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The Spirit of Fun in Scouting

ONE of the angles of Scouting most often emphasized by the originator of the Movement has been its sheer fun—"the game of Scouting." Baden-Powell has consistently exemplified this in his own life—his pranks as a school boy, as a young subaltern in the army; in his long habit of making humorous cartoons of himself and others. At the 1929 World Jamboree the handsome Rolls-Royce car given him by the Scouts of the world immediately became the "Jam-roll."

His latest example of "forgetting your dignity" and "poking fun at yourself" was given in connection with no less heavy an occasion than the receiving of the degree of LL.D. from Cambridge University. Lord B.-P. himself thus appreciatively described the mock ceremony at a banquet on the previous evening when Cambridge University Rovers invested him as a "Doctorum Scoutorum Pelargonium, or some such title":

"I was handed a handsome green and white gown of superfine tussore cremona material which I donned, together with a hat, rather of the Scout style, but dyed a deep royal red and decorated with two outsize Wood Badges.

"Two bedells, gorgeously apparelled in evening dress, coats, and tall hats, carried each a great mace, which, between ourselves, looked like a petrol pump, surmounted as it was by a globe and the superscription 'B.-P. Spirit.' The Vice-Chancellor, the Rev. Gresford Jones, was garbed in a gown similar to mine.

"I was introduced by the Public Orator in a Latin Speech of exquisite artistry. His eloquent, but all-too-flattering remarks gave me—well, you know, that greasy feeling all down the spine. This was the address:

Oyez, O Yeah?

'O Baden-Powell Gilwellensis, et vos Magister Scoutorum, et vos O overi Exploratores! Balbus murum aedificavit, or as the poet puts it with more felicity:

'Sanatogen radox ellimans embroca-tion for bruises,
Kolynos veet vapex; vita-wheat varicose veins,
Pepsodent euthymol, ellimans also for sprains.'

"Sez I"—"Methinks"

'But to the point. There was a famous prophecy which was found in a bog near Fen Ditton concerning our guest tonight. Not long ago, when St. Michael of Cambridge was striding up Market Hill, he saw some naughty

little boys playing marbles, and was heard to remark, punning cleverly in a foreign tongue, 'Unus dies, sez I, hi pueri habebunt non rolum or bolum but polum,' which I will translate, in case what I have said is all Greek to some of you. Unus dies, one day. Now the next word 'sez' has puzzled many commentators and experts, but I think we shall be correct in following Professor Edgar Wallace who translates 'sez I' by the old English 'methinks.' 'One day, methinks, these boys will have non rolum or bolum but polum; not a rod or a birch but a powell.' Well, I will tell you privately, on the K.P. in fact, this prophecy has now come true.



Seventy-five on Feb. 22nd! May he still lead us on many returns of the day!

"B.-P." Spirit

"For inasmuch, as we were gazing round the world, seeing it whole but not very steadily, we found everywhere a spirit, a spirit of energy and strength that takes the knock from a carbonized world. And we asked: What is this strange spirit to which all roads crooked and straight come alike, which makes every hill less steep and every load less heavy, and yet always has something over to tow a less fortunate friend? For we saw the spirit spreading, not only through the peoples, the nations and the languages, but even penetrating the Councils of the Senate, the Satraps, Governors and Deputies. And on all channels by which it spread were emblazoned just two letters, B.-P.'

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Toy Shop Echoes

REPORTS to the end of January recorded the operation of Christmas Toy Repair Shops in 155 centres across the Dominion, and a total of fully 75,000 needy children in town and country remembered with Santa Claus gifts. As in previous years there doubtless are other shops yet to be reported.

This is a most gratifying record and one in which all associated with Scouting in Canada may take satisfaction. It once more demonstrates that our Movement has become one of the Dominion's important national-service organizations, and that its training for "participating citizenship" is not academic merely, but provides boys with opportunities for personal service on a large scale.

It is not possible to mention the excellent work done by each of our shops. Reference to a number will later be made in connection with new and promising ideas in toy collection, shop organization, and distribution. The following notes, continuing those of January, are offered as a final summary, particularly as reflecting the impression made upon the public generally—an impression of important value to us in assuring greater understanding and support of our work for Canada.

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This aspect of the toy shop found one of its outstanding examples at Hamilton. There every welfare and special relief body save one turned to the Scouts for their Christmas toys; and under the leadership of District Secretary Frame, Toy Shop Director Overton, District Commissioner van Someren and other energetic leaders, the Scouts and their friends rose to the opportunity, and gifts were supplied for the splendid total of over 6,000 children. The lower floors of a large factory building were made available by Burrow, Stuart & Milne for the central shop, and substantial donations of working material were received from other large firms. Shop visitors included Mayor Peebles and other city officials, who expressed astonishment at the proportions of the "toy repair factory." Both local papers gave excellent support, including feature write-ups with 3-column toy shop pictures; and radio stations CKOC and CHMO made mention of the work several times a day over a considerable period.

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Col. Woods of Calgary Herald Alberta's New Commissioner

AN announcement of first importance to Alberta, and one which will be of interest and encouragement to Scouting circles throughout Canada, comes in the appointment by His Excellency, the Earl of Bessborough, Chief Scout for Canada, of Col. J. H. Woods, Managing Editor of *The Calgary Herald*, to be Provincial Commissioner for Alberta. Col. Woods has for many years served Canada in important capacities at home and abroad—as President of the Canadian Press Association and of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce; at Empire and international press and trade conferences, and on other occasions; and his acceptance of the leadership of Scouting in Alberta is a significant recognition of the practical value of Scout training, and a promise of continued and greater success of the Movement in that province.

