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Peace on Earth, Good Will

By Lord Baden-Powell

As the aftermath of the recent World Jamboree, and of the visit of our shipload of Scouters and Guiders to the eight Baltic States, we begin to realize the extent to which development of international good feeling is going on through the Scout and Guide movement. We have often advanced the theory that, if this could be continued on a yet wider scale, it might have far-reaching effects in helping to establish peace in the world. Although the heavy thunderclouds hanging over Europe just now may seem to make this theory ridiculous, yet there are here, as elsewhere, sunshine and blue sky beyond the clouds, and personally I am hopeful.

"Cry Havoc"

More and more writers on the subject of war and peace have of late been adding to the pros and constrought out at the many international conferences. "Cry Havoc," by Beverley Nichols, is a book which is being much read just now. It is most attractively and humorously written, but evidently by a rather young author, Still it contains many points for consideration. It rather trades on the fear of consequences of war as a motive for making peace. Not a very good reason at best, and in this case its actual effect on some people has been the opposite of that intended. It has made them feel that our safest line would be to arm ourselves more strongly for defence.

Excessive Nationalism

The author believes that excessive nationalism breeds war-mindedness, and there I think he is to a considerable extent right. War is not only a fight with lethal weapons; out of the same kind of selfishness as supernationalism come tariff wars, trade rivalries, and wars of class and of political party-all bringing ill-will nd war-mindedness in their train. ajor Yeats-Brown on this subject says that the evils of war are great but there may be-and even are at this moment-worse evils. He describes the present state of England as blacker than the darkest days of 1918 when we lost our bravest and He writes: "We were one people then, with one hope; now we re in danger of losing our souls" through the evils incidental to unemployment).

Pondering these things in my mind I happened to pass a bookstall the other day, and I was attracted by a book with a serious title and a comic picture on the cover. I could not re-

sist it, so I planked down 3s. 6d. and got it. It was The Science of Peace by Lord Raglan, and I can cordially recommend it to Scouters as a very telling book on peace and how to secure it. It is a jolly interesting book to read, and an amusing one, thanks to the humor which accompanies many of its sharp digs at existing institutions.

Written by a practical pacifist, it will disappoint those who put their faith in disarmament, treaties, fear, conscientious objection, and other such panacea as antidotes to war. These are but nostrums for mitigating the evil, whereas this book makes research into the causes of war, and seeks not so much to cure the disease as to prevent its occurrence.

As to the cause of war the author is in agreement with Beverley Nichols, namely, that the cult of supernationalism is to blame. The evil can only be cured by proper education of the young.

Make Frontiers Invisible

Among other causes in Europe we have to recognize the injustices under which some nations are still suffering as a result of the peace treaties after the war. Waclaw Lypacewicz writes on this point much on the lines of Lord Raglan when he says: "Pacifists should not aspire to the fruitless quest of rectifying existing frontiers, but should endeavour to make frontiers more or less invisible and to bring the nations together." These writers

therefore agree generally in charging excessive nationalism with the guilt of breeding war-mindedness.

But, arriving at this conclusion after considerable research, Lord Raglan goes on to say that in his opinion the Scout Movement is on the right track. It trains the individual boy to be a truly patriotic citizen for his country, and at the same time it educates him to control his own particular predilections through the expression of his goodwill to others, and to regard all men as brothers regardless of the differences of country, class, creed, or colour. Well, such confirmation of our ideas is worth having, and must give every one of us confidence and incentive to go on, although the way may appear long and difficult.

Closer Acquaintance

Those who were at the Godollo Conference will remember the address of Wolcowics; he urged the development of plans for more frequent Jamborees, and interchange of visits in order to promote closer mutual acquaintance between the Scouts of the different nations. It was generally agreed that a national Jamboree might with advantage be held each year in one country or another to which Scouts from other countries might be invited. These would, of course, be in addition to the general quadrennial Jamboree.

Already a response to this suggestion has come from Latvia, which proposes to hold such a Jamboree next July.

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An example Christmas Toy Shop achievement of a single troop of live boys and an enterprising Scouter—last year's shop of the 1st Jasper Park. In addition to providing for Park children, two large cases of toys were shipped to help out at Edson.

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B.-P. Coming Next September

PORMAL announcement that Lord next autumn—in September and October—was made by His Excellency Lord Bessborough at the semi-annual meeting of the Executive Committee of the Canadian General Council in Ottawa, November 22. The World Chief Scout, accompanied by Lady Baden-Powell, will make an east-towest tour, Lord B.P. reviewing Scouts at certain points (to be decided later), and Lady B.-P. meeting the Guides. From Vancouver they will sail for Australia, to participate in the Australia Jamboree planned in connection with celebration of the 100th anniversary of the founding of Melbourne.

We Should Push Scouting

feature of the November meeting A feature of the Executive Committee was an address by His Excellency Lord Bessborough strongly emphasizing the desirability of bringing more boys under the influence of Scouting. His Excellency spoke of the good impression of Canadian Scouts and Scouters received by him during two years' official touring through every part of Canada. Probably no one had seen as much of Canadian Scouting in that time; and he had found its tone splendid,-notably so where it had the backing of prominent men of the community.

He strongly advocated expansion of the Movement, notwithstanding the difficulties of the times. He regarded Scouting as a bulwark against communism and other dangerous 'isms. As an insurance against the spread of radicalism amongst youth he felt the Movement should receive more general support.

"No boy who has been a real Scout." he said, "can be other than a Godfearing and loyal citizen"; and every dollar spent on Scouting would be returned a hundred-fold. Instead of "singing low," we should go out bravely demanding support; and he was sure it would be forthcoming.

