



The Chief Scout's Outlook

Scouts and War

I HAVE had the question put to me by some Rover Scouts as to our attitude to disarmament, to which I replied as follows:

I fully appreciate the feeling to which you have given expression in your resolution of November 25th, and am all in sympathy with it.

I am personally all against war as an uncivilized and unchristian way of settling differences between nations. I can only hope that the League of Nations will eventually succeed in bringing about permanent peace in the world. But, studying as I do from week to week the proceedings of the Committee of the League, I realize how far off we are as yet from bringing this about.

Resolutions calling for disarmament are excellent in their intention, but, unless formed after careful study of practical possibilities, rather than pious hopes, there is a certain danger in them. Professional politicians are apt to be guided by them as representing the wishes of their constituents, and so give their votes rashly without due study and consideration of international difficulties.

In the case of disarmament there are many obstacles with which the League has to contend. For instance: how can nations disarm when more than one nation is increasing her armaments? Then the League finds big difficulties in enforcing rules made in peace time for the regulation of war. Partial disarmament cannot ensure peace. Mutual suspicion and mistrust, as well as traditional hatred, still persist between several nations.

The step needed to bring about peace is a change of spirit among the peoples of the world whereby the prevailing prejudice is replaced by mutual goodwill and trust. It is difficult to produce this in the existing generation, imbued as it is with traditional dislikes, but it can be bred in the oncoming generation. In that direction the Boy Scouts and Girl Guides are doing their bit—and a very practical and valuable bit it is. It is the only sure foundation on which peace can be established; it is the foundation prescribed by Christ—the foundation of Love for your Neighbour.

The Spirit of Adventure

It is a sad coincidence that just when last month's *Scouter* was going to press, in which I wrote on the subject of Adventure for Scouts, there happened an adventure with fatal results to a couple of Scouts in Scotland. Scoutmaster Mackenzie and Scout

Duncan Ferrier essayed to climb the Cairngorm mountain, but were unfortunately caught in a snow-blizzard. They were found dead three days later by search parties, buried in a snow-drift, having evidently had a desperate struggle to get back to safety. The Scouter was wearing the rucksack belonging to the Scout, apparently in order to relieve the lad of its weight. So died two very fine Scouts, a great loss to our Movement, but proving that the spirit or adventure and daring is not dead yet in our rising generation.

Our Annual Report

I think everybody was glad to come to the end of 1932 as a bad, unloved year on account of the many forms of depression which it produced. But, in spite of all this, Scouting and Guiding somehow managed not only to hold its own, but to go on steadily growing in size and efficiency both at home and abroad.

In the Empire we have 853,206 Scouts, an increase of nearly 45,000 on 1931 total.

Of Girl Guides we have 729,302—a joint British total of 1,582,508 Scouts and Girl Guides.

The world totals respectively are: Scouts, 2,159,984; Guides, 1,099,210—a

joint total of 3,259,194.

In the exceptionally difficult times through which all countries are passing, these results can only be regarded as very remarkably satisfactory, and as reflecting the greatest credit on the whole-hearted and plucky work of Scouters and Guiders everywhere. What shall we not rise to as happier times come around?

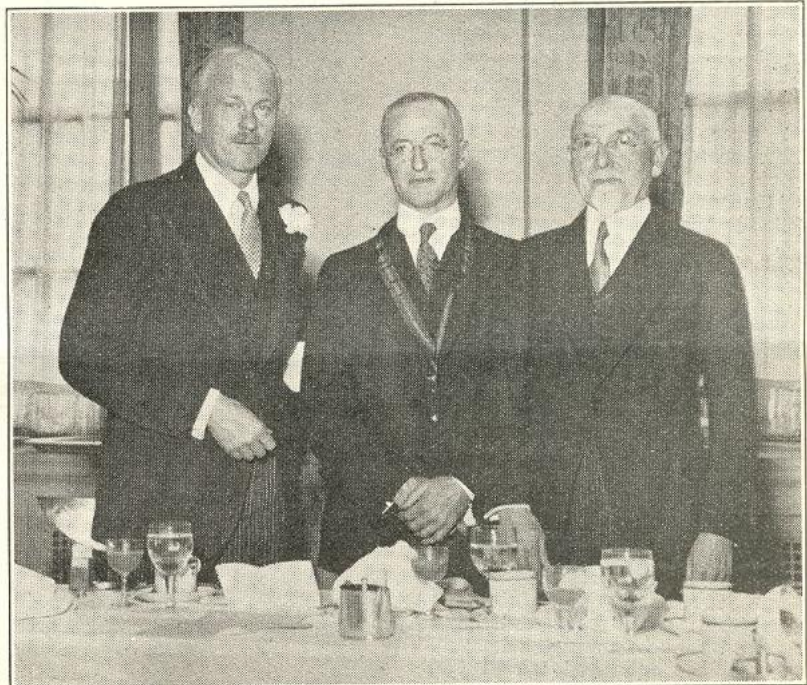
Personal

I have been trying to count the cards and messages of greeting that came at Christmas for the Chief Guide and myself; they amounted to between seven and eight hundred. The spirit of goodwill and comradeship which this implies, coming as it does from Wolf Cubs and Commissioners alike, makes one feel very humble and deeply grateful. I can only say Thank you—and Thank God.

A Chief Surgeon's Tribute to Scouts and Scouting in Hospitals

A NEW and arresting tribute to the value of Scouting in children's hospitals, and to the courage shown by Boy Scout patients, is paid by Dr. D. E. Robertson, Chief Surgeon of the Sick Children's Hospital, Toronto, in the March number of "R.L.S. Cheerio," the Thistle town "Robert Louis Stevenson Scout Group" magazine.

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HIS Excellency the Governor General presents the Honorary Silver Wolf to Mr. J. W. Mitchell, President of the Boy Scouts Association of Ontario, at a Luncheon given by Mr. E. R. Wood and attended by a large number of distinguished and representative citizens. The decorations recognized 12 years of outstanding service, during which time the Scout membership in Ontario has grown from 7,637 to 23,876.

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Too Much Public Service?

THE question has been raised whether undue stress is not sometimes laid upon Scout public service activities,—whether such activities are “real Scouting”? The answer offered is that actual participation in public service is the most practical kind of training for “participating good citizenship,” the summed-up aim of Scouting. And it may be noted, almost without exception, that districts and individual Scout Groups which distinguish themselves in public service also are outstanding in woodcraft and other features of Scout training.