Under Col. Woods' direction *The Calgary Herald* has been a strong supporter of Scouting for many years. The Calgary Christmas Toy Shop developed first in connection with the annual Christmas "Sunshine" effort of the *Herald*, and the subsequent example of the combined "Scout-Guide Sunshine" Toy Shop, the publicity given and the pictures taken by *Herald* staff photographers and made available to *The Scout Leader*, have been major factors in building up our great annual Dominion-wide Christmas good turn.

So we congratulate Alberta, and ourselves.

Honorary Col. Woods was recommended for the appointment at the recent provincial annual meeting, when Dr. G. Malcolmson of Edmonton retired owing to ill health, after ten years of the most valuable service to the Movement.

1933 Jamboree Plans Going Forward

STATEMENTS have appeared in certain Canadian papers that conditions in Hungary are such that it will not be possible to hold next year's projected World Scout Jamboree. Inquiry through Imperial Headquarters has brought the declaration from Dr. Vali, Hungarian International Secretary, that any such statements are "absolutely and entirely false."

Budapest, Dr. Vali states, is in no worse condition than the majority of other important continental cities.

There is unemployment, but such people are well fed and housed.

Arrangements for the Jamboree are going forward, with every expectation that it will be held at Godollo, near Budapest, August 1st to 13th of next year, as planned.

Chief Scout Addresses Montreal P. L.'s

THE big annual Patrol Leaders' banquet of Montreal district and nearby provincial centres was honoured this year by the presence of His Excellency the Governor General, the Earl of Bessborough. Seven hundred junior leaders and many distinguished guests heard a memorable address which disclosed our Chief Scout as having a penetrating appreciation of the finer values and implications of Scout leadership responsibility. Medals awarded to Scouts during the year were presented by His Excellency, and Gilwell Beads were awarded by the Chief Executive Commissioner, Mr. John A. Stiles.

Winter Time is Hiking Time

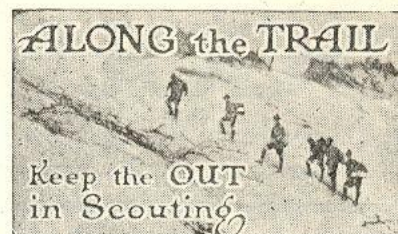
"I may be odd, but personally I prefer the winter to summer for hiking," says B.-P. "Plodding along on a hot day, I get awfully lazy, and am apt to lapse into loafing.

"But on a good cold day, even if it rains and blows a bit, one can go striding on for ever, drinking in fresh ozone, and reddening one's blood with a healthy glow all over, such as makes you proof against feeling slack or chilly. And if one has a definite aim for a hike, it makes the miles slip by unnoticed, and at the end gives one the blacksmith's consciousness of 'Something attempted, something done,' which 'earned a night's repose.'"

A Christmas Holiday Camp

A six-day Christmas holiday camp held by the 1st South Porcupine Troop, Northern Ontario, under Scoutmaster Walter Lemmon, provided the latest example winter outing. The duffle was backpacked and freighted by toboggan into the bush, and headquarters made in a deserted cabin. A planned-ahead daily programme, from 7:30 a.m. Rouse to 9:30 Bed, was carried out; this including many outdoor, and evening indoor games. Cooking was done by one cook and cookee for each meal. All sanitary arrangements were taken care of Gilwell style, and the spring water was chlorinated for safety. A special hike in to test the water had been made, but the bottle had frozen and broken on the way out. Milk powder (Kilm) was used. There was no illness, and no accidents, notwithstanding much axe work. Considerable test and badge work was accomplished.

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



The dates for the 1933 World Scout Jamboree, to be held in Hungary, have been fixed for August 1st to 13th.

Reports indicate that troops continue to aid local relief bodies in all possible ways. Certain Groups are still appealing for clothing and footwear and other items of winter relief.

A column for Lone Scouts, to take care of the many boys in northern Saskatchewan desiring to become Scouts, has been opened on the Scout News page of the *Saskatoon Star-Phoenix*.

A weekly Thursday noon dinner is being given unemployed war veterans at the Hamilton armouries, as a result of contacts made through their application at the Scout Toy Shop for gifts for their children.

Manager McElroy of the Central Canada Exhibition has invited the Ottawa Scouts to run a demonstration camp during the entire period of the fair next fall. Troops may be invited from other points in the Ottawa Valley.

A Canadian Scouter whose father died in Natal, South Africa, recently wrote Scouts there, asking that they visit the grave. The troop gladly did so, and sent back all the particulars desired.

Parties of uniformed Ottawa Scouts directed the opening flag ceremonies of two big United Church Christmas Sunday-school rallies. A similar role was played by Scouts under S. M. Terry at an interdenominational New Years Sunday-school rally at Bowmanville, Ont.

Admiral of the Fleet, Sir Roger Keyes, famous for his services during the Great War, especially in connection with the Dover Patrol and the operations against Zeebrugge on St. George's Day, 1918, has become Assistant County Commissioner for Sea Scouts in Buckinghamshire.

A new troop paper is the "R. L. S. Cheerio," published by the R. L. S. Group of the Sick Children's Hospital, Toronto. The chief purpose is to keep in touch with boys who have returned to their homes in various parts of the province.

The scientific staff of the Antarctic research ship *Discoverer II*, now in the far South Seas, includes J. W. S. Marr of Aberdeen, the Scout who was selected to accompany Sir Ernest Shackleton on his last expedition to the South Pole in the *Quest*. Scout Marr of Aberdeen, the Scout who expedition to the Antarctic, and has since qualified for several university scientific degrees. He has made good.

Registration and the Troop Budget System

NUMBERS of our troops will be re-registering in February, March or April. This again brings up one of the problems faced by every organization—that of finance; and for the Scout troop such financing as will make possible the carrying out of a complete Scout programme, including registration of each boy at Dominion Headquarters and participation in this way in the support of field work in the province.