Supporting His Excellency. Mr. J. F. M. Stewart, chairman of the Executive Board, declared that no other similar organization in Canada was contacting so many people; that he knew of no other organization in which a dollar went farther. He was of the opinion that, whether we wished it or no, the number of Scouts in Canada would increase; and attributed this prospective growth in considerable part to the attention at-

tracted to Scouting during His Excellency's tours.

Members of the Executive Committee unanimously expressed themselves in hearty accord with His Excellency's views and suggestions; and a recommendation was passed to the Executive Board that the problem of expansion be studied.

A Hint from the Chief Scout

"IF a chap wants to get to the top of a house, he may try to jump there, or he may try to climb up the wall, or he may sit down and say to himself that it is hopeless. In any case he will not get there. But if he gets a ladder and goes up it, step by step, he will succeed, even if it's a long way up and takes a lot of puffing and blowing to get there.

"Well, it's the same in your career

WORTH RECEIVING

Toronto, Nov. 13, 1933.

Dear Mr. Irwin:

I wish to express to you and your organization of Boy Scouts sincere thanks and appreciation for the splendid, efficient service they and their leaders rendered in handling the large crowds that visited the "ROYAL SCOT" while on display at Sarnia, London, Stratford, Kitchener, Guelph, Toronto, Oshawa, Port Hope, Belleville, Kingston and Brockville, Oct. 7 to 11 inclusive.

We cannot speak too highly of their work; they were kind, courteous and obliging at all times, and kept visitors moving through the train, preventing "souvenir hunters" from helping themselves to loose bits of equipment. They recovered some electric light bulbs from visitors removed as souvenirs . . .

The Passenger Department unite with us in appreciation of this work, therefore will you kindly extend to all Scoutmasters and boys who took part our sincere thanks.

Yours sincerely, R. Flynn, Sup't of Investigation, Canadian National Railways.

in life. Look up and see where you want to get to. Don't imagine that you will jump there all at once, or that you can climb there without having made any proper preparation for it. But put up your ladder—that is prepare yourself in your school and Scout training, step by step, to go up—and you'll get there in the end."

—B.-P. in "The Scout."

A VALUABLE IDENTIFICATION AND CHARACTER CARD GOES WITH SCOUT REGISTRATION

PEACE ON EARTH

(Continued from first page)

Peace Cruises

Our last step in the direction of closer mutual acquaintance was the cruise of the Calgaric to the Baltic States.

This cruise differed notably from the ordinary pleasure cruise, in that it was the first of its kind definitely designed as a peace mission. Its object was to promote personal touch and good feeling between our Scou and Guide leaders and their compeers in eight different countries bordering on the Baltic. That it brought pleasure to the voyagers was incidental, but it did more than this. It gave them individual happiness through the realisation that, in this outing, they were not merely indulging their own appetite, but each was helping directly in a crusade of friendship and good-will which might have far reaching results in promoting among the oncoming generation in all these countries peace-mindedness in place of the war-mindedness too prevalent in the the older generation today.

Ultimate success depends firstly on our definitely inculcating this spirit of goodwill, and secondly, in largely increasing the number of our pupils.

Badge Browsing-An Example

CHARLIE Sloan, now a member of the 25th Border Cities Rover Crew was keen about Proficiency Badges during his Boy Scout days, and the sleeve of his old Scout shirt bears many of them. He became particularly interested in such badges as the Metal Worker, Engineer and Auto Mechanics.

Lately, at the Windsor-Walkerville Technical School, he stood highest in auto-mechanics, attaining 99% in his exams. He was therefore delegated to represent the Border Cities District in the annual Chevrolet and Pontiac School conducted by the General Motors Corporation at Oshawa, Ont., in competition with the best from all other technical schools in Ontario. He came off with third honours, and, as a result, got a good position in his home town.

His Skipper feels that Charlie's success may be traced back to his interest in Proficiency Badges, and that he found his vocation in that way.

-The Yeoman.

The Halifax Apple H.Q. windov decorated by an Eaton dresser, offer ed an excellent example. There were barrels, boxes, hampers and pyramids of apples, and on one of the barrels a full-size boy's figure in Scout uniform, holding in one hand an official Scout Apple Day Window Card and in the other an extra large red apple In their own store across the stree Eaton's contributed a window of ap ples and Scout equipment. The local branch of Woolworth's featured an apple window display and a sale of their own at "10 Apples for 10 Cents," but this did not affect the Scout street

Among the Toy Shops

THE bustling Toy-making Shop at Rosetown, Sask., wrote for "200 settlers' kiddies as a starter." They plan this year to turn out at least 1500 new wooden toys, with the aid of the Guides and C.G.I.T. at the big task of making and dressing dolls and equipping several hundred toy cradles.

Montreal maintained its record by calling for "500 western children." These were selected by a committee, parceled and posted before ta king the 15,000 toy requisition of local charitable organizations.

The usual cartoon contributed by the famous cartoonist A. C. Racey of the Montreal Star was published early in December, to help attract local attention to the Scout call for toys. It depicts two toy stretcher-bearers bringing a much delapidated soldier to a Scout Toy Hospital for treatment.

The Guides, Brownies and Rangers are doing their usual splendid bit, often unobtrusively in a corner of a noisy Scout shop. The Copper Cliff Company raised a splendid Christmas gift fund, and wrote the Toy Shop Secretary to learn where it could best be used. Two letters from mothrs of prairie families in sore need (the father of one had been drowned in September) gave them their opportunity.

Reliable Prince Rupert came through as usual with a request for fifty settlers' children, and were given new families in the Peace country.

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Other early regulars were the 9th Halifax Cubs, asking their usual "two large families"; the 1st Stonewall Cubs, Man.; the 1st Rouyn Pack, Que., for "9 children in two families in stricken areas in the west"; the 7th Brant Pack, Brantford, names in Manitoba.