It is to encourage public service by offering examples, and acting as an “Experience and Idea Exchange,” that *The Scout Leader* gives so much attention to public service projects. Not to congratulate ourselves.

Practical experience in public service—as opposed merely to talking about citizenship, or playing at it,—is a distinguishing feature of the Scout training. And never have there been more opportunities of interpreting in action the practical religion of Scouting as expressed in the obligation to “help other people at all times.” So let's carry on!

Warn Against Shooting Accidents

RECENT shooting accidents again remind of the necessity of warning boys frequently against carelessness with firearms. Have you lately cautioned your boys? You can never tell how soon they may be handling a rifle or pistol, or may be in the company of other boys who are doing so. Read to the troop the safety rules outlined in the requirements for the Marksman's Badge.

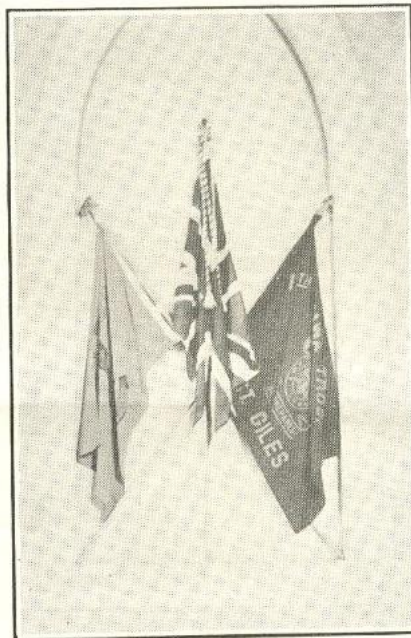
Scouts At World's Fair

SCOUTS will play a prominent part at this year's World's Fair to be held in Chicago, June 1st to November 1st. Guards of Honour, aides, orderlies and messengers will be provided, and Scouts will handle flag ceremonies and man information booths.

There will be an official Boy Scout Day, August 24th, a feature of which will be a Scout Circus, participated in by Scout units from all parts of the country. Throughout the fair there will be camp, woodcraft and handicraft exhibits, and demonstrations and stunts at the Enchanted Island Children's Theatre.

Scout camping facilities will not be available at the Fair, but it is hoped to secure camping sites for visiting Scouts elsewhere.

B.-P. Says of the New Song Book
IN a letter to Mr. Wm. C. Findlay, President of the Quebec Boy Scouts Association, the Chief Scout writes:
I have received through your President, Mr. E. W. Beatty, a presentation copy, bearing my name, of that interesting and comprehensive volume of “Songs for Canadian Boys,” and I want to offer all those concerned my sincere congratulations in having produced such a valuable book. You have certainly got a splendid collection of songs there, and I am so glad that the Scouts have now got their own book. I shall value my copy not only on account of the interest which I take in the musical side of Scouting, but also as a memento of my Brother Scouts of Quebec.
(Signed) **BADEN-POWELL.**



ATTRACTIVE arrangement of Scout Group flags in St. Giles' Presbyterian Church, Ottawa.

Easter Egg Collecting

THE curtailed resources of hospitals, orphanages and kindred institutions bring us this year another special Easter opportunity,—Easter Egg Collecting. Last year the project took on the proportions of a “young chain,” with successful efforts reported at St. Johns and Sherbrooke, Que., Cornwall and Bracebridge, Ont., and Moncton, Fredericton, Devon, Marysville and Nashwaaksis, N.B. At Fredericton the Guides and Brownies cooperated.

At St. Johns, Que., 220 families benefited from a collection of close to 800 dozen eggs, to which other contributed food was added. At Cornwall cash contributions of \$6.00 were used to provide “Easter Bunny baskets” for children in the hospitals and orphanages. Needless to say these were received with delight.

REGISTER YOUR TROOP
EVEN IF UNABLE TO PAY
FEES. YOU MAY BE ABLE
TO REMIT LATER.

D.N.D. Tents May Not Be Available

THE latest advice received from the Department of National Defence regarding the renting this summer of tents to Scout troops indicates that these may not be available, because of the tent demands of emergency work camps. Final announcement will be made in the May-June *Scout Leader*. Meanwhile leaders of troops not owning tents would do well to consider other tent plans. These might include the making of tents by the patrols (see *Handbook for Canada*).

A Camp Invitation—and Example

Scoutmaster J. P. Dair of the 1st Jasper Troop, Alta., offers a scoutly generous example, for a summer of prospective tent shortage, by offering to provide camping equipment for a number of outside Scouters and Scouts not so well situated, and who can visit Jasper about July 17 for two weeks. The only cost will be 50 cents per day for food; visitors bringing blankets and eating gear. The exceptional attractions of Jasper Park need not be emphasized.

In view of the possible tent situation it is suggested that all troops owning equipment do what they can to share it with others, and that they communicate with district or provincial headquarters giving particulars of possible arrangements, cost, etc.

No St. John Contests This Year

WHILE, as announced by the St. John Ambulance Association, there will be no first-aid competitions for the Intermediate or Wallace Nesbitt Jr. trophies during 1933, it is hoped that competitions will be promoted locally for such prizes as may be available or specially donated. It is recommended that these competitions be run along established lines, so that the work may conform when the Dominion competitions are reopened.

Some Scout Census Figures

AN analysis of our Scout census figures for 1932 gives some interesting results. With the exception of one province it shows a gratifying percentage of leaders produced by the Movement. The number of Cubs becoming Scouts also is gratifying, apparently indicating an improvement in the appeal of Scout troop programmes to former Cubs. The incomplete figures on Scouts becoming Rovers show a wide variation between the provinces, and undoubtedly reflect the leadership given this extremely important branch of the Scout family.

Percentage of leaders who have become Scouts—P.E.I., 25; N.S., 75; N.B., 60; Que., 75; Ont., 50.9; Man., 25; Sask., 2; Alta., 62; B.C., 75.

Percentage of Cubs who become Scouts—P.E.I., 60; N.S., 50; N.B., 75; Que., 65; Ont., not available; Man., 75; Sask., 12; Alta., 61; B.C. 50.

Percentage of Scouts who become Rovers—P.E.I., 10; N.S., 1; N.B., 6; Que., 3; Ont., not available; Man., 8; Sask., 2; Alta., 3; B.C., not available.

Our Relief Work

REPORTS direct and indirect indicate that leaders and Scout Groups in all parts of the Dominion are assisting effectively in local relief measures.

