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The Chief Scout's Outlook

THE President of the Republic of Lithuania has been pleased to mark his appreciation of the Scout Movement by conferring upon me, as its figurehead, the First Class Badge of the Order of Geminidas. His Excellency writes: "The youth of the world in being taught to love God and their native land also learn to love the whole beautiful earth, and that not in words but in deeds. The training of young people in this spirit will result, we sincerely trust, in a closer association of the nations and will help bring into being that universal peace we all so ardently desire."

This new appreciation will, I hope, bring a feeling of satisfaction to all Scouters, since by their efforts they have set up an example which others, seeing the value, are anxious to copy. With all nations coming together in this way under a common ideal, our future possibilities for producing goodwill and peace in the world are looking daily more rosy. I have just had a photograph of Scouts in Mexico, and had it not been for the explanatory note upon it, they might have been Scouts in England or any otherwhere.

Jollifying Scouting

I'm not satisfied, although one might think I ought to be.

Our numbers are steadily growing—training centres increasing; Scout spirit good; and so on. But there is too much leakage, and also too little character-growth—as yet. Leakage of Cubs not going up to Scouts; of Scouts not going up to Rovers, etc.—this comes from various causes. In some cases it is difficult to remedy, but in many cases the reason is that the boys have become tired of Scouting. With an understanding Group Scoutmaster this seldom happens. But where the same old programme, or want of programme, goes on week after week, and month after month, boredom is only natural.

Where the Scouter is himself a bit of a boy, and can see it all from the boy's point of view, he can, if he is imaginative, invent new activities, with frequent variations to meet the boys' thirst for a novelty. Note the theatres in London. If they find that a play does not appeal to the public, they don't go hammering away with it in the hope that it will in the end do so; they take it off and put on some new attraction.

Boys can see adventure in a dirty old duck-pond, and if the Scoutmaster is a boy-man he can see it too. It does not require great expense or apparatus to devise new ideas.

Where a troop resounds with jolly laughter, and enjoys success in competitions, and the fresh excitements of new adventures, there won't be any loss of members through boredom. Then outdoor camping—not merely occasional sips of it, but frequent practice, so that the boys become experienced campaigners—will hold those of the best type, and give a healthy tone to their thoughts and talks.

I have little use for a cut-and-dried routine system in a Scout Headquarters building, with its temptation to softer living and parlour Scouting.

Rover Scout Activities

I am glad to welcome further Rover activities among our Quests such as the following:

On June 19th the Editor of *The Scouter* formally opened a Roadside Ambulance Hut on the Harrow-Sedlescombe Road, North Hastings, which has been erected and manned by Rover Scouts of the Hastings district. For the past two summers the Ambulance Section of the Hastings Rover Scouts has been doing road work in conjunction with the police and the St. John Ambulance Brigade. For this they used a tent erected near dangerous cross-roads. Earlier this year they held a dance, and with the proceeds they decided to erect this permanent hut on the exact lines of those erected by the St. John Ambulance Brigade. They hope that besides being of great help in the case of accidents, the hut will prove a warning to reckless drivers. Every Saturday afternoon, all day Sunday, and all day on Bank Holidays, the Rover Scouts are on duty.

Among other similar first aid duties

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Scout Apple Day

THIS newest means of raising local Scout Association funds and at the same time rendering public service,—the organized "boosting" of Canadian apples, and their street selling by Scouts,—has proved a most promising success. So much so, in fact, that, with one reservation, local Scout organizations throughout the Dominion are offered the opportunity of putting on a Scout Apple Day this fall as a feature of a National Apple Week to be held October 8-15 under the auspices of the Canadian Horticultural Council and the Dominion and Provincial Agricultural Departments.

The reservation made concerns the possibility of certain service clubs, previous holders of "apple days," desiring to repeat this year. Such clubs would have first refusal of the co-operation of the Horticultural Council. Otherwise, the opportunity is open to Scout Associations.

The opportunity would seem to be an unusual one for combining service and organization self-help. Much publicity will be put out by the Horticultural Council and its local members; and a Scout Apple Day, held Saturday, October 15, would provide a very effective and attention-arresting climax to National Apple Week.

How It Is Done

First secure the permission of the municipal authorities to hold an Apple Day. Notify Provincial Scout Headquarters, so that the co-operation of the Horticultural Council may be enlisted, and the latest information and advice secured. A meeting should then be called to thoroughly discuss the project. The meeting should be held

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Canadian Rovers and Guides and U.S. Eagle Scouts at opening of International Peace Garden, on the Manitoba North Dakota border, July 14. In unveiling the cairn, an Eagle drew aside the Union Jack and a Rover the Stars and Stripes.



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A Message From B.-P.

A LETTER to the Chief Executive Commissioner from Lord Baden-Powell acknowledging receipt of a copy of our last Annual Report, and expressing pleasure at the progress recorded in numbers, good Scouting and useful service, adds this message for Canadian leaders:

"Please accept and pass on to your co-workers my very sincere congratulations on what has been effected and my best wishes for the future of Scouting in Canada. We on this side are very closely interested in all your doings, and mostly cordially wish you all further success."

Silver Wolf for Col. Birdwhistle

IN recognition of services rendered Scouting since its inception in Canada, as a member of the Canadian General Council and of the Dominion Medal Board, the honorary Silver Wolf was presented to Col. R. J. Birdwhistle by His Excellency the Governor-General, as Chief Scout for Canada. The presentation was made before a notable assemblage, including delegates to the Imperial Economic Conference, gathered at a reception on the Connaught Ranges, during the annual competitions of the Dominion Rifle Association, of which Col. Birdwhistle is Secretary.

