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Our Xmas "Happifying"

NO one possessing Scout vision will require any convincing of the need this Christmas for the application in all possible ways of the third Scout Law,—described by B.-P. as "the Scout job of happifying,"—including our big annual national effort of making possible a visit by Santa Claus to many thousands of needy children locally and on the farms.

The Chief Scout has shown especial interest in our remembrance of settlers' children. This year the appeal is again stressed, and in addition an appeal for families of a new classification,—Canadian born town and city families placed on farms during the year in an effort to solve their unemployment problem. Few of these have any resources of their own, and for most the first Christmas away from town neighbours will be a lonesome experience, especially for the children; and a Santa Claus parcel would mean a very great deal.

From this new source, and others, the names of over three thousand children on eastern and prairie farms already have been received, and by literally every delivery letters are coming from mothers of families remembered last year, and who still are unable to provide anything for their kiddies at Christmas.

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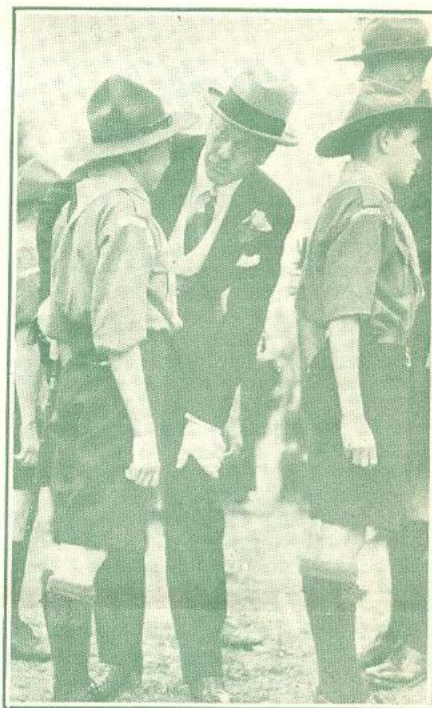
Scout Help in the Winter's Relief Work

IT is taken for granted that the leaders of every Scout Group in Canada will this hard winter see that their units—Crews, Troops or Packs—co-operate in every feasible way with local relief activities, and will themselves initiate direct relief projects where possible. Such steps already have been reported. At Duncan, B.C., a general meeting was called by District Commissioner Rev. A. Bischlager, and a committee appointed having representatives of the Scout and Guide associations, the Health Centre, Legion Women's Auxiliary, and other relief agencies.

The general plan laid out included a survey by Duncan and Quamichan Rovers to discover surplus fruit and vegetables, for storing for winter distribution; and the collecting and re-pairing of clothing by Rangers and Guides.

The Scout Relief Basket

This direct relief project, described in the March Scout Leader, was put on successfully in at least three centres. The plan calls for the placing of hamper baskets in grocery stores, with a placard inviting purchasers to buy an extra item of food and deposit it in the basket for a needy family. There is a strong appeal in the fact that the actual can of soup, or package



AN engaging unconventional snapshot of His Excellency the Chief Scout for Canada during his review of Vancouver Scouts in September.

of rolled oats, etc., deposited goes direct to a needy table.

At Stewiacke, N.S., where the idea apparently originated in a "Scout Relief Barrel," the barrel was placed in a general store, with the result that it was filled several times and provided substantial food contributions for a number of families.

The 1st Three Rivers Troop, Que., secured excellent results with a "Scout Relief Basket," placed chiefly in branches of Dominion Stores, towards the end of March and maintained until August. During that period boxes of donated food were delivered regularly to 29 families, comprising 58 adults and 89 children.

The baskets were emptied Saturday morning and the food delivered that afternoon by detailed Scouts.

The grocery items deposited in the baskets covered practically the entire list of grocery necessities. Bulk or parcelled items included potatoes, flour, rice, rolled oats, white beans, sugar, meat. Canned goods comprised pork and beans, soups, fish, corned beef, peanut butter, corn, peas, etc. Miscellaneous items included jelly powders, spaghetti, tea, soap, milk and bread.

When bottles of milk or loaves of bread were contributed, the grocers

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REMARKABLE display of reconditioned Santa Claus gifts at the Saint John, N.B., Scout Toy Shop last Christmas. The picture in part explains the exceptional support given this shop by local service clubs and business firms, passes on street cars for Scouts on Toy Shop business etc.—also the splendid support given local Scouting throughout the rest of the year. The Guides operate an equally efficient Doll Hospital.

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Making Apple Day a Success

THE Scout Apple Day experiences described in another column offer additional proof that we have found, as one good result of these hard times, a practically dependable way of solving local Scout Association financial problems, while at the same time contributing importantly to the boosting of a national farm product.

As with any other project, the outstanding successes noted are the result of good organization, enthused and enterprising leadership, loyal co-operation by Scouters and careful study and use of the suggestions outlined in the Scout Apple Day booklet and The Scout Leader.

An important contributing factor, of course, is a background of good Scouting in the community, well understood and appreciated by the general public as the result of appropriate year-round publicity.

If you have a financial problem, and if you are sufficiently concerned about it to put real enterprise into its solution, solve it with a Scout Apple Day.

A Caution

The success of Scout Apple Day has at least in one instance, resulted in other organizations moving to adopt the idea. Whilst we would not seek to retain for our exclusive benefit something which might be helpful to other organizations, there are other considerations which should not be overlooked. It seems quite clear, because of the established discipline of the Movement, the wearing of a standard uniform, and our recognized position as a public service body, that we are peculiarly fitted to successfully carry out such a project in co-operation with an organization like the Horticultural Council.