In some places funds have been raised. New Glasgow, N.S., Rovers contributed the proceeds of a play, \$30, to the local Council of Women, and repeated at Stellarton for the Red Cross. Proving that Sherbrooke is a good Scout town wherever you find it, Sherbrooke, N.S., Scouts gave a concert and raised \$52 for local relief, and are repeating in neighbouring communities.

The Ladies' Auxiliary of the enterprising 20th Calgary (Ogden) Group, sponsored a tea and musical afternoon, the admission a donation of clothing.

Troops of the Bow Valley, Alta., collected vegetables and clothing, each organizing the work in its own area and reporting to the District Secretary regarding any surplus not locally required. The 1st Standard Troop secured over a ton of vegetables, numerous fowl, meat, and clothing, sent a supply to the Gleichen Troop for that district, and vegetables to "Calgary Herald-Sunshine." The 1st Hussar Troop contributed vegetables to Calgary, and the 1st Rockyford did substantial work locally.

Cubs of the Montreal Trinity Pack are contributing towards the supplying of milk to undernourished school children by bringing at least one cent to each meeting. They plan to ensure milk for ten boys for every school day until May.

An outstanding effort is the city-wide Scout Relief Barrel project being carried out by the Scout Groups of Hamilton, under District Secretary "Andy" Frame. Seventy barrels placed in as many stores are producing substantial contributions for the Lions' Club Kitchen, which is supplying meals for some 900 unemployed single men.

It may be noted that in addition to a large placard inviting purchasers to: "DROP IN AN ARTICLE AND HELP US TO HELP OTHERS,"

the Hamilton Relief Barrels carry a smaller card with a particular request for "Potatoes, Carrots, Onions, Soups, Peas, Tomatoes." The cards are attractively printed in Scout colours. The storekeeper at the Lions' Club Kitchen keeps a record of all items turned in.

One busy pack, the 11th Hamilton, has no less than 16 barrels in stores in their district.

The Hamilton Scouts also have been co-operating with local theatres in Saturday morning matinees, admission a can of vegetables or fruit. One morning produced 15,000 cans.

Other new points carrying out the Relief Barrel project include Dundas, Ont., and Burlington. At the latter place, under direction of S.M. Arthur Massey, the food secured from barrels in a dozen stores is being turned over to the Welfare Board, Mayor J. O. Ryckman chairman. In a dispatch to the *Toronto Star* Mayor Ryckman is quoted as saying, "The Scouts certainly are showing themselves to be good

citizens in doing this work."

Going west again, we find the Scouts of the 1st Manor Group, Sask., under S.M. A. J. Glew, promptly taking advantage of a farmer's offer of wood for needy families if someone would cut it. Scout axes were soon at work and the wood being distributed.

Not overlooking other needs for the unemployed, Montreal Groups have been collecting jig-saw puzzles and packs of playing cards for a big Day Shelter for the workless, while the Vickers Scout Band joined the choirs of St. Cyprian's, Trinity and Maisonneuve Presbyterian churches, to give a concert at the Market Hall. Similarly the Pembroke, Ont., Rovers sponsored a high-class entertainment at the Town Hall, and the Kincardine Rovers organized a largely-attended concert, the admission being clothing, food or money. A condensed Cub meeting was a popular feature.



SEA Scouts from Moose Jaw here-to-off Regina to lend local Scouts a hand with their Apple Day. Behind them the attention-arresting window of Apple Day headquarters.

Apple Day a Proved Success

IN February a "Scout Apple Day Questionnaire," inviting information for the general benefit, was sent to just fifty towns and cities in which Scout Apple Days were held during 1932. Twenty-one have replied, and the information indicates conclusively that we have discovered in Apple Day a dependable solution of local Scout financial problems, while at the same time contributing quite materially to the boosting of a Canadian farm product.

Being Made An Annual Event

Of the 21 districts, two could not answer definitely whether Scout Apple Day would be made an annual event. The remaining 19 answered "yes." Several added a note similar to that of Scoutmaster W. C. Wright of the 1st Pembroke: "Best way we have tried to raise funds; practically put our troop on its feet." In several cases, including Toronto, it was noted that the date already had been fixed for next Apple Day, and that the Police Commissioner or City Council had set

the day aside for the Scouts.

Figures on apples sold were in some cases given in barrels and boxes, but a closely conservative estimate indicates the total sale of the 21 districts reported as 215,300 apples. That is well over 200,000 people were again made "apple and Scout conscious" in the places referred to. Returns from the full 50 places probably will double this figure, which you will agree is an excellent thing both for Scouting and the Canadian apple grower.

Benefits Movement and Apple Growers

Further definite benefit to Scouting was recorded in answers to a question whether Scout Apple Day attracted renewed attention to the Movement. To this 18 of the 21 districts answered with an unequivocal "yes," one answered "a little," one "some." Only one observed "not noticeable."

Equally important was the increase of interest registered on the part of Local Association members, 19 answering "yes," several expanding the answer with some enthusiasm. One Group reported as a result that a new "and real live" committee had been secured. Only two answered in the negative.

The gross-return sales for the 21 places was \$9,971.22, the net \$5,804.82. It is felt that the expenses in some cases were a little high, and that these will be reduced in subsequent Apple Days. One district noted a considerable investment in "equipment"—presumably salesmen's baskets or bags, receipt boxes, etc. In most cases these were improvised. In Moose Jaw and Regina two haversacks were used by each boy, each sack containing 20 apples, a convenient and in several ways an effective handling arrangement.

Best Net Return From Best Apples

In the majority of cases McIntosh Reds were sold, and were noted as the choice for next year. B.C. Delicious came next, then Spies. In one instance barrelled Reds, domestic grade, were used, and found very uneven and unsatisfactory.

A study of gross and net returns indicates, as might be expected, that the best grade of apples are the best investment, when secured at wholesale prices.

In three instances some of the apples were donated. In two of these cases they were a good quality of boxed and barreled, but in the other they were in several lots of varying quality and presented a selling problem. In another instance apples were bought from a local retailer having several stores with the particular thought of local patronage; and the apples provided were so uneven in quality that the sale was affected, and the results disappointing. This experience argues for dealing only with wholesalers, and securing an even standard in quality. One district suggested that the apples should be seen and bought only on inspection.