A feature of North Vancouver's good planning was an attractive "PLAY SANTA CLAUS!" announcement posted in each classroom of seven schools, by cooperation of principals. A committee of prominent ladies selected repaired toys for some 500 children.

Toronto is operating a big central shop under the direction of D. R. C. "Ben" Bentley and the Toronto Rovers, on the ground floor of the Commerce and Transportation building, with Rangers and Guides in the doil department. In addition a number of troops are operating individual shops, and sending gifts west.

Calgary has provided yet another new idea by arranging with Eaton's for space to operate a Scout Toy Shop in their big "Toyland department." It proved a big success, and the store gave special space to advertising it in the newspapers. As a feature, on every used toy brought in a substantial credit was allowed against the purchase of a new toy. The idea was taken up by Eaton stores in Edmonton, Red Deer and Lethbridge.

Saint John, N.B., is repeating its established effort, organized from A to Z, and providing gifts for practically every relief institution in the district.

Moncton is working on a self-imposed order for gifts for 3,000 distict children, in addition to a number of little settlers west.

Saskatoon also is repeating its exceptionally well organized effort of other years, providing for a large number of local children as well as some hundreds in the newly settled northwest section of the province.

As anticipated, jig saw puzzles have been contributed in large numbers. They are easily mailed, and are greatly appreciated by prairie famileis.

Red Deer was given an encouraging start by a toy matinee at the Crescent-Theatre. A full house produced a fine assortment of toys, nearly half of which were new. The school principals and the Red Deed Advocate also helped substantially. A big Santa Claus job for settlers' kiddies of the district, reached in part by milk and cream collectors, is being repeated.

A major job developed by Montreal Rovers is the repairing of old radio sets turned in, and presenting these to various institutions lacking them. One battery set last year was sent to two homesteading Rovers near Hearst, Ont.

Ladies of the I.O.D.E. are assisting the Preston, Ont., Scouts with the doll work. The Group Committee chairman placed a corner of his factory at the disposal of a patrol, as a workshop. Other patrols are working in their homes, on a "Patrol Competition basis." The local toys will be distributed on Christmas eve by "a real Santa Claus."

Guides and Scouts, separately, put Smooth Rock Falls (Northern Ont.) generously on the Top Shop Pin Map by asking names of prairie settlers, the Guides offering clothing in addition to playthings.

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Rovers are figuring prominently in Charlottetown's good job, which includes cooperating with the "Santa Pal" project of the Charlottetown Guardian. The Islanders' job for several years has included the sending of a box to a large family at Grand Prairie, beyond Edmonton.

The Calgary Scout-Herald Sunshine Shop is operating under the chairmanship of Mr. R. G. Burns, of a prominent law firm. Which doubtless guarantees all repairs being made in due and correct form.

The majority of settlers' lists received this year at Dominion Headquarters are those of families placed on homesteads this or last year under Rural Rehabilitation schemes, Letters from many of the families remembered last year still tell of very hard conditions, with no prospect of any Christmas gifts for the children beyond those from the Scout or Guide toy shops. Only an occasional writer states they can themselves this year "arrange for Santa Claus." All are profoundly appreciative; and as in previous years there is no disposition to take any advantage of the contact. Numbers are in sore need of clothing. * * *

It is hoped that every Scout Troop and Rover Crew will try to take care of at least one of these families. Those who have not yet done so, should write for names at once,—to the Toy Shop Secretary, Dominion Headquarters.

Parcel Post Rates Lower

A half-pound increase in the weight of parcels under each postage limit announced by the Post Office Department will this year considerably help Toy Shops mailing parcels to settlers' kiddies. Thus a 1½ lb. parcel (instead of 1 lb.) goes for 5 cents within 20 miles; for 10 cents beyond 20 miles but within the province; for 12 cents to all other provinces. A 2½ lb. parcel goes for 6 cents and 15 cents, 17 cents to an adjoining province, 21 cents to next province beyond, and 24 cents to all others, etc.

The Second Annual Junior Hobby Show under the auspices of the 1st Queenston Troop and Girl Guide Company, and sponsored by prominent business men of the district, proved an outstanding success. Entries in one hundred and fifty classes represented points throughout Lincoln and Welland counties.

"... on my honour to do my duty to God.."





Ouebec Conference Ideas

(Continued from November)

A memorable luncheon address was that of Rev.Dean Carrington of Bishop's College, Lennoxville, on "Scouting and Religion"

The dean's arresting opening remark was that "There is no religious side to Scouting,' the Chief Scout once said, 'Scouting is religion.'

Continuing, he declared it his belief that future historians would look back upon Scouting as one of the great religious movements of the world.

"It has spread through all countries purely on its ideals and vision. The notions of honour and service are its real life. It is not organization or advertisement that has done it. old pre-historic Scouts of before-1910 remember a time when the Movement had no organization to speak of; nevertheless the enthusiasm spread over the world like a forest fire. The boys themselves rallied to the call of the Chief; the newly formed troops often lacked Scoutmasters.'

The significance of this growth was noted in connection with the fact that Scouting-true Scouting-had never "done things for boy"; boys had never been invited to become Scouts in order that they might "be done good to."
Of their own accord they "joined the brotherhood of honour, banded together in the service of God and the

King and 'other people.'

Again, Bugles—a Caution! LIKE hives (or should one say whooping-cough?) an epidemic of Scout bugle bands breaks out from time to time and here and there across the Dominion,-notwithstanding the repeated warnings of experienced leaders. During the past summer, newspaper clippings brought mention of bugle bands in several of the provinces, making it apparently necessary again to emphasize that bugling is inherently opposed to good Scouting on several points.

