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Christmas Happifying '33

OUR big annual Christmas job of ensuring happiness to many thousands of children who otherwise would be tearfully disappointed on Christmas morning has once again rolled around. And for the tenth time as an organized effort! Let's celebrate by again making a record of "more happiness than ever."

News of early Toy Shop work promises this. A number of shops already are in operation in every province. And our good friends the movie theatre managers already have provided the boost of several Saturday morning Toy Shop Matinees, and plan others. One of the first reported was that of the Capitol Theatre, Lethbridge, which was filled to its juvenile capacity of 1,100 (an attendance record), with numbers turned away. A splendid lot of toys was contributed, and in addition \$27.00 cash.

Details carried out by the theatre staff and Fire Chief Hardy (who for years has headed the annual Lethbridge shop) offers points to be noted, such as—

Some Toy Matinee Hints

Toys were brought unwrapped, to ensure "repairable quality." In exchange a pass was given. Or in lieu of toys, 10 cents admission was accepted, for the Toy Shop Fund.

The 150 children unable to gain admittance were sent with their toys to the Fire Hall, where they were given passes for any show up to and including the following Saturday.

The Calgary Capitol (the original Toy Matinee theatre) gave its usual toy show, through the courtesy of Manager Harold Bishop. To avoid competition, Manager Egan of the Palace Theatre generously cancelled his usual Saturday morning children's matinee.

In the list of movie theatre toy matinees given last Christmas in all parts of the Dominion, "Capitol" theatres were noted frequently. The explanation, just learned, is that the Famous Players' Corporation prepared an illustrated booklet giving the history of the Toy Shop Matinee scheme since its inception by Manager John Hazza of the Capitol Theatre, Calgary, and commending it to the attention of Capitol Theatre managers elsewhere.

Some Early Planning

In preparation for toy collecting London has been divided into four districts, each assigned to a Rover crew and a number of Scout troops, with three troops as Reserve Troops.

At Regina the Baden-Powell Club has assumed responsibility for the toy shop expenses. Mr. R. G. Mor-

gan has been designated to give full time to the shop management.

Oshawa firemen promised their usual co-operation at the preliminary meeting of the Oshawa Toy Shop Executive in September.

The first B.C. announcement was a call for toys through the Merritt Herald.

Calgary Scouts made a first collection Oct. 14, while assisting with the Kiwanis Old Clothes' Drive.

Wooden toy making in bulk, so successfully carried on for several years by the 1st Rosetown, Sask., Troop, will this year be taken up in a number of other centres.

Rover Shop Ideas

Plans for the big Toronto Rover Central Toy Shop, made in September, included—

Troops operating individual shops in previous years asked to repeat; others asked to assist at the central shop.

Someone always on duty to meet visitors and explain purpose and details of the work.

Suggested that a label be attached to each toy indicating that it was produced in the shop "at the request of Santa Claus."

That each toy be inspected by some competent person before being passed to the distribution department,—"since each toy carries the reputation of Scouting."

Publicity Still Needed

Notwithstanding the years we have been at this work there are those who have never heard of it, as witness this comment from a brief report on the

demonstration Scout Toy Shop at the Toronto Exhibition:

"Many people evidently do not read the daily papers, as they expressed amazement at the work being done, saying they didn't know such work was carried on. Many asked where the toys were to be sent."

Children on Farms

In addition to the usual settlers' lists from the West, we last year provided gifts for a thousand or more children of families recently moved from cities under the Rural Rehabilitation Scheme. For this Christmas it is anticipated that a much larger list of such families will be available.

It is suggested that shops able to supply out-of-town gifts approach local authorities and learn the names of local families recently placed on farms, and who may be unable to ensure their kiddies a visit from Santa Claus. As a check against duplication names may be sent the Toy Shop Secretary at Dominion Headquarters, where incidentally such toy distribution will be recorded.

It may be pointed out that this field of toy giving meets a particularly appealing need. These city children will in all likelihood be finding it very lonesome in the country, far from the next door playmates with which they grew up, and away from all the busy doings of the city. And especially so at Christmas, with its busy streets and bright, toy-filled shops, its Christmas trees, Sunday-school entertainments, and other holiday activities.

So let's keep these little folk specially in mind.

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ONE of last year's outstanding Christmas Toy Shops, that of the 1st and 2nd Medicine Hat, Alta., Rovers. It supplied gifts for 562 local children and over 300 on farms, and the businesslike report showed a balance of 450 toys and \$8.82 carried over for this year's Shop. The funds were raised by a "Toy Shop Dance."

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B.-P. May Visit Us Next Year

TENTATIVE plans are under consideration for a possible visit to Canada next year by both the World Chief Scout and Chief Guide, Lord and Lady Baden-Powell. The time probably would be the late summer—the latter part of August or early September.

First Aid Competitions Resumed

CIRCULARS have just been issued by the St. John Ambulance Association announcing the holding in 1934 of both the Provincial and Dominion Wallace Nesbitt Junior and Gaunt Intermediate first aid competitions, which were discontinued for 1933. Full information may be secured from Provincial Scout H.Q. Entry blanks must be at St. John A. A. Headquarters, Ottawa, by noon of January 11, 1934.

Co-operating in Work and Play Plans

THAT Scout leaders everywhere would readily co-operate in any recreational and occupational activities of other organizations was the assurance given by Chief Executive Commissioner John A. Stiles at a conference of national welfare bodies at Ottawa, October 2. The purpose of the gathering was to seek co-ordination of country-wide projects to provide recreational and occupational interests for the unemployed.