A Hungarian "Jamboree" Visitor

A distinguished August visitor to Ottawa, Toronto, and Montreal was Dr. de Molnar, Hungarian Headquarters Commissioner, on a tour of Eastern Canada and the United States in connection with next year's World Scout Jamboree, to be held near Budapest. Dr. de Molnar brought word of excellent progress in the arrangements for this fourth world gathering of Scouts, and of plans being made to attend by large Scout contingents from all the European countries. It has been necessary to limit the contingents from several countries.

Scouts at the Economic Conference

SCOUTS played a prominent and useful part at the recent Imperial Economic Conference at Ottawa. They acted as special guides and ushers at the Parliament Buildings and Rideau Hall, as guards of honour for His Excellency the Governor-General at official functions and assisted in various ways at receptions tendered the visiting delegates. A number acted as special messengers for the de-

legations from Great Britain, New Zealand, India, South Africa and Southern Rhodesia, and at the offices of Sir William Clark, the British High Commissioner.

Letters to Scout H. Q. from the heads of these delegations, including the Rt. Hon. Stanley Baldwin, were most appreciative of the services rendered and the bearing of the boys.

Three Scout Commissioners, members of conference delegations—Major F. M. S. Stokes of Salisbury, Southern Rhodesia, Mr. John Hungerford of Johannesburg, the Transvaal, and Mr. R. Stuttaford, M.P., of Cape Town, brought greetings to the Scouts of Canada from the Scouts of these sections of the Empire. In turn they were given messages of greeting to take home from the Scouts of Canada.

First opportunity to volunteer for Scout service at the Conference, with all its valuable educational experience, was given Scouts outside of Ottawa. In response to the invitation 4 Scouts came from Alberta, 7 from Saskatchewan, 2 from Quebec and 13 from Ontario. The Scouts of the Capital were used as a reserve. The visiting Scouts were provided sleeping accommodation at Dominion Headquarters; otherwise all expenses were covered by the boys themselves.

Winter Relief Service

SUBSTANTIAL, and in some instances very valuable Scout aid was given local relief work last winter. The prospect is that similar opportunities of service will again call for Scout help this winter coming. It is recommended by the Executive Board of the Canadian General Council that a preliminary conference of Scouters and members of Group Committees and Local Associations be held at an early date, and the prospective situation discussed.

A very practical first move open to troops in the smaller communities and the country districts would be a survey to discover on farms and in gardens surplus vegetables and fruit which might be gathered in and stored in suitable places for winter distribution. Last year this was done in several localities with excellent results, although started somewhat late.

In numbers of centres excellent work could be done immediately by opening and stocking a free wood yard. In certain areas much wood can readily be collected on the roadside, from fallen trees on farmers' wood land, by permission; from along river and lake shores. This particular job, with axe and trek cart or borrowed wagon or truck, will readily appeal to Rovers and older Scouts.

In the larger centres committees could be appointed to plan the collection of clothing, boots and shoes and their repair, etc.

"If every man were a Scout there would be no need for international peace conferences," said Mr. Justice J. B. M. Baxter, former Premier of New Brunswick, in a radio broadcast supporting Saint John's big "Scout Apple Day."

Once Again—Toys!

NOTWITHSTANDING the improvement of conditions that the present outlook promises, it is certain that the end of the year will once again find many families in difficult circumstances with the resultant disappointing outlook for many thousands of kiddies at Christmas.

And once again here is a big opportunity for what the Chief Scout calls "happifying." Last Christmas we helped Old Santa to make a happy Christmas for no less than 75,000 kiddies who otherwise in all likelihood would have experienced the tragic disappointment of the "empty stocking." Who can measure what this meant, not only to the children, but to the homes concerned? In many cases a heart-breaking climax to months of depressing unemployment was saved.

Let us not do less again this year.

It requires but a modest gift for each child to make the difference—an amusing little toy for the smaller children; a made-new doll, a restored story book or a game for those older.

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.

It is not too early now to begin discussing and planning your troop or pack's "bit." And every "bit" helps!

The Tenderfoot and the Axe

WHILST in charge of the Boy Scout Booth at the Canadian National Exhibition one day this fall, Assistant Provincial Commissioner Frank C. Irwin was asked by a farm boy, "Why do Boy Scouts carry axes?" Telling of the incident, the Ontario Scouter continued:

"When I explained the usefulness of an axe to a Scout, he fully agreed, but lamented that many Scouts abused it, and recounted incidents one did not like to hear,—of Scouts camping in the vicinity of his home, slashing trees, cutting down trees without reason, hacking fence posts, gates, etc."

Obviously the young farmer was speaking of very inexperienced Scouts, who should never have been permitted to carry an axe. Which again reminds that—

Before a Scoutmaster permits any boy in his troop to carry an axe he should satisfy himself that the boy knows how and when and where to use it.

Wise Scoutmasters hold to the rule always emphasized at Gilwell, that no boy shall be permitted to carry an axe until he has reached First Class rank, or has qualified for his Pioneer or Forestry badge. Until then a boy is permitted to use a troop axe only, and only under supervision.

Where this good rule is not held to your "Tenderfoot with an Axe" may very effectively close a desirable camping ground or hiking rendezvous not only to your troop, but to all Scouts.

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at least a month in advance.