One of the stumbling blocks to troop registration in the minds of some leaders has been the view that the 50 cents per boy registration fee necessarily is an extra amount to be provided by the boy or the troop in excess of other expenses. Under the Troop Budget System, properly planned, this bugbear disappears. The usual 5 cents-per-meeting fee covers everything.

It is urged that every troop which has not yet adopted this system give it a trial during 1932. Scoutmasters who have been using it claim for it:—

(1) That the Scout pays his fees more regularly.

(2) That the system provides valuable thrift training in "budgeting," and in general planned-ahead financial management.

(3) That it develops in the boy a sense of the business responsibility of the troop.

(4) That it assures the acquiring by the troop of books, badges and equipment as needed.

(5) That it makes possible prompt re-registration each year.

(6) That it can be carried out on the basis of the present usual weekly Scout fee, allowing for the break of the summer camping season, during which fees in many troops are not collected.

Worked Out by the Court of Honour

The budget is worked out by the Court of Honour, the Patrol Leaders providing the necessary information regarding rank and proficiency badges likely to be required during the year, the Troop Scribe providing his list of necessities, etc.

A Sample Troop Budget

The following per-boy-basis budget has been found practical and feasible. In certain troops the old pre-budget practice by which boys paid for badges as earned has been continued, the badge item of expenditure being applied elsewhere.

Badges, Patrol Shoulder	
Knots, Group Shoulder	
Name Badge, etc.	.50
Misc. Troop Supplies	.75
Registration Fee	.50
Welfare work (as Christmas food basket, special charities) church funds, etc.	.25

\$2.00

With actual running expenses thus provided for, funds from concerts, paper drives, etc., become "clear profit" against purchase of trophies, camp equipment, camping expenses, headquarters rent, if any, and the like. (Funds from these sources are of course handled by the Group Committee.)

Start the Budget System in your troop now, and rid yourself of financial worries!

Toy Shop Echoes

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A similar result was achieved at London, where the Central Relief Office turned to the Scouts for toys for the city's entire list of needy children. The first call indicated 4,000 children, but this happily proved an over-estimate. In the end 1,800 toy parcels were distributed among 760 families. Three shops were operated—the Central, North End and East End, under Scouters Rhodda, Woelfle, Lawton, Steene and other active leaders. The dolls were handled by Guides, Scout Mothers' Clubs and wives of members of the executive. Public and Separate School children contributed many toys, and toy matinees were given at the Palace and Capitol theatres and two at the Grand. The chairman of the Toy Shop Committee was Inspector Walter Kelly of the Children's Aid Society.

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The Winnipeg shop, under Secretary Mills, maintained its position as the established chief source of Christmas toys for the needy of that city. Gifts were supplied to the Children's Aid Society, the Children's Home, the Kindergarten Settlement, the Margaret Scott Mission, St. Joseph's Orphanage, Sir Hugh John MacDonald Hostel, Immigration Halls 1 and 2, the Tribune Empty Stocking Fund and the Peguis Indian Reserve. In addition toys were sent to a list of 250 Soldier's Settlement Board children in the country, a school, and other rural lists. As usual the Guides staffed the important doll department.

At Saint John, N.B., the Scout Santa visited all the children of the Day Nursery, the Infants' Home, St. Patrick's Industrial School, St. Vincent's Orphanage, New Brunswick Protestant Orphans' Home, Municipal Home, Children's Aid, East and South End Boys' Clubs.

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Fire which swept through the building in which it was located brought an unpleasant experience for the Saskatoon shop. Fortunately it occurred after Christmas, although parcels were being made up for requests too late for Christmas delivery. Notwithstanding this, toys were distributed among 1,624 children in the city and 750 children in northern sections of the province, a new high record. The lists comprised those of the Canadian Legion, Clothing Relief Bureau, Social Service, Children's Aid Society, Red Cross, I.O.D.E., City Nurse, Travelers' Association and city churches. Full support was given the shop by The Star-Phoenix, the service clubs, churches and schools.

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Another shop which for the third year was called upon to play Santa Claus to all local needy children was the "Scout-Fireman" shop at Oshawa. Fire Chief Elliott and the men of his department again co-operated actively, with Fireman Mart Ostler as Toy Shop Director; and 2,000 kiddies were remembered. Guides did the doll work. General Motors and other firms provided trucks for parcel delivery. A novel feature was a Scout toy collecting competition, the winner of which was made manager of the Regent Theatre for two days, on salary, with the next two boys as "directors." Five "runners-up" were given passes for a month. Particularly effective work was done by the firemen in the "Paint Department," including the painting of pictures on sleighs and kiddy cars by Fireman Culling.

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The shop operated by the Duncan and Quamichan Scouts and Guides, B.C., under direction of S.M. the Rev. Arthur Bischlager and Col. E. M. Dopping-Hepenstal, provided an ex-



THE Cub-Scout choir of Christ Church Cathedral, Fredericton, N.B. Since its inception in January of last year the choir has been self-supporting, raising in that time \$187.00. A portion of this was turned in to the church funds. Recently new robes were purchased. The choir is under the direction of District Cubmaster Robert Pugh (left rear). Next stands Scoutmaster the Rev. H. R. Perkins, and Very Rev. Dean Neales.

ample of the major role possible in smaller communities. Co-operation of the public schools and the Kinsmen's Club was secured, and well over 1,000 toys and dolls were handled. All local needs were met, including the hampers of the local Christmas Cheer Committee, and four boxes of gifts were sent to the Salvation Army at Victoria.

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Similarly the troops at Britannia and Gibson's Landing, B.C., took care of all local needs, and I sent boxes of toys to Vancouver.

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Rosthern, Sask., Scouts reconditioned close to 500 toys, and distributed these on Christmas Eve "to all those in need, irrespective of nationality or creed," according to the *Saskatchewan Valley News*.