Buying Direct From Farmer

A very excellent purchase plan, where practicable, is that being followed by Owen Sound—the purchase of choice apples (in this case No. 1 Spies) by the barrel direct from the

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A LARGE scale "Indoor Jamboree," the programme including the operation of 51 Proficiency Badge booths, will be held in Montreal during Easter week, Thursday to Saturday, April 20-22, on the Exhibition floor of the Eaton building. Leaders from elsewhere who may be in Montreal will be heartily welcomed.

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A Bassano Mail, Alta., report of the annual meeting of the local Board of Trade notes, amongst other committees appointed, "The Boy Scout Committee" of three members.

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A masquerade ice carnival celebrated the Chief Scout's birthday for the Belleville Scouts, and produced funds for the coming summer's camp. An attractive programme included fancy and speed skating, and a hockey match Kiwanians vs. Rotarians.

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The 1st Minnedosa Troop, Man., voted a portion of their proceeds from Scout Apple Day as a contribution to church to cover heating and lighting for their meeting nights; also a cheque for \$5.00 to Provincial Headquarters.

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A "mixed meeting" of the 23rd Ottawa Rovers—a twenty minutes' business meeting, dancing, refreshments, and home at 12—was voted a big success by eight couples.

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An unusually readable district Scout magazine is the SCOUTLOOK, of New Glasgow, N.S., covering the doings of Pictou County. Items record numerous winter hikes, and other outdoor activities of this scouty county. From the other coast comes THE SCOUT MERCURY, with numerous hand-printed ads and many pasted-in illustrations, including troop snapshots. It is published by St. Matthias Troop of Vancouver.

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A map of Canada showing the principal towns and cities is used in connection with the patrol competition of the 1st Mount Forest Troop, Ont. Certain points are required to move the patrols forward from town to town across the country.

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The competition programme of a Quebec City rally of English-speaking Scout troops included inspection by rival P.L.'s, first aid following a "sewer explosion in a city street," and "Acting Trades and Professions."

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Cubs of Fredericton were given the use of the new Barker House restaurant for a Bean Supper to which the

general public was invited, and realized \$20.00 for the purchase of uniforms for Cubs of the district unable to secure them. A publicity feature was a "Bean Barrel," painted yellow and green, and drawn through the streets once an hour throughout the day.

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An evening sponsored by the 10th London Crew brought some sixty Rovers to the Metropolitan United Church for a talk by City Clerk Baker on "Civic Administration."

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A Scout Leaders' Conference at Iroquois Falls brought together leaders from various points in the Temiskaming and Cochrane areas of Northern Ontario. A Temiskaming District Scout Leaders' Association was organized and a Northern Jamboree planned for Kirkland Lake, August 31—September 2.

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"As a result of the life saving and fire fighting course, a fully qualified crew of life savers is enrolled at the city and district fire halls and are ready to be on call at a moment's notice."—From a report on the N. Vancouver Groups (4th St. Martin's and 2nd N. Vancouver).

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The weekly supper and discussion period for P.L.'s and Seconds of the 1st Kirkland Lake is proving popular and helpful. As you might suspect.

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Three closely typewritten pages of twenty-five severely condensed items were required to cover the year's activities of the Quebec Eastern Townships District annual report,—once again offering an inspiring example of the possibilities of combined Scout training and public service. The report also impressively illustrates the value of a year's planned-ahead programme for a considerable area—no less than eight counties centering on Sherbrooke.

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Ontario Scouts selected by Provincial Headquarters for special honours will be given a free week of camping and training in woodlore in the Lake Timagami area, it was announced by the Hon. Wm. Finlayson, Minister of Lands & Forests, at the Annual Meeting of the Ontario Scout Association.

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Its second annual banquet, attended by 41 members in full uniform, and numerous prominent leaders, reminds of the notable success of the Saskatoon Exhibition Troop, of Scouts selected from various district troops for special service at the annual Saskatoon Industrial Exhibition. Speakers included Manager Johns of the Exhibition, who expressed high appreciation for the varied service rendered by the boys. When on duty the Exhibition Troop wears a distinctive gold and green neckerchief.

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The Canadian General Council of the Boy Scouts Association will be represented at the annual meeting of the Boy Scouts of America, at Kansas City, Mo., June 2-3, by the Hon. Vincent Massey, P.C. (Canada), M.A., LL.D., former Canadian Minister to Washington.

The highly successful 17th annual meeting and conference of the Manitoba Provincial Council brought together some 500 leaders at the Marlborough Hotel, Winnipeg. A feature of the very satisfactory report of Provincial Commissioner F. W. Thompson was the statement that Scouting in the province is steadily advancing in quality, more attention each year being given balanced programmes, the Patrol System and the Court of Honour. Mr. R. G. Persse was re-elected President.

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Elections of the 71st Toronto Scout Mothers' Auxiliary thus spread their duties: President, Vice, Secretary, Treasurer, Social Convener, Assistant Convener, Entertainment, Sewing, Sick, Press, Honorary Field Secretary.

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The annual February 22nd Patrol Leaders' banquet of the Montreal district brought together the usual gathering of some 800 youthful leaders and guests, the latter including Sir Arthur Currie, Rt. Rev. J. C. Farthing, Bishop of Montreal, and a further long list of distinguished citizens and representatives of service clubs and other leading organizations. The numerous presentations of trophies and awards included the decorating of Mr. H. M. Jockel, Wolf Cub Commissioner, with the Honorary Silver Wolf, the presentation being made by Mr. Jackson Dodds, on behalf of His Excellency the Chief Scout for Canada. The very effective address of the evening was given by Chief Executive Commissioner John A. Stiles, who at the last minute took the place of Mr. E. W. Beatty, unexpectedly called from the city. A special message was read from Lord Baden-Powell.

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Good Scouting enterprise secured for the troop of Hanna, Alta., a special camp-fund performance by the Hanna Dramatic Society and an excellent supporting editorial in *The Hanna Herald*.

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A "Mystery Night" for P.L.'s and First Class Scouts of the 1st Galt Group took them to a rendezvous, where they were joined by the Group Scouters, piloted to a camp-style spread, and discussed "Midwinter Thoughts on Summer Camping." Short talks by Rover, Scout and Cub leaders of the Group and a singsong finished an A-1 evening.

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Hearty congratulations were expressed by the Saint John Rotary Club upon the formal report of the 1932 Scout Christmas Toy Shop, towards which the club had contributed \$100. The report showed some 4,000 children in 1,000 families provided for, including the kiddies in ten institutions. Expenses had been held to \$99.49.