Let's Talk About Scouting!

HOW did I start the first experiment in Scouting, on Brownsea Island? (writes B.-P. in *The Scouter*).

Well, I happened to sit next to a lady at dinner, and I gassed about the scheme I had in mind and which I meant to try out as soon as I could find a suitable camping site. The lady happened to own Brownsea Island and promptly suggested that I should utilise it. Which I did.

Then, when that experiment was successful, and I wanted to start organization of the Movement, I happened to sit next to Sir Arthur Pearson (Mr. Pearson as he was at that time) and told him of my dreams. He at once offered his valuable help (including the loan of Percy Everett), and that started us.

I could quote many similar instances of fortuitous contacts which brought about great results, but I mention these two as examples in order to encourage Scouters to make a point of pushing the needs of the Movement wherever they may be, in season and

out, among their friends. By so doing they cannot fail in the end to bring in men or money to help. At one time I was diffident about boring people with my fads, but I have found that, for one thing, nine out of ten people are quite interested to hear about Scouting, and another nine out of ten know nothing about it in spite of the widespread acceptance of the Movement. It is by ploughing up such hitherto untouched ground that we find new men and fresh money. If every Scouter puts his hand to the plough we shall reap a rich harvest.

London, Sept. 28, 1933.

Dear Lord Bessborough,

I venture to inform Your Excellency that I have had special pleasure in seeing the Boy Scouts which your Dominion sent to the world assemblage at Godollo.

You will no doubt have seen in the Press the reports of the doings of the 25,000 boys collected there from 42 different countries, but I should like to add for Your Excellency's information the fact that your Scouts won for themselves the admiration of others for their good discipline, smart appearance and Scouting efficiency, which reflects the greatest credit on the boys and on the leadership of their Scouters.

Moreover I was especially glad to see that your boys individually formed friendships with those of other nations, and since this practice has become general in that large concourse of boys—the future men of their respective countries—I look on it as a most hopeful contribution towards securing ultimate mutual goodwill, which is the true foundation for peace in the world.

May I offer my congratulations on the very satisfactory development of Scouting in Canada, and my cordial thanks to Your Excellency for your very helpful attitude towards the Scout Movement.

Yours sincerely,
BADEN-POWELL.

Trophies for Alberta Scout Choirs

AT the recent annual meeting of the Calgary Scouters' Club a deputation of prominent local choir leaders addressed the members on the possibilities of Scout choral singing, and as a result the club approved a definite programme of instruction for Calgary Scouts. A committee comprising Scouters and members of the Calgary section of the Alberta Musical Festival Association was appointed to administer the scheme. The plan is to amalgamate several Scout and Cub units for the training.

To encourage the project Provincial Commissioner Hon. Lt.-Col. J. H.

Woods announced that he was prepared to supply each such choral group with a copy of the new book, "Songs for Canadian Boys." Lt.-Col. Woods also is donating trophies to be awarded Scout choirs competing in the next musical festival. Similar steps are being taken to encourage singing amongst Scouts elsewhere in the province.

Good Fall Fair Scout First-Aid

ACCIDENTS at County Fair Demonstrate Value of First Aid Training," was the Welland Evening Tribune caption for a story telling of the efficient first aid rendered by a local Scout first aid team at the Welland County Fair when on succeeding days jockeys were thrown, one fracturing a collar-bone, the other a wrist.

Totem Pole for Dominion H.Q.

A FULL-SIZE replica of a Pacific Coast Indian totem pole, carved last winter by Ottawa Patrol Leaders under the direction of Mr. A. P. Abolit, has been erected on the lawn at Dominion Scout Headquarters. It was formally turned over to the Canadian General Council and accepted by the Honorary Dominion Secretary Mr. Gerald H. Brown.

Re the "Thanks" Swastika

AN inquiry of Imperial Headquarters regarding the continued use of the Scout (Swastika) Thanks Badge brought the following response: "The matter came before our Committee quite recently, and they are not inclined to make any change whatever. The badge has been used by us since long before the Nazis were heard of, and there seems to be no good reason for giving it up."

His Excellency Meets Western Ontario Scouts

AN unusual volume of lengthy newspaper clippings recorded the October tour of His Excellency the Governor-General and Lady Bessborough through western Ontario, and incidentally the meeting and inspection of Scouts and Scouters at some twenty places. At Lucan two patrols of Lone Scouts, at the station with school children to see the train pass, were thrilled by the stopping of the special, and the unscheduled appearance of His Excellency to meet and inspect them. A feature of the tour, as popular with Scouts as with other lads, was the declaring at each stop of a special school holiday.

WARNINGS

THE "American Scout Executive" for September warns against a young man, Kenneth Tyler, in his early twenties, 6 feet tall, slender, with light reddish hair, a very convincing talker, whose "game is cashing small cheques, trading on his former connection with Scouting." He may be carrying a Scouter's certificate, and carries a letter of recommendation from a Judge McCoy, probably written by himself. His usual story is that his clothes and money have been stolen, and he asks small "loans" to enable him to return home.

The Autumn Apple Days

THAT our latest major public activity, SCOUT APPLE DAY, has established itself as a project of almost national importance was evidenced in October by the holding of such enterprises in no less than 53 towns and cities.

Nothing that we have attempted in a national way has grown with such rapidity. Since the organization of the first Scout Apple Day in Saint John, N.B., in January of 1932 by Herbert Greenaway, Financial Secretary of the Dominion Headquarters Staff, and the publication of details in *The Scout Leader* and the *Boy Scout Apple Day* booklet, a total of 103 Apple Days have been held.