All difficulties and possible criticisms should be talked out at this meeting. The problems may include the question of interfering with the regular street sale of apples by war veterans. The answer to this is the offer to guarantee to such vendors as much or more than regularly made by them on the day selected for Scout Apple Day; also the probability that the eating on the street of apples bought from Scouts will tend to increase the regular street apple sale.

To the criticism that the participation of Scouts in such a project would be contrary to the rule in P. O. & R. that "Scouts are not allowed to solicit money," it may be pointed out that value is given; that there is dominantly the element of "sale," and not mere solicitation. Bearing on this point is the question of

Fixing a Price

for the apples. It is suggested that a definite price, or price range be fixed,—"5 cents," or "10 cents," or "5 or 10 cents." Experience so far suggests that the latter figures would, at least in the larger centres, bring the bigger sale and largest total returns. An indefinite price, with its inferential invitation to "give as much as you like," is not felt to be in accord with the "sale" principle and the giving of value for value.

Appointing Committees

At least four committees should be appointed:

The **Publicity Committee** to handle all usually implied,—Press, Radio, Theatres, Churches, Posters, Service Clubs. One of the first moves of this committee would be to approach service club presidents to secure dates for possible speakers on Scout Apple Day (since service club speakers usually are arranged for some weeks in advance).

The **Apple Committee**, comprised of men in the apple or general fruit business, arranges to secure apples of the desired high quality.

The **Sale Organization Committee**, made up of members of the Local Association and Scouters, has the important duty of planning and directing the apple selling plan—laying the community out in districts, securing central and district depots, appointing district leaders, and assistants, assigning Scout troops, etc.; and ensuring that all details are carried out efficiently.

The **Finance and Audit Committee** provides the numbered cash boxes, records the names of Scouts to whom given, and, with the Sale Organization Committee, arranges for the collection of the boxes at the end of the day. It is responsible for the counting of the receipts and turning over to a bank.

An Apple Day Pamphlet

Complete details for putting on the project are now available in a pamphlet, "THE BOY SCOUT APPLE DAY", which may be secured from Provincial or Dominion Headquarters. Local organizations considering the venture for this Fall should secure the booklet at once.

Other Apple Day Dates

Whilst a day during National Apple Week has been suggested as desirable for a local Scout Apple Day, this does not preclude the selection of another date, or another period of the year. Local circumstances may suggest an early spring Apple Day as more desirable. In any case the co-operation of the Canadian Horticultural Council has been promised in securing suitable apples, and helping in other feasible ways.

Securing Apple Day for Scouting

When approaching the municipal authorities for permission to hold an Apple Day it should be made clear that the project is not a tag day in the ordinary sense, but an apple-boosting and selling campaign.



A symbolic "Scout Stairway to Good Citizenship" used effectively at several large Ontario conferences and displays. The steps are added one by one by Scouts, as they repeat the Laws concerned. The 27th Hamilton were the original builders, at a conference in that city.

Some Apple Cores

The first Scout Apple Day was held at Saint John, N.B., January 30 of this year. Subsequent apple days were held at Moncton, Fredericton, St. Andrews, McAdam and Marysville, N.B., and Toronto, Owen Sound, Oshawa, Grimsby and Simcoe, Ont.

The Financial Results

While in all cases the financial objective was not reached, very satisfactory sums were realized, and the belief was expressed that the experience of the first effort would ensure better results next year. District Commissioner D. E. Macintyre of Owen Sound declared that the "Annual Scout Apple Day" had definitely solved his Local Association's financial problem.

Value of the Apple Publicity

That the "apple boosting" feature was equally successful was indicated

in a number of ways. In connection with Toronto's Scout Apple Day, the Hon. T. L. Kennedy, Provincial Minister of Agriculture, credited the novelty of the idea with "penetrating places where volumes of apple propaganda would never reach," and declared, according to the press, "I believe the Boy Scouts can do more in a single day than my Department could do in a month towards promoting the greater use of Ontario apples in Toronto."

As a result of the Scout Apple Days held in New Brunswick attention was attracted to the fact that the province was not growing sufficient apples, or lacked the winter storage facilities to meet the local apple sale possibilities of mid-winter. Saint John Scouts sold out the entire provincial stock available to them, and finished out the day selling "BIG RED B. C. APPLES."

Some Apple Sale Figures

Notwithstanding the handicap of a rain and sleet storm, Saint John Scouts sold some 21,000 apples. Toronto Scouts sold in the neighborhood of 120,000. Owen Sound, a city of 13,000 population, sold ten barrels.

Successful Even in Apple Districts

That the apple project may be put on anywhere seems indicated by the fact that successful Scout Apple Days were held in four such well known apple growing and shipping centres as Grimsby, Simcoe, Oshawa and Owen Sound.

Newspaper Support

Generous newspaper support was accorded in all cases. Toronto and Saint John dailies featured Scout Apple Day as front page news. The New Brunswick papers ran special box stories with cartoons, and the Toronto papers published pictures of various incidents of the day, including Scouts selling apples to such prominent figures as His Hon. Mayor W. J. Stewart, and Sir William Mulock.

An Example of Local Support

The success of Saint John's first Apple Day illustrates the extent of the support which may be secured where year-round Scouting service activities (including an exceptionally well run annual Christmas Toy Shop) have earned the critical approval of leading business men.

Mr. Justice J. B. M. Baxter gave a radio address strongly supporting the campaign.