Effectively put on in a community once a year, there is every reason to believe that Apple Day can be made an annual success. On the other hand, if taken up by a number of organizations, and repeated from time to time throughout the year, and poorly managed, the result quite possibly would be the tiring of the public, and the failure of the project for all concerned.

Where there appears such a possibility, it is suggested that Scout leaders approach the municipal authorities and endeavour to have Apple Day reserved for their use, as the one annual effort to be made by them for the raising of Scout funds.

Tags

Unquestionably one of the best means for fixing "Scout Apple Day" in the minds of the public as an annual Boy Scout project, would be the

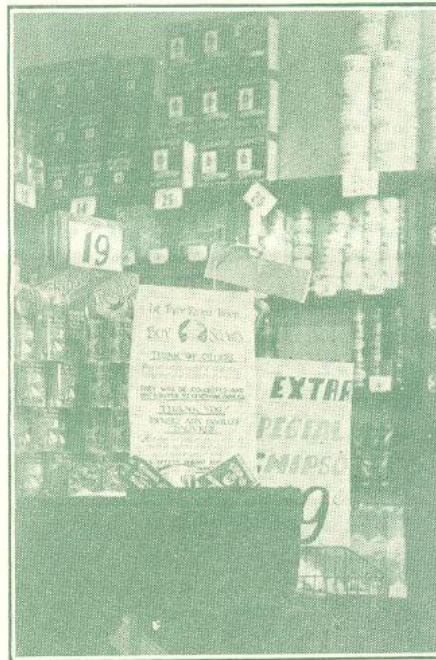
use of tags bearing the characteristic "Smiling Scout."

Although the use of tags is an established custom of many years, there appears to be some diversity of opinion regarding their use in connection with a Scout Apple Day, apparently because of the giving of the apple "as a sort of tag." An Ottawa service club which recently put on an Apple Day, and which entertained the same idea, and omitted tags, drew considerable criticism in the press, and from purchasers who were approached at practically every corner until the experience became irritating.

The official Scout tags were used at Pembroke, and apparently contributed to the excellent success of the project there.

Thanks for Camp Questionnaires

THE Dominion Camp Chief desires to express his appreciation for the 1932 Camp Questionnaires filled in and returned. In response to one of the special questions this year—Council Fire Programmes—numerous orig-



ONE of the "Scout Relief Baskets" of the 1st Three Rivers Troop, Que., in a Dominion Stores branch, which supplied food for 29 families from March to August last.

inal and excellent ideas have been received. These will be studied and form the basis of an article on the subject for next summer's camping number of The Scout Leader. It is hoped that camping Scoutmasters not yet heard from will make their contribution.

Mr. W. K. George

IN the death of Mr. W. K. George, Ontario Scouting lost a leader with an unusual record of valuable service to the Movement, and one of its original sponsors in the province. He had at various times been President of the Ontario Council, Provincial Commissioner and District Commissioner for Toronto, and for many years was a member of the Canadian General Council.

Next World Jamboree Dates

OFFICIAL announcement has been received that next summer's world Scout Jamboree, to be held at Godollo, Hungary, will open on August 2nd, and not on the 4th as previously announced, and will continue to August 15th. Scout contingents are expected to reach Godollo on July 31st or August 1st, and to leave August 16th.

"Songs for Canadian Boys"

THIS new song book, just issued by the Macmillans, is an event in a Scouting as well as in a musical sense. Its 171 songs comprise what undoubtedly is one of the finest collections of songs that appeal to boys ever gathered together, and primarily it was created for the use of Canadian Scouts. There are songs of every type, serious and gay, including the best known French-Canadian songs and an excellent selection of swinging sea shanties and hiking songs. The Chief Scout is remembered in the "Toast to B.P." by Scoutmaster F. Leslie Sara of Calgary, with the specially written music by Sidney H. Nicholson of the Westminster Abbey boys' choir. Scouters claiming a lack of musical training will find a very clearly presented miniature course on the subject, including song leading and voice handling, in an introductory chapter, "Notes on Singing," by John J. Weatherseed, A.R.C.O. A suggested three-year song programme also will prove of definite value.

The book represents four years of work by a committee appointed by the Quebec Provincial Council of the Boy Scouts Association, comprising Lesslie R. Thomson, Chairman; J. E. Macpherson, William R. Allen, Lt.-Col. H. J. Heasley, John J. Weatherseed, D. A. Hinchcliffe and Rev. Sydenham B. Lindsay.

The editorial work was that of Provincial Secretary E. Russell Paterson. The book may be had with full musical score at \$3.00 and an edition of words only at 25c, through the Stores Department, Dominion Headquarters.

Scouts and the Eclipse

AFTER much careful planning and preparation, cloudy skies prevented Scouts of Montreal, Sherbrooke, Three Rivers and St. John's, Que., from sharing the observations made in connection with the eclipse of the sun on August 31st. The Quebec City Scouts were more fortunate. A party of 40 (20 English and 20 French-speaking), under D.S.M. Cartwright travelled in two auto buses some fifty miles to the site assigned them near Notre Dame de Lourdes. At 50 yard intervals for a half mile on each side of the estimated line of totality stakes were driven into the ground, and Scouts posted to take observations. D.S.M. Cartwright took the bearings of four stars seen during totality. A large white sheet was spread on the ground at the centre of the line of Scouts, to catch the "shadow bands." Reports of the observations of the Scouts were sent to McGill University.

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removed these and deposited credit slips, which were made good when the baskets were emptied on Saturday.