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From the *Amherst News*, of Amherst, N.S., over a special despatch story of the Scout toy shop at Moncton, N.B.: "Same Idea Should Be Adopted Here Next Year."

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"I was absent at the time in Winnipeg, but the P.L.'s were in charge, and shipped on that day four parcels to 10 children in Alberta and Sask. These parcels contained books, games and chocolate bars."—S. M. Feller, of 1st Rosenfeld, Man.

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S. M. Musson of the 1st Melita, Man., mentions a letter of appreciation from a Sask. settler, one of whose little girls "had been a Brownie at Nottingham, England." This is one of the frequently recurring and gratifying incidents of sending toys to settlers' families in the west,—the discovery that we have carried the familiar touch of Christmas remembrance to former Brownies, Cubs, Scouts and Guides, far from their homes in the Old Land.

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Yet another good result of the toy shop effort discovered itself at Winkler, a Mennonite district of Manitoba. Under S. M. Loeppky a highly successful shop, which secured the co-operation of the local school, looked after 110 children, and finally overcame opposition to the Scouts shown by the older people of the community. The gifts were distributed by a Scout Santa Claus at a Christmas tree entertainment which packed the local hall to capacity, many not being able to gain admittance.

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Radio stations co-operated generously and most effectively. Hamilton was particularly fortunate in having the support of two stations, both of whose announcers were Scouters. In illustration of results:—One evening an invitation to contribute paint was broadcast. At 9 o'clock next morning a Sherwin Williams truck, loaded with all kinds of paint, was waiting at the toy shop door.

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From the *Moose Jaw Times*: "The other evening W. B. Hawke, president of the Rotary Club, visited the shop, saw 40 toy cartons awaiting the neces-

sary cash for shipment, read some of the appeals, and walked out and returned a few minutes later with a \$20 donation from Moose Jaw Rotarians. As a result the 40 parcels are now on their way to children in rural districts.

The Canadian Legion also paid shipment charges on four large packing cases containing over 200 toys."

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Exhibition basketball games between teams of the Royal Canadian Dragoons and Royal Canadian Regiment were arranged by the commanding officers of those units in aid of the St. Johns, Que., toy shop. Admission was a toy or 10 cents.

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As always, many letters have been received from settlers on western prairie farms, once again proving the complete worthwhileness of the "toy shop good turn." Here are brief extracts from letters received at Regina:

"I wish you could have seen the happiness when they found the toys in their stockings Christmas morning. It's the only toys they have had for three years."

"I thank you so much for the toys for my boy. I got them before Christmas and put them in his stocking. He believes in Santa Claus."

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A gratifying feature of toy shop reports is the frequent mention of plans for next season,—such as this from Scouter Miller, writing of Brockville's first central shop, run by the 3rd and 4th Group Rovers: "But watch us next year! The gang are all enthusiastic over the work, and we'll get an early start next Christmas." Several shops—Oshawa, Ont.; Rosetown, Sask.; Moncton, N.B.; Penticton, B.C., Scouts and Guides (under Lady C. M. Naish), St. Johns, Que., Ottawa, and others—are discussing carrying on features of the work throughout the year.

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Very valuable support was given by managers of theatres through "Toy Shop Matinees." These have so far been reported: The Capitol, Calgary; Metropolitan, Regina; The Rex, Taber, Alta.; Capitol, Edmonton; Monarch, Medicine Hat, Alta.; Capitol and Orpheum, Moose Jaw, Sask.; Tivoli, Winnipeg; Colonial, Port Arthur; Capitol, Palace and two at the Grand, London; O'Brien, Pembroke; Regent, Oshawa; Capitol, St. Johns, Que.; Gaiety, Fredericton, N.B.; Capitol and Strand, Saint John, N.B.; Capitol, Moncton; Regent, New Glasgow, N.S. Several carloads of toy "admissions" must have been produced by these special shows.

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(Note: Will directors of toy shops not mentioned above drop the Toy Shop Secretary a brief report on their operations, including any ideas or experiences which may be of value to other shops in subsequent work.)

1931 Christmas Toy Shop Towns

P. E. I.—Bedeque-Freetown, Charlottetown.—2.

N.S.—Clark's Harbour, Glace Bay, Halifax, Kentville, Liverpool, Milton, New Glasgow, North Sydney, Tatamagouch, Thorburn, Truro, Yarmouth, Sydney.—13.

N.B.—Dorchester, Fredericton, Moncton, Saint John.—4.

Que.—Asbestos, Chambly, Coaticook, Delson, Granby, Grande Ligne, Lachute, Lakeshore, Montreal, Richelieu, Richmond, St. Johns, Sherbrooke, Stanstead and Rock Island, Three Rivers, Waterloo, 3rd Quebec.—17.

Ont.—Almonte (Guides), Bowmanville, Bracebridge, Brantford, Brockville, Burlington, Collingwood, Copper Cliff, Cornwall, Dryden, Fergus, Fort William, Galt, Georgetown, Goderich, Hamilton, Hawkesbury, Ingersoll, Kincardine, Kitchener, Lindsay, Listowel, London, Manotick, Mount Forest, Newmarket, Niagara Falls, North Bay, Oakville, Oshawa, Ottawa, Owen Sound, Paris, Pembroke, Picton, Port Arthur, Port McNeill, Preston, St. Catharines, Sarnia, Sault Ste. Marie,



THE "Indians" attack the "settlers" at the Christmas holiday camp of the 1st South Porcupine Troop.

Simcoe (Rangers), South Porcupine, Stamford, Stratford, Strathroy, Sudbury, Thorndale, Tillsonburg, Toronto, Walkerton, Welland Cubs, Windsor, Bronte.—54.