The New Brunswick Power Company on its own initiative offered and for the preliminary week carried Scout Apple Day campaign signs on the front of its street cars, free; and for all day Saturday (the selling day) contributed the services of a motorman and a combined apple-supply-publicity car decorated with advertising placards. Throughout the day Scouts on apple duty were carried free. Similarly the harbour ferry company voluntarily posted Scout Apple Day placards in their waiting-rooms and boats.

One of the city's biggest department stores gave up a large window for a Scout test-demonstration display on Saturday afternoon. A similar window was provided by the Capitol Theatre, and the theatre stage given for brief Scout displays between reels. Throughout the week all the local movie

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they are in constant attendance at speedway meetings.

The Rover Scouts of the 1st Clacton Group, under the direction of Mr. G. H. Badger, the honorary secretary of the Scouts Local Association, have undertaken to survey part of the Clacton district in connection with the new Government survey which is being organized all over the country. They have completed a part of their area, and many enjoyable trips have been had in visiting the fields round about and entering them up on the sectional blank map supplied for the purpose. The survey is not only for the purpose of indicating where fields, etc., are situated, but to place on record the purpose for which all are being used—for growing wheat or barley, or as pasture land, etc. It will form the most complete record of the whole county since Domesday Book.

The Pope's Blessing

Major Waley, Assistant International Commissioner, has among his other activities recently been to the Vatican for his turn of service there. In the course of his visit he had a private audience with the Holy Father, who showed a close knowledge and interest in our Movement. His Holiness not only expressed his entire approval of it, but went so far as to instruct Major Waley to convey his personal Blessing to myself as representative of the Movement.

Quebec Scout Choir at the Capital

A impetus to the interest of Ottawa Scouts in singing was given in June by the visit to the Capital of the Scout choir of the 2nd Notre Dame Troop of the Basilica, Quebec City, in charge of their Scoutmaster, Abbe de Smet. The visitors arrived Friday, and were billeted in French Scout families. Over the week-end they gave several concerts and took part in a number of religious musical services, all of which were attended by large and enthusiastic audiences, English-speaking Scouts and leaders were greatly impressed by the lively, tuneful singing of the old French-Canadian chansons, as well as the effective rendering of English songs.

Musical critics declared the Quebec choir one of the finest boys' choirs ever heard in Ottawa. The trip was a holiday treat given the boys by Archbishop Villeneuve in recognition of faithful work. The Scouts themselves so enjoyed their visit that they petitioned and secured permission to remain an extra day.

2nd Edmonton's First Aid Record

THE 2nd Edmonton Troop made a remarkable record this year in the St. John Ambulance contests. Its first aid teams won the Dominion Wallace Nesbitt Junior, the Dominion J. R. Gaunt Intermediate Trophy, and the Junior First Aid Leonard Shield for Alberta. The 11th Winnipeg Troop took first place in Manitoba, the 8th Saskatoon in Saskatchewan, the 1st Ste. Anne de Bellevue in Quebec, and the 1st Welland Troop in Ontario.

Fall Reminders for the S.M.

REGISTER your troop at Dominion Headquarters. The identification and "character" value of the card may prove of great importance to some of your older boys seeking a position. In provinces where the troop year corresponds to the calendar year registration now will cover 1933.

P.L. System Only.—"Only through the use of the Patrol System can the Scouting programme be fully carried out."—B.P.

The Boys' "Show."—The Court of Honour (a necessary feature of the Patrol System) takes the burden off the Scoutmaster, and makes the boys feel that the troop "is their show"—which is one of the principal ends aimed at.

Some Scoutmasters try to be the captain, the engine room and generally "the whole works," whereas they should be (during troop meeting) sitting at a desk in a corner or roaming about observing the work in patrol corners, and dropping a word of approval or advice here and there.

Have all the instruction possible given by the P.L.'s.



The all Scouts choir of the Basilica, Quebec. Their smart scoutly appearance in uniform, and their singing made a splendid impression during a week-end visit to Ottawa.

Using Your C. of H.—If not yet done, have your Court of Honour discuss and lay out the whole Fall and Winter programme of hikes, advancement in rank, proficiency badge work, entertainments, open nights, etc. (See "Fall Programme Suggestions.")

Of course you will always work out your troop meeting programme a week ahead with your C. of H.

Competition Scoring.—Have the Court review your Patrol Competition scoring system. If necessary suggest that the scoring figures be adjusted to equalize the chances between the younger and the older patrols. This can be achieved by giving major points for such items as "personal inspection," and for games in which experience or weight is not necessary to success.

Use a Woodcraft Call.—Keep to the bird or animal troop call, the "freeze" and hand signals. Shouted commands do not belong to Scouting.

The Boy's Viewpoint.—Keep the boy's viewpoint. Remind yourself occasionally that Scouting is the boy's idea of what's fun, guided in character-helping channels,—not a man's idea of what boys should think is fun.

That's the rock that boys'-movement failures have been wrecked on.

Scouting is an outdoor programme which in certain inclement seasons is forced indoors. It's the "Game of Scouting for Boys,"—and game features should be developed in every troop activity.

The New Crop of Boys.—Remember that the Fall crop of new boys are coming in full of anticipation of all sorts of good fun. And they have heard that the Scoutmaster is a wonderful fellow. Don't let the troop or yourself down by failure to have interesting, lively meetings, planned well ahead of time.