At Galt, Ont., baskets were placed in some twenty stores. The results were somewhat uneven, as between the various stores; but approximately 500 lbs. of provisions were distributed to families named by the Mayor.

May Augment a Red Cross Effort

The Scout Relief Basket project may not be feasible in communities where the municipality is regularly purchasing and supplying direct food relief. Ottawa is an example. However the possibility is being investigated of using the Scout idea to augment a Red Cross and V.O.N. enterprise for supplying extra food for undernourished school children.

Similar special projects may be discovered in other communities.

A "Pound Week"

A "Pound Week" held last Easter by the 1st Drummondville Troop, Que., met with substantial success. The plan consisted of a door-to-door canvass for "pounds" of groceries of any kind. At a vacant store headquarters the contributions were made up into parcels for delivery. The total collection was 385 pounds, and \$36.00 cash. Typewritten cards explaining, in French and English, and signed by the Mayor, were carried by the Scouts. Publicity was secured by announcements through the press and churches, and notices posted in factories and store windows. Names of needy families were provided by the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

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What Your Gifts Mean

A sample letter from an Ontario mother reads in part:

The children would welcome whatever you could send them. There are no Santas here, we are only a small scattered village and I really believe it gets poorer every year. But we hope as things get better there may be more work. We are ten in family, and can hardly pay for our food, let alone anything out of the ordinary, but still we have to keep going. The winter eats up everything it seems. We have been out here six years and had a tolerable start as prices were good, but there is hardly any work and almost none in winter. If you know of anyone with some cast off clothing they could honestly spare we would be glad of it. This is not to trouble anyone, but anything warm, if old and holey I can mend to help with. Everyone is poor this year.

Fourteen, twelve and nine are the three youngest ages. Any old Boys' Own Papers or books would do. They all like books, and thank you for your kind thoughts.

Yours truly,
Mrs. B. H. and children.

This letter received in March last from a Saskatchewan mother reminds of the possible very important value of our Santa Claus gifts:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of the package of Christmas toys which arrived safely, and I hope you will pardon the delay in writing, but we have been in quarantine all winter for Scarlet Fever. The children took it one at a time, and as soon as we were let out the store made a visit to us, bringing a big baby boy and at the present time I am just able to tell you what a blessing that parcel has been to a family of sick children all winter. It was just all they had for Christmas.

Happiness for an Entire District
The Secretary of a "Homemaker's Club" in east Saskatchewan writes:

Dear Organization:

It was an oversight nought discovered until our annual meeting that we had not written a note of appreciation and thanks to your organization for the joy and happiness which you scattered in the homes of this district in sending them the parcels of toys which I understand all reached their destination Christmas eve.

Another Community Effort

In the middle of December an emergency call came from an isolated unemployed community in Northern Ontario where an effort was being made to hold a Christmas party at the district school. The teacher was giving each of her twelve pupils a gift, but for the remaining 46 children of the district there was nothing. The emergency problem was passed on to the Toy Shop at Fort William. A large carton of gifts was promptly sent, and arrived on the day of the concert, with the resultant surprise and delight that can be imagined. A

most appreciative letter told of the "pleasure to see the children receive their gifts from Santa, as they were told before they came that Santa would not have anything for them that night, as he was just visiting the school children."

A Good Start

The early enterprise of a number of troops and districts give promise that the 1932 Christmas spirit of Scouts and Scouters will well measure up to that of previous years.

The honour of the first Toy Shop announcement and call for discarded toys apparently goes to the 1st Coldwater Troop, Ont., through the columns of the *Orillia News-Letter* of Sept. 21st, followed Oct. 6th by the 1st Vulcan Troop, Alta., in the *Vulcan Advocate*, and the 1st Noranda, Que., in the *Northern News*.

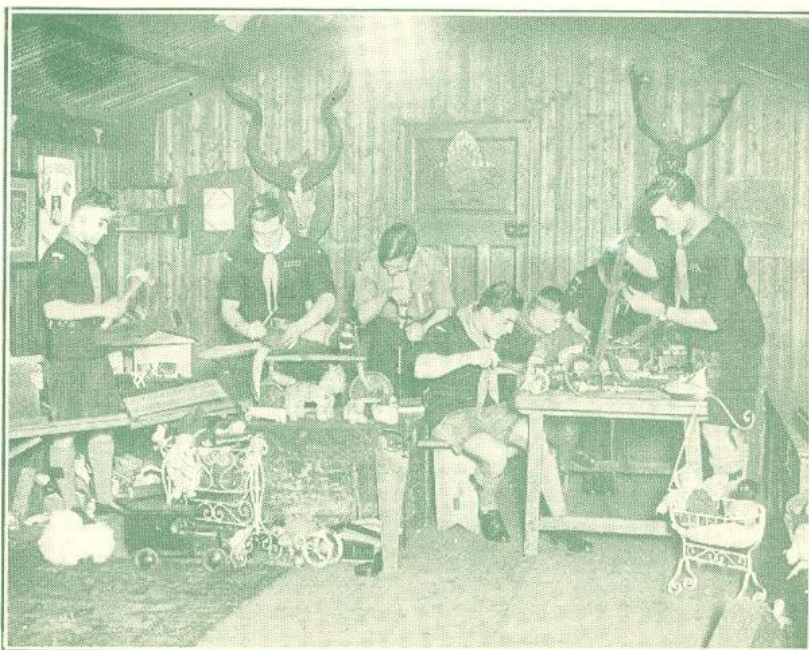
Of the larger centres London, Ont., held a Toy Shop meeting on Oct. 1st, and appointed its Toy Shop Committee; and Hamilton, one of last year's outstanding shops, announced Toy Shop plans in the local dailies of Oct. 8th, and began operations on Oct. 31st, again in the commodious quarters provided at the manufacturing plant of Burrows, Stewart & Milne. The first shop in actual operation apparently was that at Elbow, Sask., in late September, as a Toy Shop repair demonstration for the benefit of a large number of school teachers attending a district convention.