Man.—Brandon, Melita, Neepawa (Guides), Rosenfeld, Souris, Stonewall Cubs, Winkler, Winnipeg.—8.

Sask.—Aneroid, Assiniboia, Bulleya, Carlyle, Central Butte, Cupar, East-end, Edgeley, Estevan, Lafleche, Leask, Loversna, Luseland, Melfort, Melville, Moose Jaw, Prince Albert, Radville, Regina, Ridgedale, Rosetown, Rosthern, Saskatoon, Shaunavon, Simpson, Superb, Swift-Current, Tylerton, Tisdale (Brownies), Unity Wapella, Yorkton.—32.

Alta.—Calgary, Edgonton, High River, Lethbridge, Medicine Hat, Red Deer, Taber.—7.

B.C.—Britannia, Burnaby, Chemsinus, Chilliwack, Cloverdale, Duncan, Quamichan, Gibson's Landing, Kimberley, New Westminster, Penticton, Prince Rupert, Terrace, Vancouver, Vernon, Victoria, Williams Lake.—17.

Total—155.

The following towns sent toy parcels to settlers although not operating toy shops:—Braeside, Chatham, Hanover, Palmerston and Perth (Brownies), Ont.; Cardston and Wetaskiwin, Alberta.—7.

The Sports-Social Snag for Rover Crews

THE following sketch of an Ontario Rover Crew's near-shipwreck upon the twin rocks of Sport and Social Doings is offered as a warning for new crews, and as a reminder of an always possible danger for older crews. The excellently presented story was taken from the Rover Scout News column of a January issue of the **Brockville Recorder-Times**, contributed by "W.J.M."

The crew rules outlined are given only as those evolved by the reorganized crew.

IN former years the Rover Scouts in Brockville were formed of older Scouts activity engaged with the local troop of Boy Scouts; they acted as leaders, instructors and examiners. As the number of these older fellows increased, those in charge conceived the idea of banding the Rovers into a separate organization, with their own rules and their own leaders. The object of this was to keep the older Scouts together in an organized unit.

For a year or so this plan worked perfectly. Those Rovers closely associated with the various troops continued with their Scouting activities; the others found the organization an

ing was called on Jan. 4th last of all those members who were interested in Scout troops and the old Rovers. A constitution embodying the old rules and some new ones was drawn up and will be signed by all those members who agree to obey its rules and continue as members of the troop. Some of the new rules follow:—

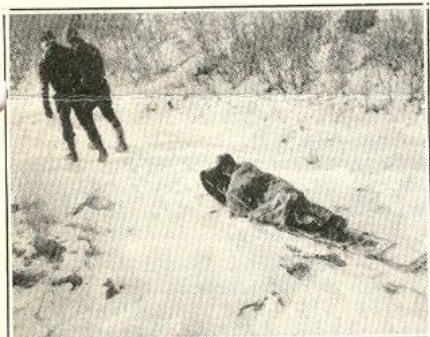
Those now in the organization shall be members while they remain in good standing, that is, while they obey the rules of this constitution. . . . Applicants, upon being voted into the troop, shall pay the annual fee and two months' dues in advance. . . . They must pledge themselves to compete in sporting activities as members of Rover Scout teams, in any branch of sport in which the Rovers have an entry. . . . An attendance of less than 75 per cent at all meetings will make the offender subject to a fine. Non-payment of fine leaves offender liable to suspension from troop. . . . Meetings will be held every Thursday evening; business meetings on the first Thursday of each month; the remaining Thursdays will be devoted to general Rovering, social and athletic affairs. . . . The aim of the troop is to keep the older boy in Scouting, and to provide leaders and instructors in the Scout troops.

Rover Archaeologists

A party of Rover Scouts have been assisting Mr. T. S. Cowling of Otley, a well-known English archaeologist, with excavation work on Otley Moors. Mr. Cowling estimates that remains from the Roman and Neolithic periods are contained in the square mile which has been excavated. They have unearthed prehistoric burial grounds, old earthworks and a cattle enclosure which is believed to date back to the beginning of the Christian era.

Through the enterprise of Saskatoon Rovers the 2nd Annual Conference of P.L.'s of that area was held at Saskatoon, Dec. 28th. His Honour Mayor John Hair extended a civic welcome. After the closing session Girl Guide Captains of the city entertained the delegates for a social hour at Christ Church Hall. The conference was organized as a model troop, under Scoutmaster Linton Tooley, and each P.L. kept a lecture notebook, which was turned in for reading and criticism.

P.L.'s from Coutts, on the southern border, to Athabasca in the north were included among the 160 delegates at the highly successful annual Alberta Patrol Leaders' Conference and Training Course held at Calgary Dec. 28, 29 and 30. A formal welcome was extended by His Worship Mayor Davison, and addresses included a travel talk by Dr. W. G. Carpenter of the Calgary Technical Institute. Through courtesy of the Canadian Pacific Railway, the billeting committee was established in the rotunda of the station. Greetings were exchanged with the 12th Alberta Tuxis Parliament, in session on the same days in Calgary.



THE "wounded" are given first aid and transported to the cabin by toboggan.

ideal place wherein to keep in touch with "the gang" through social and athletic activities. New members—non-Scouts, but "pals" of the older members were added in increasing numbers—and the Rovers slowly degenerated into an ordinary social club. The original Rovers found that they were the only ones actively interested in Scouting, and, in addition, that the responsibility and duties pertaining to the new activities were left entirely upon their shoulders.

Perhaps the fault cannot be laid on the non-Scouts—nothing was really done to get them really interested in the work of Scouts and Rovers. There was Scout work in plenty—and their services were more than welcome; but they were not asked to do any particular work, and the Rovers became more and more inactive.