Meet the Parents.—Make it a point to meet the parents of all your boys. Make sure that the parents of new boys understand just what you do at meetings, and just what Scouting aims to do for the boys. Don't overlook the occasional open evening for parents and others interested.

Use Your Committee.—Use your Group Committee frequently. Make them feel that they are an important part of the troop organization. Have them as guests at all special troop evenings. Invite them on an occasional hike, or to motor out and join

the hike council fire.

A Discipline Hint.—Never "call a boy down" in the presence of the troop or patrol. Get him aside for a little chat from the text. "Is it fair to your patrol? Or to me?" And always precede criticism with some justified word of praise.

Finally—study your Scoutmaster's First Year frequently. You will find it helpful in many ways.

The Summer's Gillwells

Seven Gilwell camp courses were held this summer, as follows:—

Alberta (2) — Camp Kootenai, Waterton National Park, July 26—Aug. 4; Edmonton, five week-end course, Sept.-Oct.; D.C.C., W. Backman.

Manitoba—Gimli, Aug. 12-25; D.C.C., E. F. Mills.

Ontario (2)—Ebor Park, July 12-23, D.C.C., F. C. Irwin; Akela Course, July 25-30. Akela Leader, Mrs. J. A. Stiles.

Quebec—Tamaracouta, five week-end course, July-August; D.C.C., E. Russell Paterson.

New Brunswick—Sussex, N.B., August 9-19; D.C.C., Eli Boyaner.



A review of the Cubs, Scouts and Rovers, Brownies, Guides and Rangers of Winnipeg was held by His Excellency the Governor-General, as Chief Scout for Canada, during a visit to Manitoba in August. The smart appearance of the various units and the perfect organization of the review made it an outstanding occasion. His Excellency took the opportunity to present the Medal of Merit, in recognition of valuable service to the Movement in Manitoba, to Mr. R. G. Persse, President of the Provincial Council. The review was held on the grounds of the University of Manitoba.

Notwithstanding adverse unemployment conditions reports indicate approximately as many Scouts benefitting by camping as in previous years. There were a considerable number of low-cost or no-cost "economy camps," along the lines outlined in the May-June Leader. Saskatchewan reported the holding of some 40 such camps.

There was an increased number of travelling camps, particularly of hiking camps, equipment being carried by truck or trek cart.

Lone Scouts in Northern Alberta came together for their first summer's camp at Camp Woods, Sylvan Lake, under the direction of Lone Scoutmaster H. B. Backus.

A camping event of the summer was an international Scout camp near Vernon, B.C., with Scouts present from various Scouting centres in Washington—including "seven Scouts from each of the seven cities"—and from interior southern British Columbia. The camp was sponsored by the Vernon Association and directed by Scoutmaster C. W. Morrow. Mayor Prowse welcomed the visiting Scouts on behalf of the city. A week of games, including a largely-attended Visitors' Day with special land and water sports and a big camp fire, concluded with a Scout circus in the park at Vernon and a carnival at the Vernon Scout Hall. Border newspapers gave the event considerable front page publicity.

Tracking hikes were popular at the camp of the 1st Summerside, P.E.I. On Sunday, visitors' day, a Scouts' Own Service was held, following which three Scouts were invested.

The Sunday camp Scouts' Own of the 2nd Regina Troop, conducted by the S.M. and A.S.M., was made the

effective occasion for an investiture of two Scouts.

9th London Rovers went on a travelling camp tour and during 13 days made 7 camps, travelled 925 miles, and saw a very considerable part of south-western Ontario,—from Kincardine and Owen Sound on the north to the Niagara Peninsula on the south, including the Welland Canal. The trip was voted a huge success and the ideal way for Rovers to "see their province first."

St. Jude's Troop of Saint John, N.B., did a hiking camp of 150 miles, of which each boy walked 105. Equipment and food were carried ahead by an old truck and trailer, and tents were up each evening when the walkers arrived. Numerous interesting points were visited. A two-column story of the trip published by the Saint John Times-Globe included photographs and a well-done sketch map of the route with numerous inserted thumb-nail sketches recording humorous features of the trip.

Another travelling-camping troop was the 12th Regina, which did a tour through the famous Qu'Appelle valley. The bulk of the equipment was carried on a trek cart.

During a local celebration at Woodbridge, Ont., the 62nd Toronto Troop, camping in the district, provided a guard of honour at the village war memorial.

Indian Scouts of the Chooutla Indian School Troop at Carcross, in the Yukon, had their first Scout camp experience this summer under Scoutmaster the Rev. H. C. M. Grant. The cost was borne by the school, which regards Scouting as a part of the school training. The boys proved their ingenuity by making forks and spoons, when these necessities were accidentally left behind. A sample "set," with a picture of the Indian troop, was sent to Dominion Headquarters, and added to the H.Q. museum.

At the close of the final camp fire of the Hillcrest, Michel, and Coleman District Troop, Alta., a cinder was handed Scoutmaster Hills of Blairmore to send to a Scoutmaster in England who had requested it for his troop's opening camp fire.

Two Medicine Hat, Alta., Rover Crews have undertaken the task of regularly providing the local press with Scouting news, in order to ensure that the public knows something of the Scout work being carried on in the city.

The Annual June Eastern Townships (Que.) Rally proved a new success for district Scouting, and one of the year's big events for Waterloo, where it was held for the first time. Thirty Scouting units, comprising some 700 Rovers, Scouts, Cubs and leaders, arrived from

outside points, and were paraded to the fair grounds by five bands. There they were reviewed by Provincial Commissioner T. H. Wardleworth and A. D. C. Blake. The Trussler Shield competition in scoutcraft was won by the 1st Granby Troop, and the Giovetti Trophy for Cubbing demonstrations was won by the 3rd Sherbrooke Pack. The 1st Granby also took the Asbestos Sports Trophy.