Fergus, Ont., announced its Toy Shop plans on Oct. 27th in this scouty style: "This year our funds are low, but the Scouts will do their best. It is hoped that the people in Fergus will help by giving the Scouts their old newspapers, magazines and rags on Oct. 29th."

Some Reminders

Where there unfortunately is no local company of Girl Guides to dress dolls, ask the help of a C.G.I.T. group or one or two senior girls' Sunday-school classes.

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A PICTURE that will interest Canadian Toy Shop Scouters. It is last year's Christmas Toy Repair Shop of the 7th Tacton Group, England. We'll all join in wishing them "the best of camping," and another Happy Toy Shop Christmas this year.



THE 1st Cadboro Bay Sea Scout Troop, B.C., through the courtesy of Major J. H. Hardinge, has been provided with a converted lifeboat for training purposes. The Cadboro Scouts this summer gave proof of their watermanship by aiding four Royal Victoria Y. C. dinghies when in difficulties in a rough sea.

During his recent western trip His Excellency the Governor-General met Scouts and Scouters wherever possible. Notable reviews were held at Winnipeg, Calgary and Vancouver. At Saskatoon, when the reception committee overlooked the Scouts, His Excellency at once crossed the street and inspected them, and asked for two boys who were on duty at Rideau Hall during the Economic Conference. At Edmonton he presented the Leonard Provincial Shield, the Wallace Nesbitt Junior and Gaunt trophies to the first aid team of the 2nd Edmonton Troop, and at Calgary presented the Bronze Cross to Scoutmaster C. H. Clark of Rockyford for his efforts at great personal risk to save a workman from electrocution.

A pulpit sounding board, the gift of the 26th Ottawa, the church Group, was dedicated by the Rt. Rev. J. C. Roper, Bishop of Ottawa, at a special and largely attended Scout service at St. Matthew's Church. The choir was composed of Scouts and Cubs from the various Anglican church choirs of the capital.

The October joint meeting of the Montreal Rovers was addressed on the subject of "Chinese Customs" by Prof. Kiang Kang-Hu of McGill University.

An attendance of 1,400, including the Mayor; a well-diversified programme, contributed by four packs and seven troops; loud speakers used for running comment on display features; music by Salvation Army and Boys' Pipe bands; troops and packs present from Melita, Souris and Minto; a financial success,—such was the report on Brandon's District Jamboree, held in the Winter Fair building, Oct. 14.

The 3-page-folder programme carried nineteen ads., "Acknowledgments" to persons and organizations assisting; the neckerchief colours of the various units, and the churches with which they are connected (Anglican, Baptist, Catholic, Presbyterian, United).

Vegetables raised by Oshawa Scouts on vacant lots were turned over to the city's Relief Bureau.

A woodcraft demonstration by Scouters and P.L.'s of the 10th Calgary provided a luncheon feature for the local Kiwanis Club. On a heated stone flapjacks were made, a couch of poles and rope was constructed, and cooked twist and various woodcraft contrivances were shown—candlesticks, brooms, forks, spoons, cups, a friction fire set, etc. A similar demonstration was given at the fall picnic of the Calgary Alpine Club.

The 6-page Oct. edition of the Montreal "Buzz" forecasts another winter season of varied activities for 22 Montreal Rover Crews, "Educational" including practical aeronautics. Mention is made of Crews in 14 outside communities.

The 11th Winnipeg Rovers solved their "home problem" by constructing a den in the roof of the chancel of the Institute, a one time church. Under direction of the Rover Mate, an employee of the Dominion Bridge Co., steel columns and beams were first put in to support a floor. The cosy result includes an electric fireplace.

The 2nd Biggar Troop, Sask., held two successful kite-flying competitions on Saturdays in October, on the Biggar Cricket Club grounds.

In accordance with a new sectional conference plan, well attended gatherings of Ontario Scouters were held during October at Ottawa, Sarnia and North Bay. A later gathering will be held for central Ontario. Quebec's sixth annual conference was held in Montreal, Oct. 8-10.

At a Parents' Night of the 1st Farnham, Que., Troop, each Scout receiving a badge described the work done to secure it.

A largely attended banquet and the presentation of a bronze Scout statuette were tributes paid to District Commissioner W. G. E. Aird upon the eve of his departure from Three Rivers, Que. Mr. Aird had been associated with Scouting in the district for many years, during which time the Movement had grown from one small group of boys to three thriving troops and packs.

Two parents of Scouts have been invited by the Court of Honour of the 84th Winnipeg to attend each regular meeting of the troop.

130 Registered Scout Camps were held in Ontario in 1932, and 26 unregistered reported. Headquarters representatives visited 47 camps and were well pleased with the manner in which they were being conducted.

A Dutch wooden shoe with the team name burned in the top was the trophy awarded the 4th Winnipeg "A" Rover team as winners of the Winnipeg 24-hour team hike, taken part in by ten teams in August. The 4th Group "A's" retain possession, and will endeavour next year to capture the mate shoe, to make the pair.

Prior to the opening of fall meetings of the 4th Moncton (St. John's) Troop the Court of Honour met and discussed and approved many new plans among which were a Scout Sunday-school class; a Scout older boys' service group to help in different Scout and Wolf Cub phases of work; a financial system to help the boys earn their uniforms; and a month's membership drive.