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At the Toronto annual meeting of the Provincial Council of Ontario, the Hon. Wm. Finlayson, Minister of Lands and Forests of Ontario, announced that his department would provide a week of camping with training in woodlore, in the Lake Timagami area, to Scouts selected by Provincial Headquarters for special honours. He also promised

to continue the co-operation of his department in the forestry study camp and reforestation work carried on by Scouts during recent years at Angus.

One of the notable B.-P. celebrations was that of the troop at historic Grand Pre, N.S., attended by parents, clergymen, school teachers and Group Committee. The birthday cake was cut by Scout Dennison, it being also his birthday.

Annual report of the Queen Alexandra Solarium, Malahat Beach, Vancouver Island, included reference to the "invaluable" benefit of the solarium Scouts and Guides, and the leadership given by Lord and Lady Colville. Lord Colville is now also Lone Scout Commissioner for V. I.

The log of the 1st Woodstock, Ont., shows this succession of Saturday activities from the beginning of the year: Jan. 7, to Hodge's Pond; plaster casts of muskrat tracks. Jan. 21, geology hike, with fire lighting and cooking tests. Jan. 21, search for owl pellets along river and fire lighting. Jan. 28, "Just a brisk hike; very cold." Feb. 4, snow tracking over hills; Feb. 11, ski hike, in order that Scoutmaster might pass some Lone Scouts on tests. Feb. 18, ground too soft for hike, so visited textile factory; later Second Class tests and repairs to Scout room.

An unusual Scouting event was the presentation of A.S.M. warrants to four young leaders of the 3rd Fredericton (St. Ann's) all of whom had come up through the pack and troop. S.M. Cyril Barnes also grew up in the troop.

The annual report of the 1st Galt Group, Ont., once more exemplifies the "man-sized" possibilities of Scouting carried on with consistent enterprise and backing. The report, presented at a banquet of more than 300 persons, included these items; Troop Saturday hikes, 19; week-end patrol camps, 5; one 3-day P.L.'s camp; First Class Journey hikes, 16. Finances, \$1,261 raised by various Group units. Committee of 3 fathers, 3 mothers and 3 members of the Galt Business Men's Association. A Cub-Scout-Rover Fathers' organization meeting monthly. A Scout Mothers' Club of 40, which held 43 weekly meetings, presented the Group with a kitchen shelter tent, assisted in financing camp, maintained the Scout hall (fuel, light, etc.); visited all sick members of the Group, etc.

The entertainment at the annual Montreal District Patrol Leaders' banquet included numbers by Scout Bobby O'Reilly of St. Clements' Troop, widely known on the air as "Our Jimmy."

APPLE DAY A PROVED SUCCESS

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farmer in the fall, and storing for Apple Day sale in the spring. Incidentally the maximum profit is assured, and such appreciated cash goes direct to the farmer grower.

Just half of the apples were wrapped. There are several arguments in favour of the wrapped apple. They are preferred by the fastidious buyer,

and unquestionably it is a desirable way of protecting fruit passing through several hands before eating. Also there is less loss from rotting. An apparent objection is the scattering of apple paper round the streets. This is a detail for further study.

One returned questionnaire warns against Scouts eating apples on the street while selling them. Apparently this had happened, with undesirable results. Regina took care of this possibility by giving each boy an apple, and having him eat it before leaving Apple Headquarters for his post.

Increased Use of Tags This Year

Few of the 21 districts used window displays, which would seem to be overlooking a valuable publicity feature. The special window card secured from Dominion Headquarters was used quite generally, however—by 15 of the 21. Several used window cards of their own manufacture. Ten used the purchaser's tags, and one of the large districts (Saint John, N.B.) did not, but indicated their use next time. One of the smaller districts manufactured their own tags of red cardboard and another had theirs printed locally.

Tag Prices Much Lower

Several did not use the purchaser's tag, thinking the price high. In this the initial cost of cuts and dies was the controlling factor. It will be possible this year to name a flat rate of \$2.00 per thousand. This should bring the tag within reach of everyone.

Unquestionably the tag contributes to the success of Scout Apple Day. Its red spot of colour soon dots the streets on the coats of purchasers, unescapably saying over and over again "Scouts" and "Apples,"—thus helping achieve both objects of the project. It averts the possible irritation of being repeatedly approached, whilst those who may buy a second apple are not prevented doing so.

Value of Salesman's Tag

The salesman's tag was quite generally used (by six of the districts reporting). The price of these also has been reduced this year, to \$1.50 per hundred. They are distinctly valuable in identifying "official" salesmen. In one instance other boys were discovered selling apples on the street under the pretense of participating in the Scout sale.

A second edition of "The Boy Scout Apple Day" booklet will shortly be available, through the co-operation of the Canadian Horticultural Council, and will present considerable further information resulting from the experiences of the past year. The booklet will be supplied through Provincial Headquarters to districts definitely considering a Scout Apple Day.

"King's Colours"

IN response to a query regarding the use of the above term when referring to a Scout Troop's Union Jack, the following reply was received from Imperial Headquarters: "The Committee here feels that the Union Jack should either be called by that name, or by the name 'Union Flag,' and it is thought that the latter is preferable. A Group Flag should be known by the term 'Group Flag'."

A CHIEF SURGEON'S TRIBUTE

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"The members of the surgical staff of the Hospital for Sick Children," Dr. Robertson writes, "have observed with the greatest pleasure and satisfaction the fact that the children who have been at Thistle-town (convalescent hospital) are much improved in morale, and have a character that is rare in the ordinary run of patients. It is perfectly obvious to us that a marked change in character occurs after a short stay in the convalescent home."

After ascribing as the first reason for this the exceptional ability of the supervisor of the institution, the chief surgeon continues: "But the development of this character in the young requires personal ideals that shall be the goal and standard of their endeavour," and this he describes as "a living up to a self-imposed ideal taught by that splendid organization—the Boy Scouts."

The statement was called forth by an article, "A Trip From the Thistle-town Hospital to the City and Back Again," contributed by two Boy Scout patients to February "R.L.S. Cheerio."

"Reading this," Dr. Robertson continues, "my mind went back immediately to the trips I used to take with the First Canadian Battalion from our rest billets to the trenches—the quiet, thoughtful mass of men marching resolutely forward, their own thoughts centred perhaps on the land across the ocean; realizing that they might never see it again, yet going forward."