Toronto Cub leaders are working on a spectacular pantomime "Aladdin in Cubland," to be given Nov. 5th in the big Mutual Street Arena.

Special summer training camps for Patrol Leaders have been reported as held at Camp Woods, Sylvan Lake permanent camp site in Alberta, and at Lake William in southern Nova Scotia. The latter camp was attended by 110 junior leaders, and was in charge of S. J. Limbrey, Director of Scouting for the province. The four camp troops were named after the last four Lieutenant-Governors of the province—Douglas, Tory, Stanfield and Covert. The exceptionally comprehensive programme comprised lectures on the usual pioneering and woodcraft subjects and canoeing, swimming and rescuing, birds, fish, firearms and marksmanship. Many of the lectures were given by Provincial Government experts.

During the summer Winnipeg Rovers rendered much appreciated service by keeping open and supervising several city play grounds for children which otherwise would have been closed for lack of funds to engage supervisors. A children's wading pool also was supervised throughout the hot months. A 60-mile bicycle race participated in by some 150 riders brought another opportunity. First aid cars were posted every ten miles, each car manned by a Rover and a member of the St. John Ambulance Brigade.

A Guard of Honour composed of 15 Manitoba Rovers and 15 American Eagle Scouts from North Dakota played a prominent part at the opening of the International Peace Garden on the border twenty miles south of Boissevain on July 14. In the presence of a huge crowd the Rovers and Eagles kept an open space in front of the speakers' platform, and later provided a guard about the stone cairn erected to mark the occasion. At the unveiling of the cairn an American Eagle Scout drew aside the Union Jack and a Canadian Rover drew back the Stars and Stripes. After the ceremonies the Canadian Rovers visited Camp Metigoshe, the American district Scout camp, and spent the evening with the American boys.

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DIAN CITIZENSHIP

A Composite Four-Night Troop Programme

- 7.10 Headquarters opened by Troop Leader or A.S.M.
- 7.15 Duty Patrol arrives and makes room ready, including preparation of Union Jack for breaking. Scoutmaster arrives.
- 7.25 Balance of Troop arrives.
- 7.30 Patrol Corners; roll call; inspection by P.L.'s; dues.
- 7.35 Troop called into Horseshoe formation by P. L. or A.S.M. S.M. takes over parade. Flag break. Scout Silence. T.L. makes attendance report.* General inspection* and points marked up on board. Special inspection—*
 - (a) Contents of right pocket for usefulness.
 - (b) Buttons, ½ point off for each one missing or loose.
 - (c) Boots, ½ point off if not recently polished.
 - (d) Hands.
- 7.45 Lively Game—(Freeze)*
 - (a) Rugby Scrum.
 - (b) Zig Zag Relay.
 - (c) Poison Circle.
 - (d) Monocle Relay.
- 7.55 Patrol Corners Instruction by P.L.'s in Test and Badge work.
 - (a) Tenderfoot Knots.
 - (b) Composition of the Flag.
 - (c) Whipping.
 - (d) Morse Alphabet.
 (Freeze)*
- 8.10 Quiet Game—
 - (a) Blindfold Kim's.
 - (b, d) Police Description.*
 - (c) Hoop Relay.
- 8.20 (a) Semaphore Relay.*
 - (b) Sealed Message in Semaphore.*
 - (c) Morse Relay.*
 - (d) Sealed Message in Morse.*
- 8.30 (a) Hand Signals by S.M.*
 - (b) Fire in Movie Theatre.*
 - (c) Outdoor Tracking* problem.
 - (d) Fire at home.
- 8.40 (a) Scout Law Baseball.*
 - (b) First Aid demonstration and quizz, broken collar-bone, by S.M. Bandage demonstration by each patrol.*
 - (c, d) Scout Law Charades.*
- 8.50 Council Fire Songs. S.M.'s Five. More Songs, including Rounds. Announcements. Scout Silence. O Canada. King. Flag. Duty Patrol named. Dismiss. Court of Honour.

*Patrol Competition.

A Rover investiture precisely at sunrise, on the crest of a hill commanding a magnificent prairie view, was the striking ceremony carried out in July by the 31st Winnipeg Rovers, with the assistance of two other Winnipeg crews. An over-night hike was made to the spot. The occasion was declared one never to be forgotten.

Ontario's First Rover Camp Moot

ONTARIO'S first Rover Camp Moot, held at Ebor Park, July 29-August 1, and attended by over 100 Rovers, proved a great success. A comprehensive programme of discussions and demonstrations was carried out under the direction of District Rover Commissioner Neil McCallum of Toronto and Provincial Rover Commissioner L. J. Bishop, assisted by a group of other well known leaders. A popular novelty was a "Magic Mile," along whose winding trail were marked trees of the numerous different kinds growing in southern Ontario, geological and other natural history features. Rovers were taken over the trail in small groups, by guide-lecturers. Tents occupied, by the various patrols were named after distinguished Canadian explorers, a brief biography of each of whom was posted on the tent-poles. At the closing council fire Chief Executive Commissioner John A. Stiles gave a memorable inspirational address on "Successful Lives," including that of the late Chief Commissioner, Dr. James W. Robertson.