A new Scout lodge, constructed for the Holy Trinity Troop of Saint John, N.B., by men of the parish on land donated by Simon Crowley, was opened and dedicated in the presence of a large gathering of church and Scout leaders. The lodge, 28 x 30 feet, with a wide verandah, occupies a beautiful site on the Kennebecasis river. It is the sixth troop home of the kind erected in the district.

Under the auspices of the 31st Winnipeg (St. Giles' United) Group a Scout Troop is being developed among the boy patients in the Shriners' wing of the Children's Hospital. Contact has been established with the troop at the Sick Children's Hospital in Toronto.

Rovers of the 1st Stanstead and Rock Island Group, Que., are completing a 20-by-30 Group headquarters building, on a 60-by-80 ft. plot of land leased at \$1 per annum. They cut the timbers and helped in the sawing.

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Have boys save and collect shoe boxes, dress boxes, and other cardboard boxes; strong paper, cord, etc., and bring them when required to the shop for parcelling.

Where movie Toy Shop matinees are held it may be wise to have all toys handed in unwrapped. This was found necessary last year in one of our larger centres, where children were turning in quite unuseable wreckage, carefully wrapped, and in some cases purely fake bundles.

There were several instances last year of enterprising shops sending surplus toys in bulk to neighbouring towns where the need was unusually heavy.

In Old Ontario there doubtless will be Toy Shops in centres near other communities without Scouts, Guides or Toy Shops. A surprise Scout Santa Claus visit to needy families in such a community on Christmas eve (names having been first secured) would make a particularly jolly good turn.

Our Sisters the Guides

Inquiries already received indicate the readiness of our friends the Guides to participate this year on a yet larger scale. It is expected they will themselves operate shops in communities where there are no Scout troops, or where troops are for any reason not operating shops. Where Scout shops are operated the Guides will give their usual very valuable help in the doll departments.

Toy Shop Financing

Wherever the purpose of the Scout Toy Shop is understood, through suitable publicity, there appears to be no difficulty in securing donations of

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More Scout Apple Day Successes

SO far this fall, Scout Apple Days have been reported at St. Catharines, Brantford, Pembroke, Markham and Kapuskasing, Ont.; at Halbrite, Sask.; Portage la Prairie, Man.; Three Rivers, Que.; Saint John, Fredericton and Moncton, N.B. A number of other important centres, both east and west, will hold Apple Days in November.

In all cases reported upon, the results were well worth the effort. In the majority of instances the returns were so gratifying as to decide the local organizations to adopt Scout Apple Day as their annual means of raising funds.

Apple Publicity Value

In addition to the financial return, substantial contribution was made in each case to the "Buy Canadian Apples" campaign of the Canadian Horticultural Council, both during National Apple Week, and later. Appreciation of this apple publicity was thus expressed by Mr. Leslie F. Burrows, Dominion Secretary of the Canadian Horticultural Council:

"The 'Buy Canadian Apples' publicity of the Boy Scout Apple Days is of real value to us in our efforts to bring about greater use of Canadian apples, particularly the eating of apples 'out of hand.' This once popular (and healthful) practice has become almost a lost art in Canadian towns and cities, largely as a result of the orange publicity from the United States in the interest of American oranges,—and with resultant decline in our consumption of Canadian apples.

"The re-popularizing of the 'apple a day' habit would very substantially expand our home market, with consequent benefit to our apple growing farmers. We feel that the participation of the Boy Scouts in such an effort, incidental to aiding their own good-citizen-building movement, is a suitable one; and because of the Movement's uniform, its discipline, and its standing as a national public service body, it can give us an effective and efficient support procurable from no other similar organization.

"Every Boy Scout Apple Day is a national contribution."

More Apple Day Reports Desired

Those Apple Day reports received add a number of valuable hints to our fund of information on a comparatively new subject. It is hoped that Apple Day campaign managers who have not yet done so will contribute an outline of their experience, and suggestions for the benefit of leaders elsewhere. It was this pooling of experiences and ideas that made our Christmas Scout Toy Shop Chain a major nation-wide service success.

Apple Day activity snapshots also would be greatly appreciated.

"Apple Cores"

St. Catharines

St. Catharines' first Apple Day produced \$313.00. This is the more impressive since St. Kitts is the "capital" of the famous Niagara fruit district. "The huge success brought unexpected results" and "went over big," as re-

ported to provincial headquarters. (St. Catharines' population is approximately 24,000.)

The well-planned and well-maintained publicity included effective write-ups in the *St. Catharines Standard* and broadcasts from Radio Station CKTB. The special Scout Apple Day window cards were used, and the official Scout Salesman's tags.

Appropriately, the regular SCOUT NEWS column in the *Standard* was used to thank the public for its support, and various firms and individuals for their co-operation.

The Cubs were given credit for particularly good work.

Pembroke

An even greater success, on a population basis, was the sale of 3,100 apples and receipts of \$156.00 at Pembroke (population 9,000) by the 1st Pembroke Troop; this notwithstanding several handicaps including the necessity of the Scoutmaster directing operations by messenger from his place of business.

Twenty-two Scouts and six Cubs took part and were scheduled in 2½ hour shifts, there being 14 on the street at all times. Each boy carried a basket and a sealed coin box bearing his name. When handing over post the coin box was retained.

The special Scout Apple Day tags and window cards procurable at Dominion Headquarters were used effectively,—the cards in store windows, on all milk and bread wagons, laundry trucks, etc. A slide was shown on the screen at the movie theatre, and write-ups given in the *Pembroke Standard*.