600,000 Persons Reached

Totalling of results give these interesting figures:—

Apples sold, 631,100 (over 5,000 bushels).

Return for the growers, something over \$6,000.

Contribution to local Scouting, \$31,555 (gross).

In other terms—

Over 600,000 persons were reminded of Canadian-apples and the Scout Movement by personal contact with courteous and smartly dressed Scouts; also through newspaper, radio, theatre screen, billboard and window display Apple-Scout publicity.

Some Apple Cores

THE bite is the proof of the apple. Some leaders questioned the wisdom of Apple Days in October. Ontario successfully held 34, Nova Scotia 12, New Brunswick 2, Manitoba 2 and Saskatchewan 2.

News reports have not yet been received from the New Brunswick and Western Days.

"Boy Scouts Ruin Business for Doctors With Apple Tag Day."—*Toronto Telegram*.

Even in such famous apple centres as Kentville, N.S., in the Annapolis Valley, and St. Catharines, in the

SCOUT Relief Baskets maintained in three Buy-well Stores and Peasners by St. Edward's Troop, Montreal last December produced Christmas boxes of groceries for 13 families.

SIMILAR projects elsewhere helped hundreds of families last winter, notably in Hamilton, where Scout Barrels in 77 stores provided tons of food for the Kiwanis Kitchen for men.



Niagara fruit belt, the folks bought and ate "Scout apples" in generous numbers.

On its first venture, and in spite of delayed newspaper announcement and rain, Halifax sold a little over \$1,000 worth. And will repeat next year.

Similarly rained on, Truro Scouts sold 3,000 Gravensteins for over \$200.

Some 12 Ontario centres chose October 7, to take advantage of Toronto's newspaper and radio publicity for that day.

Approximately 100,000 Torontonians ate Scout apples and incidentally contributed a little under \$5,000 to local Scouting.

Galt, Preston and Hespeler, neighbouring Ont. communities, picked the same day, and combined their publicity.

A good portion of Paris' receipts was announced as earmarked for the Scout Christmas Toy Shop.

A live member of the Welland campaign committee presented a sample basket of apples to the editor of the local paper, who was thus able personally to guarantee their toothsome quality.

A salesmanship sketch, "The Wrong and Right Way to Sell an Apple," provided for Toronto troops was used there and in other Ontario centres to good advantage.

An idea from Hanover, Ont.—The United Church loaned us mite boxes. These were covered with orange cotton; and when this was removed and the boxes re-sealed they were as good as new.

The Mystery Man was as successful and popular as ever. London will use two next year, awarding special prizes to boys producing both tags.

At Woodstock an individual wearing an Old Scout's button carried a length of cord, and whenever invited to buy and eat an apple, agreed to do so if the Scout could tie a certain knot. Before he was through he had to confess himself "full up."

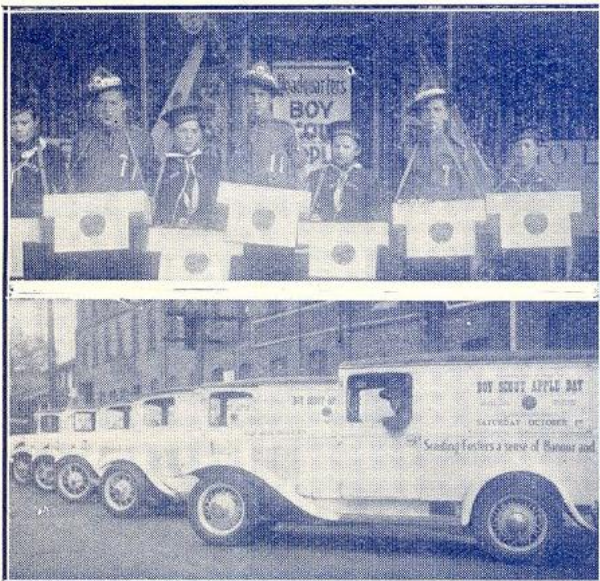
There was greatly increased use of the official Red-Apple-Smiling-Scout purchaser's tags, Salesman's tags and the Official Window Card.

A photograph in a Toronto paper showed a Scout feeding an apple to a mounted policeman's horse, the caption reading: "Here's a Mountie giving the horse doctor a day of, with a Scout assisting."

"It was a smart move on the part of the Boy Scouts to tag people on street corners and then make them eat the tag. It wouldn't be so bad if the boys would sell onions, because then you'd have something to show for your charity. Well, now that that's over, we have just one request to make: May the Girl Guides never get the idea of tagging people with turnips, say, or pumpkins."—Fred Strangways, in *SPORT TOPICS*, *Toronto Telegram*.

The only instance of disappointing return, in relation to population (Brantford) resulted from the competition of another financial campaign on the same day, a fact not known until the Apple Day plans were practically completed. Which again emphasizes the wisdom of making absolutely sure of a clear day by early

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TOP—Some of London's smart salesmen. The Window Cards on the trays identified them as Official Vendors.

BOTTOM—Fleet of delivery cars carrying Apple Day streamers. Nearest car, with Scouting slogans painted on sides, hood and back, contributed by Marley Ltd., was apple supply car.



IN appreciation of his service and leadership, Rev. G. T. Spriggs, for some years Provincial Commissioner for P. E. I., was given a largely-attended church parade farewell at St. Paul's Anglican Church, Charlottetown, Oct. 15. Mr. Spriggs goes to a new charge at Sydney Mines, N.S.