A Quebec Camp Moot

THE first Quebec Rover Moot camp, held over Labour Day week-end at Delson, Que., brought together a keen group of Rovers from the surrounding districts. The camp was in charge of Provincial Secretary E. Russell Paterson and a capable staff of Montreal and St. Johns district leaders. The delegates were welcomed by District Commissioner Roy Wilson. The camp was visited by Executive Chief Commissioner John A. Stiles.

Discussions comprised such practical subjects as "Rocks," "Star Rambling," "Nature Study for the Rover," and various camping and hiking topics. An "Industrial Hike" took the delegates through the plant of the Canada Creosoting Company. A unique "display" provided by the Delson Rovers

A Composite Four-Night Pack Programme

- 6.45—Pack Circle. Grand Howl. Prayers. Dues. Announcements. General Inspection. Special Inspection—*
 - (a) Hands.
 - (b) boots.
 - (c) Teeth.
 - (d) Hair.
- 6.55—Lively Game—
 - (a) Three Deep.
 - (b) Do This, Do That.
 - (c) Dodge Ball.
 - (d) Chair Obstacle Race.
- 7.10—Corners: Instruction in Star work.
- 7.25—Jungle Dances.
- 7.35—Inter-Six Games*
 - (a) Over and Under.
 - (b) Duck Relay.*
 - (c) Hoop Relay.*
 Catch, Throw, Sit.*
- 7.45—Story—Akela tells or reads short story or chapter of continued adventure story.
- 8.00—Council Circle — Songs. Short talk. O Canada. King. Prayers. Repeat announcements. Grand Howl. Dismiss.

*Six Competition.

consisted of a roomy Rover Den built of old railway ties, and hidden in the bush on the river shore; and behind it a quarter-acre garden and an African mud-hut village in course of erection. The village was being constructed under direction of Rover Leader Ovard, formerly of South Africa.

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Games Old and New

Locomotive Relay.—Patrols in Indian file, each Scout holds right foot of boy in front and places left hand on his shoulder. Hop prescribed distance, around post or chair, and back to starting point. A break down puts the "locomotive" out of the race.

A Self-Control Game.—About 15 boys placed at irregular intervals on the floor. Another Scout is blindfolded and sent into the group. The boys standing must keep perfectly still and must not move or smile if the blindfolded Scout walks straight into them.

Reversing Circle.—Boys hold hands, form circle, drop hands; given "Right turn—walk—run!" At short intervals given "Reverse," when runners are expected to turn and run in the opposite direction without losing stride. Original intervals to be maintained. Scout's Pace may be used, with ten steps walking and ten running.

Patrol Horse Race.—Patrols in single file at one end of room, smallest Scout (the jockey) standing beside the P.L. On "Go!" the jockey mounts the back of the P.L., who runs to the end of the room, and back. Jockey, without touching the floor, changes to the back of the next Scout in line. And so on. If the jockey touches the floor in changing mounts he is disqualified, or loses a point to his patrol.

Knot Signals.—Patrols in any group formation at one end of room, rope-length on floor in front. Scoutmaster, at other end signals ((Morse or Semaphore) a certain patrol number, then the name of a knot. The boys called catch up rope, run to the Scoutmaster and tie the knot. Patrol point for first correct knot correctly tied. Each boy must read the signals for himself, and must not run before the word is completed. For variation, knot names may be spelled backwards.

Compass Ball.—Troop in circle. Each Scout represents a compass point. Scoutmaster starts game by throwing a ball to a certain Scout, at the same time calling out a compass point other than that held by the catcher,—as "North North-East!" The Scout catching the ball at once throws it to Scout North North-East, at the same time calling out another compass point, and so on. May be made a patrol competition by deducting point for mistakes.

Circle Knot Tag.—Troop in extended circle, hands behind backs. One Scout designated as IT, and given a suitable rope. IT runs around the circle, drops rope behind someone and calls a knot. IT endeavours to run on around the circle and tag the boy with the rope before the latter can tie the knot. May be made a patrol competition, the rope being dropped consecutively behind patrols. One point for each knot correctly tied before the tier is tagged.

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A Rover Hike Competition

A summer's innovation that the participating Winnipeg Rovers have asked be made an annual event was a 24-hour competitive hike. Ten teams of four Rovers each took part, nine from Winnipeg, and, an international touch, an American Sea Scout team from Fargo, N.D. With sealed instructions, the teams left Tuxedo School at ten minute intervals, beginning at 2.30 Saturday afternoon, August 27th. Although heading in the same general direction, for a common camp ground, the teams were to keep out of sight and at the same time endeavour to spot one another. A journey report and map were called for.

A visit to the camp site was made by the judges on Saturday evening, and, quoting one of the observers: "Ten hike tents and ten small cooking fires dotted over an acre of ground in lee of willow and poplar clumps made an effective picture. The smell of woodsmoke, the bare-kneed figures grouped around the fires or moving about . . . the laughter and banter, all went to make an entrancing spectacle of clean, healthy young manhood. . . . Perhaps the greatest value was the mixing of the chaps together round the camp fire."

As scheduled, the teams reported back between 2.30 and 4.15 p.m. on Sunday. In addition to Camp Site, contest points were given for Map, Log, Nature Notes, Uniforms, and Kit taken and how packed.

Of the numerous interesting happenings of the hike, perhaps the most notable was a Rover veteran's discovery in a friendly farmer of an "opposite number" of the German army,—who had been "on the other side" of the same front at the same time. His team-mates aver that they had to tear the two apart from their reminiscences. In any event the team was the richer by some vegetables.