These points are:-

The disturbance of the entire neighbourhood, especially the sick, by the practising.

The resulting association of Scouting, in the minds of other people,

with a military organization.

The possibly injurious effect upon certain immature boys of bugle blowing (there is a specific lung disease attributed to brass instrument playing, particularly the bugle).

The interference with real Scouting activities. (There have been a number of cases of fine troops completely wrecked as the result of being turned in whole or large part into a bugle or brass band).

And financially,-a band seldom lasts more than two or three years, and consequently it is not fair to raise through contributions, sometimes from town councils, lodges, etc., the considerable sum required for instruments.

One of the newspaper clippings referred to mentioned a bugle band of 22 pieces organized and lead by a sergeant of the local county regiment. It would be only a natural local assumption that this Scout band would in time become the bugle band of the

regiment itself. In other words, that the Scout troop was used as a pre-liminary militia training unit.

Just such impressions have prevented or delayed for several years the organization of Scouting in certain communities, particularly in the west.

Another newspaper clipping mentioned the twice-a-week practises of a Scout band which comprised a bass drum, four snare drums and eight bugles. It would scarcely be necessary to ask how much of these boys' spare time was left for real Scouting.

It is inevitable from time to time that some music enthusiast or regimental bugle major will conceive the idea that a bugle band would be an addition to the local Scout troop. The wise Scout leader will tactfully but promptly head off all such moves, in the best interests of his troop as well as of Scouting in general.

That the reminder is also occasionally ne essary in England is suggested the following parody contributed to Birmingham Scouting for August by

"E.H.T."-

THE VILLAGE SCOUT BAND

Under the spreading chestnut tree The village Scout Troop stands; The troop, a mighty sight to see, With a large and noisy band; And the discord of their instruments Is more than one can stand.

Week in, week out, near every night You can hear the bugles blow, And hear them thump their noisy drums With measured beat and slow, Like a woman beating her carpet clean With spite in every blow.

The children coming home from school Stand at their open doors; They love to see the Band go by And hear the Bugles roar; And listen to the remarks that fly Like chaff from every floor.

They go on Sunday to the Church, Each way with lots of noise; They hear the Parson pray and preach-Which means silence from the boys; And as for the congregation, It makes their heart rejoice.

Blowing, Bellowing, Thumping, Homeward the Band then goes. Each Bugler seeks to increase the din, Each drummer his muscle shows: Something attempted, something done, Has spoilt the morn's repose.

Some Special Patrol Competitions

FOLLOWING are the details of a number of interesting special patrol competitions worked out by Scout-master Johnson and the Court of Honour of the 5th Hamilton Troop, some used last year, some devised for

this year and now running. A feature is that patrols not leading in total points for a month may still be leading in one or more of the special competitions. Notes indicate the success or otherwise of the various projects.

Pathfinder's Badge Competition The Patrol having the largest num-

ber of badges wins.

When a Patrol ties for first place with a Patrol holding the trophy for the previous month, the former Patrol wins. The previously winning Patro must break the tie to regain posses

The tests:-

Know the address of—(a) Every Scout Troop in the city. (b) All fire stations. (c) All hospitals. (d) All police stations. (e) One Anglican, Baptist, Methodist, Presbyterian, Roman Catholic, United and Gospel Church in his home district.

Note: A new competition; good re-

sults to date.

Scout Knowledge Competition

Fifteen Scout badge problems, and tests of general useful knowledge. Each item can be tried by each boy; one point for each successful demonstration or correct answer.

Note: Runs for three months; not

yet completed.

Troop Champion

A test in six branches of badge work and good sportsmanship. Each Patrol competing must enter every boy. One boy from each Patrol given the same test on the same night Tests include Knotting, First Aid, Signalling, Kim's, Scout Laws, Compass. Note: Used in 1932-'33; very suc-

Troop Suggestion Competition 2 points for each suggestion received.

5 points extra for each suggestion used.

Note: Used 1932-'33; extra good results.

Troop Paper Essays

5 points for each essay describing article liked best in the paper for the current month.

Note: 1932-'33; not successful. Fall Programmes Competition

5 points for a week's programme and 25 points for a month's programme.

Note: 1932-'33; not very successful.

Troop Log Competition

Troop log kept by each patrol for two weeks. 50 points for best log. Log to cover all troop activities, including attendance, instruction, com Patrol als petitions, visitors, etc. responsible for troop news for local papers, news to be at Scout headquarters before Thursday noon.

Note: 1932-'33; ran for about four months; not very successful.

Toy Shop Competition

From September until December 17 (1932) Scouts will collect and repair toys at home for the Scout Toy Shop 5 points for a small toy, 15 for a large toy, and 10 points for each book and game in good condition. Toys brought to troop at any time. 5 poi each attendance at Toy Shop. 5 points for

Note: Very successful.

Proficiency Badge Browsing and Boy Unemployment

A discussion of employment and the older boy contributed to the Canadian School Journal by Frank T. Sharpe, General Secretary of the Big Brother Movement of Toronto, gives particular attention to a field of helpfulness that has distinct application to Scouting, and that many Scouters have not yet fully appreciated.

This is the definite, continued enouragement of "browsing" amongst Proficiency Badges by older Scouts, for its help in revealing to them some bent or taste which may lead to the discovery of a niche in life for which they have aptitude,—and consequent better prospects of employment, and success.

Pressing the need of individual counselling service, the writer declares, "If only our school teachers could see with their own eyes the result of enforced idleness of thousands of boys and girls just out of school in our courts and penal institutions, and in the tragic discouragement of others who fail to find useful places, they would accept the challenge Teachers should be more like gardeners than mechanics."

In the term "gardeners" the writer aptly describes the Scoutmaster's job of "encouraging to grow."