The 51st Toronto Sea Scouts have launched a movement to save an old lake schooner, the Lyman M. Davis, from destruction, and to secure her for a combined museum and training ship.

Several thousand "Thrift Bags"—for donations of clothing for the "Saskatoon Clothing Relief"—are being systematically distributed to homes by Girl Guides, and later collected by Scouts with trucks and cars.

The Third Northern Ontario Scouts' Conference, Temiskaming and Cochrane districts, was held at Kapuskasing over the Oct. 7 week-end.

"For the past year our Scout Class has shown the best attendance of any in our Sunday-school, also the highest percentage in written tests covering the Sunday-school lessons of six-month periods."—25th Border Cities.

With the addition of a 10-acre crown grant, the Scout Association of Trail, B.C., now is the fortunate possessor of a permanent camp site of 30 acres on Kelly and Beaver Creeks near Fruitvale.

The Scout News of the Saskatoon Star-Phoenix, conducted by Ford Forsyth, continues to maintain its place as being the biggest weekly Scout section. The issue of Friday, Oct. 13, comprised but a column less than a page. A fall feature has been a series of troop camp stories.

Beech nuts and birch bark for use in handicraft work were gathered by the 1st Coldwater Troop and sent to the boys of the Robert Louis Stevenson Scouts at the Toronto Sick Children's Hospital.

During a Calgary Horticultural Society flower and vegetable show Scouts kept the exhibits fresh with water.

As a result of consistently good camping under the general direction of R.L. Wallace Lemmon, the 1st South Porcupine Group has been given the use, at a nominal rental, of a 10-acre camp site on Davis Lake by the Provincial Department of Lands and Forests.

At the annual meeting in Omaha, Neb., of the Aleph Zadek Aleph of the B'Nai B'Rith, Mr. Hart Green, Jr., of Winnipeg and Mr. Ben Rotgaus of Kitchener were elected Canadian representatives on that organization's international committee on Scouting.

St. Catharines Scouts, in co-operation with local Welfare organizations, put on a drive to obtain stoves, furniture, mattresses and clothing for families in needy circumstances. A similar campaign last year was quite successful.

During the local Jubilee Celebration Medicine Hat Scouts assisted with sheep dog trials, at the unveiling of the Mounted Police cairn, maintained two miniature-camp rest rooms and a parcel check room and looked after lost children. They also entered an elaborate float in the big parade, and contributed to an evening street programme.

Members of Saskatoon's Exhibition Troop gathered at one of the city fire halls to hear a Fire Prevention Week address, and later passed the talk on to their respective troops.

A local leadership problem was happily solved when the Chippewa Trail Rangers of the Coldwater, Ont., United Church, at a banquet at which all leaders were present, became a patrol of the 1st Coldwater Scout Troop. It had been unanimously decided that the amalgamation would be in the best interests of both units. Rev. F. W. Madden, Trail Ranger Mentor, assumed leadership of the new Group Cub Pack.

With all debts paid off and reports showing that a considerable number of boys had learned to swim, the first summer season of the swimming pool constructed by the Boy Scouts of Embro, Ont., was recorded as a fine success.

The annual summer camp fund carnival of the Granby, Que., Scout Association established a new record this year with net proceeds of \$275.00,—reflecting the local appreciation of splendid Scout leadership.

Practical contributions by the 1st and 2nd Picton, Ont., Troops to the programme of the local fall fair included an attractive Scout booth in the Crystal Palace by the 2nd Troop, and a pioneering demonstration before the grandstand by the 1st Troop. The booth gave special attention to information on Lone Scouting for farm boys.

Following the recent election in Nova Scotia, Scout messengers collected the official returns. Officials of the Maritime Telegraph and Telephone Company gave the Scouts credit for the rapidity with which the returns became available.

In a great parade of floats, bands and clowns, under the auspices of the western section of the Danforth Business Men's Association, and watched

by some 100,000 people, prizes included awards for smartest appearing Scout troop and Cub pack. The 83rd Toronto Troop and 5th Pack were the winners.

Cardston, Alta., Scouts are doing janitor service in connection with a story hour for young children at the local public library.

Scouts of the East Danforth district, Toronto, were provided opportunities both for service and competition at the Scarborough Community Fair. A Scout staff relay and dressing race was won by the 41st (Rhodes United), first aid by the 8th (Church of the Resurrection), water boiling by the 41st, and Tenderfoot knotting by the 36th (Kimbourne United) in the good time of 43 seconds.

Twenty-one contestants entered and nineteen finished the 1st Sterling, Ont., Troop's annual swim across Oak Lake.

A successful display by the 11th Saskatoon Troop of Scout handicraft, coins, stamps, rock specimens, cooking, Jamboree souvenirs, etc., had as its feature a full-size canoe made of layers of building paper varnished. The canoe was used at the troop's summer camp.

An 8th Oshawa Sea Scout is credited with saving the life of a woman patient at the Oshawa hospital by a blood transfusion. The 8th Sea Scouts and Rovers previously had offered themselves for such service, and had been tested for blood classification.

Melfort, Sask., Scouts played an active part in an October collection of clothing and vegetables for a carload going to one of the less fortunate parts of the province.

Scouts of Newcastle, Ont., gave effective service in collecting vegetables, jars of preserves, etc., for a western emergency relief car contributed by local farmers and fruit growers.

The 1st Georgetown Troop, Ont., has joined the considerable list of Scout troops who have assumed the responsibility of looking after local war memorials. As in most other cases, the Scouts offered and took on the task when the memorial was being neglected.