The same quality of courage was credited to the crippled Scouts when going in from the Thistle-town Branch to the hospital in the city, for operations.

"The lads from Thistle-town have their tour of duty to do, and it is a very important one. The trips to the city for their operations may well daunt the stoutest hearts, unless they are sustained by a discipline that demands a rigid adherence to an ideal; and I want all the children to know what tremendous admiration the surgeons have for them when they cooperate in such a magnificent way in submitting to operations.

"We know that back of this submission is a training, and a living up to a self-imposed ideal taught by that splendid organization the Boy Scouts."

A Scout-Built Swimming Pool

THE Scout Troop of Warlingham, Surrey, last summer began the operation of a well-patronized public swimming pool built by themselves. The pool is 66 feet long, 30 feet wide, 6 ft. 6 in. deep at one end and 3 ft. at the other. The excavating and concrete work took the boys three years, and the completed pool includes a cleansing and filtration system, dressing rooms, diving boards, etc. The financial outlay, some \$2,500, was raised by the troop.

The pool is controlled by a committee of trustees, and is an efficiently-run business proposition. The water is filtered and cleansed every night, and changed regularly; and specified hours are allotted various classes of swimmers.

Roverings

The Montreal Rover "BUZZ" has a call out for discarded Jigsaw Puzzles, for the patients of a Children's Hospital.

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An incident of the first anniversary evening of the Captain Oates Patrol of the 23rd Vancouver (St. James') Rovers was a solemn half hour vigil and church service conducted by Rev. Canon Cooper.

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Handicraft work is being taught the boys in the James Carruthers Hut of the Children's Memorial Hospital, Montreal, by the Rovers' Missioners Club. Appreciation of the work has been expressed by the hospital authorities.

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A very successful Rover Leaders' Course given by Chief Executive Commissioner John A. Stiles brought together 28 leaders, a number from outside points, at Ste. Ann's Parish Hall, Toronto. A Chinese style supper, with chop suey and chop sticks, was served by the 66th Toronto Crew.

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An active Scout Group at Wisnar, British Guiana, has as its G.S.M. Rev. W. Jackson Archer, formerly of the 2nd Calgary Rovers. The very efficient S.M., A.S.M. and A.C.M. are negroes, old Scouts from other troops in the colony, and the three units of the Group includes negroes, East Indians, aboriginal Indians and boys of mixed descent.

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The recently completed den of the Sir Malcolm Campbell Rovers of Sherbrooke, Que., contains: Pictures of Scouting and associated subjects; calendar; notice board, clock, maps of city, Scout Promise and Law, framed letter from Sir Malcolm Campbell; a round table, chairs, bookcase and books, victrola. The Crew is taking up short wave radio and hopes to get in touch with Rovers in Canada and the U.S.

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The annual report of the Trail, B.C., Rovers disclosed two thriving crews, the Drakes and Blaylocks, and a well-rounded programme. Group service comprised assisting with 1st and 2nd Trail Packs and Troops, helping at Scout camp, acting as badge examiners, preparing for and passing tests, the latter including one First Class and two King's. Service found included helping at the Trail Rotary Children's Camp and on special local holidays.

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A Winnipeg Rover moot discussion of unemployment and relief produced these suggestions: That Rovers open summer cottages, make any necessary repairs, and otherwise prepare them for occupation. That lumber companies be approached for aid in organizing a Rover carpenter shop. That help be given Rovers desiring to take up land as market gardeners. That as many capable Rovers as possible be used as assistants in the summer's Scout camps. That generally, "the depression be stressed as an opportunity for spare time activities to help

the Rovers themselves and the general public."

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These examples of service opportunities in a small community were found by the Rovers of Delson, Que.—Keeping the village streets tidy. Visiting sick homes, invalid shut-ins and aged, providing fuel when necessary, and rendering other possible help. Looking after local community hall. Establishing and operating a Reading Room and Library for the unemployed. The latter project has received especial public commendation. Some 300 volumes were secured from various sources, covered with a uniform paper jacket, titled and indexed. The Library is open from noon to 10 p.m., with two Rovers in charge in weekly turns.

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A recent and very gracious letter from Lady Emily Shackleton to the 8th Oshawa Sea Scouts, expressing her appreciation of their desire to adopt the name the "Sir Ernest Shackleton Crew," was accompanied by a photograph of the famous polar explorer, and a copy of the book on his life. Incidentally an inquiry by Lady Shackleton regarding other crews which had made a similar request, and from whom she had never again heard, raises the question of the unwritten obligation to maintain contact with those from whom the privilege of using a name has been received. An annual letter at least would seem a natural courtesy; and doubtless for the crew itself would provide an annual reminder of the particular standards chosen as exemplified in the life of the crew namesake. Such a letter signed by each member of the crew unquestionably would be appreciated.

The Future of Rovering

THE attitude of the Scout entering Rovering is very important,—his attitude towards the Troop he is leaving and the Crew he is joining. If he has proved himself a good Scout, not by his badges, but by his sense of honour and helpfulness, he will make a good Rover. It is important that he should look back on his Troop with pride and affection. He was not shot out of the Troop because he was too old or too troublesome, but because he was found fit to go on and to uphold the traditions of the Troop in the Crew.

Success in Rovering will depend largely on the Rovers' ability to "hold the pose." It is a well known factor of mob psychology that the baser elements are the more ready to rise to the surface, just as scum rises to the top of the dam in the making. The ideals of Rovering are very high and must remain so if the Movement is going to live and prosper.

The future then of Rovering will depend upon the ability of the individual Rover to keep up the fight to maintain the high ideals and standards of Rovering as envisioned by Lord Baden-Powell. There are three pillars upon which Rovering is built, and if any one of them is broken or taken away, Rovering must fall. They are: First, doing something for somebody else;

that is, maintaining an attitude of mind that is constantly on the alert to "help other people at all times."

Second, Woodcraft. Rovers are a brotherhood of the open air. This is the battle which Scouting and Rovering must always fight. It is very difficult to keep the "out" in Scouting, but it is even more essential that the "out" should be kept in Rover Scouting.

The third pillar is self-improvement. Every worthwhile Rover wants to feel that he is making progress; that he is going somewhere; and if he can get real assistance in his self-improvement from his contact with the Crew he will remain an enthusiastic member.