The article was based upon the answers to a questionnaire sent 1,000 members of the Manufacturers' Association of Canada. In several details these answers emphasize the natural association of the Scout training with qualifications calculated to help solve the boy's employment problem.

A large number of the answers stated that politeness and a sense of the value of time were chief considerations when appraising young people for employment. One large employer of young people declared courtesy to be the most desirable characteristic next to honesty. Another stated that young people with a definite value of time and courtesy stood more chance of success and promotion than those with high academic standing yet lacking the two qualities mentioned.

True Scout leadership develops the above qualities in the boy. Let us make sure that we add all the possibilities that lie in continued "Proficiency Badge browsing."

As an experiment, yourself sit down and browse through the Proficiency Badge pages of P. O. & R., then (if they have not already got them) have ach of your boys secure the vestpocket size "Scout Proficiency Badge Reference Book," and develop the habit of browsing through it.

Give more attention at each Scout meeting to Proficiency Badge talks and work.

If you have, as not infrequently happens, carried the Proficiency Badge responsibility personally, bring your Group Committee into the problem, have them contribute all the help possible, including perhaps the organization of a Proficiency Badge Committee or Board, with a secretary to follow, encourage and check up on results.

Notes on the Summer Gilwells

IN all nine Courses were held:—New Brunswick, under E. Boyaner as D.C.C.; Quebec (five week-ends), E. Russell Paterson; Ontario, F. C. Irwin; Manitoba, E. F. Mills; Northern Alberta (ten days), W. F. Backman, and Southern Alberta (six week-ends), R. A. Rogers; British Columbia (two), W. Solway. Akela Course, Ontario, Ak. L. Mrs. John A. Stiles.

Considering general conditions, the attendance at the camps was very satisfactory. Ontario had a full Scout course of 32, and 20 for its Akela Course. B.C.'s two courses totalled an attendance of 36.

Incidents of the Camp Busk, B.C., course were a visit by the Nelson Rotary Club and Toc H, at the Sunday morning service. The Scouts' Own was held in a glade by the lake, and was attended by many people of the countryside. Profs. Dunbar, Hopkins



Worth making a bench for, thought the boys of the 10th Calpary. They had constructed a number of them in Riverside Park,

and Wright from the Consolidated Mining Company at Trail gave talks on nature study, the stars, and mapping.

As an extra bit of "S.T.A." the second B.C. course, at Burgoyne Bay gave an entertainment at the neighbouring community of Fulford and brought about the organization of a Scout troop and Cub pack.

Preliminary instructions to Manitoba course candidates suggested that members practice some camp cooking at home. In apparent consequence "all camp meals were excellent." The tent problem was solved by borrowing from Winnipeg troops.

A genuine adventure befell one of the Ontario patrols during their Journey. Seeking a surveyor's bench mark, the patrol came upon a recently disturbed spot, dug and discovered sacks of tobacco. A car appeared, discovered the Scouts and beat a retreat,—but not before the license number had been secured. A second car which traversed the little-used road several times also was stalked and its number secured. Result—the end of a tobacco bootlegging project that for some time had baffled revenue officers.

The 7th Brantford Cub Pack, camp-

ing in a valley below the Ontario Akela camp, carried out a number of activities jointly with the "grown-up Cubs" of the course.

The New Brunswick course maintained Maritime tradition in a personnel which comprised representatives of six leading religious denominations. The staff included a prominent Newfoundland Scouter, Edward Foran of St. John's. On the return from the Journey the N.B. patrols competed in the collection of a twig alphabet. Mr. Justice J. B. M. Baxter, former provincial premier, was a visitor.

Quebec's five-week-end course, on the shores of beautiful Lake Memphremagog, was the first held in the Eastern Townships. Provincial Secretary Paterson was assisted by A.D.C. Blake and D.S.M. Price of Sherbrooke.

A unique event at the opening council fire of the Alberta course at Camp Woods, on Sylvan Lake, was the baptism of Robert Baden Backman, son of Provincial Secretary and Mrs. W. F. Backman. The event was duly recorded, with other camp happenings, on a 25-foot totem pole carved and erected during the course.

The Northern Alberta Journey was taken partly by canoe. Special attention was given the making of plaster casts of deer and other tracks.

Through the courtesy of District Commissioner H. A. Harvey the Southern Alberta six-week's course was held at Camp Harwood, on Fish Creek. Tracking, cast-making, totem carving and a session on edible fungi were features. For the night of the Journey patrols erected brush shelters.

During a week-end reunion old and new Gilwellians attended service at the Indian church on the Sarcee Reservation, and heard a sermon by the Scoutmaster of the Sarcee Scout Troop, Rev. Ross Gibney. In appreciation of privileges accorded on the Reserve to Scouts of the district and Calgary, a cairn and a large cross were erected on the site of the first Indian Mission Church.

A Scout Musical Objective

A definite yearly musical objective for the Scout Groups of Montreal has been set by the Honorary Director of Music of the Boy Scouts Association of Quebec, Mr. Harry Morris, and announced in a circular from provincial headquarters. The general purpose of the programme is to emphasize the distinction between shouting and singing, and the particular purpose to teach Scouts and Cubs a certain number of songs of good musical value in such a way that they will find real enjoyment in their singing.

For the current season the objective has been fixed at nine songs, which it is hoped every Scout and Cub in Montreal will learn by the spring. The nine songs, selected from "Songs for Canadian Boys" are: Land of Hope and Glory; A la Claire Fontaine (French words); Sir Eglamore, or the Lincolnshire Poacher; Oh No John, or Early One Morning; The Hundred Pipers; Cockles and Mussels; Clementine; The Tinker (round); Rolling Home.

