed on to far boy, who then runs. Game ended when Patrol Leader again in front.

Backward Zig Zag.—Same as Zig Zag, but running backward. Game begins with the P.L., who tags on reaching the foot of the patrol.

Five Man Chariot Race.—Patrol holds hands, boy in the center being the driver, the rest the horses. On the goal line a handkerchief is stood up, wigwam fashion. On the word "go" the chariots race to the line, make a circling turn so as to bring their driver immediately over or beside the handkerchief, and the latter bends down and picks the handkerchief up in his teeth—if possible without stopping. First chariot back at the starting point with its handkerchief wins.

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The Great Melbourne Scout-Guide
Display for Lord and Lady B.-P.

A DISPLAY by 17,000 Scouts and Guides, Cubs and Brownies, before a gathering of 50,000 people, was the magnificent welcome extended Lord and Lady Baden-Powell on their recent visit to Melbourne, Australia. The impression made upon the public at large was thus reflected in *The Melbourne Age*:

"Many wonderful spectacles have been witnessed by vast multitudes on the Melbourne Cricket Ground, but the great rally of Scouts and Guides on Saturday in the presence of 50,000 spectators surely surpassed anything ever seen previously,—it was truly a dynamic tribute to that practical idealism which characterizes the finest youth movement known to the world."

Display Notes

A striking International Scout Pageant comprised groups of twelve Scouts and twelve Guides, each group representing one of the 49 nations in Scouting and Guiding.

The 6,000 Guides were credited with marching past with greater precision than their 8,000 Scout brothers!

The Scout contribution included a number of humorous features, one a "Bunyip," an incredible monster 30 feet long with caterpillar legs, a yard of red tongue and a cry like a bedlam of motor horns.

More than 10,000 Scouts and Guides and some 40,000 spectators took part in a Scouts' and Guides' Own Sunday Thanksgiving Service on the Melbourne Cricket Grounds. The Moderator of the Presbyterian Church of Victoria offered the opening prayer, Lord Summers, Chief Scout for Victoria, led the ceremony of renewing the Scout and Guide Promise, and Archbishop Head gave the address.

The Rovers Again

The newspaper stories commented upon the remarkable smoothness and precision with which everything was carried out. As at the great Jamboree of 1929, the major credit for this was given to the Rovers, who did the staff work under Chief Commissioner Hoadley. The comments of Scout leaders noted the carrying out, without a mistake, of "very voluminous and complicated orders. They were the shepherds who marshalled their enormous flocks without mishap or confusion." Instances of fine initiative and head work were mentioned, as when the Pageant of Nations was being marshalled outside the grounds, and was discovered to be 200 Scouts short. Promptly the Rovers commandeered 200 Melbourne city Scouts, and marshalled these so quickly that the Pageant entered the arena complete in every detail, and on schedule; and none but those immediately concerned knew of the incident.

"The Rovers were in very truth the oil that made the machinery work smoothly. . . . Occasions such as this prove the value of Rovering; and the ability of the Rovers to do any task, small or great, cheerfully and well, gives heart to those who believe in Scouting. The product of Scouting is indeed what we hope it to be."

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

THE DUFFEL BAG

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Rover Magazines

TWO Rover magazines which might well be on the den table of every Canadian Rover Crew are "The London Rover," 64 Longton Grove, Sydenham, London, S. E. 26; and "Quest," 34 Gaskell Road, Altrincham, Cheshire. The Canadian subscription rate for each is 2 shillings. Back copies of the current year contain some splendid articles. "The Scottish Scout," 102 George St., Edinburgh, at the same subscription, also contains much interesting matter for Rovers, including reports on Scottish Rover conferences.

For British Rovers in Canada

FROM The London Rover:—We are anxious to compile a register of all British Rovers now living abroad.

When this list is fairly complete we shall invite all future Rover migrants to write to us, and whenever possible we shall put them in touch with fellow townsmen in their new home. The Scout Badge is a welcome sight in a strange land, but to meet a fellow townsman just brings that touch of home and erases the lonely word "stranger."

Will you British Rovers living abroad please help? Just a card with your name, address, and the Troop you belonged to in this country.

Address The Editor, The London Rover, 64 Longton Grove, Sydenham, London, S. E. 26.

A Scout Tourist Information Bureau

A FINE piece of service carried on throughout the summer was that of the 2nd Three Rivers Troop, Que., in the operation of a Tourist Information Bureau at each entrance to the city. During one period, June 25-July 25, over 800 cars stopped for advice and with the compliments of the Troop each tourist was given a booklet of information. During the period Scouts assisted in replacing 16 tires, first aid was rendered 11 times, and a grip dropped from an unknown car was returned to the owner some 8 miles from the city. Incidentally the Scouts checked the number of incoming and out-going tourists,—well over 20,000.