The future then of Rovering will depend upon the standards, the ideals and the visions of the Rovers who form the Crews. That the type of Rover Scouting which will be done from decade to decade will change is certain, but let us make up our minds that during our decade it will remain true to Baden-Powell's vision of its possibilities, and that we will leave it, like the youth of Athens, a little better than we found it.

—Rambler.

Two Rover Leadership Essentials

IN my opinion, two great essentials of the successful Rover Leader must be the ability to listen and the ability to swallow. The young man of Rover age more than anything else needs someone to whom he can confide his aspirations and problems. Rovers are frequently cruel and crude in giving expression to their views, and their leader must know how to listen, swallow and smile; to give advice when asked, and to remain calm and undisturbed when the advice is ignored and things go wrong in consequence. That is the process of growth, and is not abnormal, but a normal thing in human life.—Chief Executive Commissioner at Ont. R.L. Conference.

Pack or Troop Courtesies

WHEN you are visited by your District or other Commissioner during a meeting do you at once "freeze" your boys (with your bird or animal freeze warning), and yourself salute? Also, if a church Group, when the clergyman drops in?—then, on the visitor's nod or other acknowledgment, give the "carry on"?

Occasionally these courtesies are overlooked,—which surely is inconsistent with the teaching of individual courtesy. A District Cub Commissioner once told of visiting a pack which did not in any way acknowledge his presence; and when he passed about to the "dens," speaking to individual Cubs, the boys remained seated, and even shook hands sitting down.

The courtesy of the momentary "freeze" and a salute from the leader also could appropriately be extended to members of the Group Committee, little attention which might make considerable difference in their sense of the importance placed upon their connection with the Group. Rovers take care of these things naturally.

For the S.M.'s "Five"

First Aid for a Dog

IF you are going to apply first aid treatment to an animal, you must first know how to gain his confidence and how to handle him safely. In approaching an injured dog, you must realize that the dog has undergone a severe experience and is suffering from shock. You are also a stranger to him and he is not sure of your intentions. Even the best dispositioned dogs will bite under these circumstances. It is the same with the sick dog.

If you find a strange, injured or sick dog, approach him quietly and confidently. Never show fear. Never be in a hurry. Do not make any sudden moves. Talk to him quietly. The human voice will do wonders in overcoming fright and excitement in an animal. Do not get excited yourself, as an animal is quick to sense nervousness in others.

Sometimes it is necessary to maneuver the dog into a corner. Quiet talking and smooth actions may allay his fears. The vicious dog is usually best approached with a quiet firmness and absolutely no sign of fear.

When you have approached the dog, a muzzle should be applied always. In handling the animal you may accidentally hurt him and any dog can be excused for biting. The so-called tape muzzle is best as it may be improvised from anything at hand—a piece of two- or four-inch bandage or a piece of rope or cloth. It should be wide enough, however, not to cut into the dog's flesh, and need not be drawn so tightly as to cause the animal discomfort.

After your dog is muzzled you are ready to make an examination and give first aid treatment. In giving this treatment, remember, work quietly, confidently, without excitement.

Cloudbursts

INCREDIBLE amounts of rain sometimes fall in a short time. These the newspapers are in the habit of calling cloudbursts. The term cloudburst is somewhat misleading, because it implies that the rain-bearing cloud is a kind of bag or other receptacle, which may tear or burst at critical times, thus causing a downpour of water.

That is not the nature of a cloud, however. The low cloud from which rain usually falls is made up of an infinite number of small droplets of condensed water vapor. Because of ascending currents or chilling of this over-saturated air, some of the droplets merge to form larger and larger droplets. Finally the weight of the larger droplets causes them to be precipitated to the ground.

When the ascending currents are very strong, or prolonged in duration, they sometimes prevent the condensed water vapor from falling to the ground regularly and evenly. After a time the mass of combined water droplets becomes too heavy for the air to support further, and it drops in a great torrent, as water might drop out of a great bucket. Or, if for some reason

the ascending current is halted temporarily, the suspended water-drops rush down in a deluge. Either of these conditions may result in a tremendously heavy rainfall in a short interval of time. This is popularly called a cloudburst.

Usually such downpours are limited in area covered, and they do not occur often. They occasionally occur in the humid parts of the country where thunder-storms are frequent. To engineers who design sewers they are a source of great anxiety. To be efficient, a sewer must not only be sufficiently large to convey the run-off from normal rainfall, but it must also convey the run-off from the cloudburst which may occur but once in 50 years. At Campo, San Diego County, California, 11.50 inches of rain once fell in a period of 80 minutes.

Frogs and Rain

BECAUSE frogs like water and usually live near ponds or streams, certain primitive people believe that the frog is the real god of rain. Almost everyone has observed that toads are numerous after a heavy rain, and some people infer that they must have come down from the skies with the showers. On numerous occasions newspapers have reported that it rained frogs and fish.

There are authentic instances on record where violent winds have raised frogs and fish from bodies of water and carried them some distance before they dropped back to the ground. In most instances, however, the frogs merely come out of retreats during wet weather and are then more numerous than during droughts.

Certain Indian tribes have imprisoned frogs in order that they might thrash them during droughts and thus induce rainfall. Tradition has long associated frogs with precipitation, and it is not inappropriate, therefore, that the frog is regarded as the god of rain in mythology of ancient peoples.

A Point of Scout Courtesy

There is a point of courtesy which unfortunately some of our Scouts and Cubs do not acquire in their own homes, and which Scouters might well pass on to them. This is the habit of rising when visitors enter the room, and not resuming their places until the latter are seated; likewise when their Mother enters, especially after an absence, shopping, say. Also the practise at the table of standing until their Mother, and visitors, if any, are seated.

Scouts Indifferent to Advancement

ONE recommended plan for rousing such boys is the Scoutmaster taking them on a Saturday hike and incidentally doing some First Class work. For example, some estimation; as, casually: "How high would you guess that tree to be? . . . Let us check it by three methods and see how near we are." Several of the half dozen methods taught at Gilwell then are used,—the pencil method, the eye-on-the-ground, the fallen-tree, etc. Next, perhaps: "You probably occasionally have wondered just how much land there is in a park, or a field. Let's jump the fence into this pasture (the farmer won't mind), and pace off an exact square acre,—a little over 208 feet on each side . . . Now, how many acres are there in the field? . . . And in the next field?" An effective climax is the gathering of wood for a small cooking fire; wood "that will not make smoke, in case any 'Indians' or any other fellows of the troop might be prowling around," then the making of fire by friction, and the cooking of a tasty meal, with the boys assisting.