Finally matters reached a stage where quite a few of the "gang"—especially those connected with Scout troops—refused to continue doing all the work and have the others receive equal benefits. Accordingly, a meet-

A Rover "Revue"

"HAPPY to be fools—if fools tonight can bring you laughter," announced Holborn (London) Rovers on the programme of their annual revue, "This Year's." From beginning to end the revue was a triumph of hilarity and a pattern of what such shows should be. Full houses rewarded the actors on two successive nights, and were kept in rollicking laughter throughout the programme. "A Holborn Rover" was responsible for the production, book and music.

Tidbits From the "First Bite"

FOLLOWING is the correct reading of the Cub Missing Word Problem given in the January Scout Leader:

One night a big tiger went out on a prow! but stepped on hot embers, which caused him to howl. The man child he wanted, before his bad bungle had hid in the bushes, well into the jungle. The grey wolf there biding, the child's life did save and for safer hiding took him to his cave. Tabaqui the jackal who saw the whole thing fawned up to the tiger and this song did sing.

"If you, Mr. Tiger, will leave me a bite I'll show you your supper and you'll be all right."

But Raksha the mother scared off the poor cub and so little Mowgli became a Wolf Cub. The boy with wolf training learned all jungle tricks which saved him and others from many a fix. And when he grew older he ran with the pack; I'll tell you some more if you ever come back.

HOWL! HOWL! Akela is here!!

A Composite Four-Night Pack Programme

- 6.45 Pack Circle. Grand Howl. Prayers. Dues.* Announcements. General Inspection. Special Inspection—*
 - (a) Shoes.
 - (b) Hands.
 - (c) Hair.
 - (d) Left ear, right shoe.
- 6.55 Lively Game—
 - (a) Dodge Ball.
 - (b, d) Three Deep.
 - (c) Do This, Do That.
- 7.10 Corners. Instruction in Star work.
- 7.25 Jungle Dances.
- 7.35 Inter-Six Games—*
 - (a) Duck Relay.
 - (b, d) Hoop Relay.
 - (c) Burst-the-Bag Relay.
- 7.45 Story—Akela tells story, or reads chapter of continued Adventure story.
- 8.00 Council Circle—Songs. Short talk. O Canada. King. Prayers. Repeat announcements. Grand Howl. Dismiss.

*Six Competition.

COURAGE

For an R. L.'s Address

BROTHER Rovers, I would like to speak to you tonight for a few minutes on the general subject of "Courage." The word "Courage" comes from the Latin word "cor," meaning "heart." Let us also think of the word "brave," which originally meant "fierce or wild." Think also of the word "bravado," meaning "an ostentatious show of bravery."

Although some people might object, I would like to draw a rather fine distinction between "bravery" and "courage," and also as between "bravery" and "bravado." One is inclined to associate bravery with sudden emergencies, such as are met on the field of battle. The soldier becomes "fierce or wild," throws discretion to the winds and dashes at the foe. On the other hand, there is something slow, something enduring about courage. You may be brave enough to meet the test of a sudden emergency, but have you the courage, for instance, to stand steadfastly by your convictions under a continued strain?

It is a question of heart; so how's your heart? Will it stand a testing of your character? It is then that a man's true worth or inner courage—his moral resources—become apparent. If you have no convictions you will have no resistance to passing fashions; no desire to follow truth for truth's sake. Daniel in the Lion's Den was a brave boy, but the Daniel who refused to eat the King's meat and drink the King's wine had the courage of his convictions.

Hiero, the King of Syracuse, was a man of battle and a brave man. He ridiculed Archimedes the mathematician, who sat all day drawing triangles in the sand. But Archimedes had the foresight and the courage to see and to maintain that his triangles were of more importance than the battles of his King.

Compare two contemporaries like Napoleon and William Wilberforce. While the great military colossus was striding the world, Wilberforce was busy killing the African slave trade. Though frail in health and beset by bitter antagonism, he waged a philanthropic war which knew no truce nor armistice. On the day victory came and slave trade in the British Empire was ended, Sir Samuel Romilly, amid the cheers of the House of Commons, compared the thoughts of Wilberforce as he went to rest, with the thoughts of Napoleon across the Channel, who was then at the climax of his power.

In General Charles Gordon we have a man who was both brave and courageous, brave enough to face the natives who sought his life, but with a courage which enabled him to reserve each day times to say his prayers. On such occasions a white handkerchief was laid on the ground outside his tent, and no messenger was allowed to step beyond it, even on the most urgent business,—for "the General was at prayer."

The other day I read in the paper of a small boy who in the presence of a group of his companions, to show them that he dare, climbed a high embankment to a railway bridge and attempted to walk outside the guard rail. He had only proceeded a few feet when he pitched headlong into the river below and lost his life. That

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- 7.30 Patrol Corners; roll call, P.L. collects dues. Points off for lates.
- 7.35 Flag Break. O Canada. General Inspection — (Points for general appearance and for attendance at Church, Sunday-school or Scouts' Own). Special Inspection—*
 - (a) Right hand, left ear.
 - (b) Scout hats and staves.
 - (c) Shoes.
 - (d) Hair, or Scout Diaries for completed records.
- 7.45 Steam-off Game—(Freeze)*
 - (a) Rugby Scrum.
 - (b) Find Your Mate.
 - (c) Zig-Zag Relay.*
 - (d) Poison Circle.
- 7.55 Patrol Corners. Test and Badge work as arranged by Court of Honour. (Freeze).*
- 8.10 Quiet Game—
 - (a) Find the Watch.*
 - (b) Duck Relay.*
 - (c) Compass Dance.
 - (d) Hoop Relay.*
- 8.20 Morse and Semaphore Messages and Relays.*
- 8.30 Instruction by S.M.—
 - (a) Tracking problem in snow.*
 - (b, d) Hand signals.
 - (c) Fires and Panics.
- 8.40
 - (a) Ice accident drill.
 - (b) First Aid — Frost-bites, sprains.
 - (c) Scout Law plays.*
 - (d) Carbon Monoxide
- 8.50 Council Fire—Songs. S. M.'s Five. Announcements. Scout Silence. Repeat Promise. First meeting of month repeat Scout Law. King. Lower Flag. Dismiss. Court of Honour.