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Great Men and their Friends

A Suggested Talk to Rovers

"HAT is the secret of your life?" Wasked Mr. Browning of Charles Kingsley. "Tell me that I may make mine beautiful too". He replied, "I had a friend"

The dramatic change in the life of a great man, which made him great, can usually be traced to a book, a death, a catastrophe or a friend. May I direct your attention to the influence of friends on the lives of a few great men: business men, reformers, scientists, politicians, poets, painters and musicians.

Josiah Wedgewood, famous all over the world as the maker of Wedgewood china, owed much of his success to Thomas Whieldon, a potter, but he was indebted to a much greater extent to his pretty cousin Sarah Wedgewood, to whom he was afterwards married.

Robert Owen, sometimes referred to as the world's first modern business man, got his inspiration from Josiah Wedgewood, and determined to turn his cotton mill into something like a training school.

John Bright, one of the greatest of English business men and politicians. was once asked how he was educated. and replied, "By my Mother, with the help of the Rochdale Literary help of Society".

Andrew Carnegie the great iron master and philanthropist, who among many other things taught the world what a great amount can be accomplished by carefully using one's leisure time, really owed his success to his mother. When his father cried, "Andy we have no work", the mother led in the singing of a Psalm or a prayer.

While Timothy Eaton, the son of a poor Irish farmer, sold goods across the counter in St. Marys, Ontario, his wife was upstairs in the same shop trimming hats. Timothy Eaton blazed a new trail through the wilderness of trade. The idea which he pressed, in spite of ridicule and misrepresentation, was to sell for cash and to have only one price. This has been the greatest thing happening to modern business. He believed that the selfpreservation of the race demanded honesty and square dealing; that other things being equal, the mer-chant who makes the most friends through considering the interest of the customers, will make the most money; that to make a sale and acquire an enemy is poor policy.

Martin Luther's father was a poor miner. The son, who was to become the Founder of Protestant Civilization, sang on the streets and held out a ragged cap for pennies. His sweet voice caught the ear of a priest, and the boy's services were used at the altar. He had found his friend.

John Wesley, the founder of Methodism, the man who taught England to read and to sing, owed his success to the inspiration of a remarkable Mother.

Alexander Graham Bell, the inventor of the telephone, at one time apparently dying of consumption, really made his dramatic success through the action of a friend who presented him with a human ear, to which Bell attached first a straw and then a wire.

Charles Darwin, one of the world's greatest naturalists, whose mother died when he was only eight years old, owed his success to his sisters, who were older. The girls believed Charles would become an eminent man, and gently but firmly pressed his education. Afterwards Darwin his education. Afterwards Darwin said, "I never had much ambition, but I did not want to disappoint my sisters".

Perhaps you know that Benjamin Disraeli, the great English-Jewish statesman, who suffered so much ridicule at the beginning of his political career, would never have been able to maintain his poise put for the belief in him of the woman who affectionately called him "Dizzy", and to whom Disraeli referred as "my per-

fect wife". W. E. Gladstone, one of England's greatest statesmen, though he was a Scotchman, owed his success in great measure to his wife, Catherine Glynne. For over fifty years this most excellent woman was his comrade, counsellor and friend. Said someone, "Had this woman died Gladstone would have become an extinct vol-

Alfred Tennyson, the great English poet, had a father who beat him, driving the boy to the woods, moody, resentful, solitary. There was good in this, however, for the lad learned to live within himself, and to be selfsufficient; to love the solitude and to feel kinship with all life that makes the groves and fields melodious. nineteen Tennyson went to Trinity College, Cambridge, where he made the acquaintance of a group of young men who influenced his life tremendously-Kemble, Milnes, Brookfield and Spedding, who remained his lifelong friends.

As a lad, Turner, the great English landscape painter ran errands for an engraver. One day be failed to return and a messenger found him sitting before a picture by Claude Lorraine. His master boxed his ears; but Turner lived to be a much better painter than Lorraine, though he worshipped at Lorraine's shrine for thirty years. Another of the turning points in this artist's career came when he met Girtin, founder of the modern school of watercolour painting, with whom he sketched much and formed a fast friendship. Turner also owed much to John Ruskin, who never seemed to tire of praising Turner's pictures.

When Beethoven the great composer was 18 he visited Vienna, and met Mozart. The latter, on hearing "Watch Beethoven play, exclaimed, that boy, he will make a mark in the world." Every detail of his meeting with Mozart was deeply etched upon Beethoven's memory, to be effaced only by death.

Wise old Samuel Johnson was never wiser than when he told Boswell: "If a man does not make new acquaintances as he passes through life, he will soon find himself alone. A man should keep his friendships in constant repair."

-Rambler.

A Rover Den Opening

THE following outline of a ceremony used by the 5th Vancouver Crew in opening a new Den is taken from "The Yeoman":-

Horseshoe formation. Flag break by R.M.

Light the Candle of Life, R.M., saying: "Let us seek the Light of Truth." Crew:"We seek the Light of Truth."

Place sword on Altar.

"We desire not to take the Sword of Strife as our weapon through life but rather the Sword of the Spirit which is the Word of God."

Leading thought (directed by Lead-

Silence. "So it shall be." Leader: "We are banded together for Service."

Crew: "May our days be filled with Service for others in word, thought and deed."

Unison: Lord's prayer. Extinguish

Rover Outdoor Activities

THE Montreal Rover "Buzz" for June contained this excellent digest of the Quebec Moot discussion of "Outdoor Activities":-

Suggestions for a Country Crew .-Photography. Nature and Other Hikes. Camp Cooking. Surveying and Map-Historical Hikes. Service at Country Fairs. Swimming Instruction. Corn Roasts and other Socials.