In one troop a number of older boys who seemingly lacked the ambition to attain First Class rank were told that they would not be wanted in any Rover Crew. They at once buckled down, passed First Class, and eventually organized themselves as a Crew.

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THE DUFFEL BAG

If you have a good one worked out with your own Troop, please send it in.

Another Jig-saw Idea

TAKE a Jig-saw Puzzle which has lost interest, assemble it, paste some good Scout-subject picture over it, and with a penknife cut it out again along the original lines.

Proficiency Badge Browsing

THERE is no better way of encouraging Proficiency Badge "browsing"—their chief aim—than the carrying by boys of the Scout's pocket Proficiency Badge Reference Book. There should be at least one in each patrol. Have you checked up recently?

Are Your Patrols Meeting?

HOW many of your patrols hold mid-week meetings? These are a great help to patrol spirit and interest. Encourage them. Suggest that your boys meet in turn at one another's homes, to discuss new fellows for the patrol, patrol hikes, test and badge progress, matters for consideration by the Court of Honour, etc. Each boy may bring a small "eats" contribution.

A New Camp-fire Banquet Idea

FOR their B.-P. Dad and Son dinner the 31st Winnipegs arranged the tables in a camp-fire circle, a fire in the centre, the guests seated on the outside, facing inward; the only illumination, the red glow of the fire and the candles on the tables. As place souvenirs for their dads the boys had made birch-bark and leather book-marks.

Car Parking for Camp Funds

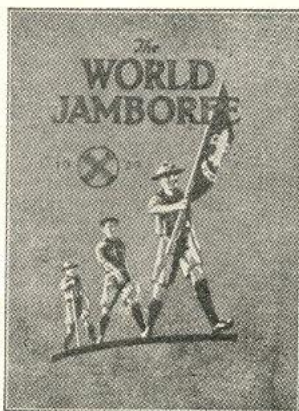
ON May 24th last year, celebrated at Portage la Prairie as Army and Navy Sports' Day, the local Scouts were given permission to rope off and maintain an area for parking cars. Ten cents was charged, and the proceeds credited to the camp funds of the three troops. The boys were on duty alternately for hour periods beginning at noon. An announcement of the service was made in the Portage la Prairie Graphic.

"Be Prepared" Reminders

A SERIES of "What Did You Do?" problems, in patrol competition, have been used effectively by the 11th Ottawa as "Be Prepared" reminders. The problem is given in horseshoe, patrols sent to corners for five minutes' discussion, then called back to report verbally through P.L.'s. P.L.'s are reminded that of course they will not add anything suggested by reports made by preceding patrols.

A sample problem: "Your patrol is on the hike. You are opposite a farmhouse 100 yards distant across a field. You hear a scream and a little girl runs from the kitchen, her clothing on fire. A woman follows, but stands wringing her hands. What did you do?"

Patrol points in order of excellence, or points off (in this particular case) for any patrol not "at once yelling to the woman to throw the child down."



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Kim the Peddler

UNANNOUNCED, a Scouter or member of the Group Committee, disguised as a peddler, a tray slung in front of him bearing various articles, appears and visits each patrol for two minutes' observation. At a later period patrols describe the peddler's wares.

A Hush Hush Troop Meeting

A NOVEL evening of the 84th Winnipeg was a "Hush Hush Night." Competition points were deducted for needless noise, such as dropping staves, scraping chairs, etc. Orders were given quietly, and the boys went about on tiptoe.

A "No Orders" Meeting

A "No Orders" meeting was a highly successful idea of the 6th Vancouver (St. Paul's). At 7.30 p.m., P.L.'s synchronized their watches with the S.M.'s and from then on the entire programme, including games and camp fire programme, was carried on without orders, by the watch.

This Wasn't From a Boy in Your Troop?

THERE recently reached the Scout Leader a letter from a disheartened lad to his former Scoutmaster, telling of his disappointment with the troop he had joined in his new home, and asking whether he shouldn't quit, since he was "just wasting time and money." The troop, a large one, apparently was being run without prepared-ahead programmes, and badges were being awarded upon very casual qualification. This was one of the points that disappointed the boy concerned. Which again reminds that boys want real tests, and take pride in belonging to a troop "where you've got to do your stuff to get your badges."

Star Work at the C.M.'s a Weekly Prize

A WEEKLY Six competition prize of the 5th Ottawa Pack is an extra hour on Star work at the Cubmaster's home during the week. The visit is regarded as a privilege, and is keenly contested for. When any member of the week's winning Six cannot attend on the evening named, his place is filled by a Cub from the runner-up Six.

Inviting Parents in Pairs

THE 84th Winnipeg (Greenwood Church) Troop has been formally inviting parents of two boys to attend each meeting. "There will be no special programme," the invitation reads, "and you will not be asked to contribute unless you wish to do so. The idea is to give parents the opportunity to see what kind of training their boys are receiving."

Where the Dumb Alphabet Helped

A NEW chum joined our Cub Pack this evening, a deaf and dumb boy. And believe it or not, he learned the Cub howl tonight. He is very quick at learning from watching the other Cubs. One of our Cub instructors, who had studied the deaf and dumb alphabet in the Scout Diary, was able to talk with him.—3rd Yarmouth Pack, N.S.

A B.C. Troop's Camp Preliminaries

THE annual camp preparations of the 1st Quamichan Troop, B.C., includes a series of "One Meal Hikes," on which each Scout is expected to cook and eat a meal. "Our last hike led us over a mountain to a saw-mill, back to the peak for lunch, an open-air investiture, some signalling and judging, then home. Our boys have the habit of going off in pairs for holiday hikes of various lengths. The bicycle hike is the most favoured. Thus by the time camp rolls around we have no really raw material. The meetings immediately preceding camp are given over to discussions on this absorbing topic."

Reminding the G. T. Into a Habit

THE letter of an American tourist published in the Toronto Star reminds of the practical value of Scoutmasters reminding their boys of the good turn obligation until it becomes a habit. The letter recounts that while visiting Toronto the previous summer the tourists found themselves out of gasoline. They stopped by the roadside and attempted unsuccessfully to secure aid from passing cars. A Scout riding by on his wheel at once stopped and asked if he could be of help. He had quickly gone and returned with gasoline, when a flat tire was discovered. There was no jack. The boy sped away and secured this tool. A dollar bill offered was quietly refused, with the statement that he was a Scout.