To take the place of a headquarters blown down during a severe summer storm, the 1st Gravelbourg Troop, Sask., were sold a house by Napoleon Lambert for \$5.00. The house, valued at \$1,500, was moved by the troop to the site of the former headquarters.

The 1st Queenston Troop was given lessons in making moccasins from old inner tubes.

"Be loyal to your leaders and true to your ideals and I prophesy that Scouting in Canada has a greater future than its splendid past."—Rev. W. E. Bagnall, St. John's Anglican Church, Galt, Ont., at the annual church parade

there of over 300 Scouts and leaders from Hespeler, Kitchener, Preston, Guelph and Galt.

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A secret rendezvous to which some 400 Scouts were taken by truck, a big all-afternoon's treasure hunt (for doubloons which proved to be Scouting books), a "he-man supper of hot roast beef" and a big council fire were details of "the best yet fall rally" of Border Cities troops. A similarly successful picnic took some 450 Cubs to Amherstburg for an afternoon of Cubbing games. An incident was a parade of the Cubs headed by District Commissioner E. S. Wigle to the "Tecumseh Stone," the historic council rock where the great Indian Chief Tecumseh once gathered his warriors.

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A Winnipeg troop has made plans to provide magazine reading matter for an old bedridden soldier.

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Answering a query at a fire prevention conference at Melfort, Sask., Fire Chief J. N. Smith of Prince Albert declared that he had made use of Boy Scouts, and found them most efficient.

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Northern Ontario's Second Annual Jamboree, held on the public school grounds at Iroquois Falls, was another achievement for enterprising leaders at widely scattered points. Some 200 boys came from Cobalt, New Liskeard, Kirkland Lake, South Porcupine, Timmins, Cochrane, Kapuskasing, Smooth Rock Falls and Brower. The Jamboree opened with a big council fire, witnessed by several hundred spectators, at which Mayor G. L. Cameron extended an official welcome. A largely attended Scouts' Own in the Arena on Sunday morning was conducted by Rev. Roy Manwaring of Iroquois Falls and Rev. D. MacCausland of Kirkland Lake.

Quebec Conference Ideas

THE 7th annual Quebec Scouters' Conference brought together a keen gathering of around a hundred leaders, including a number from below the "imaginary line," over Thanksgiving week-end at Sherbrooke. As always, arrangements and programme had been carefully and effectively planned, and produced a combination of practical ideas and inspiration for carrying-on that always characterizes such get-togethers.

Some of the Ideas

Following an opening evening banquet at the Magog House, the conference adjourned to the Armouries and viewed a most effectively planned tableaux-history of Scouting. The scenes began by depicting the first education-by-scouting experiment of B.-P. with men of the 13th Hussars at one of India's frontier posts; pictured the first scout-idea boy messengers at the siege of Mafeking; the Brownsea experiment; Scout service during the Great War; the international brotherhood aspect of Scouting, and finally a smart troop of to-day. A battery of lamps and a movable reflector picked out the scenes in succession.

Sunday began with early Holy Com-

munion in several of the churches, followed by a Scouts' Own at 9.30, then "each to his own church" at 11. Appropriate sessions, interspersed with singing, were held in the afternoon.

Organized Discussion

For discussion the conference was organized into patrols. The leader for each subject led off with a 10-minute talk from a centre table, a paper containing 10 questions was distributed, there was 15 minutes of patrol discussion, 3 minutes for each P.L.'s discussion-summary, and 5 minutes for reply by the topic leader.

(Leaders commented with gratification upon the striking unanimity of opinion expressed upon all important questions of Scouting interpretation and practice.)

Here was the question paper on

Planning Programmes

1. Is there value in laying out a general plan for the activities of units at the beginning of each season? Is it practicable?
2. The following features should be carefully balanced in a well-planned programme:—
 - (a) Outdoor activities.
 - (b) Progress in badge work.
 - (c) Fun.

Can you add other essential features?

CUBS are notably successful Apple Day salesmen.

ROSY Hanover, Ont., Cubs, who found customers for 700 rosy apples,—to the mutual benefit of local apple growers and association funds.



who feels that he has got into a rut with his programme?

At the Sea Scout session Mr. L. R. Thomson, Assistant Provincial Commissioner for Sea Scouts, stressed the value of this Scouting activity as an older boy's programme.

The Present Day's Duty

Addressing the opening banquet, the Provincial Commissioner, Mr. T. H. Wardleworth, described the present time as a period of much questioning. "The duty of each Scout leader was to contribute his bit to the improvement of present conditions by his simplicity of life and earnestness of his work, and by doing everything possible to lighten the burden of his less fortunate fellows."

"Stock Taking"

Discussing this theme at the Sunday evening supper gathering the Chief Executive Commissioner emphasized the necessity of ensuring uncluttered perpetuation of the simple fundamental ideas of the Movement. He advised leaders to "go into retreat with 'Scouting for Boys' between seasons." As a "measuring rod" for testing the genuineness of one's Scouting Mr. Stiles quoted questions from Gilcraft's "Scouting":—

Is your life patterned on the Scout Promise and Law? Is the Scout Law

3. Is it of value for a unit to keep to a traditional routine in the layout of programmes of its meetings? Does variety in programmes induce interest?
4. Is it wise to draw up a schedule of badges in order of increasing difficulty, and recommend boys to undertake them in this order?
5. To what extent should meeting programmes be planned by the Court of Honour (or Sixers' Council)?
6. To what extent are talks to the whole unit by outside speakers of value? How long should these last? What subjects have you found of real value?
7. "Most of Scout technical training should be given in the patrols (or Sixes)." What about a Patrol (or Six) whose members are at very different stages in their progress?
8. Which method do you find most satisfactory,—to concentrate recreational games into one "games period," or to scatter these throughout the meeting programme?
9. Of what value are combined meetings of units—two or more troops (or packs) together?
10. What is the solution for a Scouter

a vital force in your troop? Do you know each boy as an individual? Does your programme meet individual needs? Is your training "for citizenship through woodcraft"? Is it an adventure from the boy's point of view? Are you making the best possible use of the Patrol System? When necessary are you willing to scrap your own prejudices for the sake of the Movement? Are you pulling your weight locally?