The receipts in part will be used to finance the annual Christmas Toy Repair Shop.

Portage la Prairie

Notwithstanding a cold and disagreeable day, which substantially affected street sale, Portage la Prairie, Man. (6,500 population), bought 2,500 "Scout apples" for \$137; net between \$90 and \$100. The campaign closely followed the suggestions outlined in the Boy Scout Apple Day booklet, and loyal support was given enterprising campaign leaders by Scouters and Scouts.

Excellent newspaper publicity support was given by the *Portage la Prairie Graphic*. An effective feature was the publication of an endorsing letter from the Provincial Treasurer, the Hon. E. A. McPherson. Effective "boosters" were contributed as inserts in the daily advertisements of the leading local merchants. The motion picture houses showed screen reminders.

The street sale began at 10 a.m., and the cash boxes were turned in at headquarters at 11 p.m., where they were opened and the contents counted by a staff from the Canadian Bank of Commerce.

Three prizes were awarded for the most apples sold, and one prize for the best decorated basket.

A gratifying response was received from the house-to-house canvass. For this the city was divided into districts, and these were outlined in an announcement in the press, with the names of the Scout troops covering them.

An unlooked-for discovery which will be of interest elsewhere was the practical failure of out-of-town (Saturday) shoppers to support the project. The country folks did not appear to understand the scheme, and the Scouts found difficulty in explaining clearly.

A report from one of the energetic Portage leaders, Rev. N. A. Talnicoff, stated that Apple Day had been found easier to promote and more successful than any methods previously used for raising local funds. "The project has taken so well that we expect to make it an annual affair. Long live Scout Apple Day!"

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working material, including paint, from business firms, and the cash outlay frequently is small. Some shops have developed a list of voluntary contributors—participants in the good turn. At Sherbrooke, Que., a subscription book is maintained at Toy Shop headquarters (usually located on one of the main shopping streets), and as a result of the support received a small margin usually is shown on the right side notwithstanding the added cost of mailing each year a generous number of parcels to settlers' families.

Certain troops regularly raise funds by special Toy Shop entertainments, others by food sales with the co-operation of mothers' auxiliaries; some by bridges and dances under the auspices of parents' associations, still others by wastepaper collections.

Making Toys

Several of our annual shops have been developing the manufacture of wooden toys on a considerable scale. The Rosetown Troop, Sask., last year met all local needs and shipped generous bulk quantities to other points.

A sample Rosetown product sent Dominion Headquarters was a beautifully made model of a prairie grain box on sleigh runners perfect in detail.

Send in the Toy Shop Form

In this issue of the *Leader* will be found the usual Toy Shop Notification Form. It is requested that troops or districts use this to notify Dominion Headquarters whether they will operate a Toy Shop, the approximate number of local children it is planned to provide for, and in addition, if possible, the number of children on farms for whom they can undertake to play Santa Claus by mail.

Settlers' Parcels

The selection of gifts for settlers' children may to advantage be placed in the hands of a committee of Scout mothers. The parcels should be kept small with a minimum of one lightweight gift per child and perhaps a book or game included. They should be well and attractively wrapped and securely tied, and addressed to the mother of the family. Where the expense of mailing is a problem it is suggested that service clubs be invited to meet this cost. Another idea is the placing of addressed settlers' packages in the Toy Shop window, or some other shop window secured for the purpose, with a placard inviting passers-by to share in the Good Turn by stepping inside and paying the postage on a parcel.

Rt. Rev. Dean Tucker Becomes a Rover at 80

A UNIQUE and memorable happening in Canadian Rovering was the investiture in September, as a member of the 9th London Crew, of Rt. Rev. Dean Lewis N. Tucker, M.A., D.C.L., D.D., Rector of St. Paul's Cathedral, and 80 years of age. Quoting from a full account of the ceremony in the *London Free Press*: "The impressive solemnity of the service, the grandeur of the setting in the beautiful chancel, its choir stalls filled with Rovers in uniform, the old regimental colours hanging overhead, and the soft undertone of music from the organ, rendered by G. G. Lethbridge, an honorary member of the 9th Crew, made the occasion wonderfully inspiring and long to be remembered by everyone privileged to attend."

The service was conducted by the Rover Leader of the 9th Crew, Rev. Bernard Johnson.

At the Deanery, following the investiture, an inscribed copy of the order of service, signed by all present, was presented to the newly invested Rover. In the course of an appreciative acknowledgment, the elderly churchman stated that he "could not emphasize too strongly that the Scout Movement was essentially a religious movement." Reminding that "Christianity means going and doing," the Dean added a tribute to the spirit of the 9th Crew that in reviewing their activities he had found four engaged as teachers in the Cathedral Sunday-school, two acting as bell-ringers, and eight giving their time as leaders of various troops and packs of the city; in addition to which "all were ever ready to answer any call for special service in and around the Cathedral."

"Keep up your good work," he concluded, "but do not be misled,—going and doing without God will inevitably result in failure."