*Patrol Competition.

was not bravery but silly bravado.

The Duke of Wellington was a brave man, but Gladstone was a man of courage. Once when some evil story was related to him, he turned on the man and said: "You call that wit? I call it devilish." Oh! it is great to be able to stand for something, to have convictions and a moral fibre which will be of use to you when the day of testing comes!

Some thirty years ago in Australia

a young engineer conceived the idea of forcing water many miles through a pipe to a desert area, burning hot and barren. He stood up against continued derision from the very start and until the day before the water was turned on. Then he cracked. He took a gun and blew his brains out. The scheme proved to be a huge success. Had he held on for one more day his courage would have been rewarded. When the test comes will you weaken?

If you will lend me your imagination I will ask you to picture a spot—a reef—about fourteen miles southwest of Plymouth Harbour. It is a reef which for years had exacted a toll of wrecked ships and many lives. I want you to see a crowd of people standing on the shore as a young man named Winstanley sets out in a small boat at low tide to spend a few hours on the reef. He has some steel bars and some hammers. The people think he is demented. They laugh because Winstanley has said that he will do something that has not been done before. By braving the waves of ridicule and water for twelve weary months, he was able to drill a dozen holes in the rock to hold the anchor rods. For four long years the struggle lasted and then as a Christmas gift to the world Winstanley gave it the completed Eddystone lighthouse. Though it was wrecked three years later, the venture was a success and England and other nations began to build lighthouses everywhere.

Galileo in the face of implacable opposition maintained that the Earth moved. Socrates held to his convictions even when compelled to drink the cup of hemlock. McCormick perfected his reaper in a field followed by jeering farmers.

What a glorious chapter could be written of the Missionaries of early Canada, who faced the Indians armed only with the Crucifix or the Bible!

Why do people abandon comfort and friends to do such things?

The answer is simple. Every man who is worthwhile wants his life to count. He desires to serve his God and his King in his most effective way, even though it means physical and mental suffering, and perhaps may end in failure—seeming failure. No honest, courageous effort is a failure.

My big hope for each one of you is that you may find your best life work, be it hard or easy. And, if the time comes which makes it necessary, I hope you will all be brave as lions; but more than that, I hope you may develop that physical and moral courage which will enable you to stand by your convictions and to hang on, and on, and on, when others want to quit.

—Rambler.

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Sick-Home Service

SCOUTS of Troop No. 66 of Bedford, Pa., under the direction of their Scoutmaster, Dr. C. H. Askey, have developed a plan with local physicians whereby the latter may call upon Scouts for service as messengers, furnace tenders, and other service in homes of the sick. The idea originated with Dr. Askey and has won the praise of the community.

Lord Hampton on Disarmament

LORD Hampton, Imperial Chief Commissioner of the Boy Scouts Association, speaking at the annual dinner of the Old Millhillians, stressed the importance of the Boy Scout Movement taking root in the great Public Schools. He mentioned that Mill Hill was one of nearly eighty public schools that had adopted the Movement.

Lord Hampton went on to speak of disarmament. He said that while all were greatly in favour of disarmament and international pacts, it was, at the bottom, education of the rising generation that mattered most. The great need was to put away suspicion and try to see the other fellow's point of view; that, by education and friendly feeling, was what the Boy Scout Movement was trying to effect.

Creed Still No Scout Problem in India

BOY Scouts from the Government High School at Kahrur-Pacca, Punjab, India, went to the assistance of a colony of sweepers whose huts had caught fire. Although they had to carry water from a well some distance away they soon got the fire under control. A small girl was daringly rescued from one of the flaming huts. The Scouts included Hindus, Mahomedans and Sikhs of various creeds.

Scouting and the Churches

ACTING upon the suggestion that Scouters and ministers of all denominations should get together in order better to understand each other's point of view, the officers of the Darwen Association (England) recently called a meeting with the clergy of the town. The attendance, on the ministerial side, was poor; but we feel that good work was done. Several important matters were discussed, including Sunday hikes, the religious policy of Scouting, and open and closed Groups.

The general feeling with regard to hikes was that they could easily get out of hand, and the "hike with a purpose" degenerate thus into a mere country ramble. The ministers, while freely admitting the value of the ideal hike, felt that the frequent use of Sunday for hiking might easily do more harm than good. "Moderation in all things," expressed their view. The religious policy of Scouting, as outlined at the meeting, was praised for its broad-mindedness, and little discussion was felt to be needed on that point. The question of open and closed Groups centered on the

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power of open Groups to act as missionaries, in that they could most easily train Scouters, and then send them out to work in new Groups. At the same time it was felt to be hard upon the minister who, having had a lad under his care for some years, was expected to sit and allow him to be transferred to some other sphere of activity just when he was likely to be of real use in the church.

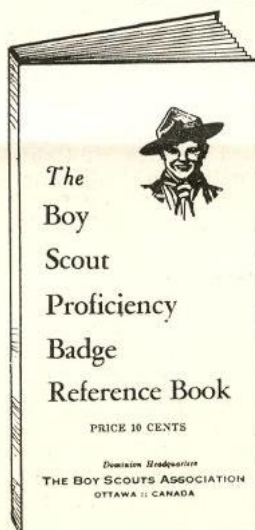
Combined church parades were also discussed, and the request was made by the ministers that these should be strictly limited in number, on the ground that a roving type of church attendance was less likely to be of real value to the boy than regular attendance at his own church and Sunday-school. The question was asked from the ministerial side also what the Scouter could do should there be a danger of a clash of loyalties between the Group activities and the work of the church. One minister said that he found that when duty to church and duty to Group both confronted the boy, the Group won. Seeing that Scouting is not religion, but the handmaid of religion, this was thought to be less than ideal.