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CHRISTMAS HAPPIFYING '33 Fill In the Toy Shop Form

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In this Leader will be found the usual Toy Shop Announcement Form, which it is hoped no Scout leader will overlook. It provides the opportunity to announce operation of a toy shop capable of taking care of local children only; or plus a designated number of outside kiddies by mail; or if for any reason not operating a toy shop, it offers the chance of participating in the big Christmas project by remembering the children of one or more families with gifts provided directly by members of the troop or pack.

Autumn Roverings

THE 5th Hamilton Crew handled arrangements for the recent district Patrol Leaders' Conference.

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To provide funds for sending out district notices Winnipeg Crews register each member at 10 cents per year.

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A Rover District council fire on the banks of the Red River near the home of the 4th St. Vital Crew started fall activities for 'Peg Rovers.

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The 1st Western Ontario Rover Moot, held at Walpole Island, in Lake St. Clair, Sept. 2-4, drew a lively and keenly interested crowd from that corner of the province.

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At Monday morning's session, D.R.L. "Ben" of Toronto emphasized the programme point of studying individual needs and aims, and including items calculated to help the individual achieve his best possibilities.

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A Rover "Spoke Club," to encourage public speaking and debating, has been organized in Montreal and affiliated with the Junior Debating League. Its members will take part in debates in December, January and February.

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Rover Notes of the Scout News column of the Sidney, B.C., Review, Oct. 4, included: "The Rovers met on Tuesday in their den, which now is completed. They attended church on Sunday. Roy is the Duty Rover for the week, and Fred next week."

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A week-end camp, with a Saturday night camp-fire, was the effective preliminary to the investiture at dawn on Sunday morning of a new member of the 23rd Winnipegs (Home St. United Church).

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A "Den With Bath" is the swanky claim of the 5th Vancouver (St. George's) Crew. It was discovered in the back suite of a Lodge vacant for several years. The 5th have earned it by a lot of excellent service.

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Carrying out plans at the annual meeting of District Rover Mates (at St. Matthew's Church and attended by 37 R.M.'s) October was "a fraternizing month" for Winnipeg Crews. Those with the best appointed dens played host.

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"Go forward facing the future with confidence in your Scout and Rover training,—no better training for your future work can be found." This was the assurance offered Saskatchewan Rovers at the Regina banquet opening of their annual Moot by His Honour Mayor McAra.

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A visitor at the Western Ont. Moot who at once made friends was H. K. Wigzell (Wiggie) of London, England. On Sunday morning an inspiring Rovers' Own was conducted by Lionel Bishop the Provincial A.C. for Rovers, and at the evening council fire Wiggie told of types of service found by Lon-

don Rovers,—two being night watching in hospitals and a Friendship Club.

An interesting Winnipeg project this fall is a Rover Drama Festival, to be held near the end of November. Some twenty plays calling largely for male casts were secured. In preparation three talks by Bartley Brown were arranged,—on "Diction," "Production" and "Stage Management."

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Saskatchewan Moot sessions held at the Baden-Powell Club camp discussed: "Service in Cities." "The Investiture." "Service in a Country Town." "Leakage in the Movement." Various topics were debated during a "General Discussion" period. At the Saturday evening camp-fire question-box queries were answered.

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For a Rover Vigil?

LINES on the wall of a chapel-of-ease in Bucklers Hard, England, (where many of Nelson's ships were built). It is just the front room of one of the cottages on the straggling street, decorated and furnished like a chapel with perfect taste and simplicity.

Here is a quiet room.

Pause a little space,

And in the deepening gloom

With hands before thy face

Pray for God's grace.

Let no unholy thought

Enter thy musing mind;

Things that the world has wrought—

Unclean—untrue—unkind—

Leave these behind.

Pray for the strength of God,

Strength to obey His plan;

Rise from your knees less clad

Than when your prayers began—

More of a man.

A silver plaque reads:

This chapel was set in order by one who loved

Peter Wolferston Rylands

R. A. F., aged 18.

Killed while flying over the Solent

on Friday, August 9th, 1918.

"Per Ardua Ad Astra."

The above appeared in one of a series of uniquely intimate articles on Old Country rambles by Lukin Johnston, London correspondent of the Southam Press. One wonders if the little chapel is used by Rovers of Devon as a place of Vigil. It could be, you will agree.

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In co-operation with the Belfast (Ireland) Rotary Club local Rovers this summer took 40 crippled lads to camp by the sea. The boys occupied five bell tents, a Rover in charge of each. "They enjoyed every minute of it, and expanded wonderfully—both physically and mentally." Doubtless the Rovers did too.

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The impression made upon several clergymen by Rev. Pat Leonard's book "The Scout's Own" suggests that it

might be made available by presentation to other clergymen of churches having Scout Groups, but who have not yet fully appreciated all the implications of Scouting and Rovering.