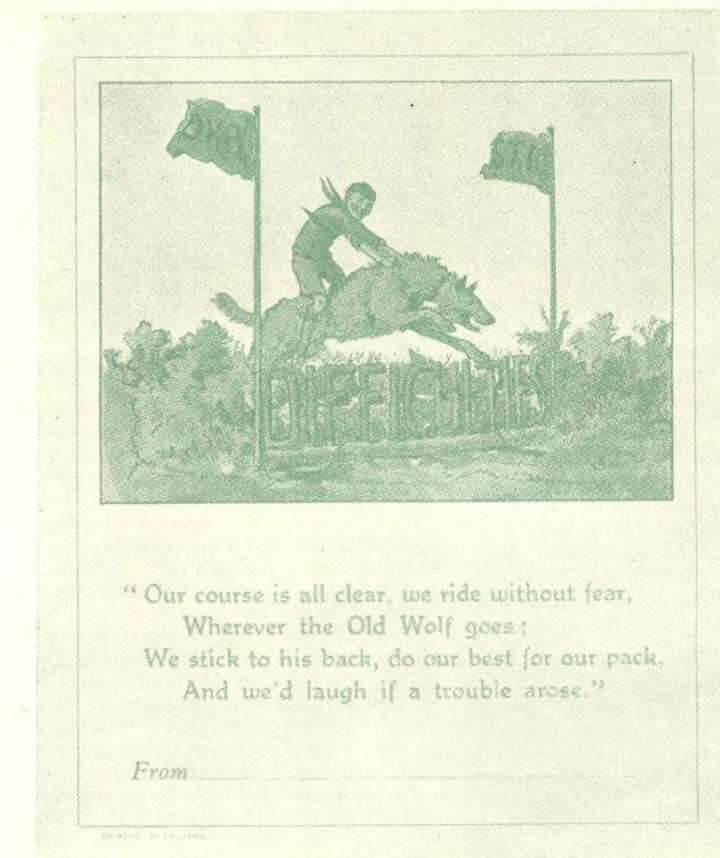
A number of prominent Rover leaders present from outside points included L. J. Bishop, the Assistant Provincial Commissioner for Rovers, District Commissioners O. C. Bentley of Toronto, and D. W. F. Nichols of Windsor.

The "Older Scout" Problem and Rovering

ONE of the periodic questions offered at the Eastern Ont. Scouters' Conference at Ottawa was, "What to do with older Scouts of a troop having no affiliated Rover Crew?"

The first suggestion, "Make them Rovers," brought an emphasized warning, out of several years' experience in Ontario, against a Scoutmaster "trying to make Rovers,"—endeavouring, on his own initiative, to organize a Crew. Provincial Rover Commissioner Lionel Bishop declared flatly that the chances were all against the success of a Crew so started.

Several factors were involved. The older Scouts had reached the psychological stage where their instincts reject things "arranged for them." They must decide for themselves what they



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want. Probably the best contribution of the Scoutmaster was to secure several good books on Rovering, and leave them where the older boys could pick them up,—at Troop Headquarters, or at the S.M.'s home.

Similarly, where older Scouts have decided to take up Rovering, it was almost fatal to designate and presume their acceptance of a certain leader, especially if the Scoutmaster "nominates himself." Even if he understands the desirability of dropping the Scoutmaster role, he finds this extremely difficult,—a "habit" that will crop out in spite of him; and the boys, notwithstanding a high regard for him, have an impulse to resent any suggestion of the old authority, or "lead," that they accepted as Scouts,—even a seeming "crowding" of their freedom of thinking and decision.

The suggested limit of the Scoutmaster's helpfulness was the giving of what help he could, as a definitely understood temporary arrangement, pending the finding of an R.L. satisfactory to the would-be Rovers.

Where older Scouts were talking Rovering, and the Scoutmaster realized that he knew little about it, he should, before making a move, go to District or Provincial Headquarters for advice.

Pending the development of a Crew and the finding of a suitable R.L. in a troop having the older-Scout problem, it was suggested that these older boys be organized as an instructional patrol, its members specializing in certain badges or first class test work; care being taken, however, not to cut any instructional ground from beneath the feet of the P.L.'s.

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Bring in the Staff

Choose a stretch of ground of 100 yards or more depth, scattered over which are a few trees, rocks and ditches. A hundred yards from the starting point plant in the ground a staff with a handkerchief or strip of white cloth attached. Blindfold your Rover and have him endeavour to make his way to the pole and return with it to the starting point. He should first have carefully studied the ground and the location and distance between its obstacles. The beginner probably will find it difficult to remember the sequence of obstacles and their location. The warmth of the sun on the face, the wind or nearby noises will assist in keeping direction.

Back-tracking

The second game should be carried out in a wood, in a little-known locality for preference. Try it by day, and then by night. The instructor

leads the Rovers on a zig-zag walk round about the wood, leaving numbered cards on sticks stuck in the ground in inconspicuous places and at suitable distances apart; and by each "post" an envelope containing a quantity of smaller cards bearing numbers to correspond with those on the card on the stick.

As the Rovers are led round the course, they should pay attention to the route, situation of each post, and sequence of natural objects, etc. The game consists of the Rovers being sent over the course individually (at intervals of, say three minutes) in the return direction, for the purpose of each collecting one card from the different posts. The winner is the Rover who collects the full set of cards in the shortest time.

This may sound easy to do when explained on paper, but to carry it out in strange surroundings, and on a dark night, is a test which will try the most skilled scout. I have known it to be necessary to send out a search party, after such a game, to bring in those who have completely failed to follow the trail home.

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Scout Dates

During November

Four Saturdays for Tracking Hikes. The first snowfalls provide excellent "stories" of bird and animal doings.

Begin work at Christmas Toy Shop.

December

1st—Order your Troop or Pack copies of the 1933 Diary.

3rd-10th-17th—Toy Shop big days.

24th—Christmas Eve. The year's jolliest Good Turn. Scout Santas make their rounds.

Christmas Week

Visit and entertain at hospitals, 'Old Folks' Homes, etc. Hold one or two hikes, and if possible a Winter Camp.

During December

Discuss at each meeting before Christmas, Toy Shop activities and progress, or some other special Troop Christmas Good Turn.