Suggestions for a City Crew.-Play ground Supervision. Gardening. Rambies to Historical Sites in Town. Visits to suburban Crews. Week-end Camps.

Inter-Crew. - Progressive camping. Several Crews ramble independently and come together at prearranged spot each night, exchange experiences. Invite members of other Crews to camp or vacation with you.

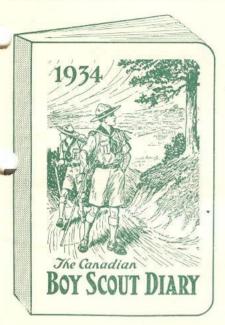
Outdoor Quests .- Prepare a permanent District or Troop camp-site. Study possible totem animals, Geology and Natural History, and lecture on these to Scout Troops. Study possible First Class Journeys in the District and prepare maps. Study various customs and habits peculiar to people of own district.

Minimum Outings - Progressive Crews should plan to get out at least once every month, in spite of weather. Hikes, rambles or camps.

Competitive Sports.—Encourage it for sake of good sportsmanship and team work. Forget prizes and awards. Have rules and play the game.

Standards for Squires. - Squires should pass minimum tests in first ai building fires, cooking, axemanship, packs and packing, sanitation. Squires should be encouraged to practise mapping, photography, sketching, wood carving, specimen collection.

Introducing Spirit of Woods .- By personal rambling. By country Crew By having a country den for week-ends and rustic den furnish ings. By collecting specimens and getting experts to talk on them. By rambling with backwoodsmen and col-. By joining a Naturalist's Camp fires. Read stories of lectors. adventure in the backwoods as a camp fire programme.

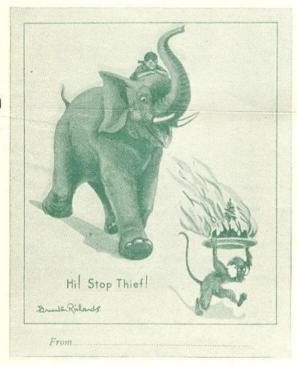


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SOME FEATURES.—How to Make a Hike Map Case.—Improvising a Rucsack.—Moon Phases (an aid in planning moonlight hikes).—How to Tell Time With the Hands.—A Hike or Ramble Record for the Year.—Hints on Preparing for the Bike Hike.—Rules of the Road (in the different Provinces).—Camp Taboo Signs.—Snapshot Hints of Good Camping.—Canoe Safety.—New Aids to Signalling.

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Making the Annual Meeting Interesting

programme-form presentation of annual reports before a gathering of parents and friends was successfully used by the 1st Fergus Troop. For each item a miniature train rolled out upon the stage, drawing a car containing the Scout to present the report, then returned. The novel idea caused much amusement, especially when at one point the curtain collapsed and revealed other Scouts working the "sound effects." Certain matters were reported during a camp fire scene. The items covered the annual Toy Shop, service at the local fall fair, special meetings, camps. finances, and appreciation to all who assisted the troop during the year.

A SCOUT MUSICAL OBJECTIVE

(Continued from page 21)

In the spring it is proposed to hold a district competition and to give a public recital of massed singing.
As a first sten the Director of Music

met Scouters who felt canable of instructing in singing, or friends secured for this purpose, and discussed a standard way of handling the songs listed. Leaders are being found for Groups unable to secure instructors.

At a December meeting of the Scouters' Club of Montreal. Mr. C. W. Lindsay added to previous generous support of Scouting projects, the presentation to the Scouters of each troop and nack a copy of the large edition of "Songs for Canadian Boys." Copies also will be presented to Groups elsewhere throughout the province.

P. L.'s Suggest a P. L. Investiture

THE following "Investiture of a Patrol Leader" was worked out and adopted by the Patrol Leaders' Association of the Ottawa District:-

Troop in horseshoe, with patrol of which the Scout is a member lined up within the horseshoe.

Scout to be invested as P.L. is brought forward by A.S.M., other invested Patrol Leader or a member of the Patrol Leaders' Association.

A.S.M.-I present Scout Jones for investiture as a Patrol Leader in the th Troop. He has taken training to fit himself for such a position and the Court of Honour has approved of his

S.M.-Understanding the responsibilities which will be imposed upon you as a Patrol Leader, are you willing to renew your Scout Promise before us all?

Candidate.-I am. (Repeats Prom-

S.M.—I herewith present you with your badges of rank. These show that through your own efforts you have qualified for leadership. I trust you to carry out your duties as Patrol Leader of the Wolf Patrol.

Member of P.L.'s Association.—On behalf of the Patrol Leaders' Association of Ottawa I present you with this badge which you will wear on your neckerchief to show that you have fitted yourself to lead Scouts and are a member in good standing of our Association.

Second or other member of Patrol. —I give into your keeping the Patrol Flag of the Wolf Patrol and on behalf of the other members of the Patrol, I express our loyalty to you.

Scout Halls and Dens

A DISCUSSION of the above subject in a recent number of The Victorian Scout, Australia, emphasizes a number of points which may have application in Canada.

While the possession by a Group of a fine headquarters is desirable in many ways, such possession is not always an unmixed blessing, declares

the writer, and continues:

"What is a proper Scout headquar-World Chief certainly The never conceived such things as the palatial halls which have sprung up in some places. In all his writing, where he speaks of the headquarters of Groups, he talks of an old shed. stable, room converted by the boys, or other place where it is implicitly understood that the boys have secured a home for themselves, presumably mainly by their own work and efforts.

The present tendency in Australia, continues the writer, "is to get away from this very desirable self-activity. and to build quite elaborate halls at a cost far outside the normal range

of a troop's finances."