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Eleven teams of four Rovers each took part in the 2nd annual Winnipeg hike contest. An important item was camp site inspection Sunday morning. Of this the report said: "Anyone not knowing could not have told at 10 a.m. Sunday that during the night 4 Rovers had camped on the property."

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A problem for a certain western United Church Crew was an applicant who professed agnosticism. The problem was earnestly discussed, and the feeling of the Crew was against admission. Then an Oxford Group came, and the candidate's attitude was changed.

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Toronto's "Yeoman" is now fully grown up, and wears real type and halftones. October contains a number of interesting contributions; as a leading article a helpful discussion of that old "Older Boy Problem" by Editor Ben. Notwithstanding its trim new form, old readers will miss the personal touch of its former so-neatly typed pages, by Ben's right hand assistant and inspiration. Happily the inspiration continues.

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After participating in a week-end Rover camp and an evening council-fire, the minister of a western church declared that the camp-fire and his association with the Rovers of his church had made him realize very keenly that he had been missing something "all these years." The suggestion that he himself become an invested Rover was accepted quickly, and he is now a Squire in his church Crew, and has chosen as his sponsors two of his own Rovers.

Balanced Rovering Objectives

AT a Scouters' conference in Brandon, Sept. 28, R.S.L. Frank Foulds of Winnipeg, after sketching the earlier object-stages of Rovering—"holding the older boy," then "future leaders"—declared we had now reached the more balanced viewpoint that "Here is a bunch of mighty fine lads who we have to help to think clearly." With our lead they should, as an illustration, "be able to study magazine ads., and to such appeals as 'B. O.' and 'Your best friends won't tell you, say 'Humbug!'"

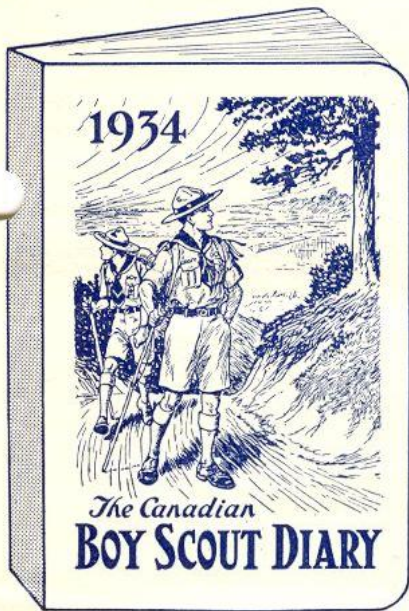
There was the necessity of encouraging the desire to cultivate proper use of the increasing leisure time of the present day; also need for impressing the importance of neatness of dress and appearance. "In other words, Rovering is a rounding out of Scout training to produce well-balanced manhood."

P.E.I. Patrol Leaders were honoured by the presence of Premier W. J. P. MacMillan at their October Conference banquet. Session subjects included "Patrol Corners," "Patrol in Council," and "Next Summer's Camp."

Christmas and New Years Reminders

The 1934 SCOUT DIARY & POCKET HANDBOOK-NOTEBOOK for CUB, SCOUT, ROVER and LEADER

SOME FEATURES.—How to Make a Hike Map Case.—Improvising a Rucksack.—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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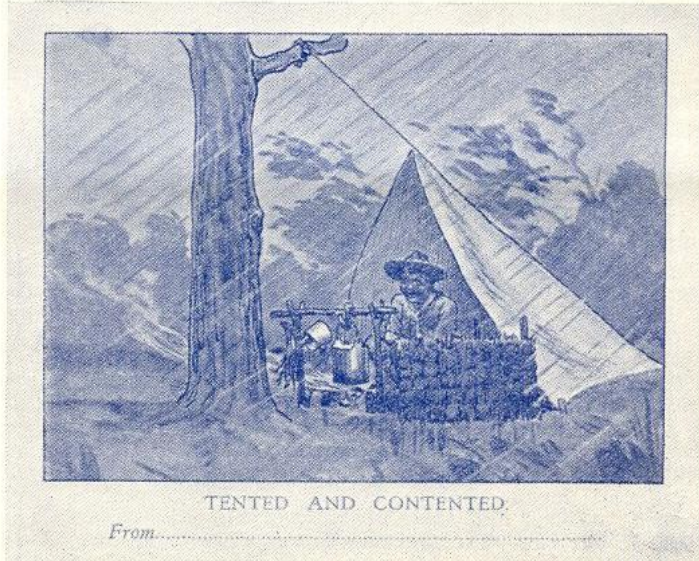


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Card No. 3

A page of helpful ideas from wherever and whomsoever we can obtain them.

THE DUFFEL BAG

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

Some More Jig-Saw Games

CUT up a good-sized picture of a flag. Chalk a "staff" on a table. Have the flag correctly assembled by patrols, against time.

Similarly use a map of the city or district.

Foreign and Overseas Scout Magazines?

TROOPS owning libraries or reading rooms, and wishing sample copies of Scout magazines from other countries, will be sent a miscellaneous collection of back copies upon request accompanied by ten cents postage. Address The Editor, Publications Department, Dominion Headquarters.

An Open Night "Nature Trail"

UPON arrival at the headquarters of the 7th Brantford Pack for "An Evening in Camp," invited guests were escorted round a "Nature Trail." Guides explained the displays of the various trail "stations," which covered Star Tests, Christmas Toy Shop, Proficiency Badges, Camp, Jungle and photographs of pack activities.