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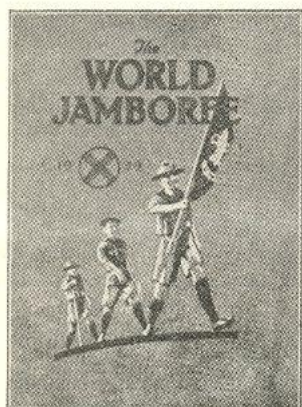
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More Money From Paper

THERE is a growing demand for "shredded paper" by firms manufacturing and shipping breakable objects. It has been suggested that Scout troops which systematically collect paper may find it worth while to invest in a shredder.

Scout Apple Day

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houses showed Scout Apple Day slides.

One merchant filled his store window with apples, with the placard: "NOT SELLING APPLES TODAY! BUY THEM FROM THE BOY SCOUTS!"

Oshawa to Repeat

"Oshawa's first Annual Boy Scout Apple Day is over until another year. Mark well that another year. For Oshawa's Apple Day was a whopping success."—Oshawa Times.

As they do annually with the Scout Toy Shop, the Oshawa firemen, under Fire Chief Elliot, gave valuable assistance. The firemen made selling trays, and the central fire station was used as Apple Headquarters.

At a Cold-Storage Centre

Simcoe sold "Norfolk Apples," and applied the receipts towards the cost of a Scout cabin erected in one of the town parks. The office of the Natural Gas Company, in a central business location, was given as Apple H. Q.

"The Mystery Man"

A "Mystery Man," who dropped a prize-winning ticket into the cash box of the first Scout salesman approaching him, was an interesting figure of several apple days. In some cases the prize was personal. At Owen Sound a pup tent went to the lucky Scout's troop.

The Fall Programme

CALL an early meeting of the Troop Court of Honour (preferably, if feasible, a semi-social affair at your home) and discuss and lay out a complete fall and early winter programme, including:—

- (a) Troop reorganization and promotions.
- (b) Patrol and Troop Good Turns.
- (c) Hikes.
- (d) New Games.
- (e) Patrol competition scoring points.
- (f) Proficiency badge work.
- (g) Fees and Finances.
- (h) Entertainments.
- (i) Parents' or Open nights.
- (j) Co-operation with the activities of the parent institution.

Accompanied by your A.S.M.'s meet your Group Committee, outline the internal troop plans as discussed at the Court of Honour and discuss with Committee details in which they are concerned. Then discuss the Scouting year's programme in general, including—

Rallies and Major competitions, such as first-aid.

Community service.

Rallies and field days.

Christmas Toy Repair Shop—Looking out for suitable location; local distribution, direct or in co-operation with other organizations; sending of gifts to settlers' children on farms. (There will this year be a greater demand than ever upon the Scout Santa Claus.)

Finances and Budget.

Troop registration at Dominion Headquarters.

Special instructors and Badge Examining Board for the Scouting year.

Discuss arranging for special life work talks on the trades and professions.

Have the Group Committee audit the troop books, check over all equipment and certify as to the correctness of the records.

A New Bird Book

A NEW book on Eastern Canadian Birds, "Attune With Spring In Acadie," has been published by Claire Harris MacIntosh of Halifax. Whilst not a field book, a poem-pictured assembly of birds for a series of contests gathers the feathered folk together in a unique and effective fashion. A feature is an interpretation in verse and music of a number of bird songs. There are attractive plates of birds in colours and numerous drawings. The volume would make a delightful gift book for a bird lover. Price, \$2.90 at bookstores, or may be ordered direct from Claire Harris MacIntosh, 253 Robie St., Halifax.

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An Attached Lone Patrol

A NEW and interesting development of Lone Scouting that has proved a success has been the organization in connection with the 10th Saskatoon Troop of an affiliated Lone Patrol of farm boys living some two or three miles from the city. The Patrol Leader of the Lone Lynx regularly attends the weekly meetings of the troop, and occasionally brings in one or more members of his patrol. All investitures are made in the presence of the entire troop. The Lynx meet Saturday afternoons on the Patrol Leader's farm, where they have a patrol den. When going on hikes the troop meets the Lone Patrol at some arranged point. The Lynx are very keen, all have now passed their Second Class tests, and most have uniforms. The Patrol was organized in November last, at the suggestion of the boy who became the Lone P. L., who previously had been a Scout.

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Scout Dates

September

- 5th—Labour Day.
- 21st—Autumnal Equinox.
- 29th—Michaelmas Day.

During September

Scout service at the local Fall Fairs.

Hold as many week-end camps as possible while the warm weather lasts.

Fall Troop Rallies.

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October

One of our best hike months, and five Saturdays!

- 1st—Hebrew New Year. Coloured leaf hike. Stalking games.
- 8th—Weed seed hike. Tracking games.
- 9th-15th—Fire Prevention Week. Consult your Fire Chief for suggestions re Scout co-operation.
- 10th—Thanksgiving Day. Hebrew Day of Atonement.
- 15th—Bird Migration observation hike.
- 22nd—Twig alphabet hike.
- 27th—Birthday Earl of Bessborough, Chief Scout for Canada.
- 31st—Hallowe'en. Good Turns instead of pranks. Annual Scout Census.

During October

Order your copy of the 1933 Scout Diary.

Make preliminary plans for your Christmas Toy Repair Shop.