This vogue is bringing its own special crop of troubles. "As a rule, interest and sinking funds to pay for such buildings, as well as constant charges for maintenance, insurance and other out-goings, make a heavy call on the Groups concerned. main activity-Scouting-is often overshadowed by their financial obligations, and they are compelled to run entertainments to provide revenue.

A favourite way of raising funds, dancing, is given some particular at-

"Dancing in itself I do not wish to question. but continuous repitition of dance nights at frequent intervals. with their music and revelry, and the noisy good-byes at late hours, with the starting of cars and other disturbances, inevitably irritate the sur-rounding householders."

"The financial obligations of building in the first instance." the article concludes, "should be carefully considered, and heavy commitments requiring regular entertainments should be avoided. But should such obligations already have been shouldered, the good name of Scouting demands that every care should be taken to reduce to a minimum the noises and disturbances that may fairly irritate others."

Noblesse Oblige

THIS story for Scouters is quoted from the "Good Turn Weekly":

The other day in a railroad station I witnessed a little drama. A young man was sending his three small

nephews and their mother away on a short vacation.

I stood by while the donor of the holiday was buying the tickets. "Three full and a half fare ticket to Csaid the young man, laying a couple of bills on the counter.

The unusual ticket agent eyed the little group through the grating. "You don't need three full fares if you and not going yourself, do you?" he remarked. "That chap there doesn't need a full fare ticket, does he?" nodding at the middle-sized boy-all three were almost of a height.

The uncle hesitated only for a fraction of a second. "Yes, he does," was the answer. "His birthday was the day before yesterday.'

"Little chaps of their ages," said the ticket dispenser, turning away to stamp the slips for the trip. "You could have fooled me on a couple of them.'

"Say, John," said another man who hal also witnessed the little scene, "what made you do that? not your own children and you're doing the kids a kindness. Why don't you let the railroad stand half? You're not a millionaire, and you're doing without your own vacation."

"Well, I'll tell you," laughed John. "Tm in a funny position. The boys think I'm a little tin angel, a Greek god and a George Washington, all rolled into one. And they are listening.

"I guess you couldn't have done any differently yourself. I have to watch myself every minute, I tell you. ever slipped up, and later any of them went wrong, I'd think it was me that

"It isn't any too darn comfortable having a reputation to live up to, but I just have to stand it, that's all. Anyway, I suppose it's just as good for me as it is for them. I don't know who's doing who the favour."

A Winter Uniform Hint

"UNFORM" point which should A not be overlooked by Scouters is that many boys and parents this year will not be able to afford separate clothing for school wear and Scout activities. In the interest of pack or troop smartness of appearance (which has so much to do with general troops martness and progressiveness) Scou ers should not fail to draw the atten tion of boys and parents to the Scouting-and-School clothing combination listed in the new Fall and Winter Catalogue.

There is a Catalogue for Each Boy Scouters who have not yet received a supply of the Catalogue should drop a postal card to the Stores Dept Dominion Headquarters, indicating the number required and these will be mailed at once. Scouters who have not received a sufficient number for each member of their pack, troop or crew will be supplied additional copies upon postal request.

A MESSAGE TO SCOUTMASTERS

from the

Fisher Body Craftsman's Guild

(CANADIAN SECTION)

E trust you will be interested in the completed plans for the Third (1933-34) Fisher Body Craftsman's Guild Competition.

Several important changes are put into effect this year:

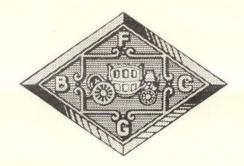
- 1. The Scholarship Awards are now increased to 24 in number, and range from \$500. to \$5,000. The total value is \$51,000.
- 2. The Canadian Section offers 8 scholarships exclusively in Canada.
- Every boy seeking to enroll must have his aptitude for craftsmanship certified to by you or some other approved boys' activities leader, his school principal or manual arts teacher, and in every case, by parent or guardian.

Undoubtedly you have in your troop one or more boys who are capable of entering this competition.

As a leader of boys, you most assuredly will want to see that the opportunities opened by this competition are made available to all who are eligible particularly so if the boy for one reason or another is not now attending school. This type of boy will need your personal help in getting properly enrolled.

You may secure enrollment forms for your group by writing to Fisher Body Craftsman's Guild Headquarters, Oshawa, Ontario. Please impress on any boy filling out a blank the need for going about it carefully, particularly with regard to endorsers and his age classification.

Thanking you for co-operating on behalf of this opportunity for your boys.



FISHER BODY CRAFTSMAN'S GUILD

(Canadian Section)

OSHAWA, ONT.

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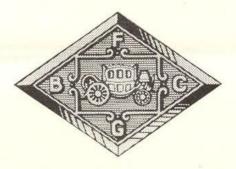


Win a Scholarship Valued from \$500 to \$5,000

Now would you like to be one of 8 Canadian boys to share \$17,000,—8 scholarships ranging in value from \$500. to \$5,000,—for your skill and perseverance in craftsmanship? You are eligible. In fact, every boy anywhere in Canada, between the ages of 12 to 19, is eligible and has a chance to win a complete education.

Here, briefly, is what you have to do: Join the Fisher Body Craftsman's Guild and build, to plans supplied by us, a miniature model Napoleonic Coach. In order to become a member, you must first of all fill out the form which your Scoutmaster will procure for you. This copy is to be signed by your parent or guardian and by your manual training teacher or Scoutmaster. The purpose is to have as members, only boys who are genuinely interested in this type of work and who are sincere about making a place for themselves in the world.

This is an opportunity that should interest every live boy! In addition to proving your own skill and creative ability it provides a direct road to a splendid education absolutely free, and may mean a lifetime career for you. Talk it over with your Scoutmaster. Think what an honor it would be to your troop if you were to be one of the major scholarship winners for the whole of Canada.



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