Sixers Meet at Full of the Moon

THE Sixer's Council of the 2nd New Glasgow Troop, N.S., meets around the council rock at every full moon. The discussions include a resume of "the past Moon's work."

Scouters and Mushrooms

EVERY Scouter should "know his mushrooms"—the tasty food value of those that are safely edible, and the virulent poison of those that are not. The 1933 Scout Diary contains a condensed but comprehensive illustrated article on the subject that every Scouter should study, and take with him when hiking.

Easily Made Patrol Screen

THE privacy of patrol corners in a Sunday-school room is secured for the 111th Toronto (St. Hilda's) by the use of screens made of three sheets of building board framed with light wood strips and linked by drop hooks. One of the panels is used as the patrol notice board. The screens were made by the boys.

For Teaching Cubs the Clock

THE pictured "clock faces" in the Cub section of the Scout Diary have been found valuable by some Cubmasters for teaching their Cubs to tell time. They solved the problem for one Cub who had never been able to pass the test. "I had him sit down and study the fixed hands of the pictured clocks, and finally he got the idea," said the Cubmaster. There are three full pages of clock faces in the 1933 Diary.

Another Registration Fee Scheme

REGARDING the annual registration fees, the opening fall announcement of the 38th Toronto Troop stated: "Commencing with this Thursday and continuing for ten weeks, the fees will be 10 cents. Five cents of this amount is for 1933 Dominion Registration. After November 17th the fee will be 5 cents a week."

Like to Swap Curios

With Queensland?

FROM Queensland comes an invitation to Canadian Scout troops to swap curios. In exchange for such things as kangaroo skins and boomerangs, the Queenslanders would be glad to receive genuine Indian basket and bead work, weaving, carving, etc. Canadian skins it is feared would not last long in the Queensland climate. Address J. V. Marquis-Kyle, State Organizing Secretary, Box 596J, G.P.O., Brisbane, Queensland.

One Troop's Financing

HERE is an outline of a season's financing activities of an enterprising troop, the 1st Melfort, (All Saints') Sask., under Scoutmaster the Rev. R. K. Sampson:

Under the direction of two young A.S.M.'s a variety concert was staged in Melfort, netting \$70. Of this, \$20 was set aside for local relief work, and the balance credited to the troop camp fund. The concert was given at a neighbouring town, and the receipts, \$20, divided with the local Scouts. The troop participated in a local old timers' celebration parade, and won \$5 as best appearing group. For assistance rendered in various capacities at the local fair a donation of \$50 was received from the Fair Board. Net result "\$150 now on hand for future calls."

Make and Rent Jig-saw Puzzles

THE recent revival of interest in jig-saw puzzles and the growing business of renting these by rental libraries suggests itself as a possible source of income for Troops or Crews in communities where such puzzles are not now rentable. The puzzles are contained in small wooden boxes, with only the title of the picture stamped on one end, and consist of from 100 to 500 pieces, cut in various intricate forms. They are rented at from two to five cents a day, depending upon the number of pieces. An idea apparently not yet developed is the renting of puzzles for use at a party. "Jig-saw parties" should easily catch on, with some suitable advertising; they could help solve the programme for parties of practically any age. In an experiment with collegiate boys, largely Scouts, there was the keenest competition between three groups endeavouring to finish their puzzle first. Each picture comprised 110 pieces, and required well over an hour's work. (This seems to suggest the 100-piece

puzzle as the maximum "puzzle party" number.) The high-number puzzles are used largely as "solitaire" games for rainy evenings, or for shut-ins, etc.

Suitable pictures can be secured from the larger magazines, and calendars (the popular ship pictures of the 1932 calendars would be excellent). They may be mounted on practical any thin wood that is thoroughly seasoned. They should be cut with as fine a fret-saw as procurable, and in rounded not angular forms. A well-cut 8 x 10 picture will give approximately 100 pieces.

The Giant's Braid

For this rope display stunt three 30- or 40-foot lengths of rope are required, and teams of four Scouts compete against time. Three rope ends are held by one Scout, the other ends each are held by one Scout. At "Go!" these Scouts begin passing through, under or over in the sequence necessary to the making of a "braid."

Cubs Who Demure at Leaving Pack

THIS occasional problem, offered at the Eastern Ontario Conference, brought the reply that to detain Cubs who desired to remain because they were Sixers or Senior Sixers was an injustice to other boys who had the right to similar leadership experience. That in cases of simple reluctance to leave the pack, the parting would be no easier later; that outstanding Cubs going up to the troop could be brought back as Scout instructors.

Interesting Parents In His Pack

AFTER a Cub has passed his Tenderpad tests, Cubmaster Houlbrook of the 2nd New Glasgow Pack, N. S., sends to the boy's mother a Wolf Cub Handbook, with the request that she read the portion dealing with the cleaning of boots, laying and lighting a fire, etc. When a Cub has passed a badge the C. M. invites the parents, makes a little ceremony of the occasion, and has the father or mother tie the ribbon on the Totem Pole.

New Fun for Your Camp Fire



YOU have often wished for new lively camp fire material. Here it is, in "The Camp Fire Book," a remarkably comprehensive treatment of the whole subject of the successful council fire. It deals with the "atmosphere" at various stages, from the opening to the "natural story period," and on to the closing. It covers the making of the fire, opening ceremonies, songs, yells, stunts, games, playlets. The songs include a Scout version of "John Peel" and humorous parodies of other Scout and Cub favorites. One chapter describes the making of camp fire costumes. Price, 75 cents, from The Stores Department.