Practical Discussions at Brandon

SOME 50 Scouters from Souris, Minto, Melita, Virden, Minnedosa, Killarney, Boissevain and Brandon gathered in the council chamber of the City Hall, Brandon, Sept. 28, for a highly profitable conference under chairmanship of District Commissioner W. B. Oglesby. Papers included "How I Conduct My Troop Meetings," by D.S.M. Wankling, Brandon, and "How I Conduct My Pack Meetings," by D.C.M. Ratcliffe, Brandon, and Miss Eva Hyssop, Killarney. Other subjects concerned camp sites and organization, the later value of the King's Scout badge work to a boy, and to a Scouter; some points on the starting of new troops by District Commissioner Lightfoot, and on the Group Committee by Executive Secretary E. F. Mills. Some points of Rover aims were discussed by R.S.L. Frank Foulds of Winnipeg.

"Grand Howl"—Not "Grand Bark"

THAT it is possible to get off line on as simple a thing as the Wolf Cub Grand Howl is again brought to mind by the following: A Cubmaster of a number of years' successful leadership in the Old Country came to Canada, took a pack and subsequently entered it in a district Cub Field Day. He had spent considerable time on the Grand Howl,—as previously coached at home, and as given in the "Wolf Cub's Handbook"; and when the competitive howls were given, felt that his pack had done well. To his surprise the winning places were awarded packs which gave an almost entirely different howl, Akela being pronounced "AK'la," and the Cub reply "We'll do our best" shortened to four staccato barks.

The Wolf Cub Grand Howl is a howl

—not a bark. The "Wolf Cub's Handbook" (page 26, 8th Edition) illustrates the position of the boy in giving the howl by the picture of a wolf cub with his head thrown far up, obviously not barking, but emitting a long drawn howl; and the procedure and words are described thus:

"... you chuck up your chins and, all together, you howl out—making each word a long yowl: 'Ah—kay—la! We-e-e-e'll do-o-o-o o-o-o-u-r BEST.'"

B.P. confesses to the necessity of annually refreshing his memory by re-reading his own books—"Scouting for Boys" and "The Wolf Cub's Handbook." Canadian Scouters of all branches could well do the same; and Cubmasters in addition might well re-read annually Gilcraft's "Wolf Cubs," including the excellent section on the psychological significance and possibilities of the Grand Howl.

Knot Signals

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

—Scouting.

Another Indoor Compass Game

A NEW indoor compass game described in October Scouting: With chalk draw on the floor a 20-foot circle. Around this circle, inside, draw 16 smaller circles, representing 16 points of the compass. Mark North. Line patrols 25 or 30 feet distant. Leader calls out a patrol individual number, as "Numbers Three," and a compass point, whereupon the No. 3's race to reach the point, the first arriving and remaining winning for his patrol. Good runners are not always winners; they gather so much speed that they slide beyond the circle. The confusion in getting on the correct circle makes it a good fun game.

"Paper Money" for Scouting

DON'T overlook the Waste Paper Drive when considering ways and means of raising funds for registering the troop at Dominion Headquarters. Two tons of paper will do it and leave something over for the Christmas Toy Shop. A simple organization method is to assign certain streets to certain patrols and have them distribute small printed advance notices (these cost little) requesting the saving of paper for the troop, and announcing the date of collection. On the Saturday of the drive arrange with a wastepaper concern to have a truck at certain street corners at a stated time, where the bagged or bundled paper has previously been assembled. Some wastepaper concerns supply bags.

The Autumn Apple Days

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application to the proper local authorities. In some instances this is being done six months in advance; New Glasgow secured its day a year ahead.

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Decorated windows were a feature of Sydney's campaign. A large central window of the Canadian Department Stores displayed Scout posters, badges, handicrafts, a large picture of B.P. and a basket of attractive apples. MacLeod's Bookstore featured Scout literature and pictures. A large artistically-made sign outside the Post Office announced "SATURDAY—BOY SCOUTS' APPLE DAY."

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At October 31st reports to Ontario headquarters on 20 apple days recorded net profits of \$5,372.34.

Some report sentences:

Prescott—Our first apple day was a big success. We will repeat next year.

Hanover—It was a great day from the first Cub starting off with his basket of shining apples.

Paris—It was a great success. Thanks for the idea. It will enable us to do many good turns.

Welland—Successful. Expenses ran rather high, but we have the experience for next year.

Cobalt—A complete success.

Port Colborne-Humberstone—Caused more interest in Scouting and certainly greater co-operation and friendly feeling. Apple Day committee is being constituted a committee to form a Local Association.

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A most complete report of London's second Apple Day, a copy of which was greatly appreciated at Ottawa, comprised a complete Minute record of the campaign from first organization meeting to tabulation and analysis of results.

13,500 apples were disposed of, for total receipts of \$1,082.09. Expenses were \$382.21, or 35%. Apples cost \$218.45, or 20%; publicity, \$41.69, or 3.8%; sales organization, \$108.27, or 10%. Expenditures included additional baskets, trays and money boxes, which will be available next year.

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A moving picture "trailer" used in London movie theatres had as background a large apple and a Smiling Scout. It read:

"BOY SCOUT APPLE DAY SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7" Purchase your apple and do yourself, Canadian Apple Growers and the Scouts a "good turn." Scouts are an asset to every community. WATCH FOR THE SELLING SCOUTS ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7.

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The trailers were supplied by Film art Motion Pictures, 107 Richmond St. E., Toronto, at \$3.43, including sales tax and shipping charges.

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