I sincerely hope that similar meetings will be held in all parts of the country, for, though much can be done through conferences between the heads of Scouting and of the churches, possibly more can be done by increasing the spirit of co-operation and mutual good will among the Group Scouters and the ministers actually working in the individual churches.

—(Rev.) T. P. Payne,
District Rover Leader, Darwen.

Liverpool's Lord Mayor on Scouting

THAT there is too much "spoon-feeding" today, and that Scouting "helps boys to fend for themselves," was given as one of his reasons for supporting the Movement by the Lord Mayor of Liverpool, Mr. John H. Inskip, on the occasions of his recent election to the presidency of City and County of Bristol Boy Scouts Association. Scouting "taught boys to be independent, and to find their places in life, instead of drifting."



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Cenotaph Custodians

THE Scouts are custodians of the Cenotaph at Hamilton, Ont. A Scoutmaster and four boys from each troop in turn mark special anniversaries by running up three new flags—the Union Jack, a Red and a White Ensign. The flags are sent up and broken out simultaneously, with Scout ceremony. The duty was turned over to the Scouts as the result of anniversary dates being overlooked by the officials at the City Hall.

Inter-Pack Overseas Correspondents

TWO Fredericton, N.B., Cub packs have established correspondents with packs in England,—the Fredericton Cathedral Pack with that of Christ Church, St. Leonard's-on-Sea, and the Marysville Pack with the 19th Norwich Pack. A Christmas letter from St. Leonard's-on-Sea was signed by 44 Cubs and leaders.

A white ensign from the Cenotaph in Whitehall, London, was presented to the Scouts of New Zealand by Lord Baden-Powell, and placed for keeping in Christ Church Cathedral, Auckland. A similar flag presented to Canadian Scouts at the last world Scout Jamboree occupies an honoured place at Dominion Scout Headquarters, Ottawa.

A Kim's Game Relay

A collection of articles is placed on a table at end of room. P.L.'s (or Seconds) run to table, view articles for fixed (or optional) period, run back to patrol, and whisper list to next, who passes it on. Last writes list and races to S.M. Four, three, two and one points for speed; one point for each article correctly named, point off for each mis-named article.

Children's Shoe Repairing by Rovers

AS the result of a suggestion from the principal of a school in one of the poorer districts of the city, the Hamilton Toy Shop appealed for children's shoes in good condition, and secured some 40 pairs. It is being debated whether a Scout toy shop should develop such work. The school principal offered to supply a man who would instruct Scouts in shoe repairing. It would seem to be a service that Rovers might take up on behalf of families not in a position to pay for such mending at a shoemaker's. There are many such at the present time.

3rd Portage la Prairie Troop is awarding patrol points for "every good book or magazine" brought in for the Troop Library.

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The Spirit of Fun in Scouting

(Continued from first page)

"Benzine!"

"How would you like to have such sonorous periods thrown at your head, especially when after the speech one was hailed with the Japanese Greeting—Benzine?"

"But I survived, and revived, when the Vice-Chancellor conferred on me the dignity of Doctorum Scutorum Pelargonium (or some such title), and hung round my neck the badge of that exalted rank in the shape of a gigantic coupon card. Unfortunately, he added some cryptic remark about my enjoying 'long ears,' which I thought rather uncalled for at the moment. In the procession which was then formed, I walked with such dignity as I could command, and as much humility as I could assume, which, under the circumstances, was perhaps excusably not much."

The Real Degree

The World Chief Scout then makes reference to the dignified ceremony of the succeeding day, when "the real Vice Chancellor of the University" conferred upon him the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws. And characteristically he credits the honour to the Movement rather than to himself,—"an honour done to the Scouters of all degrees who have brought our Movement and its training to its standard of effectiveness."

A Unique Rover Den

THE 1st and 2nd Kincardine Rovers, Ont., opened a unique den at New Year's. One-half is fashioned like a ship, with masts, spars and rigging. The other half features pioneer relics—old muskets, oxen yokes, flails, candle moulds, etc., donated by the families or friends of the two crews. One yoke 120 years old, came into the district with one of the earliest settlers.

For the Church Group

A United Church clergyman who requested the organization of a troop in his church, following the development of a strong Cub pack, made the comment regarding the pack that it "seemed to keep too much to itself. The boys came and went; members of the congregation and the church officers knew it was there, and that the boys were keenly interested, and getting benefit from the training. But it did not seem a part of the church activities in the same way as did the Sunday-school."

Is there not a suggestion here for some of our leaders of church Groups? Is every unit of the Group as fully a member of the church family as it could be?

"Legal Phrases Used in Business" was the topic of an interesting talk before Brandon Rovers by Mr. F. E. Adolph. At another meeting "Civic Government" was discussed by another visitor, Mr. W. V. Oglesby.

Scout Dates

February

- 2nd—Candlemas, or "Groundhog Day."
- 7th—Our American brother Scouts celebrate their 22nd anniversary.
- 9th—Shrove Tuesday.
- 10th—Ash Wednesday.
Mail birthday greetings to Lord Baden-Powell, Chief Scout, Boy Scouts Association, 25 Buckingham Palace Road, London, S.W.1., England.
- 13th—Hold a "winter sports" party followed by a bean feed to celebrate St. Valentine's Day.
- 22nd—B.P.'s BIRTHDAY.

During February

Hold a big Scout banquet to celebrate the Chief Scout's birthday.

Continue winter hikes and other activities. Prepare for Scout safety service at skating places on lakes, rivers and ponds during mild weather.