It Always Is

"Scoutmaster E. H. Bilodeau with Troop Leader Neil Galbraith took eleven of the Boy Scouts for an overnight hike six miles northwest of town, and camped. The boys kept a log and made a map of the district passed through. This special form of scouting is of keen interest to the boys."

—La Fleche Press, Sask.

Rovers from various places in Ontario headed each of the eight threent Scout groups into which the Forestry camp at Angus, Ont., of May 24th was divided. Each group was named after a tree—Birch, Elm, Oak, etc. The work of the Rovers was very highly commended by the Camp Chief Arthur H. Richardson, of the Ontario Forestry Department.

Fire Prevention Week

October 4th to 10th

ACCORDING to advice from the Dominion Fire Commissioner, the Fire Prevention Week activities of his department will this year be curtailed, because of a shortage of available funds which will prevent the publication of the usual fire prevention publicity matter.

This curtailment offers a special opportunity to Scout troops to cooperate with fire marshals and fire commissioners, and help make good the lack of publicity in other possible ways. It is suggested that Scout troops communicate with the above named officers, fire rangers, local fire departments, or any other organization concerned, and offer their services.

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Scout Dates

October

One of our best hike months, and five Saturdays!

3rd—Coloured leaf hike. Stalking games.

4th-10th—Fire Prevention Week. Consult your Fire Chief for suggestions re Scout co-operation.

10th—Weed seed hike. Tracking games.

12th—Thanksgiving Day.

17th—Bird Migration observation hike.

24th—Twig alphabet hike.

31st—Hallowe'en. Good Turns in place of pranks. Annual Scout Census.

During October

Order your copy of the 1932 Scout Diary.

Make preliminary plans for your Christmas Toy Repair Shop.

November

1st—All Saints' Day.

11th—Armistice Day.

A Successful Historical Pageant

A COUNTY historical pageant participated in by some 300 people and depicting local history from the days of the Indians and the arrival of the first settlers, was presented twice with complete success at O'Connell Park, by the 1st Sussex, N.B., (Trinity) Scout Troop and its enterprising Group Committee. Those participating were drawn from various other communities in the county, and included Scouts from Hampton and Lower Millstream. The performance occupied two hours, and attracted so large an attendance that a number of provincial police and local firemen were required to direct the traffic on the main highway adjoining the park. During the evening a "Miss King's County," selected by a popularity contest, was named by "Miss New Brunswick." The pageant was directed by Mr. D. J. Bourque of Moncton.

A Pathfinder Quiz Game

WHETHER in preparation for the Pathfinder's tests or not, Scouts should from time to time be quizzed upon the local knowledge which the public generally expects of all Scouts. The questions may be put, as a game, following the abrupt announcement by the Scoutmaster, "I am a Tourist Scout So-and-So, where is the nearest letter box? When will the next collection be made?" etc. Other questions: Where is the nearest doctor? The nearest hospital? Where is there a pay telephone? Which is the shortest way to the City Hall? etc.

Another quiz may concern the home, as: Where is your nearest fire alarm box? Nearest letter box? The hours of collection? What is your doctor's 'phone number? If he should be away when needed, who would you call? Where is the adhesive tape kept? The absorbent cotton? The iodine?

N. Vancouver's Toc H Competition

A TEST of efficiency of troops as a unit in signalling, first-aid and fire-making is the purpose of the annual competition for the North Vancouver Toc H Shield. Scouts can compete in but one contest, except in the case of small troops.

Cereal Craft

THIS new Cub activity idea comes from the Victorian Scout, Australia. Many plain wooden articles, such as candlesticks and book-ends and glass jars, when gummed and covered with some cereal such as rice or wheat, and given a coat of enamel and lacquered, become most attractive. Here's how it is done: Cover the article carefully with glue. On the sticky surface apply the cereal, shaking gently with each application, to dislodge any loose particles. When dry, enamel in red or blue, and when this in turn is quite dry, fleck with gold paint. A coating of transparent lacquer finishes the job.

With practice different applications of the cereals may be used, giving a rocky, or coral-like appearance. A great variety of articles can be treated in this day, for sale at bazaars, hobby shows and fairs.

The University of Edinburgh has its Rover Crew, the Rover Leader being Professor E. M. Wederburn of the faculty. An announcement invites Scouts, Rovers and Scouters coming to the university to join the Crew.

Kincardine Rovers are building a summer-months outdoor meeting place, with log seats, council fire, totem pole blackboard easel and other equipment. The Crew is operating a Saturday-night "hot dog" stand to raise funds to equip their Den.

"The Red Skin," official organ of the 2nd Edmonton Group, would like to exchange with other similar publications throughout the Dominion. The Editor is T. J. Allard, 12018-102nd St., Edmonton, Alta.